

# **WIND FIELD ESTIMATION FROM SENTINEL-1 IMAGES USING DEEP LEARNING**

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# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**Understand The Problem**

**How To Solve The  
Problem**

**Conclusion**

# Understand the problem: The Five W's

What

When

Where

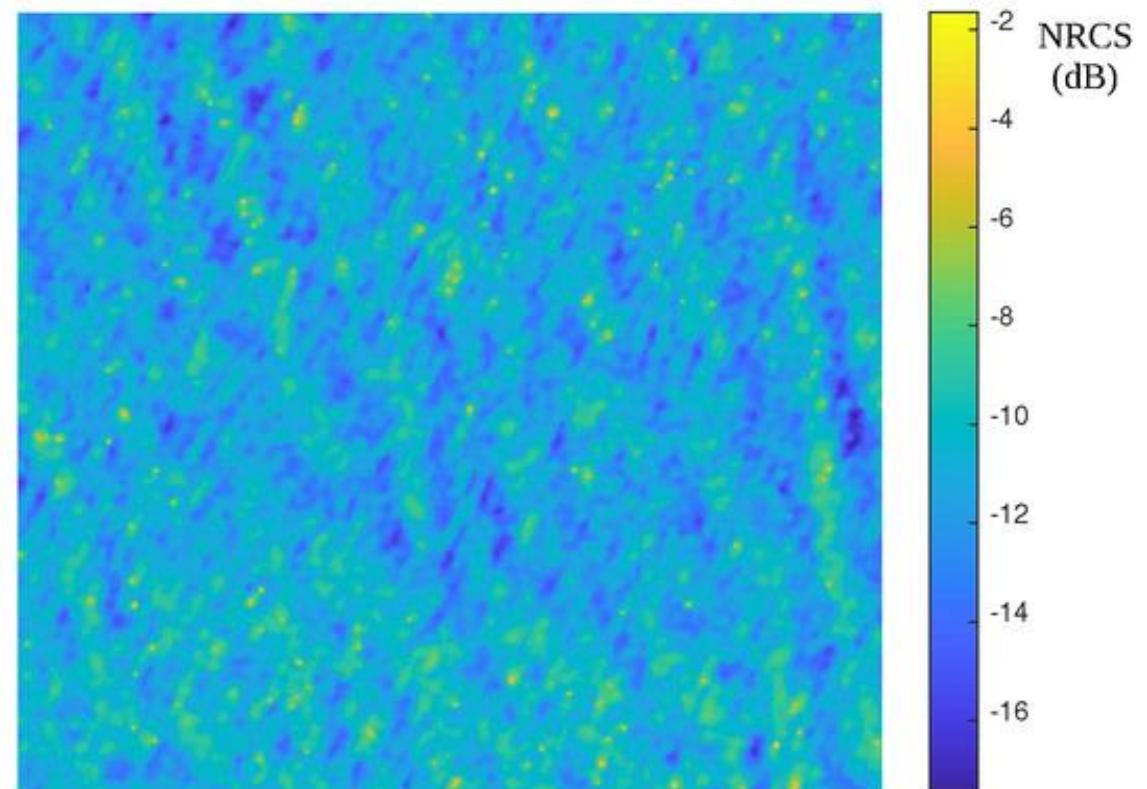
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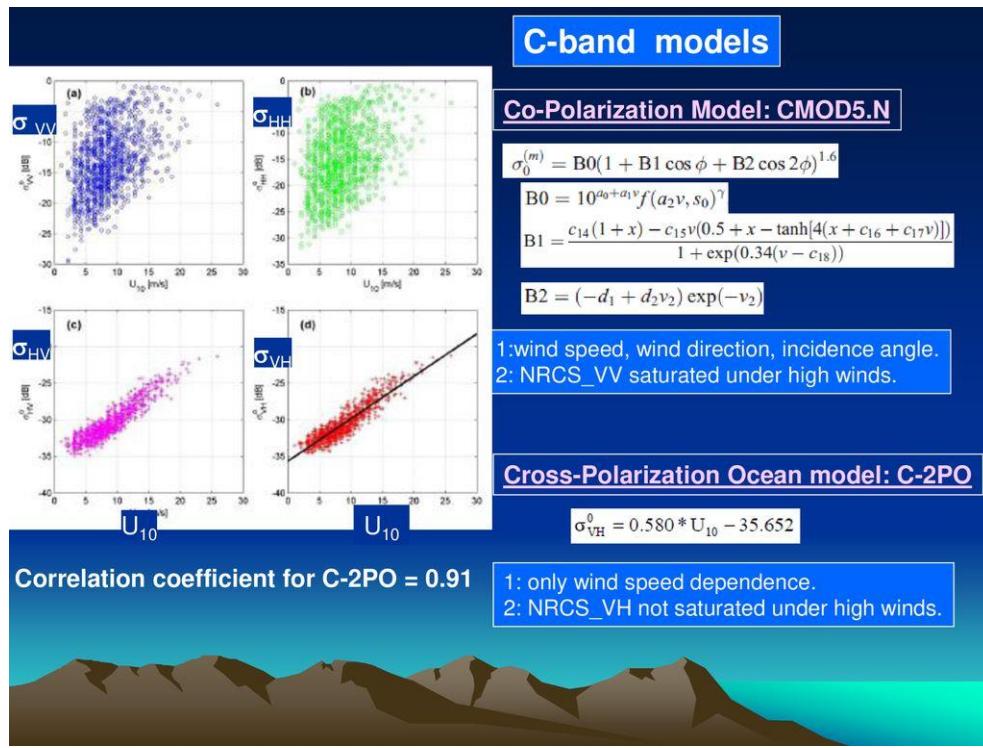
# I -What?

## □ What is the project about?

- Traditional methods for wind field estimation using SAR images rely on handcrafted features and are often limited by the complexity and noise of the images. This project addresses the problem of wind field estimation using Sentinel-1 SAR images by proposing a deep learning-based approach that can automatically learn and extract complex features from the images.



# 2-when?



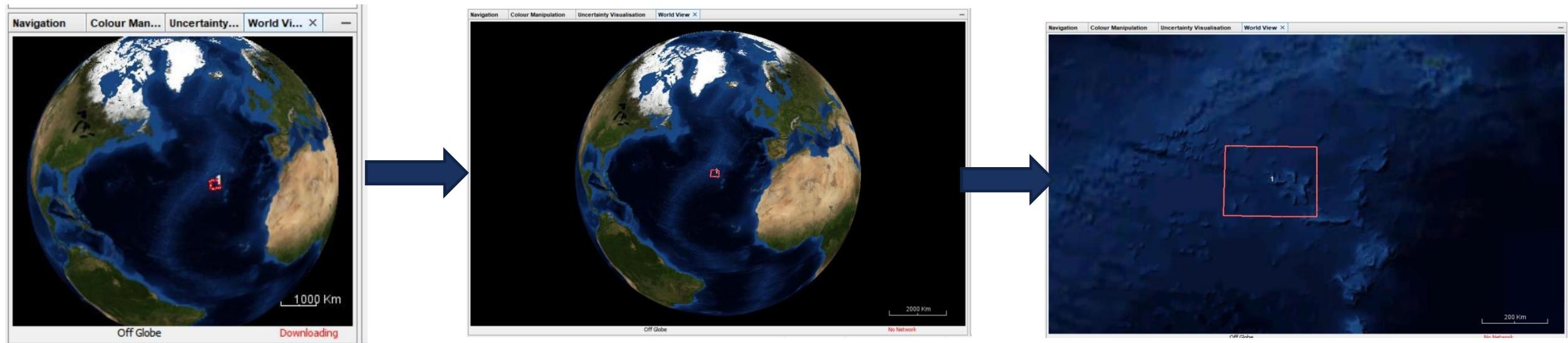
## □ when it become a problem?

- Wind field estimation from Sentinel-1 images may encounter challenges when limitations arise in the estimation process, such as the prolonged time required for calculating wind speed and direction using the CMOD5.n algorithm.
- The use of this algorithm for wind field estimation can lead to increased computational complexity, resulting in longer processing times and slower data analysis.
- These challenges can affect the efficiency and accuracy of wind field estimation, which can impact the reliability of the results. As a result, alternative methods and algorithms may need to be explored to improve the speed and accuracy of wind field estimation from Sentinel-1 images.

# 3-Where?

- **Where is the project being implemented ?**
- The challenge of estimating wind speed and direction in marine environments is a pervasive issue. Our efforts to address this challenge in Egypt were impeded by the need for extensive water bodies to generate the necessary data. Consequently, we determined that an oceanic setting was a more suitable and convenient environment for our research purposes.

# Location of the chosen Sentinel-I Data



# 4-Who?

Who is involved in the project ?



Mohamed  
Fahmy



Mohamed  
Shaban



Ahmed  
Abdelaziz



Emad ali



Hassan  
Salah



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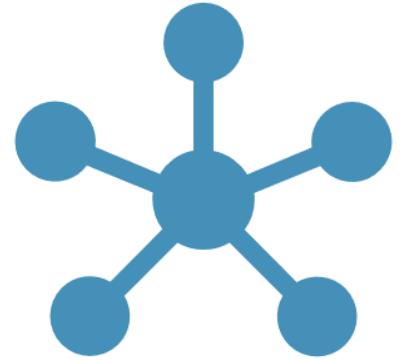
**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR REMOTE SENSING  
AND SPACE SCIENCES (NARSS),**

**THE PROJECT IS BEING SUPERVISED BY DR. SALWA.**

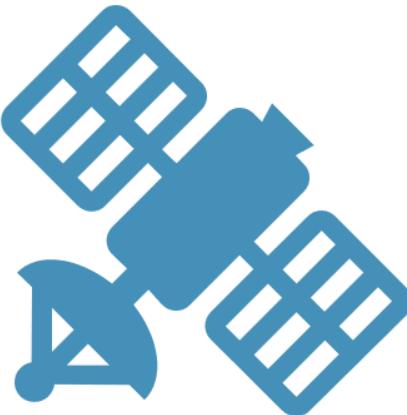
# 5-why?

## □ why to solve with Deep Learning?

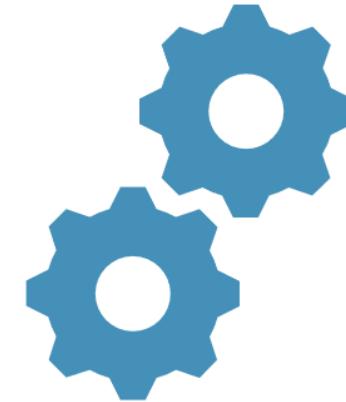
- The application of deep learning for wind field estimation from Sentinel-1 images has gained attention due to its ability to capture complex patterns and relationships in the data.
- Traditional methods for wind field estimation using SAR data typically rely on empirical or physical models that may not fully capture the complexity of the data, and can be limited by prior assumptions and parameterizations.
- In contrast, deep learning models can autonomously learn the underlying patterns and relationships in the data, enabling more accurate and flexible modeling of the wind field, while also improving the efficiency of the estimation process.
- The use of deep learning for wind field estimation from Sentinel-1 images has demonstrated promising results in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility, and is emerging as a viable alternative to traditional methods.



Network



Satellite



infrastructure

TECH REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADITIONAL WIND ESTIMATION



Just a computer

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEEP LEARNING-BASED-MODEL

# Related works

## □ Wind Direction Retrieval Using DL: ResNet-based Approach

By : Andrea Zanchetta, Stefano Zecchetto

### ■ What algorithm they used ?

ResNet-based neural network

### ■ Why they used it ?

The advantage of using a ResNet-based model is its ability to handle more complex relationships in the data and learn detailed features

### ▪ Why we can not use it ?

They can be computationally expensive and require significant computing resources for effective training.

### ■ What are the results ?

The comparisons with ECMWF and scatterometer data indicated that the ResNet-based neural network model was effective for wind direction retrieval from scatterometer data, particularly in regions with complex wind patterns and high variability.

# Related works

- A novel forecasting model for wind speed assessment using sentinel family satellites images and machine learning method

By: M. Majidi Nezhad , A. Heydari , E. Pirshayan , D. Groppi , D. Astiaso Garcia

## ■ What algorithm they used ?

The hybrid model combines the generalized regression neural network (GRNN) and the whale optimization algorithm (WOA).

### ▪ Why they used it ?

The model takes into account parameters such as wind speed, water depth, and distance to the shoreline to assess the wind energy, the hybrid model include its ability to handle noisy data and its computational efficiency. The GRNN's radial basis function enables it to approximate the relationship between input and output variables even in the presence of noise.

### ▪ Why we can not use it ?

**Data Requirement:** The model needs a significant volume of high-quality data to be trained properly. Acquiring this data, especially when depending on remote sensing data, can be a challenging and resource-intensive task.

**Parameter Tuning:** The whale optimization algorithm (WOA) incorporated in the model requires precise parameter tuning to perform optimally. This can consume a lot of time and computational resources, which could be problematic for real-time applications or situations with resource limitations.

## ■ What are the results ?

The paper emphasizes the ability of Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 satellite images to provide reliable data for near and offshore wind speed assessment and bathymetry detection.



# How ?

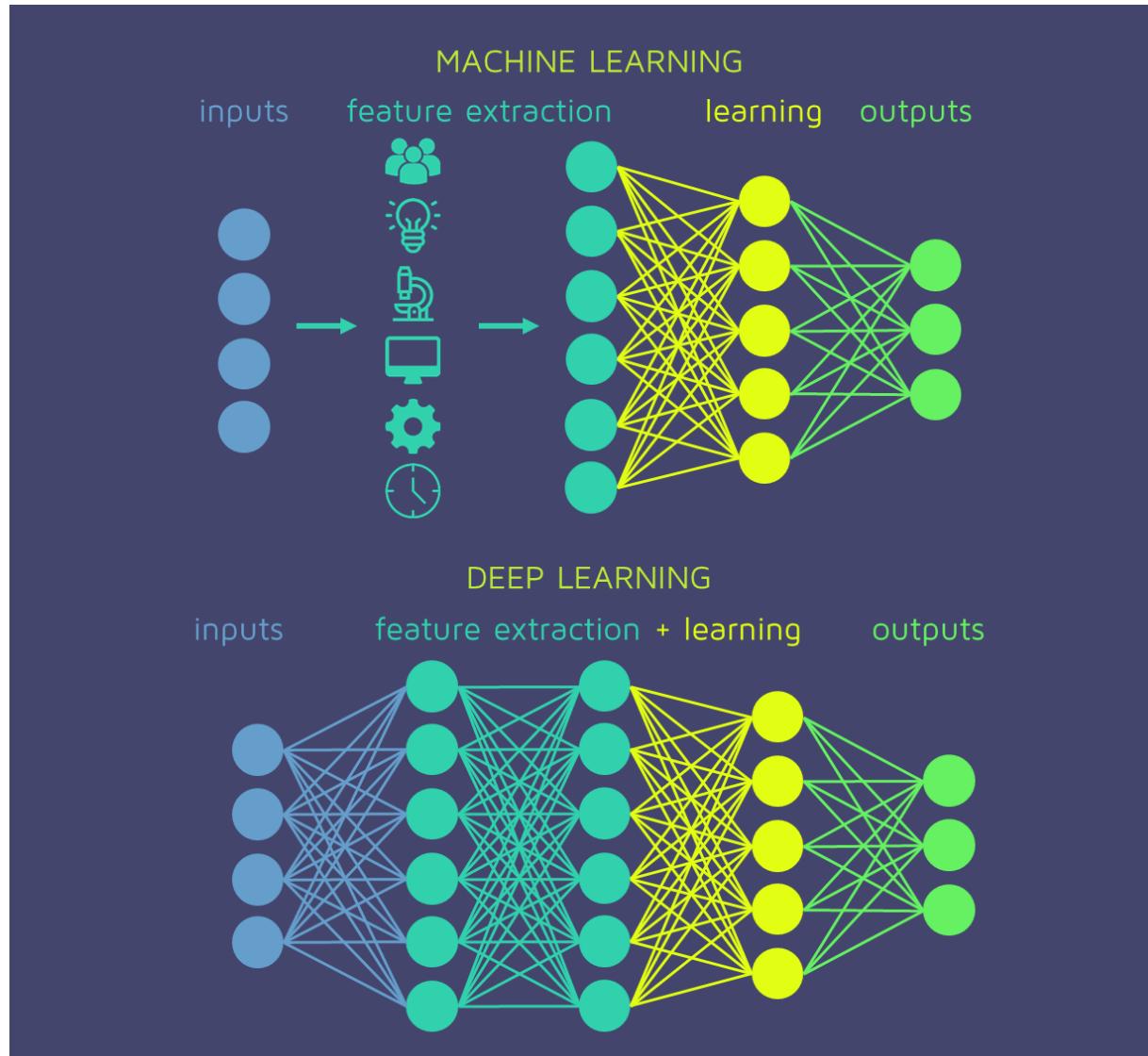
# ML vs DL: Understanding the Differences and Applications

## ❑ applications of ML

- ML algorithms can be used for image classification, land cover mapping, and feature extraction from remote sensing data.
- ML models can be applied to wind estimation using traditional features extracted from remote sensing data, such as meteorological variables.

## ❑ applications of DL

- DL enables more accurate and automated feature extraction, allowing for improved classification and segmentation of remote sensing images.
- DL models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), can directly learn from raw remote sensing data for wind estimation, capturing complex patterns and spatial dependencies.



# So it's deep learning !

- 1. Improved Accuracy:** DL outperforms traditional models with superior pattern recognition, enabling precise analysis and better predictions.
- 2. Scalability:** DL efficiently manages high-dimensional datasets, allowing for rapid expansion and accommodating large data volumes.
- 3. Complexity Management:** DL thrives on processing complex, multi-sensor data, offering a sophisticated approach to environmental modeling.

# STEPS TO BUILD A DEEP LEARNING MODELS



Problem  
Definition



Data  
Collection



Data  
Preprocessing



Model  
Selection



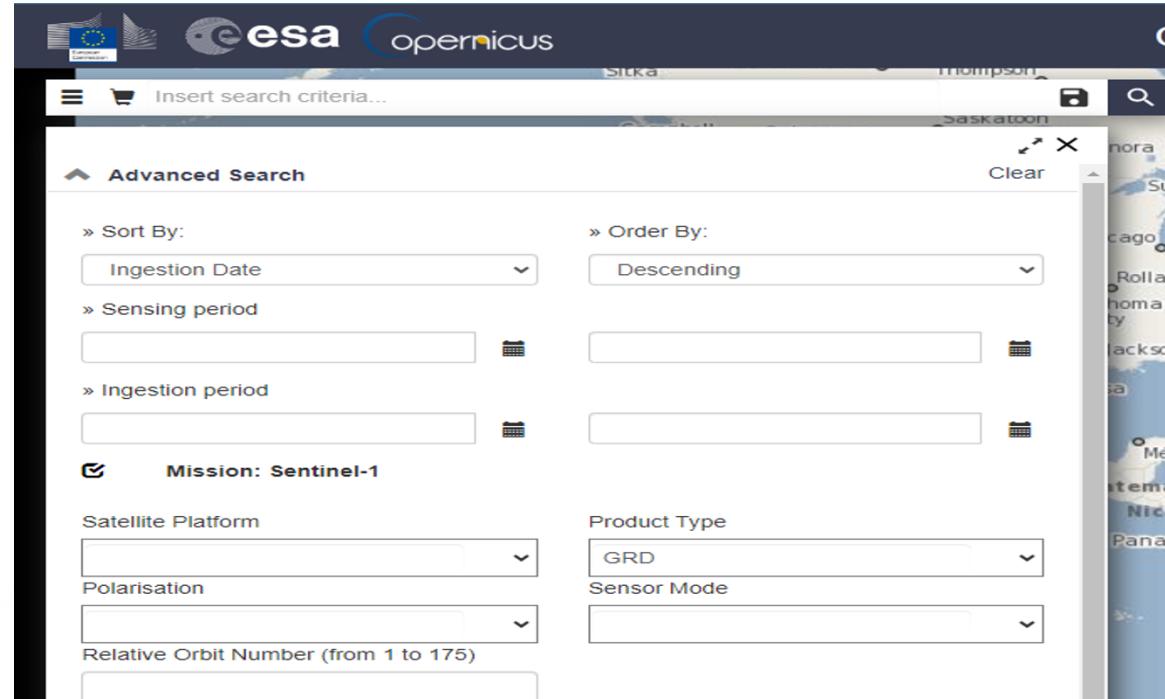
Model  
Building



Model  
Training

# Our Dataset

- You can obtain Sentinel-1 data from the European Space Agency (**ESA**) Sentinel Scientific Data Hub  
Link: <https://scihub.copernicus.eu/dhus/#/home>



# preprocessing the data

## ■ A lot of code and GIS study !

- Apply orbit file
- S-1 Thermal Noise Removal
- Radiometric calibration
- Terrain Correction
- Speckle Filtering

# Get the processed data ready to DL

## ■ A lot of code again !

- Matching CSV File and Image Filenames
- Point Verification within Image
- Image EXIF Metadata Extraction
- Image Grouping for Efficient Data Management

# Finally we have a complete dataset!

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26	wind_field_estimation_Orb_tnr_spk_TC_images.4444.tif	wind_1019	-29.97651522	34.65620473	4.9	-21.531	-36.7	93.02	0.78
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30	wind_field_estimation_Orb_tnr_spk_TC_images.4442.tif	wind_1022	-30.00867409	34.66123842	13.6	-18.029	-30.95	95.09	0.77



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Let's build a  
solution !

**Dr. Salwa suggest that we try RNN or LSTM so we did !**

hybrid LSTM

# hybrid LSTM

- This model architecture is chosen because:
  1. LSTM layers: They are well-suited for capturing temporal dependencies in sequential data, making them suitable for wind field estimation tasks where time plays a crucial role.
  2. Reshape layer: It transforms the input shape to match the requirements of the LSTM layers, allowing the model to process the SAR image data effectively.
  3. Dense layers: They introduce non-linear transformations and learn complex patterns from the LSTM outputs, enabling the model to capture intricate relationships between the input features.

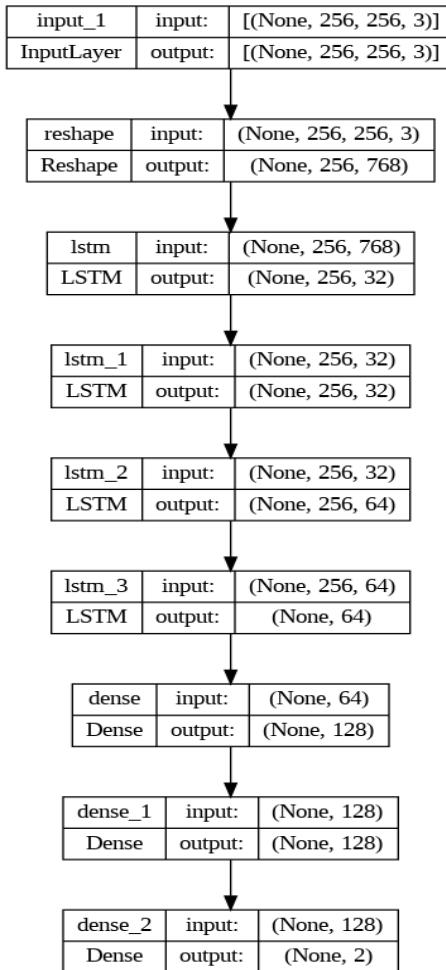
# Hypered LSTM : actual and predicted wind speed

```
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse',metrics='accuracy')
history = model.fit(
    train_images,
    validation_data=val_images,
    epochs=100,
    callbacks=[
        tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(
            monitor='val_loss',
            patience=10,
            restore_best_weights=True
        )
    ]
)
```

accuracy	Val loss
98%	12.7734

record	Actual	Predicted
1	15.3	20
2	12.6	17.78
3	15.8	30.9
4	12.19	7.3
5	8.0	14.9
6	14.3	16.28

# hybrid LSTM structure



```
inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=(256, 256, 3))

# Convert the input shape from (batch_size, 120, 120, 3) to (batch_size,
sequence_length, input_dim)
x = tf.keras.layers.Reshape(target_shape=(256, 256*3))(inputs)

# Replace the Conv2D and MaxPool2D layers with recurrent layers
x = tf.keras.layers.LSTM(units=32, return_sequences=True, activation='tanh')(x)
x = tf.keras.layers.LSTM(units=32, return_sequences=True, activation='tanh')(x)

x = tf.keras.layers.LSTM(units=64, return_sequences=True, activation='tanh')(x)
x = tf.keras.layers.LSTM(units=64, return_sequences=False, activation='tanh')(x)

x = tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='tanh')(x)
x = tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='tanh')(x)

outputs = tf.keras.layers.Dense(2, activation='linear')(x)

model = tf.keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs)
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse', metrics='accuracy')
```

# Overfit of : hybrid LSTM

## ■ Possible reasons for model overfitting:

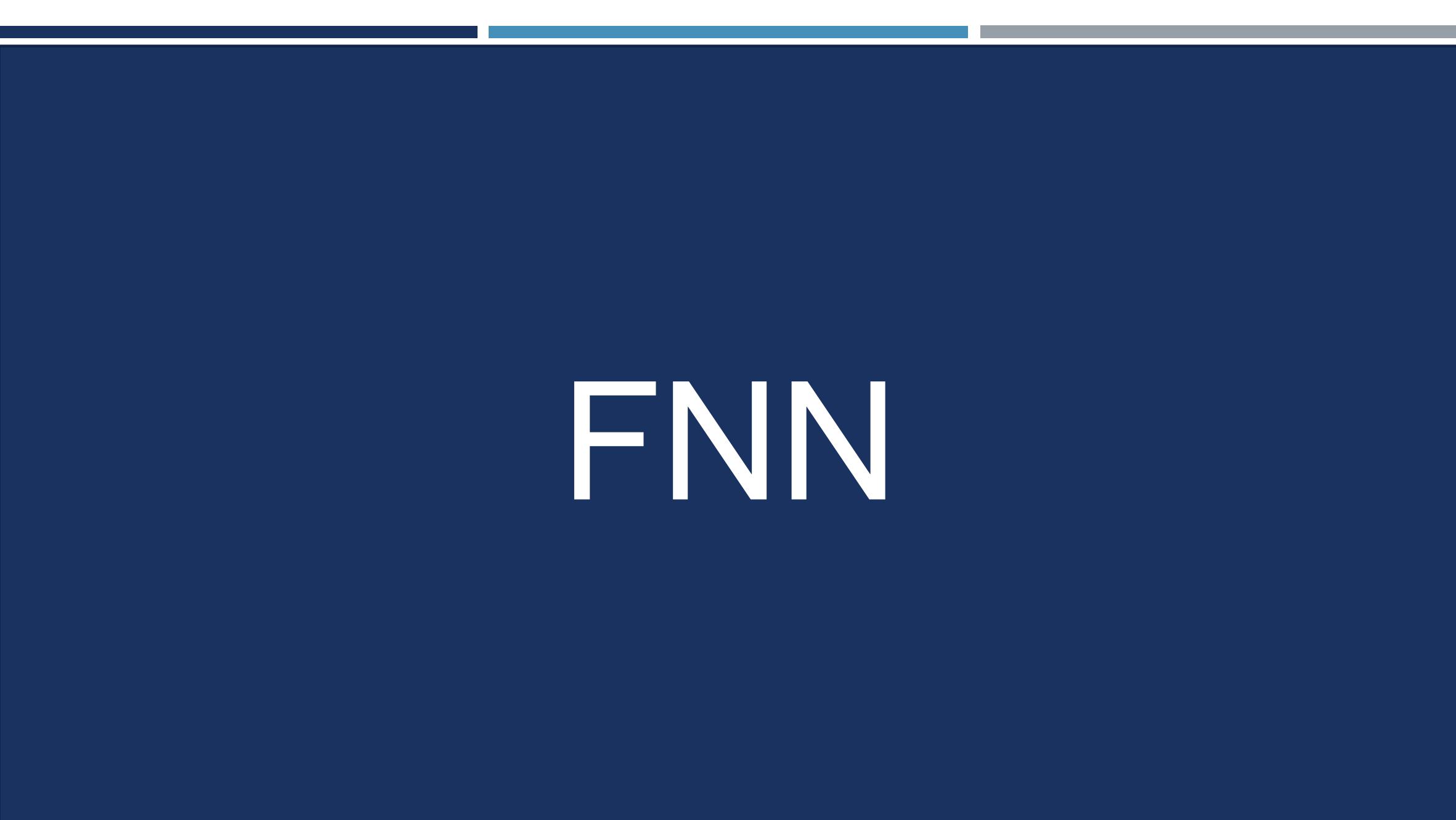
1. Limited dataset: Insufficient data to capture the full range of patterns.
2. Model complexity: Large number of parameters or layers leading to overfitting.
3. Lack of regularization: Absence of techniques like dropout or weight decay.
4. Training duration: Model trained for too long, fitting noise instead of patterns.

## ■ Strategies to address overfitting:

1. Increase dataset size or use data augmentation.
2. Simplify model architecture to reduce complexity.
3. Apply regularization techniques.
4. Monitor training progress and use early stopping.
5. Consider ensemble learning or transfer learning.

# How to improve LSTM

- Ensure a representative and diverse dataset covering various wind conditions and geographic regions.
- Implement more sophisticated model optimization techniques and hyperparameter tuning.
- Evaluate the model's performance using additional metrics relevant to wind field estimation, such as root mean square error (RMSE) or mean absolute error (MAE).
- Integrate visualization techniques to interpret and analyze the model's predictions.



FNN

# Strengths, Limitations, and Suitability of FNNs

## **Strengths:**

- Less computationally intensive compared to CNNs.
- Simplicity makes it easier to train and interpret.

## **Limitations:**

- Struggle with complex patterns and high-dimensional data.
- Lack spatial recognition, crucial for image-based tasks.

## **Suitability for Project:**

- Used as a baseline model due to its simplicity and ability to handle regression tasks.
- The model can also provide a reference point for the comparative performance of more complex models.

# Feedforward Neural Networks (FNNs)

## ❑ This architecture is chosen because:

- **Dense layers:** They allow every neuron in a layer to be connected to every neuron in the next layer, enabling the network to learn complex patterns in the input data.
- **ReLU activation:** It is a common choice for hidden layers due to its simplicity and efficacy in mitigating the vanishing gradient problem.
- **Dropout layers:** They help in preventing overfitting by randomly ignoring some neurons during training, thus forcing the data to spread across all neurons and making the model more robust.
- **Batch normalization:** It accelerates training, provides some regularization and noise robustness, and reduces the sensitivity to the initial weights.
- Linear activation function in the output layer: It is ideal for regression tasks where the output is a single continuous value.

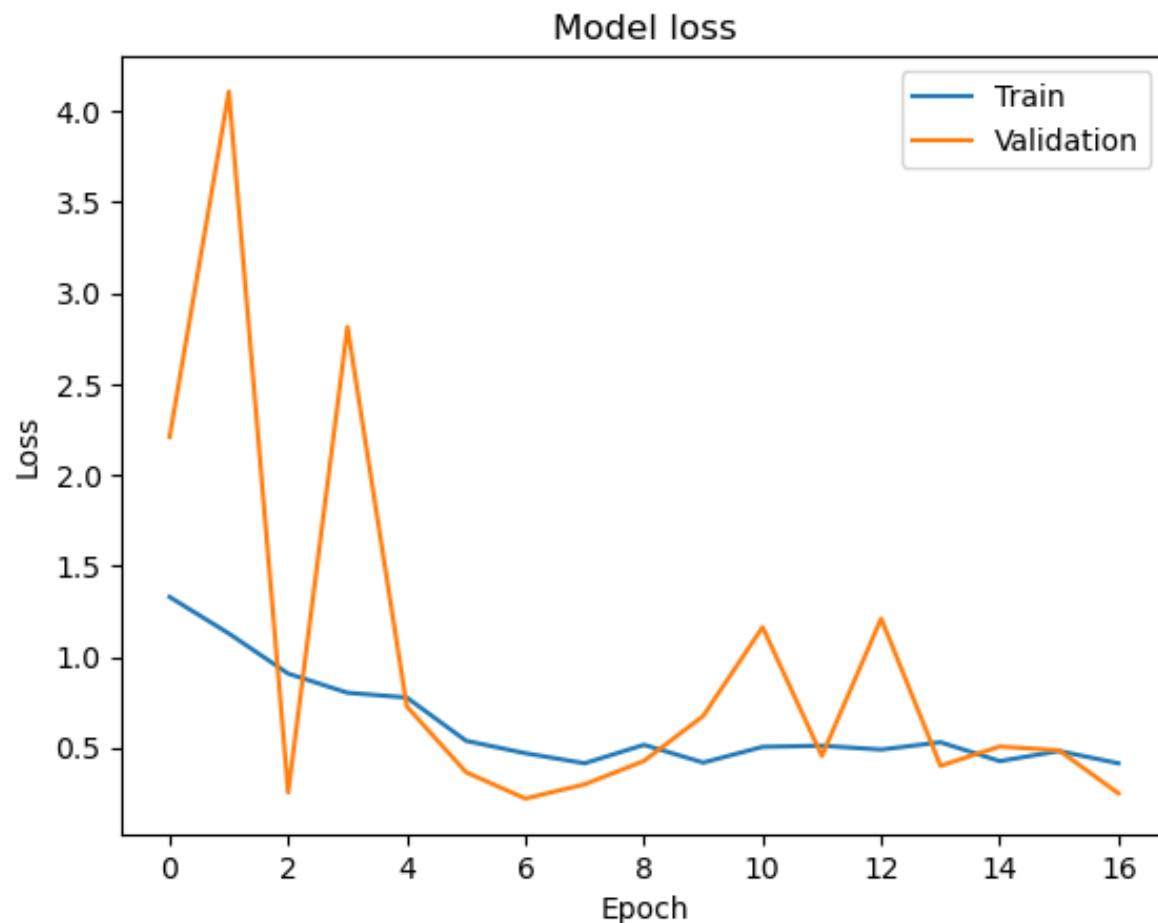
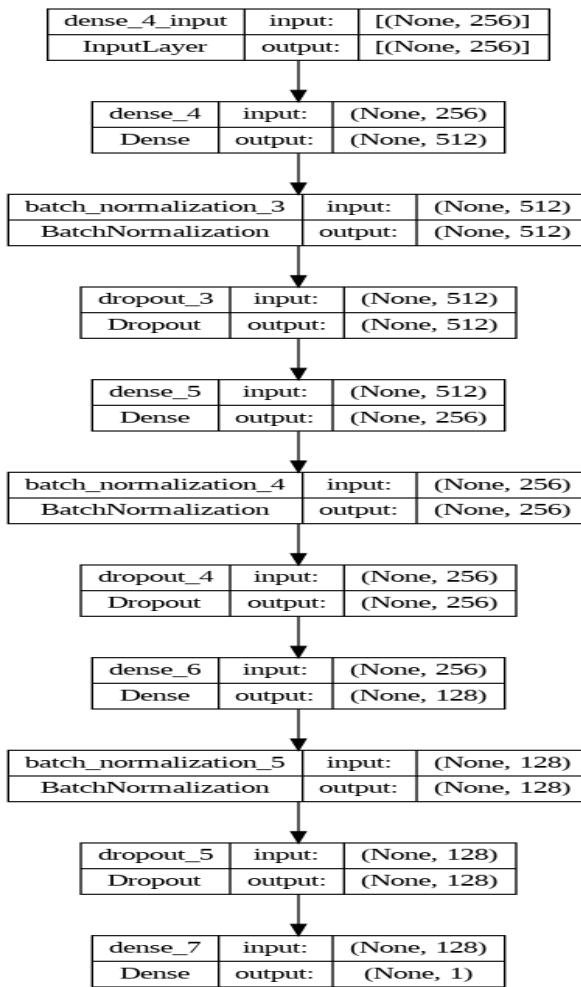
## ❑ Advantages:

- Easier to implement, interpret, and train compared to CNNs.

## ❑ Disadvantages:

- May struggle with complex image data, not inherently designed for spatial data.

# FNN Architecture



# FNN : actual and predicted wind speed

MSE	MAE	record	Actual	Predicted
0.0910	0.2494	1	15.3	12.82
		2	12.6	12.78
		3	15.8	12.91
		4	12.19	14.18
		5	9.0	12.96
		6	14.3	13.28



# CNN

# Strengths, Limitations, and Suitability of CNNs

## □ Strengths:

- Ability to automatically and adaptively learn spatial hierarchies of features, ideal for processing Sentinel-1 images.
- Robust to minor variations in the images, such as shifts, rotations, and other distortions.

## □ Limitations:

- High computational intensity, especially for large datasets.
- Requires a large amount of labeled data for effective training.

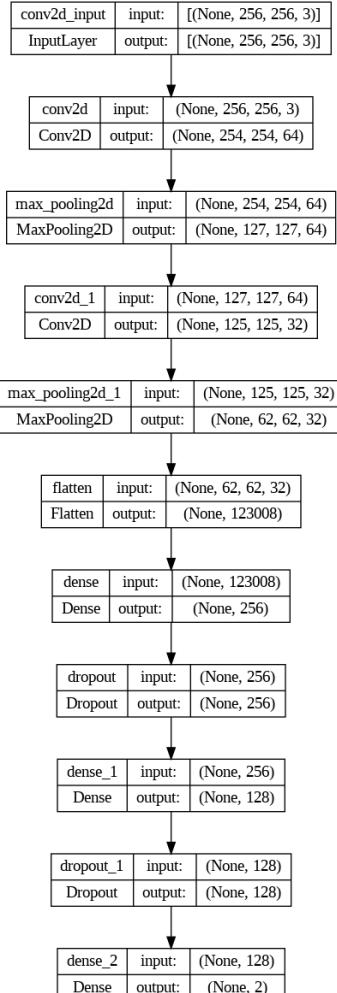
## □ Suitability for Project:

- Ideal for image data due to their unique property of keeping spatial information intact.
- Especially useful for our Sentinel-1 images as they capture intricate spatial wind patterns.

# Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

- ❑ The choice of this specific architecture serves the purpose of the task effectively. It strikes a balance between complexity (to capture intricate patterns in the data) and simplicity (to prevent overfitting). The use of dropout layers, the ReLU activation function, and a linear output activation function complements the regression task and assists in achieving good predictive performance.
  
- ❑ **Advantages:**
  - Ability to extract hierarchical features from images, tolerance to minor changes in the image.
  
- ❑ **Disadvantages:**
  - May require large amounts of data, complex model interpretability, requires careful hyperparameter tuning.

# CNN Architecture



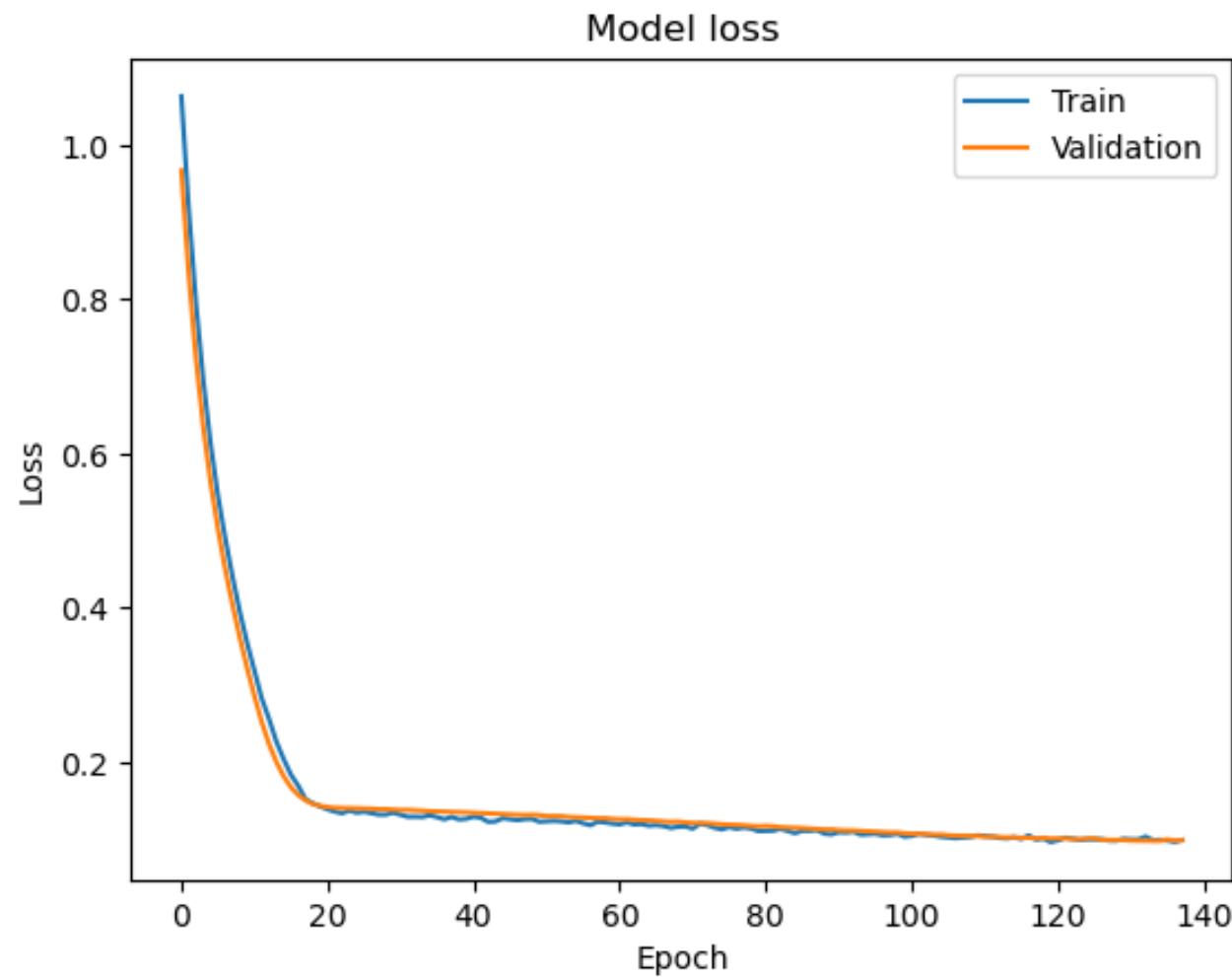
- The first layer is a Conv2D layer with 64 filters of size 3x3 and a ReLU activation function. The input shape of each image is defined by the `input_shape` variable.
- The second layer is a MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of 2x2.
- The third layer is another Conv2D layer with 32 filters of size 3x3 and a ReLU activation function.
- The fourth layer is another MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of 2x2.
- The fifth layer is a Flatten layer that flattens the output of the previous layer into a 1D array.
- The sixth layer is a Dense layer with 256 units and a ReLU activation function. A regularization term is added to the weights to prevent overfitting.
- The seventh layer is a Dropout layer that randomly drops out 25% of the units to prevent overfitting.
- The eighth layer is another Dense layer with 128 units and a ReLU activation function.
- The ninth layer is another Dropout layer that randomly drops out 25% of the units to prevent overfitting.
- The tenth and final layer is a Dense layer with 2 units and a linear activation function, which outputs the predicted class probabilities for the input image.

# CNN : actual and predicted wind speed

Accuracy	MAE	MSE
91.3%	0.104	0.026

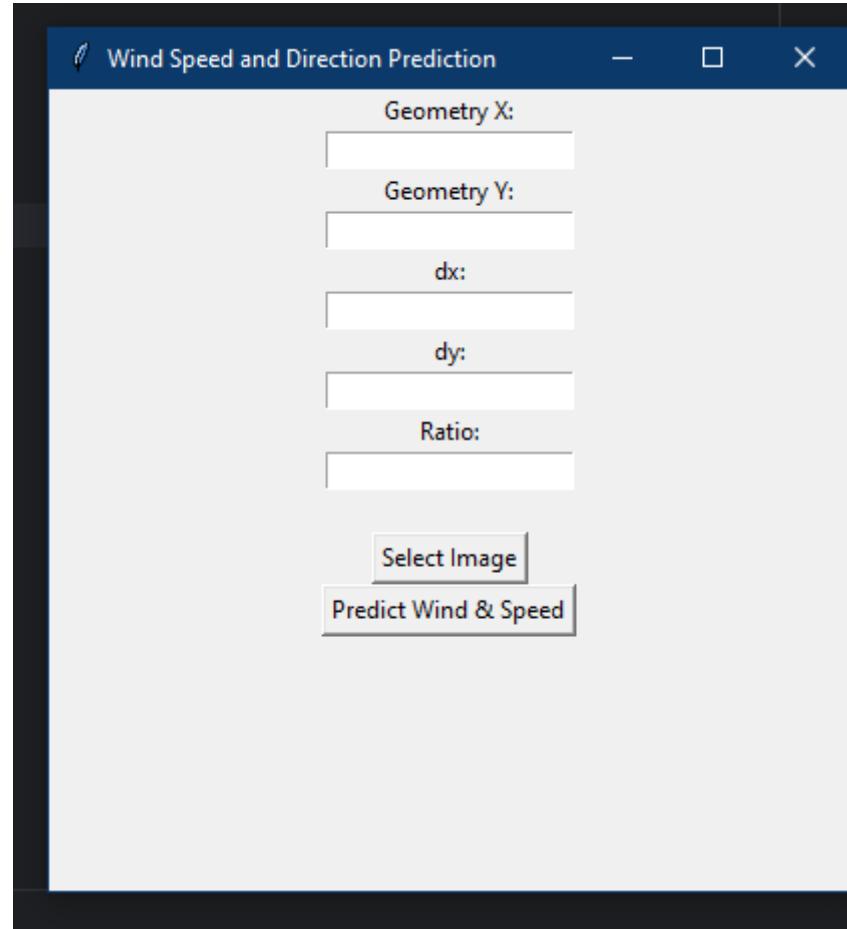
record	Actual	Predicted
1	10.7	12.01
2	16.7	14.4
3	15.8	12.91
4	15.2	14.23
5	10.9	11.93
6	179.59	161.2

# Train and validation loss curve



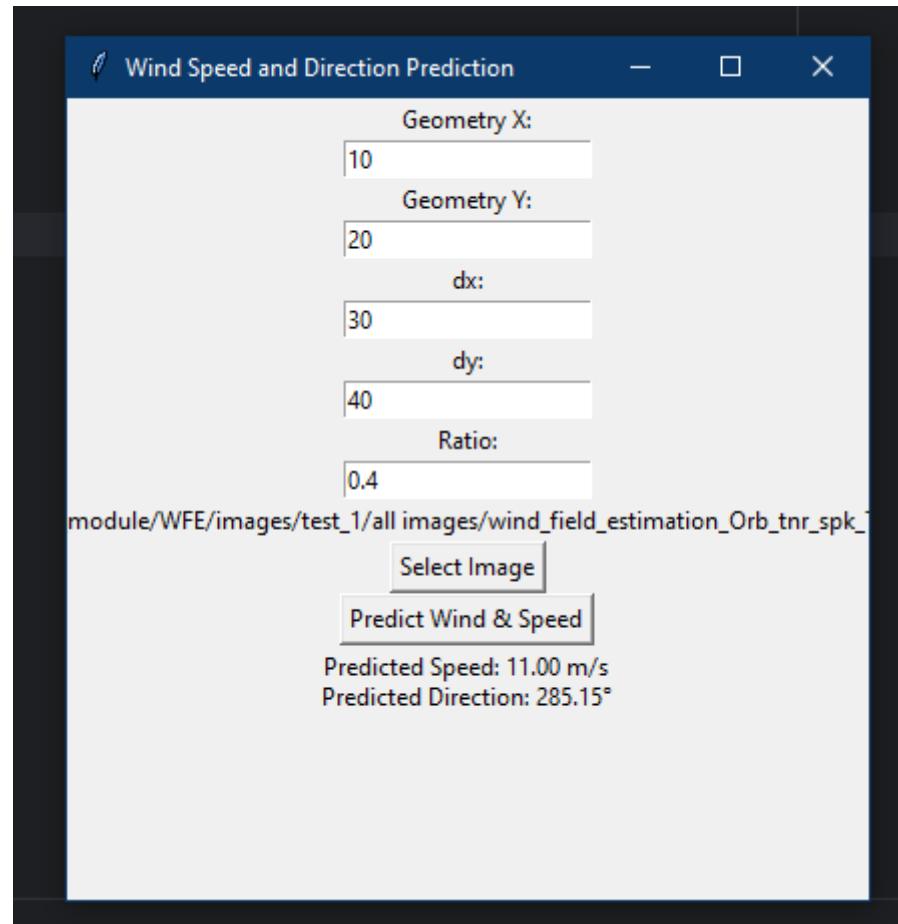


# Final Product



The image shows a development environment with three main windows:

- Code Editor:** Displays a Python script named `test2.py` containing code for loading a machine learning model and making predictions. The code includes imports for `fastai`, `os`, and `json`, and defines variables for geometry and minimum speed.
- File Explorer:** An "Open" dialog box is open, showing a folder structure under `games (G:) > GP > data_and_module > WFE > images > test_1 > all images`. It lists numerous `.tif` files, mostly named `wind_field_estimation_Orb_tnr_spk_TC_images.[number].tif`, where the number ranges from 15 to 215.
- Prediction Dialog:** A window titled "Wind Speed and Direction Prediction" contains input fields for "Geometry X" (10), "Geometry Y" (20), "dx" (30), "dy" (40), and "Ratio" (0.4). It also has "Select Image" and "Predict Wind & Speed" buttons.



# Conclusion

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# CONCLUSION

- Project Highlights
- Impact of our project in Wind Estimation
- Future of deep-learning-based Wind Estimation

# Unleashing the Power of DL: Project Highlights

- Our application of Deep Learning (DL) techniques, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Feedforward Neural Networks (FNN), resulted in a robust wind estimation model using Sentinel-1 images.
- Comparative studies revealed that Sentinel-1 SAR data offers higher accuracy than other wind estimation methods.
- Our model effectively handled the complexities of Sentinel-1 images, overcoming key limitations in image-based wind speed prediction.
- We developed advanced pre-processing techniques for effective image analysis, optimizing DL hyperparameters for improved performance.

# Transforming Wind Estimation: Impact & Lessons

- Our project has the potential to revolutionize the field of wind estimation, contributing to various sectors such as meteorology, renewable energy, and marine navigation.
- The research opened new avenues in the use of Sentinel-1 SAR data, unlocking its potential for interpretable wind field estimation.
- Throughout this project, we learned the importance of choosing the right DL technique and how to effectively handle and preprocess complex data for DL-based image analysis.

# Charting the Future: Next Steps in Wind Estimation

- Future research will focus on refining the DL model, improving its performance and accuracy, and addressing remaining challenges in image-based wind speed prediction.
- Further exploration of other DL techniques and algorithms may lead to more sophisticated and efficient models.
- As technology advances, there are opportunities for more extensive and diverse applications of Sentinel-1 data in the field of wind estimation.



THANK YOU



Any questions ?