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# Project Week 1

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# Given architecture

- I have a dataset consisting of camera images from two different locations of a campus over time and the labels of these images are the GHI values on the campus 2 hours after the images are taken. Provide a keras neural network for using these images to predict the labels of these images, don't forget to utilize the time aspect of the data by using some RNN layers.

```
# Create a Sequential model
model = models.Sequential()
# Use TimeDistributed to apply CNN layers on each time step
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
input_shape=(time_steps, *input_shape)))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2))))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu')))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2))))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu')))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2))))
# Flatten and Dense layers for each time step
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Flatten()))
model.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Dense(dense_units, activation='relu')))
# LSTM layers to capture temporal dependencies
model.add(layers.LSTM(lstm_units, return_sequences=True))
model.add(layers.LSTM(lstm_units)) # Final Dense layer to output the GHI value
model.add(layers.Dense(1))
# Predicting a single scalar value for each sequence
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse', metrics=['mae']) return model
```

# Overview: Tested input variations

For each test, we used normalized images, normalized labels and normalized meteo data.

## A) only one camera as input

- Approach 1: One frame only
- Approach 2: 2 frames, same camera

## B) 2 frames : one image per camera as input

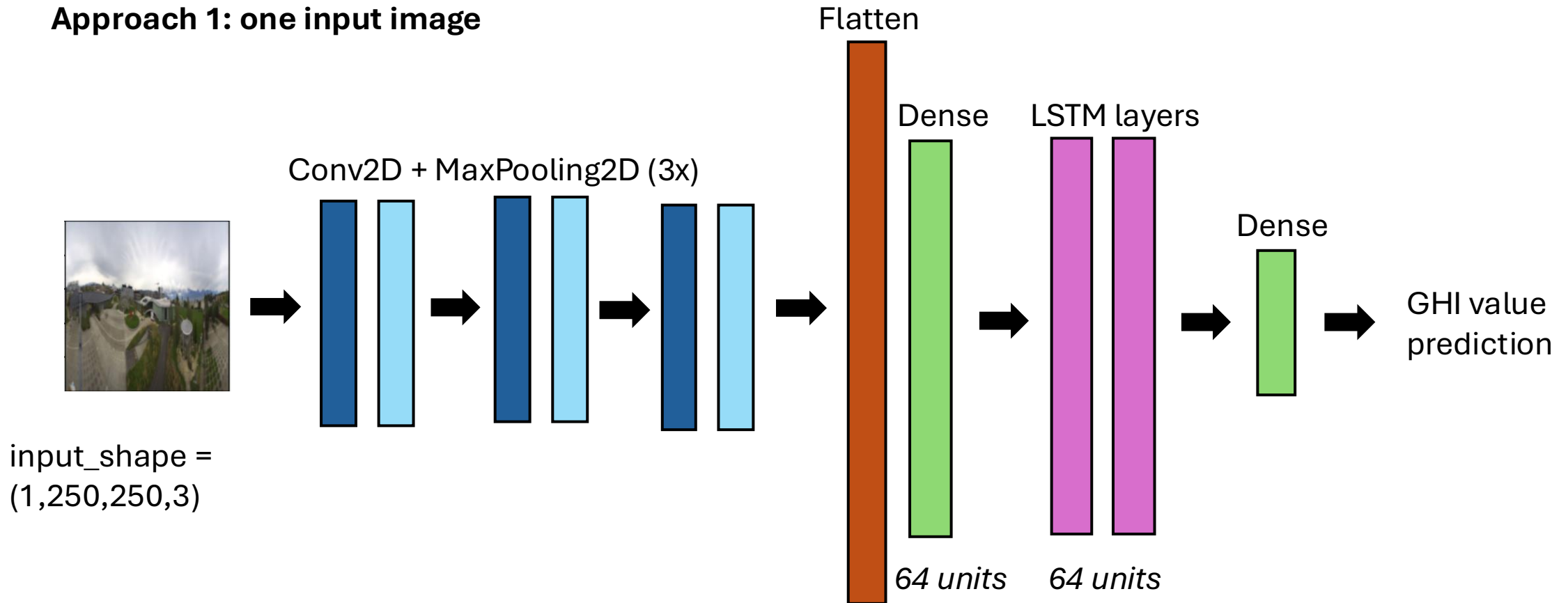
## C) (one image per camera)\* wind speed coefficients

## D) one image per camera + meteo params (wind speed + cloud opacity)

- Approach 1: Meteo parameters as a second input in vectors
- Approach 2: Meteo params as another channel in the input (broadcasted input dataset)

# A) Only one camera as input

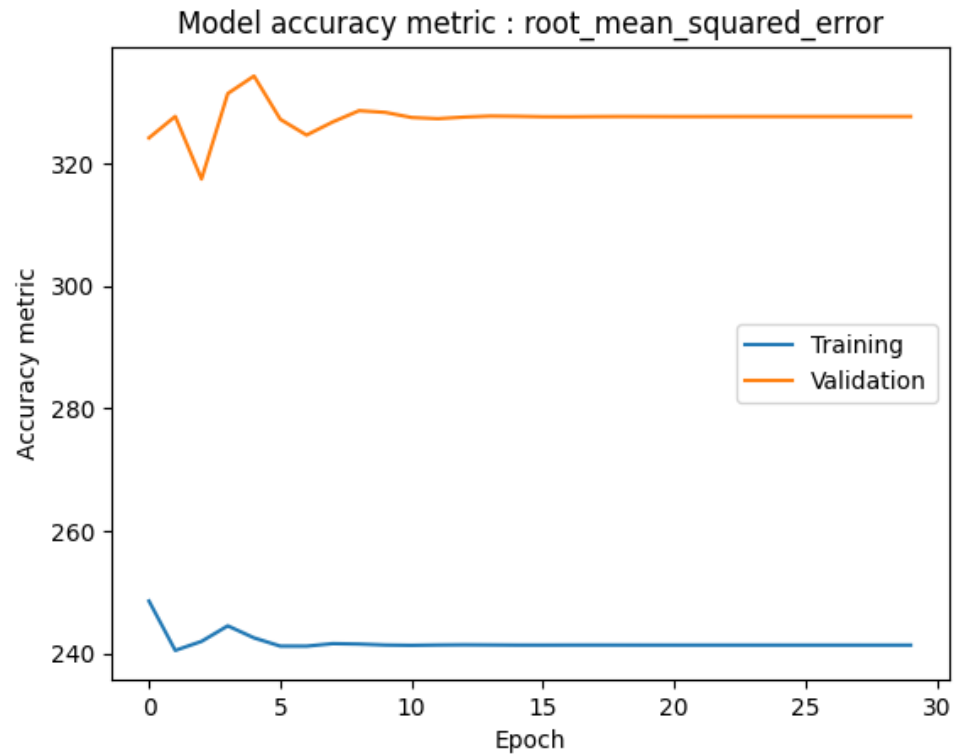
## Approach 1: one input image



# A) Only one camera as input

## Approach 1: one input image

input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

25/25 ————— 1s 40ms/step - loss: 0.1710 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.5761

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 272.978

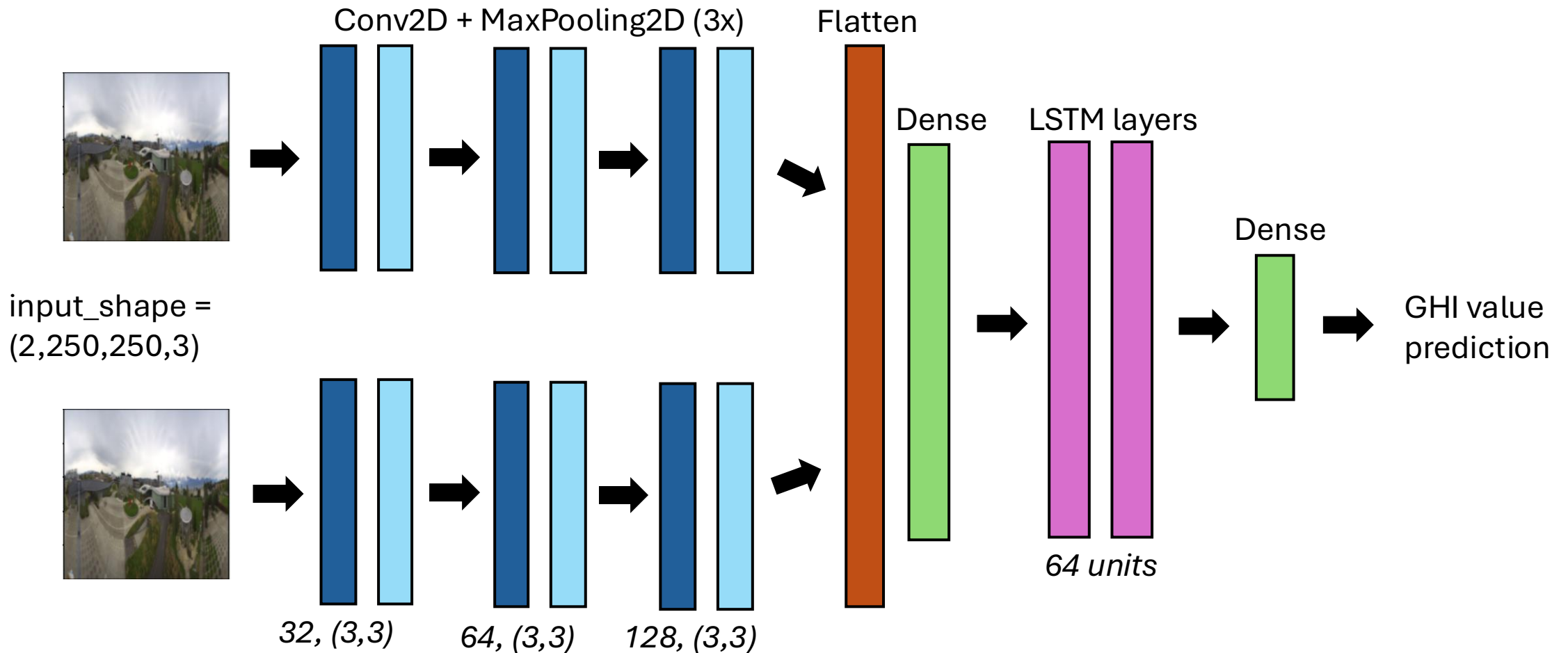
## Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 800
- Nb of validation samples: 300
- Nb of test samples : 800
- input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: Relu
- Loss: MSE
- Optimizer: Adam

Test RMSE = 273

# A) Only one camera as input

Approach 2: two times the same image as input

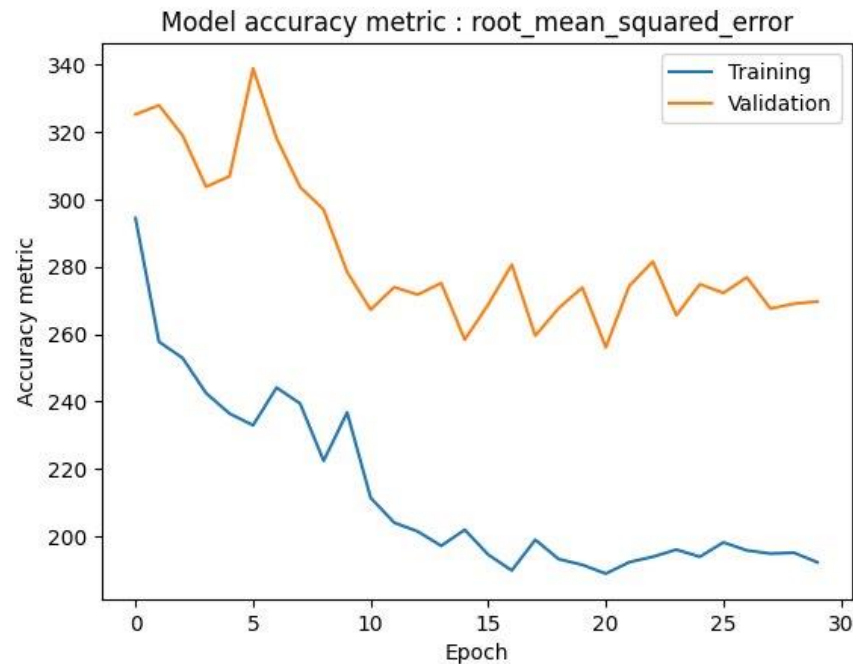




# A) Only one camera as input

## Approach 2: two times the same image as input

input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

10/10 ————— 4s 122ms/step - loss: 0.0876 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.3930

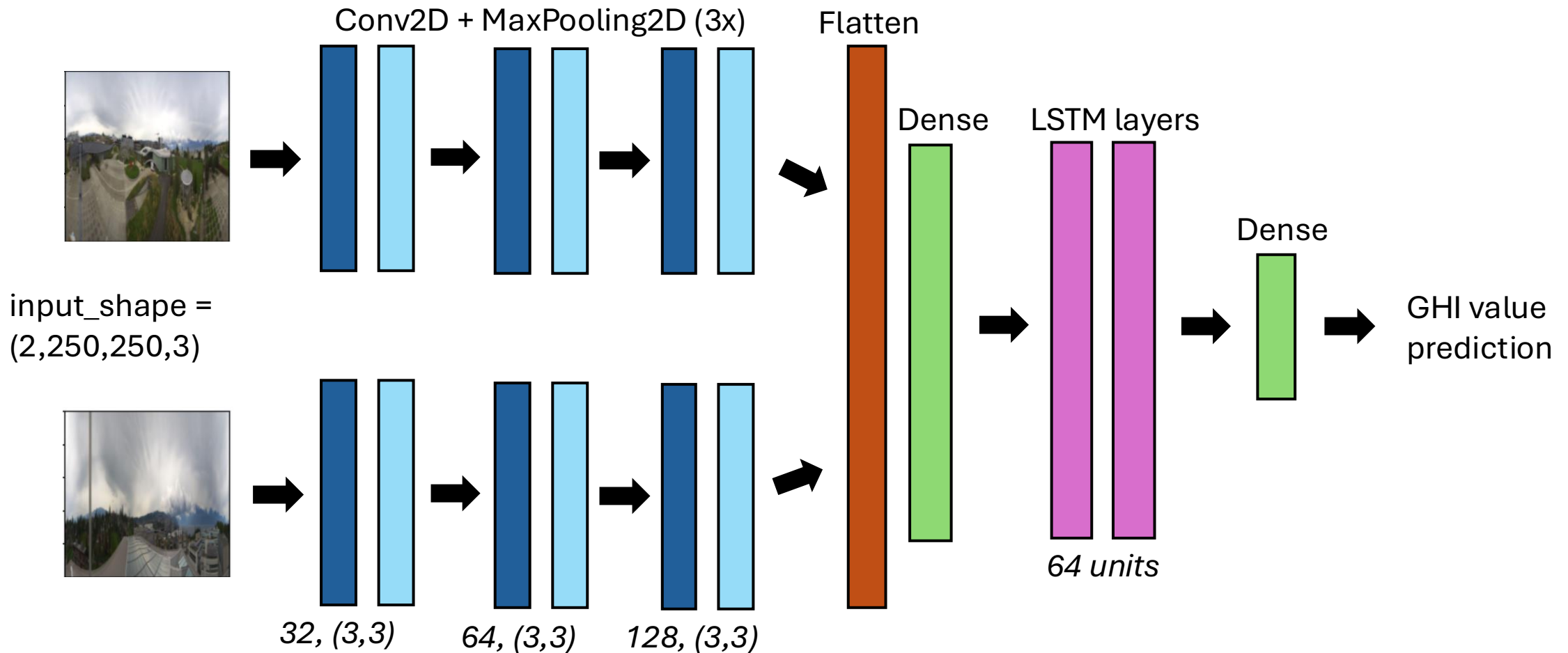
Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 230.753

## Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 600
- Nb of validation samples: 300
- Nb of test samples: 300
- input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: Relu
- Loss: MSE

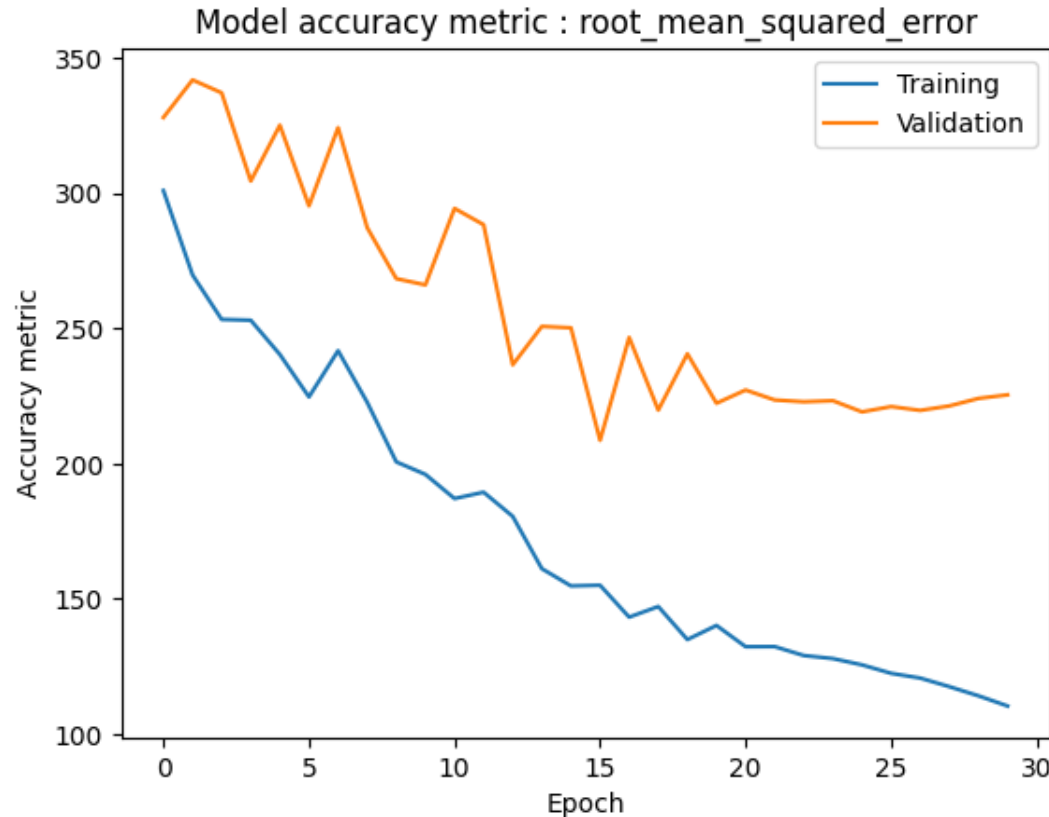
Test RMSE = 230

## B) 2 frames : one image per camera as input





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### Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 600
- Nb of validation samples: 300
- Nb of test samples: 300
- input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: Relu
- Loss: MSE
- Optimizer: Adam

\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

10/10 ————— 4s 118ms/step - loss: 0.0144 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.1621

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 84.667

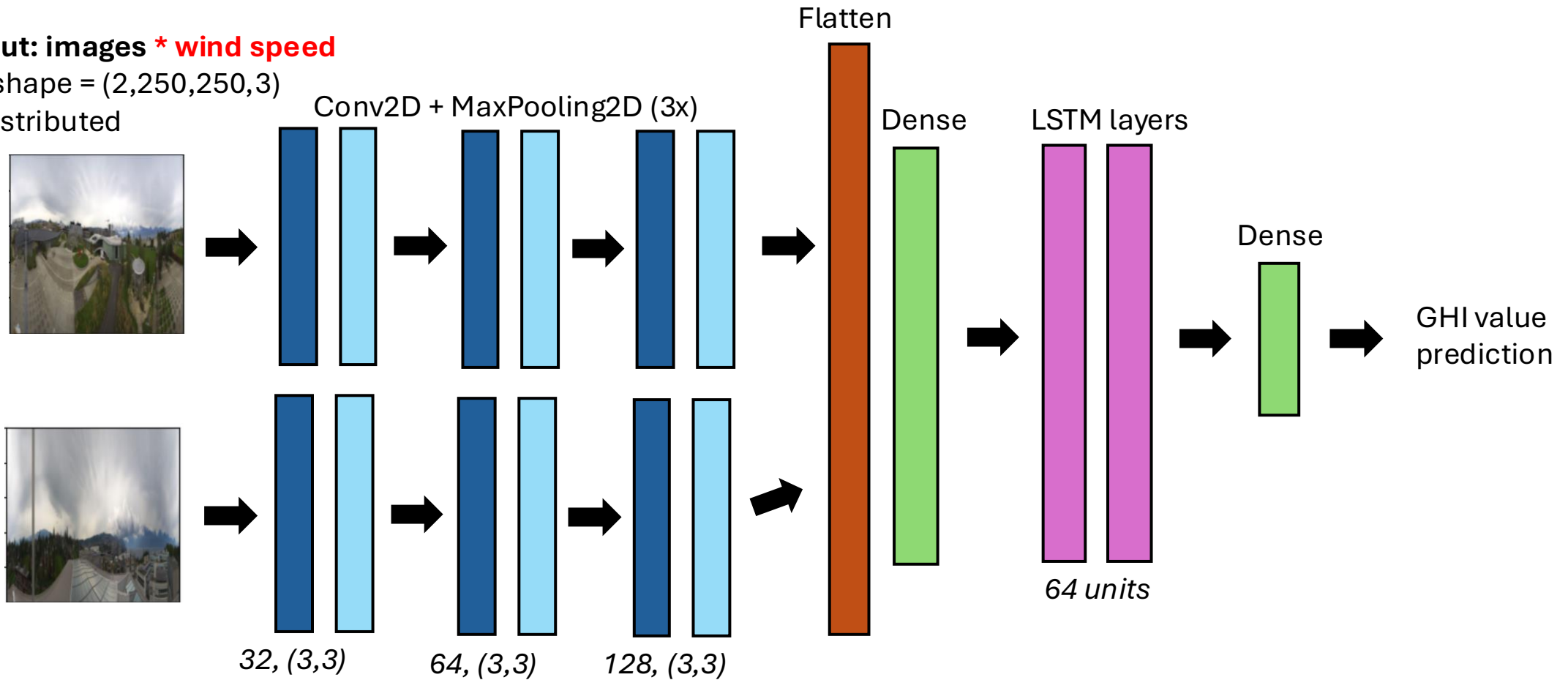
Test RMSE = 85

# C) (one image per camera) \* wind speed as coef

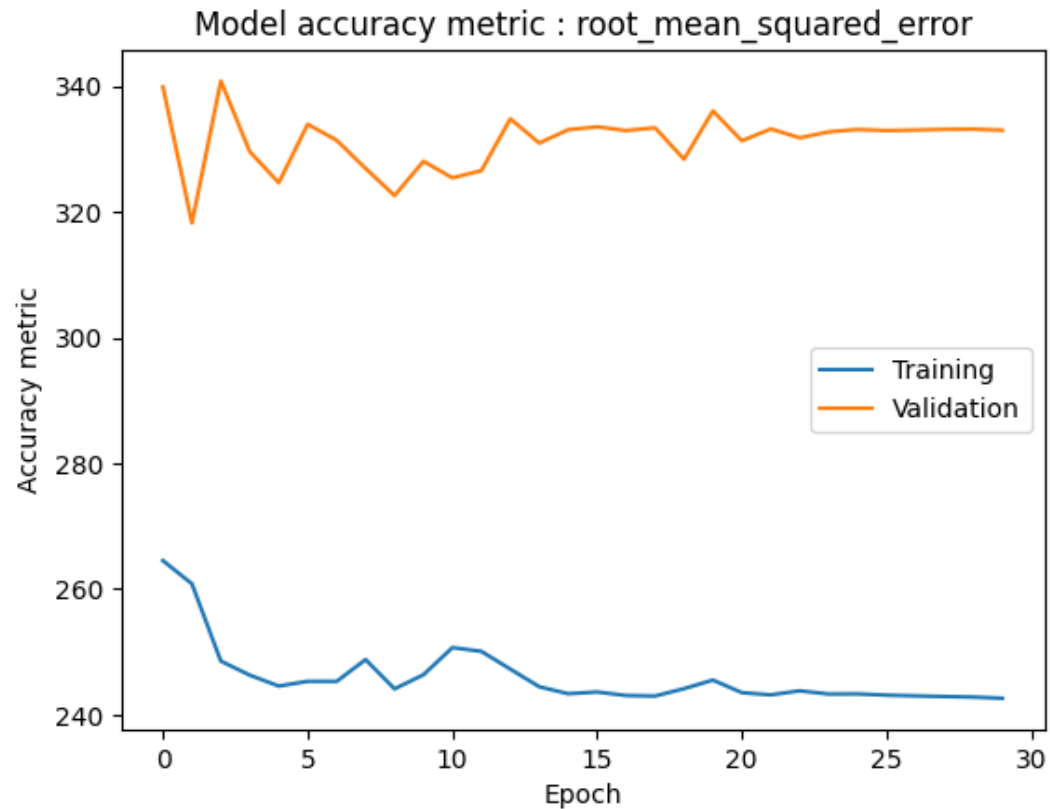
1st input: images \* wind speed

input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)

TimeDistributed



# C) (one image per camera) \* wind speed as coef



## Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 800
- Nb of validation samples: 300
- Nb of test samples: 800
- input\_shape = (2,250,250,3)
- batch\_size = 60
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: Relu
- Loss: MSE

Test RMSE = 277

\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

25/25 ————— 2s 80ms/step - loss: 0.1715 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.5774

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 276.807

# D) one image per camera + meteo parameters

## Approach 1:

**2nd input: meteo data**

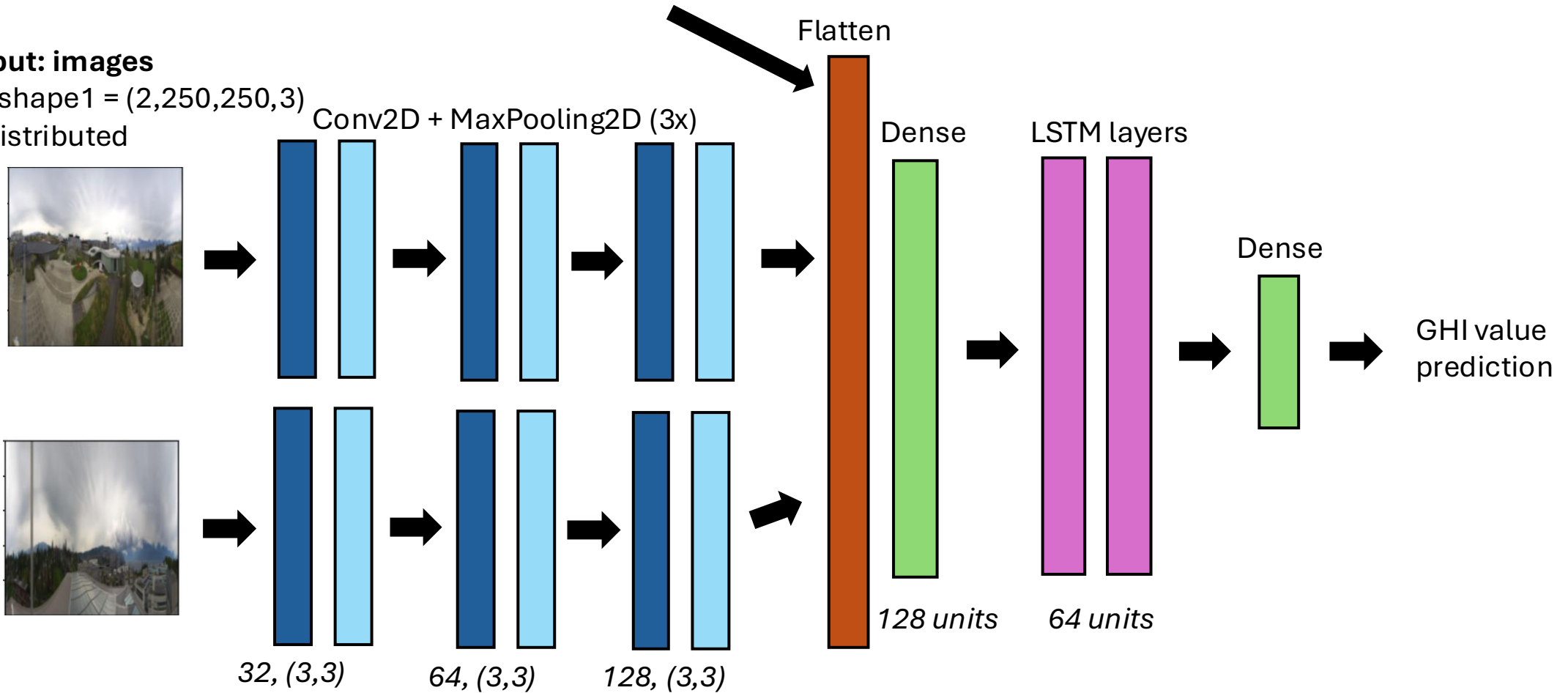
input\_shape2 = (2,8)

For each image: 4x wind speed + 4x cloud opacity

**1st input: images**

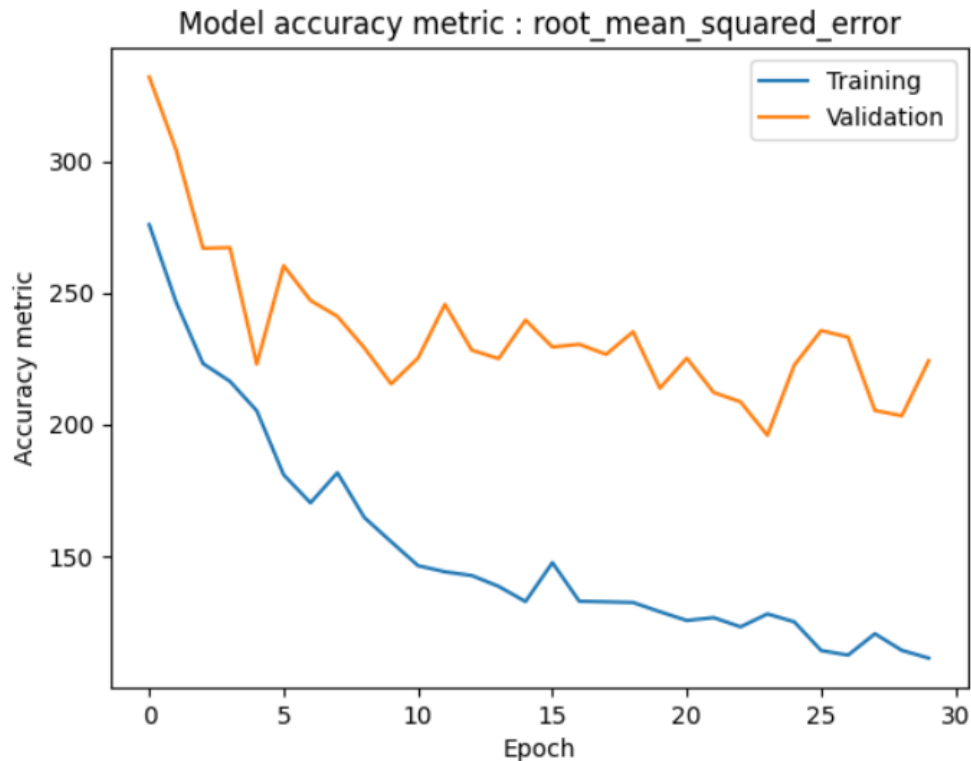
input\_shape1 = (2,250,250,3)

TimeDistributed



# D) one image per camera + meteo parameters

## Approach 1:



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

25/25 ————— 2s 74ms/step - loss: 0.0382 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.2676

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 169.334

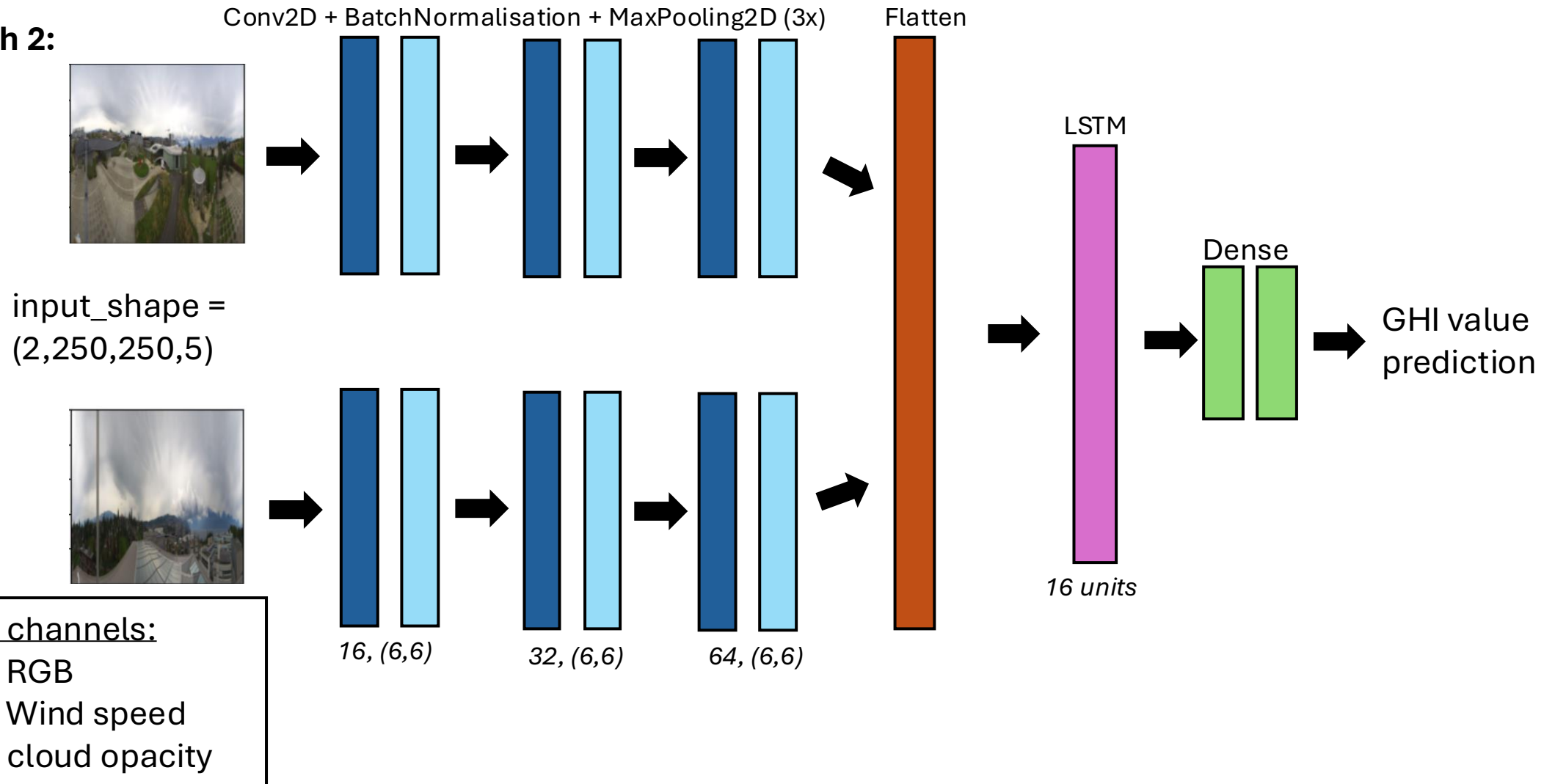
## Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 800
- Nb of validation samples: 300
- input\_shape1 = (2,250,250,3)
- Input\_shape2 = (2,8)
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: Relu
- Loss: MSE

Test RMSE = 169

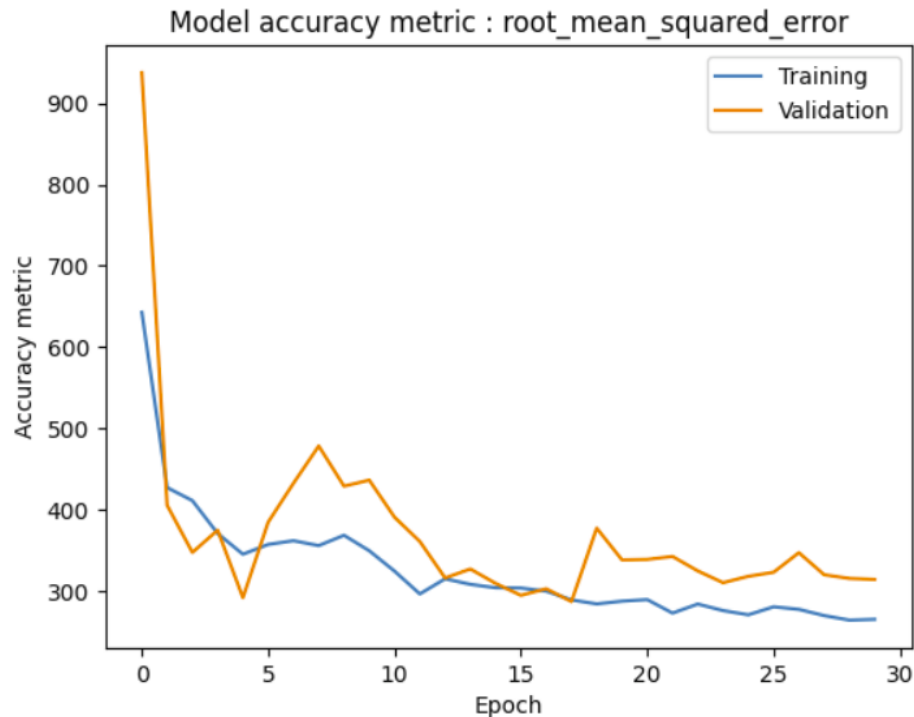
# D) one image per camera + meteo parameters

## Approach 2:



# D) one image per camera + meteo parameters

## Approach 2:



## Parameters:

- Nb of train samples: 500
- Nb of validation samples: 200
- Nb of test samples: 200
- input\_shape1 = (2,250,250,5)
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 30
- Activation function: LeakyRelu
- Loss: MSE
- Optimizer: Adam

Test RMSE = 376

\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

7/7 ————— 1s 39ms/step - loss: 0.2844 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.7230

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 375.524



# Overview: Tested input variations

A) only one camera as input

- Approach 1: One frame only – RMSE: 273
- Approach 2: 2 frames, same camera – RMSE: 230

B) 2 frames : one image per camera as input – RMSE: 85

Conclusion 1 : Real improvement when using **2 frames** and using **both cameras**

C) (one image per camera)\* wind speed coefficients – RMSE: 277

D) one image per camera + meteo parameters (wind speed + cloud opacity)

- Approach 1: Meteo parameters as a second input in vectors – RMSE: 169
- Approach 2: Meteo parameters as another channel in the input (broadcasted input dataset) – RMSE: 376

Conclusion 2 : (Relative) improvement when using **meteo data**, but very sensitive to the way we incorporated it into the network.

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# Project Week 2

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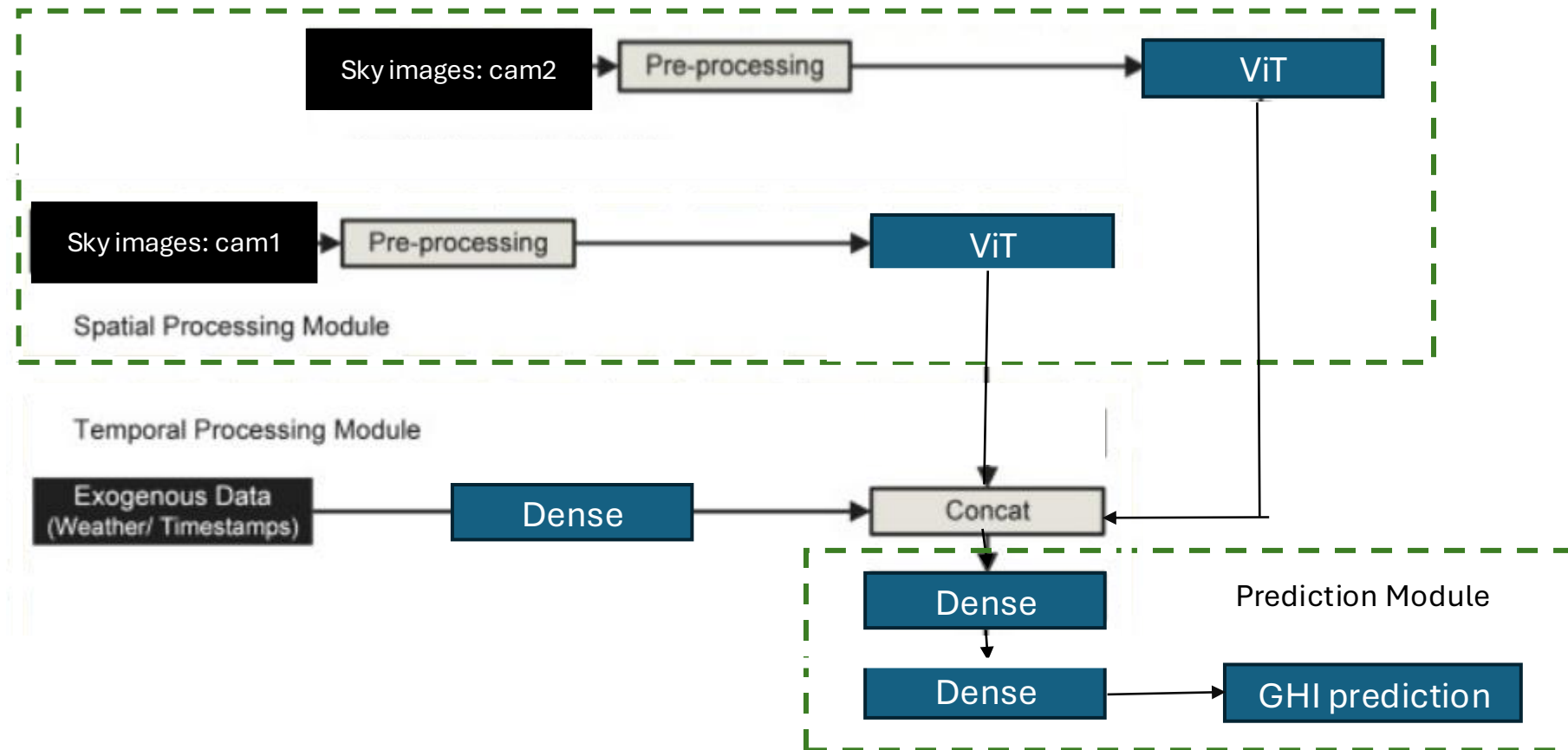
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# Model Overview

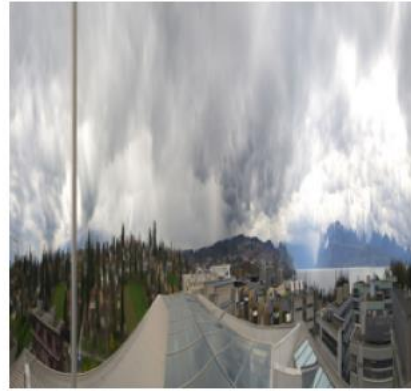
- **Purpose:** Combining Vision Transformer (ViT) architecture with traditional neural network layers, to predict GHI.
- **Input Features:**
  - Images from two sources (labeled as M and BC).
  - monthly and hourly data.
  - meteorological data.
- Data was reshaped and standardize to be homogeneous.

# Model architecture



# Model Architecture

- **Data Augmentation**
- **Patch Creation**
- **Patch Encoding**
- **Transformer Blocks:**
  - Multi-head self-attention & multi-layer perceptrons (MLP).
  - Utilizes skip connections and layer normalization for stability and efficiency.
- **Feature Extraction:**
  - Outputs from transformer blocks are flattened and passed through dropout layers to reduce overfitting.
  - Uses MLP for additional feature processing and dimensionality reduction.



# Integration of Vision Transformer with Other Inputs

- **Separate ViT Models for Different Image Sources.**
- **Feature Concatenation:**
  - Both ViT paths.
  - Monthly/hourly data and meteorological data.
- **Final Feature Fusion:**
  - All features are concatenated into a unified feature vector.
  - Multiple dense layers with ReLU activation.
  - Output Layer.
- **Prediction of GHI:** Sigmoid activation.

# Model Compilation

- **Optimizer:** Adam optimizer with a configurable learning rate.
- **Loss Function:** Mean Squared Error (MSE).
- **Metrics:** Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE).



# Hyperparameters

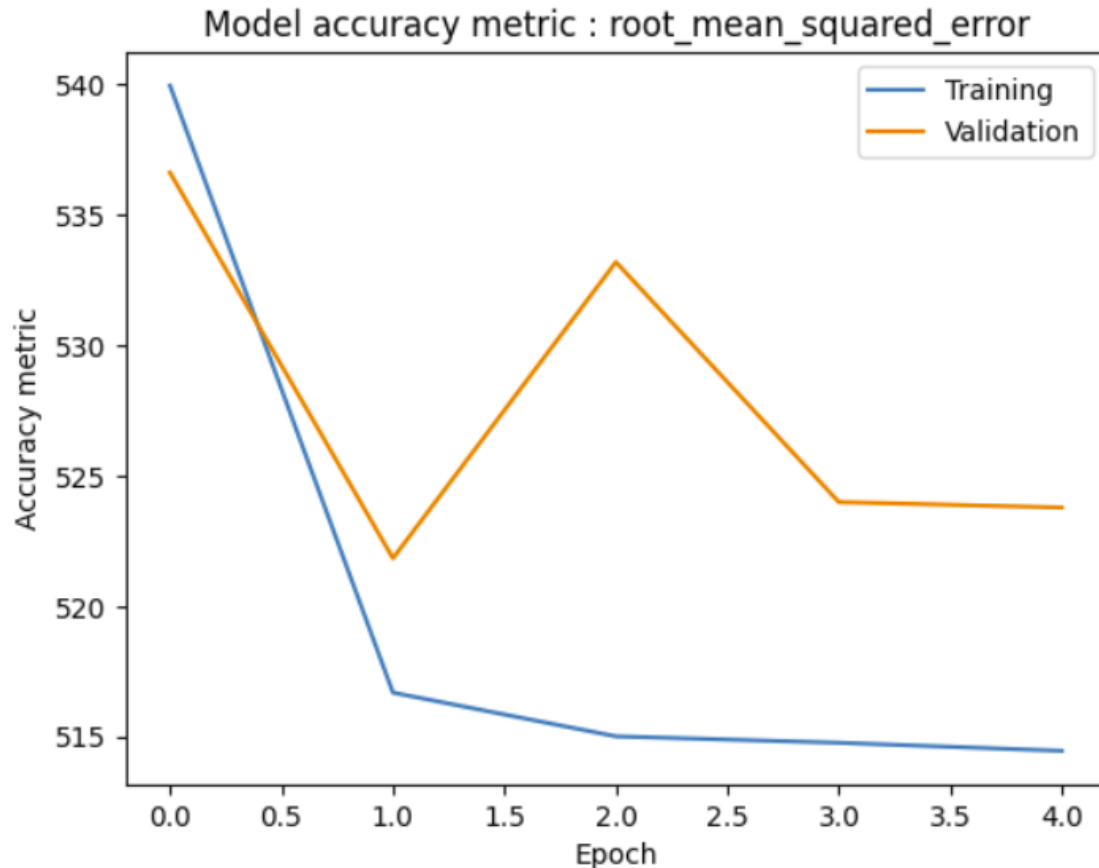
```
lr = 0.002
loss = 'mse'
metric = [RootMeanSquaredError()]
batch_size = 32
max_epochs = 5

#ViT
weight_decay = 0.0001
image_size = 250 # We'll resize input images to this size
patch_size = 16
num_patches = (image_size // patch_size) ** 2
projection_dim = 64
num_heads = 8
transformer_units = [
    projection_dim * 2,
    projection_dim,
] # Size of the transformer layers
transformer_layers = 8
mlp_head_units = [
    2048,
    1024,
] # Size of the dense layers of the final classifier
```

# Results and variants

# 1) All data

--> Concatenation after the flat layer



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 ————— 23s 245ms/step - loss: 0.1657 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.5677

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 271.673

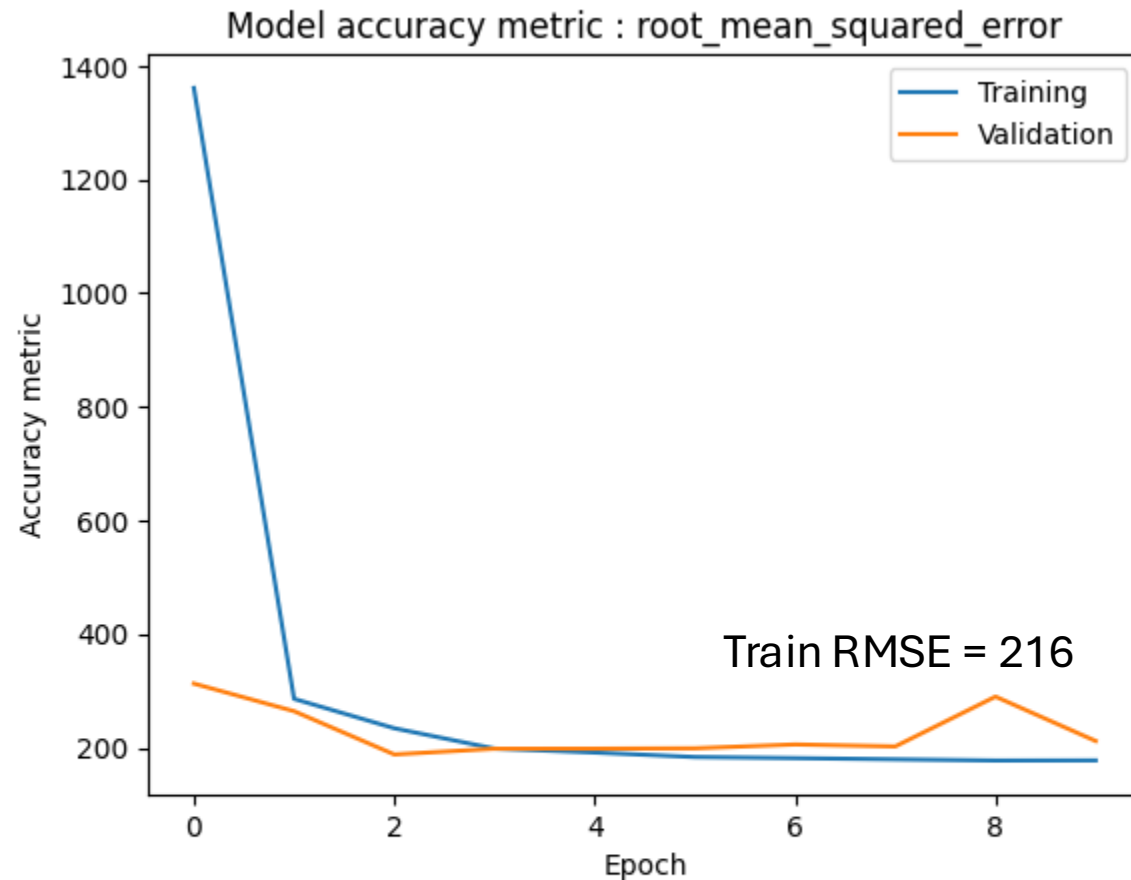
Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.045

271.6731701493263

RMSE = 583

- images\_shape = (250, 250, 3) (x2)
- lr = 0.002
- loss = 'mse'
- metric = [RootMeanSquaredError()]
- batch\_size = 132
- max\_epochs = 5
- weight\_decay = 0.0001
- image\_size = 250 # resized input images
- patch\_size = 16
- num\_patches = (image\_size // patch\_size) \*\* 2
- projection\_dim = 64
- num\_heads = 4

## 2.a) One frame, one camera as input (no meteo data)



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 ————— 11s 117ms/step - loss: 0.0538 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.3164

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 226.615

Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.049

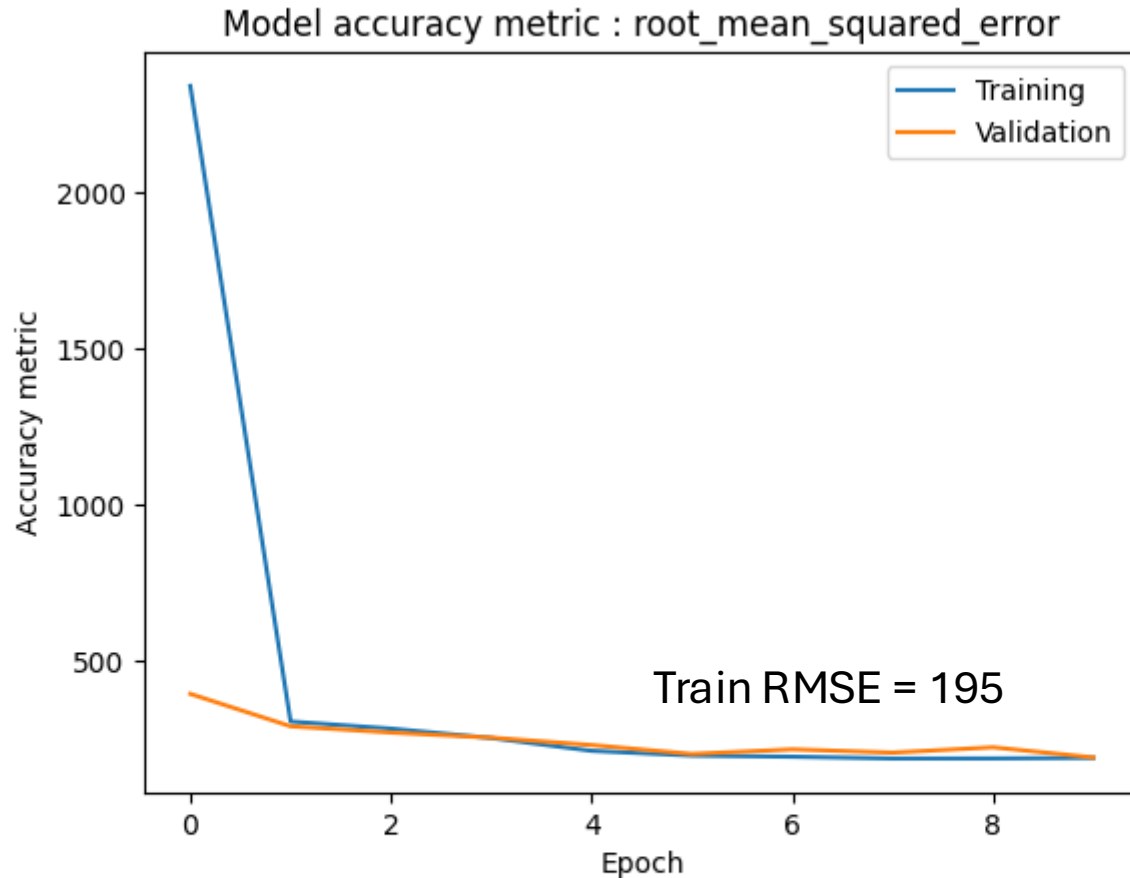
RMSE = 325

[27]: 226.6152500808239

- images\_shape = (250, 250, 3)
- lr = 0.002
- loss = 'mse'
- metric = [RootMeanSquaredError()]
- batch\_size = 32
- max\_epochs = 10
- weight\_decay = 0.0001
- image\_size = 125 # resized input images
- patch\_size = 16
- num\_patches = (image\_size // patch\_size) \*\* 2
- projection\_dim = 64
- num\_heads = 4

## 2.b) Two frames (one per camera) as input (no meteo data)

--> Concatenation after the flat layer



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 ————— 17s 186ms/step - loss: 0.0311 - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 0.2447

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 141.781

Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.019

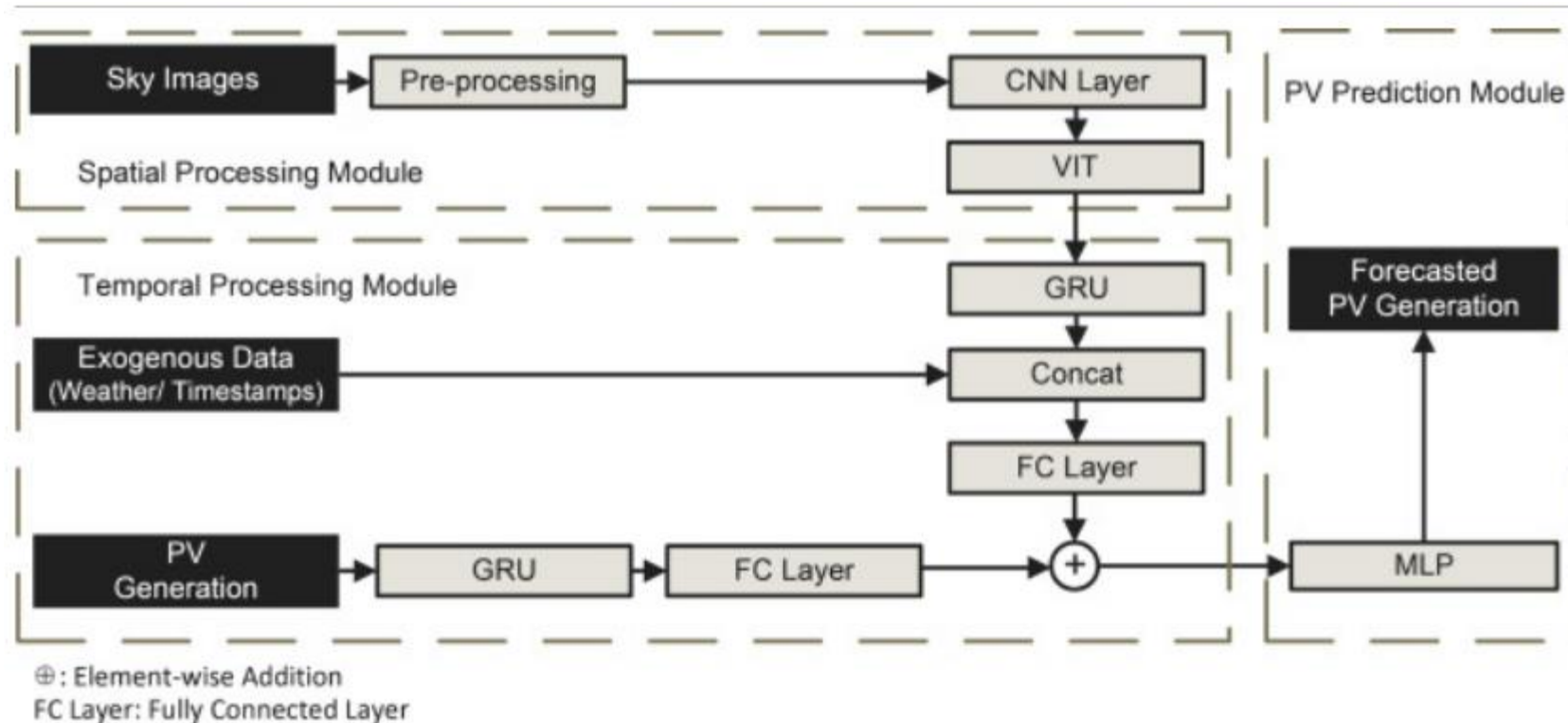
RMSE = 256

- images\_shape = (250, 250, 3) (x2)
- lr = 0.01
- loss = 'mse'
- metric = [RootMeanSquaredError()]
- batch\_size = 100
- max\_epochs = 10
- weight\_decay = 0.0001
- image\_size = 125 # resized input images
- patch\_size = 16
- num\_patches = (image\_size // patch\_size) \*\* 2
- projection\_dim = 64
- num\_heads = 4

# Attempts for a more complex model

- More layers
- **LSTM** for monthly and hourly data, meteorological data.
- Hyperparameters tuning
- Results: Worse

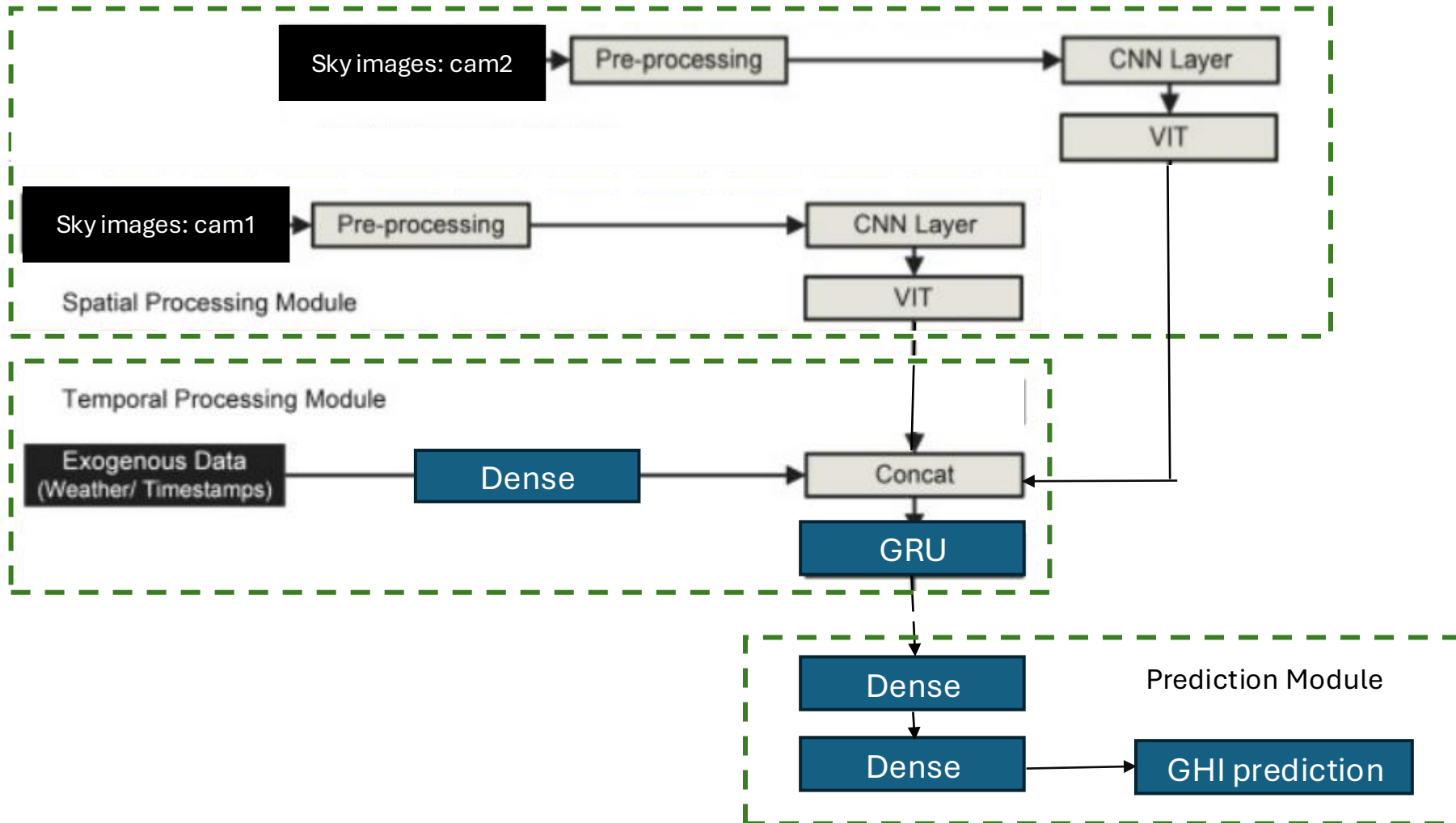
# Inspiration from another model :



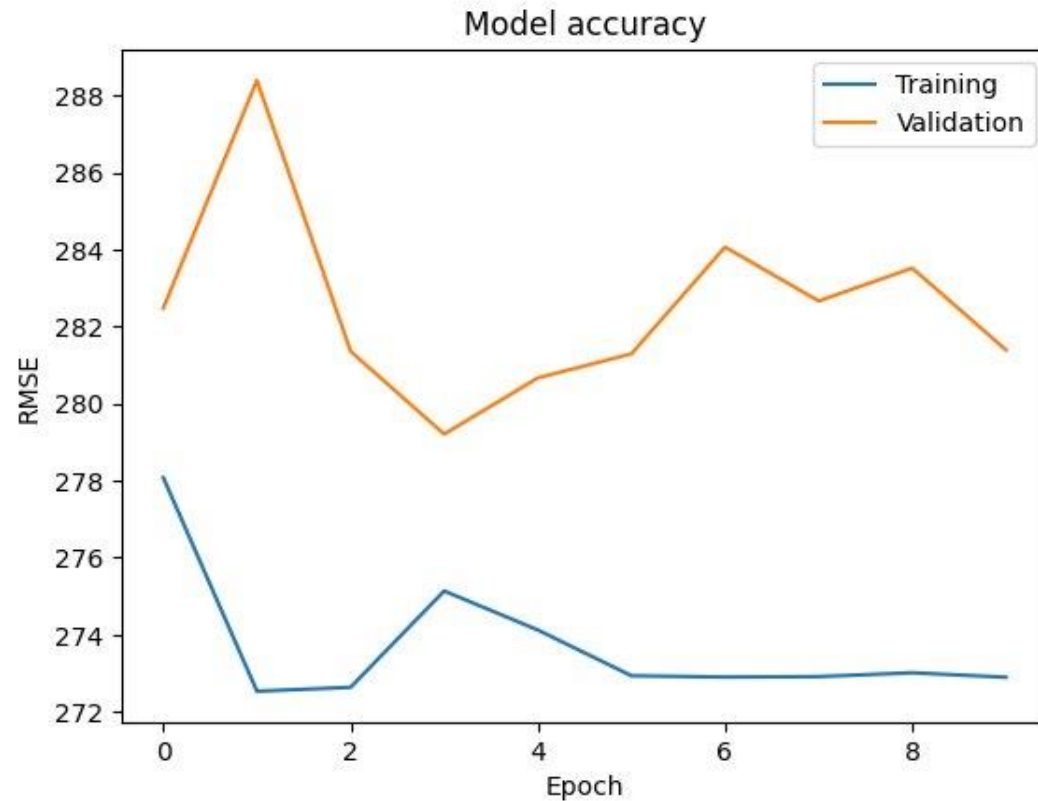
Source: Shijie Xu et al, "On vision transformer for ultra-short-term forecasting of photovoltaic generation using sky images," in Solar Energy, Vol 7, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.solener.2023.112203>.



# Our implementation :



# Performance



\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 ————— 21s 222ms/step - loss: 0.1355 - mse: 0.1355

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 249.801

RMSE: 378

## 4. Recap

Model	RMSE Train/Test score
1. Simple ViT, two frames + meteo without optimization	515 / 583 (model not optimized)
2.1. Simple ViT, One frame	216 / 325
2.2. Simple ViT, two frames	195 / 256
3. Two parallel ViTs for images + meteo data through GRU layer	273 / 378 (model not optimized)

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# Project Week 3

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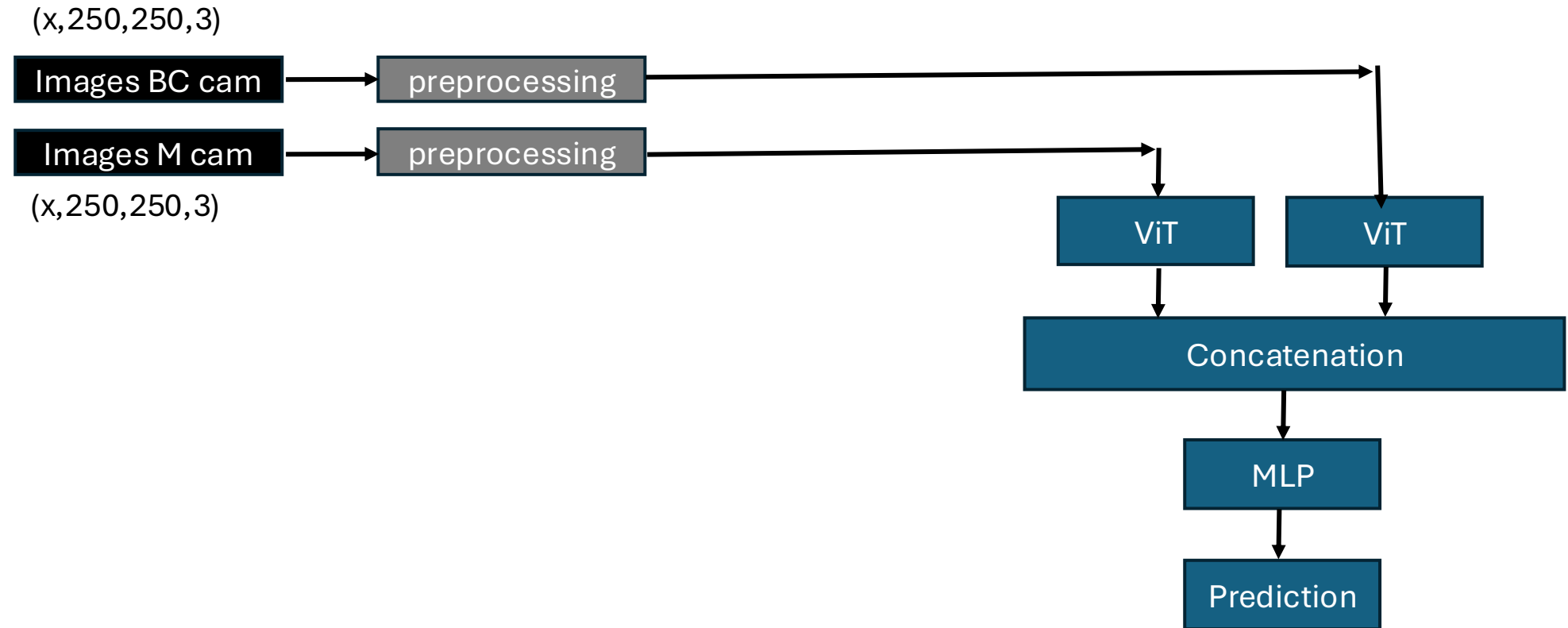
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# Review from last time

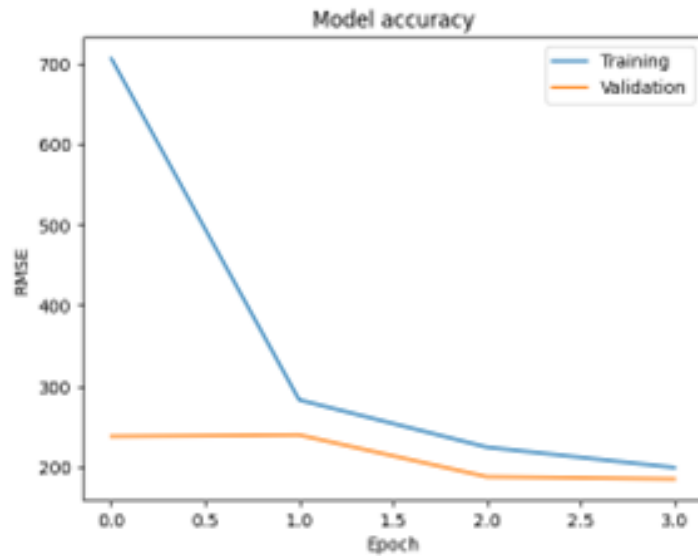
- Corrected selection of meteo + clear sky data times
- Min-max normalisation of all input data

# Review: best Model from last time



# Initial run

## Training



## Evaluation on known test set

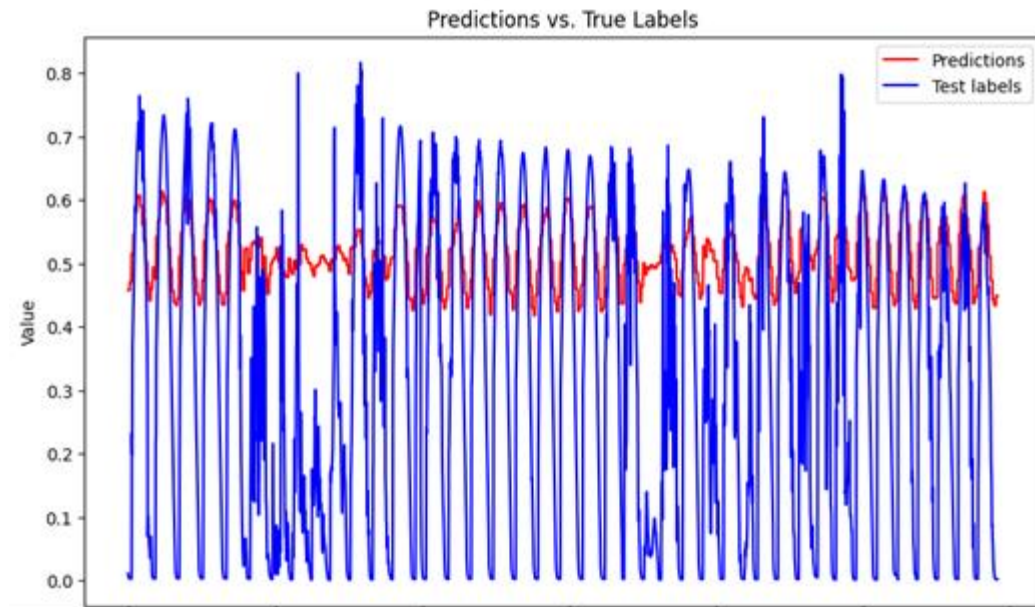
\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 — 8s 38ms/step - loss: 0.1075 - mse: 0.1075

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 247.400

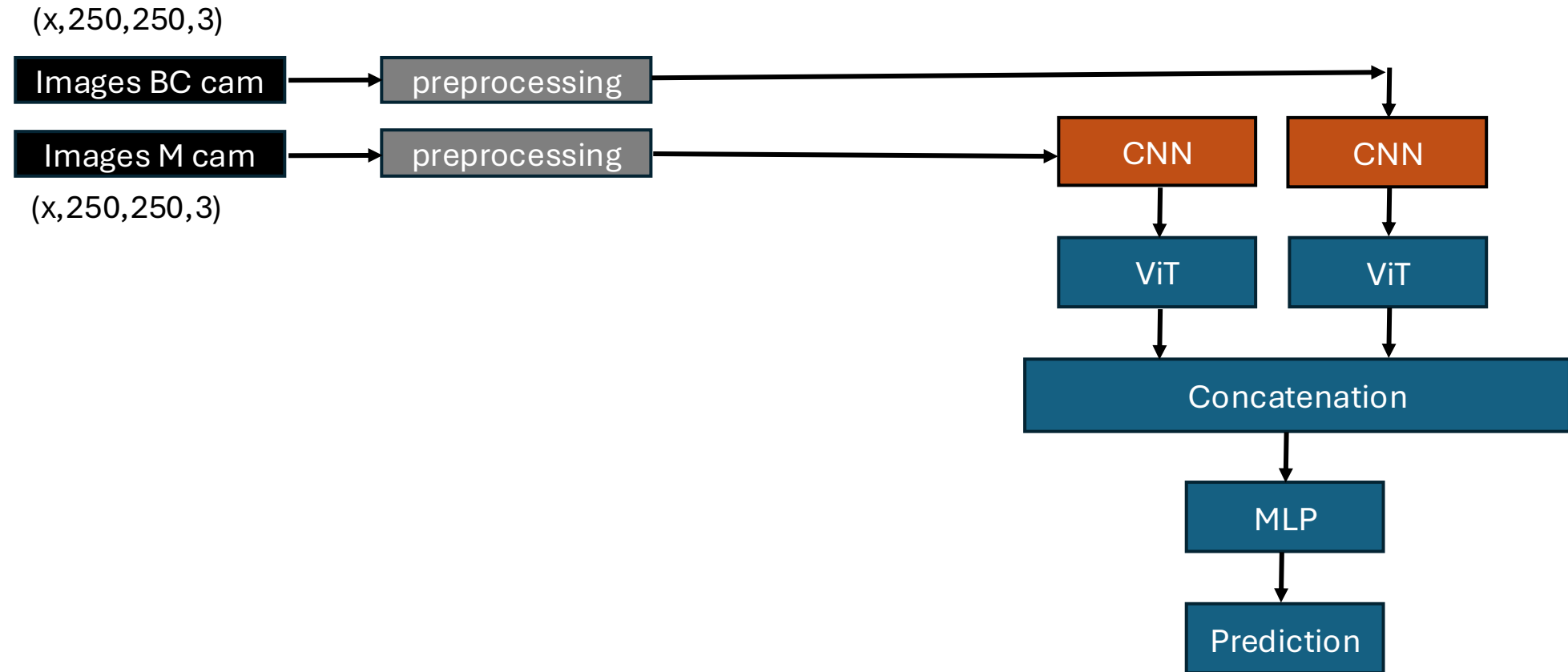
Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.058

RMSE = 247



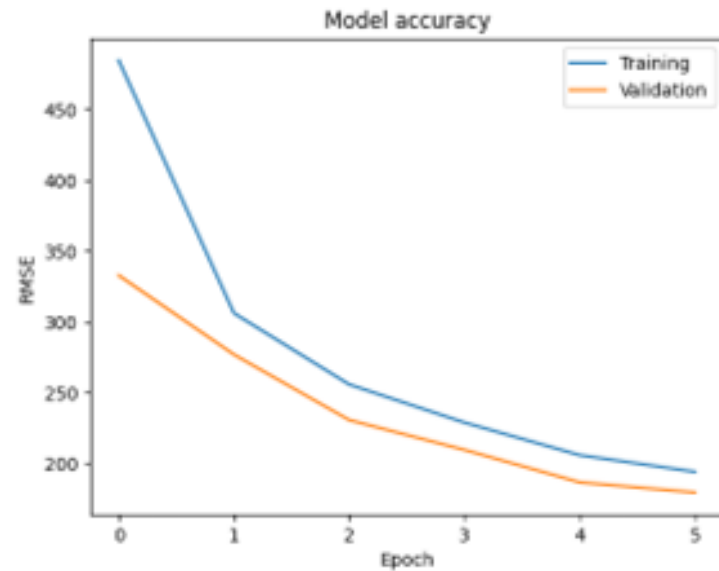


# Added CNN layer



# With CNN layer

## Training



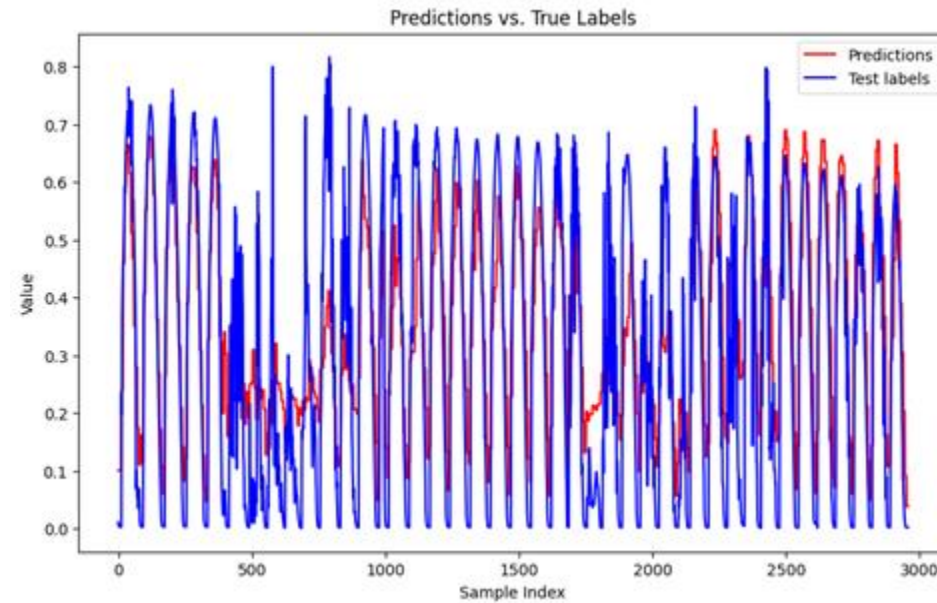
## Evaluation on known test set

\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

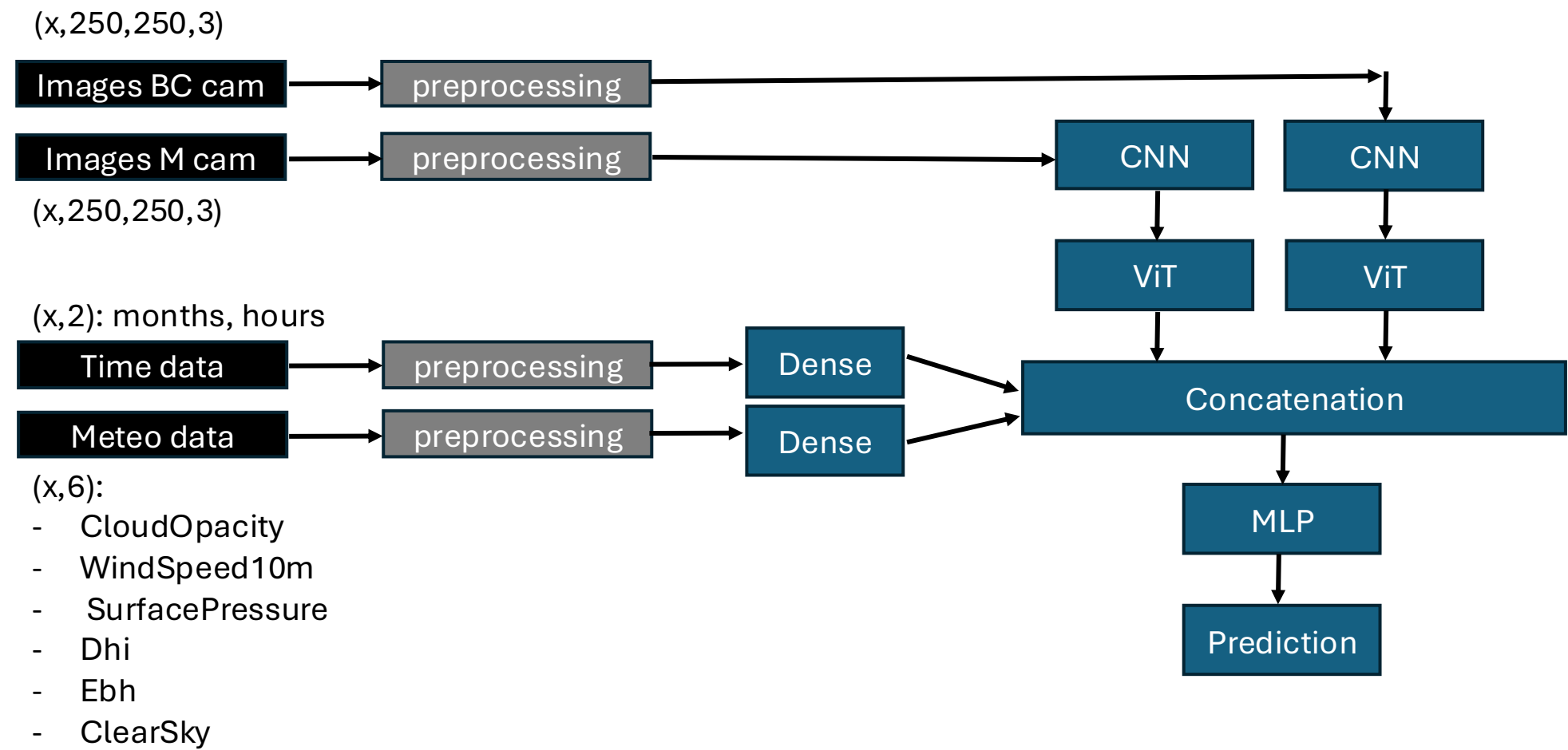
93/93 — 21s 174ec/step - loss: 0.0468 - mse: 0.0468

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 163.842  
Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.025

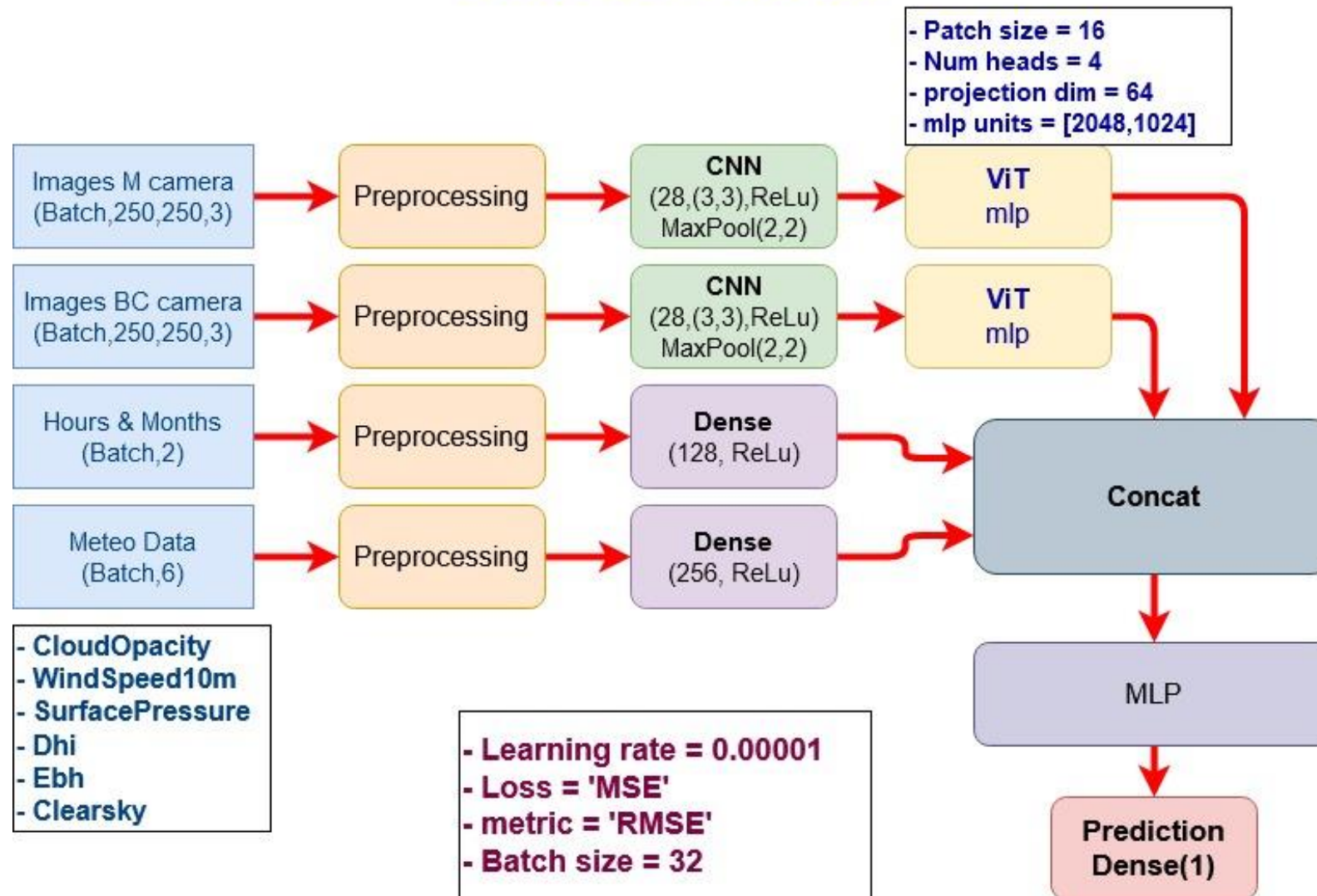
RMSE = 164



# Selected model

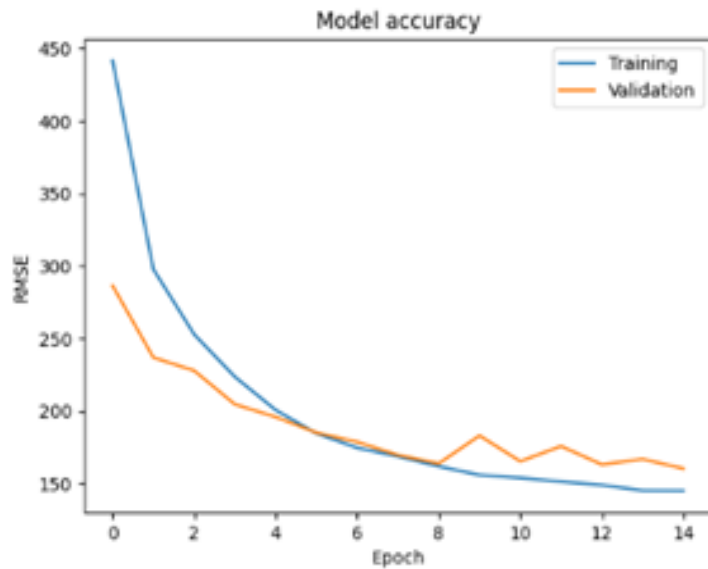


# Selected Model



# With meteo data inputs

## Training



## Evaluation on known test set

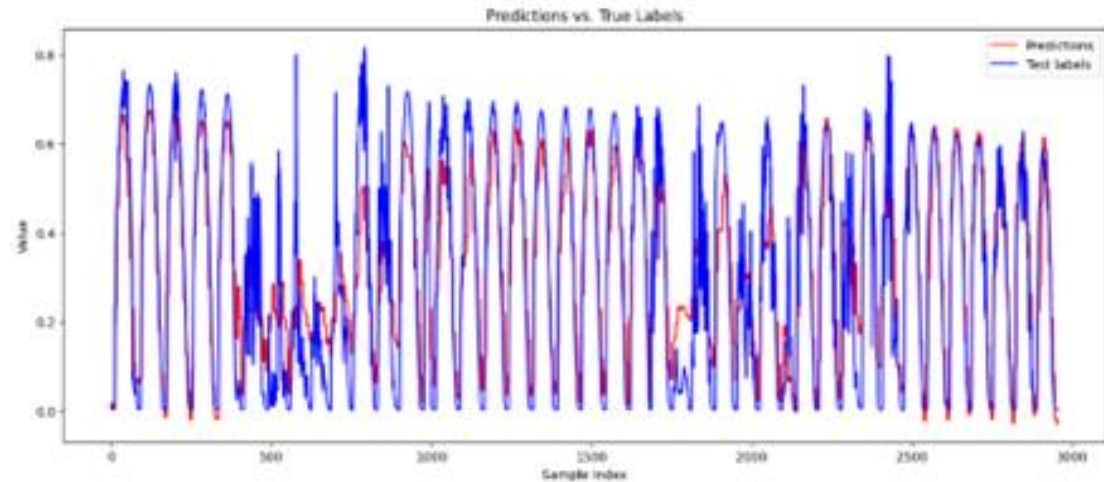
\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 — 20s 171ms/step - loss: 0.0253 - mse: 0.0253

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 120.585

Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.014

RMSE = 120

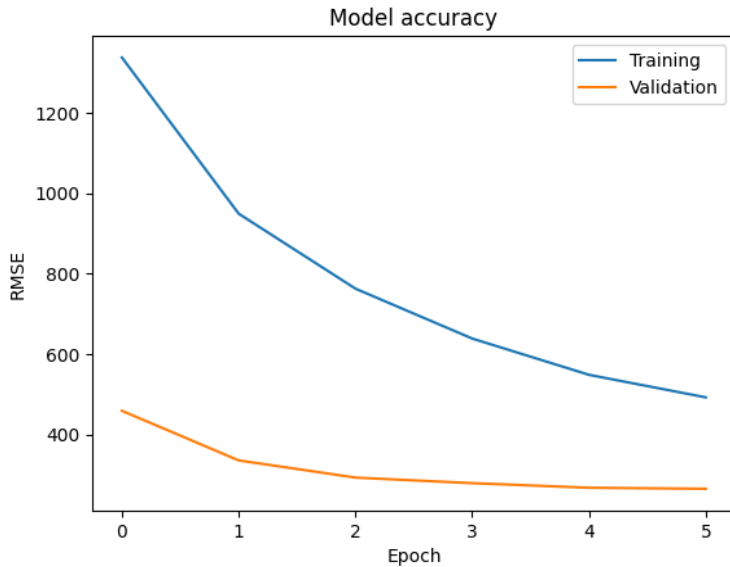


# Model Optimizations

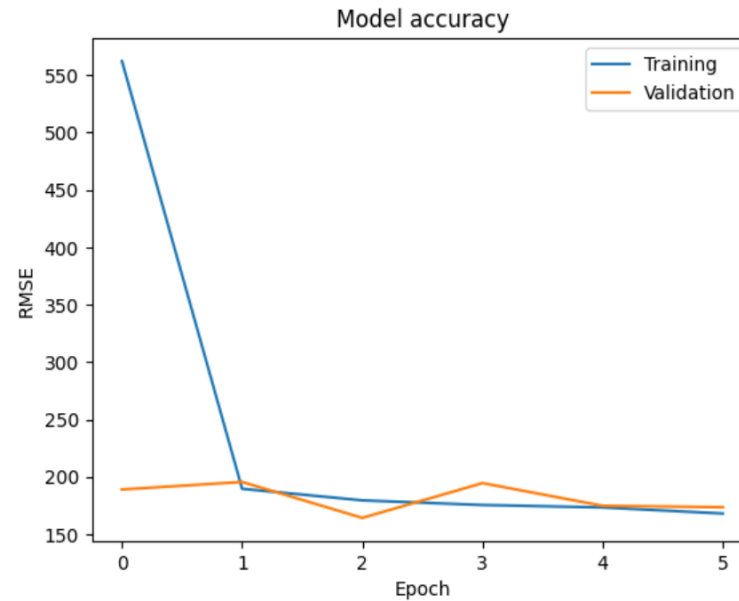
- With / without CNN layer
- CNN layer parameter
- MLP layer parameter
- Dense layers
- Learning rate
- ReduceLROnPlateau & EarlyStopping

# Parameter search : learning rate

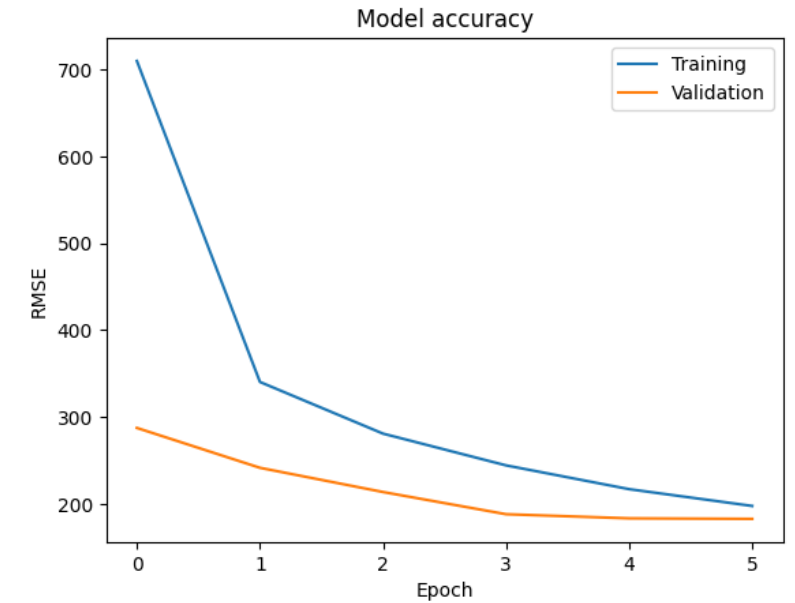
**Lr = 0.00001**



**Lr = 0.0001 -> Best score**

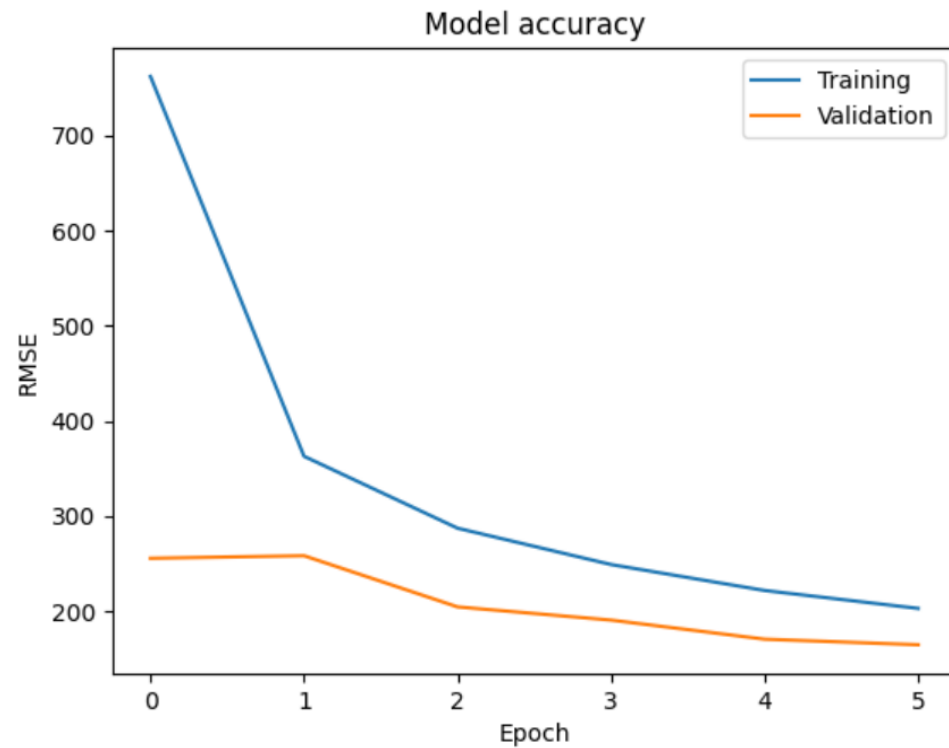


**Lr = 0.001**

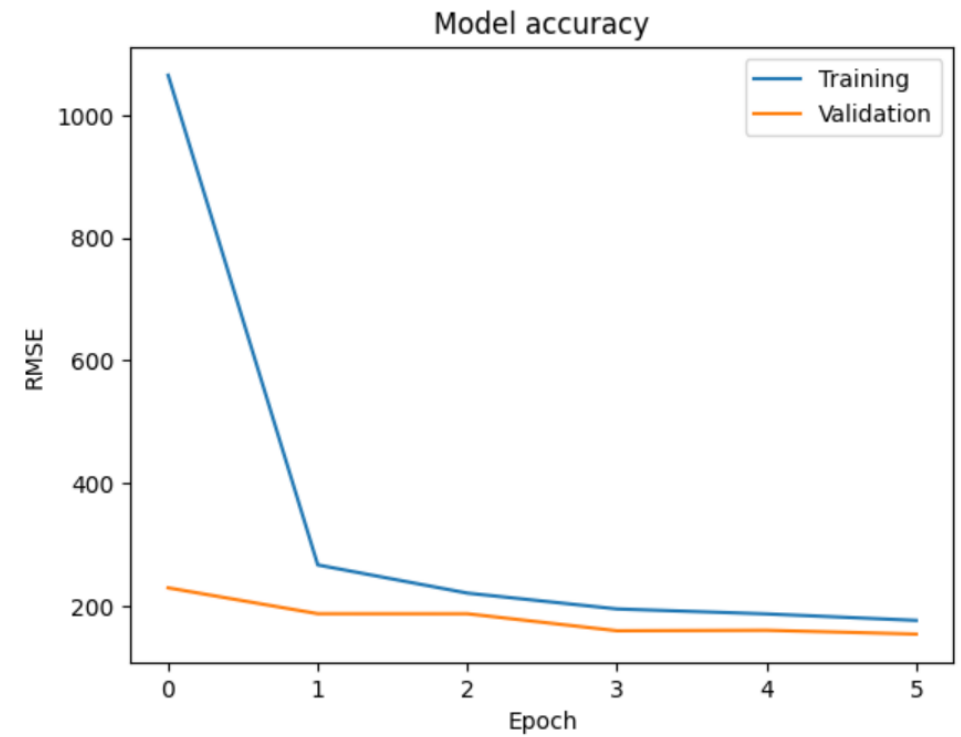


# Parameter search

## Increase nb of transformer



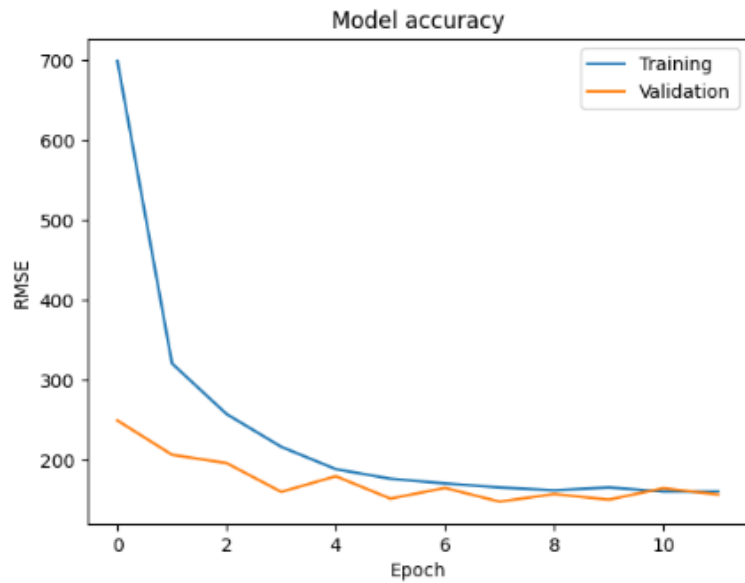
## Reduced patch size (16 to 5)





# Submission

## Training



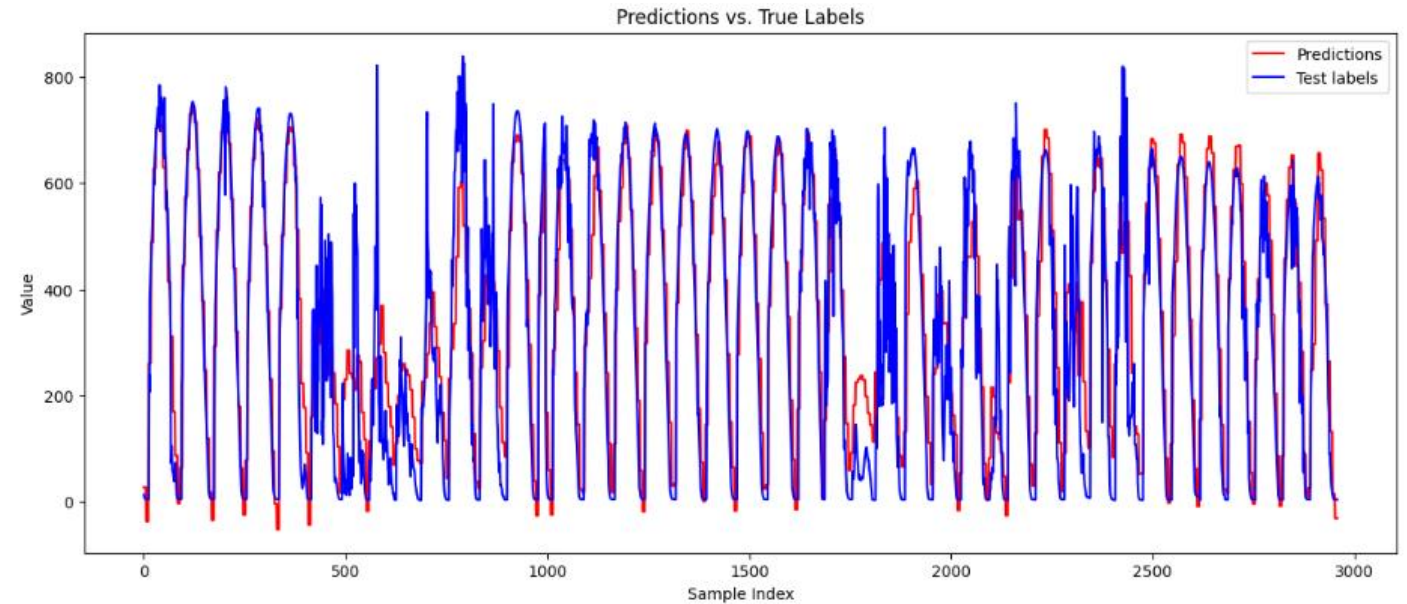
## Evaluation on known test set

\* Evaluating the performance of the trained network on the unseen test dataset \*

93/93 22s 182ms/step - loss: 0.0185 - mse: 0.0185

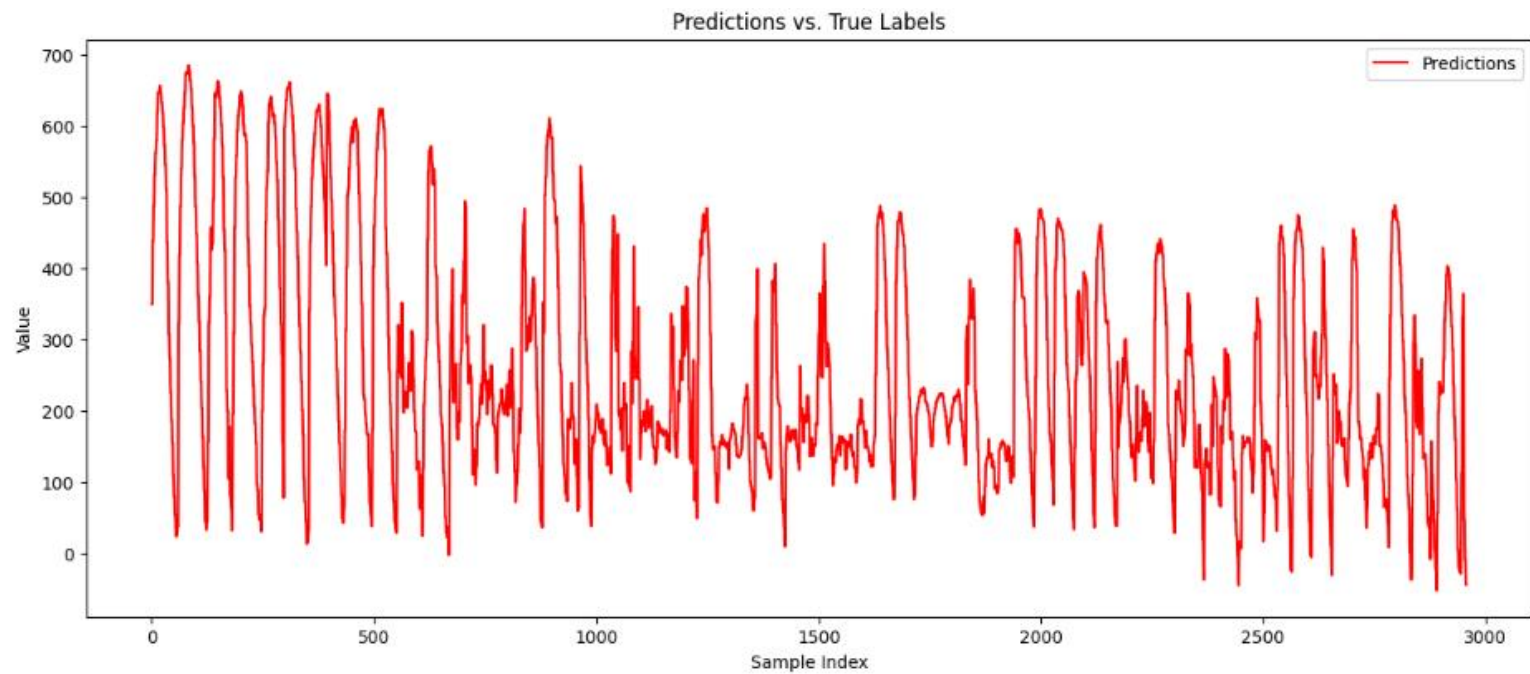
RMSE = 107

Error - root\_mean\_squared\_error: 107.129  
Loss - mean\_squared\_error: 0.011



# Submission

## Prediction for final test set



RMSE = 106.65