

# Water Quality Prediction Using LSTM and GRU Models in Deep Learning

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**Abstract** – Water quality management is an important aspect of environmental sustainability that affects ecosystems, public health, and community well-being. Conventional water quality prediction methods often struggle to capture the dynamic temporal patterns inherent in environmental data. This project uses advanced deep learning models, especially Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Segmentation (GRU), to solve time prediction problems in water quality monitoring.

The project began by collecting comprehensive water quality data from a variety of sources, from sensors to satellite imagery. These data, including parameters such as pH levels, temperature, and dissolved oxygen, form the basis for the training and validation of LSTM and GRU models. Data processing techniques used to handle missing values, scale normalization, and build temporal series are necessary for effective deep learning.

The LSTM and GRU models were chosen for their ability to capture long-term dependencies, which are important for understanding the changing nature of water quality parameters. The architecture of the model is carefully designed, considering the input layer that accounts for temporal aspects, the hidden layer that captures complex patterns, and the output layer that produces predictions for water quality parameters.

**Key Words:** Water Quality, Deep Learning, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Gated recurrent Unit (GRU), Prediction model

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Water exceptional evaluation is a vital thing of environmental tracking, affecting public fitness, atmosphere stability, and aid management. Conventional water quality prediction techniques frequently depend upon empirical fashions and statistical evaluation, which may additionally have boundaries in capturing the complicated temporal dependence and nonlinear relationships inherent in water exceptional facts. In recent years, deep gaining knowledge of strategies have shown promising capacity in solving such complexities, offering a

new paradigm for accurate and green water nice prediction.

Long quick time period memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) are excessive-stage recurrent neural community (RNN) architectures for modelling continuous records and handling long-term dependencies. These models have proven extensive fulfillment in numerous periodic forecasting troubles, making them suitable applicants for solving emerging water fine records challenges.

This paper offers a comprehensive analysis of the use of LSTM and GRU models for water high-quality prediction. Through leveraging deep mastering capabilities, our research objectives to enhance the accuracy and reliability of predictive fashions, thereby contributing to more powerful water quality tracking and management. The following section describes the database used, the method used, and the experimental results acquired, and affords information on the capability of LSTM and GRU fashions to develop water fine prediction methodologies.

## 2. Problem Statement

Water quality prediction is a critical aspect of environmental monitoring, essential for ensuring the safety and sustainability of water resources. Conventional methods for predicting water quality often face challenges in capturing the complex temporal dependencies and non-linear patterns inherent in water quality data. To address these challenges and enhance the accuracy of water quality predictions, there is a need to leverage advanced machine learning techniques, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) architectures in deep learning.

Identify the challenges in accurately predicting water quality over time. Emphasize the need for advanced predictive models to address the dynamic nature of water quality parameters.

### 3. Literature Survey

In the field of deep learning for water quality prediction, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) models have garnered significant attention for their effectiveness in capturing temporal dependencies. Various studies have investigated the application of LSTM and GRU models across different domains, demonstrating their superior performance in prediction tasks.

Barzegar et al. (2020) proposed a hybrid CNN-LSTM model for short-term water quality variable prediction, illustrating the efficacy of deep learning in this context. Similarly, Zhang et al. (2019) conducted a study comparing LSTM, GRU, and standard RNN for water saturation prediction, highlighting the competitive performance of LSTM and GRU models. Additionally, Pan et al. (2020) developed a water level prediction model based on GRU and CNN, showing that the CNN-GRU model outperformed traditional methods like ARIMA and LSTM in terms of accuracy.

Furthermore, Haq & Harigovindan (2022) emphasized the importance of GRU and LSTM in predicting water quality for smart aquaculture. In their study, CNN was used for feature extraction, while GRU and LSTM were employed for learning temporal dependencies, underscoring the significance of these models in water quality prediction tasks.

In conclusion, the existing literature highlights the increasing interest in utilizing LSTM and GRU models for water quality prediction. These models have proven effective in capturing intricate temporal patterns and enhancing prediction accuracy compared to conventional methods.

### 4. Proposed System

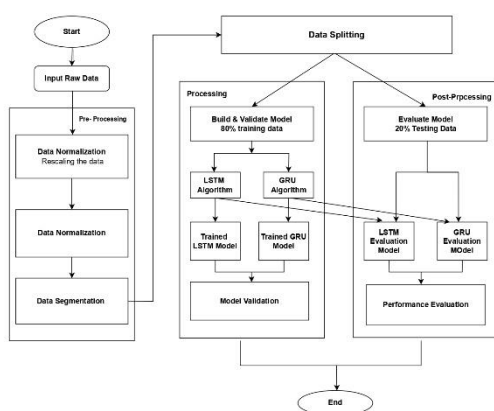


Fig - Proposed Diagram

Fig -1: Proposed system diagram

The standards used to assess the sustainability of water resources are constantly evaluated as new factors are found. Standards and guidelines for contamination levels in drinking water are being developed by regulatory agencies. In response to the changing criteria, the water supply sector is creating new and improved operating and treatment procedures. All elements that affect water quality, as well as the public health relevance of components and available treatment technology, must be considered when developing drinking water quality guidelines.

The initial task was to find out which factor would give a good indication of the quality of the water. Water parameters delve into the logic behind these choices. These measurements provide very little information about how dirty the water is on its own. As a result, the study will take into account the collective behavior of the parameters to produce a legitimate output, which will determine if the water is potable or not.

The second task was to deal with the dataset's missing values. The value of some factors may not be specified while defining the models, and the output may differ as a result. To solve this problem, we have included the mean value of the factor for which data is absent. To train the model efficiently, we first focus on data normalization using LSTM & GRU, which is a technique of data analysis. To achieve our goal, we appropriately calculate the Water Quality Index (WQI) to analyze water quality. For better representation, we provide a histogram of the dataset.

This facilitates for us to observe how our entire dataset is distributed. Then we have applied a correlation technique to determine the ability of two features to change at a constant rate. After that, we have split the entire dataset into two sections: training data and testing data. We used a variety of machine learning algorithms to train the dataset and then compare the models' accuracy. Following the application of those strategies, we employ hyper parameter tuning to evaluate and receive outcomes from our desired model. Finally, we use the accuracy of our suggested models to compare all of the results. As a result, the validity and reliability of our entire study are guaranteed by this approach. Figure 1 shows the flow diagram of the proposed model.

## 5. Helpful Hints

### 5.1 Figures and Tables

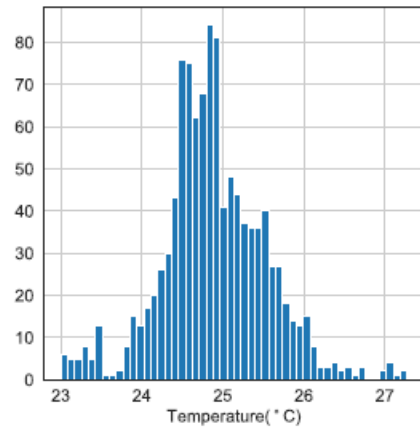
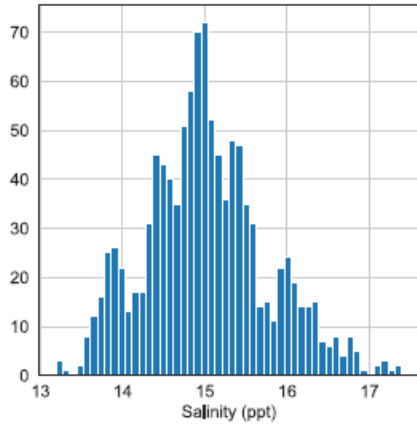


Fig -2: Water quality parameters variations trend of ADAK water quality dataset

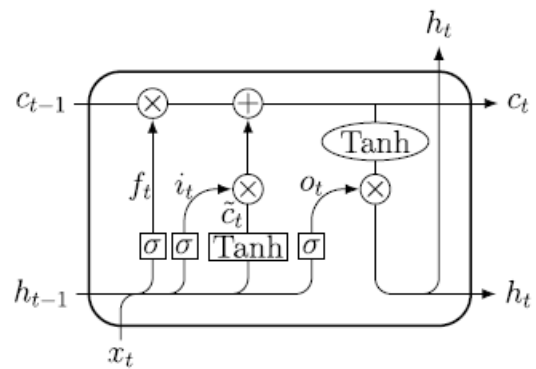
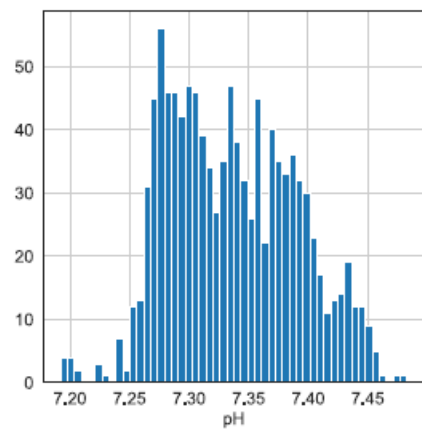


Fig -3: LSTM cell structure

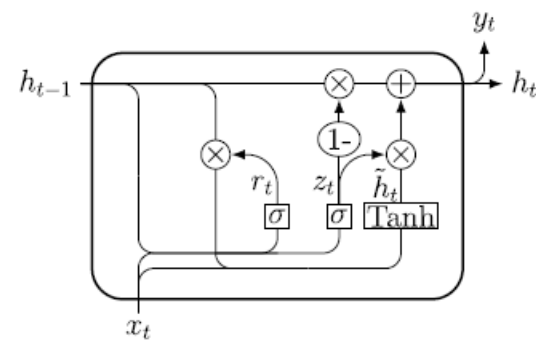
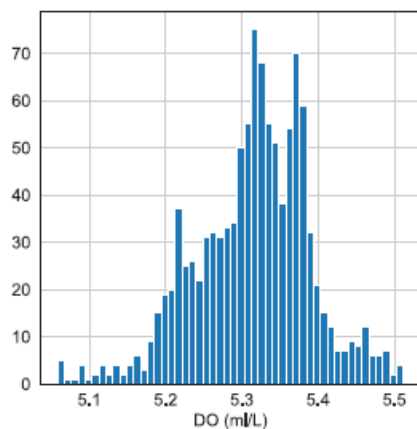


Fig -4: GRU cell structure

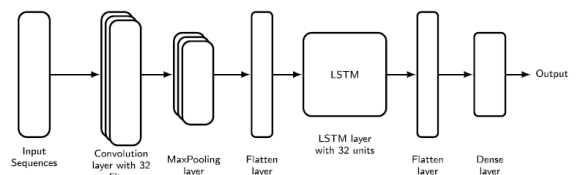
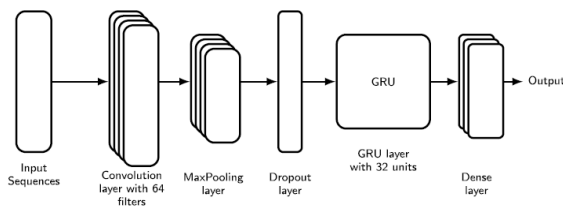


Fig -5: Proposed Hybrid CNN-LSTM DL neural network model structure



**Fig -6: Proposed Hybrid CNN-GRU DL neural network model structure**

**Table -1:** The Structure of proposed hybrid CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU DL models.

Structure of CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU DL models	
CNN-LSTM	Conv1D Layer (32 filters + 3 filter sizes, ReLU activation) Maxpooling (2 pooling size)  Flatten ()  LSTM layer (32 units, ReLU activation)  Flatten ()  Dense layer (1 neuron)  Compile (MSE loss, Adam optimizer, lr = 0.0008)
CNN-GRU	Conv1D layer (64 filters + 5 filter sizes, ReLU activation)  Maxpooling (4 pooling size)  Dropout layer (0.2)  GRU layer (32 units, ReLU activation)  Dense layer (30 neuron, ReLU activation)  Dense layer (10 neuron, ReLU activation)  Dense layer (1 neuron)  Compile (MSE loss, Adam optimizer, lr = 0.0008)

## 5.2 Experiments

### 5.2.1 Epoch

The result of choosing different periods {10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500} were investigated for each DL model. Figure 6 shows RMSE vs time for various water quality parameters; they use the ADAK water quality database being proposed hybrid DL model and LSTM, GRU as well as CNN DL model. The hybrid DL model proposed here is CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU maintains a better performance than the beginning DL models are LSTM, GRU and CNN. Hybrid model good performance and generation- Alization was achieved in 100 eons. Prediction accuracy performance is maintained for all four types of water-Period from 10 to 500. Also, prediction performance Our hybrid DL model is superior compared to our base model DL model. Like the base DL model at least 400 periods to achieve generalization and understanding the study data is less than 400 periods. Basic DL model is close to the performance of the proposed model 500 in the period. basic models require more computational resources to achieve similar results. Hybrid model For ADAK water, start a little after 150 cycles quality data set. However, accuracy is maintained, indicating- Another adaptation of the proposed DL model database.

### 5.2.2 Window Size

The effect of choosing a different window size {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80} for each DL model is analyzed. Giant. 8 shows RMSE vs window size for different waters quality parameters on the ADAK water quality data set s proposed hybrid DL models and basic DL models. The designed hybrid DL models perform better than the basic ones DL models. When the window size increases from 10 to 80, for hybrid DL models, the error remains constant. In this experiment, we see that these basic models are comparable in performance with hybrid DL models for some windows sizes for each water quality parameter. However, no baseline the models perform consistently well for all four waters qualitative parameters. For example, the performance of LSTM is slightly better than CNN-LSTM at window size 40 and 80 for pH. However, for the other three water quality parameters the performance of LSTM is not good. In comparison designed the hybrid models consistently perform well for the four parameters of water quality and window size that we have experimented with.

### 5.2.3 Learning Rate

Study level effect {0.01, 0.001, 0.0009, 0.0008, 0.0007, 0.0001} in performance for each DL model is analysed. In Figure 10, we compare RMSE vs. learn- performance level of the proposed hybrid DL model with the basic model

using the ADAK water quality database. The proposed hybrid DL model consistently performs better basic DL model. However, the main indicator is performance DL model is not suitable for different training levels and various water quality parameters. Therefore, using the foundation of the DL model is not practical for WQP.

### 5.2.4 Batch Size

In this test, we analyse the performance of each DL different models and batch sizes {16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512}. RMSE vs batch size for different watersheds quality parameters in the ADAK water quality database for hybrid DL model and basic DL model. The proposed hybrid can be compared to the DL model monitored the performance of the main DL model inconsistent and inferior. Also, we can see that CNN performance decreases with increasing party size.

### 5.2.5 Computational Time

In the four tests above, it's time to count measured and saved at the same time. Figure 14 and Figure 15 set the calculation time for each hyperparameter for ADAK water quality set and MAC water quality set, each other. Calculation time required by each DL model is different. Here we can observe some general trends from his place. One of them is calculation time increases with increasing period and window. But as the batch increases, the computation time decreases in size. We won't see much change in computing time for different study levels since we choose to study Estimated interval limits for two databases for all models.

### 5.2.6 Multi-Step Prediction

In this test, we analyze the performance of each {2,4,6,8,10,12} of the DL model for different step sizes. RMSE vs step size for different watersheds quality parameters in the ADAK water quality database for Hybrid DL model and basic DL models. The results show the proposed hybrid DL model performs better than the basic DL model. enhancements, moreover, the performance of CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU decreases with increasing step size. RMSE vs step size for different Water quality parameters in the MAC water quality database with the proposed hybrid DL model and base DL model. From the results, better performance of the proposed hybrid CNN-LSTM model compared to other mainstream and hybrid models CNN-GRU model. Compared to the proposed hybrid DL model for two databases, the basic DL model not enough

### 5.3 Abbreviations

Abbreviations		
1.	WQP	Water Quality Prediction
2.	GRU	Gated Recurrent Unit
3.	LSTM	Long Short-Term Memory
4.	CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
5.	DL	Deep Learning
6.	RNN	Recurrent Neural Network
7.	ReLU	Rectified Linear Unit
8.	Conv1D	Convolutional Layer
9.	Maxpooling1D	Pooling Layer
10.	IoT	Internet Of Things
11.	RMSE	Root Mean Square Error
12.	MAE	Mean Absolute Error

### 5.4 Equations

The LSTM architecture is shown in Fig. and memory units are defined as follows:

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f \times [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f)$$

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \times [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i)$$

$$\tilde{c}_t = \tan h(W_c \times [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c)$$

$$c_t = f_t \times c_{t-1} + i_t \times \tilde{c}_t$$

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o \times [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_o)$$

$$h_t = o_t \times \tan h(c_t)$$

In this architecture  $f_t$ ,  $i_t$ , and  $o_t$  are forget, input and output gate layer respectively.  $\tilde{c}_t$  and  $c_t$  are new and final memory cell,  $w$  is weight matrices,  $b$  is bias vectors,  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid activation function.

GRU has fewer tensor operations than LSTM and runs typically faster than LSTM. The GRU architecture is shown in Fig. and memory units are defined as follows:

$$z_t = \sigma(W_z \times [h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$r_t = \sigma(W_r \times [h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$\tilde{h}_t = \tan h(w \times [r_t \times h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) \times h_{t-1} + z_t \times \tilde{h}_t$$

In this architecture  $z_t$  is the reset and  $r_t$  is the update gate,  $\tilde{h}_t$  is process input, and  $h_t$  is hidden state update,  $w$  is weight matrices and  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid activation function.

The performance of the prediction models is evaluated using mean absolute error (MAE), mean square error (MSE), root mean squared error (RMSE) and mean absolute percent-age error (MAPE), computed by the set of equations given below:

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |(A_i - Y_i)|$$

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (A_i - Y_i)^2$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (A_i - Y_i)^2}$$

$$MAPE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|(A_i - Y_i)|}{A_i}$$

Where  $A_i$  is the actual value of  $i_{th}$  sample,  $Y_i$  is the predicted value of  $i_{th}$  sample and  $n$  is the number of samples.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

In this research work, we propose a DL model, CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU for WQP. The prediction model was developed and tested in two separate databases. We also analyze the impact comprehensively horsepower conversion. Productivity ratio and beyond analysis HP is optimally used. We compare the performance of this means that DL models (CNN-LSTM and CNN-GRU) with basic DL models (LSTM, GRU and CNN) and focused based DL model (similarity-based LSTM and GRU based focus) MAE, MSE, RMSE, and card. The results of CNN- LSTM hybrid model shows a significant improvement in prediction accuracy as the computational time compared to the basic DL models. The hybrid model has similar performance compared to the focus-based model. However, the computational time is higher than the focus-based model and it offer a realistic solution for predicting water quality parameters.

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