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Energy and Materials-Saving Management via Deep Learning for Wastewater Treatment Plants

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ABSTRACT With the increasing public attention on sustainability, conservation of energy and materials has been a general demand for wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs). To meet the demand, efficient optimal management and decision mechanism are expected to reasonably configure resource of energy and materials. In recent years, advanced computational techniques such as neural networks and genetic algorithm provided data-driven solutions to overcome some industrial problems. They work from the perspective of statistical learning, mining invisible latent rules from massive data. This paper proposes energy and materials-saving management via deep learning for WWTPs, using real-world business data of a wastewater treatment plant located in Chongqing, China. Treatment processes are modeled through neural networks, and materials cost that satisfies single indexes can be estimated on this basis. Then, genetic algorithm is selected as the decision scheme to compute overall cost that is able to simultaneously satisfy all the indexes. Empirically, experimental results evaluate that with the proposed management method, total energy and materials cost can be reduced by 10%-15%.

INDEX TERMS Wastewater treatment, energy and material-saving, deep learning, optimal management, genetic algorithm.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the rapid development of society and economy have led to a proportional increase in wastewater production, bringing growing business pressure wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) [1]. At the same time, the pollutant discharge standards of WWTPs have been raised for sustainable development [2], [3]. In this context, excessive chemicals are used during the treatment processes by many WWTPs, leading to meaningless waste of energy and materials [4], [5]. In fact, such high consumption of energy and materials go against the thought of sustainability to some

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extent. Therefore, it is of great significance to reasonably schedule energy consumption amount under the condition of meeting the discharge standard [6], [7].

However, the wastewater treatment process is a highly non-linear industrial process system. The wastewater parameters of influent are uncertain, and the various biochemical reactions are associated with operating conditions. As a result, the wastewater treatment process is extremely complicated, suffering from lagging management, difficult operations and serious interference [8], [9]. Traditional mechanism-based models are reliable on physics process and biochemical reactions, which lead to difficulties during wastewater treatment process. Owing to the prevalence of sensors and Internet of Things (IoT), a huge amount of business data can be

collected from industrial processes, which can be used to guide industrial decision making from a novel insight [10]. To this end, this research manages to deal with optimal decision of WWTPs with respect to consumption amount of energy and materials, with the aid of data-driven methods [11]. Since useful information can be discovered from large amounts of historical data through robust analysis models [12], [13], they never need to deal with the complex physical process [14]–[16], biochemical reactions and mathematical equations. Therefore, they have been used in many typical industrial scenarios [17], [18].

In this research, data mining was introduced to optimize the specific WWTP, in order to minimize consumption of energy and materials, under the condition of discharge standard. This paper proposes energy and materials-saving management via deep learning for WWTPs. Particularly, a novel mechanism, named principal component analysis-convolutional neural network-long-short-term memory neural network (PCA-CNN-LSTM), was proposed for this purpose. Such hybrid neural network method determines the relationship between input and output, which is variable based on large amount of historical data. And it can be used to predict effluent parameters under new influent conditions. Then, it was reformed by feedback regulation and iterations to calculate optimized energy and materials consumption. Moreover, genetic algorithm (GA) was also introduced to optimize energy and materials consumption under multi-target of effluent parameters. Main contributions of this paper can be summarized as:

- 1) A new hybrid neural network (PCA-CNN-LSTM) model based on deep neural network was proposed. It was trained by massive real-world historical data from a WWTP, and it can be used to predict the effluent parameters.
- 2) The PCA-CNN-LSTM was modified to optimize energy and materials consumption, and genetic algorithms was introduced to reduce the total cost of energy and materials under multi-target of effluent parameters.
- 3) The efficiency and stability of the proposed PCA-CNN-LSTM model on a real-world dataset was evaluated.

II. OVERVIEW

A. FRAMEWORK

This research put forward a new combined model to optimize the energy consumption and materials consumption of WWTPs. The technology road-map of prediction and optimization process is shown in Figure 1. The system includes prediction process, optimization process and inspection process.

1) The prediction process is to predict the effluent value according to the inflow conditions, energy consumption and materials consumption.

2) After prediction, data is transmitted to the optimization model, and the optimization process is responsible for optimizing the consumed energy and materials of the predicted effluent value.

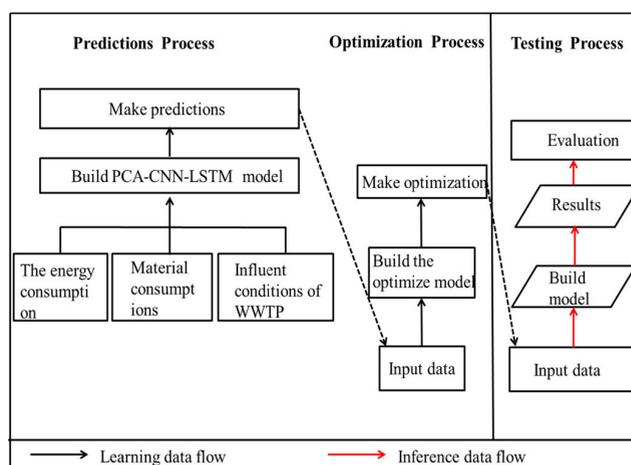


FIGURE 1. Technology road-map of prediction and optimization process.

3) Finally, in the testing process, the predicted results are compared with the real value, and the optimized drug consumption and energy consumption are compared with the data from the WWTP.

B. PROBLEM STATEMENT

This research takes the WWTP in Chongqing as the research object, and the research data content is the daily data of the WWTP from 2018 to 2019, including influent conditions, flow, effluent value, energy consumption, materials consumption, etc. However, due to the lack of separate energy consumption of pretreatment unit, biochemical treatment unit and sludge treatment unit, the data can't be optimized by specific formula. Take the energy consumption as an example, aeration energy is the main energy consumption in WWTPs, and the energy waste can not be negligible. If the aeration or total energy consumption can be optimized, the aeration system can be precisely controlled, and energy waste will be greatly reduced. Since the WWTP is a complex system, a hybrid neural network model is constructed to predict the effluent value. On this basis, the interaction between materials consumption, energy consumption and effluent value is used for subsequent algorithm operation.

C. PRELIMINARIES

The selected WWTP in Chongqing has been operated for 10 years, with an average daily wastewater treatment volume of more than 100,000 cubic meters. With advanced wastewater treatment equipment, the main process of the plant area adopts the Cyclic Activated Sludge Technology (CAST) treatment process, and the effluent water quality is Class 1 A standard according to the “Emission Standard of Pollutants for Urban Wastewater Treatment Plants” (GB18918-2002). The main pollutant indicators and values of WWTP effluent are shown in Table 1.

Firstly, the raw wastewater enters the coarse grid to remove suspended impurities and reduce the chance of blocking the lifting pump of the sump. Then, wastewater will enter the adjustment tank, which is lifted to the fine grid by the

TABLE 1. Pollutant discharge standards for urban WWTPs.

Indexes	COD	BOD	SS	NH ₃ -N	TN	TP	pH
Conditions of influent wastewater	350	120	90	30	45	2	6-9
Conditions of effluent wastewater	50	10	10	8	15	0.5	6-9

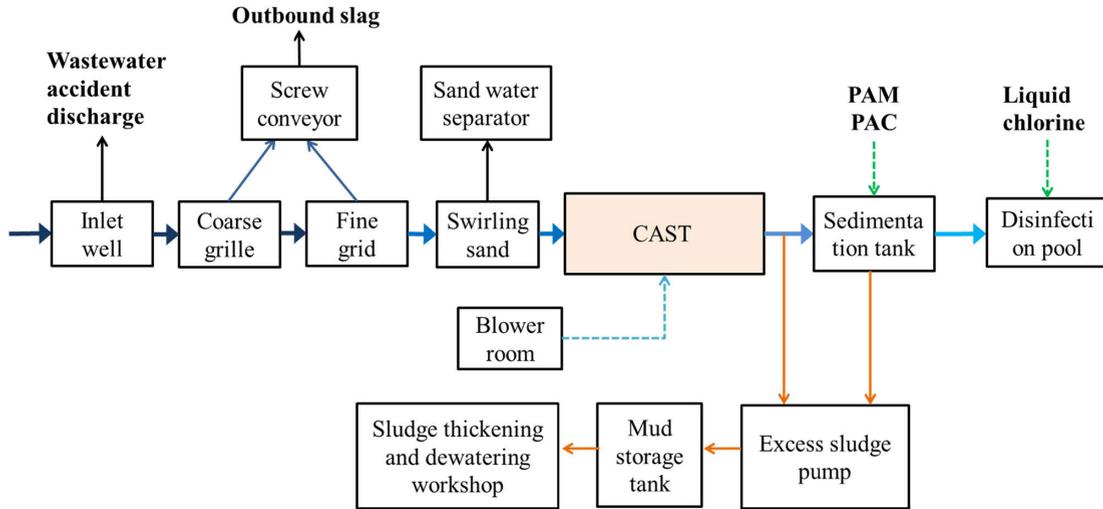


FIGURE 2. CAST process flow chart.

adjustment tank lift pump. After this process, the sand and water are separated.

In the following step, wastewater will get into the CAST biochemical reaction tank, where it undergoes anoxic and aerobic reaction to remove organic matter. Then, it will undergo a series of processes, including nitrification, denitrification treatment of ammonia nitrogen, phosphorus and other substances. Finally, the processes of wastewater treatment end with precipitation and drainage. In general, the CAST process includes 4 stages: wastewater inflow-aeration, wastewater inflow-precipitation, stop wastewater inflow-drainage, and wastewater inflow-idle. The specific process flow is shown in Figure 2.

Based on the principle of biological selection, the CAST process utilizes the release of phosphorus, denitrification, and rapid absorption of organic substrates in the influent water from the biological selection zone in the main reaction, which effectively inhibiting the growth and reproduction of filamentous bacteria and overcoming pollution. The mud expands, thereby enhancing the stability of the system operation. The variable volume operation also improves the adaptability of the system to changes in water quality and quantity and the flexibility of operation [19], [20].

III. METHODOLOGY

A. PCA-CNN-LSTM

1) PCA

The data taken is from the daily data of a WWTP for two years, including daily treatment volume, influent water quality and water volume, effluent water quality, E. coli, energy consumption, materials consumption (iron salt,

aluminum salt, desliming flocculant, liquid chlorine, mud volume, etc.). Due to the large number of miscellaneous data, PCA statistical method is adopted in order to retain the influence characteristics of the original variable data and use as few variables as possible [21]. The main purpose of principal component analysis is to use fewer variables to explain the variation of the original variables, while converting many highly correlated variables into uncorrelated variables. Usually the number of selected variables is small, but the data that can fully explain this situation is called the principal component. This type of data processing method is to not only ensure less data loss, but also comprehensively simplify and optimize the data [22]. By reducing the dimensionality of data, PCA has been widely used in the wastewater treatment process to obtain basic information about wastewater treatment.

a: STANDARDIZATION

$$\tilde{x}_{po} = \frac{x_{po} - \bar{x}_o}{\mu_o} \tag{1}$$

Among them, there are p index variables for PCA, and there are a total of o evaluation indexes. \bar{x}_o, μ_o are the sample mean and sample standard deviation of the o-th index.

b: CALCULATION OF THE CORRELATION COEFFICIENT MATRIX

$$R = (r_{po})_{n \times n} \tag{2}$$

$$r_{po} = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^p \tilde{x}_{lp} \cdot \tilde{x}_{lp}}{p - 1} \tag{3}$$

Among them, $r_{pp} = 1$, and r_{po} is the correlation coefficient between the p -th index and the o -th index.

c: CALCULATION OF THE CHARACTERISTIC VALUE

According to the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the correlation coefficient matrix in the second step, new index variables are formed according to the eigenvectors.

$$\begin{cases} \vartheta_1 = \cap_{11}\tilde{p}_1 + \cap_{21}\tilde{p}_2 + \dots \cap_{a1}\tilde{p}_a \\ \vartheta_2 = \cap_{12}\tilde{p}_1 + \cap_{22}\tilde{p}_2 + \dots \cap_{a2}\tilde{p}_a \\ \vartheta_b = \cap_{1b}\tilde{p}_1 + \cap_{2b}\tilde{p}_2 + \dots \cap_{ab}\tilde{p}_a \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

In the formula, ϑ_1 is the first principal component, and ϑ_2 is the second principal component.

d: CALCULATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION VALUE

$$Z = \sum_o^w g_o y_o \quad (5)$$

$$g_o = \frac{\gamma_o}{\sum_{l=1}^b \gamma_l} \quad (6)$$

Among them, g_o is the information contribution rate of the o -th principal component.

2) CNN

CNN is one of the most representative neural networks in the field of deep learning technology. It is a feed forward neural network and has made many breakthroughs in the field of wastewater treatment [23]. It includes convolution calculation and has a deep structure, which can be used for supervised and unsupervised learning. Convolutional neural networks have three basic concepts: local receptive fields, shared weights, and pooling layers.

a: LOCAL RECEPTIVE FIELD

For a general deep neural network, each pixel of the input sequence is usually connected to every fully connected neuron, while the convolutional neural network connects each hidden node only to a certain local area of the sequence [24]. Therefore, the number of parameter training has been reduced.

b: WEIGHT SHARING

In the convolutional layer of CNN, the weights corresponding to neurons are the same, thus, the number of training parameters can be reduced. The shared weights and offsets are also called convolution kernels or filters.

$$a^l = \sigma \left(b + \sum_{l=0}^4 \sum_{m=0}^4 w_l, a_{j+l,k+m} \right) \quad (7)$$

In the formula, σ represents the activation function, b is the offset, w is the 5×5 shared weight matrix, and the matrix a represents the neurons in the input layer.

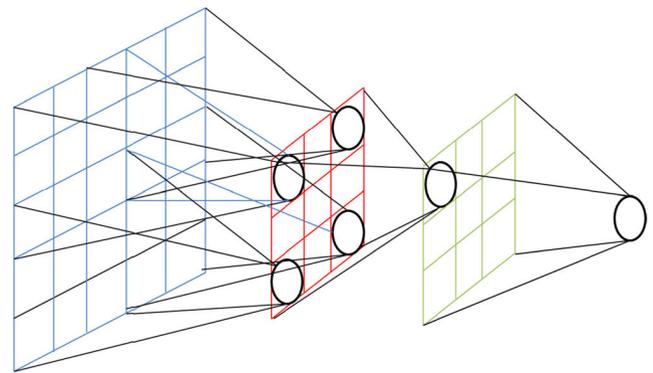


FIGURE 3. Concept map of local receptive field.

c: POOLING LAYER

The function of pooling layer is to reduce the feature map. The merge operation is independent for each depth slice, and the ratio is usually 2×2 . The result of pooling layer will have a lower dimension, and it is not easy to generate the phenomenon of over fitting [25].

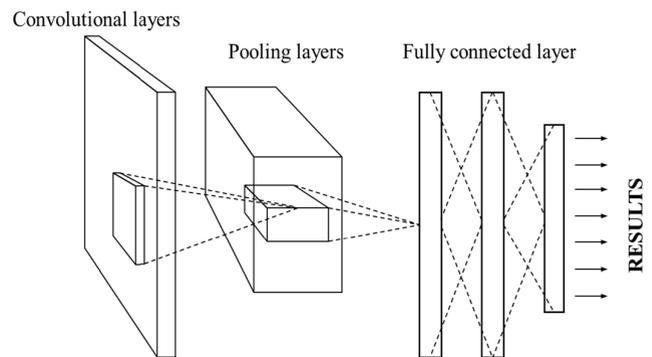


FIGURE 4. Network structure diagram of CNN.

3) LSTM

The LSTM neural network is an improvement of the recurrent neural network (RNN) [26], which is specially designed for the purpose of solving the problem all the time. Compared with ordinary RNN, LSTM performs better in longer sequences, being able to solve the problems that RNN cannot solve in longer training, namely gradient disappearance and gradient explosion. The main difference lies in the operation in the LSTM unit. It is allowed to keep or forget part of the information for the key cell state. The cell state of LSTM is similar to a conveyor belt. There are few linear intersections. Most of them run on a chain, so the information is not easy to change during the transportation. The core concept of LSTM is the unit state, which is actually a variety of gates in the LSTM structure. The unit state can send relevant information on the “conveyor belt”. As the unit state is operating, information will be added or deleted through it. As for the unit state, the “gate” is another different neural network, and its function is to filter some information

into the unit state [27], [28]. In the LSTM structure, it is impossible to add or delete information only by relying on the “conveyor belt”. Only through the “gate” neural network, the various structures in the LSTM structure have different functions. However, they still interact, transmit and retain or delete information mutually.

In Figure 5, the network structure diagram of LSTM is shown. First, “forget gate” determines the information that should be discarded or retained. The output includes a vector through h_{t-1} and some information in x_t in the structure diagram. The range of this vector is (0, 1). The value of the vector indicates what information is retained or deleted by C_{t-1} in the cell state. Secondly, the “input gate layer” updates the unit state, sending the previous hidden state and current input to the sigmoid function and tan h function. The sigmoid function determines the value to be updated by converting the value from 0 to 1; tan h function compresses it into -1 and 1 for network adjustment, and then it multiplies the tan h output and the S-type output [29]. The sigmoid function outputs a certain message and it is important that tan h is needed to save production. In this way, there is enough information to calculate the original unit state and obtain the new unit state. Finally, the “output gate” determines the next hidden state. In the first step, the previously hidden function is sent to the Sigmoid function, followed by the current state input, while the new unit state is passed to the tan h function. The two can be multiplied to determine the relevant information that the unknown state should carry. Finally moving the new unit state and the new unit state to enter the next step [30].

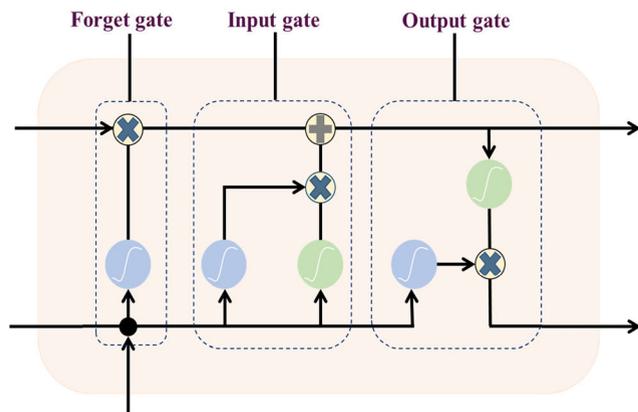


FIGURE 5. Network structure diagram of LSTM.

4) PCA-CNN-LSTM

CNN is essentially a multilayer perceptron. The key to CNN’s success lies in its use of local connections and weight sharing, which means the weights of interconnections between neurons are shared by neurons mapped under the same feature. On the one hand, reducing the weight can make the model easier to be optimized; on the other hand, it also improves the operating effect of the model, while reducing the risk of over fitting. CNN’s unique weighted fractional network structure

makes it more similar to biological neural networks. Due to CNN’s unique network structure, the complexity of the network model is reduced. As the number of weights is reduced, the running process is smoother [31]. Since this article studies a WWTP in a certain place, the information is relatively undisclosed, and the basic data is partially missing. CNN can avoid this situation. LSTM can solve long-term problems due to the particularity of the network structure, so it is often used to solve problems related to time series prediction [32]. It’s suitable for the daily record data of WWTPs.

Combining CNN and LSTM neural network can process basic data with large defects, making the experiment more efficient. However, related studies have shown that when LSTM is training the model, it will change due to the time step and the number of neurons, and different parameters will affect the superiority of the model [33]. Therefore, the PCA method is introduced to preprocess the original data, simplify and delete the data, while retaining the original characteristics of the original data. First, the PCA method is taken for data preprocessing on the established database, then the CNN network model is established with the keras module to adjust the number and size of convolution kernels according to the actual situation. After that, LSTM recurrent neural network model is added, and the output dimensions are respectively 128, 64, 48. Finally, with two added hidden layers, the number of neurons is 32 and 1, and finally set the optimizer of the model with a learning rate of 0.0001. The training set and the test set are divided according to a ratio of 3:1. The network structure diagram of PCA-CNN-LSTM is shown in Figure 6.

B. OPTIMIZATION

The result of PCA-CNN-LSTM model operation is prediction result. During the specific optimization, it includes selecting the range of four indicators and continuously reducing one of the indicators. The neural network model is used to predict the wastewater output. If the water output meets the requirements, the variable will be continually reduced until the predicted value corresponding to the variable is infinitely close to the value corresponding to the national emission standard. The lower emission value is close to the national emission standard value, leaving extra space for the operational safety of the WWTP. COD is a suitable example.

Steps 1: The influent conditions (including wastewater parameters, energy and materials consumption) are input to the PCA-CNN-LSTM model, and the effluent COD value is predicted. The input energy consumption is marked as ‘E’.

Steps 2: The maximum COD value allowed by the effluent discharge standard ($COD \leq 50$ mg/l) is marked as ‘A’. The range of effluent COD under optimal conditions is defined according to the required accuracy, such as effluent $COD \in [0.98 * A, A]$.

Steps 3: The predicted effluent COD value is judged whether it belonging to the range or not. (1) If the effluent COD value is less than “ $0.98 * A$ ”, the “E” will be reduced by 1% (this value is also chosen by the required accuracy), and the effluent COD value will be predicted and and judged

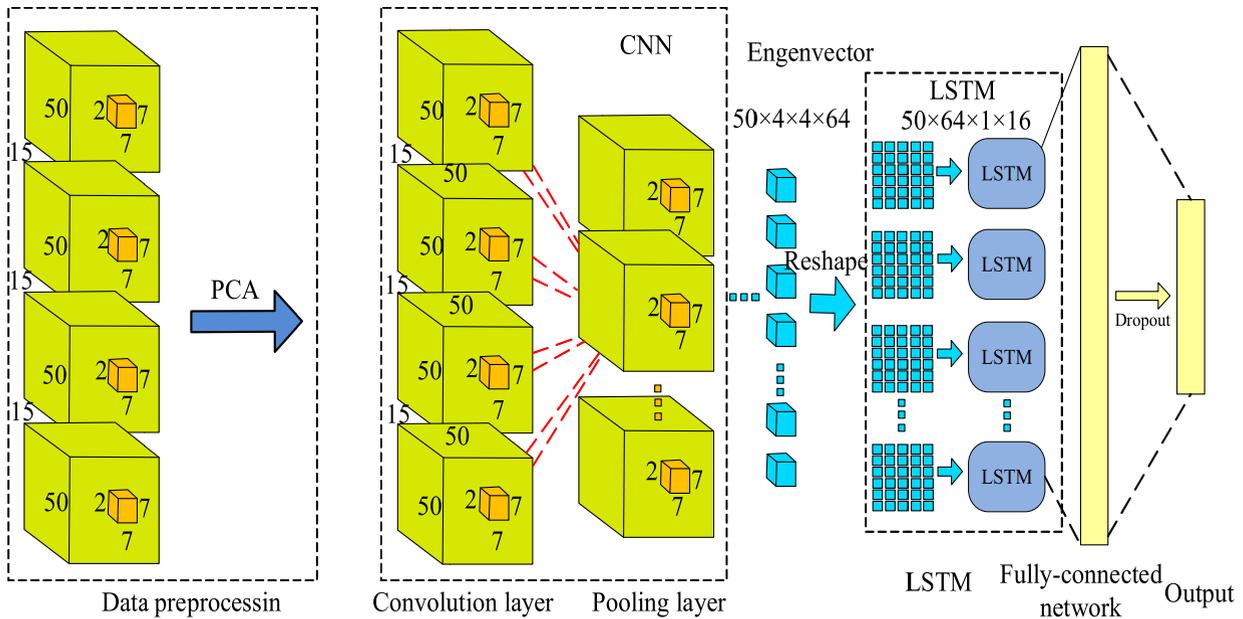


FIGURE 6. Network structure diagram of PCA-CNN-LSTM.

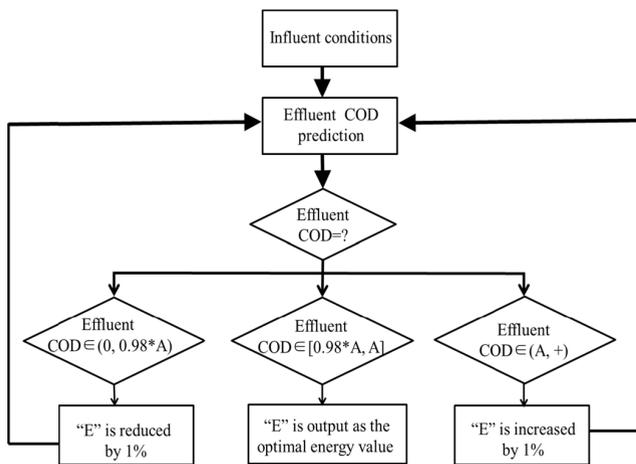


FIGURE 7. The optimization strategy of COD.

again; (2) If the effluent COD value is greater than “A”, “E” will be increased by 1%, and the effluent COD value will be predicted and judged again. (3) If the effluent COD value belongs to the defined range $[0.98 * A, A]$, the “E” will be considered as the optimal energy value under current influent conditions.

Steps 4: Beginning the loop program to execute Step 3 until the the effluent COD value belongs to the defined range $[0.98 * A, A]$.

Steps 5: Return the calculated “E”, the end.

The effluent indicators of WWTPs beyonds considered unilateral, therefore, this paper uses genetic algorithm to optimize the effluent indicators as a whole.

Steps 1: Different initial features are combined and discriminant values are calculated respectively.

Steps 2: The two combinations with the largest discriminant value are selected for hybridization, and some different features from each other to obtain a new feature combination.

Steps 3: The discriminant value of the new feature combination is calculated again, and is compared with the original data to select the combination with the largest discriminant value for hybridization.

Steps 4: The end. (1) Given a maximum genetic algebra, the algorithm iteration stops at ‘MAXGEN’. (2) Given a lower bound calculation method, when the calculation reaches the required deviation, iteration is ended. (3) When the fitness of the algorithm can no longer be improved, the calculation is ended.

IV. EXPERIMENTS AND ANALYSIS

A. RESULTS OF PREDICTION

In order to comprehensively evaluate performance of the prediction model, the average absolute error (MAE), root mean square eXqrror (RMSE) and average absolute percentage error (MAPE) are used as accuracy indicators in the above training model.

$$MAE(\vartheta, \varpi) = \frac{1}{\vartheta} \sum_{i=1}^{\vartheta} |\varpi_i - \varpi_n| \quad (8)$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\vartheta} \sum_{i=1}^{\vartheta} (\varpi_i - \varpi_n)^2} \quad (9)$$

$$MAPE = \frac{1}{\vartheta} \sum_{i=1}^{\vartheta} \frac{|\varpi_i - \varpi_n|}{\varpi_i} \quad (10)$$

The results of prediction are shown in Table 2. The comparison of the true value and the predicted value of the test set are shown in Figure 9.

Algorithm 1 Optimal Decision Process

Initialization:

P = PCA-CNN-LSTM model
 E = Input energy
 M = Input material
 A = The maximum COD value allowed by the effluent discharge standard (COD ≤ 50 mg/l)
 NUM(S) = Influent wastewater parameters
 COD = Effluent COD value

Start:

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1: Calculate the COD by PCA-CNN-LSTM model
2:   P ← E, M, NUM(S)
3:   COD
4: while |COD-0.99A| > 0.01A
5:   if COD ≥ A
6:     E = E*1.01
7:     M = M*1.01
8:     P ← E, M, NUM(S)
9:     COD
10:  else if COD ≤ 0.98*A
11:    E = E*0.99
12:    M = M*0.99
13:    P ← E, M, NUM(S)
14:    COD
15:  end if
16: end while
17: return E
    
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TABLE 2. The results of prediction.

Index	MAE	RMSE	MAPE
Effluent BOD ₅	0.9141	1.2984	0.3078
Effluent COD	2.7098	3.5454	0.2781
Effluent SS	1.5326	2.4698	0.2859
Effluent pH	0.5989	0.8889	0.0888
Effluent TP	0.0643	0.0829	0.5707
Effluent TN	2.3917	2.9816	0.2762
Effluent NH ₃ - N	0.3394	0.6784	0.9969
Escherichia coli	8.1697	2.1633	4.218
Mud volume	1.933	2.4207	/

Compared with the daily data of the WWTP, the electricity consumption and the medicament have all been reduced. Through data modeling, the optimal values of different wastewater quality of effluent are studied respectively. However, the actual operation of effluent from WWTP could not be viewed as a single index. Therefore, genetic algorithm (GA) is used to optimize it. Genetic algorithm is a method to search for the optimal solution by simulating the natural evolution process. The algorithm is simple and widely applied [34]. Because the overall search strategy and optimized search method of genetic algorithm do not need to rely on gradient information or other auxiliary knowledge when calculating, genetic algorithm provides a general framework for solving complex system problems. It does not depend on the specific area of the problem, and has strong robustness to problem. The main parameters of genetic algorithm are weights and thresholds. The parameters of this paper are set as follows: population size is 100, maximum genetic algebra is 100, learning rate is 0.1, and maximum training times is 100. The results of the overall optimization are shown in Table 4. The daily data of seven days from the WWTPW were randomly selected and the following comparisons between the electricity and the amount of chemicals were made. The results are shown in the Figure 10. The efficiency and stability of the proposed PCA-CNN-LSTM model on a real-world dataset was evaluated, and as shown in Figure 10. By comparing the differences of energy and material consumption before and after optimization, the experimental results can be estimated that the total energy and materials cost was reduced by 10%-15%.

As shown in the above figures, in the selected data, the optimized data is largely lower than the original data. This further shows that the electricity and chemical consumption have been optimized while ensuring that the WWTP's effluent meets the standard.

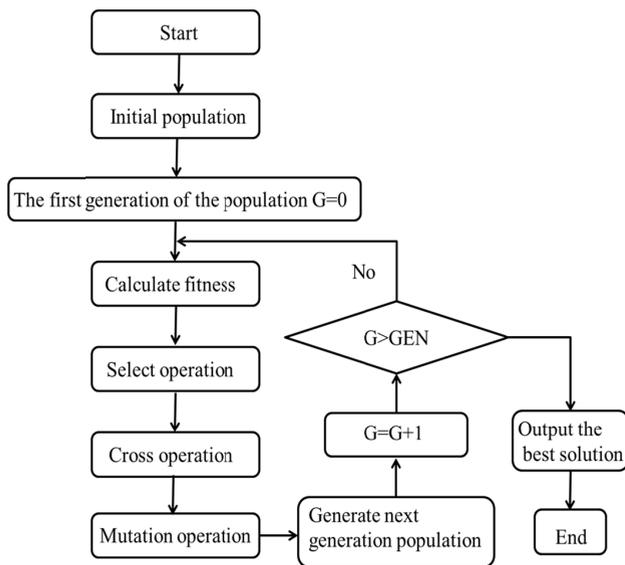


FIGURE 8. Process diagram of genetic algorithm.

B. RESULTS OF OPTIMIZATION

In order to optimize the daily energy consumption and reagents of the WWTP, to continuously reduce the parameter standards, and to ensure that the effluent water quality meets the standard, a single target can be expressed as a function of the control variable. According to the operating conditions, the optimization results can be obtained by the model, shown in Table 3.



FIGURE 9. Comparison of the true value and the predicted value of the test set.

TABLE 3. Optimization result table.

	electricity consumption (O_1)KW*h	ferric salts (O_2)kg	Aluminium salt (O_3)kg	Desilt floculant (O_4)kg	High efficiency floculant (O_5)kg	Liquid chlorine (O_6)kg	sodium hypochlorite (O_7)kg
Effluent BOD ₅ =9.585mg/L	14900	2000	9980	49	30	398	1970
Effluent COD=49.362 mg/L	20650	2350	920	32	23	302	2350
Effluent SS=9.974 mg/L	9840	830	785	33	30	403	1150
Effluent pH=6.827	10820	970	700	15	28	250	1250
Effluent TP=0.497 mg/L	12730	600	980	18	28	370	1050
Effluent TN=14.902 mg/L	10360	1130	1020	18	44	340	1200
Effluent NH ₃ - N=7.789 mg/L	17690	1740	880	38	26	330	1550
Escherichia coli=987 /L	11600	1550	820	40	30	314	1020

C. OPTIMAL OPERATION PLAN

The energy consumption of the WWTP is mainly used in the treatment promotion of wastewater, the feed and return of biological treatment, and the stabilization and treatment of sludge.

Through the optimization method, we obtained the electric quantity and required drug consumption while meeting the standard. According to the results, we put the drug into the wastewater to make it meet the standard. Therefore, the following points are proposed:

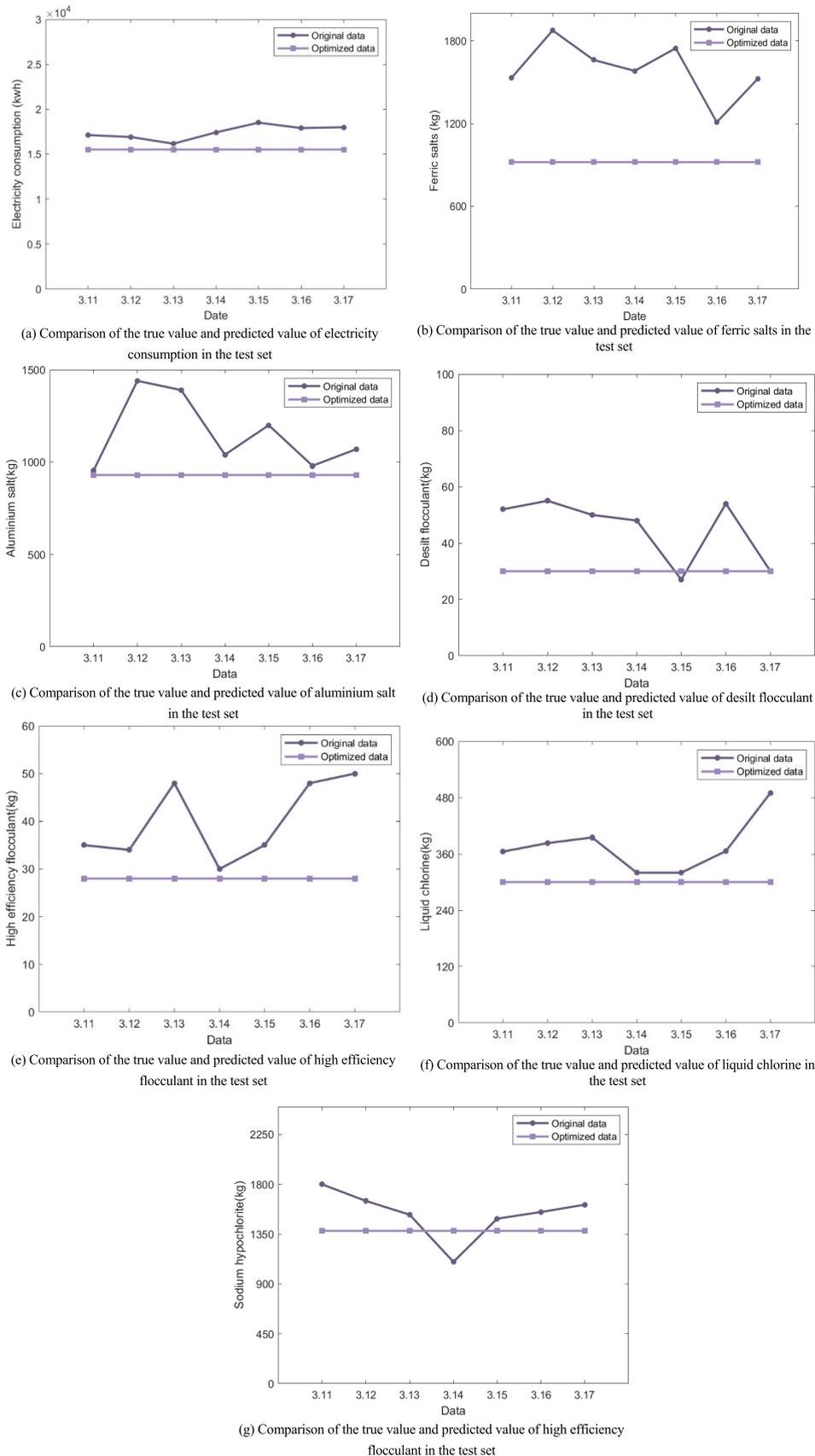


FIGURE 10. Comparison of the true value and the predicted value of the test set.

TABLE 4. Overall optimization result table.

	electricity consumption (O_1)KW*h	ferric salts (O_2)kg	Aluminium salt (O_3)kg	Desilt flocclulant (O_4)kg	High efficiency flocclulant (O_5)kg	Liquid chlorine (O_6)kg	sodium hypochlorite (O_7)kg
Effluent BOD ₅ =9.49 mg/L							
Effluent COD=49.3 mg/L							
Effluent SS=9.83 mg/L							
Effluent pH=6.24							
Effluent TP=0.495 mg/L	15520	920	930	30	28	300	1380
Effluent TN=14.89 mg/L							
Effluent NH ₃ -N=7.85 mg/L							
Escherichia coli=965 /L							

(1) Dose of drugs should be accurate and multiple energy sources should complement each other. Moreover, refined management should be ensured and operating costs should be reduced.

(2) Efficiency of wastewater equipment should be improved and the energy consumption of the wastewater lifting system and the supply system should be reduced.

V. CONCLUSION

The wastewater treatment system is a highly non-linear industrial process control system, which is uncertain and time-varying. Meanwhile, the mathematical mechanism model of wastewater treatment process is difficult to be used accurately and duly. Current conservative operation mode in most WWTPs has high operation costs and wastes huge energy and material. In this paper, a new hybrid neural network (PCA-CNN-LSTM) model based on deep neural network was proposed. It was trained by massive real-world historical data from a WWTP, and it can be used to predict the effluent parameters. Then the PCA-CNN-LSTM was modified to optimize energy and materials consumption. Last genetic algorithms was introduced to reduce the total cost of energy and materials under multi-target of effluent parameters. The efficiency and stability of the proposed PCA-CNN-LSTM model on a real-world dataset was evaluated, and experimental results evaluate that the total energy and materials cost was reduced by 10%-15%. The proposed energy and materials-saving management method not only is a new solution for wastewater treatment, but also brings benefits to the development of the economy and society.

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