

1 **REWAR-Sense: Hepta Sensors Integrated Adaptive Deep Learning Model for Water Quality**
2 **Monitoring Via Thinkspeak Cloud in Gulshan Lake**

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15 **ABSTRACT**

16 Water Quality Prediction (WQP) plays an essential role in supplying high-quality water to diverse
17 sectors which is dominant for every living organism in the environment. WQP is an important issue
18 that affects both the sustainability of ecosystems and the health of aquatic species. Traditional
19 techniques for determining the quality of water are expensive, time-consuming, and prone to errors.
20 To overcome these issues, a novel REmote WAtER Sensing for quality assessment (REWAR-Sense)
21 methodology is proposed to develop an automated system for the prediction and classification of
22 water quality in Gulshan Lake. Initially, the raw Water Quality (WQ) parameters were gathered from
23 the Gulshan Lake using Hepta sensors and stored them into the ThinkSpeak Cloud for centralized
24 data collection. These gathered data are fed to the preprocessing module to standardize the data. A
25 Deep Learning (DL) Network is employed for feature extraction that identifies the critical patterns of
26 WQ and reduces the data complexity. After feature extraction, a Water Quality Index (WQI) is
27 predicted using an adaptive metaheuristic optimization algorithm that provides a numerical score to
28 indicate the water's condition of the Gulshan Lake. Finally, an attention-based neural network
29 categorizes the WQ into four such categories to enhance the Water Resource Management (WRM)
30 for efficient environmental monitoring. The REWAR-Sense methodology was simulated by using
31 MATLAB and it is validated by Gulshan Lake Dataset. The REWAR-Sense methodology is
32 evaluated based on a number of variables such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. In
33 comparison, the proposed REWAR-Sense method achieves an accuracy of 93.45%, precision of
34 92.80%, recall of 93.20%, and F1-score of 93.00% outperforming the existing AutoDL, SOD-VGG-
35 LSTM, and LSTM-CN methods respectively.

36 **Keywords:** Gulshan Lake, Water Quality Prediction, Ghost Network, Attention Based Bidirectional
37 Recurrent Neural Network, Adaptive Fish Swarm Optimization.

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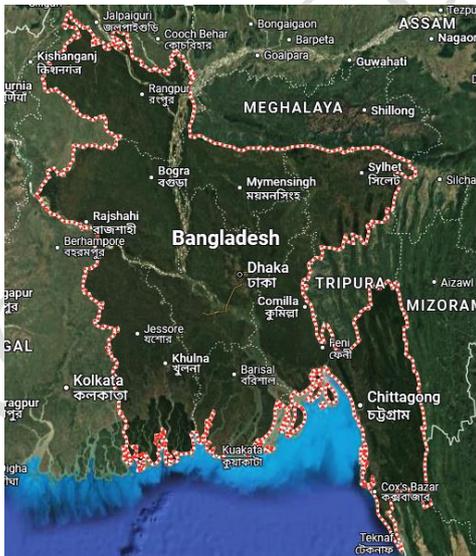
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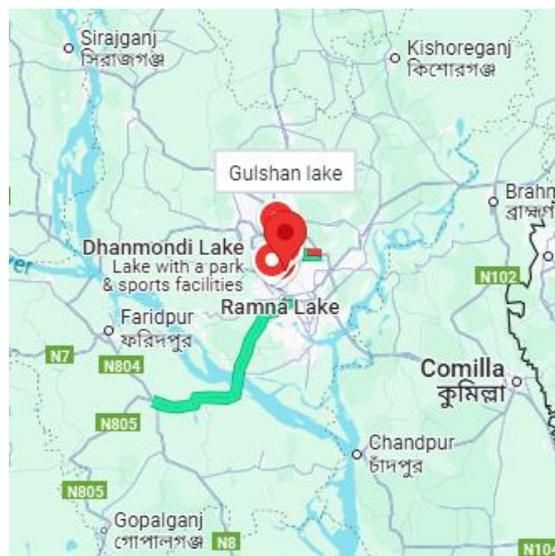
41 **1. Introduction**

42 Water quality monitoring data may play a major role in the efficient management and preservation of
43 water resources (Wu and Wang, 2022; Azrou et al. 2022). Access to safe and clean water is crucial
44 for agriculture, human health, and environmental sustainability which provides long-term benefits
45 that can be achieved by combining Internet of Things (IoT) enabled WQ solutions with modern
46 methods (Deng et al. 2021). In recent years, there has been an increase in interest in using Machine
47 Learning (ML), DL, and the IoT to address environmental challenges (Khan et al. 2022; Iniyar Arasu
48 et al. 2024).

49 Sensor networks may be installed in water bodies via IoT that gather a number of information on a
50 range of WQ parameters including pH, salinity, temperature, nutrients, and pollutant concentrations
51 (Chen et al. 2021; Zhang and You, 2024). This real-time data collection provides a thorough grasp of
52 the dynamic dynamics of aquatic ecosystems and enables ongoing WQ monitoring (Li et al. 2024;
53 Shams et al. 2024). Decision-makers, managers of water resources, and legislators can use this
54 information to provide the preservation and restoration of a variety of water resources (Venkata et al.
55 2024; Pang et al. 2024). The Geographical location of the Gulshan Lake is depicted in Figure 1.

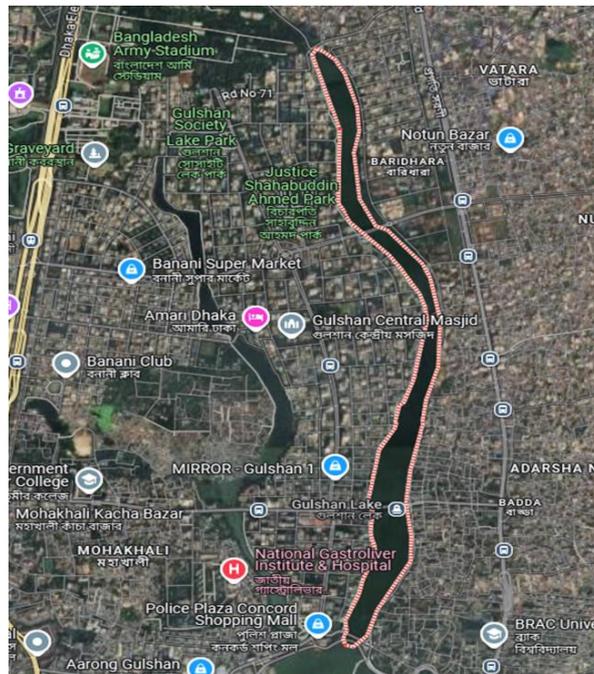


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Figure 1. Geographical Location of Gulshan Lake

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Recently used WQP methods mainly include regression analysis, grey system theory, time series forecasting, and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) methods (Nithya et al. 2020; Satish et al. 2024). WQ data exhibit characteristics such as nonlinearity and variability with a strong ability to process nonlinear information are widely used in the field of WQP (Kushwaha et al. 2024; Khullar and Singh 2022). This indicates that fusion models based on DL networks have greater advantages in WQP. However, the aforementioned prediction models do not adequately consider the varying importance of features in long-time series where highly important features often have a greater impact on the model's prediction performance (Rajeswari et al. 2020, Krishna Bikram Shah et al.2023, Santhiya Govindapillai and Radhakrishnan Ayyapazham. 2024). WQ forecasting research is one such important topic of concern. But a growing global issue is the deteriorating WQ caused by pollution, population growth, and climate change (Díaz-González et al. 2025). The expense, time commitment, and inability to gather data in real-time are the main drawbacks of conventional methods for WQ monitoring. River WQ variations indicate both gradual shifts and unpredictable non-linear processes. As a result, the process of appropriate WQP becomes more difficult (Rajanbabu et al. 2025). WQ forecasting is also essential for planning and managing

77 water resources and their surroundings. Based on the expected outcomes the issue of water
78 contamination can be foreseen and enable an early effort to avert its effects (Geethamani et al. 2023).
79 To overcome these issues, a novel REWAR-Sense method is proposed to forecast the WQ of Gulshan
80 Lake using advanced sensors and DL techniques. The major contributions of the proposed REWAR-
81 Sense methodology are given as follows.

- 82 • The goal of the REWAR-Sense methodology is to develop a robust WQ prediction in
83 Gulshan Lake for real-time environmental monitoring in WRM.
- 84 • The raw environmental data related to WQ parameters are gathered from Gulshan
85 Lake using Hepta sensors which are stored in the ThinkSpeak Cloud and preprocesses
86 the data by handling the missing values and removing the irrelevant errors to
87 standardize the data.
- 88 • The ghost network extracts significant WQ features from the data and the Adaptive
89 Fish Swarm Optimization (AFSO) algorithm produces a precise WQ index by
90 quantifying the conditions through numerical scores.
- 91 • The Attention based Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Network (ABiRNN) categorizes
92 the WQ into potable water, palatable water, contaminated water, and infected water
93 for efficient WRM.
- 94 • The performance of the REWAR-Sense methodology is validated through metrics
95 such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

96 **Motivation**

97 Water quality plays an indispensable role in sustainable WRM and environmental protection.
98 Numerous variables impact water quality and in turn its suitability for human consumption such as
99 mining, industrialization, pollution, and natural occurrences. Current WQ methods gather water
100 samples manually and examine the physical, chemical, and biological agents to identify the type of
101 WQ. These approaches' shortcomings include limited space or time range, time consumption, greater
102 system costs, and insufficient real-time WQ assessment. These factors are the motivation behind this

103 research which is intended to develop a novel REmote WAtER Sensing for quality assessment
104 (REWAR-Sense) methodology to address these complexities. The proposed REWAR-Sense
105 methodology aims to provide an automated system for the prediction and classification of WQ in
106 Gulshan Lake.

107 **Objectives**

108 The major objective of this research is to deploy an innovative automated WQ monitoring system to
109 enhance the sustainability of ecosystems which is tailored for Gulshan Lake. The REWAR-Sense
110 methodology reduces the complexity of the data through feature extraction and the WQI is predicted
111 to identify the water conditions of the Gulshan Lake. The REWAR-Sense methodology categorizes
112 the WQ into such categories to enhance the management of the water resources. These analyses are
113 drawn out by the research through various techniques of WQ analysis on Gulshan Lake employing
114 DL networks and an adaptive metaheuristic optimization algorithm. These research methodology is
115 cost-effective, energy sustainable, reliability of data transmission, less time delay, high network
116 coverage, and sensor accuracy.

117 The remainder of the research is organized as follows: The related research for detecting WQP is
118 provided in Section 2. The recommended REWAR-Sense methodology for WQP is covered in
119 Section 3. The experiment results of the REWAR-Sense methodology is described in Section 4.
120 Section 5 concludes the REWAR-Sense methodology with future enhancement.

121 **2. Literature Survey**

122 Numerous studies that have examined to efficiently monitor and manage, and forecast WQ have
123 focused on the intersection of IoT, DL, and ML technology. The related research discusses and
124 highlights the following pertinent works and contributions below.

125 In (Prasad et al. 2022) suggested WQP and assessed using both DL and Auto-DL techniques. For
126 both binary class and multiclass water data conventional DL outperforms AutoDL by 1.8% and 1%
127 respectively. While the accuracy of the traditional model achieves 98% to 99%, the accuracy of the
128 AutoDL approach achieves 96% to 98% respectively.

129 In (Islam and Irshad 2022) suggested a DL-enabled categorization and WQP model for artificial
130 ecosystem optimization. The suggested AEODL-WQPC method predicts the WQI using an Optimal
131 Stacked Bidirectional Gated Recurrent Unit (OSBiGRU) model and classifies WQ using an AEO
132 with an enhanced Elman Neural Network (AEO-IENN) model. Validated on a WQ dataset, the
133 AEODL-WQPC strategy outperforms more recent state-of-the-art techniques.

134 In (Wan et al. 2022) suggested a model that tackles WQP caused by pollution from non-point sources
135 using feature extraction and DL methods. When the suggested SOD-VGG-LSTM approach was
136 applied, the Lijiang River watershed showed the largest relative differences between the expected
137 and observed values for DO, CODMn, NH₃-N, and TP. It consists of 8.47%, 19.76%, 24.1%, and
138 35.4% of errors respectively. The SOD-VGG-LSTM's R² was between 32% and 39.3% greater than
139 that of the ARIMA, SVR, and RNN.

140 In (Talukdar et al. 2023) suggested lake WQ indicators using DL methods based on sensitivity-
141 uncertainty analysis. The suggested approach forecasts the WQI by combining the models of the
142 Generalized Linear Model (GLM), Neural Network (NN), and Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM).
143 The water samples were found to have poor to very poor quality as indicated by their WQI which
144 varied from 90.75 to 145.29. This model outperformed the existing models with a prediction accuracy
145 of 25.77, RMSE of 5.07, MAE of 3.5, and R² of 0.98 respectively.

146 In (Rahu et al. 2023) suggested frameworks for WQ analysis and prediction enabled by ML and the
147 IoT. To gather data from Rohri Canal, SBA, Pakistan, the IoT framework is outfitted with sensors for
148 temperature, pH, turbidity, and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). According to the data, the SVR model
149 has the lowest R-squared at 0.73, while the MLP regression model has the greatest at 0.93. The
150 Random Forest algorithm has the best accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score of 0.91, 0.93, and
151 0.92, respectively among classification techniques.

152 In (Chhipi-Shrestha et al. 2023) suggested Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and soft
153 computing to assess the quality of drinking water. The adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system,
154 multilayer perceptron-based ANN, support vector machines, Bayesian networks, and general

155 regression neural networks are some of the AI and SC approaches used in the digital water method
156 to effectively monitor WQ. AI's and SC's primary roles in the suggested digital water were to model
157 physicochemical and microbiological factors and assess the water's quality respectively.

158 In (Mahesh et al. 2024) suggested WQP effectively manages water by integrating a normalizer with
159 LSTM. While maintaining the intrinsic properties of the data the suggested LSTM-CN model
160 incorporates normalization calculation techniques for adaptive processing of multi-factor data. To
161 learn the properties of the data and produce precise prediction results, the LSTM-CN model works in
162 tandem with the codec. The suggested LSTM-CN approach produces 99.3% accuracy, 95% precision,
163 18.0% MSE, 11.45% RMSE, and 93.6% recall respectively.

164 In (Venkatraman et al. 2023) suggested The logistic Giant Armadillo Optimization (GArO) deep
165 differential recurflownet is used to forecast and classify WQ with precision. An Optimization driven
166 Deep Differential RecurFlowNet (ODD-RecurFlowNet) is suggested to predict and classify WQ. The
167 ODD-RecurFlowNet approach produces an overall accuracy of 98.01% and an RMSE value of 0.039
168 using a standard dataset for WQ.

169 In (Pavan kalyan et al. 2024) suggested An Analysis of Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Decision
170 Tree (DT) Methods for Predicting Tomato Growth and Yield in Hydroponic Systems Using Deep
171 Water Culture (DWC). In the suggested approach, the efficacy of SVM and DT methods in
172 hydroponic tomato production is assessed using the DWC method. In contrast, the suggested
173 approach provides more accuracy with SVM.

174 In (Raveena et al. 2024) suggested Coffee crop irrigation systems are continuously monitored and
175 optimized using recycled water and bi-directional RNNs and IoT sensors. The recommended
176 technique collects data on soil moisture, weather, WQ, temperature, humidity, pH, and nutrient value.
177 In terms of irregularity and watering schedules, the recommended method produces an accuracy of
178 95.66% respectively.

179 In (Li et al. 2024) suggested an analysis of the modernization and transformation of manufacturing
180 firms using a four-way game and industrial internet platforms. A revenue sharing contract coefficient

181 guarantees the steady growth of the suggested approach and ongoing collaboration. The model gives
182 platforms, manufacturing companies, governments, and developers a theoretical foundation for
183 choosing a strategy.

184 In (Wang and Ma, 2024) suggested a study on the connection between rising carbon emissions and
185 the expansion of inclusive digital banking. The suggested approach examines carbon emissions and
186 digital inclusive financing are related in Chinese cities between 2011 and 2022. By contrast, the
187 suggested approach shows that carbon emissions can be reduced by 0.311% for every 1% expansion
188 and that China's digital inclusive finance index has increased since 2011.

189 In (Wang et al. 2024) suggested an examination of the regions in China that produce the most energy
190 in terms of carbon emissions. The suggested approach forecasts carbon emissions from 2021 to 2040
191 using an open STIRPAT model. The study also highlights the importance of controlling per capita
192 GDP and energy consumption for effective emission reduction strategies.

193 In (Suresh Maruthai et al. 2025) suggested Real-time monitoring by combining HG-RNN with IoT
194 sensor vision and wastewater recycling. The suggested approach uses IoT sensors to efficiently clean
195 and monitor contaminated ponds and turn them into sources of pure water. To deliver the best possible
196 WQ while avoiding pollution, the HG-RNN algorithm predicts WQ parameters, examines future
197 trends, and incorporates real-time treatment decisions.

198 In (Zhang et al. 2025) suggested a consideration of heterogeneity and variable interaction in the
199 relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and digitization (D&AI) and carbon emissions. The
200 suggested Decision Deep and Cross Feature-Transformation Network (DDCFTN) analyzes the
201 carbon impacts of urban emissions. The suggested model works better than the traditional models and
202 demonstrates that the influence of interacting effects exacerbates the overestimated contribution of
203 D&AI to carbon emissions.

204 In (Wu et al. 2025) suggested the impact of green finance regulations on the ESG performance of
205 construction firms. The suggested approach states that by setting financing caps and promoting the
206 advancement of green technologies, the green credit policy greatly improves ESG performance.

207 These findings are particularly significant among smaller and non-state-owned firms. The suggested
208 approach enhances the ESG performance and reduces the environmental risks.

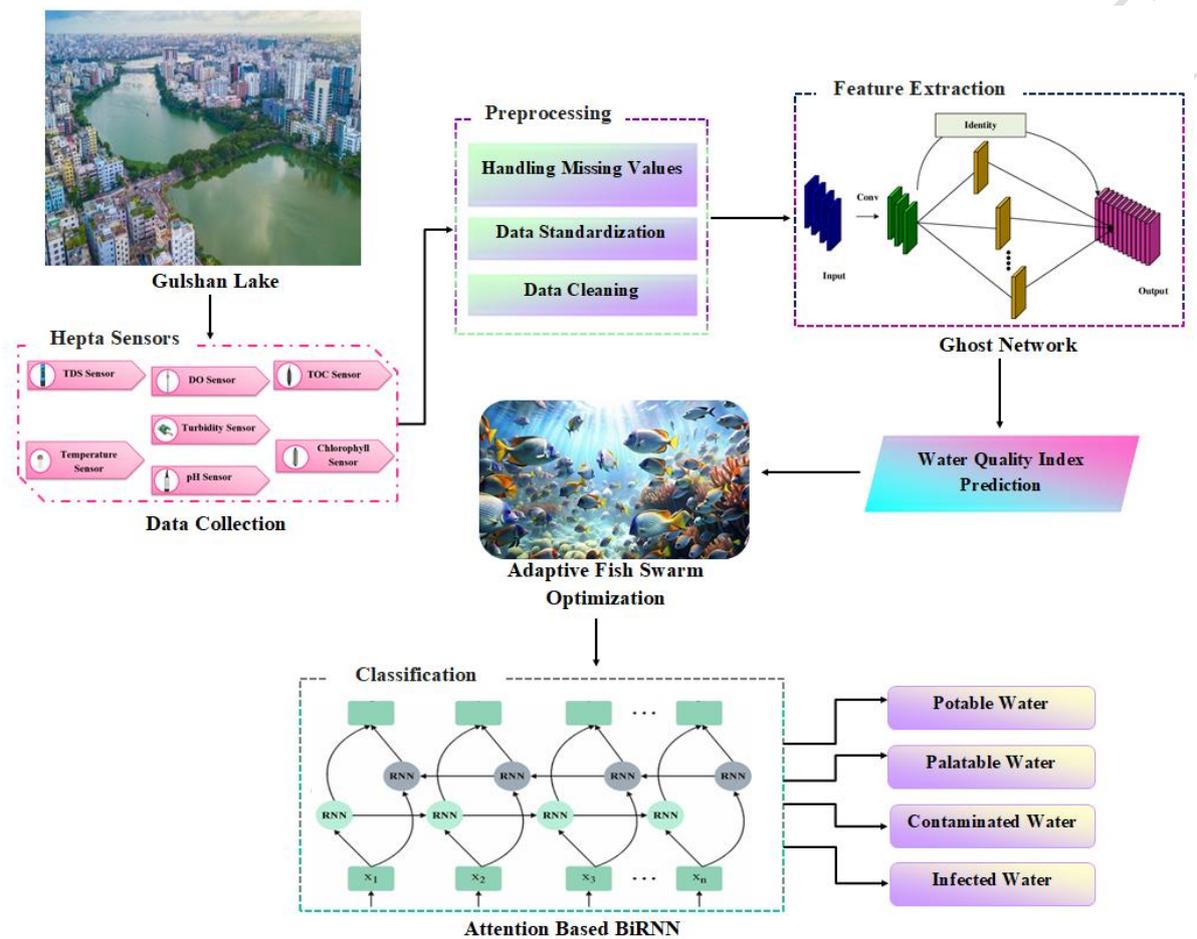
209 In (Zeng et al. 2025) suggested a multi-scale spillover and a tail risk contagion between the top US
210 technology shares and the green finance index. The proposed method identifies Microsoft and the
211 S&P 500 ESG index as the primary risk sources, and the net risk spillover characteristics show
212 fluctuation and cyclicity. According to these findings, volatility connectedness increases in
213 beneficial market conditions and is stronger at extreme tails.

214 The research evaluation states that people forecast WQ and offer alerts on potential ecological
215 contamination based on past environmental indicators. Determining the quality of water is difficult
216 because of the complicated data. The decline of the surface water ecosystem exacerbates these
217 problems. Predicting and monitoring surface WQ is essential. To overcome these issues, a novel
218 REWAR-Sense methodology has been proposed to predict the WQ of Gulshan Lake using DL
219 techniques.

220 **3. The REWAR-Sense Methodology**

221 In this section, a novel REmote WAtER Sensing for quality assessment (REWAR-Sense)
222 methodology has been proposed to develop an automated system for the prediction and classification
223 of WQ in Gulshan Lake. Initially, the raw environmental data related to WQ parameters are gathered
224 from Gulshan Lake using Hepta Sensors such as Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Sensor, Dissolved
225 Oxygen (DO) Sensor, Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Sensor, Temperature Sensor, Turbidity Sensor,
226 pH Sensor, and Chlorophyll Sensor to monitor various physical, chemical, and biological parameters
227 in real-time over a specific period. Several Internet of Things protocols and wireless technologies are
228 employed to transmit these data directly to the ThinkSpeak Cloud for storage. These gathered data
229 are fed to the preprocessing module to attain an accurately reliable formatted data by using Handling
230 Missing Values, Data Standardization, and Data Cleaning for feature extraction. The ghost network
231 extracts significant features related to the WQ and reduces data dimensionality to ensure efficient
232 WQ prediction. After feature extraction, the WQI is predicted by an AFSO optimization algorithm

233 that represents whether the quality of water is excellent, fair, or poor through numerical scores.
 234 Finally, an Attention based BiRNN categorizes the WQ into respective categories such as potable
 235 water, palatable water, contaminated water, and infected water for accurate real-time environmental
 236 monitoring in WRM. The overall workflow of the proposed REWAR-Sense methodology is depicted
 237 in Figure 2.



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 239 **Figure 2.** Proposed REWAR-Sense Methodology

240 **3.1. Data Collection (Hepta Sensors)**

241 The REWAR-Sense system utilizes the interconnected devices and Hepta Sensors such as
 242 Temperature sensor, Turbidity sensor, pH sensor, TDS sensor, Chlorophyll sensor, Dissolved Oxygen
 243 sensor, and TOC sensor deployed along the Gulshan Lake to automate data collection. These Hepta
 244 Sensors would continuously measure parameters such as temperature, turbidity, pH, concentration of
 245 dissolved solids, chlorophyll concentration, DO concentration, and TOC contents from the lake. The
 246 Hepta Sensor measures the temperature level of the water for concerning the ecosystem health and

247 turbidity level for detecting the amount of pollutant levels in the water. In the Hepta Sensor, the
248 alkalinity of water is determined using a pH sensor, and the concentration of dissolved ions is
249 measured by a TDS sensor. The Hepta Sensor monitors the chlorophyll levels as well as oxygen levels
250 in water which is vital for aquatic organisms and detects the pollution from organic matter. The Hepta
251 Sensor quantifies the organic carbon content to provide insights into water pollution and
252 decomposition levels. Several IoT protocols and wireless technologies enable the ThinkSpeak Cloud
253 to store this processed data.

254 3.2. Data Preprocessing

255 Those data gathered by using the Hepta Sensor are fed to the preprocessing module to attain
256 accurately reliable formatted data by using Handling Missing Values, Data Standardization, and Data
257 Cleaning for feature extraction.

258 Handling Missing Values:

259 Due to regular maintenance of monitoring stations and occasional equipment failures, some WQ data
260 may be missing. To ensure the validity of the experiment, complete data must be provided to the
261 prediction model. It uses linear interpolation to handle missing data. The formula for linear
262 interpolation is represented in Equation (1),

$$263 \quad y_k = y_\omega + (y_r - y_\omega) \frac{k-\omega}{r-\omega} \quad (1)$$

264 In the formula, k , ω , and r represent time, y_k denotes the missing value at time k , y_ω represents the
265 known data corresponding to the most recent time ω before y_k , and y_r denotes the known data
266 corresponding to the most recent time r after y_k .

267 Data Standardization:

268 The mean of the rescaled features is zero, and their standard deviation is one. Outlier features have the
269 potential to substantially skew distributions. The influence of outliers is lessened by standardization
270 since it focuses on the distribution. Since feature coefficients are all normalized to the same scale. This
271 method can be used to determine a feature's importance. The Mean standardization uses the following
272 Equation (2),

$$273 \quad X_{Standardized} = (X - m)/sd \quad (2)$$

274 Where m is the mean, x is the starting value, and sd is the standard deviation. Gaussian normalization
 275 which fits a Gaussian distribution, and scaling by interquartile range are two further standardization
 276 techniques.

277 Data Cleaning:

278 Outliers are eliminated from the data preparation framework through a process known as data
 279 cleaning. Data points that exhibit a significant departure from the norm are known as outliers which
 280 distort statistical analysis and model training. Finding and managing outliers is necessary to improve
 281 the reliability and quality of the data.

282 3.3. Feature Extraction Using GhostNet

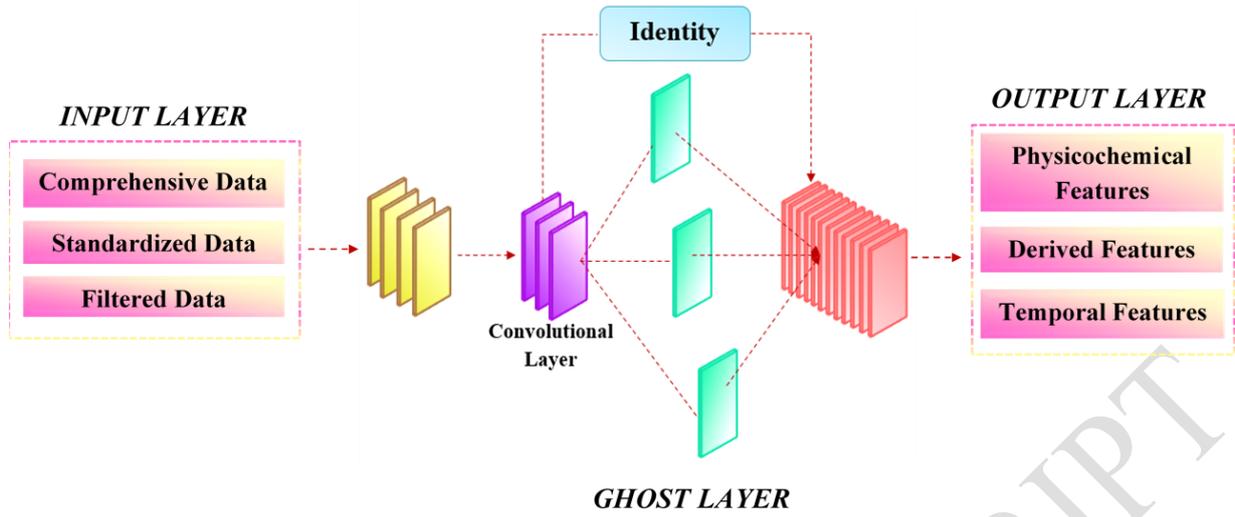
283 A deep learning based GhostNet framework was implemented to extract the features from the
 284 preprocessed data for WQP. A ghost module has been built in the CNN network as shown in Figure
 285 3, that extracts multi-scale bottom-level features to increase the feature utility and reduce the network
 286 capacity. In order to identify the features from the inputs while maintaining the correlation between
 287 preprocessed data this network initializes random distributions. The layer's input volume which is
 288 represented as $M_{lf-1} \in \mathbb{Z}^{K_{lf-1} * K_{lf-1} * N_{lf-1}}$ related to the bias vector and an arbitrary feature
 289 $R_{lf} \in \mathbb{Z}^{K_{lf} * K_{lf} * N_{lf}}$ defines the locations of identified features within the input data which is formulated
 290 in Equation (3).

$$291 \quad R_{lf} = D_{lf} * M_{lf-1} + bias_{lf} \quad (3)$$

292 When applying convolutional kernels to input data Equation (3) indicates that each input element-
 293 wise product with the filter weight is dumped into the local receptive field.

294 In $a = \hat{a} - [K_{lf-1}/2]$ and $b = \hat{b} - [K_{lf-1}/2]$, the spectral indexes are represented as \hat{s}_i and s_i , and the
 295 indexes along the spatial proportions of weights are a, b, \hat{a} and \hat{b} is represented in Equation (4).

$$296 \quad R_{lf}^{x,y,s_i} = \sum_{\hat{x}\hat{y}\hat{s}_i} D_{lf}^{\hat{x},\hat{y},\hat{s}_i} * M_{lf-1}^{x+\hat{x},y+\hat{y},s_i+\hat{s}_i} + bias_{lf}^{m_f} \quad (4)$$



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298 **Figure 3.** Architecture of Ghost Network

299 As a result, the nonlinearities of the data are learned using a non-linear activation function $A(\cdot)$ which
300 yields the final output feature maps as $M_{lf} \in \mathbb{Z}^{K_{lf} * K_{lf} * N_{lf}}$ is represented in Equation (5).

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$$M_{lf} = A(R_{lf}) \quad (5)$$

302 Where the ReLU function which is typically employed in backpropagation methods is applied as A .
303 Ghost convolution uses fewer variables and less computational power to produce redundant data.
304 Intrinsic features \tilde{M}_{lf} are updated in a few simple ways as the output features M_{lf} are developed as
305 "ghosts." $M_{lf} \in \mathbb{Z}^{K_{lf} * K_{lf} * \tilde{N}_{lf}}$ is the group name for these intrinsic feature maps which are generated by
306 a primary convolution from Equation (5). Furthermore, all of the features are combined and
307 vectorized by the pooling module, which then delivers the result to the WQI prediction module. The
308 ghost network extracts significant features related to the WQ and reduces data dimensionality to
309 ensure efficient WQ prediction.

310 *3.4. Water Quality Index Prediction via Adaptive Fish Swarm Optimization*

311 After feature extraction, the WQI is predicted by an AFSO optimization algorithm to represent the
312 quality of the water. The group of fish is the individual, and the hunting space is the search space.
313 The model begins with a set of populations based on member distribution. There are two types of the
314 suggested routing protocol which are blocks and chasers. Equation (6)-(7) formulates the initialization
315 step,

$$316 \quad q_j^i = rand. (b_i^{high} - b_i^{low}) + b_j^{low} \quad (6)$$

$$317 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

$$318 \quad e(c_r) = \sum_{q_f \in C_r} \|Q_f - \mu_r\|^2, f = 1, 2, \dots, g; \quad (7)$$

$$319 \quad r = 1, 2, \dots$$

320 Using *rand* to define the random number, which is in the interval [0,1]. Following the
 321 aforementioned methods, the entire population Q is divided into discrete groups, or subpopulations,
 322 whose behavior can be modeled separately. Equation (8)-(10) displays the mean square error between
 323 the cluster μ_r and data points. Fish population Q is the initial data.

$$324 \quad E(C) = \sum_{r=1}^0 e(C_r) \quad (8)$$

$$325 \quad \Phi_r^{s+1} = \Phi_r^s + \alpha \oplus Levy(\beta), 0 < \beta \leq 2 \quad (9)$$

$$326 \quad \beta = (E(C) \times 0.099) + \frac{0.001s}{S_{max}/10} \quad (10)$$

327 In order to determine whether the prey has been moved, it will submerge itself in the crack and explore
 328 multiple nooks. On occasional walks, the C_r will shift its position and search for any crevices where
 329 prey may be hiding. The new position is then determined using Equation (4). Since $\alpha = 1$ and \oplus is
 330 the entry-wise multiplication, α indicates the step size in this method. An algorithm for WQI
 331 prediction via AFSO Algorithm is derived in Algorithm 1.

332 **Algorithm 1: WQI Prediction via AFSO Algorithm**

Input: Physiochemical Features, Derived Features, and Temporal Features

Output: WQI Score

1. Initialize random fish population (Q) within bounds
2. Cluster each fish groups (C_r) and evaluate the cluster centroids (μ_r) via MSE

3. Update the positions of each fish using Levy flight

$$\Phi_r^{s+1} = \Phi_r^s + \alpha \oplus Levy(\beta), 0 < \beta \leq 2$$

4. Assess the fitness function for each fish using WQI

5. Update the best position (Φ_{best}) of the fish according to the low error rate

6. Modify the positions of chaser and blocker fish based on its spiral motion and average movement

7. Return WQI score

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334 The tail regulates the distribution probability, where β is the Levy index. This can be represented
335 using Equation (11)-(14).

$$336 \quad T = \prod \alpha \oplus \text{levy}(\beta) \sim \alpha \left(\frac{u}{|v|^{1/\beta}} \right) (\Phi_r^s - \Phi_{best}^s) \quad (11)$$

$$337 \quad u \sim M(0, \sigma_u^2) \quad (12)$$

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$$339 \quad v \sim M(0, \sigma_v^2) \quad (13)$$

$$340 \quad \Phi_r^{s+1} = \sum \Phi_l^s + T \quad (14)$$

341 Where, T is the randomly selected step. The u and v stand for the normal distribution as per Equation
342 (15). The Equation (16), is used to assess the fitness of the CF at the new sites.

$$343 \quad \Phi_{best}^{s+1} = \sum \Phi_{best}^s + \prod T' \quad (15)$$

$$344 \quad T' = \sum_{u=0}^n \alpha \left(\frac{u}{|v|^{1/\beta}} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$345 \quad \varphi_f^{s+1} = Z_f \cdot e^{bp} \cdot \cos 2\pi p + \Phi_r \quad (17)$$

346 The value of T' is provided by Equation (17). A logarithmic spiral represents the Blocker Fish's (BF)
347 movement. They always follow the logarithmic spiral motion of BF , which may be found in Equation
348 (18)-(20).

$$349 \quad Z_f = |l \cdot \Phi_r - \varphi_f^s| \quad (18)$$

$$350 \quad \{\Phi_r, \varphi_f^s\} \in C_r \quad (19)$$

$$351 \quad q_f^{s+1} = \frac{\Phi_{best} + q_f^s}{2} \quad (20)$$

352 The number that breaks the distance of Z_f in $[-1,1]$ is l . A new location will be chosen to find new
353 prey after the search space is fully occupied. In these situations, the AFSORP model analyzes

354 overexploitation using the λ parameter. The following Equation (21)-(24) has been used to determine
 355 the WQI.

$$356 \quad WQI = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N q_i \times w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i} \quad (21)$$

$$357 \quad q_i = 100 \times \left(\frac{V_i - V_{Ideal}}{S_i - V_{Ideal}} \right) \quad (22)$$

$$358 \quad w_i = \frac{K}{S_i} \quad (23)$$

$$359 \quad K = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N S_i} \quad (24)$$

360 Where w_i is the unit weight for each parameter as determined by Equation (21), N is the total number
 361 of parameters used in the WQI computations, and q_i is the quality rating scale for each parameter i ,
 362 as specified by Equation (24). The AFSO algorithm represents that the quality of water is excellent,
 363 fair, or poor through numerical scores.

364 3.5. Water Quality Classification using ABiRNN

365 An Attention based BiRNN categorizes the WQ for accurate real-time environmental monitoring in
 366 WRM. The ability to extract temporal correlations and contextual information from input data makes
 367 this method especially suitable for WQ classification. An attention strategy could increase accuracy
 368 and reduce noise from irrelevant data by concentrating on the most crucial components is represented
 369 in Equation (25). The architecture of the ABiRNN structure is depicted in Figure 4.

$$370 \quad h_t = f(Ux_t + Wh_{t-1} + b) \quad (25)$$

371 In the following equation, f is the nonlinear activation function which is used to find the hidden
 372 state h_t of the RNN at time t . BiRNN uses the forward and backward RNNs which is represented in
 373 Equation (26)-(27),

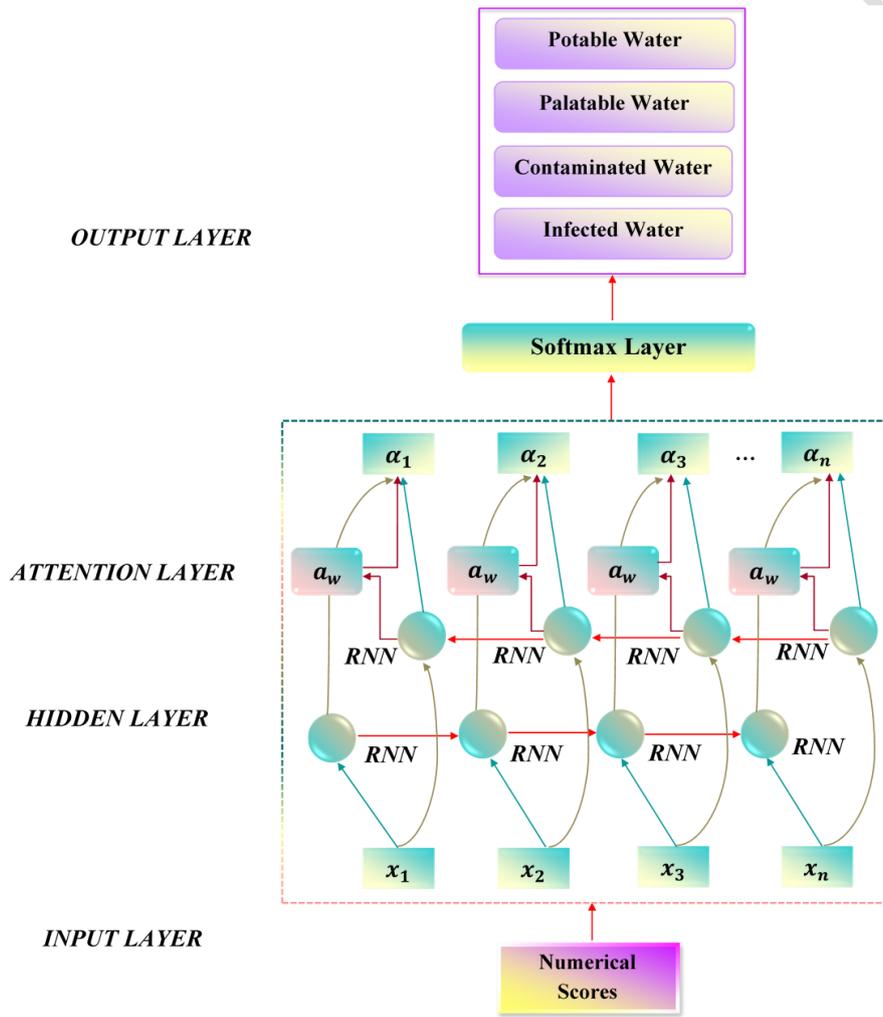
$$374 \quad \vec{h}_t = \vec{f}(\vec{U}x_t + \vec{W}\vec{h}_{t-1} + \vec{b}) \quad (26)$$

$$375 \quad \overleftarrow{h}_t = \overleftarrow{f}(\overleftarrow{U}x_t + \overleftarrow{W}\overleftarrow{h}_{t+1} + \overleftarrow{b}) \quad (27)$$

376 These represent the trainable parameters such as \vec{U} , \vec{W} , \vec{b} , \vec{U} , \vec{W} , and \vec{b} . The nonlinear activation
 377 functions are \vec{f} and \vec{f} . By analyzing the x_t to x_1 series, the reverse RNN generates the backward
 378 hidden layers ($\vec{h}_1, \dots, \vec{h}_t$) which is represented by using Equation (28).

379
$$h_t = [\vec{h}_t^T; h_t^T]^T \quad (28)$$

380 After evaluating a set of forward hidden statistics ($\vec{h}_1, \dots, \vec{h}_t$), the forward RNN analyzes the input
 381 series from x_1 to x_t .



382
 383 **Figure 4.** Architecture of ABiRNN Network

384 By concatenating the backward hidden layers with \vec{h}_t and \vec{h}_t , the h_t hidden layer of BiRNN at time t
 385 is developed. Using Equation (29)-(30), where c_t is the output and $x_t \dots x_1$ is the input series that
 386 finds the attention module's output at time t .

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$$C_t = \sum_{k=1}^T \alpha_t^k h_k \quad (29)$$

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$$\alpha_t^k = \frac{\exp(\hat{\alpha}_t^k)}{\sum_{j=1}^T \exp(\hat{\alpha}_t^j)} \quad (30)$$

389 If the weight of the h_k hidden layer is α_t^k , then C_t and α_k reflect the weighted total of the RNN's
390 hidden states (h_1, \dots, h_t). Equation (18) represents α_t^k in conjunction with other module components.
391 Finally, the ABiRNN Classifies the quality of the water into respective categories such as potable
392 water, palatable water, contaminated water, and infected water for for efficient environmental
393 monitoring.

394 **4. Result and Discussion**

395 This section discusses the results of classifying the WQ using the proposed REWAR-Sense
396 methodology. In the REWAR-Sense methodology, the data are collected through Hepta sensors
397 including pH, DO, TOC, TDS, turbidity, temperature, and chlorophyll. The REWAR-Sense
398 methodology was simulated by using MATLAB R2023a and it is validated by Gulshan Lake Dataset.
399 The investigation makes use of an Intel i7 processor, 8 GB of RAM, and a Windows 10 OS system.
400 The real-time sensor data are stored and visualized by using the ThingSpeak cloud platform. A
401 comparison is made between the proposed REWAR-Sense methodology and existing methods such
402 as AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN (Mahesh et al.
403 2024), according to the metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, specificity, F1-score, WQP
404 Time, MSE, RMSE, and Computational Time.

405 *4.1. Dataset Description*

406 Gulshan Lake is located in Dhaka, which is Bangladesh's northernmost city. Gulshan Lake is
407 considered to be one of the primary sources of surface water in these areas. The entire surface area of
408 Gulshan Lake is around 100 hectares, and it is 3.8 kilometers long. The Environment Department
409 (DOE) and Bangladesh's Environment and Forest Ministry provided these samples. Where, the data
410 are gathered from the Gulshan Lake through a Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Sensor, Dissolved
411 Oxygen (DO) Sensor, Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Sensor, Temperature Sensor, Turbidity Sensor,
412 pH Sensor, and Chlorophyll Sensor. In 2023, the monthly measurements were made of the WQ

413 factors. The dataset used in this investigation contained 108 specimens. Based on the WQI prediction
414 the WQ of the Gulshan Lake is categorized into potable, palatable, contaminated, and infected classes
415 comprising around 25% even distribution among the Gulshan Lake dataset. This distribution across
416 these classification phases employed a stratified partition with a 60:20:20 ratio of training, validation,
417 and testing inputs. A 3-fold cross-validation strategy is employed to effectively assess the model's
418 generalization ability and reduce the risk of overfitting. This operation was repeated three times to
419 ensure that each part had an opportunity to serve as the validation set. Through this approach, all the
420 training data has been used for model training and evaluation thereby avoiding information wastage
421 due to data partitioning. The parameter of epoch was set to 100 and the sample number per batch was
422 set to 20. The Gulshan Lake dataset with epoch 100 was studied and their Val-Loss was calculated
423 which is shown in Figure 6. During transitional climate periods the monthly data may not reflect daily
424 or seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the data preprocessing phase addresses these potential biases
425 through data cleaning, handling missing values, and data standardization. The data preprocessing
426 phase standardizes the data to balance these seasonal fluctuations. In this context, the Gulshan Lake
427 dataset achieves superior results for predicting and classifying the overall WQ.

428 4.2. Performance Analysis

429 The diverse methods used by these models resulted in varying assessments of the results they
430 generated as,

$$431 \quad MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \quad (31)$$

$$432 \quad RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (32)$$

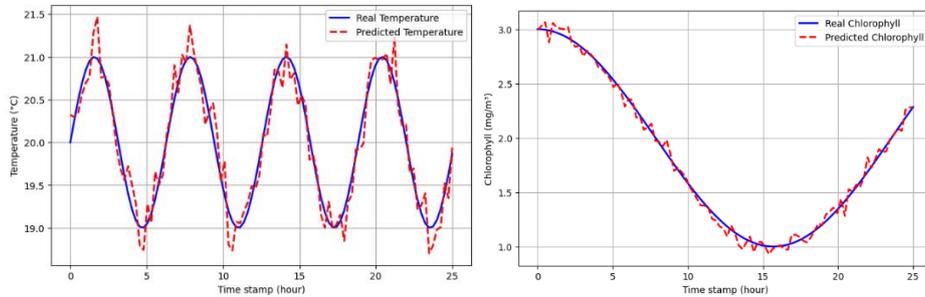
$$433 \quad Accuracy = \frac{\text{Number of Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Number of Predictions}} \quad (33)$$

$$434 \quad Precision = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Positives}} \quad (34)$$

$$435 \quad Recall = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Negatives}} \quad (35)$$

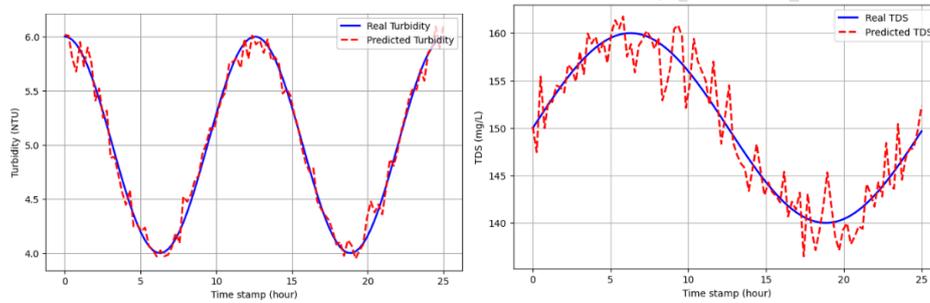
$$436 \quad F1 \text{ score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad (36)$$

437 However, by quantifying the mean absolute error between the predicted and actual values using the
438 MSE and RMSE, equations (31)–(32) show the divergence between the expected and actual values
439 that are susceptible to outliers. Equation (33)–(36) shows the metrics of accuracy, precision, recall,
440 and F1 score that were used to assess the models' performance.



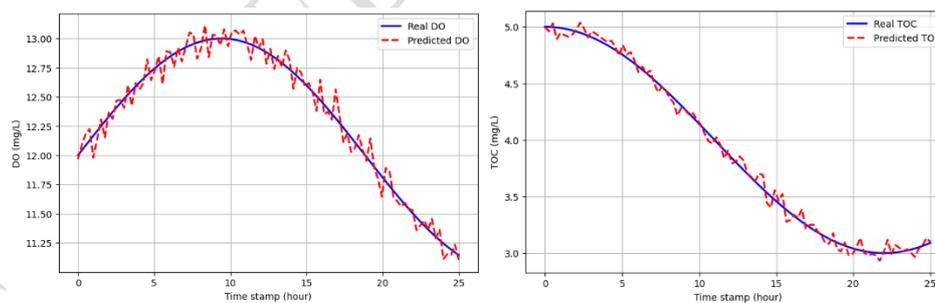
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442 (a) Temperature Prediction

(b) Chlorophyll Prediction



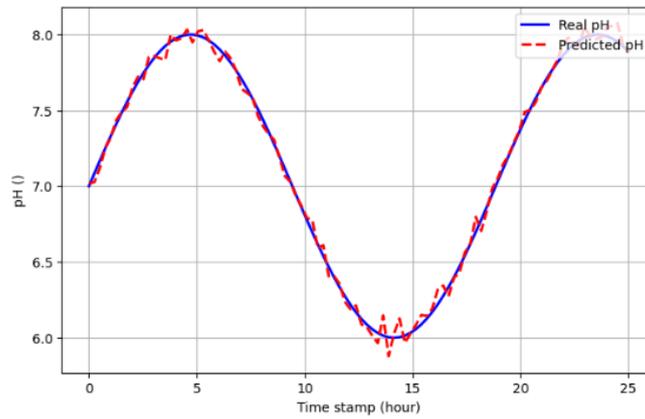
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444 (c) Turbidity Prediction

(d) TDS Prediction



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446 (e) DO Prediction

(f) TOC Prediction



(g) pH Prediction

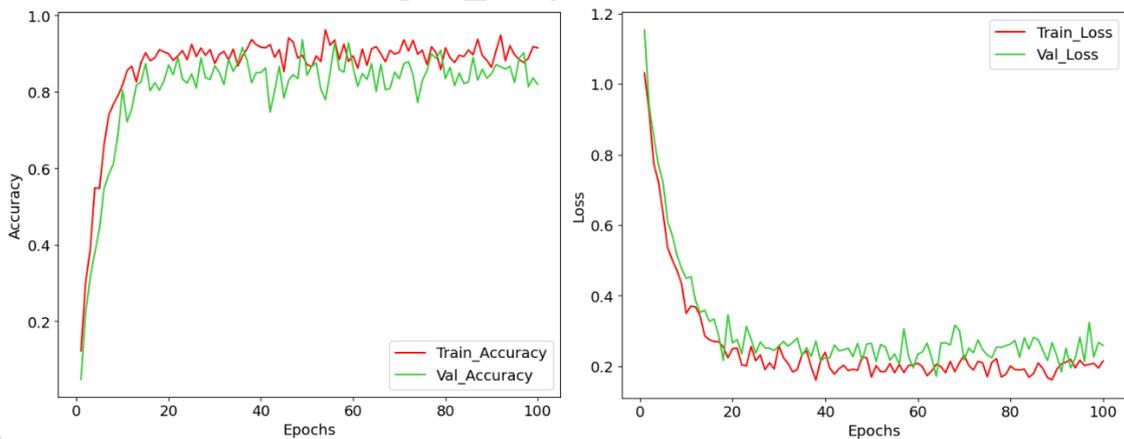
Figure 5. Prediction Effect of Hepta Sensors

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450 The prediction effect of the Hepta sensors for WQP is depicted in Figure 5. Each sensor monitors a
 451 specific parameter critical for assessing WQ. The purpose of this prediction using Hepta sensors is to
 452 enable real-time and accurate assessment of WQ for environmental monitoring, and public health
 453 protection. The advantage of using Hepta sensors for WQP provides continuous real-time data which
 454 enhances the responsiveness of monitoring systems. The integration of multiple parameters improves
 455 decision-making and supports sustainable WRM to ensure ecological balance and public safety.



(a)

(b)

Figure 6. Accuracy and Loss curve for REWAR-Sense Method

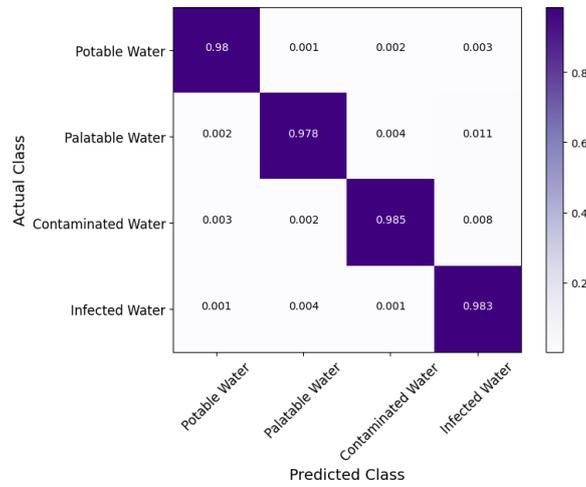
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459 The proposed REWAR-Sense system is a model for characterizing the quality of the water. The
 460 classification outcomes and accuracy of the validation data set for each model are displayed in Figure
 461 6. The accuracy and loss ratio increase correspondingly when the verification data employs only

462 quality data. The experimental result shows that improved accuracy and loss as well as graph
463 stabilization for the proposed REWAR-Sense model.

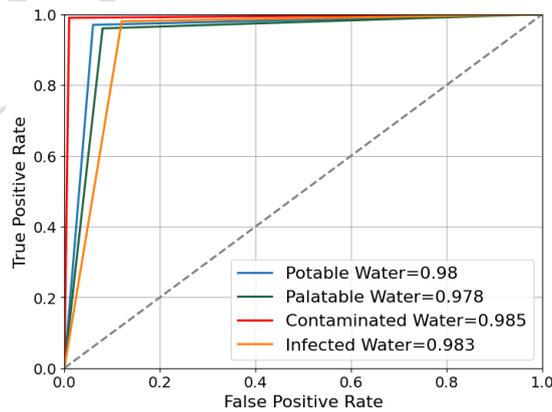


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Figure 7. Confusion Matrix

466 The four-class classification challenge for WQ detection may have resulted in a significant
467 classification error because of the increased inter-class confusion. Most inputs are expected to fall
468 into the category of WQ classification, as the confusion matrix in Figure 7 illustrates. The differences
469 between the closely related forms of WQ, such as potable water, palatable water, contaminated water,
470 and infected water, might not always be clear in contrast to the WQ detection tasks. In line with the
471 results, the confusion matrix shows the most frequently predicted category in WQ detection.



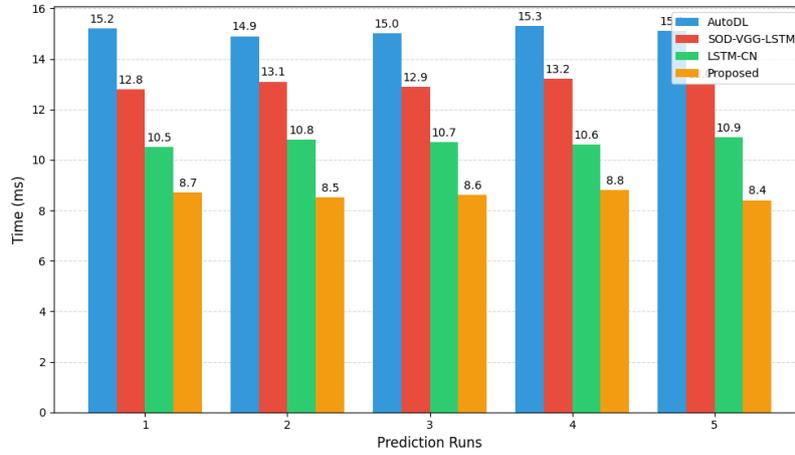
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Figure 8. ROC Curve for REWAR-Sense Method

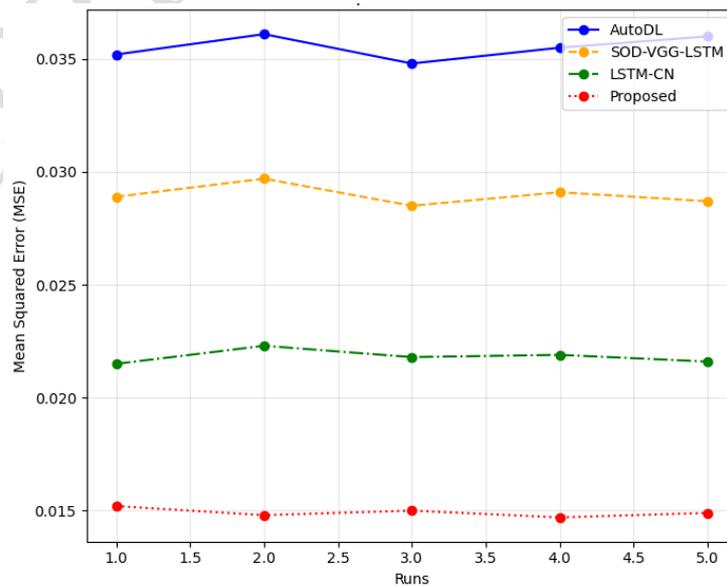
474 The ROC curves for the REWAR-Sense model are plotted in Figure 8 which further illustrates its
475 classification performance. The ROC curves reveal that the contaminated water has the largest AUC
476 followed by potable water, infected water, and palatable water with AUC values of 0.980, 0.983, and

477 0.978. This indicates that these REWAR-Sense models have strong classification abilities for the
 478 Gulshan Lake dataset and can effectively differentiate between positive and negative class samples.
 479 4.3. Comparative Analysis



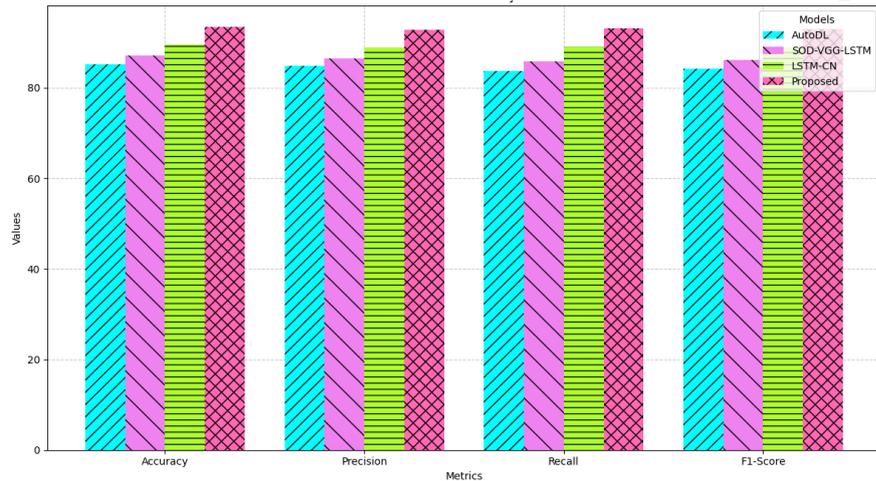
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 481 **Figure 9.** Comparison of WQP Time

482 The WQP time consumption for different methods of comparison is shown in Figure 9. Using all of
 483 these methods, the parallel platform produces the average time after running the experiment times.
 484 The Proposed REWAR-Sense approach achieves a WQP time improvement of approximately 43.7%,
 485 34.8%, and 20.4% compared to the existing approaches AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-
 486 LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN (Mahesh et al. 2024), respectively on average across all
 487 prediction runs.



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 489 **Figure 10.** Comparison of MSE

490 The MSE comparison of REWAR-Sense models is illustrated in Figure 10. For the assigned WQPs,
 491 the results of the REWAR-Sense models are assessed in terms of MSE. Differences in the model's
 492 performance can be seen by comparing the dataset results. The Proposed REWAR-Sense approach
 493 achieves an MSE improvement of approximately 56.7%, 48.7%, and 31.8% compared to the existing
 494 approaches AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN
 495 (Mahesh et al. 2024), respectively, on average across all runs.

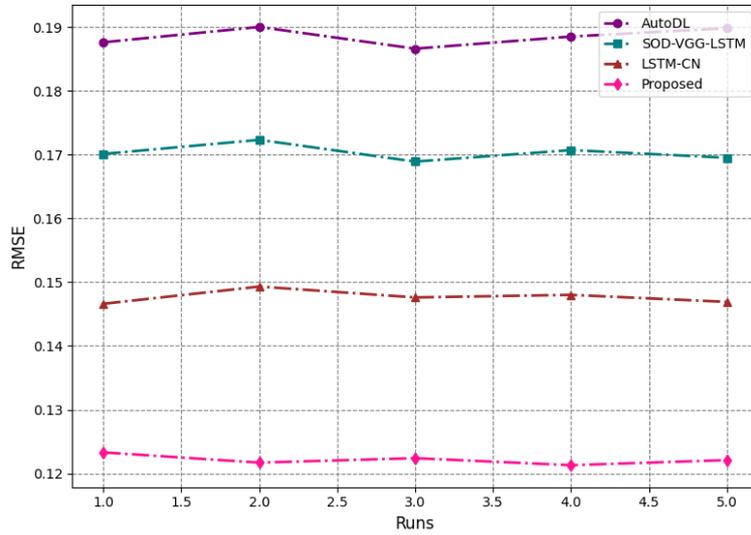


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 497 **Figure 11. Performance Comparison of REWAR-Sense Method**

498 Figure 11 compares the suggested REWAR-Sense technique's accuracy, precision, recall, specificity,
 499 and F1 score to those of current approaches. In the REWAR-Sense methodology, the WQ patterns of
 500 the Gulshan Lake are extracted by using the Ghost network, the quality of the water is predicted by
 501 using an AFSSO algorithm, and the qualities of the waters are classified by the ABiRNN network. The
 502 usage of these novel techniques in the REWAR-Sense methodology provides a robust performance
 503 for WQ prediction and classification in Gulshan Lake. The REWAR-Sense method performs better
 504 than the current AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN
 505 (Mahesh et al. 2024) methods according to the metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-
 506 score. Specifically, it achieves 93.45% accuracy, 92.80% precision, 93.20% recall, and 93.00% F1-
 507 score respectively.

508 Figure 12 shows the typical RMSE accuracy comparison. It displays the overall accuracy of each
 509 prediction point. There is minimal variation in the error values between the various methods. The

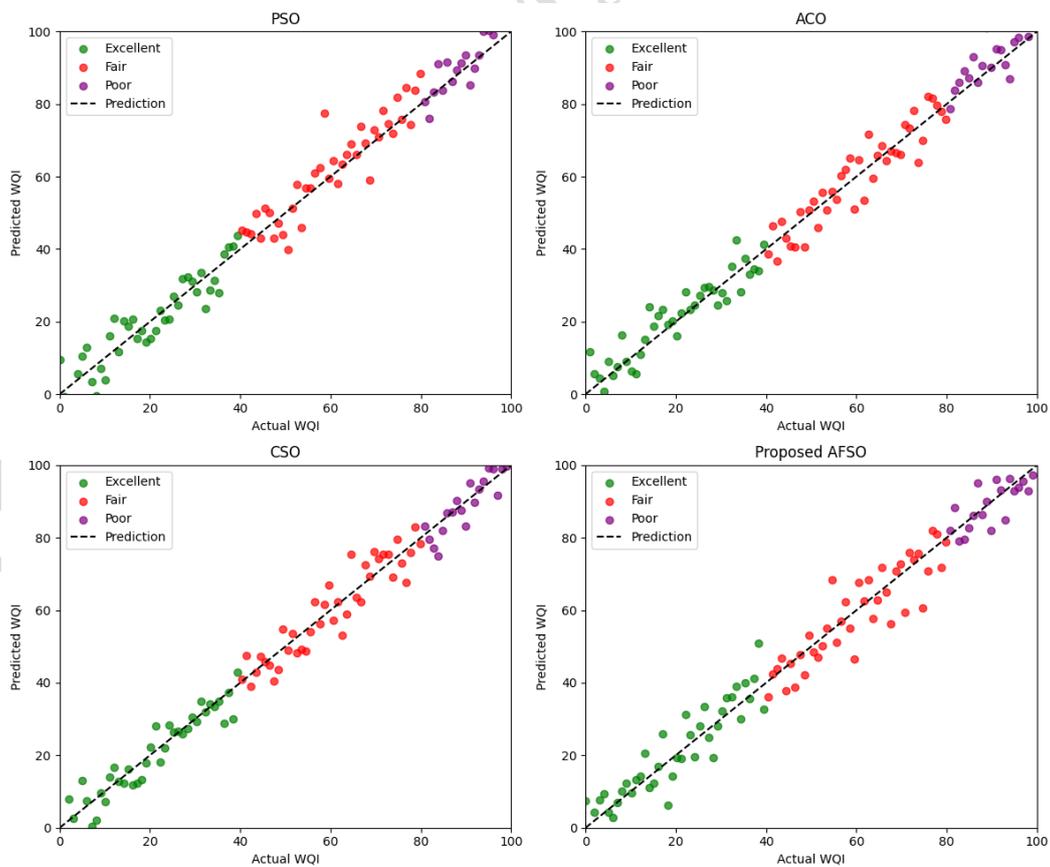
510 Proposed REWAR-Sense approach achieves an RMSE improvement of approximately 34.8%,
 511 27.6%, and 16.4% compared to the existing approaches AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-
 512 LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN (Mahesh et al. 2024), respectively, on average across all
 513 runs.



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Figure 12. Comparison of RMSE

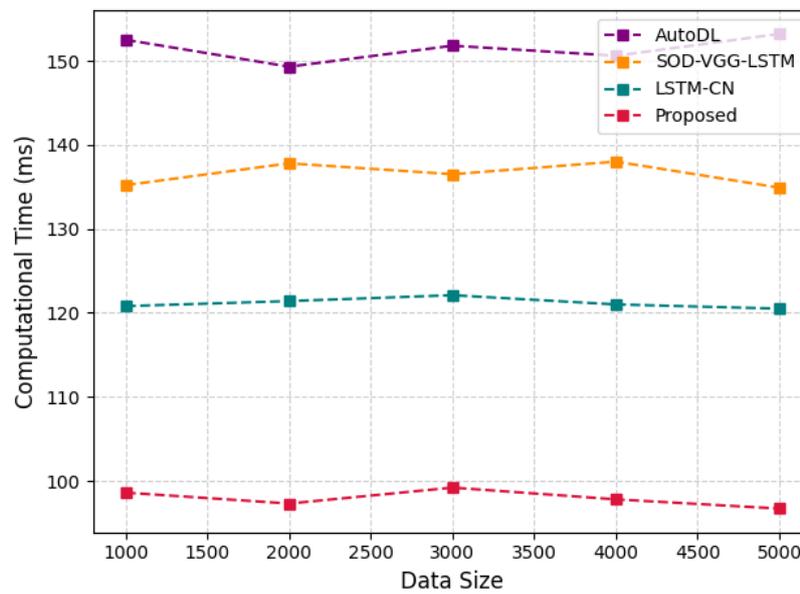


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Figure 13. Water Quality Prediction

518 Figure 13 displays each class's WQI range. Scatter plots that forecast WQ classes, such as excellent,
519 fair, and poor, by taking into account the relevant WQI values are shown in Figure 12. The Proposed
520 AFSSO approach achieves a WQP improvement of approximately 46.15%, 35.38%, and 28.81%
521 compared to the existing PSO, ACO, and CSO approaches, respectively. The AFSSO algorithm
522 provides an accurate prediction score to identify the quality of the water based on its dynamic WQI
523 values. According to its swarm behavior, the AFSSO algorithm dynamically adjusts its swarm search
524 behavior and provides an enhancement in WQ prediction for Gulshan Lake.



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526 **Figure 14.** Comparison of Computational Time

527 Even though the graph topology influences the solutions shown in Figure 14, the run time always
528 stays within the constraints of a stable real-time solution and grows linearly as the number of nodes
529 in the network rises. The Proposed REWAR-Sense approach achieves a computation time
530 improvement of approximately 34.7%, 27.5%, and 19.4% compared to the existing approaches
531 AutoDL (Prasad et al. 2022), SOD-VGG-LSTM (Wan et al. 2022), and LSTM-CN (Mahesh et al.
532 2024), respectively on average across all data sizes.

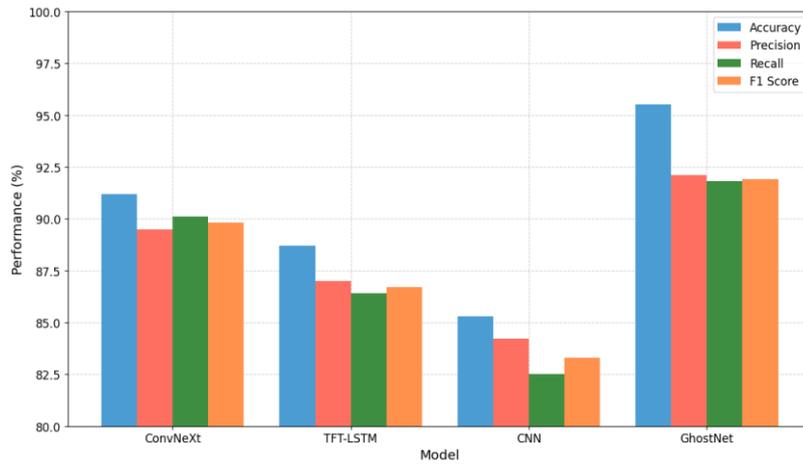
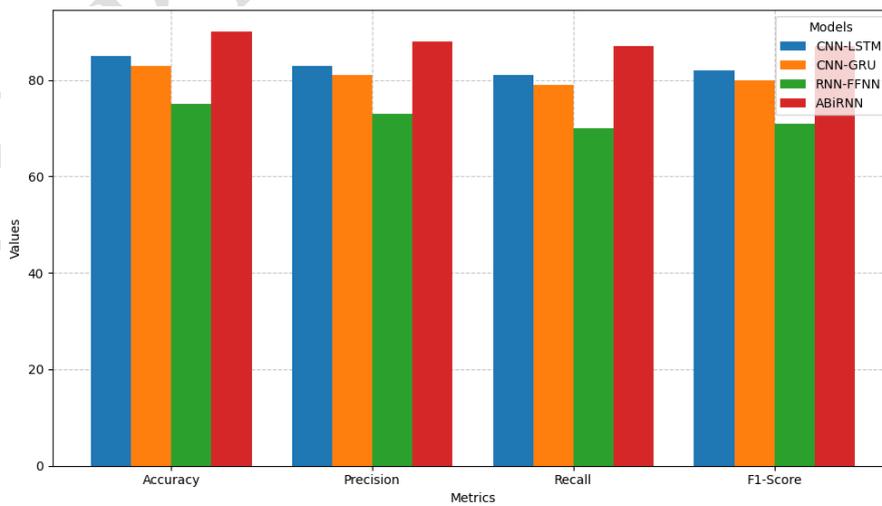


Figure 15. Comparison of Feature Extraction

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535 Figure 15 compares the feature extraction efficiency of the Ghost Network with accuracy, precision,
 536 recall, specificity, and F1-score to those of current approaches. Compared to the existing ConvNeXt,
 537 TFT-LSTM, and CNN networks, the GhostNet extracts efficient features with less computations. It
 538 captures the required WQ patterns from the data without redundant complexity. According to its
 539 lightweight framework, the GhostNet framework captures the required features which is highly
 540 suitable for WQ monitoring. The GhostNet method performs better than the current ConvNeXt, TFT-
 541 LSTM, and CNN methods according to the metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-
 542 score. Specifically, it achieves 95.5% accuracy, 92.1% precision, 91.8% recall, and 91.9% F1-score
 543 respectively.



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Figure 16. Performance Comparison with DL Techniques

546 A comparison between the proposed ABiRNN network and DL techniques such as CNN-LSTM,
547 CNN-GRU, and RNN-FFNN is shown in Figure 16. The proposed Attention-based BiRNN approach
548 outperforms the existing CNN-LSTM, CNN-GRU, and RNN-FFNN techniques in terms of F1-score,
549 recall, accuracy, and precision. Specifically, it achieves 90% accuracy, 88% precision, 87% recall,
550 and 87% F1-score respectively. In the REWAR-Sense methodology, the ABiRNN network
551 categorizes the Gulshan Lake's WQ by capturing long-term dependencies in data with its
552 bidirectional recurrent layers. The attention layer in the ABiRNN obtains the relevant patterns from
553 the data and classifies the water according to its respective qualities which enhances the WQ of the
554 Gulshan Lake.

555 **Discussion**

556 In this research, a novel REmote WAtER Sensing for quality assessment (REWAR-Sense)
557 methodology has been proposed to develop an automated system for the prediction and classification
558 of WQ in Gulshan Lake. During real-world applicability, the REWAR-Sense framework provides
559 continuous monitoring of Gulshan Lake through IoT sensors and gathers the data for further
560 processing. Due to this continuous data collection process the sensors may transmit massive amounts
561 of redundant data which may arise computational overhead. These challenges were further addressed
562 by using the given preprocessing and feature extraction techniques. The REWAR-Sense framework
563 processes the gathered data and transforms them into a standardized format through preprocessing
564 techniques. Furthermore, the GhostNet extracts the most relevant WQ patterns from the data with less
565 computations which is highly suitable for WQ monitoring. Also, the REWAR-Sense framework
566 provides an accurate WQI score prediction through the dynamic swarm behavior of AFSSOA that
567 ensures accurate prediction on dynamic water qualities of Gulshan Lake. Based on these WQI scores,
568 the ABiRNN network captures the long-term dependencies from the data with its bidirectional
569 recurrent layers and categorizes the Gulshan Lake's water qualities into potable water, palatable
570 water, contaminated water, and infected water. Therefore, while deploying the REWAR-Sense
571 system in different environments, larger water bodies, or different types of pollutants the proposed

572 framework is highly scalable for WQ analysis. However, while deploying the REWAR-Sense system
573 in larger water bodies or different types of pollutants there is a slight variation in its accuracies based
574 on the water conditions and its polluted levels of the Gulshan Lake. However, the proposed REWAR-
575 Sense system achieves superior results for accurate WQ prediction and classification of Gulshan
576 Lake.

577 **5. Conclusion**

578 In this paper, a novel REWAR-Sense methodology is proposed to develop an automated system for
579 the prediction and classification of WQ in Gulshan Lake. The REWAR-Sense methodology was
580 simulated by using MATLAB and it is validated by Gulshan Lake Dataset. A comparison is made
581 between the proposed REWAR-Sense methodology and existing methods such as AutoDL, SOD-
582 VGG-LSTM, and LSTM-CN, according to the metrics including accuracy, precision, recall,
583 specificity, F1-score, WQP Time, MSE, RMSE, and Computational Time. In comparison, the
584 proposed REWAR-Sense methodology achieves a WQP time improvement of approximately 43.7%,
585 34.8%, and 20.4% compared to the existing approaches AutoDL, SOD-VGG-LSTM, and LSTM-CN
586 respectively. Conversely, the proposed REWAR-Sense method achieves an accuracy of 93.45%,
587 precision of 92.80%, recall of 93.20%, and F1-score of 93.00% outperforming the existing AutoDL,
588 SOD-VGG-LSTM, and LSTM-CN methods respectively. The GhostNet method performs better than
589 the current ConvNeXt, TFT-LSTM, and CNN methods according to the metrics including accuracy,
590 precision, recall, and F1-score. Specifically, it achieves 95.5% accuracy, 92.1% precision, 91.8%
591 recall, and 91.9% F1-score respectively. The REWAR-Sense methodology is currently validated only
592 on Gulshan Lake which may limit its generalizability to other water bodies with different
593 environmental conditions. In the future, the REWAR-Sense methodology will be further enhanced
594 by incorporating real-time alert mechanisms for WQ anomalies and expanding the model to include
595 additional water bodies for broader applicability and generalization.

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