# Hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM Based Model for Ultra-short Term Photovoltaic Prediction

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*Abstract*—Accurate photovoltaic (PV) power prediction has been a subject of ongoing study in order to address grid stability concerns caused by PV output unpredictability and intermittency. This paper proposes an ultra-short-term hybrid photovoltaic power forecasting method based on a dendritic neural model (DNM) in this paper. This model is trained using improved biogeography-based optimization (IBBO), a technique that incorporates a domestication operation to increase the performance of classical biogeography-based optimization (BBO). To be more precise, a similar day selection (SDS) technique is presented for selecting the training set, and wavelet packet transform (WPT) is used to divide the input data into many components. IBBO is then used to train DNM weights and thresholds for each component prediction. Finally, each component's prediction results are stacked and reassembled. The suggested hybrid model is used to forecast PV power under various weather conditions using data from the Desert Knowledge Australia Solar Centre (DKASC) in Alice Springs. Simulation results indicate the proposed hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM model has the lowest error of any of the benchmark models and hence has the potential to considerably enhance the accuracy of solar power forecasting (PVPF).

*Index Terms*—Dendritic neural model, improved biogeography-based optimization, photovoltaic power forecasting, similar day selection, wavelet packet transform.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

U TILIZATION of electrical energy has aided in the evolution of human civilization [1], and industrial activity and daily life cannot function without it. Photovoltaic energy TILIZATION of electrical energy has aided in the evolution of human civilization [\[1\]](#page-9-0), and industrial activity is a frequently used renewable energy source in the power business [\[2\]](#page-9-1). Photovoltaic energy generation, on the other

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hand, is uncertain [\[3\]](#page-9-2) and cannot be directly connected to the grid. Thus, precisely forecasting ultra-short-term photovoltaic power generation is critical for ensuring steady grid operation following photovoltaic grid connection.

PV power forecast methods can be based on physical or statistical models, the latter of which can be linear or nonlinear in nature [\[4\]](#page-9-3). The nonlinear technique, which employs a variety of machine learning algorithms, is frequently used in PV forecasting. Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) such as Muti-layer Perception (MLP) [\[5\]](#page-9-4) were used in the early stages of machine learning research for PV forecasting, Support Vector Machine (SVM) [\[6\]](#page-9-5) and Extreme Learning Machine (ELM) [\[7\]](#page-9-6) were common. Later, the emphasis has shifted to incorporate algorithms based on deep neural networks, such as Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) [\[8\]](#page-9-7) and Long Shortterm Memory (LSTM) network [\[9\]](#page-9-8). However, development of PV prediction models is constrained not just by machine learning model development, but also by model parameter tweaking and data pre-treatment. Currently, a great number of publications [\[10\]](#page-9-9)–[\[13\]](#page-9-10) have addressed the topic of parameter tuning by utilizing various optimization algorithms and enhanced versions. Additionally, the performance of photovoltaic energy prediction models is highly dependent on data preprocessing [\[14\]](#page-9-11). Numerous data pre-processing techniques exist, for example, Similar Days Analysis [\[15\]](#page-9-12), Wavelet Transform (WT) [\[16\]](#page-9-13), Empirical Mode Decomposition [\[17\]](#page-9-14), etc. Almost all solar forecasting models currently available are hybrid models that incorporate data processing, optimization algorithms, and superior forecasting models [\[18\]](#page-9-15).

Although deep neural networks are capable of processing large amounts of data and mapping complicated nonlinear relationships, ANNs is still the norm in predicting a single photovoltaic power plant. DNM is a unique single neural network model that exploits the neural dendritic structure's nonlinear processing capabilities to tackle issues such as classification, XOR [\[19\]](#page-9-16), [\[20\]](#page-9-17), and so on. Unlike conventional ANNs, this is a true single neuron model capable of nonlinear processing. At the moment, DNM is widely utilized to solve a variety of time series prediction issues, including financial time series predictions [\[21\]](#page-9-18), crude oil price forecasting [\[22\]](#page-9-19), very short-term photovoltaic power prediction [\[23\]](#page-9-20), and wind speed forecasting [\[24\]](#page-9-21). While both DNM and traditional ANNs share a fundamental physical structure, DNM requires fewer manual parameters to be set, has a faster convergence rate, and has greater fitting capabilities [\[25\]](#page-9-22). However, the typical DNM

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based on the BP method has certain drawbacks, including easy-to-fall-into local minima and a greater sensitivity to the initial value [\[26\]](#page-9-23), [\[27\]](#page-9-24). To address this issue, numerous publications [\[28\]](#page-9-25)–[\[30\]](#page-9-26) attempt to train DNM using an efficient evolutionary approach to tackle practical engineering issues. BBO is considered a viable tool for preparing DNM for practical work [\[30\]](#page-9-26). As a result, this paper examines the application of an enhanced BBO optimization algorithm to train DNM for ultra-short-term photovoltaic forecasting. The IBBO method considers a domestication operation [\[31\]](#page-9-27) that does not modify the migration and mutation operations of the original BBO algorithm, but works only when the fitness value of BBO remains constant throughout iterations.

On one hand, Zhou *et al*. [\[7\]](#page-9-6) developed a similar day technique for screening similar days training sets for PVPF using five meteorological variables as characteristics. However, it does not use correlation analysis to discover meteorological elements, which is critical for PVPF, according to [\[4\]](#page-9-3). Additionally, Li *et al*. [\[32\]](#page-10-0) demonstrated that photovoltaic power production is not always comparable across two days with identical meteorological circumstances. This study presents a SDS for accurately simplifying the training set using the European formula in conjunction with expected radiation and historical power data. On the other hand, WT is frequently used to do efficient data preparation in order to increase prediction accuracy [\[4\]](#page-9-3), [\[16\]](#page-9-13), [\[26\]](#page-9-23). Zhang *et al*. [\[16\]](#page-9-13) created a PVPF model that combined WT and DNM, confirming that WT increased forecast accuracy marginally in the presence of significant weather fluctuations. However, when solar power and meteorological data contain a greater proportion of highfrequency signals, the decomposition impact of WPT is enhanced [\[33\]](#page-10-1). As a result, WPT is utilized to decompose the input variables' time series, resulting in more predictable input data. In terms of experimental development, Leva *et al*. [\[34\]](#page-10-2) developed a physical hybrid ANN approach for forecasting photovoltaic power over a range of time horizons and resolutions. It is based on publicly available data sets and provides high-precision forecasting results under a variety of weather circumstances. It does, however, present only one day example for each weather condition, similar to [\[11\]](#page-9-28). Such experiments are insufficient. We compare the hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM prediction model to other benchmark models in this paper and present the results of multiple day's cases under various weather conditions.

The primary contributions of this paper are as follows: 1) Data pre-processing: A SDS approach is developed and then used with WPT to select and deconstruct input data. 2) Prediction model: A dendritic network model is utilized to solve the inadequacies of typical ANNs PV prediction models by utilizing dendritic structure to regulate nonlinear problems. 3) The proposed ultra-short-term hybrid photovoltaic prediction model: The SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM forecast model, is the first to predict real solar station data using a single dendritic neuron model trained using an effective optimization approach.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: Section II delves deeply into data pre-processing techniques such as SDS and WPT. Section III describes the DNM model's structure, the IBBO algorithm, and the IBBO-DNM implementation. Section IV describes the specific prediction process, experimental data, assessment measures, parameters setting, simulation results, and study of computational complexity, as well as the discussion that follows. Finally, Section V highlights the key findings of this paper and discusses future work.

#### II. DATA PREPARATION

While model selection is critical for PV prediction, data pre-processing and correlation analysis of input and output data are also critical. A good pre-processing strategy reduces not just computational complexity, but also prediction error. This article makes extensive use of the following two data preparation techniques: 1) To accurately simplify training samples, a new comparable day choosing method is applied; 2) The data are decomposed using WPT, which is capable of completely decomposing the photovoltaic variable.

#### *A. Similar Day Selection and Input Selection*

While similar day selection is a standard strategy for selecting training sets in photovoltaic prediction, older methods rely heavily on meteorological data such as temperature to find comparable days. Indeed, when power generation is comparable over a two-day period, their temperatures may not be too close [\[32\]](#page-10-0). As a result, this paper proposes a new selection strategy based on the Euclidean distance formula. To begin, (1) calculates the historical day with the most similar radiation to the projected day, and then these historical power data that are comparable to the most similar day's power data, are further calculated using the same formula and screened as the training set. The Euclidean distance formula is as follows:

$$
D = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - y_i)^2}
$$
 (1)

where  $x_i$  is the power data or radiation data of the history day, and  $y_i$  represents the power data or radiation data of the predicted day. n denotes the number of power points in a day.

The Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC) value for each variable with PV power in the data used in this analysis is shown in Table I. The closer the PCC value is to 1, the more strongly correlated the two variables are. It's self-evident that global horizontal radiation (GHR) and diffuse horizontal radiation (DHR) are both critical variables. Although the PCC value for temperature is not very high in this table, temperature is not negligible. As a result, the input variables selected were global horizontal radiation, diffuse horizontal radiation, temperature, and photovoltaic power. PCC value was calculated using the Pearson correlation coefficient formula [\[7\]](#page-9-6):

TABLE I THE PCC VALUE OF EACH VARIABLE WITH PV POWER

Variable	Value	Variable	Value
Temperature	0.155	DHR	0.587
Humidity	$-0.133$	Wind direction	$-0.216$
GHR	0.984		

$$
PCC = \frac{N \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i \sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i}{\sqrt{N \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i)^2} \sqrt{N \sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i)^2}}
$$
(2)

where  $PCC$  is the final value, X and Y signify two distinct variables. In this case,  $X$  is fixed as the photovoltaic power, while Y is one of the other variables.  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  denote the i-th sample value of the corresponding variable, respectively.  $N$  is the number of samples of the variable.

## *B. Wavelet Packet Transform of Input Data*

Because WPT is extremely competent at performing timefrequency analysis on signals in engineering applications [\[26\]](#page-9-23), this work uses it to pre-decompose time series of input variables (photovoltaic power and meteorological data). Not only can WPT decompose the signal's low frequency component, but it can also further decompose the signal's high frequency component. However, because WT can examine just the low frequency component of the signal, the decomposition effect is less than that of WPT when the signal is decomposed into several high frequency signals [\[33\]](#page-10-1). When the weather is highly variable, both photovoltaic power and meteorological data contain a large number of high-frequency components.

After the suggested SDS selects the training set, WPT decomposes the time series of each input variable individually. The WPT with three-layer decomposition may theoretically approximate any nonlinear function, allowing for the solution of practical engineering issues [\[35\]](#page-10-3). As a result, this paper employs a three-layer WPT to decompose data. The specific three-layer decomposition process is shown in Fig. 1.  $W_{1,1}$  and  $W_{1,2}$  denote the first layer decomposed results, and  $W_{3,1}$ – $W_{3,8}$ are the three-layer decompositions. The wavelet basis function is based on the discrete Meyer wavelet and has been shown to be effective in photovoltaic prediction [\[35\]](#page-10-3). Due to the fact that it differs in Fourier space by a small carrier, it has a reasonably excellent localization in coordinate space [\[36\]](#page-10-4).



Fig. 1. The three-layer decomposition process of WPT.

#### III. THE IBBO-DNM PREDICTION MODEL

#### *A. The Dendritic Neural Model*

DNM's topological architecture is distinct from that of other neural networks such as MLP and RBFNN (Radial Basis Function Neural Network). Indeed, MLP achieves nonlinear computation by focusing exclusively on signal propagation between neurons. DNM, on the other hand, is a single neuron model that makes use of the dendritic architecture of neurons to do nonlinear computation. DNM has a faster convergence rate and a higher fitting accuracy than MLP as a result of this unique structure [\[23\]](#page-9-20), [\[24\]](#page-9-21).

As shown in Fig. 2, DNM contains four layers: synaptic layer, branch layer, membrane layer, and soma layer [\[19\]](#page-9-16). The signal inputs  $X_1 - X_n$  are first processed through the synaptic layer of each branch for nonlinear calculation, and then summed by each branch to the membrane layer for calculation of output. After membrane layer processing, the signal is transmitted to the soma layer.



Fig. 2. Structure of the dendritic neural model.

The synaptic layer acts as a kind of gatekeeper for neuronal communication. Each branch's synaptic layer processes the input signals using the sigmoid function. They are then written to the branch layer. The synaptic layer of the  $i$ -th input on the  $j$ -th branch performs the following processing function [\[30\]](#page-9-26):

$$
Y_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-k(w_{ij}x_i - \theta_{ij})}}
$$
(3)

where k is a positive number, defined by the user.  $w_{ij}$  and  $\theta_{ij}$ are the parameters of the  $i$ -th input synaptic layer on the  $j$ -th branch, determined by the training of the learning algorithm.  $x_i$  is the input of the *i*-th synapse in the range [0, 1].

The branch layer connects the nodes of the synaptic layer and amplifies the synaptic layer signals. Equation (4) describes the multiply operation in the  $j$ -th branch [\[30\]](#page-9-26):

$$
Z_j = \prod_{i=1}^n Y_{ij} \tag{4}
$$

where  $Z_j$  denotes the output of the j-th branch, n is the number of input variables.

The membrane layer connects all the branch layers and sums signals to the soma layer. Here is equation [\[30\]](#page-9-26):

$$
V = \sum_{j=1}^{M} Z_j \tag{5}
$$

where  $V$  is the output of the membrane layer, and  $M$  is the number of branches.

The results of the membrane layer are conveyed to the soma layer. If they are above a certain threshold, the neuron is activated. Additionally, the sigmoid function is applied to the soma layer, which is expressed in (6) [\[30\]](#page-9-26):

$$
O = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-k_s(V - \theta_s)}}
$$
(6)

where  $k<sub>s</sub>$  is a user-defined parameter,  $\theta<sub>s</sub>$  represents the threshold and  $O$  is the final output of the model.

# *B. Biogeography-based Optimization*

Traditional DNM typically adopts a BP learning algorithm to train its weights and thresholds, but BP algorithm has disadvantages such as easy to be affected by initial value and too slow convergence speed [\[30\]](#page-9-26). In order to achieve a better solution to complex problems, such as the photovoltaic power prediction in this paper, it is important to use an efficient and rapid learning algorithm to train DNM. Therefore, this paper adopts IBBO as the learning algorithm for the DNM. BBO simulates migration and drifting of natural species in different geographical regions, so it mainly has two operations: migration and mutation.

The BBO algorithm determines the solution to the problem, referred to as the habitat, based on the habitat suitability index (HSI), and the variable affecting the HSI is referred to as the suitability index variable (SIV) [\[37\]](#page-10-5). The migration operation is a critical step in integrating information exchange between habitats and preserving the best SIV in the majority of habitats. Assuming that each solution's migration model is consistent, the migration formulas are as in  $(7)$  and  $(8)$ :

$$
\lambda_i = I\left(1 - \frac{n}{Q}\right) \tag{7}
$$

$$
\mu_i = E\left(\frac{n}{Q}\right) \tag{8}
$$

where  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are the current immigration rate and emigration rate respectively,  $I$  and  $E$  are the maximum immigration rate and emigration rate respectively,  $n$  is the current population quantity, and  $Q$  is the maximum population quantity.

Mutation operations alter a range of ecosystems in order to boost species diversity. This mutation technique enables habitats with a low HSI to improve more quickly, while habitats with a high HSI to continue to improve [\[37\]](#page-10-5). Even though mutation impairs its HSI, the retained excellent habitats can be protected by an elite approach. The mutation rate mi related to population size can be formulated as follows:

$$
m_i = m_{\text{max}} \left( 1 - \frac{p_i}{p_{\text{max}}} \right) \tag{9}
$$

where  $m_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum mutation rate defined by the user, and  $P_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum value of individual count probability  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, Q$ ).

## *C. Improved Biogeography-based Optimization*

The IBBO includes one more domestication operation compared to normal BBO. An artificial domestication operation is used to expedite the evolution of a species in a certain direction by human intervention. Domestication occurs independently of migration and mutation operations and has no effect on the BBO algorithm's search capability. It becomes effective only when the HSI is at a standstill. Equation (10) describes the process [\[31\]](#page-9-27):

$$
X_i(j+1) = \begin{cases} X_i(j) - 1, & -1 \le c \le -0.5\\ X_i(j), & -0.5 < c < 0.5\\ X_i(j) + 1, & 0.5 \le c \le 1 \end{cases}
$$
 (10)

where  $X_i(j)$  is the optimal solution of the population in the j-th iteration,  $X_i(j + 1)$  is the solution after domestication, and will replace the solution with the low HSI to participate in the subsequent iteration process.  $c$  is a random variable with uniform distribution in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Equation (10) implements the nearest rounding through classification discussion. This process simulates a continuous excitation, which randomly selects individuals in the optimal solution to be slightly perturbed. Although the domestication has slight modification to the BBO algorithm itself, the effect is apparent to the algorithms' results.

The following are the steps involved in IBBO training DNM:

1) Initialize IBBO parameters, such as population *popsize*, iteration number *maxgen*, and mutation rate  $m_{\text{max}}$ .

2) Initialize a collection of randomly generated vector solutions, specifically the habitats in IBBO.

3) Calculate and sort the HSI values, which are equivalent to the mean square error (MSE). The calculation formula is as follows:

$$
HSI = MSE = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (T_i - O_i)^2
$$
 (11)

where N denotes the number of samples,  $T_i$  and  $O_i$  represent the target vector and the actual vector of the  $i$ -th sample, respectively.

4) Calculate the immigration and emigration rates using (7) and (8), and then carry out the migration and mutation operations according to the probability distribution.

5) Determine whether the convergence process is taking too long. If it is slow, select the optimal domestication solution mentioned before. Otherwise, determine whether the termination condition is satisfied. Otherwise, return to 3).

## IV. CASE STUDIES

#### *A. The Specific Prediction Process of the Proposed Model*

As mentioned previously, the proposed hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM forecasting model is composed primarily of two components: data processing and model prediction. To begin, the proposed SDS is used to select a training set with high quality and an appropriate data size. Next, the input variables' corresponding time series signals are decomposed using threelayer WPT, and the component signals corresponding to each variable are jointly input into the well-trained IBBO-DNM prediction model. Finally, each component's prediction results are stacked and reassembled. The proposed hybrid model's prediction flow chart is depicted in Fig. 3.



Fig. 3. Prediction flow chart of the proposed hybrid model.

#### *B. Overview of Experimental Data*

To validate the proposed hybrid prediction model's performance, a series of tests are conducted using data from the DKASC, Alice Springs photovoltaic system [\[38\]](#page-10-6). Table II contains pertinent site information. This article makes use of data spanning the period September 1, 2018 to August 30, 2019, including historical data on electricity generation, temperature, global horizontal radiation, and diffuse horizontal radiation. Among them, data utilized for training, validation, and testing make up 70%, 15%, and 15%, respectively. Due to the limited duration of sunshine, a total of 46 data points from 7:00 to 18:15 in a day were chosen as forecast sample points. The resolution of the data is 15 minutes.

TABLE II RELEVANT SITE INFORMATION

System specification	Valve
Array Rating	$5.04$ kW
Panel Rating	280 W
Number of Panels	18
Panel Type	Sungrid SG-280P6
Array Area	35.12 $m^2$
Inverter Size/Type	6 kW, SMA SMC 6000 A
<b>Installation Completed</b>	Mon, 15 Mar 2010
Array Tilt/Azimuth	Tilt = 20, Azi = $0$ (Solar North)

## *C. Evaluation Metrics*

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To evaluate the performance of the proposed hybrid prediction model, four evaluation metrics are used to analyze and compare the prediction effects. They are the root mean square error (RMSE), the mean absolute error (MAE), the mean absolute percent error (MAPE), and the correlation coefficient  $(R<sup>2</sup>)$ , respectively. They can be expressed as follows [\[7\]](#page-9-6), [\[39\]](#page-10-7):

$$
RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (P_{f,i} - P_{a,i})^2}
$$
 (12)

$$
MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |P_{f,i} - P_{a,i}|
$$
\n(13)

$$
MAPE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \frac{P_{f,i} - P_{a,i}}{P_{a,i}} \right| \times 100\%
$$
 (14)

$$
R^{2} = \frac{\left(N \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{f,i} P_{a,i} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{f,i} \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{a,i}\right)^{2}}{\left[N \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{f,i}^{2} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{f,i}\right)^{2}\right] \left[N \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{a,i}^{2} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{a,i}\right)^{2}\right]} \tag{15}
$$

where  $P_{f,i}$  and  $P_{a,i}$  indicate forecasted power value and actual power value at the  $i$ -th time point, respectively. N denotes the total number of samples taken for each forecast period.

#### *D. Parameters Setting*

As mentioned in Section III, the DNM requires the setting of four user-defined parameters:  $k, k_s, \theta_s$  and M. However, in this paper,  $k$  is equal to  $k<sub>s</sub>$ . As a result, three parameters must be examined in order to optimize the model's performance. Because attempting each parameter one by one would take an inordinate amount of time, this study employs Taguchi's approach, which has been widely used for the selection of DNM's parameters [\[25\]](#page-9-22), [\[30\]](#page-9-26).  $L_{16}$  (4<sup>3</sup>) orthogonal arrays of its core parameters are produced, which include only 16 (out of 64) experiments. Table III summarizes the MSEs for 16 different parameter combinations of DNM and the proposed model, where MSE is determined using (11). Each experiment was repeated twenty times, separately, to obtain an average. IBBO's population sizes and iteration times are set to 50 and 1000. To guarantee a fair comparison, all benchmark models use comparable approaches for determining their primary parameters, which are reported in Table IV.

TABLE III MSES FOR 16 DIFFERENT PARAMETER COMBINATIONS OF DNM AND THE PROPOSED MODEL

No.	$\overline{k} = k_s$	$\theta_s$	М	<b>DNM</b>	WPT-IBBO-DNM
		2	5	1.31E-03	1.00E-03
2		3	10	7.99E-04	3.37E-04
3		4	20	7.73E-04	3.28E-04
4		5	30	7.18E-04	2.16E-04
5	$\overline{c}$	$\overline{c}$	10	9.83E-04	3.36E-04
6	$\overline{2}$	3	5	5.38E-03	6.97E-04
	$\overline{2}$	4	30	1.08E-03	2.48E-04
8	$\overline{2}$	5	20	2.58E-02	4.18E-04
9	3	$\overline{c}$	20	1.84E-02	4.57E-04
10	3	3	30	7.78E-03	4.71E-04
11	3	4	5	2.45E-01	9.12E-04
12	3	5	10	2.45E-01	8.81E-04
13	4	$\overline{c}$	30	1.47E-02	6.48E-04
14	4	3	20	2.45E-01	4.50E-04
15	4	4	10	2.45E-01	1.72E-03
16	4	5	5	2.45E-01	4.12E-02

Note: The bold values indicate the minimum MSEs for 16 parameter combinations.

TABLE IV PARAMETERS SETTING OF EACH MODEL

Model	Value
WPT-IBBO-DNM/	$k = k_s = 1, \theta_s = 5, M = 30$
<b>IBBO-DNM</b>	
<b>DNM</b>	$k = k_s = 1, \theta_s = 5, M = 30, \eta = 0.7$
	and <i>maxgen</i> $= 1000$
Deep Belief Network (DBN)	$M = (10, 5), \eta = 0.1$ and <i>maxgen</i> =
	1000
Elman neural network	$M = 10$ , $\eta = 0.01$ and maxgen = 1000
(ELMAN)	
General Regression Neural	$n = 0.3$
Network (GRNN)	
MLP	$M = 10$ , $\eta = 0.001$ and <i>maxgen</i> = 1000

where  $\eta$  denotes learning rate, *maxgen* is iteration times, and  $M$  of the other models represents the number of hidden layer neurons. It is worth noting that DBN has two hidden layers, so it has two values of M.

#### *E. Simulation Results*

In this paper, thorough experiments were undertaken to establish the superiority of the hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM prediction model. These prediction tests are implemented on a personal computer with Intel Core i5-6200 and RAM 8.00 GB using MATLAB 2018b. These experiments generally consist of three simulation parts:

## *1) WPT's Superior Data Decomposition Ability*

To demonstrate this, WT-DNM is introduced as a comparison model for WPT-DNM. The results of DNM, WT-DNM, and WPT-DNM prediction under two different weather situations are shown in Table V. Day 1 is a sunny day with low variation in photovoltaic power picked at random from validation data, whereas Day 2 is a cloudy day with significant variation in photovoltaic power selected at random. The two-day test results were chosen to demonstrate the WPT's usefulness in photovoltaic forecast. In this simulation part, WT employs a three-level decomposition technique, whereas WPT employs a two-layer decomposition technique to ensure the number of prediction components is consistent. This contrasts with the suggested three-layer WPT-IBBO-DNM model. It is not difficult to notice from the two-day test that WPT-DNM performs somewhat better than WT-DNM on all four evaluation indices, and both WPT-DNM and WT-DNM perform better than DNM on all four evaluation indexes. This demonstrates that both WPT and WT may enhance prediction outcomes, but WPT's improvement is slightly more than WT's. Additionally, the anticipated performance improvement

TABLE V COMPARISON OF WT AND WPT'S PERFORMANCE

Model	Criteria	Day1	Day <sub>2</sub>
<b>DNM</b>	RMSE (kW)	0.1706	0.2094
	MAE (kW)	0.1512	0.1853
	MAPE $(\% )$	0.0451	0.0733
	$R^2$	0.9950	0.9963
WT-DNM	RMSE (kW)	0.1293	0.1738
	MAE (kW)	0.1123	0.1568
	MAPE $(\% )$	0.0340	0.0569
	$R^2$	0.9965	0.9962
WPT-DNM	RMSE (kW)	0.1273	0.1667
	MAE (kW)	0.1042	0.1462
	MAPE $(\% )$	0.0274	0.0589
	$R^2$	0.9953	0.9972

of WPT-DNM on Day 2 was greater than the predicted performance improvement on Day 1. Specifically, the RMSE of WPT-DNM on Day1 is 0.1273, which is 1.5% lower than the RMSE of WT-DNM. However, on Day 2, WPT-DNM reduced by 4.1% when compared to WT-DNM with the same RMSE value. This demonstrates the importance of using WPT to decompose the model's input data, particularly in the case of extreme weather fluctuations.

## *2) IBBO's Efficiency in DNM Model Training*

To demonstrate the great efficiency and precision of IBBO, the following algorithms are compared: BBO, Genetic Algorithm (GA), Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), Evolutionary Strategies (ES), Population-Based Incremental Learning (PBIL), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO). Fig. 4 depicts the convergence curve for seven algorithms training DNM in PV validation data. MSE is determined using (11) as described in Section III. The parameter values and brief descriptions for each algorithm are listed in Table VI [\[30\]](#page-9-26), although in this simulation section, population sizes and iteration times are set to 50 and 300, respectively, rather than 50 and 1000. Clearly, the MSE value of IBBO-DNM decreases the fastest and is closest to the ideal solution in the various models during the iteration. Although GA's MSE is tiny during the first 150 iterations, IBBO-DNM's convergence outcome is superior to that of BBO and GA thereafter until the end of the iteration. This indicates that IBBO is a capable and rapid training algorithm for DNM, at least when compared to the other algorithms.



Fig. 4. Comparison of seven algorithm training DNM.

## *3) The Superiority of the Proposed Hybrid Prediction Model*

To demonstrate the suggested model's superiority, this simulation section conducts a series of comparative experiments with numerous advanced models, including MLP, GRNN, ELMAN, DBN, DNM, and IBBO-DNM. The results of the proposed hybrid WPT-IBBO-DNM model's PV power prediction in four distinct weather conditions are displayed in Fig. 5. Clearly, the suggested model's predicted PV power curve is the most similar to the actual PV power curve among four models, regardless of the weather situation. Even when PV power fluctuates significantly (as when it is gloomy or wet),

Algorithm	<b>Brief</b> introduction	Parameter	Value
<b>BBO/IBBO</b>	Details show in Section III.	Habitat modification probability Immigration probability bounds per gene Step size for numerical integration of probability Max immigration and max emigration Mutation probability	[0, 1] 0.005
<b>PSO</b>	PSO mimics the search behavior of a bird swarm.	Topology Cognitive constant Social constant Inertia constant	Fully connected 0.3
GA	GA is simulation of natural selection.	Type Selection Crossover Mutation	Real coded Roulette wheel Single point (probability $= 1$ ) Uniform (probability $= 0.01$ )
<b>ACO</b>	ACO emulates the foraging behavior of ants to search the shortest route between a food source and their nest.	Initial pheromone Pheromone update constant Pheromone constant Global pheromone decay rate Local pheromone decay rate Pheromone sensitivity Visibility sensitivity	$1e-6$ 20 0.9 0.5 5
<b>ES</b>	ES is inspired by the concept of the evolution.	Number of offspring Standard deviation	10
PBIL	PBIL is a generalization of a univariate marginal distribution algorithm.	Learning rate Good population member Bad population member Elitism parameter Mutation probability	0.05 $\Omega$ 0.1

TABLE VI EACH ALGORITHM'S SPECIFIC PARAMETER VALUES AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION [\[30\]](#page-9-26)

the model's forecast results remain satisfactory. Notably, all models provide rather accurate forecasts on sunny days. However, as weather conditions change, particularly on overcast and wet days, the suggested model's prediction curve remains close to the real power, in contrast to the other models.

In order to further compare the prediction performance of the proposed model with other models, the RMSE, MAE, MAPE and  $R<sup>2</sup>$  values of 7 models are shown in Table VII. It demonstrates the suggested hybrid model outperforms the other benchmark models, achieving the lowest average RMSE  $= 0.0693$  kW, MAE  $= 0.0548$  kW, MAPE  $= 3.2444\%$ , and the highest average  $R^2 = 0.9947\%$ . The MAPE value of the suggested model is significantly lower than of other models, particularly on wet days. In all weather scenarios, IBBO-DNM model values are slightly less than DNM values. For example, when compared to the average RMSE of the DNM model, the IBBO-DNM model's RMSE is lowered by around 11.7%. It reveals that IBBO is capable of fully utilizing DNM, but typical BP training drastically inhibits its performance. DBN also outperforms DNM in terms of prediction accuracy because of its deep neural network topology, however it is still somewhat worse than IBBO-DNM. DNM's average MAE is 8.7% greater than DBN's, but IBBO DNM's average MAPE is 4.5% lower than DBN's. However, DNM clearly outperforms MLP, GRNN and ELMAN when it comes to simple neural network models.

Figure 6 provides a logical explanation for the RMSE, MAE, and MAPE results for the seven forecast models under various weather conditions. That Figure is self-evident. Fig. 6(a) and Fig. 6(b) have a nearly same change in that all models have the highest error value on cloudy days, implying that forecast accuracy is lowest on cloudy days. However, on rainy days, the RMSE and MAE values are considerably lower than on sunny days, because the maximum power value on sunny days is significantly greater than on rainy days. Fig. 6(c) confirms this (Fig. 6(c) has changed the order of x-axis). Sunny days have the lowest MAPE, which means they have the best prediction impact. It is worth mentioning the suggested model's MAPE improves significantly on rainy days, indicating the model's superiority on rainy days. Moreover, the proposed model has the least variation range across all the models under various weather situations, indicating the proposed model has some stability. Additionally, Fig. 7 depicts the histogram of the 14 test days' error distribution for all sorts of weather in this simulation part. Following calculation, roughly 85% of the error is contained within the range [−0.1, 0.1].

## *F. Computational Complexity Analysis*

The suggested model is primarily composed of DNM, and the computational complexity of IBBO must be addressed. To begin, the computational complexity of the DNM neural network model can be equated to the number of training parameters [\[25\]](#page-9-22). Specifically, DNM has  $2 * I * M$  parameters, where  $I$  is the feature number and  $M$  represents the number of dendritic branches. So DNM's complexity is  $O(I * M^2)$ . Similarly, for IBBO, its computation complexity can be expressed as  $O(E*N^2)$ , where E denotes iteration times and  $N$  is population size. Table VIII summarizes the time required for each model to forecast 46 points in a single day. As a result, the proposed model has the longest run time of all of the models in Table VIII. However, given the increasing popularity





Fig. 5. Prediction results of 7 models in different weather.

of high-performance cloud servers and GPUs, the proposed model retains a high degree of practical utility. Furthermore, as illustrated in Fig 8, the suggested model achieved the ultimate MSE value for MLP and DNM in fewer than 100 iterations, implying that it may not require as much running time in practice.

# *G. Discussion*

In a nutshell, the hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM model outperforms the other models in all four weather conditions evaluated in this work, demonstrating the suggested model is a powerful PV power forecasting model. In terms of data processing, WPT was used to address the fault of WT in that it could not further breakdown high-frequency components, and the experiment confirmed that its decomposition capacity improved prediction accuracy. In terms of prediction models, while both DNM and MLP use the BP algorithm for training, DNM has a higher prediction efficiency. This demonstrates the strength of the DNM network structure. MLP contains a large number of parameters that must be set manually, and there is no efficient way to do it. While DNM can address some of MLP's faults, it also suffers from inadequacy of the BP method. BBO is a highly effective DNM training technique that has been proved in [\[30\]](#page-9-26). As a result, an enhanced BBO that takes domestication into account is utilized to train DNM in this paper, and trials demonstrate its performance when compared to many other methods.

## V. CONCLUSION

The hybrid SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM forecast models are proposed in this research as a unique model for ultra-shortterm hybrid photovoltaic forecasting. This paper's primary objective is as follows: 1) A SDS approach is developed that incorporates the European formula, anticipated radiation, and historical power data in order to address the issue of previous SDS screening training sets being inaccurate; 2) WPT is used to breakdown input data in order to get greater forecast









Fig. 6. RMSE, MAE, MAPE values of 7 models under different weather.



Fig. 7. Error distribution of all 14 test days.



Fig. 8. The convergence curve of the hybrid proposed model.

TABLE VIII EXECUTION TIME OF EACH MODEL

Model	Time $(s)$	Model	Time $(s)$
Proposed	356.23	<b>ELMAN</b>	12.01
DNM	22.68	<b>GRNN</b>	3.69
DBN	18.31	<b>GRNN</b>	6.49

TABLE VII EVALUATION METRICS OF 7 MODELS IN DIFFERENT WEATHER

precision. This addresses the disadvantage of WT in that it cannot further decompose high-frequency components of photovoltaic power; 3) Due to the excellent efficacy of BBO in training, BBO integrated with domestication operation (IBBO) is used to train DNM and then used to real PV station data prediction.

To be more precise, we use SDS to pick the training set and WPT to deconstruct the input data into various components. Following that, IBBO develops DNM weights and thresholds. Following that, each component is mapped to the input of the trained IBBO-DNM, and projected outcomes are superimposed and recreated. Finally, WPT-IBBO-DNM was evaluated in a variety of weather conditions and the outcomes were compared to MLP, DNM, and WPT-DNM. Results indicate the suggested hybrid forecast model has the best RMSE, MAE, MAPE, and  $R^2$  values. As a result, it is stated the proposed SDS and WPT-IBBO-DNM-based prediction model has the potential to increase accuracy of PV power forecasting, hence contributing to optimization of real-time power dispatch and grid stability.

The future research direction will be on how to efficiently train DNM with optimization algorithms for application to more difficult multi-dimensional time series prediction problems, as well as how to efficiently and accurately pick userdefined parameters for DNM. Indeed, this article is the first to forecast multi-variable dimensional time series using DNM, which is distinct from earlier DNM studies. This is the model's restriction. To achieve reliable prediction of multi-variable photovoltaic time series, we increase the number of dendritic branches in DNM and employ an optimization approach. Both of these factors contribute to the model's increased running duration.

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