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Intelligent Smart Grid Stability Predictive Model for Cyber-Physical Energy Systems

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Abstract: A cyber physical energy system (CPES) involves a combination of processing, network, and physical processes. The smart grid plays a vital role in the CPES model where information technology (IT) can be related to the physical system. At the same time, the machine learning (ML) models find useful for the smart grids integrated into the CPES for effective decision making. Also, the smart grids using ML and deep learning (DL) models are anticipated to lessen the requirement of placing many power plants for electricity utilization. In this aspect, this study designs optimal multi-head attention based bidirectional long short term memory (OMHA-MBLSTM) technique for smart grid stability prediction in CPES. The proposed OMHA-MBLSTM technique involves three subprocesses such as pre-processing, prediction, and hyperparameter optimization. The OMHA-MBLSTM technique employs min-max normalization as a pre-processing step. Besides, the MBLSTM model is applied for the prediction of stability level of the smart grids in CPES. At the same time, the moth swarm algorithm (MHA) is utilized for optimally modifying the hyperparameters involved in the MBLSTM model. To ensure the enhanced outcomes of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique, a series of simulations were carried out and the results are inspected under several aspects. The experimental results pointed out the better outcomes of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique over the recent models.

Keywords: Stability prediction; smart grid; cyber physical energy systems; deep learning; data analytics; moth swarm algorithm

1 Introduction

In recent years, Digitalization and Automation have become significant topics in the energy sector, as modern energy system increasingly relies on information and communication technologies (ICT) to integrate smart controls with hardware framework [1]. In this regard, applications such as smart buildings



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and smart grids have pioneered the interweaving of software and hardware mechanisms, working on distinct spatial and temporal scales and frequently across the boundary of conventional engineering domain. With the development of cyber–physical systems (CPS) as a transdisciplinary field, this modern energy system could be categorized as cyber–physical energy systems (CPES), incorporating the development and related research within a larger context. A significant factor of the development and research associated with CPS is to connect the gap between the computer science and traditional engineering domains [2]. Especially, it applies CPES, where the interrelated engineering domain has reliable methods to design complex and large models. But, with the emergence of renewable and distributed resources and the incorporation of energy systems across the conventional boundaries of engineering domain, these proven methodologies are required extension and are being challenged. The integration of ubiquitous amounts of data and the inclusion of intelligent control strategies that are facilitated by the concept of CPES is predicted to be a significant facilitator for the predicted transformation of the energy systems [3–5]. Fig. 1 shows the structure of CPS system [6].



Figure 1: Overview of CPS systems

There has been comprehensive study on the grid network for the distribution of power over different locations efficiently. One of these methods is the smart grid that employs ICT for aggregating data concerning the behavior of consumers to generate a context-aware scheme that could allocate the energy efficiently. Smart grids utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) technique are predicted for reducing the requirement to deploy additional power stations for electrical energy consumption. Also, the Smart grid uses renewable resources to be plugged securely into the grid system to appendage the source of electricity. The cyber-physical smart grids have experienced substantial damage on transformers, power lines, amongst others; also, cyber-attack and cyberespionage have been reported in real-life incidents. Such difficulties have driven the researches in defense and cyber-physical attack of the smart grids from control, information, power, and several more security-related researches, which leads to unified cyber-physical security perspectives. Smart grids, that could forecast energy consumption is essential need. This

could be achieved with the applications of Machine Learning (ML) algorithm [7–9] on the generated data from the grid system. Smart grids could assist in making the electricity price much cheaper and reducing pollution [10].

Wei et al. [11] presented a DL-based cyber-physical scheme to mitigate and identify the data corruption in the problem of preserving the transient stability of Wide Area Monitoring Systems (WAMS). The presented method executes the DL method for analyzing the real-world data measurement from the geographically distributed Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) and leverages the physical coherence in the electrical energy system to detect and probe the corruption of information. In [12], a NN system-based fault detection method is employed to track and detect fault data injection attacks on the cooperative adaptive cruise control system of a platoon of interconnected vehicles in real time. A DSS method has been proposed for reducing the severity and probability of subsequent accidents.

In [13], many advanced ML methods like, SVM, KNN, LR, NB, NN, and DT classifiers, were installed to predict the SG stability. The SG data set utilized in this work is open-source data gathered from UC Irvine (UCI) ML source. Jafari et al. [14] proposed a new stability state forecaster based cascaded FFNN method. The presented strategy focuses on identifying anomalies as a result of physical or cyber disruptions as an earlier indication of instability. The presented method uses cascaded connection for increasing the predictive accuracy. The Polak-Ribiére formula and conjugate gradient backpropagation are exploited for training procedures. In [15], ML based edge computation could identify the seriousness of the warning, detect the network region of interest and ignite the performance of the transient condition perdition. The transient state prediction forecasts the incoming failure in real time when the timing window permits potential protective actuation.

Haija et al. [16] proposed a novel wide-ranging detection method that applies ML framework to classify stability records in smart grid systems. Especially, seven ML frameworks are examined, involving DT, optimized SVM, NB, LR, KNN, LDC, and ensemble boosted classifiers (EBC). Singh et al. [17] introduced a methodology and architecture to develop a cyber-physical anomaly detection system (CPADS) that employs synchrophasor properties and measurements of networking packets for detecting communication failure attacks and data integrity on control signals and measurement in CRAS. The presented model employs a rules-based model for selecting appropriate input feature, employs decision tree (DT) algorithms and variational mode decomposition (VMD) for developing various classification system, and perform event detection with rules-based decision logic.

This study designs optimal multi-head attention based bidirectional long short term memory (OMHA-MBLSTM) technique for smart grid stability prediction in CPES. The proposed OMHA-MBLSTM technique involves three subprocesses such as min-max normalization based pre-processing, prediction, and hyperparameter optimization. Moreover, the MBLSTM model is applied for the prediction of stability level of the smart grids in CPES. Furthermore, moth swarm algorithm (MHA) is utilized for optimally modifying the hyperparameters involved in the MBLSTM model. For ensuring the improved performance of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique, a series of simulations were carried out and the results are inspected under several aspects.

2 The Proposed Model

In this study, an effective OMHA-MBLSTM technique has been developed to predict the stability level of the smart grids in the CPES environment. The proposed OMHA-MBLSTM technique involves three subprocesses (as shown in Fig. 2) as min-max normalization based pre-processing, MBLSTM based prediction, and MHA based hyperparameter optimization. The design of MHA helps to appropriately elect the hyperparameters and it leads to enhanced predictive outcomes.



Figure 2: Working process of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

2.1 Pre-processing

First, the electricity grid dataset from different power generating units is aggregated. The dataset is then normalized using min-max normalization. During this process, the minimum and maximum values of the data are obtained and replaced by using Eq. (1).

$$\bar{L} = \frac{l - \min(X)}{\max(X) - \min(X)} (new_{\min(X)} - new_{\max(X)}) + new_{\min(X)}$$
(1)

where X denotes the parameter that exists in the data, min(X) and max(X) represents the lower and upper levels of the attribute values, \overline{L} represents the upgraded values of entries, l implies the earlier value in the data and $new_{\min(X)}$ and $new_{\max(X)}$ indicates the value of minimum and maximum limits correspondingly.

2.2 Prediction Using MBLSTM Model

Next to the pre-processing stage, the MBLSTM model is utilized to perform the stability prediction process [18]. The RNN is a distinct structure of NN in MLP. In RNN splits weight and is particularly appropriate to domain of order analysis like language translation as well as semantic understanding. The hidden layer H_t at time step t is not only based on the existing input as in preceding hidden layer that is estimated as:

$$H_t = f(X_t W + H_{t-1} U + \alpha) \tag{2}$$

where f refers to the activation function and α signifies the bias. The output O_t at the time step t has calculated as:

$$O_t = g(H_t S + \beta) \tag{3}$$

where g stands for the activation function and β is a bias. To lengthy series, it is a vital issue with RNN, for instance, vanishing gradients. Amongst every solution to vanishing gradients, the LSTM is most optimum. The LSTM has candidate memory cell and 3 gates: output, forget, and input gates. The forget gate F_t , input gate I_t , and output gate P_t at time step t are calculated correspondingly as:

$$F_{t} = \sigma(X_{t}W_{x,f} + H_{t-1}W_{h,f} + b_{f})$$
(4)

$$I_t = \sigma(X_t W_{x,i} + H_{t-1} W_{h,i} + b_i) \tag{5}$$

$$P_t = \sigma(X_t W_{x,0} + H_{t-1} W_{h,0} + b_o) \tag{6}$$

where $W_{\chi,f}$ and $W_{h,f}$ denotes the weights of LSTM in input-forget gate and in hidden layer to forget gate correspondingly. $W_{\chi,i}$ and $W_{h,i}$ refers to the association weights under the input-input gate and the hidden

layer to the input gate correspondingly. $W_{x,0}$ and $W_{h,0}$ signifies the connect weights under the input-output gates and the hidden layer to the output gate correspondingly. b_{f} , b_{i} , and b_{o} signifies the bias of forgetting, input, as well as output gates correspondingly. σ represents the activation function. The candidate memory cell has estimated as:

$$\bar{C} = \tanh (X_t W_{x,c} + H_{t-1} W_{h,c} + b_c)$$
(7)

where $W_{x,c}$ and $W_{h,c}$ defines the weight of LSTM under input to candidate memory and the hidden layer to candidate memory correspondingly, and b_c refers to the bias. The memory cell at time step *t* has measured as:

$$C_t = F_t \otimes C_{t-1} + I_t \otimes \bar{C} \tag{8}$$

where \otimes determined as element-wise multiplication. The hidden layer is upgraded as:

$$H_t = I_t \otimes \tanh (C_t) \tag{9}$$

The preceding RNN has forwarded. The output at time step t is only based on prior input and hidden layer. Moreover, the output can be useful to last input as well as hidden layer. The forward hidden layer at time step t has evaluated as:

$$H_t^f = \sigma(X_t W_{x,h}^f + H_{t-1}^f W_{h,h}^f + b_h^f)$$
(10)

but the backward hidden layer gas measured as:

$$H_t^b = \sigma(X_t W_{x,h}^b + H_{t+1}^b W_{h,h}^b + b_h^b)$$
(11)

The output at time step *t* is calculated as:

$$O_t = [H_t^j, \quad H_t^b] W_{h,0} + b_o$$
(12)

Attention is process to enhance the outcome of RNN based techniques, and the computation of attention has mostly separated into 3 stages. A 1st stage is for utilizing the attention function F for scoring query as well as key to obtaining si. The 2 most common attention functions were additive attention as well as dotproduct attention [19]; during this case, it can utilize the former. The 2nd stage is to utilize softmax function for normalizing the score outcome si, for obtaining the weight ai. The 3rd stage is for calculating attention that is weighted average of every value as well as weight ai. The Multi-head attention is enhanced by the standard attention process, thus all heads are removed the feature of query and key from various subspaces. Specifically, these features derive in Q and K that are projections of query as well as key from the subspaces. The operation was implemented when all heads and entire of h times required that carried out. It can be stated that under the multi-head attention method, the attention function is scaled dotproduct function that is similar to the classical attention process, apart from regulating scaling factor. During the experiment, h requires that always debugged for determining the most useful value to tasks. Eventually, the outcomes that were returned from all heads were concatenated and linearly changed to attain multi-head attention. At last, it can be sent the vector in the preceding layer to densely connected layer. It can be utilized ReLu function as activation function for completing the non-linear conversion. Finally the densely connected layer, it is execute softmax operation on the output of preceding layer, and lastly attains classification outcomes.

2.3 Hyperparameter Tuning Using MHA

To enhance the predictive outcomes of the MBLSTM model, the MHA is employed. The nighttime performance of moths is simulated to MHA has established in [20]. During this technique, the

exploration and exploitation balance examine a separation of candidate solutions developing the populations. As if other meta-heuristics, it can be initialized a population:

$$x_{ij} = rand \cdot (u_j - l_j) + l_j, \ \forall i \in \{, 2, n\}, \ j \in \{, 2, d\}$$
(13)

where u and l refers the upper as well as lower limits of search space, x_i indicates the candidate solution, n denotes the population size, d stands for the problem dimensional, and *rand* implies the arbitrary value taken in uniform distribution. For generating the pathfinders crossover it can be essential for calculating the dispersal degree and variation coefficient at iteration t:

$$\sigma_j^t = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_p} \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} (x_{ij}^t - P_j^t)^2}}{P_j^t}$$
(14)

$$\mu^t = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j^t \tag{15}$$

where n_p represents the amount of pathfinders, and

$$P_{j}^{t} = \frac{1}{n_{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{p}} x i_{ij}$$
(16)

During the MHA crossover points were individuals with minimal dispersal values dependent upon:

$$j \in c_p \quad \text{if} \quad \sigma_i^t \le \mu^t \tag{17}$$

After that only $n_c \in c_p$ crossover point was employed for generating novel sub-trial pathfinder vectors $\vec{v_p} = [v_{p1}, v_{p2}, \dots, v_{pn_c}]$ under the novel pathfinder $\vec{\chi_p} = [\chi_{p1}, \chi_{p2}, \dots, \chi_{pn_c}]$ as follows:

$$\overrightarrow{v_p^t} = \rightarrow x_{r^1}^t + L_{p1}^t \cdot (\overrightarrow{x_{r^2}^t} - \overrightarrow{x_{r^3}^t}) + L_{p2}^t \cdot (\overrightarrow{x_{r^4}^t} - \overrightarrow{x_{r^5}^t})$$

$$\forall r^1 \neq r^2 \neq r^3 \neq r^4 \neq r^5 \neq p \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_p\}$$
(18)

where L_{pl} and L_{p2} implies the independent variable calculated in the Lévy α -stable distribution. The group of indexes *r* suppose that only chosen in the pathfinder solution, and individuals places were upgraded utilizing the mutated variable removed in the sub-trail vector based on subsequent formula:

$$V_{pj}^{t} = \begin{cases} v_{pj}^{r} & \text{if } j \in c_{p} \\ x_{pj}^{t} & \text{if } j \notin c_{p} \end{cases}$$
(19)

Lastly, the MHA executes a chosen approach among the trial as well as original pathfinders determined as:

$$\overline{x_{p}^{t+1}} = \begin{cases} \overrightarrow{x_{p}^{t}} i & \text{if } f(\overrightarrow{V_{p}^{t}}) \ge f(\overrightarrow{x_{p}^{t}}) \\ \overrightarrow{v_{p}^{t}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(20)

The probability of choosing the following pathfinder was determined as:

$$p_p = \frac{fit_p}{\sum_{p=1}^{np} fit_p} \tag{21}$$

That utilizes the luminescence intensity computed as subsequent formula:

$$fit_p = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+f_p} & \text{if } f_p \ge 0\\ 1+|f_p| & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(22)

In the pathfinder, n_f those were chosen as prospectors; this number is dynamically changed as under the subsequent formula:

$$n_f = round\left((n - n_p) \times \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right)$$
(23)

With *T* being the maximal iteration number. For simulating prospector moth moving from spiral manner nearby pathfinder (their natural counterpart), the MHA utilizes the subsequent determined:

$$x_{i}^{t+1} = |x_{i}^{t} - x_{p}^{t}| \cdot e^{\theta} \cdot \cos 2\pi \theta + x_{p}^{t}$$

$$\forall p \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_{p}\}; i \in \{n_{p} + 1, n_{p} + 2, \dots, n_{f}\}$$
(24)

where $\theta \in [r, 1]$ signifies the arbitrary number employed for giving the spiral procedure to prospector path, but r = -1 - t/T

The onlooker is a moth with minimum luminescent intensity moving near the shiniest source of light; during the MHA, the onlooker's stage was employed for intensifying the exploitation of promissory spots of search spaces. The onlooker group is more separated based on 2 movement rules: Gaussian walks, and associative learning process with immediate memory. At the beginning, the onlooker in the actual iteration was attained as:

$$x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + \varepsilon_1 + [\varepsilon_2 \cdot best_g^t - \varepsilon_3 \cdot x_i^t], \ \forall i \in \{, 2, \cdots, n_o\}$$

$$(25)$$

where ε_2 and ε_3 defines the uniformly distributed arbitrary numbers, $best_g$ refers the global optimum candidate solutions, $n_o = round(n_u/2)$ represents the amount of onlookers which executes a Gaussian movement, n_u stands for the amount of onlookers, and ε_1 signifies the normal arbitrary number computed as:

$$\varepsilon_1 \sim random(size(d)) \oplus N(best^t)(x_i^t - best_g^t))$$
(26)

The performance of moths regarding associative learning as well as short-term memory is upgraded based on:

$$x_{i}^{t+1} = x_{i}^{t} + 0.001 \cdot G + \left(1 - \frac{g}{G}\right) \cdot \varepsilon_{2} \cdot (besd_{p} - x_{i}^{t}) + \left(\frac{2g}{G}\right) \cdot \varepsilon_{3} \cdot (best_{p}^{t} - x_{i}^{t}), \ \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_{m}\}$$

$$(27)$$

with $n_m = n_u - n_o$ being the amount of onlookers which executes associative learning and short-term memory, 1 - g/G refers to the cognitive factor, 2g/G signifies the social issue, $best_p$ signifies the optimum light source under the pathfinder group and $G \sim N(x_i^t - x_i^{min}, x_i^{max} - x_i^t)$.

3 Performance Validation

This section examines the predictive outcome of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique over the other techniques. Tab. 1 provides a brief results analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique with recent methods under training and testing processes. Fig. 3 investigates the comparative training accuracy and testing accuracy of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique. The results show that the RNN model has

showcased poor outcomes with lower training accuracy and testing accuracy. Followed by, the GRU and LSTM models have obtained slightly improved training accuracy and testing accuracy. In line with, the MLSTM and MHA-BLSTM models have accomplished near optimal training accuracy and testing accuracy. However, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has outperformed the other DL models with the increased training accuracy and testing accuracy of 0.9967 and 0.9971 respectively.

Methods	Training accuracy	Training loss	Testing accuracy	Testing loss
GRU Model	0.9717	0.0600	0.9730	0.0600
RNN Model	0.9666	0.0800	0.9660	0.0800
LSTM Model	0.9730	0.0600	0.9713	0.0600
MLSTM Model	0.9907	0.0200	0.9907	0.0200
MHA-MBLSTM	0.9952	0.0150	0.9962	0.0110
OMHA-MBLSTM	0.9967	0.0120	0.9971	0.0107

Table 1: Results Analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique



Figure 3: Training and testing accuracy analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

Fig. 4 examines the comparative training loss and testing loss of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique. The figure reported that the RNN model has demonstrated worse performance poor with the maximum training loss and testing loss. At the same time, the GRU and LSTM models have tried to attain certainly reduced training loss and testing loss. Meanwhile, the MLSTM and MHA-BLSTM models have resulted in moderately reduced training loss and testing loss. However, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has surpassed the other DL models with the least training loss and testing loss of 0.0120 and 0.0107 respectively.

Fig. 5 illustrates the ROC analysis of the MHA-MBLSTM model for the stability prediction of the smart grid. The results revealed that the MHA-MBLSTM technique can accomplish improved stability prediction outcomes with the increased ROC of 99.9221.

Fig. 6 exemplifies the ROC analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM model for the stability prediction of the smart grid. The results discovered that the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has demonstrated better stability prediction outcomes with the maximum ROC of 99.9958. Tab. 2 offers a brief comparative result analysis [21] of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique. The results reported that the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has

showcased enhanced outcomes over the other methods. For instance, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has identified the instances into Stable class with the $prec_n$, rec_l , and $F1_{score}$ of 0.9823, 1.0000, and 0.9963 respectively. Moreover, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has identified the instances into Fault class with the $prec_n$, rec_l , and $F1_{score}$ of 1.0000, 0.9967 and 0.9952 respectively.



Figure 4: Training and testing loss analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique



Figure 5: ROC analysis of MHA-MBLSTM technique

ROC Curve



Figure 6: ROC analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

Methods	Classes	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
GRU Model	Stable	0.9318	1.0000	0.9638
	Fault	1.0000	0.9609	0.9811
RNN Model	Stable	0.9239	1.0000	0.9529
	Fault	1.0000	0.9518	0.9726
LSTM Model	Stable	0.9328	0.9906	0.9634
	Fault	0.9923	0.9640	0.9819
MLSTM Model	Stable	0.9706	1.0000	0.9922
	Fault	1.0000	0.9926	0.9910
MHA-MBLSTM	Stable	0.9784	1.0000	0.9951
	Fault	1.0000	0.9956	0.9935
OMHA-MBLSTM	Stable	0.9823	1.0000	0.9963
	Fault	1.0000	0.9967	0.9952

Table 2: Comparative classification results analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

Tab. 3 provides an average prediction result analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique with recent methods [21]. Fig. 7 displays a brief $prec_n$ analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique with existing techniques. The results showcased that the GRU, RNN, and LSTM models have reached to least $prec_n$ if 96.59%, 96.20%, and 96.26% respectively. Though the MLSTM and MHA-MBLSTM techniques have resulted in competitive $prec_n$ of 98.53% and 98.92%, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has demonstrated better outcome with the $prec_n$ of 99.12%.

Methods	Precision	Recall	Fl Score
GRU Model	96.59	98.05	97.25
RNN Model	96.20	97.59	96.28
LSTM Model	96.26	97.73	97.27
MLSTM Model	98.53	99.63	99.16
MHA-MBLSTM	98.92	99.78	99.43
OMHA-MBLSTM	99.12	99.84	99.58



 Table 3: Average prediction results analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM

Figure 7: Comparative *prec_n* analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

Fig. 8 offers a comprehensive rec_l analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique with existing techniques. The figure revealed that the GRU, RNN, and LSTM models have obtained lower rec_l if 96.59%, 96.20%, and 96.26% respectively. Although the MLSTM and MHA-MBLSTM techniques have attained reasonable rec_l of 98.53% and 98.92%, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has achieved improved outcome with the rec_l of 99.12%.



Figure 8: Comparative rec₁ analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

Finally, Fig. 9 reports an extensive $F1_{score}$ analysis of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique with existing techniques. The results indicated that the GRU, RNN, and LSTM models have demonstrated ineffective $F1_{score}$ if 96.59%, 96.20%, and 96.26% respectively. Though the MLSTM and MHA-MBLSTM techniques have exhibited near optimal $F1_{score}$ of 98.53% and 98.92%, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has demonstrated better outcome with the $F1_{score}$ of 99.12%. From the abovementioned results and discussion, it can be confirmed that the OMHA-MBLSTM technique has gained maximum stability prediction performance over the other techniques.



Figure 9: Comparative F1_{score} analysis of OMHA-MBLSTM technique

4 Conclusion

In this study, an effective OMHA-MBLSTM technique has been developed to predict the stability level of the smart grids in the CPES environment. The proposed OMHA-MBLSTM technique involves three subprocesses such as min-max normalization based pre-processing, MBLSTM based prediction, and MHA based hyperparameter optimization. The design of MHA helps to appropriately elect the hyperparameters and it leads to enhanced predictive outcomes. For ensuring the improved performance of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique, a series of simulations were carried out and the results are inspected under several aspects. The experimental results pointed out the better outcomes of the OMHA-MBLSTM technique over the recent models. Therefore, the OMHA-MBLSTM technique can be used as an efficient tool for stability prediction in smart grids. In future, the predictive outcome can be improved by the utilization of hybrid DL models.

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