

# Optimizing Fault Diagnosis in Wind Turbine Generators with CALO-Optimized Wavelet Kernel Extreme Learning Machine

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## Abstract:

Focusing on the fault characteristics of generator equipment in wind turbines, this study introduces a fault diagnosis approach that leverages an enhanced ant lion optimization algorithm (CALO) to optimize a wavelet kernel extreme learning machine (WKELM). Initially, the feature vector of SCADA data is extracted using the guaranteed bureau projection algorithm. Subsequently, the CALO algorithm incorporates a Cauchy mutation operator to enhance the traditional ant lion algorithm, thereby boosting its global optimization capability. The CALO algorithm is then employed to fine-tune the parameters of the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine, aiming to enhance the diagnostic precision and convergence rate of the method. To validate the efficacy of the proposed diagnostic model, experimental tests were conducted using real-world operational data from wind turbine equipment at a wind farm in northwest China. The simulation results indicate that the CALO-WKELM diagnostic model effectively identifies various generator faults, fulfilling the requirements for generator fault diagnosis.

## Keywords

Wind turbine, ant lion optimization, wavelet kernel extreme learning machine, locality preserving projections, fault diagnosis.

## 1. Introduction

As a key component of wind turbine generators, wind turbines will affect the normal operation of the entire equipment if they fail. At present, generators are developing in the direction of intelligence, and wind turbine fault diagnosis technology is one of the key technologies for wind turbines to realize intelligence [1]. Therefore, it is of practical significance to study the fault diagnosis technology of wind turbines and conduct fault early warning to avoid major faults of wind turbines. How to construct an accurate and effective generator fault diagnosis method to realize early warning of wind turbine generator faults has become the focus of research by experts and scholars.

The fault diagnosis process of wind turbine mainly includes: feature extraction and fault identification [2]. Feature extraction is a key technology, which affects the accuracy of fault diagnosis methods. The SCADA system is a data acquisition and monitoring system, which is widely used in wind turbine status monitoring. The system can monitor and record information parameters of fan failures in an all-round way, and it is convenient to collect information. Security projection is an algorithm for manifold learning, which has the non-linear characteristics of keeping the data space structure unchanged. It can be used to extract the characteristic signals of high-dimensional information in the SCADA data samples of wind turbines [3].

With the rapid development of artificial intelligence technology, various intelligent algorithms are applied to fault diagnosis. At present, domestic and foreign experts have conducted a series of studies on the fault diagnosis of wind turbines, put forward some fault classification methods, and obtained certain research results. Literature [4] uses BP neural network to identify faults in the main equipment of wind turbines, and obtains high diagnostic accuracy, but there are still shortcomings of long neural network model training period and model instability. Literature [5] uses a fault diagnosis method combining EEMD and RVM. This method has high accuracy for early fault

classification of wind turbines, but the proposed method is suitable for small data samples. In the processing of large data samples, the model processing speed is slow and the classification accuracy is low. Compared with traditional classifiers, extreme learning machines have faster learning speed and strong generalization ability [6]. Literature

[7] introduces RBF into the extreme learning machine, and proposes a rolling bearing fault diagnosis method based on energy entropy and nuclear extreme learning machine. KELM improves the nonlinear approximation ability, but the choice of parameters will affect the performance of RBF. Literature [8] proposed a fault diagnosis method for rolling bearings based on OMP and VNWOA-WKELM. Using Wavelet Kernel Extreme Learning Machine (WKELM) as the classifier, the classification effect is good. However, WKELM is greatly affected by parameters. Using WOA to optimize WKELM parameters can weaken the dependence of the algorithm on parameters and improve the generalization ability of the algorithm, but the defects of slow convergence and low accuracy are still obvious.

Based on the above shortcomings and actual diagnosis needs, using wind turbine SCADA data samples, a wind turbine fault diagnosis method based on the improved Antlion optimization algorithm to optimize the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine is proposed. First, use the security projection algorithm to preprocess the SCADA data, and extract the feature vector representing the intrinsic structure of the generator state parameters; second, use the Cauchy mutation factor to improve the Antlion algorithm (CALO) to optimize the penalty factor of the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine C and wavelet kernel function parameters a, b, c are used to obtain the optimal parameter pair and establish the optimal fault classification model. Finally, the feature vector representing the intrinsic structure extracted by the LPP algorithm is used as the input of the CALO-WKELM model to perform the fault classification of the wind turbine.

## 2. Antlion Optimization Algorithm and Wavelet Kernel Extreme Learning Machine

### 2.1. Antlion Optimization Algorithm

Ant Lion Optimizer (ALO) is a bionic optimization algorithm [9], and its algorithm idea comes from the natural behavior of ant lions preying on ants in nature. The ant colony algorithm includes three roles: ants, ant lions and elite ant lions. The position of the ant represents the trial solution, the position of the ant lion represents the local optimal solution, and the position of the elite ant lion represents the global optimal solution. Ants walk around randomly, but under the influence of the ant lion trap, they will slide to the ant lion's position, and then explore the space around the ant lion. If the ant finds a better solution than the current ant lion position, the ant lion will prey on the ant and update the position, The optimal ant lion position obtained in each iteration is the elite ant lion position, and the final iteration is completed to obtain the global optimal solution, thus ensuring the diversity of the population and the optimization performance of the algorithm. The mathematical model formula of ant random walk is as follows:

$$X(t) = [0, cs(2r(t_1) - 1), \dots, cs(2r(t_n) - 1)] \quad (1)$$

Where cs is the cumulative sum of calculations, n is the maximum number of iterations, r(t) is a random function, and the expression is:

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{rand} > 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{rand} \leq 0.5 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Among them,  $t$  is a random walk step, and  $\text{rand}$  is a random number generated uniformly in the interval  $[0,1]$ .

The random walk of the ant will be affected by the ant lion trap, sliding to the ant lion position, and moving in the hypersphere around the ant lion. The mathematical model expression is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} c_i^t = \text{Antlion}_j^t + c^t \\ d_i^t = \text{Antlion}_j^t + d^t \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Due to the influence of the ant lion trap, the radius of motion of the ant in the hypersphere will be reduced. Therefore, as the number of iterations increases, the values of  $c$  and  $d$  will be adaptively reduced to improve the convergence speed. The mathematical model of adaptive reduction is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} c^t = \frac{c^t}{I} \\ d^t = \frac{d^t}{I} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Among them,  $I$  is the ratio.

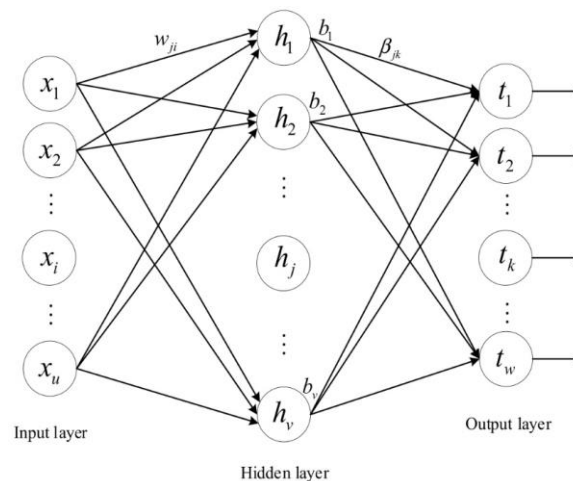
In the iteration of the ant lion optimization algorithm, the elite ant lion is the best ant lion in each iteration, which affects the behavior of all ants. The Antlion optimization algorithm uses a combination of roulette selection and random walk to determine the position of the ant to reduce or even avoid the algorithm from falling into the local extreme value problem. The formula is as follows:

$$\text{Ant}_i^t = \frac{R_A^t + R_E^t}{2} \quad (5)$$

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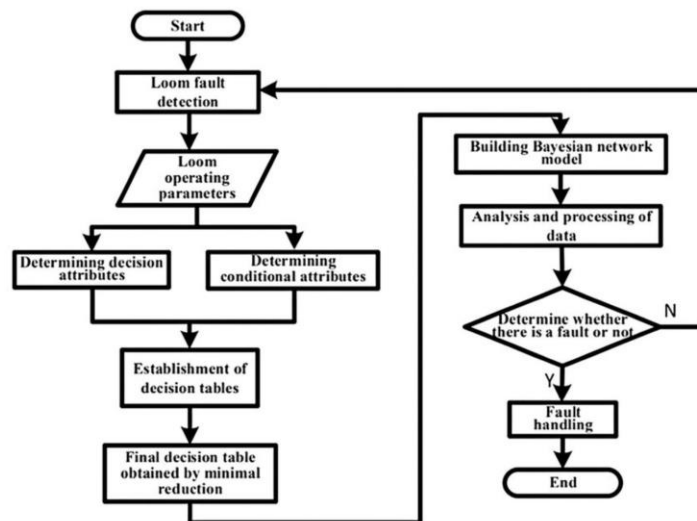
## 2.2. Establishment of Diagnostic Model

Wind turbines are the key equipment of wind turbines, and their operating status affects the efficiency of wind power generation. Because wind turbines are in a harsh environment, as time goes by, the equipment enters a period of high failures. According to actual needs, this paper designs the CALO-WKELM generator fault diagnosis model. Take common generator faults as an example, including three types of faults such as generator bearing temperature overrun, bent shaft, and rotor mass imbalance, and design the diagnosis model [12]. The structure of WKELM fault diagnosis model is shown in Figure 1.



**Fig 1.** Structure diagram of WKELM fault diagnosis model

The wavelet kernel extreme learning machine contains 4 important parameter variables, namely C, a, b, and c. The choice of parameter values directly affects the classification performance of the algorithm. Therefore, this paper uses the Antlion optimization algorithm to find the four parameters of WKELM. Excellent to ensure the performance of the algorithm. Based on this, this paper proposes a generator fault diagnosis strategy based on CALO algorithm to optimize WKELM. The fault diagnosis process is shown in Figure 2.



**Fig 2.** Fault diagnosis flow chart based on CALO - WKELM

### 3. Simulation and Case Analysis

#### 3.1. Simulation Verification

In order to verify that the Antlion optimization algorithm designed in this paper optimizes the performance of the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine, three types of data in the UCI standard database are used as simulation experimental data to verify the performance of the algorithm. The experimental data information is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Experimental data set

| Data set | Attributes | Number of categories | Total number of samples | Training set | Test set |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Iris     | 4          | 3                    | 150                     | 90           | 60       |
| Wine     | 13         | 3                    | 180                     | 108          | 72       |
| Seeds    | 7          | 3                    | 210                     | 126          | 84       |

This paper combines the nuclear extreme learning machine (KELM), wavelet nuclear extreme learning machine (WKELM), particle swarm optimized nuclear extreme learning machine (PSO-KELM), whale optimized nuclear extreme learning machine (WOA-KELM) with the design of this article Antlion's optimized wavelet kernel extreme learning machine (CALO-WKELM) was compared on three types of experimental data to verify the superiority of CALO-WKELM.

For comparison, the unified population size of all intelligent algorithms is set to 100, the number of iterations is 50, and the number of trials is 20. At the same time, in order to achieve the optimal performance of each algorithm, the number of nodes in the collective hidden layer of the collective

algorithm is determined by the data set. The simulation results are shown by the mean (mean), standard deviation (std), mean training time (time) and the number of hidden layer nodes (L) of the classification test accuracy rate. The results are shown in Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4.

**Table 2.** Comparison of classification results in Iris

| algorithm  | mean   | Std    | time   | L  |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| KELM       | 0.9428 | 0.0435 | 0.0736 | 22 |
| WKELM      | 0.9546 | 0.0325 | 0.1896 | 22 |
| PSO-KELM   | 0.9736 | 0.0296 | 6.3872 | 20 |
| WOA-KELM   | 0.9796 | 0.0282 | 9.6028 | 23 |
| CALO-WKELM | 0.9801 | 0.0146 | 6.0018 | 20 |

**Table 3.** Comparison of classification results in Wine

| algorithm  | mean   | Std    | time   | L  |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| KELM       | 0.8884 | 0.2096 | 0.0432 | 12 |
| WKELM      | 0.8926 | 0.2153 | 0.0490 | 12 |
| PSO-KELM   | 0.9162 | 0.0201 | 1.9852 | 10 |
| WOA-KELM   | 0.9214 | 0.0276 | 3.0765 | 13 |
| CALO-WKELM | 0.9364 | 0.0231 | 1.6649 | 10 |

**Table 4.** Comparison of classification results in Seeds

| algorithm  | mean   | Std    | time   | L  |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| KELM       | 0.8792 | 0.1122 | 0.0736 | 20 |
| WKELM      | 0.8810 | 0.1436 | 0.1896 | 20 |
| PSO-KELM   | 0.9012 | 0.0196 | 2.3692 | 15 |
| WOA-KELM   | 0.9108 | 0.0147 | 4.5893 | 20 |
| CALO-WKELM | 0.9226 | 0.0158 | 3.0276 | 16 |

From Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3, it can be seen that the kernel extreme learning machine with optimized parameters of the algorithm has a significant improvement in classification accuracy compared with the unoptimized kernel extreme learning machine, which reflects the advantages of the machine learning algorithm. Compared with the PSO-KELM algorithm and the WOA-KELM algorithm, the CALO-WKELM algorithm shows higher classification accuracy on the three types of data sets in the UCI database, and shows excellent optimization capabilities. Through 20 test results and average verification, the results show that the Antlion optimization algorithm has advantages in the parameter optimization of the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine. The designed CALO-WKELM algorithm has a higher classification accuracy in data classification. In summary, the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine optimized by the Antlion optimization algorithm is a relatively stable algorithm with high classification accuracy, and has the potential to improve the accuracy of wind turbine fault diagnosis.

#### 4. Conclusion

This paper studies the Antlion optimization algorithm, the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine, and the guaranteed projection algorithm, and proposes a wind turbine fault classification and recognition method based on the Cauchy mutation operator to improve the Antlion optimization algorithm to optimize the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine. The security bureau projection algorithm is used to extract the feature vector of the high-dimensional

information of the SCADA data to weaken the influence of irrelevant features and nonlinearity on the generator fault identification; secondly, it is proposed to use the Cauchy mutation operator to improve the Antlion optimization algorithm to classify the wavelet kernel extreme learning machine. The parameters [C,a,b,c] of the generator are optimized to construct a recognition classifier for fault diagnosis of wind turbines. The experimental results show that

(1) the proposed method can effectively dig out the information in the SCADA data, effectively identify the fault of the wind turbine and have high diagnostic accuracy. (2) Compared with other models in the article, CALO has better optimization ability, which can effectively solve the problem of poor parameter selection in WKELM, greatly improve the diagnosis accuracy and speed of the fault diagnosis model, and achieve the wind turbine fault diagnosis the goal of.

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