

KERNEL EXTREME LEARNING MACHINE COMBINED WITH GRAY WOLF OPTIMIZATION FOR TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION OF PRESSURE SENSORS

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Abstract

In order to improve the measurement accuracy of pressure sensors, a method based on gray wolf optimization (GWO) to optimize kernel extreme learning machine (KELM) is proposed to address the problem of nonlinear drift that is easy to be affected by temperature in the working environment. Firstly, the fast search capability of GWO algorithm is used to find the optimal regularization coefficients and kernel function parameters of KELM algorithm; secondly, the random mapping of traditional ELM algorithm is replaced by the kernel mapping of KELM algorithm to improve the generalization and stability degradation brought by the random assignments. Finally, the voltage signal values under different temperature and pressure environments are obtained through calibration experiments and compensated by the GWO-KELM algorithm. The results show that the GWO-KELM method has a better compensation effect compared with the traditional BP neural network with a full-scale error of 0.13%FS, the ELM algorithm with a full-scale error of 0.12%FS, and the KELM algorithm with a full-scale error of 0.12%FS in the range of 0 to 700 kPa absolute pressure and -40°C to 70°C . The full-scale error is only 0.07%FS and the maximum absolute error is as low as 0.5446 kPa, which improves the accuracy index by one order of magnitude.

Keywords: Gray wolf optimization, kernel extreme learning machine, pressure sensor; temperature compensation.

1. Introduction

In cutting-edge applications such as medical devices [1-3], robotics [4], industrial automation [5], military defence [6], and aerospace [7, 8], silicon piezoresistive pressure sensors are widely used. Despite this, pressure sensors face many challenges from a variety of applications and operating conditions. A precision measurement requires a pressure sensor with a high accuracy (less than 0.1% FS) [9] and stable performance over a wide temperature range (*e.g.*, -40 to 70°C). The accuracy of the pressure sensor is therefore a key factor in determining its performance indicators in engineering [10]. There is, however, a high degree of sensitivity to temperature and nonlinear drift in pressure sensors' accuracy metrics, which seems inevitable [11]. In the case of the common piezoresistive pressure sensor, the operating conditions of its internal resistance will also change when the ambient temperature changes, affecting the sensor's output. For this reason, compensating the pressure sensor must be done in order to eliminate interference caused by temperature changes [12, 13]. Temperature compensation can be achieved in two ways: through hardware compensation and through software compensation. There are several methods of hardware compensation available, including strain gauge self-compensation [14], compensation for bridge circuits [15], compensation for auxiliary measurements [16], and compensation for thermistor types [17]. To a certain extent, these compensation methods can achieve temperature compensation. However, integration and miniaturization difficulties prevent intelligent sensor development [18, 19]. Among the software compensation methods are interpolation fitting method [20], regression analysis

method [21], neural network method [22, 23], etc. As compared to hardware compensation, software algorithmic compensation is more robust and requires fewer manufacturing processes.

Currently, most pressure sensor temperature compensation research relies mostly on software. These methods produce good compensation results when combining neural networks with optimization algorithms. To address the problem of low pressure scanner accuracy due to temperature variations during measurement, Wang H *et al.* [24] proposed a BP neural network based on the *whale optimization algorithm* (WOA). Ge YX *et al.* [25] compensated for temperature drift in fiber optic F-P pressure sensors using a wavelet neural network based on a genetic algorithm. Xie JL *et al.* [26] proposed an improved algorithm for optimizing RBF neural networks for pressure sensors to achieve pressure compensation by using *Dynamic Quantum Particle Swarm Optimization* (DQPSO).

As a result, neural networks such as *Backward Propagation* (BP) and RBF suffer from the problems of slow operation speed, poor generalization ability, and insufficient compensation effect when improving accuracy, which becomes their main bottleneck. Therefore, a new structure with fast learning speed, easy to obtain the global optimal solution, and strong generalization capability has become the focus and hot area of current research. Data mining and time series forecasting have gradually gained popularity in recent years using prediction methods based on the *Extreme Learning Machine* (ELM) [27, 28]. This single hidden layer neural network is significantly faster, more algorithmically sound, and more generalizable than traditional neural networks. However, the incorporation of kernel functions into *Kernel Extreme Learning Machine* (KELM) algorithms can often achieve better generalization performance than traditional ELM algorithms for nonlinear feature learning [29, 30]. In addition, it helps solve data modeling and prediction tasks involving complex nonlinear relationships [31]. Zou M *et al.* used aquila optimizer to optimize the hybrid polynomial KELM to generate more data for sensor compensation, resulting in 0.03% FS in the range of -250 to +250 kPa [32]. Li J *et al.* used coupled simulated annealing algorithm and simplex algorithm to combined with KELM to achieve the desired synthetic compensation performance at pressures from -1000 kPa to 1000 kPa and temperatures from -20°C to 70°C [33]. All of the above methods show that KELM has great potential for temperature compensation of pressure sensors, but a combination of different optimization algorithms is needed to produce better compensation when specific to the characteristics of different types of sensors.

Therefore, in this paper, a *Gray Wolf Optimization* (GWO) algorithm is proposed to optimize KELM's temperature compensation strategy, which is applied to silicon piezoresistive pressure sensors. By using this strategy, KELM updates will be faster and more flexible. KELM not only takes advantage of the fast iteration of the GWO to find the optimal solution, but also achieves high prediction accuracy and compensation stability thanks to the fast iteration of the algorithm. A BP and ELM model is first used for analysis; a KELM model is then developed by adding a kernel function; finally, a hybrid algorithm named GWO-KELM is developed using the GWO model. To verify the validity of the proposed model, we will compare the performance errors of the BP model, ELM model, and KELM model. Moreover, to enhance the practicality of the algorithm, we will conduct compensation experiments using real pressure sensor calibration data. By using examples, it can be demonstrated that the method can indeed enhance sensor accuracy to a high level.

The sections of the article are described as follows: Section 2 discusses the fundamentals of sensor compensation, introduces Gray Wolf Optimization and Kernel Extreme Learning Machine, and proposes a hybrid GWO-KELM compensation algorithm. In Section 3, we describe a method for obtaining experimental data for calibrating pressure sensors as well as the experimental schematic and the actual data gathered. Section 4 compares the compensation results of the GWO-KELM model with various compensation methods to verify the feasibility

and effectiveness of temperature compensation of pressure sensors. Section 5 concludes this study.

2. Methods of temperature compensation for pressure sensors

2.1. Pressure sensor temperature compensation principle

As shown in Fig. 1 below, a schematic diagram of a pressure sensor using the GWO algorithm to optimize the KELM for temperature compensation is demonstrated. A pressure sensor core and a temperature sensor measure external pressure and ambient temperature, respectively. The output signal of the pressure sensor and temperature signal of the temperature sensor are both fed into the KELM's input layer.

An optimal regularization coefficient and kernel function parameter are found using the GWO in this system. This optimizes the performance of the KELM. The final temperature compensation operation is performed using the KELM. KELM is used to predict the pressure value first. To determine the difference, it compares the predicted value with the measured value. A GWO algorithm is then used to continuously optimize the parameters of the KELM in order to minimize the difference, thus completing the temperature compensation process. It is a repeated process in which the parameters of the KELM are constantly adjusted in order to gradually achieve the optimal state, which allows the output of the pressure sensor to be compensated for temperature changes and the system to be more accurate and stable.

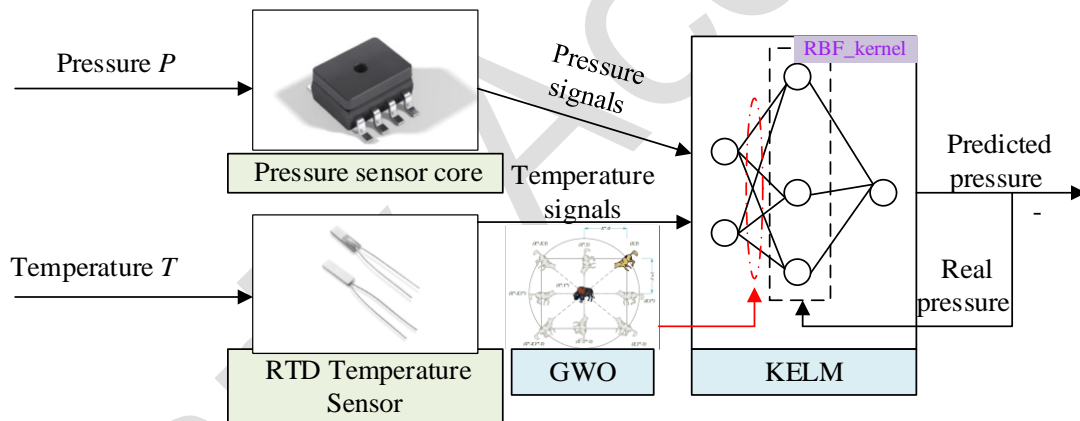


Fig. 1. Temperature compensation schematic diagram.

2.2. GWO-KELM

2.2.1. KELM

KELM (*Kernel Extreme Learning Machine*, KELM) employs a simple single hidden layer structure [34]. It completes the learning process by randomly selecting regularization coefficients and kernel parameters to compute output weights. Compared with traditional gradient algorithms, KELM avoids problems such as local minima and overfitting, and has excellent learning and generalization capabilities [35, 36]. KELM is an efficient and easy-to-implement model. Its ELM network structure used realistically in this paper is shown in Fig. 2.

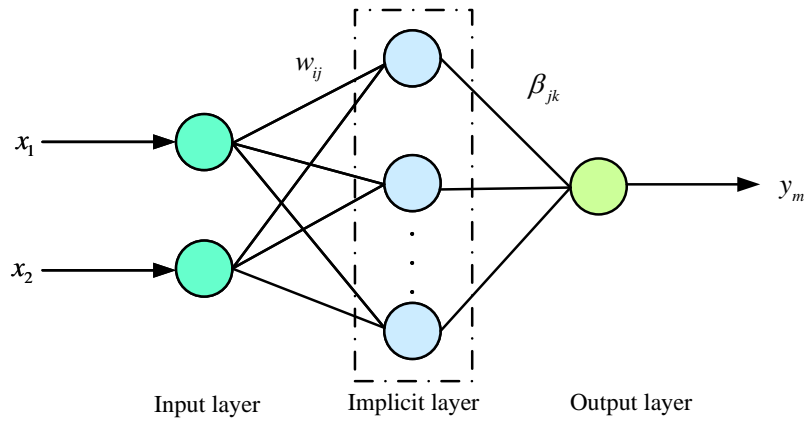


Fig. 2. Extreme learning machine network structure.

It contains three layers [37]. Let the input layer have 2 neurons. The number of neurons in the hidden layer is 12, and the output layer has one neuron m , and its corresponding m output variable is y_m . The weights and thresholds between the connection layers are respectively w_{ij} and β_{jk} .

2.2.2. GWO

Gray Wolf Optimization (GWO) is a novel heuristic algorithm inspired by gray wolves' intrinsic system and hunting behavior [38]. Its goal is to find the optimal solution by simulating gray wolf hunting patterns. In the natural environment, gray wolves are top predators in the food chain, exhibiting strong group collaboration and hunting strategies. Gray wolf groups maintain a strict social structure and hierarchy within the group [39]. This forms a clear hierarchy of leadership and division of labor, as shown in Fig. 3.

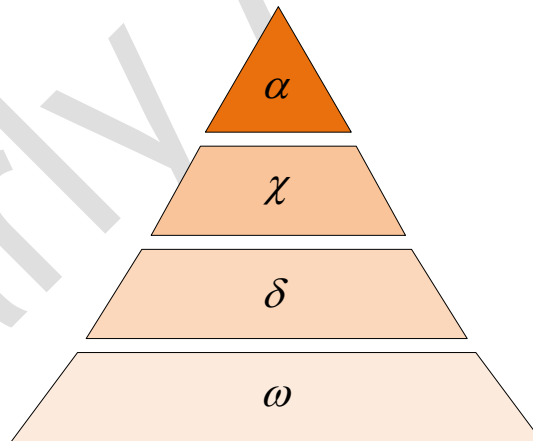


Fig. 3. Hierarchy diagram for the Gray Wolf Optimization.

The gray wolf algorithm divides wolves into four types. The first type is the α wolf pack, which is in the leadership position of the pack. The second type is the χ wolf pack, which strictly follows the α wolf pack leadership and passes information and mediates disputes within the pack. In the absence of the α pack, the χ pack controls all other wolves. Lastly, the δ wolf pack leads only the ω wolf pack within the pack and performs basic tasks. Finally, the fourth category is the ω wolf pack, which is located at the bottom of the pack hierarchy and obeys higher-ranking wolves' orders. Fig. 4. shows a schematic of the search process for optimal solutions.

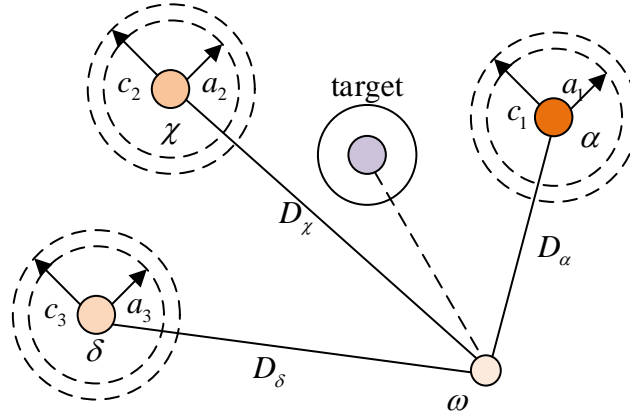


Fig. 4. Explanatory chart for Gray Wolf Seeking Superiority.

The separation distance D between the gray wolf and the target can be expressed as follows in the surrounding behavior of the gray wolf algorithm:

$$D = \vec{C} \vec{X}'_p(r) - \vec{X}'(r) \quad (1)$$

Where r is the number of iterations; \vec{X}'_p is the position of the target. \vec{X}' denotes the position of the gray wolf.

In order to dynamically adjust the position, the wolves need to perform a positional update of the distance, which can allow the wolves to approach the target from different vantage points, with the update equation being

$$\vec{X}'(r+1) = \vec{X}'_p(r) - \vec{A} \vec{D} \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{A} = 2\vec{a}r_1 - \vec{a} \quad (3)$$

$$\vec{C} = 2r_2 \quad (4)$$

Where \vec{a} is the convergence factor; r_1, r_2 are belong to $[0,1]$; \vec{A} and \vec{C} are the coefficient vectors.

Once the pack has successfully surrounded the target, search behavior begins. α , χ , and δ packs are positioned closest to the target. Its search behavior can be expressed as

$$D_\alpha = \vec{C}_1 \vec{X}'_\alpha(r) - \vec{X}'(r) \quad (5)$$

$$D_\chi = \vec{C}_2 \vec{X}'_\chi(r) - \vec{X}'(r) \quad (6)$$

$$D_\delta = \vec{C}_3 \vec{X}'_\delta(r) - \vec{X}'(r) \quad (7)$$

$$\vec{X}'_1(r+1) = \vec{X}'_\alpha(r) - \vec{A}_1 \vec{D}_\alpha \quad (8)$$

$$\vec{X}'_2(r+1) = \vec{X}'_\chi(r) - \vec{A}_2 \vec{D}_\chi \quad (9)$$

$$\vec{X}'_3(r+1) = \vec{X}'_\delta(r) - \vec{A}_3 \vec{D}_\delta \quad (10)$$

$$\vec{X}'(r+1) = \frac{1}{3} \vec{X}'_1(r+1) + \vec{X}'_2(r+1) + \vec{X}'_3(r+1) \quad (11)$$

2.2.3. GWO-KELM algorithm design

In addition to the regularization coefficients, the kernel function parameters also directly affect the prediction efficiency and accuracy of the KELM algorithm. On the one hand, inappropriate selection may cause the algorithm to fall into poor solution, which affects the accuracy of compensation [40]; on the other hand, it requires multiple trainings to find the most suitable regularization coefficients and kernel function parameters, which is a process of randomness and chance and impacts the actual effect of the KELM [41].

In this study, the excellent search capability of the GWO is utilized to iteratively search for the optimal regularization coefficients and kernel function parameters of the KELM, which can give advantages of the kernel limit learning machine. The steps to temperature compensation of the KELM based on the GWO are as follows:

- (1) Each of the obtained pressure sensor and temperature sensor datasets (corresponding to the inputs of the KELM network, respectively) are divided into a training set and a test set (7:3) and normalized.
- (2) Initialize the gray wolf algorithm parameters. Calculate the current gray wolf population status.
- (3) Calculate the current population fitness value and update the coefficient vector \vec{A} and \vec{C} .
- (4) Calculate the distance and update the position, and search for optimization.
- (5) Calculate whether the fitness is optimal. If it is reached, calculate the optimal gray wolf position, *i.e.*, the regularization coefficient and kernel function parameter of the KELM; if it is not determined, check iterations. If not, adjust the coefficient vector sum and iterate the training again.
- (6) Relate the optimal regularization coefficients and kernel functions to the KELM for algorithm training.
- (7) Output the most accurate predicted pressure value.

3. Temperature calibration experiment

3.1. Experimental system

The experimental system for collecting measurement data from a silicon piezoresistive gas pressure sensor is shown in Fig. 5. The main apparatus of this experimental system is composed of a constant temperature test chamber, a pressure calibrator, a gas pressure sensor, and a test computer. First, the pressure sensor is connected to the pressure calibrator through a gas hose. The pressure calibrator will provide a variable pressure environment for the sensor. Next, the connected pressure transducer is placed in a thermostatic test chamber. The thermostat simulates different ambient temperatures for the sensor. Finally, the signals sensed by the transducer from the ambient environment are transmitted via a data cable to the test computer for display.

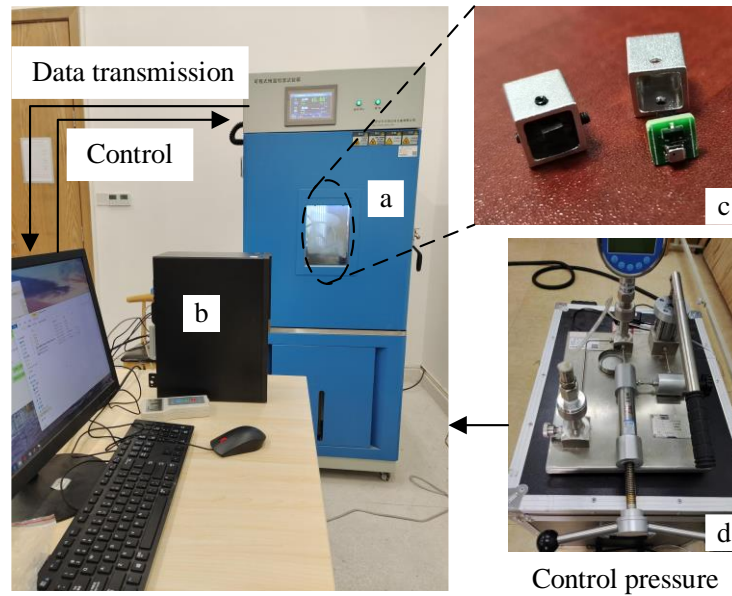


Fig. 5. Pressure sensor experiment acquisition system diagram (a) test chamber; (b) test computer; (c) gas pressure sensor; (d) pressure calibrator.

3.2. Data acquisition

In order to analyze and record the characteristics of sensors with temperature changes, the experiment selected the nominal absolute pressure range from 0 to 700kPa pressure sensor core as a test. At the same time, an RTD temperature sensor monitors the current ambient temperature in a temperature chamber together with the pressure sensor core.

In order to achieve 5°C intervals, 23 temperature points ranging from -40°C to 70°C were selected for this experiment. The experiment was conducted by applying pressures sequentially from 0 to 700 kPa, 70 kPa at a time, for a total of 11 pressure values. At each time when the specified temperature point was reached, the operation of holding the temperature for 2 hours was performed. The power was turned on for 10 minutes to start the pressure recording.

4. Compensation results and analysis

4.1. Parameterization and evaluation indicators

In order to investigate the performance of this paper's algorithm for compensating pressure sensors in different temperature environments, MATLAB 2020a is used for temperature compensation experiments.

According to the temperature compensation step in Section 2.2.3, set the population number of the GWO to 40 and the maximum number of iterations to 10. For the KELM, set the input layer neurons to 2 and the output layer neurons to 1. In the compensation process of the GWO for optimizing the KELM, the fitness function selects the value of the error computed each time. When the error is smaller, the corresponding compensation accuracy value is higher. The *full-scale error* (FS) [42] of the sensor and the *mean absolute error* (MAE), *root mean square error* (RMSE), and *mean absolute percentage error* (MAPE), which are commonly used for prediction, are selected to evaluate the algorithm's compensation performance [43, 44].

The specific formula for its error evaluation index is:

$$e_{FS} = \frac{1}{P_{FS}} \max y_i - \hat{y}_i, \quad (12)$$

$$e_{MAE} = \frac{1}{N'} \sum_{i=1}^{N'} y_i - \hat{y}_i, \quad (13)$$

$$e_{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N'} \sum_{i=1}^{N'} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}, \quad (14)$$

$$e_{MAPE} = \frac{1}{N'} \sum_{i=1}^{N'} \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{y_i} \times 100\%. \quad (15)$$

Where P_{FS} is the full-scale pressure; N' is the number of samples; y_i is the standard pressure value at each actual temperature; and \hat{y}_i is the compensated pressure value.

4.2. Compensation results and error analysis

After setting the parameters, the algorithm program is run and the fitness curve of the GWO for optimization is obtained. This is shown in Fig. 6.

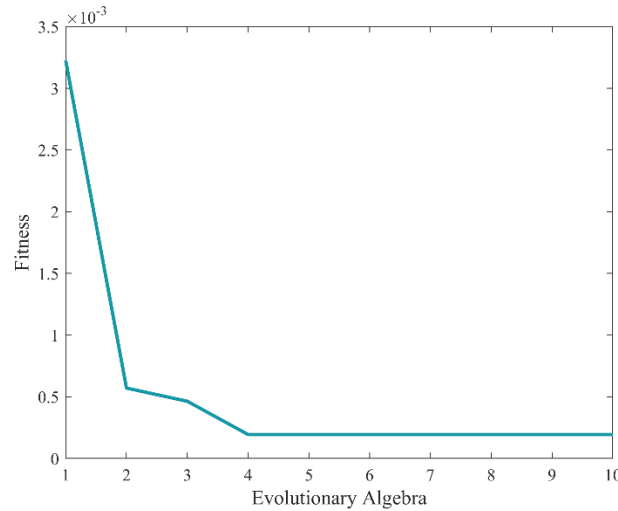


Fig. 6. Graph of the fitness function.

Figure 6 demonstrates that the gray wolf algorithm quickly searches for optimality during preliminary iterations. After four to five iterations, the optimal fitness value is found immediately (The final result time to iterate out the pressure value is 0.34s.). The gray wolf position at this time is the optimal regularization coefficient and kernel function parameters of the KELM algorithm. Through the compensation of the KELM model, the comparison between the high-precision pressure value predicted by the algorithm and the actual real pressure value was finally obtained as shown in Fig. 7(a), and the absolute error distribution of the test set after compensation is shown in Fig. 7(b).

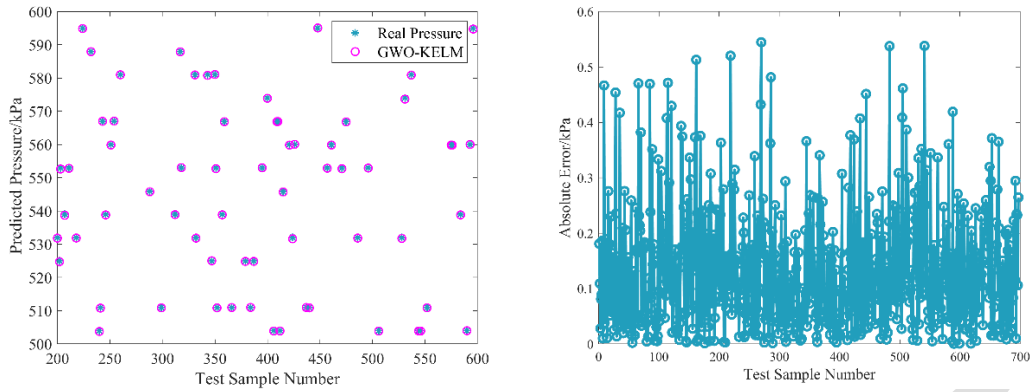


Fig. 7. (a) GWO-KELM compensated value vs. true value; (b) Absolute error distribution plot.

In order to see the comparison effect more clearly, the following figure is shown. 7(a) shows the pressure value after GWO-KELM compensation compared with the real value between 200-600 samples in the test set and the pressure range of 500-600 kPa. It can be seen that the compensated values overlap with the true values with excellent consistency, *i.e.*, high accuracy after compensation. Figure 7(b) shows that the maximum absolute error after compensation by the GWO-KELM algorithm is only 0.5446 kPa, and its corresponding full-scale error is 0.0778% FS.

Meanwhile, to compare the compensation effect of GWO-KELM algorithm more clearly, the design ELM, BP neural network, and KELM algorithms are tested together. The relative error distribution is obtained as shown in Fig. 8. It can be seen that the relative errors of the BP neural network and KELM algorithms are larger. These errors are 0.05509 and 0.05661, respectively. The effect of the KELM optimized by the GWO is obviously improved, and its maximum relative error is reduced to 0.02036, which further exerts the advantages of the KELM, and also improves the smoothness of its compensation, which greatly avoids being affected by the regularization coefficients and kernel function parameters.

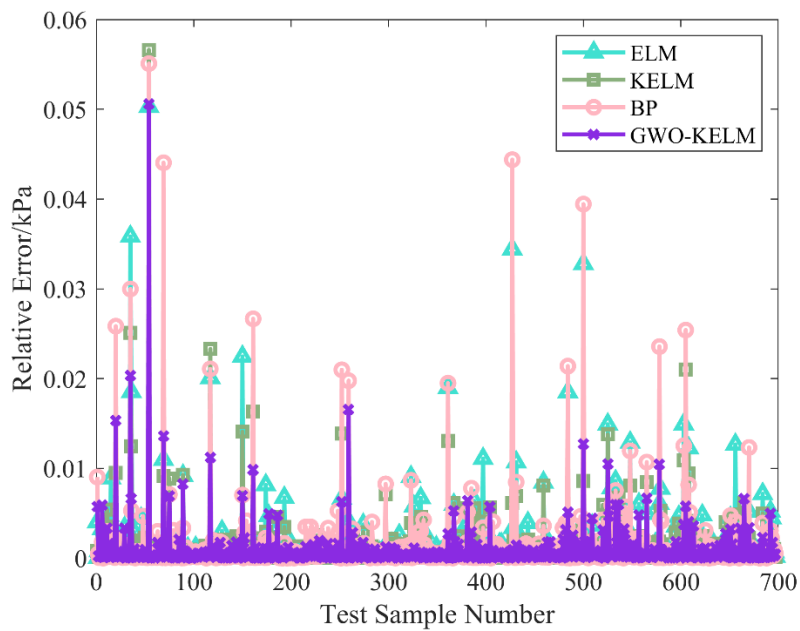


Fig. 8. Relative error distribution of different algorithms.

Based on the above test results, the error metrics of different algorithms are plotted as shown in Fig. 9. From the figure, it can be clearly seen that the MAE, RMSE, and MAPE error metrics of the GWO-KELM algorithm are at the lowest values among several algorithms. Therefore, the algorithm is superior in dealing with the temperature compensation problems. In addition to this, both the BP and ELM algorithms are at a higher level in terms of error metrics, indicating that the two algorithms have room for further improvement in dealing with the compensation problem.

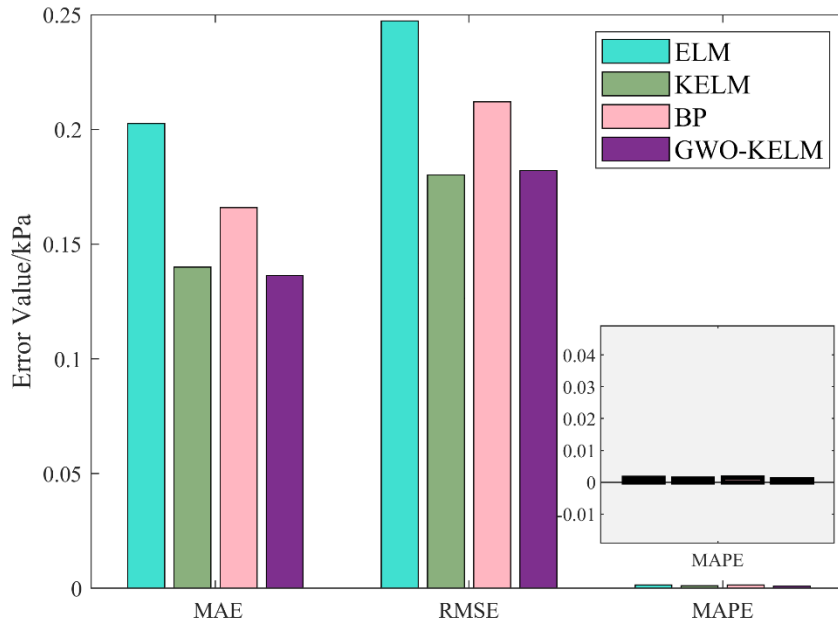


Fig. 9. Comparison of error metrics of different algorithms.

So far, we give the key indicators of the maximum absolute error and full-scale error as shown in Table 1:

Table 1. Comparison of key accuracy indicators for pressure sensors.

| Model | Maximum absolute error (kPa) | FS (%) |
|----------|------------------------------|--------|
| BP | 0.9099 | 0.1300 |
| ELM | 0.8601 | 0.1229 |
| KELM | 0.8492 | 0.1213 |
| GWO-KELM | 0.5446 | 0.0778 |

In the key indexes of the pressure sensors given in Table 1, it can be reflected that the accuracy of the pressure sensors compensated by GWO-KELM is improved from the order of 1 part in a thousand to the order of 7 parts in 10,000 in comparison with the remaining three algorithms, which strongly indicates the effectiveness of the algorithms in this paper.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, for the gas pressure sensors due to the temperature impact limits the accuracy of further improvement of the problem, we propose the use of GWO-KELM model to deal with the temperature compensation experiments to illustrate the effectiveness and reliability of the method. The main conclusions are as follows:

- (1) An innovative GWO-KELM gas pressure sensor compensation algorithm is proposed. The KELM algorithm improves solution accuracy. This is done by improving the ELM algorithm's poor handling of nonlinear problems, and then using the Gray Wolf Optimization Algorithm strategy.
- (2) For the experimentally collected data, the GWO-KELM algorithm converges to the target value quickly, showing strong optimization seeking ability.
- (3) From the experimental results, it can be seen that the GWO-KELM method has a better compensation effect. It achieves an accuracy of 0.07%FS in the full temperature range of the adiabatic pressure sensor 0-700 kPa, which is higher than the ELM and KELM accuracy of 0.12%FS. Compared to BP neural networks, it is an order of magnitude higher. Pressure sensors can be improved in accuracy and training time with this technology.

The GWO-KELM model can provide guidance for temperature compensation of gas pressure sensors. However, the model has some limitations. We will work on developing different models with higher compensation accuracy for different compensation types of silicon piezoresistive pressure sensors.

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