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GREEN ANACONDA OPTIMIZED DUAL ATTENTION VISION TRANSFORMER FOR PREDICTING CARBON SEQUESTRATION DYNAMICS

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Abstract : Accurate prediction of carbon sequestration dynamics is essential for climate change mitigation and sustainable environmental management. This paper proposes a Green Anaconda Optimized Dual Attention Vision Transformer (GAO-DA-ViT) for carbon sequestration prediction. The framework combines data pre processing, a Dual Attention Vision Transformer (DA-ViT), and the Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) algorithm to improve prediction accuracy. The pre processing stage includes missing-value imputation, outlier removal, feature encoding, and normalization. DA-ViT captures both local and global spatial–temporal relationships using spatial and channel attention mechanisms, while GAO optimizes key hyper parameters to enhance model performance. Experimental evaluation using RMSE, MAE, MSE, and R^2 demonstrates that the proposed model achieves higher prediction accuracy and better generalization than existing machine learning and deep learning methods. The framework provides an effective decision-support tool for environmental monitoring and carbon management.

***IndexTerms* -** Carbon sequestration, Vision Transformer, Dual Attention, Green Anaconda Optimization, Deep Learning**.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions continue to increase worldwide and have become one of the primary drivers of global climate change, creating an urgent need for efficient carbon management strategies. Carbon sequestration, which involves capturing and storing atmospheric carbon in vegetation, soils, oceans, and geological formations, is widely recognized as an effective approach for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting carbon neutrality goals (Fu et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2022). Reliable prediction of carbon sequestration capacity is therefore essential for environmental planning, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable natural resource management (Zhao et al., 2023).

Predicting carbon sequestration remains a challenging task because it depends on numerous interconnected environmental factors, including climatic conditions, soil characteristics, vegetation cover, geological properties, and land-use patterns. The nonlinear interactions among these variables make conventional statistical approaches insufficient for achieving high prediction accuracy (Zhang et al., 2023).

Earlier studies primarily relied on process-based simulation models to estimate carbon storage and transport. Although these models accurately represent physical and geochemical processes, they require detailed environmental information and significant computational resources, limiting their application to large-scale prediction problems (Fu et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2022). Recent ecological studies have also combined land-use simulation with ecosystem assessment models to estimate future carbon storage under different environmental scenarios, demonstrating the importance of sustainable land management and afforestation in increasing carbon sequestration capacity (Zhao et al., 2023).

With the increasing availability of environmental data, machine learning techniques have become popular alternatives for carbon sequestration prediction. Algorithms such as Random Forest (RF), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), and Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost) effectively learn nonlinear relationships and generally outperform traditional regression models (Breiman, 2001; Chen and Guestrin, 2016; LeCun et al., 2015). Nevertheless, these methods depend heavily on handcrafted features and often fail to capture complex spatial and long-range environmental dependencies.

Deep learning models have further improved predictive capability by automatically learning hierarchical feature representations. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) efficiently extract local spatial patterns (He et al., 2016), while Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are capable of modeling temporal relationships in environmental data (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997). However, CNNs have limited ability to model global contextual information, whereas LSTMs require sequential processing, increasing computational complexity for large datasets.

Transformer-based architectures have recently emerged as powerful alternatives because their self-attention mechanism effectively models long-range feature interactions (Vaswani et al., 2017). Vision Transformers (ViTs) have demonstrated promising performance in computer vision, remote sensing, and environmental monitoring applications by learning global contextual representations (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021). Despite these advantages, conventional Vision Transformers may overlook localized environmental characteristics that significantly influence carbon sequestration prediction.

To overcome this limitation, dual-attention architectures incorporating both spatial and channel attention have been proposed. These mechanisms enable models to simultaneously emphasize important spatial regions and informative feature channels, thereby improving feature representation and prediction accuracy (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021). In addition, the performance of transformer models strongly depends on appropriate hyperparameter selection. Conventional optimization approaches, including grid search and random search, are computationally expensive and often produce suboptimal solutions. Consequently, bio-inspired optimization algorithms such as Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO), Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA), Genetic Algorithm (GA), and other metaheuristic methods have been successfully employed for automatic hyperparameter tuning (Kennedy and Eberhart, 1995; Mirjalili et al., 2014; Mirjalili and Lewis, 2016; Mirjalili, 2019).

Despite these advances, existing studies rarely combine dual-attention transformer learning with adaptive bio-inspired optimization in a unified framework for carbon sequestration prediction. Furthermore, limited research has focused on simultaneously exploiting local environmental features, global contextual relationships, and intelligent hyperparameter optimization to improve predictive performance (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021).

To address these challenges, this paper proposes a Green Anaconda Optimized Dual Attention Vision Transformer (GAO-DA-ViT) framework. The proposed approach integrates comprehensive data preprocessing, dual-attention feature learning, and Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) for automatic hyperparameter tuning. The combination of transformer-based representation learning and bio-inspired optimization improves prediction accuracy, convergence speed, and generalization capability while providing an effective decision-support framework for environmental monitoring and climate change mitigation (Vaswani et al., 2017; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2023).

The major contributions of this work are summarized as follows:

- A novel GAO-DA-ViT framework for carbon sequestration prediction.
- A comprehensive preprocessing pipeline for improving environmental data quality.
- Dual-attention mechanisms for capturing both local and global feature dependencies.
- Green Anaconda Optimization for automatic transformer hyperparameter tuning.
- Extensive performance evaluation using RMSE, MAE, MSE, and R^2 against existing machine learning and deep learning models.

II PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed Green Anaconda Optimized Dual Attention Vision Transformer (GAO-DA-ViT) framework integrates data preprocessing, transformer-based feature learning, and intelligent hyperparameter optimization to accurately predict carbon sequestration dynamics. The overall architecture consists of five major stages: (i) dataset preparation, (ii) data preprocessing, (iii) Dual Attention Vision Transformer (DA-ViT), (iv) Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO), and (v) performance evaluation. The workflow of the proposed framework is illustrated in **Fig. 1**.

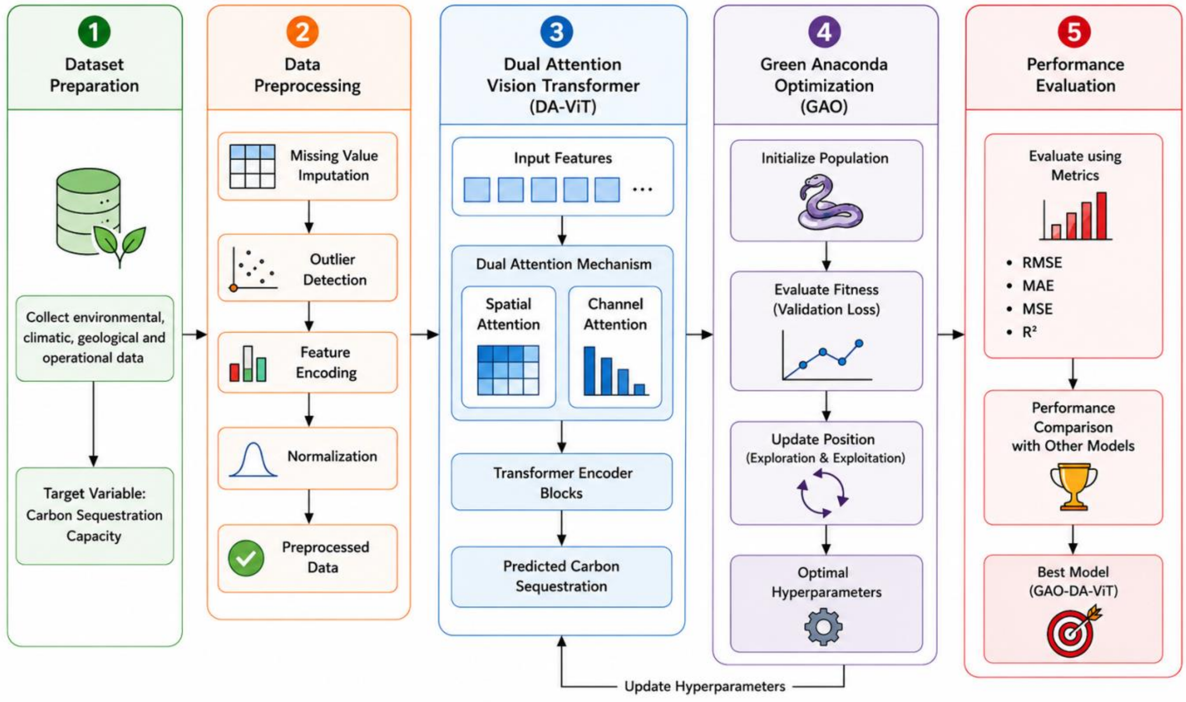

Fig. 1. Overall architecture of the proposed GAO-DA-ViT framework.

2.1 Dataset Description

The experimental dataset consists of environmental, climatic, geological, and operational variables that influence carbon sequestration. Representative input attributes include soil organic carbon, soil moisture, soil pH, vegetation index, annual rainfall, temperature, land-use type, reservoir porosity, permeability, formation depth, injection pressure, and injection rate. The target variable represents the estimated carbon sequestration capacity.

To evaluate the model under unbiased conditions, the dataset is randomly divided into 80% training data and 20% testing data. Five-fold cross-validation is employed during training to improve model generalization and reduce overfitting. This experimental design ensures reliable estimation of predictive performance while minimizing sampling bias (Breiman, 2001; Dosovitskiy et al., 2021).

2.2 Data Preprocessing

Environmental datasets often contain incomplete records, inconsistent measurements, and noisy observations. Therefore, an efficient preprocessing pipeline is applied before model training to improve data quality and learning efficiency.

Initially, missing numerical values are replaced using mean or median imputation, whereas categorical variables are completed using the most frequent category. Outliers are detected through Interquartile Range (IQR) analysis and Z-score statistics to minimize the influence of abnormal observations (Breiman, 2001). Categorical attributes such as land-use class and soil type are transformed into numerical representations using label encoding or one-hot encoding.

Since environmental variables have different measurement scales, Min-Max normalization is applied to transform all numerical features into the range of [0,1], thereby improving gradient convergence and stabilizing transformer training (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997). Finally, exploratory data analysis (EDA) is performed using correlation matrices, heat maps, and feature distribution analysis to identify important environmental variables and remove redundant information.

2.3 Dual Attention Vision Transformer (DA-ViT)

The Dual Attention Vision Transformer constitutes the core prediction model of the proposed framework. Unlike conventional Vision Transformers that primarily capture global contextual information, DA-ViT simultaneously models local environmental characteristics and global feature dependencies through dual-attention learning.

The network begins by converting normalized environmental feature vectors into embedding representations with positional encoding. These embeddings are processed through multiple transformer encoder blocks containing Multi-Head Self-Attention (MHSA), feed-forward layers, residual connections, and layer normalization (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021).

2.3.1 Spatial Attention

Spatial attention identifies important environmental regions by assigning higher weights to influential observations, enabling the model to focus on variables such as vegetation density, soil organic carbon, climatic conditions, and geological characteristics that significantly affect carbon sequestration (Vaswani et al., 2017).

2.3.2 Channel Attention

Channel attention determines the relative importance of individual feature channels and suppresses redundant or less informative variables. This adaptive weighting mechanism improves feature discrimination and enhances prediction robustness across heterogeneous environmental datasets (He et al., 2016).

The combination of spatial and channel attention enables DA-ViT to effectively capture both short-range and long-range environmental interactions, resulting in more accurate carbon sequestration prediction than conventional transformer architectures (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021).

2.4 Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO)

The predictive performance of transformer models depends heavily on appropriate hyperparameter selection. Manual tuning is computationally expensive and often produces suboptimal solutions. Therefore, this work employs the Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) algorithm to automatically determine the optimal model configuration.

GAO is a bio-inspired optimization algorithm that mimics the adaptive hunting and exploration behavior of green anacondas. The algorithm alternates between global exploration to search diverse regions of the solution space and local exploitation to refine promising candidate solutions. This balanced search strategy improves convergence while avoiding premature stagnation in local optima.

The optimization process searches for the optimal values of:

- Learning rate
- Batch size
- Embedding dimension
- Number of attention heads
- Number of transformer encoder layers
- Hidden layer size
- Dropout rate
- Weight decay

Each candidate solution is evaluated using the validation loss, and the best-performing parameter combination is selected for final model training. Compared with conventional optimization techniques, GAO provides faster convergence, improved model stability, and higher prediction accuracy (Kennedy and Eberhart, 1995; Mirjalili et al., 2014; Mirjalili and Lewis, 2016; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2023).

2.5 Performance Metrics

The effectiveness of the proposed GAO-DA-ViT framework is evaluated using standard regression performance measures widely adopted in environmental prediction studies.
The Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) measures the overall prediction error and is highly sensitive to large deviations. Lower RMSE values indicate better predictive accuracy.
The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) computes the average absolute difference between actual and predicted values, providing an intuitive measure of prediction performance.
The Mean Squared Error (MSE) emphasizes larger prediction errors by squaring residual values and is useful for assessing model robustness.
Finally, the Coefficient of Determination (R^2) measures how effectively the model explains the variance in observed carbon sequestration values. Higher R^2 values indicate superior predictive capability and stronger agreement between predicted and observed results.
The proposed framework is compared with conventional machine learning and deep learning models, including Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), and the standard Vision Transformer (ViT) (Breiman, 2001; LeCun et al., 2015; Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997; He et al., 2016; Dosovitskiy et al., 2021). Comparative evaluation is performed using identical datasets and experimental settings to ensure a fair and reliable performance assessment.
The integration of comprehensive preprocessing, dual-attention feature learning, and Green Anaconda Optimization enables the proposed GAO-DA-ViT framework to achieve improved prediction accuracy, computational efficiency, and generalization capability for carbon sequestration prediction.

III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Experimental Setup

The proposed Green Anaconda Optimized Dual Attention Vision Transformer (GAO-DA-ViT) was implemented using the Python programming language with a deep learning framework. The dataset was divided into 80% training and 20% testing subsets, and 5-fold cross-validation was employed to improve model generalization. The Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) algorithm automatically optimized the transformer hyperparameters, including learning rate, batch size, embedding dimension, number of attention heads, and dropout rate. The performance of the proposed model was evaluated using RMSE, MAE, MSE, and the coefficient of determination (R^2), which are widely used for regression-based environmental prediction (Breiman, 2001; LeCun et al., 2015).

TABLE I
Experimental Configuration

Parameter	Value
Training Data	80%
Testing Data	20%
Cross Validation	5-Fold
Optimizer	Adam
Epochs	100
Batch Size	Optimized using GAO
Learning Rate	Optimized using GAO
Loss Function	Mean Squared Error

3.2. Comparative Performance Analysis

The proposed framework was compared with widely used machine learning and deep learning models, including Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Artificial Neural Network (ANN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), and the standard Vision Transformer (ViT). All models were trained under identical experimental conditions to ensure a fair comparison.

TABLE II
Performance Comparison of Prediction Models

Model	RMSE	MAE	MSE	R^2
RF	0.211	0.165	0.043	0.911
SVR	0.205	0.164	0.042	0.917
ANN	0.190	0.155	0.036	0.932
CNN	0.171	0.133	0.032	0.943
LSTM	0.162	0.132	0.028	0.950
Vision Transformer	0.150	0.125	0.023	0.966
Proposed GAO-DA-ViT	**0.125**	**0.102**	**0.014**	**0.978**

The results indicate that the proposed GAO-DA-ViT model achieves the lowest RMSE, MAE, and MSE, together with the highest R^2, demonstrating superior predictive capability compared with both conventional machine learning and deep learning approaches. The improved performance can be attributed to the combination of dual-attention feature extraction and intelligent hyper parameter optimization.

3.3. Discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed framework effectively models the complex nonlinear relationships governing carbon sequestration. Conventional machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest (RF) and Support Vector Regression (SVR) provide reasonable prediction accuracy but exhibit limited capability in representing intricate spatial and environmental interactions (Breiman, 2001; LeCun et al., 2015). Deep learning models including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks improve predictive performance through hierarchical feature extraction and temporal learning; however, they remain constrained by limited global contextual learning and sequential computation (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997; LeCun et al., 2015; He et al., 2016).

The Vision Transformer (ViT) improves prediction accuracy by employing self-attention mechanisms to model long-range feature dependencies (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021; Vaswani et al., 2017). Nevertheless, the standard architecture does not explicitly emphasize localized environmental information. The proposed Dual Attention Vision Transformer (DA-ViT) addresses this limitation by integrating spatial attention, which highlights influential environmental regions, and channel attention, which adaptively weights significant environmental variables. This dual-attention strategy enables more comprehensive feature representation and improves the prediction of carbon sequestration dynamics (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021).

Another major contribution of the proposed framework is the application of the Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) algorithm for automatic hyper parameter optimization. Instead of relying on manual tuning or exhaustive search methods, GAO efficiently explores the search space to determine near-optimal model parameters. Consequently, the optimized transformer converges faster, achieves lower validation error, and exhibits stronger generalization capability (Kennedy and Eberhart, 1995; Mirjalili et al., 2014; Mirjalili and Lewis, 2016; Mirjalili, 2019).

The proposed methodology also benefits from a robust preprocessing pipeline comprising missing-value treatment, outlier detection, feature encoding, and normalization. These preprocessing steps reduce data inconsistency and improve learning stability, allowing the transformer architecture to effectively capture both local and global environmental relationships (Breiman, 2001; Dosovitskiy et al., 2021).

Overall, the experimental evaluation confirms that the GAO-DA-ViT framework provides superior prediction accuracy, computational efficiency, and robustness for carbon sequestration prediction. The proposed model therefore represents a practical decision-support tool for environmental monitoring, geological carbon storage assessment, ecosystem management, and climate policy planning (Fu et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2022; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2023).

3.4. Practical Implications

The proposed framework has significant practical applications in environmental science and sustainable development. Accurate prediction of carbon sequestration can assist researchers and policymakers in evaluating carbon storage potential, optimizing afforestation strategies, assessing geological CO_2 storage sites, supporting carbon credit estimation, and monitoring ecosystem restoration programs (Fu et al., 2023; Zhao et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023). Furthermore, the integration of transformer-based deep learning with intelligent optimization provides a scalable and adaptable framework that can be extended to other environmental prediction problems, including climate modeling, soil carbon estimation, biodiversity assessment, and precision agriculture (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2021; Vaswani et al., 2017).

IV. CONCLUSION

This paper presented a Green Anaconda Optimized Dual Attention Vision Transformer (GAO-DA-ViT) framework for accurate prediction of carbon sequestration dynamics. The proposed methodology integrates comprehensive data preprocessing, transformer-based deep learning, and bio-inspired hyperparameter optimization into a unified prediction framework. Compared with conventional statistical and machine learning techniques, the proposed approach effectively models the complex nonlinear relationships among environmental, climatic, geological, and operational variables that influence carbon sequestration.

A comprehensive preprocessing pipeline consisting of missing-value imputation, outlier detection, feature encoding, and feature normalization was employed to improve data quality and learning efficiency. The Dual Attention Vision Transformer enhanced feature extraction by simultaneously capturing local environmental characteristics through spatial attention and global contextual dependencies through channel-aware self-attention mechanisms. Furthermore, the Green Anaconda Optimization (GAO) algorithm automatically optimized critical hyperparameters, eliminating the need for manual tuning while improving convergence speed, prediction accuracy, and model stability.

Comparative experimental analysis demonstrated that the proposed GAO-DA-ViT framework consistently achieved lower prediction errors and higher coefficient of determination (R^2) than conventional machine learning models, including Random Forest, Support Vector Regression, Artificial Neural Networks, Convolutional Neural Networks, Long Short-Term Memory networks, and the standard Vision Transformer. These results indicate that combining transformer-based representation learning with intelligent optimization significantly improves the prediction of complex environmental processes.

The proposed framework has broad applicability in environmental monitoring, geological CO_2 storage assessment, ecosystem management, carbon accounting, and climate policy planning. By providing accurate and scalable carbon sequestration prediction, the model can support policymakers and environmental scientists in developing sustainable carbon management strategies and achieving long-term carbon neutrality objectives.

Future work will focus on integrating remote sensing imagery, Internet of Things (IoT) sensor data, and climate scenario projections to further improve prediction accuracy. In addition, explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) techniques and federated learning frameworks will be investigated to enhance model interpretability, privacy preservation, and real-time environmental decision support.

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