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# Research on construction and management strategy of carbon neutral stadiums based on CNN-QRLSTM model combined with dynamic attention mechanism

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**Introduction:** Large-scale construction projects such as sports stadiums are known for their significant energy consumption and carbon emissions, raising concerns about sustainability. This study addresses the pressing issue of developing carbon-neutral stadiums by proposing an integrated approach that leverages advanced convolutional neural networks (CNN) and quasi-recurrent long short-term memory (QRLSTM) models, combined with dynamic attention mechanisms.

**Methods:** The proposed approach employs the CNN-QRLSTM model, which combines the strengths of CNN and QRLSTM to handle both image and sequential data. Additionally, dynamic attention mechanisms are integrated to adaptively adjust attention weights based on varying situations, enhancing the model's ability to capture relevant information accurately.

**Results:** Experiments were conducted using four datasets: EnergyPlus, ASHRAE, CBECS, and UCI. The results demonstrated the superiority of the proposed model compared to other advanced models, achieving the highest scores of 97.79% accuracy, recall rate, F1 score, and AUC.

**Discussion:** The integration of deep learning models and dynamic attention mechanisms in stadium construction and management offers a more scientific decision support system for stakeholders. This approach facilitates sustainable choices in carbon reduction and resource utilization, contributing to the development of carbon-neutral stadiums.

#### **KEYWORDS**

construction and management strategy, carbon neutral stadiums, CNN, QRLSTM, dynamic attention mechanism

# **1** Introduction

In recent years, the construction and operation of sports stadiums have been identified as significant contributors to energy consumption and carbon emissions, exacerbating the global challenge of climate change (Liu and Jian, 2023). As a result, the urgent need to drive sports stadiums towards carbon neutrality and adopt sustainable strategies has garnered increased attention. Deep learning models have emerged as promising tools for addressing these challenges and promoting sustainable practices in stadium development and management (Himeur et al., 2022).

In the pursuit of carbon-neutral stadiums, various deep learning models have been explored to address the complexities of stadium operations and energy management (Hassan et al., 2023). These models include Long Short Term Memory (LSTM), Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs), and Transformer Models.

LSTM (Lemonde et al., 2021), a specialized Recurrent Neural Network, excels at capturing long-term dependencies in sequential data, making it suitable for time-series analysis in stadium operations and energy utilization (Elnour et al., 2022b). However, it may struggle with extremely long sequences, limiting its applicability in certain aspects of stadium management (Ning et al., 2023). GANs offer a powerful technique for generating realistic synthetic data, which can enhance dataset diversity and robustness for model training (Himeur et al., 2023). Nonetheless, GAN training can be unstable and sensitive to hyperparameter settings, necessitating careful fine-tuning. RNNs (Cui et al., 2022), including both LSTM and GRUs, are designed to process sequential data and are well-suited for tasks involving time series or sequential data analysis (Jia et al., 2022). While GRUs offer computational efficiency and parameter efficiency (Wickramaratne and Mahmud, 2020), RNNs, in general, face challenges in learning long-term dependencies during training. Transformer Models (Ota et al., 2023), primarily used for processing sequential data, have the potential to inform and optimize carbon-neutral stadium design by predicting renewable energy generation, analyzing material choices, and understanding travel patterns (Huang et al., 2016). However, their full effectiveness relies on human guidance and integration with traditional approaches.

However, despite the significant progress in carbon-neutral stadium research, traditional deep learning methods often encounter limitations when confronted with the complexity of stadium systems (Tian et al., 2023). Particularly, these methods struggle to effectively handle both sequence data and spatial data simultaneously while generating data that meets specific conditions. Consequently, this challenge hampers the comprehensive modeling and optimization of carbon-neutral stadiums. To address these intrinsic limitations, this study introduces an innovative approach that integrates the convolutional neural networks (CNN) (Gu et al., 2018) and quasi recurrent long short term memory (QRLSTM) (Bolelli et al., 2018) model with a dynamic attention mechanism. This model adeptly handles both spatial and sequential data, proficiently capturing essential information related to stadium design and operational aspects (Hassan et al., 2022). Furthermore, the incorporation of the dynamic attention mechanism enhances the model's adaptability, enabling it to dynamically focus on pertinent factors at different time points and in varying circumstances (Chapman et al., 2022). This realtime optimization capability empowers precise control and decision-making, ensuring a continuous and sustained reduction in carbon emissions. By harnessing the power of the CNN-QRLSTM model in combination with the dynamic attention mechanism, this research strives to provide more accurate and targeted recommendations for the construction and management of carbon-neutral stadiums.

The contribution points of this paper are as follows:

- Our innovative approach leverages the combined power of CNN-QRLSTM with attention mechanisms to revolutionize the modeling of complex dynamics in sports stadium systems. The utilization of CNN allows us to capture critical spatial features inherent in stadium design, enhancing our understanding of the physical aspects of carbon emissions. Simultaneously, QRLSTM effectively captures intricate temporal dynamics, enabling us to analyze and predict carbon emissions trends over time. The incorporation of attention mechanisms further enhances our model's capabilities by dynamically focusing on relevant aspects at different time points. This integration results in an unprecedentedly comprehensive and intricate carbon emissions model that is specifically tailored for sports stadiums, providing a deeper insight into the factors influencing carbon neutrality.
- Our CNN-QRLSTM model excels in providing highly accurate and finely-tuned recommendations for carbon emissions reduction across various stages of stadium development and operation, encompassing construction and operational phases. By advancing the modeling of stadium systems, our model offers practical solutions for achieving carbon reduction targets. Its enhanced precision leads to more impactful and effective optimization strategies, enabling stadium managers to make informed and sustainable decisions related to carbon-neutral stadium construction and resource management. This precision translates into tangible benefits, including reduced energy consumption, lower carbon emissions, and improved resource utilization.
- Through a series of experiments and rigorous comparisons with traditional methods, we have demonstrated the remarkable potential of our CNN-QRLSTM model in achieving carbon reduction, improving energy efficiency, and optimizing resource management within stadium development projects. Our model's unique feature allows it to dynamically adapt to changing conditions, facilitating on-the-fly optimization

and control of various stadium systems, including energy consumption, waste management, and transportation, throughout stadium operations. This real-time adaptability ensures continuous carbon emissions reduction, promoting a greener and more sustainable sports stadium environment. Our research bridges the gap between theoretical concepts and practical implementation, providing actionable insights for the construction and management of carbon-neutral stadiums.

In the subsequent sections of this paper, we delve into the relevant research in Section 2. In Section 3, we present a comprehensive overview of our proposed methods, including the integration of CNNs, QRLSTM, and dynamic attention mechanism. Section 4 encompasses the experimental segment, encompassing intricate details and a comparative analysis of the experiments conducted. Finally, in Section 5, we draw conclusions and summarize the findings of this study.

# 2 Related work

### 2.1 Deep Reinforcement Learning

Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) (Liu et al., 2021) for carbon-neutral stadium management is an innovative approach that leverages the power of deep learning and reinforcement learning techniques to optimize and reduce carbon emissions in sports stadiums. This model aims to make data-driven decisions and dynamically adjust stadium operations to achieve carbon neutrality while ensuring efficient resource utilization.

The DRL model relies on a reinforcement learning agent that interacts with the stadium environment, selecting actions based on observed states and receiving feedback in the form of rewards (Puttick et al., 2017). The agent's ultimate goal is to learn a policy that maximizes cumulative rewards over time, enabling it to make real-time decisions during stadium operations. Through continuous learning and adaptation, the model continually refines its decisionmaking capabilities, resulting in continuous improvement in carbon emission reduction.

However, its limitations in computational complexity, data requirements, and interpretability pose challenges for real-world implementation (Whittlestone et al., 2021). Addressing these drawbacks is crucial to harness the full potential of the DRL model in practical stadium management scenarios.

## 2.2 Graph Neural Network

The Graph Neural Network (GNN) (Chen et al., 2023) for carbon-neutral stadium management works by representing the stadium as a graph, where each element like energy sources and infrastructure is a node. GNNs use the connections between these nodes to learn and predict energy efficiency and carbon emissions. By analyzing complex interactions within the stadium system through message passing and aggregation, GNNs provide valuable insights for optimizing carbonneutral strategies.

GNNs' robustness in handling irregular and unstructured data makes them suitable for diverse stadium configurations, adapting well to various sizes and layouts. Leveraging data-driven insights, GNNs facilitate informed decision-making, leading to more accurate and efficient energy management and carbon reduction initiatives, benefiting sustainable stadium operations (Pillai et al., 2023).

Building an accurate and comprehensive graph representation of the stadium environment can be complex and require domain expertise, impacting the model's performance. Additionally, as the stadium system grows in size and complexity, GNNs may face scalability issues, leading to increased computational resources and longer processing times. Moreover, GNNs' black-box nature poses interpretability challenges, hindering stakeholders' understanding of the model's decision-making process, a critical aspect for effectively implementing carbon-neutral strategies in stadium management (Ding et al., 2022).

#### 2.3 Multi-Task Learning

The Multi-Task Learning (MTL) (Lu et al., 2022) model for carbon-neutral stadium management works by addressing multiple tasks at once to achieve carbon neutrality. Instead of training separate models for each task, the MTL model shares and learns from common features, making the most of the relationships and connections between the tasks. It jointly optimizes energy consumption, carbon emissions, resource management, and other important factors, creating a powerful and coordinated approach that improves the overall sustainability of stadium operations.

MTL efficiently transfers knowledge between tasks by leveraging shared information, leading to a deeper understanding of stadium management factors and more accurate predictions. The MTL model provides a comprehensive solution by addressing multiple tasks simultaneously, promoting coordinated decision-making for carbon-neutral strategies. The MTL reduces data requirements by learning from multiple tasks together, making it advantageous in data-limited scenarios and contributing to cost-effective solutions.

Integrating multiple tasks into a single model may increase complexity, requiring additional computational resources and expertise during design and training compared to single-task models. Moreover, the complex architecture of the MTL model may reduce its interpretability (Tseng et al., 2020), making it challenging to understand the specific contributions of each task, potentially affecting stakeholder buy-in and decision implementation.

# 3 Methodology

#### 3.1 Overview of our network

QRLSTM is a type of neural network architecture that combines the strengths of LSTM and QuasiRecurrent Neural Networks

(QRNN) (Zhang et al., 2023a). Our model combines CNN and QRLSTM, along with the dynamic attention mechanism. The CNN-QRLSTM model simultaneously processes spatial and temporal data, capturing crucial features of sports stadium design and operations. The dynamic attention mechanism allows the model to adaptively adjust attention weights, effectively focusing on relevant aspects at different time points, resulting in more accurate predictions.

Figure 1 is the overview flow chart. The flow chart of the CNN-QRLSTM model combined with the dynamic attention mechanism consists of five main layers: Input layer, CNN layer, BiGRU layer, Attention layer, and Output layer. The input layer receives diverse stadium-related information, including images, sequential data, and other relevant features. The CNN layer performs feature extraction on the input data, capturing spatial patterns and visual information from stadium images. The processed data is then passed to the Bidirectional Gated Recurrent Unit (BiGRU) layer, which models temporal dependencies in the data. The dynamic attention mechanism in the Attention layer adaptively adjusts attention weights based on the input data and context, enhancing the model's decision-making capabilities. Finally, the Output layer generates accurate recommendations for carbon emissions reduction and resource management in sports stadiums.



## 3.2 CNN model

CNN is a deep learning model primarily used for processing images and spatial data (Zhong et al., 2017). It consists of convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers, enabling effective feature extraction from images, which is crucial for tasks such as image recognition, classification, and segmentation (Yamashita et al., 2018). The key characteristics of CNN lie in weight sharing and local receptive fields, providing robustness to image translations and scaling and reducing model parameters, thus accelerating the training process.

In the research of carbon-neutral stadium construction and management strategies, the CNN Model is employed to extract spatial features from stadium-related data (Lopez et al., 2014). By applying convolutional operations to stadium images and structural data, the CNN Model can capture spatial relationships and structural information from different regions within the stadium. This facilitates the generation of more meaningful feature representations for subsequent modeling, aiding in more accurate carbon emission predictions and optimizing energy utilization.

The basic formula for a CNN model can be expressed as follows:

1. Convolution Operation: The convolution operation is the core of CNN, which involves sliding a convolutional kernel (or filter) over the input image to extract features from different local regions.

$$S(i,j) = (I * K)(i,j) = \sum_{m \in n} \sum_{n} I(i+m,j+n) \cdot K(m,n)$$
(1)

where S(i,j) represents the pixel value in the output feature map at position (i,j), I represents the pixel values of the input image, K represents the weight values of the convolutional kernel, *i* and *j* are the pixel coordinates in the output feature map,

2. Pooling Operation: The pooling operation is used to reduce the size of the feature map while retaining important feature information, which helps reduce the number of parameters and computational complexity.

$$S(i,j) = \max_{m=0}^{M-1} \max_{n=0}^{N-1} I(si+m,sj+n)$$
(2)

where S(i,j) represents the pixel value in the output feature map at position (i,j), I represents the pixel values of the input image, s is the stride of the pooling operation.

3. Fully Connected Layer: The fully connected layer comes after the convolutional and pooling layers. It flattens the obtained feature map and connects it to a fully connected neural network.

$$\mathbf{a}^{(l)} = f(\mathbf{W}^{(l)}\mathbf{a}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)})$$
(3)

where  $\mathbf{a}^{(l)}$  represents the output of layer l,  $\mathbf{W}^{(l)}$  represents the weight matrix of layer l,  $\mathbf{a}^{(l-1)}$  represents the output of layer l - 1, which is the input to layer l,  $\mathbf{b}^{(l)}$  represents the bias vector of layer l,  $f(\cdot)$  represents the activation function.

Figure 2 is the CNN model flow chart:

## 3.3 QRLSTM model

In our proposed carbon-neutral stadium management approach, the QRLSTM model plays a crucial role in handling the temporal dynamics of carbon emission data and is able to provide more accurate predictions. By capturing long-term dependencies in time series data, QRLSTM can better predict



stadium carbon emission trends and help decision-makers develop more informed carbon emission reduction strategies.

Furthermore, QRLSTM is integrated with other models such as CNN for spatial feature extraction and dynamic attention mechanism for fusing predictions from different models. Through the comprehensive application of these deep learning models, we are able to effectively model the complex dynamic changes of a carbon-neutral stadium and provide decision-makers with more scientific support to achieve the sustainable development goals of a carbon-neutral stadium.

Figure 3 is the flow chart of the QRLSTM model.

The calculation formulas of QRLSTM are as follows:

1. Input gate

$$i_t = \sigma(W_{xi} \cdot x_t + R_{hi} \cdot h_{t-1} + b_i) \tag{4}$$

where  $x_t$  represents the *t*-th vector of the input sequence,  $i_t$  represents the outputs of the input gate with its value ranging from [0,1], *W*, *R*, and *b* represent the weight matrix, recursive matrix, and bias vector, respectively, which are learnable parameters.

2. Forget gate

$$f_t = \sigma(W_{xf} \cdot x_t + R_{hf} \cdot h_{t-1} + b_f) \tag{5}$$

where  $f_t$  represents the outputs of the forget gate with its value ranging from [0,1].

3. Output gate

$$o_t = \sigma(W_{xo} \cdot x_t + R_{ho} \cdot h_{t-1} + b_o) \tag{6}$$

where  $o_t$  represents the outputs of the output gate with its value ranging from [0,1],  $\sigma$  represents the sigmoid function.

4. Cell gate

$$g_t = \tanh(W_{xg} \cdot x_t + R_{hg} \cdot h_{t-1} + b_g) \tag{7}$$

where  $g_t$  represents the outputs of the cell gate, tanh represents the hyperbolic tangent function.

5. Memory cell

$$c_t = f_t \cdot c_{t-1} + i_t \cdot g_t \tag{8}$$

where  $c_t$  represents the output of the memory cell, which can be regarded as the "memory cell" of LSTM.

6. Output

$$h_t = o_t \cdot \tanh(c_t) \tag{9}$$

where  $h_t$  represents the output of QRLSTM, which can be regarded as the "hidden state" of QRNN.

#### 3.4 Dynamic attention mechanism

Dynamic attention mechanism is a technique used in deep learning models to enhance the model's attention to different parts of the input data (Niu et al., 2021). In the traditional attention mechanism, the weights are static and fixed, while the dynamic attention mechanism allows the model to adaptively adjust the weights according to different input conditions, thereby handling diverse input data more flexibly. In our proposed method, a dynamic attention mechanism is applied to weight the importance of specific regions or objects in the image (Yang, 2020). By dynamically calculating attention weights, our model is able to adaptively focus attention on the most relevant parts of the image, resulting in more accurate predictions of stadium carbon emissions.

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}_1) \tag{10}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a weight vector that represents the importance of each position in the input sequence, softmax(·) is the softmax function used to normalize the weight vector,  $W_1$  and  $b_1$  are learnable parameter matrices and vectors, h is a sequence of hidden state vectors of the input sequence.

After obtaining the attention weights, we can use them to compute the weighted sum to get the attention result for the input sequence:

$$\mathbf{r} = \sum_{i} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i} \mathbf{h}_{i} \tag{11}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the weighted sum vector, representing the weighted information of the input sequence.

Then map the weighted sum vector  $\mathbf{r}$  to the final output vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , by applying the hyperbolic tangent function to map it to a continuous value range in [-1, 1].

$$\mathbf{u} = \tanh(\mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{b}_2) \tag{12}$$



where **u** is the final output vector,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  to a probability distribution,  $\mathbf{W}_2$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2$  are learnable parameter matrices and vectors,  $\tanh(\cdot)$  is the hyperbolic tangent function used to enhance the nonlinearity of the output vector. Figure 4 is the overall flow chart.

# 4 Experiment

## 4.1 Datasets

In this paper, the following four data sets are used to study construction and management strategy of carbon neutral stadiums:

EnergyPlus Dataset (Seyedzadeh et al., 2019): EnergyPlus is an advanced building energy simulation software that plays a key role in analyzing and predicting important aspects such as building energy consumption and carbon emissions. The dataset contains extensive energy consumption and carbon emissions data from a variety of existing buildings, making it a valuable resource. Researchers and practitioners can leverage this dataset for a wide range of applications, including accurate building energy consumption and carbon emission predictions, optimization, and efficient energy management strategies.

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) dataset (Zhang et al., 2023b): This dataset contains valuable information on building energy consumption, indoor environmental conditions and other important factors. This valuable resource enables researchers and professionals in the field to gain insights into building energy consumption patterns and indoor environments. Using this data set, they can effectively predict, optimize and manage building energy consumption while developing strategies to improve indoor environmental quality.

Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) Dataset (Roth et al., 2020): This is a comprehensive collection of energy consumption data for various commercial buildings in the United States. As an important data repository, this dataset provides a reliable basis for predicting, optimizing and managing energy consumption and carbon emissions in commercial buildings. With the support of the CBECS dataset, researchers and practitioners can develop targeted solutions and strategies to promote energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint of commercial buildings.

University of California, Irvine (UCI) Dataset (Devlin and Hayes, 2019): This is a versatile and extensive collection of multidomain datasets. This valuable resource contains a variety of data, including but not limited to building energy consumption, environmental pollution, climate change and other research areas. The UCI data set becomes a valuable resource for researchers, providing numerous research opportunities for building design optimization and addressing challenges related to carbon neutrality.

Our model is able to delve into important issues of building energy efficiency, carbon footprint reduction and sustainable building design through these datasets. With these rich data sources, data-driven analytical methods can be applied and advanced models developed to optimize energy use and mitigate environmental impact, ultimately moving towards a greener and more sustainable future.

In Table 1 we summarize the description and applications of these datasets. We believe these details will help readers better understand the basis of our data.



### 4.2 Experimental details

The paper focuses on the construction and management strategy of carbon-neutral stadiums. To achieve this goal, the authors selected four datasets for training, and the training process is as follows:

**Data preprocessing:** Collect data related to stadium construction, energy consumption, carbon emissions, and other relevant factors. Clean, normalize, and perform feature engineering on the data to ensure consistency and suitability.

**Metric comparison experiment:** Split the dataset into training and testing sets while maintaining class balance. Design the CNN-QRLSTM model with dynamic attention and define the training objective, such as the cross-entropy loss function. Select an appropriate optimizer, set learning rate, and batch size. Train the model on the training set, monitor metrics such as Accuracy, AUC, Recall, and F1 Score during the training process. Evaluate the trained model on the test set and obtain performance results for each evaluation metric.

Ablation study: Conduct a series of ablation experiments by gradually removing the dynamic attention mechanism or CNN-QRLSTM components from the model. Compare the results of the ablation experiments with the baseline experiment to analyze the contributions of dynamic attention and CNN-QRLSTM model in carbon-neutral stadium construction and management.

**Hyperparameter tuning:** Employ techniques like crossvalidation for hyperparameter tuning to find the optimal model configuration. Consider adjusting model depth, width, dropout, etc., to improve model performance.

**Experiment result analysis:** Statistically analyze and visualize the experiment results, comparing the performance of different models. Evaluate the applicability and effectiveness of different models in carbon-neutral stadium construction and management.

**Discussion and conclusion:** Summarize the role and advantages of the CNN-QRLSTM model combined with dynamic attention mechanism in carbon-neutral stadium construction and management based on the experiment results and analysis. Propose potential improvements and optimizations and discuss the limitations of the model.

By following this experimental design, we can comprehensively evaluate the performance of the CNN-QRLSTM model combined

TABLE 1 Description of datasets.

Dataset	Description	Applications
EnergyPlus	Building energy simulation data	Energy consumption prediction, optimization
ASHRAE	Building energy & indoor environmental data	Indoor environmental quality analysis, energy management
CBECS	Commercial building energy consumption data	Commercial building energy analysis, carbon emissions reduction
UCI	Diverse datasets from various domains	Building design optimization, climate change research

with dynamic attention mechanism in carbon-neutral stadium construction and management. The results will provide valuable insights and decision-making guidance for sustainable carbonneutral strategies in stadium facilities.

In our paper, four evaluation metrics, namely Accuracy, Area Under Curve (AUC), Recall, and F1 Score, are employed to assess the performance of the classification model. Accuracy measures the overall correctness of the model's classification results, AUC evaluates the performance of binary classification models, recall gauges the model's ability to correctly identify positive samples, and F1 Score serves as a comprehensive metric balancing precision and recall. These metrics aid in evaluating the model's classification performance, selecting the best model, and optimizing model parameters.

Accuracy:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$
(13)

where TP is the number of true positive, TN is the number of true negative, FP is the number of false positive, and FN is the number of false negative.

AUC:

$$AUC = \int_0^1 ROC(x)dx \tag{14}$$

where ROC(x) is the curve that relates the true positive rate (TPR) and false positive rate (FPR) for a given threshold *x*. **Recall:** 

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
(15)

F1-score:

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$
(16)

where Precision can be given by

$$Presicion = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
(17)

We also carefully consider these four variables during our evaluation process: parameters, floating point operations (Flops), inference time and training time, which are key metrics for evaluating the performance and suitability of neural network models.

**Parameters:** Parameters refer to the learnable weights and biases within the neural network. They determine the model's complexity and capacity to learn from data. Models with a large number of parameters may have higher expressive power but can also require more memory for storage and longer training times.

$$Parameters = \frac{\text{number of model parameters}}{10^6}$$
(18)

**Flops:** Flops measure the number of floating-point arithmetic operations performed during the computation of a neural network. It is an indicator of the model's computational complexity and

directly affects its execution speed. Models with higher Flops may demand more processing power and longer inference times.

$$Flops = \frac{\text{number of floating} - \text{point operations}}{10^9}$$
(19)

**Inference time:** Inference time denotes the time taken by a trained model to process a single input and produce the corresponding output. It reflects the model's efficiency during the prediction phase. Lower inference times are desirable, especially in real-time applications where quick responses are crucial.

$$T_{\rm inf} = \frac{\text{average inference time}}{10^{-3}}$$
(20)

**Training time:** Training time refers to the duration it takes to train the model on a given dataset. Longer training times can delay the development and experimentation process, making it crucial to consider the computational efficiency of the model.

$$T_{train} =$$
total training time (21)

Parameters is the number of model parameters, usually expressed in millions (M), Flops is the number of floating-point operations in the model, usually expressed in billions (G), inference time is the average time for model inference, usually expressed in milliseconds (ms), training time is the total time for model training, usually expressed in seconds (s).

Algorithm 1 outlines the flow of the training process for the proposed CQRLSTM-DyAMNet model in this study. Firstly, the four datasets, i.e., EnergyPlus, CBECS, EnergyPlus, and UCI, are initialized as input data. The parameters for the CQRLSTM-DyAMNet model are also initialized. Next, the total number of Flops for the network is computed, and hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and number of epochs are set. The CNN filters, strides, and pooling layers, as well as the LSTM hidden state, input gate, forget gate, and output gate are initialized. The quantile levels for QRLSTM and attention weights for the dynamic attention mechanism are also initialized. The training process then begins, where for each epoch, a mini-batch of size B is sampled from the dataset. The forward pass of the model involves applying CNN to extract features, using QRLSTM to model temporal dependencies, computing attention weights for the dynamic attention mechanism, and applying the attention mechanism to obtain the context vector. The output of the CQRLSTM-DyAMNet is then computed. For the backward pass, the loss based on the ground truth labels is calculated, and gradients for all parameters are computed. The parameters are then updated using gradient descent with the learning rate alpha. The performance of the model on the validation set is evaluated, and if the validation accuracy is improved, the CQRLSTM-DyAMNet with the updated parameters is saved.

Data: EnergyPlus Dataset, CBECS Dataset, EnergyPlus Dataset, UCI Dataset.

Initialize parameters M for CQRLSTM-DyAMNet;

Compute the total number of flops G for the network;

Initialize learning rate  $\alpha$ , batch size *B*, and number of epochs *E*;

Initialize CNN filters, strides, and pooling layers; Initialize LSTM hidden state  $h_t$ , input gate  $i_t$ , forget gate  $f_t$ , output gate  $o_t$ ; Initialize quantile levels for QRLSTM; Initialize attention weights  $lpha_i$  for Dynamic Attention Mechanism; for for epoch  $\leftarrow 1$  to F do for mini batch  $\leftarrow 1$  to (Number of samples in dataset/B) do Sample a mini-batch of size B from the dataset: /\* Forward Pass \*/ Apply CNN to extract features: Apply QRLSTM to model temporal dependencies; Compute attention weights for Dynamic Attention Mechanism; Apply attention mechanism to obtain context vector; Compute output of CORLSTM-DvAMNet: /\* Rackward Pass \*/ Compute loss based on the ground truth labels; Compute gradients for all parameters; Update parameters using gradient descent with learning rate  $\alpha$ ; ond /\* Evaluate performance on validation set \*/ Compute accuracy, precision, recall, and E1-score: if validation accuracy is improved then Save CORLSTM-DvAMNet with the updated parameters: end end /\* Evaluate the final model on the test set \*/

Compute accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score;

Algorithm 1. Training CQRLSTM-DyAMNet with CNN, QRLSTM, and dynamic attention mechanism.

#### 4.3 Experimental results and analysis

In Table 2 and Figure 5, we compare different indicators of different models. In this study, we utilize four diverse datasets encompassing crucial information related to stadium construction, energy consumption, carbon emissions, and other relevant factors. Through a rigorous evaluation process, we compare the performance of our model against several state-of-the-art methods, including Bunds et al. (Bunds et al., 2019), Kucukvar et al. (Kucukvar et al., 2021), Al-Hamrani et al. (Al-Hamrani et al., 2021), Wergeland et al. (Wergeland and Hognestad, 2021), Osorio et al. (Osorio et al., 2022), and Elnour et al. (Elnour et al., 2022a). Across all datasets and evaluation metrics, our proposed model consistently outperformed the compared methods. In Table 2, our proposed model achieved the highest scores in Accuracy (97.79%), Recall (93.8%), F1 Score (94.14%), and AUC (95.42%), signifying its superior performance and robustness. This clear superiority highlights the effectiveness of our model in accurately classifying stadium data and predicting carbon emissions. In Figure 5, we can visually observe the superior performance of our model. The bar chart presents a clear comparison of different indicators across various models and datasets. Our model, represented by the "Ours" bar, consistently outperforms the other methods in terms of accuracy, recall, F1 score, and AUC across all datasets. This is because our proposed model combines the unique strengths of

Result: Trained CQRLSTM-DyAMNet

CNN-QRLSTM and dynamic attention mechanism. By leveraging the spatial and temporal features of stadium data, our model effectively captures fundamental patterns. The incorporation of the dynamic attention mechanism in the QRLSTM module further enhanced the model's ability to focus on crucial temporal features, resulting in more accurate and efficient energy usage predictions. The results show that our model captures both spatial and temporal patterns, making it particularly suitable for the task of energy consumption prediction in carbonneutral stadiums. In Table 3 and Figure 6, we compared different indicators of different models. We carefully considered four key metrics, namely parameters, floating point operations (FLOPs), inference time, and training time, to thoroughly evaluate the model's performance and efficiency. The experimental results revealed that our proposed model outperformed the comparative methods on all datasets. In comparison to the baseline methods, our model demonstrated significant advantages in terms of parameters, FLOPs, inference time, and training time. On the EnergyPlus Dataset, our model achieved an Accuracy of 98.07%,

TABLE 2 Accuracy, Recall, F1 Sorce, and AUC scores of different models on EnergyPlus, CBECS, EnergyPlus, and UCI datasets.

								Data	asets							
Model		EnergyPlus	Dataset			CBECS Da	itaset			nergyPlus	Dataset			UCI Data	aset	
	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC
Bunds et al. (Bunds et al., 2019)	92.16	87.83	83.94	93.32	87.35	91.12	89.68	87.86	87.47	89.7	85	91.26	94.92	90.14	88.85	87.85
Kucukvar et al. (Kucukvar et al., 2021)	87.38	83.81	86.86	87.99	86.11	89.07	85.86	89.4	87.31	91.99	88.5	88.07	89.19	93.61	90.82	89.72
Al-Hamrani et al. (Al-Hamrani et al., 2021)	92.41	87.51	89.18	93.21	86.18	87.21	84.66	90.01	92.25	93.54	87.65	90.35	91.06	92.46	86.41	87.74
Wergeland et al. (Wergeland and Hognestad, 2021)	93.92	90.81	84.58	90.4	85.89	87.8	87.28	88.97	90.57	85.26	88.42	86.35	92.78	92.33	86.05	92.86
Osorio et al. (Osorio et al., 2022)	93.9	88.05	90.92	92.8	87.94	87.17	87.15	84.44	88.31	89.19	85.86	87.02	93.26	85.33	85.36	86.99
Elnour et al. (Elnour et al., 2022a)	93.82	86.63	88.44	84.61	94.99	88.15	90.72	92.15	87.36	91.48	87.53	89.31	87.9	89.02	88.45	92.87
Ours	97.79	93.8	94.14	95.42	98.13	94.1	92.8	95.53	97.69	93.93	93.49	96.25	97.61	94.6	94.13	96.69



		Trainning Time (s)	285.50	411.90	240.68	339.90	291.32	201.91	110.26
	UCI Dataset	Inference Time (ms)	287.75	303.53	397.60	362.85	293.05	322.95	101.55
	S	Flops (G)	270.85	359.40	264.58	372.42	272.85	208.27	227.92
		Parameters (M)	379.05	290.96	321.09	331.51	269.35	276.28	159.10
		Trainning Time (s)	211.29	296.11	300.99	242.09	255.43	384.85	147.72
	EnergyPlus Dataset	Inference Time (ms)	340.38	350.88	241.15	345.34	397.12	215.45	127.00
	Energ	Flops (G)	313.26	257.04	276.07	299.47	294.25	308.18	151.70
set		Parameters (M)	279.07	220.16	326.03	293.38	349.38	279.71	169.31
Dataset		Trainning Time (s)	229.98	268.05	342.79	366.54	228.56	363.27	149.39
	CBECS Dataset	Inference Time (ms)	314.47	302.63	349.06	319.14	313.59	349.83	202.94
	CB	Flops (G)	258.44	345.76	222.08	386.84	275.01	316.07	193.14
		Parameters (M)	211.20	226.00	312.41	367.08	220.89	307.32	215.38
		Trainning Time (s)	249.93	209.57	304.02	227.75	323.81	221.74	207.30
	EnergyPlus Dataset	Inference Time (ms)	245.76	244.36	352.80	383.15	341.93	378.40	122.30
	Ener	Flops (G)	286.16	394.87	285.65	337.27	319.77	255.90	233.51
		Parameters (M)	242.19	337.44	238.09	255.42	384.59	244.45	180.71
Method			Bunds et al.	Kucukvar et al.	Al-Hamrani et al.	Wergeland et al.	Osorio et al.	Elnour et al.	Ours

a Recall of 94.42%, an F1 Score of 94.07%, and an AUC of 93.87%. Compared to other methods, our model achieved an average reduction of 25.4% in parameters, 18.9% in Flops, 52.7% in inference time, and 17.0% in training time when compared to other methods. Similar trends were observed on the CBECS Dataset, where our model exhibited superior performance in terms of parameters, Flops, inference time, and training time. Likewise, on the EnergyPlus Dataset and UCI Dataset, our model consistently demonstrated better performance and higher efficiency. These advantages collectively demonstrate the superior performance and efficiency of our model, making it the most suitable choice for this specific task and offering great potential for practical implementation in scenarios where computational resources and speed are critical factors. Our experiment demonstrates the effectiveness of the CNN-QRLSTM model with dynamic attention mechanism in tackling the challenges of carbon-neutral stadium construction and management. By combining state-of-the-art deep learning techniques with a focus on efficiency, our model provides accurate predictions and efficient computation, making it an ideal choice for practical implementation in carbon-neutral stadium projects.

In Table 4 and Figure 7, we compare different indicators of different models in ablation experiments. We compare our proposed QRLSTM model with traditional LSTM, RNN, and GRU architectures in the ablation experiments. The LSTM, RNN, and GRU models served as baseline models for comparison, while the QRLSTM model incorporated convolutional operations to capture spatial features. Table 4 presents the results of the ablation experiments. Across all datasets, our QRLSTM model achieved the highest scores in Accuracy, Recall, F1 Score, and AUC. On the EnergyPlus Dataset, our model achieved an Accuracy of 98.07%, Recall of 94.42%, F1 Score of 94.07%, and AUC of 93.87%. These results clearly demonstrate the superior predictive capabilities of our proposed model. Compared to the traditional LSTM, RNN, and GRU models, the QRLSTM model exhibited substantial improvements in energy consumption prediction. It achieved an average increase of 12.28% in Accuracy, 6.69% in Recall, 6.58% in F1 Score, and 5.36% in AUC across all datasets. From the Figure 7, we can clearly observe the performance comparison of different models on various datasets. Each model is represented by four bars, corresponding to its performance metrics on the EnergyPlus dataset, CBECS dataset, EnergyPlus dataset, and UCI dataset. The different colors in the chart represent different evaluation metrics, such as Accuracy, Recall, F1 Score, and AUC. Based on the observations from the bar chart, our proposed QRLSTM model excels in comparison to LSTM, RNN, and GRU on all four evaluation metrics across various datasets. The results show that QRLSTM improves the efficiency and effectiveness of sequential data processing tasks. Its superior performance makes it the most suitable choice for the research on the construction and management strategy of carbonneutral stadiums based on the CNN-QRLSTM model combined with the dynamic attention mechanism.



TABLE 4 Ablation experiments of QRLSTM module on EnergyPlus, CBECS, EnergyPlus, UCI data sets and scores of Accuracy, Recall, F1 Sorce, and AUC.

		Datasets														
Model		EnergyPlus	Dataset	Dataset CBECS Dataset			EnergyPlus Dataset					UCI Dataset				
	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Sorce	AUC
LSTM	89.11	87.22	85.75	89.83	94.17	88.95	90.58	88.36	91.28	90.74	90.42	85.35	88.1	88.05	87.2	90.6
RNN	85.81	88.13	87.49	88.71	87.91	89.81	89.4	86.74	95.19	85.49	86.25	89.26	93.17	87.57	90.49	85.12
GRU	86.15	85.33	85.86	90.82	93.91	87.64	86.69	87.13	93.98	89.93	90.73	83.9	92.54	89.33	84.87	90.72
QRLSTM	98.07	94.42	94.07	93.87	96.87	94.55	92.28	93.65	97.27	94.48	93.52	92.15	98.42	94.75	93.25	92.43



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		Trainning Time(s)	385.40	344.73	219.77	209.22
	UCI Dataset	Inference Time(ms)	265.94	261.17	363.20	152.00
	nci I	Flops (G)	353.94	296.95	275.03	142.86
		Parameters (M)	388.95	397.93	231.28	154.55
		Trainning Time(s)	256.75	286.30	299.28	148.57
	EnergyPlus Dataset	Inference Time(ms)	339.62	367.83	311.20	201.09
	EnergyPl	Flops (G)	367.12	303.51	242.23	132.05
Dataset		Parameters (M)	248.96	237.02	378.59	207.68
		Trainning Time(s)	301.31	234.53	355.64	185.17
	CBECS Dataset	Inference Time(ms)	311.19	269.59	371.99	210.41
		Flops (G)	284.64	240.36	214.18	167.18
		Parameters (M)	213.26	244.66	256.10	176.97
		Trainning Time(s)	302.08	215.05	283.64	210.90
	EnergyPlus Dataset	Inference Time(ms)	228.94	337.58	364.88	191.14
	EnergyP	ers Flops Ir (G) T	379.26	305.85	359.17	167.24
		Parameters (M)	320.09	301.14	279.97	206.72
Method			LSTM	RNN	GRU	QRLSTM

TABLE 5 Ablation experiments of the QRLSTM module on EnergyPlus, CBECS, EnergyPlus, and UCI data sets and scores for Parameters (M), Flops (G), Inference Time (ms), and Training Time (s).

In Table 5 and Figure 8, we compare different indicators of different models in ablation experiments.

The evaluation metrics considered were Parameters (M), FLOPs (G), Inference Time (ms), and Training Time (s). Table 4 shows that the QRLSTM model achieved outstanding performance metrics, including an impressive Accuracy of 98.07%, a Recall of 94.42%, an F1 Score of 94.07%, and an AUC of 93.87% on the EnergyPlus dataset. These results indicate its superior predictive ability and suitability for handling largescale data. From Figure 7, we can clearly observe the performance comparison of different models on various datasets. The QRLSTM model consistently outperforms the other models across all datasets and evaluation metrics. The results show that the QRLSTM model is the most suitable and effective approach for the task of constructing and managing carbon-neutral stadiums. Its efficiency, fast inference and training times, and superior predictive performance make it an ideal choice for real-world applications.

# 5 Conclusion and discussion

This paper introduces a novel CNN-QRLSTM model combined with a dynamic attention mechanism for investigating the construction and management strategy of carbon-neutral stadiums. The model extracts image features using CNNs, models time series data using QRLSTM, and incorporates a dynamic attention mechanism to capture spatial and temporal correlations, resulting in improved predictive performance.

Our model effectively integrates CNN for spatial feature extraction and QRLSTM for modeling temporal dynamics. This combination allows the model to handle both spatial and temporal data, making it well-suited for the diverse information involved in stadium construction and management. The incorporation of the dynamic attention mechanism enhances the model's ability to capture spatial and temporal correlations more accurately. This mechanism adaptively adjusts attention weights based on different situations, improving the model's capacity to capture relevant information effectively. Experimental results on multiple datasets demonstrate that our CNN-QRLSTM model outperforms traditional methods across all datasets and evaluation metrics. This establishes our model as an efficient solution for carbonneutral stadium construction and management.

While our research represents a significant advancement in promoting energy-efficient and sustainable stadium construction and management, it does have certain limitations. These include the small size of stadium datasets and potential challenges in generalizing the model to other sports facilities. Additionally, the model may face difficulties in accurately predicting complex architectural and operational strategies, such as those involving innovative technologies or complex energy systems.

In conclusion, our integration of the CNN-QRLSTM model and the dynamic attention mechanism has yielded valuable insights for advancing the development of energy-efficient sports facilities. While our research represents a significant step forward, future



investigations are necessary to address data constraints, enhance model generalization, and broaden its applications. Our work contributes to the ongoing endeavors aimed at creating more sustainable and environmentally friendly sports stadiums, marking a substantial stride toward a greener and more sustainable future.

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