

# PREDICTING TCP/IP NETWORK TRAFFIC USING TIME SERIES FORECASTING

FINAL PRESENTATION

---

Thomas Mauerhofer, and Matthias Wölbitsch

June 16, 2016

**goal: forecast TCP/IP traffic**

- real-time and short-time

**data set**

- network traffic of three months

**approaches**

- classical time series prediction methods
- artificial neural networks

## data set preparation

- generate sequences using sliding window
- split into training, validation, and test set

## neural network library

- keras
- theano

## hyper parameter search

- sliding window, number of neurons, number of layers,...
- hyperopt library
- tree-structured parzen estimator

# RESULTS

## MLP

- $N = 25$
- $W = \{1, 2, 4, 8\} \cup \{287, 288, 289\}$

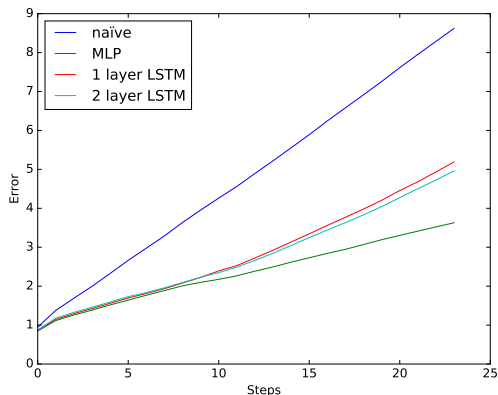
## 1 layer LSTM

- $N = 19$
- $W = \{1, 2, \dots, 19\}$

## 2 layer LSTM

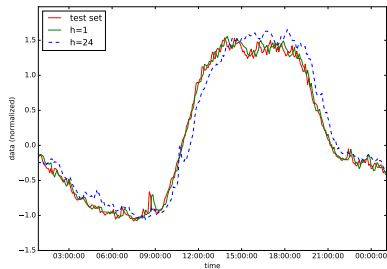
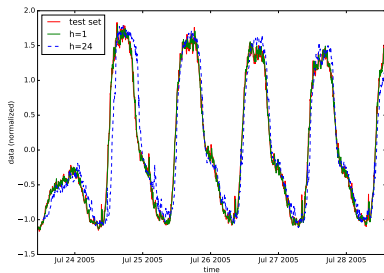
- $N_1 = 13$
- $N_2 = 5$
- $W = \{1, 2, \dots, 14\}$

## forecast error for different horizons



# RESULTS

forecasting examples with  $h = 1$  and  $h = 24$  using MLP



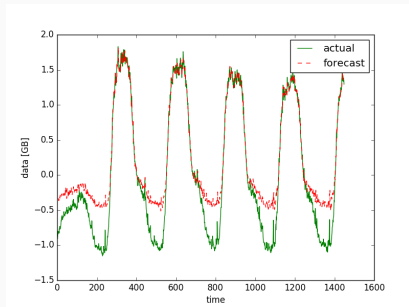
# CONCLUSION

## forecast horizon

- one step ahead forecasting
- direct vs. iterative forecasting

## training loss function

- MSLE
- penalizes underestimates
- numerical issues



## LSTM issues

- high expectations
- too few training samples
- slow

## neural networks and time series

- used often for forecasting
- numerous different approaches
- problem solved?

QUESTIONS?