

Using extreme learning machines for short-term urban water demand forecasting.

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Resumen: This study explores the ability of various machine learning methods to improve the accuracy of urban water demand forecasting for the city of Montreal (Canada). Artificial Neural Network (ANN), Support Vector Regression (SVR) and Extreme Learning Machine (ELM) models, in addition to a traditional model (Multiple linear regression, MLR) were developed to forecast urban water demand at lead times of 1 and 3 days. The use of models based on ELM in water demand forecasting has not previously been explored in much detail. Models were based on different combinations of the main input variables (e.g., daily maximum temperature, daily total precipitation and daily water demand), for which data were available for Montreal, Canada between 1999 and 2010. Based on the squared coefficient of determination, the root mean square error and an examination of the residuals, ELM models provided greater accuracy than MLR, ANN or SVR models in forecasting Montreal urban water demand for 1 day and 3 days ahead, and can be considered a promising method for short-term urban water demand forecasting. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

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