

LSTM-Based Forecasting and Anomaly Detection of LAI

Satellite Image Time Series

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Objectives

Background:

- LAI represents the amount of leaf material in a canopy.
- LAI is key towards land surface and climate modeling research.

Problem: LAI SITS contains high-level noise and data gaps.

Purpose: Leverage LSTM models to address the mechanical and environmental factors impacting LAI SITS.

- Outlier Detection
- Data Reconstruction
- Forecasting

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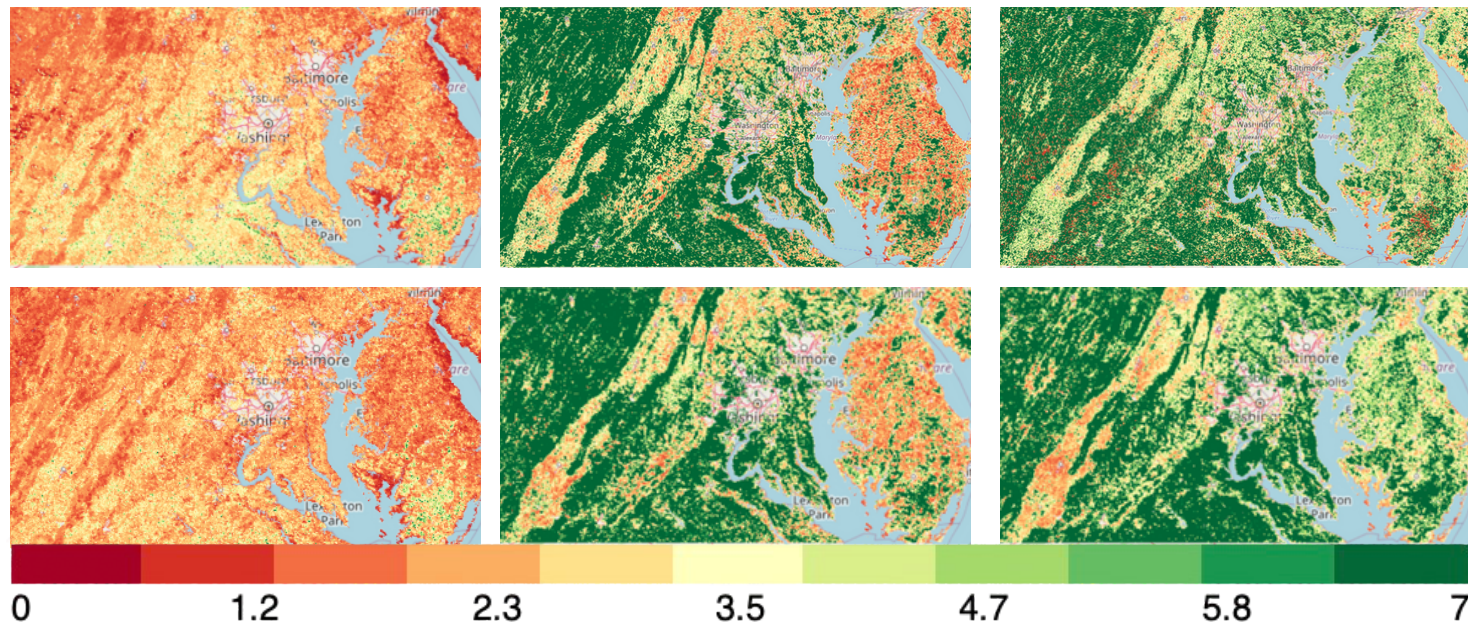


Figure 1. geemap visualization of LAI values (2020-2021)

K-Means Clusters of LAI Time Series in Maryland (2020-2022)

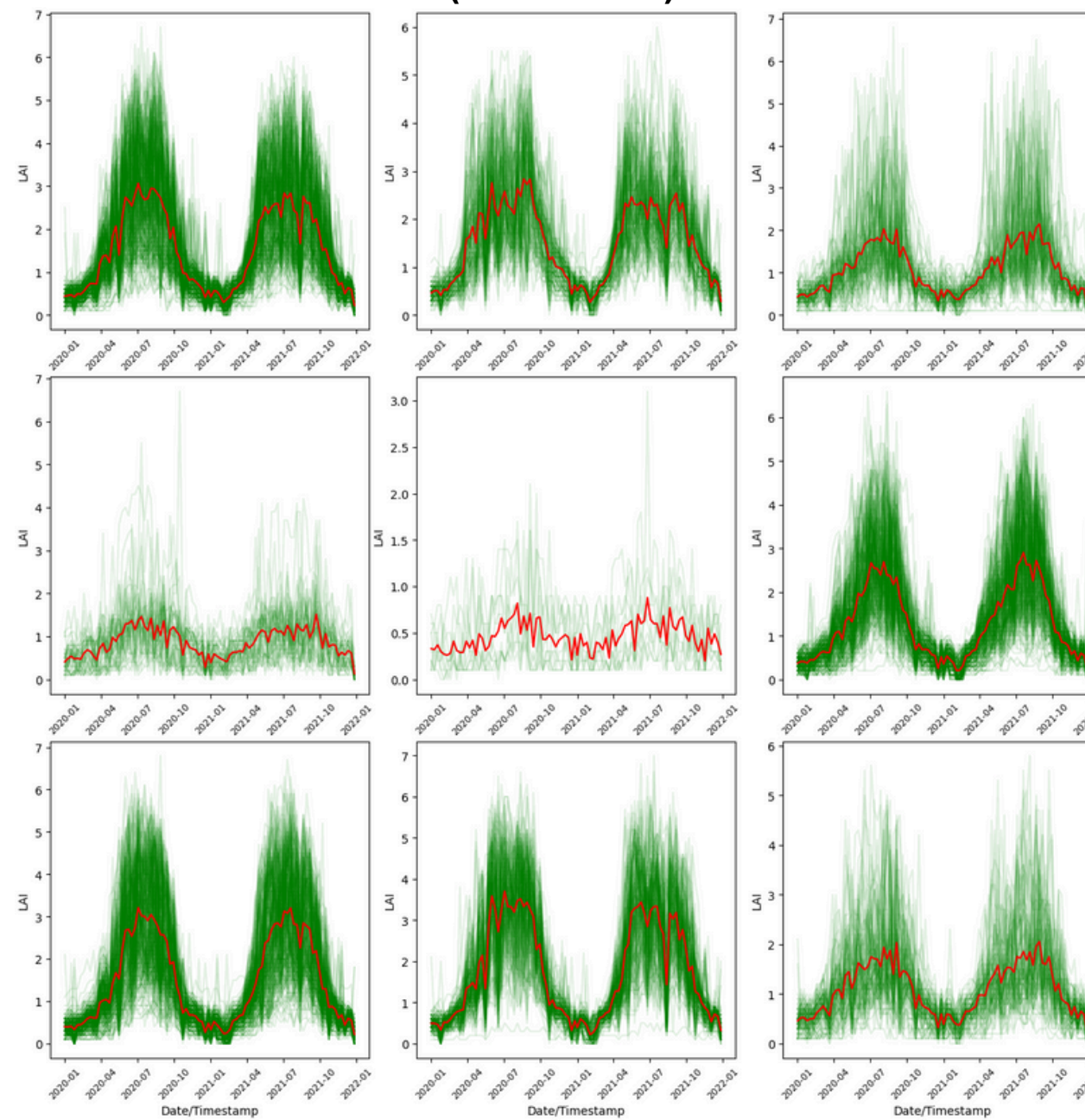


Figure 2. TimeSeriesKMeans clustering based on dynamic time warping.

Methodology/Data

Datasets:

- VNP15A2H: LAI/FPAR 8-Day L4 Global 500m SIN Grid
- SRTM Digital Elevation Model

Procedure:

- Extract features from LAI raster data.
- Apply feature engineering.
- Assess model performance using MAE and R-Squared
- Adjust feature engineering process and model parameters based on performance metrics.

Abbreviations:

- LAI - Leaf Area Index
- SITS - Satellite Image Time Series
- LSTM - Long Short Term Memory
- SRTM - Shuttle Radar Topography Mission
- DEM - Digital Elevation Model
- MAE - Mean Absolute Error

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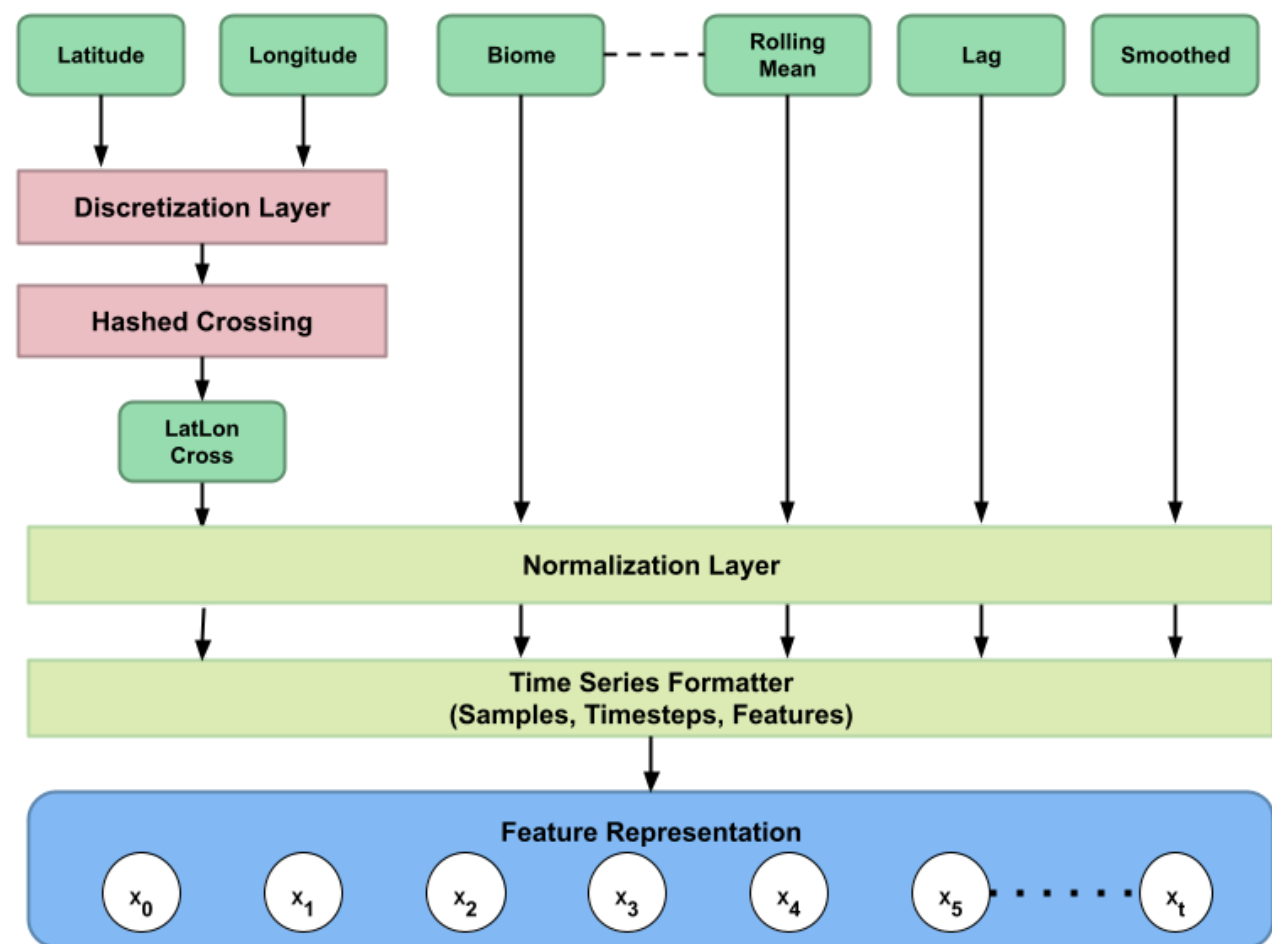


Fig 3. Pipeline for transforming feature data

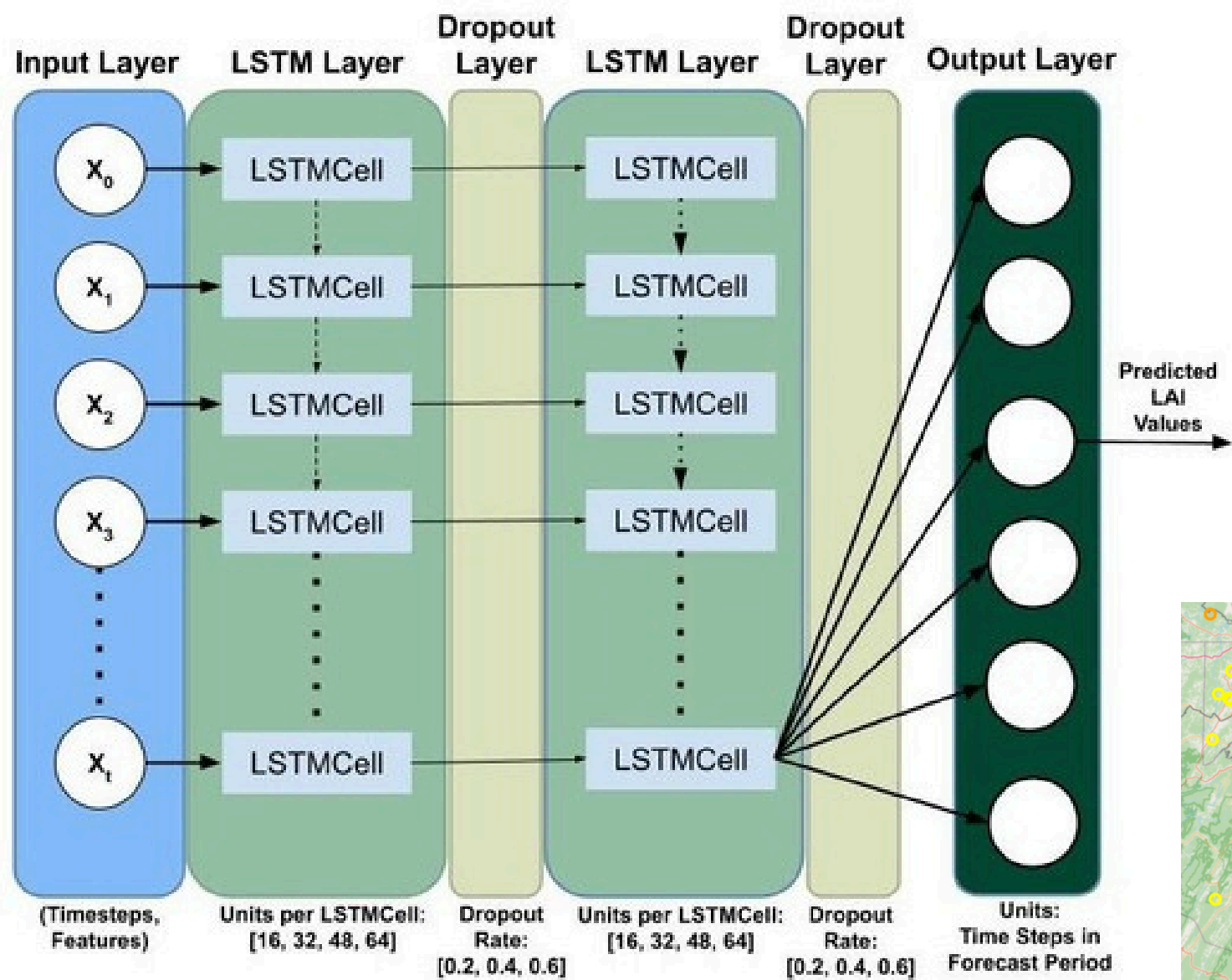


Fig 4. Architecture of LSTM model for forecasting.

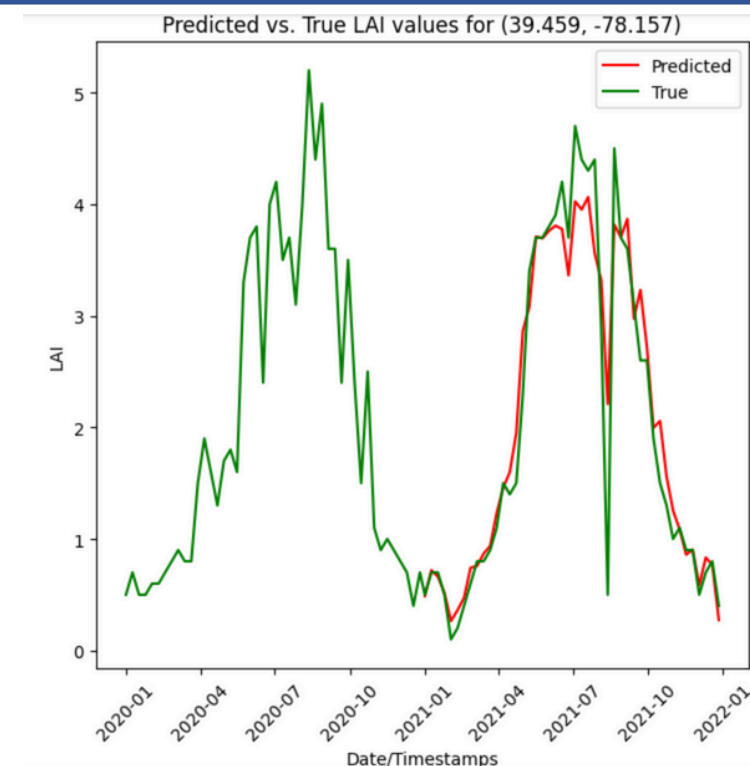


Fig 5. Output of LSTM forecasting model with forecast period of 1 year.

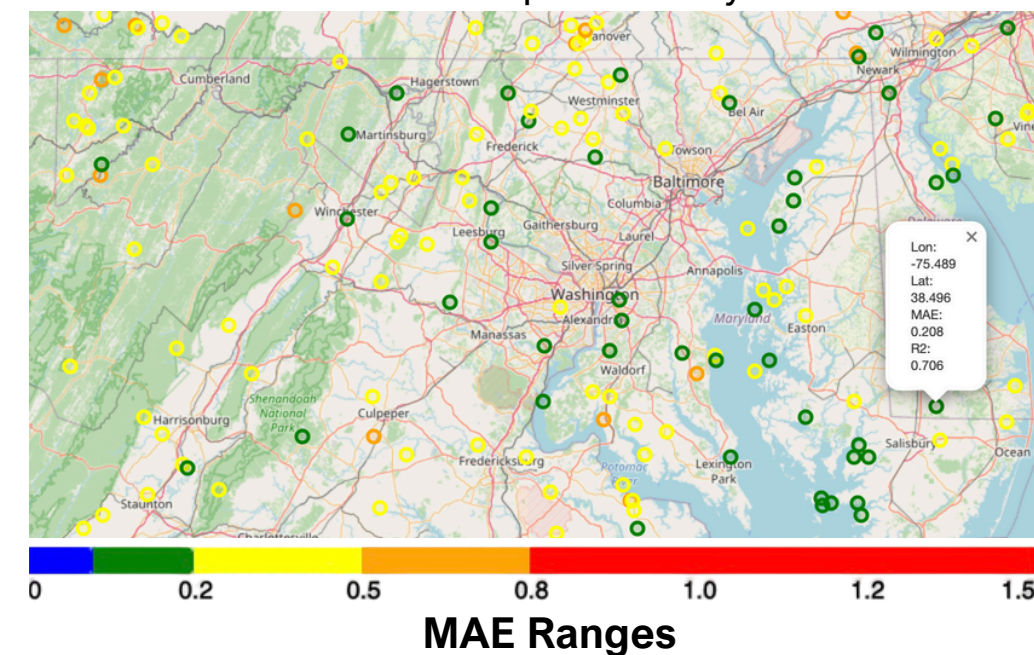


Fig 6. Folium map of model performance over validation dataset.

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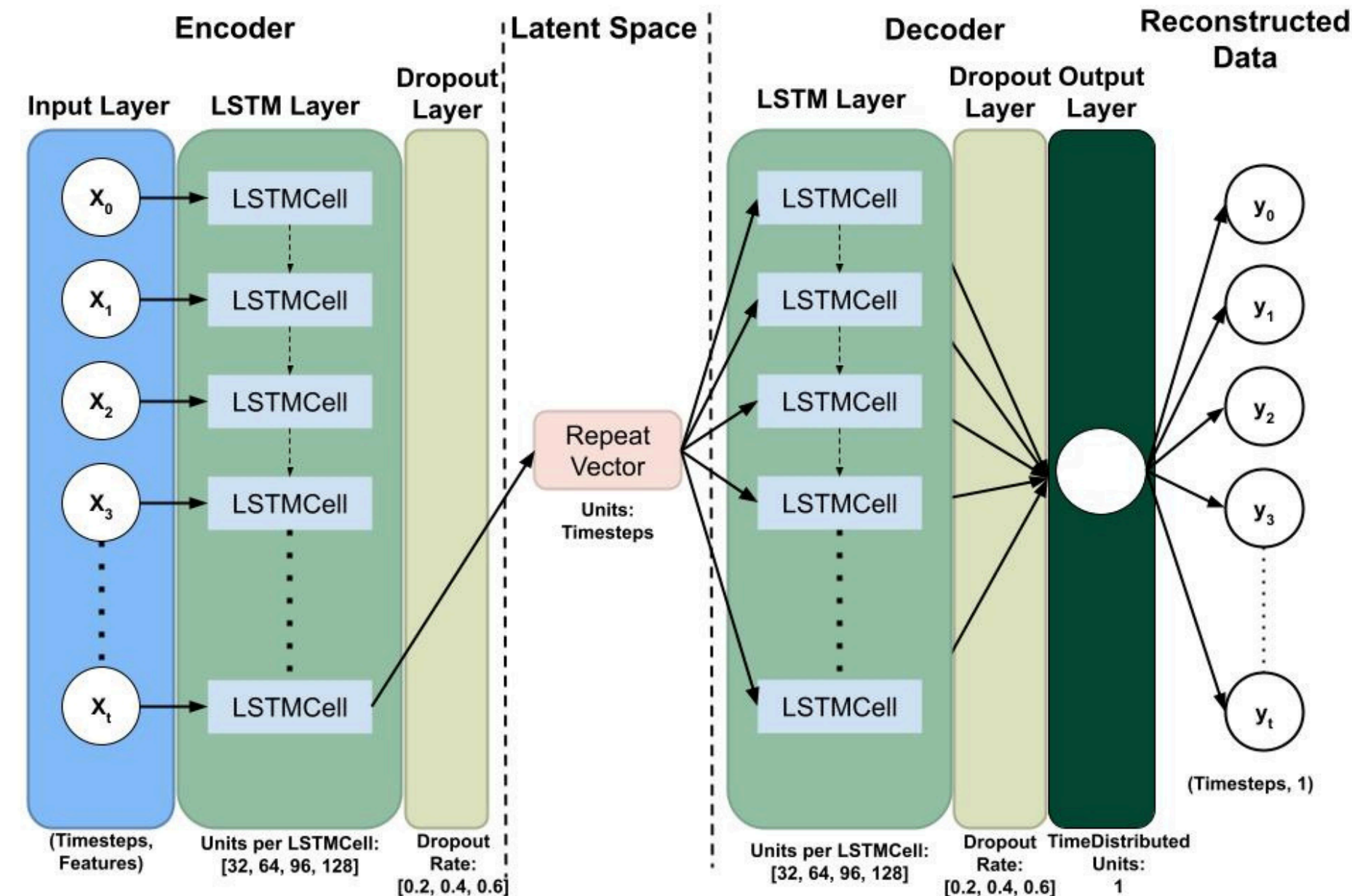


Fig 7. Autoencoder model architecture

Results

- Implemented pipeline for data transformation.
- Developed LSTM auto encoder for outlier detection and LSTM model for forecasting.
 - Forecasting model was outperformed by XGBoostRegressor.
- Outliers detected by the auto encoder were consistent with those detected by the Isolation Forest Algorithm.

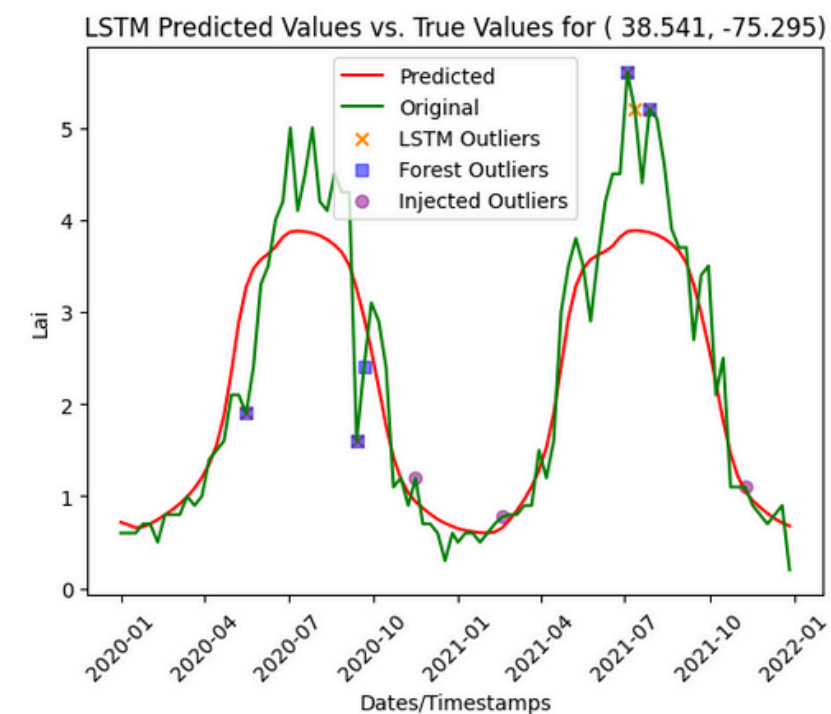


Fig 8. Autoencoder reconstruction of time series for specific latitude/longitude

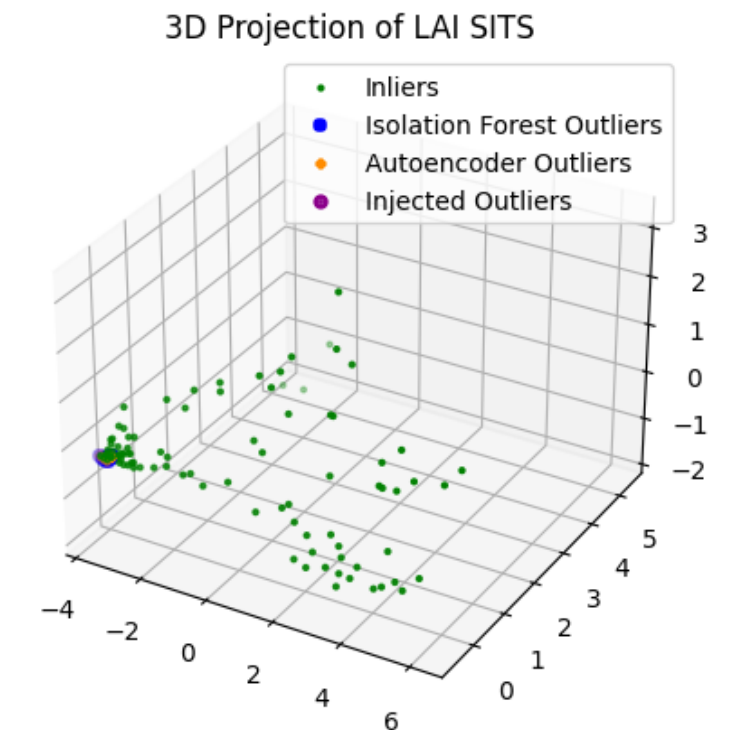


Fig 9. 3D Visualization of data points after applying Principal Component Analysis