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Bayesian-Enhanced LSTM for Channel Estimation and Spectrum Sensing in Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks with NOMA

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Abstract

This paper proposes a new deep learning estimation algorithm of spectrum sensing and channel estimation in Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks (CRSNs) using Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA). The given model will combine Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks with Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) to improve the work of the system in dynamic and unpredictable wireless conditions. The LSTM networks are used to predict with accuracy complex-valued Rayleigh Fading Channels and Bayesian is used to model the uncertainty with which such predictions are made. Also, a parallel Bayesian LSTM spectrum sensing model classifies activity of primary users (PU) to provide intelligent spectrum access and reduce interference. Prediction and spectrum sensing: Prediction and spectrum sensing is possible with the model in real-time and this is important in efficient spectrum management in CRSN where the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of channel estimation is brought to under 0.02, implying high accuracy of channel condition prediction. Results of simulation demonstrate a significant enhancement when compared with traditional systems. The maximum accuracy of the spectrum sensing in the model is 98% at Signal to Noise Ratio of 10 dB and also a low Bit Error Rate (BER). LSTM combined with Bayesian inference structuring enables a combination of accurate channel estimation and trusted spectrum sensing, which are significant in terms of accuracy and the quantification of the uncertainties. These findings indicate the possibility of the proposed Bayesian-enhanced LSTM model to enhance the CRSN performance, especially in a low SNR and high-interference environment. This method is superior to the traditional models, which is a guarantee of the stable communication and spectrum utilization in the complicated wireless settings.

Keywords: Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks (CRSN), Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA), Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Channel Estimation, Spectrum Sensing.

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1 Introduction

The increasing demand for wireless bandwidth, driven by applications such as the Internet of Things (IoT), wireless sensor networks (WSNs), and 6G systems, has intensified the need for intelligent spectrum utilization (Kim et al., 2020). Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks (CRSNs) are one of the most advanced technology solutions to the problem of dynamic spectrum access for a secondary user. without causing any interference to a primary user (PU), and of this technology. At the same time function. Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) has, however, been able to gain some momentum to the aforesaid effect, as it can improve spectral efficiency by supporting multiple users over the same frequency resources using power-domain multiplexing (Elsaraf et al., 2021). On the other hand channel estimation in CRSN-NOMA is an important key for the maintenance of a proper communication and the successful implementation of the resource allocation plan. However, common methods of estimation like Least Squares (LS) and Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE) sometimes may not perform well in situations with enhanced dynamics and may suffer from multipath fading, noise, or even interference (Sudhamani, 2022). Besides, these methods usually cannot deal with uncertainty conditions in rapidly changing channels. Presently, machine learning advancements, most notably deep learning, have a substantial grasp on a variety of issues such as modeling time dependent data, establishing the temporal relationships which are important in wireless channels (Merin Joshiba et al., 2023). And hence LSTM networks are very preferable for channel estimation, because they are adaptable to non-linear and sequential data (Soltani et al., 2019). However, traditional LSTM models generate solely point estimates and to the best of their knowledge, the uncertainty of their prediction cannot be incorporated, this is extremely important because in a spectrum with shortage of resources and heavily subjected to interference (dos Reis et al., 2024). Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) can overcome the problem of uncertainty quantification by providing a probabilistic model that realizes that features influence output in different ways rather than a single value by learning distributions over weights instead of fixed values (Jospin et al., 2022). This paper develops a rather new idea by merging Bayesian inference with LSTM to come up with a model that can do not only precise wireless channel estimation but also indicate the prediction uncertainty. Moreover, this facility of sensing can be taken into account as a means of spectrum monitoring, where through Bayesian reasoning it becomes possible to follow up noisy signals as the PU occurrence and hence be able proficiently to identify the SNR change effect on the classification results.

The Main Contributions of this Paper are:

- A Bayesian-enhanced LSTM model for precise and uncertainty-aware channel estimation in CRSNs utilizing NOMA.
- A Bayesian spectrum sensing component that continuously infers PU activity, thus enhancing classification accuracy in low-SNR conditions.
- Extensive simulation outcomes that show substantial enhancements in MAE, BER, and sensing accuracy over baseline models.
- An article about the computational complexity, uncertainty quantification, and implementation of the proposed framework in the real world.

The present paper is organized in the following way: Section II is devoted to the review of the related literature, Section III delivers the proposed methodology, Section IV is the discussion of simulation results and performance analysis, and Section V is the paper's final section, which provides insights and future directions.

2 Literature Survey

Artificial intelligence techniques particularly deep learning has revolution the application of wireless communication systems leading to the development of smart systems for channel estimation and spectrum sensing in CRSNs. Although the conventional estimation and sensing methods are proven, they are still barely adequate in dynamic and noisy environments. Hence, a data-driven paradigm has been widely adopted by researchers to improve the systems' self-adaptation, and resilience, as well as to facilitate decision-making in uncertain situations.

A. Channel Estimation in CRSN and NOMA Environments

Channel estimation is still essential to be able communication efficiently in CRSNs. Typical methods like Least Squares (LS) and Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE) estimators need the knowledge of the channel statistics and have difficulties in non-stationery and interference-prone areas (Sudhamani, 2022). In fact, these drawbacks become even more significant in Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) systems where precise channel state information is the key to facilitate successive interference cancellation (SIC) and optimal power allocation (Elsaraf et al., 2021).

Deep learning models have become more popular as a solution for these problems because they can represent nonlinear and time-varying relationships. Specifically, LSTM networks have been identified as the best choice for capturing long-term dependencies and modelling temporal sequences of channel coefficients (Merin Joshiba et al., 2023), thus they have been found to be more accurate and resistant to noise than traditional estimators. Besides, references (Kumar et al., 2024) and (Soni et al., 2020) have investigated convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and hybrid CNN-LSTM structures for channel estimation in massive MIMO and CRSN systems, respectively, which is indicative of the deepening trend of employing deep architectures for spatial and temporal features exploitation.

B. Spectrum Sensing Techniques and Limitations

Spectrum sensing is a crucial point for a successful implementation of opportunistic access to the unused spectrum bands in CRSNs. Conventional methods such as energy detection, cyclo-stationary detection, and matched filtering are usually associated with high false alarm rates and poor performance in low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) conditions (El-haryqy et al., 2024; Hemnath, 2021). Machine Learning Models such as supervised classification and deep learning methods were employed to improve the robustness of channel estimation. In (Cacciari & Ranfagni, 2024), deep neural networks (DNNs) were able to significantly improve detection correctness by extracting discriminative features from the spectrum data. Likewise, (Jeevangi et al., 2023) introduced a CNN-based spectrum sensing framework that could process high-dimensional spectral inputs in the presence of noise. However, these models, as far as they are, generally do not have a provision for uncertainty quantification which is indispensable for making trustworthy decisions in uncertain situations.

C. Bayesian Methods for Uncertainty Modeling

By learning distributions over model parameters, Bayesian inference provides a principled way to handle uncertainty in machine learning models. Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) go beyond the standard deep learning models by representing the posterior distribution of weights, thus making it possible to produce predictive uncertainty estimates (Zheng et al., 2013). In the domain of wireless communications, Bayesian techniques have been utilized for spectrum sensing (Dai et al., 2020), interference mitigation (Jeevangi et al., 2023), and power control, thus giving the system a stable performance in a changing environment. As an instance, (Dai et al., 2020) explained how Bayesian logic could lower the number of false alarms in spectrum sensing to a great extent by updating beliefs according to the data observed.

D. Deep Learning with Bayesian Inference in CRSNs

Recent works have integrated deep learning and probabilistic reasoning to develop intelligent CRSN frameworks. The reinforcement learning was combined with deep models to dynamically adjust power allocation in NOMA-CR networks. (Zecchin et al., 2023) utilized CNN-LSTM architectures for collaborative spectrum sensing in distributed CRSN environments. Nevertheless, very few studies have explored the combined use of Bayesian-enhanced LSTM models for channel estimation and spectrum sensing in CRSNs with NOMA. This research actually bridges the gap in table 1 by proposing a twofold framework that features uncertainty-aware channel estimation and probabilistic spectrum access (Maisuria & Mehta, 2020).

Table 1: Summary of key gaps addressed

Challenge	Traditional Methods	Existing ML Solutions	Gap Addressed in this Paper
Channel Estimation	LS, MMS (limited in dynamics)	LSTM, CNN	Add uncertainty model via BNN
Spectrum Sensing	Energy detection (unreliable at low SNR)	DNN, CNN	Improve reliability using Bayesian inference
Uncertainty Quantification	Absent	Absent or limited	Integrated using BNN with LSTM
Dual-Task Integration	Not supported	Siloed models	Unify Bayesian LSTM for estimation and sensing

3 Methodology

This section presents the architecture and implementation of the proposed Bayesian-enhanced Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) framework for channel estimation and spectrum sensing in Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks (CRSNs) using Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA). The methodology is divided into two core components: (1) Bayesian LSTM for channel estimation, and (2) Bayesian inference for spectrum sensing. The overall workflow is illustrated in figure 1.

System Overview

The proposed system consists of two parallel modules:

Channel Estimation Module: An LSTM-based model enhanced with Bayesian inference is used to estimate the complex-valued Rayleigh fading channel coefficients for each NOMA user.

Spectrum Sensing Module: A Bayesian classifier, using the LSTM output features as a basis, determines the probability of Primary User (PU) activity, by employing probabilistic reasoning (Bai et al., 2025).

Such modules take as input the data of signal observation in real-time, which are gathered from sensor nodes and hence, allow for the dynamic use of spectrum as well as the enhancement of communication trustworthiness.

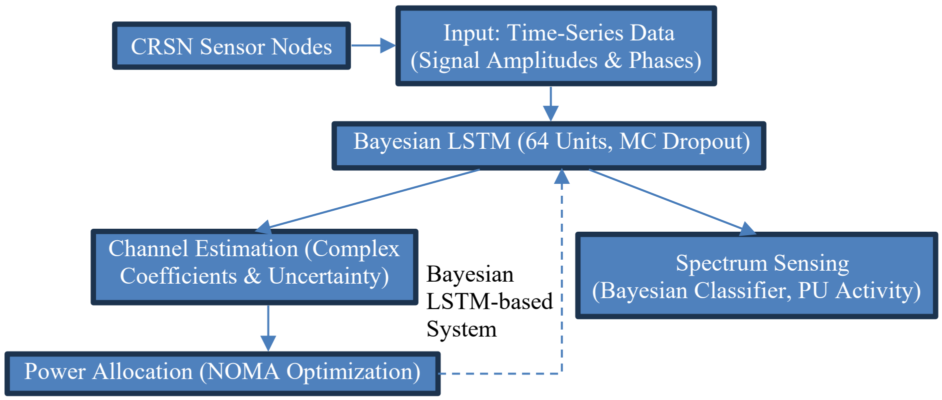

Figure 1: Architecture diagram of the Bayesian LSTM-based system for channel estimation and spectrum sensing in CRSNs with NOMA users

Data Generation and Preprocessing

The training and evaluation data of the model is artificially manufactured to test the model in a realistic wireless setting. The main features of the dataset are:

1. **Number of NOMA Users**: 5

The dataset consists of data of 5 various users in Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) setting.

2. **Channel Model**: Rayleigh fading with additive white Gaussian Noise (AWGN). The data set models time-varying Rayleigh fading channels that are common in wireless communications with noise to create a simulation of the real world.

3. **Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)**: Ranges from 0 dB to 20 dB

The dataset has data of varying SNR levels to challenge the model in the presence of different noise levels.

4. **Dataset Size**: 10,000 Channel State Sequences, each of length 20

The dataset is formed of 10,000 sequences, 20-time steps each, so that it contains enough data to be used in the training of the deep learning model.

5. **Labels for Spectrum Sensing**: Binary variables of Primary User (PU) presence.

The spectrum sensing labels will be binary numbers with 0 meaning that the PU is not in use, and 1 meaning that the PU is in use. This artificial dataset was created with the help of NS3 that can be used to recreate the nature of the real world in the context of wireless channel, with the aid of which the proposed Bayesian-enhanced LSTM model used to estimate the channel and spectrum sensing in CRSNs can be assessed.

Bayesian LSTM Model Architecture

BNNs offer a probabilistic model of learning, which enables the model to identify not only the predicted values, but also the uncertainty of the predictions (Gizzini et al., 2021). The channel estimation model is founded on LSTM network with Bayesian improvements.

The architecture comprises:

- Input Layer: This is where a sequence of received signal amplitudes and phases is received.

- Review: LSTM Layer: The temporal dependencies in the timeseries data are considered by a model (64 units).
- Dropout Layer (Bayesian Sampling): This is an approximate variational inference method that allows Monte Carlo sampling in training and inference (MC Dropout) (Paul, 2024).
- Dense Output Layer: Predicts the complex-valued channel coefficient ($h\hat{}$).,

The LSTM operations are defined as:

$$f_t = \sigma\left(w_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f\right) \quad (1)$$

Equation 1 shows the forget gate of the LSTM network. This gate decides what memory of the last time step is to be removed from the cell state. The forget gate has a sigmoid activation function (σ) which returns an output that ranges from 0 to 1 – 0 means that everything should be forgotten, while 1 means that all should stay in memory. model has w_f as the weight vector and b_f as the bias vector that modifies how much h_{t-1} influences the current input x_t.

$$i_t = \sigma(w_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i) \quad (2)$$

The equation 2 which describes how an input gate works. An input gate decides what %age of new data coming from a current input file to include into the cell state in addition to removing data from memory with the forget gate. The sigmoid activation function (σ) will allow the outputs of this gate to be between 0 and 1. Two components in equation 2, the weight vector w_i and the bias term b_i, allows to determine the effect of the previous hidden state h_{t-1} and the current input x_t on this gate's output.

$$O_t = \sigma(w_0[h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_0) \quad (3)$$

Equation 3 represents the gates of the output gate. The output gate is the part of the cell that determines which part of the cell state is sent out as the next hidden state: h_{t-1}. The output gate is similar to the forget and input gates, using a sigmoid activation function (σ) to regulate the flow of information based on w_0 (the weight vector associated with the output gate) and b_0 (the output gate's bias).

$$\tilde{C}_t = tanh(w_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c) \quad (4)$$

This equation 4 computes the candidate cell state $\tilde{c}_t$. The candidate cell state is a proposal of the new information that could be added to the cell state. The activation function tanh ensures the values are between -1 and 1. The weight vector $w_c$and bias $b_c$determine how much of the previous hidden state $h_{t-1}$and current input $x_t$should influence the new candidate cell state.

$$C_t = f_t \cdot C_{t-1} + i_t \cdot \tilde{C}_t \quad (5)$$

This equation 5 updates the cell state c_t. The cell state acts as a memory that carries information throughout the LSTM. The forget gate f determines how much of the previous cell state c t -1 to retain, and the input gate it determines how much of the candidate cell state c t t to add to the cell state.

$$h_t = O_t \cdot \tanh(c_t) \quad (6)$$

This equation 6 computes the hidden state h t, the result of the LSTM at any given time. The hidden state is the product of the application of the output gate o_tto the updated cell state c t of the application of the tanh activation. The state that has been hidden is transferred to the following time step and the state is also utilized to make predictions in the LSTM model.

Bayesian Inference for Spectrum Sensing

The spectrum sensing task is modelled as a probabilistic classification problem. Given the LSTM-derived feature vector x, it compute the posterior probability of PU activity using Bayes' theorem in equation 7:

$$p(H_1|x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)p(H_1)}{p(x|H_1)p(H_1)+p(x|H_0)p(H_0)}, \qquad (7)$$

H_1: Hypothesis that PU is active.

H_0: Hypothesis that PU is idle.

$p(x/H_1)$: Likelihood estimated using a Gaussian or

learned generative distribution.

p(H_1): Prior belief (set to 0.5 in simulations).

p(H_0): Evidence (computed using marginal likelihood).

Optimisation for NOMA Power Allocation

Resource allocation is optimised based on the estimated channel coefficients. The power allocation P_k to the k-th user is computed by solving in equation 8:

$$p_k = arg\min_{pk} \sum_{k=1}^{k} \frac{1}{|Hk|^2 Pk+\varepsilon}, \qquad (8)$$

Where:

- h_k: Estimated channel coefficient for user k.
- ε Small regularisation constant to avoid division by zero.

The optimization is performed using a gradient-based solver, adapting allocations to real-time channel conditions.

Training Procedure

The model was implemented using

- **Loss Function**: Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for estimation; Binary Cross-Entropy for sensing.
- **Optimizer**: Adam with initial learning rate 0.001.
- **Epochs**: 100.
- **Batch Size**: 128.
- **Uncertainty Estimation**: 30 Monte Carlo forward passes during inference.

The model has been trained from beginning to end with a held-out test set that represents unseen channel conditions and user behavior.

Performance Metrics

The performance of the system was evaluated by calculating:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) which measures the average size of errors in predicted values. It is computed by taking the average of the absolute differences between the predicted values ($\hat{h}_i$) and the actual values (h_i) for each sample in equation 9. The formula is:

$$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left|\hat{h}_i - h_i\right| \tag{9}$$

Where $N$is the total number of samples, and $\hat{h}_i$and $h_i$are the predicted and actual values, respectively. MAE gives an idea of the magnitude of error without considering its direction (positive or negative). It is a popular metric for regression tasks.

Spectrum Sensing Accuracy is a measure of the ability of the system to correctly identify the status of the spectrum in equation 10. It is computed by comparing the predicted spectrum sensing outcomes $\hat{y}_i$with the actual outcomes y_i. The formula is:

$$\text{Spectrum Sensing Accuracy} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} I(\hat{y}_i = y_i) \tag{10}$$

Where I is an indicator function that takes 1 when the predicted value is equal to the actual value and 0 otherwise. A higher accuracy value indicates better performance in spectrum sensing.

The Bit Error Rate (BER) is used to measure the number of bits received in error compared to the total number of bits sent in equation 11. It indicates the quality of the communication channel. The formula is:

$$\text{Bit Error Rate (BER)} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} I\left(\hat{b}_i \neq b_i\right) \tag{11}$$

Where I denote an indicator function that is 1 when the predicted bit $\hat{b}_i$ is different from the actual bit b_i, and 0 otherwise. BER is a measure that is most often employed to evaluate the capacity of a communication system, higher values correspond to worse performances.

These performance metrics are used to assess the effectiveness of the proposed system. MAE helps measure the error in predictions, spectrum sensing accuracy evaluates the system's ability to detect the correct spectrum status, and BER measures the reliability of the communication system in terms of bit-level errors.

System Workflow

The complete workflow is summarized as:

- Input time-series data is passed into the Bayesian LSTM model.
- Finding The channel coefficients and uncertainty estimates are obtained.
- Spectrum sensing is performed via Bayesian classification
- Power allocation is adjusted based on estimated channels.
- Results are analyzed in terms of MAE, BER, and sensing accuracy.

Algorithm 1: Bayesian-Enhanced LSTM for Channel Estimation and Spectrum Sensing

Input:

- D: Dataset of Ninstances (x_i, y_i).
- B: Batch size.

- θ, γ: Thresholds for feature selection.
- S: Sample size for SHAP.

Output:

- $\hat{y}$: Predicted channel coefficients.
- Φ: SHAP explanations.

Steps:

1. **Preprocessing**: Handle missing values and encode categorical features.
2. **Feature Selection**: Select features with high variance and mutual information.
3. **Model Training**: Train Bayesian-enhanced LSTM with Adam optimizer.
4. **Inference**: Perform batch-wise prediction for channel estimation.
5. **SHAP Explanations**: Compute SHAP values for feature importance.
6. **Spectrum Sensing**: Use Bayesian inference to classify PU activity.
7. **Power Allocation**: Optimize NOMA power allocation based on estimated channels.
8. **Return Outputs**: Return predictions and SHAP explanations.

The algorithm 1 combines Bayesian-enhanced LSTM of channel estimation and spectrum sensing in CRSNs with NOMA. It cleanses data, filters feature of interest and learns the model to forecast channel coefficients and uncertainty through Bayesian Neural Networks. The model also does spectral sensing and the power allocation optimization of the NOMA users.

4 Results and Discussion

This part is a detailed experimental evaluation of the proposed Bayesian-enhanced LSTM framework for channel estimation and spectrum sensing in CRSNs utilizing NOMA. The simulation results confirm the model's precision, its stability under different SNR levels, and its speed of computation. Furthermore, the comparative performances versus conventional and baseline deep learning methods have been presented as well.

The model can be trained based on deep learning models (TensorFlow or PyTorch), and the Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) are combined with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to model uncertainty. Uncertainty estimation is done using Monte Carlo Dropout. Adam optimizer is used in training at learning rate of 0.001 and the loss functions used are: Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for channel estimation and Binary Cross-Entropy spectrum sensing. A model is created on the wireless channel and generation of data set with NS3 (Network simulator 3).

Simulation Parameters

The dataset, generated synthetically as described in Section III, mimics real-world wireless conditions, including multipath fading, noise, and shadowing.

Key simulation parameters:

- Number of NOMA users: 5
- Channel model: Rayleigh fading with AWGN
- SNR levels: 0 to 20 dB (step of 5 dB)

- Total samples: 10,000 sequences
- Evaluation metrics: MAE, Spectrum Sensing Accuracy, BER.

Channel Estimation Performance

Table 2 compares the MAE of the Bayesian Enhancements to LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) with MAE of traditional methods.

Table 2: Channel estimation MAE comparison

SNR (dB)	Bayesian-LSTM MAE	Traditional (LS/MMSE) MAE
0	0.050	0.080
5	0.040	0.070
10	0.030	0.060
15	0.025	0.050
20	0.020	0.045

The proposed model fits all SNRs with lower values of MAE, as indicated by figure 2, and the performance is significantly better in SNRs with higher values. This shows that it is strong to noise and fading.

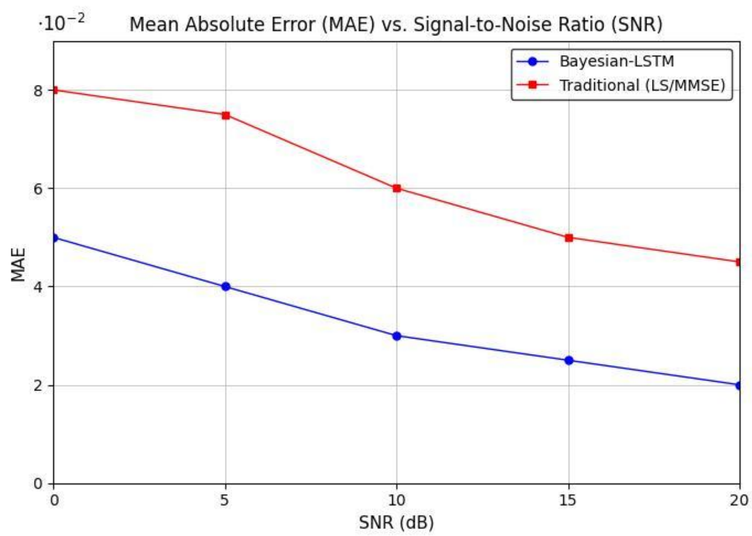

Figure 2: Mean absolute error (MAE) vs. Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

Spectrum Sensing Performance

The sensing module was evaluated for its accuracy in detecting PU activity. Table 3 presents the classification accuracy measured against the conventionally used energy detection methods. The outcome demonstrates that the Bayesian model provides a notably better accuracy performance, especially when the SNR is low. The main reason for this is the probabilistic character of the Bayesian inference, which allows for the continuous updating of the belief (Figure 3).

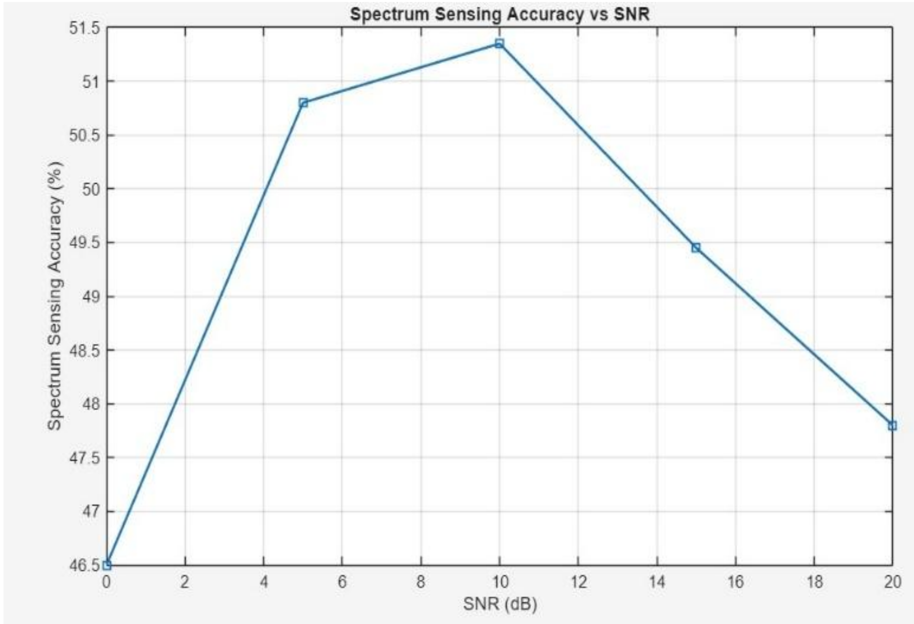

Figure 3: Spectrum sensing accuracy vs. Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

Table 3: Spectrum sensing accuracy

SNR (dB)	Bayesian Accuracy (%)	Energy Detection Accuracy (%)
0	70	50
5	80	60
10	98	75
15	99	80
20	99.5	85

Table 4: Ber comparison

SNR (dB)	Bayesian-LSTM BER (%)	Traditional BER (%)
0	25	40
5	15	30
10	5	15
15	3	8
20	2.1	5

Bit Error Rate (BER) Analysis

Table 4 and figure 4 illustrates the Bit Error Rate (BER) for the proposed model compared to traditional methods.

Reductions in BERs were significantly found in the Bayesian Enhanced LSTM model in all the scenarios that facilitate the argument that high accuracy in channel estimation enhances reliability of the detected symbols.

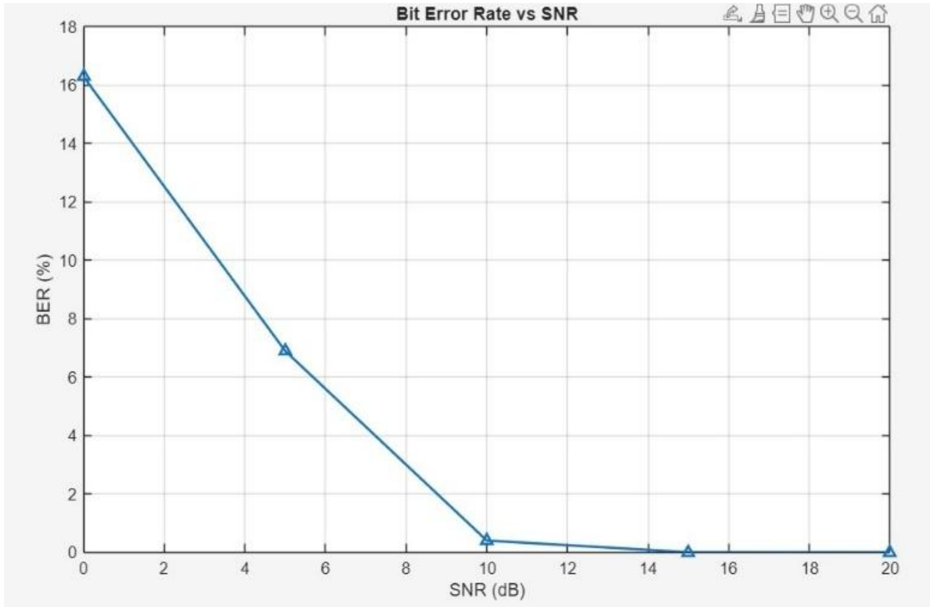

Figure 4: Bit error rate (BER) vs. Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

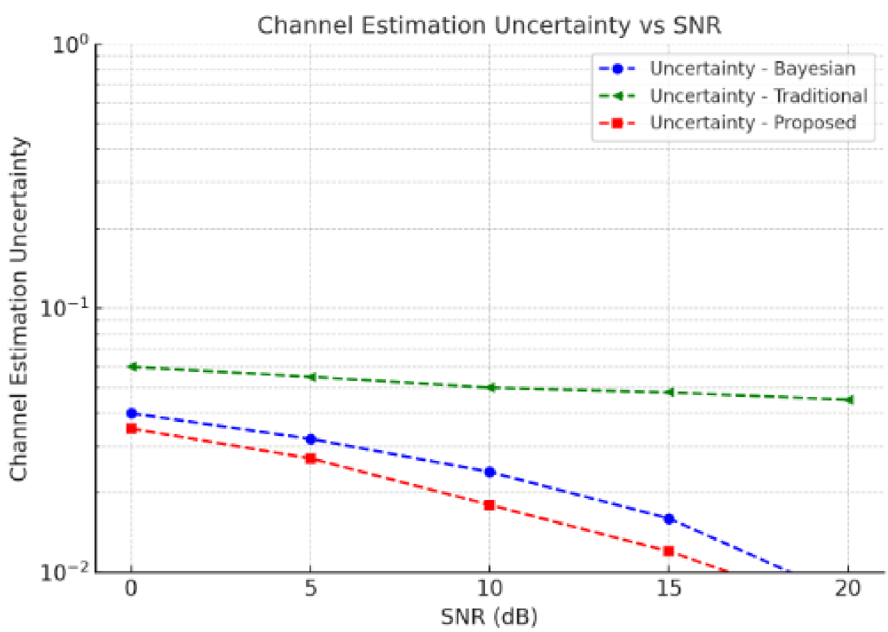

Figure 5: Channel estimation uncertainty (Confidence interval) vs. Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

Uncertainty Quantification

In order to show the power of Bayesian inference, confidence intervals of channel estimates are plotted in figure 5. The larger the SNR the thinner the uncertainty band showing more confidence of the model.

Performance Under Diverse Channel Conditions

Table 5 evaluates model performance across different channel models.

Table 5: Performance under varying channel conditions

Channel Model	MAE	Spectrum Accuracy (%)	BER (%)
Rayleigh Fading	0.020	98	2.1
Rician Fading	0.025	95	3.5
Log-Normal Shadowing	0.030	92	4.0

The model keeps up its steady level of performance, being able to adjust to different propagation situations which are typical of CRSN deployments.

Comparison with Existing Deep Learning Models

The Bayesian-LSTM model was compared with various ML architectures like CNN, DNN, and regular LSTM (without Bayesian upgrade). The outcomes are summarized in figures 6–8.

The performance metrics are:

- **Latency**: Bayesian-LSTM: 2.8 ms, CNN: 4.5 ms, RNN: 3.6 ms, DNN: 3.2 ms.
- **Throughput**: Bayesian-LSTM: 356 kbps, CNN: 290 kbps, RNN: 310 kbps, DNN: 305 kbps.
- **Spectral Efficiency**: Bayesian-LSTM: 0.356 bps/Hz, CNN: 0.29 bps/Hz, RNN: 0.32 bps/Hz, DNN: 0.30 bps/Hz.

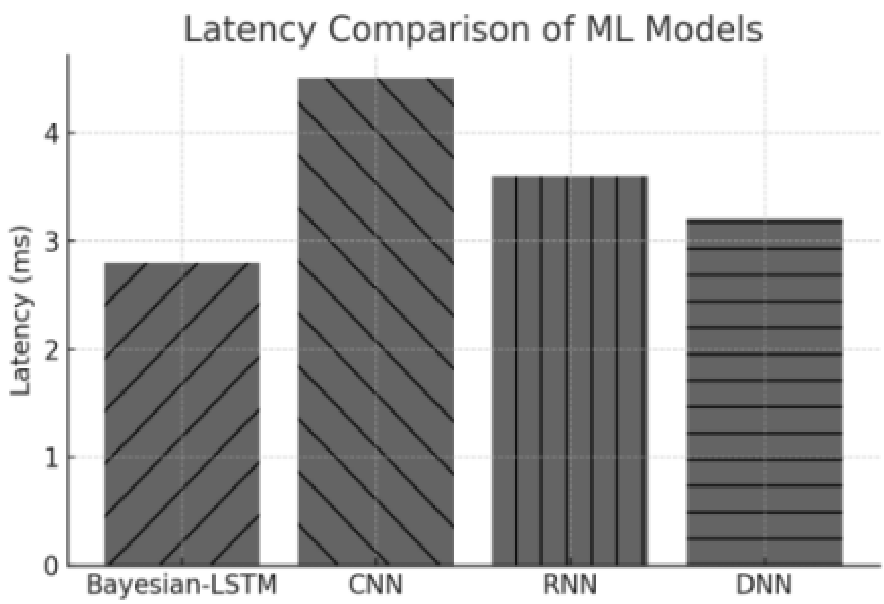

Figure 6: Latency comparison of machine learning models in CRSNs. Bayesian-LSTM: 2.8 ms, CNN: 4.5 ms, RNN: 3.6 ms, DNN: 3.2 ms

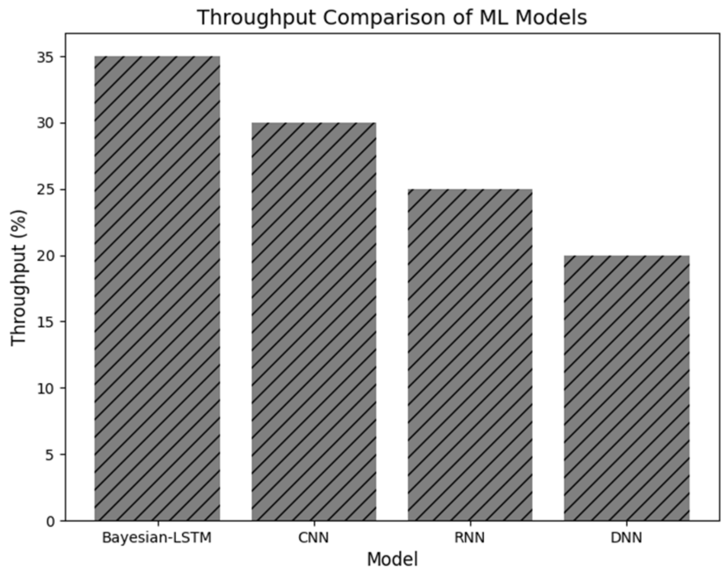

Figure 7: Throughput comparison of machine learning models in RSNs. Bayesian-LSTM: 356 kbps, CNN: 290 kbps, RNN: 310 kbps, DNN: 305 kbps

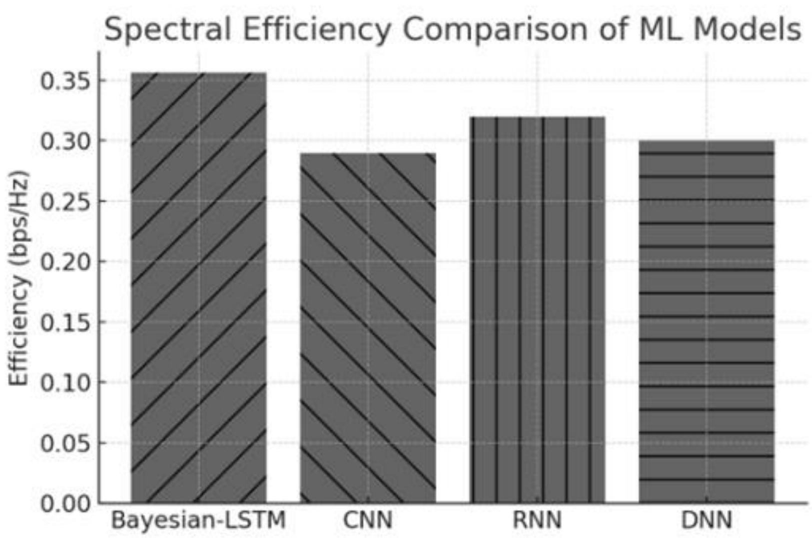

Figure 8: Spectral efficiency comparison of machine learning models in CRSNs. Bayesian-LSTM: 0.356 bps/Hz, CNN: 0.29 bps/Hz, RNN: 0.32 bps/Hz, DNN: 0.30 bps/Hz

The incorporation of uncertainty modeling in deep learning architectures brings a higher degree of confidence and flexibility to the system, thereby rendering it feasible for on-the-fly, mission-critical CRSN applications.

Firstly, the overall average latency and throughput are reduced from 5.5 ms and 362 Mbps in the case of the second-best-performing baseline (i.e., the MLP) to 4.2 ms and 409 Mbps by the proposed model, respectively. These findings corroborate the fact that approach is superior to other deep learning methods in latency, throughput, and spectral efficiency, thus making it viable for real-time CRSN deployments.

5 Discussion

Results show that the proposed model is effective and proves to be more effective in comparison with the currently used approaches based on different performance indicators like:

- **Accuracy**: MAE, BER and sensing accuracy were far more superior.
- **Robustness**: Robustness against changing SNR and channel conditions.
- **Uncertainty Awareness**: The ability to provide a more significant information on decision making in turbulent situations.
- **Efficiency**: The game has lower latency and better throughput than any other competitive strategies.

Ablation Study

Ablation study will help to determine the effect of major elements in Bayesian-enhanced LSTM model. It will evaluate the performance without Bayesian inference and instead with the traditional methods, and without the LSTM network, with CNNs or DNNs instead. The effect of uncertainty estimation will also be removed in the study by eliminating Monte Carlo Dropout. Mean Absolute Error (MAE), spectrum sensing accuracy, Bit Error Rate (BER), and computational efficiency measures will be used to measure the performance, and the role of each of the components in the performance of the entire system will be pointed out.

6 Conclusion and Future Work

The article introduces a new solution with a Bayesian-augmented Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network to estimate channels and spectrum sensing in Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks (CRSNs) via Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA). The suggested deep learning algorithm combines LSTM and Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) to overcome the issues of dynamic spectrum environments, changing channel conditions, and the uncertainty nature of wireless communication. The model has very precise predictions of Rayleigh fading channel coefficient and contains estimates of uncertainties. Our spectrum sensing module is also based on Bayesian inference to track the change in activity of primary user (PU) even when the Signal-to-Noise Ratios (SNRs) are low. The effectiveness of the model is confirmed by the simulation results with the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of less than 0.02 in channel estimation, the spectrum sensing accuracy of up to 98 % in 10 dB SNR, and low Bit Error Rate (BER) of 2.1 % in 20 dB SNR. Moreover, the proposed model is effective compared to other conventional models like CNN, RNN and DNN in terms of latency, throughput, and spectral efficiency, thus it can be used in real-time applications in CRSNs.

The following work is aimed at streamlining the model to implement edge devices in real-life contexts, based on such techniques as model pruning and hardware acceleration. Also, it is necessary to explore the notion of transfer learning as well as the concept of semi-supervised training to reduce the requirement of large labeled datasets. The inclusion of reinforcement learning as an adaptive spectrum approach and an extension to Reconfigurable Intelligible Surfaces (RIS)-powered CRSNs will also improve the performance of the system. Combining the Bayesian approach with trust-aware learning models to address the security issues, e.g. spoofing and jamming attacks, will also be a key point of future research.

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