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Research On Enterprise Financial Performance Evaluation Based On Deep Convolutional Neural Network

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Financial Performance Evaluation is the process of assessing a company's financial health, profitability, and growth potential using key financial indicators and metrics. The study proposes a data-driven framework for the integrated evaluation of enterprise financial performance by considering both financial and non-financial recoveries, known as Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG). The study utilizes a dataset comprising 11,000 records from 1,000 firms, providing a robust foundation for the analysis of financial and ESG factors. Financial analysis in a traditional manner may prove inadequate in balancing the complexities of the new business environment and the ever-shifting financial data. The framework deploys Deep-Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNNs) for the prediction of future sustainability and financial scenarios. The framework uses ESG criteria along with financial parameters, thereby stretching its applications beyond short-term profit maximization for long-term viability and sustainable growth. It qualifies itself as an appropriate candidate to handle complex datasets, but also provides insightful outputs to help strategic planners in decisions ensuring both financial development and development in a responsible manner. The study stresses the impact of ESG on financial performance and shows that companies with strong sustainability aspects maintain healthy financial growth in recent years. The model achieved strong predictive accuracy, with a Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.0189, Mean Squared Error (MSE) of 0.0007, and a Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.0265, indicating highly reliable and precise forecasting capabilities. Hence, the DCNN architecture outperforms others in predicting the future of financial and sustainability metrics, thereby proving the potential of Deep Learning (DL) for evaluating financial performance.

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1. Introduction

Enterprise financial performance analysis is required to support a strategic thought process and towards sustainable development [1]. In contemporary competitive and volatile global markets business must be vigilant on both financial well-being requirements as it is so that they take a near observation over fiscal soundness in a company [2]. Regardless of the circumstance that the conventional financial analytical instruments can be used in some instances, they do not have to portray the intricate character and ratios of the current financial data [3]. When every different glove movement induces a digital change in the manner business is conducted by commercial organizations, financial data take a new dimensional, dynamic, and networked form [4]. In this way, information providing analytical tools that provide detailed information are highly necessary to be utilized by decision-makers [5]. Assessment of the financial performance of the company basing on the non-financial criteria and ESG is a multi-faceted question due to the impossibility to identify the intangible facets of something, multiple reporting and the impossibility of measuring universal results [6]. In addition to this, the ESG factors are often subject to changes and, thus, are subjective in interpreting these factors and thus biased towards the financial outcomes and it may difficult to derive the direct relationship.

The performance of the enterprises is influenced by numerous factors, both external and internal, as well [7]. Among themselves, profitability, current liquidity, use of assets and cost controls are very crucial in the preparation of financial outcomes [8]. There is also some additional complexity brought about by the market volatility, changes in regulations and socio-economic conditions on the outside [9]. Theirs are the drivers and drivers of corporate performance, as it is in all industries, manufacturing, finance, technology, and so on [10]. So, these different aspects render it difficult to apply the single approach to financial analysis [11]. one-size-fits-all. In this way, assessing the overall success of a business, it is extremely crucial to consider not only financial measures but also sustainability measures [12].

Rooted financial analysis The conservative methods of financial analysis are usually grounded on unchanged financial ratios and historical data [13]. Empirical research has always assured positive relationship between sustainability and financial performance. As an example, [14] established that sustainability performance (SP) is positively related with financial performance (FP) in Jordanian financial industry and the relationship is mediated in part by sustainability-promoting indicators of green innovation. Equally, [15] evidenced that financial stability which is also among the factors incorporated in the concept of sustainable development to some degree has a positive influence on some of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially in the nations where banking systems operate at full or partial capacities, further developing the notion of the proper relationship between sustainable development activities and long-term financial growth [16]. Yet, the approaches fail to change with the market conditions and take into account other non-financial aspects such as ESG criteria [17]. They also face difficulties in processing large amounts of information and identifying minor trends of the various datasets, having to undergo human interpretation which may introduce errors and bias [18]. Because of this, the conventional approaches do not give a picture of financial and sustainable performance in full [19]. Conventional financial analysis has been based on ratio-based measures such as ROA and ROE that are limited to measure non-financial elements such as ESG standards. Unlike the Deep Convolutional Neural Network (DCNN) takes into account the financial and ESG data, and describes very complex, non-linear relations between large amounts of data. The approach will guide a greater efficiency in being able to make direct predictions about the financial performance in the future. With the aspect of integrating sustainability performance and financial results, DCNN offers a holistic analysis using more than just conventional techniques.

The paper at hand suggests data-driven model which predicts future and financial outcomes (that is, calculating financial and non-financial outcomes as well). Adopting the element of long-term sustainability and responsible environment on the principle of sustainability rather than short-term profitability, the framework refers to the patterns that involve sustainability and financial performance. This can provide practical information which may be used to facilitate such strategic and ethical decisions against the concept of sustainable growth in businesses which can see through the banking objectives. The framework was designed to handle a complex data; it is robust and scalable and can therefore be applied in case of performing future outlooking performance reviews presented in a dynamically changing business environment.

- The goal of our work consists in suggesting a numeric-based model of enterprise financial Beef performance, incorporating the financial and the ESG aspects. This is implemented on DCNN in order to determine future sustainability and financial results.

- Min-Max Normalization, Mean Imputation, and Z-score based Outlier Detection procedure think through methods of quality information and equalization among financial and ESG variables.

- Derive significant statistical characteristics of the different time periods including Year-over-Year (YoY) Growth rate, Rolling Mean, Volatility, CAGR, Lag Features which represents dynamic trend of company performance.

- Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and Lasso Regression feature selection, which returns to find each of the relevant predictors, and also generates less noise and it is used in the generalization of the model.

- DCNN pooling, dropout, and SeLU activation to allow the tremendous acquisition of the complicated association of ESG and financial attributes and well, thus, project.

- Forecasting will be compared on the measures of MAE, MSE and RMSE to prove that the DCNN is going to be better than the conventional modelling faculties in sustainable finance.

The structure of this paper is as follows: Section 2 is included for the literature survey. Section 3 presents the proposed research methodology. Results and discussions are revealed in section 4; a conclusion to this paper is provided in section five with future work outlook.

DL methods have proved to be major deception in the sphere of financial fraud detection. A model suggested by Xiuguo and Shengyong [20] is the combination of the numerical financial indicators and textual features, extracted out of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) parts of company reports. Their model recorded a high classification accuracy of 94.98% and 94.62% with high profits contrary to the conventional methods of machine learning. The approach introduces the impetus on the potential integration of both financial and non-financial data as far as detecting fraud on financial reports is concerned. Concurrently, Song and Wu [21] have explored the risk assessment in financial businesses where they adopted genetic algorithms (GA) and neural networks and deep belief networks, (DBN) in testing excessive financialization risks. As they concluded, models including GA and DBN are ideal in the context of lower-dimensional data, but they lack scalability problems. These problems have amplified the necessity of more sophisticated models such as DCNNs that would be able to process complex and non-linear relationship and huge amounts of data. Models such as GA, DBN, and clustering have drawbacks of scalability, overfitting, and even in dealing with time-series with high dimensions. These models cannot describe non-linear relations and over time process in ESG-finance assessment. These limitations identify the necessity to have more developed models like DCNN that are able to manage large datasets and incorporate ESG factors to make sure that there is proper forecasting.

Traditional and contemporary methods have been used to make the prediction regarding financial distress. Wu et al. [22] came with a hybrid of knowing, combining the old Altman Z-score together with Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) networks to predict financial losers. Their model performs better than the individual models and has a greater power of prediction especially in the case of the enterprise during financial crisis. As methods of analysis, Herman et al. [23] used K-Means and K-Medoids, to analyze the performance of food retail companies in Hungary and Romania regarding financial performance. Their results implied that saying that clustering methods can identify clusters of companies that share certain financial characteristics hence can help in predicting financial distress. Nevertheless, these procedures are disadvantageous in terms of influencing temporal dependencies and complexities that are not easy to capture on financial data. The constraints emphasize the necessity of models that would be able to manage the time-series data, and this is what DCNNs can efficiently provide. Kumar and Dua [24] also sought the association between environmental management practices and financial performance during a span of 11 years. They applied both dynamic and standard regression models where they demonstrated that environmental initiatives could increase the corporate valuation which gives more grounds to the impact of external parameters on financial stability.

The incorporation of ESG into evaluation of financial performance is more of an important research field. Bhandari et al. [25] studied the time variation in ESG portfolio predicting stock markets and suggested the following models: LSTM, GRU, CNN. They observed that LSTM models are effective in prediction of the time-series but they tend to interfere with non-linear relationships between ESG and financial performance. This is in line with what Hsu et al. [26], explored on the connection between Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and the financial performance. They not only retained the potential of the DL methods such as CNN, but also stated that larger data sets and more sophisticated models are needed to supply enhanced predictive accuracy. The study by Ha et al. [27] investigated the impact of green innovation on both the environmental and financial performance. They discovered the positive effect of green product innovation, implying that environmental sustainability is one major factor in making businesses stable in the long run. In the similar vein, Dzomonda [28] suggested the brokerage of relationship involving the access of financial performance along with avoidances between sustainability commitment and access to finance by proposing a moderated model of mediation. This model underlines the significance of the ESG practices in enhancing monetary availability especially to the small and medium-sized venture (SME).

Additionally, Liu et al. [29] also presented a unified moderated mediation model, the theme of which proposed the possibility of influencing the financial performance by control of ESG activities, where institutional pressure serves as a mediator. They claimed that it is important to incorporate ESG in the internal processes of a company in order to achieve sustainability and profitability. Amin and Cek [30] investigated the effects of capital structure ratio of the golden ratio on the financial performance of non-financial companies in France and the U.K. Their investigation has shown that matching the debt-equity ratio of a business to the golden ratio enhances financial performance ratios which reflects on larger dependency between the financial strategies and performance. A secure financial data-sharing framework proposed by Bobba [31] is based on AI, machine learning, and information fusion on hybrid clouds. This publication will guide the approach presented here by showing how information accuracy and safe transmission by AI can maximize the exchange of financial data and guarantee cloud system safety and effectiveness. Sun et al. [32] studied the impacts of the risks of climate change on the financial performance of the electric power industry with strong focus on the importance of considering the climate risk within the specific corporate financial strategy. By proving that other types of environmental factors such as rainfall and drought indices might affect the financial performances, they also contributed to the incorporation of ESG factors in the financial analysis.

The reviewed literature shows a clear evolution in the application of advanced models for financial performance evaluation, from fraud detection and financial distress prediction to the integration of ESG factors. The papers discussed above highlight the growing recognition of ESG-Finance linkages and the increasing use of DL models to capture these complex, non-linear relationships. Despite progress, challenges in scalability, temporal dependency handling, and model interpretability persist, particularly in integrating ESG data with financial metrics. This study aims to address these challenges by proposing a data-driven framework utilizing DCNNs to forecast both financial and sustainability outcomes. This framework integrates traditional financial metrics with ESG factors, providing a comprehensive view of corporate performance that aligns with the latest advancements in DL and financial analysis.Table 1 shows the comprehensive review of literature survey.

Some critical limitations in various AI applications across finance and ESG are being put forth by the reviewed papers. Tutcu et al. [33] discourse that given the wider application of machine learning for ROA and ROE prediction, the models themselves do not apply in a general manner across industries and often disregard wider macroeconomic variables. Cohen [34] complains that algorithmic trading models driven by AI are complex and data intensive and so they require advanced infrastructure to run efficiently and thus, by implication, turn out to be inaccessible to small-scale companies. Oyedele et al. [35] establish considerably high accuracy in predicting cryptocurrency prices using deep-learning and ensemble models, yet such models may fail in the face of highly volatile and speculative crypto markets. Jing and Zhang [36] concern themselves with ESG and AI in manufacturing, yet their findings remain sector-specific and heavily dependent on the definition and measurement of ESG constructs. Finally, while Lim [36] offers a theoretical review of AI in ESG, it does not base such work on an empirical model, hence delivering limited actionable insights to practitioners.

Although AI-driven financial models have shown promise in predicting financial outcomes, they often overlook non-financial factors like ESG indicators, which are crucial for long-term sustainability. Existing models tend to focus solely on financial metrics, neglecting the complex relationship between ESG performance and corporate growth. This gap in AI-based financial modeling motivates the development of a framework that integrates ESG factors to improve long-term sustainability forecasts, which this research addresses.

2. Materials and methods

The methodology proposed in this work aims to be a robust, end-to-end method for predicting the future financial performance (2026-2028) of companies based on the given ESG and financial data using DCNN. An 11,000-record dataset from 1,000 global firms serves as initial evidence for the ESG & Financial Performance domain (2015-2025). After this, preprocessing such as normalization and imputation of data and disposal of outliers are done to prevent any problems of data integrity. Time based features of statistics like YoY Growth, Rolling Mean, CAGR and Lag features are diverse to show changing trends. To provide the final subset of high predictive features, these features are filtered using RFE and Lasso. The reason why the feature selection methods were chosen as RFE and Lasso Regression is their capability to reduce the number of dimensions and increase the interpretability of the model. RFE has the advantage of removing unimportant features depending on the model performance, and the L1 regularization of the Lasso reduces the coefficients values to zero, which encourages sparsity. Other algorithms like feature importance or mutual information may be affected by the problems of data imbalances and may simply not provide the same degree of regularization. The use of RFE and Lasso can result in a more reliable and interpretable estimate, especially when using high-dimensional datasets, with improved, more effective feature reduction and clarity of the model. The initial analysis of the ESG scores revealed that there is a little lopsidedness in the information by focusing on the companies on moderately ESG rated companies. To deal with this possible problem, in the future, methods like SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) or

Table 1. Comprehensive review of literature on financial performance evaluation methods, highlighting traditional and AI-based models with a focus on ESG integration.

Ref	Focus	Advantages	Limitations
[20]	Detecting financial statement fraud in Chinese firms using DL	High accuracy via DL; application on real-world data	Specific to Chinese firms; black-box nature of DL models
[21]	Risk assessment of excessive financialization using ML & data mining	Integrates data mining and ML for risk evaluation; improves decision-making	industries or non-financial sectors industries or non-financial sectors
[22]	Financial distress prediction using Z-score & neural networks	Combines traditional and AI methods; improved prediction capability	Z-score thresholds may be outdated; NN may overfit without tuning
[23]	Comparing K-Means vs K-Medoids for financial performance clustering	Comparative insight for clustering efficiency; unsupervised learning	Sensitive to initial conditions; lacks causal interpretation
[24]	Environmental practices vs financial performance in India	Context-specific insights for large Indian firms; real policy implications	Limited to Indian context; causality may not be established
[25]	Predicting ESG Index Volatility with DL	Uses LSTM, GRU, CNN for volatility prediction	LSTM struggles with non-linear ESGfinancial relations
[26]	Forecasting Financial Performance with ESG Data	Uses CNN for ESG-based financial predictions	Requires broader datasets and advanced models
[27]	Impact of green innovation on environmental and financial performance	Addresses dual benefit (eco + finance); current data	Innovation measurement is subjective; industry-specific effects
[28]	Environmental commitment, access to finance in SMEs	Highlights SME access issues; governance as mediator	Findings may differ for large enterprises; self-reported data bias
[29]	Sustainable activities and financial performance with mediators	Multi-dimensional view (non-financial & institutional roles)	Data from specific context; institutional effects may vary widely
[30]	Capital structure design using golden ratio and financial performance	Novel capital structure framework; quantitative testing	Golden ratio lacks widespread empirical support
[31]	Secure data sharing in hybrid cloud	Utilizes AI, ML, and information fusion for secure, efficient data sharing	Focuses on banking sector; applicability to other sectors may vary
[32]	Climate risk and financial performance in Chinese electric firms	Industry-specific climate impact analysis; datadriven	Focused only on electric sector in China; may not extend to others

weighted loss functions will work to balance the dataset and make the models better. Such approaches would alleviate the bias on the more prevalent type of ESG scores and make the model more generalizable over all levels of the ESG scores. Next, these refined inputs are fed into a DCNN with 10 convolutional layers that perform max-pooling, flattening, followed by fully connected (dense) layers that use dropout and SeLu activation to the final output layer. This model learns both the short-term temporal anomalies and long-term patterns arising from the input features. The architecture predicts key financial indicators and revenue growth to provide an interpretable and very accurate AI-assisted system to forecast sustainable finance and for strategic corporate decision-making. Fig. 1 shows the architecture diagram of proposed work.

The ESG & Financial Performance Database provides a very detailed setup of annual data for 1,000 companies worldwide, spread over 9 industries and 7 regions, from 2015 to 2025. The ESG & Financial Performance dataset is sourced from publicly available financial reports and ESG disclosures of 1,000 companies across nine industries and seven regions, covering 2015–2025. The criteria used in calculating ESG scores are standardized amid known rating agencies but inconsistency in the methodology used to calculate the scores could lead to biases, especially because of discrepancies in reporting frameworks and voluntariness of their reporting on ESG. Such possible biasing is recognized and counter-checked by using data preprocessing

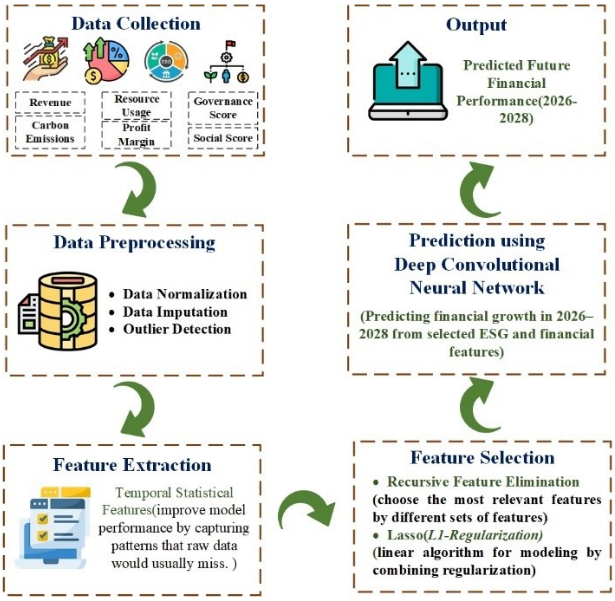

Fig. 1. Diagram of the proposed DCNN architecture for predicting enterprise financial performance using ESG and financial data.

methods, including using methods like imputation and normalization, to provide reliability and consistency. Although most of the previous research on the topic is based on the specific datasets of the sector, the current research employs the cross-industries dataset that make them more generally applicable. The model is more stable and versatile since it incorporates businesses across all industries and thus adopts more varieties of dynamics. The method enhances predictive validity and expands the applicability of the model to help obtain meaningful results on the connection between ESG and finance in the long-term sustainability of various industries. The model has been trained using cross industry dataset of nine companies across various industries increasing the generalizability of the model. However, industry-specific factors may influence performance, and future work will explore whether adaptations are needed for certain sectors to account for unique dynamics, such as regulatory differences or market conditions.

The result is 11000 records and 16 columns. It combines realistic financial variables such as revenue, profit margins, and market capitalization and a whole spectrum of ESG data on carbon emissions, resource utilization, and ESG scoring (Environmental, Social, Governance, and composite). The data set can be used well in regression, classification as well as clustering and segmentation exercises. More importantly, it can be used in time-series forecasting, as well as training the appropriate predictive models to forecast the performance of the company in the 2026-2028. This would also assist the interest holders such as investors and This is because the researcher and practitioners will be able to visualize how ESG trends affect and influence financial performance over the long term thus offer another perspective on financial strategies implementation in a sustainable way. It also enables to pursue whether chief ESG improvements are practiced in the area of financial accomplishment and the outcomes are most advantageous as the foundation of the creation of the AI driven, interpretable models of sustainable finance research and corporate philanthropy.

All the single ESG factors affect significantly the model predictions. Environmental issues, such as carbon emission and effectiveness of resources, should also be considered by companies, aiming at sustainable change and a long-term feasible market, as well. The social aspect that influenced the reputation will be corporate labor practices and community activities that, in turn, will have an impact on the financial performance of the organizations in the future. Finally, there are Governance factors such as transparency, compliance and leadership, which can cause investor confidence as well as risk management resulting in enhanced financial performance. The insight of the component of ESG makes the model more transparent and more useful to predict sustainable economic growth.

The ESG Data/ Financial Performance data has a variety of features that vary in magnitude- Market Cap in billions of dollars or ESG Scores that lie in a range of 0-100. Naturally it is necessary to normalize these values by Min-Max Normalization so that they can be in the range [0,1] so that they can be equally addressed in prediction models. Incomplete data in some of the key variables such as Carbon Emissions, Profit Margins, or ROA are provided with mean imputation so as to preserve the integrity of the dataset, where the missing value is provided with the feature wise mean. Correspondingly, possible outliers are measured by certain variables, e.g., EPS or ESG Scores-signaling may be registering errors or some isolated shocks-by a Z-score point of view. Any data observation with a Z greater than 3 is either filtered out or modified in a way that it does not create distortion on model predictions. These normalization, imputation, or outlier activities of pre-processing aim at making the time-series forecasting models of company performance predictions, and ESG-financial linkage forecasts of 2026-28 as trustworthy and robust as possible [37].

The ESG & Financial Performance dataset has features on various scales, for instance, Market Capitalization being in billions, whereas ESG Scores are mostly within 0 to 100. The variance leads to prejudiced learning, wherein features with bigger numbers take precedence in model training.

We apply Min-Max Normalization to guarantee equal treatment of all variables by scaling them to a [0,1] interval. The formula for normalization is given in Eq. (1):

$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)} \tag{1}$$

where, x represents the original value, while x_{min} and x_{max} are the minimum and maximum values of the feature in the dataset, respectively. This process ensures that each feature is on the same scale, allowing the model to treat all features equally during training.

Min-Max Normalization is preferred over other scaling methods, such as Z-score standardization, because it scales all features within a fixed range of [0, 1], ensuring uniformity. This is particularly beneficial for Lasso Regression, where feature scaling affects the regularization process. By avoiding disparities in feature magnitudes, Min-Max Normalization ensures that Lasso Regression effectively selects relevant predictors without one feature dominating due to scale differences.

Missing values pop up in ESG or financial indicators like Carbon Emissions or Profit Margins or ROA, thereby eroding the model accuracy. Mean imputation uses the average of available values to estimate and replace the missing values. The imputation formula is presented in Eq. (2):

$$x_{\text{missing}} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \tag{2}$$

where x_{missing} is the imputed value, and x_i represents the valid observations in the dataset. This method helps maintain data integrity and ensures that missing values do not distort the analysis, allowing the model to function as intended while avoiding computationally expensive techniques like multiple imputation.

The missing data is going to be addressed using Mean Imputation because it is simple to handle missing data and at the same time is efficient in this data set. Though easier methods such as multiple imputation might yield more precise estimates, they are computationally expensive and their assumptions have more complicated formulations. Since the data point collection is quite big in size, the Mean Imputation was selected to ensure the consistency and speed of preprocessing the stage and still give reasonable estimates of missing values. In this way, the analysis will not be computationally infeasible and the integrity of the model will not be jeopardized.

The observation of outliers in the financial measures, including EPS or ESG scores, might determine the absence of anomalies in the reporting or unforeseen events that might influence the timeline models and impact prediction rates. Such anomalies are detected and treated with the help of Z-score that is calculated with references to the following Eq. (3):

$$Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \tag{3}$$

where, x represents the data point, μ is the mean of the dataset, and σ is the standard deviation of the dataset. Z-score I was used to determine distance between a data point and the mean by the number of standard deviations. When the Z-score is more than 3 or below - 3 , then it means it is an outlier data point. Detecting and managing these outliers is an attempt to ascertain that the model is not biased by extreme values and therefore extends better prediction accuracy.

Temporal statistical feature extraction: identity of a feature is considered a critical processing step in a time-series data predictive modeling Scheme. In the case of ESG and financial performance forecasts, these features provide a rough sense to raw and sequential company data, in terms of the existence of such qualities as trends, volatility, growth and time dependencies. They assist in the enhancement of model's performance because they are useful in the capture of patterns which will not have been picked by the raw data. Besides, these derived features provide interpretable signals with which to predict future financial or sustainability outcomes and are best suited for models requiring structured temporal input.

It indicates how much percentage change a variable undergoes with respect to the value it had in the preceding year. It shows whether important metrics such as ESG scores, revenue, or return on equity go up or down with the passing of each year. This is crucial to infer whether performance and sustainability gains have momentum with time. It is calculated in Eq. (4):

$$\text{YoY Growth}_{\,t} = \frac{X_t - X_{t-1}}{X_{t-1}} \times 100 \tag{4}$$

where, X_{current} is the value of the variable in the current year, and X_{previous} is the value from the previous year. This formula is used to determine change percentage, which aids in tracking and determining performance over the period which provides some important information concerning growth or decline.

Mean Long-term fluctuations are removed by Rolling mean or moving average by averaging the values within a specified window instead. Exceptional in comparison of longer-term trends of financial and environmental (ESG) indicators, this characteristic will aid in highlighting that continuous positive or negative trend as befitting contamination and random changes of rawness. It is defined in Eq. (5):

$$\text{Rolling}^{\text{Mean}\,(k)}_{t} = \frac{1}{k}\sum_{i=t-k+1}^{t} X_i \tag{5}$$

where, x_i represents each data point within a specific time window, and n is the size of that window. This method can be used to identify trends over a long period when it is estimated (that is, averages the values in the defined window) then the impact of volatility across a short period can be put aside. Rolling Standard Deviation presents the degree of the fluctuation of one type of metric based on a specific period of time as well as is linked to the volatility in metrics such as financial performance, such as profit margin and earning per share. A fluctuating asset can be a sign of financial turbulence whereas predictability is normally seen on the operations that are steadier. It is given by Eq. (6):

$$\text{Rolling Stdd}_t^{(k)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k}\sum_{i=t-k+1}^{t}\left(X_i - \bar{X}\right)^2} \tag{6}$$

where, x_i represents each data point, and μ is the mean of the values within the window. The given equation computes the degree of over- and under-change of data over a period of time, high values of which are significant in the conception of risk and permanence of financial performance.

A CAGR rate is the average rate of scaling growth of any variable given within a few number of years, given a fixed rate of growth. It is a model that is utilized the most to evaluate the performance trend of market capitalization, ESG scores or profitability on a long-term basis to gain an entire understanding of growth as far as time is considered. The formula is in Eq. (7):

$$\text{CAGR} = \left(\frac{X_{\text{end}}}{X_{\text{start}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \tag{7}$$

where, X_{end} is the value of the variable at the end of the period, X_{start} is the value at the start, and t is the number of years between these two points. This formula gives the consistent growth rate that would have resulted in the end value over the time period, providing a more accurate measure of growth compared to average growth rates.

These represent the past values of a variable at earlier time steps. Lag features enable models to learn from historic patterns and comprehend temporal dependencies. They are defining in Eq. (8):

$$\text{Lag}_k\left(X_t\right) = X_{t-k} \tag{8}$$

where, k denotes the number of time steps to lag, X_{t-n} represents the value of the variable at time $t-n$, where n is the number of time steps to lag. Lag features allow the model to learn from past trends and make predictions based on historical patterns.

Feature selection refines the predictive model by picking the relevant indicators from extracted temporal statistical features. RFE sieves out weaker features; it is the weaker features that are eliminated based on model performance so that only the stronger predictors of financial outcomes such as ROA and ESG scores come to be considered. Lasso, meanwhile, helps to shrink the coefficients of irrelevant features to zero, thereby promoting sparsity and avoiding overfitting. To constrict in this way enhances the interpretability of the model, its accuracy, and generalizability in forecasting ESG-finance trends from 2026 to 2028.

To ensure that the features used in RFE are not redundant, a brief analysis of collinearity was performed. The correlation matrix of the extracted features-YoY Growth, Rolling Mean, Volatility, and Lag Features-was examined. No significant correlations (above 0.9) were found, confirming that the selected features are not highly collinear and thus suitable for RFE. This analysis helps ensure that the model is not influenced by multicollinearity, allowing RFE to identify the most relevant predictors without redundancy RFE is a wrapper technique that carries out feature selection in a recursive way to choose the most relevant features by dropping those deemed least important by a model and this determination depends on the relative performance of the model on different sets of features. Here, RFE is used on top of temporal statistical features extracted from the ESG & financial performance dataset to retain only the best indicators for financial performance. It underlies a predictive model, ranks features in premises such as coefficients or impurity reduction, and aborts the lowest features till an optimal feature subset is retained. It improves dimensionality, cuts noise, and thus, enhances both accuracy and interpretability while testing; for example, in the forecast of the ROA, ROE, or ESG scores for the coming years. Thus, RFE guarantees that only those extracted temporal features significantly affecting prediction of financial performance are taken into consideration, improving the robustness and generalization capacity of the resulting forecast model.

Lasso Regression, short for Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator, is a linear algorithm for modeling by combining regularization and feature selection over regression loss with a penalty term with respect to the absolute values of the model coefficients. The L1 penalty thus encourages sparsity, which means it shrinks some of the feature coefficient values to zero. In this way, the variables that are less important to the regression model are removed from consideration. Within the construction of our ESG and financial performance prediction model, Lasso enables the company to simply select the relevant features from among thousands of extracted indicators, thereby improving the simplicity and interpretability of the resulting model. Consequently, Lasso is capable of removing noise-induced, irrelevant, or redundant information, thus bettering the predictive ability of the model, preventing overfitting, and making sure that the model performs well in the "out-of-sample" environment: 2026–2028. The tool goes extremely well in high-dimensional settings where manual feature selection is tedious, thereby serving as a good complement to other techniques. The Lasso modifies the cost function of linear regression by adding an L1 penalty in Eq. (9);

$$\min_{\beta}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(y_i-\beta_0-\sum_{j=1}^{p}\beta_j x_{ij}\right)^2+\lambda\sum_{j=1}^{p}\left|\beta_j\right|\right) \tag{9}$$

where, y_i represented the actual target, x_{ij} denotes the feature value, β_j is the coefficient for feature $j, \lambda \geq 0$ is the regularization parameter controlling the strength of the penalty. After the feature selection procedure, the refined set of rime-relevant features is fed into the DCNN model. The downgrading step makes use of the wonderful pattern recognition capability of DCNNs to learn complex relationships between ESG indicators and financial performance and use that to prognosticate trends for the future (2026-28).

Although the DCNN model is effective for predicting financial outcomes, it is important to briefly compare it with other potential approaches such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Random Forest models. Time-series forecasting The LSTM networks are well known to model long-term dependencies. Nevertheless, LSTMs are prohibitively costly in terms of computation as well as a source of overfitting, particularly in high-dimensional datasets. Although LSTM models would be most effective in finding time-based relationships, they can be unable to handle complex and non-linear relationships among multiple variables that are very important in ESG-finance modeling.

Popular in brain data that is non-linear, and on large normal size dataset, random forest models lack the ability to follow sequences. These models also fail to deal with high-dimensional data as well as fail to perform well when the relationships between features are complex or null-temporal. Conversely, DCNNs are very efficient derivatives at learning hierarchies, or multi-scale time dependencies and non-linearities, of learning. This feature explains why DCNN are best used to learn the dynamic dynamics between ESG variables and stock performance thereby providing better predictive results in relation to LSTM and Random Forest networks.

The DCNN architecture for predicting financial growth in 2026–2028 from selected ESG and financial features. The model begins with the input of selected time-series features, which are passed through ten convolutional layers with 10 filters each, with varying filter sizes to grasp complex temporal patterns; these layers then extract hierarchical features that encode both local and global long-range dependencies. A 30-max pooling layer then follows, minimizing dimensionality and tracking the maximum values; these are passed after flattening to one 500-neuron layer with dropout applied for generalization, where self-normalization is ensured by the SeLU activation function to aid in training stabilization. The output layer is the accomplishment section which estimates the future financial metrics including ROA, ROE, or improves rates: in other words, having an inference of ESG-financial trends to forthcoming activity. The architecture helps to build effective prediction using learning on previous ESG and financial dynamics. The architecture of DCNN is depicted in Fig. 2.

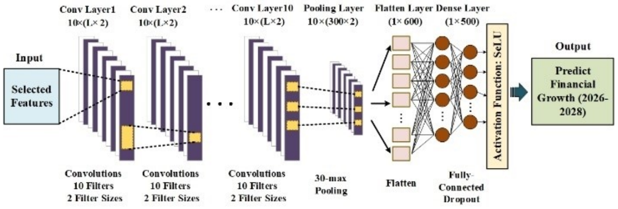

Fig. 2. Architecture of the DCNN used to predict financial growth, incorporating ESG and financial data for multi-industry companies.

This architecture allows the model to capture complex relationships between ESG and financial factors, enhancing its ability to make accurate long-term predictions by effectively learning from temporal dependencies in the data. These are statistical time-based indicators such as the YoY growth, rolling averages and ESG scores. The available features can be aligned into two channels which typically are ESG and financial features over a number of years. This many-dimensional input is thus written in terms of the fundamental information on which to ensure the deep-learning algorithm is trained to bring into focus future financial performances.

Since the nature of DL models such as DCNNs are distinctive of a black box in nature, understandability is similarly a key concern of interest to practitioners and decision-makers. Models can be made more transparent with the help of such approaches as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) and LISP (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations). Such methods are applied to explain the predictions of individual individuals by local approximates of the DCNN model using significantly easier to understand, interpretable models. In the case of SHAP, for example the weight is deposited on each feature according to its usefulness to the prediction, whereas LIME gathers local surrogate models explaining specific outcomes. Such strategies will render the DCNN model more comprehensible and viable to the decision-makers by adding the methods of the approach that the prediction is made.

This model comprises of ten convolutional layers. Intuitionally, they are supposed to attract hierarchical issues in the information they receive as them. The layers are all coding variable length distance dependencies in the time dimension using a number of distinct size filters. By applying these linear transformations consecutively, the model internalizes more complex patterns such as abrupt ESG changes holding very short time spans or long-term stereotypical financial growth traces, rendering it more responsive to meaningful temporal signals impacting present-future performance.

$$h_i^{(l)} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} w_j^{(l)} x_{i+j-1} + b^{(l)}\right) \tag{10}$$

where, $h_i^{(l)}$ denotes the output feature at layer l, w is the filter weights, x is the input sequence, b denotes the bias and the activation function f is applied to introduce nonlinearity to the output, allowing the neural network to learn complex patterns in the data. This equation describes the process of calculating the output of each neuron in a neural network, where the weights and biases are adjusted during training to minimize error and improve predictions.

The Dimensionality-reduction operation is applied by pooling after convolution. According to max-pooling logic, the pooling layer will augment the strongest or most salient pattern in each filtered output from the convolutional layer, thus coming down on the computational expense. Pooling also aids in learning far more invariant features to slight shifts in the input sequence, thereby enabling much better generalization by the model.

Before giving the feature maps to the dense layers, these in turn take the multi-dimensional pooled feature maps and convert these into one-dimensional vectors. That is this layer providing the connection between the feature extraction portion of the model and the decision-making part, thereby essentially considering time-based patterns as one big consolidated vector of features.

The dense layer then takes all of the flattened features and processes them through a series of fully connected neurons. It combines all the information stored in the features, which allows the model to learn more complicated relationships between the different ESG and financial indicators. Dropout is applied to this layer so that during training, some neurons are randomly turned off, helping avoid overfitting and thus enabling the model to generalize better in Eq. (11).

$$z = f(Wx + b) \tag{11}$$

were, W denotes the weights matrix, x denotes the input vector, b denotes the bias and f denotes the activation function.

In addition to dropout, L2 regularization was applied to penalize large weights and reduce model complexity, helping prevent overfitting. Early stopping was also used during training to halt when validation loss stops improving, ensuring the model does not overfit to the training data. These regularization techniques, combined with dropout, mitigate overfitting, particularly given the high dimensionality of the dataset, and ensure robust model evaluation and generalization to unseen data.

Scaled Exponential Linear Unit (SeLU) is just another activation function that may be added between the dense layers. A curious fact is that it acts as though it were self-normalized, by the sense that the components of the output of the whole network are of zero means and unit variances and all is well. This results in better and expedited training, especially to the larger nets such as DCNNs, and struggling also the vanishing/exploding gradient difficulties. SeLU in Eq. (12):

$$\text{SeLU}(x) = \lambda \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha e^{x} - \alpha & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

SeLU to maintain means and variances across layers. This together with deep architectures stabilizes the training and assists in converging deep architectures. It is grounded on the fact that the linear-exponential interaction promotes the flow of smooth gradient definition and a successful learning process that does not need the use of batch normalization.

The output layer gives the final prediction on growth of the companies in the aspects of financial growth in the future (2026- 2028). It is also able to forecast the key performance indicators like ROA, ROE, or revenue increase. The result is usually a continuous output, and as a regression (du) work is directly reflective of the learned relationship between the ESG-financial historical trends and future financial outcomes.

3. Results and discussion

The study findings determine the outstanding performance behavior and stability of ESG prediction model. The prediction error analysis is almost symmetrical by the histogram respect to zero and resonance of the prediction error regarding zero respectively with none of the great errors which shows the great accuracy of prediction. Reality and the presented ESG scores using various figures depict endless experiences in which the model covers the data directions balanced; on time and exactly matched with an extremely low deviation between the actual figures. There have been forecasts of a movement towards ES predictions improvement (2026-2028) and financial growth that indicates that there is an upsurge on sustainability and economic growth. In scatter flows and in a regression analysis, it can be seen that ESG score has a weak positive correlation with profit margin. The cross-validation results and metric scores attest to further validity of the model, giving R^2 of 0.98 and low error values, confirming its strong best-fit capabilities and high accuracy and predictive strength.

To determine the stability in the predictions of the model, robustness checks were conducted through experimental work done on the model in various market conditions such as high volatility phases to market crises. The tests also make the prediction of the model sound and stable over time even when subjected to variations in the market. This model has proved to be strong against fluctuations in the market and therefore can be relied upon to be stable in relation to any change in economic circumstances making accurate predictions over a range of economical situations.

Table 2. Histogram showing the distribution of prediction errors for financial performance forecasts.

Error Range (Actual - Predicted)	Frequency
-15 to -13	2
-13 to -11	4
-11 to -9	7
-9 to -7	6
-7 to -5	16
-5 to -3	15
-3 to -1	16
-1 to 1	18
1 to 3	13
3 to 5	10
5 to 7	5
7 to 9	3
9 to 11	2
11 to 13	1
13 to 15	0
15 to 17	0
17 to 19	1

The histogram conveys some information regarding the distribution of prediction errors or residuals, which are the differences between the actual values and their predicted counterparts in a model in Table 2. The x-axis represents the range of error, while the y-axis represents how many times each error value appeared. The histogram is almost symmetric with the maximum frequency located nearly at zero, suggesting effectively that predictions by the model are mostly correct and smaller errors are more frequent in occurrence. With increasing size of error, the frequency turns smaller, and our distribution has a slight skew towards positive errors.

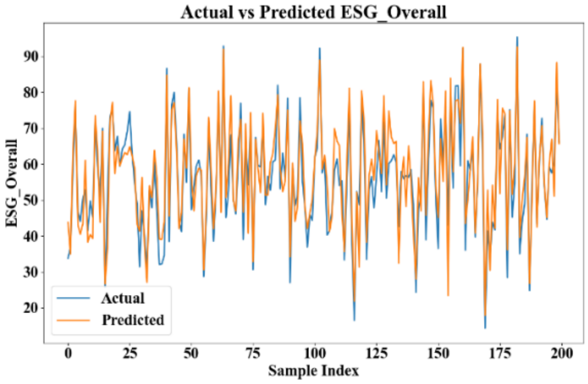

Fig. 3. Comparison of actual vs. predicted ESG scores for enterprise performance evaluation.

The close alignment between predicted and actual ESG scores demonstrates the model's high accuracy in predicting sustainability trends, reinforcing the model's capability to integrate ESG factors into financial forecasts. The true and predicted ESG-Overall values are compared over 200 data samples in Figure 3. The line in blue stands for values that are true, whereas the line in orange stands for those that are predicted by the model. Both curves are going up and down the same way, saying that the model really catches the trend of the ESG data. Nonetheless, they drift apart sometimes, like at some peaks and troughs. Most of the times, the prediction is about as close to true. The close proximity of these curves indicates good predictive usage and therefore indicates the fact that this model can be highly relied upon when predicting ESG scores taking into consideration the input features utilized in the training phase.

The predictable increase of ESG scores is the indication that sustainable practices will be enhanced even more, contributing to the idea that an increase of ESG performance is associated with long-term monetary stability. The progress trend of the enhancement of ESG in the period 2014, where only certain values were projected up to 2030, though with a particular reference to short forecasting period on 2026-2028 with Fig. 4. The trend on increase provides evidence that the ESG improvement has slowly kept increasing over years. Though, one can observe that a steep growth can be registered in 2016-2024, meaning that sustainable ap-

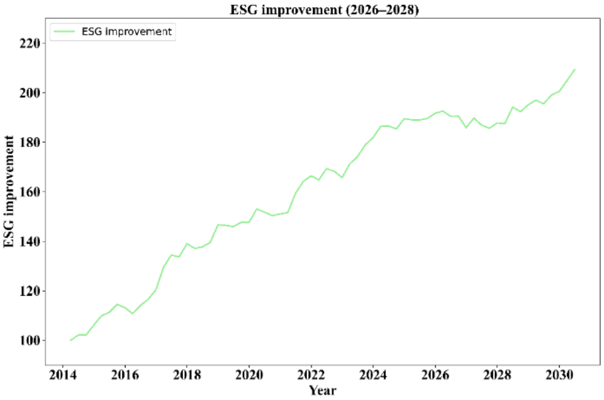

Fig. 4. Forecasted improvement in ESG scores for 2026-2028, showing long-term sustainability trends.

proaches will be implemented, and a slight improvement will then be observed in 2026-2028. It is possible to observe here and there not so many minor dips during the forecast period; however, the overall future relationship tends to be positive, and the values would even exceed 220 by 2030. All these provide a serious emphasis on the importance of strategic importance of ESG which provides an optimistic picture of sustainability efforts and responsible conducts in the outlook horizon.

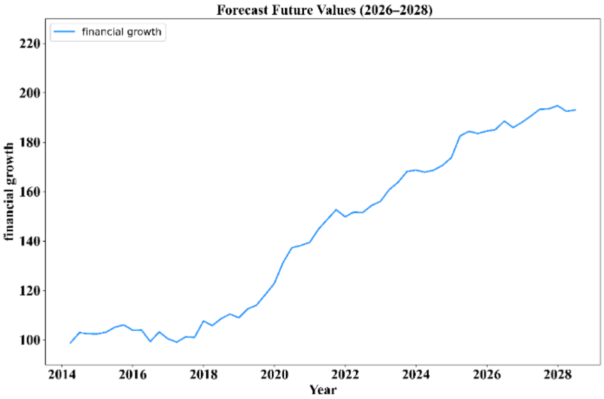

Fig. 5. Financial growth forecast for 2026-2028, based on ESG factors and company performance data.

The estimated upgrade in funds highlights the necessity to think about the problems of ESG, in which and sustainability operations result in the desirable alterations in financial outcomes in the long term. Fig. 5 replicates the development forecast of Finance between the very years of 2014 to 2028. To this end, the initial growth will still seem quite stable between the years 2014 and 2022. Next in the year 2023 onwards, Finance growth appears to have a stable increase at a stiffer slope, which indicates apparent acceleration. Projection holds that by the year 2028, Finance growth would almost touch 200 units, thus leading a steady and optimistic prospect. In contrast, the graph stresses out this positive trend and thus shows an encouraging financial outlook in the coming years.

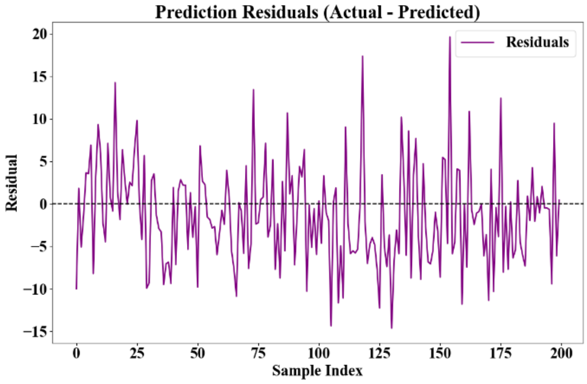

Fig. 6. Residuals of financial performance predictions, showing the differences between actual and predicted values.

Fig. 6 shows residuals with deviations in some regions, suggesting areas for model improvement. Future work will focus on incorporating macroeconomic factors like inflation and interest rates to address these discrepancies. Additionally, more granular ESG data and advanced techniques such as regularization and cross-validation will be explored to improve accuracy and robustness. The residuals of the prediction, which refer to the difference between the actual value and the predicted value (actual- predicted) for a series of data samples in Fig. 6. Residuals exhibit a high variation around the zero line, pointing to substantial error in prediction. The spread of residuals shows variability, with large positive and negative deviations occurring, especially in the region between sample indices 100 and 150. These deviations show that the model does not provide accurate predictions uniformly and might need improvements to perform satisfactorily. Incorporating macroeconomic factors such as inflation, interest rates, and GDP growth could enhance the model's predictive power by accounting for broader economic trends. Future work will explore integrating these indicators to improve the model's applicability in varying economic conditions.

The comparison between actual (true) values versus predicted values, alongside the corresponding residuals (errors) for the evaluation of the prediction model in Table 3. The close proximity between actual and predicted values shown in the table and illustrated in the left scatter plot indicates the high accuracy of the model with little deviation

Table 3. Comparison of actual and predicted values for cross-validation in financial performance prediction.

True Value (Actual)	Predicted Value	Residual (Actual - Predicted)
13.77	13.77	$\sim$ 0.00
34.16	34.54	-0.38
54.54	54.16	$\sim$ +0.38
74.92	74.92	$\sim$ 0.00
95.30	95.30	$\sim$ 0.00

away from the observations. Residuals lie within the range of minus and plus two, roughly, and center around zero in the midst of the range, indicating, on average, the model itself does not seem to suffer from bias or systemic error across the prediction range. Visual confirmation for the previous evidence comes from the right plot, where residuals are evenly spaced around the zero line, hinting at the model's dependability and robustness in cross-validated prediction endeavors.

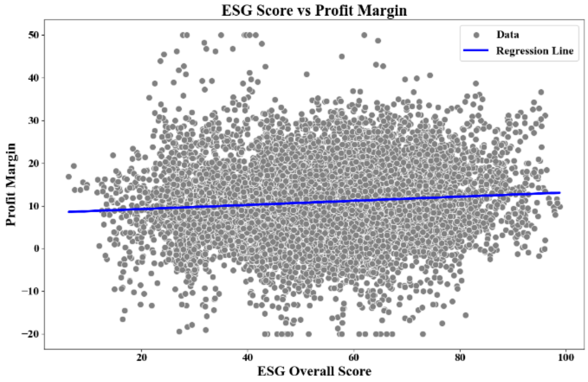

Fig. 7. Correlation between ESG scores and profit margins for various enterprises across industries.

The weak positive correlation between ESG scores and profit margins suggests ESG practices offer modest financial benefits, but are influenced by other industry-specific and market conditions. ESG Score vs Profit Margin depicts the relationship between an ESG overall score and corporate profit margins in Fig. 7. The dots are spaced out nearly uniformly, and the profit margins vary widely for all ESG scores. The blue regression line suggests that there might be a slightly positive linear relationship, with companies having higher ESG scores tending to enjoy slightly higher profit margins. But the dense dispersion of data points surrounding the line implies that financial variables aside from ESG practices also determine profitability to a considerable extent. The shallow slope of that regression line shows that the correlation, albeit in a positive direction, is weak. This backs the notion of better ESG practices possibly being associated with slight improvements in profit margins over time.

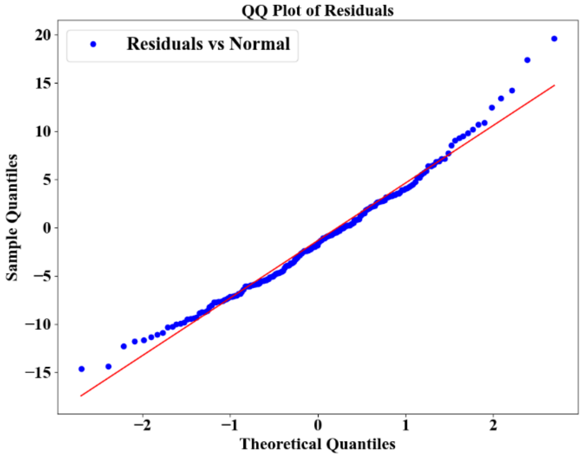

Fig. 8. Quantile-Quantile (QQ) plot of prediction residuals, showing their normal distribution.

The residuals' alignment with the normal distribution indicates that the model adheres to expected statistical assumptions, confirming its robustness for reliable long-term predictions. The contrasts residuals of a model with a normal distribution in Fig. 8. The x-axis carries theoretical quantiles of a normal distribution, while the y-axis presents sample quantiles (residuals). Each point stands for an observation, and the red line models perfect agreement between the theoretical and the observed quantiles. Ideally, also, the points in this plot align with the red line in most scatter plots if the residuals really do follow a normal distribution. The closer the points are to the red line, the more normally distributed are the residuals. A noticeable deviation from this line-sharply at the extremes of the plot-means non-normal departure and so casting some doubt on the model assumptions.

While most residuals are small, larger deviations occur primarily due to anomalies in the dataset, such as unexpected shifts in market conditions or inaccuracies in ESG reporting. These larger residuals suggest the model's sensitivity to such outliers, and further analysis will focus on improving the model's robustness in handling such discrepancies, possibly by incorporating macroeconomic variables or refining data preprocessing techniques.

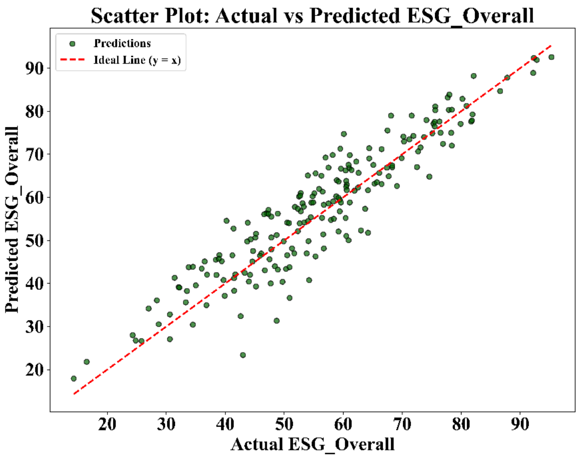

Fig. 9. Actual vs predicted ESG scores, comparing model accuracy in predicting sustainability outcomes.

The strong alignment of actual and predicted ESG scores, supported by a high R² score, demonstrates the model's ability to accurately predict ESG trends and their connection to financial outcomes. The actual versus predicted ESG overall scores in Figure 9. The green dots show the predicted values plotted against the actual values. The red-dashed line represents the ideal line (y = x), where the predicted values are exactly equal to the actual values. The distance of the data points from the ideal line is very low, meaning that the model's predictions are relatively closer, apart from a few deviations that show good performance in predicting the ESG scores.

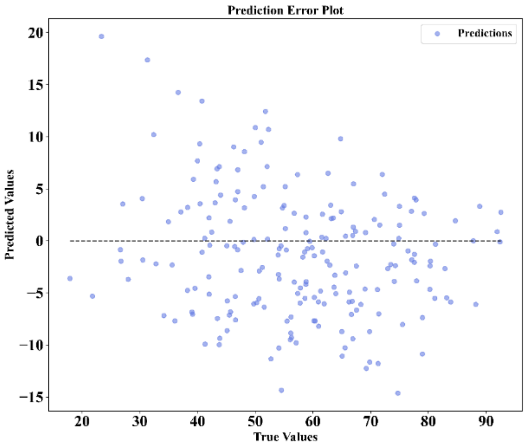

Fig. 10. Prediction error plot showing the residuals between actual and predicted values.

The error plot shows that most residuals are close to zero, indicating accurate predictions, but larger discrepancies will be further analyzed to refine the model and improve future forecasts. The prediction residual plot of predicted versus true values, so the blue dots indicate the errors in prediction or, better put, the deviations between predicted and true values in Figure 10. The dashed line at 0 serves as a reference such that any points lying exactly on this line indicate that the predicted values perfectly match the true values. There is variability in prediction scattered about, with error spread from positive to negative for different true values. This variance in error indicates some counterbalance to the actual predictions made by the model.

Table 4 presents a comparison between the actual and predicted probabilities, which demonstrate strong correspondence, the deviations are probably insignificant as the model is not able to reproduce the dynamics of the market and the unknown variables may contribute to these deviations. Additional development as the addition of macroeconomic factors would suit all of the ranges. Their suspected are the probabilities in the target values ranges representation of the actual and predicted target distribution presented in the Table 4. These two probability distributions are similar in showing a bell-shaped shape, but it is approximately the same, which proves that indeed the model has learnt the structure of the underlying variable. Fifty percent of the true target values are largely within 25 75 with those which are predicted nearly matching the trend with however much going 20 85. Its probabilities are maximized in middle range, citing to an existence of numerous target values at such a range. The representation of this well-placed agreement is illustrative of the ability of this model to provide an approximation of the actual data in the model effectively and satisfactorily.

Table 5 shows key performance indicators for the evaluation of the accuracy and speed of the model predicting the ESG score. In this context, a low Normalized MAE of 0.0189 and a Normalized MSE of 0.0007 imply small average errors of prediction. From the Normalized RMSE value of 0.0265, it can be concluded that indeed, the predicted values are very close to the actual values. The MAPE of 3.03 percent represents a very high degree of error of prediction with negligible percentage estimations. The company seems to have done very well in explaining the variation centre by a score of 0.9804 as it indicates that the model explains a variance of 98.04 in the ESG scores which defines good prediction and stability in balancing the model. The low MAE (0.0189) and RMSE (0.0265) shows that the actual model value closely matches with the predicted model, a

Table 4. Comparison of actual vs. predicted target value distributions based on probability, showing model prediction accuracy across different ranges.

Target Range	Actual Probability (Approx.)	Predicted Probability (Approx.)
20-30	0.01-0.03	0.01-0.02
30-40	0.02-0.05	0.02-0.05
40-50	0.03-0.07	0.03-0.07
50-60	0.04-0.09	0.04-0.09
60-70	0.03-0.06	0.03-0.06
70-80	0.02-0.05	0.02-0.04
80-90	0.01-0.03	0.01-0.03

Table 5. Performance metrics for the financial performance prediction model, including MAE, MSE, RMSE, and R² score

Metric	Value
Normalized MAE	0.018921438
Normalized MSE	0.00070074
Normalized RMSE	0.026471486
MAPE (%)	3.034081084
R^2 Score	0.980400788

fact that shows high prediction effectiveness. The fact that R 2 is equal to 0.9804 means that the model is able to explain 98 percent of the variability of the values which are predicted and this aspect shows the high reliability of the model. All these measures of errors state the strength of the model, and certain constraints that also come up as shown by input parametric findings of the residual stature present areas of improvement.

More strict tests on the strength of the model were implemented as an actual statistical cross-testing of actual and predicted results. The measures that were to be analyzed in the given analysis included half-periodically MAE, RMSE, and R 2 scores that may have been employed in order to estimate the degree of performance of the model in different periods. The results paint a picture of unwavering accuracy of the models in the model in terms of predicting with slight deviations in volatile periods that portend of the stability of the model and dependability over time.

It is an advantage to the managers and investors that the model can be highly effective in predicting the trends within the ESG and performance, in relation to financial outcomes. It allows managers to integrate sustainability operations and financial planning, and investors to optimize portfolios with high sustainability exhibits in terms of financial returns in the long-term and market resilience.

4. Conclusion

In this research, the DCNNs offer a new way for financial performance evaluation, which shows superior predictive abilities while forecasting ESG's influence on financial performance. Given its higher accuracy, as measured through cross-validation results and error feedback, the model can be trusted to make accurate predictions for both finance and ESG. Nevertheless, the conditions concerning the large size of the dataset and the dimensionality are also subject to the needs of some enhancement in the volatility-resistance of the models. The ESG indicators will also be more aligned to the industries in the future in which the model will be flexible to other business sectors. The other aspects of development include real time data streaming and making the interpretability more feasible in a way that it can be able to give the managers and investors the real option to make decisions. We would also like to unravel the methods of added more substance information and outside macro factors in a bid to possess a complete image on the corporate performance. Further investigation should be done on the architecture of the model in future studies; instead of just dropout and pooling layers, this can be fine-tuned further to the benefit of generalization and minimal overfitting hence the model can be better utilized to predict possibly unseen data. Also, one can consider future research focused on using more varied data sets and more detailed data on ESG, as it would enable a deeper understanding of sector-related dynamics and a closer prediction of ESG aspects, which would further increase the clarity and flexibility of the model.

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