

# **Assessing and predicting water quality index with key water parameters by machine learning models in coastal cities, China**

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Table S1. Weights and normalization factors of the parameters used in the calculation of the water quality index.

Water quality parameters	Weight	Normalization factor										
		100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	
WT	1	[16,21)	(15,16)/ [21,23)	(14,15)/ [23,25)	(12,14)/ [25,27)	(10,12)/ [27,29)	(5,10)/ [29,31)	(0,5)/ [31,35)	(-2,0)/ [35,36)	(-4,-2)/ [36,40)	(-6,-4)/ [40,45)	≤ -6/ ≥ 45
pH	1	7	(7,8]	(8,8.5]	(8.5,9]	[6.5,7)	[6,6.5)/ (9,9.5]	[5,6)/ (9.5,10]	[4,5)/ (10,11]	[3,4)/ (11,12]	[2,3)/ (12,13]	[1,2)/ (13,14]
DO	4	≥ 7.5	(7,7.5]	(6.5,7]	(6,6.5]	(5,6]	(4,5]	(3.5,4]	(3,3.5]	(2,3]	[1,2]	< 1
EC	1	< 750	< 1000	< 1250	< 1500	< 2000	< 2500	< 3000	< 5000	< 8000	< 12,000	≥ 12,000
Tur	2	< 5	< 10	< 15	< 20	< 25	< 30	< 40	< 60	< 80	≤ 100	> 100
COM	3	< 1	< 2	< 3	< 4	< 6	< 8	< 10	< 12	< 14	≤ 15	> 15
AN	3	< 0.01	< 0.05	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.3	< 0.4	< 0.5	< 0.75	< 1	≤ 1.25	> 1.25
TP	1	< 0.01	< 0.02	< 0.05	< 0.1	< 0.15	< 0.2	< 0.25	< 0.3	< 0.35	≤ 0.4	> 0.4
TN	2	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.35	< 0.5	< 0.75	< 1	< 1.25	< 1.5	< 1.75	≤ 2	> 2

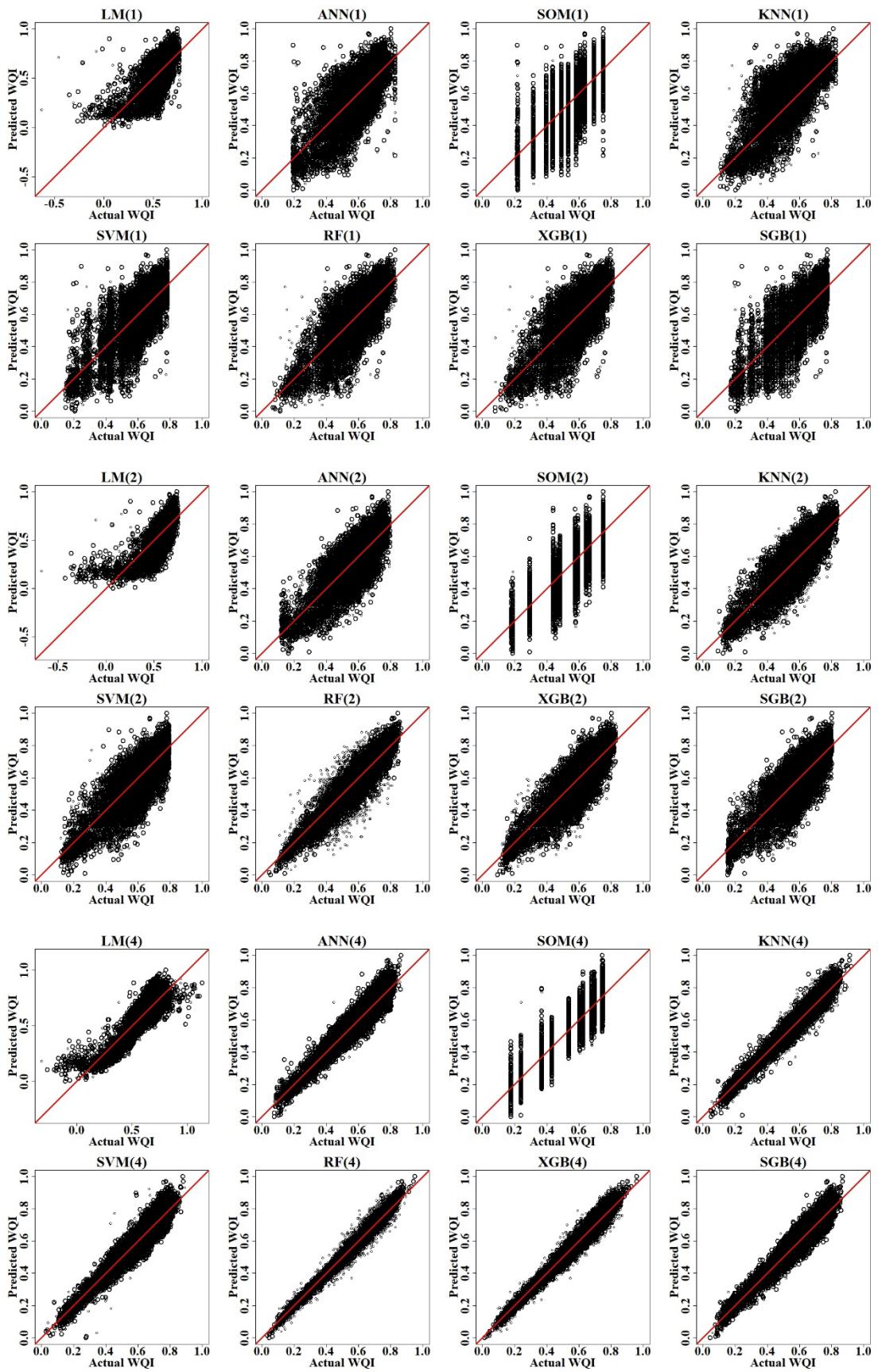
Table S2. The WQI values and corresponding grades of water quality.

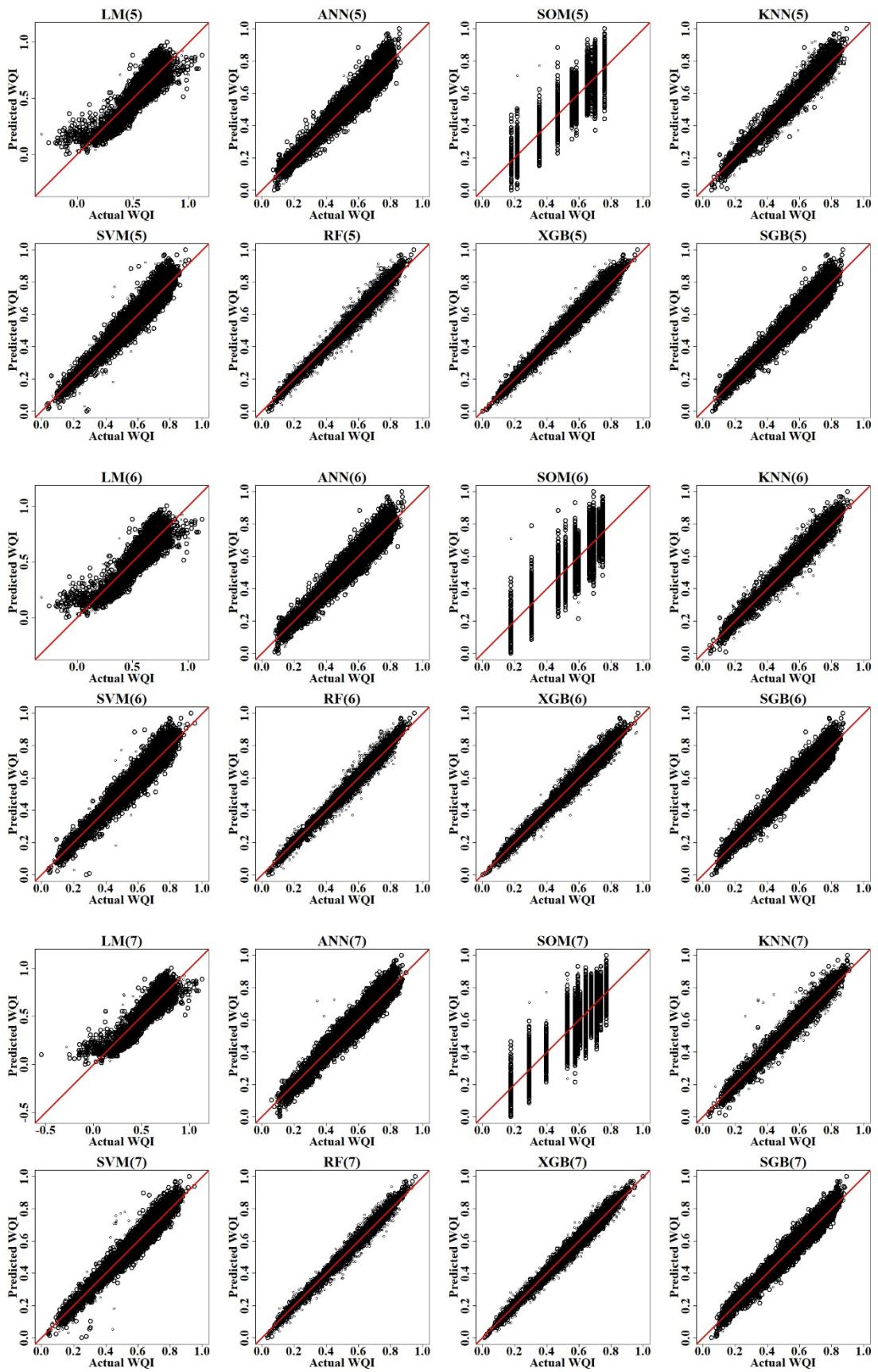
WQI value		WQI levels	
91-100		Excellent water quality	
71-90		Good water quality	
51-70		Medium water quality	
26-50		Low water quality	
0-25		Bad water quality	

Table S3. Evaluation of nine models with different groups of input variables to predict the WQI.

Model		MAE		NSE		RMSE		R <sup>2</sup>	
		Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test
LM	1	0.081	0.081	0.513	0.508	0.106	0.107	0.513	0.508
	2	0.078	0.078	0.557	0.561	0.101	0.101	0.557	0.562
	3	0.063	0.063	0.711	0.716	0.082	0.081	0.711	0.717
	4	0.055	0.055	0.783	0.793	0.071	0.069	0.783	0.793
	5	0.055	0.054	0.786	0.796	0.070	0.069	0.786	0.797
	6	0.055	0.054	0.786	0.797	0.070	0.069	0.786	0.797
	7	0.054	0.053	0.792	0.799	0.069	0.068	0.792	0.799
	8	0.049	0.048	0.821	0.833	0.064	0.062	0.821	0.833
	9	0.048	0.048	0.825	0.837	0.064	0.062	0.825	0.838
ANN	1	0.078	0.077	0.568	0.575	0.100	0.099	0.568	0.575
	2	0.071	0.069	0.662	0.665	0.088	0.088	0.6625	0.665
	3	0.040	0.041	0.885	0.882	0.052	0.052	0.885	0.882
	4	0.035	0.036	0.912	0.912	0.045	0.045	0.912	0.912
	5	0.035	0.036	0.913	0.912	0.045	0.045	0.913	0.912
	6	0.035	0.035	0.916	0.916	0.044	0.044	0.916	0.916
	7	0.033	0.033	0.928	0.926	0.041	0.042	0.928	0.926
	8	0.024	0.024	0.959	0.958	0.031	0.031	0.959	0.958
	9	0.019	0.019	0.972	0.972	0.025	0.025	0.972	0.972
SOM	1	0.078	0.077	0.565	0.571	0.100	0.099	0.565	0.571
	2	0.073	0.072	0.633	0.635	0.092	0.092	0.633	0.635
	3	0.054	0.054	0.797	0.798	0.069	0.069	0.797	0.799
	4	0.052	0.052	0.816	0.813	0.065	0.066	0.816	0.813
	5	0.054	0.055	0.793	0.792	0.069	0.069	0.793	0.792
	6	0.059	0.059	0.751	0.757	0.076	0.075	0.751	0.757
	7	0.060	0.060	0.744	0.746	0.077	0.077	0.744	0.746
	8	0.060	0.061	0.743	0.743	0.077	0.077	0.743	0.743
	9	0.058	0.057	0.767	0.772	0.073	0.073	0.767	0.772
KNN	1	0.094	0.096	0.412	0.381	0.117	0.120	0.542	0.514
	2	0.057	0.069	0.773	0.660	0.072	0.089	0.774	0.661
	3	0.029	0.039	0.936	0.892	0.038	0.050	0.937	0.892
	4	0.024	0.032	0.956	0.924	0.032	0.042	0.957	0.924

SVM	5	0.023	0.031	0.959	0.925	0.030	0.042	0.961	0.926
	6	0.019	0.029	0.972	0.935	0.025	0.039	0.972	0.935
	7	0.017	0.026	0.977	0.943	0.023	0.037	0.977	0.943
	8	0.015	0.021	0.981	0.961	0.021	0.030	0.982	0.961
	9	0.015	0.021	0.981	0.959	0.021	0.031	0.981	0.960
	1	0.077	0.076	0.573	0.578	0.099	0.099	0.574	0.579
	2	0.066	0.068	0.678	0.667	0.086	0.088	0.680	0.669
	3	0.037	0.039	0.898	0.890	0.048	0.051	0.898	0.890
	4	0.032	0.034	0.923	0.915	0.042	0.045	0.923	0.915
RF	5	0.031	0.033	0.928	0.919	0.041	0.043	0.928	0.919
	6	0.029	0.031	0.935	0.928	0.039	0.041	0.935	0.928
	7	0.026	0.028	0.950	0.939	0.034	0.038	0.950	0.939
	8	0.015	0.016	0.984	0.976	0.019	0.024	0.984	0.976
	9	0.013	0.015	0.987	0.979	0.018	0.022	0.987	0.979
	1	0.075	0.078	0.605	0.562	0.096	0.101	0.605	0.563
	2	0.037	0.067	0.899	0.666	0.048	0.088	0.902	0.668
	3	0.016	0.036	0.979	0.905	0.022	0.047	0.980	0.905
	4	0.013	0.029	0.987	0.937	0.017	0.038	0.987	0.937
XGB	5	0.012	0.027	0.988	0.942	0.017	0.037	0.988	0.942
	6	0.012	0.026	0.989	0.949	0.016	0.034	0.990	0.950
	7	0.009	0.022	0.993	0.961	0.013	0.030	0.993	0.961
	8	0.005	0.013	0.998	0.986	0.007	0.018	0.998	0.986
	9	0.005	0.012	0.998	0.987	0.007	0.017	0.998	0.988
	1	0.075	0.077	0.601	0.573	0.096	0.099	0.601	0.574
	2	0.059	0.067	0.753	0.682	0.076	0.086	0.754	0.682
	3	0.031	0.038	0.931	0.900	0.040	0.048	0.931	0.900
	4	0.019	0.031	0.970	0.932	0.026	0.039	0.970	0.932
SGB	5	0.018	0.029	0.974	0.937	0.024	0.038	0.974	0.937
	6	0.016	0.027	0.979	0.946	0.022	0.036	0.979	0.946
	7	0.014	0.023	0.986	0.959	0.018	0.030	0.986	0.959
	8	0.006	0.010	0.997	0.992	0.008	0.013	0.997	0.992
	9	0.005	0.008	0.998	0.995	0.006	0.011	0.998	0.995
	1	0.077	0.076	0.577	0.581	0.099	0.099	0.577	0.581
	2	0.067	0.068	0.687	0.681	0.085	0.086	0.687	0.681
	3	0.038	0.039	0.900	0.893	0.048	0.050	0.900	0.893
	4	0.033	0.033	0.925	0.922	0.042	0.043	0.925	0.922
	5	0.032	0.033	0.927	0.924	0.041	0.042	0.927	0.924
	6	0.031	0.032	0.932	0.929	0.039	0.040	0.932	0.930
	7	0.028	0.029	0.945	0.943	0.036	0.036	0.945	0.943
	8	0.013	0.014	0.987	0.986	0.017	0.018	0.987	0.986
	9	0.011	0.011	0.991	0.990	0.014	0.015	0.991	0.990





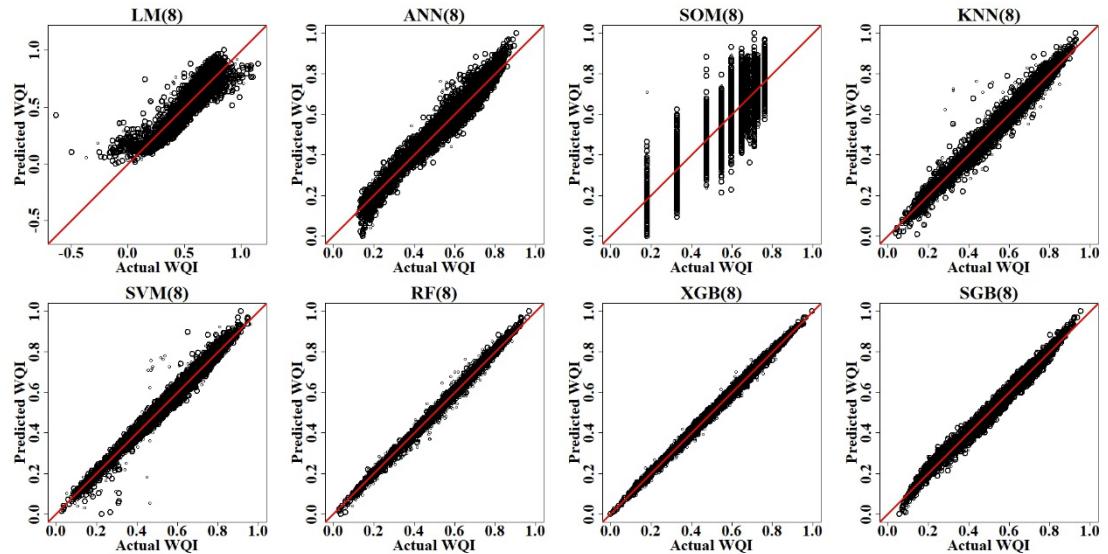


Figure S1. The actual vs. predicted WQI which were predicted by different input groups by statistical and machine learning models.