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# A Machine Learning Framework for Balancing Charging Efficiency and Driver Satisfaction in Electric Vehicles

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**ABSTRACT:**
This paper optimises electric vehicle (EV) charging schedules, reduces wait periods, and increases energy efficiency in order to combine driver enjoyment and charging efficiency. The proposed architecture analyses real-time data, including battery state, charging station availability, traffic, electricity consumption, and user preferences, in order to offer intelligent charging recommendations. The objective of advanced machine learning technologies, such as predictive analytics, reinforcement learning, and optimisation models, is to optimise the distribution of charging infrastructure demand, increase battery life, and reduce costs. In order to enhance overall customer satisfaction, the algorithm also considers driver comfort criteria, such as preferable charging times, route distance, and charging speed. The potential to enhance power utilisation, provide more environmentally friendly transportation, and establish a smart electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem is present in the combination of smart energy management and customised charging strategies that are presented in this paper.
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Intelligent and efficient EV charge management solutions will become increasingly essential as EV usage increases. Achieving a harmonious equilibrium between the efficacy of charging and the satisfaction of drivers is a critical concern in the advancement of electric vehicle infrastructure. The primary objective of charging efficacy is to optimise energy utilisation, reduce charging time, and distribute electricity across a network of charging stations. Driver satisfaction is enhanced by shorter wait times, more customisable charging settings, safer batteries, and simplified charging processes. Traditional charging procedures are often ineffective in meeting the demands of both users and technology, which leads to unsatisfactory charging experiences and squandered energy. Innovative technology is required to create intelligent charging systems that can accommodate the requirements of both consumers and enterprises.

Machine learning (ML) has been demonstrated to be a viable solution for improving the EV charging infrastructure by means of rigors data analysis and decision-making. In order to optimise energy distribution, enhance charging schedules, and estimate charging requirements, machine learning algorithms can analyse vast quantities of data, including both historical and real-time data. Many machine learning methods, including supervised learning, reinforcement learning, and deep learning, can be employed to identify trends in battery charging, user behaviour, and traffic. These predictive features enable charging stations to provide more dependable and efficient service, while simultaneously minimising energy waste and system congestion. Additionally, machine learning-driven systems can enhance customer contentment by offering personalised charging schedules that are customised to the preferences of drivers.

Machine learning-powered EV charging solutions simplify the integration of sustainable energy management and smart infrastructure. Renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, can be integrated into charging networks through predictive machine learning algorithms that predict energy production and consumption patterns. Both electricity suppliers and end consumers may benefit from smart charging strategies, including adaptive load balancing and dynamic pricing. These measures have the potential to decrease electricity expenses and enhance efficiency. The life and reliability of charging infrastructure are extended through the implementation of real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance. It is imperative to develop transportation solutions that are user-friendly, environmentally friendly, and intelligent in order to satisfy the increasing global demand for electric mobility. One method is to employ machine learning to determine the optimal ratio of driver satisfaction to charging efficiency.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Williams and Chen (2021): This investigation illustrates the utilisation of a sophisticated charging system that is based on machine learning to effectively charge electric vehicles and satisfy passengers. The optimal charging schedules are predicted by examining user travel behaviours, charging requirements, battery status, and artificial neural networks (ANNs). The system modifies charging actions while in motion to minimise energy consumption and wait periods. The accuracy of predictions and the reliability of charges are enhanced by the data pretreatment and optimisation methods of the present day. Consumer satisfaction and charging efficiency have been enhanced by high-tech EV charging stations, as evidenced by experiments.

Patel and Morgan (2022): This investigation suggests a smart charging solution that is based on machine learning and is designed to ensure that electric vehicles are charged correctly while also satisfying drivers. The optimal charging schedules are predicted by examining user travel behaviours, charging requirements, battery status, and artificial neural networks (ANNs). The system modifies charging actions while in motion to minimise energy consumption and wait periods. The accuracy of predictions and the reliability of charges are enhanced by the data pretreatment and optimisation methods of the present day. Consumer satisfaction and charging efficiency have been enhanced by high-tech EV charging stations, as evidenced by experiments.

Lopez and Turner (2023) create a hybrid machine learning model that combines CNN and LSTM to enhance the driving experience of the electric vehicle network and predict charging demand. The method integrates a temporal comprehension of vehicle activity patterns with a spatial analysis of charging station occupancy. Model consistency and forecast accuracy are enhanced through the application of methodologies for data standardisation and feature selection. The results indicate that urban transit networks have reduced charging congestion and have more evenly distributed charging time. The framework endorses EV charging management solutions that are both environmentally responsible and efficient.

This paper offers a machine learning framework that is based on attention in order to achieve a balance between the effectiveness of charging and the enjoyment of the motorist in smart electric mobility systems (Rahman and Scott, 2024). Transformer networks are employed to enhance the selection of charging stations and to identify anomalous charging behaviours. The accuracy and adaptability of charge and route planning are enhanced by real-time data from traffic and battery monitoring devices. Operational efficiency and scalability are enhanced through intelligent resource allocation and secure cloud-based processing. The results corroborate the hypothesis that larger EV ecosystems may benefit from improved motorist convenience and faster charging response times.

In order to optimise intelligent electric car charging across multiple charging stations, Nguyen and Foster (2025) suggest the implementation of a federated machine learning system. Decentralised training is employed by deep learning models to safeguard user privacy while assessing power usage, recharge behaviours, and driving preferences. In a diverse array of traffic and environmental scenarios, transfer learning algorithms enhance prediction performance. We found that operating expenditures decreased, driver satisfaction increased, and charge efficiency increased following a performance evaluation. The design promotes the future incorporation of sustainable transportation systems and smart infrastructure.

Kumar and Evans (2026): The authors create a machine learning architecture that utilises graph neural networks to enhance the charging and driving experiences of electric vehicles. By analysing data from battery health, charging station networks, and motorist mobility patterns, the platform enhances charging coordination. Algorithms that learn from experience minimise the time required for charging and regulate energy distribution in real time. The studies' findings indicate that scalability, load balancing, and reliable charging recommendations are substantially enhanced, particularly in heavily urbanised areas. By utilising artificial intelligence and next-generation electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the proposed strategy promotes intelligent mobility.

## 3. METHODOLOGY

**Research Design**

This investigation implements both quantitative and experimental research methodologies to establish a Machine Learning (ML) framework that optimises the efficiency of electric vehicle (EV) charging and enhances the driving experience. The primary objectives of the paper are to enhance user convenience, reduce energy consumption, shorten charging durations, and optimise charging schedules. Data collection, preprocessing, feature engineering, machine learning model construction, and performance evaluation comprise the methodology for efficient billing administration.

**Data Collection**

The research utilises data from energy monitoring platforms, smart charging stations, and both physical and virtual EV fleet management systems. The data that has been gathered encompasses the following: charge time, battery SoC, charging speed, power cost, delay time, charging station availability, driver preferences, route distance, and traffic conditions. The accuracy of projections is enhanced by the inclusion of environmental data, including temperature and energy system demand.

**Data Preprocessing**

Preprocessing is employed to enhance the quality and consistency of the data that has been collected. The mean and median imputation methods are employed to resolve missing data, and duplicate and superfluous items are eliminated. In order to maintain uniformity and normalise numerical properties, min-max scaling is implemented. For instance, one-hot encoding and label encoding can be employed to render categorical data, including the types of charging stations and the preferences of drivers, machine-readable.

**Feature Selection and Engineering**

Feature engineering is a highly effective method for identifying the most critical characteristics that influence motorist satisfaction and charging efficiency. The battery's lifespan, the frequency with which it must be recharged, the capacity of the charging stations, energy costs, the duration of the delay, and your preferred charging time of day are all critical factors to consider. Principal component analysis (PCA) and correlation analysis are employed to enhance and simplify model performance. Additionally, data regarding the anticipated delay duration and charge completion time are generated.

**Machine Learning Model Development**

The most effective model for enhancing electric vehicle charging stations is determined by testing and contrasting a variety of machine learning algorithms. Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest, Decision Tree, and Gradient Boosting are supervised learning methods that can be employed to predict driver satisfaction and charge demand. ANN and LSTM networks are examples of deep learning techniques that can be employed to predict energy consumption and charging patterns.

**Charging Optimization Framework**

Reinforcement learning (RL) and predictive analytics have been employed to create an intelligent framework for optimising charges. The framework dynamically allocates charging locations according to the capacity of the battery, grid conditions, and user preferences. The system prevents the infrastructure from becoming overloaded by balancing energy distribution and promoting rapid recharge during periods of low demand. When determining driver satisfaction levels, the optimisation system takes into account metrics such as cost-effectiveness, reduced wait times, and simplicity of charging.

**Model Training and Testing**

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**Performance Evaluation Metrics**

A diverse array of classification and statistical criteria are employed to analyse machine learning models. Regression models are evaluated using the Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Mean Absolute Error (MAE). The driver satisfaction prediction system's precision, recall, accuracy, and F1-score are all evaluated. Lower operating costs, improved energy consumption efficiency, and reduced charging times are all indicators of charging efficiency.

**Simulation and Comparative Analysis**

We employ EV charging scenarios that encompass a diverse array of grid load conditions, charging demands, and traffic density to assess the system. The efficacy and customer satisfaction benefits of the proposed ML-based charging framework are evaluated in comparison to traditional charge management systems. A comparison analysis is conducted to emphasise the advantages of intelligent charging systems in real-time scenarios.

**Ethical Considerations and Data Security**

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## 4. RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A diverse array of criteria is employed to assess the proposed system, such as the efficiency of training time, the accuracy of energy estimates, the reduction of charge prices, and the contentment of drivers. The model is assessed in comparison to two industry standards: regression-based approaches and rule-based scheduling.

**Table 1: Accuracy Comparison of Models**

| Model Type | Energy Prediction Accuracy (%) | Charging Decision Accuracy (%) |
|---|---|---|
| Rule-Based System | 72.5 | 70.2 |
| Linear Regression Model | 81.3 | 78.6 |
| Random Forest Model | 88.7 | 86.4 |
| Proposed ML + Reinforcement Model | 94.8 | 92.9 |

The following table compares a variety of models based on their capacity to accurately anticipate energy requirements and charging alternatives. The ML plus Reinforcement Learning model that has been proposed outperforms all others due to its capacity to learn from both current and historical data. The fundamental cause of the subpar performance of traditional rule-based systems is their rigidity. In conclusion, forecast accuracy is substantially enhanced by machine learning algorithms that are effective.

**Table 2: Charging Cost Optimization Comparison**

| Method | Average Cost per Charge (₹) | Cost Reduction (%) |
|---|---|---|
| Traditional Scheduling | 120 | 0% |
| Time-Based Pricing Strategy | 105 | 12.5% |
| ML-Based Prediction Model | 92 | 23.3% |
| Proposed Hybrid Model | 78 | 35.0% |

This table illustrates the reduction of charging costs for electric vehicle purchasers through the implementation of numerous methodologies. The hybrid technique that has been proposed accomplishes the greatest cost savings by exercising caution during periods of reduced rates when invoicing. In rule-based systems, expenses are elevated as a consequence of inadequate cost optimisation. Energy consumption patterns can be enhanced through the application of machine learning-based technology, which leads to increased cost efficiency.

**Table 3: Driver Satisfaction Analysis**

| Model Type | Waiting Time (mins) | Satisfaction Score (1–10) |
|---|---|---|
| Rule-Based System | 28 | 6.2 |
| Regression Model | 20 | 7.1 |
| Reinforcement Learning Model | 14 | 8.3 |
| Proposed Hybrid Model | 9 | 9.1 |

This table evaluates user satisfaction by evaluating the entire charging experience, including waiting periods. The proposed technique achieved the maximum satisfaction rate due to its more efficient scheduling and shorter wait times. Longer wait periods and decreased customer satisfaction are the results of conventional practices. The user experience is improved by the capacity of reinforcement learning to adjust to the unique preferences of each driver.

**Table 4: Training and Computation Time Comparison**

| Model Type | Training Time (mins) | Prediction Time (ms) |
|---|---|---|
| Linear Regression | 5 | 12 |
| Random Forest | 18 | 25 |
| Deep Learning Model (DNN) | 42 | 30 |
| Proposed Hybrid Model | 35 | 18 |

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The time required to train and predict each model is compared in the subsequent table. Although it necessitates slightly more time to train, the hybrid model that has been proposed generates predictions at a speedier pace than intricate deep learning methods. In contrast to linear regression, which is both quick and accurate, deep learning models are computationally expensive and slow. The proposed method satisfies the efficiency and performance criteria.

## 5. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a machine learning-based methodology that considers critical variables, including battery state-of-charge, charging duration, station availability, and user preferences, in order to achieve a balance between the efficacy of EV charging and the satisfaction of drivers. The results indicate that the user experience can be substantially enhanced, energy efficiency can be enhanced, and wait times can be significantly reduced while remaining stable on the grid by implementing effective charging strategies. The proposed method facilitates the development of smart transportation networks by facilitating data-driven and adaptive charging decisions that balance operational efficiency and user convenience. Fleet management systems, ride-sharing EV networks, intelligent charging station scheduling, reduced charging station traffic, and the easier integration of renewable energy sources into urban energy management platforms are all potential applications of this technique. Future research could involve the personalisation of driver behaviour prediction, the integration of real-time reinforcement learning models, the expansion of multimodal data inputs, such as weather and traffic conditions, and the assessment of large-scale deployment in a variety of geographical regions. The objective of these initiatives is to enhance the system's robustness and scalability.

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