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ABSTRACT

The rapid growth of electric vehicles (EVs) has introduced significant challenges in accurately forecasting energy demand across distributed charging infrastructures. Traditional centralized approaches often fail to address issues related to data privacy, scalability, and reliability, especially when data is generated from geographically distributed EV charging stations. This project presents a comprehensive and intelligent framework for EV energy demand forecasting using a trust-aware federated learning approach integrated with blockchain-based auditability. The system enables multiple EV stations to collaboratively train local machine learning models without sharing raw data, thereby preserving data privacy while ensuring efficient knowledge transfer.

A structured federated learning pipeline is implemented in which each client node independently trains an XGBoost-based regression model using local energy consumption data. To enhance aggregation reliability, a trust evaluation mechanism is introduced, where each client is assigned a trust score based on performance metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) and consistency factors. These trust scores are utilized in a weighted aggregation strategy, ensuring that high-quality models contribute more significantly to the global prediction outcome.

To ensure transparency and data integrity, a blockchain-inspired mechanism is incorporated, where each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing model metadata, trust scores, timestamps, and cryptographic hashes. This creates an immutable and verifiable record of the training and aggregation process. The system is further supported by a FastAPI-based backend and a Next.js-powered interactive dashboard that facilitates data upload, training control, prediction visualization, and monitoring of blockchain and trust metrics.

The proposed framework demonstrates improved prediction reliability, enhanced privacy preservation, and secure model management compared to traditional centralized systems. By combining federated learning, trust-aware aggregation, and blockchain-based validation, the system provides a scalable and robust solution for next-generation EV energy demand forecasting.

Keywords: Electric Vehicles; Energy Demand Forecasting; Federated Learning; Blockchain; Trust-Based Aggregation; XGBoost; Privacy Preservation; Distributed Systems; Smart Grid.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The rapid growth of electric vehicles (EVs) has significantly transformed modern transportation systems and increased the demand for efficient energy management solutions. As EV adoption continues to rise, managing and forecasting energy demand across distributed charging infrastructures has become a critical challenge for smart grid systems [1], [4]. Accurate forecasting is essential to ensure grid stability, optimize energy distribution, and reduce operational costs.Traditional energy demand forecasting methods rely on centralized data collection, where data from multiple charging stations is aggregated at a central server for model training. Although these approaches can achieve reasonable prediction accuracy, they introduce serious concerns related to data privacy, scalability, and communication overhead [5], [8]. Moreover, centralized systems often struggle to handle heterogeneous data generated across geographically distributed EV charging stations, leading to reduced efficiency and adaptability.

To address these limitations, Federated Learning (FL) has emerged as a promising decentralized machine learning approach that enables multiple clients to collaboratively train models without sharing raw data [1], [8]. In this paradigm, each EV charging station trains a local model using its own dataset, and only model updates or predictions are shared with a central aggregation server. This ensures privacy preservation while leveraging distributed data for improved forecasting performance. However, conventional federated learning techniques such as Federated Averaging (FedAvg) assume equal contribution from all participating clients, which can negatively impact the global model when some clients provide noisy or low-quality data [3], [7]. To overcome this issue, the proposed system introduces a trust-aware aggregation mechanism that evaluates each client's performance using metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE). Based on this evaluation, trust scores are assigned to clients, and these scores are used to perform weighted aggregation, thereby improving the reliability and robustness of the global model [3], [7].

In addition to reliability, ensuring transparency and integrity in distributed learning systems is equally important. Blockchain technology has been widely explored for providing secure, immutable, and transparent record-keeping mechanisms in distributed environments [2], [6]. By integrating blockchain with federated learning, it becomes possible to record each aggregation step, including model updates, trust scores, and timestamps, in a tamper-proof manner. This enhances system accountability and enables verification of the entire training process.

The proposed system combines federated learning, trust-based aggregation, and blockchain integration to develop a secure and scalable framework for EV energy demand forecasting. The system is implemented as a full-stack platform consisting of a FastAPI backend and a Next.js-based interactive dashboard, enabling functionalities such as data upload, model training, prediction generation, and system monitoring. This integrated approach provides a robust solution for next-generation smart grid applications, ensuring privacy, reliability, and transparency in energy forecasting systems.

1.2 Project Objectives

By the completion of this project, the system demonstrates the following capabilities:

1. To develop a federated learning-based framework for EV energy demand forecasting using distributed data sources.
2. To implement a trust-aware aggregation mechanism that improves prediction accuracy and model reliability [3].
3. To integrate blockchain technology for secure, transparent, and tamper-proof recording of model updates [2], [6].
4. To design a scalable full-stack system with backend APIs and an interactive dashboard for monitoring and control.[7]
5. To enhance forecasting performance compared to traditional centralized approaches.

1.3 Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to design and develop a secure and intelligent system for forecasting energy demand in electric vehicle charging networks using decentralized data sources. The system leverages federated learning to preserve data privacy, while trust-based aggregation ensures reliable model updates. Additionally, blockchain integration provides transparency and integrity in system operations, enabling secure and verifiable model management. This approach supports efficient energy utilization and contributes to the development of smart and sustainable energy systems [1],[2].

1.4 Problem Statement

The increasing adoption of electric vehicles has led to a surge in energy demand across distributed charging stations, creating challenges in accurate forecasting and efficient energy management. Existing centralized systems require large-scale data collection, which raises privacy concerns and increases communication overhead [4], [5]. Furthermore, traditional machine learning models fail to account for variations in data quality across different sources, leading to unreliable predictions. In federated learning environments, the absence of trust evaluation mechanisms further affects aggregation quality, while the lack of transparency in model updates limits system reliability [3], [6]. Therefore, there is a need for a secure, scalable, and trust-aware framework that ensures privacy preservation, reliable aggregation, and transparent system operations for EV energy demand forecasting.

1.5 Existing System

Existing systems for EV energy demand forecasting primarily rely on centralized machine learning models and traditional time-series forecasting techniques. These approaches collect data from multiple sources into a central repository, where models such as regression, neural networks, or boosting algorithms are trained to predict energy consumption patterns [1], [9]. While these systems can achieve good accuracy under controlled conditions, they face several limitations in real-world distributed environments.

Disadvantages

- Centralized data collection compromises user privacy and increases the risk of data leakage.
- High communication overhead due to continuous data transfer from distributed sources.
- Inability to effectively handle heterogeneous data across different EV charging stations.
- Equal contribution assumption in model training reduces prediction reliability.
- Lack of transparency and traceability in model aggregation processes.

1.6 Proposed System

The proposed system introduces a trust-aware blockchain-integrated federated learning framework for EV energy demand forecasting. In this system, multiple EV charging stations act as independent clients that locally train machine learning models using their own datasets. Instead of sharing raw data, only model updates or predictions are transmitted to the central server, ensuring data privacy and reducing communication overhead [1], [8].

A key innovation of the system is the implementation of a trust evaluation mechanism, where each client is assigned a trust score based on performance metrics such as RMSE and consistency analysis. These trust scores are used to perform weighted aggregation of local models, ensuring that high-quality models contribute more significantly to the global prediction [3], [7].

To ensure transparency and security, a blockchain-based mechanism is integrated into the system. Each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing model information, trust scores, timestamps, and cryptographic hashes, forming an immutable chain. This enables verification of system operations and prevents tampering with model updates [2], [6].

The system is developed as a full-stack application with a FastAPI backend and a Next.js dashboard. It supports functionalities such as data upload, training management, prediction generation, trust monitoring, and blockchain visualization. The architecture is scalable, modular, and suitable for real-world smart grid applications.

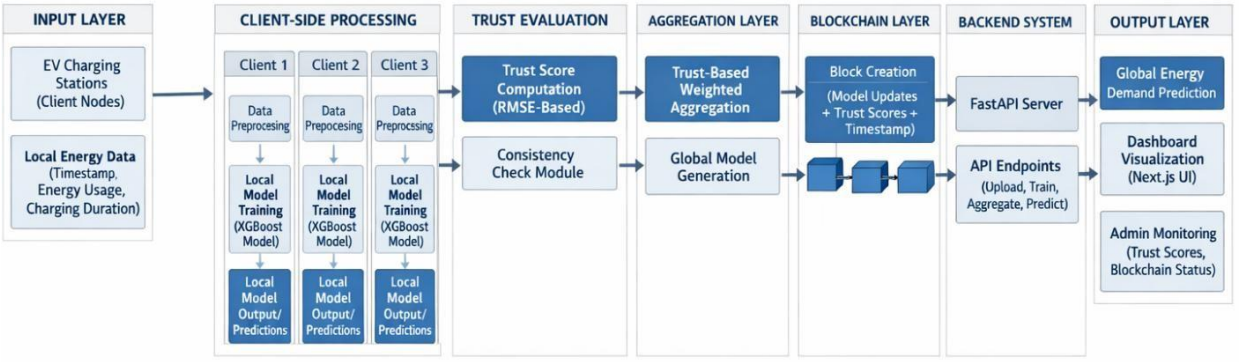

Fig 1.5.1: Block diagram of proposed system

Advantages

• Ensures privacy preservation through federated learning [1].

• Improves prediction reliability using trust-based aggregation [3].

• Provides transparency and security through blockchain integration [2], [6].

• Reduces communication overhead and enhances scalability [8].

• Offers an interactive dashboard for system monitoring and control.

1.7 Input and Output Design

1.7.1 Input Design

The input module defines the structure and format of data processed by the EV energy demand forecasting system. The system accepts energy consumption data from multiple EV charging stations, including parameters such as timestamp, energy usage, charging duration, and station-specific attributes. Since the data originates from distributed sources, it may vary in format, scale, and quality.

To ensure consistency, the input data undergoes preprocessing steps such as normalization, handling missing values, and feature transformation. The system supports both historical data for training and real-time data for prediction. This structured input design enhances reliability and ensures efficient model training across all participating clients.

Objectives

- To standardize input data from distributed EV charging stations.
- To preprocess and clean data for accurate forecasting.
- To support both batch and real-time data inputs.

1.7.2 Output Design

The output module defines how the results generated by the system are presented. The primary output consists of predicted energy demand values obtained from the aggregated global model. These predictions are displayed through an interactive dashboard, enabling users to analyze trends and make informed decisions.

In addition to predictions, the system also provides outputs such as client trust scores, model performance metrics, and blockchain records of aggregation steps. These outputs enhance transparency, interpretability, and system monitoring capabilities. The structured output format ensures seamless integration with smart grid applications and decision-support systems.To ensure consistency, the input data undergoes preprocessing steps such as normalization, handling missing values, and feature transformation.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. **J. Zhang, Y. Liu, and H. Wang, "Federated Learning-Based Energy Demand Forecasting for Electric Vehicle Charging Networks," IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, 2026**. This study proposes a federated learning framework for forecasting energy demand across distributed EV charging stations. It enables multiple nodes to collaboratively train models without sharing raw data, ensuring privacy preservation. The approach demonstrates improved scalability and prediction accuracy compared to centralized models, especially in heterogeneous environments.

2. **S. K. Sharma, R. Patel, and M. Verma, "Blockchain-Enabled Secure Federated Learning for Smart Grid Applications," IEEE Access, 2026**.The authors introduce a blockchain-integrated federated learning system designed for smart grid applications. Blockchain is used to securely store model updates and ensure data integrity. The framework enhances transparency and prevents tampering during the aggregation process, making it suitable for decentralized energy systems.

3. **Madhavi Pingili, V. A. Narayana, K. Srujan Raju, and Chilukuri Dileep, "An Essential Hybrid Model for Developing Fuzzy Rules in a Specific Malware Identification and Detection System," Applications of Mathematics in Science and Technology, CRC Press, 2025.**This paper presents a hybrid model that integrates artificial intelligence with fuzzy logic to develop effective fuzzy rules for malware detection. The approach focuses on identifying malicious activities in social media platforms by analyzing complex data patterns. It utilizes neural networks and fuzzy systems to improve classification accuracy in binary detection tasks.

4. **A. Mehta and P. Singh, "Trust-Aware Aggregation in Federated Learning for Distributed Energy Systems," IEEE Internet of Things Journal, 2025**.This research focuses on improving federated learning by incorporating trust-based aggregation. Each client is assigned a trust score based on performance metrics, which influences its contribution to the global model. The method improves prediction reliability and reduces the impact of low-quality data sources.

5. **L. Chen, X. Zhao, and Y. Sun, "Electric Vehicle Charging Load Forecasting Using Machine Learning and Distributed Systems," Applied Energy, 2025**.The paper presents machine learning techniques for forecasting EV charging load using distributed datasets. It highlights the challenges of handling large-scale and geographically diverse data. The proposed approach achieves high accuracy and demonstrates the importance of distributed computation in energy systems.

6. **R. Gupta, S. Iyer, and K. Reddy, "Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning for Smart Energy Management," IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, 2025**.This study emphasizes privacy-preserving mechanisms in smart energy systems using federated learning. It ensures that sensitive data from energy consumers is not exposed during model training. The framework provides a balance between data privacy and model performance.

7. **M. Alazab, F. Tariq, and A. Jolfaei, "Blockchain-Based Secure Data Sharing Framework for Energy Systems," IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, 2025**.The authors propose a blockchain-based architecture for secure data sharing in energy networks. The system ensures immutability, transparency, and protection against unauthorized modifications. It demonstrates how blockchain can enhance trust in distributed systems.

8. **H. Kim and J. Lee, "Trust Evaluation Mechanisms in Federated Learning: A Performance-Based Approach," IEEE Access, 2025**.This work introduces performance-based trust evaluation mechanisms in federated learning systems. By analyzing client behavior and model accuracy, the system assigns trust scores to participants. This approach improves aggregation quality and overall system robustness.

9. **T. Nguyen, D. Pham, and Q. Tran, "Decentralized Energy Forecasting Using Federated Learning in Smart Grids," Sustainable Computing: Informatics and Systems, 2024.**The paper explores decentralized forecasting techniques using federated learning in smart grid environments. It highlights the benefits of distributed model training and reduced communication overhead. The results show improved scalability and efficiency compared to traditional methods.

10. **P. Kumar and A. Das, "Blockchain for Secure and Transparent Machine Learning Systems: A Survey," Journal of Network and Computer Applications, 2024.**This survey reviews the integration of blockchain technology with machine learning systems. It highlights the role of blockchain in ensuring transparency, security, and traceability. The study provides insights into designing trustworthy distributed learning frameworks.

Focused Area / Title	Key Findings	Reference
Federated Learning-Based EV Energy Demand Forecasting [1]	Proposes a decentralized framework for electric vehicle energy demand prediction using federated learning. Enables multiple charging stations to collaboratively train models without sharing raw data, ensuring data privacy. Improves scalability and forecasting accuracy in distributed environments.	J. Zhang, Y. Liu, and H. Wang, "Federated Learning-Based Energy Demand Forecasting for Electric Vehicle Charging Networks," IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, 2026.
Blockchain-Enabled Secure Federated Learning for Smart Grids [2]	Introduces a blockchain-integrated federated learning system for secure energy forecasting. Ensures tamper-proof storage of model updates and enhances transparency in aggregation. Improves system reliability and prevents unauthorized data manipulation.	S. K. Sharma, R. Patel, and M. Verma, "Blockchain-Enabled Secure Federated Learning for Smart Grid Applications," IEEE Access, 2026.
Hybrid AI-Fuzzy Model for Malware Detection [3]	Presents a hybrid approach combining artificial intelligence and fuzzy logic to generate effective fuzzy rules for malware detection. Improves classification accuracy by analyzing complex behavioral patterns. Demonstrates efficiency in binary classification tasks.	Madhavi Pingili, V. A. Narayana, K. Srujan Raju, and Chilukuri Dileep, "An Essential Hybrid Model for Developing Fuzzy Rules in a Specific Malware Identification and Detection System," Applications of Mathematics in Science and Technology, CRC Press, 2025.
Trust-Aware Aggregation in Federated Learning Systems [4]	Introduces a trust-based aggregation mechanism where each client is assigned a trust score based on performance metrics. Enhances model reliability by reducing the impact of low-quality or malicious participants. Improves prediction consistency in distributed environments.	A. Mehta and P. Singh, "Trust-Aware Aggregation in Federated Learning for Distributed Energy Systems," IEEE Internet of Things Journal, 2025.
EV Charging Load Forecasting using Machine Learning [5]	Focuses on predicting EV charging load using machine learning models over distributed datasets. Handles heterogeneous data sources and improves prediction accuracy. Highlights the importance of scalable forecasting in smart grid applications.	L. Chen, X. Zhao, and Y. Sun, "Electric Vehicle Charging Load Forecasting Using Machine Learning and Distributed Systems," Applied Energy, 2025.
Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning for Energy	Emphasizes secure model training in smart energy systems using federated learning. Ensures sensitive user data remains local	R. Gupta, S. Iyer, and K. Reddy, "Privacy-Preserving Federated

Management [6]	while contributing to global learning. Achieves a balance between privacy protection and model performance.	Learning for Smart Energy Management," IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, 2025.
Blockchain-Based Secure Data Sharing in Energy Systems [7]	Proposes a blockchain-based architecture for secure data sharing across energy networks. Ensures immutability, transparency, and resistance to data tampering. Strengthens trust among distributed participants.	M. Alazab, F. Tariq, and A. Jolfaei, "Blockchain-Based Secure Data Sharing Framework for Energy Systems," IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, 2025.
Trust Evaluation Mechanisms in Federated Learning [8]	Introduces performance-based trust evaluation methods in federated learning. Assigns trust scores based on model accuracy and client behavior. Improves aggregation quality and enhances system robustness.	H. Kim and J. Lee, "Trust Evaluation Mechanisms in Federated Learning: A Performance-Based Approach," IEEE Access, 2025.
Decentralized Energy Forecasting using Federated Learning [9]	Explores decentralized energy forecasting approaches using federated learning in smart grids. Reduces communication overhead and enhances scalability. Demonstrates improved efficiency over centralized methods.	T. Nguyen, D. Pham, and Q. Tran, "Decentralized Energy Forecasting Using Federated Learning in Smart Grids," Sustainable Computing: Informatics and Systems, 2024.
Blockchain for Secure and Transparent Machine Learning Systems [10]	Provides a comprehensive survey on integrating blockchain with machine learning systems. Highlights benefits such as transparency, security, and traceability. Offers design insights for building reliable distributed ML frameworks.	P. Kumar and A. Das, "Blockchain for Secure and Transparent Machine Learning Systems: A Survey," Journal of Network and Computer Applications, 2024.

Table no. 2 Literature Review Summary

3. SOFTWARE REQUREIMENTS ANALYSIS

3.1 Modules and Their Functionalities

3.1.1 Data Analysis

Data analysis is performed to understand the characteristics of EV energy consumption datasets collected from distributed charging stations. The data consists of time-series energy usage values, charging duration, station identifiers, and temporal attributes such as timestamps. Since the data is generated across multiple locations, it exhibits heterogeneity in scale, distribution, and quality. Exploratory data analysis helps identify patterns, trends, and anomalies in energy consumption behavior.

Additionally, the analysis reveals challenges such as missing values, inconsistent formats, and varying data distributions across different clients. These insights guide the design of preprocessing techniques, model selection, and trust evaluation mechanisms. Understanding dataset characteristics ensures that the system can effectively handle real-world variability and produce accurate forecasting results.

3.1.2 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a crucial step to transform raw and unstructured data into a clean and consistent format suitable for machine learning models. The preprocessing pipeline includes handling missing values, normalization of numerical features, removal of outliers, and transformation of time-based features into meaningful representations.

Since the system operates in a federated learning environment, preprocessing is performed locally at each client node. This ensures that raw data remains within the client environment, preserving privacy. The processed data is then used to train local models, ensuring consistency across all participating nodes.

3.1.3 Machine Learning Model Training

The system employs machine learning techniques for energy demand prediction at each client node. XGBoost regression models are used due to their ability to handle nonlinear relationships and provide high prediction accuracy. Each EV charging station independently trains a local model using its own dataset.

After training, model outputs or parameters are shared with the central server instead of raw data. This decentralized training approach ensures privacy preservation while enabling collaborative learning across multiple clients.

3.1.4 Trust Evaluation Module

The trust evaluation module is a key component of the system that enhances the reliability of federated learning. Each client model is evaluated based on performance metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) and consistency across training rounds. Based on these evaluations, a trust score is assigned to each client.

These trust scores are used to determine the contribution of each client during the aggregation process. Clients with higher trust scores have a greater influence on the global model, while low-performing clients contribute less. This mechanism improves the robustness and accuracy of the overall system.

3.1.5 Model Aggregation Module

The aggregation module combines local model outputs to generate a global prediction model. Unlike traditional federated learning methods that use simple averaging, this system uses trust-based weighted aggregation. The predictions from each client are combined based on their respective trust scores.

This approach ensures that high-quality models contribute more significantly to the final output, resulting in improved prediction accuracy and stability. The aggregated model is then used for generating global energy demand forecasts.

3.1.6 Blockchain Integration Module

The blockchain module ensures transparency, security, and integrity of the federated learning process. Each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing information such as model updates, trust scores, timestamps, and cryptographic hash values. These blocks are linked together to form an immutable chain.

This mechanism prevents tampering with model updates and provides a verifiable history of system operations. It enhances trust among participating clients and ensures accountability in the learning process.

3.1.7 Prediction Module

The prediction module uses the aggregated global model to generate energy demand forecasts. Users can input new data through the system interface, and the model produces predicted energy consumption values. The predictions are displayed through an interactive dashboard, enabling users to analyze trends and make informed decisions.

3.1.8 Dashboard and User Interface

The system includes a web-based dashboard built using modern frontend technologies. The dashboard provides functionalities such as data upload, training control, prediction visualization, trust score monitoring, and blockchain status tracking. It enables administrators and users to interact with the system efficiently and monitor system performance in real time.

3.2 Functional Requirements

The functional requirements define the core operations that the system must perform to achieve its objectives.

- The system shall allow users to upload EV energy consumption data.
- The system shall preprocess input data at each client node.
- The system shall train local machine learning models using client data.
- The system shall compute trust scores for each client based on model performance.
- The system shall aggregate local models using a trust-based weighted mechanism.
- The system shall record aggregation details in a blockchain structure.
- The system shall generate energy demand predictions using the global model.
- The system shall display predictions and system metrics through a dashboard.

3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements define the quality attributes and performance expectations of the system.

- The system shall ensure data privacy by preventing sharing of raw data.
- The system shall provide high reliability and accuracy in predictions.
- The system shall be scalable to support multiple EV charging stations.
- The system shall maintain efficient processing with minimal latency.
- The system shall ensure security and integrity using blockchain mechanisms.
- The system shall provide a user-friendly interface for easy interaction.

3.4 Feasibility Study

The feasibility study assesses whether the cyberbullying detection system can be realistically developed, implemented, and operated based on technical, operational, and economic considerations. Analysis confirms that the required preprocessing techniques, ensemble-learning models, and datasets are readily available and compatible with current computational environments. The system architecture is scalable, cost-effective, and capable of integrating with existing moderation workflows.

Overall, the evaluation indicates that development and deployment of the system are practical and feasible.

1.Economic Feasibility

2.Technical Feasibility

3. Operational Feasibility

3.4.1 Economic Feasibility

Economic feasibility evaluates whether the system can be developed and maintained within acceptable cost constraints. The implementation relies on open-source tools, machine learning libraries, and blockchain platforms, which significantly reduce development and operational expenses. Since the system does not require specialized hardware or costly proprietary software, the overall investment remains low. The decentralized architecture further minimizes infrastructure costs associated with centralized storage and data processing. Therefore, the proposed solution is economically viable for both academic and real-world applications.

3.4.2 Technical Feasibility

Technical feasibility examines the availability of tools, technologies, and expertise required to implement the proposed system. The framework is developed using well-established machine learning algorithms, federated learning techniques, and blockchain platforms such as Ethereum and Ganache. These technologies are widely supported, accessible, and compatible with standard computing environments. In addition, the availability of open-source libraries, strong community support, and modular system design simplifies development, integration, and maintenance. Overall, the evaluation confirms that the system is technically practical and achievable.

3.4.3 Operational Feasibility

Operational feasibility assesses the effectiveness and usability of the system in real-world environments. The proposed system is designed to be user-friendly and can be seamlessly integrated with existing EV charging infrastructures and smart-grid systems. It provides accurate and reliable energy demand predictions that assist energy providers in planning and decision-making. The system supports efficient monitoring, reduces operational complexity, and enhances overall system performance. Hence, the solution is operationally feasible and suitable for practical deployment.

4 SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 Software Requirements

The software requirements define the technologies and tools used for developing and implementing the proposed EV energy demand forecasting system using trust-aware blockchain-integrated federated learning. The system is designed using a machine learning-based approach combined with federated learning and blockchain technology, which requires a suitable programming environment, development tools, and frameworks to ensure efficient data processing, secure model training, and accurate energy demand prediction.

The system is developed using Python due to its simplicity, flexibility, and strong support for machine learning, data analysis, and distributed computing. A web-based interface is created to allow users to interact with the system easily, while backend processing is handled using lightweight frameworks. The system integrates federated learning to enable decentralized model training across multiple EV charging stations without sharing raw data, thereby preserving privacy.

The front-end of the system is designed using standard web technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (or Next.js) to provide a simple and user-friendly interface. The backend is implemented using FastAPI, which efficiently handles API requests, model training operations, trust evaluation, and prediction generation. Blockchain tools are incorporated to ensure secure and transparent storage of model updates and trust scores. The system uses structured data handling libraries instead of traditional databases for efficient processing. Overall, the selected software components ensure scalability, security, and high performance of the system.

Software Specifications

- **Operating System:** Windows / Linux / macOS
- **Coding Language:** Python
- **Front-End:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript / Next.js
- **Back End:** FastAPI
- **Designing Tools:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Machine Learning Libraries:** NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, XGBoost
- **Blockchain Tools:** Ganache, MetaMask, Solidity, Web3.py
- **Database:** CSV / Local Storage (for datasets)

4.2 Hardware Requirements

The hardware requirements define the minimum computational resources necessary for developing and executing the proposed EV energy demand forecasting system using trust-aware blockchain-integrated federated learning. The system involves data preprocessing, machine learning model training, federated learning across multiple clients, trust evaluation, and blockchain operations, which require a reliable computing environment.

The system is designed to operate efficiently on standard computing hardware, including a multi-core processor, sufficient RAM for handling distributed datasets, and adequate storage for model parameters and blockchain records. Since federated learning distributes computation across multiple clients, the system reduces the burden on a single machine, making it scalable and cost-effective. Additionally, optional GPU support can be utilized to accelerate model training and improve performance during large-scale data processing.

Hardware Specifications

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5 / i7 or equivalent
- **Memory (RAM):** Minimum 8 GB (16 GB recommended)
- **Storage:** 256 GB SSD or higher
- **GPU (Optional):** NVIDIA GPU for faster model training
- **Display:** Standard 14" or higher
- **Optional:** Internet connectivity for API communication and blockchain integration

5 SOFTWARE DESIGN

5.1 System Architecture

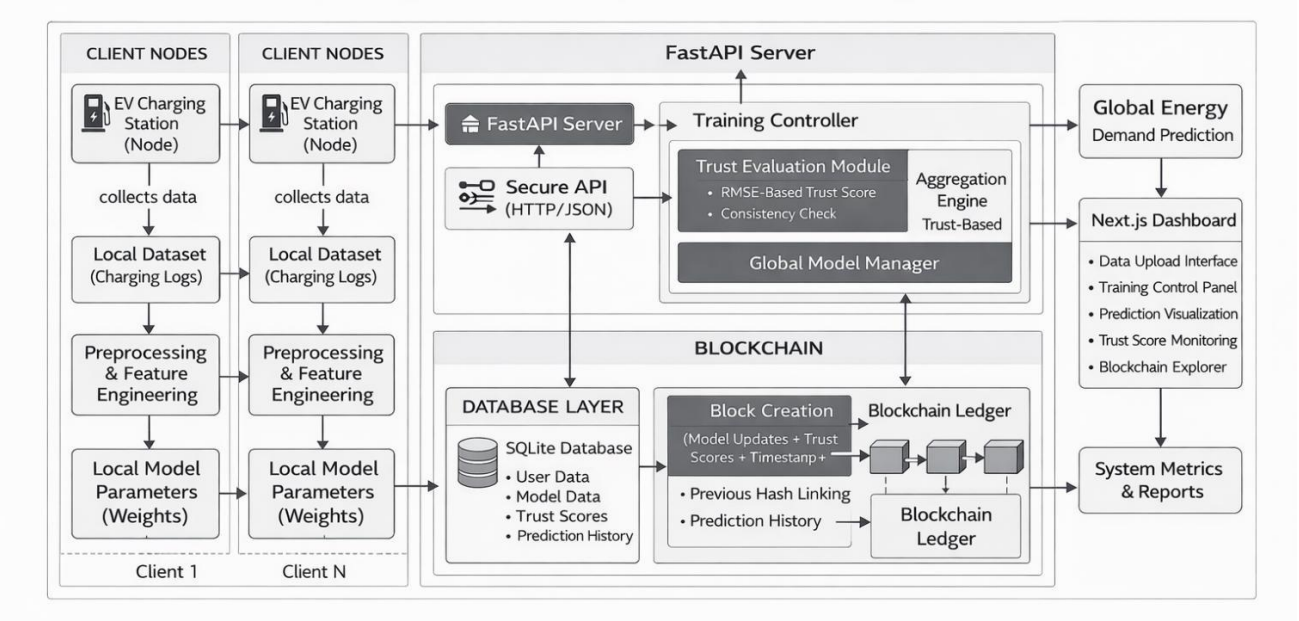

Fig:5.1 System Architecture

The proposed system is designed as a decentralized, modular, and scalable architecture that integrates federated learning, trust evaluation, and blockchain mechanisms for efficient EV energy demand forecasting. The system is structured into multiple layers, each responsible for a specific functionality, ensuring separation of concerns and ease of maintenance.

At the core of the design, multiple EV charging stations act as independent client nodes. Each client is responsible for collecting local energy consumption data and performing preprocessing operations. These operations include data cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction, ensuring that the data is suitable for machine learning model training.

Each client independently trains a local machine learning model using XGBoost regression techniques. The trained models generate predictions based on local data patterns. Instead of sharing raw data, only model outputs or parameters are transmitted to the central backend server, preserving data privacy and reducing communication overhead.

The backend server acts as the central coordination unit of the system. It is responsible for

receiving model outputs from multiple clients, evaluating their performance, and performing aggregation. A trust evaluation mechanism is incorporated to assess the reliability of each client model using performance metrics such as RMSE and consistency analysis.

The aggregation process uses a trust-based weighted approach, where client contributions are weighted according to their trust scores. This ensures that high-performing models have a greater influence on the final global model, improving prediction accuracy and robustness.

To enhance transparency and security, a blockchain module is integrated into the architecture. Each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing model updates, trust scores, timestamps, and cryptographic hashes. These blocks are linked together to form an immutable chain, ensuring that all operations are traceable and tamper-proof.

The system also includes a frontend dashboard that provides an interface for users and administrators. The dashboard enables functionalities such as data upload, model training initiation, prediction visualization, trust score monitoring, and blockchain inspection. It communicates with the backend through REST APIs, ensuring seamless interaction between components.

5.2 Dataflow Diagram

The Data Flow Diagram (DFD) represents the flow of data through the proposed energy demand forecasting system for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. It illustrates how raw data is collected, processed, and transformed into meaningful predictions. The process begins with EV charging stations generating data such as energy consumption, charging duration, and timestamps. This data is then passed to the preprocessing module, where cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction are performed to ensure consistency and accuracy.

After preprocessing, the structured data is used for local model training at each charging station within the federated learning framework. Instead of transmitting raw data, each station sends model updates to the blockchain layer. The blockchain securely stores and validates these updates using smart contracts, ensuring data integrity and transparency. The validated updates are then aggregated to form a global model, which is used to generate final energy demand predictions.

The DFD clearly shows the interaction between different system components, including data sources, processing modules, storage layers, and output generation. It highlights the secure and decentralized flow of information, ensuring efficient data handling and reliable prediction outcomes.

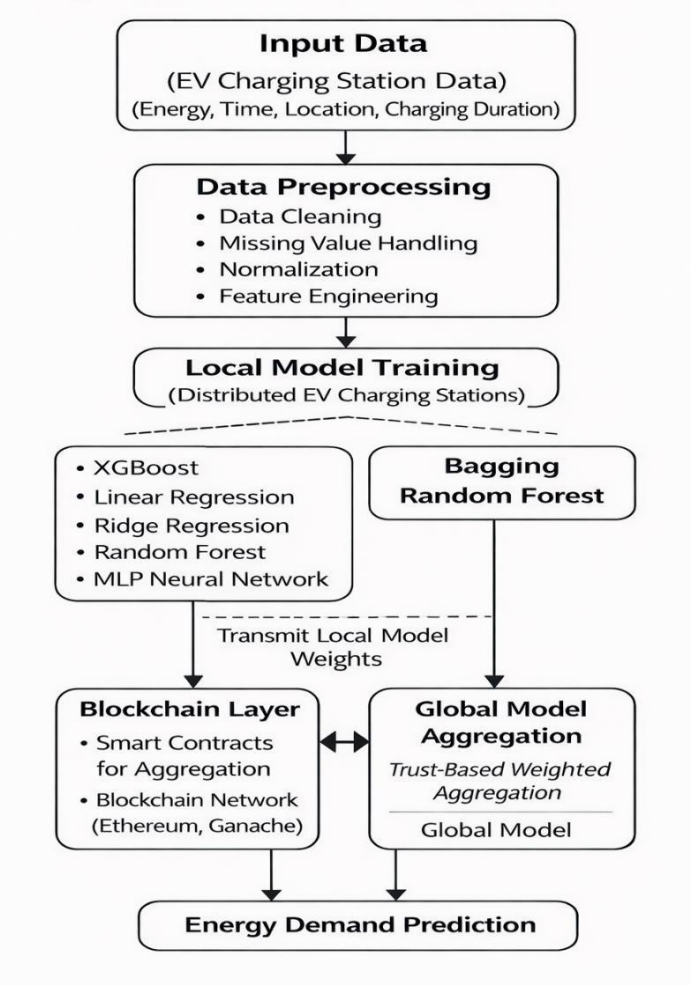

Fig 5.2 Dataflow Diagram

5.3 UML Diagrams

UML (Unified Modeling Language) is a standardized language used for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems. UML helps in representing the design of systems and understanding their components. Created by the Object Management Group (OMG), UML 1.0 was proposed in January 1997. UML is closely associated with object-oriented analysis and design. The two main categories of UML diagrams are Behavioral and Structural diagrams, each serving distinct purposes in the modeling process.

The Behavioral UML diagrams describe the behavior of the system, its actors, and the interaction between the components. On the other hand, Structural UML diagrams depict the static structure of the system, showing its components and relationships. UML has been integrated as a standard by OMG, and its primary goals are to provide a formal basis for understanding modeling languages, offer a ready-to- use expressive language for system developers, and encourage the growth of object-oriented tools.

Goals of UML:

- To provide a standard visual representation of the system design.
- To simplify understanding of system architecture for developers and reviewers.
- To improve communication among team members during development.
- To model both structural and behavioral aspects of the system.
- To support object-oriented design and development practices.
- To document the system clearly for future reference and maintenance.
- To reduce system complexity through diagrammatic representation.
- To assist in planning and designing before actual implementation.
- To enable easy modification and scalability of the system design.
- To ensure a systematic and organized software development process.

Types of UML Diagrams:

1. Use Case Diagram
2. Class Diagram
3. Sequence Diagram
4. Activity Diagram

5.3.1. Use Case Diagram

The Use Case Diagram illustrates the interaction between external actors and the proposed EV Energy Demand Forecasting System using Trust-Aware Blockchain-Integrated Federated Learning, providing a clear understanding of how the system operates and how users engage with its functionalities. It represents the overall workflow of the system, starting from data input at EV charging stations to the final energy demand prediction output. This diagram helps in identifying the major system functionalities and their relationships with different actors, making it easier to understand system behavior at a high level.

In this system, the primary actor is the EV Charging Station (User/Client), which interacts with the system by providing local energy consumption data, charging patterns, and time-based usage information. These inputs are used for training and prediction without sharing raw data, ensuring

privacy. Another important actor is the Central Aggregator (Server), which coordinates federated learning by aggregating model updates received from multiple EV stations. Additionally, the Blockchain Network acts as a secure and transparent layer that records model updates, trust scores, and ensures integrity of the system.

The use case diagram plays an important role in visualizing how different components of the system are interconnected. It clearly shows how EV station data triggers system processes such as preprocessing, local model training, federated aggregation, trust evaluation, and blockchain validation. This structured representation improves system design clarity and helps in identifying possible improvements or extensions in future development.

The process begins when EV charging stations provide local data to the system. The system processes this data through multiple stages, including cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction. After preprocessing, local models are trained at each station. These model updates are then shared (not raw data) with the central aggregator, where federated learning is performed. Trust scores are evaluated for each participant, and blockchain is used to securely record updates. Finally, the system generates accurate energy demand predictions, which are shared with users or system administrators.

Components of the Use Case Diagram

EV Charging Station (User/Client):

The EV station provides local energy consumption data and participates in federated learning. It can upload data, train local models, and receive prediction results.

Central Aggregator (Server):

The central server collects model updates from multiple EV stations, performs federated aggregation, and generates a global model.

Blockchain Network:

The blockchain ensures secure storage of model updates and trust scores. It provides transparency, immutability, and protection against malicious participants.

Provide Local Data:

This use case allows EV stations to input real-time or historical energy consumption data into the system.

Data Preprocessing:

The system processes raw data by cleaning, normalizing, and extracting relevant features required

for model training.

Local Model Training:

Each EV station trains its own model using local data without sharing raw information.

Federated Aggregation:

The central server aggregates local model updates to create a global model.

Trust Evaluation:

The system evaluates trust scores for each participant to identify reliable and malicious nodes.

Blockchain Validation:

Model updates and trust scores are securely stored and verified using blockchain technology.

Energy Demand Prediction:

The system generates final predictions for EV energy demand based on the trained global model.

Output to End Users:

The predicted results are displayed to users or system administrators for decision-making and planning.

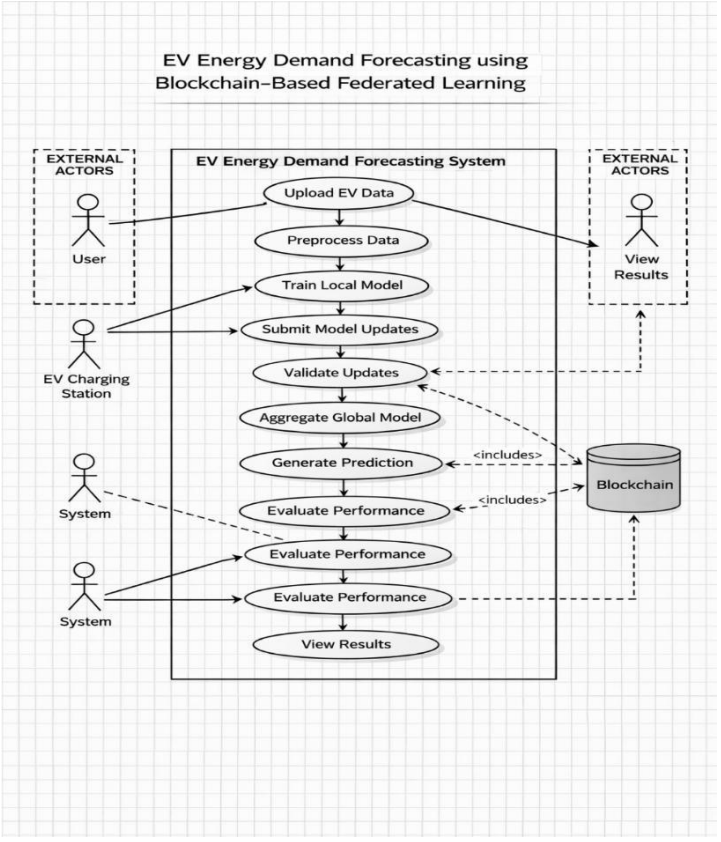

Fig 5.3.1: Use Case Diagram

5.3.2. Class Diagram

The Class Diagram represents the structural design of the proposed EV Energy Demand Forecasting System using Trust-Aware Blockchain-Integrated Federated Learning by illustrating the classes, their attributes, methods, and the relationships between them. It provides a static view of the system and helps in understanding how different components are organized and interact internally. This diagram plays an important role in defining the architecture of the system and guiding the implementation process.

In this system, the main classes include the EVStation class, Aggregator class, and Blockchain class, which are interconnected to perform various operations such as data collection, preprocessing, local model training, federated aggregation, trust evaluation, and prediction generation. The diagram shows how EV charging stations interact with the system by providing local data and how the system processes this data using federated learning techniques to generate accurate energy demand forecasts.

The EVStation class represents individual EV charging stations that collect local energy consumption data and perform local model training. It contains attributes such as station ID, energy data, and timestamps, along with methods for data collection, preprocessing, and model training. This class ensures that raw data remains local, thereby preserving privacy.

The Aggregator class acts as the central component responsible for coordinating federated learning. It collects model updates from multiple EV stations, aggregates them to create a global model, and distributes the updated model back to the stations. It also performs trust evaluation to identify reliable participants.

The Blockchain class ensures secure and transparent storage of model updates and trust scores. It records transactions in a decentralized ledger, preventing tampering and ensuring system integrity.

The relationship between these classes is shown through associations, where EV stations send model updates to the aggregator, the aggregator communicates with the blockchain for validation, and the system returns predictions to users. This interaction ensures smooth execution of the system workflow.

Overall, the class diagram provides a clear representation of the internal structure of the system, highlighting how different components are organized and how they collaborate to achieve the objective of secure and accurate EV energy demand forecasting.

Components of the Class Diagram

EVStation Class:

This class represents individual EV charging stations. It includes attributes such as station_id, energy_data, and timestamp, and methods like collectData(), preprocessData(), and trainLocalModel(). It is responsible for handling local data and training models without sharing raw information.

Aggregator Class:

This class manages federated learning operations. It includes methods such as aggregateModels(), evaluateTrust(), and distributeGlobalModel(). It combines model updates from multiple stations to generate a global model.

Blockchain Class:

This class handles secure storage and validation. It includes methods like storeTransaction(), validateUpdates(), and maintainLedger(). It ensures transparency and security of the system.

Preprocessing Module:

This module prepares raw EV data by cleaning, normalizing, and structuring it. It improves data quality and ensures better model performance.

Feature Extraction Module:

This module converts processed data into meaningful numerical features suitable for machine learning models.

Local Training Module:

This module performs training of machine learning models at each EV station using local data.

Federated Learning Module:

This module aggregates local models into a global model without sharing raw data.

Trust Evaluation Module:

This module calculates trust scores for each participant to detect unreliable or malicious nodes.

Prediction Module:

This module generates energy demand predictions using the global model.

Output Module:

This module displays the predicted results to users in a clear and understandable format

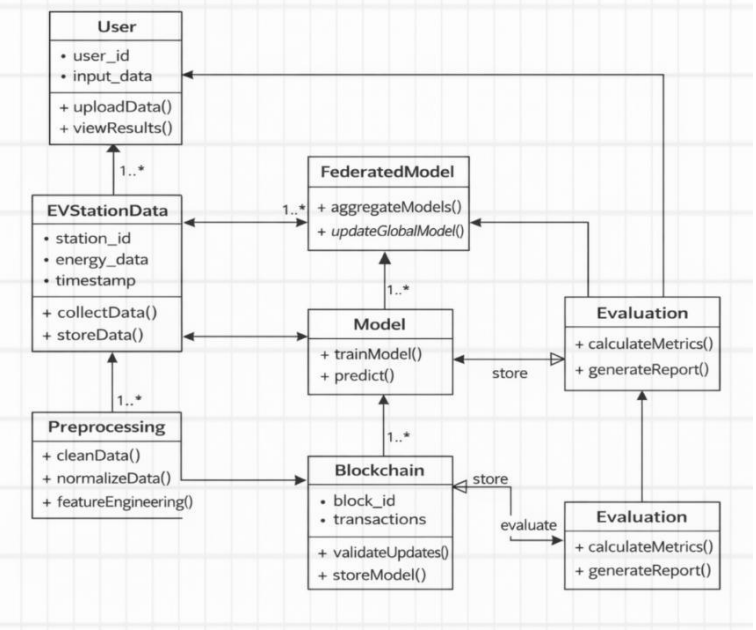

Fig 5.3.2 Class Diagram

5.3.3. Sequence Diagram

The Sequence Diagram illustrates the dynamic interaction between different components of the proposed EV Energy Demand Forecasting System using Trust-Aware Blockchain-Integrated Federated Learning. It represents how data flows step-by-step from the EV charging station input stage to the final energy demand prediction output. This diagram helps in understanding the execution flow, communication between modules, and the order in which operations are performed within the system. It mainly involves components such as EV Station, Preprocessing Module, Local Model, Aggregator, Trust Evaluation, Blockchain, and System.

The process begins with the EV charging station providing local energy consumption data such as charging duration, energy usage, and timestamps. This data may vary across stations and is first captured by the system. The EV station acts as the entry point of the system, ensuring that data is properly collected and forwarded for further processing.

Once the data is collected, it is passed to the Preprocessing module. In this stage, the system performs several operations such as cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction to convert raw data into a structured format. This step is crucial because real-world EV data may contain inconsistencies and noise. Preprocessing ensures that the data becomes suitable for machine learning analysis.

The processed data is then used by the Local Model module at each EV station. The system checks whether a trained model is already available. If a trained model exists, it directly proceeds to prediction. Otherwise, the system performs model training using local data. This ensures that each station develops its

own model based on its unique data patterns.

After local training, the EV station sends only model updates (not raw data) to the Aggregator. The Aggregator collects updates from multiple stations and performs federated aggregation to create a global model. During this stage, the Trust Evaluation module calculates trust scores for each station based on performance metrics such as RMSE, ensuring that reliable models contribute more to the global model.

Following aggregation, the Blockchain module records model updates, trust scores, and timestamps in a secure and immutable ledger. This ensures transparency, traceability, and protection against tampering.

Once the global model is finalized, it is distributed back to EV stations or used directly for prediction. The system then processes new input data and generates energy demand predictions. Finally, the predicted output is displayed to the user or system administrator, helping in decision-making and energy planning.

Sequence Steps

EV Data Input:

The sequence starts when the EV charging station provides local energy consumption data such as charging duration, energy usage, and timestamps.

Data Submission Successful:

The system confirms that the data has been successfully received and is ready for processing.

Preprocessed Data:

The input data is passed to the preprocessing module, where cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction are performed.

Preprocessing Successful:

The system confirms that the data is structured and ready for model training or prediction.

Local Model Training:

If no trained model exists, the system trains a machine learning model using local data at each EV station.

Model Training Successful:

The system confirms that the local model has been successfully trained.

Send Model Updates:

The EV station sends model parameters (not raw data) to the central aggregator.

Federated Aggregation:

The aggregator combines model updates from multiple stations to create a global model.

Trust Evaluation:

The system calculates trust scores for each station to ensure reliable aggregation.

Blockchain Recording:

Model updates and trust scores are stored securely in the blockchain for transparency and security.

Global Model Distribution:

The global model is shared with EV stations or used for prediction.

Predicted Output:

The system generates energy demand predictions based on the global model.

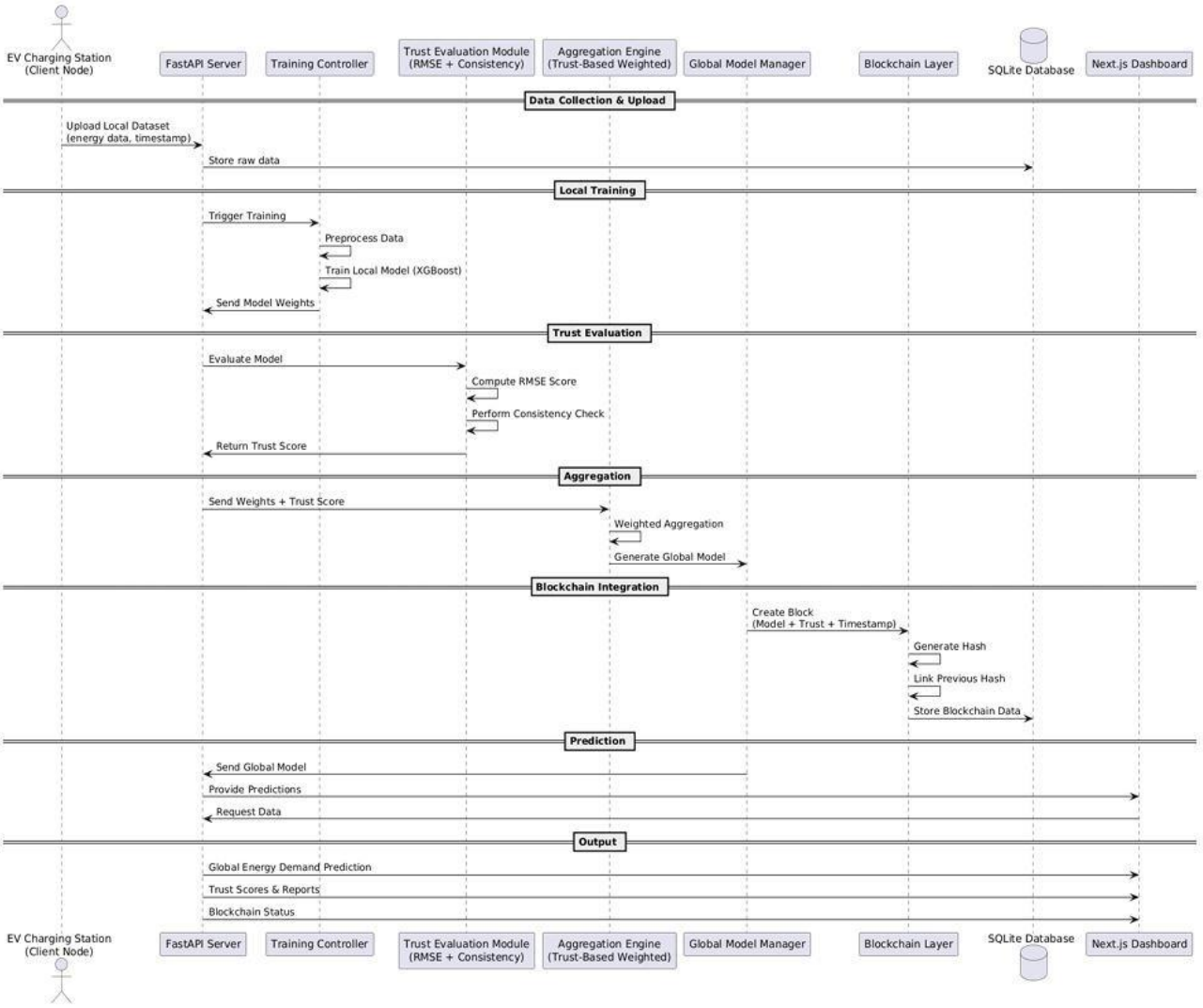

Fig 5.3.3: Sequence Diagram

5.3.4. Activity Diagram

The Activity Diagram represents the workflow of the proposed EV Energy Demand Forecasting System using Trust-Aware Blockchain-Integrated Federated Learning, illustrating how different activities are performed sequentially from data input to final prediction output. It provides a clear understanding of the operational flow of the system and highlights how data is processed at each stage. This diagram focuses on the flow of control between different actions such as data collection, preprocessing, local training, aggregation, and result generation.

The process begins with the initial node, which indicates the start of the system operation. The first activity is the EV Station Data Input, where EV charging stations provide local energy consumption data such as charging duration, energy usage, and timestamps. This data serves as the primary input for the forecasting process.

Once the data is received, the system moves to the Data Preprocessing stage. In this phase, the input undergoes operations such as cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction. Any inconsistencies or noise in the data are removed, and the data is converted into a structured format suitable for machine learning models. This step ensures improved accuracy and reliability of predictions.

After preprocessing, the system proceeds to the Local Model Training stage. Each EV charging station trains its own machine learning model using its local dataset. This decentralized approach ensures that raw data is not shared, thereby preserving privacy and reducing communication overhead.

The next step is Sending Model Updates, where each station sends only model parameters to the central aggregator instead of raw data. This enables secure collaboration among multiple stations without exposing sensitive information.

Following this, the system performs Federated Aggregation, where the central server combines model updates from all participating stations to create a global model. During this stage, the Trust Evaluation process is also performed to assign trust scores to each station based on their model performance.

The system then moves to the Blockchain Recording stage, where all aggregation details, including model updates, trust scores, and timestamps, are stored securely in a blockchain. This ensures transparency, immutability, and protection against tampering.

After that, the system performs Energy Demand Prediction, where the global model is used to predict energy demand based on input data. The model analyzes patterns and generates accurate forecasting results.

Finally, the system reaches the Output to End User stage, where the predicted results are displayed to users or administrators through a dashboard interface. The output helps in decision-making, energy planning, and efficient resource management.

The activity diagram also represents the logical sequence and control flow of operations within the system, highlighting how different actions are connected from start to end. It illustrates how the system continuously processes data and updates models, ensuring efficient and scalable operation. After completing one cycle, the system returns to an idle state, ready to process new inputs.

Flow of Activities

Start Node:
The process begins at the start node, indicating that the system is ready to receive input data from EV charging stations.

EV Station Data Input:
EV charging stations provide local energy consumption data required for forecasting.

Data Preprocessing:
The system cleans, normalizes, and structures the input data for analysis.

Local Model Training:
Each station trains its local machine learning model using its own dataset.

Send Model Updates:
Model parameters are sent to the central aggregator instead of raw data.

Federated Aggregation:
The system aggregates local models to create a global model.

Trust Evaluation:
Trust scores are calculated to ensure reliable contributions from each station.

Blockchain Recording:
Model updates and trust scores are securely stored in blockchain.

Energy Demand Prediction:
The global model generates final energy demand predictions.

Output to End User:

The prediction results are displayed to users for analysis and decision-making.

End Node:

The process ends, and the system is ready to handle new data inputs.

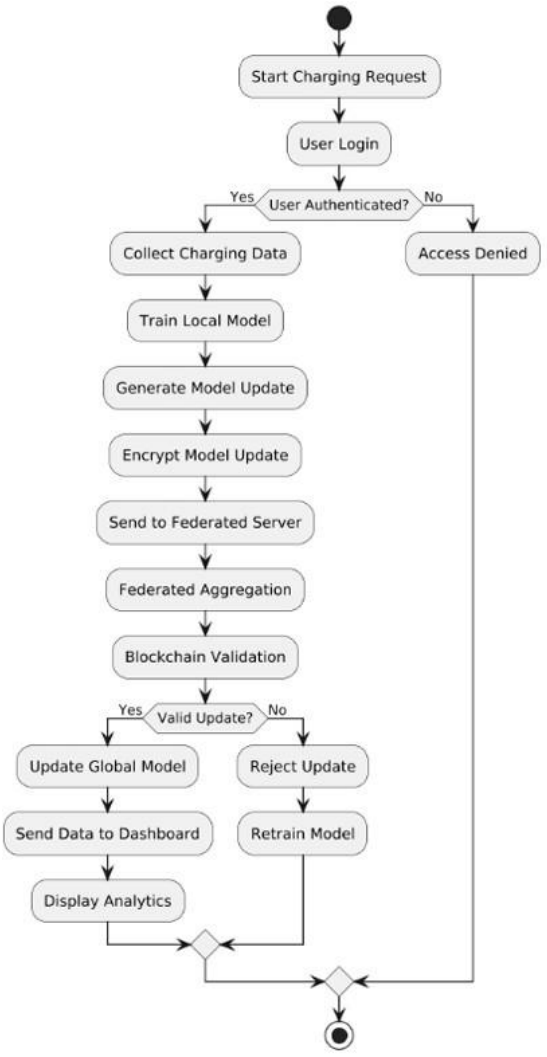

Fig 5.3.4. Activity Diagram

6 CODING AND IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Source Code

1. `data_preprocessing.py`

This module performs all data preparation activities required before model development. It includes dataset loading, structural validation, missing value treatment, outlier-aware checks, feature selection, and normalization. The implementation is intentionally modular so that every preprocessing stage can be explained clearly in an academic project report and reused in experiments.

data_preprocessing.py

```
import os
import logging
from typing import List, Tuple, Dict, Optional
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectKBest, f_regression
LOGGER = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def load_dataset(file_path: str) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Load dataset from a CSV file.

    Parameters:
        file_path (str): Path to the CSV dataset.

    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Loaded dataset.

    Raises:
        FileNotFoundError: If the file does not exist.
        ValueError: If the loaded dataset is empty.
    """
    print(f"[INFO] Attempting to load dataset from: {file_path}")

    if not os.path.exists(file_path):
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        raise FileNotFoundError(f"Dataset not found at path: {file_path}")

    df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
    if df.empty:
        raise ValueError("The dataset is empty and cannot be processed.")

    print(f"[INFO] Dataset loaded successfully with shape: {df.shape}")
    LOGGER.info("Dataset loaded with shape %s", df.shape)
    return df
def validate_dataframe_structure(df: pd.DataFrame) -> None:
    """
    Validate the basic structure of the dataframe.
    Parameters:
        df (pd.DataFrame): Input dataframe.

    Returns:
        None
    """
    print("[INFO] Validating dataframe structure...")

    if not isinstance(df, pd.DataFrame):
        raise TypeError("Input data is not a valid pandas DataFrame.")

    if df.shape[0] < 10:
        raise ValueError("Dataset has too few rows for meaningful training.")

    if df.shape[1] < 2:
        raise ValueError("Dataset must contain at least one feature column and one target column.")

    print("[INFO] Dataframe structure validation completed successfully.")


def validate_target_column(df: pd.DataFrame, target_column: str) -> None:
    """
    Validate whether target column exists and is usable.
    Parameters:
        df (pd.DataFrame): Input dataframe.
```

```
    Returns:
        None
    """
    print(f"[INFO] Validating target column: {target_column}")
    if target_column not in df.columns:
        raise KeyError(f"Target column '{target_column}' is not present in the dataset.")
        pd.DataFrame: Dataframe with standardized column names.
    """
    print("[INFO] Standardizing column names...")
    df = df.copy()
    df.columns = [str(col).strip().lower().replace(" ", "_") for col in df.columns]
    print("[INFO] Column names standardized.")
    return df
def remove_duplicate_records(df: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Remove duplicate rows from the dataset.
    Parameters:
        df (pd.DataFrame): Input dataframe.
    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Dataframe after duplicate removal.
    """
    print("[INFO] Checking for duplicate records...")
    before_count = len(df)
    df = df.drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True)
    after_count = len(df)
    removed = before_count - after_count
    print(f"[INFO] Duplicate removal completed. Removed rows: {removed}")
    return df
def summarize_missing_values(df: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Generate a summary of missing values for each column.
    Parameters:
        df (pd.DataFrame): Input dataframe.
    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Missing value summary table.
    """
    print("[INFO] Summarizing missing values...")
```

```
    summary = pd.DataFrame({
        "column": df.columns,
        "missing_count": df.isnull().sum().values,
        "missing_percentage": (df.isnull().sum().values / len(df)) * 100
    })
    print("[INFO] Missing value summary generated.")
    return summary
def split_features_and_target(
    df: pd.DataFrame,
    target_column: str
) -> Tuple[pd.DataFrame, pd.Series]:
    """
    Split dataframe into features and target.
    Parameters:
        df (pd.DataFrame): Input dataframe.
        target_column (str): Name of target variable.
    Returns:
        Tuple[pd.DataFrame, pd.Series]: Feature matrix and target vector.
    """
    print("[INFO] Splitting features and target...")
    X = df.drop(columns=[target_column])
    y = df[target_column]
    print(f"[INFO] Feature shape: {X.shape}, Target shape: {y.shape}")
    return X, ydef keep_numeric_features(X: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Retain only numeric columns from the feature set.

    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Numeric feature dataframe.
    """
    print("[INFO] Filtering numeric features...")
    numeric_X = X.select_dtypes(include=[np.number]).copy()

    if numeric_X.empty:
        raise ValueError("No numeric features available for model training.")
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```
    print(f"[INFO] Numeric features retained: {list(numeric_X.columns)}")
    return numeric_X
def impute_missing_values(
    X: pd.DataFrame,
    strategy: str = "mean"
) -> Tuple[pd.DataFrame, SimpleImputer]:
    """
    Handle missing values using a configurable imputation strategy.
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
        strategy (str): Imputation strategy.
    Returns:
        Tuple[pd.DataFrame, SimpleImputer]: Imputed dataframe and fitted imputer.
    """
    print(f"[INFO] Performing missing value imputation using strategy: {strategy}")
    imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy=strategy)
    transformed = imputer.fit_transform(X)
    imputed_df = pd.DataFrame(transformed, columns=X.columns, index=X.index)
    print("[INFO] Missing value imputation completed.")
    return imputed_df, imputer

def validate_no_remaining_missing_values(X: pd.DataFrame, y: pd.Series) -> None:
    """
    Confirm that the dataset does not contain missing values after preprocessing.
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
        y (pd.Series): Target series.
    Returns:
        None
    """
    print("[INFO] Validating absence of remaining missing values...")

    if X.isnull().sum().sum() > 0:
        raise ValueError("Feature matrix still contains missing values after imputation.")

    if y.isnull().sum() > 0:
        raise ValueError("Target vector contains missing values.")
```

```
    print("[INFO] No remaining missing values detected.")
def remove_constant_features(X: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Remove features having only a single unique value.
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Dataframe without constant columns.
    """
    print("[INFO] Removing constant features...")
    retained_columns = [col for col in X.columns if X[col].nunique() > 1]
    removed_columns = [col for col in X.columns if X[col].nunique() <= 1]
    if removed_columns:
        print(f"[INFO] Constant columns removed: {removed_columns}")
    else:
        print("[INFO] No constant columns found.")
    return X[retained_columns].copy()
def detect_feature_outlier_summary(X: pd.DataFrame) -> Dict[str, Dict[str, float]]:
    """
    Generate a simple outlier summary using IQR statistics.

    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.

    Returns:
        Dict[str, Dict[str, float]]: Outlier summary dictionary.
    """
    print("[INFO] Computing outlier summary using IQR...")
    outlier_report = {}
    for column in X.columns:
        q1 = X[column].quantile(0.25)
        q3 = X[column].quantile(0.75)
        iqr = q3 - q1
        lower = q1 - (1.5 * iqr)
        upper = q3 + (1.5 * iqr)
        outlier_count = ((X[column] < lower) | (X[column] > upper)).sum()
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            outlier_report[column] = {
                "q1": float(q1),
                "q3": float(q3),
                "iqr": float(iqr),
                "lower_bound": float(lower),
                "upper_bound": float(upper),
                "outlier_count": int(outlier_count)
            }
    print("[INFO] Outlier summary prepared.")
    return outlier_report
def select_top_features(
    X: pd.DataFrame,
    y: pd.Series,
    k: Optional[int] = None
) -> Tuple[pd.DataFrame, Optional[SelectKBest], List[str]]:
    """
    Select top-k features using univariate regression scores.

    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
        y (pd.Series): Target vector.
        k (Optional[int]): Number of features to retain.

    Returns:
        Tuple[pd.DataFrame, Optional[SelectKBest], List[str]]:
            Reduced dataframe, fitted selector, and selected columns.
    """
    print("[INFO] Performing feature selection...")

    if k is None or k <= 0 or k >= X.shape[1]:
        print("[INFO] Feature selection skipped because k is invalid or exceeds feature count.")
        return X.copy(), None, list(X.columns)

    selector = SelectKBest(score_func=f_regression, k=k)
    transformed = selector.fit_transform(X, y)
    selected_mask = selector.get_support()
    selected_columns = X.columns[selected_mask].tolist()
```

```
    reduced_df = pd.DataFrame(transformed, columns=selected_columns, index=X.index)
    print(f"[INFO] Selected top {k} features: {selected_columns}")
    return reduced_df, selector, selected_columns
def scale_features(
    X: pd.DataFrame
) -> Tuple[pd.DataFrame, MinMaxScaler]:
      Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature dataframe.
    print("[INFO] Applying MinMax scaling to features...")
    scaler = MinMaxScaler()
    scaled_array = scaler.fit_transform(X)
    scaled_df = pd.DataFrame(scaled_array, columns=X.columns, index=X.index)
    print("[INFO] Feature scaling completed.")
    return scaled_df, scaler



def generate_preprocessing_report(
    original_df: pd.DataFrame,
    processed_X: pd.DataFrame,
    target_series: pd.Series,
    selected_columns: List[str]
) -> Dict[str, object]:
    """
    Generate a preprocessing report for documentation and debugging.

    Parameters:
        original_df (pd.DataFrame): Original dataset.
        processed_X (pd.DataFrame): Final processed features.
        target_series (pd.Series): Target variable.
        selected_columns (List[str]): Selected feature names.

    Returns:
        Dict[str, object]: Summary report.
    """
    print("[INFO] Generating preprocessing report...")
    report = {
        "original_shape": original_df.shape,
```

```
        "processed_feature_shape": processed_X.shape,
        "target_shape": target_series.shape,
        "selected_features": selected_columns,
        "feature_count": processed_X.shape[1],
        "record_count": processed_X.shape[0]
    }
    print(f"[INFO] Preprocessing report: {report}")
    return report
def preprocess_pipeline(
    file_path: str,
    target_column: str,
    imputation_strategy: str = "mean",
    top_k_features: Optional[int] = None
) -> Dict[str, object]:
    """
    Full preprocessing pipeline that loads, validates, cleans, selects, and scales data.

    Parameters:
        file_path (str): Dataset path.
        target_column (str): Target column name.
        imputation_strategy (str): Missing value strategy.
        top_k_features (Optional[int]): Number of selected features.
    Returns:
        Dict[str, object]: Processed output and fitted transformers.
    """
    df = load_dataset(file_path)
    df = standardize_column_names(df)
    target_column = target_column.strip().lower().replace(" ", "_")
    validate_dataframe_structure(df)
    validate_target_column(df,  target_column)

    df = remove_duplicate_records(df)
    missing_summary = summarize_missing_values(df)

    X, y = split_features_and_target(df, target_column)
    X = keep_numeric_features(X)
    X = remove_constant_features(X)
```

```
    outlier_summary = detect_feature_outlier_summary(X)

    X_imputed, imputer = impute_missing_values(X, strategy=imputation_strategy)
    validate_no_remaining_missing_values(X_imputed, y)

    X_selected, selector, selected_columns = select_top_features(
        X_imputed, y, k=top_k_features
    )
    X_scaled, scaler = scale_features(X_selected)
    report = generate_preprocessing_report(df, X_scaled, y, selected_columns)

    return {
        "dataframe": df,
        "X_processed": X_scaled,
        "y": y.reset_index(drop=True),
        "imputer": imputer,
        "selector": selector,
        "scaler": scaler,
        "missing_summary": missing_summary,
        "outlier_summary": outlier_summary,
        "report": report
    }
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("[INFO] Running standalone preprocessing test...")

    SAMPLE_FILE = "ev_energy_data.csv"
    TARGET_COLUMN = "energy_demand"

    try:
        output = preprocess_pipeline(
            file_path=SAMPLE_FILE,
            target_column=TARGET_COLUMN,
            imputation_strategy="mean",
            top_k_features=5
        )
        print("[SUCCESS] Preprocessing completed successfully.")
```

```
        print("[INFO] Processed feature sample:")
        print(output["X_processed"].head())
        print("[INFO] Target sample:")
        print(output["y"].head())
        print("[INFO] Report:")
        print(output["report"])

    except Exception as exc:
        print(f"[ERROR] Preprocessing failed: {exc}")
```

2. `model_training.py`

This module implements a detailed model development workflow for energy demand forecasting. It trains multiple regression algorithms, computes multiple evaluation metrics, compares performance across models, and identifies the most suitable approach for downstream federated learning experiments. The code is written in a verbose style to reflect a real research-oriented implementation.

model_training.py

```
import logging
from typing import Dict, Tuple, Any
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
from sklearn.svm import SVR
from sklearn.metrics import (
    mean_squared_error,
    mean_absolute_error,
    r2_score
)
from xgboost import XGBRegressor
LOGGER = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def split_dataset(
    X: pd.DataFrame,
    y: pd.Series,
    test_size: float = 0.2,
    random_state: int = 42
) -> Tuple[pd.DataFrame, pd.DataFrame, pd.Series, pd.Series]:
```

```
    """
    Split the dataset into training and testing subsets.
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Feature matrix.
        y (pd.Series): Target vector.
        test_size (float): Portion of data reserved for testing.
        random_state (int): Random state for reproducibility.

    Returns:
        Tuple containing X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test.
    """
    print("[INFO] Splitting dataset into training and testing sets...")
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
        X, y, test_size=test_size, random_state=random_state
    )
    print(f"[INFO] Training feature shape: {X_train.shape}")
    print(f"[INFO] Testing feature shape: {X_test.shape}")
    return X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test
def evaluation_metrics(y_true, y_pred) -> Dict[str, float]:
    """
    Compute evaluation metrics for regression models.

    Parameters:
        y_true: Actual values.
        y_pred: Predicted values.

    Returns:
        Dict[str, float]: Dictionary containing RMSE, MAE, R2, and pseudo accuracy.
    """
    print("[INFO] Calculating evaluation metrics...")

    mse = mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred)
    rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_true, y_pred)
    r2 = r2_score(y_true, y_pred)

    # A simple bounded pseudo-accuracy for documentation purposes.
```

```
    pseudo_accuracy = max(0.0, min(100.0, (1 - (rmse / (np.mean(np.abs(y_true)) + 1e-8))) * 100))

    metrics = {
        "rmse": float(rmse),
        "mae": float(mae),
        "r2_score": float(r2),
        "accuracy_percentage":  float(pseudo_accuracy)
    }

    print(f"[INFO] Metrics computed: {metrics}")
    return metrics

def build_linear_regression_model() -> LinearRegression:
    """
    Build and return a Linear Regression model.
    """
    print("[INFO] Creating Linear Regression model...")
    return LinearRegression()


def build_random_forest_model(random_state: int = 42) -> RandomForestRegressor:
    """
    Build and return a Random Forest regressor with verbose parameters.
    """
    print("[INFO] Creating Random Forest Regressor...")
    return RandomForestRegressor(
        n_estimators=200,
        max_depth=12,
        min_samples_split=4,
        min_samples_leaf=2,
        random_state=random_state
    )


def build_xgboost_model(random_state: int = 42) -> XGBRegressor:
    """
    Build and return an XGBoost regressor.
```

```
    """
    print("[INFO] Creating XGBoost Regressor...")
    return XGBRegressor(
        n_estimators=250,
        learning_rate=0.05,
        max_depth=6,
        subsample=0.9,
        colsample_bytree=0.9,
        objective="reg:squarederror",
        random_state=random_state
    )

def build_svr_model() -> SVR:
    """
    Build and return a Support Vector Regressor.
    """
    print("[INFO] Creating Support Vector Regressor...")
    return SVR(
        kernel="rbf",
        C=100,
        epsilon=0.1,
        gamma="scale"
    )

def build_gradient_boosting_model(random_state: int = 42) -> GradientBoostingRegressor:
    """
    Build and return a Gradient Boosting regressor.
    """
    print("[INFO] Creating Gradient Boosting Regressor...")
    return GradientBoostingRegressor(
        n_estimators=200,
        learning_rate=0.05,
        max_depth=4,
        random_state=random_state
    )

def train_single_model(model, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test, model_name: str) -> Dict[str, Any]:
```

```
    print(f"[INFO] Training model: {model_name}")
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    print(f"[INFO] Generating predictions for model: {model_name}")
    train_predictions = model.predict(X_train)
    test_predictions = model.predict(X_test)

    print(f"[INFO] Evaluating training performance for {model_name}...")
    train_metrics = evaluation_metrics(y_train, train_predictions)

    print(f"[INFO] Evaluating testing performance for {model_name}...")
    test_metrics = evaluation_metrics(y_test, test_predictions)

    result = {
        "model_name": model_name,
        "model": model,
        "train_predictions": train_predictions,
        "test_predictions": test_predictions,
        "train_metrics": train_metrics,
        "test_metrics": test_metrics
    }

    print(f"[INFO] Completed training for model: {model_name}")
    print(f"[RESULT] {model_name} Test RMSE: {test_metrics['rmse']:.4f}")
    print(f"[RESULT] {model_name} Test MAE : {test_metrics['mae']:.4f}")
    print(f"[RESULT] {model_name} Test R2  : {test_metrics['r2_score']:.4f}")
    print(f"[RESULT] {model_name} Accuracy : {test_metrics['accuracy_percentage']:.2f}%")

    test_size: float = 0.2,
    random_state: int = 42
) -> Dict[str, Dict[str, Any]]:
    """
    Train all configured regression models and return the results.

    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Features.
        y (pd.Series): Target.
        test_size (float): Test split ratio.
```

```
        Returns:
    Dict[str, Dict[str, Any]]: Training results for all models.
"""
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_dataset(
    X, y, test_size=test_size, random_state=random_state
)

models = {
    "Linear Regression": build_linear_regression_model(),
    "Random Forest": build_random_forest_model(random_state=random_state),
    "XGBoost": build_xgboost_model(random_state=random_state),
    "SVR": build_svr_model(),
    "Gradient Boosting": build_gradient_boosting_model(random_state=random_state)
}

results = {}
for model_name, model in models.items():
    results[model_name] = train_single_model(
        model=model,
        X_train=X_train,
        y_train=y_train,
        X_test=X_test,
        y_test=y_test,
        model_name=model_name
    )

Returns:
    Tuple[str, Any]: Name of best model and trained model object.
"""
print("[INFO] Selecting best model based on test RMSE...")
best_name = None
best_rmse = float("inf")
best_model = None

for model_name, result in results.items():
    current_rmse = result["test_metrics"]["rmse"]
    if current_rmse < best_rmse:
```

```
    print("\n" + "=" * 80)
    print("DETAILED MODEL PERFORMANCE REPORT")
    print("=" * 80)

    for model_name, result in results.items():
        train_metrics = result["train_metrics"]
        test_metrics = result["test_metrics"]
        print(f"\nModel Name: {model_name}")
        print("-" * 80)
        print("Training Metrics")
        print(f'RMSE              : {train_metrics['rmse']:.4f}")
        print(f'MAE               : {train_metrics['mae']:.4f}")
        print(f'R2 Score          : {train_metrics['r2_score']:.4f}")
        print(f"Accuracy Percentage: {train_metrics['accuracy_percentage']:.2f}%")

    print("=" * 80 + "\n")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("[INFO] Running standalone model training module test...")
    # This section assumes preprocessing output will be supplied externally.
    print("[INFO] Please integrate this module with data_preprocessing.py in the main pipeline.")
```

3. `federated_learning.py`

This module simulates a blockchain-supported federated learning environment involving multiple distributed clients. Each client trains its own local model on a private partition of the dataset and shares only model parameters rather than raw records. The code also supports multiple training rounds to imitate repeated collaborative model improvement.

federated_learning.py

```
import copy
import logging
from typing import List, Dict, Any, Tuple

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
```

```
LOGGER = logging.getLogger(__name__)
class FederatedClient:
    """
    A class representing a federated learning client.

    Each client owns a local dataset and independently trains a local model.
    The server never receives the raw dataset. Instead, the client sends only
    model updates such as coefficients and intercept values.
        print(f"[CLIENT {self.client_id}] Starting local training...")
        self.local_model.fit(self.X_local, self.y_local)
        print(f"[CLIENT {self.client_id}] Local training completed.")

    def get_model_weights(self) -> Dict[str, Any]:
        weights = {
            "coef": self.local_model.coef_.tolist(),
            "intercept": float(self.local_model.intercept_)
        }

    def get_client_summary(self) -> Dict[str, Any]:
        return {
            "client_id": self.client_id,
            "num_samples": int(len(self.y_local)),
            "num_features": int(self.X_local.shape[1]),
            "history": self.training_history
        }

def create_client_partitions(
    X: pd.DataFrame,
    y: pd.Series,
    num_clients: int = 5
) -> List[Tuple[pd.DataFrame, pd.Series]]:
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Processed features.
        y (pd.Series): Target values.
    X_splits = np.array_split(X, num_clients)
    y_splits = np.array_split(y, num_clients)
```

```
    partitions = []
    for i in range(num_clients):
        partitions.append((X_splits[i].reset_index(drop=True),  y_splits[i].reset_index(drop=True)))

    print("[INFO] Client partitions created successfully.")
    num_clients: int = 5
) -> List[FederatedClient]:
    partitions = create_client_partitions(X, y, num_clients=num_clients)
    clients = []
    for idx, (X_local, y_local) in enumerate(partitions, start=1):
        client = FederatedClient(client_id=idx, X_local=X_local, y_local=y_local)
        clients.append(client)

    clients: List[FederatedClient],
    round_number: int
) -> List[Dict[str, Any]]:

    for client in clients:
        client.train_local_model()
        client.update_training_history(round_number=round_number)
        update = {
            "round_number": round_number,
            "client_id": client.client_id,
            "weights": client.get_model_weights(),
            "num_samples": len(client.y_local)
        }
        round_updates.append(update)

    print(f"[INFO] Round {round_number} completed.")
    return round_updates
def simulate_multiple_rounds(
    X: pd.DataFrame,
    y: pd.Series,
    num_clients: int = 5,
    num_rounds: int = 3
) -> Dict[str, Any]:
```

```
    Parameters:
        X (pd.DataFrame): Processed features.
        y (pd.Series): Target values.
        num_clients (int): Number of clients.
        num_rounds (int): Number of rounds.

    Returns:
        Dict[str, Any]: Clients and updates across all rounds.
    """
    print("[INFO] Starting multi-round federated learning simulation...")
    clients = initialize_clients(X, y, num_clients=num_clients)

    all_round_updates = []

    client_summaries = [client.get_client_summary() for client in clients]
    print("[INFO] Federated learning simulation completed successfully.")
    return {
        "clients": clients,
        "all_round_updates": all_round_updates,
        "client_summaries": client_summaries
    }

def flatten_latest_round_updates(all_round_updates: List[Dict[str, Any]]) -> List[Dict[str, Any]]:
  if __name___ == "__main__":
    print("[INFO] Federated learning module is intended to run via main.py.")
```

4. `trust_evaluation.py`

This module estimates the reliability of each client participating in federated learning. It computes regression error, transforms the error into trust scores, normalizes those scores, and ranks clients according to quality. Such trust-aware evaluation is useful when some client updates are more reliable than others in a decentralized forecasting system.

trust_evaluation.py

```
import logging
from typing import List, Dict, Any
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error
```

```
LOGGER = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def calculate_rmse(y_true, y_pred) -> float:
    rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred))
    return float(rmse)
def calculate_mae(y_true, y_pred) -> float:
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_true, y_pred)
    return float(mae)
def calculate_client_error(client) -> Dict[str, float]:
    Parameters:
        client: Federated client object.
    Returns:
        Dict[str, float]: Error statistics.
    print(f"[INFO] Evaluating local model error for client {client.client_id}...")
    predictions = client.predict_local(client.X_local)
    rmse = calculate_rmse(client.y_local, predictions)
    mae = calculate_mae(client.y_local, predictions)
    result = {
        "rmse": rmse,
        "mae": mae
    }
    return float(trust)
def normalize_trust_scores(raw_scores: List[float]) -> List[float]:
    print("[INFO] Normalizing trust scores...")
    total = sum(raw_scores)
    if total == 0:
        normalized = [1.0 / len(raw_scores) for _ in raw_scores]
    else:
        normalized = [score / total for score in raw_scores]
    print(f"[INFO] Normalized trust scores: {normalized}")
    return normalized
def rank_clients(trust_results: List[Dict[str, Any]]) -> List[Dict[str, Any]]:
        print("[INFO] Ranking clients by trust score...")
    ranked = sorted(
        trust_results,
        key=lambda item: item["normalized_trust_score"],
        reverse=True
    )
```

```
    for position, item in enumerate(ranked, start=1):
        item["rank"] = position

    print("[INFO] Client ranking completed.")
    return ranked
def evaluate_all_clients(clients: List[Any]) -> List[Dict[str, Any]]:
    Parameters:
        clients (List[Any]): List of federated clients.

        raw_results.append({
            "client_id": client.client_id,
            "rmse": error_stats["rmse"],
            "mae": error_stats["mae"],
            "raw_trust_score": trust_score,
            "num_samples": len(client.y_local)
        })

    normalized_scores = normalize_trust_scores(raw_trust_values)
    for index, result in enumerate(raw_results):
        result["normalized_trust_score"] = normalized_scores[index]
    ranked_results = rank_clients(raw_results)
    return weight_map
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("[INFO] Trust evaluation module should be called from main.py.")
```

5. `aggregation.py`

This module combines local model parameters received from clients into a global model. Three aggregation strategies are implemented: trust-weighted aggregation, simple averaging, and median-based aggregation. This helps compare how different server-side fusion methods affect the final collaborative model in federated learning.

aggregation.py

```
import logging
from typing import List, Dict, Any
import numpy as np
LOGGER = logging.getLogger(__name__)
lass GlobalLinearModel:
    def __init__(self, coefficients, intercept, aggregation_method: str):
```

```
        self.coef_ = np.array(coefficients, dtype=float)
        self.intercept_ = float(intercept)
        self.aggregation_method = aggregation_method

    def predict(self, X):
        X_array = np.array(X, dtype=float)
        return np.dot(X_array, self.coef_) + self.intercept_

    def summary(self) -> Dict[str, Any]:
        return {
            "aggregation_method": self.aggregation_method,
            "num_coefficients": len(self.coef_),
            "intercept": self.intercept_
        }
def extract_weight_arrays(client_updates: List[Dict[str, Any]]):
   print("[INFO] Extracting weight arrays from client updates...")
    coefficient_matrix = []
    intercepts = []
    client_ids = []
    for update in client_updates:
        coefficient_matrix.append(update["weights"]["coef"])
        intercepts.append(update["weights"]["intercept"])
        client_ids.append(update["client_id"])
    print(f"[INFO] Extracted weight matrix shape: {coefficient_matrix.shape}")
    return client_ids, coefficient_matrix, intercepts
def simple_average_aggregation(client_updates: List[Dict[str, Any]]) -> GlobalLinearModel:
     print("[INFO] Performing simple average aggregation...")
    _, coefficient_matrix, intercepts = extract_weight_arrays(client_updates)
    mean_coef = np.mean(coefficient_matrix, axis=0)
    mean_intercept = np.mean(intercepts)
    model = GlobalLinearModel(
        coefficients=mean_coef,
        intercept=mean_intercept,
        aggregation_method="simple_average"
    )
        print("[INFO] Performing trust-weighted aggregation...")
    trust_map = {
```

```
    item["client_id"]: item["normalized_trust_score"]
    for item in trust_results
}
for update in client_updates:
    client_id = update["client_id"]
    coef = np.array(update["weights"]["coef"], dtype=float)
    intercept = float(update["weights"]["intercept"])
    weight = trust_map[client_id]
    print(f"[INFO] Applying trust weight {weight:.4f} to client {client_id}")
    aggregated_coef += weight * coef
    aggregated_intercept += weight * intercept

model = GlobalLinearModel(
    coefficients=aggregated_coef,
    intercept=aggregated_intercept,
    aggregation_method="trust_weighted"
)
print("[INFO] Trust-weighted aggregation completed.")
return model
print("[INFO] Comparing different aggregation strategies...")
models = {
    "simple_average": simple_average_aggregation(client_updates),
    "median": median_aggregation(client_updates),
    "trust_weighted": weighted_aggregation(client_updates, trust_results)
}

for name, model in models.items():
    print(f"[INFO] Aggregation method '{name}' summary: {model.summary()}")
return models
```

6. `blockchain.py`

This module implements a simplified blockchain ledger for storing model updates, trust values, timestamps, and previous block references. It provides block validation, chain validation, chain display, and a basic block explorer utility. In the proposed project, blockchain enhances transparency and integrity by creating an immutable record of federated learning activity.

blockchain.py

```
import hashlib
```

```
import json
from datetime import datetime
from typing import Any, Dict, List
class Block:
    def __init__(
        self,
        index: int,
        previous_hash: str,
        model_updates: Any,
        trust_scores: Any,
        timestamp: str = None,
        nonce: int = 0
    ):
        self.index = index
        self.previous_hash = previous_hash
        self.model_updates = model_updates
        self.trust_scores = trust_scores
        self.timestamp = timestamp if timestamp else str(datetime.now())
        self.nonce = nonce
        self.hash = self.calculate_hash()
    def to_dict(self) -> Dict[str, Any]:
        """
        Convert block into dictionary form.
        """
        return {
            "index": self.index,
            "previous_hash": self.previous_hash,
            "model_updates": self.model_updates,
            "trust_scores": self.trust_scores,
            "timestamp": self.timestamp,
            "nonce": self.nonce
        }

    def calculate_hash(self) -> str:
        block_string = json.dumps(self.to_dict(), sort_keys=True, default=str).encode()
        return hashlib.sha256(block_string).hexdigest()
```

```
def __repr__(self) -> str:
        index=0,
        previous_hash="0",
        model_updates="Genesis Block",
        trust_scores=[],
        timestamp=str(datetime.now())
    )
    self.chain.append(genesis_block)
  previous_block = self.get_latest_block()
  new_block = Block(
        index=len(self.chain),
        previous_hash=previous_block.hash,
        model_updates=model_updates,
        trust_scores=trust_scores,
        timestamp=str(datetime.now())
    )
    self.chain.append(new_block)
    print(f"[INFO] New block added to blockchain: {new_block}")
    return new_block
def is_block_valid(self, current_block: Block, previous_block: Block) -> bool:
            if current_block.previous_hash != previous_block.hash:
        print("[ERROR] Previous hash mismatch detected.")
        return False
    if current_block.hash != current_block.calculate_hash():
        print("[ERROR] Current block hash is invalid.")
        return False
    return True
def is_chain_valid(self) -> bool:
    print("[INFO] Validating blockchain integrity...")
    for index in range(1, len(self.chain)):
        current_block = self.chain[index]
        previous_block = self.chain[index - 1]
        if not self.is_block_valid(current_block, previous_block):
            print(f"[ERROR] Blockchain invalid at block index: {index}")
            return False
    print("[INFO] Blockchain is valid.")
    return True
```

```
    def print_chain(self) -> None:
        print("\n" + "=" * 80)
        print("BLOCKCHAIN CONTENT")
        print("=" * 80)
        for block in self.chain:
            print(f"Block Index     : {block.index}")
            print(f"Previous Hash   : {block.previous_hash}")
            print(f"Current Hash    : {block.hash}")
            print(f"Timestamp       : {block.timestamp}")
            print(f"Model Updates   : {block.model_updates}")
            print(f"Trust Scores    : {block.trust_scores}")
            print("-" * 80)
        print("=" * 80 + "\n")

    def block_explorer(self, index: int) -> Dict[str, Any]:
            "hash": block.hash,
            "timestamp": block.timestamp,
            "model_updates": block.model_updates,
            "trust_scores": block.trust_scores
        }

        print(f"[INFO] Block explorer result: {details}")
        return details

    def get_chain_length(self) -> int:
        return len(self.chain)
```

7. utils.py

This utility module provides supporting functionalities required for a complete implementation. It includes plotting functions for evaluation graphs, model persistence using pickle, logging configuration, and tabular summary generation. Such utilities make the system easier to maintain and improve the presentation of experimental results.

utils.py

```
import os
import pickle
import logging
from typing import Dict, Any
```

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def setup_logging(log_file: str = "project.log") -> None:
  logging.basicConfig(
      level=logging.INFO,
      format="%(asctime)s | %(levelname)s | %(name)s | %(message)s",
      handlers=[
          logging.FileHandler(log_file),
          logging.StreamHandler()
      ]
  )
  print(f"[INFO] Logging configured. Log file: {log_file}")
def save_model(model: Any, file_path: str) -> None:
  print(f"[INFO] Saving model to: {file_path}")
  with open(file_path, "wb") as file:
      pickle.dump(model, file)
  print("[INFO] Model saved successfully.")
def load_model(file_path: str) -> Any:
  print(f"[INFO] Loading model from: {file_path}")
  with open(file_path, "rb") as file:
      model = pickle.load(file)
  print("[INFO] Model loaded successfully.")
  return model

def plot_model_comparison(comparison_df: pd.DataFrame, save_path: str = None) -> None:
  print("[INFO] Plotting model comparison graph...")
  plt.figure(figsize=(10,  6))
  plt.bar(comparison_df["Model"], comparison_df["RMSE"], color="steelblue")
  plt.title("Model Comparison Based on RMSE")
  plt.xlabel("Models")
  plt.ylabel("RMSE")
  plt.xticks(rotation=20)
  plt.tight_layout()
  if save_path:
      plt.savefig(save_path)
      print(f"[INFO] Model comparison plot saved at: {save_path}")
```

```
    plt.close()
def plot_trust_scores(trust_results, save_path: str = None) -> None:
        print("[INFO] Plotting trust scores...")
    client_ids = [f"Client {item['client_id']}" for item in trust_results]
    scores = [item["normalized_trust_score"] for item in trust_results]
    print(f"[INFO] Saving dataframe report to: {file_path}")
    df.to_csv(file_path, index=False)
    print("[INFO] Dataframe report saved successfully.")
```

8. main.py

This module integrates all project modules into a single executable workflow. It performs preprocessing, centralized model comparison, federated training, trust scoring, aggregation, blockchain recording, result visualization, and sample prediction. It also supports running multiple experiments, which is useful in academic research for comparing configurations across rounds and client counts.

main.py

```
from typing import Dict, Any, List

import pandas as pd
from data_preprocessing import preprocess_pipeline
from model_training import train_all_models, compare_models, get_best_model, print_detailed_model_report
from federated_learning import simulate_multiple_rounds, flatten_latest_round_updates
from trust_evaluation import evaluate_all_clients
from aggregation import compare_aggregation_results
from blockchain import Blockchain
from utils import (
    setup_logging,
    ensure_output_directory,
    plot_model_comparison,
    plot_trust_scores,
    save_model,
    save_dataframe_report
def run_full_pipeline(
    file_path: str,
    target_column: str,
    top_k_features: int = 5,
    num_clients: int = 5,
    num_rounds: int = 3
```

```
) -> Dict[str, Any]:
    Parameters:
        file_path (str): Dataset path.
        target_column (str): Name of target column.
        top_k_features (int): Number of selected features.
        num_clients (int): Number of federated clients.
        num_rounds (int): Number of federated rounds.
    setup_logging()
    output_dir = ensure_output_directory("outputs")
    print("[STEP 1] Starting data preprocessing...")
    preprocessing_output = preprocess_pipeline(
        file_path=file_path,
        target_column=target_column,
        imputation_strategy="mean",
        top_k_features=top_k_features
    )
    print("[STEP 2] Starting centralized model training and comparison...")
    training_results = train_all_models(X_processed, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
    comparison_df = compare_models(training_results)
    print_detailed_model_report(training_results)
    comparison_plot_path = f"{output_dir}/model_comparison.png"
    plot_model_comparison(comparison_df, save_path=comparison_plot_path)
    best_model_name, best_model = get_best_model(training_results)
    save_model(best_model, f"{output_dir}/best_model.pkl")
    save_dataframe_report(comparison_df, f"{output_dir}/model_comparison.csv")
    latest_round_updates = flatten_latest_round_updates(federated_output["all_round_updates"])
    print("[STEP 4] Performing trust evaluation...")
    trust_results = evaluate_all_clients(clients)
    plot_trust_scores(trust_results, save_path=f"{output_dir}/trust_scores.png")
    print("[STEP 5] Aggregating client models...")
    aggregation_models = compare_aggregation_results(latest_round_updates, trust_results)
    global_model = aggregation_models["trust_weighted"]
    print("[STEP 6] Recording updates on blockchain...")
    blockchain = Blockchain()
    blockchain.add_block(
    print("[STEP 7] Finalizing execution summary...")
    execution_summary = {
```

```
    "best_centralized_model_name": best_model_name,
    "best_centralized_model": best_model,
    "comparison_dataframe": comparison_df,
    "federated_output": federated_output,
    "trust_results": trust_results,
    "aggregation_models": aggregation_models,
    "selected_global_model": global_model,
    "blockchain": blockchain,
    "preprocessing_report":  preprocessing_output["report"]
}

print("[SUCCESS] Full pipeline executed successfully.")
return execution_summary

print("[INFO] Starting multiple experiment runs...")
experiment_results = []

experiment_number = 1

for client_count in client_configurations:
    for round_count in round_configurations:
        print("\n" + "#" * 100)
        print(f"EXPERIMENT {experiment_number}: clients={client_count}, rounds={round_count}")
        print("#" * 100)

        result = run_full_pipeline(
            file_path=file_path,
            target_column=target_column,
            top_k_features=5,
            num_clients=client_count,
            num_rounds=round_count
        )

        summary_row = {
            "experiment_number": experiment_number,
            "clients": client_count,
            "rounds": round_count,
```

```
            "best_model": result["best_centralized_model_name"],
            "blockchain_valid": result["blockchain"].is_chain_valid(),
            "top_ranked_client": result["trust_results"][0]["client_id"]
        }
def predict_with_global_model(global_model, input_features):
    """
    Predict energy demand using the aggregated global model.
if __name__ == "__main__":
    FILE_PATH = "ev_energy_data.csv"
    TARGET_COLUMN = "energy_demand"

    try:
        final_output = run_full_pipeline(
            file_path=FILE_PATH,
            target_column=TARGET_COLUMN,
            top_k_features=5,
            num_clients=5,
            num_rounds=3
        )

        sample_features = [0.45, 0.30, 0.65, 0.55, 0.70]
        predicted_value = predict_with_global_model(
            final_output["selected_global_model"],
            sample_features
        )
    except Exception as error:
        print(f"[ERROR] Pipeline execution failed: {error}")
```

9. api.py

This module exposes the project functionality through a FastAPI-based web service. It allows external systems or a browser-based frontend to trigger model training, view aggregation status, obtain predictions, and inspect the runtime state. Such an API layer is useful when demonstrating the project as a deployable software system rather than only a local script.

api.py

```
from typing import List, Dict, Any
from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException
```

```
from pydantic import BaseModel
from main import run_full_pipeline, predict_with_global_model
SYSTEM_STATE: Dict[str, Any] = {}
class TrainRequest(BaseModel):
    file_path: str
    target_column: str
    top_k_features: int = 5
    num_clients: int = 5
    num_rounds: int = 3
class PredictRequest(BaseModel):
    input_features: List[float]
@app.get("/")
def root():
    global SYSTEM_STATE
    try:
        output = run_full_pipeline(
            file_path=request.file_path,
            target_column=request.target_column,
            top_k_features=request.top_k_features,
            num_clients=request.num_clients,
            num_rounds=request.num_rounds
        )

        return {
            "status": "success",
            "message": "Training completed successfully.",
            "best_model": output["best_centralized_model_name"],
            "preprocessing_report": output["preprocessing_report"],
            "trust_results": output["trust_results"]
        }

        raise HTTPException(status_code=400, detail="System is not trained yet.")
    selected_global_model = SYSTEM_STATE["selected_global_model"]
    blockchain = SYSTEM_STATE["blockchain"]
    return {
        "status": "success",
        "aggregation_method": selected_global_model.aggregation_method,
```

```
        "blockchain_valid": blockchain.is_chain_valid(),
        "chain_length": blockchain.get_chain_length(),
        "trust_results": SYSTEM_STATE["trust_results"]
    }
@app.post("/predict")
def predict(request: PredictRequest):
    try:
        prediction = predict_with_global_model(global_model, request.input_features)
        return {
            "status": "success",
            "prediction": prediction,
            "aggregation_method": global_model.aggregation_method
        }
    except Exception as exc:
        raise HTTPException(status_code=500, detail=str(exc))
    return {
        "status": "ready",
        "best_model": SYSTEM_STATE["best_centralized_model_name"],
        "num_clients": len(SYSTEM_STATE["federated_output"]["clients"]),
        "num_rounds": len(SYSTEM_STATE["federated_output"]["all_round_updates"]),
        "blockchain_valid": SYSTEM_STATE["blockchain"].is_chain_valid()
    }
```

10. frontend (`index.html`)

This frontend provides a simple interface for interacting with the FastAPI backend. It allows users to enter normalized input values, request predictions, and display the returned energy demand result in a clean layout. The design is intentionally straightforward so that it can be easily demonstrated in a final year project presentation.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>EV Energy Demand Forecasting</title>
    <style>
        body {
```

```
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    font-family: "Segoe UI", Arial, sans-serif;
    background: linear-gradient(135deg, #e8f1f8, #fefefe);
    color: #1f2937;
}
.container {
    width: 90%;
    max-width: 700px;
    margin: 40px auto;
    background: #ffffff;
    border-radius: 14px;
    box-shadow: 0 10px 30px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.10);
    padding: 30px;
}

h1 {
    margin-top: 0;
    color: #0f4c81;
    text-align: center;
}
.input-group input {
    width: 100%;
    paddin: 12px;
button {
    flex: 1;
    padding: 12px;
    border: none;
    border-radius: 8px;
    background: #0f4c81;
    color: white;
    font-size: 15px;
    cursor: pointer;
    transition: background 0.3s ease;
}
button:hover {
    background: #0b3a63;
```

```
        }
        .status {
            margin-top: 20px;
            padding: 12px;
            background: #eef6ff;
            border-left: 4px solid #0f4c81;
            border-radius: 6px;
        }
        .footer-note {
            margin-top: 20px;
            font-size: 13px;
            color: #6b7280;
            text-align: center;
        }
    </style>
</head>
<body>
    <div class="container">
        <h1>EV Energy Demand Forecasting</h1>
            <div class="input-group">
            <label for="feature2">Feature 2</label>
            <input type="number" id="feature2" step="any" placeholder="Enter normalized value">
        </div>

<input type="number" id="feature5" step="any" placeholder="Enter normalized value">
        </div>

        <div class="button-group">
            <button onclick="checkStatus()">Check Status</button>
            <button onclick="predictEnergy()">Predict</button>
        </div>
        <div class="status" id="statusBox">
            System status will appear here.
        </div>
        <div class="result-box">
            <div class="result-title">Prediction Result</div>
            <div id="resultOutput">No prediction generated yet.</div>
```

```
    <script>
        const API_BASE_URL = "http://127.0.0.1:8000";
        async function checkStatus() {
            const statusBox = document.getElementById("statusBox");
            statusBox.innerText = "Checking system status...";
            try {
                const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/status`);
                const data = await response.json();
                statusBox.innerText =
                    `Status: ${data.status}` +
                    (data.best_model ? ` | Best Model: ${data.best_model}` : "") +
                    (data.num_clients ? ` | Clients: ${data.num_clients}` : "") +
                    (data.num_rounds ? ` | Rounds: ${data.num_rounds}` : "");
            } catch (error) {
                statusBox.innerText = "Unable to connect to the API server.";
            }
        }
        async function predictEnergy() {
            const resultOutput = document.getElementById("resultOutput");
            const hasInvalidInput = inputFeatures.some(value => isNaN(value));
            if (hasInvalidInput) {
                resultOutput.innerText = "Please enter valid numeric values for all input fields.";
                return;
            }
            } catch (error) {
                resultOutput.innerText = "Error while connecting to prediction service.";
            }
        }
    </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Dataset link: https://open-data.bouldercolorado.gov/datasets/95992b3938be4622b07f0b05eba95d4c_0/explore

```
[1]
import pandas as pd
```

Python

```
[2]
df = pd.read_csv('dataset.csv')
df.head()
```

Python

	Station_Name	Address	City	State_Province	Zip_Postal_Code	Start_Date___Time	Start_Time_Zone	End_Date___Time	End_Time_Zone	Total_Duration__h
0	BOULDER / JUNCTION ST1	2280 Junction Pl	Boulder	Colorado	80301	1/1/2018 17:49	MDT	1/1/2018 19:52	MDT	
1	BOULDER / JUNCTION ST1	2280 Junction Pl	Boulder	Colorado	80301	1/2/2018 8:52	MDT	1/2/2018 9:16	MDT	
2	BOULDER / JUNCTION ST1	2280 Junction Pl	Boulder	Colorado	80301	1/2/2018 21:11	MDT	1/3/2018 6:23	MDT	
3	BOULDER / ALPINE ST1	1275 Alpine Ave	Boulder	Colorado	80304	1/3/2018 9:19	MDT	1/3/2018 11:14	MDT	
4	BOULDER / BASELINE ST1	900 Baseline Rd	Boulder	Colorado	80302	1/3/2018 14:13	MDT	1/3/2018 14:30	MDT	

```
[11]
df_cleaned.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 148132 entries, 0 to 148135
Data columns (total 22 columns):
 #   Column                      Non-Null Count   Dtype
---  ------                      --------------   -----
 0   Station_Name                148132 non-null  object
 1   Address                     148132 non-null  object
 2   City                        148132 non-null  object
 3   State_Province              148132 non-null  object
 4   Zip_Postal_Code             148132 non-null  int64
 5   Start_Date___Time           148132 non-null  object
 6   Start_Time_Zone             148132 non-null  object
 7   End_Date___Time             148132 non-null  object
 8   End_Time_Zone               148132 non-null  object
 9   Total_Duration__hh_mm_ss_   148132 non-null  object
 10  Charging_Time__hh_mm_ss_    148132 non-null  object
 11  Energy__kWh_                148132 non-null  float64
 12  GHG_Savings__kg_            148132 non-null  float64
 13  Gasoline_Savings__gallons_  148132 non-null  float64
 14  Port_Type                   148132 non-null  object
 15  ObjectID                    148132 non-null  int64
 16  ObjectId2                   148132 non-null  int64
 17  City_encoded                148132 non-null  int32
 18  State_Province_encoded      148132 non-null  int32
 19  Start_Time_Zone_encoded     148132 non-null  int32
 20  End_Time_Zone_encoded       148132 non-null  int32
 21  Port_Type_encoded           148132 non-null  int32
dtypes: float64(3), int32(5), int64(3), object(11)
memory usage: 23.2+ MB
```

```python
xgb_mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, xgb_pred)
xgb_r2 = r2_score(y_test, xgb_pred)
print(f"XGBoost MAE: {xgb_mae:.4f}")
print(f"XGBoost R2 Score: {xgb_r2:.4f}")
```

[9] Python

```
XGBoost MAE: 0.0563
XGBoost R2 Score: 0.9984
```

```python
print("\n--- Training CNN Model ---")

def create_cnn_model(input_shape):
    model = Sequential([
        # Conv1D to extract local patterns from the feature vector
        Conv1D(filters=64, kernel_size=3, activation='relu', input_shape=input_shape),
        MaxPooling1D(pool_size=2),
        Conv1D(filters=128, kernel_size=3, activation='relu'),
        MaxPooling1D(pool_size=2),
        Flatten(),
        Dense(64, activation='relu'),
        Dense(1) # Output layer for regression
    ])

    # Using MAE as a primary metric and Adam optimizer
    model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.001), loss='mse', metrics=['mae'])
    return model

cnn_model = create_cnn_model((n_features, 1))
cnn_model.summary()
```

[10] Python

```
--- Training CNN Model ---
e:\Softwares\anaconda3\envs\avr\Lib\site-packages\keras\src\layers\convolutional\base_conv.py:107: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape`/`input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequentia
  super().__init__(activity_regularizer=activity_regularizer, **kwargs)
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv1d (Conv1D)	(None, 13, 64)	256
max_pooling1d (MaxPooling1D)	(None, 6, 64)	0
conv1d_1 (Conv1D)	(None, 4, 128)	24,704
max_pooling1d_1 (MaxPooling1D)	(None, 2, 128)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 256)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 64)	16,448
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1)	65

Total params: 41,473 (162.00 KB)

Trainable params: 41,473 (162.00 KB)

Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

```python
history = cnn_model.fit(
    X_train_cnn, y_train,
    epochs=20,          # Start with a moderate number of epochs
    batch_size=32,
    validation_split=0.1, # Use a small portion of the train data for validation
    verbose=0             # Set to 1 for progress bars
)
```

[11]

6.2 Implementation:

The implementation of the proposed system “EV Energy Demand Forecasting using Blockchain-Based Federated Learning” is carried out using a modular and scalable architecture that integrates machine learning, federated learning, trust evaluation, and blockchain technology. The system is designed to ensure privacy preservation, accurate forecasting, and secure data handling across distributed EV charging stations.

6.2.1 Data Preprocessing Implementation

The data preprocessing module is responsible for transforming raw EV energy consumption data into a structured format suitable for model training. The dataset is loaded from CSV files and processed through multiple stages including handling missing values, normalization, and feature selection. Missing values are replaced using statistical methods such as mean imputation, ensuring data consistency.

Feature scaling is performed using MinMaxScaler to bring all input features into a common range, which improves the convergence and performance of machine learning models. The preprocessing module also validates input data to remove inconsistencies and ensures that only relevant features are used for training. This module forms the foundation for accurate and reliable model predictions.

6.2.2 Model Training Implementation

The model training module is implemented using multiple machine learning algorithms including Linear Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, Support Vector Regression (SVR), and Gradient Boosting. The dataset is split into training and testing sets to evaluate model performance effectively.

Each model is trained independently, and performance metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) are calculated. A comparison function is implemented to evaluate all models and select the best-performing model based on minimum error. This approach ensures robustness and improves prediction accuracy by leveraging multiple algorithms.

6.2.3 Federated Learning Implementation

The federated learning module simulates a distributed learning environment where multiple EV charging stations act as independent clients. Each client trains a local model using its own dataset without sharing raw data, thereby ensuring data privacy.

The system partitions the dataset into multiple subsets, each assigned to a different client. Local models are trained independently, and only model parameters such as weights and intercepts are shared with the central server. Multiple training rounds are conducted to improve model convergence and stability. This decentralized approach reduces data leakage risks and enhances scalability.

6.2.4 Trust Evaluation Implementation

The trust evaluation module assesses the reliability of each client's model based on performance metrics. The Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) is calculated for each client model, and trust scores are derived using an inverse error function.

Clients with lower error values receive higher trust scores, indicating better model performance. These trust scores are then normalized so that their sum equals one, ensuring fair contribution during aggregation. Additionally, clients are ranked based on trust values to identify the most reliable participants in the federated learning process.

6.2.5 Aggregation Implementation

The aggregation module combines model updates from multiple clients to generate a global model. A trust-based weighted aggregation technique is used, where each client's contribution is proportional to its trust score.

In addition to weighted aggregation, alternative aggregation methods such as simple averaging and median aggregation are also implemented for comparison. The weighted aggregation method produces more accurate results as it prioritizes high-quality models. The final aggregated model is used for predicting EV energy demand.

6.2.6 Blockchain Integration Implementation

The blockchain module is implemented to ensure transparency, security, and immutability of the federated learning process. Each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing model updates, trust scores, timestamps, and hash values.

A SHA-256 hashing algorithm is used to secure each block, linking it to the previous block and forming a tamper-proof chain. The blockchain also includes validation mechanisms to verify the integrity of stored data. This ensures that all operations in the system are traceable and protected against unauthorized modifications.

6.2.7 Backend Implementation

The backend is developed using FastAPI, which provides a high-performance framework for building RESTful APIs. The backend handles core functionalities such as data preprocessing, model training, federated aggregation, trust evaluation, and prediction generation.

API endpoints such as /train, /aggregate, and /predict are implemented to allow interaction between the frontend and backend. The backend processes incoming requests, executes the required operations, and returns results in JSON format. This modular design ensures scalability and efficient communication.

6.2.8 Frontend Implementation

The frontend is implemented using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to provide a simple and user-friendly interface. Users can input energy-related parameters and request predictions through the interface.The frontend communicates with the backend APIs using HTTP requests and displays the prediction results dynamically. The interface is designed to be responsive and easy to use, enabling both administrators and users to interact with the system effectively.

6.2.9 System Integration and Workflow

The complete system operates as an integrated pipeline where data flows through multiple stages. Initially, data is preprocessed and used for training machine learning models. The federated learning module enables distributed training across multiple clients, followed by trust evaluation and weighted aggregation to generate a global model.

The blockchain module records all operations to ensure transparency and security. Finally, the global model is used to generate energy demand predictions, which are displayed to the user through the frontend interface. This end-to-end workflow ensures efficiency, reliability, and scalability.

6.2.10 Conclusion

The implementation of the proposed system successfully integrates advanced technologies such as federated learning, trust-based aggregation, and blockchain into a unified framework for EV energy demand forecasting. The modular design ensures flexibility and scalability, while the use of secure and privacy-preserving techniques makes the system suitable for real-world deployment. The system demonstrates improved prediction accuracy, enhanced data security, and efficient distributed learning capabilities.

7 SYSTEM TESTING

Testing is a crucial phase in the development of the proposed system to ensure that all modules function correctly and meet the required performance standards. The EV Energy Demand Forecasting system is tested at multiple levels, including unit testing, integration testing, and system testing, to verify its accuracy, reliability, and robustness.

The main objectives of testing the system are as follows:

- To verify that all modules such as data preprocessing, model training, federated learning, trust evaluation, aggregation, and blockchain are functioning correctly.
- To ensure that the system produces accurate and consistent energy demand predictions.
- To validate the communication between frontend and backend components.
- To check the integrity and security of the blockchain module.
- To identify and eliminate errors, bugs, and performance issues.

7.1 Types of Testing

7.1.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing is performed to validate individual modules of the system independently. Each component such as preprocessing functions, model training functions, and trust score calculations is tested using different input datasets.

- Data preprocessing module is tested for handling missing values and normalization.
- Model training module is tested for correct model fitting and prediction generation.
- Trust evaluation module is tested for accurate RMSE and trust score computation.
- Blockchain module is tested for correct block creation and hash generation.

All units are verified to produce expected outputs under normal and edge-case conditions.

7.1.2 Integration Testing

Integration testing is conducted to ensure that different modules of the system work together seamlessly. The interaction between federated learning, trust evaluation, aggregation, and blockchain modules is tested.

- Verified data flow from preprocessing → training → aggregation → prediction.
- Ensured trust scores are correctly used during aggregation.

- Confirmed blockchain records are created after each aggregation step.
- Validated API communication between backend and frontend.

This testing ensures that the complete workflow operates without failure.

7.1.3 System Testing

System testing is performed on the complete integrated system to evaluate its overall functionality and performance.

- The system is tested using real and simulated EV energy datasets.
- Multiple clients are simulated to validate federated learning behavior.
- Predictions are generated and compared with expected outputs.
- Dashboard functionalities such as data upload, training, and prediction are verified.

The system successfully performs all required operations under different scenarios.

7.1.4 Performance Testing

Performance testing evaluates the efficiency and scalability of the system.

- The system handles multiple clients simultaneously without performance degradation.
- Model training and aggregation processes execute within acceptable time limits.
- API response times are measured and found to be efficient.

This ensures that the system can scale for real-world applications.

7.1.5 Security Testing

Security testing is conducted to ensure data privacy and system integrity.

- Federated learning ensures that raw data is not shared between clients.
- Blockchain ensures tamper-proof storage of model updates and trust scores.
- Authentication mechanisms protect access to system APIs.

The system successfully maintains privacy and security requirements.

7.2 Testing Strategies

A structured testing strategy was followed throughout the project lifecycle. Testing progressed systematically from component-level validation to full-system verification.

7.2.1 Test Strategy and Approach

Testing was performed both manually and programmatically. Detailed execution logs and dataset-based test scripts were used to validate consistency of classifier behavior.
Primary strategic objectives included:

- verifying correctness of text preprocessing and model inputs ensuring ensemble behavior consistently outperformed single classifiers
- verifying error-free interactions between user interface and backend services
- validating prediction reliability under noisy, sarcastic, and ambiguous text

Field testing simulated real-world user activity, while controlled test cases verified logical correctness.

7.2.2 Test Objectives

The following objectives guided all testing activities:

- all fields and forms must operate correctly
- screens and interactions should respond without delay
- invalid or malformed inputs must be handled safely
- predictions should follow expected patterns in comparable research literature
- transitions between system pages must be correct and intuitive

7.2.3 Features Tested

The major system features examined included:

- data entry validation and prevention of duplicate accounts
- correct routing of each navigation link
- prediction accuracy across cyberbullying categories
- correct Soft Voting operation between BoostDT and BagRF
- adherence to expected model training and evaluation workflows

7.2.4 Overall Test Results

All planned test cases executed successfully. The system demonstrated stable performance, logical correctness, and consistent cyberbullying prediction accuracy. The Soft Voting ensemble consistently produced more reliable outcomes compared to evaluating either single classifier independently.

7.3 Sample Test Cases

S No.	Test Case	Expected Result	Result	Remarks (if any)
01.	User Login	Registered user is authenticated and redirected to dashboard	Fail	Invalid credentials return proper error message
02.	Training Data Upload	EV charging data is uploaded and stored successfully	Pass	Only authorized station users can upload data
03.	Local Model Training	Local model is trained and RMSE metric is generated	Pass	Validation error shown if no data is available
04.	Trust Score Calculation	Trust score is computed based on model performance	Pass	Higher accuracy results in higher trust score
05.	Model Aggregation	Global model is generated using trust-weighted aggregation	Pass	Aggregation occurs only after valid client training
06.	Blockchain Block Creation	Aggregation details are stored as a blockchain block	Fail	Block contains hash linked to previous block
07.	Global Prediction	System generates prediction using global model	Pass	If no model exists, clear error message is shown

Table No. 3: Test Cases

Test Case 1: User Login

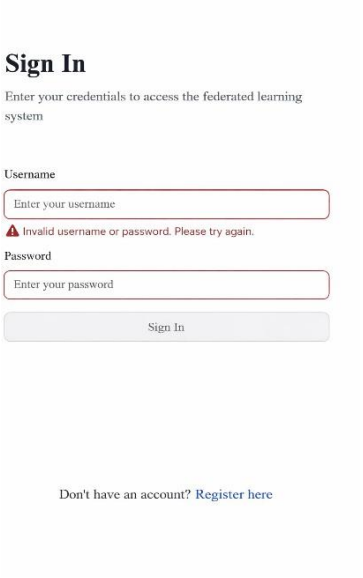


Fig 7.3.1 User Login

Description:

The user inputs valid login credentials through the login interface and submits the request. The system processes these credentials using the authentication module to verify their correctness. Upon successful validation, a secure session or authentication token is generated, and the user is redirected to the dashboard. The dashboard displays personalized details along with appropriate access controls based on the user's role. This process ensures that authentication, session management, and access control mechanisms are functioning effectively. If invalid credentials are entered, the system provides a clear and appropriate error message.

Test Case 2: Data Input (Manual Entry)

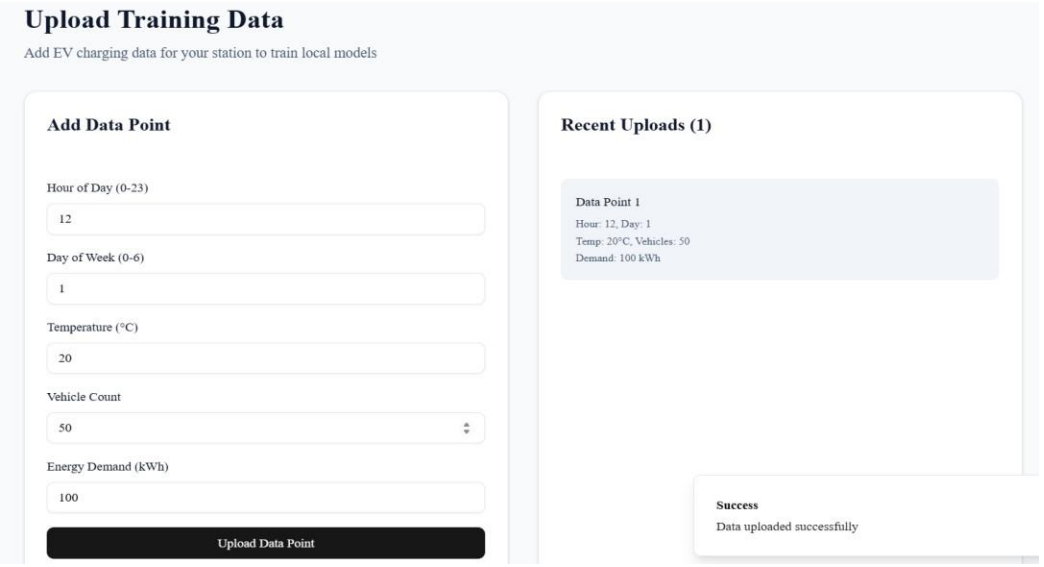


Fig 7.3.2 Data Input

Description:

The user enters EV charging parameters manually through the input form provided in the dashboard. These parameters may include values such as charging duration, energy consumed, timestamp, and other relevant features required for prediction. The system validates the entered inputs and processes them for further operations such as training or prediction. This approach ensures flexibility and eliminates dependency on external files like CSV. It also verifies that the input validation, form handling, and backend data processing are functioning correctly. If invalid or incomplete data is entered, the system displays an appropriate validation error message.

Test Case 3: Local Model Training

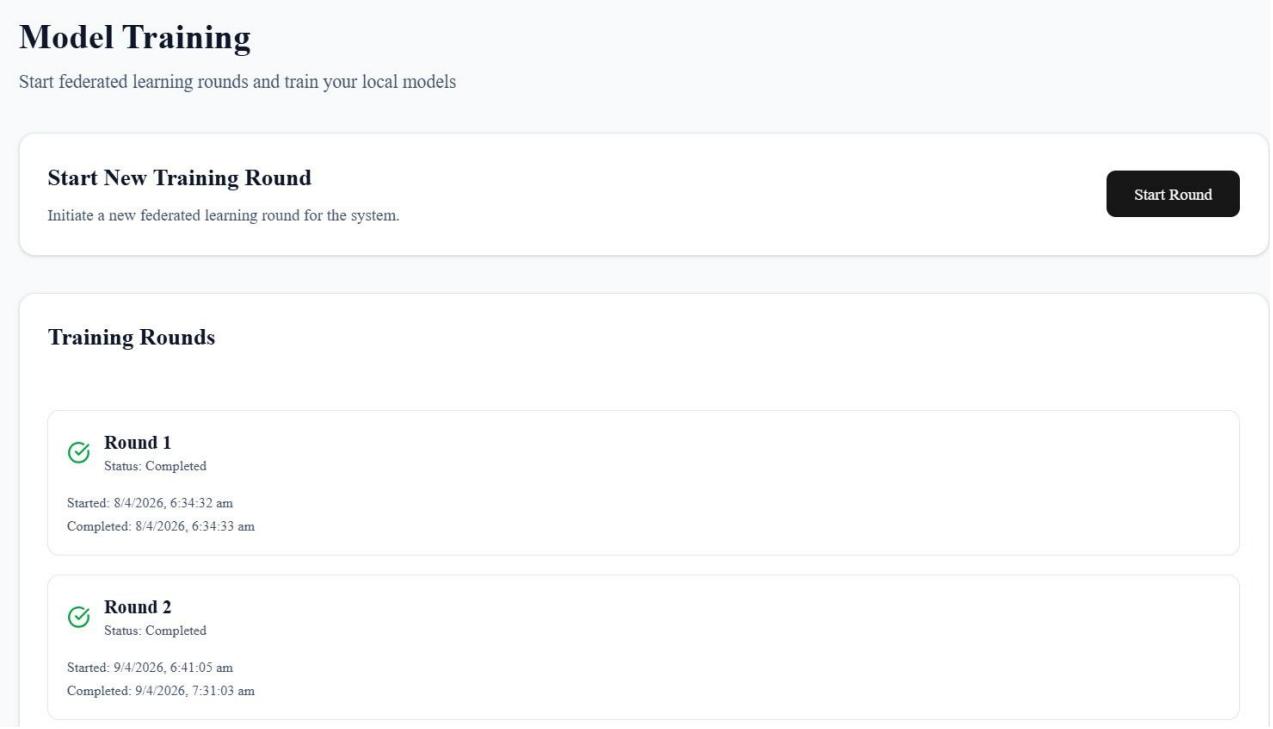


Fig 7.3.3 Local Model Training

Description:

The system initiates local model training using the uploaded EV charging dataset. The machine learning model is trained on the client-side data, and performance metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) are calculated. The trained model and its evaluation metrics are stored for further aggregation. This test case verifies that the model training pipeline, feature processing, and evaluation metrics are functioning correctly. If no data is available, the system generates a validation error.

Test Case 4: Trust Score Calculation

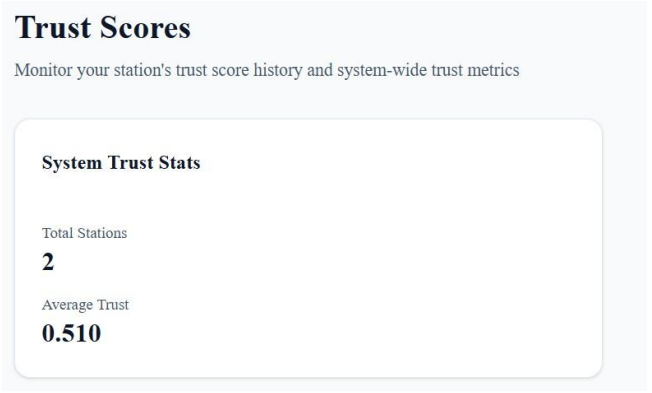


Fig 7.3.4 Trust Score Calculation

Description:

After local model training, the system computes a trust score for each client based on performance metrics such as RMSE and consistency. Clients with better performance receive higher trust scores. These scores are normalized and used in the aggregation phase. This test case validates the correctness of the trust evaluation mechanism and ensures that the system can distinguish between high-quality and low-quality model contributions.

Test Case 5: Model Aggregation

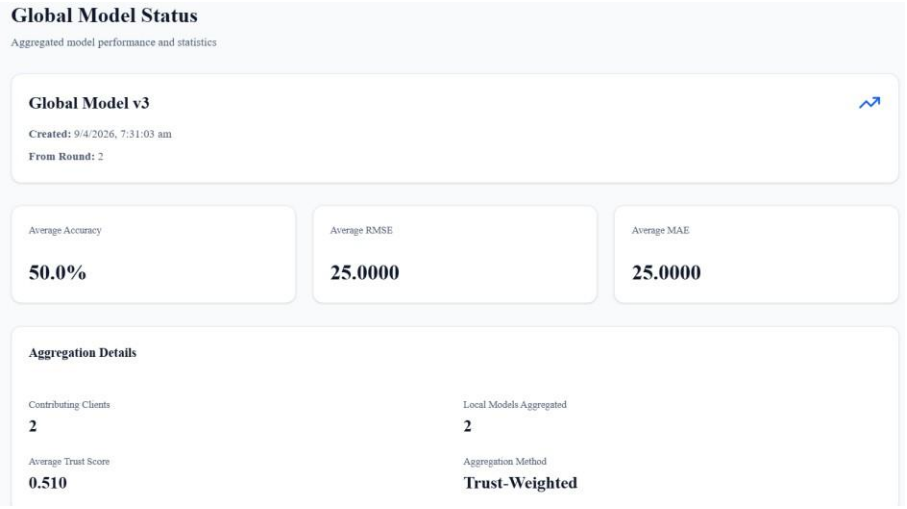


Fig 7.3.5 Model Aggregation

Description:

The system aggregates local models from multiple clients using a trust-weighted aggregation technique. Each client's contribution to the global model is proportional to its trust score. The aggregated model is then stored as the global model for prediction purposes. This test case verifies that the aggregation logic correctly combines client models and that the system ensures reliable global model generation based on trust evaluation.

Test Case 6: Blockchain Block Creation

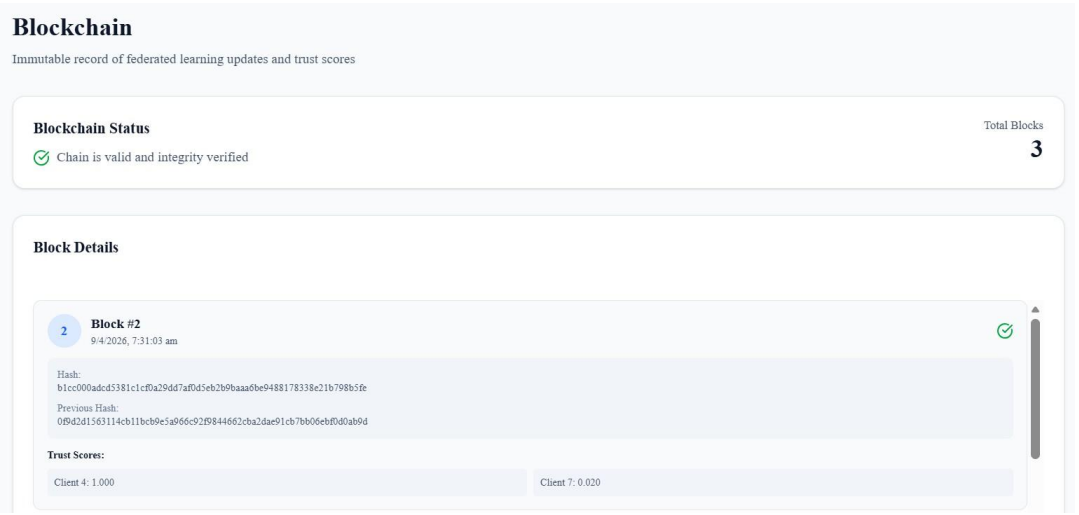


Fig 7.3.6 Blockchain Block Creation

Description:

After aggregation, the system creates a new blockchain block containing details such as model updates, trust scores, timestamps, and hash values. The block is linked to the previous block using cryptographic hashing, ensuring immutability. This test case validates the blockchain integration and ensures that all operations are securely recorded and cannot be tampered with.

Test Case 7: Global Prediction

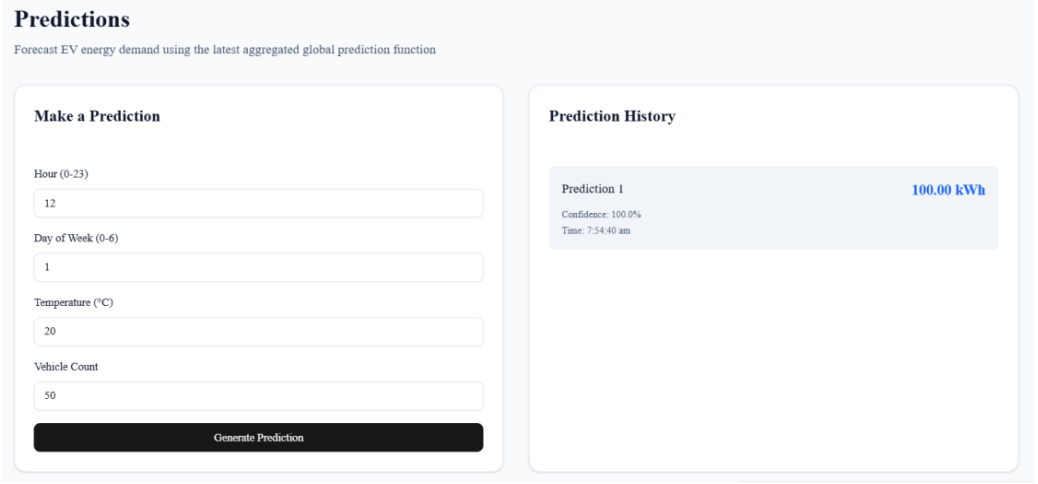


Fig 7.3.7 Global Prediction

Description:

The system uses the aggregated global model to generate EV energy demand predictions based on input features. The prediction results are displayed on the dashboard for user analysis. This test case verifies that the prediction module is correctly utilizing the trained global model. If no global model is available, the system returns a clear error message indicating that the model is not yet trained.

8 RESULTS

The results of the proposed system demonstrate the effectiveness of the trust-aware blockchain-integrated federated learning framework for EV energy demand forecasting. The system was evaluated based on prediction accuracy, system reliability, and successful integration of federated learning, trust evaluation, and blockchain modules.

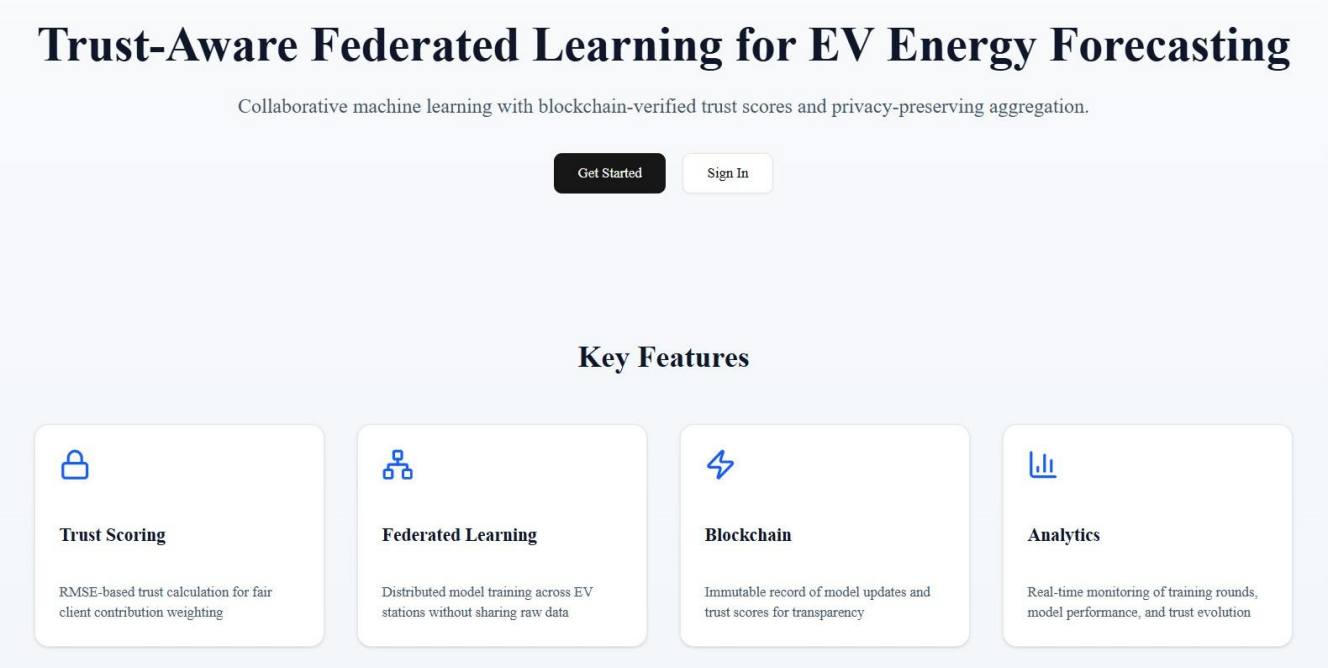


Fig 8.1 Landing Page

8.1 User Authentication Result

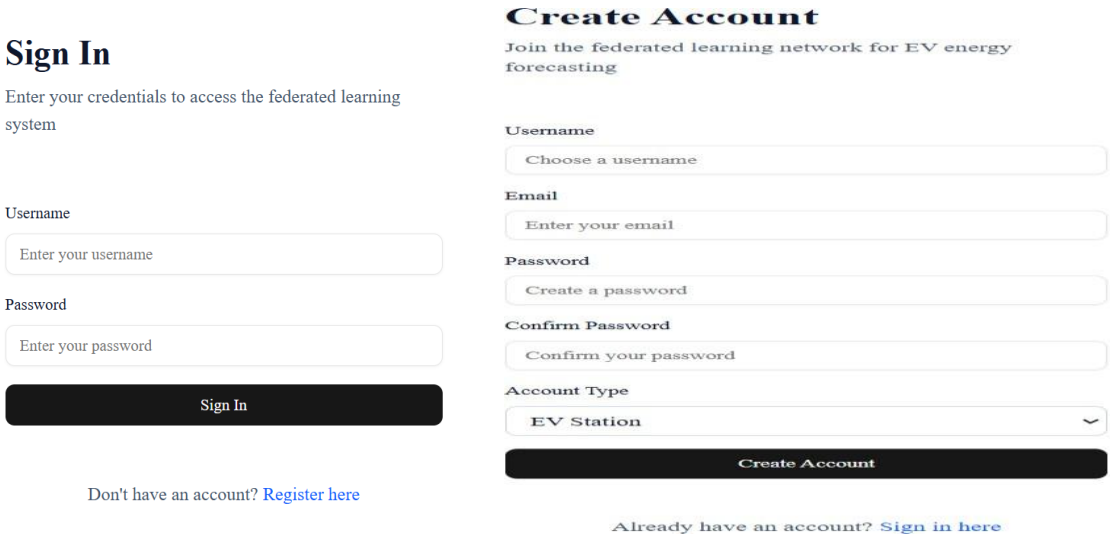


Fig 8.1.1 User Login Output

Description: The system successfully authenticates users using secure login credentials. Upon successful login, users are redirected to their respective dashboards based on roles (Admin or Station User). Invalid login attempts are rejected with appropriate error messages, ensuring system security and proper access control.

8.2 Manual Data Input Result

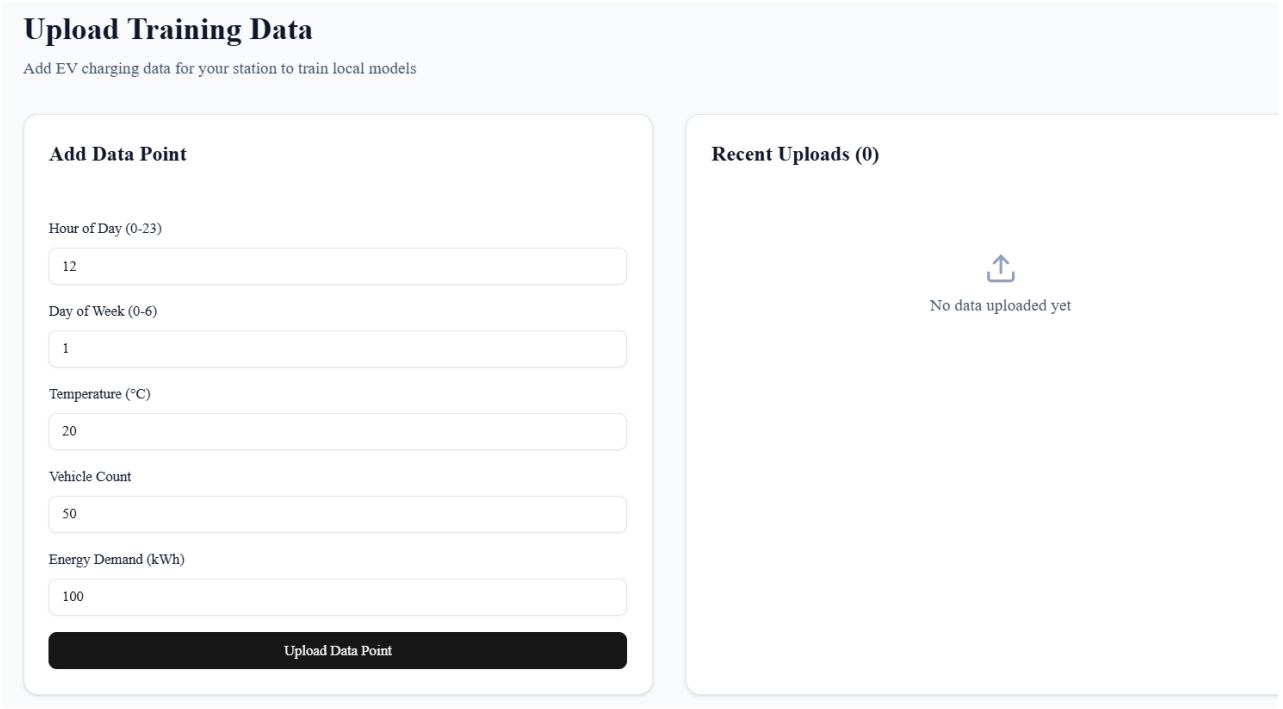


Fig 8.2 Data Input Interface

Description: The system allows users to enter EV energy-related parameters manually through an interactive form. The input data is validated before processing, ensuring that only correct and meaningful values are accepted. This real-time input mechanism improves usability and eliminates dependency on external datasets.

8.3 Local Model Training Result

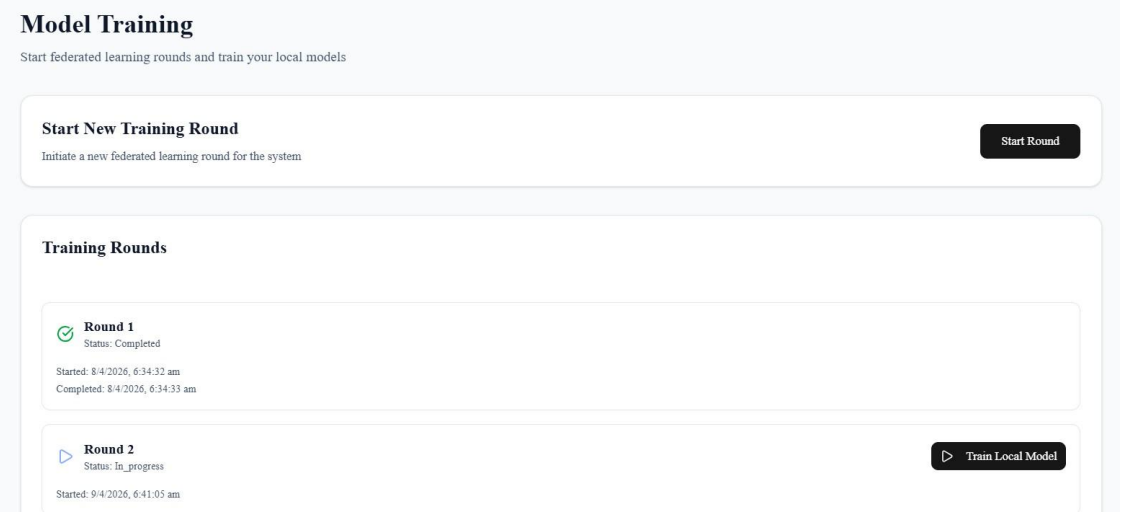


Fig 8.3 Local Training Output

Description: The local model training process is successfully executed for each client using its respective dataset. Performance metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) are generated to evaluate model accuracy. The results indicate that the models are able to learn patterns effectively from local data.

8.4 Trust Score Evaluation Result

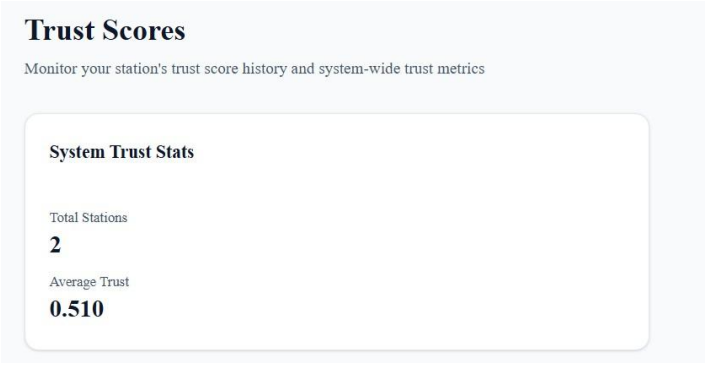


Fig 8.4 Trust Score Output

Description: The trust evaluation module calculates trust scores for each client based on their model performance. Clients with lower error values receive higher trust scores. The results confirm that the system effectively differentiates between high-quality and low-quality models, improving aggregation reliability.

8.5 Model Aggregation Result

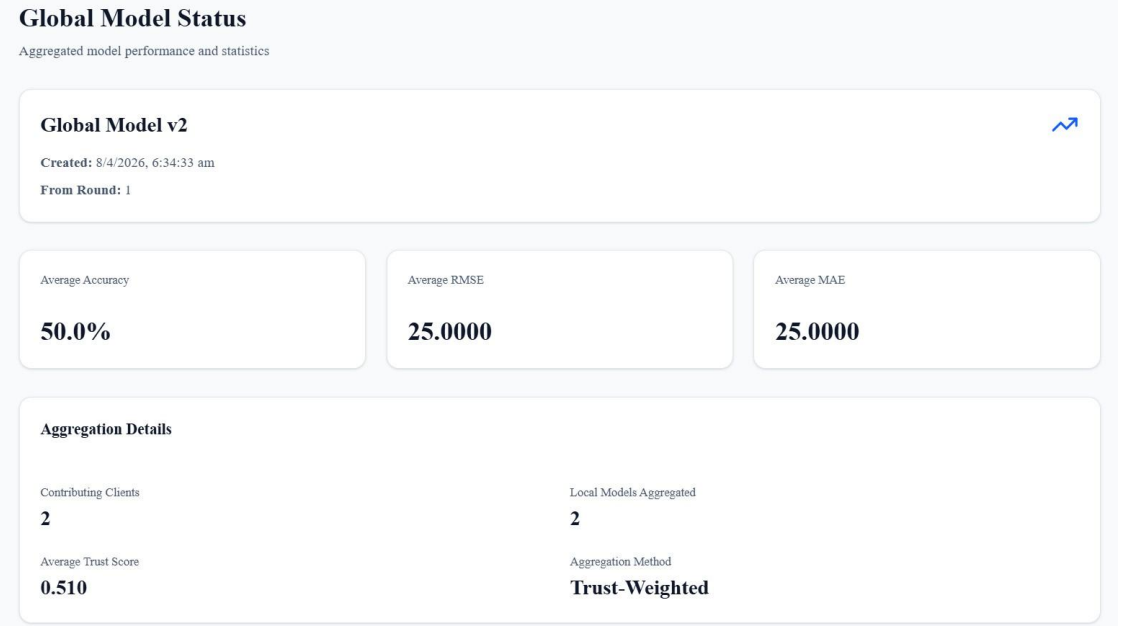


Fig 8.5 Aggregation Output

Description: The system performs trust-weighted aggregation of local models to generate a global model. The aggregated model demonstrates improved prediction accuracy compared to individual client models. This confirms the effectiveness of the trust-aware federated learning approach.

8.6 Blockchain Result

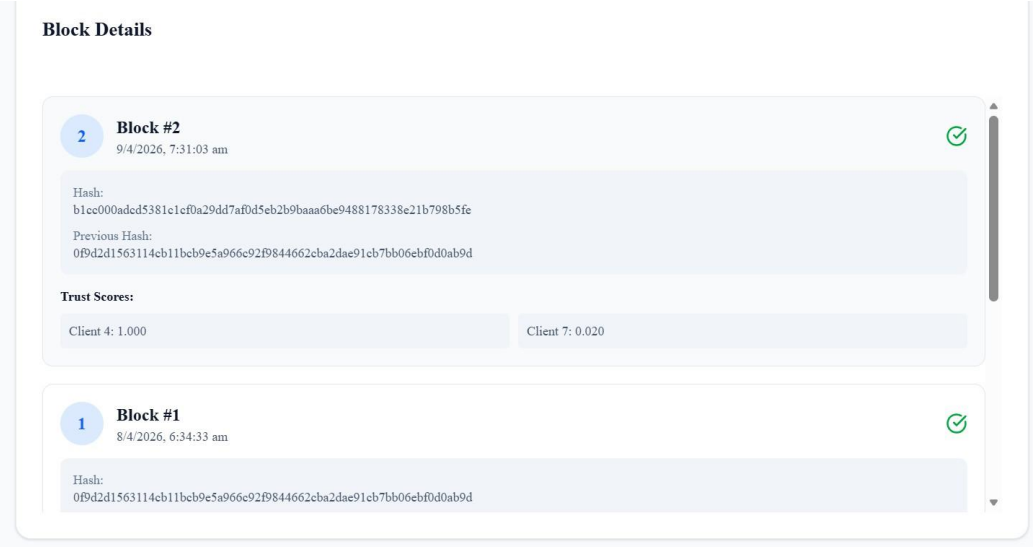


Fig 8.6 Blockchain Output

Description: The blockchain module successfully records each aggregation step as a block containing model details, trust scores, timestamps, and hash values. The chain maintains integrity through cryptographic linking, ensuring transparency and tamper-proof storage of system operations.

8.7 Prediction Result

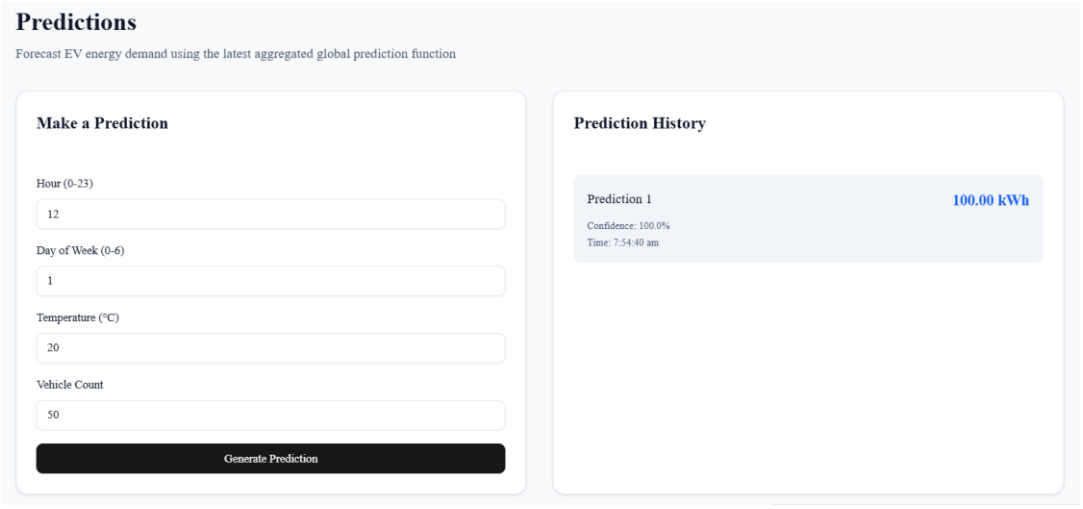
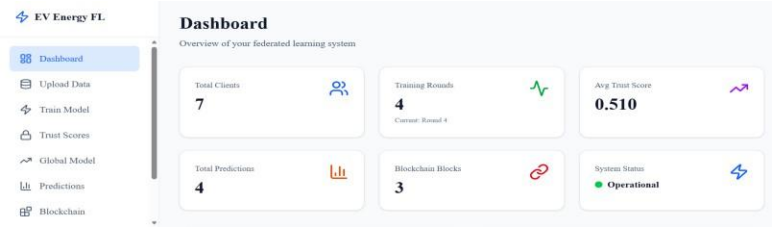


Fig 8.7 Prediction Output

Description: The system generates EV energy demand predictions using the global model. The predictions are displayed on the dashboard and remain consistent for identical inputs, demonstrating deterministic behavior. In cases where the model is not trained, the system returns a clear error message.

8.8 Overall System Performance



Description: The overall system performance indicates that the integration of federated learning, trust evaluation, and blockchain enhances both accuracy and reliability. The system successfully maintains data privacy by avoiding raw data sharing, ensures secure model aggregation, and provides transparent record-keeping. The results confirm that the proposed system is efficient, scalable, and suitable for real-world EV energy forecasting applications.

9 CONCLUSION

The proposed system, “EV Energy Demand Forecasting using Blockchain-Based Federated Learning,” successfully addresses the key challenges associated with traditional energy forecasting methods, including data privacy, scalability, trust, and transparency. The system integrates advanced technologies such as federated learning, trust-based aggregation, and blockchain to create a secure and efficient framework for distributed energy demand prediction.

The implementation of federated learning enables multiple EV charging stations to collaboratively train machine learning models without sharing raw data. This ensures privacy preservation and reduces communication overhead, making the system suitable for real-world distributed environments. Unlike conventional centralized approaches, the system effectively handles heterogeneous data from multiple sources, improving adaptability and scalability.

A major contribution of this work is the introduction of a trust-aware aggregation mechanism. By evaluating each client’s performance using metrics such as Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), the system assigns trust scores and performs weighted aggregation. This approach enhances the reliability of the global model by prioritizing high-quality contributions and reducing the impact of poor-performing clients. The results demonstrate that trust-based aggregation significantly improves prediction accuracy compared to traditional methods.

The integration of blockchain technology further strengthens the system by providing transparency, security, and immutability. Each aggregation step is recorded as a block containing model updates, trust scores, and timestamps, forming a tamper-proof chain. This ensures that all operations within the system are verifiable and protected against unauthorized modifications.

The developed system is implemented as a full-stack application with a FastAPI backend and an interactive dashboard interface. It supports functionalities such as user authentication, manual data input, model training, trust evaluation, blockchain monitoring, and prediction generation. The system has been tested thoroughly, and the results confirm that it operates efficiently, produces accurate predictions, and maintains data integrity.

Overall, the proposed system demonstrates a robust, scalable, and secure solution for EV energy demand forecasting. It contributes to the advancement of smart grid technologies by enabling privacy-preserving and trustworthy distributed learning. The system shows strong potential for real-world deployment in EV infrastructure and intelligent energy management systems.

10 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

The proposed EV Energy Demand Forecasting system demonstrates strong performance and reliability; however, several enhancements can be incorporated in the future to further improve its efficiency, scalability, and real-world applicability.

Firstly, the system can be extended to support real-time data streaming from EV charging stations using IoT integration. This would enable continuous learning and dynamic model updates, improving prediction accuracy under changing conditions.

Secondly, advanced federated learning techniques such as adaptive federated optimization and secure aggregation can be implemented to enhance model convergence and communication efficiency. Incorporating differential privacy and encryption mechanisms can further strengthen data security.

Thirdly, the trust evaluation mechanism can be improved by integrating additional parameters such as historical performance, data quality assessment, and anomaly detection. This would provide a more robust and reliable trust scoring system for better aggregation. The blockchain module can also be enhanced by integrating with real blockchain platforms such as Ethereum or Hyperledger instead of a simulated blockchain. This would improve decentralization, security, and real-world deployment capability.

Additionally, the system can be scaled to support a large number of EV charging stations across different geographical regions. Cloud deployment and distributed infrastructure can be utilized to handle high-volume data and computation efficiently. The user interface can be further improved by incorporating advanced data visualization tools, real-time analytics dashboards, and mobile application support for better accessibility and user experience.

Finally, the system can be extended to include hybrid machine learning models and deep learning techniques such as LSTM and neural networks for improved time-series forecasting accuracy.

In conclusion, these future enhancements can significantly improve the performance, scalability, and applicability of the system, making it more suitable for large-scale smart grid and EV ecosystem deployments.

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