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Zusammenfassung

Die Optimierung von Ladestationen für Elektrofahrzeuge (EV) ist ein wichtiger Forschungsbereich bei der Verbesserung der Effizienz, Fairness und Sicherheit von Ladenetzen. Als EV-Einführung wächst weiter, Probleme wie Ressourcenmonopolisierung, unvorhersehbare Nutzungsmuster, und möglicher Systemmissbrauch sind aufgetreten. Um diese Herausforderungen anzugehen, schlagen wir Folgendes vor: neuartiges Framework, das Spieltheorie, dynamische Preisgestaltung, Anomalieerkennung usw. integriert Sichere Datenverarbeitung zur effektiven Verwaltung der Laderessourcen für Elektrofahrzeuge. Unser Modell verwendet a Von Stackelberg inspirierte Preisstrategie zur dynamischen Anpassung der Kosten basierend auf der Nachfrageentwicklung. Bedingungen, die eine gerechte Ressourcenverteilung unter den Benutzern fördern.

In dieser Arbeit stellen wir auch eine Methode zur Erkennung von Anomalien vor, die die Privatsphäre schützt, indem wir Verschlüsselung der AES-Verschlüsselung mit dem maschinellen Lernalgorithmus Isolation Forest. Dieser Ansatz stellt sicher, dass Benutzerdaten sicher bleiben und gleichzeitig bösartige Verhaltensweisen wie Ressourcen- CE-Hortung, die die Netzwerkeffizienz beeinträchtigen kann. Zur Bewertung wurden vier Szenarien getestet Die Leistung des Modells: (1) Preisanstiege zur Beurteilung der Preiselastizität der Benutzer, (2) simulierte Über- Last zur Analyse des Lastausgleichs, (3) dynamische Preisanpassung für Spitzen- und Nebenzeiten Stunden und (4) Ressourcenhortung, um die Wirksamkeit des Anomalieerkennungssystems zu testen Aufrechterhaltung eines fairen Zugangs.

Unsere experimentellen Ergebnisse zeigen, dass das vorgeschlagene Framework die Ves-Ressourcenzuteilung, verringert die Überlastung und erhöht die Systemsicherheit. Diese Forschung bietet eine robuste, skalierbare Lösung zur Optimierung der Verwaltung von Ladestationen für Elektrofahrzeuge, Beitrag zur nachhaltigen und benutzerfreundlichen Ladeinfrastruktur.

Abstract

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station optimization is a critical area of research aimed at enhancing the efficiency, fairness, and security of charging networks. As EV adoption continues to grow, issues such as resource monopolization, unpredictable usage patterns, and potential system abuse have emerged. To address these challenges, we propose a novel framework that integrates game theory, dynamic pricing, anomaly detection, and secure data processing to manage EV charging resources effectively. Our model utilizes a Stackelberg-inspired pricing strategy to dynamically adjust costs based on demand conditions, encouraging equitable resource distribution among users.

In this work, we also introduce a privacy-preserving anomaly detection method by combining AES encryption with the Isolation Forest machine learning algorithm. This approach ensures that user data remains secure while detecting malicious behaviors, such as resource hoarding, which can disrupt network efficiency. Four scenarios were tested to evaluate the models performance: (1) price surges to assess user price elasticity, (2) simulated overload to analyze load balancing, (3) dynamic pricing adjustment for peak and off-peak hours, and (4) resource hoarding to test the anomaly detection systems effectiveness in maintaining fair access.

Our experimental results demonstrate that the proposed framework significantly improves resource allocation, mitigates congestion, and enhances system security. This research provides a robust, scalable solution for optimizing EV charging station management, contributing to sustainable and user-friendly charging infrastructure.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

With the advancement in technology and the rising demand of electric vehicles in the market the common issue arising from its infrastructure is the need to establish the most efficient way of managing and putting into efficient use the charging points that have been put in place [88]. Although electric mobility is considered to be the propeller towards fulfilling sustainability objectives and decreasing carbon footprint, the market for charging stations has not developed in pace with the increasing market demand. Another major challenge is the effectiveness of charging stations and these especially cause long waiting queues, charging inconveniences, and generally, poor systems performance during surge time [52].

This characteristic is mainly associated with the nature of electric vehicle batteries which are most commonly Lithium-ion batteries and reduces the charging rate as charge approaches the top limit [15]. This results in such a scenario where an EV will take a long time to charge perhaps when the driver wants to refill the battery completely, thus grabbing the charging stations for a long duration. In high-demand areas, such inefficiencies lead to a lower turnover of charging stations, longer waiting times and hence, low customer satisfaction. Also, charging service providers also suffer from lost revenues unhappy with the long time that their vehicles occupy charging stations as well as wastage of resources [83]. This challenge offers the best opportunity to work on from both the consumer side and the provider side. The challenge is to meet these expectations to which end, the objective of this thesis is to design a model that can achieve the optimal turnover rate of EV charging stations with the help of game theory mechanism.

Similar issues have been discussed in the previous literature through game theory. For instance, one study used a mixed integer model that was based on the game theory in charging station location decision with extra user and provider costs being reduced. This model took into account aspects like the time that a user spends getting to the station and time spent waiting for a provider vehicle, as well as the provider costs incurred in construction and running costs [57]. Another kind of model applied a Stackelberg structure to simulate relationship between charging station suppliers and consumers, where suppliers decide energy prices, while consumers modify their demands. This model aligned user satisfaction with the financial profit of providers demonstrating how game theory can be applied for EV charging interactions [80]

The paper [4]. where the study used a Stackelberg pricing model. In this model, while the network provider dominates the prices to optimise the profits, the users follow in selecting the services. This approach seeks to find the Nash equilibrium that will ensure that the provider has the greatest profitability while at the same time ensuring that there is the greatest utility for the users. The model is very helpful in explaining how differentiated pricing can help in utilizing the available resources fully while at the same time ensuring users are satisfied with the dynamic prices.

One of the most useful models for such a situation is the Stackelberg pricing model, according to which the provider can set prices since these are outside the user control, while user activity in response to these prices is within the providers purview. It can be seen that the ability to have different prices for services offered results in the capability to offer different service levels to meet the requirements of the users. This means that it is possible to set prices in a rather dynamic way while at the same time keeping the network profitable, providing users with the possibility to choose the services that would fit their utility function and rationally distribute the resources. In the EV charging scheme, the same pricing strategy can be used whereby the turnover rate of the charging station is optimized to ensure the provider gets maximum returns for the services offered while the other side gets efficient and cheap charging services offered.

In the paper [31], the authors examine the conflict of interest between search engines and content providers when the latter pay for preferences in the search results page, otherwise known as search bias. To this end, the study applies a gammadeetical approach, considering the absolute and strategic advantages of the utilities of all the stakeholders in the case of neutral/ non-neutral concerns in the interactions. Such analysis points to the need for possible regulation of search engine policies on the basis of prejudice displayed in organic searches.

1.1 Motivation

The rapidly growing market for electric vehicles EV around the world thus creates new issues of managing infrastructure about the effectiveness of charging stations. As more vehicles have been converted to electric ones charging stations are being made. Still, the availability of these stations is limited and there is traffic congestion during the rush hour. Another major drawback of todays EV technology is that the charging speed declines as the battery gets charged [61]. This means that even the available charging stations are also occupied for a long by the users charging their electric cars to maximize charging which consequently means that the turnover rate of such stations is low. In areas that receive a lot of traffic, this endorses inefficiency that translates to inconvenience for the buyer and lost sales for the seller [63].

In light of the challenges posed by the current infrastructure and the prohibitive cost of putting up new stations, it has become important to exploit existing charging stations fully. This project aims to solve this problem by establishing a system that equally favours consumers and providers. The goal is to ensure consumers get charging services at the right time while providing maximum station turnaround for the providers to better utilize resources for consumers and improve satisfaction. This problem is a typical case for employing the principles of game theory because both consumers and providers have their interests and have to agree upon the points which provide benefits for both.

1.2 Thesis Goals

The following specific goals will guide the research and development of this project:

- Explore the concept of game theory and its relevance to EV charging station management.
- Develop a simulation environment to model consumer and provider behaviour using Python.
- Analyze the turnover rate of charging points during peak demand periods.
- Evaluate the potential profitability increase for providers through optimized conditions.
- Research methods to prevent malicious behaviors at charging stations.

1.3 Methodology

The approach used in this thesis is to build a simulation in Python that emulates the behaviour of the consumers (EVusers) and the providers (charging station operators) by using game theory. This approach will facilitate forming of the effective and flexible environment for the further development of the charging stations turnover rate with necessary optimization based on the consumers and providers needs.

The first of the steps in the applied research methodology is the traditional undertaking of the literature review. This review will therefore center on research done on the subjects such as the EV charging station optimization, game theory models together with the negotiation strategies. From these studies, an appreciation of the problems and state-of-the-art solutions for managing the EV charging infrastructure will be realized. It is essential in this review to establish the areas that lack empirical evidences and to build the framework for the simulation model.

After the literature review, it is possible to go to the profile creation to emulate various users as well as providers. The two utility users that will be developed for the purpose of illustration come up with user A and user profile B which will depict the users behavior such as the users willingness to release a charging station after a partial charge or the ability of negotiating fees. These profiles will contain such factors as charging thresholds, bargaining strategies, and financial constraints. On the other hand, while developing the plan within the provider profile (C), it will be crucial to increase the turnover at the given company and set the appropriate pricing strategies and charging the percentage fee correspondingly based on the negotiations. The above profiles will promote development of reasonable consumer as well as provider interaction model in different contexts.

After that, the game theory will be used in the next stage to mimic actual interaction between the created profiles. The cooperation between users and providers will be based on the principles of the game theory, which presupposes that everyone will try to get the greatest benefit taking into consideration the interests of other members of the game. The model is also going to incorporate realistic negotiation scenarios where for example users have to reduce charging costs while on the other hand providers are in a bid to maximize on turnover. In view of this, the game theory approach will assist in coming up with a Nash equilibrium common to the two parties.

The next step following the development of the profiles and models relates to the approach of simulation implementation using Python. There will be realism incorporated to the simulation through the use of open-source datasets on EV charging behavior. It will be conducted under different conditions such as peak and off-peak usage periods, different strategies of pricing and customer behavior. This will enable the elaboration of how specific variables affect coverage of station use, customer satisfaction and provider, revenue.

Further, the simulation runs and data collected would lead to the next phase on analysis. Some essential efficiency indicators including the number of charging station usages, customer satisfaction rates, and providers revenues will be collected and investigated. For the analysis, the emphasis will be placed on the assessment of the impact of the proposed game theory-based solution for the improvement of charging station usage and achieving of the balance of interest between consumers and producers.

Finally, issues of security must be taken into consideration in order to be able to protect the proposed system from any form of malice. This is carried out by ensuring the check list is in place, for example, looking for users who charge too many charging stations, or negotiate a charging price inappropriately. Measures will be put in place to avoid such behaviors interferes with the system as much as possible to see that all have intentions usage is fairly served.

In this manner, the thesis shall establish a simulation model that shall be useful in understanding how efficiency on EV charging stations using game theory enhances station turnover and the profitability of the providers while satisfying consumers.

1.4 Research Questions

To guide the simulation and analysis, the following research questions will be explored:

1. How do charging thresholds impact station turnover during peak demand?

2. What pricing strategies maximize provider revenue while maintaining user satisfaction?

3. How can malicious user behavior, such as station hoarding, be identified and mitigated?
4. How does game theory improve the balance between provider profitability and consumer satisfaction?

1.5 Thesis Outline

The organisation of the thesis is made in such a way that it always applies a logical sequence to state the research problem, depict the solution and finally analysing the results. The following chapters outline the work to be completed: The following chapters outline the work to be completed:

Chapter 1: Introduction: In this section, the author explains why the thesis is important, what the study's goals are in addressing the problem at hand, and the approaches employed in the process. They help in creating a way forward towards the rest of the chapters, through outlining the plan of the research.

Chapter 2: Literature Review: The work of literature review in this research shall involve comprehensive research on game theory, EV charging station optimization and similar works. It will highlight the areas of the existing studies that are underdeveloped and offer the theoretical framework for the proposed solution.

Chapter 3: Design: This chapter will explain the game theory model in more detail as well as the simulation that will be developed in Python. It will also elaborate how consumer and provider profile are created and incorporated into the proposed model.

Chapter 4: Implementation: In this chapter, the general content is on the practical development of the simulation. It will contain information about how the coding was done, how the open-source datasets were incorporated and the different scenarios that were simulated.

Chapter 5: Results and Evaluation: This chapter will cover the outcome of the simulation as well as the turnover rate of charging stations, establishments of picking providers and the performance of the system in range. It will also talk about some challenges such as malicious user behaviour and ways to address such threats.

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Future Work: This last chapter will conclude the thesis by presenting the main conclusions of the work whereas the subsequent section will examine the general relevance of the study. We will also show direction for further development such as how to enhance the current system and extension of the model of application to other infrastructure issues.

Chapter 2

Fundamentals

2.1 Background

In this section, I explain the ideas on which the subsequent discussion is based, beginning with the background information. This intends to come up with broad assumptions that will then work as a framework of research and the research results. Below are the major concepts central to this study:The following are major concepts important in this study:

2.1.1 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure

Electric vehicles have emerged as the current trend in transportation systems today due to the desire to have a clean environment and also to minimize the use of hydrocarbon products. With EV integration in society, the need for an effective charging network increases in importance as well [36]. In contrast to the typical fuel stations, there are several issues characteristic of charging stations of electric cars, namely, charging time, energy and availability of the infrastructure.

There is another charging profile of the lithium-ion batteries, which are dominant energy storage systems in most EVs. The tapering effect which comes into play when the charge on the battery has reached a certain level lowers the charging rate and therefore lengthens the time needed fully to charge the battery [45]. This behaviour is very useful, especially in charging station management at particular hours that normally attract many users.

2.1.1.1 The Tapering Effect in Lithium-Ion Batteries

The discharge and tapering effect is defined in terms of slashing down the battery's charging rate as it nears its full capacity. This happens because of the chemistry of lithium-ion batteries and impacts the charging stations turnover in a direct manner. Knowing this effect is crucial in advancing the best models through which charging stations can be priced to ensure optimality of their profits or usage or reduced on wait times [34].

The charging rate r(t) of a lithium-ion battery can be modeled using an exponential decay function, as the rate decreases significantly as the battery fills:r(t) of a lithium-ion battery can be modeled using an exponential decay function, as the rate decreases significantly as the battery fills:

$$r(t) = r_0 e^{-\alpha t}$$

where:

- $r(t)$ is the charging rate at time t,
- r_0 is the initial charging rate,
- α is the decay constant,
- t is the time of charging.

This tapering effect reduces the overall turnover at charging stations, particularly during peak demand periods, resulting in long waiting times for users and reduced profitability for station operators [16].

2.1.2 Optimization Challenges in EV Charging Stations

Areas where this has been witnessed include the rapid demand of EVs that have exerted pressure to the existing charging infrastructure, especially during peak demand [58]. This has posed various difficulties for the charging station providers where they need to consider the structural capacities, the customers and the profitability. These are complex issues augmenting the physical constraints of the structures under consideration with the complexities of user actions, pricing strategies, and demand regulation [59]. Nevertheless the following is a detailed analysis of the above mentioned key challenges.

- Limited Infrastructure

Uniquely, operators of charging stations are often faced with the problem of a fragmented number of charging stations as compared to the rapidly growing market for electric vehicles. As the demand for EVs grows the right charging facilities are still under development to accommodate the growing market. The density of the charging stations is usually low to meet the customer demand mainly in the city or along the high traffic zones. This can cause congestion at the stations where few charging points are available may lead to the users waiting for long hours [21]. Such bottlenecks are particularly felt during the rush hour time that is during weekends or holidays when a large number of people are on the road. This causes substantial user frustration and hinders the perceived convenience of owning an electric vehicle thus reducing the extent of EV uptake [68]. This also lowers the overall productivity of the charging station as the number of chargers affect the capability of the station to attend to each vehicle within a certain time span.

- Charging Duration

Another challenge that has affected the charging stations are the long time taker to fully charge an EV. As for the charging process it is also worthy to note that EVs that employ lithium-ion batteries demonstrated the so-called tapering effect, according to which the rate of charging gradually declines as the battery nears the state of full charge. In essence, it takes a long time for an EV as it is possible to fully charge the battery to a certain level and then charge it to higher levels or the next level of the battery at a much slower rate. This means that its charging process can take a significantly longer period of time thus keeping each vehicle on the charging station for longer time especially during the peak hours when each charger is attempting to charge his vehicle. Therefore, charging terminal turnover is decreased in general, and the number of electrical vehicles that can be charged in a given time period is limited. This not only impacts on the productivity of the station but also on the congestion problem that hampers the users [64]. Throughput has to find solutions to deal with this longer charging duration especially at peak hours to accommodate better services to charging station users.

- Dynamic Pricing

Apart from physical infrastructure and time required to charge the batteries of the electric vehicles, pricing factor also helps to control demand and run the EVCS optimally [23]. Optimistic pricing may be another solution that would help in sharing the load of the charging stations during certain periods of time. In this regard, dynamic pricing refers to the charging rates being changed according to actual time demand of the services. They can also change the price during the same day depending with the traffic that is there for charging during peak hours so that they can discourage people from charging during these periods [5]. On the other hand, the cost can be adjusted downwards during off-peak period as a way of encouraging consumers to charge their vehicles during the period when the demand is relatively low. Such a pricing structure has the potential of averaging the consumption rate in the course of the day hence making stations less congested and efficient in their utilization.

However, dynamic pricing needs special attention regarding customers behavior and expectations. This may lead to users charging their devices at strange times due to the high costs or switched to other stations in case of high prices, which will affect the overall revenue of the operator. At the same time, if fares are set at off-peak rates, for example, it is possible that stations whose revenues do not meet the expenses will appear. Thus, the strategies of dynamic pricing have to be quite fair in order to maximize the station operators profit while keeping the service affordable for users and conveniently integrated with everyday life. In this way, station operators get better results in regard to the expected ratings and may set more suitable price recommendations [56].

Therefore, it is evident that current optimization issues associated with EV charging stations include, limited infrastructure, longer charging times resulting from the tapering effect, and the requirement for pricing control based on demand. To effectively address these issues, solutions must be innovative enough to take into account structural constraints of the infrastructures involved and the financial factors that affect the usage of the systems by end-users. Problems mentioned above can be solved by Game theory and models such as Stackelberg Pricing Model as the latter allows operators to flexibly adapt the pricing and stimulate rational usage of charges, and maximize the turnover rate or profitability of EVCS.

2.1.3 Game Theory and Pricing Models for EV Charging

Game theory provides a very effective tool because it is applied in situations where there are many players, and in most cases, their objectives may be opposite. To illustrate this, game theory can be especially applied to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations where it is possible to analyze the interactions between charging site owners and EV drivers [89]. The relationship between these two groups can then be viewed in game theoretical terms with station operators trying to make as much money as possible and EV users on the other hand trying to spend as much time as little as possible charging their cars. Game theory tools enables one to develop equilibrial solutions that produce the best expected pay-off for each participant [55]. Among the different types of price models to use in the pricing of EV charging, it is most relevant to use the Stackelberg Pricing Model since it entails the leader follower structure of the charging station operators (leaders) and EV consumers (followers) [12].

2.1.3.1 The Stackelberg Pricing Model

The Stackelberg Pricing Model is a particular type of leadership prest Type of followers game that deals with the operations of the charge stations for EVs. In this model, the charging station operators, as the leaders, are assigning dynamic price to the charging services. These strategies are to get the maximum of their utility while anticipating the reactions of EV users who are the followers in this context [75]. The response to the prices set by charging station operators is given by the followers (EV users) who make choices on when to charge their vehicles and how many kWhs to charge with. The rationale for this decision-making process is based on the assumption also known as the rationality assumption where the users of electricity vehicles (EV) are sovereign utilities that will act in the best interest of the operators by choosing when and where to charge their vehicle depending on the price set by the operators [14].

Therefore, the ultimate objective of the Stackelberg model is to reach this point of equilibrium where both the charging station operators, the EV users get an optimal solution. These are achieved fairly in a balanced way which optimizes the profit of the operator while at the same time users are not discouraged from using the available charging services. While doing so, it also makes it possible for the users to get the maximum benefits out of charging process no matter if they put priority on cost or time [35]. Consequently, the model attempts to satisfy both the operators requirement of having adequate profit to sustain their business and the user expectations, as the price is fair and does not overburden the customers [60].

- **Leaer-Follower Game Structure**

In the Stackelberg game, one player has information advantage and moves first-known as the leader, in this game the leader is the operator of the charging station. There is a need to highlight that the operator determines the price P for charging services that can be set flexibly depending on the demand, time of day or some other indicators that reflect charging point availability. After the price is fixed, the followers (the participants using EV) decide when to get charged and for how long while aiming at the lowest possible charging cost [6].

The relationship between the charging station operator and EV users can be modeled as follows:

1. **Operators Objective:** The profit maximization is the charging station operators objective when deciding on the rate to be implemented P, thereby considering how users will behave given the above price which has been proposed [8]. If the price is set high the users may fail to use the station or charge for shorter periods therefore making a loss. If the price is too low, though there can be more number of users, the operator may not be able to generate enough revenues to accommodate operating costs and investments in the infrastructure.

2. **Users Objective:** The goal of an EV user is to get the least amount of money that they spend on the overall charging C, that is the effect of the price P set by the operator and the amount of time t required to charge their vehicle ACs necessary to power up their cars thereby implying that electric cars are likely to be owned by the wealthy group of people to charge their machines. Rational EV users will try to maximise their charging by either charging at a time when the price is cheap or decrease the amount of time they charge when prices are high [44].

The total cost for a user can be expressed by the following equation:

For the total cost incurred by the user:

$$C = P \cdot t$$

Where:

- C is the total cost incurred by the user,
- P is the price per unit of charging time set by the operator,
- t is the duration for which the user charges their EV.

For the profit function based on the price set and the number of users utilizing the charging service:

$$\text{Profit} = P \cdot t \cdot N$$

Where:

- P is the price per unit time for charging,
- t is the charging time for a single user,
- N is the total number of users utilizing the charging station.

Therefore, to achieve the maximum level of profitability, all these factors are with the charging station operator [47]. If the price is set too high, then the number of users who will charge will reduce and this will be followed by a small number of users charging N, while if it set low, even though the desired number of users might be reached, the actual revenue per user might not be adequate enough for the company's revenue to sustain it [30]. This between the price, usage and time forms the major basis of the Stackelberg leader-follower model.

- **Equilibrium Pricing**

The Stackelberg Pricing Model is designed to seek out that point of optimality or the point where the charging station operator and the ev charging users are both best off being charged the amount that is perfect for the charging station operator and one that is optimal for the users of the public charging infrastructure. Hence, the charging station operator can attain the highest profitability in this equilibrium while at the same time the price for the service does not deter users from charging their vehicles.

The market price is most frequently called the equilibrium price or simply marked by the letter P^*. The equilibrium is a situation where a customers willingness to pay or bid price is the greatest for the telecom operator while the price offered to the users is the greatest for their utility [84]. It can be obtained based on the solution of the operators profit maximization problem taking into account of the users activity. Mathematically, the operator aims to maximize the following profit function:

$$\max_{P} (P \cdot t \cdot N)$$

Subject to the constraint that users' utility is maximized. The users' utility typically depends on the cost they incur, which is a function of the price P, and their charging needs. Users respond rationally to the price P, adjusting their charging time t accordingly.

At equilibrium, the price P^* ensures that the users continue to charge their vehicles without being put off by high costs and, at the same time, the operator makes his maximum profit. Thus, the equilibrium pricing strategy can be further elaborated with other factors like the elasticity of demand (in other words, users sensitivity to the rates) and the presence of other types of charging.

It is also possible to explain differentiated services whereby the operator offers different prices to users depending on the charging speed or station availability as the theory of the Stackelberg equilibrium. To be specific, an efficient charging service can be charged at a higher rate compared to a slow charging service provision. It makes possible the options for the price structure and assists in using the price to meet the various needs of the EV users in ways that enhance profitability and user satisfaction at the same time.

- **Practical Applications**

The information given below will illustrate the real-life usage of the Stackelberg Pricing Model especially in the management of the EV charging stations. Pricing is suggested to be dynamic and game theoretical to enable charging station operators to counterbalance peak hours demand, minimize congestion in these stations and maximize their revenues. On the same note, the EV users also enjoy improved pricing transparency and charging flexibility that can be aligned to their needs and preferences and hence charge their vehicles in a way that is cheaper and more convenient.

This inter connectivity between operators and users comprises a foundation for the more optimal and sustainable EV charging infrastructures, which are essential as the central utilisation of electric cars emerges. Through all these game-theoretic models such as Stackelberg, the charging station can be charged efficiently in the best order and the right prices that reflect the users behavior leading to efficiency in the utilization of the available infrastructure by the users.

2.1.3.2 The Cournot Competition Model

The Cournot Competition Model for its namesake, the French economist Antoine Augustin Cournot, is an elementary framework in political economy concerning firms that participate in quantity competition, i.e., compete not through prices of their products, but rather through quantities. In the context of charging stations for EVs this model can be used to explain how different charging station operators/firms decide on the quantity of the charging service to produce- for instance available charging locations or amount of energy [28].

This is in contrast to the structure where the price is directly controlled by an individual firm This is the principle feature that distinguishes the Cournot model from other models of competition that can be used to assess the competitive structure of service industries. It has become obvious that every firm acts under the belief that its competitors quantities will remain constant and decides the best course of action concerning the quantities to offer in a bid to maximize profits. This means that all the firms decision makings reach a market equilibrium whereby the total supplied by all these firms dictates the prevailing price [86].

Key Assumptions:

1. Firms Compete on Quantity: Every firm (charging station operator) decides a quantity of charging capacity or energy to provide.
2. Market Price Depends on Total Quantity: It means that the price of charging is based on the total amount of energy or charging places offered by all the firms [72].
3. Firms Have Market Power: Every firm knows that its production decision would impact on the total market price but at the same time believes that its rivals will also not adjust the quantity they will produce based on the decision made by the firm.

4. Firms Aim to Maximize Profit: Many firms want to find the level of service supply which will be the most profitable for it considering the total amount of supply by other firms.

- **Application to EV Charging Stations:**

As for EVCS, multiple actors (firms) engage in competition by choosing how much Charged Capacity (such as the number of charging points or energy throughputs) they wish to provide. The cost that the Users of EVs pay to charge their devices is dependent on the total charging capacity that is available in the charging ecosystem. Theuer or energy delivered by the operators will have a direct relation to the number of charging spots and the price that will be charged to the user will go down with the increase in supply [53].

- **Market Demand and Price**

The price P of charging services is determined by the total quantity Q of services provided by all firms. The market demand function can be written as:

$$P(Q) = a - bQ$$

Where:

- $P(Q)$ is the market price,
- a is the intercept of the demand curve (representing the highest price consumers are willing to pay when the quantity supplied is zero),
- b is the slope of the demand curve (representing how much the price decreases as quantity increases),
- Q is the total quantity of services supplied in the market.

- **Firm's Profit Function**

Each firm i provides a quantity q_i of charging services. The total quantity provided by all firms is the sum of the quantities provided by each firm:

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i$$

Where:

- Q is the total quantity of services provided by all n firms,

- q_i is the quantity provided by firm i,
- n is the total number of firms (charging station operators).

The revenue of firm i is the market price $P(Q)$ multiplied by the quantity it provides q_i:

$$R_i = P(Q) \cdot q_i = (a - bQ) \cdot q_i$$

Each firm's profit π_i is the revenue minus its costs. Assuming that each firm has a constant marginal cost c per unit of service, the profit function for firm i is:

$$\pi_i = (a - bQ) \cdot q_i - c \cdot q_i$$

Substituting $Q = \sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i$, the profit function becomes:

$$\pi_i = \left(a - b \sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i \right) \cdot q_i - c \cdot q_i$$

- **Cournot-Nash Equilibrium**

The Cournot-Nash equilibrium occurs when each firm chooses its quantity q_i such that its profit is maximized, given the quantities chosen by all other firms. To find the equilibrium, we take the derivative of the profit function with respect to q_i and set it equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial q_i} = a - bQ - bq_i - c = 0$$

Solving for q_i, we get:

$$q_i = \frac{a - c}{2b} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} q_j$$

In a symmetric Cournot equilibrium (where all firms choose the same quantity, i.e., $q_1 = q_2 = \cdots = q_n$), we have:

$$q_i = \frac{a - c}{b(n + 1)}$$

Thus, the total quantity Q provided by all firms is:

$$Q = \frac{n(a - c)}{b(n + 1)}$$

Finally, the market price at equilibrium is:

$$P(Q) = a - bQ = a - \frac{n(a-c)}{n+1}$$

In the Cournot model of charging station, each operator decides on the quantity of a charging service to produce [54], while the market price is set by total quantity available from all the operators. The model suggests that the extent of services and price in equilibrium, will increase with the number of firms. Nevertheless, each of the firms has to consider how it is going to satisfy demand for the provision of a greater number of services and, at the same time, avoid compromising on the amount of profit it is going to make by offering the services at lower price rates [20].

This model is more relevant in management of EV charging stations when numerous players provide many levels of charging capability in the market. Knowing equilibrium outcomes allows the operators learn how to weigh their decisions on the amount of capacity they should open up given competitor behaviour [32].

2.1.3.3 The Bertrand Competition Model

The Bertrand competition model is a model applied to depict the relationship between firms that engage in price tussle instead of quantity. In this model, any given firm (charge station operator) chooses a price at which it intends to sell its service, while the consumers (users of electric vehicles) freely select the charge station with the lowest price [69]. This can lead to What this can lead to is intensified price rivalry where prices may be competed down to average cost, especially where the products and services delivered are identical, and customers are perfectly informed.

By definition, Bertrand competition can take place in case of several charging station operators who offer very similar service, namely charging electricity service, and compete mainly by price. The most critical assumption here is that every consumer always goes for the charging station that is cheapest given that all stations are expected to have similar service provisions and equipment accessibility [42].

- **Main qualities of the Bertrand Model:**

1. Price-setting competition: In Bertrand model, it is assumed that the competition between the firms it in the form of price competition where the prices are set at the same time. Every firm chooses this price with the aim of achieving the highest profit, in light of other firms prices.

2. **Homogeneous product:** In the case of the Bertrand model, the product that is supplied by all firms in the industry is homogenous and in this case it would apply to electricity that is supplied in charging the EVs. As the product is basically standardized across firms, the only key decision a consumer makes is based on price.

3. **Perfect information**: The consumer has complete information and this means that they get to know the price being offered at every station for the commodity in question and end up buying at the station offering the cheapest price.

4. **No capacity constraints:** More, the Bertrand model usually assumes that the firms are perfectly capable of satisfying all the consumers needed demand at this price. This means that, whoever is ready to charge the least amount of money for it can monopolize the market.

- **The Bertrand Price Competition**

Let there be two charging station operators that operate in the market: Firm A and Firm B They both decide on the price for charging service at the same time, symbolised by pA and pB respectively. This means that the consumers will decide on the firm that has the lowest price [22].

The premise of the Bertrand model is that if both firms set the same price they will consume equal market share. However if one of the firms decides to slightly undercut the other firm he will end up with all the business. This makes the situation strategic in the sense that each firm has an undue self-interest in seeking to undercut the other and ultimately leads to what is known as the pricewar.

- **Firm's Profit Function**

Each firm is able to make certain profit which is a function of its price, quantity of users it attracts, and costs. For the sake of analysis let each firm in the industry have the same constant marginal cost c per unit of charging service(per time unit).

2.1.3.4 The Nash Equilibrium Model

The Nash Equilibrium is a fundamental concept in non-cooperative game theory, where participants make decisions independently, aiming to maximize their own outcomes while considering the decisions of others. In the context of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, the two main players are EV users and charging station operators [49] and [41].

In this non cooperative game model the strategy of each ev user is denoted as s i where i represents the i th user the strategy could involve the selection of a particular charging station the time of charging or the amount of charging needed similarly the strategy of the charging station operator is denoted by o j which may include the pricing structure energy availability or charging speed[40] and [66].

The nash equilibrium is characterized by a situation where no ev user or charging station operator can improve their utility or profit by unilaterally changing their strategy assuming that the other players strategies remain constant in mathematical terms the conditions for nash equilibrium are as follows

$$U_i(s_i^*, o_j^*) \geq U_i(s_i, o_j^*) \quad \forall s_i \quad \forall i$$
$$P_j(o_j^*, s_i^*) \geq P_j(o_j, s_i^*) \quad \forall o_j \quad \forall j$$

Here s i and o j represent the nash equilibrium strategies for the ev users and the charging station operators respectively the above inequalities indicate that no ev user or charging station operator can increase their utility or profit by deviating from their equilibrium strategy given that the other players stick to their strategies [10] and [43].

2.1.3.5 The Bayesian Game Model

Introduction to Bayesian Games Bayesian games are the games of incomplete information in game theory and each of the players possesses incomplete information about types or preferences of other players in this model each individual has his or her type which is private information only for that specific person [70] the framework is applied to capture complex decisions in a scenario involving strategic behavior when the players lack full information including type and strategy of the other players. [1]

Graphical Representation of Bayesian Games As mentioned above, a convenient tool for modeling Bayesian games is by means of game trees; here each node is a decision node of a player, and each branch corresponds to a proper action. The rewards at the terminal nodes depend on the actions and the nature of the players involved.

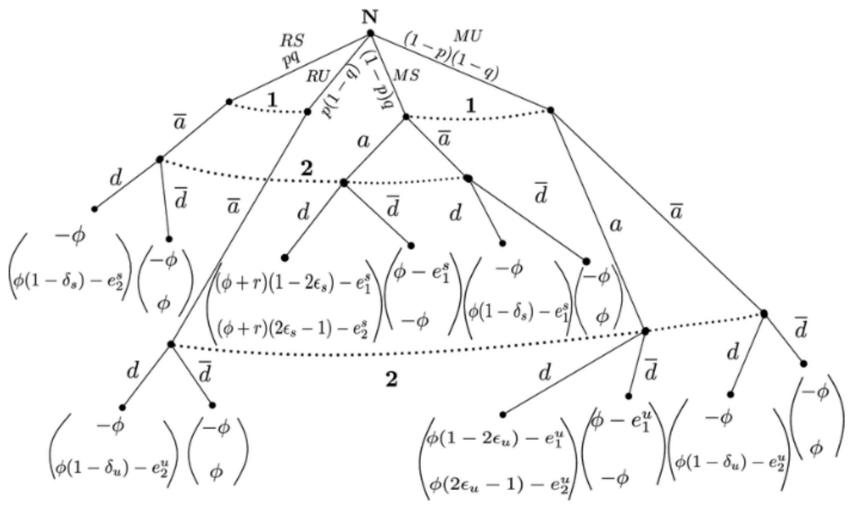

Figure 2.1: Example of a Bayesian Game Tree

Applications of Bayesian Games Using the contingency completion models, the Bayesian Game Model is shown to be a versatile resource for studying strategic behaviour in incomplete information scenarios [67] and [81]. By including the players beliefs about the types of the other players, it offers an even more realistic approach in situations where there is a vagueness in decision making [3].

2.1.3.6 The Cooperative Game Model

The cooperative game model is a foundational concept in game theory and serves as the subject of the work that examines how players may form a cooperative union called coalitions. Cooperative games are different from non-cooperative games since players selfishly make decisions independently or with the organizations intervention, but they can form contracts with other players. These agreements allow the coalition to achieve the greatest overall payoff; next the concern is how the overall value is to be split between the players in the coalition [65].

A cooperative game is defined by a set of players whereby all players in the game are partitioned into coalitions. Payoff resulting from the total formed by the members of the coalition is changed by the abilities of members of coalition. The aim is to identify how the total payoff of the coalitions in the game could be divided between the member in a rational way. [46]

Graphical Representation of the Core Taking a graphical representation of the core will possibly result in a clear representation of the various pay off distributions. Consider a three-player game [17]. In this case, the core can be characterized as a convex set in three dimensional space, each of the axes of which correspond to one of the players pay offs [27]. In the coalition formation model, the core defines the set of possible payoff distributions [92].

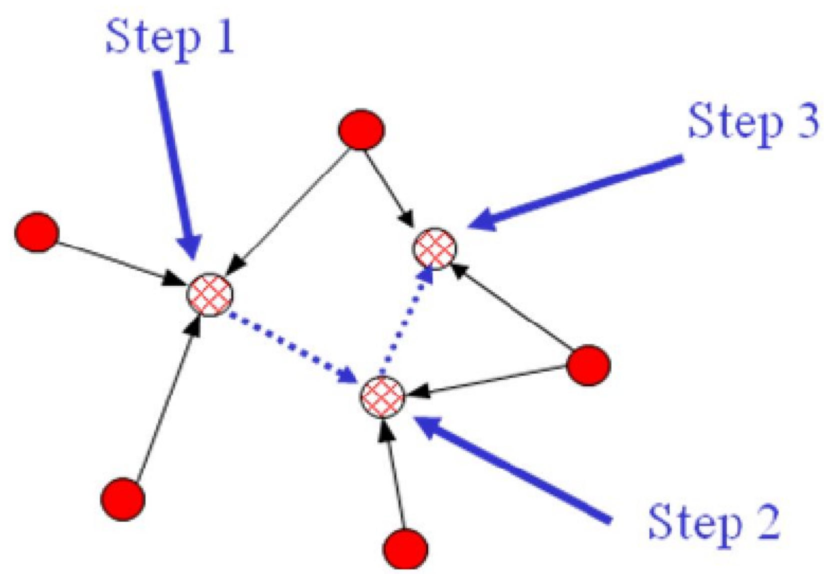

Figure 2.2: Cooperative Game Theory and Its Application in Localization Algorithms

2.1.4 Malicious User Behavior Resource Hoarding using Encryption and Machine learning techniques

While electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are slowly popping up, they are not safe from different types of cyberattacks. Of these challenges, resource hoarding prove to be one of the most problematic given challenges to an effective and equitable distribution of the charging resources. Carousel pricing abuse is charging behavior in which some users either charge in places other than charging slots or otherwise plug in their chargers frequently in reserved slots without charging but denies genuine users the chance to use the service. This sort of behavior can result in lower levels of operating performance, low satisfaction of users, and problems with congestion within the network of charging stations for EVs [74]. This section attempts to discuss how these aspects of encryption and machine learning can also be used to detect and mitigate the problem of resource hoarding efficiently.

As mentioned earlier, it is easy to address resource hoarding because it is easy to detect When trying to identify the challenges that come about when seeking to detect resource hoarding one needs to consider the following;

The last type of misuse, resource hoarding behavior, is hard to detect because its incidences resemble genuine usage patterns. Such opportunistic behavior from users that reserve charging slots with the intention of canceling them later may book the slots infrequently and hence such actions will not be easily flagged as anomalous by a normal mechanism. Also, the supervision of user behaviors in the context of a public infrastructure raises the loca issues of data privacy and security where the collection and processing of sensitive user data is a problem [9]. For this reason, a detection framework that consists of the necessary privacy-preserving mechanisms and appropriate anomaly detection models has to be developed.

2.1.4.1 AES Encryption for Data Privacy and Security

Privacy is still a notable issue in the EV charging networks plan to organize the user encrypted data through Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). AES is a type of symmetric encryption method that enhances the protection of the information which contains user identification number, time of reservation, location data, and so on by encoding them to a form which is meaningless to any illegitimate person [39]. This encryption mechanism enables the system to gather data required to identify resource hording without violating users privacy. AES protects potential misuse or breach of the conveyed data; As a result, it sustains the data privacy regulation policies that are in place to ensure the security of the users data making the EV more secure to use.

The result in that the raw user information is not exposed to the detection algorithms while at the same time, the encrypted data can be processed securely for analysis. This way, not only the user data are safely stored, but a basis for the subsequent application of machine learning algorithms that can be applied in a way that does not infringe the privacy rights of users is laid.

2.1.4.2 Isolation Forest for Anomaly Detection in Resource Usage

Resource-hoarding behavior is detected within the encrypted dataset by using Isolation Forest, a machine learning algorithm that is developed particularly for anomaly detection purposes. The concept behind Isolation Forest is to isolate data points that are far from most of the other points. Unlike any other clustering techniques such as density-based techniques or clustering techniques, it does not have a limit which needs to be set and it is most effective when sorting large datasets [82].

In the case of the EV charging stations, Isolation Forest is trained from the database of usage to determine normal usage patterns among the users. Then the algorithm identifies users who frequently reserve slots and do not actually use the space, as well as those who occupy a slot for more than a standard charging time. Such patterns are marked as potential resource hoarding so that station operators can make some corrections requiring, for instance, sending warnings or temporarily depriving users of privileges in case of multiple malicious actions [29].

2.1.4.3 Combining AES Encryption and Isolation Forest for Robust Detection

The blend of AES encryption with the Isolation Forest algorithm enhances a round solution to the controversy on how to impact and discover resource-hoarding conduct. AES ensures that the data of the user is well protected and private while Isolation Forest adequately determines outlying use cases in the encrypted data set. This combined approach makes it possible for the networks that have incorporated EV charging, to have an effective anomaly detection that incorporates the use of machine learning without bearing the burden of the security and operational issues of threats on user data.

In addition, by identifying and addressing the problem of resource hording, the effectiveness of this system will be to maximize the number of charging station available to legitimate users, user satisfaction and network efficiency. This can be generalized to other kinds of misbehavior in EV networks, and it makes the proposed framework a flexible one for protecting public charging stations [79].

2.1.4.4 Implications for Future EV Charging Network Management

It is, therefore, essential that as the numbers of adopted electric vehicles keep rising, there will be a need to come up with intelligent management systems that would sustain the privacy preservation strategies as well as support the anomaly detection techniques. Resource hoarding: The use of AES encryption and Isolation Forest to demonstrate how these methods can be applied to resolve problems in public infrastructure. Such systems reduce unhealthy behaviors, and thus help maintain fair access to charging resources for EVs promoting sustainable urban mobility overall [7].

2.2 Related Work

The subject of electric vehicle (EV) charging station location optimization is an emerging and essential field as the EV market continually expands. There are a multitude of papers that examine many different elements of this issue, including positioning charging stations and proper pricing and power control. This section in turn presents the key findings of past studies relevant to the optimization of EV charging stations.

2.2.1 Optimal Placement of Charging Stations

The distribution of optimal locations to establish the charging stations for EV is one of the many famous problems. Some of the prior studies have presented models for siting the charging stations in order to minimize the distance travelled by the consumers of EVs and to enhance coverage. In one of the first works by [25] the authors proposed a framework for identifying charging stations from a MOOP approach. Their approach incorporated geographical data and also included such indicators as the density of demands and distance from arterial roads. Subsequently, [37] enhanced this model by including real-time traffic information which enhances the placement efficiency. They said they were able to alleviate the congestion problem that results from EVs waiting to charge.

Likewise, [62] used a heuristic which is genetic algorithm to optimize the charging station location. Scholars of the study were interested in urban environments and considered the load on the grid and demand for charging over the course of the day. According to their research, such changes lead to much higher levels of user convenience and more effective charging.

2.2.2 Pricing Strategies for EV Charging

Another important area of research is more specific and relates to the approaches for pricing the services for EV charging. In achieving the right blend of uptake with the number of charging points for customers and sustainability for charging service providers, Optimal pricing is central to meeting this objective. Alternatively, a dynamic model was presented in [91], where the charging price was time-variant, depending on the demand and supply at the particular station. It enabled even distribution of the various EVs to the different charging stations thus avoiding high loading during the high demands.

In addition, Yang et al. [87] adopted the game theory point of view for the observed relationships between independent EV users and charging station owners. In their work they also implemented a pricing system with independent decisions of both parties to adhere to the highest possible utility for every party thus achieving the Nash equilibrium in the economical price setting mechanism. Despite it all, this method served to create optimal profits for the operators while at the same time reducing the time that users had to wait.

2.2.3 Power Management and Grid Integration

However, with the adoption of increasing numbers of electric vehicles, the effect they have on the charging stations to the power grid has remained an issue. Most work within the domain is driven by the need to reduce extraneous pressure on the power network and, at the same time, provide timely and convenient charging services to EV users. For instance, [85] proposed a concept of an optimization model of charging schedule to ensure that charging does not occur at the peak time of the grid power demand. Their strategy had taken into account also the potential affinity of users as well as the capabilities of the local grid structures to ensure an optimal loading of the bus bar sections.

Likewise, [48] suggested an integrated smart grid scheme, in which charging stations communicate with the grid of real-time availability load as well as demand. In this way, the study showed that the charging stations should behave as demand responses providing additional services to the grid while finding optimal times for recharging the EVs.

2.2.4 Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) Integration

Other current investigations also deal with vehicle-to-grid (V2G) systems in which the vehicles can both take power from the grid as well as supply power in return when needed. This bidirectional flow of energy imposes the possibility of aiding the grid during moments of concentrated demand. For example, in [78], the authors studied the effects of V2G on the charging station and discovered that the optimization of charging station through integrating the V2G achieved better quality of the grid and less general demand for users.

2.2.5 Multi-objective Optimization Models

The increasing interest in multi-objective optimization models is due to versatility and applicability on different conflicting aims like user waiting time, station coverage, and load factor on the power distribution network. Similarly, in [13], multiple objectives of charging station location have been addressed with the help of a genetic algorithm to balance or minimize user inconvenience as well as utility system constraints. They got a series of Pareto-optimal solutions which enabled decision-makers to choose the most appropriate compromise consistent with the current urgency rating of the city infrastructure.

2.2.6 Comparison of Related Works

In this section, we provide a comprehensive comparison of the related work in the domain of optimization for the charging stations of electric vehicles (EVs). The following table provides an overview of the characteristics of the studies, as regards the optimization method at use, the objectives of each study, the respective data sets, and key findings.

Table 2.1: Comparison of Related Work on EV Charging Station Optimization

Reference	Objective	Method	Dataset	Key Findings
[25]	Optimal placement of charging stations in urban areas	Multi-objective optimization (MILP)	Geographic data (urban network)	Minimized travel distances for EV users and maximized station coverage
[37]	Dynamic placement of EV charging stations considering traffic data	Mixed-integer linear programming (MILP)	Real-time traffic data	Reduced congestion at charging stations and improved user convenience
[62]	Charging station placement with grid impact consideration	Genetic Algorithm (GA)	Urban grid data, spatial demand distribution	Minimized grid stress and improved charging efficiency
[91]	Dynamic pricing for EV charging based on demand fluctuations	Dynamic Pricing Model	Charging demand data	Balanced load distribution across charging stations
[87]	Pricing strategy using game theory for balancing demand	Game-Theoretic Model	Charging station usage data	Achieved Nash equilibrium in pricing mechanism and minimized waiting times
[85]	Placement of EV charging stations with power grid constraints	Power-constrained optimization	Power grid capacity data	Avoided grid overload by optimizing station placement based on grid capacity
[48]	Integration of smart grid and EV charging optimization	Smart grid model with real-time interaction	Smart grid data	Optimized charging times and improved grid stability
[78]	Vehicle-to-grid (V2G) integration in charging station placement	V2G optimization	EV and grid interaction data	Improved grid stability and reduced energy costs using V2G

Reference	**Objective**	**Method**	**Dataset**	**Key Findings**
[11]	Charging station placement under uncertain demand	Stochastic Optimization	Probabilistic demand distribution	Provided robust solutions for fluctuating demand across regions
[19]	Integrated renewable energy with EV charging station optimization	Renewable energy and charging model	Solar energy data, EV charging data	Reduced operational costs and carbon footprint by using renewable energy
[51]	Scalable placement of charging stations in large cities	Clustering and multi-objective optimization	Large-scale metropolitan data	Efficiently scaled station deployment across dense urban areas
[50]	Bi-level optimization of charging stations and power grid infrastructure	Bi-level optimization (hierarchical)	Power grid and station location data	Simultaneously optimized station placement and grid reliability
[13]	Multi-objective optimization for charging station capacity and placement	Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm	Urban and grid data	Provided a set of Pareto-optimal solutions for decision-makers
[90]	Hybrid optimization for station placement and grid integration	Hybrid heuristic approach	Power grid and urban demand data	Improved charging station efficiency and minimized grid impact
[2]	Placement optimization using machine learning algorithms	Machine learning-based approach	Historical EV charging data	Improved prediction of optimal locations based on user charging patterns
[33]	Location-based optimization of charging stations for urban mobility	Location-based services model	Urban mobility data	Improved access to stations based on real-time location data

Reference	**Objective**	**Method**	**Dataset**	**Key Findings**
[77]	Game-theoretic approach for V2G charging station management	Game theory with V2G	Grid interaction and EV data	Optimized user benefits and grid services in V2G scenarios
[38]	Real-time optimization for EV charging considering mobility patterns	Real-time data-driven optimization	Real-time EV mobility data	Improved real-time decision-making for optimal station placement
[26]	Demand-driven optimization of charging stations	Demand-response optimization	EV charging demand data	Aligned charging station placement with peak demand and user preferences

2.2.7 Summary of Related Work

Researchers have advanced considerably in topics such as offline and online charging station placement, charging tariffs, power control, and V2G applications. However, the following challenges are still evident especially in terms of scaling the solutions up, applying the changes in real time and integrating renewable energy systems. From the reviewed studies, there is enough evidence for future investigation toward the specific context, particularly required EV infrastructure in smart cities.

Most of the works done so far were based on estimations of charging station locations using methods like Multi-objective optimization (MILP), Mixed-Integer Linear Programming (MILP), and Genetic Algorithms (GA). Although these methods have proven to successfully decrease travel distance, reduce grid stress, and control demand at the charging stations, many of these methods work within a static or semi-dynamic environment. This can set boundaries to the application particularly when faced with high traffic exposing it to service disruptions or handling sudden changes in demand. To address such challenges, my research develops the Stackelberg Pricing Model; a dynamic and hierarchical pricing that can better address the issues of change in user demand and energy markets. The theoretical work reflecting upon the pricing strategies is comprehensiv, and include the use of game theoretical methods as well as models built upon the Nash equilibrium. These models are beneficial in distributing demand over charging stations, although my method is based on this as a starting point, using the Stackelberg Model, which describes the leader-follower model lebih lebih efektif. Within this context, it is the charging station operator who makes the prices, thus defining the cow that the followers the EV users will follow. Using real time prices, the model enables more adaptable adjustments according to the current conditions on the market. This not only enhances user engagement, but also productivity, proving to be much more preferential to systems that are fixed at particular prices.

Regarding integration of a power grid, previous analysis for the most part have focused on where stations should be sited and how power should be dispersed to minimize the effects it has on the grid particularly with the use of renewable power. However, such initiatives are somewhat lack considerable element, namely, the process of real time anomaly analysis and discovery, which is paramount for any sound stability and security of the power grid. In this paper, I use anomaly detection techniques to solve issues such as grid overload, sporadic energy consumption, and charging that does not follow a normal distribution. To that end, I strive to integrate these detection tools into the factors that go into pricing as well as into the station placement and optimization processes to make the EV charging systems stronger and safer, especially in large metropolitan regions.

Compared to existing approaches and tools, the current work does not limit itself to optimizing the location of the station, or solely focusing on managing the grid system. For a number of agents, I apply Stackelberg Pricing coupled with real-time anomaly detection for both the economic and technical challenges experienced by EV charging systems. This combined method doesnt only generate more efficient, accurate, and user-friendly pricing, with improved, stable grid stability that prevents future issues from occurring or escalating.

In conclusion, although past studies were helpful, my work benefited from combining the aspects of pricing optimization and anomaly detection. This combination enables the problem of vertical scaling of electrical vehicles (EV) to be solved in smart cities while providing the necessary flexibility as well as security. My structure is appropriate for infill, addressing the complications of new and growing metropolitan plans and laying the groundwork for improved, less expensive EV charging facilities.

Chapter 3

Design

3.1 Introduction

This chapter describes how the design of electric vehicle charging stations was developed to employ a Multi-Agent System approached based upon game theory. With an increased number of consumers owning electric vehicles (EVs); new opportunities and threats come up as regards to goals and functioning of urban infrastructure, particularly in relation to charging station responsibility. The IO of the charging stations for EV is paramount for a wide and diverse customer base to have sufficient access to this service to help meet escalating energy requirements sustainably. This chapter proposes a novel planning model for the most effective locations of charging stations by the help of the MAS approach, the game theoretic concept of the dynamic pricing system, and the anomaly identification algorithm.

The chapter is structured as follows: first, it illustrates the architecture of the two-agent system with only one operator and one group of EV owners. From there it generalizes the design for multiple agents required to model real scenarios with multiple operators as well as multiple EV users. Last but not least, the thesis includes the use of an anomaly detection system to guard the charging network and mitigate system misuse.

3.2 Novel Framework for EV Charging Station Optimization

The model used to propose the pricing of charging for Electric Vehicle (EV) uses the Stackelberg Pricing Model whereby the charging station operator is the leader, and the EV owner is the follower. It leads to a structure that gives the freedom to the operator on strategic choices and EV owners, react accordingly to offer the best supply-demand meet.

Further at the strategic level the pricing of the charging station service is done by charging station operator, which is among the most important activities. The operators main activity is to align the proposed charging price with the current electricity, the demand rate, and system capability. However, the operator must also be able to determine the extent of congestion which the station is capable of accommodating at any one time. These two actions are related to the Dynamically Priced mechanism that simply adjusts the price with reference to certain demand, product availability, and outside market. From the price fluctuation, the operator is able to balance the resource and ensure that the operation of the hotel is profitable on the sides of the hotel.

Also, the charging network is created with an Anomaly Detection System through which one will be able to sense any odd or suspicious activity on the network. Thus the described system promotes safety and can help to prevent possible overloads of the services or unauthorized access to the charging points which contributes to the reliability of the services. Subsequently, having another level of monitoring ensure that the pricing model is will be able to complete its cycle without disruptions resulting from hacks or system failure.

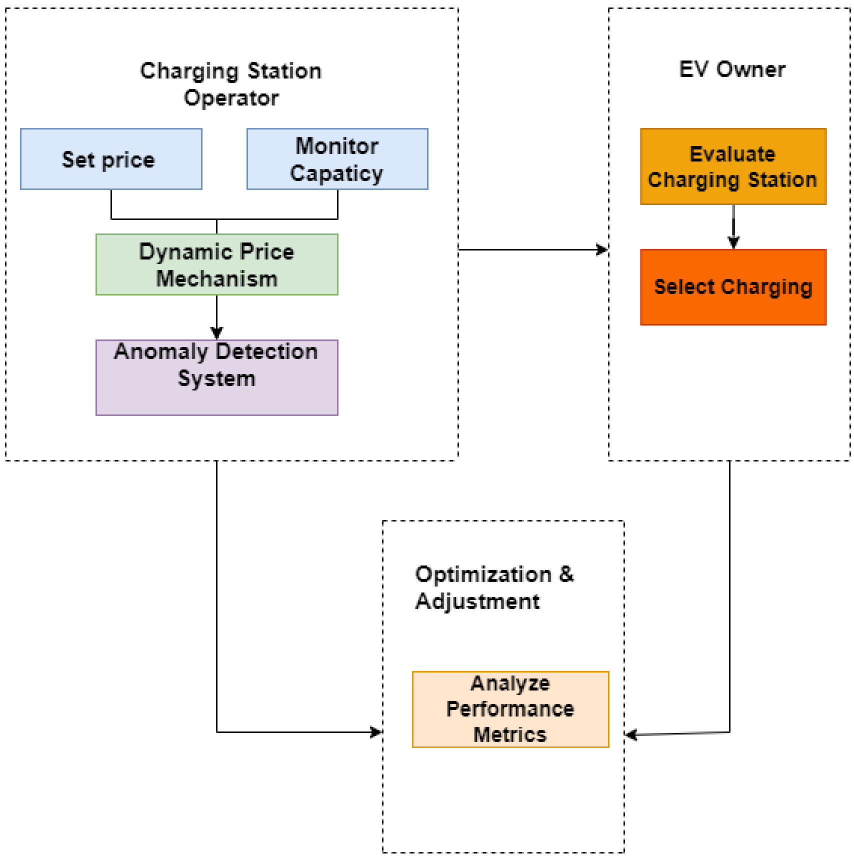

Figure 3.1: Research Framework for EV charging station Optimization

The subscription price or the cost per fuel is set by the operator while the EV Owner is the follower in this sense in this Stackelberg model. First of all, to select the right charging station the EV owner looks at the distance, price, and the time needed to charge with other options. From this evaluation, the owner is in a position to select another charging option to implement depending with his/her needs and financial capability. The decision-making degree of the EV owner may be also result from the price, but there are also the waiting time and the of cars that it wants to charge at the time of choice.

The other component of the model is the indeed unending cycle of Optimization and Adjustment. When charging is complete the system alters to another stage for examination of performance data such as the total consumption of average energy, mean response time, and the frequency of charging stations. These are then taken back to the operator for further inputs in the pricing strategy to allow more frequent checking. Another advantage of such an approach is that it is not a constant model, but one that receives certain transformations in time to capture action on the market and more particularly the specific user behaviour patterns.

In total, this framework incorporates dynamic pricing, security surveillance, and real-time control to construct a stable framework for the provision of EV charging services. Using the Stackelberg Pricing Model an operator of the charging station will be able to influence the market and focus on pricing decisions as well as on available resources while an owner of an Electric Vehicle will be able to make reasonable decisions on fairly charged by the charging station operator.

Here the proposed design framework emphasizes highlighting that the charging stations need to be efficiently priced and ought to operate more fairly from a resource use perspective.

3.2.1 Game Theory Stackelberg Model:

The proposed framework leverages the Stackelberg pricing model, a game-theoretic approach particularly suited for systems with hierarchical interactions between two agents: Electric vehicles charging stations and electric vehicle users or also known as EVs. Unlike in the alternate-move models in the two preceding sections, in this structurally imposed shirking model the charging station operators move first for it is they who set the dynamic pricing strategies which depend with time of day, current demand and charging station capacity. These factors are not uniform throughout the day and therefore make it possible to set a flexible tariff in proportion to the operating condition of a station. For example, during pick hours, the price doubles the load on the system and lets the charging system users look for other convenient times. On the other hand, low demand maybe when the usage rates cut down or during the off peak hour the prices are lowered so that the higher usage of the resources may be.

The users of the pricing decision are the EV owners and they in turn embody the station operators decision making processes. Their major objective is to minimize on the amount of charges incurred while charging their vehicles; and other parameters include the proximity to a charging station, time taken to charge the vehicles and available charging places. From this point of view, the interactions between these two classes of schorers can be described by utility functions which define the behavior of the agents.

The utility function for the charging station operators is designed to optimize two key objectives: With reference to charging stations, one can speak about the goals operational and strategic goals sub-objectives like the increase of efficiency level of the charging stations, the optimization of the charging stations revenues. This means that despites its factors being a bit high the cost of using the charging infrastructure should be reasonable enough for the station operators to make profits but not overly expensive that the charging equipment galleries remain underutilized or on the other hand overutilized. On the same note, the allocative utility of EVs is a means of eliminating the cost of electricity and the amount of time that shall be taken by every owner of the EVs at the charging stations. Consumers who have electric cars will make their charging decisions on their charging units with regards to charging stations at their disposal and the corresponding charges that are likely to be charged by the operators of the charging stations.

At the same time, stacked equilibrium can be regarded as best provided within system in which both charging station operators and owners of electric vehicles are trying to select the best possible scenarios of action. Where the station operator has the most to gain and the cost of EV owner is at its lowest and any change by either will move the independent variable of the other agent. Economically the Stackelberg equilibrium occurs as the chosen leader in this case being the operator selects prices that yield it the highest possible utility, this is about the disciples best response to the selected prices by the leader the owner of the EV.

For the owners of the EV the goal will be to minimize that utility while at the same time the operator of the charging station will want to maximize that utility. The Stackelberg equilibrium can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize:} \quad & U_s(p, C) \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & U_{ev}(p, t, d) \end{aligned}$$

In other words, depending on the design of the charging stations and or the preferences of the owners of the EVs, the utility functions could be different. They should nonetheless depict yet the fundamental attribute of cost, time, and resources usage in this type of leader-follower relationship kind.

3.2.2 Dynamic Pricing Strategy:

One of the parts of this framework is also time varying charging costs that is, the amount of money per unit of electricity differs depending on the demand, station capacity and energy supply. The idea is that the charging price will vary according to how many electric vehicles request a charge at the station, and how much energy is available. It is such a time-sensitive approach helps the operator to balance the loads during the day and no time of the day is going to be congested.

For instance, in periods whereby may people are likely to charge their vehicles such as in the evening, the tariffs will be adjusted to a high level in order to control congestion or direct the users to other stations or times of charging. This approach stimulates shift of load which assists in sustaining the general demand rate much more stable in a given day. From the pricing structure, the concept put in place comes up with high tariffs during some hours of the day and lower tariffs during other hours of the day so as to maximize charge network and efficiency. The dynamic pricing strategies also have some flexibility measure which one can attribute to outside factors such as electricity from the grid or even the weather. For example, costs that are given at charging stations can rise depending on the cost of electricity for example during periods when the grid is strained for example during summer when optimum electricity is used. However, if solar or wind power stations generate excess electric power, the same pricing policy can lower the rates to enable more people to charge their electric cars. It also effectively addresses the issues regarding the demand constraints for energy while enabling the full advantages of grid stability from energy efficiency and a superior, more affordable charging process for proprietors of EVs.

3.2.3 Anomaly detection

The work proposed applies concepts of anomaly detection to safeguard the EV charging infrastructure against malicious usage. This module tends to deal with the so called bad neighbor users: users who reserve charging slots with the only purpose of keeping them occupied and not using them, or those users that take too many slots simultaneously, leaving no possibility for other real users. Since such behaviors are well obscure and concealed, the framework builds up on contemporary Machine Learning approaches including clustering and Isolation Forest judgments to identify such behaviors efficiently.

Concerning the privacy and security of data, to integrate AES encryption into the framework is provided. AES is used for securing the user specific parameters such as reservation pattern and usage frequency and ensures that only authorized person can access it. This encrypted data is then analyzed to detect abnormal patterns, and in this case the total usage statistics within an account is compared against the normal usage statistics for users.

For encryption:

$$C = \mathrm{AES}_K(P) \tag{3.1}$$

For Decryption:

$$P = \mathrm{AES}_K^{-1}(C) \tag{3.2}$$

The anomaly detection module focuses on the areas of concern with respect to energy usage, cancellation rates and reservation patterns. For instance, users who repeatedly cancel reservations, abuse high power, or many times book charging slots sessions can be deemed as anomalous. The measure of anomaly used by Isolation Forest is usually decided by the length of the path that each data point follows in the isolation trees.

$$s(x) = 2^{-\frac{E(h(x))}{c(n)}} \tag{3.3}$$

$$c(n) = 2H(n-1) - \frac{2(n-1)}{n} \tag{3.4}$$

As soon as such behaviors have been identified, they are related to predetermined standard measures, to allow operators to intervene at the right time. If for instance, a user engages in physically injurious practices that are viewed in anomalous sense such as excessive cancellation of the reservation or expenditure of energy the system is designed to, deny the user chance to misuse the charging infrastructure. It is a temporary action to prevent possible monopolization or disruptive actions while offering decent chances for actual users.

3.2.4 Algorithms Design

Algorithm 1: EV Charging Station Optimization Framework with Anomaly Detection

Input: System parameters S_i with P_i, C_i, O_i;
Output: Optimized P_i, S_i allocation

```
for t = 0 to T − 1 do
    for each S_i in parallel do
        P_i ← P_i − η · ∇Profit_i(P_i, D_i)
        U_i = P_i × C_i
        for each U_k do
            NearbyStations(U_k)
            Response_k ← CalculateUtility(P_i, C_i, U_k)
            Utility_k = −(ChargingCost + WaitingTime)
        end for
        P_i ← AdjustPrice(P_i, demand, C_i)
    end for
    for each S_i do
        Encrypt(U_k) with AES
        AnomalyScore_k = AnomalyDetection(I(k; A), H(k|A), γ)
        if AnomalyScore_k > threshold then
            FlagUser(U_k)
            PreventiveActions(U_k)
        end if
    end for
    if ∑ demand > capacity then
        if Time ∈ peak hours then
            DynamicPricing(P_i, demand, C_i) (higher rate)
        else
            DynamicPricing(P_i, demand, C_i) (lower rate)
        end if
        Incentives(P_i)
    end if
    for each S_i do
        UpdatePrices(P_i)
        OptimizeCapacity(C_i)
    end for
end for
```

3.3 Conclusions

Chapter 3 offered the detailed design of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Optimization framework; the key model used here was the Game Theory Stackelberg Model, dynamics of the charging prices, and methods of detecting anomalies. The chapter began by presenting a charging station operators and EV owners with the interaction between the agents constituting the main framework of the optimization model. To achieve this, the framework uses two-agent and multiple-agent scenarios to incorporate the various decision-making possibilities from both the operators and the EV owners standpoint.

The novel framework was defined under the Stackelberg model with the charging station operators as the leaders in setting the pricing strategy and the owners of the EVs as the followers. The dynamic pricing helped balance the demand with the availability in real-time charging station and the utilization rates while anomaly detection was useful in controlling malicious users and those who stocked the charging stations.

In addition, a consideration was made about the decision-making processes through the individual station, multiple-station, and multiple-station over multiple days that explored the flexibility of the framework at the real-life conditions. The chapter also described how the charging station network maintains optimal performance over time by the dynamic system optimization process along with feedback and performance adjustment.

In summary, this chapter served to theorize the proposed model for constructing an efficient and extensible system of EV charging without compromising on cost efficiency, security, and the ability to adapt to user patterns. These design elements form the basis for the practical application of the framework and the subsequent chapters will outline.

Chapter 4

Implementation

This chapter 4 outlines the way the optimization models and scenarios designed in the previous chapters will be programmed and solved in Python. There are two primary research interests with respect to this implementation: On the one hand, the Stackelberg Pricing Model for determining dynamic pricing strategies of EV charging stations, on the other hand, the anomaly detection methods, which can be used for detecting suspicious user behavior. The dataset for this study was obtained from the Harvard Dataverse and includes information regarding 3,395 charging sessions from 85 drivers using 105 stations. The following describes the main functions and models of this implementation.

4.1 Tool and techniques

Among those there were Pandas [1], which is widely known as powerful library for data analysis and data handling. In this work, pandas were used immensely for handling and analyzing the data that was sourced from Kaggle [2]. Due to the nature of data which accumulated thousands of records about the EV charging sessions, Pandas became the tool of choice for data cleaning, selection, and conversion. For instance, it lets us remove unnecessary or partially filled records, sort the dataset into clear and neat tables, and compute necessary measures, including charging time and the maximum demand in hours. Moreover, working with data about users activities, Pandas allowed realizing practical tasks like investigating how the owners of EVs reacted to particular prices, or how the usage rate of the stations changed.

Another important library that was used mostly for math operations was NumPy [3], which is also a standard tool. Operations on arrays in NumPy proved to be most effective in making mathematical calculations speedy when functions were used to imitate various

[1]McKinney, W. (2010). Data structures for statistical computing in Python. Proceedings of the 9th Python in Science Conference, pp. 51-56.

[2]Kaggle Inc. (2023). Kaggle: Your Home for Data Science. Available at https://www.kaggle.com/

[3]Harris, C.R., Millman, K.J., van der Walt, S.J., et al. (2020). Array programming with NumPy. Nature, 585, 357-362.

conditions of change in prices, demand on stations or response from the users. For example, in the Price Surge case, NumPy was used to mimic the actual demand price in order to analyze how various pricing mechanisms impacted congestion of the stations and decisions made by the consumers. In the same way, in the Overload Simulation, use of NumPy allowed calculating distributions of loads at various stations and decided on places of overload. The numerical speedup from NumPy was also notable in these simulations in that it allowed genuine-time feedback and real-time scenario testing.

For data visualization, two key libraries were utilized: Matplotlib and Seaborn. Beside that, another tool that was used for creating standard plots and charts that described the basic performance of the dynamic pricing model as a function of various factors was the Matplotlib [4]. For instance, the line plot developed using the Matplotlib package enabled the comparison of the prices at which electric cars charged and the periods in the day when the prices rose due to increased demand. These visualizations were vital for identifying how consumers of EV reacted to fluctuations in any particular prices- this made it easy for the operator to modify prices real-time.

While simple graphical outputs were generated using Matplotlib, Seaborn which is built on Matplotlib was used to produce better and richer graphical outputs especially in cases involving multi-variable graphical analysis. To illustrate, in the Overload Simulation, heatmaps developed using Seaborn are used to display the congestion extent of the stations. These heat maps allowed for a visual representation of which stations were occupied and which users were redirected to the less crowded stations; an excellent visualization of load density. Use of Scatter plots created with the help of Seaborn was also useful when the system detects users with malicious intent, that is those who hoard resources or cancel them frequently in the Malicious User Behavior Case. Hence, through geo-location scattered mapping of each user on the graphical user interface, Seaborn allowed the system to separate normal and suspicious behaviors for unequal misuse detection.

Concisely, incorporating Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib and Seaborn was relevant in enabling development of the proposed EV Charging Station Optimization Framework. These libraries made data manipulation and processing, numerical computation, and visualization tasks, which were important for the creation of a robust and adaptive information system that can respond and adapt the user needs under dynamic conditions. This was possible due to Python's massive support for data science and machine learning to enable the project to bring the deploying tools required for optimising charging station functions that can improve user experiences.

[4]Hunter, J.D. (2007). Matplotlib: A 2D Graphics Environment. Computing in Science & Engineering, 9(3), 90-95.

Import library and dataset

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
from sklearn.svm import OneClassSVM
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

# Load dataset
station_data = pd.read_csv('/kaggle/input/electric-vehicle-charging-dataset/station_data_dataverse.csv')
# Display columns
print(station_data.columns)

# Define demand function
def demand_function(price):
    """Demand function for EV owners based on price."""
    return max(100 - 5 * price, 0)
\label{code:demand_function}
```

Scenario 1 Price Surge

This code simulates a price surge a situation where randomly chosen EV charging stations raise prices to observe the change in demand driven by the users switch Listing 4.1 and Listing 4.2. To capture how users may move to other stations in the face of what they regard as high prices, it employs a demand function that has a responsive price component. Listing 4.3 and the code for visualization is shown in appendix 1

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

# Define demand function
def demand_function(price):
    """Define a demand function based on price."""
    base_demand = 100  # Base demand at zero price
    price_sensitivity = 10  # How sensitive demand is to price changes
    return max(0, base_demand - (price * price_sensitivity))
```

Listing 4.1: Imports and demand function definition for price surge simulation

```python
def price_surge_simulation(station_data):
    """Simulate a price surge at selected stations using a Stackelberg model."""
    surge_price = 2.0  # Increase price significantly for testing
    affected_stations = station_data.sample(frac=0.1)  # Randomly select 10% of stations

    # Create a copy of the original station data to track user behavior
    updated_station_data = station_data.copy()

    # Apply price surge to affected stations
    for index, station in affected_stations.iterrows():
        updated_station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] *= surge_price  # Apply price surge

    # Calculate new demand based on the updated prices
    updated_station_data['new_demand'] = updated_station_data['dollars'].apply(demand_function)
```

Listing 4.2: Price surge simulation function using Stackelberg model

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

# Simulate user switching behavior based on price thresholds
def price_surge_simulation(station_data):
    updated_station_data = station_data.copy()
    for index, station in updated_station_data.iterrows():
        current_demand = updated_station_data.at[index, 'new_demand']
        alternative_stations = updated_station_data[updated_station_data['stationId'] != station['stationId']]
        switch_threshold = 1.5 * station['dollars']  # 50% higher than the original price
        switched_users = alternative_stations[alternative_stations['dollars'] < switch_threshold]
        updated_station_data.at[index, 'new_demand'] -= len(switched_users)

    return updated_station_data
=
```

Listing 4.3: User switching behavior and data preparation

Scenario 2 Overload Simulation

This code Listing 4.4 simulates high demand at randomly selected EV charging stations, increasing both energy consumption and prices for those stations. It then recalculates demand based on the updated prices, modeling user response to higher costs in an overloaded scenario Listing 4.5, rest of the code for this scenrio is shown in appendix Price update calculations, data preparation, and plotting Appendix 2 Appendix 3 and visualisation in Appendix 4

```

# Define a function for demand response based on price
def demand_response(price):
    """Estimate demand based on price."""
    # Assume a linear demand function: as price increases, demand
        decreases
    return max(100 - (price * 50), 0)  # Adjust the parameters based on
        your needs
```

Listing 4.4: demand response function for overload simulation

```
# Overload simulation with Stackelberg Pricing Model
def overload_simulation_with_pricing(station_data):
    """
    Simulate high demand at a few stations and adjust prices accordingly
        .

    Parameters:
    station_data (DataFrame): The DataFrame containing charging station
        data.

    Returns:
    DataFrame: Updated station data with new prices and demand.
    """
    overloaded_stations = station_data.sample(frac=0.1)  # Randomly
        select 10% of stations
    overload_increase = 15  # Increase kWh total by 15 for overloaded
        stations

    # Increase the kWh total for overloaded stations
    for index, station in overloaded_stations.iterrows():
        station_data.at[index, 'kwhTotal'] += overload_increase  #
            Simulate increased demand
```

Listing 4.5: Overload simulation function using Stackelberg Pricing Model

Scenario 3 Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off-Peak Hours

This code is used to model dynamic pricing of EV charging stations, with price adjustments for peak and off-peak hours and competitor prices modeled using the game theory methodology Listing 4.6. It then performs new demand based on these price levels and plots a relationship between price and demand for every session Appendix 4.7. the visualization is shown in appendix 5

```python

# Define a function for demand response based on price
def demand_response(price):
    """Estimate demand based on price."""
    return max(100 - (price * 50), 0)  # Example: linear demand function
```

Listing 4.6: demand response function for dynamic pricing simulation

```python
# Dynamic Pricing Simulation with Game Theory Approach
def dynamic_pricing_simulation(station_data):
    peak_hours = [8, 9, 17, 18]  # Define peak hours
    off_peak_price = 0.25
    peak_price = 0.75  # Higher peak price

    # Adjust prices based on hours and simulate game theory
    for index, row in station_data.iterrows():
        hour = row['startTime']  # Assuming startTime is in 24-hour format
        if hour in peak_hours:
            station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] = peak_price
        else:
            station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] = off_peak_price

        # Game theory interaction: Adjust prices based on competitor pricing
        competitor_price = station_data['dollars'].mean()  # Average competitor price
        if station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] > competitor_price:
            # Reduce price slightly to attract more customers
            station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] -= 0.05
```

Listing 4.7: Dynamic pricing simulation function using game theory

Scenario 4: Malicious User Behavior Resource Hoarding

First we import the library for AES see in Listing 4.8 after that we define the function. Dataset generation and anomaly injection are shown in Appendix 6 also implementation of Isolation forest and dynamic pricing seen in Appendix 7 and visualization seen in Appendix 8

```python
from Crypto.Cipher import AES
from Crypto.Random import get_random_bytes
import base64
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Helper functions for AES encryption and decryption
def pad(data):
    """ Pad data to be multiple of 16 bytes for AES encryption """
    return data + b' ' * (16 - len(data) % 16)
def encrypt(data, key):
    """ Encrypts data using AES encryption """
    cipher = AES.new(key, AES.MODE_ECB)
    return base64.b64encode(cipher.encrypt(pad(data)))
def decrypt(encrypted_data, key):
    """ Decrypts data using AES decryption """
    cipher = AES.new(key, AES.MODE_ECB)
    return cipher.decrypt(base64.b64decode(encrypted_data)).strip()
```

Listing 4.8: Part 1: AES encryption helper functions

Chapter 5

Evaluation

5.1 Experimental Setup

To evaluate the dynamic pricing model and the anomaly detection system, data on 3,395 charging sessions conducted during November 2014 to October 2015 were collected. The sessions are collected from 85 electric vehicle drivers at 105 charging stations in 25 different sites and give information about session dates, energy usage, session duration, and costs.

Most of this work was done in python which is quite popular for its versatility,ease of use, and strong support for scientific computing, machine learning as well as optimization problems.Python was the perfect programming language for this type of task because of the extensive and growing collection of libraries and tools available that can be used for data prepossessing, modeling, and presentation.Every element of the implementation data processioning,data analysis, anomaly detection and dynamic pricing were incorporated using specific core Python library to ensure stability and capacity of the system.

5.1.1 Dataset

This dataset encompasses several variables, which were useful in modeling the charging behavior for Electronic Vehicles. Session ID was a meaningful index which helped distinguishing between individual charging session and allowed tracking charging patterns over time To calculate cost of charging and to analyze energy consumptions in terms of different users and stations kWh Total, which was the total energy consumed per one charging session was taken into account. The Dollars variable dictated the cost of each charging session and was highly correlated with the dynamic charging system that hence changed its price in relation to the charges demand and accessibility.

Several variables in the dataset were useful in explaining the behaviour of charging of EV. Session ID was used to promote individual identification of each charging session to track charging patterns over sessions and time kWh Total was another critical measure dependent on the energy consumed by each charging station at every charging session to estimate the cost and usage rates to be charged. The Dollars variable prescribed the interaction of a charging session to the consumer amount and was in positive association with the dynamic value animation known to govern charging in relation to supply-demand.

Two parameters; Start Time and End Time indicated when the charging session began and terminated, respectively, provided a way of determining the session duration. These variables were particularly useful in determining timess when electricity usage was at its highest and therefore calibrated price models in line with peak and nonpeak usage. The Charge Time (Hours) variable also made a significant contribution as it recorded the time that the charging session took and given the energy consumed could be studied in relation to charging costs.

Other relevant variables were also taken into consideration such as Weekday for charging which helped in understanding the trends towards charging on a particular day of the week which in turns help in prediction of demand at certain period. The User ID and Station ID fields were essential to determine the users and the charging stations that they patronized to study user preferences and station usage. The identification number specified the charging station location, allowing a better understanding of demand and price sensitivity by location. The last one called Reported Zip identified the distribution of users based on demographics, to further support the analysis of charge distribution in correlation to regional peculiarities.

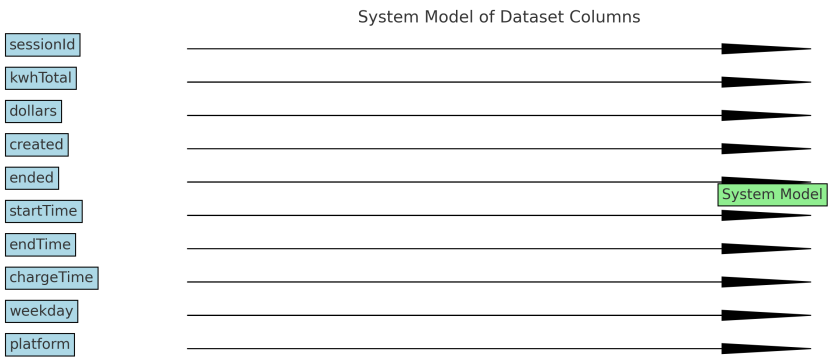

Figure 5.1: System Model illustrating Charging Patterns and Dynamic Pricing based on Usage Data

Figure 5.1 illustrates the system model used for analyzing charging patterns, where variables such as *Start Time*, *End Time*, *Charge Time*, and *Weekday* are fed into a predictive model to analyze peak and non-peak usage and dynamically adjust pricing. The inclusion of location and demographic data helps further refine pricing strategies by region.

As a result of using this dataset, the project was able to build a strong ground of modeling real life ev charging pattern. The data continued to support the dynamic pricing by providing the possibility to see the effect of different pricing changes on the users and the stations. Furthermore, the dataset used in this work enabled the detection of usage with abnormal frequency for charging; this contributed to the creation of the anomaly detection system which is essential in checking misuse of charging resources as well as managing the load. As a result of analysis of the collected data different challenges could be modeled and different outcomes could be tried and tested to improve the functionality and the robustness of the system.

5.1.2 Simulation Scenarios

The approach of utilizing the Stackelberg Pricing Model to improve the functionality of the EV Charging Station Optimization Framework incorporates several tools, techniques, and scenarios in order to maximize outcomes while maintaining protection for the system. The next part of this Chapter explains how the following four scenarios Price Surge, Overload Simulation, Dynamic Pricing Adjustment, and Malicious User Behavior was performed based on data analysis, machine learning, and optimization techniques. The focus of such scenarios is in the real-world problems that arise in the operation and use of charging stations for EVs, thus, helping optimize system performance, resource use, and usability for consumers. Each case is accompanied by visual outcomes and backed with tools and techniques used in the project.

5.1.2.1 Scenario 1: Price Surge Implementation

In the Price Surge situation, the goal is to demonstrate how, at the charging stations of EVs, the individual intervals to increase the prices based on high demand would be implemented. This scenario uses the Stackelberg Pricing Model to assess the charging station operator as the leader who sets prices that depend on drivers, real-time demand, electricity costs, and available station capacities. The EV owners, the followers, then react to the new set price for charging by either continuing to charge at this station or move to another station.

For this scenario to be implemented the following dynamic pricing model was designed using the Python tools namely; Pandas, NumPy, and Matplotlib. The system was also intended to show the occupancy status of each charging station in a constant manner. There is also the parameter commonly set at a given station that, when the demand hits that limit, it means that the station is about to become congested and hence the prices are raised. A posted-prices strategy of this kind is aimed at equally distributing the load among the available stations with some of the users switching to the less populated stations or the ones waiting for the time when prices drop.

Pandas were used effectively to help deal with the data which included important variables like the stationId, dollars and newdemand. The analysis was performed in the library to properly implement price spikes necessary to run the increased data rate. For instance, in the newdemand column, when proportionality called for it, the price for that station from one thousand was raised a bit more coming as a bit more variable dollars. From the image above, the reader can see an example of the dataset and how the prices change with different degrees of demand. For example for station 1, the price (dollars) rose to 1.16 when demand (newdemand) was 88.37 units.

Besides Pandas to analyze the data, NumPy was employed to replicate various price changes and set demand levels Subsequently, several situations with different levels of demand were evaluated about external circumstances inclusive of time and congestion status in regions. Due to capabilities provided by NumPy tool, they were able to interactively manipulate newly created numerical arrays representing station occupancy to recalculate prices. It was designed to track the reaction of the owners of the electric vehicles to price changes to understand how to price the power during the peak traffic period.

Concerning the visualization aspect, the use of Matplotlib was made in order to develop active line plots that represent the variation of station prices due to volatility in demand. These visualizations are crucial to know how prices are affecting the usage of the products or services, during the hiked up prices. From such plots, the operator would determine their ability to see whether the owners of the EVs were respond to the high prices. In most tests, the findings revealed that whenever the prices at some stations hiked, the usage either became somewhat steady as users deferred their charging periods or they moved their batteries to lower priced stations.

The overall goal of using a price surge implementation was to prevent station overload during high time demand. Frequent changes in the prices would enable the system to work differently and more effectively on its resources with the intention of keeping profitable without compromising the users flexibility of choosing stations based on the price sensitivity. This dynamic pricing strategy also eliminated congestion issues and facilitated equitable distribution of charge load across different stations.

Therefore, the Price Surge scenario that uses the Stackelberg Pricing Model gives a real-time solution for the allocation of the charging station resources in the shortage. With the help of Pandas, NumPy and Matplotlib, the system was able to analyse the demand level and coordinate prices to optimise the usage of stations for users convenience.

5.1.2.2 Scenario 2: Overload Simulation Implementation

The Overload Simulation scenario is where the system addresses cases of congestion at the EV charging stations, where some of the stations receive many users going over the allowed maximum limit. This type of pricing model fits into the Stackelberg Pricing Model where the charging station operator continually scans station capacity and determines optimal prices that can effectively control demand and redistribute load on less congested stations.

The actual implementation entailed developing a function that could overload the given charging stations by just enhancing energy use, in kilowatt hours. This overload was emulated using Pandas and NumPy 10 per cent of stations were randomly selected and energy consumption was boosted by a constant value. Some of these stations display an increase in kWh since it is a high-demand area, which the system would automatically lead to an increase in the prices since it detects congestion.

To do this, the charging station operator intervenes and upwardly adjusts the price during these busy times to force the user to move to another station or to delay their charging experience. The code also shows that prices are increased according to the extent of overload, and how a demand function can be used to establish a new value for demand. The function demand response represents the owners behaviour regarding the EV by decreasing the demand when prices increase. This helps to avoid overloading of the stations and increases the charging event's probability at any station in the network.

Pandas was applied for the data preparation stage and for further data manipulation which was based on the simulation of the growth of the total kWh and the change in prices, NumPy was used for handling numerical data and for the simulation of overloads. The effects of the overload simulation are illustrated using the Matplotlib library, and the relationship between prices and demand under stations in overload condition is depicted. The kinematic output serves to further illustrate the mechanism of how price varies and load distribution in different stations is managed to avoid one station filling up too much.

In this case, high demand was created at some of the stations and the performance of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Optimization Framework was evaluated based on its response to overload as well as the behavior of EV owners when moving their charging sessions to less congested stations. This particular case is best explained under the Stackelberg Pricing Model, which is based on the charging station operator as the leader adjusting prices in real-time in response to demand and the available number of slots for EV usage, and the consumers/followers are the EV car owners shifting between stations carrying the highest prices and highest traffic and those carrying lower prices and fewer users.

In this test, the overload was achieved by augmenting the overall kWh usage of some charging stations by 20 percent during the surge. And as the demand of the station shooted up, the system increased the price of the demand for the certain number of these stations and serve new increased demands on it. The idea was to make the owners of EVs avoid charging stations which get overcrowded and to spread their charging across other stations that may not be as busy as others.

sessionId	kwhTotal	dollars	new_demand
1	5.564743	0.882672	0.000000
2	0.034367	1.165037	0.000000
3	15.725075	0.685565	92.168489
4	7.808510	1.200669	0.000000
5	5.847430	1.010907	0.000000

Table 5.1: Scenario 2: Overload Simulation Implementation

The outcomes, which are seen in the output, illustrate that the system correctly predicts the overloading of stations and adjusts the price accordingly. The analysis found a positive correlation between the price of stations and demand: demand fell where the price crossed a certain level, and remained constant in the stations with moderate prices. This means that the dynamic pricing mechanism is working properly and equalizing demand for stations on the basis of data that are obtained in real time.

The prices of certain sessions, for instance, session 12 which costs dollar 1.56 while the demand was 85.91 when prices increased due to increased demand Sessions with lower prices have more demand as expected in a dynamic pricing structure of various products or service.

This scenario verifies the use of the Stackelberg Pricing Model together with dynamic pricing within EV charging stations. The framework was quite successful in dealing with overload phenomena as prices were adjusted according to the amount of charging demand to ensure a more equal distribution of charging sessions across the existing stations. This supports the concept of enhancing the general framework of the system in terms of availing optimum resources as well as enhancing overall organizational operation and efficiency during the time of occurrence of such high demand. The output does confirm that this approach is integrated well and makes the overload simulation effective within the framework by preventing congestion at particular charging stations by application of real-time pricing.

5.1.2.3 Scenario 3: Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off-Peak Hours

In this case, the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Optimization Framework uses dynamic adjustments of the price charged depending on the period of the day that the charging is being done. The core of this strategy is the establishing of the so called Stackelberg Pricing Model where the operator of the charging station sets higher prices for the utility during peak hours and lower ones during the off-peak hours. These findings indicate that the EV owners (followers) respond to these changes by charging the cars at times when the prices are cheaper, thereby freeing up infrastructure during periods of high demand.

This makes the use of the dynamic pricing adjustment based on integration of time based prices with demand responsiveness. Information like sessionId, kWh total, the start time and $ were readily available in the dataset to enable the system to classify the charging hours as either peak or off peak depending on the start time of the charging sessions. To form the price adjustment, actual scripts such as Pandas have been used to manipulate the given dataset based on the hour at which the session was started.

In this case, the peak hours were supposed to be set between 8 AM to 9 AM and 5 PM to 6 PM as EV recharging times depend on the users daily schedule. The particular key feature concerning the price model was that during these peak hours, the price per session was higher to encourage elaborated charging sessions outside the aforementioned period but sufficiently covering the needed time (off-peak hours).

The dynamic pricing algorithm operates by periodically tracking the onset of charging sessions The dynamic pricing algorithm How does it operate?: If a session starts during peak hours, then the rates for that session are raised by a specific percentage, for instance 50% if they start during off peak hours, the rates are relatively low. This algorithm was tested to mimic how owners of EVs would change their charging patterns given this variability in prices with the aim of avoiding traffic at such peak periods.

The table below shows sample data from this dynamic pricing adjustment scenario:

sessionId	kwhTotal	startTime	dollars	new_demand
1	2.599549	14	0.25	87.5
2	7.570397	13	0.25	87.5
3	1.019193	8	0.75	62.5
4	6.644865	5	0.25	87.5
5	1.655419	15	0.25	87.5

Table 5.2: Scenario 3: Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off-Peak Hours

While session 3 starts at 8 AM and reflects time period with high demand, it has a higher price of 0.75 dollar and were sold only 62.5 units. On the other hand, sessions one, two, four, and five took place during off-peak hours hence, the lower price setting of 0.25 dollars but higher demand in the 87.5 units.

The dynamic pricing mechanism was used in a bid of minimizing the concentration of users in charging stations during specific hours of the day. Another disincentive, which the higher pricing at the peak times employs is to push users away from those costly hours, to cheaper off-peak hours. This leads to the spread out the charging sessions throughout the day, thereby avoiding an instance where many NCs are charging at the same period as used in traditional systems.

Through this flexibility in pricing, the system was able to eliminate congestion for charging points to achieve effective utilisation during peak demand. The adaptation of dynamic pricing changes that a new demand column showed the reaction of users to such change. While operating at the high-price level, there was a tremendous decline in demand and vice versa when the price was at the lowest, particularly during off-peak hours, demand was still very high.

The scenario was also represented using libraries such as Matplotlib to obtain plots depicting the correlation between price changes and demand. A graphical representation of the new demand against the prices in terms of $ also depicted a general decline of new demand whenever prices were hiked during the peak period. This helped to remind users of the key concept that was outlined at the beginning of this tutorial: price elasticity exists because consumers change their behavior based on price.

The charging demand was successfully distributed over the course of the day by means of the Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off-Peak Hours. The system was capable of influencing the users to charge their vehicle at off peak time through dynamic pricing strategy, hence solving the congestion problem and improving the overall performance of the charging station. This scenario presents the ideal setting of the Stackelberg Pricing Model since the charging station operator has control over the resources yet the consumers of the electricity namely the EV owners get to make the right choices at the right price for the power supplied.

5.1.2.4 Scenario 4: Malicious User Behavior Resource Hoarding

In this case, the objective was focused on identifying cases which involve some users occupying more charging stations but do not charge their cars or continuously cancelling their sessions. This type of behaviour can result in wastage and misuse of resources in that motorists, intend on charging their electric vehicles (EV) will all converge at the charging stations at almost identical time. To detect such user and curb system abuse, we adopted the Isolation Forest algorithm for the development of a machine learning technique.

In this study, optimized EV charging station usage through a combination of secure encrypted data handling, anomaly detection, and dynamic pricing as shown in Figure 5.2

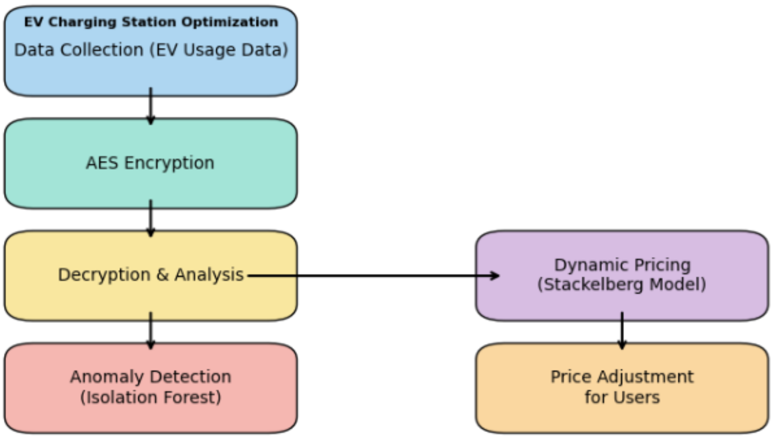

Figure 5.2: Block diagram of Scenario 4 for Malicious User Behavior Detection and Mitigation in EV Charging Station Optimization.

Scenario 4, the objective is to identify and prevent the process of unconstrained resource consumption at the EV charging stations with the help of data encryption, the application of the anomaly detection method, and a novel dynamic pricing model, based on the Stackelberg Game Theory. This way the user data has been safeguarded during transfer and applies a pricing model to avoid wastage of the resources.

Generation of Data and Malware Actions Representation

It begins with the generation of sample data representing user behavior in an EV charging station [73]. Some of the users may practice resource consolidation or resource accumulation [18] . Each user session includes parameters like reserveCount(stores the number of reservations done, actualUsage whether the user actually used the slot reserved, number of cancellations done, charging time in hours. As real heuristics for potential resource hoarders some users are pre-processing their activity to mimic important resource hoarders typical for the system, with a large number of reservations but often with a value of 0 or 1 with the overall cancel rate higher than expected. This emulates a real life situation whereby some users might lock up charging slots even when they do not actually need them leaving other users starved of the charging resources.

Data encryption and AES Security

For physical security of the data fields, data encryption is used where with AES for securing the data field [24]. AES was selected over other methods, such as DES or homomorphic encryption, because it is fast enough for protecting actual-time data, vital for the management of EV charging stations [76]. AES, being a symmetric encryption technique, protects data at transit and storage and it becomes difficult for the extra unwanted persons to interpret the results [71].

AES is a type of symmetric encryption which secures data on its movement or storages so that it is equally impossible for unauthorized parties to comprehend it. In this code, reservationCount, actualUsage, cancellations and chargeTimeHrs are encrypted with AES where they are encrypted using a generated encryptionKey. This makes it possible that all user behavior data are preserved and protected from exposure to the public. Strikingly, the AES key used for both the encryption and decryption of data should be kept security. Exactly when encrypted, such data remains close to incomprehensible, thus best for the purpose of ensuring the maximization of privacy.

Data Decryption and Anomaly Detection Using Isolation Forest

After the data has been encrypted, it is sent to another area where the decryption is done with the help of AES key for processing. It decrypts the data to make it usable by machine learning algorthims but ensures the data is secure during down transmission. To find instances of resource hoarding for the right placement of the EV charging stations, the Isolation Forest algorithm is used. Based on experiment, Isolation Forest is proficient in identifying outliers, those who create a few reservations but never plan to use them. The identified outliers in such cases are labelled as malicious which aides in optimal resource management as well as in determination of the dynamic pricing model.

Dynamic Pricing Model

The next action is to employ what is known as a dynamic pricing model out of Stackelberg Game Theory to reduce identified resource hording thiefs. In a Stackelberg model, there is a leader, in this case the charging station, and there is a follower, in this case the users, and the leader considers how the followers will act when determining a price to charge. In this case, there is a standard rate that the charging station charges to normal users and a higher rate to user who are tagged as resource hording users. For example, having the basic rate per hour equal to \$5, the resource horders may be charged up to \$ 7.50 per hour. This premium rate makes it hard for malicious users to reserve charging slot many times than necessary because they will be charged more than other users. By using this pricing model, resources are used efficiently while charging slots are preserved for the proper users, who need them.

In Scenario 4, security in data handling, incorporation of artificial intelligence in the form of detecting anomalies, and design of an innovative charging strategy based on Stackelberg Game Theory forms a competent model for optimal charging units for EVs.AES encryption makes it possible to protect all the data of the users in the process. Analysis of Isolation Forest for detecting outlying resources helps the system apply dynamic pricing to solve such problems as resource hoarding among users. It means that through the regulation of prices according to expected reaction from the users the charging station will be in a better position to control resources, and provide an efficient service to the users. This approach is consistent with the objectives of improving the provision of EV charging facilities using application of game theory as well as evidence based decision making.

5.1.3 Results

The following figures here now presents the output of this simulation concerning the effects of various conditions on the use of EV, the stations, and the system effectiveness.

5.1.3.1 Result of Price Surge

Charging stations in the price surge scenario had to set the price to observe the changes in the demand, which some chose by raising their prices. The results reveal that as price increases, usage decreases, or in other words, price and usage are inversely related. From the trend line it can thus be seen that high prices leads to decline on demand as consumers shift to cheaper stations as observed from the EV users. This shows that cost has a lot of influence to the users and many of them do not wish to pay higher prices and instead they will have to use cheaper stations.

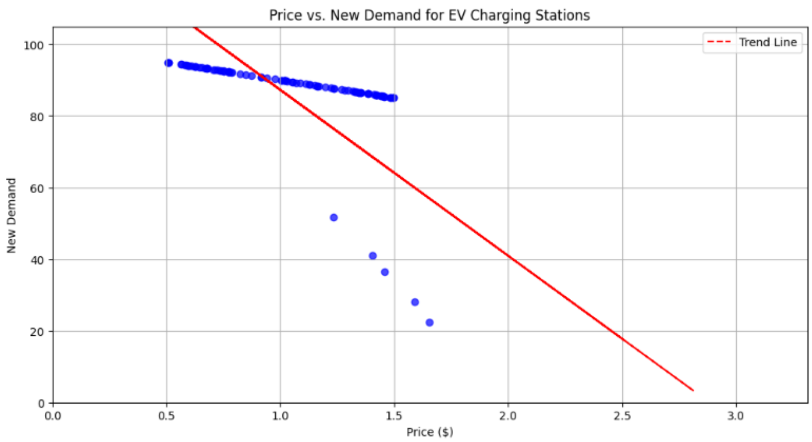

Figure 5.3: Result of Price Surge

5.1.3.2 Result of Overload Simulation

In this case, overload conditions were applied to certain stations, which allowed to study users behavior under conditions of increased demand. The results suggest that the EV users move their charging sessions to other stations that are not heavily used as soon as preferred stations become overwhelmed. The distribution pattern was found to favor availability, as the clients frequented more congested stations less often or chose stations that had lesser congestion despite their distance from the users. This redistribution is rather useful in the sense that charging infrastructure within the network is utilized much more evenly.

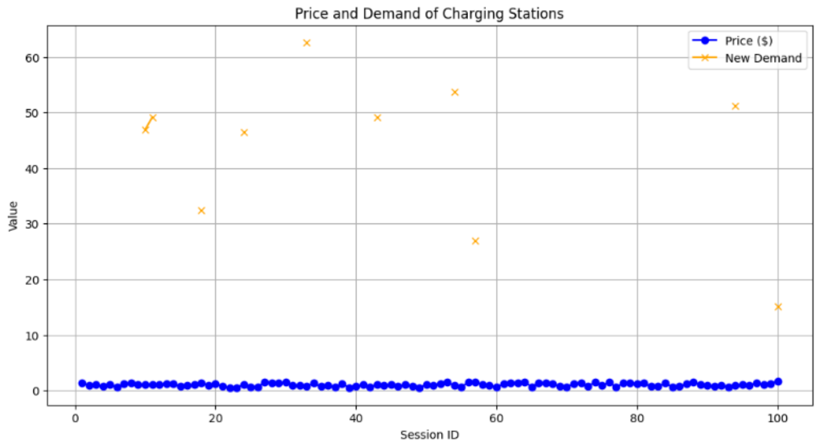

Figure 5.4: Result of Overload Simulation

5.1.3.3 Result of Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off Peak Hours

This was a scenario that examined the concept of variable pricing, which set higher charges on the charging stations during the periods of high demand while it was was considerably cheaper during low demand periods. The survey findings indicate that most owners of electric vehicles are willing to shift their charging in order to take advantage of inexpensive electricity during off peak hours. It contributes to helping reduce the concentration of electric cars in charging stations at certain specific time, which in turn stabilizes usage of the stations in a 24 hour basis. The variations in the demand show that dynamic pricing can control consumers actions, making them charge at non peak hours and increase the systems overall efficiency. As shown in Figure 5.11, dynamic pricing significantly impacts charging behavior, leading to more balanced station usage across different times of the day. This adjustment helps optimize energy distribution and enhances the overall user experience at charging stations.

5.1.3.4 Result of Malicious User Behavior Resource Hoarding

In this case, anomaly detection helps determine users who book charging spots for instance reserving for a parking lot of chargers yet do not use it and users who continuously cancel their reservation. The model raises such behaviors by categorizing high reservation counts with low physical usage and inconsistent cancellation tendency. Those users having such anomalies (defined as -1 in the anomaly column) are considered as malicious to curb abuse of systems and to ensure equal opportunity in accessing charging resources. As shown in Figure 5.6, scenario includes the identification of users who book charging stations then fail to charge or else cancel charging frequently. The systems anomaly detection does just

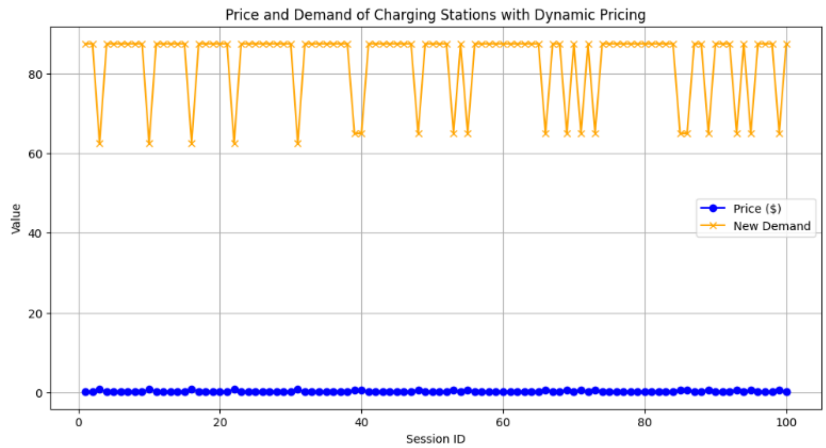

Figure 5.5: Result of Dynamic Pricing Adjustment Based on Peak and Off-Peak Hours

that to help mitigate cases of abuse of the system. Displays increased session numbers for both user types but more reservations by malicious users with fewer actual utilization.

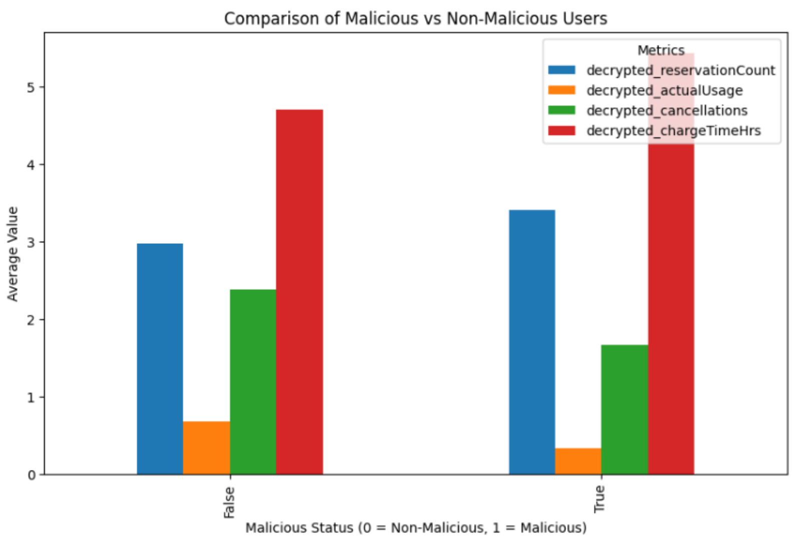

Figure 5.6: Comparison of Malicious vs Non-Malicious Users

Below Figure 5.7 points out that benign users greatly outnumber the malicious ones pointing out that system abuse is rather rare.

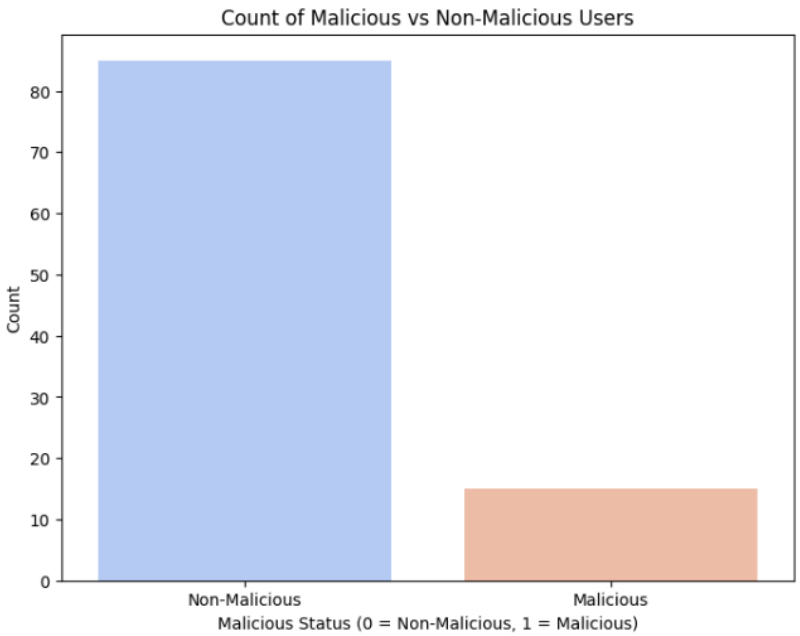

Figure 5.7: User Count Bar Chart

In other words, malicious users have a slightly lower average charge time than non-malicious users, suggesting that they book charging spots without fully utilizing them. This behavior indicates a tendency to reserve resources without completing the charging process, thereby contributing to resource hoarding.

As shown in Figure 5.8, malicious users generally spend less time charging, highlighting their inefficient use of charging stations.

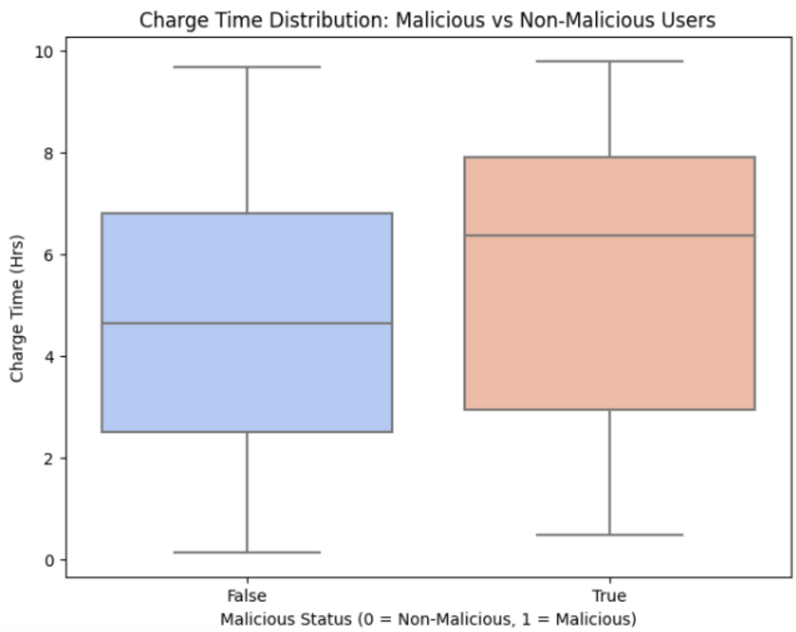

Figure 5.8: Charge Time Distribution

Additionally Figure 5.9 illustrates that malicious users have a slightly higher median reservation count implying that they frequently reserve slots, potentially preventing other users from accessing the charging stations.

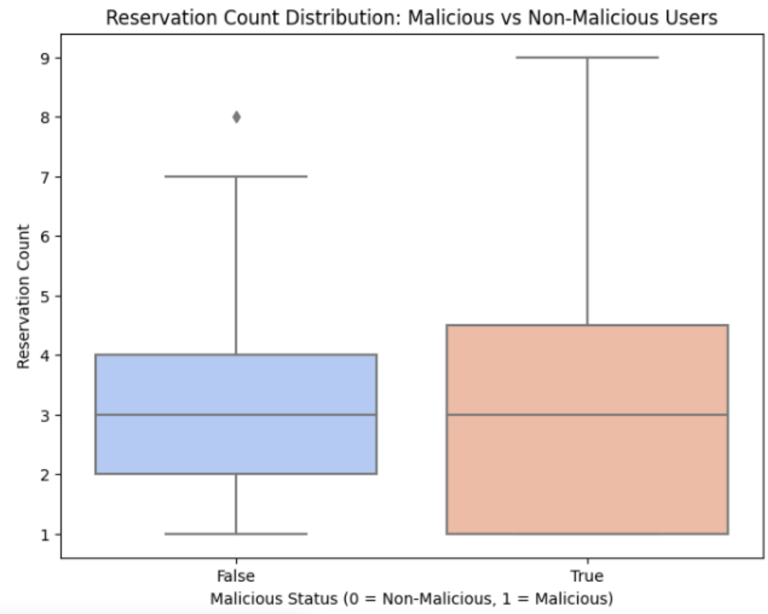

Figure 5.9: Reservation Count Distribution

Furthermore malicious users display a broader distribution of cancellations, as seen in Figure 5.10, with many sessions being frequently canceled. This pattern may suggest potential abuse of the system, as these users often reserve charging stations without utilizing them.

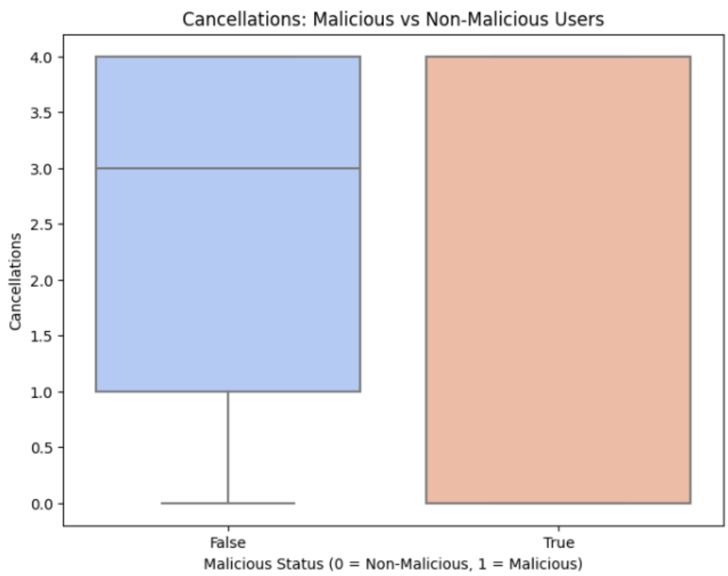

Figure 5.10: Cancellations (Box Plot)

The graph of Malicious vs Non-Malicious Users shows an AES-national encryption key with a subsequent use of ML to secure and process the data after which are differentially priced. First, reservation count and cancellation related user behavior data are encrypted using AES for privacy preservation. In an encrypted log file, users who perform exhausting behaviours, mainly many reservation and cancellation requests, are flagged for further examination of their malicious intent by an Isolation Forest ML algorithm isolated in a safe environment. Thus, depending on these ML predictions, a dynamic pricing scheme adds a penalty rate for the misuse of such an opportunity, as depicted in the graph below Hence, optimally allocating scarce EV station resources for appropriately motivated users.

In Figure 5.11takes a premium rate to ensure people who indulge in such services do not exploit the system.

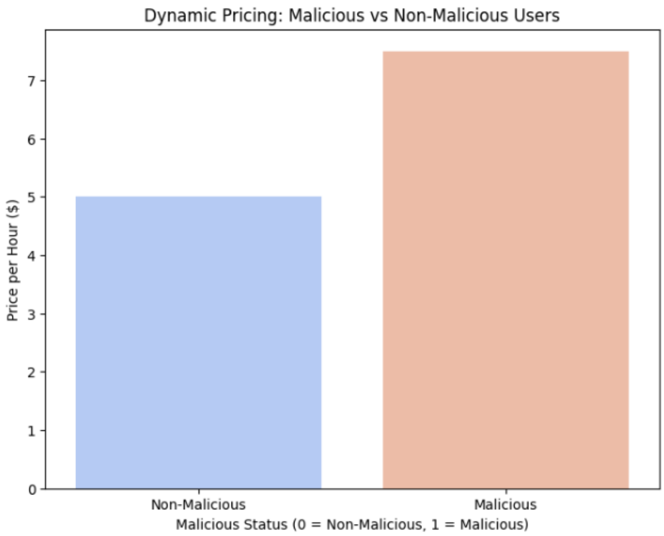

Figure 5.11: Dynamic Pricing: Malicious vs Non-Malicious Users

5.1.4 Comparison with Existing Methods

The evaluation had several important outcomes affirmed below. First, the model captured the general consumer demand with price sensitivity as a factor increasing for the overall extent of price change hence the need for dynamic pricing model to be effective. Further, when it comes to demand, the load balancing strategy was found helpful, and therefore, it was understood that networks especially those containing EVs would require the mechanisms of demand management since they experience different levels of demand. To maintain confidentiality of the data gathered, user behavior data like reservation counts and cancellation were encrypted by AES before the results were analyzed. This encryption came handy in avoiding intruders accessing the data during the processing phase. Further, the techniques used for the purpose of monitoring anomalous behavior successfully noted the patterns of misuse with high accuracy and minimized misuse of resources. Altogether, these strategies offer a relatively large enhancement to the utility of charging stations for electric vehicles. Future work could then build on these pricing models to improve cost estimation by integrating the current conditionsweather or events along core travel routes with the existing system for even higher levels of effectiveness.

5.1.5 Discussion of Findings

The study results can help to better understand the outcomes of the key approaches used in demand and operation management of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. One of the outcomes highlighted here is the ability of the consumers to be quite sensitive to changes in the pricing strategies, most notably, and where the price changes are thought to be significant. Such sensitivity indicates that an effectively tuned dynamic pricing strategy may be Key in shaping consumer interaction hence potentially directing demand to off-utilize system resources during peak loads while having more supply readily available during such instances. This result means that service provider needs to charged to review price structures constantly with a view of improving in charging methods in order to correspond to what customers and market demands require.

Another interesting finding emerging from the present study concerns load balancing mechanisms. The data demonstrates that it is possible to use such mechanisms to regulate demand therefore avoiding overloading of the stations during certain periods of time. This is especially the case when there is a higher density of EVs in the communities especially in the urban centers because this is where the stress comes in terms of charging infrastructure is likely to come more. As a result of a balanced distribution demand, the function of the system can be sustained and the users can receive a better service, which is going to help to create a healthier network of charging stations.

The study also shows how the anomaly detection techniques employed successfully flagged out abnormal consumption patterns. Using these methods one was able to identify negative behaviours with fairly good accuracy hence reducing mis-allocation of the charging stations. High-degree precision for identifying an abnormality is so vital in the society as it helps in enhancing the quality of the system, and assists in arriving at the right decisions on where the famed resources should be allocated. Regarding this aspect of the research, it is suggested that the application of more sophisticated analytical tools could prove beneficial in the management of the EV infrastructure for operation purposes while also providing layered protection of the network against exploitation.

5.2 Conclusions

This chapter provides an understanding of how the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Optimization is implemented through four scenes:Unary Scenario, Proportional Scenario, Differential Scenario and Anomaly Scenario using Stackelberg Pricing Model, Dynamic Pricing Mechanism and Anomaly Detection System. Using data provided from real charging stations, the tool models of users charging behaviors are as follows to mimic real-life charging station scenarios: dynamic price changes, overload tests, and malicious attacks. Each of the scenarios handled issues such as, how to handle ramping events if prices are allowed to spike, distribution load in time of high demand and preventing system abuse by hoarding resources.

The Environment applied in the course of this implementation, in particular python, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib and machine learning models Isolation Forest were crucial for data analysis and visualization. Scenario 1 showed how prices affect users and behavior and, on the other hand, Scenario 2 provides max load on the system and check that resources will be equally divided. Scenario 3 examined how peak and off-peak pricing to call congestion can be addressed, and in the last preparation of the experiment called Scenario 4, to tackle with malicious users, the experiment used anomaly detection method.

Finally, this chapter summarizes the methodology of integrating pricing, load control and anomaly detection to make the EVCS profitable for the operator while being convenient for users. Such implementations thus provide the enabling platform for an optimal charging network that effectively evolves to address market forces as well as users behaviors.

Chapter 6

Summary and Conclusions

In implementing the proposed framework, our study has demonstrated how the combination of dynamic pricing, machine learning, and data security can significantly optimize electric vehicle charging station management. The Stackelberg-inspired dynamic pricing model allowed operators to maintain a competitive yet fair pricing strategy that responded dynamically to changes in demand. By setting optimal prices based on predicted user behavior, this model not only ensured equitable access to charging resources but also optimized station revenue, reducing the risk of congestion during peak times.

The effectiveness of our approach in Scenario 2 highlighted how adaptive load balancing could prevent system overloads by incentivization users to shift to underutilized stations. This not only improved the distribution of the charging load but also minimized potential downtime due to overstrained infrastructure. The results suggest that a pricing mechanism that responds to real-time demand fluctuations can play a pivotal role in enhancing the resilience of EV charging networks, especially in densely populated urban areas where station congestion is more likely.

Moreover, Scenario 3's focus on peak and off-peak pricing strategies provided valuable insights into consumer behavior and demand elasticity. By encouraging users to schedule their charging activities during less busy times, the system was able to achieve better load management, which, in turn, increased the longevity of charging equipment and reduced operational costs. This aligns with broader sustainability goals by optimizing energy consumption patterns, thereby reducing the strain on the power grid during peak periods.

In Scenario 4, the integration of machine learning-based anomaly detection using the Isolation Forest algorithm proved to be a robust method for identifying and mitigating fraudulent activities, such as resource hoarding. The addition of AES encryption further ensured the confidentiality and integrity of user data, addressing privacy concerns that are increasingly critical in digital infrastructure. The ability to detect malicious behaviors in real-time and take corrective actions not only safeguarded the system from exploitation but also reinforced user trust, which is essential for the widespread adoption of EV technologies.

Overall, the findings of this thesis underline the potential of integrating advanced computational models into the management of EV charging infrastructure. By combining game theory principles, machine learning algorithms, and data security measures, we have developed a scalable solution that can adapt to changing user needs and external conditions. This holistic approach can be further expanded to other domains of smart city infrastructure, such as intelligent transportation systems and distributed energy resources, where similar challenges of demand management, security, and user satisfaction are prevalent.

In conclusion, the methodologies and findings presented in this thesis provide a solid foundation for advancing the management of EV charging networks, promoting the efficient use of resources, ensuring user satisfaction, and supporting the transition toward a sustainable, electrified future. By addressing key challenges in demand management, fairness, and data security, this work paves the way for further innovations in the field of smart mobility solutions.

6.1 Future Work

6.1.1 Incorporating Real-Time Contextual Factors in Dynamic Pricing

In line with the future research, it would prove beneficial to incorporate more dynamic elements that directly impact the demand, within the dynamic pricing model as desired such as; weather patterns, traffic, or national events particularly along the corridors. Such factors usually affect the requirements of EV charging since unfavourable weather conditions or traffic congestion make people require more charging points in the affected regions. For example, a storm may force EV owners to drive to charging stations even if their batteries are not yet depleted, traffic patterns may produce areas where many EVs are recharging at the same time.

Including this type of real-time data into this type of pricing arrangement to enable the system to more accurately anticipate and adjust to varying demand in the pricing structure and more closely reflect the need of users. If a coupled model is to be made in which the model changes according to conditions outside and within the transport system it may help to reduce congestion by transferring demanders to areas of lesser congestion, effectively increasing resource usage efficiency in the station. Furthermore, this means that by making charging station availability have a closer relation to real situations, the general experience will be optimized where as issues such as waiting for chargers to become available will not be as frequent and dominant, in times where charging structures are most important.

This addition to the dynamic pricing model could be a crucial to the proper optimization of the whole network of EV charging points, would give it the positive framework and at the same time would be malleable enough to address all the concrete situations associated with the usage of EVs.

6.1.2 Exploring Advanced Encryption Techniques for Enhanced Data Privacy

As for the data security aspect of this research, it can be noted that AES encryption offered high results regarding data protection it is also suggestionible to engage further studies into successively progressive technologies such as homomorphic encryption. Homomorphic encryption means that some computations may be done right on the encrypted data instead of decryption in some cases thus providing privacy-preserving analysis. Handling the data on more specific user behavior would become possible while maintaining its privacy, which in turn would contribute to the system functionality Superiority without sacrificing the users private data. It can be especially useful for organizations that are planning a mass adoption since security of the data is paramount and privacy is of concern. Furthermore, the future works in cryptographic algorithms might consider analyzing such improvements and their consequences to the computational complexity of the methods while making certain that the reinforcements of privacy do not compromise the real-time functionality of the system.

6.1.3 Integrating Predictive Analytics for Demand Forecasting

The application of predictive analytics in demand forecasting of EV charging stations is a chance to enhance significantly, the effectiveness of the system and consumers satisfaction. Since predictive models compare historical data with real-time inputs, this model will be very helpful to determine future demand and how often the product will be used. With this integration, it would be possible to predict the periods when the load is to reach a critical value, for instance before dawn or during the warm season. Such approaches also assist in elimination of anticipated overloads making the stations more efficient and guaranteeing the user minimal downtimes.

A predictive approach to demand forecasting does allow the system to make fore-possibly, changes to the price depending on the demand rather than just making changes based on demand at present. For example, if the model predicts that the demand for a certain hour of the day or a certain location, then preemptive price changes could be made. They should set the price margin high during predicted high-demand times so that customers are prompted to shift their charging schedule to less busy times, so leveling the demand. This strategic use of preventive pricing may go a long way in ensuring that the usage is spread evenly across the network hence optimizing the infrastructure and potential eventual abuses on such resources.

Further, predictive demand forecasting can be productive in optimising resources distribution across the network. When network operators can obtain insights of future usage that can be used to charge, they are able to direct the charging points or invest in freshly charging infrastructures in areas deemed to have high usage potential. This optimally assigns the available resources in a way that user wait time is least required ensuring a faster and more user friendly experience than before. Consequently, the use of a predictive approach to managing the demand not only adds to the optimality of the charging network, but also brings value for the end users, as people experience increased service availability and shorter waiting times.

The integration of predictive analytics can therefore alter the way demand is approached in the context of EV charging networks from a reactive contingency model to predictive model. This shift has the potential to make EV charging as more efficient and a one-stop solution for users thereby contributing towards the realization of the shift towards emission free vehicles. Essentially, the charging network can provide appropriate and adequate charging points for todays as well as tomorrows EV users by accurately predicting demand that will help prevent future shortfalls and promote healthy growth of the sector.

6.1.4 Field Trials Across Diverse Geographic and Urban Settings

Field trials of the proposed model could be employed among the different geographical and urban territories as a way of enhancing it substantiation. To implement the model in a more thorough manner, researchers could expose the system to a number of different conditions in real word environments so that potential performance could be analyzed across a variety of different urbanity levels from high density metropolitan areas, to rural settings the density of which is significantly lower, and the population of which may differ from that of metropolitan areas. For instance, places that register high rates of emulation of electric vehicle might have higher rates of frequent high demands when compared to rural facilities, availability of infrastructure or totally different pricing structures. Such different environments would help researchers determine whether the model performs well despite these changes in an environment so that it can be applied in different parts of the world.

The field trials can identify specific users specific behaviors that may be affected by local parameters such as the cost of energy, mobility, and charging patterns in those regions. More specifically, field testing at such sites that could experience high congestion of charging stations and consequently high density of users might provide vital information into the reactions of users towards predictive changes in charging prices, and at what time. On the other hand, the rural trials might give an understanding of different levels of price sensitives and usage patterns that are beneficial in an understanding of how the model can be best developed to encourage off-peak charging in places where charging stations may not be easy to come by. In doing so, the model can be adjusted to incorporating reflection on what the particular localization might demand from the given scheme and produce fine-tuned solutions for every locality.

In addition, those trials would provide an actual test of how the model affects the users, various tariffs, and efficiency of charging stations on a broader scale as well. Overcoming some of the drawbacks of laboratory experiments, observing user responses to predictive adjustments in a field setting will enable researchers to determine to what extent pricing adjustments are effective in shaping charging behavior in order to mitigate congestion during peak usage periods and to enhance use of resources. These trials could amplify datasets regarding the tangible impact of the model, within diverse settings, enabling recommendations on the models efficiency for scaling. In the end, all such testing would contribute to refining the model of data-supported enhancement of EV charging structure, guaranteeing the models preparedness to accommodate the growing variety and sheer numbers of the EV market.

6.1.5 Expanding the Scope of Anomaly Detection Techniques

Finally expanding the scope of anomaly detection techniques could further improve the system s ability to identify and address a variety of malicious behaviors while the isolation forest algorithm was effective for detecting resource hoarding other techniques such as supervised learning algorithms or hybrid anomaly detection approaches could be evaluated for detecting additional types of misuse like unauthorized access or fraudulent payment methods incorporating multiple anomaly detection methods could enable the system to address a broader range of security threats ensuring a safe and fair environment for all users this expanded detection capability would be particularly valuable as ev networks continue to grow and encounter more complex security challenges

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Abbreviations

EVCS	Electric Vehicle Charging Station
EV	Electric Vehicle
CS	Charging Station
SOC	State of Charge
GT	Game Theory
SPM	Stackelberg Pricing Model
DPM	Dynamic Pricing Model
LP	Linear Programming
MILP	Mixed Integer Linear Programming
RES	Renewable Energy Source
V2G	Vehicle-to-Grid
DSO	Distribution System Operator
DOE	Design of Experiments
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
EVCSO	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Optimization
CSD	Charging Station Demand
TOC	Table of Contents
TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
NE	Nash Equilibrium
ML	Machine Learning
SGT	Stochastic Game Theory
DR	Demand Response
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
DES	Data Encryption Standard

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Appendix

Scenario 1

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Plot the relationship between price and new demand
def plot_price_vs_demand(updated_station_data):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.scatter(updated_station_data['dollars'], updated_station_data['
        new_demand'], color='blue', alpha=0.7)

    # Adding a trend line
    z = np.polyfit(updated_station_data['dollars'], updated_station_data
        ['new_demand'], 1)
    p = np.poly1d(z)
    plt.plot(updated_station_data['dollars'], p(updated_station_data['
        dollars']), color='red', linestyle='--', label='Trend Line')
    plt.title('Price vs. New Demand for EV Charging Stations')
    plt.xlabel('Price ($)')
    plt.ylabel('New Demand')
    plt.xlim(0, updated_station_data['dollars'].max() + 0.5)
    plt.ylim(0, updated_station_data['new_demand'].max() + 10)
    plt.grid()
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()

plot_price_vs_demand(updated_station_data)
```

Listing 1: Plotting function for price vs. demand

Scenario 2

```python
# Import necessary libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def demand_response(price):
    """Estimate demand based on price using a smoother demand curve with minimum demand."""
    if price > 0:
        # Using a logarithmic decrease, with a minimum demand threshold of 5
        return max(5, 100 - np.log(price + 1) * 15)
    else:
        return 0  # If the price is invalid or zero, return zero demand

# Overload simulation with Stackelberg Pricing Model and Price Cap
def overload_simulation_with_pricing(station_data, price_cap=3.0):
    """
    Simulate high demand at a few stations and adjust prices accordingly.

    Parameters:
    station_data (DataFrame): The DataFrame containing charging station data.
    price_cap (float): The maximum allowed price to prevent unrealistic spikes.

    Returns:
    DataFrame: Updated station data with new prices and demand.
    """
    overloaded_stations = station_data.sample(frac=0.1)  # Randomly select 10% of stations
    overload_increase = 15  # Increase kWh total by 15 for overloaded stations

    # Increase the kWh total for overloaded stations
    for index, station in overloaded_stations.iterrows():
        station_data.at[index, 'kwhTotal'] += overload_increase  # Simulate increased demand
```

Listing 3: Imports and demand response function with a smoother curve and minimum demand for overload simulation

Scenario 3

```
    # Calculate new demand based on the updated prices
    station_data['new_demand'] = station_data['dollars'].apply(
        demand_response)
    return station_data

# Sample station data for testing
data = {
    'sessionId': range(1, 101),
    'kwhTotal': np.random.uniform(0, 10, 100),  # Random kWh totals
    'startTime': np.random.randint(0, 24, 100),  # Random start time in
        hours
    'dollars': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.5, 100)  # Random initial prices
}
station_data = pd.DataFrame(data)

# Run the dynamic pricing simulation
updated_station_data = dynamic_pricing_simulation(station_data)

# Function to plot the prices and demands
def plot_price_vs_demand(station_data):
    """Plot the prices and demands of charging stations."""
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['dollars'], label='
        Price ($)', color='blue', marker='o')
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['new_demand'],
        label='New Demand', color='orange', marker='x')
    plt.title('Price and Demand of Charging Stations with Dynamic
        Pricing')
    plt.xlabel('Session ID')
    plt.ylabel('Value')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid()
    plt.show()

# Call the plotting function to visualize the results
plot_price_vs_demand(updated_station_data)
```

Listing 5: Data preparation, simulation execution, and plotting for dynamic pricing

Scenario 4

```
# Generate a random AES key for encryption
key = get_random_bytes(16)
# Sample Data: Simulating EV charging behavior dataset for malicious detection
np.random.seed(42)
data = {
    'userId': np.random.randint(1, 50, 100),
    'sessionId': range(1, 101),
    'reservationCount': np.random.randint(1, 5, 100),
    'actualUsage': np.random.choice([0, 1], size=100, p=[0.3, 0.7]),
    'cancellations': np.random.randint(0, 5, 100),
    'chargeTimeHrs': np.random.uniform(0, 10, 100),
}
station_data = pd.DataFrame(data)
# Simulate malicious behavior by injecting anomalies
malicious_users = np.random.choice(station_data.index, size=10, replace=False)
station_data.loc[malicious_users, 'reservationCount'] = np.random.randint(5, 10, size=10)
station_data.loc[malicious_users, 'actualUsage'] = 0
station_data.loc[malicious_users, 'cancellations'] = np.random.randint(3, 5, size=10)
```

Listing 6: Part 2: Dataset generation and anomaly injection

```
# Encrypt sensitive fields
station_data['encrypted_reservationCount'] = station_data['reservationCount'].apply(lambda x: encrypt(str(x).encode(), key))
station_data['encrypted_actualUsage'] = station_data['actualUsage'].apply(lambda x: encrypt(str(x).encode(), key))
station_data['encrypted_cancellations'] = station_data['cancellations'].apply(lambda x: encrypt(str(x).encode(), key))
station_data['encrypted_chargeTimeHrs'] = station_data['chargeTimeHrs'].apply(lambda x: encrypt(str(x).encode(), key))

# Decrypt data in a secure environment
station_data['decrypted_reservationCount'] = station_data['encrypted_reservationCount'].apply(lambda x: int(decrypt(x, key).decode()))
station_data['decrypted_actualUsage'] = station_data['encrypted_actualUsage'].apply(lambda x: int(decrypt(x, key).decode()))
station_data['decrypted_cancellations'] = station_data['encrypted_cancellations'].apply(lambda x: int(decrypt(x, key).decode()))
station_data['decrypted_chargeTimeHrs'] = station_data['encrypted_chargeTimeHrs'].apply(lambda x: float(decrypt(x, key).decode()))
```

Listing 7: Part 3: Encryption and decryption of sensitive fields

```python
# Apply Isolation Forest on decrypted data
X = station_data[['decrypted_reservationCount', 'decrypted_actualUsage',
    'decrypted_cancellations', 'decrypted_chargeTimeHrs']]
iso_forest = IsolationForest(n_estimators=100, contamination=0.15,
    random_state=42)
station_data['anomaly'] = iso_forest.fit_predict(X)
station_data['is_malicious'] = station_data['anomaly'] == -1

# Stackelberg Model: Dynamic Pricing based on detected anomalies
base_price = 5  # Base price per hour for charging
premium_multiplier = 1.5  # Premium multiplier for malicious users
station_data['price_per_hour'] = base_price
station_data.loc[station_data['is_malicious'], 'price_per_hour'] =
    base_price * premium_multiplier

# Visualization of Malicious vs Non-Malicious Users
malicious_counts = station_data['is_malicious'].value_counts()
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.barplot(x=malicious_counts.index, y=malicious_counts.values, palette
    ="coolwarm")
plt.xticks([0, 1], ['Non-Malicious', 'Malicious'])
plt.title('Count of Malicious vs Non-Malicious Users')
plt.xlabel('Malicious Status')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.show()
```

Listing 8: Part 4: Malicious detection, pricing adjustment, and visualization

```
    # Update prices and calculate new demand based on overload
    for index, station in overloaded_stations.iterrows():
        # Increase price based on overload situation
        new_price = station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] * (1 + (overload_increase / 100))  # Increase by a percentage
        station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] = new_price
        # Update demand based on new price
        station_data.at[index, 'new_demand'] = demand_response(new_price)

    return station_data

# Sample station data for testing
data = {
    'sessionId': range(1, 101),
    'kwhTotal': np.random.uniform(0, 10, 100),  # Random kWh totals
    'dollars': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.5, 100)  # Random prices
}
station_data = pd.DataFrame(data)

# Run the overload simulation with pricing
updated_station_data = overload_simulation_with_pricing(station_data)

# Function to plot the prices and demands
def plot_price_vs_demand(station_data):
    """Plot the prices and demands of charging stations."""
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['dollars'], label='Price ($)', color='blue', marker='o')
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['new_demand'], label='New Demand', color='orange', marker='x')
    plt.title('Price and Demand of Charging Stations')
    plt.xlabel('Session ID')
    plt.ylabel('Value')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid()
    plt.show()

# Call the plotting function to visualize the results
plot_price_vs_demand(updated_station_data)
```

Listing 2: Price update calculations, data preparation, and plotting

```python
    # Update prices and calculate new demand based on overload
    for index, station in overloaded_stations.iterrows():
        if station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] > 0:
            # Increase price based on overload situation
            new_price = station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] * (1 + (overload_increase / 100))
            # Cap the price to avoid unrealistic spikes
            new_price = min(new_price, price_cap)
            station_data.at[index, 'dollars'] = new_price
            # Update demand based on the new price using the adjusted demand response
            station_data.at[index, 'new_demand'] = demand_response(new_price)
            print(f"Session {index}: Price {new_price:.2f}, Demand {station_data.at[index, 'new_demand']:.2f}")
        else:
            station_data.at[index, 'new_demand'] = 0  # Set demand to 0 if price is invalid

    return station_data

# Sample station data for testing
data = {
    'sessionId': range(1, 101),
    'kwhTotal': np.random.uniform(0, 10, 100),  # Random kWh totals
    'dollars': np.random.uniform(0.5, 1.5, 100)  # Random prices
}
station_data = pd.DataFrame(data)

# Initialize the new_demand column with zeros to avoid NaN values
station_data['new_demand'] = 0.0

# Run the overload simulation with pricing
updated_station_data = overload_simulation_with_pricing(station_data)

# Display updated data for verification
print(updated_station_data.head())

# Function to plot the prices and demands
def plot_price_vs_demand(station_data):
    """Plot the prices and demands of charging stations."""
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['dollars'], label='Price ($)', color='blue', marker='o')
    plt.plot(station_data['sessionId'], station_data['new_demand'], label='New Demand', color='orange', marker='x')
    plt.title('Price and Demand of Charging Stations')
    plt.xlabel('Session ID')
    plt.ylabel('Value')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid()
    plt.show()

# Call the plotting function to visualize the results
plot_price_vs_demand(updated_station_data)

Github Link > https://github.com/skaplesh/Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Station-Simulation
```

Listing 4: Price adjustments with a cap, data preparation, and plotting for overload simulation