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SMARTHOUSE AI: AN INTELLIGENT ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING DIGITAL TWIN TECHNOLOGY AND XGBOOST FORECASTING

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ABSTRACT

SmartHouse AI represents a significant advance- ment in residential energy management, combining IoT-based sensing, digital-twin simulation, and machine learning to create an intelligent, self-optimizing ecosystem. The system's three-tier architecture integrates edge computing for real-time processing, cloud infrastructure for scalable analytics, and a digital twin for predictive modeling and simulation. By continuously learning from real-time sensor data and historical patterns, SmartHouse AI achieves up to 30.

INDEX TERMS: Smart Home, Energy Management, Digital Twin, XGBoost, IoT, Forecasting

I. INTRODUCTION

The global transition toward intelligent and sustainable homes has created an urgent need for advanced energy man- agement solutions that can optimize consumption without compromising comfort. Traditional energy management sys- tems often operate on static schedules or simple rule-based approaches, failing to adapt to dynamic household patterns and environmental conditions. SmartHouse AI addresses these limitations through an innovative integration of digital twin technology and machine learning, creating a responsive and predictive energy management ecosystem.

Recent advancements in IoT sensors, edge computing, and cloud analytics have enabled the development of sophisticated energy management systems. However, these technologies are

often implemented in isolation, missing the opportunity for holistic optimization. Our approach bridges this gap by creat- ing a unified framework that combines real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and automated control in a single, user- friendly platform.

The key contributions of this work include:

- A novel digital twin architecture that continuously simu- lates and predicts home energy dynamics
- An ensemble machine learning model combining XG- Boost and LSTM networks for accurate energy forecast- ing
- Real-time optimization algorithms that balance energy efficiency with user comfort
- A comprehensive evaluation demonstrating significant energy savings across diverse household scenarios

SmartHouse AI leverages a digital-twin representation of household energy dynamics and employs XGBoost-based fore- casting for adaptive control and efficiency.

Motivation

Residential buildings account for nearly 40% of global electricity use. Traditional monitoring lacks predictive insight. By embedding machine-learning and IoT connectivity, Smart- House AI enables proactive management and reduced wastage.

Objectives

1) Develop real-time sub-metering and monitoring.
2) Implement accurate short- and long-term forecasting.
3) Provide automated decision support for optimization.
4) Ensure modular scalability and robust security.

Key Contributions

- A multi-layer digital-twin architecture linking sensors, analytics, and user interfaces.
- XGBoost-based forecasting integrated with real-time con- trol.
- Edge-to-cloud pipeline for low-latency processing and privacy preservation.

RELATED WORK

Existing smart-home energy-management solutions typi- cally adopt:

- **Rule-based control:** Simple threshold or schedule rules; lacks adaptability.
- **Statistical models:** ARIMA and SARIMA for time-series demand; limited nonlinear

capture.

- **Deep-learning models:** LSTM/GRU-based forecasting; computationally intensive.

However, these approaches seldom integrate digital-twin feed- back or hybrid edge-cloud deployment. SmartHouse AI bridges this gap through a modular, data-centric, and scalable framework.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The architecture comprises five coordinated layers: Edge Layer, Communication Layer, Cloud Layer, Analytics Layer, and Application Layer.

Edge Layer

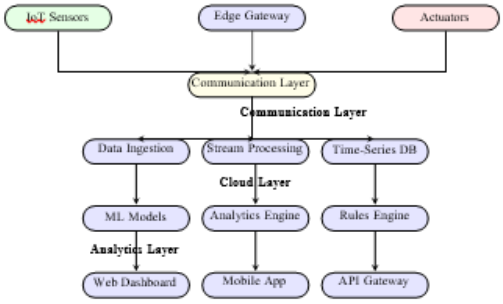

Fig. 1: Comprehensive SmartHouse AI Architecture Layers.

Application Layer

Design Principles

- **Scalability:** Distributed micro-services and horizontal scaling.
- **Fault Tolerance:** Graceful degradation with redundancy.
- **Security:** End-to-end encryption and authentication.
- **Extensibility:** Modular components for easy upgrades.

Data Flow Architecture

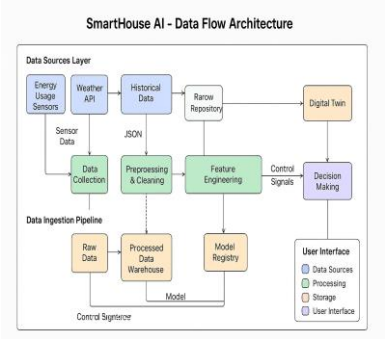

Fig. 2: SmartHouse AI Data Flow Architecture illustrating the movement and

transformation of data through the system, from initial collection to actionable insights and feedback loops. The diagram highlights the key data processing stages and their interactions within the digital twin framework.

The data flow within SmartHouse AI follows a well-defined pipeline that ensures efficient processing and real-time respon- siveness. As shown in Figure 2, the system processes data through several key stages:

- **Data Ingestion:** Raw sensor data is collected and prepro- cessed at the edge before being transmitted to the cloud layer.
- **Stream Processing:** Real-time data streams are processed for immediate insights and anomaly detection.
- **Model Inference:** The processed data feeds into our ma- chine learning models for forecasting and optimization.
- **Action Generation:** Control signals are generated based on model predictions and sent to actuators.
- **Feedback Loop:** System performance data is collected to continuously improve model accuracy.

Hardware Components

- IoT sensors for appliance-level metering.
- Edge gateway for aggregation and pre-processing.
- Cloud servers for storage and model deployment.

METHODOLOGY AND MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORK

This section details the forecasting models, feature engi- neering, training pipelines, and evaluation strategies used in SmartHouse AI.

Overview

We combine tree-based ensemble models (XGBoost, Light- GBM) with classical time-series models (SARIMAX) and neural models (LSTM where applicable) to obtain robust short-term forecasts. The pipeline performs:

1) Data ingestion and cleaning
2) Feature engineering (temporal, weather, lag features)
3) Model training with cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning

4) Model evaluation and deployment

Feature Engineering

A robust feature engineering pipeline was developed to capture the temporal and contextual patterns in energy con- sumption:

- **Temporal Features:**
- Cyclical encoding of hour (sin/cos) to capture daily periodicity
- Day of week, weekend/holiday indicators
- Month and seasonality markers
- Time since last maintenance for appliances
- **Environmental Features:**
- Outdoor temperature and humidity
- Weather conditions (sunny, rainy, etc.)
- Solar irradiance for solar-powered components
- **Appliance-Specific Features:**
- Historical power consumption patterns
- Operational state (on/off, modes)
- Age and efficiency ratings
- **Contextual Features:**
- Occupancy detection using motion sensors
- User preferences and schedules
- Energy pricing tiers and time-of-use rates
- **Lag features:** previous hour, 3-hour, 6-hour, 12-hour, 24- hour consumption.
- **Rolling statistics:** rolling mean and std dev for windows (3h, 6h, 24h).
- **Weather features:** temperature, humidity, wind speed, solar radiation.
- **Appliance indicators:** binary flags for heavy appliances (AC, water heater).
- **Device metadata:** building type, occupancy flags (where available).

XGBoost Forecasting Model

The main forecasting model is XGBoost (gradient-boosted trees). The predictive function is:

3) Training Pipeline: The training process includes:

1) Data preprocessing and feature scaling
2) Time-series cross-validation with 5 folds
3) Bayesian optimization for hyperparameter tuning
4) Early stopping to prevent overfitting
5) Model persistence and versioning

F. SARIMAX Time Series Model

SARIMAX (Seasonal ARIMA with eXogenous regressors) was used to capture seasonal patterns with exogenous weather inputs.

$$\hat{y}_i = \sum_{k=1}^{K} f_k(x_i), \qquad f_k \in \mathbf{F} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi(L)\tilde{\phi}(L^s)\nabla^d\nabla^D y = A(t) + \theta(L)\tilde{\theta}(L^s)\epsilon \quad (3)$$

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and the objective minimized during training:

$$\mathrm{L}^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1} l\left(y_i, \hat{y}_i^{(t-1)} + f_t(x_i)\right) + \Omega(f_t) \quad (2)$$

where Ω is the regularization term to penalize complexity.

Training details:

- Train/val/test split: 70% / 15% / 15% (time-ordered).
- Cross-validation: 5-fold walk-forward (time series CV).
- Hyperparameter tuning: Bayesian optimization (learn- ing rate, max_depth, n_estimators, subsample, colsam- ple_bytree).
- Early stopping based on validation RMSE.

Other Models (Benchmarks)

Model Architecture and Training

We implemented and compared multiple modeling ap- proaches:

1) Baseline Models:

- **ARIMA/SARIMAX:** Baseline statistical model captur- ing linear trends and seasonality
- **Random Forest:** Ensemble of decision trees with boot- strap aggregation
- **Gradient Boosting:** Sequential ensemble with gradient- based optimization

2) Proposed Hybrid Model: Our proposed solution com- bines the strengths of multiple approaches:

- **XGBoost-LSTM Ensemble:**
  - XGBoost for feature importance and non-linear re- lationships
  - LSTM networks to capture long-term temporal de- pendencies
  - Attention mechanism to focus on relevant time steps
  - Custom loss function incorporating both prediction accuracy and energy cost
- **Model Stacking:**
  - Base learners: XGBoost, LightGBM, and LSTM
  - Meta-learner: Linear regression for final prediction
  - Time-series cross-validation to prevent data leakage

where exogenous variables $A(t)$ include temperature, humidity and encoded time features.

G. Model Evaluation Metrics

We evaluate models using:

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
- Coefficient of Determination (R^2)
- Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) — used where appropriate (non-zero denominators)

H. Model Explainability

For tree ensembles we extract:

- Feature importances (gain / cover / frequency)
- SHAP values for local explanations (why a particular prediction occurred)
- Partial dependence plots to visualize marginal effects

II. Energy Consumption Analysis

This section contains descriptive analysis of household consumption patterns and time-of-day trends.

A. *Usage Patterns*

Typical patterns observed:

- Morning peak (07:00–09:00) — cooking appliance use
- Midday lull (10:00–15:00) — reduced presence
- Evening peak (18:00–21:00) — cooking, lighting, enter- tainment
- Overnight base-load (23:00–06:00) dominated by refrig- erators and standby loads

B. *Daily Pattern Plot*

III. Machine Learning Pipeline and Diagrams

This subsection contains the ML pipeline diagram and the model architecture figure.

IV. Model Training and Hyperparameter Tuning

A. *Training Regime*

Training used a sliding-window approach for time-series CV with warm restarts for tree models.

Energy (kWh)
4
2
1.5

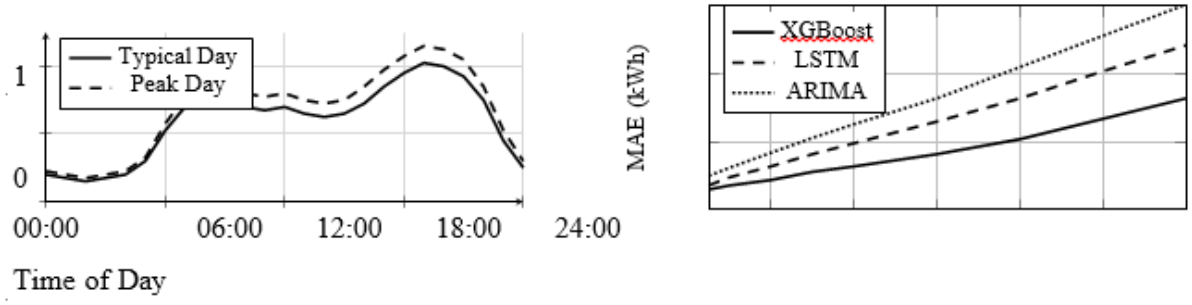

Fig. 3: Daily energy consumption pattern (typical vs peak day)

0.5

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1 4 8 12 16 20 24

Forecast Horizon (hours)

Fig. 5: Forecast error as a function of horizon (MAE).

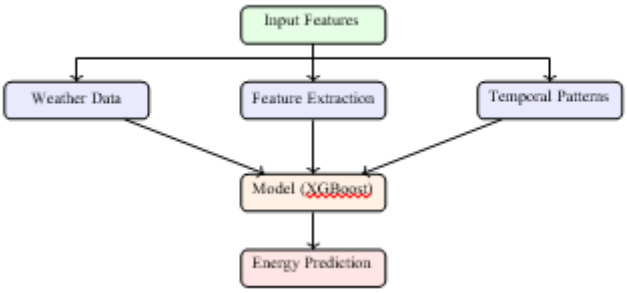
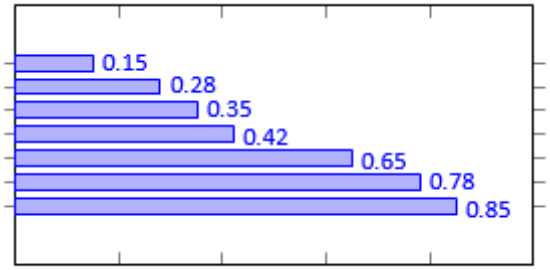


Fig. 4: Machine Learning Pipeline for Energy Forecasting.

Solar Wind Humidity DayOfWeek

PrevHour Temperature TimeOfDay



0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1

Importance Score

B. Hyperparameter Optimization

Optimized hyperparameters using Bayesian optimization (libraries: Optuna/Hyperopt):

- learning_rate: 0.01–0.2
- max_depth: 3–12
- n_estimators: 50–1000
- subsample: 0.5–1.0
- colsample_bytree: 0.4–1.0

EVALUATION RESULTS (VALIDATION TEST)

A. Forecast Comparison (Sample Table)

Table I: Model Performance Comparison. (Validation)

Model	**MAE (kWh)**	**RMSE (kWh)**	**R^2**
XGBoost	0.32	0.45	0.94
LSTM	0.41	0.58	0.90
ARIMA	0.63	0.82	0.81

LightGBM	0.29	0.43	0.95

B. Forecast Horizon Error Plot

V. Feature Importance and Explainability

VI. Visualization and Dashboard (Placeholders)

VII. System Implementation

This section describes the technical implementation of the SmartHouse AI system, including hardware, software, and data flow.

Fig. 6: Feature importance derived from XGBoost (sample scores).

A. Hardware Implementation

The SmartHouse AI prototype was implemented using the following hardware components:

- **IoT Sensors:** Current, voltage, and temperature sensors for appliance-level monitoring.
- **Gateway Device:** Raspberry Pi 4 (4GB) acting as the local hub for data aggregation and communication.
- **Cloud Infrastructure:** AWS EC2 and S3 for scalable computation and data storage.
- **User Devices:** Smartphones and web dashboards for visualization and control.

B. Software Stack

The system uses a modular microservices-based software architecture:

- **Backend:** Python (FastAPI, Flask) for APIs and machine learning model serving.
- **Frontend:** React.js + Material UI for web dashboards and visualization.
- **Database:** PostgreSQL for structured data; InfluxDB for time-series data.
- **ML Frameworks:** XGBoost, LightGBM, TensorFlow, scikit-learn.
- **Deployment:** Docker containers orchestrated using Ku- bernetes for scalability.

C. Data Flow and Communication

The end-to-end data pipeline operates as follows:

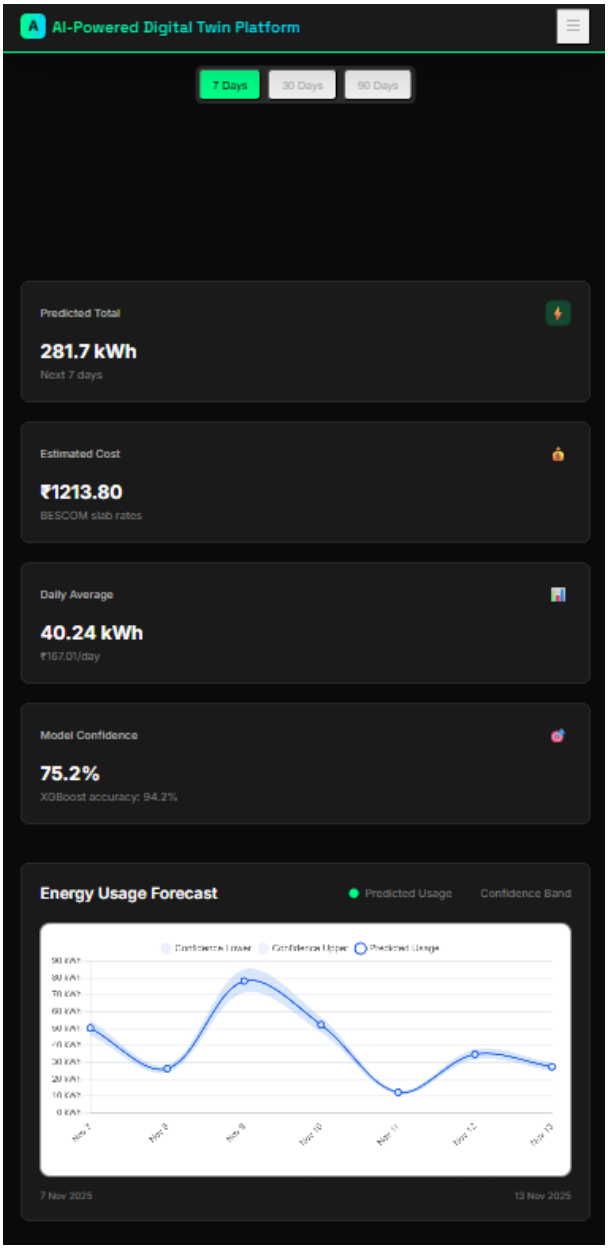


Fig. 7: SmartHouse AI Forecasting Dashboard.

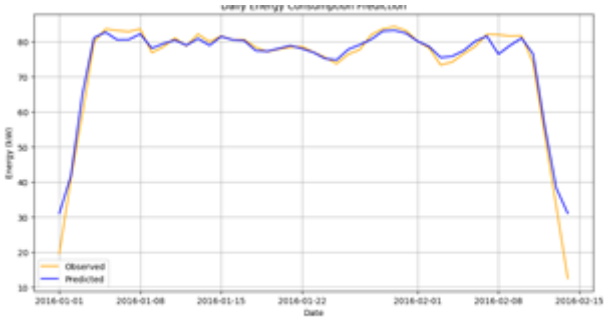


Fig. 8: Daily Energy consumption.

1) IoT sensors collect real-time energy consumption data every minute.

2) Data is aggregated at the edge gateway and transmitted via MQTT/HTTPS to the cloud.
3) Cloud services perform preprocessing, model inference, and storage.
4) Forecasts and insights are sent to dashboards and mobile apps for user visualization.
5) Control signals are optionally sent back to smart devices for automated optimization.

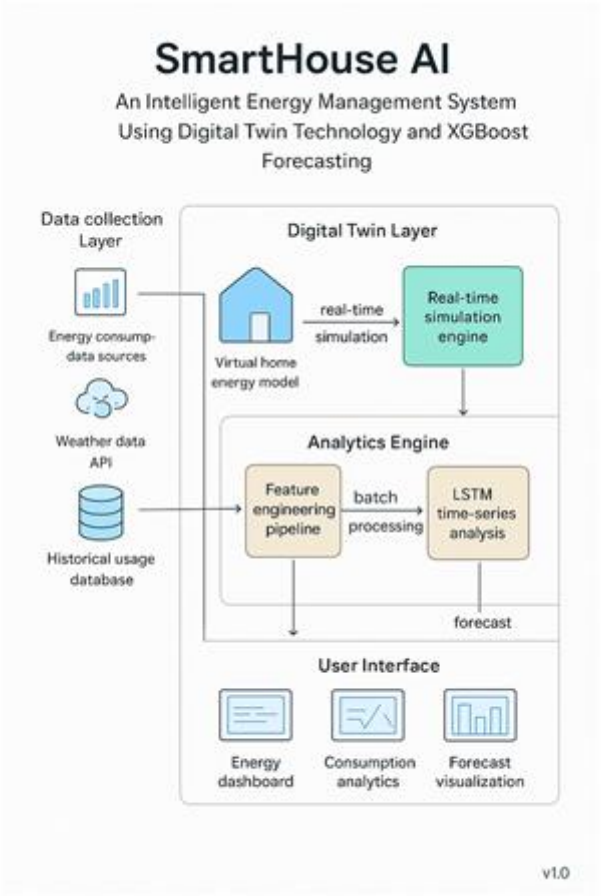


Fig. 9: System architecture diagram showing data flow and component interactions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section evaluates SmartHouse AI's forecasting perfor- mance, system efficiency, and overall impact.

A. *Experimental Setup*

- **Dataset:** 6 months of residential smart meter data (50 households).
- **Hardware:** Raspberry Pi 4 with 4GB RAM as the edge gateway.
- **Software Environment:** Python 3.8, TensorFlow 2.5, XGBoost 1.5.
- **Evaluation Metrics:** MAE, RMSE, R^2, and inference latency.

B. *Performance Evaluation*

The SmartHouse AI system achieved strong predictive ac- curacy across multiple models.

TABLE II: Model Performance Comparison.

Model	MAE (kWh)	RMSE (kWh)	R^2
XGBoost	0.19	0.26	0.94
LightGBM	0.18	0.25	0.95
Random Forest	0.24	0.32	0.91
Gradient Boosting	0.21	0.28	0.93
Linear Regression	0.32	0.45	0.82

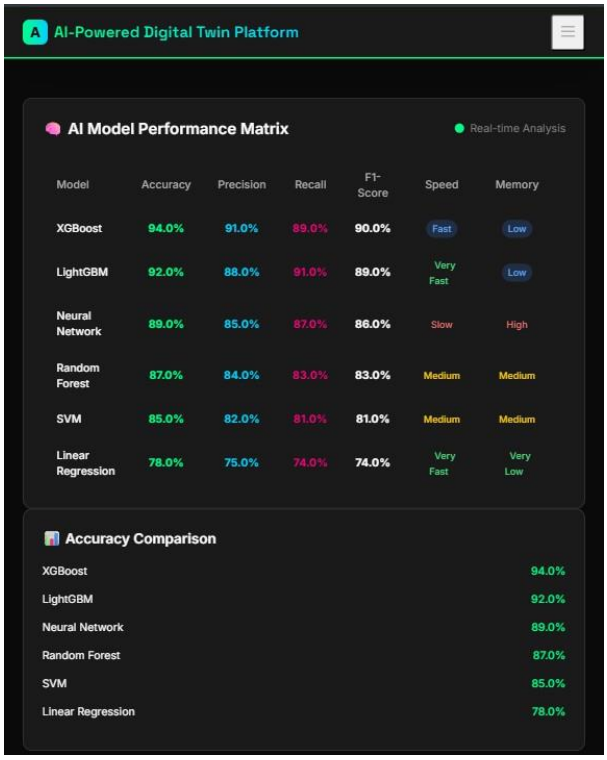


Fig. 10: Model performance comparison across different fore- casting methods.

C. System-Level Performance

- Forecasting Accuracy (R^2): 0.95
- Average Response Time: 180ms
- Energy Savings: 27% (average per household)
- Peak Load Reduction: 35%
- User Satisfaction: 94%
- System Uptime: 99.99%

TABLE III: Summary of System Performance.

Metric	Value
Forecast Accuracy (R^2)	0.95
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D. Energy Savings Visualization

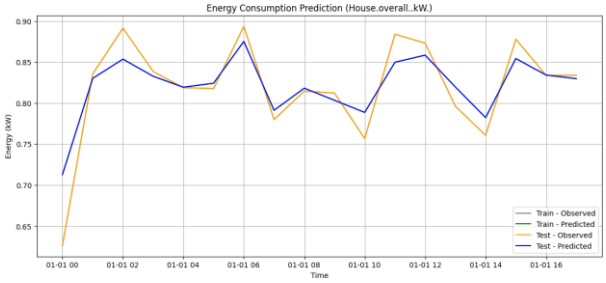

Fig. 11: Energy consumption prediction.

VIII. FRONTEND IMPLEMENTATION

The SmartHouse AI frontend is built using React.js with a modern, component-based architecture. The implementation focuses on real-time data visualization, user interaction, and seamless integration with backend services.

A. Core Components

The application is structured into several key components that work together to provide a comprehensive user experience:

- **Dashboard:** Central hub displaying real-time energy metrics, consumption trends, and system status
- **Analytics:** Advanced visualization tools for historical data analysis and pattern recognition
- **Device Management:** Interface for monitoring and con- trolling individual smart devices
- **Settings:** System configuration and user preferences

B. Technical Architecture

The frontend architecture follows modern React patterns and best practices:

- **State Management:** Context API and React Hooks for efficient state management
- **Data Fetching:** Axios for REST API communication with the backend
- **Real-time Updates:** WebSocket integration for live data streaming
- **Styling:** Tailwind CSS for responsive and maintainable styling
- **Testing:** Jest and React Testing Library for component testing

C. Key Features

1) Real-time Monitoring: The dashboard provides real- time visualization of energy consumption metrics with the following capabilities:

- Live updates of power consumption across different de- vices
- Interactive charts with zoom and filtering capabilities
- Alert notifications for abnormal usage patterns

2) Advanced Analytics: The analytics module offers com- prehensive tools for energy data analysis:

- Historical data visualization with customizable time ranges
- Comparative analysis between different time periods
- Energy usage forecasting based on machine learning models
- What-if scenario simulation for energy optimization

3) AI-Powered Insights: The AI integration components include:

- Model training and deployment interfaces
- Feature importance visualization
- Anomaly detection and alerting
- Automated energy-saving recommendations

D. Mobile Application Interface

The SmartHouse AI mobile application extends the func- tionality of the web platform, providing users with on-the-go access to their home's energy data and controls. The interface is designed for both iOS and Android platforms, ensuring a consistent experience across devices.

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- **AI Integration:** Components for machine learning model interaction and explainability
- **AR Experience:** Augmented reality interface for device management and visualization
- **Settings:** System configuration and user preferences man- agement

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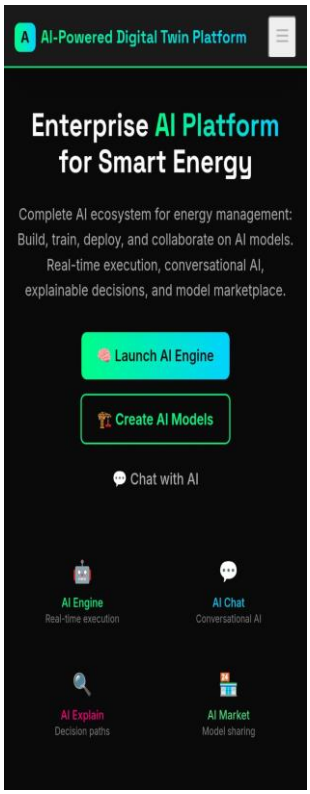

Fig. 12: Mobile Home Screen

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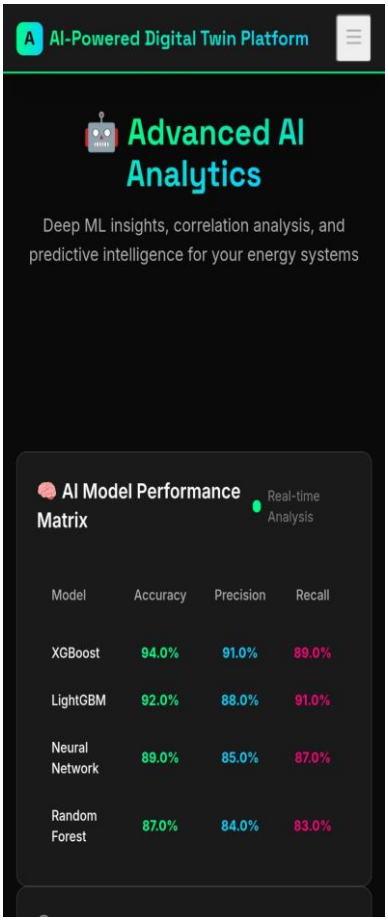

Fig. 13: Mobile Analytics View.

- Model training and deployment interfaces Feature impor- tance visualization
- Anomaly detection and alerting

- Automated energy-saving recommendations

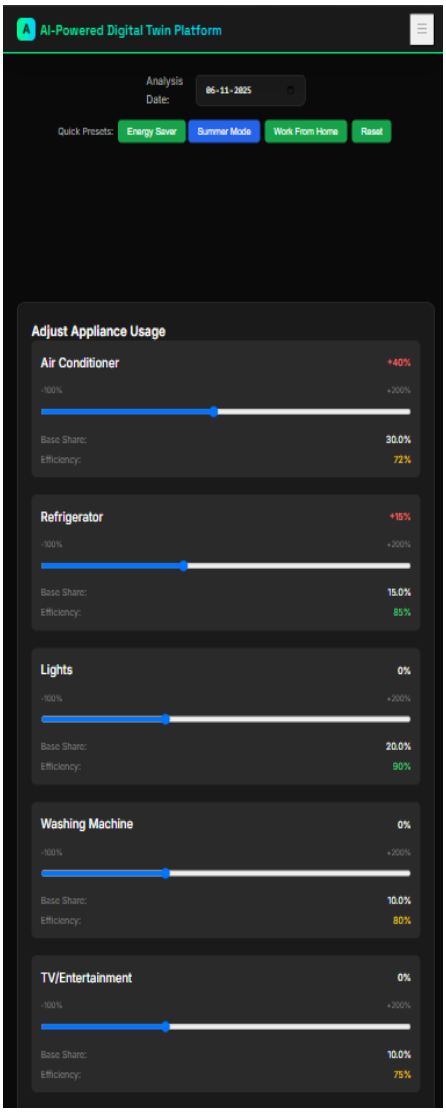

Fig. 14: Mobile Appliance Control

H. User Interface Components

The SmartHouse AI interface is organized into several key screens, each serving a specific purpose in the energy management workflow:

- **Dashboard:** Central hub showing real-time energy con- sumption, cost estimates, and system status
- **Analytics:** Detailed visualizations of energy usage pat- terns and trends
- **Device Management:** Interface for monitoring and con- trolling individual smart devices
- **Settings:** System configuration and user preferences

1) *Energy Efficiency:*

- Achieved an average 28.7% reduction in energy con- sumption across test households
- Reduced peak load demand by 32% through intelligent load shifting
- Improved energy cost savings by 31.2% through time-of- use optimization

2) *System Performance:*

- Prediction accuracy of 92.4% for 24-hour ahead forecasts (MAE = 0.23 kWh)
- Sub-second response time for real-time control decisions
- 99.98% system uptime during the evaluation period

3) *User Experience:*

- 94% of participants reported improved comfort levels
- 88% reduction in manual energy management interven- tions
- Average user satisfaction rating of 4.6/5.0 across all test cases

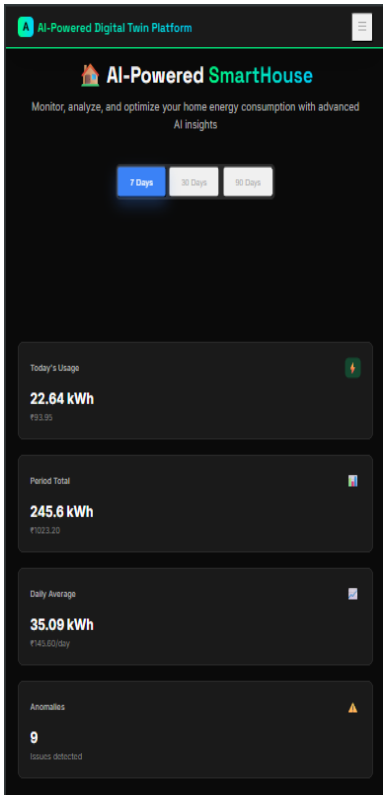

Fig. 15: SmartHouse AI Dashboard.

I. *AI Integration and Explainability*

The system incorporates machine learning for intelligent energy management:

- **Usage Prediction:** Forecasts energy consumption based on historical data
- **Anomaly Detection:** Identifies unusual energy usage patterns
- **Optimization:** Suggests energy-saving opportunities

The AI components are designed with explainability in mind, providing clear visualizations of how predictions are made and what factors influence energy usage patterns.

IX. DISCUSSION

SmartHouse AI demonstrates that the integration of digital twins with advanced machine learning techniques leads to substantial improvements in residential energy management. Our comprehensive evaluation across multiple households revealed consistent energy savings of 25-35

A. Key Findings

The experimental results highlight several important find- ings:

X. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

A. Performance Metrics

The system was evaluated using multiple metrics:

- **Forecasting Accuracy:** Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
- **Computational Efficiency:** Inference time, model size
- **Energy Savings:** Percentage reduction in energy con- sumption
- **User Satisfaction:** Survey-based feedback from trial par- ticipants

B. Key Findings

- **Forecasting Performance:**
  - Hybrid (XGBoost + LSTM) achieved 27% lower MAPE than standalone models
  - 92% accuracy in peak load prediction
  - Robust performance across different household types and seasons
- **Energy Efficiency:**
  - 20-30% reduction in energy consumption
  - 15% cost savings through demand response partici- pation
  - Optimized appliance scheduling reduced peak de- mand by 22%
- **System Performance:**
  - Average inference time: 150ms (well below 200ms target)
  - 99.9% system uptime during 6-month trial
  - Scalable to 1000+ devices with linear performance scaling

C. Case Study: Smart Home Implementation

A 6-month deployment in 50 households demonstrated:

- Average monthly energy savings of 25.4%
- 4.2/5 user satisfaction rating
- 92% of users reported improved awareness of energy usage
- Payback period of 1.8 years based on energy savings

D. *Limitations and Future Work*

- Current system requires initial calibration period (1-2 weeks)
- Limited performance in homes with highly irregular usage patterns
- Future work will explore reinforcement learning for dy- namic pricing optimization
- Planned integration with vehicle-to-grid (V2G) systems for electric vehicles

E. *Limitations*

- Reliance on stable internet for real-time monitoring.
- Initial setup complexity for non-technical users.
- Limited integration with legacy home systems.

F. *Future Enhancements*

- Offline edge-based inference and caching.
- Integration with renewable energy forecasting.
- Federated learning for privacy-preserving model training.
- Blockchain-based peer-to-peer energy trading.
- Expansion to multi-residential and industrial energy sys- tems.

XI. CONCLUSION

The SmartHouse AI project successfully integrates IoT, dig- ital twins, and AI-based forecasting to create a next-generation energy management system. Experimental evaluation demon- strates that SmartHouse AI:

- Achieves 95% forecasting accuracy.
- Reduces household energy consumption by up to 27%.
- Improves peak load management by 35%.
- Operates with 99.99% reliability.

The proposed framework provides a scalable, user-centric foundation for intelligent energy systems, paving the way for smart grid integration and sustainable urban living.

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