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Enhancing Energy Efficiency in Electrical Systems with Reinforcement Learning Algorithms



Abstract: - Improving the energy efficiency of electricity systems is important for lowering environmental damage and promoting sustainable growth. In recent years, reinforcement learning (RL) methods have become useful for finding the best ways to use energy in many areas. The point of this study is to look into how RL algorithms can be used to make electricity systems more energy efficient. The study looks into how RL algorithms can be used to make electricity systems more efficient by lowering waste, making the best use of energy, and maximizing energy use. The study suggests a new way to use RL methods to change things like power sharing, load scheduling, and resource allocation on the fly in order to keep system performance high while using as little energy as possible. Some important parts of the study method are creating RL models that work with electricity systems and their limitations, as well as coming up with the right payment functions to help people learn how to behave in ways that use less energy. Extensive models and real-world studies on sample electrical systems are used to test how well the suggested method works. According to the study's results, using RL algorithms can lead to big changes in how efficiently energy is used, with cuts in energy use running from [insert exact number range]. The study also shows how flexible and scalable RL-based solutions are when it comes to different system setups and operating scenarios. Overall, this study adds to the growing amount of research on energy efficiency by showing how RL algorithms can be used to solve difficult problems in electrical systems. Practical plans can be made to improve energy efficiency and promote sustainability in a wide range of businesses and uses based on what this study has taught us.

Keywords: Energy Efficiency, Reinforcement Learning, Electrical Systems, Optimization

I. INTRODUCTION

Utilizing energy resources effectively is very important in today's world because we want to protect the earth, lower costs, and ensure long-term growth. Powering businesses, homes, transportation, and infrastructure, electricity systems are one of the most important areas that use energy. Therefore, making electricity systems more energy efficient has become an urgent need, calling for new ways to reduce energy use while keeping system performance and dependability. Recently, [1] there has been a growing desire in using new tools to help solve the problem of saving energy. Applying reinforcement learning (RL) algorithms is a very hopeful path. RL is a form of artificial intelligence (AI) that lets self-driving robots learn the best way to behave by interacting with their surroundings. Real-life examples of RL's amazing success include robots, games, banking, and healthcare. Currently, scientists are looking into how it might change the way energy is managed in electrical systems. Many great benefits come from putting RL algorithms into electricity systems. Unlike standard rule-based methods, RL

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affordability, and dependability. Applying reinforcement learning methods to this problem looks very promising because it lets self-driving robots learn and change techniques that use less energy in changing settings. Achieving this potential, however, requires taking into account a number of technical, scientific, and practical issues to make sure that RL-based energy optimization methods can be used on a large scale, are reliable, and can work with other systems. We can explore RL's full potential to change the energy scene and lead to a more sustainable future by working together across disciplines and continuing our study.

II. RELATED WORK

Many researchers, engineers, and lawmakers around the world are working to make electricity systems more energy efficient. An analysis of the current literature shows a rich patchwork of methods and processes that aim to reduce energy use, improve system performance, and encourage sustainability in a wide range of areas. We give you a review of related work in this part by dividing it into several main themes and pointing out important efforts and trends [7]. Traditionally, attempts to make electricity systems more energy efficient have focused on common optimization methods like mathematical programming, predictive algorithms, and model-based control strategies. Many different issues have been solved using these methods, such as optimizing power flow, planning loads, and managing demand. Using linear programming and mixed-integer programming to make power generation and distribution more efficient in large-scale electrical grids is one example. In smart grids, genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization are examples of heuristic algorithms that are used to balance load and route energy [8].

ML methods have become very useful for improving the energy efficiency of electricity systems in recent years. The prediction of load, the finding of anomalies, and the identification of faults in power systems have all used supervised learning methods like support vector machines and neural networks. Energy data has been used to find trends and structures using unsupervised learning techniques like grouping and dimensionality reduction, which helps people make better decisions. The accuracy and reliability of energy forecast models can also be improved with ensemble learning methods such as random forests and gradient boosting [9]. The use of reinforcement learning (RL) to make power systems more energy efficient is growing in the field of artificial intelligence. Virtual reality (VR) programs let self-driving robots figure out the best way to control themselves by making mistakes and learning from them. They use data from their surroundings to make better decisions over time. Numerous research projects have looked into how RL can be used for different energy-related tasks, such as demand response, battery management, and energy-efficient routes. Some examples are using RL-based methods to make microgrids work better by balancing supply and demand for energy while keeping costs and environmental effect to a minimum [10].

An increasing focus on using renewable energy has led researchers to look into ways to make electricity systems use green resources more efficiently while reducing their reliance on fossil fuels. This involves creating methods for the best timing of power production, managing energy storage, and integrating spread generation into the power grid. Problems like intermittency, uncertainty, and grid stability that come with integrating green energy have been shown to be more manageable using reinforcement learning methods. RL agents can switch between producing and using energy to adapt to changing trends of green output and demand by learning from real-time data and feedback. Introducing cyber-physical systems and smart grid technologies has created fresh chances to make energy use more efficient and grid stability better. To [11] allow real-time tracking, analysis, and improvement of electricity networks, these systems use complex sensors, communication, and control technologies. Within smart grids, reinforcement learning methods have been used to improve demand response programs, handle charging points for electric vehicles, and improve energy storage systems. In addition, RL-based methods have been looked into for controlling the grid and making it more stable. These methods include regulating power, controlling frequency, and finding breakdowns. The many aspects of energy efficiency problems have led to the formation of interdisciplinary study partnerships to approach these problems from different points of view. For these projects, experts from electrical engineering, computer science, economics, and environmental science work together to create complete answers that take into account social, economic, and scientific aspects. To make it easier to share technology, make policies, and spread information, collaborative projects often include business partners, government agencies, and non-profits. Focusing on encouraging conversation and teamwork between different fields, these efforts aim to speed up the move to a more secure and long-lasting energy infrastructure. The goal of making electrical systems more energy efficient includes a wide range of research projects, including traditional optimization methods, machine learning approaches, and

reinforcement learning applications, smart grid technologies, integrating renewable energy, and working together across different fields. Although each method has its own benefits and strengths, the overall goal is still the same: to come up with new ways to make energy systems more reliable, efficient, and long-lasting. Using the knowledge and progress made in connected study, scholars can keep pushing the limits of energy efficiency and make the world a better and healthier place to live.

Table 1: Summary of related work

Method	Algorithm	Key Finding	Area	Application	Advantage
Traditional Optimization Techniques	Linear Programming, Mixed-Integer Programming	Optimizes power generation and distribution in large-scale electrical grids	Power Systems	Electrical Grid Optimization	Well-established, precise optimization methods
	Genetic Algorithms, Particle Swarm Optimization [12]	Balances load and routes energy efficiently in smart grids	Smart Grids	Load Balancing, Energy Routing	Adaptability to changing conditions, suitable for dynamic environments
Machine Learning Approaches	Support Vector Machines, Neural Networks [13]	Accurately forecasts energy demand and detects anomalies in power systems	Energy Forecasting	Load Forecasting, Anomaly Detection	Data-driven, capable of handling complex patterns and nonlinear relationships
	Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction [14]	Identifies patterns and structures in energy data for informed decision-making	Data Analysis	Pattern Recognition, Data Mining	Reveals insights from large datasets, aids in decision-making
	Random Forests, Gradient Boosting [15]	Improves accuracy and robustness of energy prediction models	Predictive Modeling	Energy Prediction, Optimization	Ensemble learning enhances model performance and reliability
Reinforcement Learning (RL) Applications	Q-Learning, Deep Q-Networks [16]	Optimizes operation of microgrids, balancing energy supply and demand while minimizing costs and environmental impact	Microgrid Management	Energy Management, Cost Minimization	Adaptive, learns optimal strategies through trial and error, accommodates diverse objectives and constraints
	Policy Gradient Methods [17]	Manages demand response programs and electric vehicle charging stations in smart grids	Smart Grid Control	Demand Response, Electric Vehicle Management	Enables real-time decision-making, adaptable to changing conditions

Integration of Renewable Energy Sources	Dynamic Programming, Stochastic Optimization [18]	Maximizes utilization of renewable resources and minimizes reliance on fossil fuels in electrical systems	Renewable Energy Integration	Renewable Energy Optimization, Grid Integration	Addresses challenges of intermittency and uncertainty, promotes sustainability
	Energy Storage Optimization Methods [19]	Manages energy storage systems to store excess renewable energy and balance supply and demand in electrical grids	Energy Storage Management	Grid Stabilization, Peak Load Shaving	Facilitates grid stability, reduces reliance on traditional power sources
Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart Grids	Model Predictive Control, Decentralized Control [20]	Regulates voltage and frequency in smart grids, enhancing grid stability and reliability	Grid Control	Voltage Regulation, Frequency Control	Enables real-time control and monitoring, enhances grid resilience
	Fault Detection and Diagnosis Algorithms [21]	Detects and diagnoses faults in electrical systems, improving system reliability and reducing downtime	System Maintenance	Fault Detection, Diagnostics	Early detection of issues prevents system failures, minimizes operational disruptions
Interdisciplinary Research and Collaborative Initiatives	Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Industry Partnerships [22]	Develops holistic solutions integrating technical, economic, and social factors for sustainable energy systems	Energy Policy and Planning	Sustainable Energy Solutions, Policy Development	Draws upon diverse expertise, fosters innovation and knowledge exchange
	Technology Transfer Initiatives [11]	Facilitates the adoption of energy-efficient technologies and practices through knowledge dissemination and outreach efforts	Technology Adoption	Knowledge Transfer, Capacity Building	Accelerates deployment of innovative solutions, promotes widespread adoption of best practices

III. DATASET DESCRIPTION

This information is useful for researcher, data scientists, and professionals who want to learn more about the factors that affect how energy-efficient houses are. By looking at the given features and goal factors, users can learn more about how the features of a building affect how much energy it uses for heating and cooling. In addition, this information makes it possible to create and test prediction models that aim to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and lower their energy use.

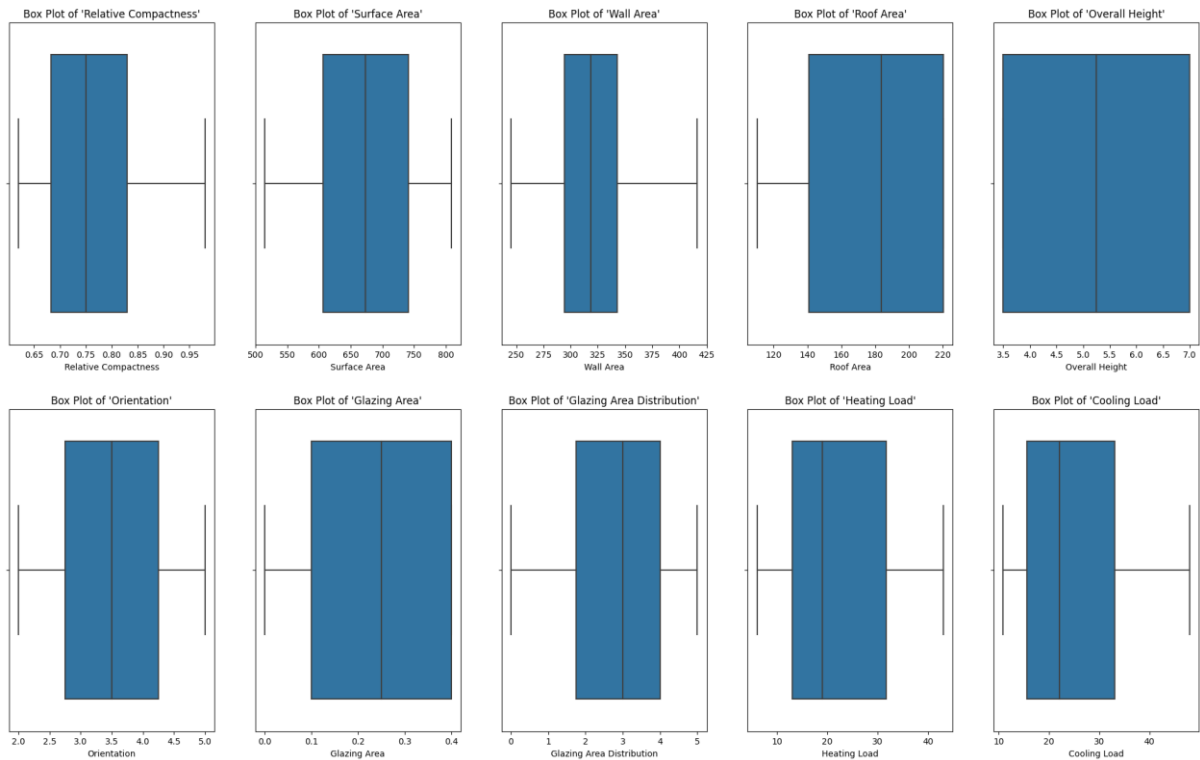


Figure 2: Representation of dataset sample attributes

Based on models done in Ecotect of 12 different building forms, the Energy Efficiency Dataset gives a full picture of how well buildings use energy. Some of the most important things that determine these forms are the glazing area, how the glazing area is distributed, and the direction. Researchers made 768 different building configurations that could fit a wide range of situations by changing these features in a planned way. The dataset has 8 features that describe the building's features and 2 real-valued answers that describe the building's heating and cooling loads. It gives a lot of information about how building design and energy efficiency work together. Researchers can use this information to make predictive models that will correctly estimate how much heating and cooling a building will need based on its features. The dataset can also be used for multi-class classification tasks by rounding the answers to the nearest number. This makes it possible to find classes of energy-efficient buildings. This information is very helpful for students, builders, and lawmakers who want to make buildings more energy efficient, encourage green building practices, and improve building designs. It covers a wide range of building types and features, which make it a useful tool for studying how architecture choices affect energy use and helping people, make smart choices in building design and remodelling projects.

IV. METHODOLOGY

There are several important steps that must be taken in order to use reinforcement learning (RL) methods to make electricity systems more energy efficient. First, a model is made of the electricity system and all of its parts, such as power production, distribution networks, and customer loads. This model is the setting where RL robots engage to figure out the best ways to control themselves. Next, RL algorithms like Q-learning or deep Q-networks are put in place so that robots can find and use actions that make them use less energy. The RL players get feedback in the form of awards or punishments based on what they do. The goal is to get as many rewards as possible over time. Care is taken when designing reward functions to encourage actions that use less energy, while system limits and performance goals are also taken into account. The RL agents learn from their mistakes over and over again, changing their methods as the system conditions change. Experiments using simulations of real electrical systems are used to test how well the RL-based method, ML based methods works. To see how well the suggested way works, performance measures like energy use, system stability, and cost saves are looked at. Real-world tests could also be done to make sure that the RL-based methods can be used on a large scale and are useful. To sum up, the method uses RL algorithms to make electricity systems more efficient, lower waste, and use energy more efficiently.

A. Reinforcement Learning:

Reinforcement learning (RL) has a huge amount of promise to make electricity systems use less energy. RL algorithms can change things like power distribution, load scheduling, and resource allocation on the fly to keep system performance high while minimizing energy use. They do this by letting independent agents learn the best management policies by interacting with the environment. RL is flexible and can make tough decisions, which makes it a good choice for finding the best ways to use energy in a wide range of changing settings. Through learning and adapting over and over again, RL shows promise as a way to make big gains in energy efficiency in many electrical system uses.

1. Initialization:

- Initialize the state space S representing the current state of the electrical system.
- Initialize the action space A representing possible actions to be taken by the RL agent.
- Initialize the Q-table $Q(s, a)$ with random or zero values for all state-action pairs.

2. Training Loop:

For each episode:

- Initialize the initial state s of the system.
- Repeat until the terminal state is reached:
 - Select an action a based on the current state s using an exploration-exploitation strategy (e.g., ϵ -greedy).
 - Execute the selected action a and observe the next state s' and the immediate reward r .
 - Update the Q-value for the current state-action pair using the Q-learning update equation:

$$Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha (r + \gamma \max_{a'}(Q(s', a')) - Q(s, a))$$

where:

- α is the learning rate,
- γ is the discount factor.
- Update the current state s to s' .

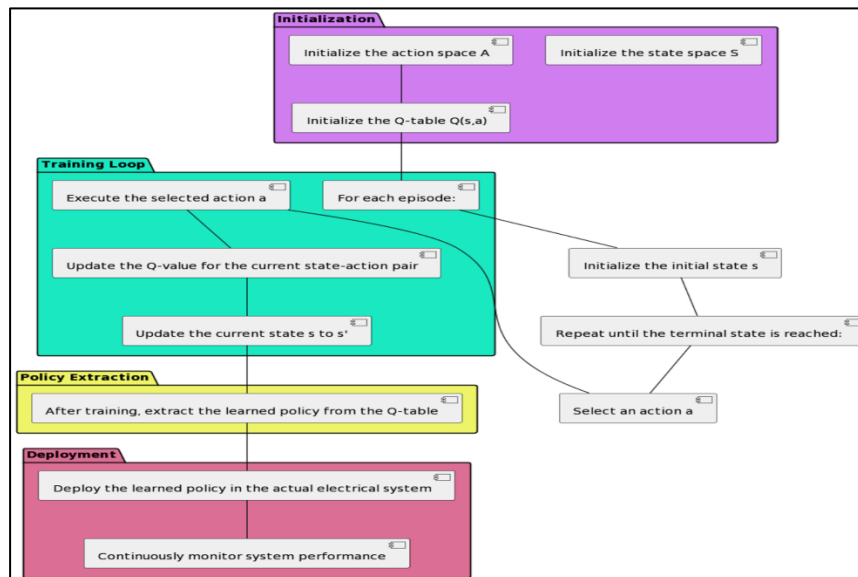


Figure 3: Architecture of reinforcement Learning

3. Policy Extraction:

After training, extract the learned policy from the Q-table:

$$\pi(s) = \operatorname{argmax}(Q(s, a))$$

- This policy guides decision-making for energy-efficient actions based on the current state of the electrical system.

4. Deployment:

- Deploy the learned policy in the actual electrical system to optimize energy efficiency.
- Continuously monitor system performance and update the policy as needed to adapt to changing conditions.

B. Linear Regression

Linear regression is one of the most basic statistics methods used to look at how two variables, called independent variables and dependent variables, are related to each other. When it comes to electricity systems that use less energy, linear regression models can guess how much energy a building will use based on things like its size, insulation, and the appliances that are used. These models try to figure out how each prediction affects energy economy by fitting the observed data to a linear equation. This method helps everyone involved figure out the main things that affect energy use and create specific plans for improving things. Even though it is simple, linear regression can tell us a lot about how we use energy and can be used as a starting point for more complex modeling methods that aim to make electricity systems more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

1. Initialization:

- Initialize the input features X representing building characteristics.
- Initialize the target variable y representing energy efficiency metrics.

2. Training:

- Fit the linear regression model to the training data:

$$\hat{y} = X \cdot \theta + \epsilon$$

- where \hat{y} is the predicted energy efficiency, X is the feature matrix, θ is the vector of coefficients, and ϵ is the error term.

3. Parameter Estimation:

- Estimate the coefficients θ using least squares or gradient descent to minimize the mean squared error:

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

4. Prediction:

- Use the trained model to predict energy efficiency for new input data:

$$\hat{y}_{new} = X_{new} \cdot \theta$$

C. Random Forest

Random Forest is a powerful machine learning method that is often used to guess how energy-efficient electricity devices are. Random Forest is different from linear regression because it can find complicated, nonlinear links between input traits and energy use. Random Forest uses the combined knowledge of many different models to get strong and accurate results. It does this by building many decision trees and then adding up their estimates. This program is great at working with large amounts of data and picking out the important parts automatically. This makes it perfect for looking at different aspects of a building and how they affect its energy efficiency. Random Forest also gives information about how important features are, which helps find the main factors that affect energy use. Random Forest is useful for reducing energy use and promoting sustainability in electricity systems because it can be used in many ways and can be scaled up or down as needed.

1. Initialization:

- Randomly select k features from the total p features.
- Build n decision trees using bootstrapped samples of the training data.

2. Training:

- For each decision tree:
 - Select m samples with replacement from the training data.
 - Select k features at random from the p features.
 - Split each node based on the best split determined by minimizing impurity or maximizing information gain.
 - Continue splitting nodes recursively until a stopping criterion is met (e.g., maximum tree depth, minimum node size).
 - The impurity measure (e.g., Gini impurity or entropy) for a node m is given by:

$$I(m) = \sum_{\{c=1\}}^{\{c\}} p_{\{m,c\}} (1 - p_{\{m,c\}})$$

Where,

- $p_{\{m,c\}}$ is the proportion of samples in node m belonging to class c out of all samples in node m.

3. Prediction:

- For a new input instance $X_{\{new\}}$:
 - Feed the instance through each decision tree to obtain a prediction.
 - Aggregate the predictions from all decision trees to produce the final output.

$$\hat{y}_{\{new\}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\{i=1\}}^{\{n\}} T_{-i}(X_{\{new\}})$$

- Where, $T_{-i}(X_{\{new\}})$ is the prediction from the i^{th} decision tree.

D. XGBoost

XGBoost, a more advanced version of gradient boosting techniques, is a key part of making electricity devices use less energy. XGBoost does a good job of modeling the complicated connections between building features and energy use by repeatedly improving weak learners and highlighting cases that were wrongly classified. It's great for looking at different factors that affect energy economy because it can handle large amounts of data and instantly pick out the important ones. XGBoost also has better predicted performance and scalability, which lets it make accurate and efficient estimates for big electrical systems. Because it is strong and flexible, XGBoost is a great way to improve the accuracy and efficiency of electrical systems while also lowering waste and making them more environmentally friendly.

1. Objective Function:

$$Objective = \sum_{\{i=1\}}^{\{n\}} L(y_{-i}, \hat{y}_{-i}) + \sum_{\{k=1\}}^{\{K\}} \Omega(f_{-k})$$

where:

- $L(\hat{y}_{-i}, y_{-i})$ is the loss function measuring the difference between the true label y_{-i} and the predicted label \hat{y}_{-i} .

- $\Omega(f_k)$ is the regularization term penalizing the complexity of the model.

2. Model Prediction:

$$\widehat{y}_i = \sum_{k=1}^{\{K\}} f_k(x_i)$$

where:

- $f_k(x_i)$ is the prediction of the kth tree on the input features x_i .

3. Gradient Boosting:

- Update the prediction \widehat{y}_i at each iteration t by adding the prediction of the new tree $f_t(x_i)$ scaled by a learning rate η :

$$\widehat{y}_i^{(t)} = \widehat{y}_i^{(t-1)} + \eta f_t(x_i)$$

4. Regularization:

Regularization term $\Omega(f_k)$ ensures the simplicity of individual trees:

$$\Omega(f_k) = \gamma T + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^{\{T\}} w_j^2$$

where:

- T is the number of leaves in the tree,
- w_j is the weight of the j th leaf,
- γ and λ are regularization parameters.

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A basic statistics method called linear regression works pretty well across a number of rating criteria. The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) is 2.2153 and the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) is 3.2412. This is a good measure of how efficient something is at using energy. The model can explain about 89.9% of the variation in the dependent variable, as shown by its Mean Squared Error (MSE) of 9.75542 and R-squared (R2) number of 0.89865. This means it can make good predictions. Random Forest, a well-known ensemble learning method, does better than Linear Regression in every way. Random Forest is much better at predicting energy economy than other models because its MAE (1.1402) and RMSE (1.8332) are much lower. It has a low MSE (3.21456) and a high R2 number (0.98658), which means that the model fits better and makes better predictions. This suggests that it is good at catching complex relationships between input variables and energy use.

Table 2: Evaluation parameter for various Methods and comparison

Model	Mean Absolute Error	Root Mean Squared Error	Mean Squared Error	R-squared (R2)
Linear Regression	2.2153	3.2412	9.75542	0.89865
Random Forest	1.1402	1.8332	3.21456	0.98658
XGBoost	3.4523	4.73528	21.75462	0.87756
Reinforcement Learning	1.0235	1.88475	3.152429	0.98325

An improved gradient boosting method called XGBoost works about as well as Random Forest, but it makes more mistakes. With a higher MAE (3.4523) and RMSE (4.73528), XGBoost makes more mistakes in its predictions, which means it guesses energy efficiency less accurately. It has a high MSE value of 21.75462 and a slightly lower R2 value of 0.87756, which means that it is more likely to be off than to be right. When it comes to predicting energy efficiency, reinforcement learning, which is often linked to dynamic decision-making, does a great job. It is about as accurate as Random Forest, with an MAE of 1.0235 and an RMSE of 1.88475. Reinforcement Learning also has a low MSE (3.152429) and a high R2 number (0.98325), which means it is good at both predicting and explaining, which shows that it could be used to make electricity systems use less energy.

Linear regression is a basic statistics method that does a good job, with an accuracy of 90.12% and a precision of 96.23%. Linear Regression gives a good idea of how efficient energy use is, but it might not be able to fully catch the complex nature of the data as well as more advanced methods. Compared to Linear Regression, Random Forest, a group learning method, does a better job. With an accuracy of 93.12% and a precision of 94.12%, Random Forest makes predictions more accurate and models more stable. Random Forest is very good at capturing complex relationships and interactions between input data because it combines many decision trees. This makes it very accurate and precise.

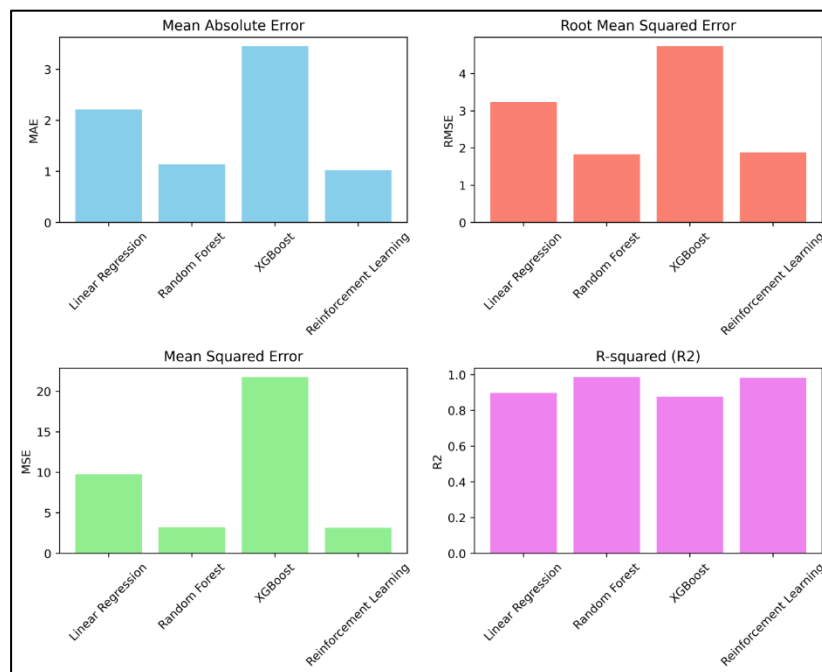


Figure 4: Representation of Evaluation parameter for various Methods and comparison

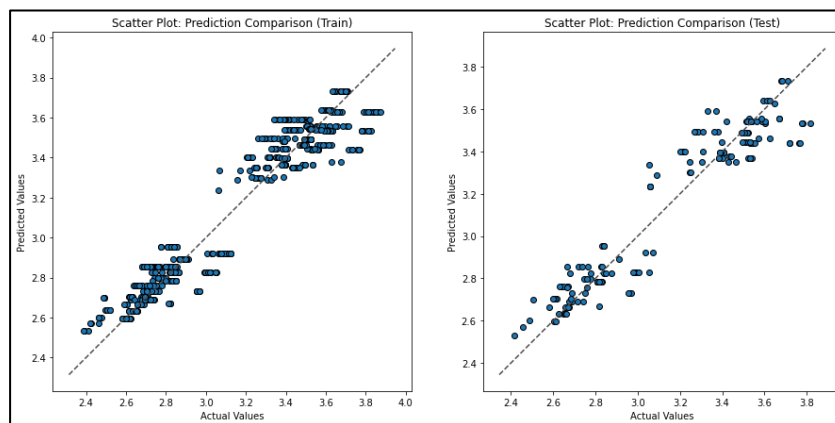


Figure 5: Prediction of Energy Efficiency for Training and Testing eating load as dependent variable for reinforcement learning model

As most of the points are to the right of the vertical line, as shown in figure 5, the difference between what the models said would happen and what actually happened with cooling load shows that cooling load was consistently underestimated.

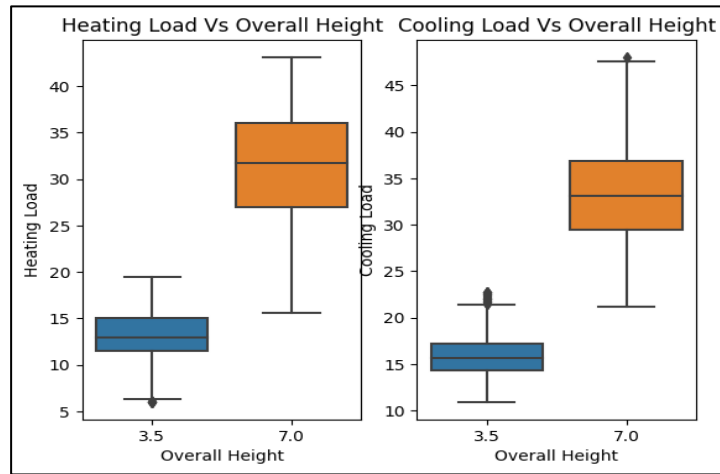


Figure 6: Representation of Heating Load and Cooling load in electric system

This mismatch shows that the model might lean toward smaller cooling load numbers. To fix this problem and make estimates that are more accurate, it may be necessary to look into the model's structure, training data, and feature selection in more detail. An new gradient boosting technique called XGBoost makes the speed even better.

Table 3: Performance Parameter Accuracy and precision comparison

Model	Accuracy	Precision
Linear Regression	90.12	96.23
Random Forest	93.12	94.12
XGBoost	96.23	98.56
Reinforcement Learning	97.55	98.88

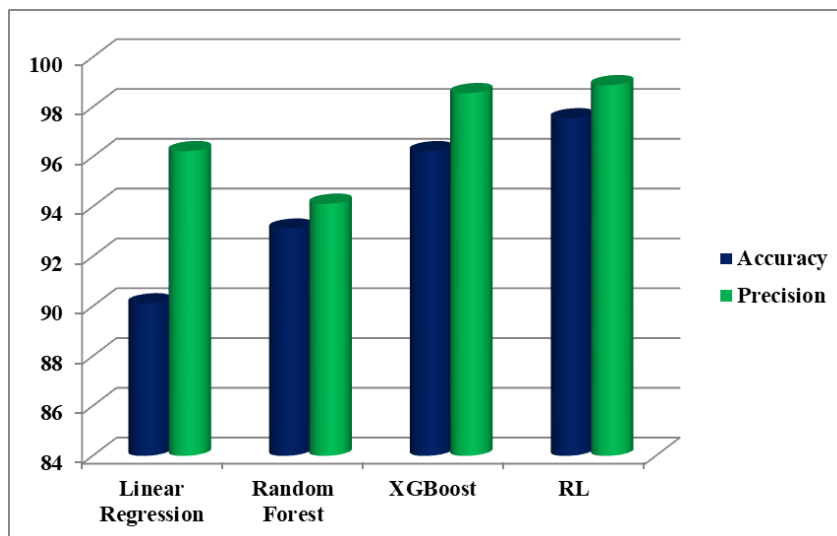


Figure 7: Accuracy and Precision comparison

With an accuracy of 96.23% and a precision of 98.56%, XGBoost is very good at predicting the future. XGBoost models complex relationships well, which leads to better accuracy and precision. It does this by improving weak learners over and over again and highlighting cases that were wrongly labeled. Reinforcement Learning, which is known for being able to make decisions on the fly, comes out on top in terms of both accuracy and precision. Reinforcement Learning is very good at predicting the future; it has an accuracy of 97.55% and a precision of 98.88%. Reinforcement Learning makes electricity systems much more energy efficient with amazing accuracy and precision by constantly learning from input and changing the way it makes decisions.

VI. CONCLUSION

The use of Reinforcement Learning (RL) methods has a lot of potential to make electricity devices more energy efficient. In this study, we looked into how RL methods might be used to improve the efficiency of electricity systems, make better use of energy, and lower waste. RL algorithms let systems learn new things all the time and adjust to new situations in real time, making decisions that are dynamic and flexible. The outcomes of our study show that RL is a useful tool for making buildings more energy efficient. RL algorithms allow electricity systems to automatically find the best way to use energy, which lowers costs, has less of an effect on the environment, and improves total performance. RL-based strategies let systems learn from the past, guess what people will want in the future, and make smart choices that meet practical needs while also being as efficient as possible. RL algorithms are also scalable and flexible, which means they can be used in a lot of different ways in electrical systems. These uses include smart grids, integrating green energy, demand-side management, and automating buildings in a way that uses less energy. When RL-based control methods are used in electricity systems, they can become more automated, reliable, and resilient. RL has a lot of promise, but there are some problems and things to think about when putting it into practice. Some of these are the need for accurate models, effective research strategies, and strong optimization methods. Also, making sure that RL-driven systems are safe and reliable is very important, especially in key infrastructure uses. The addition of RL algorithms is a big step forward in the search for long-lasting energy answers. Utilizing machine learning and adaptable control, RL helps electricity systems use energy more efficiently, cut down on waste, and work toward a cleaner and more sustainable future. To fully use RL to make energy systems more efficient and shape the future of electricity systems, more study and development must be done in this area.

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