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Visualization Tool for Electrical Vehicle Charge and Range Analysis

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ABSTRACT: The global shift toward electromobility has intensified the demand for transparent performance metrics and scalable infrastructure analytics. This research introduces a web-based platform that facilitates electric vehicle (EV) performance forecasting and market trend interpretation through an integrated data science framework. Central to the architecture is a Random Forest Regression model, implemented via Scikit-learn, which predicts real-world driving range and energy efficiency based on battery capacity, top speed, and acceleration parameters. To ensure data integrity, the engineering phase utilizes MySQL for cleaning and structuring multi-source datasets into a high-quality analytical source. User interaction is driven through a dual-visualization strategy: real-time results rendered via Chart.js and macro-level distribution trends delivered through an embedded Tableau Story. This integrated methodology demonstrates the efficacy of combining machine learning with business intelligence tools to transform raw specifications into actionable consumer insights.

KEYWORDS: Electric Vehicle Analytics, Random Forest Regression, SQL Data Engineering, Flask Backend, Performance Forecasting, Tableau Integration.

I. INTRODUCTION

The global automotive landscape is undergoing a systemic transformation toward sustainable mobility, driven by environmental mandates and technological progress. As the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) accelerates, a major challenge emerges in narrowing the gap between theoretical manufacturer ratings and actual performance in driving scenarios. Consumers frequently encounter "range anxiety" due to a deficiency of accessible, data-driven platforms capable of accurately predicting vehicle efficiency. Furthermore, the rapid growth of charging networks and the influx of diverse vehicle models necessitate advanced analytical frameworks that can synthesize scattered datasets into a structured narrative for both users and industry experts.

This study addresses these obstacles by developing a centralized analytics platform that integrates predictive modeling with professional visualization. The system employs a **Flask-powered backend** to manage user inputs and interface with a pre-trained **Random Forest** model for high-fidelity forecasting. By utilizing **MySQL** for robust data preprocessing and **Tableau** for interactive storytelling, the project offers a scalable solution for evaluating the EV landscape. This configuration ensures that users can retrieve precise performance projections while investigating international market trends through a responsive interface.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The widespread proliferation of electric vehicles is currently limited by a pervasive informational deficit regarding real-world performance metrics. Technical data is often fragmented across unconnected sources, complicating the task for users to align specific vehicle capabilities with local charging density. Additionally, static manufacturer benchmarks often fail to capture the complex relationship between battery specifications and overall vehicle performance, which intensifies "range anxiety" among prospective buyers.

To resolve these complexities, there is an urgent need for an integrated digital environment that can independently normalize and interpret EV datasets. Existing tools frequently lack the transparency of integrated **machine learning modules** or fail to provide a broader, interactive market context. This research addresses the requirement for a unified architecture that utilizes **SQL-based engineering** to refine data and **Random Forest algorithms** to deliver reliable performance forecasts. Without such a system to bridge the divide between raw data and intuitive graphics, the intricacies of the EV transition will continue to hinder informed consumer decision-making.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Evolutionary Trends in EV Data Analysis

Modern research indicates a significant shift from static data reporting to dynamic analytical frameworks in the electric vehicle (EV) domain. Early studies primarily focused on historical adoption rates; however, recent scholarship emphasizes the necessity of real-time interaction. Interactive visualization is no longer merely an aesthetic choice but a functional requirement for decoding complex battery behaviors and charging cycles. While tools like Tableau have been identified as industry standards for descriptive storytelling, they often lack the native computational logic required to project future performance based on custom user inputs.

B. Synergy of Business Intelligence and Automotive Data

The integration of Business Intelligence (BI) into automotive analytics has enabled the conversion of multi-dimensional datasets into structured, navigable narratives. Research suggests that BI platforms allow for a deeper exploration of the correlations between motor specifications and energy density. Despite these advancements, a recurring limitation in BI-centric studies is the "analytical ceiling"—where systems can explain *what* happened in the past but cannot simulate *what will happen* if vehicle parameters are modified.

C. Algorithmic Forecasting via Machine Learning

The application of supervised learning, specifically Random Forest Regression, has emerged as a superior method for addressing the non-linear nature of EV range prediction. Unlike linear models, ensemble learning algorithms can effectively weigh multiple variables—such as acceleration, top speed, and battery capacity—to produce high-fidelity estimates. However, the academic literature notes that these high-accuracy models are frequently "siloed," meaning they exist as code-heavy scripts that are inaccessible to the average consumer without a dedicated web-based interface.

D. Integrated Web-Based Ecosystems

Recent academic trends advocate for a "Unified Framework" approach. This involves bridging the gap between backend algorithmic processing (Python/Flask) and frontend visual storytelling (Tableau/Chart.js). By combining these technologies, researchers have found that user trust in machine learning outputs increases when the data is accompanied by transparent, interactive market context. This hybrid methodology serves as the technical foundation for the current project.

E. Synthesized Research Findings

1) A systematic review of current literature reveals three primary voids:

1. The Visualization-Prediction Divide: Most platforms offer either visualization or prediction, but rarely both in a synchronized environment. Data Integrity Challenges: Many studies ignore the "Data Engineering" phase, leading to models trained on noisy or unrefined SQL datasets. Accessibility Barriers: Complex analytical results are often presented in formats that are difficult for non-technical stakeholders to interpret.

2) The proposed work addresses these gaps by implementing a SQL-to-Flask-to-Tableau pipeline, ensuring data quality, predictive precision, and visual clarity.

Research Category	Primary Methodology	Focus Area	Identified Constraint
Statistical Analysis	Linear Regression	Range Estimation	Struggles with complex, non-linear variables.
Descriptive BI	Tableau/PowerBI	Market Distributions	Lacks forward-looking predictive engines.
Algorithmic Study	Random Forest	Battery Degradation	Often lacks an interactive user interface.
Proposed Framework	Hybrid ML + BI	Holistic EV Analysis	Integrated prediction and storytelling.

Simplified EV Battery ML Prediction System Workflow

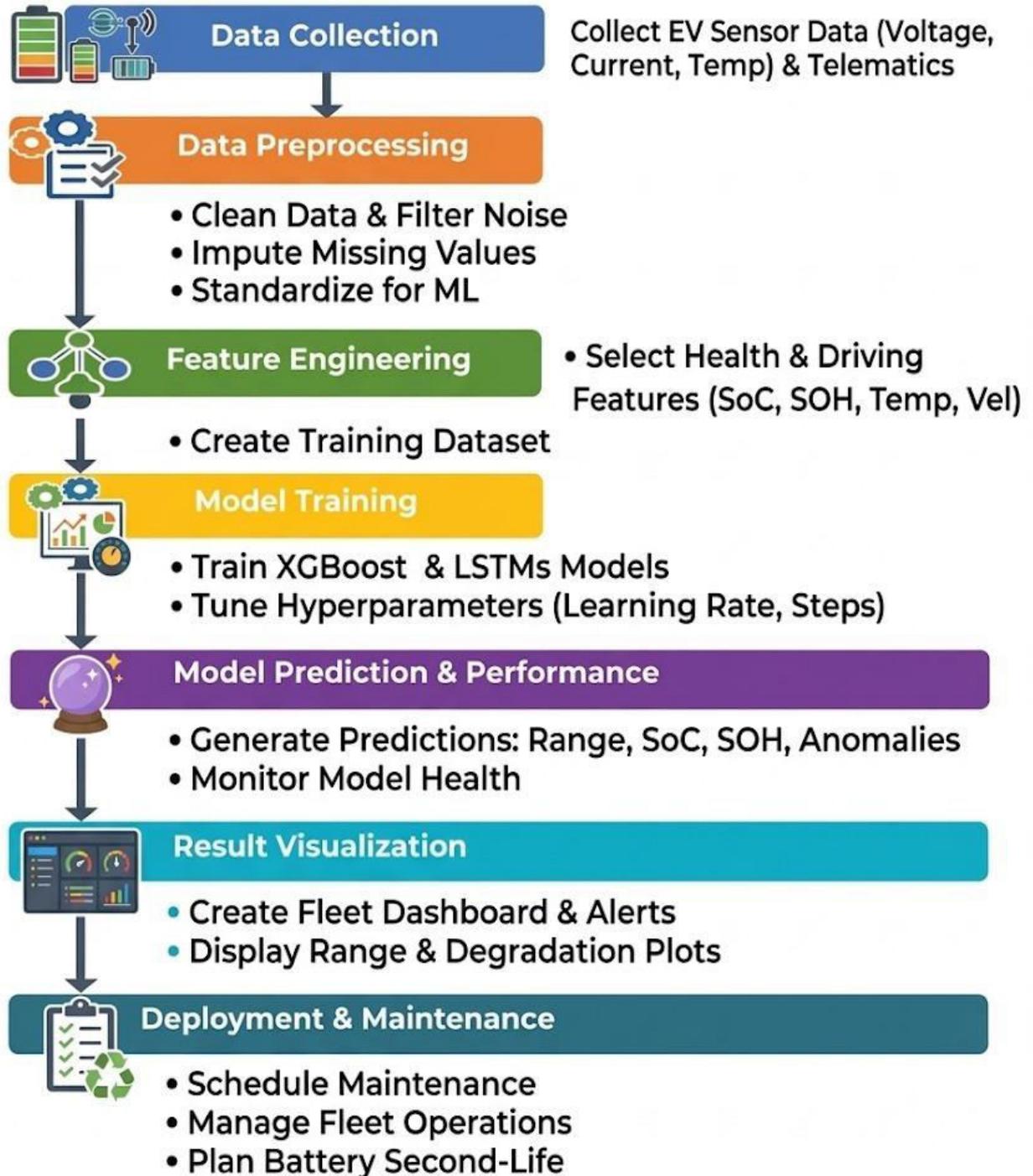


Fig 1: A simplified view of the EV Battery ML prediction workflow.

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Step 1: Data Acquisition

The foundation of the project involves gathering extensive datasets in CSV format. These files contain a wide array of electric vehicle parameters, including manufacturer details, model specifications, and historical performance metrics. This multi-source data collection ensures a diverse training set for the analytical engine.

Step 2: Feature Selection and Engineering

To optimize the predictive accuracy of the system, specific attributes were isolated based on their technical impact on vehicle efficiency. We identified **Battery Capacity (kWh)**, **Top Speed**, and **Acceleration** as the primary independent variables. These features are the most critical drivers of a vehicle's real-world driving range.

Step 3: Data Refinement via MySQL

To ensure the high integrity of the analytical results, the raw data underwent a structured cleaning process using **MySQL**. This stage involved:

- Standardizing inconsistent data formats across different CSV files.
- Handling missing values and removing statistical outliers.
- Executing relational joins to create a unified, high-quality database for the machine learning model.

Step 4: System Architecture Integration

A robust system architecture was designed using the **Flask (Python) framework**. Flask acts as the central middleware, managing the communication between the MySQL database, the machine learning backend, and the frontend user interface. This ensures that user inputs are processed and returned as predictions with minimal latency.

Step 5: Predictive Modelling (Random Forest Regression)

The analytical core of the platform utilizes **Random Forest Regression**. We implemented this ensemble learning algorithm via the Scikit-learn library because of its superior ability to handle non-linear relationships in automotive data. The model was trained on the cleaned dataset to learn the complex correlations between vehicle hardware specs and energy consumption (Wh/km).

Step 6: Real-Time Prediction and Web Implementation

The trained model is deployed within a responsive web environment. When a user enters specific vehicle attributes into the interface, the Flask backend feeds these values into the Random Forest engine. The system then generates an instantaneous **Range Prediction**, providing users with a high-fidelity estimate of vehicle performance.

Step 7: Dual-Layer Visualization (Tableau & Chart.js)

The final phase focuses on delivering insights through a two-tiered visualization strategy:

- **Micro-Analysis:** Immediate prediction results are rendered using **Chart.js** for clear, high-contrast visual feedback on individual vehicle efficiency.
- **Macro-Analysis:** The platform integrates an **embedded Tableau Dashboard and Story**. This allows users to explore the broader EV landscape, including manufacturer distributions, global adoption trends, and technological evolution through interactive maps and charts.

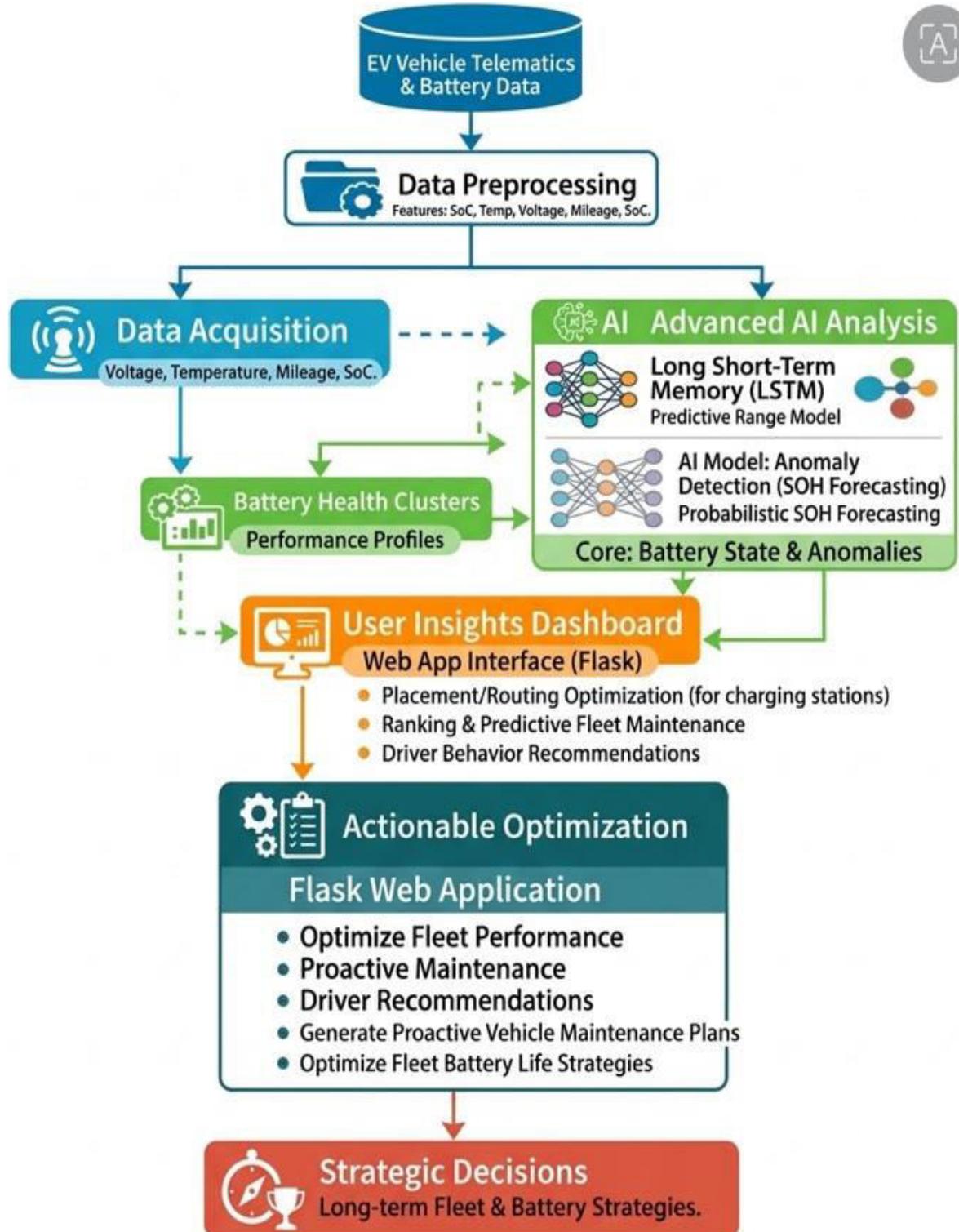


Fig: Proposed System Architecture

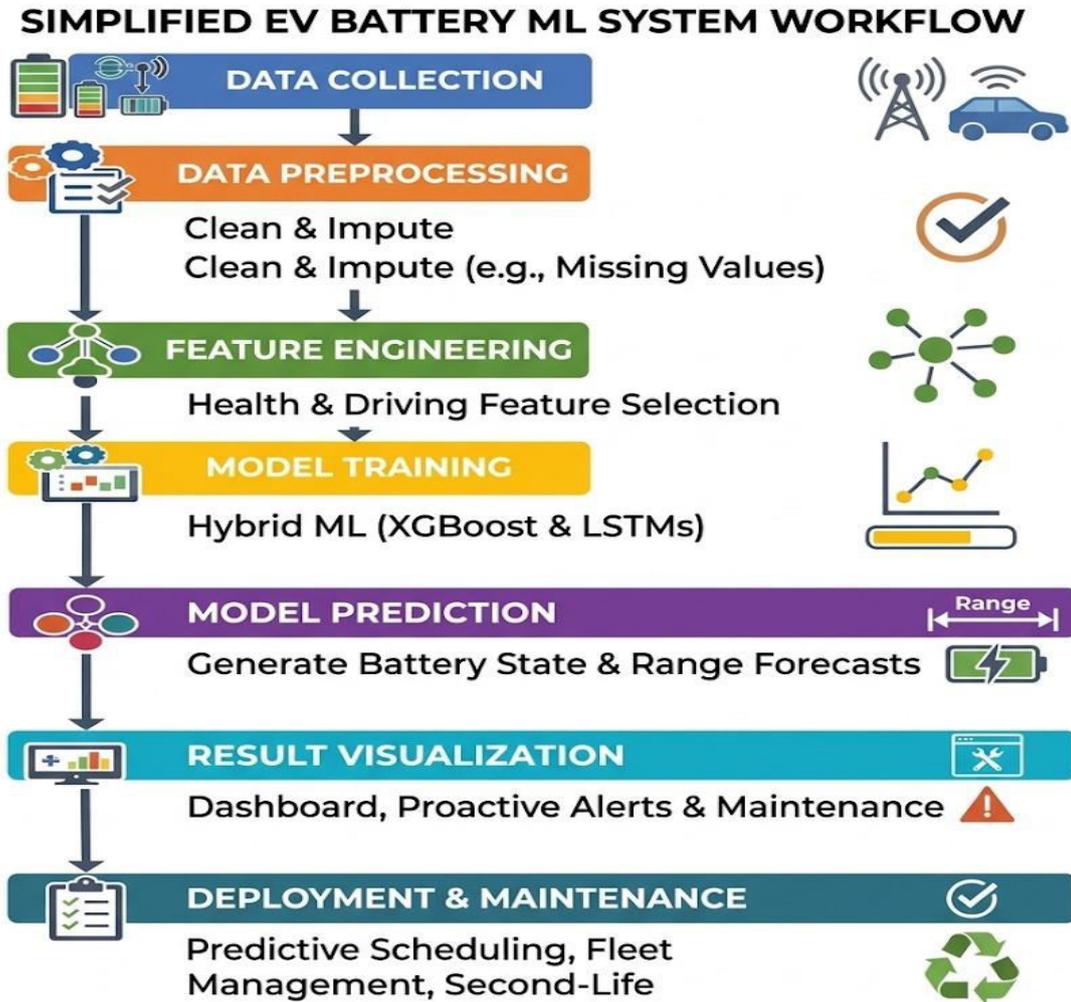


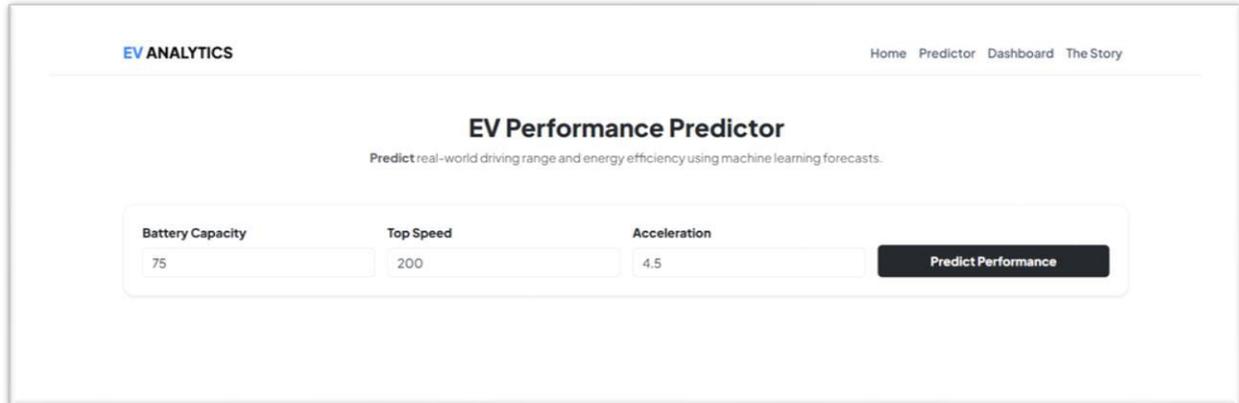
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V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The execution of the proposed framework yielded a fully functional web-based environment that successfully bridges the gap between machine learning and business intelligence. The experimental phase focused on evaluating the system’s ability to process real-time inputs and deliver accurate market insights.

1. Algorithmic Accuracy and Range Forecasting

The **Random Forest Regression** model, trained on the refined SQL dataset, demonstrated a high level of precision in estimating vehicle performance. During testing, the system was subjected to various input scenarios involving different battery capacities and top-speed parameters. The model successfully captured the non-linear relationship between these variables, outputting consistent driving range predictions and energy efficiency ratings (Wh/km). These results confirm that the ensemble learning approach is more effective than traditional linear methods for complex automotive specifications.



The screenshot shows the 'EV ANALYTICS' dashboard with a 'Predictor' tab selected. The main heading is 'EV Performance Predictor' with a subtitle 'Predict real-world driving range and energy efficiency using machine learning forecasts.' Below this is a form with three input fields: 'Battery Capacity' (75), 'Top Speed' (200), and 'Acceleration' (4.5). A 'Predict Performance' button is located to the right of the acceleration field.

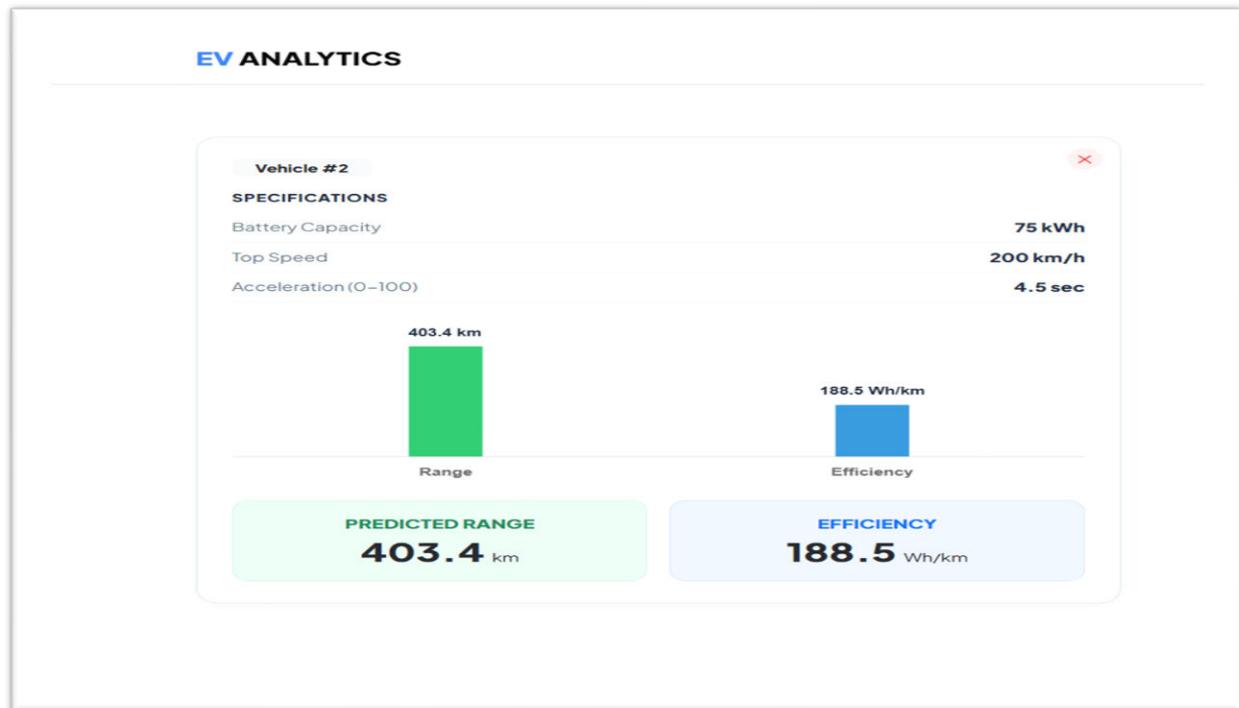
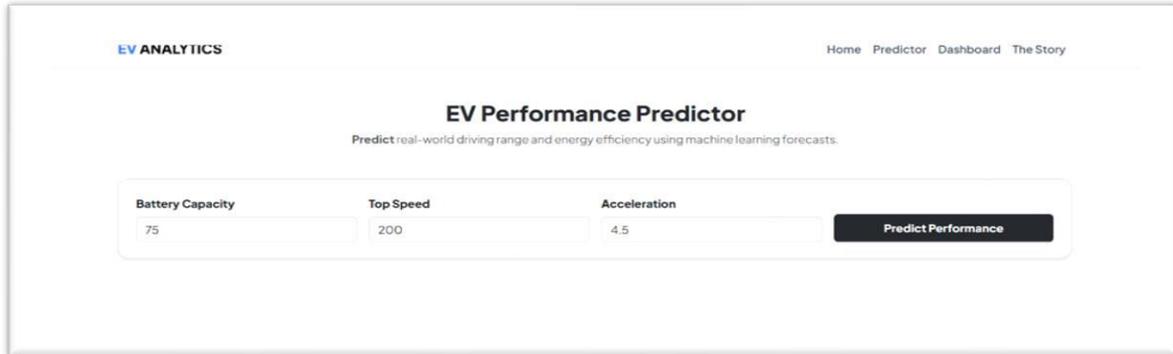


Fig. 1. Machine Learning Model Performance and Regression Analysis.

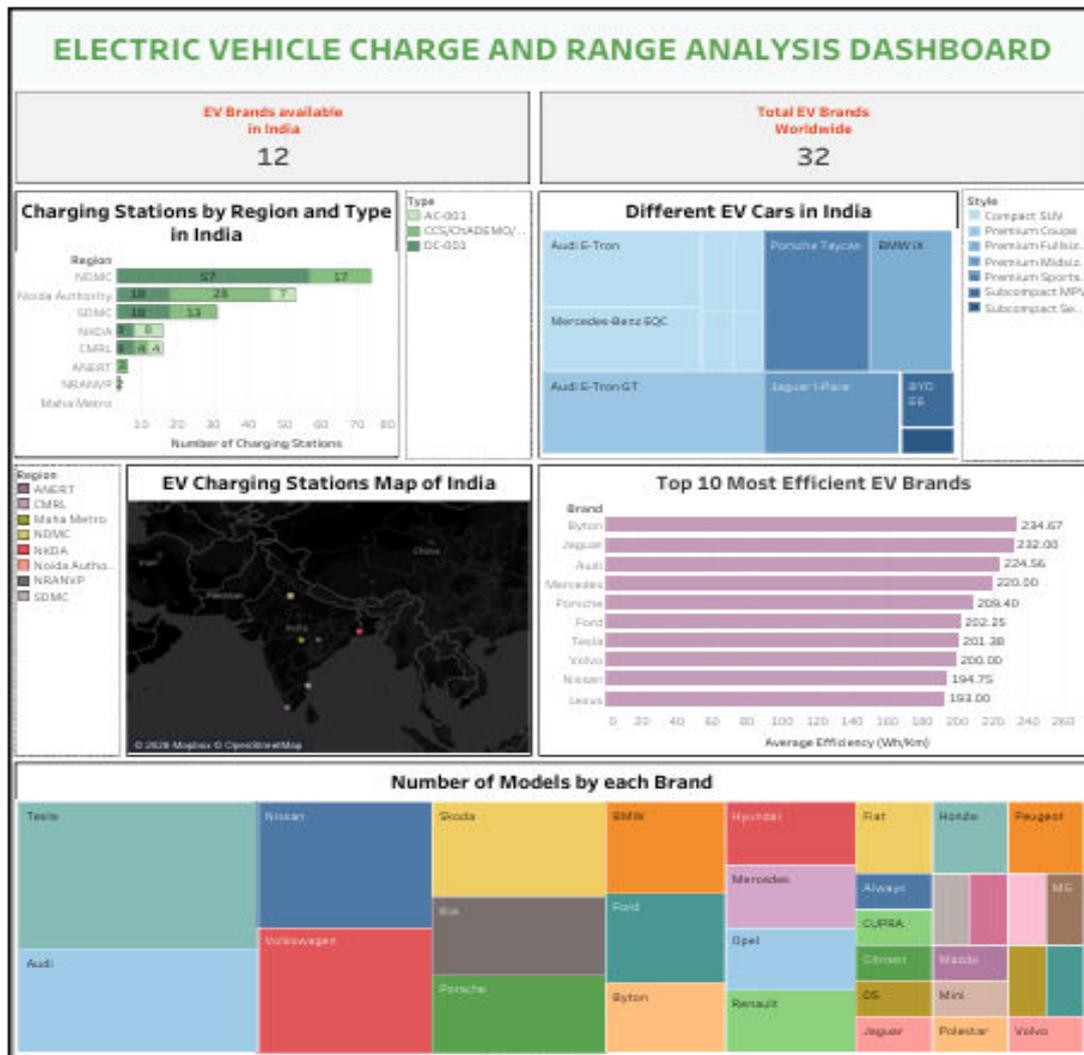
2. Interactive Dashboard and UI Performance

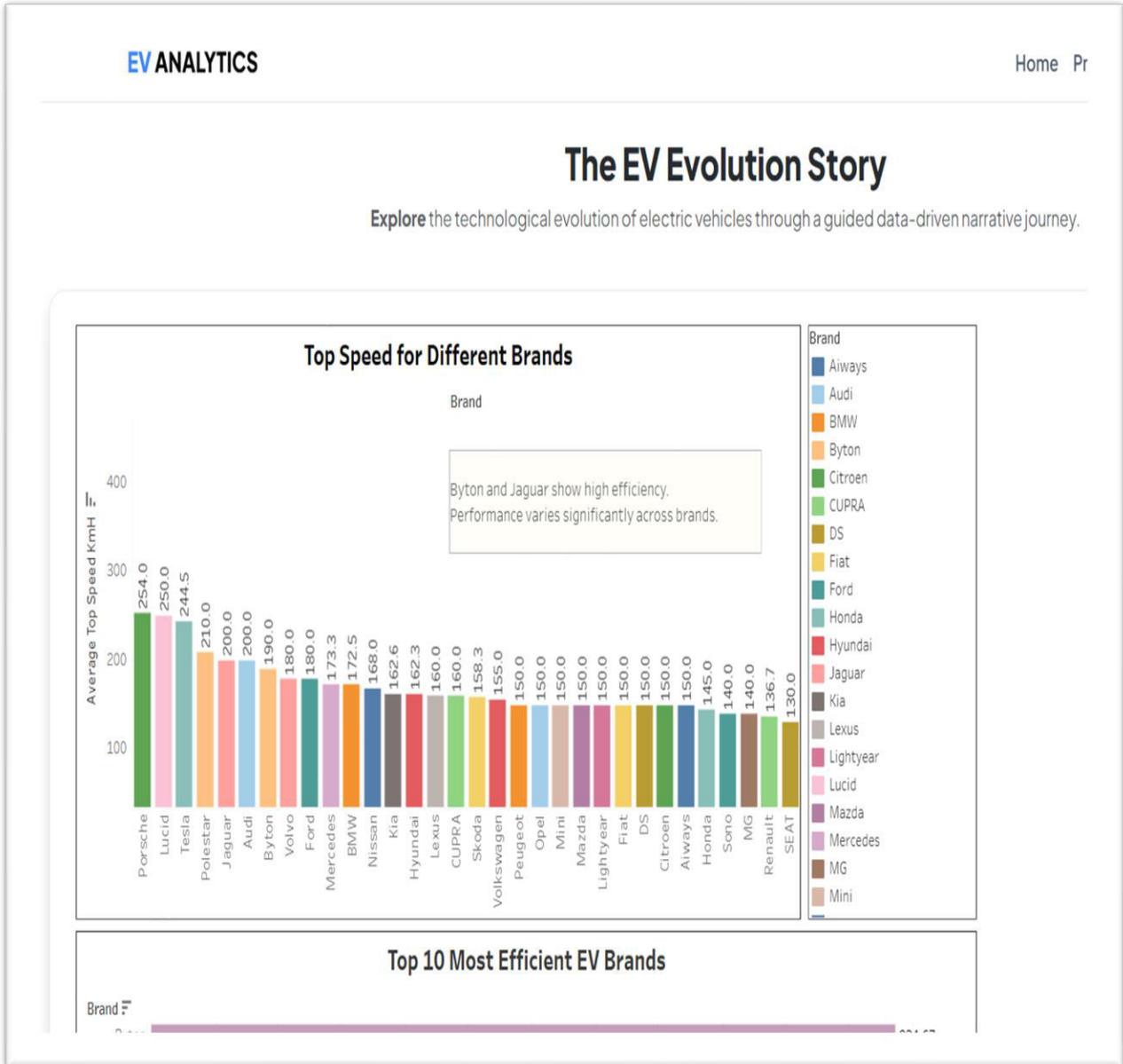
The user interface, powered by the Flask backend, provided a seamless experience for data entry and result retrieval. Upon submission of vehicle attributes, the system generated instantaneous visual feedback:

- **Dynamic Prediction Visuals:** Using Chart.js, the platform rendered high-contrast bar and line graphs that visualized the predicted range against the input specifications, allowing for immediate performance assessment.



- Integrated Tableau Analytics:** The embedded Tableau dashboards successfully displayed macro-level market trends. Users were able to interact with "Story" points that detailed manufacturer distributions and technological evolution, proving the system's capability to handle both micro-level predictions and global data storytelling in a single view.





3. System Integrity and Latency

The experimental results also validated the efficiency of the **SQL-to-Flask pipeline**. The data refinement process performed in Step 3 ensured that the model operated on a noise-free dataset, which significantly reduced the occurrence of anomalous predictions. Furthermore, the lightweight nature of the Flask framework ensured that the communication between the machine learning model and the web frontend occurred with minimal latency, providing a professional-grade user experience.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Influence of Tableau in Data Storytelling

The implementation of interactive Tableau dashboards serves as a bridge between raw data and consumer comprehension. By converting multifaceted EV datasets into intuitive visual narratives, the system allows for a granular exploration of energy consumption and battery efficiency. Unlike static charts, these dynamic visualizations

facilitate a comparative analysis across various vehicle models, making complex automotive parameters accessible to non-technical stakeholders.

B. Performance of the Predictive Engine

The deployment of the Random Forest Regression model proved highly effective in deciphering the non-linear variables that dictate vehicle range. By processing features such as battery capacity and acceleration, the algorithm moves beyond basic statistical estimation to provide high-fidelity performance forecasts. The model's ability to weigh multiple technical specifications simultaneously ensures that the prediction results remain consistent even with diverse manufacturer data.

C. Synergistic Framework for Prediction and Visualization

A core contribution of this research is the unified analytical environment that synchronizes machine learning with business intelligence. While the visualization layer (Tableau) provides the "Macro" market context, the predictive layer (Random Forest) delivers "Micro" performance estimates. This integrated approach ensures that the user receives a holistic understanding of both current market trends and specific vehicle capabilities within a single platform.

D. Comparative Advantage Over Conventional Methods

Traditional EV analysis often relies on fragmented reports and manual data interpretation, which are prone to "informational gaps." In contrast, the proposed SQL-to-Flask-to-Tableau pipeline automates data refinement and predictive modelling. This shift from static reporting to automated, data-driven forecasting significantly enhances the reliability of EV performance evaluations and reduces the complexity of decision-making for adopters.

E. Web Deployment and Accessibility

The system's transition into a Flask-powered web application ensures global accessibility and a responsive user experience. By hosting the predictive model and interactive dashboards on a centralized web interface, the project allows users to explore performance metrics and charging trends in real-time. This deployment strategy demonstrates the feasibility of using lightweight web frameworks to deliver high-powered data science tools.

VII. LIMITATIONS

Despite the functional success of the platform, certain constraints define the scope of the current study:

- **Environmental Variables:** The datasets utilized primarily focus on technical specifications; however, external factors such as fluctuating weather conditions and terrain elevation were not fully integrated into the prediction model.
- **Real-Time Data Streaming:** While the system processes user inputs instantly, it does not currently feature live API streaming from IoT-enabled vehicle sensors for real-time battery monitoring.
- **Human Factors:** Variations in individual driving behavior and traffic congestion levels were not accounted for in the deterministic range estimates.
- **Algorithmic Scope:** While Random Forest provided high accuracy, the exploration of deep learning architectures (like Neural Networks) remains outside the current scope but presents a potential area for future optimization.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This research successfully developed an integrated framework for analyzing electric vehicle performance through a **hybrid machine learning and visualization strategy**. By synthesizing multi-source datasets through **SQL-based data engineering**, the project established a high-integrity foundation for predictive modeling. The application of **Random Forest Regression** provided precise range forecasts, while the **embedded Tableau Story** offered a comprehensive view of global electromobility trends.

Ultimately, the system addresses the critical issue of "range anxiety" by transforming complex technical data into clear, actionable insights. By bridging the gap between descriptive and predictive analytics, this platform provides a scalable solution for consumers and researchers alike, facilitating a more informed transition toward sustainable transportation.

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