## **Smart Appliance Control and Expense Optimization System**

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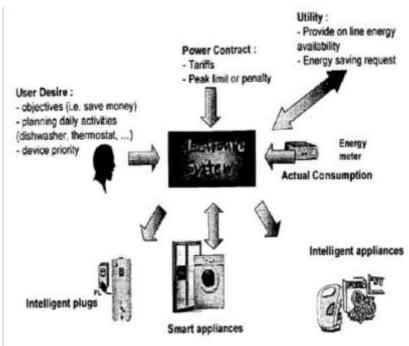
#### **ABSTRACT**

A new, sophisticated solution that combines real-time energy usage data from sensors implanted throughout the home with an intuitive user interface allows homeowners to monitor their energy use. The system not only presents historical data but also permits users to specify the desired electricity bill amounts, utilizing past consumption patterns to offer personalized recommendations on appliance usage. This project seeks to promote sustainable and eco-friendly living by promoting energy-conscious behavior and informed decision-making, encouraging users to achieve their desired bill amount.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Introduction - The increasing cost of energy and the growing environmental concerns have made it clear that efficient energy usage is necessary. The "Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System" is a potent solution to address these issues and enable homeowners to manage their energy usage. The system's user-friendly interface and real-time energy consumption data make it ideal for homeowners to monitor their appliance usage patterns. By analysing past usage data, the system provides personalized recommendations for appliances to optimize their consumption, allowing homeowners to pay for electricity at their convenience and without any financial strain. The system's primary function is to keep track of energy usage in real-time. Smartly positioned sensors capture detailed information on appliance usage, giving homeowners a comprehensive breakdown of their energy consumption habits. The ability to see homeowners' energy-intensive habits in real-time and determine their optimal usage can be utilized to lower their consumption. Beyond this, the system takes a proactive approach to optimize appliance usage. The system uses data on past consumption to learn about individual energy usage and then provides recommendations for reducing energy use while maintaining comfort or convenience. Among the suggestions are the scheduling of appliances for use during off-peak hours, adjustments to thermostats, or energy conservation modes. Its user-friendly interface is essential in promoting energy-conscious behavior. By utilizing real-time and historical energy consumption data, homeowners can easily assess their energy usage and progress towards their desired electricity bill amount. Its user interface offers clear, actionable advice for homeowners to implement energy-saving measures. The "Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System" not only reduces individual energy usage but also supports broader environmental goals. By promoting energy-efficient practices, the system helps to decrease dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions. This collective shift towards more sustainable energy use is crucial in saving our planet for the future. DSM seeks to decrease or increase demand by shifting consumption and maximizing the available generation while maintaining a minimum reserve. By using DLC, the utility can control the energy consumption of their customers remotely, which includes controlling their appliances and adjusting their thermostats. HVACS loads can be flexible if a smart meter is connected at the consumer premises, but the utilities maintain reserving by deloading generators without informing the grid operator about this. The problem is addressed by a paper that proposes an LM approach, which can predict the amount of flexible load available at consumer premises. LM is employed to forecast the number of on-demand appliances and their energy usage at a customer's premises. The implementation cost and complexity of LM, including the use of sensors for each appliance, make it unachievable. NILM methods have lower implementation costs and complexity, as they only monitor the total power at the entry point to the consumer premise to identify load activities. NILM methods are becoming more popular due to their advantages, and the "Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System" is a pioneering solution that tackles both energy and environmental issues. By allowing homeowners to make informed decisions about their energy usage, the system not only encourages individual savings but also contributes to a more sustainable future. The system's intuitive interface, personalized recommendations, and real-time monitoring have the potential to transform our energy usage.



## Related work

The review includes various research papers on the topic, the methodology used in the papers, and the advantages and limitations of the same.

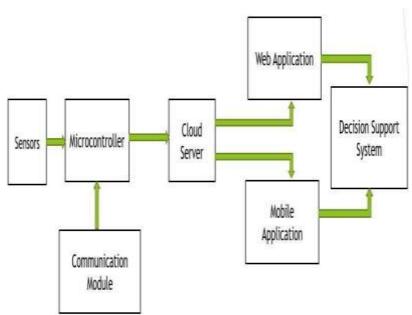
- 1. Utilizing Appliance Usage Patterns for Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring and Loaded Forecasting by Shirantha Welikala, Chinthaka Dinesh, and Mervyn Parakrama B. The paper proposes a new non-intrusive load monitoring (NILM) method that incorporates appliance usage patterns (AUPs) to enhance the effectiveness of active load identification and forecasting. NILM used a standard algorithm that relied on spectral decomposition to learn AUPs for varying homes in the first step. Using learnt AUPs, the priori probabilities of the appliances were biased using a specially constructed fuzzy system. In each AUP, there are likelihood measures for each appliance to be active at the present instant, which include both their activity and inactivity according to the time of day. Thus the priori probabilities determined by the AUPs of the NILM algorithm increase the accuracy of an active load identification. Two standard databases containing actual household measurements were successfully tested for the proposed method in USA and Germany. By integrating behavioral trends from AUPs into the smart meter readings, the proposed method results in better active load estimation for the databases mentioned above.
- 2. The paper by Ricardo Faia, Fernando Lezama and Pedro Faria suggests that providing incentives to consumers who can demonstrate demand response will encourage them to alter their energy consumption habits. Changes are usually triggered by fluctuations in electricity prices or the notification from grid operators when the reliability of the electric power system is compromised. Demand response can alter the level of comfort for consumers in a residential setting by

changing their electrical consumption. The article suggests a multi-objective problem that encompasses both the reduction of energy expenses and the decrease of demand responses in kilowatts. The optimal parotom is determined by a particle swarm optimization algorithm that has multiple objectives. The hyper volume metric is used to compare two separate experiments. A demonstration of a more effective algorithm performance value is presented through an experiment that uses the problem's knowledge as inputs.

Heba Youssef, Salah Kamel, and Mohamed H have developed an enhanced bald eagle search optimization algorithm for home energy management systems. An enhanced optimization algorithm for bald eagle (IBES) is employed to construct smart home energy management systems. This research is significant for energy field researchers who aim to improve the use of energy. The key objective is to control load demand, decrease the average peak ratio, lower electricity bills, and enhance user comfort. The load conversion strategy is employed to ensure the coordination of household appliances and effectively manage the home power system. This approach seeks to reduce peak—average ratios and electricity costs while maintaining consumer comfort. To reduce electricity bills, the study adjusts the consumer's daily activities based on their actual usage and energy needs for each day. Also, a fitness benchmark is employed to balance the workload between peak and peak periods. The scheduler is intended to achieve a perfect device on/off state that reduces waiting time by synchronizing household appliances in real time. The problem of real-time rescheduling necessitates the use of dynamic programming. The analysis evaluates the performance of this modified algorithm using three pricing strategies: critical peak pricing, real-time pricing and time of use. The updated IBES approach is employed to meet the specified objectives of reducing electricity consumption, lowering peak-average ratio, and improving user comfort.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The "Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System" proposal commences with a thorough exploration of current smart home technologies and energy usage trends. The first step entails extensive exploration of smart appliance features, energy-saving strategies, and billing structures. Afterwards, a framework will be created to collect and analyse data on appliance usage, energy usage patterns, and indoor environmental conditions using real- time hardware sensors and software interfaces. Extensive pre-processing and feature engineering will be applied to extract relevant insights and variables that can be used for optimization. Using machine learning techniques like regression, clustering, and reinforcement learning we will then analyse the data to model complex relationships between appliance usage, user preferences, appliances (e.g. Developed models aim to forecast optimal usage schedules for appliances, taking into account time of day, energy pricing levels and user preferences for comfort and convenience. The system will be designed to provide homeowners with a simple interface to interact with, receive personalized recommendations, and monitor their energy usage over time. To ensure robustness, accuracy, and scalability, the integration of machine learning models with the user interface and data collection framework will be thoroughly tested and validated. The system's efficiency in reducing energy consumption and optimizing electricity bills in smart homes will be evaluated through real-world deployment and evaluation. The system's capabilities will be refined and enhanced through this iterative approach, with feedback from users and stakeholders to ensure efficient smart appliance usage and cost-effectiveness.



A user-friendly interface will be implemented to offer personalized suggestions and illustrate potential cost reductions. The system will undergo rigorous testing and validation to ensure its effectiveness in reducing energy consumption and increasing

electricity efficiency for end- users. Energy researchers are increasingly interested in optimizing HEMS for optimal energy usage due to the high demand for energy, particularly in both residential and commercial settings. The three units of HEMS are management, control, and monitoring. The management unit schedules household appliances while the control unit determines their working hours. Monitoring units monitor a wide range of parameters, such as power usage by users. A scheduling system under the management unit is necessary for the HEMS to work with the consumer to achieve the system's objectives. The management unit schedules electrical appliances based on the user's operating time, price signals, current electricity generation, and other factors. Information exchange between the smart home's components, such as energy and data flow, is depicted in Figure 3. Power is transferred from generating stations to transmission lines for the service provider to ensure energy reliability. The HEMS and smart meter in every smart home are connected to the utility network, which provides information on energy cost. An embedded computing platform schedules the smart meter to transmit data between utility and consumer. Several components are part of the smart meter, including an embedded computing platform. Using dynamic programming and meta-heuristic, the proposed optimization technique schedules user load demand in real-time and day-ahead. Real- time scheduling and coordination between the scheduler and the consumer are facilitated by dynamic programming when a consumer-generated interrupt occurs. The study proposes to have two main objectives: reducing PAR and cutting costs through load shifting. Load shifting is aimed at aligning the load curve to the objective load, which must be negatively charged by electricity cost. Quickly adapting to real-time changes is crucial for the system to be flexible and responsive. Another important goal is real-time scheduling, which takes into account consumer convenience to ensure system flexibility.

A) Overview of the NILM Algorithm (Non-intrusive Load Monitoring) that's used as an underlying process for setting up the project is as follows:

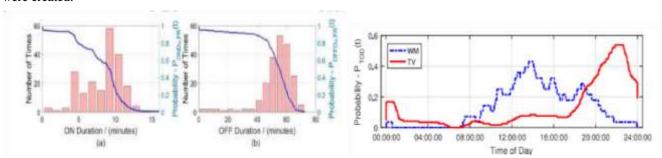
The main steps are,

- 1) The key procedures involve extracting features from individual appliance power profiles (in Reading Set 1 RS1) using the Karhunen Loève Expansion (KLE) method.
- 2) Design of appliance/composition/powered consumption level signature databases by extracting features.
- 3) Using the initial priori unbiased NILM step, the appliance combination that was turned ON was identified.
- 4) The first outcome of RS2 is used to extract the Appliance Usage Pattern (AUP).

The priori biased NILM method can be tested using a constructed AUP-based fuzzily prioritization technique for Reading Set 3 and RS3.

5) A method for forecasting residential power profiles using a priori biased NILM outcome and usage patterns.

Pre-processing the new input data is done in a similar manner to the training data. Scaling the pre-processed data with the same scaler used for training is done, and then it is reshaped to fit the input shape required by the LSTM network. The model predicts the input graph's high or low stress levels by utilizing the binary classification output. Fig. It's time to move on. By examining the individual appliance usage profiles in Stage A (RS2), it was discovered that some appliances have specific ON and OFF durations. The frequency of ON and OFF events is higher for appliances such as Refrigerators, Freezers or Water Fountains. In addition, we discovered that some gadgets are in the ON state more often during a specific time of day. Certain Lamps tend to be ON at night and in the early morning. To understand AUPs, it was necessary to use three parameters: ON Duration (OnDu), OFF Duration(OFFDu) and Time of Day (TOD). Stage B utilized the outcomes of Stage A to determine the ON and OFF durations of each appliance. The appliance's distinct histograms for the ON and OFF periods were created.



The results of Stage A (RS2) revealed that most appliances exhibit specific ON and OFF durations. The frequency of ON and OFF events is higher for appliances such as Refrigerators, Freezers or Water Fountains. In addition, we discovered that some gadgets are in the ON state more often during a specific time of day. Certain Lamps tend to be ON at night and in the early morning. To understand AUPs, it was necessary to use three parameters: ON Duration (OnDu), OFF Duration(OFFDu)

and Time of Day (TOD). Stage B utilized the outcomes of Stage A to determine the ON and OFF durations of each appliance.

### Hardware Specifications:

Smart energy sensors are being installed all over the house to collect live energy consumption data from appliances. These sensors must have the ability to accurately measure energy consumption from a range of devices, including smart and traditional appliances, as well as HVAC systems.

A data concentrator will gather energy consumption information from sensors and transfer it to the CPU. To handle a significant amount of data, the data concentrator must be capable of communicating with its sensors through various protocols such as Zigbee, Z-Wave, or Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE).

The CPU will be accountable for processing energy consumption data from sensors, suggesting optimal appliance usage, and managing the user interface. The CPU must be capable of processing the system's computation and have enough memory to store past energy usage data and appliance efficiency measurements. User-interface: Users can view their energy usage patterns, set specific electricity bill amounts and get suggestions on the best appliance spending. The user interface must be simple to navigate and should provide clear information about energy usage and bill lowering.

## Software Specifications:

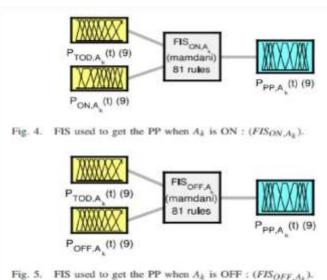
The software will be responsible for monitoring and analysing energy consumption data obtained from sensors. Users can use the software to track their energy usage and identify areas where it is necessary to save energy.

By using bill optimization software, users can optimize their appliances by utilizing information about their desired electricity bill amount and past energy usage data. The software should consider the electricity electricity pricing and the efficiency of various appliances.

The software's user interface is responsible for presenting energy consumption data and bill optimization suggestions to the individual. Users can easily customize the software, which should also be user-friendly.

## B. Fuzzy Based Priori Probability (PP) Calculating Strategy

The appliance combination was obtained by using a priori probability (PP) calculating technique using fuzzy logic, following the AUP extraction described in Section III-A. The MAP criteria evaluation in (3) was made more general by applying those PP values without accepting the constraint in



The use of piecewise linear membership functions (MFs) was recorded. To enhance the input sensitivity of the appliance,

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Ak's PON and Ak (t) values were automatically directed towards that region. Similarly, other input MFs (3 per appliance) were also established using automated logic. FISs (2 for each appliance) have the same MF arrangement, with their output varying from 1 to 0.5 points up to 0 and 1 point up. The aim was to obtain a more comprehensive output rather than leaving ambiguous outcomes like PPP, Ak = 0. A lower amount of information is required in [49]. Moreover, the appliance has two distinct Fuzzy Rule Bases (FRBs) that are identical for each FIS. NILM solutions, which occur unexpectedly at unusual times of day, can be eliminated by these two FRBs due to their design. This fact is exemplified by the FIS Output Surfaces (see Fig.). "6. FRB has been designed to produce a low priori probability value output for incidents where the PON, Ak, or POFF are near 1, while the PTOD and ATTR are close to 0. Therefore, it raises both the stability and strength of the NILM solution. This Section's priori biasing technique relies on the extraction of common appliance usage behaviours. Due to the randomness of human behaviour, actual appliance usages may not always follow the pre-established pattern. The usage patterns may not solely influence the appliance combination that is turned ON. To address this issue, the overall priori biased NILM technique employs usage patterns outlined in (I-2). "6. FISON and FISOFF are two different output surfaces. Only when it comes to priori probability biasing. This does not only determine the turned ON appliance combination. This NILM method is biased prior to random behaviours and still operates with accuracy. A. Using the AUP-based PP calculation technique, which is explained in Sections III-A and B of the Priori Biased NILM Method, the values that are necessary to satisfy the MAP criteria were identified. The priori biasing technique was integrated into the priories NILM method, which is discussed in Section II, and two extra steps were added to Algorithm 1. The NILM solution was used to update the state of each appliance and its current ON or OFF period before the PES (in Algorithm 1: line 6). After the SES (in Algorithm 1: line 10), PP values of all remaining appliance combinations were computed using the constructed appliance-specific FISs FISON, Ak, and FISS OFF, Ak in step 1. NILM algorithm with priori biasing technique as shown in Algorithm 2 was used step 5 of the proposed NPIAL algorithm to identify the load combination for the aggregated power profile: RS3, with modifications. By implementing the AUP-based priori biasing technique for NILM, the accuracy levels were improved and found to be higher.

### Experimental Results and Discussion

The project is discussed and the simulated experimental results are presented below. Fig. The power profile that was predicted for a full day with 99% accuracy is shown in position 8 on the graph, which represents only 15 minutes. Table IV reveals the total estimated power for the 3 hour interval (06:00) to (22:00) time. The sensitivity of the forecasting accuracy was also examined by changing the confidence level parameter.

on the actual and anticipated total power profiles (refer to Fig.). Identifying downward trends in total power demand is more efficient than using the proposed NILM algorithm. The list of appliances depicted in Fig. is not exhaustive. 2 and in Fig. On 7 the durations observed would be shorter than OFF. Thus, it enhances the likelihood of instances where appliances are in operation more than when they are operational. The NILM approach is more effective in forecasting overall power demand as it tends to decrease than ascending steps. Generally speaking, as depicted in Fig., The NILM method can identify the appliances in use and accurately predict the total power consumption of multiple homes over a period of five minutes, as indicated by Table IV. In addition, the predicted breakdown is also present at each home's appliance level; as such, a power system aggregator can predict both the non-critical appliances that may be turned off and the amount of Demand Response that could be achieved, even before an event causes if possible to cause. The implementation of such a mechanism on 'large scale' is shown as an example of - see Fig. Section V-D comprises the 10 points. Sensitivity analysis revealed a trade-off between the confidence level used and prediction accuracy. The findings in Table IV indicate that predicting the total power demand of 21 houses 5 minutes ahead is more accurate with a confidence level of 90% than with 95% or 70%. The same experiment was conducted to determine the relationship between the accuracy level, confidence level and forecasting time, with a focus on the total power demand of 21 homes, both 10 minutes and Fig. 9. Confidence Vs Prediction. It will take 15 minutes. Choosing the confidence level as 80% and 50% consecutively resulted in optimal accuracy levels for time steps. The findings of this study are depicted in Fig. 9.

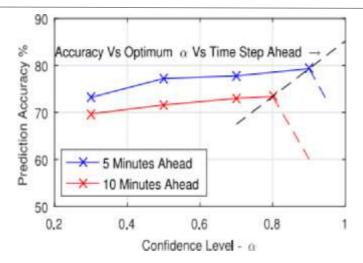


TABLE IV
TOTAL POWER DEMAND PREDICTION ACCURACIES VS CONFIDENCE
LEVEL (α) WHEN TIME STEP AHEAD = 5 MINUTES

Prediction Accu.	Time of Day (09:00 - 24:00) Hrs					
$A_{pa}$ (%)	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24
$\alpha = 0.30$	74.2	75.7	71.9	76.2	72.9	74.3
$\alpha = 0.50$	78.8	76.3	73.6	79.3	77.0	78.3
$\alpha = 0.70$	78.6	76.5	74.9	79.4	78.1	79.1
$\alpha = 0.90$	79.6	77.2	78.9	78.7	80.2	81.2
$\alpha = 0.95$	72.6	75.7	70.6	70.4	72.1	73.2

The outcomes indicate that more advanced time step durations are achieved by reducing the confidence level used. This will slightly reduce the accuracy of the predictions shown in Fig.

9. Conversely, enhancing the used confidence level can result in more precise predictions for the immediate future. The logical conclusion is that with increased confidence, the behaviour cannot be predicted for long-term and vice versa. enabled the prediction to be extended into the future.

#### A. Dataset:

The dataset used in this project was the raw CU-BEMS dataset. The uniqueness of the CU-BEMS dataset described in this paper is the breakdown of building-level electricity consumption (kW) into each zone and each floor of the building. The CU-BEMS dataset captures the operation of individual AC units, lighting, and plug loads in each zone of the building at one-minute intervals.

### B. Software Used:

Anaconda and Spyder were used which was processed with Python language, as these platform supports Python very well and were familiar with these, this model was developed via Tensor flow's sequential technique, Keras. Libraries such as Numpy, pandas, Tensorflow, Seaborn, etc. The model is also trained, evaluated on a test dataset, and then using Matplotlib, loss and accuracy curves are displayed for datasets.

By using one and more Hidden layers below are the results which proposed the best model with hidden layers used for best accuracy without overfitting conditions.

### Model Trained using 1 Hidden Layer:

1 Hidden Layer was used while training the CNN model with a different number of epochs to attain the maximum accuracy, below tables & graphs show the Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score for each epoch used.

**TABLE I. Performance Metrics of 1 Hidden Layer** 

No. of Epochs	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
5	0.87096	0.891537	0.87231	0.870317
10	0.89516	0.897908	0.891523	0.892051
15	0.93145	0.932785	0.93290	0.9302646
20	0.925403	0.925065	0.926652	0.925358
25	0.911290	0.9152351	0.9092384	0.9101795

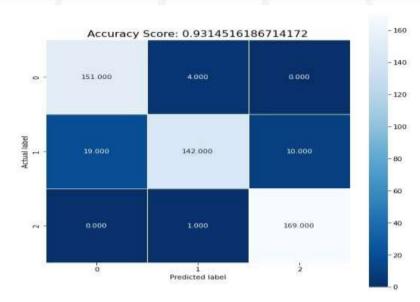


Fig. 4. Confusion Matrix for 1 Hidden Layer (Best accuracy)

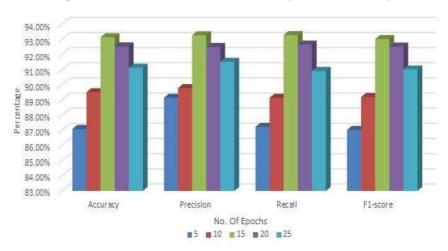


Fig. 5. Graph of 1 Hidden Layer

## 1) Model Trained using 2 Hidden Layers:

2 Hidden Layers were used while training the LSTM model with a different number of epochs to attain the maximum accuracy, below tables & graphs show the Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score for each epoch used.

**TABLE II.** Performance Metrics of 2 Hidden Layer

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
0.808467	0.8371503	0.807073	0.790918
0.891612	0.904721	0.896501	0.896874
0.9375	0.935574	0.935647	0.935445
0.927419	0.929891	0.9265435	0.927213
0.915322	0.924798	0.9137152	0.9173687
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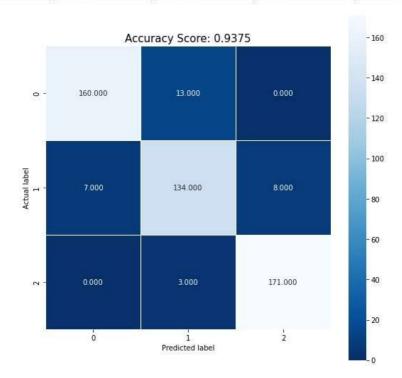
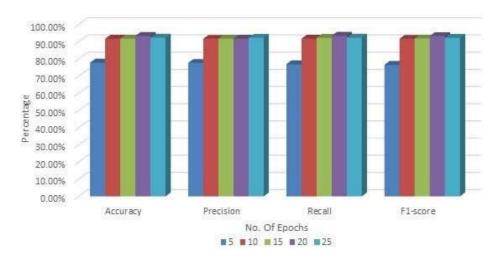


Fig. 6. Confusion Matrix for 2 Hidden Layers (Best accuracy)



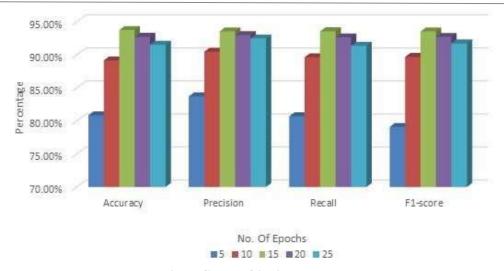


Fig. 7. Graph of 2 Hidden Layer

## 2) Model Trained using 3 Hidden Layers:

3 Hidden Layer was used while training the LSTM model with a different number of epochs to attain the maximum accuracy, below tables & graphs show the Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score for each epoch used.

No. of Epochs	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
5	0.778225	0.776735	0.7691659	0.7655401
10	0.917338	0.917054	0.917354	0.9171654
15	0.9173387	0.9178504	0.9223356	0.91822326
20	0.933467	0.9178504	0.9344212	0.9328663
25	0.9233871	0.9232054	0.9237202	0.9227152

**TABLE III.** Performance Metrics of 3 Hidden Layer

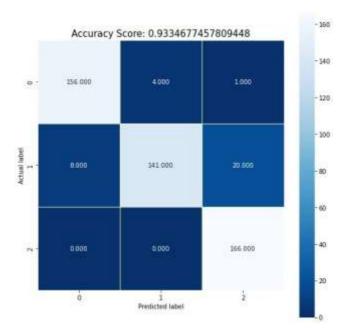


Fig. 8. Performance Metrics of 3 Hidden Layer

TABLE IV. Best Performance Metrics of each Hidden Layer

No. of Hidden layers	No. of Epochs	Accuracy	precision	Recall	F1-score
1	15	0.93145	0.932785	0.93290	0.9302646
2	15	0.9375	0.935574	0.935647	0.935445
3	20	0.933467	0.9178504	0.9344212	0.9328663

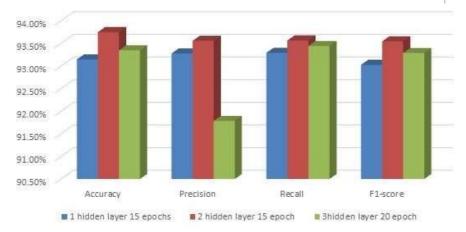
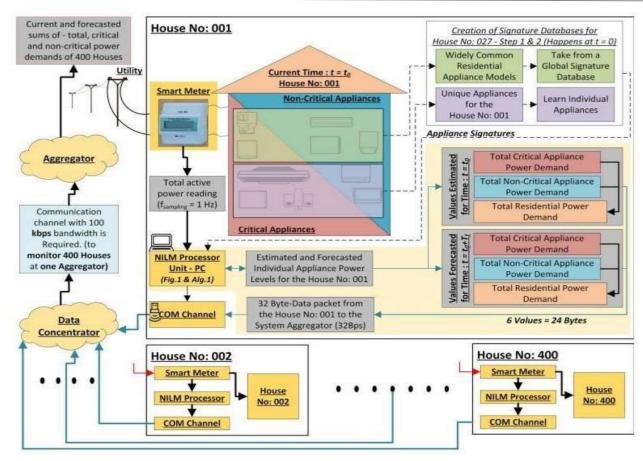


Fig. 9. Graph of 3 Hidden Layer



Fig. 9. Hardware Model



By analysing the performance metrics of every layer hidden used, amongst this the best accuracy attend was from using 2 hidden layers in the model to attain the accuracy of 93.75 per cent with 15 epochs, by more layers and epochs the model was undergoing overfitting conditions to make it smooth and executable 2 hidden layers with 15 epochs gives best accuracy without overfitting condition. Table 4 depicts the comparison among all 3 layers which provides the best accuracy with different epochs and layers in them.

#### 3. CONCLUSION

The Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System presents a compelling solution for addressing energy consumption challenges and promoting sustainable practices. By leveraging real-time data collection, advanced analytics, and personalized recommendations, the system empowers homeowners and businesses to make informed decisions that optimize energy usage, reduce electricity bills, and minimize their environmental impact.

The future of the Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System is brimming with possibilities. Integration with renewable energy sources, demand response participation, and advanced behavioural nudges can further enhance the system's capabilities. Additionally, expansion into commercial and industrial settings and the incorporation of real-time appliance fault detection and diagnostics can broaden the system's impact. As the system continues to evolve, cybersecurity and privacy protection must remain paramount. The Smart Appliance Usage and Bill Optimization System stands as a testament to the power of technology to address global challenges. By harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence and data analytics, the system paves the way for a more sustainable future where energy consumption is optimized, costs are reduced, and the environment is protected.

The paper suggests a fresh NILM approach that has enhanced features to identify on-demand appliances and their power usage, as well as adapt itself to AUPs. This NILM solution is more accurate and robust than existing methods of calculating distance, time, and space. The use of AUPs in NILM enabled the prediction of several houses' total power consumption before the current time. e. Real-time. Utility companies are hesitant to use DLC for DR because it is challenging to estimate the load available for this purpose before using it in real time. The KL expansion is employed to separate uncorrelated spectral information in active power profiles and create signature databases. The algorithm's high accuracy on power profiles sampled at low rates eliminates the need for expensive hardware. In addition, the execution speeds achieved make this an appropriate algorithm for a real-time implementation. This project highlights the potential of NILM based systems to optimize energy consumption and reduce utility costs in smart homes. The future can be more efficient and sustainable by incorporating smart

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appliances and renewable energy sources in the future.

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