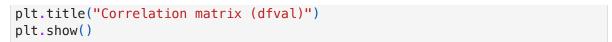
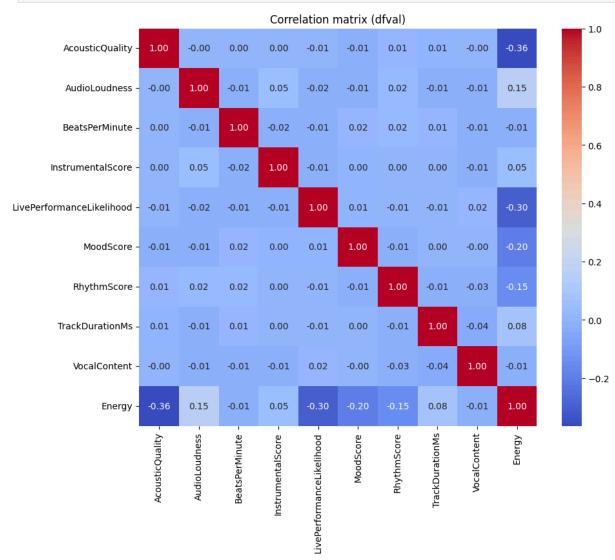
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In [1]: # ==== [0] Setup & Load ====
        import os, warnings, json
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        from sklearn.model selection import KFold, GridSearchCV
        from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
        from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
        from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error, mean absolute error, r2 scor
        from sklearn.linear model import Ridge, Lasso, ElasticNet
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, HistGradientBoostingRegr
        from sklearn.multioutput import MultiOutputRegressor
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
        RANDOM STATE = 42
        np.random.seed(RANDOM_STATE)
        # Paths — adjust if needed
        DF1 PATH = "df1.csv"
        DF2 PATH = "df2.csv"
        DFVAL PATH = "dfval.csv"
        XTEST_PATH = "Xtest.csv"
              = pd.read csv(DF1 PATH)
        df2 = pd.read csv(DF2 PATH)
        dfval = pd.read csv(DFVAL PATH)
        Xtest = pd.read_csv(XTEST_PATH)
        ALL FEATURES = [
            "RhythmScore",
            "AudioLoudness",
            "VocalContent",
            "AcousticQuality",
            "InstrumentalScore",
            "LivePerformanceLikelihood",
            "MoodScore",
            "TrackDurationMs",
            "BeatsPerMinute",
        TARGET = "Energy"
        # Infer feature sets actually present
        features df1 = [c for c in df1.columns if c in ALL FEATURES]
        features_df2 = [c for c in df2.columns if c in ALL_FEATURES]
        features val = [c for c in dfval.columns if c in ALL FEATURES]
        features_tst = [c for c in Xtest.columns if c in ALL_FEATURES]
        common feats = sorted(list(set(features df1) & set(features df2) & set(features df2)
        full feats = sorted(list(set(ALL FEATURES) & set(features df2) & set(featu
        missing_from_df1 = [f for f in full_feats if f not in features_df1]
        print("common_feats:", common_feats)
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print("full_feats:", full_feats)
print("missing_from_df1:", missing_from_df1)
# Train/val matrices for different strategies
# Strategy A: common features on df1 ∪ df2
X A train = pd.concat([df1[common feats], df2[common feats]], axis=0)
y A train = pd.concat([df1[TARGET], df2[TARGET]], axis=0)
X_A_val = dfval[common_feats]
y_A_val = dfval[TARGET]
# Strategy B: full features on df2
X B train = df2[full feats]
y B train = df2[TARGET]
X B val = dfval[full feats]
y B val = dfval[TARGET]
# Strategy C prep inputs (imputation needed later)
X_C_df2_common = df2[common_feats].copy()
Y C df2 missing = df2[missing from df1].copy() if len(missing from df1) > 0
# Preprocessors
def linear preproc():
    return Pipeline([("imp", SimpleImputer(strategy="median")),
                     ("sc", StandardScaler())])
def tree preproc():
    # trees don't need scaling
    return Pipeline([("imp", SimpleImputer(strategy="median"))])
# Utility: metrics
def metrics(y true, y pred, label=""):
   # y true / y pred to 1D arrays (defensive)
   y_true = np.asarray(y_true).ravel()
   y pred = np.asarray(y pred).ravel()
    # RMSE: prefer squared=False if available; otherwise sqrt(MSE)
    try:
        rmse = mean squared error(y true, y pred, squared=False)
    except TypeError:
        rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred))
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_true, y_pred)
    r2 = r2 score(y true, y pred)
    return {"label": label, "RMSE": rmse, "MAE": mae, "R2": r2}
def print_metrics_table(rows, title):
    dfm = pd.DataFrame(rows).set index("label").sort values("RMSE")
    print("\n" + title)
    print(dfm)
    return dfm
# Utility: cross-validated grid-search on *training only*
def cv grid search(pipe, param grid, X, y, splits=5):
    n = len(X)
   n_{splits} = min(max(2, splits), max(2, n)) # safe for tiny n
    cv = KFold(n_splits=n_splits, shuffle=True, random_state=RANDOM_STATE)
    gs = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid=param_grid, cv=cv,
                      scoring="neg_root_mean_squared_error",
                      n jobs=-1, refit=True)
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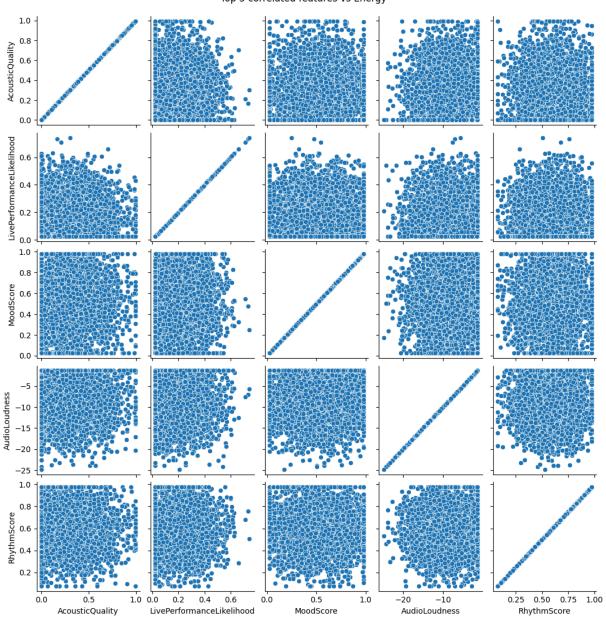
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gs.fit(X, y)
                return gs
          # Storage for results across sections
          MODEL STORE = {}
                                           # name -> fitted estimator (or tuple if blender)
          VAL PRED STORE = {}
                                           # name -> predictions on dfval
          RESULTS = []
                                           # list of metrics dicts (train & dfval)
         common_feats: ['AudioLoudness', 'InstrumentalScore', 'TrackDurationMs', 'Voc
         alContent']
         full_feats: ['AcousticQuality', 'AudioLoudness', 'BeatsPerMinute', 'Instrume
         ntalScore', 'LivePerformanceLikelihood', 'MoodScore', 'RhythmScore', 'TrackD
         urationMs', 'VocalContent']
         missing_from_df1: ['AcousticQuality', 'BeatsPerMinute', 'LivePerformanceLike
         lihood', 'MoodScore', 'RhythmScore']
In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import seaborn as sns
          plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))
          for i, col in enumerate(full_feats, 1):
               plt.subplot(3, 3, i)
               sns.histplot(dfval[col], kde=True, color="teal", bins=30)
               plt.title(f"{col} distribution (dfval)")
          plt.tight_layout()
          plt.show()
                AcousticQuality distribution (dfval)
                                                 AudioLoudness distribution (dfval)
                                                                                  BeatsPerMinute distribution (dfval)
                                           500
                                                                            300
          800
                                                                            250
          600
                                                                            200
         400
                                                                           Count
                                                                            150
                                                                            100
          200
                                           100
                                                                                    80 100 120 140 160 180 200
             0.0
                      AcousticQuality
                                                        AudioLoudness
               InstrumentalScore distribution (dfval)
                                                                                   MoodScore distribution (dfval)
                                              LivePerformanceLikelihood distribution (dfval)
                                           800
                                                                            200
          1500
          1250
                                           600
                                                                            150
         1000
                                          400
                                                                           5
100
          750
          500
                                           200
                                                                             50
          250
             0.0
                                                                               0.0
                      InstrumentalScore
                                                     LivePerformanceLikelihood
                                                                                          MoodScore
                 RhythmScore distribution (dfval)
                                                 TrackDurationMs distribution (dfval)
                                                                                   VocalContent distribution (dfval)
                                           350
                                                                            1200
          250
                                           300
                                                                            1000
          200
                                           250
                                                                            800
         150
                                           200
                                                                            600
                                           150
          100
                                                                            400
                                           100
           50
                                                                            200
                                                    200000
                       RhythmScore
                                                       TrackDurationMs
          plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
In [3]:
          corr = dfval[full_feats + [TARGET]].corr()
          sns.heatmap(corr, cmap="coolwarm", annot=True, fmt=".2f", square=True)
```





In [4]: top_corrs = corr[TARGET].abs().sort_values(ascending=False)[1:6].index
 sns.pairplot(dfval, vars=top_corrs, y_vars=[TARGET], kind="scatter", diag_ki
 plt.suptitle("Top 5 correlated features vs Energy", y=1.02)
 plt.show()

Top 5 correlated features vs Energy



```
metrics(y_A_val, pred_val, "A_Ridge | dfval"),
        MODEL STORE["A Ridge"] = best
        VAL_PRED_STORE["A_Ridge"] = pred_val
        print metrics table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("A Ridge")]
                            "Ridge (Strategy A) metrics")
        # Optional: write Xtest predictions
        # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[common_feats])}).to_csv("A_Ridg
       Ridge (Strategy A) metrics
                                RMSE
                                           MAF
                                                      R2
       label
       A_Ridge | In-sample 0.280837 0.241595 0.020102
       A Ridge | dfval
                            0.288830 0.250225 0.023690
Out[5]:
                              RMSE
                                        MAE
                                                   R2
                     label
        A_Ridge | In-sample 0.280837 0.241595 0.020102
            A_Ridge | dfval 0.288830 0.250225 0.023690
In [6]: # ==== [1B] Strategy A - Lasso on common features ====
        pipe = Pipeline([
            ("prep", linear_preproc()),
            ("est", Lasso(random_state=RANDOM_STATE, max_iter=10000))
        ])
        grid = {"est__alpha": [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1.0]}
        gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_A_train, y_A_train, splits=5)
        best = gs.best_estimator_
        best.fit(X_A_train, y_A_train)
        pred_tr = best.predict(X_A_train)
        pred_val = best.predict(X_A_val)
        RESULTS += [
            metrics(y_A_train, pred_tr, "A_Lasso | In-sample"),
            metrics(y_A_val, pred_val, "A_Lasso | dfval"),
        MODEL STORE["A Lasso"] = best
        VAL PRED STORE["A Lasso"] = pred val
        print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("A_Lasso")]
                            "Lasso (Strategy A) metrics")
        # Optional export:
        # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[common feats])}).to csv("A Lass
```

Lasso (Strategy A) metrics

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R2
                                RMSE
                                           MAE
       label
       A_Lasso | In-sample 0.280844 0.241653 0.020059
                            0.288793 0.250230 0.023943
       A_Lasso | dfval
Out[6]:
                              RMSE
                                        MAE
                                                   R2
                     label
        A_Lasso | In-sample 0.280844 0.241653 0.020059
            A_Lasso | dfval 0.288793 0.250230 0.023943
In [7]: # ==== [1C] Strategy A - Elastic Net on common features ====
        pipe = Pipeline([
            ("prep", linear_preproc()),
            ("est", ElasticNet(random state=RANDOM STATE, max iter=10000))
        1)
        grid = {
            "est__alpha": [0.01, 0.1, 1.0],
            "est__l1_ratio": [0.2, 0.5, 0.8]
        }
        gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_A_train, y_A_train, splits=5)
        best = gs.best_estimator_
        best.fit(X_A_train, y_A_train)
        pred_tr = best.predict(X_A_train)
        pred val = best.predict(X A val)
        RESULTS += [
            metrics(y_A_train, pred_tr, "A_ElasticNet | In-sample"),
            metrics(y_A_val, pred_val, "A_ElasticNet | dfval"),
        MODEL STORE["A ElasticNet"] = best
        VAL PRED STORE["A ElasticNet"] = pred val
        print metrics table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("A ElasticN
                            "Elastic Net (Strategy A) metrics")
        # Optional export:
        # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[common_feats])}).to_csv("A_Elas
       Elastic Net (Strategy A) metrics
                                                MAE
                                                           R2
                                     RMSE
       label
       A ElasticNet | In-sample 0.280866 0.241737 0.019901
       A ElasticNet | dfval
                                 0.288788 0.250272 0.023974
```

Out[7]: RMSE MAE R2

label

 A_ElasticNet | In-sample
 0.280866
 0.241737
 0.019901

 A_ElasticNet | dfval
 0.288788
 0.250272
 0.023974

```
In [8]: # ==== [1D] Strategy A - Random Forest on common features ====
        pipe = Pipeline([
            ("prep", tree_preproc()),
            ("est", RandomForestRegressor(random_state=RANDOM_STATE, n_jobs=-1))
        1)
        grid = {
            "est__n_estimators": [200],
            "est__max_depth": [None, 6, 10],
            "est__min_samples_leaf": [1, 3, 5]
        gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_A_train, y_A_train, splits=5)
        best = gs.best_estimator_
        best.fit(X_A_train, y_A_train)
        pred tr = best.predict(X A train)
        pred_val = best.predict(X_A_val)
        RESULTS += [
            metrics(y_A_train, pred_tr, "A_RF | In-sample"),
            metrics(y_A_val, pred_val, "A_RF | dfval"),
        MODEL STORE["A RF"] = best
        VAL PRED STORE["A RF"] = pred val
        print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("A_RF")],
                            "Random Forest (Strategy A) metrics")
        # Optional export:
        # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[common_feats])}).to_csv("A_RF_
       Random Forest (Strategy A) metrics
                             RMSE
                                                   R2
                                        MAE
       label
       A RF | In-sample 0.238242 0.205192 0.294810
       A RF | dfval
                         0.284273 0.244386 0.054257
Out[8]:
                           RMSE
                                                R2
                                     MAE
                  label
        A_RF | In-sample 0.238242 0.205192 0.294810
            A_RF | dfval 0.284273 0.244386 0.054257
```

In [9]: # ==== [1E] Strategy A — HistGradientBoosting on common features ====

pipe = Pipeline([

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("prep", tree_preproc()),
             ("est", HistGradientBoostingRegressor(random_state=RANDOM_STATE))
         1)
         grid = {
             "est__max_depth": [None, 6],
             "est min samples leaf": [20, 50],
             "est__learning_rate": [0.05, 0.1],
         }
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_A_train, y_A_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X_A_train, y_A_train)
         pred tr = best.predict(X A train)
         pred_val = best.predict(X_A_val)
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_A_train, pred_tr, "A_HGB | In-sample"),
             metrics(y_A_val, pred_val, "A_HGB | dfval"),
         MODEL STORE["A HGB"] = best
         VAL_PRED_STORE["A_HGB"] = pred_val
         print metrics table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("A HGB")],
                             "HistGradientBoosting (Strategy A) metrics")
         # Optional export:
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[common_feats])}).to_csv("A_HGB_
        HistGradientBoosting (Strategy A) metrics
                               RMSE
                                                      R2
        label
        A HGB | In-sample 0.242255 0.207563 0.270854
        A_HGB | dfval
                           0.284231 0.243286 0.054534
 Out[9]:
                              RMSE
                                        MAE
                                                   R2
                     label
         A_HGB | In-sample 0.242255 0.207563 0.270854
              A_HGB | dfval 0.284231 0.243286 0.054534
In [10]: \# ==== [2A] Strategy B - Ridge on full 9 features (df2 only) ====
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", linear_preproc()),
             ("est", Ridge(random_state=RANDOM_STATE))
         1)
         grid = {"est__alpha": [0.1, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0]}
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_B_train, y_B_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X_B_train, y_B_train)
         pred_tr = best.predict(X_B_train)
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pred_val = best.predict(X_B_val)
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_B_train, pred_tr, "B_Ridge | In-sample"),
             metrics(y_B_val, pred_val, "B_Ridge | dfval"),
         MODEL STORE["B Ridge"] = best
         VAL_PRED_STORE["B_Ridge"] = pred_val
         print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("B_Ridge")]
                             "Ridge (Strategy B) metrics")
         # Optional export:
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[full_feats])}).to_csv("B_Ridge_
        Ridge (Strategy B) metrics
                                                        R2
                                            MAE
                                 RMSE
        label
        B Ridge | In-sample 0.229945 0.190094 0.417242
        B_Ridge | dfval
                             0.263456 0.216947 0.187699
Out[10]:
                               RMSE
                                         MAE
                                                    R2
                      label
         B_Ridge | In-sample 0.229945 0.190094 0.417242
              B_Ridge | dfval 0.263456 0.216947 0.187699
In [11]: \# ==== [2B] Strategy B - Elastic Net on full 9 features (df2 only) ====
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", linear_preproc()),
             ("est", ElasticNet(random state=RANDOM STATE, max iter=10000))
         1)
         grid = {
             "est__alpha": [0.01, 0.1, 1.0],
             "est__l1_ratio": [0.2, 0.5, 0.8]
         }
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_B_train, y_B_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X_B_train, y_B_train)
         pred_tr = best.predict(X_B_train)
         pred val = best.predict(X B val)
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_B_train, pred_tr, "B_ElasticNet | In-sample"),
             metrics(y B val,
                                pred_val, "B_ElasticNet | dfval"),
         MODEL STORE["B ElasticNet"] = best
         VAL PRED STORE["B ElasticNet"] = pred val
         print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("B_ElasticN")
                              "Elastic Net (Strategy B) metrics")
```

Optional export:

```
# pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[full_feats])}).to_csv("B_Elasti
        Elastic Net (Strategy B) metrics
                                                  MAE
                                                             R2
                                       RMSE
        label
        B_ElasticNet | In-sample
                                  0.230092 0.190302
                                                       0.416496
        B_ElasticNet | dfval
                                  0.262705 0.216425
                                                       0.192321
Out[11]:
                                   RMSE
                                             MAE
                                                        R2
                          label
         B_ElasticNet | In-sample 0.230092 0.190302 0.416496
              B_ElasticNet | dfval 0.262705 0.216425 0.192321
In [12]: \# ==== [2C] Strategy B - HistGradientBoosting on full 9 features (df2 only)
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", tree_preproc()),
             ("est", HistGradientBoostingRegressor(random state=RANDOM STATE))
         ])
         grid = {
             "est__max_depth": [None, 6],
             "est__min_samples_leaf": [5, 20, 50],
             "est__learning_rate": [0.05, 0.1],
         }
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_B_train, y_B_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X_B_train, y_B_train)
         pred tr = best.predict(X B train)
         pred_val = best.predict(X_B_val)
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_B_train, pred_tr, "B_HGB | In-sample"),
             metrics(y_B_val, pred_val, "B_HGB | dfval"),
         MODEL STORE["B HGB"] = best
         VAL_PRED_STORE["B_HGB"] = pred_val
         print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("B_HGB")],
                             "HistGradientBoosting (Strategy B) metrics")
         # Optional export:
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest[full_feats])}).to_csv("B_HGB_Xt
        HistGradientBoosting (Strategy B) metrics
                               RMSE
                                          MAE
                                                      R2
        label
        B HGB | In-sample 0.209634 0.171864 0.515644
        B_HGB | dfval
                           0.266118 0.224043 0.171200
```

Out[12]: RMSE MAE R2

label

```
B_HGB|In-sample 0.209634 0.171864 0.515644 B_HGB|dfval 0.266118 0.224043 0.171200
```

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In [13]: \# ==== [3A] Strategy C - Impute (4->5) + Ridge on augmented 9D ====
         if len(missing_from_df1) == 0:
             raise RuntimeError("No missing features in df1 relative to full feats; S
         # 1) Fit imputer on df2: map common feats -> missing from df1
         imputer = Pipeline([
             ("prep", linear_preproc()),
             ("est", MultiOutputRegressor(Ridge(alpha=1.0, random_state=RANDOM_STATE)
         1)
         imputer.fit(X C df2 common, Y C df2 missing)
         # 2) Impute df1's missing 5, build augmented 9D training set
         imputed missing = imputer.predict(df1[common feats])
         imputed_missing_df = pd.DataFrame(imputed_missing, columns=missing_from_df1,
         df1_aug = pd.concat([df1[common_feats], imputed_missing_df, df1[[TARGET]]],
         df1 aug = df1 aug[full feats + [TARGET]] # order
         train_aug = pd.concat([df2[full_feats + [TARGET]], df1_aug], axis=0)
         X C train = train aug[full feats].copy()
         y_C_train = train_aug[TARGET].copy()
         # weights: down-weight imputed rows (those after df2)
         w = np.ones(len(train aug))
         w[len(df2):] = 0.5
         # 3) Ridge on augmented 9D
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", linear_preproc()),
             ("est", Ridge(random state=RANDOM STATE))
         grid = {"est alpha": [0.1, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0]}
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_C_train, y_C_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X C train, y C train, **{"est sample weight": w} if "est sample w
         # Evaluate on dfval (no leakage)
         pred tr = best.predict(X C train)
         pred_val = best.predict(dfval[full_feats])
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_C_train, pred_tr, "C_Ridge | In-sample (augmented)"),
             metrics(dfval[TARGET], pred_val, "C_Ridge | dfval"),
         MODEL_STORE["C_Ridge"] = (best, imputer) # store imputer too
         VAL_PRED_STORE["C_Ridge"] = pred_val
```

```
print metrics table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("C Ridge")]
                             "Ridge (Strategy C) metrics")
         # Optional export for Xtest (need to impute Xtest missing 5 from its common
         Xtest_missing = imputer.predict(Xtest[common_feats])
         Xtest full = pd.concat([Xtest[common feats],
                                 pd.DataFrame(Xtest missing, columns=missing from df1
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest_full)}).to_csv("C_Ridge_Xtest.c
        Ridge (Strategy C) metrics
                                             RMSE
                                                        MAE
                                                                   R2
        label
        C_Ridge | dfval
                                         0.266845 0.218232 0.166664
        C_Ridge | In-sample (augmented) 0.278971 0.240076 0.033085
In [14]: \# ==== [3B] Strategy C - Elastic Net on augmented 9D ====
         # Reuse imputer, X_C_train, y_C_train, w, full_feats from previous cell
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", linear_preproc()),
             ("est", ElasticNet(random_state=RANDOM_STATE, max_iter=10000))
         1)
         grid = {
             "est__alpha": [0.01, 0.1, 1.0],
             "est l1 ratio": [0.2, 0.5, 0.8]
         }
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_C_train, y_C_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X C train, y C train, **{"est sample weight": w} if "est sample w
         pred_tr = best.predict(X_C_train)
         pred val = best.predict(dfval[full feats])
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_C_train, pred_tr, "C_ElasticNet | In-sample (augmented)"),
             metrics(dfval[TARGET], pred_val, "C_ElasticNet | dfval"),
         MODEL STORE["C ElasticNet"] = (best, imputer)
         VAL PRED STORE["C ElasticNet"] = pred val
         print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("C_ElasticN
                             "Elastic Net (Strategy C) metrics")
         # Optional export:
         # Xtest missing = imputer.predict(Xtest[common feats])
         # Xtest_full = pd.concat([Xtest[common_feats],
                                   pd.DataFrame(Xtest_missing, columns=missing_from_c
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest full)}).to csv("C ElasticNet Xt
        Elastic Net (Strategy C) metrics
                                                  RMSE
                                                             MAF
                                                                        R2
        label
        C_ElasticNet | dfval
                                              0.251808 0.212191 0.257937
        C ElasticNet | In-sample (augmented) 0.279201 0.240444 0.031488
```

Out[14]: RMSE MAE R2

label

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        C_ElasticNet | dfval
        0.251808
        0.212191
        0.257937

        C_ElasticNet | In-sample (augmented)
        0.279201
        0.240444
        0.031488
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In [15]: \# ==== [3C] Strategy C - HistGradientBoosting on augmented 9D ====
         pipe = Pipeline([
             ("prep", tree_preproc()),
             ("est", HistGradientBoostingRegressor(random_state=RANDOM_STATE))
         1)
         grid = {
             "est__max_depth": [None, 6],
             "est__min_samples_leaf": [20, 50],
             "est__learning_rate": [0.05, 0.1],
         }
         gs = cv_grid_search(pipe, grid, X_C_train, y_C_train, splits=5)
         best = gs.best_estimator_
         best.fit(X_C_train, y_C_train, **{"est__sample_weight": w} if "est__sample_w
         pred tr = best.predict(X C train)
         pred_val = best.predict(dfval[full_feats])
         RESULTS += [
             metrics(y_C_train, pred_tr, "C_HGB | In-sample (augmented)"),
             metrics(dfval[TARGET], pred val, "C HGB | dfval"),
         MODEL_STORE["C_HGB"] = (best, imputer)
         VAL PRED STORE["C HGB"] = pred val
         print_metrics_table([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("C_HGB")],
                             "HistGradientBoosting (Strategy C) metrics")
         # Optional export:
         # Xtest missing = imputer.predict(Xtest[common feats])
         # Xtest full = pd.concat([Xtest[common feats],
                                   pd.DataFrame(Xtest_missing, columns=missing_from_c
         # pd.DataFrame({"Energy": best.predict(Xtest_full)}).to_csv("C_HGB_Xtest.csv
        HistGradientBoosting (Strategy C) metrics
                                                      MAE
                                                                  R2
                                            RMSE
        label
        C_HGB | In-sample (augmented) 0.234765 0.200893 0.315239
        C HGB | dfval
                                        0.263276 0.226940
                                                            0.188804
Out[15]:
                                         RMSE
                                                   MAE
                                                              R2
                                label
         C_HGB | In-sample (augmented) 0.234765 0.200893 0.315239
                         C_HGB | dfval 0.263276 0.226940 0.188804
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In [16]: \# ==== [4] Strategy D - Blend best A and best B (fixed idxmin + guards) ====
         # Helper: list the dfval rows we actually have (debug aid)
         def dfval rows(prefix=None):
             rows = [r for r in RESULTS if r.get("label","").endswith("| dfval")]
             if prefix:
                  rows = [r for r in rows if r["label"].startswith(prefix)]
             return pd.DataFrame(rows)
         # Pick the best (lowest dfval RMSE) model by prefix
         def best by prefix(prefix: str):
             dfm = _dfval_rows(prefix)
             if dfm.empty:
                  return None
             # Coerce RMSE to numeric and drop NaNs if any
             dfm = dfm.copy()
             dfm["RMSE"] = pd.to numeric(dfm["RMSE"], errors="coerce")
             dfm = dfm.dropna(subset=["RMSE"])
             if dfm.empty:
                  return None
             winner row = dfm.loc[dfm["RMSE"].idxmin()]
             return winner_row["label"].split(" | ")[0] # strip the " | dfval"
         best_A = best_by_prefix("A_")
         best_B = best_by_prefix("B_")
         print("Best A:", best A)
         print("Best B:", best_B)
         if best_A is None or best_B is None:
             print("\nNo eligible models found to blend.")
             print("Make sure you ran at least one Strategy A cell AND one Strategy E
             print("Current dfval entries:\n", _dfval_rows())
             raise RuntimeError("Run Strategy A and Strategy B training cells before
         A_model = MODEL_STORE[best_A]
         B model = MODEL STORE[best B]
         # 2) Train blender on df2 using predictions from A (common feats) and B (ful
         from sklearn.linear model import Ridge as RidgeBlender
         A_on_df2 = A_model.predict(df2[common_feats])
         B on df2 = B model.predict(df2[full feats])
         Z train = np.vstack([A on df2, B on df2]).T
         y train blend = df2[TARGET].values
         blender = RidgeBlender(alpha=0.1, random_state=RANDOM_STATE)
         blender.fit(Z_train, y_train_blend)
         # 3) Evaluate on dfval
         A on val = A model.predict(dfval[common feats])
         B on val = B model.predict(dfval[full feats])
         Z \text{ val} = \text{np.vstack}([A \text{ on val}, B \text{ on val}]).T
         pred_val = blender.predict(Z_val)
         RESULTS += [
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metrics(y_train_blend, blender.predict(Z_train), "D_Blend(A,B) | In-same
                                                      "D Blend(A,B) | dfval"),
     metrics(dfval[TARGET], pred_val,
 MODEL_STORE["D_Blend(A,B)"] = (A_model, B_model, blender)
 VAL_PRED_STORE["D_Blend(A,B)"] = pred_val
 print("\nBlend (Strategy D) metrics:")
 display(pd.DataFrame([r for r in RESULTS if r["label"].startswith("D_Blend")
Best A: A HGB
Best B: B_ElasticNet
Blend (Strategy D) metrics:
                              RMSE
                                        MAE
                                                   R2
                     label
D_Blend(A,B) | In-sample (df2) 0.206213 0.162419
                                              0.531325
         D_Blend(A,B) | dfval 0.253001 0.209384 0.250886
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In [17]: # ==== [14] Transform helpers ====
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         # Heavily right-skewed features from your EDA
         SKEWED COLS = [
             "AcousticQuality",
             "InstrumentalScore",
             "VocalContent",
             "LivePerformanceLikelihood",
             "TrackDurationMs",
         def apply_log1p(df: pd.DataFrame, cols: list) -> pd.DataFrame:
             df2 = df.copy()
             for c in cols:
                 if c in df2.columns:
                     # quard against negatives (shouldn't happen per your audit)
                     df2[c] = np.log1p(np.clip(df2[c], a_min=0, a_max=None))
             return df2
         # Transformed matrices for each strategy
         X_A_train_tf = apply_log1p(pd.concat([df1[common_feats], df2[common_feats]],
         X A val tf = apply log1p(dfval[common feats], SKEWED COLS)
         X_B_train_tf = apply_log1p(df2[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
         X_B_val_tf = apply_log1p(dfval[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
         # For C: imputer learns mapping from COMMON (transformed) -> MISSING (raw)
         X C df2 common tf = apply log1p(df2[common feats], SKEWED COLS)
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In [20]: # ==== [15] XGBoost for B (df2 only) and C (augmented 9D) ====
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, KFold
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
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try:
    import xqboost as xqb
   HAS XGB = True
except Exception as e:
   HAS_XGB = False
    print("xgboost not available; falling back to HistGradientBoostingRegres
def rmse(y true, y pred):
   """Compute RMSE compatible with older sklearn versions."""
    return mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred) ** 0.5
# ----- B XGB: train on df2 (9 features) -----
if HAS_XGB:
   xgb b = xgb.XGBRegressor(
        random_state=RANDOM_STATE,
        tree_method="hist", # fast/robust
        n estimators=600,
        max depth=3,
        subsample=0.8,
        colsample bytree=0.8,
        learning_rate=0.05,
        reg_alpha=0.0,
        reg lambda=2.0,
       min child weight=5,
else:
   from sklearn.ensemble import HistGradientBoostingRegressor
   xgb_b = HistGradientBoostingRegressor(
       max depth=6, learning rate=0.05, min samples leaf=20, random state=F
xgb_b.fit(X_B_train_tf, y_B_train)
pred_tr_b = xgb_b.predict(X_B_train_tf)
pred_val_b = xgb_b.predict(X_B_val_tf)
RESULTS += [
    {"label": "B_XGB | In-sample", "RMSE": rmse(y_B_train, pred_tr_b), "MAE"
   {"label": "B_XGB | dfval", "RMSE": rmse(y_B_val, pred_val_b), "MAE
MODEL STORE ["B XGB"] = xqb b
VAL_PRED_STORE["B_XGB"] = pred_val_b
print("B_XGB dfval RMSE:", rmse(y_B_val, pred_val_b))
# ----- C XGB: augmented 9D (impute dfl's missing 5, then train on df2
# 1) Imputer: common(tf) -> missing(raw) using df2 only
from sklearn.multioutput import MultiOutputRegressor
from sklearn.linear model import Ridge
imputer_c = Pipeline([
    ("prep", linear_preproc()), # median + scale on common
    ("est", MultiOutputRegressor(Ridge(alpha=1.0, random state=RANDOM STATE)
1)
imputer c.fit(X C df2 common tf, df2[missing from df1]) # note: targets are
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# 2) Impute df1's missing 5
X1 common tf = apply log1p(df1[common feats], SKEWED COLS)
imputed_missing = imputer_c.predict(X1_common_tf)
imputed_df = pd.DataFrame(imputed_missing, columns=missing_from_df1, index=d
# 3) Build augmented 9D training set
train_aug_c = pd.concat(
    [df2[full feats + [TARGET]], pd.concat([df1[common feats], imputed df, c
X C train tf = apply log1p(train aug c[full feats], SKEWED COLS)
y C train = train aug c[TARGET]
X_C_val_tf = apply_log1p(dfval[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
# down-weight imputed rows
w_c = np.ones(len(train_aug_c))
w_c[len(df2):] = 0.5
if HAS XGB:
    xgb_c = xgb.XGBRegressor(
        random state=RANDOM STATE,
        tree_method="hist",
        n_estimators=900,
        max depth=4,
        subsample=0.9,
        colsample_bytree=0.9,
        learning rate=0.03,
        reg_alpha=0.0,
        reg_lambda=2.0,
        min child weight=3,
else:
    from sklearn.ensemble import HistGradientBoostingRegressor
    xqb c = HistGradientBoostingRegressor(
        max_depth=6, learning_rate=0.05, min_samples_leaf=20, random_state=F
# NOTE: xgboost supports sample_weight directly; HGBR also supports sample_w
xgb_c.fit(X_C_train_tf, y_C_train, sample_weight=w_c)
pred_tr_c = xgb_c.predict(X_C_train_tf)
pred_val_c = xgb_c.predict(X_C_val_tf)
RESULTS += [
    {"label": "C_XGB | In-sample (augmented)", "RMSE": rmse(y_C_train, pred_
    {"label": "C_XGB | dfval",
                                               "RMSE": rmse(dfval[TARGET], r
MODEL_STORE["C_XGB"] = (xgb_c, imputer_c)
VAL_PRED_STORE["C_XGB"] = pred_val_c
print("C_XGB dfval RMSE:", rmse(dfval[TARGET], pred_val_c))
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B_XGB dfval RMSE: 0.2704140945463544 C_XGB dfval RMSE: 0.2577286043761442

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In [22]: # ==== [16] Stacking / multi-model blend on df2 predictions ====
         from sklearn.linear model import Ridge as RidgeBlender
         # --- Ensure required base models are trained (skip missing ones gracefully)
         base models = []
         # Helper: safely fetch model and a predictor function
         def add base(name, use feats):
             if name not in MODEL STORE:
                 print(f"[stack] Skipping {name} (not found in MODEL_STORE).")
                 return
             mdl = MODEL STORE[name]
             if name.startswith("C_") and isinstance(mdl, tuple):
                 # (estimator, imputer)
                 est, imp = mdl
                 def pred_fn_df2(df):
                     \# df has all 9; for C * we don't need to re-impute df2 to predic
                     X = apply_log1p(df[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
                 def pred fn any(df):
                     # for dfval/Xtest: just transformed 9D
                     X = apply_log1p(df[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
             elif name.startswith("B "):
                 est = mdl
                 def pred fn df2(df):
                     X = apply log1p(df[full feats], SKEWED COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
                 def pred fn any(df):
                     X = apply_log1p(df[full_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
             elif name.startswith("A "):
                 est = mdl
                 def pred fn df2(df):
                     X = apply_log1p(df[common_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
                 def pred fn any(df):
                     X = apply_log1p(df[common_feats], SKEWED_COLS)
                     return est.predict(X)
             else:
                 print(f"[stack] Unrecognized base '{name}', skipping.")
                  return
             base_models.append((name, pred_fn_df2, pred_fn_any))
         # Add candidates you have trained (names must match your earlier sections)
         for cand in ["A_HGB", "B_ElasticNet", "B_XGB", "C_ElasticNet", "C_XGB"]:
             _add_base(cand, full_feats)
         if len(base models) < 2:</pre>
             raise RuntimeError("Need at least 2 base models for stacking. Train more
         # --- Build Z train from df2 predictions (no leakage)
         Z train = []
         for (nm, pred_df2, _) in base_models:
             Z train.append(pred df2(df2))
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Z_train = np.vstack(Z_train).T # shape (len(df2), n_models)
y_train_blend = df2[TARGET].values
# --- Fit small ridge blender
blender = RidgeBlender(alpha=0.1, random_state=RANDOM_STATE)
blender.fit(Z_train, y_train_blend)
# --- Evaluate on dfval (out-of-sample)
Z_val = []
for (nm, _, pred_any) in base_models:
   Z_val.append(pred_any(dfval))
Z_val = np.vstack(Z_val).T
pred_val_blend = blender.predict(Z_val)
RESULTS += [
   {"label": "STACK | In-sample (df2)", "RMSE": rmse(y_train_blend, blender
    {"label": "STACK | dfval",
                                        "RMSE": rmse(dfval[TARGET], pred_va
MODEL_STORE["STACK"] = (base_models, blender)
VAL_PRED_STORE["STACK"] = pred_val_blend
print("STACK dfval RMSE:", rmse(dfval[TARGET], pred_val_blend))
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STACK dfval RMSE: 0.25353976784635635