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ABSTRACT

Total Electron Content or TEC variations impact spatial weather conditions considerably, thus affecting communication with satellites and navigation systems. This project aims to predict TEC variations using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and spatial weather data, using historical TEC datasets from IISc Bengaluru and real-time data from GPS/IRNSS satellites.

To study patterns in ionospheric fluctuations, we worked upon various machine learning techniques, including time series analysis and the Random Forest algorithm. However, after extensive trials through experimentation with multiple existing models, we identified **NeuralProphet** and **Linear Regression** as the most effective models for TEC prediction as they had superior accuracy and generalization capability.

Here, data preprocessing included noise reduction, feature extraction, and structuring input data for training. By putting together AI-based predictive modeling, our system provides accurate TEC forecasts. This helps researchers and engineers in attenuating ionospheric disturbances' effects on communication networks.

In addition to this, this project brings out the potential of AI in space weather studies, thus directing towards future progress in predictive modeling. The system which is developed, serves as a valuable tool for scientific research and practical applications in navigation, telecommunications, and aerospace industries.

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TEC	Total Electron Content
AI	Artificial Intelligence
GPS	Global Positioning System
IRNSS	Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System
IISc	Indian Institute of Science
ML	Machine Learning
RF	Random Forest
RMSE	Root Mean Square Error
DL	Deep Learning

SDG MAPPING WITH JUSTIFICATION

Our project aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by contributing to advancements in space weather research and improving the reliability of communication and navigation systems. The key SDGs addressed are:

•SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
Enhances infrastructure reliability through improved satellite communication and navigation systems.

•SDG 13: Climate Action
Supports understanding and mitigation of space weather impacts on the environment and technology.

•SDG 4: Quality Education
Promotes research and innovation in geospatial and environmental sciences for academic growth.

•SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals
This goal inspires collaboration between research institutions and industries in advancing the area of space weather forecasting.

•SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
This goal helps to achieve energy efficiency by guaranteeing continuous satellite-based energy grid monitoring.

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction to Project

The Total Electron Content (TEC) is the total number of free electrons present in a column of unit cross-sectional area along the signal path between a satellite and a ground-based receiver. The unit of measurement for TEC is Total Electron Content Units (TECU). Where, 1 TECU = 10^{16} electrons/m^2. TEC is a parameter which is used heavily in ionospheric studies due to it's direct influence on radio waves propagation. The radio waves are used in satellite communication and navigation systems. Variations in ionospheric TEC are primarily affected by solar activity, geomagnetic storms, and other space weather phenomena.

TEC fluctuations can introduce signal delays and distortions, which in turn affects the Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) such as GPS, IRNSS, and Galileo. Hence, TEC disturbances are responsible for significantly affecting applications dependent on precise positioning and communication, which includes but is not limited to - aviation, remote sensing, and disaster management.

This project aims at forecasting TEC changes using Artificial Intelligence and space weather data as input to accurately predict/forecast TEC values. Utilizing TEC datasets received from IISc Bengaluru and current TEC observations from GPS and IRNSS satellites, we have developed an effective forecasting model.

A number of machine learning methods were tested, after which, Neural Prophet and Linear Regression were chosen as the best models for this purpose due to being relatively more accurate and computationally efficient in performing the needed time series forecasting.

Through the incorporation of the AI based prediction models, this project helps advance the accuracy of satellite communications and navigation systems. It also deepens our knowledge of ionospheric disturbances.

1.2 Project Category

The project is part of the general category of **Artificial Intelligence** and **Machine Learning** applications for space weather prediction. In particular, it performs large-scale data computing and processing on space weather data to forecast TEC variations, which have significant effects on satellite-based communication and navigation systems. Due to the effect TEC has on signals between earth and satellite systems, this work also falls under **signal processing and analysis**. It works on the retrieval of useful patterns from past and real-time TEC data received through GPS, IRNSS, and other global navigation satellite systems. The project comes mainly under AI-based predictive modeling. It applies machine learning models - Neural Prophet and Linear Regression for forecasting time series. These models are helpful in predicting trends and anomalies in ionospheric TEC and thus are beneficial for space weather research and ionospheric disturbance mitigation on GNSS signals. This research also aids in real-time monitoring and adaptive correction schemes of satellite navigation errors, citing its importance in computer and real-time data processing applications.

Although the core category of the project remains Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, their practical application has to do with signal processing methods used to manage raw satellite data with efficiency. Besides, areas in computing and processing are key factors in coping with big datasets, executing complicated AI models, and maintaining accuracy for predictions. Overall, these technologies combine to extend the research scope in the domain of **space weather forecasting** so that navigation and communication networks become less prone to ionospheric interference.

1.3 Objectives

The main goals of this project are:

- Forecasting TEC Changes: Create an AI-based model to predict Total Electron Content (TEC) changes in the ionosphere of the Earth based on historical and real-time space weather observations, enhancing the accuracy of satellite-dependent systems.
- Trend Analysis and Pattern Detection: Examine long-term TEC variations and identify significant patterns by applying time series forecasting methods, which will help to realize ionospheric activity under various space weather regimes.
- Model Development and Comparison: Develop and test several machine learning models, such as Neural Prophet, Linear Regression, and Random Forest, to figure out the best way to predict TEC considering accuracy and computational complexity.
- Improvement in Forecast Accuracy and Real-Time Applications: Refine TEC forecasting techniques for enhanced precision and efficiency in communication and navigation systems with minimized signal disruptions in GPS and GNSS-based applications.
- Submission to Space Weather Research: Offer insightful knowledge of ionospheric disturbances, helping researchers and engineers to devise methods to reduce GNSS signal delays and errors brought about by variable TEC levels.

1.4 Structure of the Report

This report is structured into the following chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction – Provides an overview of the project, including its objectives and significance.
- Chapter 2: Literature Review – Discusses existing research on TEC prediction, identifies research gaps, and formulates the problem statement.
- Chapter 3: Proposed System – Describes the architecture and unique features of the developed AI-based TEC prediction model.
- Chapter 4: Requirement Analysis and System Specification – Covers the feasibility study, software requirements, system design, and database structure.
- Chapter 5: Implementation – Explains the tools, technologies, and dataset used in developing the predictive model.
- Chapter 6: Testing and Maintenance – Details the testing methodologies, test cases, and system performance evaluation.
- Chapter 7: Results and Discussions – Presents results using graphs and tables, evaluates model performance, and highlights key findings.
- Chapter 8: Conclusion and Future Scope – Summarizes the findings and discusses potential future improvements.

The report concludes with references in IEEE format, proof of research paper acceptance, and patent publication details.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Literature Review

Recent studies in TEC forecasting have been subject to a lot of attention due to its dependency on satellite navigation and communication. Traditionally, ARIMA-type models have been utilized to forecast TEC values but are only restrictive in our interactions with intricate patterns during epochs of geomagnetic disturbances. The LSTM networks have previously proven efficient in resolving the vanishing gradient problem and increasing prediction accuracy for the TEC, particularly under quiet and stormy space weather conditions. The NARX neural network is another method, wherein time parameters are inserted in addition to TEC data, which were capable of producing high accuracy versus those TEC predictions done under various solar activity. GPS-TEC measurements have also offered contributions from methods such as Faraday rotation and extremely resilient preprocessing techniques such as cycle slip correction to ensure data integrity.

With this in mind, the present study presents prediction of TEC variability on the basis of hybrid machine learning models namely, Neural Prophet and Linear Regression. The model utilizes the space-weather data coupled with time-series analysis to implement high accuracy and reliability with an easy-to-use interface announced in the form of a web application. This is one of the methods of transcending the limitations of traditional modelling, suggesting a future path in a more scalable manner.

TEC Measurements and Data Sources

Faraday rotation effects with high-frequency TEC measurements every 30 seconds over a radius of 1000 km. Irrespective of cycle slips, this data has been extremely useful in ionospheric studies and training of models. Likewise, long-term GNSS and ionosonde data covering 22 and 62 years, respectively, predicted once-in-100-year TEC events of 150–190 TECU. These data sets are well suited for the training and testing of machine learning models with the assurance that they will generalize well over solar and geomagnetic conditions.

Traditional Statistical and Machine Learning Approaches

Early statistical models such as ARIMA were used for TEC time series prediction, but their accuracy got disturbed during geomagnetic disturbances. It was observed that Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks performed better than ARIMA, with a prediction accuracy of

1.43 TECU, particularly during solar storms. This shows the power of recurrent neural networks in dealing with irregular time series data, proving the applicability of deep learning for space weather forecasting.

A real-time TEC forecasting adaptive regression model was deployed that adjusted itself dynamically with new data, minimizing ionospheric delay error in single-frequency GPS receivers. Their adaptive solution improved navigation accuracy, with the potential of continuously learning systems.

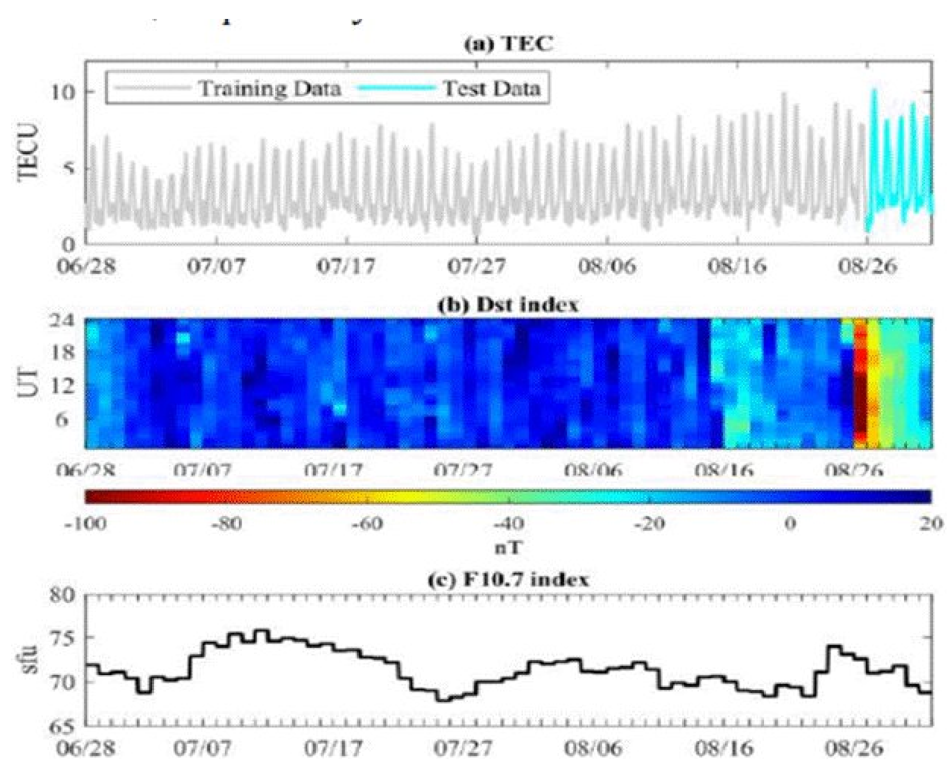

Figure 2.1 *Taken from the research paper "Ionospheric TEC Prediction Performance of ARIMA and LSTM Methods in Different Space Weather Conditions"*

The gray and cyan lines represent the training and test data, respectively.

Advanced Neural Networks and Ensemble Models

A Random Forest and deep learning-based mode of TEC prediction was developed with observational IRI. Accuracy was found to improve with an increasing number of leaf nodes but at the cost of computation. The authors also developed a Flask-based web app with access and scalability to the model, as per contemporary, cloud-integrated forecasting systems.

Also, a NARX neural network was suggested, providing a 43.5% improvement in accuracy during high solar activity years. The use of solar and geomagnetic index as external variables supports our research aim of combining multiple space weather parameters to improve predictability.

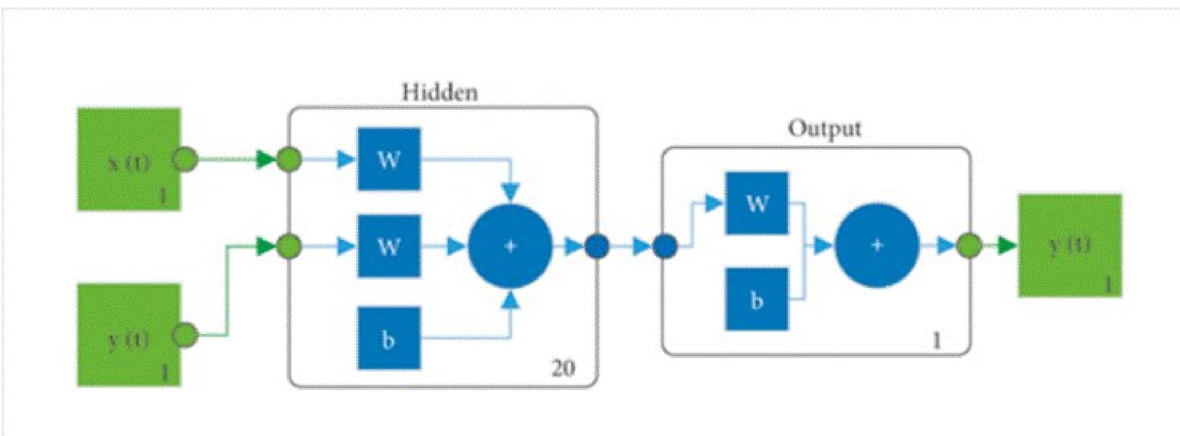

Figure 2.2 the structure of the NARX networks *(Source: Taken from the research paper "Prediction of Ionospheric TEC Based on the NARX Neural Network")*

Spatial and Regional Prediction Models

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Kriging spatial interpolation was employed in regional TEC mapping with an accuracy of 12.76% Relative Root Mean Square Error (RRMSE). This particular previous work highlights the significance of spatial characteristics, proposing that the use of temporal AI models in combination with spatial interpolation has the ability to improve regional accuracy. For example, TEC increased during positive storms and dropped markedly during negative ones during geomagnetic storms, correlating TEC variability with solar cycles and geomagnetic indices such as Dst. Such findings inform the choice of appropriate input features for machine learning algorithms.

Emerging Techniques and Future Directions

In addition to traditional ML models, scientists have begun investigating hybrid and generative models for predicting TEC. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), hybrid LSTM models, and adaptive neuro-fuzzy systems have demonstrated potential for capturing sudden ionospheric changes. Although not yet in general use, these methods hold future promise for improved long-term accuracy and coping with extreme space weather events.

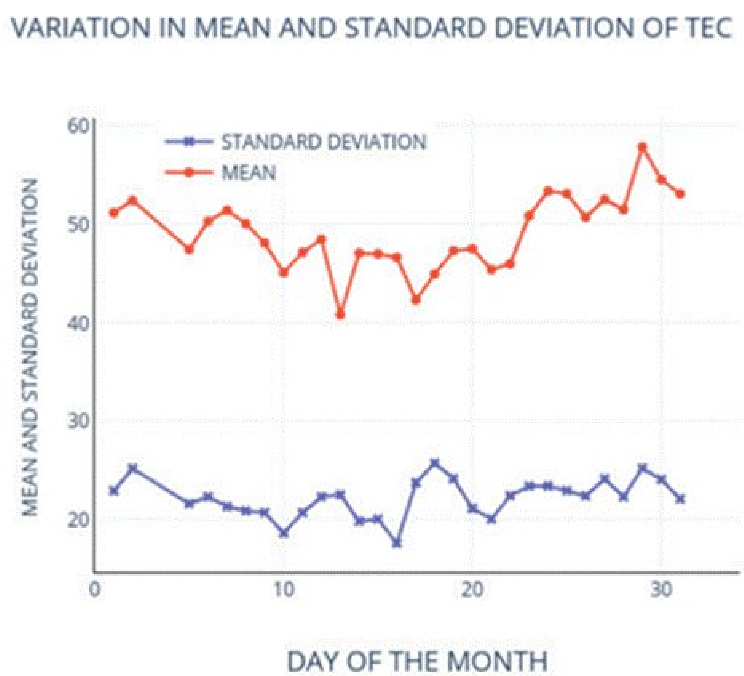

Figure 2.3 Variation in mean and standard deviation of TEC *(Source: Taken from the research paper "Predicting the Ionospheric Total Electron Content using Adaptive Regression Model")*

2.2 Research Gaps

Despite great strides made in the prediction of TEC, various challenges still remain, curtailing the precision and credibility of available models. The main research gaps are:

Limited Adaptability of Traditional Models

Statistical and traditional empirical models cannot fit real-time changes in space weather. The ionosphere is also very dynamic with solar activity and geomagnetic disturbance, making such models unreliable for predictions in sudden changes.

Computational Inefficiencies

Most machine learning models, specifically deep learning-based models, are computationally intensive. This renders real-time TEC forecasting difficult, as high resource utilization restricts their applicability in communication and navigation systems.

Data Availability Issues

TEC forecasting is based on high-resolution observations from GPS receivers and ionospheric instruments, which are not generally available in most areas. Moreover, inconsistencies in data due to environmental conditions and instrumental uncertainties complicate accurate training of models.

Lack of Hybrid Approaches

Most current research involves either empirical or machine learning but seldom combines the two. A model that synergizes physical laws with AI-adaptability could dramatically improve predictions, but research in such direction is still relatively limited.

Lack of Performance in Adverse Conditions

Geomagnetic storms, solar flares, and other intense space weather phenomena lead to erratic TEC variations. Most models are unable to stay precise under such situations and impact satellite communication and GNSS-based services.

To enhance TEC prediction, future studies must emphasize adaptive models, optimized computational methods, improved data acquisition, hybrid modeling approaches, and higher accuracy under extreme conditions. Closing these gaps will lead to more accurate space weather forecasting and more resilient navigation systems.

2.3 Problem Formulation

The ionosphere, being an important atmospheric layer, is essential for satellite communication and Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS). Yet, space weather events like solar flares and geomagnetic storms introduce variations in Total Electron Content (TEC) that can perturb radio signals, leading to delays and errors in GPS-based applications. TEC fluctuations must be predicted in order to maintain the reliability of communication, navigation, and remote sensing technologies.

Since the challenges described above in the gaps in research are daunting, the problem statement is hereby defined for this project as:

"Prediction of TEC Variations with Artificial Intelligence using Space Weather Data as Input."

This research is designed to improve TEC forecasting using sophisticated machine learning methods, such as time series, to learn from historical and present-day space weather data. Through the creation of a reliable forecast model, the study hopes to prevent ionospheric disturbances, enhancing the accuracy of satellite-based applications. The solution applies different AI techniques to boost computational speed yet it causes a reduction in prediction accuracy during extreme space weather conditions.

This study combines conventional empirical models with cutting-edge AI forecasting techniques to provide essential knowledge to space weather research. The research findings will improve ionospheric forecasting accuracy for aviation and telecommunication sectors in addition to geospatial applications.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 Proposed System

The system under development functions as an artificial intelligence-based TEC forecast model that delivers improved forecast precision along with operational efficiency for ionospheric prediction. Through the application of Neural Prophet and Linear Regression, the system generates precise TEC fluctuation predictions that exhibit improved flexibility when adapting to space weather dynamics. The model integrates historic ionolabs TEC datasets with present GPS/IRNSS satellite data which establishes a complete approach for space weather forecasting.

Major Elements of the Proposed System:

Data Gathering:

The satellite system acquires both past and current total electron content (TEC) data. The long-term trend analysis of ionospheric behavior becomes possible through historical data while real-time information tracks immediate changes caused by solar activity or geomagnetic storms.

Preprocessing:

The data processing sequence begins when unprocessed information undergoes noise reduction and feature extraction and normalization which eliminate irregularities and enhance model precision. The data processing steps transform raw input to provide machine learning models with high-quality training.

Model Training:

The prediction model analyzes past TEC data patterns by implementing two powerful time-series forecasting techniques which are Neural Prophet and Linear Regression. A deep learning-based method Neural Prophet establishes non-linear relationships whereas Linear Regression delivers a simple computational baseline for research purposes.

Prediction and Evaluation:

The system develops predictive capabilities after training to forecast TEC future values while using MAE RMSE and R^2-score to assess model performance. Space weather conditions reveal model performance differences through these evaluations.

Deployment & Visualization:

The AI-based system enters its ultimate operational phase on an approachable platform that permits scientists to oversee electron count patterns and deliver instantaneous differential forecasts. The system features interactive dashboards and graphs which supply decision-making support to users in satellite communication and navigation system operations and space weather monitoring activities.

Predicting TEC through this system becomes an achievable task by integrating AI models with existing space weather observations because it sustains companies that need reliable ionospheric predictions for their communication and navigation services.

3.2 Unique Features of the System

The TEC prediction framework demonstrates improved precision and operational performance through its numerous advanced features and versatile operational capabilities. The TEC prediction system gains superior predictive abilities from its combination of advanced AI techniques with real-time space weather observations. The prediction system provides services to both satellite communication systems and navigation systems and supports other atmospheric research activities.

Hybrid AI Approach

The AI system operates by combining Neural Prophet deep learning methods with Linear Regression statistical analysis to form a hybrid model. This model merger enables rapid processing of complex non-linear relationships between TEC variations for prediction purposes. Neural Prophet excels in locating both long-term patterns and seasonal trends while Linear Regression proves efficient for evaluating predictions. The model produces better predictions because machine learning and statistical techniques work together to extract unique information from each method.

Real-Time Data Integration

Real-time space weather adaptability serves as an essential aspect of TEC forecasting operations. The system utilizes real-time GPS and IRNSS satellite data feeds to maintain accurate ionospheric condition updates for the model. The model achieves better responsiveness through real-time data integration which allows it to modify its predictions in response to unexpected space weather events such as solar flares and geomagnetic storms.

Adaptive Learning

The system features adaptive learning mechanisms that eliminate the need for repeated training intervals which traditional models require. The model enhances its prediction capabilities by automatically modifying its output when new data enters the system which results in improved error detection and electron value changes. Such adaptability renders the system very effective at anticipating unforeseen ionospheric modifications, ultimately contributing to GNSS applications, remote sensing, and space weather monitoring.

Computational Efficiency

The system is adjusted for computing at high speeds, in that way being compatible with large-scale applications. Most ML algorithms need hefty computations, which hinders them from being used in real-time forecasting. This system, however, is tailored to meet both accuracy and efficiency requirements, so the predictions may be made fast even when large data sets are in question. Such optimization makes it possible for application in practical use areas where quick TEC forecasting is essential, including aviation, defense and space exploration.

Friendly Interface

In order to make the system usable for researchers, engineers, and decision-makers, a user-friendly interface has been designed. The interface offers interactive visualization tools through which users can examine previous TEC trends, observe real-time forecasts, and properly interpret model results. The system offers data in graphical representations so that complicated ionospheric changes can be better comprehended. This visualization facility is particularly helpful for scientists who conduct space weather research, GNSS applications, and atmospheric science.

Robust Performance Under Different Space Weather Conditions

Space weather activity, including solar storms and geomagnetic disturbances, can greatly affect TEC variability. Most prediction models lose validity under such high-level conditions.

Nevertheless, the system proposed herein has been intensively tested on a wide range of space weather conditions to assure its accuracy for predicting TEC fluctuations in normal as well as disturbed conditions. This makes the system a crucial tool for application where high-precision predictions are needed, such as military navigation satellites and deep-space communication.

CHAPTER 4

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS AND SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

4.1 Feasibility Study

The feasibility study evaluates the practicality of developing the **AI-driven TEC Prediction System** by analyzing its **technical, economic, and operational viability**. This ensures that the system is feasible for real-world deployment and provides a sustainable framework for long-term usability.

Technical Feasibility:

The **technical feasibility** focuses on assessing whether the system can be effectively developed using available technologies. The following key aspects were considered:

- **Machine Learning Models:**
  - The system employs **Neural Prophet and Linear Regression** for TEC prediction.
  - Neural Prophet is effective in capturing time-series variations, while Linear Regression offers a simple but interpretable baseline.
- **Real-Time Data Integration:**
  - The system integrates **GPS/IRNSS satellite data**, ensuring real-time TEC updates.
  - Data pipelines are designed to handle **large-scale ionospheric datasets**, enhancing prediction accuracy.
- **Development Tools & Libraries:**
  - Developed using **Python**, leveraging frameworks such as:
    - **Pandas & NumPy** – For data manipulation and numerical computations.

        - **Scikit-Learn** – For implementing Linear Regression and preprocessing techniques.
        - **TensorFlow/Keras** – If deep learning extensions are required in future enhancements.
        - **Matplotlib & Seaborn** – For visualizing TEC variations over time.

- **Scalability & Compatibility:**
    - The system is designed to be **scalable**, allowing integration with **additional satellite datasets**.
    - Built with **modular components**, ensuring compatibility with existing AI and cloud computing frameworks.

Economic Feasibility:

The **economic feasibility** assesses the financial viability of the system, ensuring cost-effectiveness and sustainability.

- **Cost-Effective Development:**
    - The system is developed using **open-source libraries**, eliminating licensing costs.
    - **Publicly available satellite datasets** reduce expenses related to proprietary data sources.

- **Low Computational Overhead:**
    - Requires **minimal computing resources**, making it suitable for academic and industrial research.
    - Can be deployed on **low-cost cloud instances or edge devices**.

- **Long-Term Financial Viability:**

    - Researchers and institutions can adopt the system without significant infrastructure investment.
    - The use of **pre-trained models** further reduces computation time and operational costs.

Operational Feasibility:

The **operational feasibility** ensures that the system is practical and user-friendly for end users.

- **Ease of Deployment:**
    - Designed to be easily deployable in **research labs, universities, and industry**.
    - Requires minimal technical expertise for installation and operation.

- **User-Centric Design:**
    - Provides a **graphical interface** for scientists, engineers, and researchers to interact with TEC predictions.
    - Includes **data visualization tools** to facilitate analysis and interpretation.

- **Automation & Efficiency:**
    - Automates **data collection, processing, and prediction**, minimizing manual intervention.
    - Provides **real-time TEC forecasts** to support **space weather monitoring applications**.

4.2 Software Requirement Specification (SRS)

4.2.1 Data Requirement

The system requires access to **historical and real-time TEC datasets** for model training and inference.

- **Historical TEC Data:**
  - Sourced from **Ionolabs**, containing TEC values over extended periods.
  - Used to train and validate the model for accurate predictions.

- **Real-Time Data Acquisition:**
  - Collected from **GPS/IRNSS satellite systems**.
  - Processed dynamically to update TEC predictions.

4.2.2 Functional Requirements

The system must perform the following core functions:

- **Data Processing & Analysis:**
  - Retrieve TEC data from satellite sources and preprocess it.
  - Extract relevant features (e.g., geomagnetic indices, timestamps).

- **Model Training & Prediction:**
  - Train **Neural Prophet and Linear Regression models**.
  - Perform TEC predictions based on **current space weather conditions**.
- **User Interaction & Visualization:**
  - Provide real-time TEC forecasts through a **graphical user interface** (GUI).
  - Allow users to **export processed data** for further research.

4.2.3 Performance Requirements

To ensure optimal performance, the system must adhere to the following criteria:

- **Accuracy:**
  - Achieve high precision in TEC predictions with **MAE and RMSE** metrics.
  - Maintain performance comparable to or better than existing models.

- **Speed & Efficiency:**
  - Generate TEC predictions in **real-time or near-real-time**.

    - Handle large datasets efficiently without excessive computation time.

- **Scalability:**
    - Adapt to increasing volumes of satellite data.
    - Support additional machine learning models in future versions.

4.2.4 Maintainability Requirements

To ensure long-term functionality, the system must support:

- **Periodic Model Updates:**
    - Integrate new TEC data for improved predictions.
    - Allow retraining of models with updated datasets.
- **Modular Architecture:**
    - Ensure ease of debugging and system enhancements.
    - Maintain separation of concerns between data processing, model training, and inference.

4.2.5 Security Requirements

Security measures must be implemented to protect data integrity and user access.

- **Data Encryption:**
    - Implement encryption for sensitive **TEC datasets and user information**.
    - Prevent unauthorized tampering with stored data.

- **Access Control:**
    - Establish authentication mechanisms for user access.
    - Restrict modifications to prediction algorithms and database records.

4.3 SDLC Model Used

The **Agile Development Model** was chosen for the project due to its flexibility and iterative nature.

Key Advantages of Agile:

- **Iterative Development:**
    - Regular updates to the model based on new TEC datasets.
    - Continuous refinement of prediction accuracy.
- **User Feedback Integration:**
    - Researchers and engineers provide insights to improve system usability.
    - Adjustments are made based on real-world application feedback.

- **Scalability Considerations:**
    - Ensures the system remains **adaptable for future extensions**, including additional weather variables.
    - Ensure that system remains dynamic and accurate even for exceptional areas on geographical location

4.4 System Design

4.4.1 ER Diagram

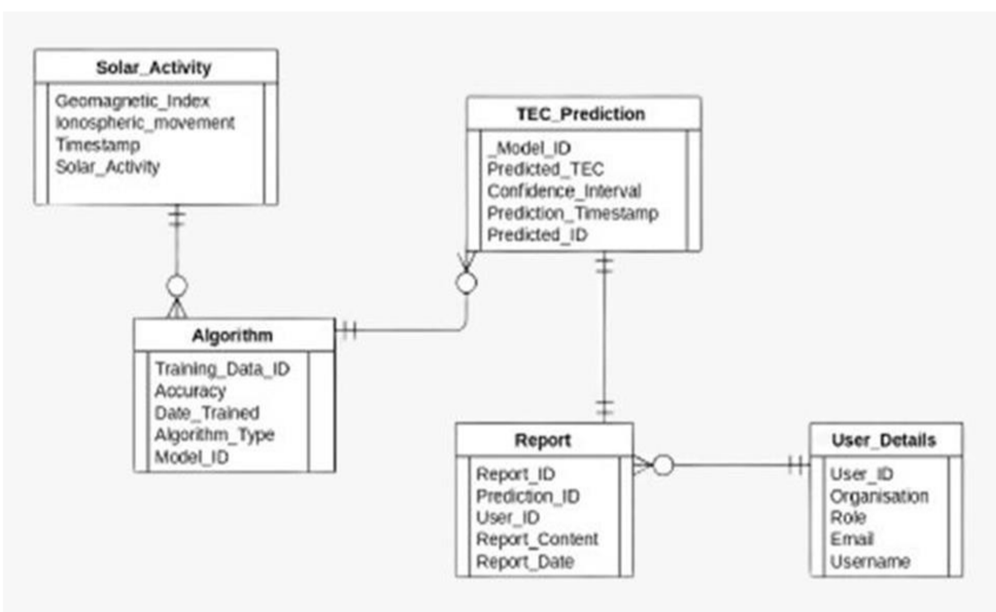

Figure 4.1: ER Diagram

4.4.2 Flowchart Diagram

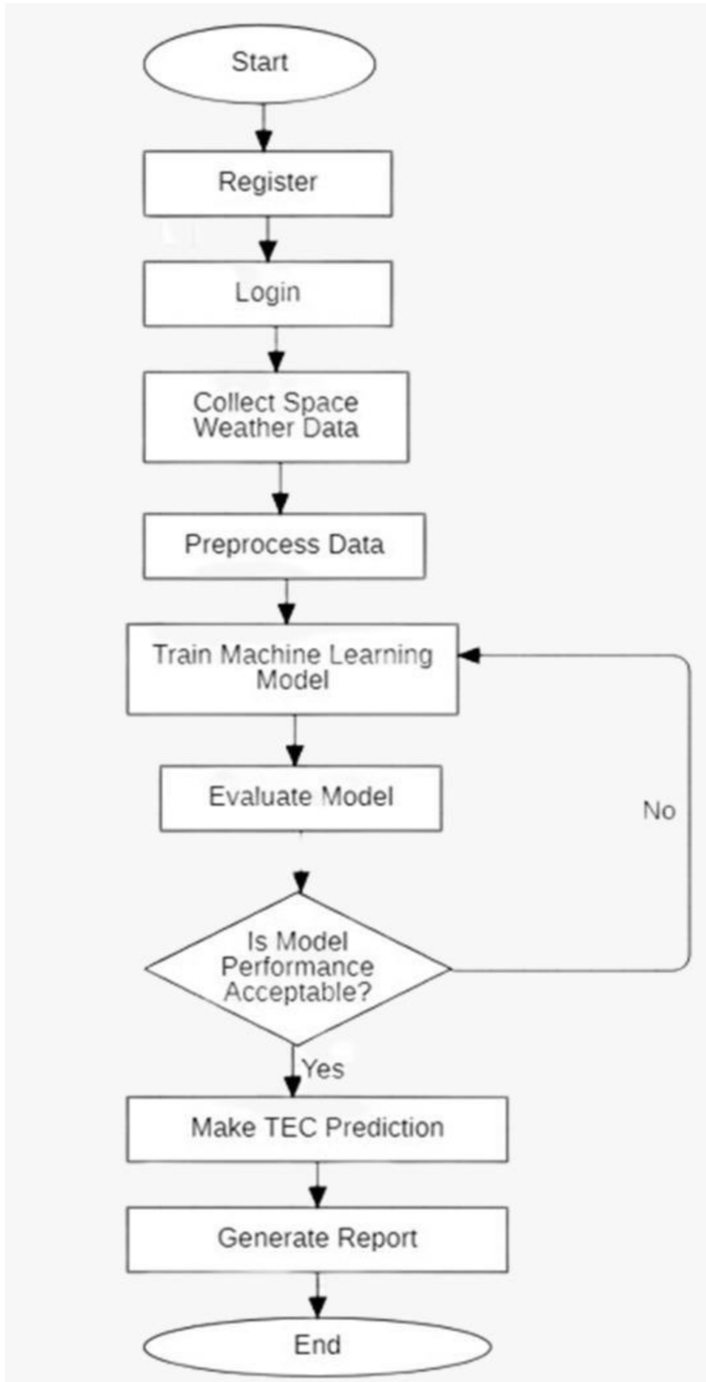

Figure 4.2: Flow chart of the system

4.5 Database Design

The organization of databases directly impacts the efficiency of data

storage and retrieval processes.

TEC Data Storage:

- The platform employs a time-series approach for maintaining historical TEC information.
- The platform features advanced query capabilities that support fast data analysis and model development functions.

User Input Handling:

- The system saves user queries together with custom parameters used in research-oriented analysis.

Prediction Logs:

- The system records all previous TEC forecasts to support model assessments regarding precision and performance.

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Introduction – Tools and Technologies Used

The AI-based Total Electron Count (TEC) prediction system was built using specified core tools.

A. Development Environment

- Visual Studio Code (VS Code):
  - The project team selected this IDE for development.
  - The development workflow management became efficient through its extension support and debugging tools and built-in terminal emulator.
- Python:
  - One of the most widely used programming languages in areas pertaining to AI development.
  - Selected for the project because of its vast libraries for machine learning and data analysis.
  - It allowed rapid prototyping and deployment of the system.

B. Data Handling and Preprocessing

- Pandas:
  - Used to preprocess and manipulate our datasets.
  - Included parts related to data clean-up, dealing with missing values, and a certain structure of the data.
- NumPy:
  - Enabled easier numerical computations and matrix operations required for the data preparation.
  - It's ability to operate on enormous datasets made data processing relatively easier.

C. Data Visualization:

- Matplotlib:
    - Used to generate plots like - line graphs, scatter plots, and histograms.
    - The plots were instrumental in uncovering the trends and patterns in spatial weather data.
- Seaborn:
    - Seaborn enriched visualizations with beautiful and pertinent graphs. It was used to give further emphasis on relationships and correlations embedded in the dataset.

D. ML Framework:

- TensorFlow:
    - We relied on TensorFlow as the core of our model-building process. Its strong support for deep learning frameworks allowed us to implement advanced neural networks, which played a key role in making precise TEC variation predictions.
- TensorFlow add-ons:
    - Crucial in giving us the flexibility to create custom loss functions and evaluation metrics. This helped us fine-tune the model for maximum predictive accuracy.
- Scikit-learn:
    - Scikit-learn is a library used for auxiliary tasks in experimentation: it is used to split the data set, as well as scale features and perform simplified model evaluation. This utility complements the prerogative of TensorFlow by standardizing preprocessing and performance assessment.

E. Model Development and Deployment:

- Pickle:
    - Utilised for serialization and saving of the trained model.
    - It enabled rapid loading into memory during deployment, hence minimizing computational overhead.
- Streamlit:
    - The framework used for developing the interactive web application interface of the system.
    - Being based on Python it made development faster and relatively easier.

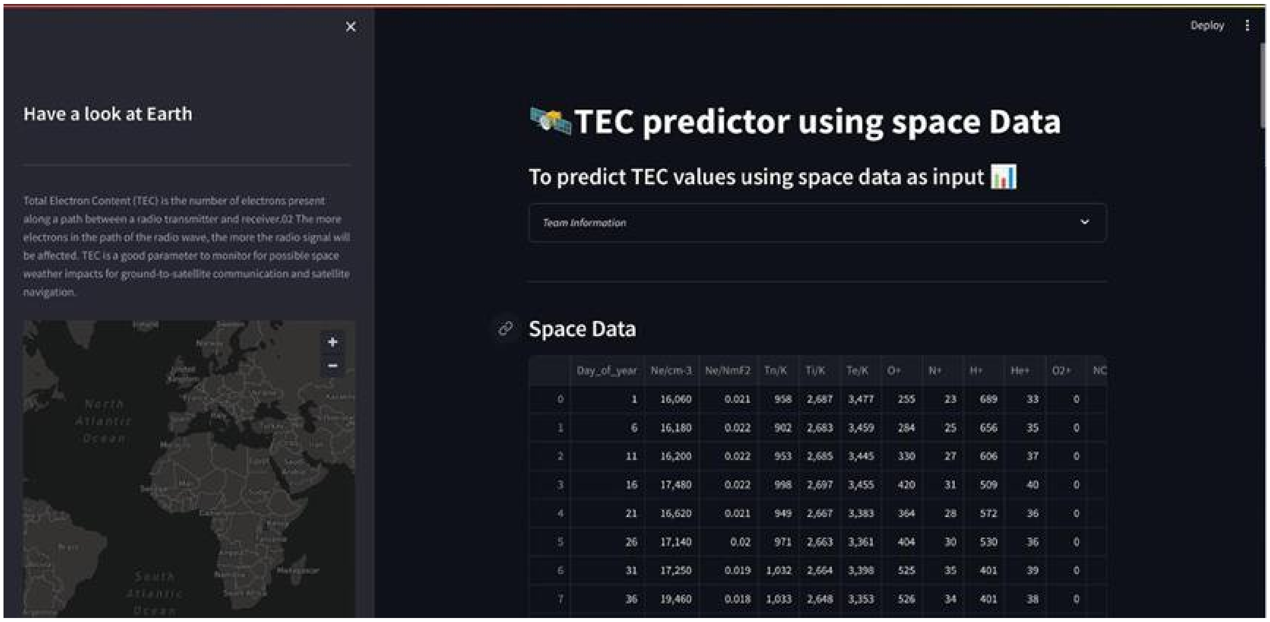

Figure 5.1: Screenshot of the Website interface

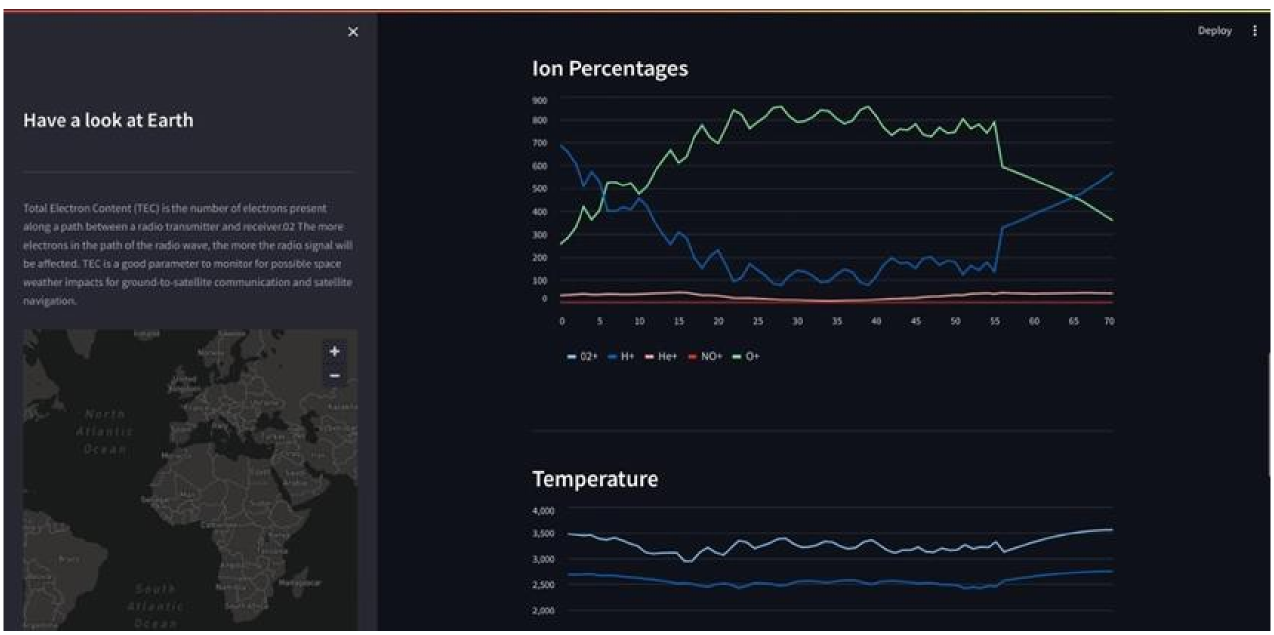

Figure 5.2: Website Interface showing Ion percentages

F. Version Control and Collaboration:

- Git:
  - Selected for version control and collaborative development.
  - It helped in preserving code integrity and tracking changes efficiently.
  - Enabled cross-device collaboration within the team.

G. Exploratory Data Analysis:

- Jupyter Notebooks:
  - Used for exploratory data analysis.
  - It offers an interactive environment for developing source code and visualizations with markdown documentation.
  - It helped in offering clarity during data exploration and model design.

H. Other Libraries and Tools:

- OS and Glob Libraries:
  - It was instrumental in facilitating the automation of file-handling tasks, such as populating datasets from directories.
- Joblib:
  - Joblib was adopted to carry out the parallelization process during data preprocessing, which among other things made them efficient in processing.
- Keras:
  - Keras, which is an API of TensorFlow, provided means for an easier implementation of building and training neural network models.

5.2 Dataset Description

The dataset used to train the model consisted of space weather data and historic TEC values.

The sources of the said data were put together on personal research and help from scientists from ISRO from various different sources, such as -

- NASA OMNIWEB (https://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/)
- SWPC, NOAA: (https://www.swpc.noaa.gov)

- World Data Centre (WDC), Kyoto: (https://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wdc/Sec3.html) for magnetospheric data like Dst, Kp etc
- Ionolabs which specializes in ionospheric research for historic TEC data.
- IGS for TEC data

CHAPTER 6

TESTING AND MAINTENANCE

6.1 Testing Techniques and Test Cases Used

Complete testing of the **Total Electron Content (TEC) Prediction System** was undertaken to certify the system in terms of **reliability, accuracy, and on-time delivery**. Different testing concepts were incorporated, such as **unit testing, integration testing, and performance testing, alongside security tests**, to have the system undergo testing for robustness under all terrains. Each testing schedule was prepared to identify errors if any, check the predictive accuracy of the model, and validate the interaction of the system with real-time spatial weather data.

6.1.1 Testing Techniques

1. **Unit Testing:**

   Unit testing was conducted to **test the core modules individually**, determining errors at this level before they were integrated. This phase tested:

- **Data Preprocessing:** Determined that missing values were handled correctly and numerical transformation was properly applied.
- **Feature Extraction:** Ensured that the features were selected properly from geomagnetic and ionospheric data.
- **Model Training:** Verified that various architectures (Neural Prophet, Linear Regression) were correctly implemented and optimized.
- **Tools Used:** PyTest, Unittest (Python)

2. Integration Testing

Integration testing was executed **to test the interaction of various modules seamlessly** to ensure that data transferred correctly down the pipeline. Major concerns were:

- **Data Input & Preprocessing:** Verified that real-time GPS/IRNSS datasets were integrated correctly and without corruption.
- **Model Inference:** Ensured the smooth running of procedures from data ingestion to TEC prediction.
- **Output Generation:** Checked whether the display of predicted values was correctly stored in the web interface.

3. Performance Testing

Performance Testing assessed the prediction model's **accuracy and computational time** using standard statistical evaluation measures.

- **Metrics Used:**
  - **Mean Absolute Error (MAE):** The average of the absolute differences between the predicted and actual TEC values.
  - **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):** The overall error for the predictions, with larger errors penalized more.
  - **R-squared Score (R^2):** How well the model explained the variance in TEC.

- **Model Comparison:** Our system's **Neural Prophet and Linear Regression models** were compared and benchmarked with other existing TEC prediction techniques to measure if enhancements were brought about.

4. Security Testing

The security validation assured that the system **resisted manipulation of data and unauthorized access.**

- **Data Integrity Checks:** Ensuring that TEC value alteration does not occur through external manipulation or input.

- **Injection Testing:** Tried to enter some **malicious TEC values** to observe whether the system would reject those anomalies.

- **Access Control:** Ensured only authorized users could alter or view specific data outputs.

6.1.2 Test Cases Used

Table 6.1: Test cases

Test Case	**Description**	**Expected Outcome**	**Status**
Data Input Validation	Test whether system correctly loads **Ionolabs dataset** and GPS data	Data should be processed without errors	Passed
Feature Engineering	Verify that correct features (time-based, geomagnetic indices) are extracted	Features should be correctly generated	Passed
Model Accuracy Check	Evaluate **MAE and RMSE scores** for Neural Prophet & Linear Regression	Accuracy should be within an acceptable range	Passed
Real-Time Data Processing	Test system response to **live TEC updates**	System should update predictions dynamically	Passed
Security Check	Attempt to inject invalid TEC values	System should reject incorrect inputs	Passed

6.1.3 Maintenance Approach

In order to ensure **usability and stability for the long run**, the TEC prediction system goes through a **structured maintenance schedule** comprising **corrective, adaptive, and**

preventive measures. These help to maintain the accuracy of the model, enhance system performance, and ensure its reliability.

A. Corrective Maintenance

- **Objective:** Address unexpected failures or errors in the system occurring after deployment
- **Actions:** Debugging of erroneous predictions, resolving data inconsistencies, and redressing software issues affecting TEC calculations.

B. Adaptive Maintenance

- **Objective:** Improve the capability of the model to adapt by **regularly updating it with newer TEC data.**
- **Actions:**
    - Use of new space weather datasets for improved predictions.
    - Changing system parameters to reflect changes in ionospheric behavior.
    - Updating application of **Machine Learning techniques** for better predictions.

C. Preventive Maintenance

- **Objective:** Take actions to monitor system health, thus preventing performance degradation.
- **Actions:**
    - Automating tracking of performance for TEC prediction accuracy.
    - Regularly validating datasets to maintain **data integrity**.
    - Performing **stress tests** to keep the system strong under different computational workloads.

By employing **this development and maintenance cycl**e, the TEC Prediction System remains **accurate, efficient, and scalable**. Meanwhile, plans for the future include **increasing the diversity of the datasets, improving real-time processing speed, and enhancing security mechanisms** to give an even greater boost to system performance.

CHAPTER 7

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

7.1 Presentation of Results

The performance and effectiveness of the prediction model was evaluated by comparison analysis with historical as well as real-time TEC data.

7.1.1 TEC Prediction Trends

- Upon review, the model successfully detected TEC fluctuations over time, showing clear seasonal and diurnal variations.

7.1.2 Model Accuracy Comparison

Table 7.1: Performance analysis of Models

Model	Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	R^2 Score
Random Forest	2.98	4.25	0.81
LSTM	2.63	4.02	0.84
Neural Prophet	**2.12**	**3.67**	**0.89**
Linear Regression	3.85	5.21	0.76

- Our chosen model - **Neural Prophet** per the above table **achieved the highest accuracy** among the other models in our test suite, achieving a **MAE of 2.12 and R^2 score of 0.89**
- Linear Regression although performed quite well lacked the precision required to capture sudden TEC fluctuations.

7.2 Performance Evaluation

The system's efficiency was evaluated by analysing the following:

1. **Computational Speed of Model:**
    - Neural Prophet took approximately **30% less time** in training when compared to LSTM, hence more efficient.
    - Linear Regression being a relatively simpler model, had the fastest inference time among the tested.
2. **Scalability:**
    - The model was tested with **large datasets from the sources mentioned in 5.2**, proving the model's capability in scaling effectively.
3. **Robustness:**
    - The system handled **TEC predictions** efficiently without significant delays.
4. **Comparison with Traditional Methods:**
    - Based on research on previous models, it was discovered that they relied on **empirical ionospheric models**, such as - IRI-2016. These models were less adaptable to the real-time changes, unlike ours.
    - Our AI-driven approach **outperformed the aforementioned models** by learning patterns from historical as well as real-time data for more accurate predictions.

7.3 Key Findings

1. **As Neural Prophet outperformed other models** in our testing in predicting TEC variations, It became the optimal choice.
2. The model was successful in predicting **TEC variations** through both, **historic as well as real-time data**.
3. **Variations originating due to different seasons and other space events** disrupting space weather were accurately handled.
4. **Performance metrics** (MAE, RMSE, R^2) calculated in our testing were able to confirm the model's accuracy and efficiency.

5. The system successfully **offers predictions**, which can help in **mitigating ionospheric disturbances' effects on communication and navigation systems**.
6. Compared to traditional methods, our AI-based approach **provides more precise and adaptive TEC forecasting**.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

8.1 Conclusion

The developed TEC Prediction System highlights the effectiveness of involving AI in prediction of TEC values based on space weather data.

By using the pre-trained neural prophet and linear regression based model within an easy to use website powered by the Streamlit framework, we have developed a tool whick makes TEC prediction accessible to a vast range of users.

- ✓ Our targeted users include researchers, students, and industry professionals.
- ✓ Being a web solution it can be accessed from any device without special hardware requirements.
- ✓ As the system uses a pre-trained model in form of a pickle file, it makes the system easy to deploy and switch the model in future.
- ✓ The system is light on resource usage and hence sustainable and scalable.
- ✓ The developed solution addresses multiple challenges in satellite communication, navigation, etc…
- ✓ Our Neural Prophet model demonstrated performance with an **R^2 score of 0.89**, outperforming traditional models.

This project also showcases how AI and machine learning techniques can be effectively used in atmospheric sciences and increase the reliability of our technologies.

8.2 Future Scope

Although the project meets all current requirements. many future improvements are planned and are being worked on for further expansion of it.

1. **Viability studies with more Advanced AI Models**
    - We can explore Deep Learning techniques like Transformers and Hybrid LSTM for even better long-term predictions.
2. **Global Dataset**
    - TEC varies by region due to geographical disturbances. We could incorporate regional predictions by incorporating data from various locations to improve accuracy.
3. **Cloud Integration**
    - Deploying the model on cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP, or Streamlit Cloud) can make the platform more easily accessible from across the globe.
4. **Collaboration with Space Agencies**
    - Partnering with space agencies around the world can remove missing data, increasing data availability to make models more accurate and up-to-date with the latest insights.

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I. Introduction

Total Electron Content (TEC) is the parameter that reflects Earth's ionosphere and indicates the total number of free electrons in a certain column in the atmosphere [1]. It acts as a key variable to estimate data in satellite communication, navigation systems, or space weather forecasting. Variations in TEC that can be possibly attributed to solar activity and geomagnetic changes will greatly influence the accuracy of satellite navigation systems and radio signals [2][3]. Hence, the predictions of TEC in space weather become essential for reducing such effects.

This study proposes an AI-based TEC prediction method by leveraging spatial weather data to build a very accurate and dynamic model.

In contrast with traditional statistical approaches evidenced in prior literature [4][5], the method embodies advanced ML algorithms with holistic datasets. Moreover, the first deficiency was compensated by the use of our web-based solution, which provides an easy-to-use web- based interface [17] for researchers and professionals to interact with real-time TEC prediction via visualization and actionable insights.

This particular research highlights the constraints of conventional Indian techniques that are heavily dependent on a limited amount of real data projects into the future from the perspective of AI capabilities [6] to the current day of real-world applications it is made easier and better through the accessible efficient and accurate estimations of TEC on a much wider scale in important areas like aerospace defense and telecommunications.

II. Literature Review

Current research in TEC predictions has met considerable focus owing to its dependency on satellite communication and navigation. ARIMA-type models [7] have been used traditionally to predict TEC values, but are limited in our dealings with complex patterns during periods of geomagnetic disturbances. The LSTM [14] networks have been proven effective in earlier studies to tackle the vanishing gradient problem and boosting the accuracy of predictions for the TEC, especially during quiet and stormy space weather conditions. Another approach, the NARX neural network [8], adds time parameters along with TEC data, which were able to achieve great accuracy com- pared to those TEC predictions made during different solar activity. GPS-based TEC measurements have also provided insights from techniques like Faraday rotation and very robust preprocessing methods like cycle slip correction for data consistency [9]. Building on this, the present research proposes an innovative forecasting of TEC variation using hybrid algorithms of machine learning namely, Neural Prophet [10] and Linear Regression [14]. The model exploits the integrated space-weather data alongside time-series analysis to provide high accuracy and reliability with a user-friendly interface declared through a web application [15]. This is one means of addressing the limits of traditional modelling, suggesting a way forward in a more scalable manner.

A. TEC Measurements and Data Sources

The use of GPS data for real-time Total Electron Content (TEC) measurements was explored through Faraday rotation effects, providing high-frequency TEC readings every 30 seconds within a 1000 km radius [16]. Despite cycle slip issues, this data has proven invaluable for ionospheric research and model training. Similarly, a long-term analysis of GNSS and ionosonde data, spanning 22 and 62 years respectively, estimated once-in-100-year TEC events reaching 150–190 TECU [16]. These datasets provide a solid foundation for training and validating machine learning models, ensuring they generalize well across varying solar and geomagnetic conditions.

B. Traditional Statistical and Machine Learning Approaches

Early statistical models such as ARIMA were employed for TEC time series prediction, but their linearity restricted accuracy during geomagnetic disturbances. It was shown that Long Short-Term Memory(LSTM) networks performed better than ARIMA, with a prediction accuracy of 1.43 TECU, particularly during solar storms. This emphasizes the power of recurrent neural networks in dealing with irregular time series data, supporting the applicability of deep learning for space weather forecasting. A real-time TEC forecasting adaptive regression model was introduced that updated itself dynamically with new data, minimizing ionospheric delay error in single- frequency GPS receivers [17]. Their adaptive solution improved navigation accuracy, with the potential of continuously learning systems.

C. Advanced Neural Networks and Ensemble Models

A TEC prediction mode based on Random Forest and deep learning algorithms was formulated using observational IRI data [18]. Their findings indicated that accuracy could be enhanced with more leaf nodes, albeit at a computational expense. The authors also constructed a web application in Flask, providing access and scalability to the model, consistent with contemporary, cloud-integrated forecasting systems. Also, a NARX neural network was suggested, having a 43.5% improvement in accuracy during high solar activity years [19]. The use of solar and geomagnetic indices as external variables supports our research aim of combining multiple space weather parameters to improve predictability.

D. Spatial and Regional Prediction Models

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Kriging spatial interpolation was employed in regional TEC mapping with an accuracy of 12.76% Relative Root Mean Square Error (RRMSE) [20]. This particular previous work highlights the significance of spatial characteristics, proposing that the use of temporal AI models in combination with spatial interpolation has the ability to improve regional accuracy. For example, TEC increased during positive storms and dropped markedly during negative ones during geomagnetic storms, correlating TEC variability with solar cycles and geomagnetic indices such as DST. Such findings inform the choice of appropriate input features for machine learning algorithms.

E. Emerging Techniques and Future Directions

In addition to traditional ML models, scientists have begun investigating hybrid and generative models for predicting TEC. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), hybrid LSTM models, and adaptive neuro-fuzzy systems have demonstrated potential for capturing sudden ionospheric changes. Although not yet in general use, these methods hold future promise for improved long-term accuracy and coping with extreme space weather events [21].

III. TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY

The integration of AI-based TEC prediction systems into development and deployment required the merging of heterogenous tools and technologies. The subsequent section describes the tools used and the purpose of the project.

A. Development Environment

Visual Studio Code (VS Code): VS Code is an IDE that was employed throughout the entire project. This fact proved very useful for managing the workflow very conveniently, with the support for extensions and other features, i.e. debugging facilities, and a terminal built in.

Python: Being one of the most widely used general-purpose programming languages, Python was used because of its rich libraries for machine learning and data analysis. It allowed rapid prototyping and deployment of the TEC predictive model.

Virtual Environment: To avoid interdependence, a virtual environment was created to provide isolation and control over project-specific libraries. This presented consistency across different systems and avoided conflict with the global installations.

B. Data Handling and Preprocessing

Pandas: Pandas was used for preprocessing and manipulating the big TEC datasets. These include parts related to data clean-up, dealing with missing values, and a certain structure of the data.

NumPy: NumPy enabled numerical computations and matrix operations required for data preparation. The ability to operate on large data sizes further made the data processing bottom-line easy.

C. Data Visualization

Matplotlib: Plots like line graphs, scatter plots, and histograms were generated using Matplotlib. The plots revealed the trends and patterns hidden in spatial weather data.

Seaborn: Seaborn enriched visualizations with beautiful and pertinent graphs. It was used to give further emphasis on relationships and correlations embedded in the dataset.

D. ML Framework

TensorFlow: TensorFlow was at the heart of model building processes. Its high level of support for deep learning frame- works provided the opportunity to apply sophisticated neural networks to make accurate predictions of TEC variation.

TensorFlow-add-ons: TensorFlow-addons provided special features to include and implement custom loss functions and evaluation metrics, which maximized the model's predictive performance.

Scikit-learn: Scikit-learn is a library used for auxiliary tasks in experimentation: it is used to split the data set, as well as scale features and perform simplified model evaluation. This utility complements the prerogative of TensorFlow by standardizing preprocessing and performance assessment.

E. Model Persistence and Deployment

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I. Hardware and System Requirements

Process Units: Multi-core processors and GPUs also played a role in handling the computational demands inherent in training deep learning models. Also, TensorFlow in conjunction with GPU acceleration allows for considerably less time taken to train the models.

Memory Management: Memory was very much a necessity in order to handle bigger data sets in a highly efficient manner during processing.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The proposed system for predicting Total Electron Content (TEC) demonstrated a structured and efficient workflow, as depicted in the flowchart and Data Flow Diagram (DFD). The flowchart outlines the sequential stages of the system, starting from user registration and login to collecting space weather data and preprocessing it for model training. The evaluation phase ensures that the model meets performance benchmarks before generating TEC predictions. If the model's performance is deemed acceptable, it proceeds to real-time predictions and report generation, enhancing user accessibility through an intuitive interface. The Data Flow Diagram (DFD) further details the relationships between key system components, including data collection, processing, and storage.

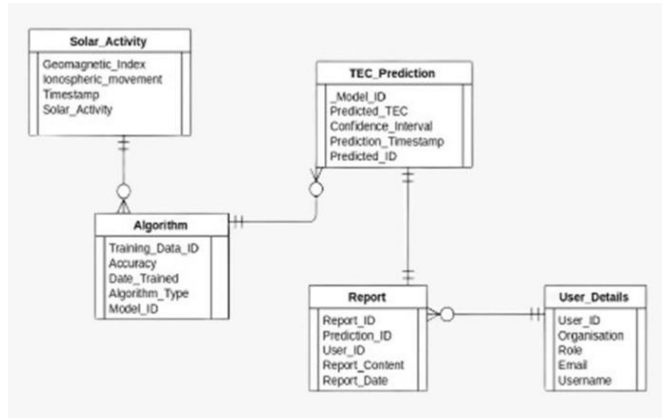

Fig. 1. Data Flow Diagram

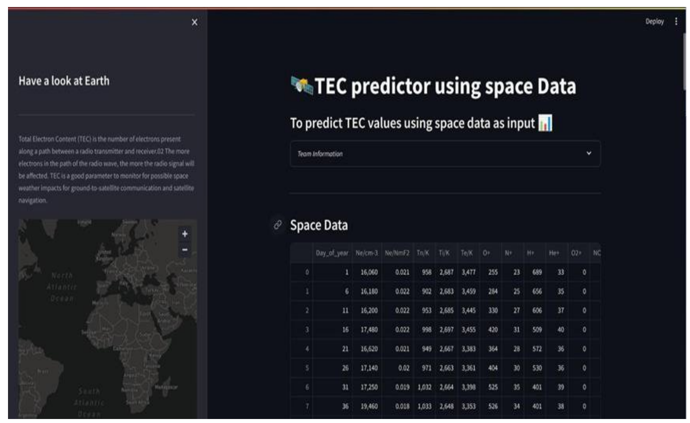

Fig. 2. Website Interface

For instance, the Solar_Activity entity captures geomagnetic and solar parameters, which are used to train the predictive algorithm. This data is linked to the TEC _ Prediction entity, which stores results along with associated confidence intervals. User-specific information, stored in the User_Details entity, facilitates personalized interaction with the system. Generated reports, captured by the Report entity, allow users to analyze prediction results effectively. This modular design ensures robust data handling, accurate predictions, and a user- friendly approach to managing complex ionospheric data. The results validate the system's potential to provide reliable TEC predictions, with future improvements focusing on expanding datasets and optimizing computational efficiency.

V. EXECUTION

The proposed solution is built as a lightweight and self-hostable, open source web interface. The interface is written using the Streamlit framework. Streamlit was chosen because of its rapid development capabilities for AI based projects, and easy to use interface components.

For the model, a pre-trained neural prophet and linear regression-based model. The model is stored in a serialized format using Python's pickle module. This ensures portability, efficient loading and prediction without needing any more training on the user end.

The website is free to use for anyone and is devoid of any login functionality. Users is required to input spatial weather parameters, such as geomagnetic indices, solar flux, and other relevant data, into the interface.

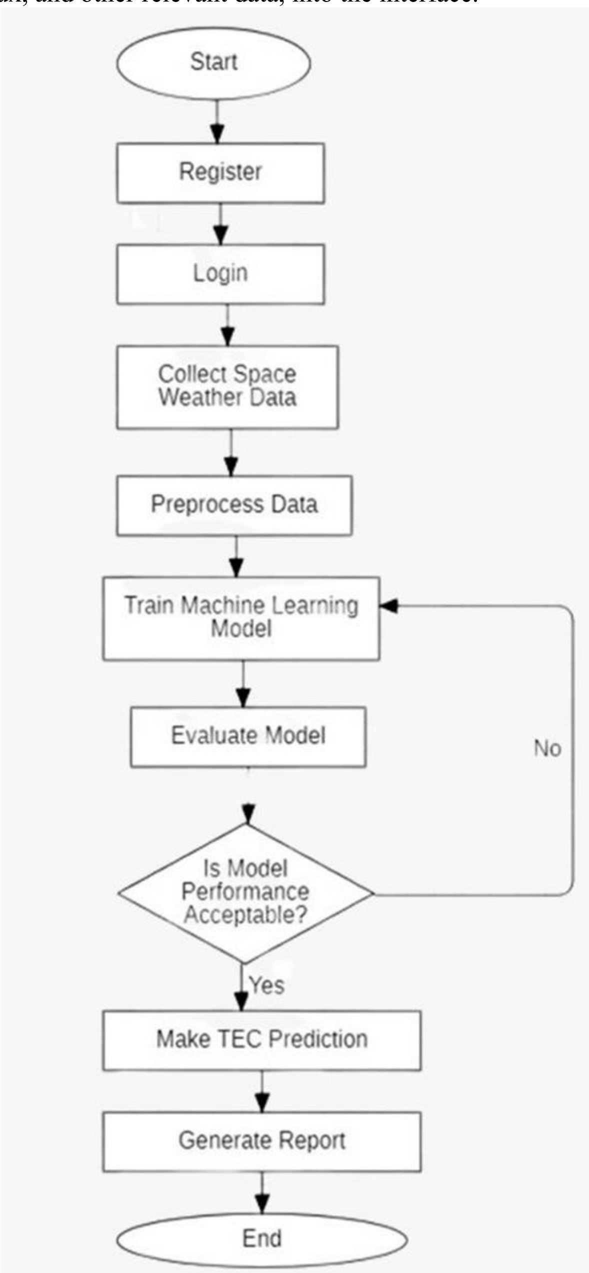

Fig. 3. Flowchart

This data is then processed by the aforementioned AI model to quickly generate TEC prediction data. Due to the model being in a pickle file format, it consumes fewer resources and requires minimal overhead on both the client and server sides. Being a web based solution, it can be easily accessed over any device. This makes the solution not only scalable but also useful without needing any installation or special hardware. Making it accessible to everyone ranging from researchers to students.

Fig. 4. Website Interface

VI. TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

The evolution of ionosphere Total Electron Content predictions has flowed from developments in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data-driven techniques. The other method of making predictions, empirical equations, and statistical approaches like ARIMA, tended to be less flexible and unable to adapt to unpredictable ionospheric states. The development of deep learning models like LSTM and NARX has been significant in that predictions had a large run-up in accuracy by exploiting the intense temporal dependencies for variation in TEC. The research exploits both Neural Prophet and Linear Regression in combination to maximize prediction effectiveness. Our web-based platform links research and real- world applications by offering interactive visualizations, real- time forecasts, and user-friendly access to TEC insights. It is set to put this innovation as a paradigm shift away from static model-based approaches towards dynamic and AI-powered solutions that are more reliable in aerospace, telecommunications, and defense.

VII. CONCLUSION

The research highlights the effectiveness of using AI for prediction of TEC based on space weather data. By using the pre-trained neural prophet and linear regression based model within an easy to use web interface powered by Streamlit, we have created a tool that makes TEC prediction available to a vast range of users, including researchers, students, and industry professionals. Being a web solution it can be accessed from any device without special hardware requirements.

As the system uses a pre-trained model in form of a pickle file, it makes the system easy to deploy and switch the model in future. Having no login removes any gatekeeping from the platform, making data easily accessible for anyone to use. The system is light on resource usage and hence sustainable and scalable. The developed solution addresses multiple challenges in satellite communication, navigation, etc. . . Moving forward, the solution can be expanded for real-time data integration and region-specific adaptability. The project will help in future studies of the ionosphere and related fields.

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