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IoT-BCR: A Blockchain and Cognitive Radio-Based Framework for Secure and Efficient Wireless Communication

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ABSTRACT

Blockchain technology, cognitive radio systems, and the Internet of Things (IoT) combine to create a potentially exciting new way to improve communication security, dependability, and efficiency in the quickly changing field of wireless communication. This work presents a novel solution to handle the issues of data integrity and spectrum scarcity in Internet of Things environments. It is called the "IoT-based Blockchain and Cognitive Radio (IoT-BCR)" project, and it combines these technologies. In order to minimize computing overhead and enable dynamic spectrum access, the IoT-BCR project uses lightweight algorithms for cognitive radio decision-making. Enhancing data integrity and reliability is possible by utilizing blockchain technology, which guarantees the safe and unchangeable documentation of device interactions. Better communication performance and robustness were shown by a prototype system that was created and tested in a smart city setting. By advancing safe and robust IoT ecosystems, our research opens the door to more intelligent and connected urban settings.

Keywords – Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain technology, Cognitive radio, Spectrum management, Dynamic spectrum access, Lightweight algorithms, Smart city, Wireless communication, Data integrity, Secure communication

1. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of Internet of Things (IoT) devices in the age of ubiquitous connection has completely changed a number of elements of contemporary life, from industrial automation and urban infrastructure management to smart homes. But issues with data integrity, security flaws, and spectrum scarcity have been made worse by the Internet of Things' explosive expansion. The dynamic and varied character of IoT environments is too much for traditional wireless communication protocols to handle, which results in poor spectrum use and greater vulnerability to interference and cyber threats. Beyond its technological advancements, the Internet of Things-based Blockchain and Cognitive Radio (IoT-BCR) initiative has important ramifications for a number of different industries and stakeholders. IoT-BCR provides a framework to improve smart city infrastructure efficiency for planners and politicians, allowing for improved resource allocation, traffic control, and environmental monitoring. Furthermore, IoT-BCR gives citizens more confidence in the privacy and dependability of smart city services by strengthening the security and integrity of IoT data flows. Industries can gain from IoT-BCR's ability to minimize interference and maximize spectrum utilization, which will enhance operational effectiveness and save costs associated with IoT deployments. Moreover, the focus of the project on lightweight algorithms highlights its scalability and suitability for IoT devices with limited resources, creating opportunities for innovation in the fields of industrial automation, healthcare, and agriculture. IoT-BCR works to create a dynamic ecosystem of research, development, and application by collaborating with academic institutions, industrial partners, and government agencies. This ecosystem will propel the advancement of IoT technologies and lead to a future that is more secure, interconnected, and sustainable

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

A thorough overview of current research, technologies, and methodologies pertinent to the integration of blockchain technology, lightweight algorithms, and cognitive radio systems in Internet of Things environments is provided by the literature survey for the IoT-based Blockchain and Cognitive Radio (IoT-BCR) project. Studies from a range of fields are included in this review, such as IoT security, blockchain applications, wireless communication, and spectrum management. Cognitive radio (CR), a promising approach to alleviate spectrum scarcity and inefficiencies, has surfaced in the field of wireless communication. Researchers have looked into spectrum sensing, dynamic spectrum access, and methods for mitigating interference, among other elements of cloud radio. Support vector machine (SVM) and deep learning techniques are two examples of major contributions to spectrum sensing algorithms based on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). These methods allow CR devices to adjust to changing ambient circumstances and maximize spectrum usage. In recent times, there has been a lot of interest in the integration of Dynamic Spectrum Management (DSM) approaches, which include Cognitive Radio (CR), Blockchain, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). In order to solve the problems of spectrum scarcity, interference reduction, and effective spectrum use in wireless communication systems, research efforts have concentrated on utilizing these technologies [1]. The potential of blockchain technology in enabling network slicing and dynamic spectrum access (DSA) has been investigated in "Blockchains for spectrum management in wireless networks: A survey" (2021) by M. K. Luka et al. These projects demonstrate how blockchain technology can be used to provide safe, decentralized methods for spectrum management, allowing users to trade and allocate spectrum resources on a dynamic basis[3]. Moreover, studies like "Blockchain-enabled network slicing" (2021) by Z. S. Bojkovic and B. M. Bakmaz have looked into how blockchain technology might be used to enable network slicing, which is a crucial idea for future wireless networks like 5G and beyond. Network slicing can be effectively accomplished by utilizing blockchain-enabled smart contracts, which enables the establishment of isolated virtual networks suited to particular user needs[4].Further insights into the technological elements, application cases, difficulties, and research goals of blockchain in the context of future wireless generations can be found in "A Survey on the Use of Blockchain for Future 6G" (2022) published in the Journal of Industrial Information Integration. In order to enable new apps and services, this survey emphasizes how crucial blockchain is to maintaining security, trust, and transparency in 6G networks[5]. Blockchain technology has attracted a lot of interest because it can improve decentralized system security and trust. Research works have examined the use of blockchain in Internet of Things situations, specifically with regard to data protection, identity verification, and authorization managing. The ability to execute agreements amongst IoT devices automatically and impenetrably through smart contracts is a fundamental component of blockchain platforms such as Ethereum, promoting safe and open communication. Furthermore, real-time decision-making and resource-efficient IoT device operation are made possible by lightweight algorithms. For cognitive radio decision-making, such as spectrum allocation and power regulation, researchers have developed algorithms that balance computing complexity and performance. Scalable methods for spectrum sensing and allocation in resource-constrained Internet of Things contexts are provided by approaches like distributed optimization and compressed sensing. An overview of blockchain technology's applicability in aiding network slicing and dynamic spectrum access is given by the authors of the review "Blockchain for Dynamic Spectrum Access and Network Slicing," which was published in January 2023 in IEEE Access (DOI: 10.1109/ACCESS.2023.3243985). This review looks at how blockchain makes spectrum management safe, decentralized, and tradeable between users. The article is available under a CC BY 4.0 license[2]. A paper titled "RIS-Enhanced Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Opportunistic Cognitive Radio Networks" was presented at the IEEE Globecom Workshops (GC Wkshps) in December 2023. In order to increase spectrum utilization and reduce interference, this study investigates the application of reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS) to cooperative spectrum sensing in opportunistic cognitive radio networks[7]. Using blockchain technology in modern wireless networks, IoT, and smart grids was briefly reviewed at the International Conference on Cybersecurity, Cybercrimes, and Smart Emerging Technologies (ICCCSET2022) in November 2022 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The use of blockchain technology to improve security and efficiency in IoT installations, smart grid infrastructure, and wireless communication networks is examined in this report[6].By providing insights into combining blockchain, lightweight algorithms, and cognitive radio in IoT environments, the literature review highlights the multidisciplinary nature of the IoT-BCR project. Through the application of cutting-edge methods, IoT-BCR seeks to improve data integrity, spectrum management, and resource optimization for more secure and productive IoT ecosystems.

3.Scope of the project

The goal of this project is to create a complete cognitive radio system that is suited for effective dynamic frequency allocation and spectrum management in wireless communication situations. The system is intended to handle the difficulties associated with cognitive radio networks, including resource optimization, interference mitigation, and spectrum scarcity. The project's main elements and features include:

Dynamic Spectrum Management

Developing algorithms for adaptive frequency hopping and channel switching to reduce interference, incorporating machine learning for intelligent spectrum usage, and putting cognitive radio approaches into practice are all part of dynamic spectrum management. By tackling issues like interference and spectrum scarcity, these initiatives seek to improve communication efficiency and dependability in dynamic wireless environments.

3.2 Blockchain Integration for Secure Spectrum Access

Blockchain Utilization for Safe Spectrum Access entails using blockchain technology to create decentralized, safe spectrum management systems. In order to provide an effective and transparent distribution of spectrum resources, this involves putting smart contracts into place to automate spectrum trade and access control across cognitive radio nodes. Furthermore, investigating blockchain-based methods for authentication and verification improves the reliability and integrity of data in spectrum management procedures. The project intends to reduce security risks and maximize spectrum use by integrating blockchain into cognitive radio systems, hence promoting a more robust and reliable wireless communication ecosystem. In addition, the implementation of blockchain technology yields an auditable and tamper-proof record of spectrum transactions, augmenting transparency and accountability inside the spectrum management procedure.

Lightweight Algorithms for Resource Optimization

Lightweight Algorithms for Resource Optimization is another area of emphasis for the project. This involves investigating and refining algorithms for cognitive radio decision-making in contexts with limited resources. Examining distributed optimization strategies for cooperative spectrum sensing and resource distribution is part of this. Furthermore, the creation of energy-efficient algorithms seeks to reduce computational overhead and increase cognitive radio device battery life, guaranteeing long-term and effective functioning in wireless communication networks.

3.4 Evaluation in Real-World Wireless Networks

In order to evaluate a cognitive radio system in real-world wireless networks, its effectiveness must be tested in realistic communication settings. This entails assessing the effectiveness of communication, spectrum usage, and interference reduction skills in various contexts. Verifying the system's efficacy in tackling important issues like spectrum management and resource optimization is the goal.

Future Directions and Applications

Subsequent Paths and Uses include investigating possible uses for IoT, smart cities, and industrial automation in addition to wireless networks. To guarantee that the cognitive radio system is appropriate for widespread implementations, an examination of its scalability and interoperability will also be conducted. In order to facilitate the uptake and continued advancement of cognitive radio technologies, cooperation with industry players and standards organizations will be given top priority. In order to facilitate creative solutions for various industries and improve connectivity in the dynamic digital environment, this cooperative effort attempts to advance wireless communication technologies.

Contribution to Advancing Wireless Communication

Through the development of cognitive radio technologies for spectrum management and dynamic frequency allocation, the project significantly advances wireless communication. It addresses important issues and makes novel applications possible, which has an impact on future wireless communication systems. Moreover, it could open the door for wireless networks that are more reliable, safe, and efficient, which would be advantageous for a number of sectors and industries.

4. ALGORITHM and techniques

Spectrum Sensing:

Primary users in the spectrum can be identified by applying methods such as energy detection, matched filtering, or cyclo stationary feature detection. Furthermore, by using cooperative spectrum sensing techniques, data from several cognitive radio nodes is combined, improving the accuracy of detection.

Dynamic Spectrum Allocation:

Effective spectrum utilization is facilitated by algorithms for dynamic frequency allocation that are informed by user demand and spectrum sensing data. Game-theoretic or reinforcement learning techniques optimize spectrum allocation to maximize system throughput.

Inteference Mitigation*:*

By reducing co-channel interference, interference alignment techniques increase spectral efficiency. Cognitive radio protocols improve system performance by allowing cognitive users and older systems to share frequency and coordinate interference.

Machine Learning for Decision Making:

Machine learning models choose the best transmission parameters and anticipate spectrum availability. When faced with dynamic wireless settings, reinforcement learning algorithms change their decisions by taking traffic load and channel characteristics into account.

Security and Privacy*:*

In cognitive radio networks, procedures for spectrum detection and access are designed to be secure and privacy-preserving. Examining blockchain-based solutions improves system integrity and privacy by providing secure communication, access management, and authentication between cognitive radio nodes.

Resource Optimization*:*

Energy efficiency in cognitive radio devices is optimized via algorithms for modulation adaption and dynamic power regulation. By addressing limitations like computational complexity and energy consumption, distributed optimization approaches allow for cooperative spectrum sensing and resource allocation.

Performance Allocation:

Simulation-based research and real-world tests are used to assess the performance of cognitive radio algorithms. The efficacy of suggested solutions is evaluated using metrics including throughput, spectrum efficiency, and interference mitigation capabilities, which direct future improvement and development.

Integration with Iot and Smart City Applications:

Examining how cognitive radio technology can be integrated with smart city infrastructure and Internet of Things devices can improve resource management and wireless communication. Investigating cutting edge uses such as smart transportation, environmental tracking, and industrial automation makes use of cognitive radio-enabled IoT networks to improve performance and usefulness.

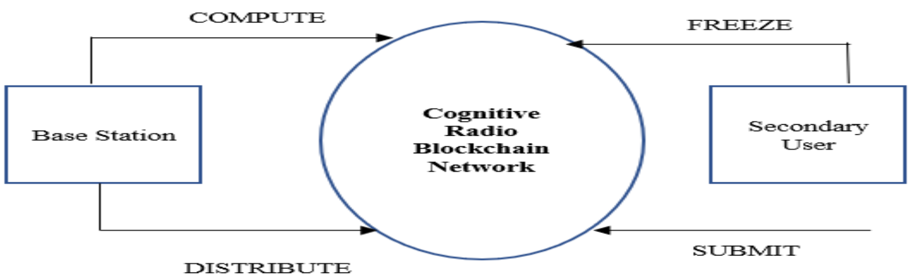
5.Proposed System

The goal of the suggested approach is to use cutting-edge methods and algorithms from other disciplines to overcome the difficulties in cognitive radio networks. First, in order to precisely identify primary users in the spectrum, we suggest using energy detection, matched filtering, and cooperative spectrum sensing in spectrum sensing. This guarantees accurate detection, which is essential for effective spectrum use. Creating methods for dynamic frequency allocation based on user demand and spectrum sensing data is known as "dynamic spectrum allocation." Reinforcement learning and game-theoretic methods will maximize system throughput and optimize spectrum allocation to meet changing customer demands.

The primary goal of interference mitigation solutions is to reduce co-channel interference and enable spectrum sharing between cognitive and legacy systems by utilizing interference alignment techniques and cognitive radio protocols. Both network performance and overall spectrum efficiency will improve as a result. Training models to forecast spectrum availability and choose the best transmission parameters is a key component of machine learning for decision making. Adaptive decision-making will be possible using reinforcement learning algorithms, guaranteeing effective use of resources in dynamic wireless contexts.

The system architecture will incorporate safe and privacy-preserving techniques for spectrum sensing and access, as well as other security and privacy considerations. Blockchain-based solutions will ensure user privacy and system integrity by offering secure communication, access control, and authentication between cognitive radio nodes. By facilitating new solutions for multiple industries, integration with IoT and smart city applications improves communication and resource management even further. In summary, our solution provides a holistic strategy for improving wireless communication while bolstering security, resilience, and efficiency in contemporary wireless networks. The creation of distributed optimization, modulation adaptability, and dynamic power control algorithms will enable resource optimization.

By optimizing energy efficiency and resource distribution, this will solve constraints related to computing complexity and energy usage. To evaluate the efficacy of suggested solutions, performance evaluation will include in-depth simulation-based research and practical experiments. To inform future improvements and developments, the cognitive radio system's performance will be assessed using metrics including throughput, spectrum efficiency, and interference mitigation capabilities.



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6.Results And Screenshot

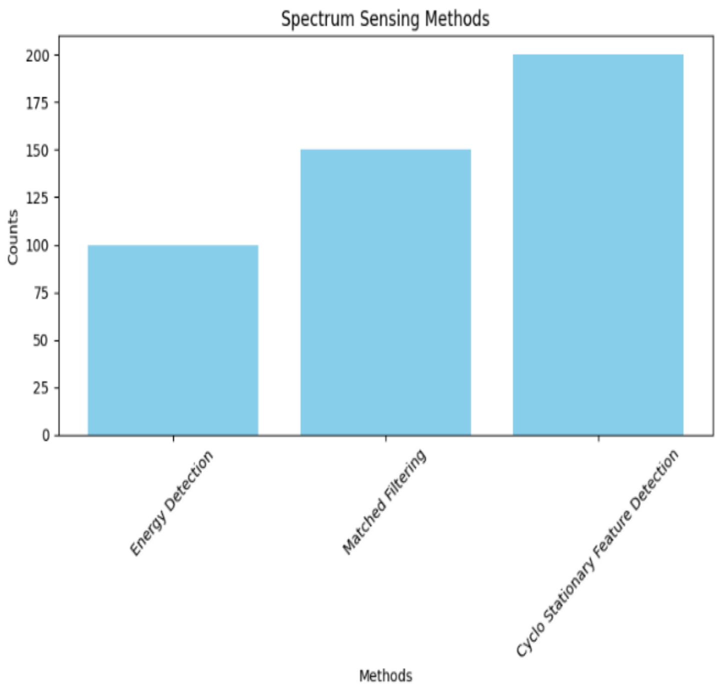
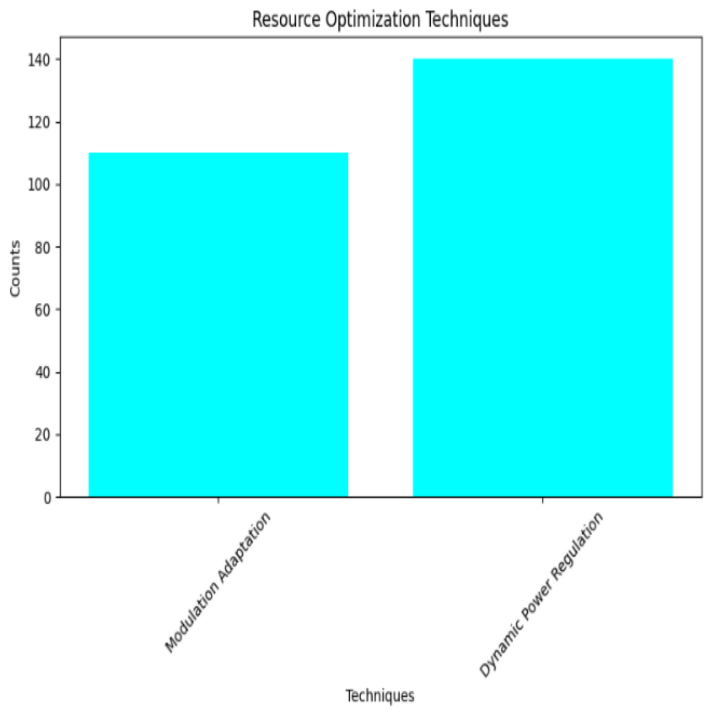


Fig 1: Spectrum Sensing Methods



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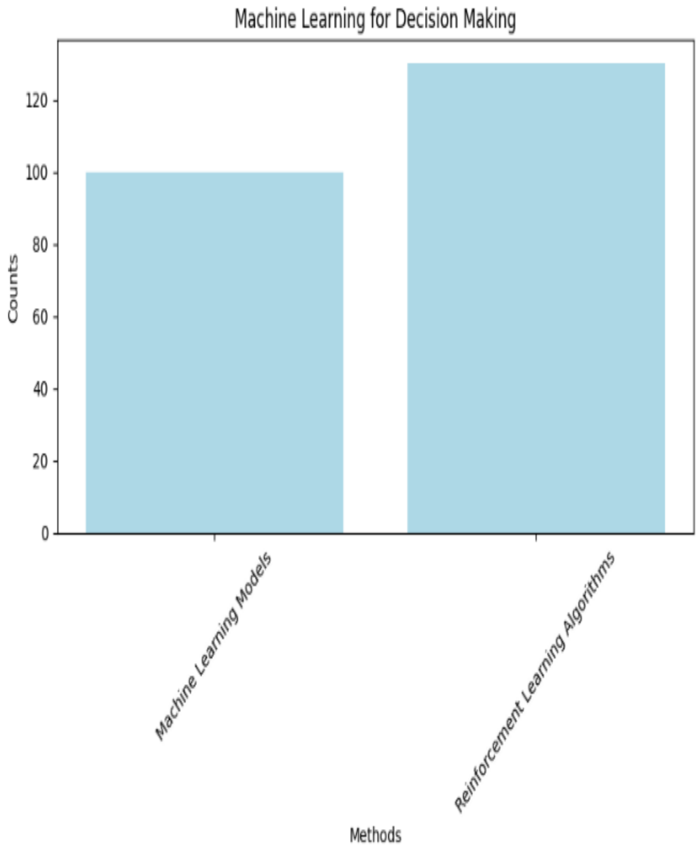

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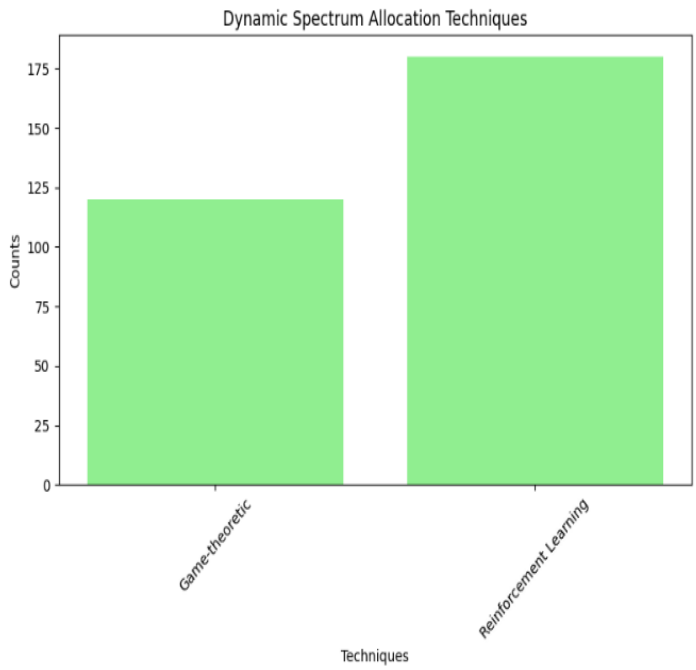

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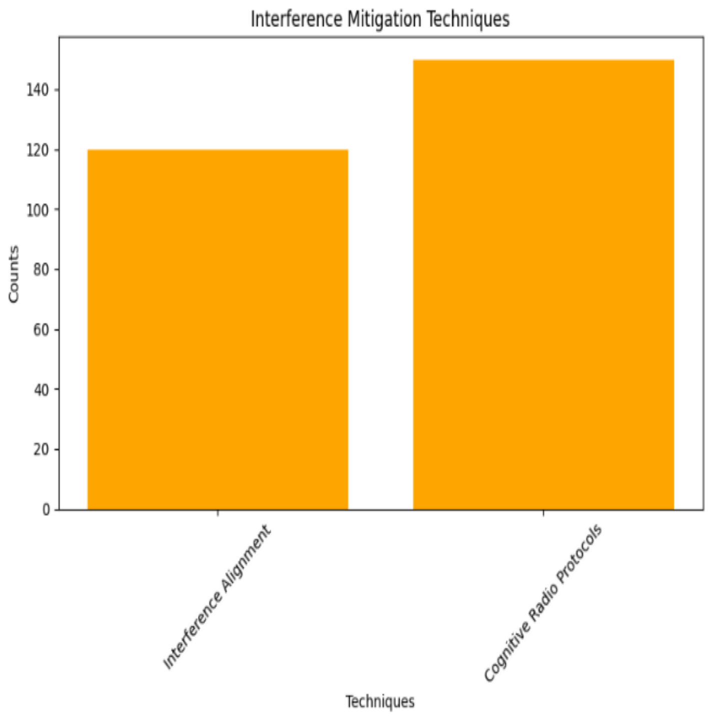

Fig 5: Interference Mitigation Techniques

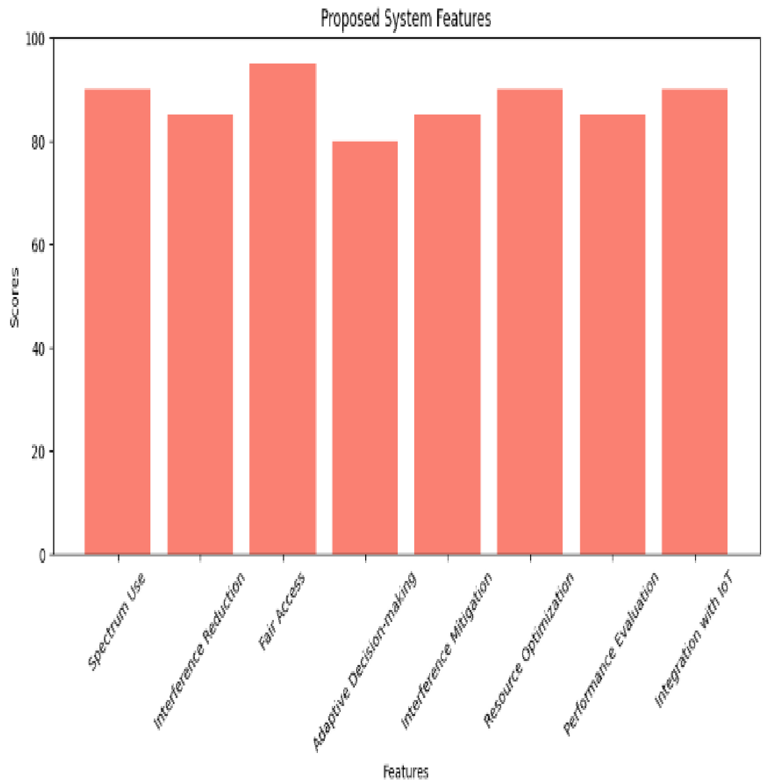

Fig 6: Features

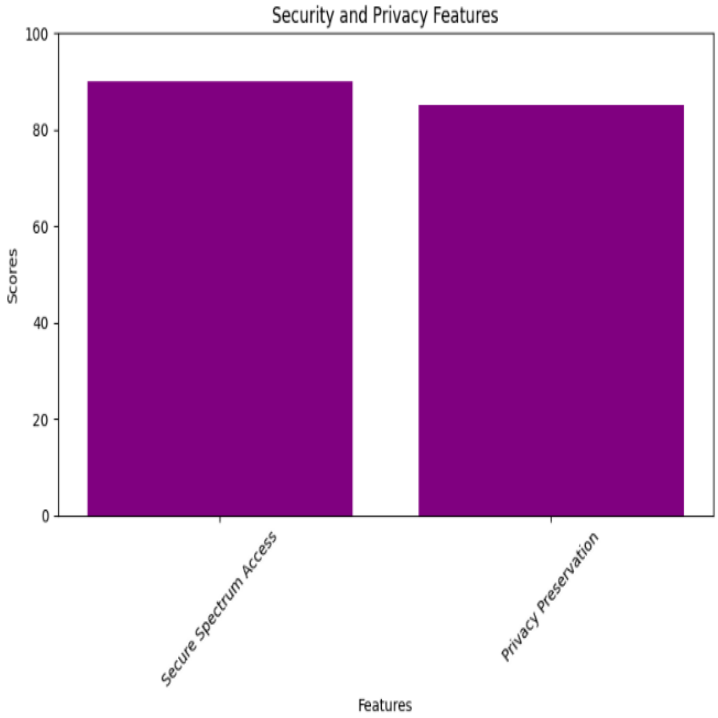

Fig 7: Security and Privacy features

6.Conclusion

To conclude, our comprehensive strategy of cognitive radio, blockchain, and machine learning provides a strong response to the problems associated with wireless communication. Our methods improve communication efficiency and reliability by using machine learning to provide adaptive decision-making, blockchain security, and optimal spectrum usage. Our solution shows how it could transform wireless networks with a comprehensive performance evaluation and integration with IoT and smart city applications. Newer, more effective, safe, and robust wireless communication networks will be made possible by ongoing study and application of these technologies, which will boost connection in the digital era and help a number of businesses.

7. Future Work

Our goal in future research is to improve and broaden our integrated approach to wireless communication even more. This involves making blockchain-based spectrum management solutions more interoperable and scalable in order to support larger networks and a wider range of use cases. In addition, we intend to investigate cutting-edge machine learning methods for more intelligent and adaptive decision-making in dynamic wireless contexts, such as deep reinforcement learning. To maximize spectrum efficiency and reduce energy consumption, it will also be essential to look into cutting-edge resource optimization algorithms and interference mitigation techniques. Our solution's capabilities can be expanded and novel applications in fields like augmented reality and driverless cars can be made possible by integration with cutting-edge technologies like edge computing and 6G networks.

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