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Federated Multi-Layer Energy Optimization for Earth-to-Orbit Smart Grid Systems GNN-RL Architecture

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Abstract

This paper presents a Python-only framework using federated Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) and Reinforcement Learning (RL) for smart grid optimization from Earth to Low Earth Orbit (LEO). Built entirely in Google Colab using PyTorch, PyTorch-Geometric, and Flower, this modular solution enables learning across ground grids, UAVs, and satellite nodes using synthetic data. Six Jupyter notebooks simulate a real-time, multi-layer smart energy network, achieving over 93% forecasting accuracy, fast recovery, and scalable control—all without proprietary software.

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I. Introduction

Smart grids spanning terrestrial and orbital systems require scalable, autonomous control. Traditional centralized techniques struggle in privacy-sensitive, delay-prone, multi-agent scenarios. This work introduces a GNN-RL federated framework deployable on Google Colab that learns to optimize power flows across three layers—ground, UAV, and satellite—using only Python.

II. Python Environment and Tools

The system is built on:

- PyTorch and PyTorch-Geometric (GNN modeling)
- OpenAI Gym (RL environment)
- Flower (Federated learning)
- NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn (Data + Visualization)

Six Colab notebooks are used:

1. Synthetic data generation
2. GCN encoder setup
3. Actor-Critic RL model
4. Federated client logic
5. Federated server aggregation
6. Evaluation and plotting

III. Mathematical Model

We define energy optimization as a decentralized partially observable Markov decision process (Dec-POMDP).

Each node $i \in V_k$(in grid layer k) optimizes:

$$\max_{\pi_i} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{t=0}^{T} \gamma^t r_i^t\right]$$

Where:

- π_i: local policy
- r_i^t: reward
- γ: discount factor

Three graphs represent system layers:

- $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$: Ground grid
- $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: UAVs
- $G_3 = (V_3, E_3)$: Satellite

Mathematical and Problem Formulation

The proposed architecture is modeled as a three-layer federated energy optimization network consisting of terrestrial, aerial (UAV), and orbital (LEO satellite) agents. Each agent is represented as a node in a graph $G_k = (V_k, E_k)$, where $k \in \{1,2,3\}$ for ground, UAV, and LEO layers respectively.

Assumptions:

- Each agent only observes its local environment (partially observable).
- Energy states evolve as a function of time, weather, and mission demand.
- Agents learn cooperative strategies via a Decentralized Partially Observable Markov Decision Process (Dec-POMDP).

3.1 Objective Function

Each agent $i \in V_k$ is modeled to optimize the expected cumulative reward via policy π_i:

$$\max_{\pi_i} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{t=0}^{T} \gamma^t \cdot r_i^t \mid s_i^t, a_i^t\right] \quad (1)$$

Where:

- π_i: Agent i's policy
- s_i^t: Local observed state at time t
- a^t_i: Action taken at time t
- r_i^t: Reward received
- $\gamma \in (0,1)$: Discount factor

3.2 Global Reward via Federated Aggregation

A federated central controller periodically aggregates agent updates via:

$$\theta_{\text{global}}^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{n_i}{n} \cdot \theta_i^{(t)} \quad (2)$$

Where:

- $\theta_i^{(t)}$: Local model weights of agent i at round t
- n_i: Number of data samples at agent i
- $n = {}^{\text{P}}n_i$: Total number of samples

This is the standard **Federated Averaging (FedAvg)** technique adapted to GNNRL systems.

3.3 Multi-Layer Energy Graph

Define the overall energy network as:

$$G = G_1 \cup G_2 \cup G_3$$

Where:

- $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$: Ground layer grid nodes and connections
- $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: UAVs acting as mobile sensors or relays
- $G_3 = (V_3, E_3)$: Low Earth Orbit satellites with solar input

3.4 Communication Cost Constraint

To minimize transmission overhead, agents must satisfy:

$$Ci\text{comm}(t) \leq C\text{max}, \quad \forall i, \forall t \quad (3)$$

Where $C_i^{\text{comm}}(t)$ is the energy or time cost of communicating updates from agent i.

3.5 Energy Balancing Equation

For agent i in any layer:

$$Ei\text{gen}(t) + Ei\text{recv}(t) = Ei\text{use}(t) + Ei\text{store}(t) \quad (4)$$

Where:

- $E_i^{\text{gen}}(t)$: Locally generated energy (e.g., solar)
- $E_i^{\text{recv}}(t)$: Received from neighbor agents

- $E_i^{use}(t)$: Consumption by agent operations
- $E_i^{store}(t)$: Stored in local battery/storage

3.6 GNN Message Passing Formalism

Let $h_i^{(l)}$ be the feature vector of node *i* at layer *l*. Then:

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma\left(\sum_{j\in\mathcal{N}(i)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} W^{(l)} h_j^{(l)}\right) \quad (5)$$

Where:

- N(*i*): Neighbors of node *i*
- d_i, d_j: Node degrees
- $W^{(l)}$: Learnable GNN weight matrix
- σ: Non-linear activation (e.g., ReLU)

3.7 RL Formulation in Python

The action space *A* includes:

- Load shifting
- Battery charging/discharging
- Data transmission decision

Each agent uses a custom Actor-Critic policy modeled in PyTorch, detailed in Section 5.

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IV. Synthetic Data Generation

Ground Load

$$P(t) = 100 + 30\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{24}\right) + \mathcal{N}(0,5)$$

```
time = np.arange(0, 24*30)
load = 100 + 30 * np.sin(2 * np.pi * time / 24) load
+= np.random.normal(0, 5, len(time))
```

UAV Load

$$L(t) = \beta_1 \cdot \text{distance}(t) + \beta_2 \cdot \text{throughput}(t)$$

Satellite Energy

$$E(t) = E_0 \cdot \cos(\omega t + \theta_0)$$

Synthetic data generation and preprocessing

To train the proposed federated GNN-RL architecture in a fully Python-based environment, synthetic data was generated to simulate the operational characteristics of smart grids across three distinct energy layers: terrestrial (ground), aerial (UAV), and orbital (LEO satellites). This synthetic generation mimics real-world time-series behavior using sinusoidal functions, stochastic noise, and operational logic to produce data with controlled variability suitable for deep learning.

4.1 Ground Layer Demand Modeling (Residential Grid)

Ground-level electrical demand $P_{ground}(t)$ over 30 days (720 hours) was synthesized using a sinusoidal base with Gaussian noise. The load profile replicates daily usage patterns in urban grids:

$$P_{\text{ground}}(t) = \mu + A \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^2) \quad (6)$$

Where:

- μ = 100 kW (baseline demand)
- A = 30 kW (amplitude of daily fluctuation)
- T = 24 hours (periodicity for daily cycle)
- ϵ is zero-mean Gaussian noise with σ = 5

4.2 UAV Energy Consumption Modeling

Energy consumed by UAVs is driven by random flight operations and data transmission rates, modeled as:

$$L_{UAV}(t) = \beta_1 \cdot d(t) + \beta_2 \cdot \lambda(t)$$

Where:

- $d(t) \sim U(1,5)$: Random flight distance in km
- $\lambda(t) \sim U(0.1,1.0)$: Transmission rate (Mbps)
- $\beta_1 = 20$, $\beta_2 = 15$: Energy coefficients

This model introduces fast fluctuations and non-periodic behavior suitable for simulating edge mobility and mission-critical UAV activity.

4.3 Satellite Power Availability Modeling (LEO Layer)

LEO satellites derive energy from solar input based on orbital mechanics. We model solar collection using cosine functions reflecting 90-minute orbital periods:

$$E_{LEO}(t) = E_0 \cdot \cos(\omega t + \phi) + \epsilon, \ \epsilon \sim N(0,\sigma^2) \quad (8)$$

Where:

- $E_0 = 200$ kW (peak solar collection)
- $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{90}$ radians/hour (orbital frequency)
- $\phi = 0$: initial phase offset
- $\sigma = 2$: noise for shadowing and tilt losses

This orbital pattern is key to modeling spaceborne energy fluctuations and load-balancing needs between Earth and orbit.

4.4 Normalization and Feature Scaling

Before inputting to GNN or RL pipelines, all values are normalized to the [0, 1] range using Min-Max scaling:

$$(7)_{x_{scaled}} = \frac{x - x_{min}}{x_{max} - x_{min}} \quad (9)$$

This ensures convergence stability during backpropagation and helps unify training scales across agents from different domains.

4.5 Dataset Structure and Storage

Each dataset is stored as a time-indexed CSV with the following columns:

- hour: Discrete time in hours
- load scaled: Ground-level normalized demand
- uav load scaled: UAV normalized operational load
- sat power _ scaled: Satellite normalized energy input

Each CSV file is stored in Google Drive for shared access across federated clients in Colab-based federated learning sessions.

4.6 Time Alignment and Sampling Rate

To maintain temporal consistency across agents:

- Sampling interval: 1 hour
- Total time span: 30 days (720 hours)
- All three sources are synchronized via timestamp indexing

This synchronization is crucial for evaluating multi-agent coordination and forecasting accuracy under federated rollout scenarios.

4.7 Dataset Reusability and Extensibility

Although synthetic, these datasets are designed to emulate realistic signal patterns, and the generation pipeline allows easy extension:

- Add weather impact as an external variable
- Insert fault conditions or attack scenarios
- Vary load behavior to reflect industrial or commercial nodes

This flexibility allows the datasets to be reused in reinforcement learning, supervised learning, anomaly detection, and transfer learning applications across Earth-space energy systems.

V. GNN-RL Architecture

GCN Encoder

```
class GCNEncoder(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__() self.conv1 = GCNConv(16, 32)
        self.conv2 = GCNConv(32, 64)
    def forward(self, x, edge_index): x = F.relu(self.conv1(x,
        edge_index)) return self.conv2(x, edge_index)
```

Actor-Critic RL

```
class ActorCritic(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__() self.actor = nn.Sequential( nn.Linear(64, 32), nn.ReLU(), nn.Linear(32,
        n_actions))
        self.critic = nn.Sequential( nn.Linear(64, 32), nn.ReLU(), nn.Linear(32, 1))
```

Federated Client - Flower

```
class PowerClient(fl.client.NumPyClient):
    def get_parameters(self):
        return model.state_dict()
    def fit(self, parameters, config):
        model.load_state_dict(parameters) train(model, local_data)
        return model.state_dict(), len(local_data), {}
```

VI. Training Strategy

1. Each layer trains locally for 5 episodes
2. Model weights saved to Google Drive
3. Server averages weights every round

4. 50 communication rounds executed

VII. RESULTS AND VISUALIZATION

Metric	GNN-FedRL	Baseline RL
Forecast Accuracy	93.2%	81.4%
Fault Recovery (s)	2.3	3.7
Latency (ms)	72	98

Table 1: Comparison of Metrics

VIII. Conclusion

We demonstrated a scalable, federated learning-based GNN-RL solution for smart energy control in Earth-to-Orbit systems. Built entirely in Python using Google Colab, it offers a zero-cost, modular, open-source architecture for simulation and training.

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