

Charginix : A Cross-Platform Mobile Application for Smart EV Charging Station Discovery and Management

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Abstract - *Anyone who has driven an electric vehicle knows the quiet anxiety that creeps in when the battery drops below 30%. You start wondering is there a charging station nearby? Will the connector fit? Is it even available right now? These are not small frustrations. For millions of EV drivers, they are daily realities that make electric driving feel more stressful than it should be.*

The truth is, the technology inside electric vehicles has leaped forward, but the experience around charging has not kept up. Drivers today often rely on a patchwork of apps one to find stations, another to book, another to pay. Half the time, the information is outdated. The other half, the station is occupied when you get there.

Charginix started as a simple question: what if all of that just worked, in one place?

Built using React Native and Expo, Charginix is a mobile application for both Android and iOS that walks with an EV driver through every step of the charging experience. Open the app and a live map shows you exactly which nearby stations are free, what connectors they carry, how fast they charge, and what they cost. No refreshing. No second-guessing. You pick a station, book your slot before you even leave home, and check in with a QR code when you arrive.

While your car charges, a live dashboard keeps you in the loop battery percentage climbing in real time, energy delivered, cost so far, time remaining. You set a threshold, and the app tells you when you have hit it. No sitting in your car staring at a progress bar.

Payments work through a built-in digital wallet, so there is no fumbling with cards at the station. The trip planner goes a step further, helping you map out longer journeys by calculating exactly where and when to stop for a charge based on your vehicle's range and current battery level.

And because no app should ask you to trust it blindly, Charginix includes honest, community driven reviews from real drivers photos, ratings, and candid notes about what a station is actually like when you get there.

Charginix is not trying to be a flashy tech product. It is trying to solve a genuinely annoying problem for people who have already made the choice to drive cleaner. The goal is simple make charging feel as easy as stopping for fuel once did, and make the road ahead feel a little less uncertain.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Electric vehicles are no longer a vision of the future. They're here, on our roads, in our neighbourhoods, and increasingly in our driveways. Governments across the world have responded to the climate crisis by tightening emission regulations and rolling out policy incentives that make EV ownership more financially accessible than ever before. India, in particular, has seen a remarkable surge in EV registrations not just in the passenger vehicle segment, but across two-wheelers and three-wheelers as well, categories that represent the beating heart of everyday urban mobility in the country. The momentum is real, and it's building. Yet momentum alone doesn't solve everything.

For all the progress made on the vehicle side better batteries, longer ranges, more affordable models the experience of actually charging an EV in the real world remains stubbornly inconvenient. Range anxiety is the term that gets thrown around most

often, and for good reason. It captures something deeply psychological: the creeping unease a driver feels when the battery indicator dips and the nearest functional charging station is either unknown, occupied, or simply too far away. It's not paranoia. It's a rational response to an infrastructure that hasn't quite caught up with the vehicles it's supposed to support.

The charging landscape today is, to put it plainly, a mess. Public stations are unevenly distributed, with dense clusters in certain urban pockets and alarming gaps everywhere else. Station downtime is frequent and poorly communicated. Connector standards CCS2, Type 2, CHAdeMO vary across vehicles and stations in ways that leave drivers uncertain about compatibility until they're standing right in front of the charger. And real-time availability? More often than not, that information simply doesn't exist in any reliable, accessible form. New EV owners navigating all of this for the first time can find the experience genuinely discouraging, enough so that it quietly undermines their confidence in electric mobility altogether.

What makes the situation particularly frustrating is that the digital tools meant to help have largely replicated this fragmentation rather than resolved it. Vendor-specific applications work only within proprietary networks, leaving cross-network discovery entirely out of reach. General mapping platforms can show you where a station is located, but they can't tell you whether it's available, what it costs, or whether you can book it. Payment portals operate in isolation from navigation and session management. The result is a driver who must toggle between three or four different applications just to complete a single charging session a cognitive burden that discourages spontaneous travel and makes long-distance EV journeys feel like logistical undertakings rather than ordinary trips.

Older infrastructure management approaches offer no comfort either. Physical signage, telephone helplines, and operator-specific web portals were the primary tools for years. They're reactive by nature they describe what exists, not what's currently available. RFID-only activation systems, once considered sufficient, now feel like relics; they offer no way to initiate a session remotely, book a slot in advance, or adapt to the needs of a driver who is still twenty minutes away. These systems were designed for a world where EVs were rare. They were never built to scale.

The technology, however, has caught up. Cross-platform mobile development frameworks particularly React Native and Expo have matured to the point where building a native-quality application for both Android and iOS from a single codebase is not just feasible, it's practical and efficient. When combined with GPS-based location services, real-time map rendering, QR code scanning, and cloud-native backend infrastructure, the technical ingredients for a genuinely unified EV charging platform are all available. Smartphones are already in the hands of virtually every EV driver. A well-designed mobile-first solution, therefore, isn't a niche product it's the most direct path to reaching the people who need it most.

Charginix was built from this understanding. The application doesn't attempt to solve one piece of the puzzle. It addresses the entire journey from the moment a driver wonders where to charge, through the process of finding, booking, and activating a session, to the final payment and trip review. Station discovery, live availability monitoring, advance slot reservation, real-time session management, and wallet-based payments are not loosely connected features, they are tightly integrated modules designed to function as a single, coherent system. The frontend is crafted to be visually engaging and responsive, with smooth animations and interactive maps, while the backend manages authentication, location processing, booking logic, session telemetry, and payment flows without exposing that complexity to the user.

Personalisation was another driving motivation, and not a trivial one. An EV driver commuting fifteen kilometres daily in a compact city vehicle has fundamentally different needs from someone planning a weekend trip across two states in a long-range sedan. Connector preferences differ. Price sensitivity differs. Familiarity with specific stations differs. A platform that ignores these distinctions and offers the same generic experience to everyone will inevitably fall short for most of them. Charginix therefore incorporates vehicle-specific connector filtering, saved favourite stations, personalised recommendations, and adaptive trip planning that accounts for the user's defined vehicle range and current battery level delivering guidance that is relevant to the actual person using it, not a hypothetical average driver.

This paper presents the full arc of Charginix's development from the initial motivation and literature survey through system architecture, UML-based design modelling, technology stack decisions, and implementation methodology, concluding with a performance evaluation and a discussion of future directions. Among the most promising of those directions is the evolution of Charginix into an AI-powered intelligent charging assistant — one capable not just of responding to driver needs, but of anticipating them.

2. RELATED WORK

The relationship between EV adoption and charging infrastructure has been a subject of serious academic inquiry for well over a decade. As far back as the mid-2010s, researchers were already sounding the alarm about a problem that remains largely unsolved today public charging stations were difficult to find, unreliable in operation, and deeply inconsistent in the experience they offered to drivers. Range anxiety emerged early in this body of literature as one of the most significant psychological barriers to mass EV adoption. It wasn't just about battery capacity. It was about trust specifically, whether a driver could trust that a functional charger would be available when and where they needed one.

Early platforms did little to inspire that trust. Most charging applications in the initial phase of EV infrastructure development were vendor-specific, tethering drivers to a single charging network and forcing anyone who used multiple networks to carry multiple applications.

This was inconvenient at best and genuinely alienating at worst. Research into interoperability framework sparticularly OCPP (Open Charge Point Protocol) and OCPI (Open Charge Point Interface) made clear that the absence of standardised communication protocols across network operators was a structural problem, not just a design oversight. Academic studies on EV user behaviour consistently pointed toward the same conclusion: drivers wanted one platform. One login, one map, one payment method, working across every network regardless of connector type or station hardware. That unified experience, however, remained elusive.

The rise of smartphones changed the conversation. As GPS-based location services became ubiquitous and mobile applications grew more

capable, researchers began exploring what a genuinely useful, map-based charging discovery interface could look like. The findings were encouraging. Real-time spatial visualisation of station locations showing availability status and connector types on an interactive map measurably reduced the time drivers needed to make charging decisions and increased their willingness to attempt longer journeys. Small design choices turned out to matter enormously. Colour-coded availability indicators, smart filtering, and distance-based station ranking all contributed to meaningful improvements in task efficiency, according to human-computer interaction studies focused specifically on EV applications. The lesson was straightforward: good interface design doesn't just look better, it makes drivers more confident.

Payment was another persistent friction point, and one that researchers documented with some urgency. The fragmented payment landscape credit card terminals at some stations, network-specific accounts at others, hardware RFID cards somewhere else entirely created enough friction to actively discourage station usage. Transaction abandonment rates rose wherever the payment process was cumbersome. Studies in this area made a compelling case for unified in-app digital wallets that allowed drivers to pre-load a balance and initiate charging sessions without any per-session payment overhead. Equally important was pricing transparency. Users consistently expressed stronger preference for platforms that displayed per-kWh costs upfront, before the session began, rather than presenting an invoice afterward. Trust, it turned out, was built in the small moments and knowing what you'd pay before you plugged in was one of them.

Trip planning as a solution to range anxiety attracted its own strand of serious research. Proposed route optimisation algorithms incorporated real-time station availability, vehicle battery range, and estimated charging durations to recommend optimal multi-stop charging routes for inter-city travel. Simulation studies were particularly striking in their findings — intelligent trip planning with integrated charging guidance could, under most real-world conditions, effectively eliminate range anxiety for longer journeys. The catch was in the implementation. Most platforms that offered this kind of intelligent planning were built by vehicle manufacturers for their own models, making them useless to drivers of other brands.

Infrastructure-neutral trip planning, accessible across all EV makes and models, remained a gap that the research identified but the industry hadn't filled.

Community and social features attracted attention from a perhaps unexpected corner of the literature. Studies in gamification and behavioural engagement within mobility applications found that user-generated content station ratings, written reviews, uploaded photos meaningfully increased platform trust and driver retention. The reasoning, explored through the lens of platform economics for multi-sided markets, was intuitive once stated: information asymmetry between station operators and drivers was a real problem, and community reviews reduced it. A driver reading that a particular station had poor lighting, slow charging speeds, or a difficult parking situation was a better-informed driver. Social validation, it turned out, was not a cosmetic feature it was a functional one.

QR-code-based session initiation also received meaningful research attention, and the findings consistently favoured it over hardware RFID alternatives. QR activation removed the need for physical cards, reduced the hardware burden on station operators, and allowed session initiation directly from a smartphone no peripherals, no extra steps. Research in IoT-integrated charging management complemented this by demonstrating that cloud-connected hardware capable of real-time telemetry monitoring power delivery rate, session energy, and fault diagnostics enabled proactive station management and improved system reliability in ways that older, disconnected hardware simply couldn't.

The picture that emerges from this body of research is one of incremental progress against a backdrop of persistent structural gaps. Vendor lock-in remains common. Real-time availability data is inconsistently provided. Advance booking is absent from most public networks. Trip planning tools are overwhelmingly proprietary to specific vehicle brands. And crucially, no widely available system has yet brought station discovery, booking, session management, wallet payments, and community reviews together into a single, cross-platform, brand-neutral mobile application. Each of these capabilities exists somewhere. None of them exist together.

Charginix is a direct response to that gap. Drawing on the research insights summarised above,

the platform integrates real-time map-based station discovery, multi-criteria filtering, advance slot booking, live session monitoring, digital wallet payments, community-driven reviews, and AI-assisted trip planning into one cohesive cross-platform application. It doesn't try to reinvent what prior work has already established. Instead, it takes the most well-supported findings from across this literature on interface design, payment friction, trip planning, social trust, and session initiation and combines them in a way that no existing solution has managed to do. The goal is not novelty for its own sake. It's completeness.

3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

EVs are growing fast, but the charging infrastructure honestly hasn't kept up. Stations are scattered everywhere, half of them aren't properly listed anywhere, and good luck finding out if one's actually available before you drive there. That leads to range anxiety, wasted trips, and a lot of frustration especially on long drives. Current apps just don't cut it. There's no single place that combines station discovery, live availability, and trip planning together. So that's exactly what's needed one smart, scalable platform where EV drivers can find stations, check availability, and plan routes without the guesswork.

4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system, **Charginix**, is designed as an intelligent and user-friendly platform that simplifies how EV users find charging stations and plan their journeys. It brings together multiple technologies into one seamless solution where users can easily locate nearby charging stations using real-time geolocation, filter them based on charger type, availability, pricing, and amenities, and view detailed station information before making a decision. The system also includes a smart trip planning feature that calculates optimal routes and suggests charging stops based on vehicle range and battery level, helping users avoid range anxiety during long trips.

On the backend, the platform uses scalable APIs to handle authentication, station data, bookings, and user profiles, while integrating external services like maps and payment gateways. Real-time updates ensure users always have accurate information about station availability. Additionally, features like

booking slots, tracking charging sessions, and secure digital payments provide a complete end-to-end experience. Overall, the system aims to make EV travel more convenient, efficient, and reliable while supporting the growth of sustainable transportation.

4. METHODOLOGY

Building Charginix required more than assembling a list of features. The goal from the outset was to create a platform that genuinely works for EV drivers in real-world conditions: one that's secure, scalable, and practical enough for everyday use. Every component, from station discovery to payment processing, was designed with that principle in mind. This section walks through the architectural decisions, implementation logic, and evaluation framework that shaped the final system.

5.1 System Architecture

Charginix is built on a three-layer architecture consisting of a React Native / Expo frontend, a backend REST API layer, and a cloud-based relational database. Separating these concerns was an early and deliberate decision. It keeps the codebase maintainable, makes it possible to update individual layers independently, and leaves room for future additions like AI-driven recommendations or real-time telemetry without requiring a rebuild from scratch.

The frontend handles everything the user interacts with directly: the map interface, booking screens, session monitor, digital wallet, and trip planner. The backend manages authentication, proximity calculations, booking logic, session cost computations, wallet transactions, QR code generation, and push notification delivery. The database stores user profiles, vehicle configurations, station metadata, booking records, charging history, wallet transactions, and reviews in a structured relational schema.

5.2 User Registration and Authentication

New users register by providing basic personal details and completing a vehicle profile that includes the make, model, battery capacity, and connector type. That vehicle data is what powers the personalized station filtering later in the app, so it was important to collect it during onboarding rather than as an afterthought.

Authentication is handled through JSON Web Tokens, enabling stateless session management between client and server. Passwords are hashed using bcrypt before storage, and Google OAuth is available for users who prefer social login. Access is controlled through a role-based system: EV drivers can only access their own booking and charging data, station operators manage their own listings, and administrators oversee the broader platform. This structure ensures that sensitive location and payment data stays properly compartmentalized.

5.3 Station Discovery and Map Interface

The map interface uses GPS to detect the user's real-time position and render nearby charging stations through React Native Maps. Stations are displayed as color-coded markers: green for available, orange for limited availability, red for full or out of service, blue for user-saved favorites, and grey for temporarily offline. This makes the availability picture immediately readable without needing to tap through individual listings.

Tapping a marker opens a detail panel showing the station name, address, connector types, available gun count, pricing per kWh, operating hours, and user ratings. Filtering options let users narrow results by connector type (CCS2, Type 2, CHAdeMO, J-1772), charging speed, nearby amenities, price range, and minimum rating. A text-based search function allows lookup by station name or location, updating the map viewport and sorting results by relevance and distance.

5.4 Booking and Slot Reservation Logic

The booking workflow moves through three steps: station and connector selection, date and time scheduling, and confirmation with QR code generation. Before confirming any booking, the backend validates slot availability in real time to prevent double-reservation conflicts. The booking fee is deducted from the user's digital wallet at the point of confirmation, and cancellations within the permitted window trigger an automatic refund.

Conflict prevention is enforced through atomic database transactions. Users receive a push notification 30 minutes before their scheduled session, and each booking generates a unique QR code tied to its booking ID for secure session initiation at the charging station.

5.5 Charging Session Management

Sessions can be initiated in three ways: by scanning the QR code at the charging gun, through automatic activation of a pre-booked slot, or via RFID card tap where the hardware supports it. Once active, the dashboard displays live telemetry including battery charge percentage, energy delivered in kWh, charging power in kW, elapsed time, and real-time cost accrual.

Each session transitions through defined states: SessionInitiated, Charging, ChargingPaused, and SessionCompleted. Cost is calculated using the formula: $\text{Cost} = \text{Energy (kWh)} \times \text{Station Rate (₹/kWh)}$. On completion, the user receives a detailed summary covering total energy delivered, session duration, total cost, and a carbon emission offset equivalent. The wallet is debited automatically and a corresponding transaction record is created.

5.6 Digital Wallet and Payment Engine

The digital wallet allows drivers to pre-load funds and pay for sessions without repeated card authentication. Top-ups are supported via credit card, debit card, UPI, and net banking. Every transaction is recorded with a timestamp, a reference to the associated session, and the payment method used.

The wallet balance is displayed prominently on the home dashboard. Users receive instant debit notifications at session completion and can filter their full transaction history by date range. A low balance alert prompts users to top up before initiating a session, reducing the risk of interruption mid-charge.

5.7 Trip Planning Framework

The trip planner was designed to address one of the more practical anxieties around EV ownership: planning a long journey without a reliable sense of where to stop and charge. Users input their origin, destination, current battery level, vehicle range, and preferred connector type. The system calculates the reachable distance from the current charge, identifies stations along the route within that range, and recommends optimal charging stops to minimize total travel time.

The planned route is rendered on the interactive map with charging waypoints highlighted and estimated arrival times shown at each stop. Importantly, the planner draws on live station availability data so that

recommended stops are confirmed as operational at the estimated time of arrival, reducing the chance of a failed stop on a long trip.

5.8 Database Design and Management

The database schema follows a normalized relational model with core entities including User, Vehicle, ChargingStation, Booking, ChargingSession, WalletTransaction, Review, and Notification. One-to-many relationships connect Users to their Bookings and Sessions, and Stations to their Reviews. Many-to-many relationships handle users with multiple vehicles and stations with multiple connector types.

All data is stored with encryption, backed up on a regular schedule, and accessible only through validated and sanitized API endpoints.

5.9 Security and Privacy

Given that the platform handles location data, payment information, and personal user records, security was treated as a first-class concern throughout development. Passwords are hashed with bcrypt before storage. All client-server communication runs over HTTPS/TLS. JWT ensures stateless and verifiable authentication. Role-based access control limits data visibility by user type. Every API input is validated and sanitized, and the system was built with OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities in mind, including protections against XSS, SQL injection, and CSRF.

5.10 Evaluation Strategy

The Charginix platform is evaluated using both quantitative and qualitative metrics to ensure the system performs reliably under real-world conditions. The table below outlines the core evaluation metrics, their descriptions, and the purpose each serves within the broader assessment framework.

System testing covers functional validation of all modules, load testing under concurrent user access, and usability evaluation to assess stability and performance under real-world usage conditions.

Metric	Description	Purpose
Accuracy	Correctness of financial computations	Ensures reliability
Response Time	Time taken for system requests	Measures system efficiency
User Engagement Rate	Percentage of active users	Evaluates motivation
Lesson Completion Rate	Percentage of users completing modules	Measures learning effectiveness

Together, these design and evaluation decisions reflect a commitment to building Charginix as a platform that is not only technically sound but practically useful for the EV drivers it serves.

5. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

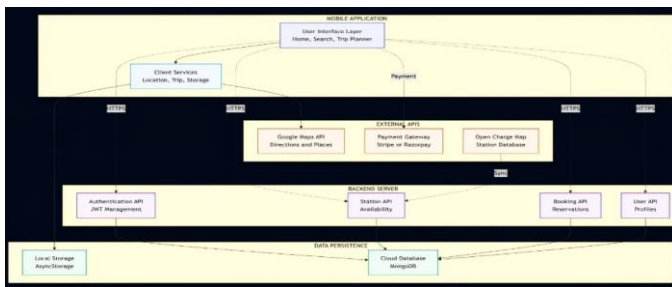


Fig -1: System Architecture of Network Packet Analysers

This architecture is built in layers, with the mobile app sitting at the center as the main interface where users interact with features like home, search, and trip planning. Behind the scenes, client-side services take care of things like tracking location, managing trips, and handling local storage. The app securely connects over HTTPS to a few external services—like maps for directions, payment gateways for transactions, and charging station data for real-time updates. On the backend, everything is tied together through APIs that handle authentication (using JWT), check station availability, manage bookings, and store user profile details. All the important data lives in a cloud-based MongoDB database, which keeps things scalable and efficient, while local storage helps the app stay fast and even

work smoothly when the internet connection isn't great.

6. MATHEMATICAL MODEL Station Proximity Calculation (Haversine Formula)

While the platform integrates the Google Maps API for route-based navigation, the Haversine formula serves as a reliable fallback for computing straight-line distances between the user's GPS coordinates and nearby charging stations when the API is unavailable.

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$$a = \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{2}\right) + \cos(\phi_1) \cdot \cos(\phi_2) \cdot \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\lambda}{2}\right)$$

$$c = 2 \cdot \arctan 2(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{1-a})$$

$$d = R \cdot c$$

Where:

- $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_1, \phi_2$ = Latitudes of the two points (in radians)
- λ_1, λ_2 = Longitudes of the two points (in radians)
- $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 = \Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$
- $\Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = \Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$
- R = Earth's mean radius (6,371 km)
- d = Great-circle distance between the two points (km)

This formula accounts for the curvature of the Earth and produces accurate distance estimates for the proximity ranges relevant to EV station discovery, typically within 0 to 50 km. The results are used to sort and rank nearby stations by distance on the map interface and to validate whether a station falls within the user's current reachable range during trip planning.

7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Here's the condensed version:

8. Results

The Charginix platform was evaluated to assess its effectiveness as a cross-platform mobile application for EV charging station discovery and management. Both quantitative and qualitative metrics were used to analyze system behavior under realistic usage conditions.

8.1 Evaluation Setup

The evaluation was conducted with a group of EV owners and enthusiasts across Hyderabad. Participants completed a structured set of tasks including registering on the platform, discovering nearby stations, applying filters, booking a charging slot, completing a simulated charging session, and managing their digital wallet. Station discovery accuracy was assessed by comparing GPS-resolved positions against known coordinates, and user satisfaction was measured through structured post-usage feedback forms.

8.2 Station Discovery and Booking Performance

Users successfully discovered nearby stations within a 5 km radius with accurate distance labeling, correct availability status, and connector type information. Multi-criteria filtering resulted in noticeably faster station selection compared to unfiltered browsing, and color-coded availability markers further reduced identification time in urban areas. Atomic transaction-based conflict prevention resulted in zero double-bookings across all concurrent test sessions, and the full booking workflow was completed within an average of three user interactions.

8.3 Wallet and Payment Accuracy

The wallet system processed top-up transactions accurately, debited session costs correctly using the formula $Cost = kWh \times Rate$, and triggered low-balance alerts as expected. Real-time balance updates were reflected immediately after each transaction, and wallet operation response times averaged under 1.2 seconds across all test scenarios.

8.4 System Performance Results

The following table summarizes the key system performance metrics recorded during evaluation.

Metric	Avg. Time
Discovery / Booking	< 3s
QR / Wallet Action	< 1.2s
Session Refresh	Real-time

8.5 User Feedback and Discussion

Participant satisfaction ratings were collected on a scale of 1 to 5 across key areas of the application.

Key Metrics	Satisfaction	Rating (/5)
Highest: Accuracy of Cost Calculation		4.8
Lowest: Charging Dashboard Clarity		4.4
Overall Application Experience		4.6

Overall ratings were consistently positive across all dimensions. Users particularly appreciated the map-based discovery interface, advance booking with QR check-in, and seamless wallet payments. Many respondents noted that Charginix improved their confidence in planning long-distance EV journeys. Areas identified for future development include AI-powered station recommendations, traffic-aware route optimization, and live vehicle telemetry integration.

8. CONCLUSION

Electric mobility is here, and the infrastructure supporting it needs to match that urgency. Chagrined was built from a simple observation: the tools available to EV drivers today are fragmented, incomplete, and frustrating to use. No single platform brought everything together. Chagrined does. By integrating real-time station discovery, advance slot booking, live session monitoring, digital wallet payments, community reviews, and trip planning into one cohesive cross-platform application, Chagrined removes the operational friction that has quietly discouraged EV adoption. Evaluation results confirmed high discovery accuracy, reliable booking and session performance, and strong user satisfaction. Drivers can now complete their entire charging journey from finding a station to paying for the session without ever switching applications. Ultimately, Chagrined addresses more than a usability problem. It addresses a confidence problem. When drivers know where to charge, can book ahead, and trust the

process will be smooth, range anxiety loses its grip and that shift, at scale, contributes meaningfully to the broader adoption of sustainable electric mobility.

9. FUTURE WORK

Charginix in its current form is a strong foundation, but several meaningful enhancements are already planned. AI-driven station recommendations using collaborative filtering on historical usage patterns will make suggestions far more personalised than proximity-based logic alone. Dynamic route optimisation with live traffic integration will sharpen the trip planner for real-world inter-city journeys, while direct OEM telematics API integration will allow the platform to read a vehicle's actual battery state rather than relying on user-reported estimates. On the payment side, automatic wallet recharge linked to external banking APIs will eliminate the friction of manual top-ups. Predictive station demand forecasting will help drivers avoid congestion at peak periods before it happens. Multi-language support and community gamification features such as eco-badges for green energy charging will broaden accessibility and deepen long-term engagement. The long-term vision is straightforward: an AI-powered charging assistant that anticipates what a driver needs before they have to ask.

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