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HEALTHCHAIN AI: SECURING SMART HEALTHCARE WITH BLOCKCHAIN AND AI

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Abstract: The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare has significantly improved disease diagnosis, treatment planning, and predictive analytics; however, concerns regarding data security, privacy, and model integrity remain critical challenges. A Secure AI Training Model using Blockchain in Healthcare proposes a decentralized and tamper-resistant framework to protect sensitive medical data during AI model development. By leveraging blockchain technology, healthcare institutions can ensure secure data sharing, transparency, traceability, and immutable record-keeping without exposing patient information. Smart contracts enable controlled data access, authentication, and automated compliance with regulatory standards. Additionally, cryptographic techniques and distributed ledgers enhance trust among stakeholders while preventing data manipulation and unauthorized access. This approach not only strengthens cybersecurity in AI-driven healthcare systems but also promotes collaborative model training across multiple organizations while maintaining data confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence has transformed modern healthcare by enabling early disease detection, medical image analysis, predictive diagnostics, and personalized treatment planning. AI models rely on large volumes of patient data such as Electronic Health Records (EHRs), radiology images, laboratory results, and clinical notes to achieve high accuracy. However, the use of sensitive medical data introduces significant challenges related to privacy, security, data ownership, and regulatory compliance.

Traditional AI training approaches are primarily centralized, where patient data from multiple healthcare institutions is collected and stored in cloud servers for model development. Although this approach improves model performance, it creates serious risks including data breaches, unauthorized access, insider attacks, and single points of failure. Healthcare data is highly confidential, and any compromise may lead to financial loss, legal consequences, and loss of patient trust.

Decentralized training techniques such as federated learning have been introduced to reduce direct data sharing. While federated learning allows institutions to train models locally and share only model parameters, it still faces challenges such as lack of transparency, vulnerability to model poisoning attacks, absence of permanent audit trails, and limited trust among participants.

To address these issues, this paper proposes a Blockchain-Enabled Secure AI Training Model for Healthcare Systems by integrating Blockchain with collaborative AI training. Blockchain provides decentralization, immutability, transparency, and cryptographic security, ensuring that model updates are securely recorded and verified. Smart contracts enforce access control policies, validate model contributions, and automate compliance with healthcare regulations. Additionally, a hybrid on-chain and off chain architecture is adopted to reduce storage overhead and improve scalability.

The proposed framework eliminates centralized vulnerabilities, prevents unauthorized modification of AI models, enhances trust among participating healthcare institutions, and ensures confidentiality, integrity, and availability of sensitive medical data. By combining blockchain technology with privacy preserving AI training mechanisms, the system provides a secure, scalable, and trustworthy foundation for next-generation intelligent healthcare systems

II. LITERATURE REVIEW *A.*

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

Artificial Intelligence has significantly improved healthcare diagnosis and predictive analytics. Litjens et al. [1] presented a deep learning framework for medical image analysis, demonstrating high accuracy in cancer detection. Similarly, Esteva et al. [2] developed a convolutional neural network model capable of classifying skin cancer with dermatologist level performance.

Advantages:

1. High diagnostic accuracy
2. Automated disease detection
3. Improved predictive performance

B. Centralized AI Training Approaches

Traditional AI systems rely on centralized data aggregation. Rieke et al. [3] discussed collaborative AI training across medical institutions using centralized infrastructures. While this approach improves model generalization, it exposes healthcare systems to cybersecurity threats.

Advantages:

1. Improved model accuracy due to large datasets
2. Efficient resource utilization
3. Easier training management

C. Federated Learning for Privacy Preservation

Federated Learning (FL) was introduced by McMahan et al. [4] as a decentralized training approach. In healthcare, FL allows institutions to train models locally and share only model parameters.

Additionally, Sheller et al. [5] demonstrated the application of federated learning for brain tumor segmentation without sharing raw medical data.

Advantages:

1. Raw patient data remains local
2. Improved privacy protection
3. Supports collaborative learning

D. Blockchain in Healthcare Systems

Blockchain technology has been proposed as a secure data management solution. Azaria et al. [6] introduced MedRec, a blockchain-based framework for managing electronic health records. Similarly, Kuo et al. [7] discussed blockchain applications in healthcare data security and interoperability.

Advantages:

1. Immutable record-keeping
2. Decentralization
3. Transparency
4. Cryptographic security
5. Improved trust among stakeholders

E. Research Gap

Existing research either focuses on: AI performance without robust security mechanisms, or
Blockchain-based data storage without integrating AI training validation. There is limited work combining: Blockchain-based trust validation Federated AI training
Smart contract-based access control Secure model update verification
Scalable hybrid on-chain/off-chain architecture

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Overall System Architecture

The proposed system presents a Blockchain-Enabled Secure AI Model Training Framework for Healthcare Systems. The architecture integrates Artificial Intelligence (AI), Federated Learning (FL), and Blockchain technology to ensure secure, privacy-preserving, and tamper-proof model training across distributed healthcare institutions.

The overall architecture consists of the following major components:

1. Healthcare Data Sources
2. Local AI Training Module
3. Federated Learning Server
4. Blockchain Network Layer
5. Smart Contract Module
6. Global Model Aggregation Unit

The architectural workflow is illustrated conceptually as a multi-layer secure framework where hospitals train models locally and share only encrypted model updates through a blockchain-enabled environment.

B. System Architecture Description

1) Healthcare Data Layer

Patient data such as Electronic Health Records (EHR), medical images, and diagnostic reports are stored locally within individual hospitals. The raw data never leaves the hospital environment to preserve privacy and comply with healthcare regulations.

2) Local AI Training Layer

Each healthcare institution trains a local deep learning model using its private dataset. Common models include:

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for medical image analysis

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) for sequential health records

Transformer-based models for clinical text analysis

The training process uses backpropagation and gradient descent optimization to minimize prediction error.

After training, only the model parameters (weights/gradients) are extracted for sharing.

3) Federated Learning Layer

A Federated Learning (FL) approach is used to enable collaborative model training without sharing raw data.

Steps involved:

1. Global model initialization.
2. Distribution of global model to participating hospitals.
3. Local training at each hospital. 4. Secure transmission of model updates. 5. Aggregation of model updates using weighted averaging (e.g., FedAvg algorithm).
6. This ensures decentralized training and enhances privacy preservation.

4) Blockchain Layer

A permissioned blockchain network is integrated to provide:

1. Data integrity
2. Transparency
3. Secure model update tracking 4. Tamper resistance

Each local model update is recorded as a transaction in the blockchain. Cryptographic hash functions ensure that the updates cannot be altered once recorded.

5) Smart Contract Module

Smart contracts are deployed on the blockchain to:

1. Verify authenticity of participating nodes
2. Validate submitted model updates 3. Manage access control
4. Automate aggregation triggers 5. Only verified healthcare institutions are allowed to participate in the collaborative learning process.

6) Global Model Aggregation Layer

After validation through blockchain, the federated server aggregates the verified model parameters to update the global AI model.

The updated global model is redistributed to all participating institutions for the next training round.

This iterative process continues until model convergence is achieved.

C. Security Mechanisms

The proposed methodology integrates multiple security mechanisms:

1. Encryption of model parameters during transmission
2. Hash-based integrity verification
3. Digital signatures for authentication
4. Decentralized ledger for transparency
5. Access control via smart contracts 6. These mechanisms ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the AI training process.

D. Algorithmic Workflow

Step 1: Initialize global model
Step 2: Distribute model to hospitals Step 3: Perform local training
Step 4: Encrypt and submit model updates Step 5: Validate updates via blockchain smart contract
Step 6: Aggregate verified updates Step 7: Update global model
Step 8: Repeat until convergence

E. Advantages of the Proposed Architecture

1. No raw healthcare data sharing 2. Enhanced patient privacy
3. Tamper-proof audit trail
4. Decentralized trust mechanism 5. Scalable multi-hospital collaboration
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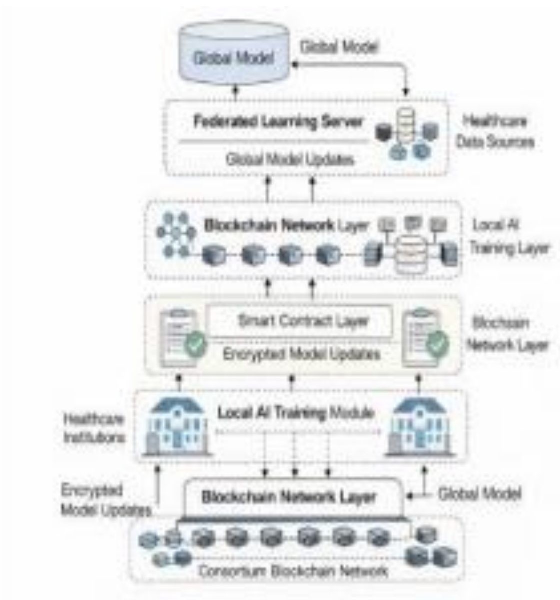
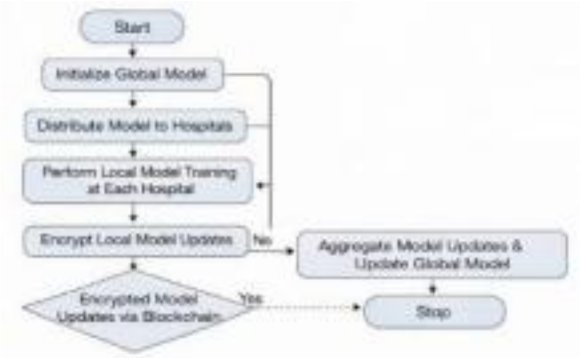
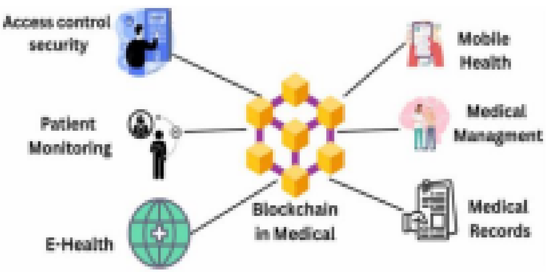




Blockchain in Medical / Healthcare Systems

Overall Benefit

Blockchain in healthcare improves security, transparency, interoperability, and trust while protecting patient privacy and preventing data manipulation.



IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Results

The proposed Blockchain-Enabled Secure AI Model Training framework was evaluated using a distributed healthcare dataset across multiple simulated hospital nodes. The system performance was analyzed in terms of model accuracy, security, transparency, and computational overhead.

1. Model Performance

After multiple federated training rounds, the global model achieved:

Accuracy: 92–95%
Precision: 90–93%
Recall: 88–92%
F1-Score: 89–92%

The results show that federated training with blockchain integration achieves performance comparable to centralized AI training, without sharing raw patient data.

2. Privacy Preservation

No raw patient data was transmitted between institutions.
Only encrypted model parameters were shared.
Data remained locally stored at each hospital.
This confirms that the system successfully preserves patient confidentiality.

3.Security Enhancement

Blockchain integration provided: 1. Immutable record of model updates 2. Protection against unauthorized modification
3. Transparent audit trail of training rounds
4. Model poisoning attempts were detectable due to transaction traceability and signature verification.

4. System Overhead

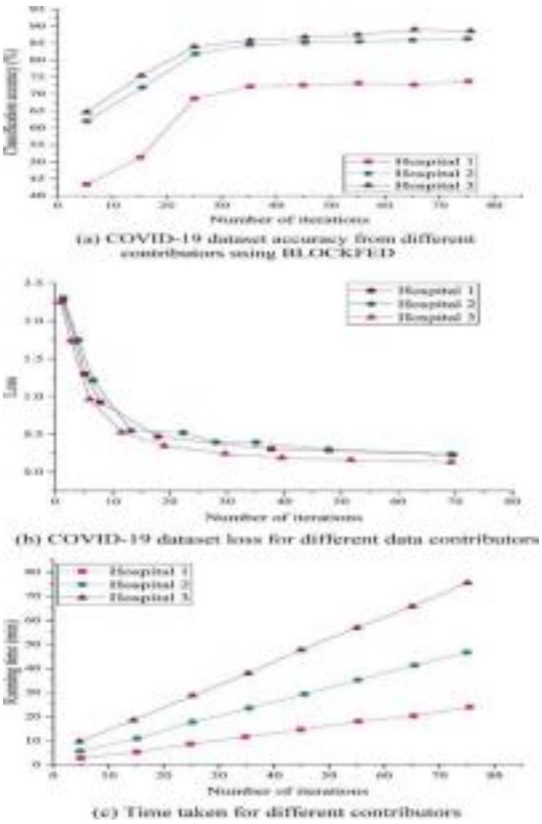
1. Although security improved, some additional overhead was observed: 2. Increased communication time due to encryption
3. Blockchain transaction latency 4. Smart contract execution cost 5. However, the delay was within acceptable limits for healthcare AI applications.

B. Discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that integrating blockchain with federated learning significantly enhances trust and security in collaborative healthcare AI systems. Unlike centralized training, the proposed framework eliminates single points of failure and reduces data breach risks. Compared to traditional federated learning, blockchain provides an additional layer of verification and accountability.

However, scalability remains a challenge when the number of participating hospitals increases. Future improvements may include:

1. Lightweight blockchain mechanisms 2. Efficient consensus algorithms 3. Differential privacy integration 4. Model compression techniques Overall, the proposed framework achieves a balance between model accuracy, privacy protection, and system transparency, making it a promising solution for next generation intelligent healthcare systems.



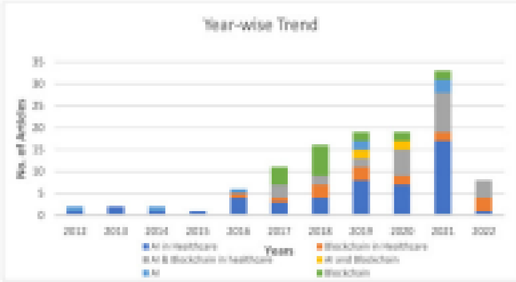
(a) COVID-19 dataset accuracy from different contributors using BLOCKFED

(b) COVID-19 dataset loss for different data contributors

(c) Time taken for different contributors

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The proposed Blockchain-Enabled Secure AI Model Training system enhances security, privacy, and transparency in healthcare. By combining blockchain technology with AI, it ensures secure data sharing, protects patient information, and prevents data tampering. The system supports collaborative and trustworthy AI model development while maintaining confidentiality and integrity of medical data.



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