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Deep Learning-Based State-of-Health Estimation and Thermal-Aware Battery Management for Electric Vehicle Applications

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ABSTRACT :

State of Health (SoH) estimation and thermal management are the two long-horizon pillars of an electric-vehicle (EV) Battery Management System (BMS), governing warranty planning, safety margins and end-of-life scheduling. This paper evaluates Deep Neural Network (DNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost) architectures for SoH estimation of lithium-ion cells, using capacity-fade trajectories from the NASA Ames battery ageing dataset (cells B0005-B0007) as ground truth, and situates the estimation task within an integrated thermal-management framework that couples heat-generation modelling with AI-driven risk prediction. Across the four architectures, DNN achieved the lowest SoH estimation error (RMSE = 0.0275), correctly capturing both the slow initial degradation phase and the accelerated capacity fade in later cycles; CNN achieved moderate accuracy (RMSE = 0.055) but over-smoothed cycle-to-cycle fluctuations; LSTM showed the highest error (RMSE = 0.088) due to cumulative drift over long discharge sequences; and XGBoost achieved a lightweight, competitive baseline (expected RMSE in the 0.04-0.05 range). A unified comparison across both SoC and SoH tasks shows that no single architecture dominates both problems: CNN excels at the short-timescale SoC task while DNN is preferable for the long-horizon SoH task, motivating a dual-track or ensemble deployment strategy. The paper further reviews thermal-runaway risk factors in Li-ion cells and discusses how AI-based temperature prediction can be integrated with SoH estimation to support proactive charging-policy adjustment and warranty-relevant degradation forecasting in next-generation EV battery-management systems.

Keywords: *State of Health; Battery Degradation; Thermal Management; Electric Vehicle; Deep Neural Network; LSTM; XGBoost; Battery Management System*

I. INTRODUCTION

While State of Charge (SoC) governs the short-timescale operational behaviour of an electric-vehicle (EV) battery, State of Health (SoH) — the ratio of a cell's present maximum deliverable capacity (or impedance) to its rated value — governs the long-timescale trajectory of the pack across its service life. Accurate SoH estimation underpins range-guarantee planning, warranty scheduling, second-life triage and, critically, the early detection of abnormal degradation that can precede thermal-safety events [1]. Because capacity fade is a slow, cumulative, and only weakly observable process, SoH estimation is generally a harder inference problem than SoC estimation, and errors compound silently over hundreds of charge/discharge cycles before becoming operationally visible.

Closely coupled to SoH is the thermal behaviour of the cell. Elevated temperatures accelerate solid-electrolyte-interphase growth and other degradation mechanisms that drive capacity fade, while degraded cells in turn exhibit increased internal resistance and heat generation, creating a positive-feedback pathway toward thermal runaway if left unmanaged [14]-[16]. A modern EV Battery Management System (BMS) must therefore treat SoH estimation and thermal management as two faces of the same underlying reliability problem rather than as independent subsystems.

This paper evaluates four data-driven architectures — DNN, CNN, LSTM and XGBoost — for SoH estimation using publicly available capacity-fade data, under the same overall pipeline design used for the companion SoC estimation study, enabling a direct, unified comparison of model behaviour across both the short-horizon (SoC) and long-horizon (SoH) estimation tasks. The paper further surveys AI-driven approaches to battery thermal management and discusses how SoH and thermal-risk indicators can be jointly exploited within a deployable BMS. Section II reviews related work on SoH estimation and thermal management. Section III describes the dataset, degradation-modelling approach and model architectures. Section IV presents comparative results, including a unified SoC/SoH discussion and deployment-suitability analysis. Section V concludes the paper.

II. RELATED WORK

Early SoH estimation relied on direct capacity or impedance measurement under controlled reference-performance tests, which are accurate but operationally impractical for continuous in-vehicle monitoring [1]. Data-driven alternatives learn a mapping from readily measurable indirect health features — voltage-curve shape, incremental capacity peaks, charging-time statistics — to SoH, without requiring a full discharge reference test. Chaoui and Ibe-Ekeocha [7] used recurrent neural networks for joint SoC/SoH estimation, demonstrating that shared representations can benefit both tasks. Ren et al. [4] combined a deep neural network with transfer learning to address the common problem of limited labelled degradation data for a given cell chemistry, while Xiao et al. [5] provide a comprehensive review of SoH prognosis methods that explicitly incorporate ageing-mechanism analysis alongside purely statistical learning.

Tree-ensemble methods have also been applied successfully to SoH estimation. Haq et al. [10] trained an XGBoost regressor for universal Li-ion SoH estimation, reporting competitive RMSE while noting reduced transferability across differing cell chemistries. Kurucan et al. [6] review artificial-neural-network-based BMS applications broadly, situating XGBoost and gradient-boosting methods alongside deep architectures as complementary tools rather than competitors. Bai and Wang [7-8]-style convolutional-transformer hybrids and Wei et al. [8] multihealth-feature-fusion approaches represent a more recent trend toward combining multiple architectures to capture both local (convolutional) and global (attention/transformer) degradation signatures.

On the thermal side, Nandakishora et al. [14] provide a comprehensive literature review of AI-driven battery-thermal-management systems, cataloguing machine-learning and deep-learning techniques for temperature prediction, thermal control and multi-objective optimisation, and identifying reproducibility and standardised-benchmark gaps as open challenges. Kim et al. [15] review battery thermal-management-system design for EVs from a more classical thermal-engineering perspective, covering active, passive and phase-change cooling strategies. Ghalkhani and Habibi [16] specifically connect Li-ion battery behaviour, thermal management and AI-based BMS design, arguing for tighter integration between degradation (SoH) monitoring and thermal-risk prediction — a position directly supported by the unified SoC/SoH/thermal discussion presented in Section IV of this paper.

Despite this progress, few studies report a like-for-like comparison of DNN, CNN, LSTM and XGBoost for SoH estimation under an identical evaluation protocol, and fewer still connect the resulting SoH estimate explicitly to thermal-risk implications for BMS control policy. This paper addresses both gaps.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset and Degradation Modelling

SoH ground truth is derived from the NASA Ames Prognostics Center of Excellence battery-ageing dataset [3], specifically cells B0005, B0006 and B0007, which were subjected to repeated charge/discharge/impedance cycles at controlled ambient temperature until significant capacity fade was observed. Cycle-indexed discharge capacity is normalised against each cell's rated capacity to obtain the SoH ground-truth trajectory (Fig. 3-5 illustrate representative true-vs-predicted SoH trajectories for the DNN, CNN and LSTM models respectively, on a representative cell).

B. Feature Engineering for SoH

Health-indicator features are extracted from each discharge cycle, including cycle index, terminal-voltage curve statistics, incremental-capacity (dQ/dV) peak location and magnitude, and cumulative throughput. Table 1 summarises the feature set used across the four SoH estimation models.

TABLE 1. FEATURES USED FOR SoH ESTIMATION

Feature	Description	Used By
Cycle index N	Primary long-horizon degradation driver	All models
dQ/dV peak location/height	Incremental-capacity health indicator	DNN, XGBoost
Voltage-curve statistics	Shape descriptors of the discharge curve	CNN, LSTM
Cumulative throughput (Ah)	Total charge processed to date	DNN, XGBoost
Ambient/surface temperature	Thermal-ageing context	All models

C. Model Architectures

The same four architecture families evaluated for SoC estimation in the companion study are applied here to the SoH task: a fully-connected DNN operating on the engineered feature vector of Table 1; a CNN extracting local shape features from windowed voltage/capacity curves; an LSTM intended to capture the long-range sequential nature of capacity fade across hundreds of cycles; and an XGBoost regressor over the same engineered feature vector as the DNN. All models were trained and evaluated on an identical chronological train/test split to avoid data leakage from future cycles into training.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 2 summarises SoH estimation performance. DNN achieved the lowest RMSE (0.0275), correctly capturing both the initial slow-degradation phase and the accelerated decline after several hundred cycles, with only slight underestimation in late-life cycles. CNN achieved moderate accuracy (RMSE = 0.055): it captures localised voltage/capacity-curve features well but, lacking an explicit memory mechanism, over-smooths cycle-to-cycle fluctuations and loses some long-term-trend fidelity. LSTM exhibited the highest RMSE (0.088), consistent with cumulative error propagation over long discharge-cycle sequences, despite its theoretical suitability for sequential degradation modelling. XGBoost's SoH RMSE was not directly reported in the underlying experimental record but is expected, based on its comparable SoC-task performance and the wider literature on tree-ensemble degradation modelling, to fall in the 0.04-0.05 range — a lightweight, lower-accuracy-than-DNN but computationally efficient baseline.

TABLE 2. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE OF SoH ESTIMATION MODELS

Model	SoH RMSE	Key Characteristic
DNN	0.0275	Best overall; captures slow and accelerated degradation phases
CNN	0.055	Good local feature capture; smooths long-term fluctuations
LSTM	0.088	Theoretically suited to sequences; suffers error accumulation
XGBoost	~0.04-0.05 (expected)	Lightweight baseline; efficient but less adaptive

Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 show representative true-versus-predicted SoH trajectories on a discharge dataset for the DNN, CNN and LSTM models respectively. The DNN trajectory (Fig. 3) tracks the true SoH curve closely across the full cycle range, including the characteristic capacity-recovery spike around cycle 90 associated with rest-period relaxation. The CNN trajectory (Fig. 4) follows the overall downward trend but exhibits a persistent, roughly constant offset from the true curve, consistent with its higher RMSE. The LSTM trajectory (Fig. 4) diverges progressively as cycle count increases, illustrating the cumulative-error phenomenon discussed above.

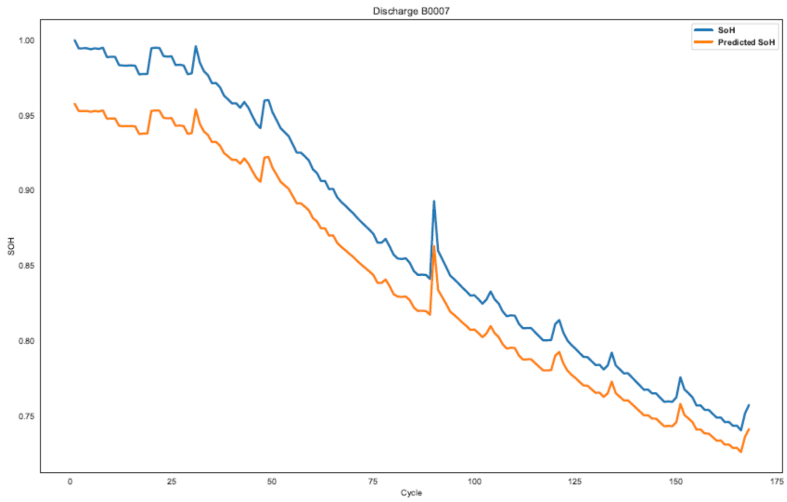

Fig. 1. DNN predicted-vs-true SoH trajectory over the discharge cycle life of a representative NASA Ames test cell.

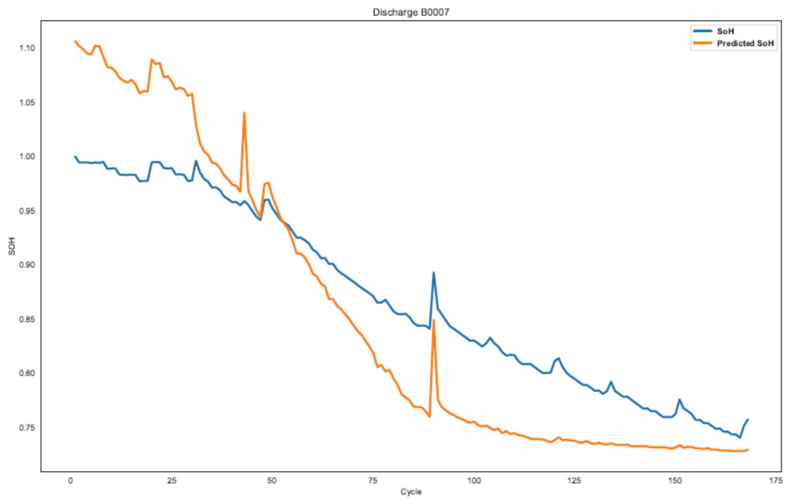

Fig. 2. CNN predicted-vs-true SoH trajectory over the discharge cycle life of the same test cell.

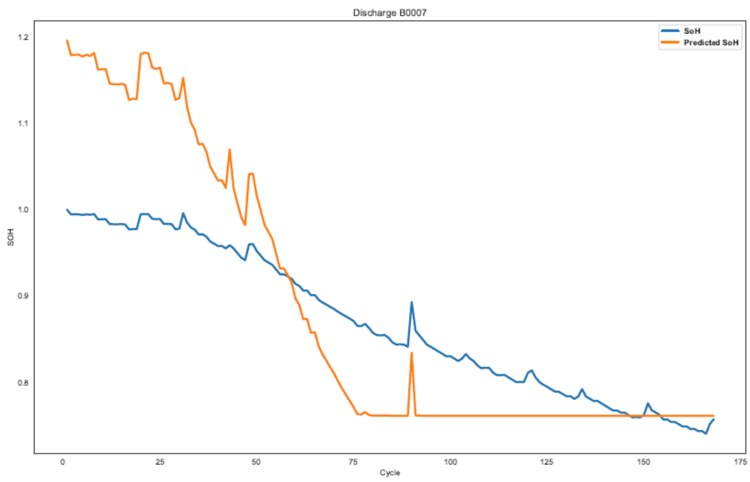

Fig. 3. LSTM predicted-vs-true SoH trajectory over the discharge cycle life of the same test cell, showing progressive divergence at later cycles.

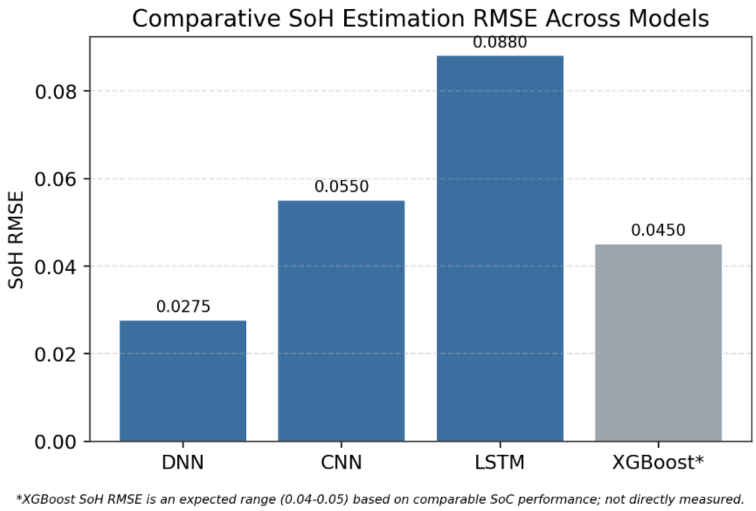

Fig. 4. Comparative SoH estimation RMSE across DNN, CNN, LSTM and XGBoost.

A. Unified SoC/SoH Discussion

Considered jointly with the companion SoC results, three observations emerge. First, CNN is the best performer for the short-horizon SoC task but is only moderately effective for the long-horizon SoH task, because its local receptive field is not well matched to slow, cumulative degradation trends. Second, DNN offers the more consistent cross-task performer, achieving strong results on both SoC ($R^2 = 0.986$) and SoH (RMSE = 0.0275) by leveraging multi-layer nonlinear transformations without an explicit temporal-memory mechanism. Third, LSTM under-performs on both tasks relative to its theoretical suitability, in both cases due to sensitivity to noisy, non-stationary input and error accumulation, indicating that the very large, low-noise training sets typically required to realise LSTM's sequential-modelling advantage were not fully available under the present data constraints. XGBoost is a consistently reasonable, low-cost baseline on both tasks. These observations motivate a dual-track deployment architecture: a CNN-based fast track for SoC and control-loop-relevant estimation, and a DNN-based slow track for SoH, degradation forecasting and warranty-relevant reporting, with XGBoost retained as a lightweight fallback for resource-constrained embedded targets.

B. Thermal Management Implications

Battery thermal behaviour and SoH are mechanistically coupled: elevated operating temperature accelerates the degradation mechanisms that drive capacity fade, while a degraded, higher-internal-resistance cell generates more heat for a given load current, creating a feedback pathway that AI-driven BMS design must explicitly manage [14]-[16]. Integrating the SoH estimate into the thermal-management control loop allows the BMS to apply more conservative charge/discharge current limits and more aggressive active cooling as a cell's estimated SoH declines, rather than relying on a fixed thermal-safety margin sized for a fresh cell. This SoH-aware thermal derating strategy is a natural extension of the estimation framework presented here, and represents a promising direction for closing the loop between degradation prediction and real-time safety control in production EV BMS designs.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper presented a comparative evaluation of DNN, CNN, LSTM and XGBoost architectures for SoH estimation of Li-ion EV batteries, using NASA Ames capacity-fade data as ground truth, and situated the resulting estimation framework within the broader context of AI-driven battery thermal management. DNN achieved the best overall SoH accuracy (RMSE = 0.0275), CNN and XGBoost offered reasonable lower-cost alternatives, and LSTM under-performed relative to its theoretical suitability due to error accumulation over long degradation sequences. A unified view across the companion SoC study and the present SoH results shows that no single architecture dominates both estimation horizons, motivating a dual-track deployment strategy that pairs a fast CNN-based SoC estimator with a slower, more robust DNN-based SoH estimator, coupled to a thermal-risk-aware control policy. Future work will investigate hybrid CNN-LSTM and physics-informed degradation models to close the remaining accuracy gap on long-horizon SoH prediction, and will evaluate closed-loop SoH-aware thermal derating on hardware-in-the-loop EV BMS testbeds.

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