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# **An Intelligent Approach to Energy Harvesting Optimization in Electric Vehicles through Data Science Techniques**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This research presents an innovative and intelligent approach to optimize energy harvesting in electric vehicles (EVs) by leveraging advanced data science techniques. With the increasing demand for sustainable transportation, the efficient utilization of energy sources is critical for enhancing the performance and range of EVs. The proposed methodology integrates data science methodologies, such as machine learning and optimization algorithms, to analyze and model various factors influencing energy harvesting in real-world driving scenarios.

The study utilizes extensive datasets collected from EVs, incorporating information on driving patterns, environmental conditions, and energy generation from on-board sources. Machine learning models are employed to predict energy availability based on historical data, allowing for dynamic adjustments to the vehicle's energy management system. Additionally, optimization algorithms are applied to determine the optimal distribution of harvested energy across different vehicle components, such as propulsion and auxiliary systems, to maximize overall efficiency.

The proposed intelligent approach seeks to balance energy generation and consumption, ultimately improving the overall performance and range of electric vehicles. The findings contribute to the ongoing efforts to make electric transportation more sustainable and economically viable. The practical implications of implementing such data-driven optimization strategies in real-world electric vehicle scenarios are discussed, highlighting the potential for significant advancements in the field of electric vehicle technology.

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed intelligent approach in enhancing energy harvesting performance, thereby contributing to the increased sustainability and practicality of electric vehicles. The findings have implications for the design and implementation of future energy management systems in EVs, offering a data-driven and adaptive solution to address the challenges associated with energy availability and utilization in diverse driving conditions.

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## **1. Introduction:**

In the rapidly evolving landscape of electric vehicles (EVs), the efficient utilization of energy has become a paramount concern. The transition from traditional internal combustion engines to electric power has spurred innovation in various aspects of vehicle technology. One critical facet is energy harvesting, a process that involves capturing and converting ambient energy into usable electrical power. This has the potential to significantly enhance the overall efficiency and sustainability of electric vehicles.

Despite the promise of energy harvesting, its practical implementation faces multifaceted challenges, particularly in real-world scenarios. Variability in environmental conditions, unpredictable driving patterns, and the dynamic nature of energy sources pose substantial hurdles to the seamless integration of energy harvesting technologies in electric vehicles. These challenges necessitate a sophisticated and adaptive approach to optimize energy harvesting systems for diverse and dynamic operating conditions.

Through this research, we aim to contribute to the ongoing efforts to enhance the sustainability and efficiency of electric vehicles by addressing the intricate challenges associated with energy harvesting in real-world applications. The utilization of data science techniques offers a novel and intelligent approach to optimize energy harvesting systems, marking a significant step towards the widespread adoption of electric vehicles in a dynamic and energy-conscious world.

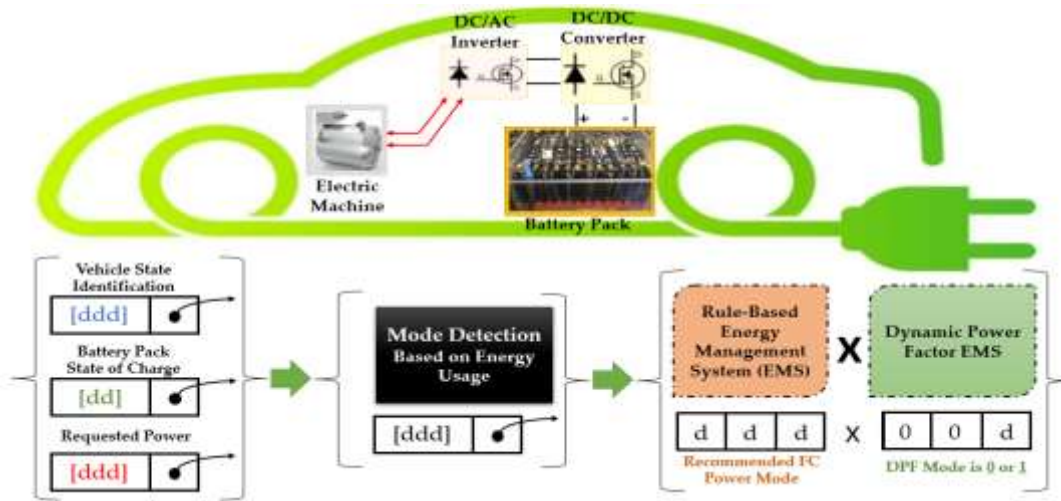


Figure 1: Electric Vehicles Energy Management

1.1 Objectives

- 1) To assess the current state of energy harvesting technologies in electric vehicles.
- 2) To identify and analyze the challenges associated with integrating energy harvesting systems in real-world EV scenarios.
- 3) To develop a data-driven model that utilizes machine learning and other data science techniques for optimizing energy harvesting in electric vehicles.
- 4) To validate the proposed model through simulations and real-world testing, demonstrating its effectiveness across diverse driving conditions.
- 5) To provide insights and recommendations for the practical implementation of intelligent energy harvesting optimization systems in the electric vehicle industry.

2. Data Science Techniques for Energy Harvesting Optimization

Data science techniques play a crucial role in optimizing energy harvesting in electric vehicles (EVs), offering innovative solutions to enhance efficiency and sustainability.

1. ML Algorithms:

- 1) **Predictive Modeling:** Machine learning models, such as regression and time-series analysis, can predict energy availability and consumption based on historical data. This enables EVs to anticipate periods of high energy generation and demand, allowing for better management of harvested energy.
- 2) **Pattern Recognition:** Algorithms can identify patterns in driving behavior, traffic conditions, and environmental factors. This information is valuable for adapting energy harvesting strategies to specific scenarios, optimizing energy production during favorable conditions.

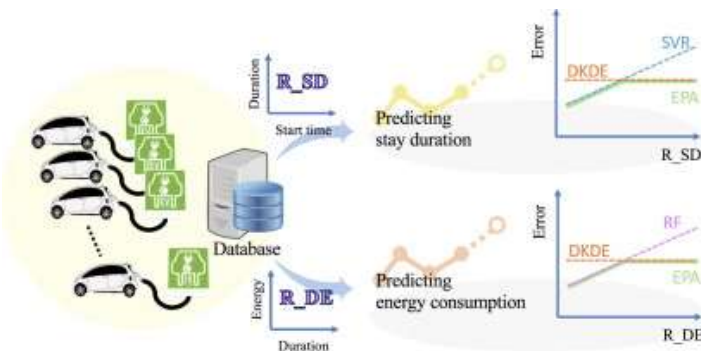


Figure 2: Machine Learning-Based Algorithm for Electric Vehicle

2. Big Data Analytics:

- 1) **Handling Large Datasets:** Energy harvesting systems generate vast amounts of data. Big data analytics techniques, including distributed computing frameworks like Apache Spark, enable efficient processing and analysis of large datasets. This facilitates real-time decision-making and the extraction of valuable insights.
- 2) **Anomaly Detection:** By leveraging big data analytics, anomalies in energy generation or consumption can be quickly identified. Deviations from expected patterns can trigger adaptive measures, ensuring optimal performance and reliability.

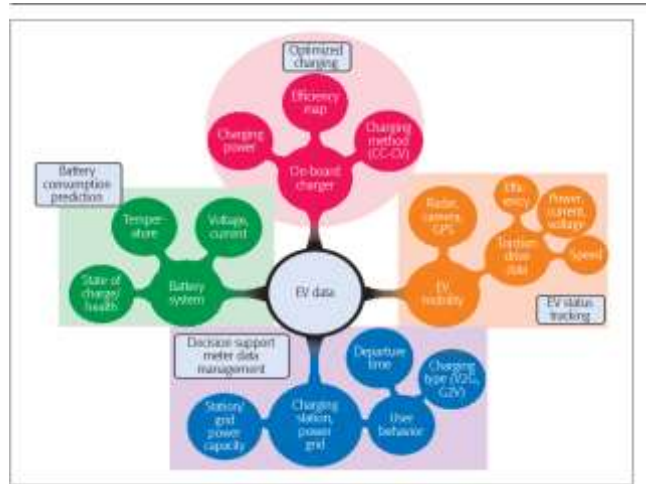


Figure 3 : Big Data Analytics for Electric Vehicle Integration

3. Optimization Algorithms:

- 1) **Dynamic Programming:** Optimization algorithms, such as dynamic programming, can be employed to find the most efficient energy harvesting strategy under changing conditions. These algorithms consider various parameters, such as driving patterns, traffic conditions, and energy storage capacity, to dynamically adjust energy harvesting and consumption plans.
- 2) **Genetic Algorithms:** Evolutionary algorithms like genetic algorithms can be used to explore a vast solution space and find optimal configurations for energy harvesting systems. These algorithms simulate the process of natural selection, evolving towards solutions that maximize energy efficiency.

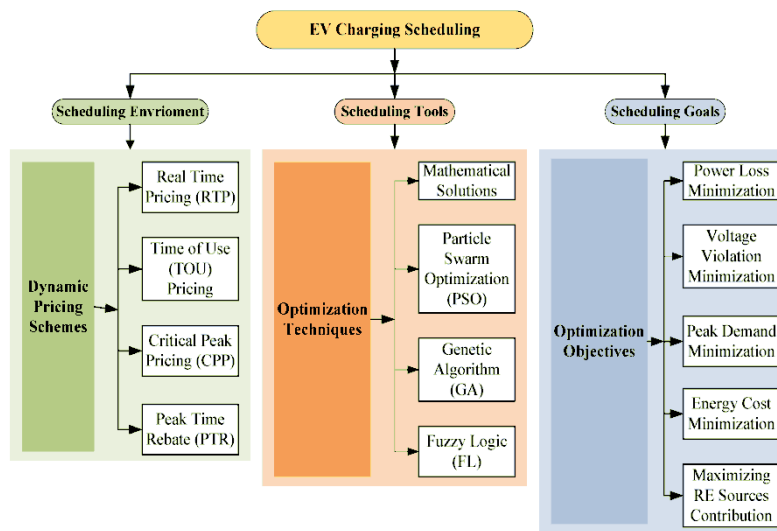


Figure 4 : Literature Survey On EV Charging.

4. Data-driven Decision Support Systems:

- 1) **Real-time Monitoring and Control:** Integrating data science into decision support systems allows real-time monitoring of energy harvesting parameters. This facilitates dynamic control of energy storage, distribution, and consumption, ensuring that the EV operates optimally under diverse conditions.

- 2) **User Behavior Analysis:** Analyzing driver behavior data enables the personalization of energy harvesting strategies. By understanding individual driving patterns, the system can adapt to the user's preferences and optimize energy use accordingly.

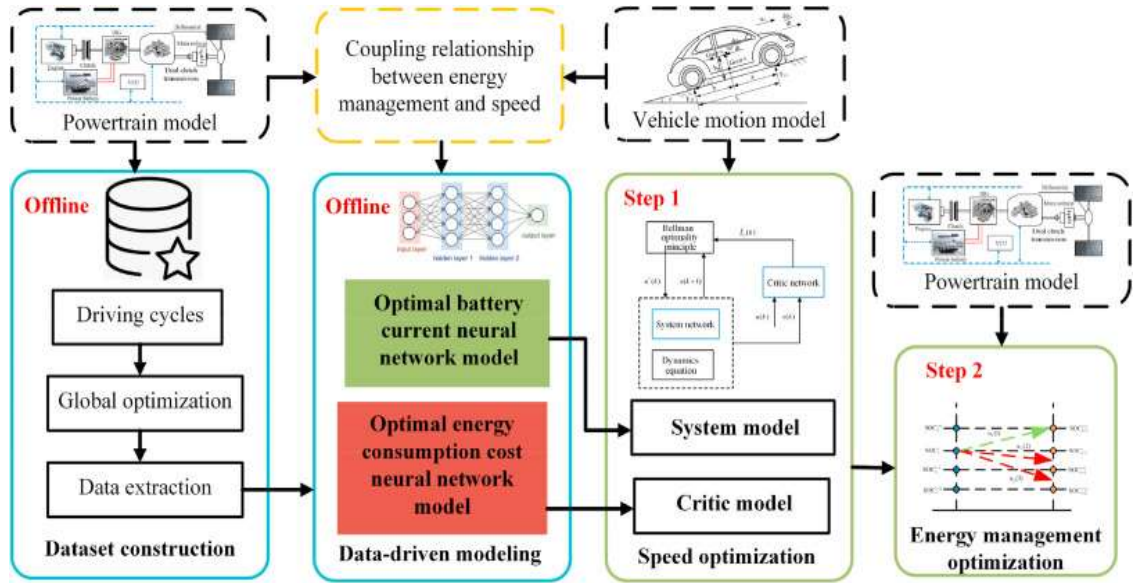


Figure 5 : Data-Driven Based Eco-Driving Control For Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles

**5. Predictive Maintenance with IoT:**

Sensor Data Integration: Internet of Things (IoT) sensors can be incorporated into energy harvesting systems to collect real-time data on the health and performance of components. Predictive maintenance models, driven by machine learning, can analyze this data to forecast potential issues and optimize system reliability.

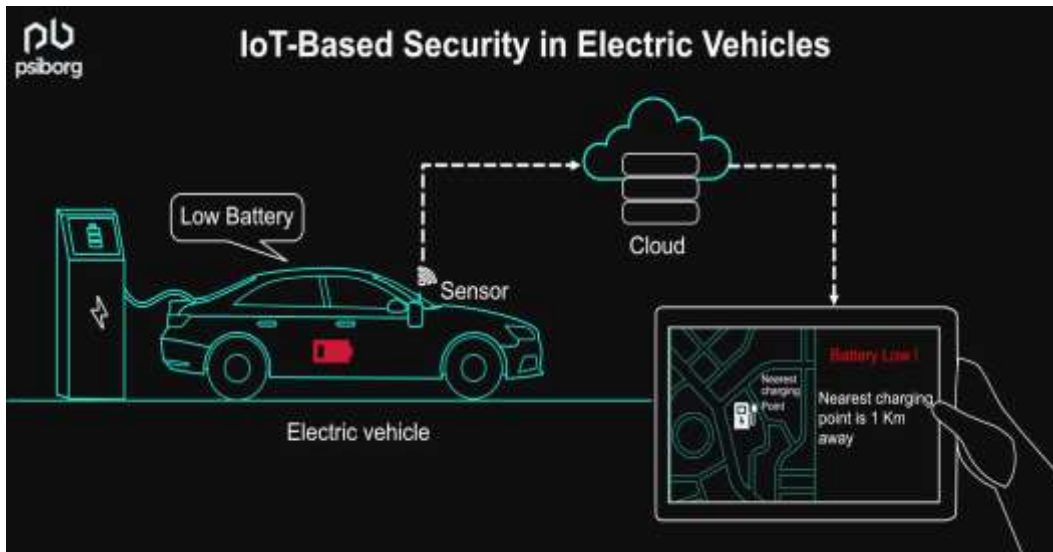


Figure 6 : IoT Monitoring and Management

**6. Simulation and Modeling:**

Digital Twins: Creating digital twins of EVs and their energy harvesting systems allows for simulation and modeling. Data science techniques can analyze these digital replicas to test different scenarios and optimize energy harvesting strategies in a virtual environment before implementation in the real world.

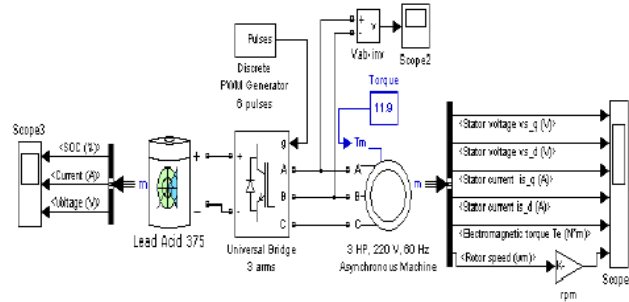


Figure 7: Electric Vehicle Simulation

### 3. Battery Management System

The Battery Management System (BMS) oversees the operational parameters of the battery to extend its lifespan and ensure safety. It also accurately estimates the State of Charge (SOC) and State of Health (SOH) for the energy management modules in smart grids and Electric Vehicles (EVs). To fulfill these functions, the BMS incorporates various features to control and monitor the operational state of the battery at different levels, including individual battery cells, battery modules, and the battery pack. The BMS is a pivotal element in ensuring the safe, reliable, and efficient utilization of batteries in smart grids and EVs.

Despite the rapid growth of battery technology, which aims to provide practical solutions for EVs and the smart grid industry, technological and material advancements alone cannot guarantee a comprehensive solution to address all concerns. Some concerns related to integrating battery storage into the BMS include costs (covering manufacturing, labor, maintenance, operation, and replacement), battery lifetime measured by charge-discharge cycles, power delivery efficiency, and environmental impact and safety factors such as the chemical composition of the battery and operating temperature.

The BMS not only actively manages the functions of the storage device to maximize its life, efficiency, and safety but also provides accurate estimations of the battery's status to the Energy Management System (EMS) unit. The EMS, present in both smart grids and EVs, aims to minimize the costs associated with energy production, storage, distribution, plant maintenance, and operations while maximizing lifetime, reliability, and safety. The accuracy of the EMS's performance relies on the data provided by the BMS regarding the battery's SOC, remaining useful life (RUL), round-trip efficiency, etc.

Prognostics, as an enabling discipline, predicts when a component or system will no longer satisfy its functionality requirements in its actual life cycle conditions. It estimates the remaining useful life (RUL) of the component or system, where RUL is defined as the period from the current time until the system or component fails. Estimation of the RUL is crucial for conducting maintenance activities, providing spare parts in a timely manner, and preventing accidents.

One method to monitor the condition of EV battery systems is health diagnostics and prognostics for RUL using data-driven methods with a support vector machine approach, as depicted in Figure 8.

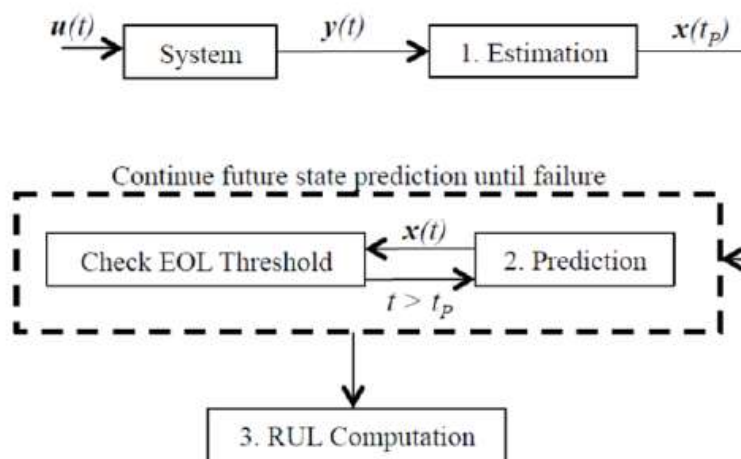


Figure 8 : Model-based Prognostics RUL Algorithm

### 3.1 Battery Electric Vehicles

A Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), also known as a pure electric vehicle or all-electric vehicle, relies exclusively on chemical energy stored in rechargeable battery packs, devoid of any secondary propulsion source. This category encompasses a wide range of vehicles, including trucks, cars, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, and forklifts.

Various types of batteries power electric vehicles, and the selection of the most suitable battery depends on factors such as energy storage efficiency, production costs, structural characteristics, safety, and lifespan. Lithium-ion batteries stand out as the most widely employed technology in electric cars. Operating on high-voltage lithium-ion battery packs, these batteries offer higher energy density (100-265wh/kg) compared to other alternatives. However, they pose a fire risk under specific conditions, requiring strict adherence to safety limits during electric vehicle operation.

A smart battery pack can autonomously manage charging, generate error reports, detect and notify low-charge conditions, and predict the battery's remaining run-time. It offers real-time information about current, voltage, and temperature while continuously correcting errors to maintain prediction accuracy. These packs, commonly used in portable devices like laptops, enhance battery reliability, safety, lifespan, and functionality.

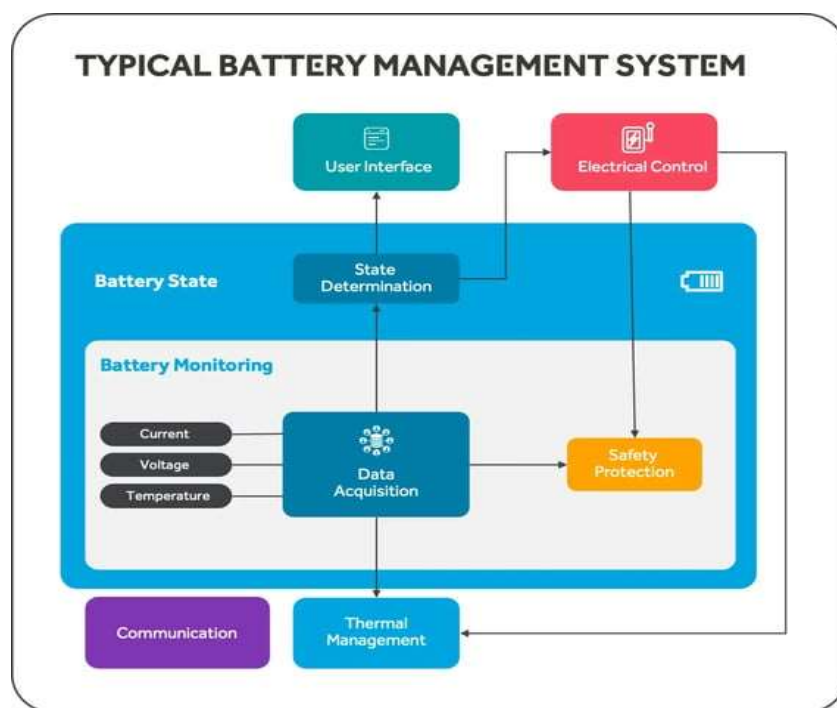


Figure 9: Typical Battery Management System

### 3.2 Functions of the BMS

#### 1. Monitoring battery parameters:

1. Voltage: Indicates cell and battery voltage parameters.
2. Temperature: Displays average cell temperature and overall battery temperature.
3. State of charge: Reflects the battery's charge level.
4. State of health: Indicates remaining battery capacity as a percentage of the original capacity.
5. State of power: Displays available power considering current usage, temperature, etc.
6. State of safety: Evaluates collective parameters to assess potential danger.
7. Flow of coolant and its speed.
8. Flow of current into and out of the cell.

#### 2. Managing thermal temperatures:

1. Ensures the battery's thermal management system monitors and controls temperature.
2. Utilizes passive or active cooling systems with mediums like air, non-corrosive liquid, or phase change.

### 3. Making key calculations:

1. Calculates values based on parameters like maximum charge and discharge current to determine cell charge and discharge current limits.
2. Values include energy delivered, internal impedance, charge in Ampere per hour, total energy delivered, and operating time.

### 4. Facilitating internal and external communication:

1. Internally communicates with hardware at a cellular level and externally with connected devices.
2. Uses various communication methods, such as serial communications, CAN bus communicators, DC-BUS communications, and wireless communication.

## 4. Big Data Analytics

Big Data Analytics has multiple definitions owing to its extensive use across various fields. These definitions can be categorized into product-oriented, process-oriented, cognition-oriented, and social movement perspectives. The product-oriented viewpoint focuses on data features, particularly its volume, velocity, and variety. Big data encompasses modern technologies and architectures designed to efficiently extract benefits from vast and diverse datasets. Another definition emphasizes big data as involving massive volumes, heterogeneity, localized control, and the identification of intricate and dynamic correlations between data. A third perspective characterizes big data as the result of an exponential increase in global data, signifying extensive datasets. In comparison to conventional data, big data includes massive unstructured data that requires real-time analysis, opening up new opportunities for value extraction and deeper understanding. The second perspective, process-oriented, examines the operational processes of big data. This includes activities such as searching, aggregating, storing, and analyzing data. These processes, within the context of big data, are innovative in terms of architecture, tools, and techniques. This perspective underscores the unique technological infrastructure, especially the tools and programming methodologies necessary for working with big data. A definition from the University of California Berkeley aligns with the process-oriented perspective, stating that big data occurs when traditional computing technology cannot deliver timely, cost-effective, and high-quality answers to data-driven questions posed by users. The subsequent perspective in defining big data involves the cognition dimension.

### 4.1 Big data analytics for battery management system

The Data Layer encompasses all essential data sources required to furnish the insights necessary for supporting daily operations and addressing business challenges. Data is categorized into structured data, exemplified by traditional database management systems, semi-structured data, such as logs from condition monitoring sensors, and unstructured data, including images. These data types are gathered from diverse internal or external locations and promptly stored in appropriate databases based on the content format.

The Data Aggregation Layer is tasked with managing data from various sources. Within this layer, data undergoes intelligent processing through three steps: data acquisition, transformation, and storage. Data acquisition aims to read information from various communication channels, frequencies, sizes, and formats—an initial hurdle in the early stages of implementing big data analytics due to considerable variations in incoming data characteristics. The associated costs may exceed the budget, necessitating the establishment of new data warehouses and expanding their capacity to prevent workload bottlenecks. During the transformation step, the transformation engine must effectively move, clean, split, translate, merge, sort, and validate data.

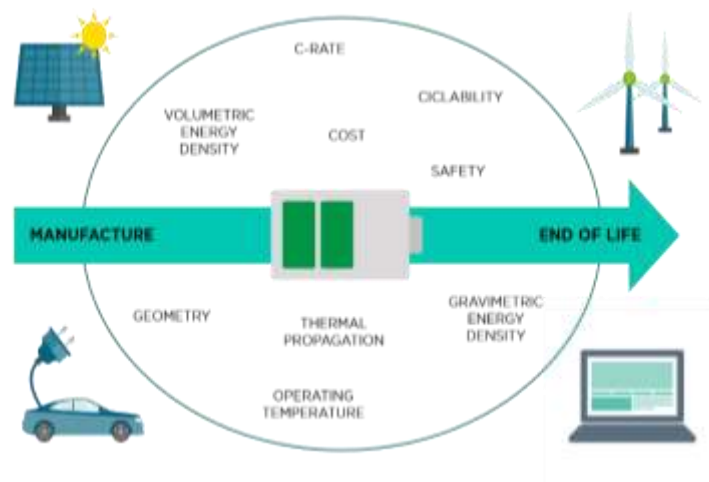


Figure 10 : Battery Analytics and Diagnostics

The Analytics Layer is tasked with processing diverse data types and conducting relevant analyses, categorizing data analysis into three main components: Hadoop Map/Reduce, stream computing, and in-database analytics, depending on the data type and analysis purpose. Map/Reduce, a widely adopted programming model, facilitates cost-effective batch processing of large data volumes and analysis of both unstructured and structured data in a massively parallel processing (MPP) environment. Stream computing supports high-performance stream data processing in near real-time or real-time, enabling users to monitor data in motion, respond to unexpected events as they occur, and quickly determine next-best actions.

The Information Exploration Layer produces outputs such as various visualization reports, real-time information monitoring, and meaningful business insights derived from the analytics layer for organizational users. Similar to traditional business intelligence platforms, reporting is a crucial feature of big data analytics, allowing data to be visualized in a way that supports daily operations and assists managers in making faster, better decisions. Notably, the primary output for Battery Management Systems (BMS) is real-time monitoring of information, including alerts and proactive notifications, real-time data navigation, and operational key performance indicators (KPIs). This information, analyzed from sources like EV batteries, can be shared with interested users or made available in real-time dashboards for monitoring EV battery health and preventing accidents.

The Data Governance Layer encompasses master data management (MDM), data life-cycle management, and data security and privacy management. This layer focuses on the procedural aspect of how to leverage data within the organization. Master data management, the first component, involves processes, governance, policies, standards, and tools for managing data, ensuring proper standardization, removal, and incorporation of data to achieve immediacy, completeness, accuracy, and availability of master data, supporting data analysis and decision-making. The second component, data life-cycle management, entails managing business information throughout its lifecycle, from archiving to maintaining data warehouses, testing and delivering various application systems, to deleting and disposing of data. Efficient data management over its lifetime equips firms to offer competitive offerings, meet market needs, and support business goals with lower timeline overruns and costs. The third component, data security and privacy management, serves as the platform for enterprise-level data activities, including discovery, configuration assessment, monitoring, auditing, and protection. Adopting appropriate policies, standards, and compliance requirements to restrict user permissions ensures that the new system complies with BMS regulations and creates a secure environment for the proper use of EV battery information.

#### **4.2 BMS Big Data Analytics Framework**

This study integrates an electric vehicle (EV) battery modeling method and driving pattern analysis to enhance the accuracy of Remaining Useful Life (RUL) estimation, addressing the electric vehicle battery aging challenge faced by automakers. To ascertain the factors influencing an EV's performance, a systematic approach is employed to collect relevant data for estimating the battery's RUL value. Fig. 3 presents a detailed overview of the proposed framework, outlined as follows:

- 1) Step 1 (Modeling Battery Cycle-Life Performance): The initial phase involves gathering critical parameters data essential for a production battery pack's performance. Commencing with the extraction of internal resistance and voltage from an operational battery, the work proceeds by conducting experiments to establish the relationship between discharging capacity and energy. Subsequently, an State of Health (SOH) aging model for a battery module is simulated by analyzing performance data from cycle-life tests.
- 2) Step 2 (Analyzing Driver's Driving Patterns): Driving data is collected and filtered from the EV cloud platform. To recognize driving patterns, the driving data from each trip is transformed into a consistent vector. The driving data is structured into a driving pattern, comprising a speed-energy vector based on the power match rule of the EV power train. An unsupervised clustering approach, known as growing hierarchical self-organizing maps (GHSOM), is then employed to cluster driving patterns and analyze the driving behaviors of each car.
- 3) Step 3 (Estimating RUL): A cycle life test is conducted to evaluate the internal resistance growth and energy loss trends. At this stage, an SOH aging model is constructed to simulate the battery performance throughout the life of a production EV. The energy consumption factor of each driving pattern clustered by GHSOM is analyzed to allow automakers to adjust power consumption estimation based on different driving conditions. In the EV cloud, the system calculates RUL and offers pertinent advice through the user interface by comparing the State of Health (SOH) status and planning routes uploaded by drivers.



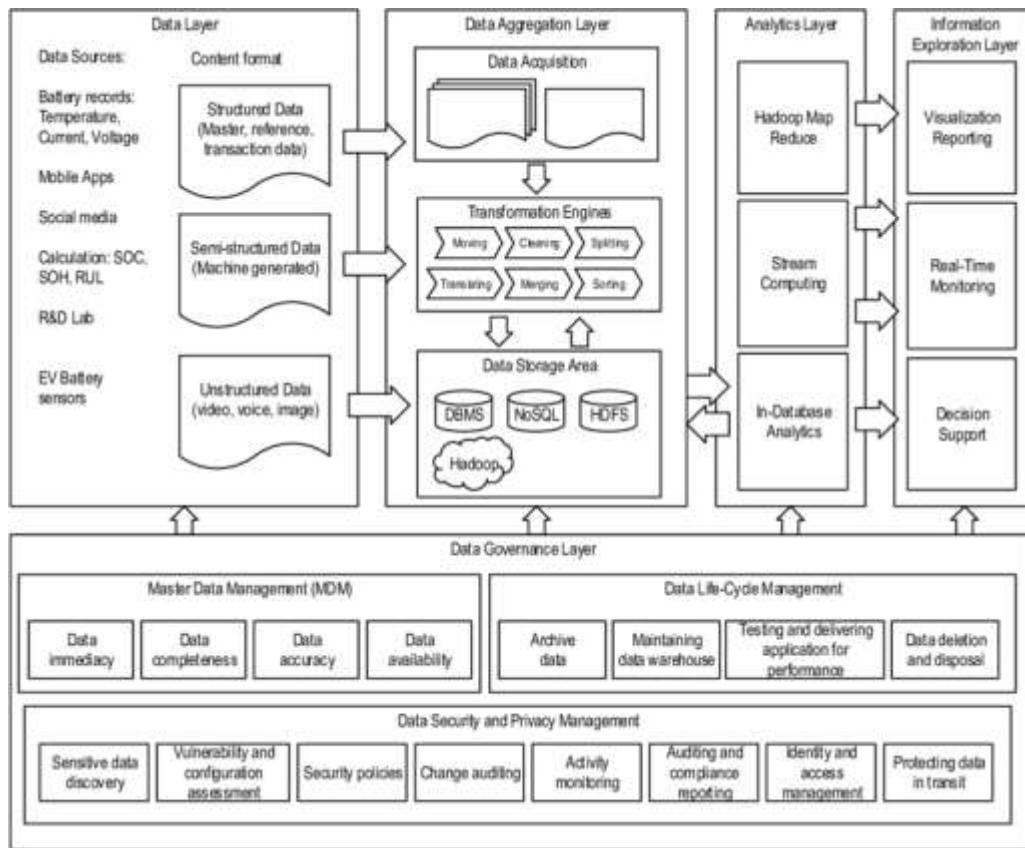


Figure 11 : Big data analytics for BMS architecture

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

At the core of the ongoing data revolution, big data platforms and tools play a crucial role, serving as a key driver. The distinctive characteristics of volume, velocity, and variety distinguish big data from traditional computing, positioning it as a catalyst for profound insights across diverse domains. The potential advantages of big data include fostering innovative models, facilitating product development, enhancing services, and yielding significant cost savings. Due to its expansive scope and diverse user base, big data has multiple definitions, reflecting the varied perspectives of its stakeholders.

Big data platforms fulfill different purposes, particularly in relation to the speed at which data needs to be generated and processed. These purposes manifest in batch processing, stream processing, and interactive analytics. The techniques associated with big data draw from various domains, each exhibiting characteristics that can be linked to specific problem patterns.

The architecture of big data analytics is outlined within the framework of a data life cycle that begins with data capture, progresses through data transformation, and concludes with data consumption. Figure 12 depicts the proposed best-practice architecture for big data analytics. These logical layers represent the components of big data analytics, each performing distinct functions. This framework enables users to understand how battery data from various sources is transformed into meaningful information, such as State of Charge (SOC), State of Health (SOH), and Remaining Useful Life (RUL), through the implementation of big data.

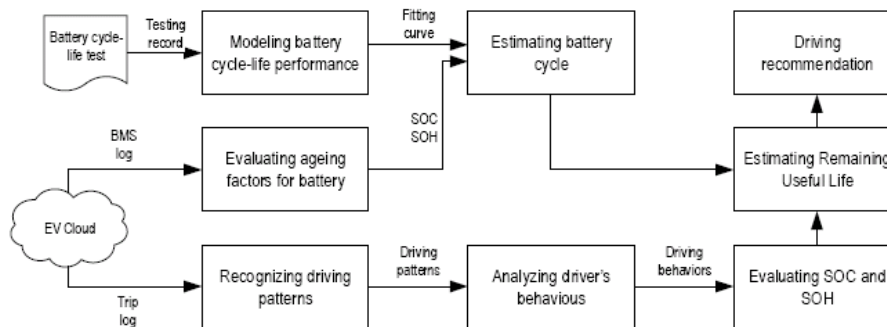


Figure 12 : BMS Big Data Analytics Framework

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

This paper delves into the characteristics of Big Data and extensively explores the challenges posed by Big Data computing systems. Furthermore, it elucidates the significance of Big Data mining in the context of Battery Management Systems (BMS). The proposed concept enables the handling of BMS information, including State of Charge (SOC), State of Health (SOH), and Remaining Useful Life (RUL), as an increasing volume of driving data is processed.

For instance, as electric vehicles (EVs) become more prevalent in the market, the implementation of this concept allows the creation of an energy heat map for each section on the map corresponding to each EV model. When a driver plans a trip, the EV cloud computing system can estimate SOC, SOH, and RUL by amalgamating the driver's pattern and the battery aging model collected from EV automakers.

This paper introduces an EV-battery big data modeling method to enhance RUL estimation. The proposed method outlines a practical process for estimating battery life in a production EV, accounting for the interdependence of internal resistance and SOH. Additionally, the growing hierarchical self-organizing maps approach is employed to cluster driving patterns obtained from the EV cloud platform, facilitating the modeling of EV energy consumption.

- 1) In comparison to the specifications of a single cell, the cycle-life test results of a large format module offer an intuitive and accurate simulation of SOH for a production EV.
- 2) The essential driving patterns, clustered using the growing hierarchical self-organizing maps approach and applied to an adjusted energy consumption model, demonstrate that machine learning approaches can contribute to RUL estimation.
- 3) Through the integration of the SOH estimating process and the driving pattern extraction approach, an automaker can formulate a predictive model based on EV big data to forecast the remaining useful life of EV batteries.

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