



Article A Novel Heuristic Algorithm Integrating Battery Digital-Twin-Based State-of-Charge Estimation for Optimized Electric Vehicle Charging

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Abstract: The increasing need for effective electric vehicle (EV) charging solutions in the context of transportation electrification has become a significant challenge. This system introduces an innovative algorithm, named Energy Distribution and Node Allocation using Evolutionary and Resourceful Optimization (ENDEAVOR), designed to elevate the efficiency of EV charging through the integration of a battery's digital twin. This cutting-edge algorithm offers precise estimations of EV charging time, seamlessly updating both the State of Charge (SOC) via the Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF) and the internal battery resistance using parameterization, while sending this information to the cloud. ENDEAVOR optimizes charging-node allocation and intelligently distributes energy among incoming EVs based on their specific charging requests, all within the context of renewable-energysourced charging stations. The incorporation of a digital twin for the battery confers several benefits, including highly accurate SOC and charging-time estimates that ultimately enhance the overall efficiency of the charging process. This algorithm further optimizes energy distribution, resulting in significantly improved charging-time predictions, reduced wait times for users, and an enhanced overall experience for the user. The day-to-day implications of these enhancements are remarkable, culminating in substantial annual energy savings of approximately 180 units. ENDEAVOR has the potential to revolutionize the landscape of EV charging.

Keywords: digital twin; Li-ion; unscented Kalman filter; renewable energy; smart energy; parameterization; electric vehicles

1. Introduction

The transformation from fuel-based vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs) can be catalyzed with proper charging station infrastructure. The demand for EVs has seen a rise in the last five years, which poses the issue of crowded charging stations, with users facing increased waiting times. The installation of EV charging stations at optimal locations could partly alleviate this problem. But the necessity of a charging infrastructure for EVs becomes crucial, as the infrastructure needs to cater to the three major upcoming technologies in transportation, namely, connected mobility, autonomous driving, and electrification [1]. At the same time, this must not subject the grid to the adverse effects of imbalance [2].

The work reported in [3] suggests using an Urgency First Charging (UFC) policy to prioritize EV charging based on charging demand and remaining parking time and a reservation-based CS-Selection scheme to choose the optimal charging station associated



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Copyright: © 2024 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). with the minimum travel and charging time. Simulations show that this approach improves the user experience, shortens trip duration, and fully charges more EVs before the departure deadline. The increasing use of battery-powered electric vehicles has brought attention to the limited number of charging stations, a phenomenon which would cause longer wait times and pricing constraints. This results in a degraded quality of experience for drivers and congestion-related problems for charging point providers. To solve this, Ref. [4] proposes ChaseMe, a heuristic scheme based on two soft-computing techniques, to optimize charging station management and improve charging metrics for EVs. However, the ChaseMe method assumes that EV drivers will always follow the recommendations provided by the algorithm, which may not always be the case in practice. If drivers do not follow the recommended routes or charging schedules, the performance of the algorithm may be affected. Furthermore, the paper does not consider the impact of the method on the overall energy consumption and sustainability of the transportation system. The research carried out in [5] proposes an optimal configuration method for fast-charging stations using the fast power supplement mode for electric vehicles. The method considers the charging characteristics of EV batteries, different types of EVs, and the spatial-temporal distribution of charging demand predicted through GPS and the K-means method. One potential drawback of the proposed method is that it assumes users will always prioritize fast charging over slower, more conventional charging methods, which may not always be the case. Additionally, the proposed method may require significant infrastructure investments, which may be a barrier to adoption in some regions.

The proposed EV charging navigation scheme in [6] is a smart and efficient solution that utilizes Vehicular Edge Computing (VEC) networks to optimize charging schedules and minimize charging times. By taking into account real-time traffic conditions, energy prices, and battery SOC, the scheme is able to provide personalized charging plans for individual EV drivers. The work presented in [7] proposes a hybrid Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural network-based approach to predict the occupancy of EV charging stations. The proposed method combines the strengths of the LSTM model and the autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) model to improve the accuracy of the occupancy prediction. The proposed approach is evaluated using real-world data from a public charging station in Hong Kong, and the results show that the hybrid LSTM neural network model outperforms the standalone LSTM and ARIMA models in terms of predictions in EV charging station occupancy prediction to improve the reliability of the predictions results.

Intensive research has been undertaken in the area of the development of sustainable and easily accessible charging stations. Ref. [8] analyzes charging control strategies under conditions of power limitations caused by grid stability requirements. The optimal power allocation problem has been studied in various ways, including the use of game theory and evolutionary optimization strategies. The literature shows numerous studies relevant to the allocation of charging stations and optimal routing to charging stations amidst congestion management. The work proposed in the present paper introduces a novel approach for optimizing the allocation of energy-efficient charging nodes within a specific charging station, taking into consideration the presence of multiple vehicles simultaneously requesting charging services.

A Battery Digital Twin model (BDT) serves as a digital replica of a battery, facilitating precise modeling, simulation, and optimization of battery performance [9]. Widely employed in industries such as aerospace, automotive, and manufacturing, digital-twin technology has proven highly effective for tasks like predictive maintenance, design refinement, and performance enhancement. Developing a BDT necessitates the use of advanced numerical models capable of capturing the intricate physics and electrochemistry of batteries. These models can be integrated with real-time sensor data to offer dynamic and real-time representations of battery states [10]. In the renewable-energy storage sector, BDTs optimize energy management systems, ensuring efficient operation [11]. Ref. [12] provides a comprehensive comparison between on-board Battery Management Systems and the application of digital twins for batteries, highlighting the numerous advantages of BDTs in terms of prolonging battery service life and considering the potential for a second life for batteries.

Digital-twin technologies for battery systems, especially those associated with electric vehicles (EVs) and energy storage, incorporate Unscented Kalman Filters (UKF) for state-of-charge (SOC) estimation. This aspect plays a vital role in optimizing battery performance and prolonging its lifecycle. The digital-twin concept facilitates the development of real-time models for parameter estimation and optimization within battery management systems (BMS) [13]. An innovative approach utilizing the Unscented Kalman Filter in conjunction with neural networks has been introduced for simultaneously estimating the State of Charge (SOC) and the State of Health (SoH) of lithium-ion batteries. This method, which demonstrates high precision across diverse operating conditions, is implemented in electric vehicles and renewable-energy applications [14].

Cloud-based BMS solutions offer several advantages, including improved monitoring and diagnostics, online learning capabilities, and enhanced visualization of battery data. These systems can aggregate data from multiple vehicles, enabling a more comprehensive analysis and optimization of battery performance at the fleet level. Despite the potential benefits, cloud-based BMS face challenges such as connectivity issues, security concerns, and the need for reliable internet access. Future research in this field should focus on addressing these challenges and exploring the integration of emerging technologies such as edge computing and fog computing to further enhance the capabilities of cloud-based BMS [15].

The knowledge gaps which have been identified in the present literature have been addressed in this work, as described in Table 1, shown below.

Issue Addressed	Previous Works in the Literature	Solution Proposed to Address Knowledge Gap
Charging Station Optimization	Ref. [3] suggests UFC and reservation-based CS selection.	An innovative approach to allocate energy-efficient charging nodes, considering multiple concurrent charging requests.
Fast-Charging Prioritization	Ref. [5] proposes a method that assumes user preference for fast charging.	Takes into account multiple aspects of an optimal fast-charging station configuration but does not make assumptions about user preferences.
Occupancy Prediction	Ref. [7] combines LSTM and ARIMA for occupancy prediction.	A hybrid approach for accurate EV charging station occupancy prediction, emphasizing multistep predictions to enhance reliability.
Model	Ref. [16] proposes the BCFFRLS method for estimating parameters in the INR18650-20R battery model.	The proposed digital-twin model for batteries aims to achieve a more realistic representation of the battery.

Table 1. Gaps in the present understanding, as identified through an analysis of the literature associated with various electric vehicle charging processes.

The proposed system comprises several distinct sections:

The initial part deals with leveraging the pivotal role of BDT technology in modeling electric vehicle (EV) batteries. In the context of EV batteries, BDTs empower researchers to model battery behavior under diverse operational conditions and loads, enabling performance prediction and early issue-identification. This knowledge, in turn, aids in the optimization of battery management systems, enhancing battery performance, and extending battery lifespan. BDTs also enable the assessment of the impact of factors like temperature on battery performance and the optimization of battery designs for specific applications. The incorporation of advanced visualization tools and machine learning algorithms provides further insights into battery behavior, allowing for continual enhancement of the digital twin. The second section delves into the proposed algorithm, which is designed to allocate charging nodes and intelligently distribute energy based on the

energy availability of the charging station and the EV energy demand. Detailed discussions as to the optimization techniques and machine learning algorithms utilized in both the digital-twin implementation and the intelligent energy distribution are presented in subsequent sections. The concluding section underscores the advantages of incorporating BDT into the work, specifically with respect to reducing EV user wait times and enhancing energy conservation.

2. Methodology

The architecture of the proposed system is shown in Figure 1. The first part involves the implementation of the DT of the Li-ion battery to obtain optimized battery parameters including SOC and time-to-charge. The BDT for every user is created based on the parameters uploaded to the cloud, including the internal resistance of the battery, which varies over drive cycles towards its End-of-Life (EOL). The BDT receives the cloud data associated with the physical battery, as uploaded by the on-board BMS of the user. The second part of the functional architecture is the machine learning block which takes optimized parameters from the BDT as inputs and provides the time-to-charge and the charging energy required by the incoming vehicle, based on its current SOC.

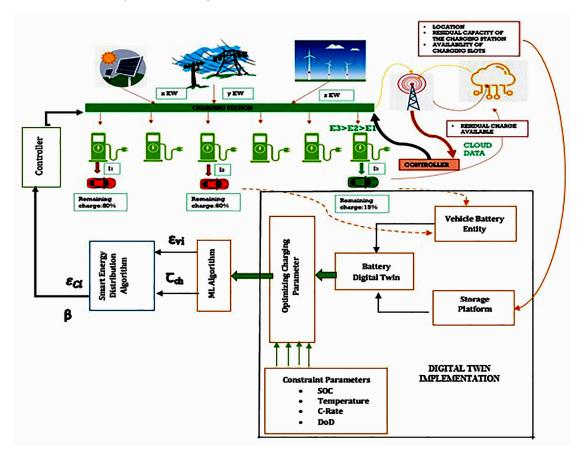


Figure 1. Functional architecture.

The energy required to charge the EV (ε vi) and the time-to-charge for the EV (τ ch) are fed from the BDT to the novel ENDEAVOR algorithm to compute the Energy Distribution Ratio (EDR) for optimized energy distribution. Based on the energy available at the charging station and the energy demand from incoming users, the EDR is dynamically updated. These parameters control the charging current made available at each node. A mobile app developed for raising requests and receiving information regarding the status of node allocation was developed using Collab. The data from the user are fetched from the cloud. The charging station continuously updates its data regarding influx of users and available energy to the cloud. The trend of the change in the EDR is monitored and an estimate of the EDR is made for faster computation. With the use of BDT, along with the proposed node allocation and EDR-based charging, the time-to-wait of the users is decreased.

3. Implementation of Battery Digital Twin

A battery digital twin can be used to evaluate the degradation of the battery over drive cycles and the optimization of battery usage, as well as to identify the possibility of a second-life application of the battery [17]. The utilization of both the proposed decision-tree in conjunction with the UKF for SOC estimation and the support vector machine (SVM) regression for the digital-twin parameter update enables the accurate estimation of time-to-charge. To implement the digital twin, it is necessary to collect data on the battery's behavior, such as its voltage and current during charging and discharging cycles. These data can be obtained using sensors or through data logging systems. The data are then used to calibrate the Thevenin's 3RC model, which is then used to simulate the behavior of the battery under different conditions. The BDT implementation steps are elaborated in the sections below.

3.1. Experimental Data for the Battery

In this work the experimental data associated with an INR 18650-20R lithium-ion battery cell are obtained from the CALCE dataset [18]. The test set-up includes the Arbin BT2000 Battery Testing System, used for controlling the battery's charging and discharging process, and a Temperature Chamber used to control the ambient temperature of the battery.

The specifications of the battery are summarized in Table 2. The dataset is comprised of test data obtained at three temperatures: 0 °C, 25 °C, and 45 °C. In this test the battery is charged to the cut-off voltage of 4.2 V at a constant current of 1 C-rate; this is followed by constant-voltage charging until the current is brought down to 0.01 C. The C-rate of a battery is a measure of its charging or discharging rate relative to its capacity. It indicates the rate at which current is applied or withdrawn from the battery in relation to its nominal capacity. The C-rate is typically expressed as a multiple of the battery's capacity (C). A comparison of battery technologies, with their relevant advantages and disadvantages, along with applications in which they are used can be found in Table 3.

S. No.	Battery Parameter	Specifications
1	Capacity Rating	2000 mAh
2	Nominal Voltage	3.6 V
3	Cell Chemistry	LNMC/Graphite
4	Weight (with safety circuit removed)	45.0 g
5	Dimensions (mm)	$18.33\pm0.07\text{mm}$
6	Length	$64.85\pm0.15\text{mm}$

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This step is then followed by a discharge cycle at a constant rate of 0.05 C until the voltage is reduced to 2.5 V. The charging is performed at constant rate of 0.05 C until the voltage is 4.2 V. The average of the charging and discharging process is recorded as the open circuit voltage (OCV) for 0 °C, 25 °C, and 45 °C. In order to obtain the OCV–SOC relationship, the incremental-current OCV (I-OCV) test data obtained for 25 °C are considered.

The input and output data obtained in terms of currents, as well as the voltage from the CALCE dataset, are used to obtain the second-order autoregressive model. The response of this model is then compared with the dataset model identified originally.

Battery Type	attery Type Key Features		Disadvantages	Applications
Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion)	High energy density, long cycle life	Dominates EV market, stable performance	High cost, safety concerns (thermal runaway)	Most EV models
Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP)	Lower energy density than Li-ion, more stable	Cheaper, safer (thermal stability), longer life cycle	Lower range compared to Li-ion	Budget EVs, energy storage
Sodium-Ion	Emerging technology, fewer critical minerals required	Lower cost, sustainable, non-toxic	Lower energy density, still under development	Potential future use in low-range EVs
Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM)	Higher energy density compared to LFP	Longer driving range, better performance	Higher cost, dependence on critical minerals like cobalt	Premium EVs

Table 3. Evaluation of various energy storage technologies for different electric vehicle charging methods.

3.2. Open Circuit OCV–SOC Curve Estimation

The OCV–SOC curve is a crucial aspect in battery modelling and simulation and can provide valuable information as to battery behavior, insights which can be applied in the areas of electric vehicles, renewable-energy storage, and portable electronics. The SOC of a battery can be estimated based on the battery's OCV using an empirical relationship. This relationship can vary depending on the type of battery chemistry and the specific battery design.

For a typical lithium-ion battery, the relationship between SOC and OCV can be approximated by Equation (1):

$$SOC = \frac{OCV - OCV_{min}}{OCV_{max} - OCV_{min}}$$
(1)

where OCV_{min} = Minimum open circuit voltage and OCV_{max} = Maximum open circuit voltage.

Equation (1) assumes a linear relationship between SOC and OCV, an assumption which may not always be accurate. In practice, battery management systems may use more sophisticated algorithms to estimate SOC based on a combination of factors, including OCV, current and voltage measurements, temperature, and other battery characteristics. Curve fitting is a method commonly used to obtain the relationship between the OCV and SOC of a battery. It involves fitting a mathematical model to a set of data points, which are obtained experimentally or through simulations. In this study, the OCV–SOC curve of a lithium-ion battery was modelled and fitted using exponential and polynomial functions in MATLAB-R2023a.

Figure 2 shows the Poly9 OCV–SOC Curve Fit for battery charging characteristics. The results were compared with Poly 8 and second-order exponential curve-fitting, based on the goodness-of-fit parameters, as seen in the tabulations in Table 4.

Table 4. Evaluating curve-fitting methods using goodness-of-fit (utilizing polynomial curve-fitting).

Goodness of Fit	Second-Order Exponential	Eighth-Degree Polynomial	Ninth-Degree Polynomial
R-square	0.8098	0.8297	0.83
Adjusted R-square	0.8098	0.8296	0.8299
RMSE	0.07183	0.06797	0.06791

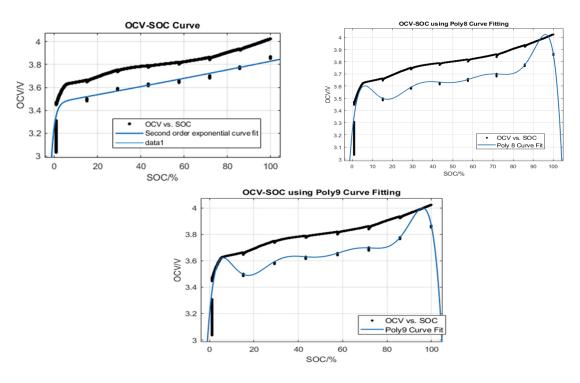


Figure 2. Curve fitting (from (**top left**)) using exponential curve-fitting, Poly8 curve-fitting, and Poly-9 curve-fitting.

It was observed that the exponential model was a good fit for the OCV–SOC curve, with a Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.07. However, it was not accurate near the lower and higher OCV values. The ninth-degree polynomial model was the best fit, with the RMSE of 0.067 associated with an RMSE value of 0.83. The fitted curves were compared with the experimental data, and the accuracy of the models was evaluated.

The ninth-degree polynomial equation is given by

$$f(x) = p_1 x^9 + p_2 x^8 + p_3 x^7 + p_4 x^6 + p_5 x^5 + p_6 x^4 + p_7 x^3 + p_8 x^2 + p_9 x + p_{10}$$
(2)

where *x* is normalized by a mean of 39.68 and a standard deviation of 30.97. Coefficients of the equation are as shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Parameters of the ninth-degree polynomial model used for curve fitting (employing polynomial curve-fitting techniques).

p_1	p_2	p_3	p_4	p_5	p_6	p_7	p_8	p_9	p_{10}
0.02117	-0.2227	0.4266	0.328	-1.145	0.1277	0.7667	-0.2199	-0.0187	3.634

Furthermore, the fitted exponential model was used to predict the voltage of the battery under different operating conditions, such as discharge and charge. The results were in good agreement with the experimental data, demonstrating the usefulness of the fitted OCV–SOC curve in predicting battery behavior.

3.3. Parameter Estimation and Battery Modelling

The internal resistance of the battery (R_0) is estimated, using the pulse-discharge method, from the battery current and voltage data obtained from CALCE. The 3 RC battery model suits the dataset best. The values of R_1 , C_1 , R_2 , C_2 , R_3 , C_3 , and R_0 obtained from parameter estimation are stored in look-up tables and updated from time to time. The most common models used for lithium-ion batteries broadly include the empirical model, semi-empirical model, physical model, and data-driven model. The ECM is typically a

resistor–capacitor network, internal resistance model, or a PNGV model. In this work, the 3RC network has been used for battery modelling. The 3RC battery model is a model widely used for predicting the behavior of batteries under different operating conditions. The model is based on three RC circuits which represent the different time-constants of the battery. The pulse-discharge method is a technique commonly used for parameter estimation in the 3RC battery model. The method involves discharging the battery using a short, high-current pulse and measuring the voltage response. By analyzing the voltage response, the parameters of the 3RC battery model can be estimated.

To use the pulse-discharge method for parameter estimation, the battery is first charged to a known SOC. Then, a high-current pulse is applied to the battery, and the voltage response is measured over time. The internal resistance, mainly contributed by R_0 , can be obtained from Equation (3) [19–23].

$$R_0 = \frac{\left[(U_1 - U_2) + (U_4 - U_3) \right]}{2I_L}$$
(3)

where

$$U_1 = I_{R_1} R_1 = U_{cap_{C1}} \tag{4}$$

$$U_{cap_{C1}} = \frac{1}{C_1} \int_0^t I_c dt$$
 (5)

$$U_{1} = \int_{0}^{t} \left(\frac{I_{L}}{C_{1}} - \frac{U_{1}}{R_{1}C_{1}} \right) dt$$
(6)

Similarly,

 $U_{2} = \int_{0}^{t} \left(\frac{I_{L}}{C_{2}} - \frac{U_{2}}{R_{2}C_{2}} \right) dt$ (7)

and

$$U_{3} = \int_{0}^{t} \left(\frac{I_{L}}{C_{3}} - \frac{U_{3}}{R_{3}C_{3}} \right) dt;$$
(8)

$$U_4 = f(U_2 || U_3) \tag{9}$$

where U_i (i = 1, 2, 3) = Pulse edge voltages.

The values of R_0 , R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 are obtained from the relaxation time constants τ_1 , τ_2 , and τ_3 of the pulse-discharge curve. The MATLAB simulink design optimization and curve-fitting toolbox are used for parameter estimation and for obtaining the OCV–SOC curve. Figure 3 shows the sample pulse-discharge voltage, with the data points showing the values of U_1 , U_2 , U_3 , and U_4 .

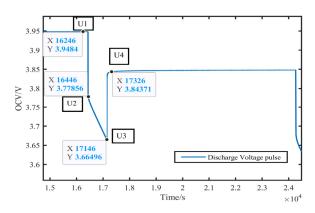


Figure 3. Sample pulse-discharge voltage with data points.

Figure 4 illustrates the relationships between various SOC values and different internal resistance values in a 3RC battery model. Additionally, it demonstrates how charging times vary depending on the internal resistance values.

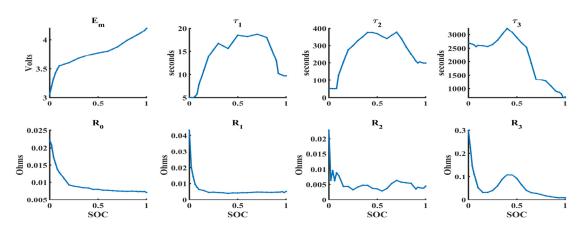


Figure 4. Convergence of R1, C1, R2, C2, R3, and C3.

3.4. SOC Estimation and Evaluation of Time-to-Charge (τ_{ch})

SOC estimation is a critical aspect of battery management systems, particularly in applications such as electric vehicles and renewable-energy storage. The traditional method of SOC estimation using Coulomb counting has limitations, such as the need for an accurate measurement of battery current and a determination of the effects of changes in the battery's internal resistance. To overcome these limitations, various advanced algorithms have been proposed, including the Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF) method [24–28]. The UKF is a nonlinear state-estimation algorithm that can effectively estimate the SOC of a lithium-ion battery by incorporating information from multiple sources, such as the battery voltage, current, and temperature. The algorithm uses a set of sigma points, which are used to represent the nonlinear state equations of the battery. These sigma points are then propagated through the battery model and used to estimate the SOC.

The UKF algorithm consists of the following steps.

Prediction of sigma points is expressed by

$$x_{\sigma} = \left[x_{k}, x_{k} + \left(\sqrt{n+\lambda}\right) * P_{k}, x_{k} - \left(\sqrt{n+\lambda}\right) * P_{k}\right]$$
(10)

Propagation of sigma points is determined through the system model:

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k) \tag{11}$$

where $f(x_k, u_k)$ is the system model and u_k is the control input.

Correction of sigma points is then effected based on measurements:

$$y_k = z_k - h(x_k) \tag{12}$$

$$\zeta_k = P_k H_k^T H_k P_k H_k^T + R_k \tag{13}$$

where x_{σ} = Sigma points, z_k = Measurement, $h(x_k)$ = Measurement model, x_k = Current state estimate, H_k = Measurement noise covariance matrix, P_k = Covariance matrix, ζ_k = Kalman gain, n = dimension of the state space, and λ = Scaling factor.

The new state estimate and covariance matrix are calculated based on the corrected sigma points. The UKF method provides improved accuracy compared to traditional Coulomb-counting by considering the impacts of battery temperature and state of health on the SOC estimate. It also has the advantage of being computationally efficient and robust against measurement noise. From the estimated SOC-versus-time plot, as shown in Figure 5, the τ_c ch for a given SOC can be obtained and uploaded to the cloud.

$$SOC = SOC_0 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{rated}} \int_0^t I(t) dt$$
(14)

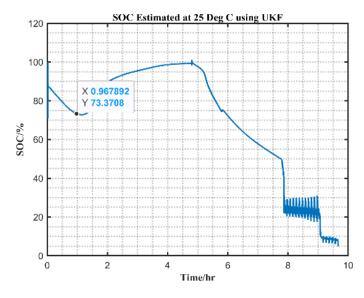


Figure 5. SOC estimated using UKF for drive-cycle data measured at 25 °C.

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3.5. Evaluation of Battery Capacity (ε_v)

The preliminary estimation of capacity can be performed using the Ampere-hour Integral method given by Equation (15),

$$\varepsilon_n(i) = \frac{\int_{t1}^{t2} I(t)dt}{SOC_{max} - SOC_{min}}$$
(15)

where ε_{rated} is the rated capacity and I(t) is the battery current at time *t*. To estimate the capacity, the start SOC (SOC_{min}) and the SOC at the *i*th charging instant (SOC_{max}) are considered. Figure 5 shows how to estimate the SOC using UKF for drive-cycle data recorded at 25 °C.

3.6. Parameter Update

The internal resistance of a Li-ion battery varies with the SOC of the battery, and can be modeled as a curve. However, over time, the internal resistance curve may deviate due to aging effects such as capacity fade and electrode degradation [29]. This can lead to errors in the estimation of the SOC and time-to-charge of the battery. To address this issue, the least-squares method is used to update the digital twin with the deviation in the internal resistance curve observed after multiple drive-cycles. The least-squares method is a statistical technique used to find the best-fit line that minimizes the sum of the squared distances between the observed data points and the predicted values. The goal of the LS method is to find the values of the parameters that minimize the sum of the squared errors between the observed deviations and the model predictions.

$$f(a) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - (rx_i))^2$$
(16)

where r is the internal resistance parameter of the DT to be estimated, x_i is the input, and y_i is the observed deviation in the internal resistance curve at that input. The optimal parameter r is obtained by minimizing the objective function of Equation (16). The deviation in the internal resistance curve can be obtained by comparing the voltage and current data collected during the drive cycles with the predicted values from the digital twin. The LS

method can then be used to adjust the internal resistance curve in the digital twin, which can improve the accuracy of the SOC and time-to-charge estimations [30-32].

Battery testing and SOC estimation rely heavily on drive cycles, which replicate realworld driving conditions. Various cycle types, including NEDC, UDDS, and WLTP, are employed to evaluate vehicle performance, fuel efficiency, and emissions under standardized circumstances.

Integration of drive-cycle data offers several advantages:

- Drive-cycle information in the UKF algorithm enhances state-estimation accuracy in electric vehicles by utilizing vehicle velocity and acceleration patterns. This could improve range predictions and energy management.
- Drive-cycle data improves SOC estimation accuracy by analyzing diverse real-world driving data to account for various scenarios, leading to better range estimation and battery management in electric vehicles.

4. Proposed Algorithm

Figure 6 is the flow diagram for the ENDEAVOR algorithms depicted in Figure 7, namely, UKF step evaluations reduced to pictorial representations.

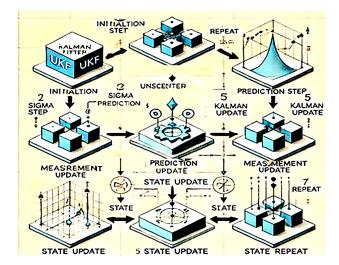


Figure 6. Pictorial representations of UKF step evaluations.

Energy Distribution and Node Allocation using Evolutionary and Resourceful Optimization (ENDEAVOR) is a novel algorithm that has been designed to primarily perform two tasks:

- 1. Determine the optimal charging current for each node, based on the values for SOC, DOD, and battery capacity obtained from the digital twin of the battery deployed in the cloud. This determination also depends on the energy availability of the charging station at the time a request is raised.
- 2. Allot an available node to the incoming user in a manner such that the waiting time of the user is optimized.

The grid-connected charging station sources energy from hybrid PV and wind energy sources. The energy fed to or from the grid and its usage details are uploaded to the cloud from time to time. These data are then used to predict the $\hat{\epsilon}_{CS}$ for a period of 24 h, based on historical data. The actual level of energy available at the charging station $\epsilon_{CS(actual)}$ is obtained from the sensors at the charging station. The deviation between $\hat{\epsilon}_{CS}$ and $\epsilon_{CS(actual)}$ is measured in terms of mean square error (MSE), and the cloud prediction algorithm is tuned to minimize MSE.

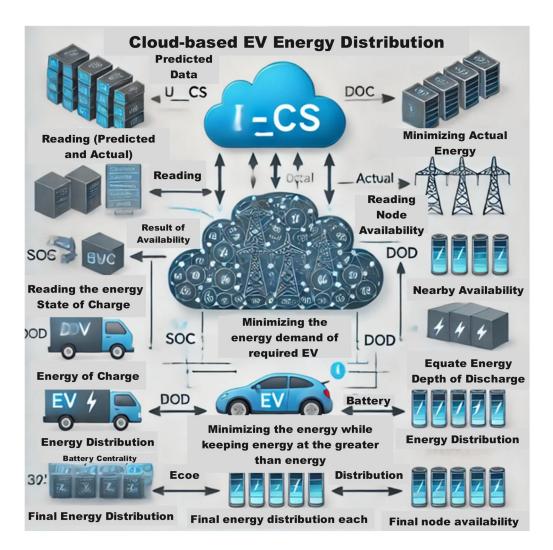


Figure 7. Proposed method Flow diagram for the ENDEAVOR algorithms.

4.1. Smart Energy Distribution Based on EDR Computation

The user raises a request for charging through the developed mobile application by entering their EV's unique ID. The algorithm polls for any incoming requests and keeps a count of the un-serviced requests. The SOCi, DODi, and ε_{BATi} are obtained from the BDT deployed in the cloud, using the user's unique vehicle ID. The amount of energy required by the vehicle in order to charge it is then computed as in Equation (17).

$$\varepsilon_{vi} = (1 - SOC_i) X \varepsilon_{BATi} \tag{17}$$

where ε_{BATi} is the battery capacity of the *i*th vehicle, SOC_i is the State of Charge of the ith vehicle, and ε_{vi} is the energy required to charge the ith vehicle.

The net amount of energy required to charge the incoming EVs that have raised requests and been allotted a node is obtained as in Equation (18).

$$\varepsilon_v = \sum_i \varepsilon_{vi} \tag{18}$$

If the energy demand by the incoming vehicles ε_v is less than the available energy at the charging station ε_{CS} , then the available energy is used to meet the energy requirements of the users. If energy available at the charging station ε_{CS} is less than ε_v , then the EDR (β) is computed as

$$\beta = \frac{\varepsilon_{vi}}{\sum_i \varepsilon_{vi}} \tag{19}$$

Therefore, the energy that each EV that is allotted a node will be supplied (ε_{vi}) with is given by Equation (20):

$$(\varepsilon_{vi})new = \beta * \varepsilon_{CS} \tag{20}$$

The time-to-charge for vehicle i (τ_{chi}) is obtained from the charging characteristics of the DT of the battery, corresponding to (ε_{vi})_{new}. The charging current pertaining to this energy is also obtained from the SOC curve of the battery DT.

4.2. Node Allocation

Node availability is checked at the charging station from time to time. The *i*th vehicle with $max(\varepsilon_{vi})$ is obtained and is allotted the empty node. The node '*n*' is blocked for the time τ_n given by Equation (21).

$$\tau_n = \tau_{chi} \tag{21}$$

where τ_{chi} is the time-to-charge for vehicle *i*.

If no node is available, then the *i*th vehicle is allotted the node with $min(\tau_n)$, and

$$\tau_n = \tau_n + \tau_{chi} \tag{22}$$

After charging of a vehicle is complete, the node becomes available for the next incoming vehicle. The value of *n*, the number of available nodes, is updated before the next request is processed. Whenever a new request is raised at the charging station, the energy demand, energy availability, and β are computed and the node charging current is updated dynamically. The node is released after charging is complete and is then ready for the next vehicle to be plugged in. The flowchart of the algorithm is shown in Figure 8.

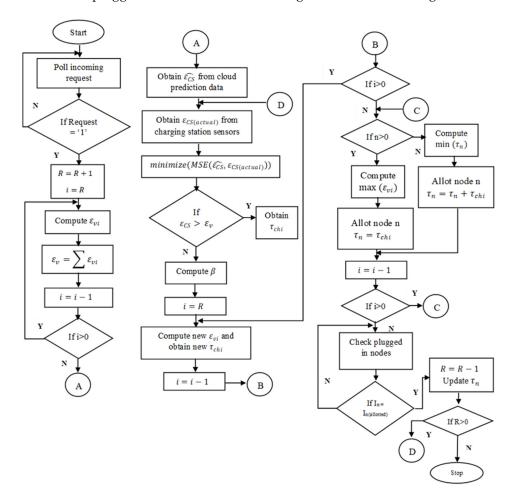


Figure 8. Flowchart of the node allocation and energy distribution architecture.

4.3. ENDEAVOR Algorithm

Perform the following for every request raised by an incoming EV (Algorithm 1):

Algorithm 1. ENDEAVOR

Read $\leftarrow \widehat{\varepsilon_{CS}}$ from cloud and $\varepsilon_{CS(actual)}$ Read \leftarrow *n*, Node availability in charging station Read \leftarrow SOC, DOD, ε_{Bat} Minimize (MSE ($\widehat{\epsilon_{CS}}, \epsilon_{CS(actual)}$) Node allocation () For each i in EV raising request (m) Compute ε_{vi} = (Battery Discharged () $X\varepsilon_{BATi}$)/100 $\varepsilon_v = \sum_i \varepsilon_{vi}$ While $(\varepsilon_{CS} > \varepsilon_v)$ Energy Distribution () End While End for Update n Energy Distribution () { Compute Energy Distribution Ratio $\beta = \frac{\varepsilon_{vi}}{\sum_i \varepsilon_{vi}}$ Energy provided for each EV allotted a node $(\varepsilon_{vi})new = \beta * \varepsilon_{CS}$ Battery Discharged () Battery Discharged = $1 - SOC_i$ Remaining % of energy = $DOD_i - Battery Discharged %$ Node allocation () If *n* is available then Allot it to ith vehicle with (max (ε_{vi})) $\tau_n = \tau_{chi}$ Else Compute min (τ_n) Allot node *n* $\tau_n = \tau_n + \tau_{chi}$ Release node once charging is complete.

Update the values for requests serviced and nodes available.

5. Results

The experiment employed a set of sample data associated with five EV users, and comprising IDs, SOC, DOD, and Capacity, as shown in Table 6. The charging station is assumed to have three charging nodes and a power availability of 60 kWh. The efficiency of the charging system at the charging station is considered to be 95%. This parameter is used to compute the energy consumed from the charging station after the losses of the system are incurred, as $\varepsilon_{\rm from CS}$.

Case I:

This scenario considers the arrival of the first EV. The energy required to charge EV1 is computed, and determined to be 7.5 kWh, as shown in Table 7. Since all nodes are initially considered to be free, EV1 is allotted the first node.

ID	SOC (%)	DOD (%)	Capacity (kWh)	
1	90	80	75	
2	72	85	60	
3	78	70	90	
4	80	90	85	
5	30	90	90	

Table 6. Sample data describing electric vehicle State of Charge, Depth of Discharge, and Capacity across various charging scenarios.

Table 7. Calculating energy requirements and allocating nodes for EV1's use of the electric vehicle charging facilities.

Node Allotted	Vehicle ID	SOC (During Request)	E _{to charge} (%)	ε_{vi}	€ _{from_} CS	β	$ au_{ch}$ (h)	Available Energy at CS
1	EV 1	90	10	7.5	7.73	-	2.77	60

The energy available at the charging station is greater than the demand from user EV1. Thus, the EDR computation step is not performed, and the user is allotted a node and the vehicle charged, such that the time-to-charge is 2.77 h.

Case II:

EV2 and EV3 raise simultaneous requests for charging after 24 min. The charge available at the charging station is computed and the energy demand is obtained, as tabulated in Table 8. The energy expended in charging EV1 is obtained from the characteristic curve data in the cloud. The time-to-charge for each EV is computed, and the available nodes are allotted for the computed amounts of time.

Table 8. Calculation of power requirements and allocation of charging points for EV2 and EV3 at electric vehicle charging facilities, determined by the available energy supply.

Node Allotted	Vehicle ID	SOC (During Request)	E _{to charge} (%)	ε_{vi}	€ _{from_CS}	β	$ au_{ch}$ (h)	Available Energy at CS	SOC (At Arrival of New Request)
1	EV 1	90	7.28	5.46	5.63	-	2.43		92.72
2	EV 2	73	27	16.2	16.7	-	3.57	57.9	73
3	EV 3	78	22	19.8	20.41	-	3.27		78

The total energy required from charging station is 42.74 KWh. Case III:

In this element of the scenario, EV4 arrives after 2 h and 30 min. The amount of energy that EV2 and EV3 have used in six minutes is obtained from their battery characteristics, respectively, as tabulated in Table 9.

Table 9. Distribution of power consumption for individual electric vehicles following 2.5 h of charging period allocations.

Vehicle ID	Energy Used from CS After 2.5 Hours				
EV1	5.63				
EV2	15.444				
EV3	18.666				
Total energy used from CS	39.74				

The node allocation is as shown in Table 10. Since EV1 has been charged, node 1 becomes available and is allotted to EV4.

Node Allotted	Vehicle ID	SOC (During Request)	ε _{to charge} (%)	ε_{vi}	Efrom_CS	β	Up- dated ε_{vi}	τ _{ch} (h)	Available Energy at CS	SOC (At Arrival of New Request)
1	EV 4	74	26	23.4	24.12	0.93	16.84	2.43		
2	EV 2	98.74	1.26	0.756	0.78	0.03	0.54	3.57	18.2	98.74
3	EV 3	98.74	1.26	1.134	1.17	0.04	0.82	3.27		98.74

Table 10. Power consumption analysis for individual electric vehicles, calculating energy usage and assigning nodes for EV2, EV3, and EV4.

The total energy required from the charging station is computed and determined to be 26.07 KWh, while the available energy at the CS is 18.2 KWh. The energy availability of the charging station is found to be less than the energy demand of the vehicles requesting charge. The EDR is therefore computed, as tabulated in Table 11. EV2 and EV3 attain 98.74% SOC and EV4 attains 74% SOC.

Table 11. Computational power consumption and revised energy calculation with node assignments for EV2, EV3, and EV4, ε_{vi} .

Node Allotted	Vehicle ID	SOC Charged up to	^E to charge (%)	ϵ_{vi} (KWh)	$ au_{ch}$	
1	EV 4	84.844	15.156	16.84	3.17	(in h)
2	EV 2	99.0932384	0.906761566	0.54	25	(:
3	EV 3	99.0932384	0.906761566	0.82	25	(in min)

In the absence of the ENDEAVOR algorithm, the energy available to charge EV4 would be as shown in Table 12.

Table 12. Calculating power usage and assigning charging stations for electric vehicles without ENDEAVOR.

Parameter	Value (%)		
Energy from CS to EV2	0.78		
Energy from CS to EV3	1.17		
Total energy from CS	1.95		
Energy available for EV4	16.25		
% Energy to be charged for EV4	18.0555556		
SOC it will charge up to	81.944444		

It is therefore observed that the use of ENDEAVOR for node allocation and energy distribution leads to energy savings and thereby allows for the optimized charging of EVs.

6. Discussion

In this system, step-by-step implementation of Li-ion battery behavior tracking using a digital twin of the battery has been discussed. The experimental data required for battery modelling and parameter estimation were acquired from CALCE. The behavior of a battery varies over its complete life-cycle owing to the changes in its electrochemical degradation. This is modeled by showing the variation of the internal resistance of the battery. The use of a DT deployed at the edge of the cloud allows the parameters like SOC and internal resistance and the battery model parameters to be updated. This work uses the 3RC model and the least-squares method to update the internal resistance of the real-time battery and its digital twin. Hence, the use of a single digital twin will suffice to replicate the battery over the entire lifetime of the battery. The Poly9 curve-fitting was used to obtain the OCV–SOC relationship of the battery and was observed to accurately model the OCV–SOC relationship, with an RMSE of 0.06791. The UKF technique was

used to perform SOC estimation and obtain the variation of SOC with respect to time, using CALCE data for a single DST drive-cycle at 25 °C. The experimental voltage pulses used for the Incremental OCV test were used to obtain the internal resistance R0 using the pulse-discharge method. These data were then used to model the relationship between R0 and SOC using second-order exponential curve-fitting.

Using a BDT of the incoming EV, accurate estimations of the energy required to charge the battery as well as the time-to-charge can be determined based on the data available in the cloud. The ENDEAVOR algorithm ensures an optimized charging-node allocation for EV users who raise requests for charging at a particular charging station. Since it is a grid-connected, renewable-energy charging station, optimized energy distribution based on computation of the EDR parameter leads to a threefold advantage: avoiding the frequent loading of the distribution grid; reducing the waiting time for the EV users; and optimizing the usage of resources and distribution of energy.

When compared to existing methods, the ENDEAVOR algorithm demonstrated superior performance in terms of charging-node allocation and energy distribution. It excelled in reducing grid loading, minimizing the wait times for users, and optimizing resource utilization. The ability to use a single digital twin to model the battery's behavior over its lifetime is a significant advantage. The energy availability for EV4 is improved by 0.59 KWh and the improvement in SOC is observed to be nearly 3% for the given scenario. This implies that, annually, the savings in energy amount to around 182.5 units, assuming that, on average, there is an improvement of 0.5 units of energy availability. The comparative analysis of the performance of the charging station with and without the use of ENDEAVOR algorithm integrated with BDT has been tabulated in Table 13, based on the above computation.

Table 13. Evaluating CS performance with and without ENDEAVOR: A comparative study.

Parameter	Without ENDEAVOR	With ENDEAVOR
Energy from CS to EV2	0.78 kWh	0.54 kWh
Energy from CS to EV3	1.17 kWh	0.82 kWh
Energy available for EV4	16.25 kWh	16.84 kWh
% Energy to be charged for EV4	18.0555556%	15.156%
SOC it will charge up to	81.94444%	84.844%

Figure 9 shows the comparative analysis of the performance of the charging station with and without the ENDEAVOR algorithm incorporated.

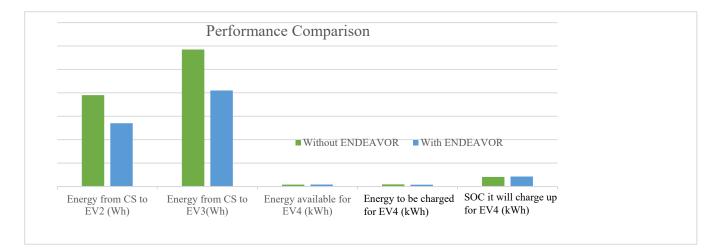


Figure 9. Comparative Analysis of performance for the ENDEAVOR and non-ENDEAVOR scenarios.

7. Sending Slot Details to Charging Station

Figure 10 represents the individual battery parameters, as sensed through the sensor, and the subsequent data exchange with single node to the cloud, one node of the multi-node experimental formation shown in Figure 11. From this point, slot details will be fetched from the Google Sheet using the Python code running on a local machine, which then communicates with the Arduino through serial communication. LEDs corresponding to various slot numbers will be turned on and off according to the slot allocated. Two pieces of code need to be written, one for Python and one for Arduino, that will make them listen over the same serial port, which will lead to the transfer of data between them.

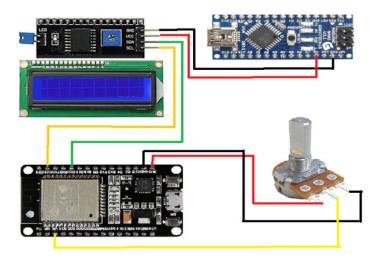


Figure 10. Individual battery parameter-sensing and the data exchange unit. (black and red denoted the power wire, yellow and green wire represents the signal exchange).

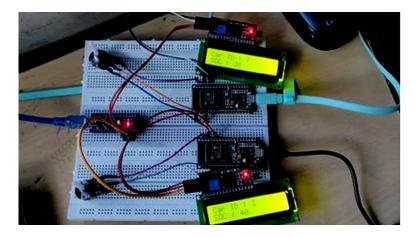


Figure 11. Three node-based experimental mechanisms.

Slot details will be fetched from the Google Sheet, as shown in Figure 12, using the Python code running in a local machine; the local machine will then communicate with the Arduino through serial communication. This process involves establishing a connection between the Python script and the Arduino board to facilitate the exchange of data. For instance, the Python code can retrieve information such as slot numbers, availability status, and corresponding LED indicators from the Google Sheet.

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Once the data is retrieved, the Python script sends commands to the Arduino through serial communication to control the LEDs based on the slot allocation. For example, if a particular slot is assigned to a user, the corresponding LED will be turned on to indicate its occupied status. On the other hand, if a slot is vacant, the LED will remain off. This synchronization between the Python code and the Arduino enables real-time updates and visual cues for users.

To achieve this seamless interaction, two separate pieces of code need to be developed, involving both the Python and Arduino platforms. The Python script should be designed to read data from the Google Sheet and send instructions to the Arduino via serial communication. Similarly, the Arduino code should be programmed to receive commands from the Python script and control the LEDs accordingly. By establishing a communication protocol over the same serial port, data transfer between the Python and Arduino systems can be efficiently managed.

In conclusion, the integration of Python and Arduino through serial communication allows for the dynamic control of LEDs based on the slot information retrieved from a Google Sheet. This not only enhances the visual representation of the slot status but also demonstrates the seamless coordination between software and hardware components in a practical application scenario.

The potentiometer, acting as a Proof of Concept (POC), plays a crucial role in sending values to the Google Cloud database in real-time. These data serve a vital purpose in the slot allotment process when users make requests through the mobile application. Another database is responsible for handling the commands received from users. When a user requests slot allotment via the app, this database is promptly updated, triggering the activation of the backend priority algorithm. Consequently, the slot is allocated using a priority-based algorithm. The updated slot allocation information is then reflected in the Google Cloud database and promptly communicated to the user through the mobile application. For instance, when a user requests a specific time slot for a particular activity, such as booking a fitness class, the priority algorithm ensures fair and efficient allocation. This streamlined process enhances user experience and operational efficiency.

The Feedback System is developed as described in the following:

- Implement a feedback mechanism in the mobile application for users to rate their slot allocation experiences;
- Use feedback data to continuously improve the priority algorithm and enhance user satisfaction.
- Data Analysis involves the following considerations:
- Utilize data analytics tools to analyze trends in slot allocation requests and user preferences;
- Optimize the allocation process based on data-driven insights to maximize efficiency.
- Scalability involves the following considerations:

- Ensure the system is sufficiently scalable to accommodate an increasing number of users and slot allocation requests;
- Implement cloud-based solutions for flexibility and seamless expansion as the user base grows.

Table 14 compares the proposed UKF-based ENDEAVOR algorithm with other existing algorithms, highlighting the key features, positive aspects, and negative aspects relative to the applications in which the algorithms are mostly employed.

Table 14. Evaluation of existing algorithmic techniques and the suggestion of a new algorithm, assessing CS performance with and without ENDEAVOR.

Algorithm	Key Features	Advantages	Disadvantages	Use Cases
First-Come-First- Served (FCFS)	Simple allocation based on arrival order	Easy to implement, fairness in order of arrival	Ignores individual charging needs, inefficient use of resources	Small stations, low-demand situations
Shortest Job First (SJF)	Prioritizes EVs with smaller energy needs	Reduces overall waiting time	Long wait-times for EVs with large energy needs	High-demand locations, quick-charge needs
Round Robin (RR)	Allocates fixed charging time/energy to each EV	Ensures all EVs receive some charge	Inefficient for EVs with larger energy needs	Large, diverse EV charging stations
Auction- Based/Bidding	Allocation based on bidding for resources	Maximizes resource utilization based on urgency	Can favor those willing to pay more, leading to inequity	Premium or high-demand stations
Dynamic Programming	Real-time adjustment based on SOC, demand, and capacity	Optimizes resource allocation, reduces wait time	Complex to implement, requires real-time data	High-traffic, smart charging hubs
Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Machine learning-based optimization over time	Learns optimal strategies, adapts dynamically	Requires training data, computationally intensive	Next-gen smart grid systems
UKF-based ENDEAVOR Energy Distribution Algorithms	Distributes available energy based on EV demand with real-time adjustments based on the SOC function of capacity	Ensures fair energy distribution	Requires precise energy management, training on real-time data required	Energy-limited charging stations

The outlined approach demonstrates a cloud-based algorithm for distributing energy to electric vehicles (EVs). This method encompasses crucial stages including the acquisition of charging station information, node assignment, energy demand calculation, and power allocation based on existing resources. The flowchart provided offers a visual representation of the algorithm's sequence and reasoning process. The algorithm begins by analyzing real-time data from charging stations to determine their current capacity and the associated demand. Next, it allocates nodes to represent individual EVs and their charging needs within the network. Finally, the system calculates an optimal energy distribution based on available resources, prioritizing critical charging requests while balancing overall grid stability. The flowchart describes a cloud-based system for managing energy distribution to electric vehicles (EVs). The preceding is a simplified explanation.

8. Conclusions

The implementation of Li-ion battery behavior tracking using a digital twin offers a dynamic approach for modeling batteries' changes across their lifetimes, particularly with respect to electrochemical degradation, through the tracking of internal resistance variations. By leveraging real-world data and sophisticated techniques, a model has been created that accurately reflects the battery's state and behavior, enabling precise predictions of charging times and energy requirements. The introduction of the novel ENDEAVOR algorithm has proven to be a significant leap in optimizing the charging process for EV users at specific charging stations. Through smart charging-node allocation and intelligent energy distribution, substantial reductions in grid loading, minimized wait times for users, and resource optimization have been demonstrated. This algorithm aligns well with the increasing demand for grid-connected, renewable-energy-powered charging stations, fostering both energy efficiency and user satisfaction.

However, the study did not consider the broader impact of the method on overall energy consumption and the sustainability of the transportation system. In the future, it would be beneficial to incorporate real-world driver behavior into the algorithm and conduct a more comprehensive sustainability analysis. Future work could also explore the integration of machine learning techniques for more accurate predictions and real-time adjustments. Additionally, the scalability and applicability of the proposed method in different geographical and infrastructure-related settings should be investigated to aid broader adoption.

This system represents a vital step forward in the realm of electric vehicle charging and will contribute to the development of more efficient, sustainable, and user-friendly electric transportation systems, furthering the transition towards a greener and smarter future.

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EV	Electric vehicle
ENDEAVOR	Evolutionary and resourceful optimization
SOC	State of charge
UKF	Unscented Kalman filter
UFC	Urgency first charging
GPS	Global positioning system
VEC	Vehicular edge computing
ARIMA	Autoregressive integrated moving average
LSTM	Long short-term memory
BDT	Battery digital-twin model
EDR	Energy distribution ratio
SVM	Support vector machine
OCV	Open circuit voltage
RMSE	Root mean squared error

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