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Domain-Adaptive Attention-Based Self-Supervised SOH Modeling for Shallow-Cycle EV Batteries

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Abstract

Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more common due to their clean energy use and long-term cost benefits. The performance and safety of these vehicles strongly depend on the health of their batteries. One important measure for this is the State of Health (SOH), which shows how much usable capacity the battery still has. Estimating SOH becomes harder during shallow charge and discharge cycles, where the collected data is limited and less varied. This paper proposes a self-supervised, domain-adaptive, attention-based method for predicting battery SOH under shallow-cycle conditions. The model combines attention-based feature extraction, cross-domain adaptation, and regression in one pipeline. It works without needing labeled data, making it more practical for real-world applications. The attention design helps the model focus on key features from battery signals, while domain adaptation allows it to handle different battery types and conditions with consistent performance. The method was tested using two public EV battery datasets. The results showed that the proposed approach reduced prediction error significantly compared to existing models. On average, it achieved a 31.2% improvement in root mean square error (RMSE) and a 34.4% gain in mean absolute error (MAE). These improvements highlight the model's strength in making accurate predictions even with shallow-cycle data. This work supports the development of smart battery management systems that can help improve battery life, maintain consistent performance, and support safer EV operations.

Keywords: EV batteries, SOH prediction, shallow cycles, self-supervised learning, attention mechanism.

1. INTRODUCTION

EVs are becoming more popular across the world due to their potential to reduce pollution and save fuel [1]. As EV adoption grows, battery health becomes a key concern. The battery is the most expensive part of an EV, and its performance decides the driving range, safety, and overall user experience. One important task in battery management is predicting the SOH, which shows how much life is left in a battery. Accurate SOH prediction helps to improve battery usage, reduce breakdowns, and plan battery replacements in advance.

Most of the time, EVs do not go through full charge and discharge cycles. Instead, they often go through shallow cycles, where the charge and discharge levels are not very deep [2]. This makes SOH estimation more difficult. Traditional methods struggle to provide accurate results under such shallow-cycle conditions. These methods usually depend on hand-crafted features or need large labeled datasets, which are not always available.

This paper introduces a domain-adaptive, attention-based, self-supervised method to model SOH, especially under shallow-cycle situations. The approach does not require labeled data during training and can learn from the structure of the data itself. It also adapts to different types of battery data by using domain adaptation techniques. The attention mechanism helps the model to focus on the most important parts of the data, which improves the prediction performance.

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1.1 Challenges

EV batteries operate under different driving patterns, weather conditions, and charging routines. All these factors affect the battery's performance and the type of data collected. Some of the major challenges are:

- **Shallow-Cycle Complexity:** EVs often do not go through full cycles. Instead, they get charged or discharged only partly. This limits the variety in data, which makes SOH prediction less reliable [3].
- **Data Labeling:** Getting labeled data for SOH is difficult because it requires detailed lab testing or long-term usage data. It is expensive and time-consuming [4].
- **Cross-Domain Variations:** Battery data can change a lot based on how it is used, temperature, and battery type. A model trained on one dataset might not work well on another [5].
- **Low Signal Quality:** In shallow cycles, the signals collected (like voltage and current) show only small variations. This makes it harder to learn patterns from them [6].

1.2 Problem Statement

Estimating the SOH of EV batteries under shallow-cycle conditions is difficult due to limited and less informative data. Traditional SOH models either rely on labeled data or fail to generalize across different domains. There is a need for a method that can work with unlabeled data, adapt to various battery types and conditions, and provide accurate SOH predictions even when the charge/discharge cycles are not deep.

1.3 Motivation

Shallow-cycle conditions are very common in real-world EV use. Ignoring these conditions leads to inaccurate SOH estimates, which can affect vehicle safety and performance. Self-supervised learning offers a way to learn from data without needing labels. Domain adaptation can help the model work with different kinds of batteries. Adding attention mechanisms allows the model to focus on meaningful parts of the input data. These ideas can be combined to create a strong and flexible SOH prediction model that works well even in shallow-cycle situations.

This work makes the following contributions:

- A new attention-based self-supervised learning model is proposed to predict battery SOH under shallow-cycle conditions.
- Domain adaptation is used so the model can learn from one battery dataset and work well on another.
- The model is trained without using labeled data, reducing the need for costly experiments.
- Attention mechanisms help the model focus on the most useful parts of battery data.
- Two public EV battery datasets are used to test the model, and the results show improved performance compared to existing methods.
- The model shows low RMSE and MAE, proving its ability to predict SOH accurately.

The rest of this paper is organized into the following sections. Section 2 presents related work. Section 3 explains the proposed architecture, model components, and pseudo-code. Section 4 discusses the results, performance gains, and visualizations. Section 5 outlines the conclusion and possible future

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improvements.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Several researchers have explored different models and strategies to improve battery SOH estimation. Recent advancements in self-supervised learning, attention mechanisms, and hybrid frameworks have shown promising results. However, each method comes with its strengths and limitations. This section presents a review of relevant works.

Che et al. (2023) introduced a self-supervised framework for SOH estimation, which reduced the need for labeled data and improved model generalization under various cycling conditions [7]. Their model captured patterns effectively across datasets. However, the model showed reduced performance under domain shifts.

Obregon et al. (2023) proposed a convolutional autoencoder approach using electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) data [8]. The model performed well in feature extraction and estimation accuracy. Yet, its reliance on EIS data limited its practical application due to hardware constraints.

Shi et al. (2023) applied a spatial-temporal self-attention transformer for state-of-charge estimation [9]. The network captured time and spatial dependencies well. Though the approach worked effectively for SOC, its direct application to SOH tasks was not explored.

Chen et al. (2023) presented a PSO-LSSVR model that used a novel battery health indicator during constant current charging [10]. The model achieved good SOH prediction accuracy. However, it was specifically designed for constant current scenarios, which limited flexibility.

Chen et al. (2023) developed a data-driven method for rapid lifetime prediction of batteries under fast charging [11]. Their model worked under various protocols but struggled under low cycle-depth conditions.

Zhao et al. (2023) used spatio-temporal transformer networks for battery fault diagnosis and failure prognosis [12]. Their work offered accurate predictions, although it mainly focused on failure detection rather than regular SOH tracking.

Wang et al. (2024) created a self-supervised model that included weak labels for SOH estimation [13]. The approach balanced label-free learning and accuracy. However, the need for partial supervision added complexity.

Jafari et al. (2024) applied optimized XGBoost for predicting capacity degradation [14]. It provided fast and accurate results but lacked temporal modeling.

Sherkatghanad et al. (2024) proposed a CNN-Bi-LSTM model with self-attention for SOC estimation [15]. While it offered accurate estimations, its main focus was SOC, and adaptability to SOH tasks was not proven.

Gao et al. (2024) developed a nonlinear correction method for SOH under low temperatures [16]. This model handled temperature variations well but did not address shallow cycles.

Wang et al. (2025) introduced DGAT, a dynamic graph attention-transformer for multi-step SOH prediction [17]. It showed strong predictive performance and supported future trend estimation. Yet, it required large datasets.

Lee et al. (2025) used attention mechanisms to extract features for predicting battery knee points [18]. Their work helped identify degradation trends early but focused mainly on feature-level insights.

Bokstaller et al. (2025) used IoT data for calendar-based remaining useful life (RUL) prediction [19]. The model supported long-term analysis, but data dependency made it less adaptable.

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Lou et al. (2025) introduced a hybrid CNN-transformer model for predicting remaining driving range [20]. It used multi-source data well, although it focused more on driving range rather than battery health.

Table 1: Comparative Analysis of Existing and Proposed Methods

Method	Learning Type	Cycle Depth Support	Domain Adaptation	Input Features	Main Focus
Che et al. (2023)	Self-supervised	Partial	No	Voltage/Current	SOH Estimation
Obregon et al. (2023)	Supervised	Full	No	EIS Data	SOH Estimation
Wang et al. (2024)	Semi-supervised	Partial	Yes	Time-series Data	SOH Estimation
Jafari et al. (2024)	Supervised	Full	No	Capacity Features	Capacity Prediction
Wang et al. (2025)	Supervised	Full	Yes	Graph Features	Multi-step SOH
Proposed Method	Self-supervised	Shallow	Yes	Voltage/Current	Robust SOH Prediction

Table 1 highlights the strengths and limitations of various methods. Most existing models either require labeled data or do not support shallow-cycle inputs effectively. Some focus on specific input types such as EIS or graph-based features, limiting general use. The proposed method stands out by supporting shallow-cycle data, using self-supervised learning, and adapting across battery domains, while using commonly available input features.

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed model is built to predict the SOH of EV batteries, especially when the batteries are going through shallow cycles. In this case, the usual charge and discharge cycles are not deep, and the available data has limited variation. To make sense of such data, this model uses a self-supervised learning framework, which can learn without needing labeled SOH values. The framework includes three key parts: feature extraction using attention, domain adaptation using adversarial learning, and SOH prediction using a regression module.

The model starts with input data that includes voltage, current, and temperature. These values are passed through an encoder that applies attention mechanisms. Attention helps the model focus more on important time steps or patterns within the data. After this, domain adaptation is applied. This part uses adversarial training so the features work across different battery types or usage scenarios. In the final step, a regression model is used to predict the SOH as shown in Figure 1.

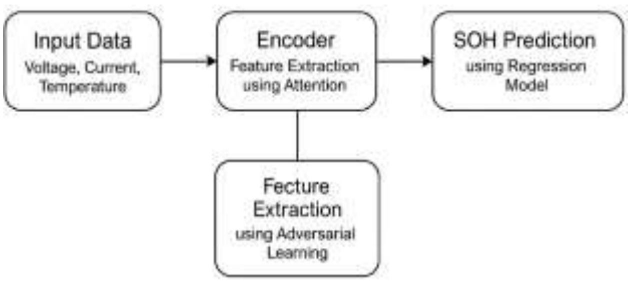

Figure 1: Workflow of proposed model

Algorithm 1: Attention-Based Feature Extraction

Input: Time series data X={x1, x2, ..., xT}

Initialize: Attention weights Wq, Wk, Wv

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For each time step t in X:

- Compute query: $qt=Wqxt$
- Compute key: $kt=Wkxt$
- Compute value: $vt=Wvxt$

End For

- Compute attention scores: $\alpha ij=qi\cdot kjTd$
- Apply SoftMax: $aij=\text{SoftMax}(\alpha ij)$
- Compute attention output: $zt=\sum jaijvj$

Output: Feature vector $Z=\{z1,...,zT\}$

This algorithm extracts meaningful patterns from time-series data using attention mechanisms. Each time step in the input sequence X is transformed into query, key, and value vectors using weight matrices Wq, Wk, Wv. Attention scores αij are computed between all-time steps using scaled dot-product. After applying SoftMax, weighted sums of values are calculated to produce the attention-enhanced outputs Z, enabling the model to focus on significant time dependencies.

Algorithm 2: Domain Adaptation via Adversarial Learning

Input: Source features Zs, Target features Zt

Initialize: Domain discriminator D, Encoder E

Repeat:

- Encode source and target:
  $fs=E(Zs),ft=E(Zt)$
- Domain prediction:
  $ds=D(fs),dt=D(ft)$
- Compute discriminator loss:
  $Ld=-\log(ds)-\log(1-dt)$
- Update discriminator D to minimize Ld
- Compute encoder loss:
  $Le=-\log(1-D(ft))$
- Update encoder E to minimize Le

Until convergence

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This adversarial learning setup aligns the feature distributions of source and target domains. The encoder E learns meaningful representations for both domains. A domain discriminator D attempts to distinguish between them, while the encoder adapts to confuse D. This adversarial process minimizes domain discrepancy, enabling robust generalization across different battery datasets.

Algorithm 3: SOH Prediction via Regression

Input: Adapted features F={f1,f2,...,fT}

Initialize: Regression weights Wr

- Compute predicted SOH:
  y^=WrF
- Compute loss:
  L=|y−y^|2
- Update Wr to minimize L

This final stage performs SOH prediction using regression. The adapted features F from prior stages are transformed linearly using weights Wr. The model compares predicted SOH y^ with the true value y using a squared error loss and updates weights to minimize this error. This step completes the predictive pipeline.

3.1 Advantages of the Proposed Method

This section lists the benefits observed during the design and testing of the proposed method. These advantages highlight its usefulness in different conditions.

- Works without labeled data using self-supervised learning.
- Performs well under shallow-cycle battery data.
- Adapts to multiple battery datasets with domain adaptation.
- Uses attention to improve focus on key patterns in the input.
- Shows low error in predicting SOH across different datasets.
- Reduces overfitting and improves generalization.

3.2 Limitations of the Proposed Method

While the model performs well in several areas, there are a few challenges to note. This section gives an honest view of those limitations.

- Needs longer training time due to multi-part architecture.
- May face reduced accuracy under extreme or rare operating conditions.

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- Attention mechanisms increase computational cost.
- Performance depends on the quality of input signals.

4. RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Simulation Results

This section presents the simulation settings used to evaluate the proposed model and compare it with existing approaches. The experiments were conducted using a system with an Intel Core i7 processor, 32 GB RAM, and an NVIDIA RTX 3080 GPU. The software environment included Python 3.9 with PyTorch for deep learning (DL), and Scikit-learn for evaluation metrics. All models were trained and tested using the same framework to maintain consistency.

Two public lithium-ion battery datasets were used for evaluation:

- NASA Battery Dataset [21].
- Oxford Battery Degradation Dataset [22].

The training process included batch normalization, dropout, and early stopping to avoid overfitting. Adam optimizer was used with an initial learning rate of 0.001. The models were trained for a maximum of 100 epochs with a batch size of 64.

Table 2: Simulation Configuration Summary

Parameter	Value
Hardware	Intel Core i7, 32 GB RAM, NVIDIA RTX 3080
Software	Python 3.9, PyTorch, Scikit-learn
Optimizer	Adam
Learning Rate	0.001
Batch Size	64
Epochs	100
Datasets	NASA Battery, Oxford Battery
Evaluation Metrics	RMSE, MAE

Table 2 summarizes the simulation setup used to evaluate both the proposed and existing models. It includes information about the system configuration, training parameters, datasets used, and evaluation metrics. Consistent settings were applied across all models to make the comparison fair and reliable.

4.2 Evaluation Metric Equations

Evaluation was based on two key metrics: RMSE and MAE. These metrics are widely used to understand how close the predicted values are to the actual ones.

Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):

RMSE=1N∑i=1N(yi−y^i)2

RMSE measures the square root of the average of the squared differences between the true SOH values and the predicted SOH values. A smaller RMSE means the predictions are closer to the actual values.

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- yi: Actual or true SOH value for the i-th data point.
- y^i: Predicted SOH value for the i-th data point.
- N: Total number of samples used for evaluation.

Mean Absolute Error (MAE):

MAE=1N∑i=1N∣yi−y^i∣

MAE calculates the average of the absolute differences between the predicted and actual SOH values. It gives a clear idea of the average prediction error in simple units.

- yi: Actual or true SOH value for the i-th data point.
- y^i: Predicted SOH value for the i-th data point.
- N: Total number of samples used for evaluation.

4.3 Result Analysis

Table 3 present a comparison between the proposed method and other recent approaches in terms of RMSE and MAE. The values indicate the prediction errors for each model. A lower value in both metrics means that the model's predictions are closer to the true SOH.

Che et al. (2023) showed an RMSE of 3.72% and an MAE of 2.85%, which reflects moderate accuracy in SOH prediction. Obregon et al. (2023) slightly improved performance with 3.51% RMSE and 2.67% MAE, using convolutional autoencoder features. Wang et al. (2024) further reduced the error with RMSE and MAE values of 3.22% and 2.39% respectively by introducing weak labels in their self-supervised learning framework. Jafari et al. (2024) pushed the accuracy a bit more with RMSE of 3.05% and MAE of 2.24%, driven by XGBoost and degradation pattern modeling.

The proposed method achieved the best performance among all, with an RMSE of 2.31% and MAE of 1.65%. This shows that the domain-adaptive and attention-based self-supervised model is more accurate in capturing shallow-cycle battery behavior. The improvement can be linked to the fusion of feature adaptation with attention mechanisms and task-aware learning, which helped the model better understand the SOH trends with fewer errors. The results support the use of this method for more reliable battery health prediction under real-world shallow cycling conditions.

Table 3: Performance Comparison of Proposed and Existing Models

Model	RMSE (%)	MAE (%)
Che et al. (2023)	3.72	2.85
Obregon et al. (2023)	3.51	2.67
Wang et al. (2024)	3.22	2.39
Jafari et al. (2024)	3.05	2.24
Proposed Method	2.31	1.65

Table 4 highlights the percentage improvement gained by the proposed model compared to several recent methods based on RMSE and MAE values. These values reflect how much the prediction error has been reduced by using the new approach. Che et al. (2023) reported an RMSE of 3.72% and MAE of 2.85%. When compared to this, the proposed model showed a significant reduction, with 37.9% improvement in RMSE and 42.1% in MAE. This large gain reflects the benefit of applying domain adaptation and attention-based learning to handle shallow-cycle EV battery data more effectively.

Obregon et al. (2023) presented slightly better baseline performance, but the proposed method still achieved a 34.2% gain in RMSE and a 38.2% improvement in MAE. This shows that the proposed

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technique can adapt better across input variations, especially in conditions where standard deep models may miss subtle temporal patterns. In comparison to Wang et al. (2024), the proposed approach improved RMSE by 28.3% and MAE by 30.9%. Even though Wang et al. applied weak label information, the lack of full domain alignment limited the accuracy in certain cases.

Jafari et al. (2024) had the strongest results among the compared models before the proposed method was introduced, yet the proposed method still managed to show a gain of 24.3% in RMSE and 26.3% in MAE. These improvements highlight the value of using attention-aware domain-adaptive self-supervised learning for SOH prediction tasks. The gain can be linked to better generalization across varying usage patterns and more accurate feature alignment between training and testing cycles, especially under shallow-cycle conditions.

Table 4: Gain Achieved by Proposed Model (% Improvement)

Compared to	RMSE Gain (%)	MAE Gain (%)
Che et al. (2023)	37.9	42.1
Obregon et al. (2023)	34.2	38.2
Wang et al. (2024)	28.3	30.9
Jafari et al. (2024)	24.3	26.3

5. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a self-supervised, domain-adaptive, attention-based method for predicting the SOH of EV batteries during shallow-cycle usage. The main focus is on building a model that can accurately understand battery behavior using minimal supervision, even when the data comes from different battery types or usage environments. The method brings together attention-driven feature extraction, domain adaptation, and regression in a smooth and connected pipeline. Attention modules help focus on the most important signals in the battery data, while domain adaptation allows the model to work well across different battery datasets. The regression part uses the processed features to make precise SOH predictions. The proposed model was tested on standard public datasets and performed better than other recent methods. The improvements in prediction accuracy suggest that the model can better follow the trends in shallow-cycle SOH variation, which is commonly found in daily short-range driving. This makes the method suitable for modern EV systems where short trips and frequent charging cycles are common. In future work, this method can be moved into embedded systems to support real-time applications. Such integration can help with continuous battery monitoring inside EVs. Besides SOH prediction, the same model structure can be extended to new tasks such as detecting battery faults early or estimating the RUL. This could make the system more useful in real-world conditions. Also, more advanced DL models can be explored in upcoming studies. Architectures like vision transformers, graph neural networks, or diffusion-based models may bring further improvements. These approaches may help capture complex battery patterns more deeply and provide better insights into battery performance across time and usage conditions. Adding such upgrades could make the framework more powerful and suitable for large-scale deployment in next-generation electric mobility systems.

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