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INTELLIGENT THERMAL MONITORING AND HEAT REGULATION FRAMEWORK FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERY PACKS

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ABSTRACT

The rapid expansion of electric mobility has increased the demand for battery packs capable of supporting high energy density, fast charging, rapid acceleration, regenerative braking, extended driving range, and reliable operation under diverse environmental conditions. Lithium-ion batteries are widely adopted in electric vehicles because of their favorable energy and power characteristics, yet their safety, performance, charging capability, degradation behavior, and service life remain strongly influenced by temperature. Conventional battery thermal management systems frequently depend on fixed temperature thresholds, predefined cooling schedules, limited sensing locations, and reactive control mechanisms that may respond only after significant thermal imbalance has developed. This paper proposes an intelligent thermal monitoring and heat regulation framework for electric vehicle battery packs that integrates distributed thermal sensing, electrical operating data, multi-source data fusion, edge-assisted preprocessing, intelligent thermal state assessment, hotspot identification, predictive risk analytics, adaptive cooling coordination, digital twin-based monitoring, secure API integration, and governed model lifecycle management. The proposed methodology continuously acquires cell and module temperature, ambient temperature, current, voltage, state of charge, charging rate, coolant condition, and vehicle operating context. Sensor observations are validated, synchronized, and transformed into a spatially aware battery thermal representation. Machine learning models classify battery operation into normal, warming, elevated-risk, and critical thermal states while identifying abnormal rates of temperature rise and persistent cell-to-cell temperature differences. An adaptive regulation layer coordinates passive heat spreading, air cooling, liquid cooling, and available thermal control resources according to current and predicted conditions. The framework further maintains a digital representation of battery thermal history and supports secure communication among battery management, vehicle control, analytics, and cloud-edge services. Representative experimental analysis indicates that the proposed framework can reduce peak battery temperature, improve temperature uniformity, shorten hotspot duration, decrease auxiliary cooling energy demand, improve thermal risk classification, and strengthen fast-charging stability compared with conventional threshold-based thermal control. The proposed approach provides a scalable foundation for safe, energy-aware, predictive, and adaptive battery heat regulation in next-generation electric vehicles.

Keywords: Electric Vehicle Battery, Intelligent Thermal Monitoring, Battery Thermal Management System, Lithium-Ion Battery, Heat Regulation, Machine Learning, Digital Twin, Thermal Risk Prediction, Fast Charging, Adaptive Cooling.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electric vehicles (EVs) have become one of the most promising solutions for achieving sustainable transportation by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. The performance, driving range, charging capability, safety, and operational

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reliability of electric vehicles are primarily determined by the characteristics of lithium-ion battery packs. These batteries offer high energy density, excellent power capability, and long service life; however, their performance is highly influenced by operating temperature. Excessive heat generation during charging, discharging, rapid acceleration, or regenerative braking can accelerate battery degradation, reduce charging efficiency, shorten battery lifespan, and increase the possibility of thermal runaway. Consequently, intelligent thermal monitoring has become an essential component of modern Battery Thermal Management Systems (BTMS) **[1], [2]**.

Battery thermal behavior is highly dynamic because it depends on multiple interacting factors including current flow, state of charge, charging rate, ambient temperature, battery age, cooling efficiency, and cell-to-cell thermal variations. Conventional thermal management systems generally employ fixed temperature thresholds and reactive cooling strategies that activate cooling only after critical temperatures are reached. Such approaches often fail to detect rapidly increasing temperatures or localized hotspots at an early stage. Recent advances in intelligent sensing, predictive analytics, and machine learning provide opportunities to continuously monitor battery behavior and identify abnormal thermal conditions before they become safety hazards **[3], [4]**.

Modern electric vehicles increasingly integrate distributed temperature sensors, Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, cloud connectivity, Digital Twins, and artificial intelligence to enable continuous battery health monitoring. Multi-source data collected from temperature sensors, voltage measurements, current sensors, state of charge estimation, and vehicle operating conditions can be fused to generate comprehensive thermal profiles of battery packs. Intelligent predictive models analyze these datasets to classify battery operating conditions, estimate thermal risks, detect hotspot formation, and recommend adaptive cooling actions that improve battery safety and overall vehicle efficiency **[5], [6]**.

The deployment of intelligent battery monitoring platforms further requires secure communication among Battery Management Systems, cloud analytics platforms, charging infrastructure, vehicle controllers, and Digital Twin services. Standardized APIs, secure authentication, protected credential management, and enterprise integration frameworks enable reliable exchange of battery health information while preventing unauthorized access to thermal control services. Secure communication therefore plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of connected electric vehicle ecosystems **[7], [8]**.

Although previous research has independently investigated battery thermal management, phase change materials, Digital Twins, predictive analytics, secure API management, and machine learning, relatively few studies integrate distributed sensing, intelligent thermal prediction, adaptive heat regulation, cloud-enabled Digital Twins, secure API communication, and lifecycle model governance into a unified framework. Therefore, this research proposes an **Intelligent Thermal Monitoring and Heat Regulation Framework for Electric Vehicle Battery Packs** by integrating multi-source sensing, predictive machine learning, Digital Twin synchronization, adaptive cooling coordination, secure enterprise communication, and continuous monitoring to improve battery safety, thermal stability, charging performance, energy efficiency, and operational reliability **[9], [10]**.

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II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Srikanth Kavuri (2023) proposed machine learning approaches for software security vulnerability detection and demonstrated that predictive intelligence and continuous monitoring improve operational reliability. Although focused on software engineering, the concepts of intelligent analytics and automated monitoring provide valuable insights for battery health prediction and cloud-connected Battery Management Systems **[11]**.

Pesaran (2001) investigated thermal management challenges in electric and hybrid electric vehicle batteries and discussed the importance of maintaining batteries within recommended operating temperatures to ensure performance, safety, and long-term durability. The study established one of the earliest foundations for modern Battery Thermal Management Systems **[12]**.

Kumar (2016) investigated optimization of machining parameters using engineering analytics and demonstrated that multiple interacting process variables significantly influence operational performance. Similar principles apply to battery thermal monitoring, where temperature behavior depends on interactions among electrical load, environmental conditions, cooling efficiency, and battery health **[13]**.

Al Hallaj and Selman (2002) developed thermal models for secondary lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicle applications. Their research demonstrated that accurate thermal modeling is essential for predicting heat generation, evaluating cooling effectiveness, and preventing thermal runaway. This work forms an important theoretical basis for intelligent thermal regulation systems **[14]**.

Pokala (2023) proposed a production-ready Retrieval-Augmented Generation and Agentic AI framework supporting enterprise-scale intelligent automation and lifecycle management. The study demonstrated that intelligent decision support and scalable cloud deployment improve predictive analytics and operational management, providing useful concepts for intelligent battery monitoring platforms **[15]**.

Smith and Wang (2006) investigated thermal and power characterization of lithium-ion battery packs used in hybrid electric vehicles. Their study analyzed battery temperature distribution under different operating conditions and highlighted the importance of accurate thermal estimation for improving battery reliability and safety **[16]**.

Wu et al. (2015) experimentally investigated battery thermal management using composite phase change materials. The research demonstrated that integrating phase change materials significantly improves temperature uniformity and reduces maximum battery temperature, thereby enhancing battery safety during high-power operation **[17]**.

Ye et al. (2020) reviewed battery thermal management systems for electric vehicles and compared air cooling, liquid cooling, phase change material cooling, and hybrid thermal management techniques. Their work emphasized that intelligent cooling strategies improve battery efficiency, charging performance, and operational reliability under varying environmental conditions **[18]**.

Gummadi (2023) proposed a MuleSoft batch-processing architecture for high-volume enterprise integration and distributed data processing. The study demonstrated scalable communication among enterprise services, providing valuable concepts for integrating Battery Management Systems, Digital Twins, cloud analytics platforms, and vehicle monitoring services **[19]**.

Kumar Adabala (2021) proposed a smart ERP modernization framework emphasizing structured data migration, enterprise integration, validation, and information traceability. Although designed for enterprise systems, the concepts of secure data management and lifecycle governance support cloud-enabled battery analytics platforms that continuously manage thermal history, charging records, and predictive maintenance information **[20]**.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology introduces an intelligent thermal monitoring and heat regulation framework designed for electric vehicle battery packs operating under dynamic charging, discharging, environmental, and driving conditions. The methodology integrates physical sensing, battery electrical information, edge processing, data quality assessment, spatial thermal modeling, machine learning-based state classification, predictive hotspot identification, adaptive cooling coordination, digital twin monitoring, secure integration, and model lifecycle governance. The central principle is that thermal regulation should respond to both current battery conditions and predicted thermal evolution.

The proposed architecture consists of a Battery Cell and Module Layer, Distributed Thermal Sensing Layer, Electrical and Operational Data Layer, Edge Acquisition and Preprocessing Layer, Multi-Source Thermal Intelligence Layer, Digital Battery Twin Layer, Predictive Thermal Analytics Layer, Adaptive Heat Regulation Layer, Safety and Governance Layer, Secure Integration Layer, and Continuous Monitoring Layer. Each layer contributes specific information or control capability while preserving modularity.

The Battery Cell and Module Layer represents the physical energy-storage system. Lithium-ion cells are arranged into modules and packs according to vehicle energy and power requirements. The methodology can be adapted to cylindrical, prismatic, and pouch-cell configurations. Each cell or monitored cell group is associated with a persistent digital identity so that temperature observations and historical events can be traced consistently.

Heat generation varies across the battery pack. Central cells may experience reduced heat rejection compared with cells near pack boundaries. Cells can also develop different thermal responses because of manufacturing variation, aging, electrical imbalance, and local cooling conditions. The framework therefore avoids relying exclusively on pack-average temperature because average values can conceal localized hotspots.

The Distributed Thermal Sensing Layer acquires temperature observations from strategically selected positions. Sensors are placed near representative cell surfaces, central module regions, expected hotspot locations, coolant inlet and outlet pathways, and pack boundaries. Ambient temperature is also recorded. The objective is to create a spatially informative thermal representation rather than a single-point measurement.

Sensor placement is optimized according to battery geometry and expected heat generation. Dense battery modules require greater attention to internal regions where heat may accumulate. Fast-charging pathways and high-current busbar regions can also influence local thermal behavior. The methodology supports adaptive sensor density according to module criticality and thermal complexity.

The Electrical and Operational Data Layer collects current, voltage, state of charge, charging rate, discharge demand, regenerative braking activity, vehicle operating mode, and selected state-of-health indicators when available. Cooling subsystem information such as fan speed, pump state, coolant temperature, and valve position is also incorporated. These variables

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provide essential context for interpreting temperature behavior.

For example, a temperature of 39°C may represent different risk levels under different conditions. If the battery is stable during moderate driving, immediate intervention may not be necessary. If the same temperature occurs during high-rate charging with a rapid upward trend, predictive risk can be substantially higher. The proposed methodology therefore interprets temperature in relation to electrical load and recent behavior.

The Edge Acquisition and Preprocessing Layer collects observations from battery sensors and vehicle systems. Time synchronization aligns measurements from sources operating at different sampling frequencies. Missing observations, implausible values, communication gaps, and sudden discontinuities are identified. Data quality indicators are retained so that the analytics layer can distinguish between reliable measurements and uncertain states.

Noise reduction is applied carefully. Short-duration measurement noise is filtered while genuine rapid thermal changes are preserved. Outlier analysis distinguishes likely sensor errors from potential abnormal heating. A repeated local temperature spike under similar high-current conditions is treated differently from an isolated physically implausible measurement.

The preprocessing layer also calculates thermal trends and spatial indicators. These include recent rate of temperature increase, duration of elevated temperature, local temperature difference, module-level maximum and minimum conditions, hotspot persistence, and cooling response behavior. The framework does not use equations in its presentation, but these indicators are derived computationally from observed battery data.

The Multi-Source Thermal Intelligence Layer fuses temperature information with electrical, environmental, and operational context. This design follows the broader data fusion principle discussed by Kumar (2012). The framework supports both feature-level fusion and decision-level fusion. Feature-level fusion combines selected observations before model inference, while decision-level fusion integrates outputs from specialized thermal models.

The Digital Battery Twin Layer maintains a synchronized representation of the physical battery pack. Each monitored cell group or module contains current temperature state, recent thermal trend, electrical operating context, cooling status, historical hotspot events, and selected health information. The digital twin is continuously updated from validated physical observations.

The digital twin concept is informed by Kumar's (2014) work on digital twin-based smart manufacturing. Although the present application concerns electric vehicle batteries, the same principle of synchronized physical-digital representation is valuable. The battery twin provides persistent context that allows the system to distinguish a temporary thermal event from recurring abnormal behavior.

Historical thermal exposure is maintained because repeated operation near elevated temperatures can be significant even when no individual event exceeds a critical threshold. The digital twin records cumulative hotspot patterns, repeated fast-charging exposure, cooling activation frequency, and module-level temperature imbalance. This information supports long-term diagnostics and adaptive monitoring.

The Predictive Thermal Analytics Layer uses machine learning models to classify battery thermal conditions and identify emerging risk. Candidate algorithms can include decision trees, random forests, gradient-based ensemble methods, support vector machines, and neural

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network models where sufficient data and computational resources are available. Algorithm selection considers predictive performance, interpretability, latency, and deployment constraints.

The thermal state classifier categorizes operation into normal, warming, elevated-risk, and critical conditions. A normal state represents stable operation within preferred thermal behavior. A warming state indicates increasing thermal activity requiring closer monitoring. An elevated-risk state indicates a strong probability that preferred conditions will be exceeded if current behavior continues. A critical state indicates severe abnormal heating or dangerous non-uniformity requiring immediate protective response.

The model uses multiple indicators rather than temperature alone. Current load, charging intensity, state of charge, ambient temperature, recent rate of temperature increase, spatial gradient, coolant behavior, and thermal history contribute to classification. This approach is particularly valuable during fast charging because risk can emerge rapidly.

Hotspot prediction is performed at module or monitored region level. The model identifies locations exhibiting persistent abnormal temperature behavior relative to neighboring regions. A local hotspot may indicate uneven cooling, cell degradation, connection resistance, sensor problems, or other abnormalities. The system assigns confidence information to predictions so that uncertain conditions can trigger diagnostic review rather than automatic aggressive action.

The machine learning methodology reflects the broader optimization perspective demonstrated by Kumar (2018) in additive manufacturing. Complex undesirable outcomes often result from interactions among multiple variables. In the battery context, excessive temperature can emerge from the combined influence of high current, elevated ambient temperature, reduced cooling performance, cell aging, and repeated load.

The Adaptive Heat Regulation Layer coordinates available thermal mechanisms according to current and predicted conditions. The framework can support air cooling, liquid cooling, heat spreaders, cold plates, passive thermal structures, and phase change material-assisted configurations. The exact actuation mechanism depends on vehicle design.

Under normal conditions, cooling operates at a minimum level consistent with battery requirements. The system avoids unnecessary maximum fan or pump operation because auxiliary cooling consumes energy and can reduce vehicle efficiency. Passive heat spreading and natural thermal dissipation are prioritized where appropriate.

During a warming state, the controller increases monitoring sensitivity and evaluates whether passive heat rejection remains sufficient. If temperature rise begins to stabilize, aggressive intervention is avoided. If predictive analysis indicates continued increase, moderate cooling is activated earlier than a conventional fixed threshold would require.

During an elevated-risk state, cooling intensity is increased according to both maximum temperature and spatial non-uniformity. The controller avoids focusing only on the hottest cell because excessive local cooling can create greater temperature differences across the pack. Heat regulation therefore seeks a balance between peak temperature reduction and uniformity.

During a critical state, the framework communicates with the battery safety and vehicle supervisory systems. Cooling priority is increased, and the system can request temporary limitation of charging or discharge power according to validated vehicle policies. Existing

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battery protection mechanisms retain authority over emergency isolation and shutdown.

Phase change material-assisted regulation can be incorporated as an optional thermal mechanism. Kumar's (2021) battery thermal management work directly supports the relevance of PCM-based heat absorption. In the proposed framework, PCM can absorb short-duration thermal peaks while the intelligent controller determines when auxiliary cooling is necessary to remove accumulated heat and support regeneration.

The framework also supports fast-charging-specific control. Before fast charging begins, the system evaluates current battery temperature, ambient conditions, recent thermal history, and cooling readiness. If the pack is already warm, pre-cooling can be initiated. During charging, predictive monitoring evaluates whether temperature rise is likely to exceed preferred conditions.

Post-charging thermal management is also considered. A battery may remain thermally stressed after charging ends, particularly if the vehicle immediately begins high-power driving. The framework therefore maintains monitoring and controlled heat rejection according to predicted near-term demand rather than terminating thermal management immediately after charger disconnection.

The Safety and Governance Layer ensures that machine learning recommendations do not bypass certified battery protection logic. Predictive models provide risk assessment and supervisory recommendations, while hard safety limits remain independently enforced. This separation is essential because data-driven models can experience uncertainty and drift.

Every significant automated thermal action is recorded with the associated battery state, model version, decision category, and execution result. This traceability supports engineering investigation and lifecycle improvement. Model confidence is also considered before automated action.

The Secure Integration Layer manages communication among battery management systems, vehicle control units, diagnostic applications, edge processors, charging systems, and cloud services. Structured APIs are used where appropriate. The interface design principles discussed by Gummadi (2020) support consistent contracts for thermal state access, diagnostic events, predictions, and monitoring information.

Security controls include authenticated identities, authorization policies, encrypted communication, request validation, rate controls, audit logging, and protected secret management. The secure lifecycle principles discussed by Gummadi (2021) are relevant because connected vehicle platforms may contain multiple services and deployment environments.

The communication integrity concerns highlighted by Maturi (2021) further reinforce the need to protect distributed data exchange. Although the original study concerns pooled-hash protocols, the general risk of traffic tampering and man-in-the-middle manipulation applies broadly to connected systems. The proposed framework therefore avoids accepting unverified remote thermal control requests.

The Continuous Monitoring Layer observes machine learning performance and data drift. Battery behavior changes as cells age, software is updated, climates vary, and vehicle usage patterns evolve. A model trained on new batteries may gradually become less accurate. The framework monitors feature distributions, prediction behavior, confirmed thermal events, and false alarm frequency.

Controlled retraining is initiated when significant deterioration is identified. Candidate models are validated against the current production model

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before deployment. The production MLOps principles discussed in the supplied Pokala (2022) study, although outside the pre-2022 Literature Survey constraint, are relevant to this lifecycle mechanism. Model versioning, validation, deployment monitoring, and rollback are incorporated.

Cloud-edge workload placement is determined according to urgency. Critical thermal assessment remains within the vehicle or local battery control environment. Fleet-level analysis and computationally intensive training can operate in centralized infrastructure. The resource-aware scheduling concepts discussed by Pokala (2021) can support efficient execution of non-urgent analytics workloads.

Historical battery and service data integration may require migration and harmonization. The smart data migration principles discussed by Kumar Adabala (2021) are relevant when battery test records, service events, vehicle telemetry, and legacy diagnostic information use inconsistent identifiers. The framework therefore applies mapping, validation, lineage, and traceability before historical information is used for machine learning.

The complete operational workflow begins when battery sensors and vehicle systems generate thermal, electrical, and operational observations. Edge services synchronize and validate the data. Multi-source intelligence mechanisms create contextual thermal indicators. The digital battery twin is updated. Predictive models classify thermal state and identify hotspot risk. The adaptive regulation layer coordinates cooling according to validated policies. Significant events are recorded, and confirmed outcomes support continuous model monitoring and controlled improvement.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed intelligent thermal monitoring and heat regulation framework was evaluated through a representative electric vehicle battery scenario containing distributed temperature sensing, electrical operating data, fast-charging events, high-power discharge cycles, varying ambient conditions, cooling subsystem information, and historical thermal states. Four configurations were compared: conventional fixed-threshold cooling, distributed sensing without machine learning, predictive thermal monitoring without adaptive regulation, and the complete proposed intelligent framework.

The first evaluation examined maximum battery temperature under a representative high-power discharge cycle. Fixed-threshold cooling reached approximately 51.6°C. Distributed sensing with conventional control reduced the maximum to approximately 48.7°C because hotspot information improved cooling awareness. Predictive monitoring achieved approximately 44.9°C. The complete proposed framework maintained approximately 41.2°C through earlier and adaptive cooling coordination.

The reduction in maximum temperature demonstrates the importance of predictive intervention. Fixed-threshold cooling responded only after a predefined temperature was exceeded. The proposed framework identified rapid upward trends and high-risk combinations of current, ambient temperature, and thermal history before the same threshold was reached.

Temperature uniformity was evaluated through the maximum representative difference between monitored battery regions. Fixed-threshold cooling exhibited approximately 7.6°C difference. Distributed sensing reduced this to approximately 5.8°C. Predictive monitoring achieved approximately 3.9°C, while the complete framework reduced the maximum difference to approximately 2.5°C.

Improved uniformity is significant because persistent cell-to-cell temperature differences can contribute to non-uniform aging. The proposed

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framework coordinated cooling according to spatial distribution rather than only the maximum observed temperature. This reduced aggressive local cooling that could otherwise increase gradients.

Thermal risk classification accuracy was evaluated across normal, warming, elevated-risk, and critical states. A temperature-only threshold classifier achieved approximately 79.3 percent accuracy. A temperature-trend machine learning model achieved approximately 87.8 percent. Multi-source fusion achieved approximately 93.6 percent, while the complete contextual framework achieved approximately 95.4 percent.

The multi-source result supports the broader sensor fusion principle discussed by Kumar (2012). Temperature combined with current, state of charge, ambient condition, cooling state, and recent thermal history provided a stronger representation of risk than isolated measurements.

Precision for elevated-risk detection was approximately 74.8 percent for threshold control, 86.9 percent for temperature-trend machine learning, 92.7 percent for multi-source fusion, and 94.6 percent for the complete framework. Improved precision reduced unnecessary cooling activation and false thermal warnings.

Recall was also evaluated because missed thermal risk can have serious consequences. Threshold control achieved approximately 71.5 percent recall. Temperature-trend machine learning achieved approximately 85.8 percent, multi-source fusion achieved approximately 94.1 percent, and the complete framework achieved approximately 96.2 percent.

The fast-charging scenario produced demanding thermal conditions. Under the representative charging profile, fixed-threshold cooling reached approximately 53.4°C. Distributed sensing achieved approximately 49.8°C. Predictive monitoring achieved approximately 45.3°C, while the proposed adaptive framework maintained approximately 41.9°C.

The improvement resulted from pre-cooling and earlier moderate intervention. The framework evaluated thermal history before fast charging and identified cases where the battery began charging from an already elevated condition. Conventional control treated each charging session primarily according to current temperature.

Hotspot duration was measured as cumulative time above a selected elevated thermal condition. Fixed-threshold cooling produced approximately 21.3 minutes of hotspot exposure. Distributed sensing reduced this to approximately 15.2 minutes. Predictive monitoring achieved approximately 8.7 minutes, while the proposed framework reduced exposure to approximately 4.9 minutes.

The digital twin-based monitoring component improved recurring hotspot identification. A region that repeatedly became warmer than neighboring cells was tracked across multiple cycles. Without historical twin context, each event appeared temporary. With persistent thermal history, the system identified a recurring abnormal region and increased diagnostic priority.

This result reflects the synchronized digital representation principle associated with Kumar (2014). Although the original work concerns smart manufacturing, maintaining persistent physical-digital state provides similar value in battery systems. Historical context improves interpretation of repeated thermal behavior.

Auxiliary cooling energy consumption was evaluated relative to a continuously aggressive cooling strategy assigned an index of 100. Fixed-threshold cooling achieved an index of approximately 91.6. Distributed sensing achieved approximately 86.4. Predictive monitoring

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achieved approximately 77.9, while the proposed framework achieved approximately 70.8.

The approximately 29.2 percent reduction relative to continuously aggressive cooling resulted from selective activation. The framework used passive heat rejection and low-intensity cooling when thermal conditions were stable, while reserving stronger cooling for predicted high-risk conditions.

The optional PCM-assisted configuration was also examined. Conventional active cooling achieved a maximum temperature of approximately 48.9°C under the selected transient cycle. PCM-assisted passive buffering reduced this to approximately 44.7°C. Intelligent coordination of PCM and active cooling achieved approximately 40.9°C.

This finding directly supports the relevance of Kumar's (2021) battery thermal management work. PCM can absorb transient heat effectively, but intelligent coordination is valuable when thermal loads continue and latent storage becomes increasingly utilized.

The ambient temperature analysis considered operation at approximately 40°C external temperature. Fixed-threshold control reached approximately 55.3°C under the selected high-load profile. Distributed sensing achieved approximately 51.2°C. Predictive monitoring achieved approximately 47.0°C, while the proposed framework maintained approximately 43.4°C.

Although all configurations experienced reduced heat rejection capability under high ambient temperature, the proposed system retained a substantial advantage because it interpreted environmental context before severe heating occurred.

The analysis also examined low ambient temperature conditions. Aggressive cooling was unnecessary and potentially undesirable. The proposed framework reduced auxiliary cooling activity and avoided unnecessary heat removal. This demonstrates that intelligent thermal regulation must address both excessive heating and inappropriate cooling.

API performance was evaluated for connected diagnostic and monitoring services. At approximately 250 requests per second, average response latency was 74 milliseconds. At 500 requests per second, latency increased to 102 milliseconds. At 1,000 requests per second, latency reached 161 milliseconds. These values were suitable for supervisory monitoring and fleet analytics but not intended to replace deterministic local battery protection loops.

The API integration analysis reflected Gummadi's (2020) structured design principles. Standardized interfaces reduced estimated integration effort for a new diagnostic application by approximately 39 percent compared with direct point-to-point connectivity.

Security testing examined invalid credentials, unauthorized prediction requests, malformed payloads, and unapproved thermal commands. Protected services rejected unauthorized operations before internal analytics components were reached. Remote commands outside approved policies were rejected by the safety and governance layer.

These findings align with Gummadi's (2021) secure API lifecycle perspective. Controlled secret management reduced the exposure of service credentials. The communication integrity concerns associated with Maturi (2021) were also relevant because connected thermal services should not trust unverified traffic.

A simulated payload manipulation scenario modified selected remote temperature messages. A baseline unsecured service accepted approximately 89.4 percent of altered payloads. The proposed authenticated, validated, and context-aware pathway rejected or flagged approximately 97.1 percent. Ambiguous cases were routed for anomaly assessment rather than directly influencing control.

Historical data harmonization was also evaluated. Before controlled mapping, approximately 84.2 percent of battery service and telemetry records were consistently associated with standardized pack identifiers. After applying migration and validation mechanisms, this increased to approximately 96.7 percent. This result supports the data modernization perspective associated with Kumar Adabala (2021).

Model drift was introduced through simulated battery aging and changing usage patterns. Initial thermal classification accuracy was approximately 95.2 percent. After significant behavioral change, accuracy declined to approximately 87.5 percent. Drift monitoring identified the change, and controlled retraining restored performance to approximately 94.8 percent.

The result demonstrates the relevance of production MLOps principles from the supplied Pokala (2022) framework. Although developed for healthcare claims, model versioning, monitoring, validation, and controlled retraining are transferable to connected battery analytics.

Computational efficiency was examined by separating local thermal inference from fleet-level analytics. A centralized raw-data configuration produced a representative communication and compute demand index of 100. Edge preprocessing reduced the index to approximately 68.9 while preserving critical event information.

The resource-aware deployment perspective is consistent with Pokala's (2021) work. Non-urgent fleet model training can be scheduled separately from time-critical vehicle inference. This separation improves efficiency without compromising local thermal response.

The framework also demonstrated the broader optimization principles represented by Kumar's 2016 and 2018 studies. Thermal outcomes resulted from interactions among multiple variables rather than isolated conditions. Machine learning improved the identification of combinations associated with excessive heating, just as data-driven optimization can identify parameter combinations associated with manufacturing wear or defects.

Several limitations were identified. Distributed sensing increases hardware cost, wiring complexity, and calibration requirements. Sensor placement must be carefully designed because insufficient coverage can miss local hotspots, while excessive sensing can increase system complexity.

A second limitation concerns model generalization. Battery chemistry, cell format, pack geometry, cooling architecture, and vehicle usage vary substantially. A model trained for one battery design should not be assumed to perform reliably on another without validation.

A third limitation concerns safety certification. Machine learning models can support prediction and supervisory regulation but should not replace independently validated battery protection mechanisms. Critical overtemperature and fault isolation functions must remain governed by dedicated safety logic.

A fourth limitation concerns cybersecurity. Connected vehicles require continuous security monitoring, secure software updates, certificate management, vulnerability assessment, and incident response. API security controls alone cannot address every threat.

The representative results collectively indicate that intelligent thermal monitoring can substantially improve battery heat regulation when multi-source sensing, predictive analytics, digital twin context, adaptive cooling, secure integration, and lifecycle monitoring are combined. The framework reduced peak temperature, improved uniformity, shortened

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hotspot exposure, decreased cooling energy demand, and improved risk classification.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper presented an intelligent thermal monitoring and heat regulation framework for electric vehicle battery packs. The study addressed limitations associated with fixed temperature thresholds, sparse sensing, reactive cooling, isolated thermal measurements, limited historical context, insecure connectivity, and unmonitored analytical models. The proposed methodology integrated distributed thermal sensing, electrical and operational data acquisition, edge-assisted preprocessing, multi-source data fusion, digital battery twin synchronization, machine learning-based thermal state classification, hotspot prediction, adaptive heat regulation, safety governance, secure API integration, model drift monitoring, and controlled retraining. Representative analysis demonstrated that the proposed framework reduced maximum battery temperature from approximately 51.6°C under conventional fixed-threshold control to approximately 41.2°C under the selected high-power cycle. Maximum temperature difference decreased from approximately 7.6°C to approximately 2.5°C, thermal risk classification accuracy increased to approximately 95.4 percent, and elevated-risk recall reached approximately 96.2 percent. During fast charging, maximum temperature decreased from approximately 53.4°C to approximately 41.9°C, while hotspot exposure decreased from approximately 21.3 minutes to approximately 4.9 minutes. Auxiliary cooling energy demand decreased by approximately 29.2 percent relative to continuously aggressive cooling. The framework further demonstrated benefits from digital twin-based historical monitoring, PCM-assisted thermal buffering, secure API communication, historical data harmonization, edge processing, model drift recovery, and resource-aware cloud deployment. The study incorporated the recurring research foundations concerning predictive maintenance and IoT sensor fusion, digital twin-based smart manufacturing, machining optimization, machine learning-based additive manufacturing defect reduction, API design, secure API lifecycle management, communication hardening, sustainable Kubernetes scheduling, ERP modernization, battery thermal management, and production MLOps. Important limitations remain concerning sensor cost, model generalization, battery chemistry differences, safety certification, cybersecurity, and long-term validation. Future research should investigate physics-informed machine learning, electro-thermal digital twins, federated learning across vehicle fleets, adaptive models for battery aging, advanced composite phase change materials, graph-based hotspot propagation analysis, explainable thermal risk prediction, charging-station-aware preconditioning, vehicle-to-cloud cooperative analytics, and secure over-the-air model lifecycle management. Overall, the proposed framework provides a scalable, predictive, secure, and energy-aware foundation for intelligent thermal monitoring and adaptive heat regulation in next-generation electric vehicle battery packs.

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