

# Predicting Capacity Change in Li-ion Batteries using Regression Models

## Regresyon Modelleri ile Li-ion Bataryalarında Kapasite Değişimi Tahmini

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**Abstract**—The lithium-ion battery technology has led to significant changes in the usage of rechargeable batteries due to its low discharge current, high energy capacity, and long charge/discharge cycles. The easy production of portable and high-energy density batteries has not only contributed to the proliferation of smart devices like the Internet of Things (IoT) devices but has also led to an increase in the use of electric vehicles (EVs). As battery chemistry varies based on manufacturers and storage conditions, the importance of determining the charge lifespan and capacity of batteries connected to smart devices is growing progressively. Therefore, various studies are being conducted to assess capacity and lifespan calculations for Li-Ion batteries. In this study, the behavioral patterns of Li-Ion cells in end-user products are analyzed, aiming to predict capacities for similar battery groups. For this purpose, besides a fundamental linear regression analysis, regression analysis using Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) is carried out. The regression performance is evaluated using diverse metric criteria such as R-squared ( $R^2$ ), Adjusted R-squared (Adj.  $R^2$ ), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Normalized Mean Squared Error (NMSE).

**Keywords**—Lithium-ion battery; capacity; regression; GPR; CNN

**Özetçe**—Lityum-iyon pil teknolojisi, düşük deşarj akımı, yoğun enerji kapasitesi ve uzun şarj/deşarj döngüsü sebebiyle şarj edilebilir pillerin kullanım alanlarında büyük değişimler yaşanmasına sebep olmuştur. Taşınabilir ve enerji güvenliği yüksek bataryaların kolayca üretilmesi ile IoT gibi akıllı aygıtların yaygınlaşmasının yanısıra elektrikli araçların (EV) kullanılmasında da artış meydana gelmiştir. Pil kimyasının üretici temelli ve saklama koşulları ile değişmesi sebebiyle akıllı cihazlara bağlı pillerin şarj ömrünün ve kapasitesinin tespitinin önemi gitgide artmaktadır. Bu sebeple Li-Ion pillerde de kapasite ve ömür hesabında çeşitli çalışmalar yapılmaktadır. Bu çalışmada özellikle Li-Ion hücrelerin son kullanıcı ürünlerindeki davranış modelleri incelenerek benzer batarya grupları için kapasite tahmini yapılması amaçlanmıştır. Bu sebeple temel bir doğrusal regresyon analizinin yanı sıra Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) ve Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) ile regresyon analizi gerçekleştirilmiştir. Çeşitli metrik ölçütlerle, (R-squared ( $R^2$ ),

Adjusted R-squared (Adj.  $R^2$ ), Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Normalized Mean Squared Error (NMSE)), regresyon performansı incelenmiştir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler**—Lityum-iyon batarya; kapasite; regresyon; GPR; CNN

### I. INTRODUCTION

Lithium-ion batteries, owing to their high energy density and compatibility with rapid charging methods, have revolutionized the landscape of rechargeable batteries. They find extensive applications across a wide spectrum, ranging from unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), cell phones, and electric vehicles to everyday consumer products like toothbrushes and electric shavers. Additionally, they are employed in smart home sensors and Internet of Things (IoT) devices. For projects with energy-sensitive requirements such as IoT devices, cell phones, and UAVs, there has been significant research on predicting the capacity degradation over time, estimating instantaneous current outputs, and predicting voltage behavior.

The ability to forecast these parameters enables the determination of network connection timing for service and charging intervals of mobile devices. Battery management is notably crucial in unmanned aerial vehicles and IoT devices, as mismanaging batteries can lead to severe consequences, including complete device failure. Accordingly, the literature is replete with studies on this matter. For instance, Li et al. examined battery depletion patterns in UAVs engaged in rescue missions under extreme weather conditions [1]. Depcik et al. highlighted the advantages of Li-ion batteries in UAV flight duration compared to alternative energy storage methods [2]. Ma et al. investigated optimizations necessary for using Li-ion batteries in UAVs [3]. Shahjalal et al. delved into heat management issues during charge and discharge in Li-ion batteries [4]. Kumar et al. worked on battery life prediction for IoT devices [5], while Hemavathi focused on predicting battery life using internal impedance [6]. Likewise, Shah et al. concentrated on estimating the lifespan of EV batteries [7]. Li

et al. employed GPR and later Support Vector Regression for capacity analysis in Li-ion batteries [8], [9].

In predicting the State of Health (SOH) of batteries, several electrically measurable parameters are considered. Battery internal resistance measurements have been used to estimate battery capacity directly [10]–[13]. Similarly, IC/DV capacity growth-voltage change analysis is also employed for battery life prediction [14]–[17]. Another method, the Differential Temperature Voltage (DTV) analysis, utilizes potential difference and surface temperature change for SOH estimation [18]–[20].

In this study, the NASA Prognostics Center of Excellence (PCoE) battery discharge dataset was employed [21].

Looking at similar studies conducted with comparable datasets, analyses of SOH have been carried out using methods like the Autoregressive process [22], a combination of Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) and Fuzzy Logic [23], Capacity estimation through Lumped Parameter Modeling [24], Capacity prediction using Polynomial Fitting [25], Capacity estimation employing Nonlinear AR model [26], Prediction through Kalman filtering [27], Battery life prediction using Support Vector Regression (SVR) [28], [29], and also Nonlinear Regression techniques [30].

For SOH analysis from battery discharge data, linear regression, GPR, and CNN-based regression analyses were utilized to predict the battery output voltage in terms of measured load current, load potential, and battery voltage's previous recorded value.

## II. MATERIALS & METHODS

### A. Dataset & Preprocess

In this study, the battery charge/discharge dataset provided by the NASA Prognostics Center of Excellence (PCoE) has been utilized [21]. The presented dataset encompasses temperature, terminal current, voltage, as well as circuit current and voltage (load or charge circuit) during the charge/discharge events of Li-ion batteries. Additionally, the dataset includes measurements necessary for internal resistance calculations during impedance measurements. A detailed representation is presented in the image below, and for comprehensive examination, the entire dataset can be accessed at <https://ti.arc.nasa.gov/tech/dash/groups/pcoe/prognostic-data-repository/>.

The data structure for battery B0005 is provided as an illustrative example in the image. Beneath the top-level field named "cycle," there are fields labeled "type," "ambient\_temperature," "time," and "data." The "type" section contains subfields for "charge," "discharge," or "impedance." The "time" field accommodates the starting time of the "cycle" operation. The "data" section holds the recorded data. In this study, discharge patterns from batteries B0005, B0006, B0007, and B0018 have been employed.

For the utilized discharge data, only MinMax normalization has been applied as a preprocessing step. Through MinMax normalization, the measured quantities have been scaled to the range of 0 to 1, as indicated by the equation 1.

$$x_{\text{normalized}} = \frac{x - x_{\min}}{x_{\max} - x_{\min}} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- $x_{\text{normalized}}$  represents the normalized value of the measurement  $x$ ,
- $x_{\min}$  is the minimum value of measurement  $x$ ,
- $x_{\max}$  is the maximum value of measurement  $x$ .

This normalization process ensures that the measured values are transformed to a standardized range suitable for subsequent analysis and modeling. Three attributes have been chosen as features for the regression. These include the load current, voltage values, and the terminal potential value recorded in the previous measurement of the battery. The goal is to predict the instantaneous voltage value of the battery as the output.

### B. Regression

Supervised learning can be fundamentally categorized into regression and classification problems. If we are building a learning model to predict discontinuous or labeled intervals, we are dealing with a classification problem [31], [32]. Similarly, when the values we are aiming to predict are continuous, this process is referred to as a regression problem. In the context of this study, focusing on battery capacity, the prediction task at hand is a regression process that needs to be addressed [33].

1) *Linear Regression*: Linear Regression analysis is the approach of investigating the relationship between multiple variables using linear methods. In its simplest form, the linear regression model can be defined as [34]:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon \quad (2)$$

Here,  $y$  represents the dependent variable, while  $x$  is the independent variable.  $\beta_0$  denotes the intercept,  $\beta_1$  signifies the slope of the line, and  $\varepsilon$  indicates the error term.

2) *Gaussian Process Regression*: Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) is a non-parametric Bayesian regression method. Broadly, it is a modeling process performed to find a Gaussian-distributed kernel that maps our input feature vector to the output values. If we express it in the form of a standard linear model,

$$y = f(X) + \varepsilon \quad (3)$$

$$f(X) = X^T w \quad (4)$$

$$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n^2) \quad (5)$$

Where noise ( $\varepsilon$ ) follows a Gaussian distribution with a mean of zero and a variance of  $\sigma_n^2$  [33].

3) *Convolutional Neural Network*: The regression problem, as mentioned before, is the process of approximating a continuous output in terms of attributes through specific parameters and functions. On the other hand, CNN is a multi-layered perceptual system that includes at least one layer with a convolution operation and can be utilized for both classification and regression tasks [35], [36]. The cornerstone of CNN, the convolutional layer, is where the convolution operation takes place. These layers are typically responsible for determining data attributes. The convolutional layer allows focusing on crucial points rather than processing the entire dataset, enabling the creation of a more profound learning algorithm [37]. By leveraging the learned weight coefficients specific to the

B0005 [1x1 struct]		B0005.cycle [1x616 struct]				
cycle	Values [1x616 struc...	38	type charge	ambient_temperature 24	time [1x6 double]	data [1x1 struct]
		39	discharge	24	[1x6 double]	[1x1 struct]
		40	charge	24	[1x6 double]	[1x1 struct]
		41	impedance	24	[1x6 double]	[1x1 struct]
B0005.cycle(39).time [1x6 double]						
	1	2	3	4	5	
1	2008	4	5	22	46	
B0005.cycle(39).data [1x1 struct]		B0005.cycle(40).data [1x1 struct]			B0005.cycle(41).data [1x1 struct]	
	Values			Values		Values
Voltage_measured	[1x182 doubl...	Voltage_measured		[1x933 doubl...	Sense_current	[1x48 double]
Current_measured	[1x182 doubl...	Current_measured		[1x933 doubl...	Battery_current	[1x48 double]
Temperature_measured	[1x182 doubl...	Temperature_measured		[1x933 doubl...	Current_ratio	[1x48 double]
Current_load	[1x182 doubl...	Current_charge		[1x933 doubl...	Battery_impedance	[48x1 double]
Voltage_load	[1x182 doubl...	Voltage_charge		[1x933 doubl...	Rectified_Impedance	[39x1 double]
Time	[1x182 doubl...	Time		[1x933 doubl...	Re	0.044669
Capacity	1.8028				Rct	0.069456

Figure 1: Data structure for battery B0005

convolutional network, the input data undergoes convolution to compute the output. For instance, the convolution operation  $Y = X * W$  is illustrated in Figure 2, and the calculation of the  $y_0$  value from the outputs is presented in Equation 6. Similarly, other values within the  $Y$  matrix are computed by sliding the  $W$  matrix over the  $X$  matrix. Ultimately, Equation 7 is derived for the convolution operation.

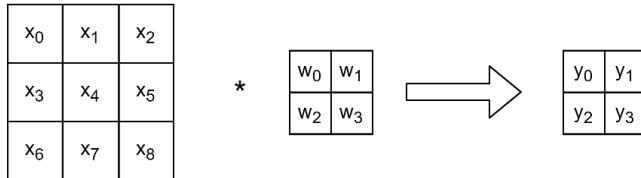


Figure 2: A convolution process example

$$y_0 = x_0w_0 + x_1w_1 + x_3w_2 + x_4w_3 \quad (6)$$

$$y(n) = x(n) \cdot w(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n w(k)x(n-k) \quad (7)$$

The convolutional layer can be utilized for classification or regression tasks based on the type of activation layer used in its output. In this study, a linear function has been employed.

### C. Metrics & CV

In the performance measurement of regression analysis, the correlation coefficient  $R^2$  is commonly employed [38]. Additionally, in the literature, metrics such as adjusted  $R^2$ , Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Normalized Mean Squared Error (NMSE) are often selected as supplementary indicators alongside the correlation coefficient [39]–[41]. The formulas for the metrics used here are provided below:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Adj. } R^2 = 1 - \frac{(1 - R^2) \cdot (n - 1)}{n - p - 1} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{MAPE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{y_i} \right| \times 100 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (11)$$

$$\text{NMSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{(y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (12)$$

Where:

- $n$  is the number of data points,
- $p$  is the number of predictors,
- $y_i$  represents the observed value,
- $\hat{y}_i$  represents the predicted value,
- $\bar{y}$  is the mean of observed values.

The preprocessed dataset, after undergoing normalization, has had 30% of its data set aside as test data before applying regression analysis. A 10-fold Cross-Validation (CV) process has been conducted on the remaining 70% of the data. Performance values have been calculated using the remaining 30% test data for metric measurements.

### III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

#### A. Results

In this study, three different regression analysis methods have been employed. These are linear regression, GP regression, and CNN regression methods. The generated models were trained and validated using 70% of the data reserved for training, employing the 10-fold cross-validation technique, repeated 10 times. Subsequently, these models were tested using the previously set aside 30% test data, and their performance was measured using five different metrics. As shown in Table 1, battery voltage exhibits a strong dependence on the selected features.

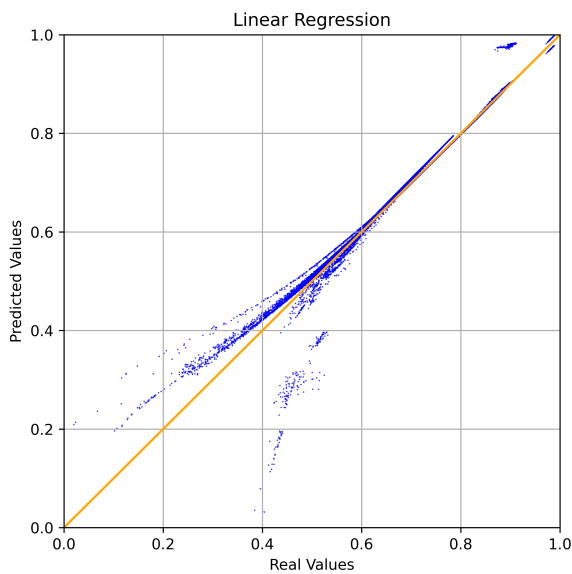


Figure 3: Linear regression

The response of the first model, the Linear Regression model, for the test data can be observed in Figure 3. Remarkably accurate predictions are obtained for battery voltage values of 50% or more of the maximum value. Similarly, for Figure 4, GPR yields results similar to the Linear Regression model, yet with superior performance. Finally, in the investigation involving the CNN model, the distribution depicted in

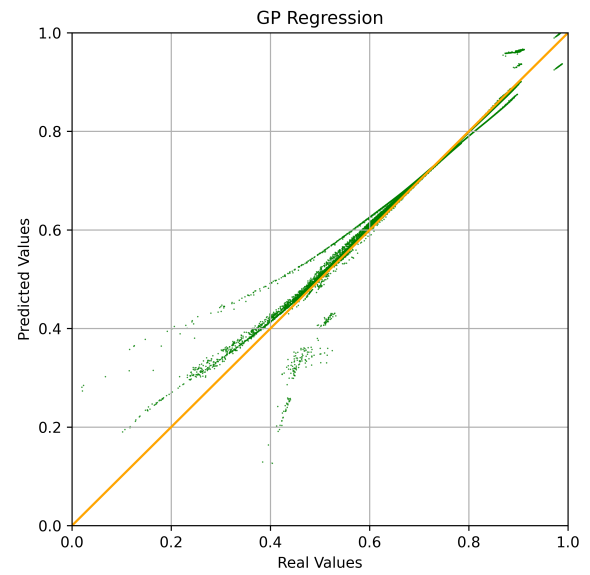


Figure 4: Gaussian process regression

Figure 5 is attained. Slightly more successful outcomes are achieved compared to the previous models. In Figure 6, the predicted battery voltages for the test values by all models are collectively plotted. It can be observed that the CNN model's performance is marginally better.

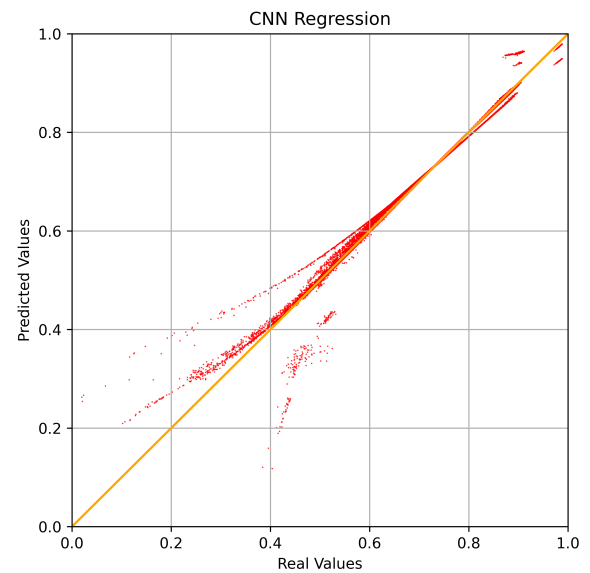


Figure 5: CNN regression

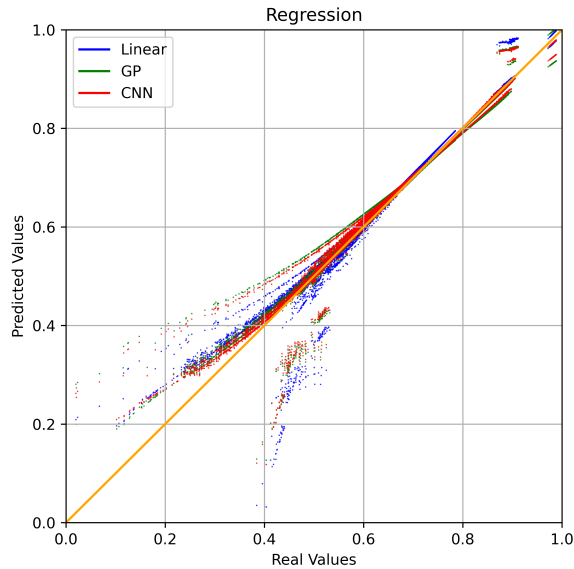


Figure 6: All regression results

Model	$R^2$	Adj. $R^2$	RMSE	NMSE	MAPE
Linear Reg.	0.980569	0.980568	0.013996	0.074926	0.008070
Gaussian Proc. Reg.	0.984854	0.984853	0.012357	0.097037	0.007583
CNN Reg.	0.986838	0.986837	0.011519	0.090538	0.006785

Table I: Model Performances

## B. Discussion

An  $R^2$  value of over 98% has been achieved for all three selected regression models. To attain even higher performance values, adjustments can be made to the models' hyperparameters, such as increasing the number of neurons in the CNN model. For future studies, it is considered beneficial to explore adjustments of hyperparameters specific to the models, as well as experimenting with other machine learning methods.

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