Prognostics and Health Monitoring of Li Batteries: Application to Electric Vehicles

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Motivation

- Batteries increasingly used in more and more systems as a power source
  - Electric cars
  - Electric aircraft
  - Space missions/small sats
  - Other electric and utility vehicles
- Prediction of end-of-discharge (EOD) and end-of-life (EOL) are critical to system functions
  - How much longer can the system be used, given expected usage conditions?
  - How many more usage cycles until battery capacity is not sufficient for required system operations?

Solve using model-based prognostics approach.

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Outline

• Goals
  – Understand battery behavior through dynamic models
  – Develop model-based algorithms for state estimation, end of discharge (EOD) prediction, and end of life (EOL) prediction
  – Validate algorithms in the lab and fielded applications

• Algorithms
  – Prognostic Architecture
  – Dynamic state and state-of-charge estimation

• Modeling
  – Electric circuit equivalent (for EOD prediction)
  – Electrochemistry-based model (for EOD and EOL prediction)

• Applications
  – Rover
  – Edge 540-T electric aircraft
Integrated Prognostics Architecture

- System (battery) gets inputs (current) and produces outputs (voltage)
- State estimation computes estimate of state given estimates of age parameters
- EOD prediction computes prediction of time of EOD, given state and age parameter estimates
- Age parameter estimation computes estimates of age parameters
- Age rate parameter estimation computes parameters defining aging rate progression
- EOL prediction computes prediction of time of EOL, given age parameter and age rate parameter estimates
State Estimation

• What is the current system state and its associated uncertainty?
  – Input: system outputs $y$ from $k_0$ to $k$, $y(k_0:k)$
  – Output: $p(x(k),\theta(k)|y(k_0:k))$

• Battery models are nonlinear, so require nonlinear state estimator (e.g., extended Kalman filter, particle filter, unscented Kalman filter)

• Use unscented Kalman filter (UKF)
  – Straight forward to implement and tune performance
  – Computationally efficient (number of samples linear in size of state space)
Prediction

- Most algorithms operate by simulating samples forward in time until $E$
- Algorithms must account for several sources of uncertainty besides that in the initial state
  - A representation of that uncertainty is required for the selected prediction algorithm
  - A specific description of that uncertainty is required (e.g., mean, variance)
Prediction Algorithm

- The \( P \) function takes an initial state, and a parameter, an input, and a process noise trajectory
  - Simulates state forward using \( f \) until \( E \) is reached to computes \( k_E \) for a single sample

- Top-level prediction algorithm calls \( P \)
  - These algorithms differ by how they compute samples upon which to call \( P \)

- Monte Carlo algorithm (MC) takes as input
  - Initial state-parameter estimate
  - Probability distributions for the surrogate variables for the parameter, input, and process noise trajectories
  - Number of samples, \( N \)

- MC samples from its input distributions, and computes \( k_E \)

- The “construct” functions describe how to construct a trajectory given trajectory parameters

Algorithm 1 \( k_E(k_P) \leftarrow P(x(k_P), \Theta_{k_P}, U_{k_P}, V_{k_P}) \)

1. \( k \leftarrow k_P \)
2. \( x(k) \leftarrow x(k_P) \)
3. while \( T_E(x(k), \Theta_{k_P}(k), U_{k_P}(k)) = 0 \) do
4. \( x(k+1) \leftarrow f(k, x(k), \Theta_{k_P}(k), U_{k_P}(k), V_{k_P}(k)) \)
5. \( k \leftarrow k + 1 \)
6. \( x(k) \leftarrow x(k + 1) \)
7. end while
8. \( k_E(k_P) \leftarrow k \)

Algorithm 2 \( \{k_E^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N = MC(p(x(k_P), \theta(k_P)|y(k_0:k_P)), p(\lambda_\theta), p(\lambda_u), p(\lambda_v), N) \)

1. for \( i = 1 \text{ to } N \) do
2. \( (x^{(i)}(k_P), \theta^{(i)}(k_P)) \sim p(x(k_P), \theta(k_P)|y(k_0:k_P)) \)
3. \( \lambda_\theta^{(i)} \sim p(\lambda_\theta) \)
4. \( \Theta_{k_P}^{(i)} \leftarrow \text{construct}(\lambda_\theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}(k_P)) \)
5. \( \lambda_u^{(i)} \sim p(\lambda_u) \)
6. \( U_{k_P}^{(i)} \leftarrow \text{construct}U(\lambda_u^{(i)}) \)
7. \( \lambda_v^{(i)} \sim p(\lambda_v) \)
8. \( V_{k_P}^{(i)} \leftarrow \text{construct}V(\lambda_v^{(i)}) \)
9. \( k_E^{(i)} \leftarrow P(x^{(i)}(k_P), \Theta^{(i)}_{k_P}, U^{(i)}_{k_P}, V^{(i)}_{k_P}) \)
10. end for
Battery Modeling

- **Equivalent Circuit Empirical Models**
  - Most common approach
  - Various model complexities used
  - Difficulty in incorporating aging effects
Battery Model—Tuned using laboratory data

- An equivalent circuit battery model is used to represent the battery terminal voltage as a function of current and the charge stored in 3 capacitive elements.

\[
x = [q_b, q_{cp}, q_{cs}]^T
\]

\[
\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -\frac{1}{R_{cp}C_{cp}} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_sC_s}
\end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix}
-1 \\
1 \\
1
\end{bmatrix} i + \xi
\]

\[
y = V = \frac{1}{C_b} - \frac{1}{C_{cp}} - \frac{1}{C_{s}} x
\]

- Two laboratory loading experiments are used to fit the following parameterization coefficients:

\[
SOC = 1 - \frac{q_{max} - q_b}{C_{max}}
\]

\[
C_b = C_{b0} + C_{b1} \cdot SOC + C_{b2} \cdot SOC^2 + C_{b3} \cdot SOC^3
\]

\[
C_{cp} = C_{cp0} + C_{cp1} \cdot \exp(C_{cp2} (1 - SOC))
\]

\[
R_{cp} = R_{cp0} + R_{cp1} \cdot \exp(R_{cp2} (1 - SOC))
\]
Electrochemical Li-ion Model

- **Electrochemical Models vs. Empirical Models**
  - Battery physics models enable more direct representation of age-related changes in battery dynamics than empirical models
  - Typically have a higher computational cost and more unknown parameters

- **Lumped-parameter, ordinary differential equations**

- **Capture voltage contributions from different sources**
  - Equilibrium potential $\rightarrow$ Nernst equation with Redlich-Kister expansion
  - Concentration overpotential $\rightarrow$ split electrodes into surface and bulk control volumes
  - Surface overpotential $\rightarrow$ Butler-Volmer equation applied at surface layers
  - Ohmic overpotential $\rightarrow$ Constant lumped resistance accounting for current collector resistances, electrolyte resistance, solid-phase ohmic resistances
Battery Aging

- Contributions from both decrease in mobile Li ions (lost due to side reactions related to aging) and increase in internal resistance
  - Modeled with decrease in \( q^{\text{max}} \) parameter, used to compute mole fraction
  - Modeled with increase in \( R_o \) parameter capturing lumped resistances
Fielded Applications

Edge 540T subscale electric aircraft: EOD, reaming flight time prediction, SOH

Rover testbed: EOD, SOH and remaining driving distance prediction

Cryogenic valve testbed: EOD prediction

Orion EFT-1 mission: SOC estimation, EOD prediction, mission success probability computation
Rover

- Planetary rover testbed at NASA Ames Research Center
  - 24 lithium ion batteries, two parallel sets of 12 in series
  - Batteries power 4 motors, one for each wheel (skid steering)
- Rover operated in two driving modes
  - Unstructured driving
    - Rover is driven freely by an operator, without prior knowledge of actions
  - Structured driving
    - Rover has a given mission, to visit a set of waypoints
    - Rover moves along, visiting waypoints
    - End-of-discharge prediction is required in order to ensure the given set of waypoints can be visited, and if not, to replan the route to optimize mission value

Predictions are very accurate since rover travels at a known fixed average speed, and waypoints are known. Uncertainty in predictions is significantly less than for unstructured driving, since more information about future inputs are known. Predictions are under at the start because power drawn for first 500 s is half the average.
Edge 540-T

- Subscale electric aircraft operated at NASA Langley Research Center
- Powered by four sets of Li-polymer batteries
- Estimate SOC online and provide EOD and remaining flight time predictions for ground-based pilots
Predication over Flight Plan

# Measured and predicted battery current, voltage and SOC different time steps

# The min, max and median predictions are plotted from each sample time until the predicted SOC reaches 30%

# Predictions for remaining flight time for entire flight plan

# Overestimate till parasitic load is injected

# Once the parasitic load is detected the remaining flying time time prediction shifts down.

Performance Requirements

• Accuracy requirements for the two minute warning were specified as:
  – *The prognostic algorithm shall raise an alarm no later than two minutes before the lowest battery SOC estimate falls below 30% for at least 90% of verification trial runs.*
  – *The prognostic algorithm shall raise an alarm no earlier than three minutes before the lowest battery SOC estimate falls below 30% for at least 90% of verification trial runs.*
  – *Verification trial statistics must be computed using at least 20 experimental runs*
Edge-540 Flight - Demo

Edge-540T
33% scale vehicle
Data Sets Available for Download

- https://ti.arc.nasa.gov/tech/dash/pcoe/prognostic-data-repository/
Conclusions

• Focus on model-based approaches to battery state estimation and prediction
• Validate models and algorithms with data from lab experiments and fielded systems
• Defining operational requirements for different systems
• Future work in progress:
  – Temperature models
  – Higher fidelity models
  – More efficient algorithms
  – Additional applications
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Edge UAV Use Case

- Electric aircraft operated at NASA Langley
- Piloted and autonomous missions, visiting waypoints
- Require 2-minute warning for EOD so pilot/autopilot has sufficient time to land safely
  - This answer depends on battery age
  - Need to track both current level of charge and current battery age
  - Based on current battery state, current battery age, and expected future usage, can predict EOD and correctly issue 2-minute warning
Online State of Charge Estimation

- UKF is used to make corrective updates to the internal state estimates

  \% In this case charge stored in each capacitor

- Better accuracy than extended Kalman Filter, more computationally efficient than sampling-based filters
Battery Modeling

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**Discharge**
- Reduction at pos. electrode:
  \[ \text{Li}_{1-n}\text{CoO}_2 + n\text{Li}^+ + n\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{LiCoO}_2 \]
- Oxidation at neg. electrode:
  \[ \text{Li}_n\text{C} \rightarrow n\text{Li}^+ + n\text{e}^- + \text{C} \]
- Current flows + to –
- Electrons flow – to +
- Lithium ions flow – to +

**Charge**
- Oxidation at pos. electrode:
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Unscented Kalman Filter

- The UKF is an approximate nonlinear filter, and assumes additive, Gaussian process and sensor noise.
- Handles nonlinearity by using the concept of sigma points:
  - Transform mean and covariance of state into set of samples, called sigma points, selected deterministically to preserve mean and covariance.
  - Sigma points are transformed through the nonlinear function and recover mean and covariance of transformed sigma points.
- Number of sigma points is linear in the size of the state dimension.
Results: Unstructured Driving

- Accuracy of remaining driving time and distance predictions improves as EOD is approached.
- True average power and average power for this scenario are different.
- True predictions are captured within the considered uncertainty.