Smart Battery Management Systems: Internal State Estimation of Lithium-ion Batteries Under Thermal Faults

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Introduction

• Vehicle recalls:

- GM Chevrolet Bolt recall: high-voltage battery pack catching fire
- BMW and Ford recalls: battery fires, overheating, or failures.
- Chrysler Pacifica Plug-in Hybrid minivans recall: investigating 12 fires.



Chevy bolt on fire [1]

Cell Degradation Mechanism



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- Advanced battery models which accounts for SOH.
- Algorithms which can simultaneously estimate SOC, SOH along with internal parameters.
- Oevelopment of fault detection schemes to detect faults at an incipient stage.
- Development of estimation scheme that can estimate the internal parameter under faults

Current State-of-the-Art: Modeling

- Electro-thermal model [2]
 - Monitor internal temperature.
 - Study the thermal effects on battery's parameters.



6]. Coolant Convection Fig. 1: Thermal model of *LFP* cell

 R_{c}

 R_{u}

2RC ECM [3]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dSOC}{dt} &= \frac{-I}{C_{use}} \\ \frac{dV_{c_{p1}}}{dt} &= \frac{-V_{c_{p1}}}{R_{p1}C_{p1}} + \frac{I}{C_{p1}} \\ \frac{dV_{c_{p2}}}{dt} &= \frac{-V_{c_{p2}}}{R_{p2}C_{p2}} + \frac{I}{C_{p2}} + \\ V_t &= V_{OC}(SOC) - V_{c_{p1}} \\ - V_{c_{p2}} - R_0I \end{aligned}$$
(1)

Thermal model [7] $\dot{T}_{c} = \frac{T_{s} - T_{c}}{R_{c}C_{c}} + \frac{Q(t)}{C_{c}}$ $\dot{T}_{s} = \frac{T_{a} - T_{s}}{R_{u}C_{s}} - \frac{T_{s} - T_{c}}{R_{c}C_{s}} + (2)$ $C_{loss} = M(c)$ $e^{\frac{31700 - 370.3C_{rate}}{R_{g}T_{c}}} (Ah)^{z}$ (3)

Limitations:

- Constant parameter models [3, 9].
- ECM employed is not coupled with the capacity fade dynamics.
 - Effects of capacity fade (SOH) on SOC and, in turn, the ECM parameters and the terminal voltage are not reflected.

- ECM is presented by integrating the capacity fade dynamics.
- Alternatively ECM parameters can be represented to vary with temperature, aging, C_{rate} and capacity loss.



SOH-inclusive Model of LIB

• SOH-coupled model of LIB a) ECM, b) thermal model, c) capacity fade model.



SOH-coupled model

ECM

$$\frac{dSOC}{dt} = \frac{-I}{C_{use} * SOH(t)}
\frac{dV_{c_{p1}}}{dt} = \frac{-V_{c_{p1}}}{R'_{p1}C'_{p1}} + \frac{I}{C'_{p1}}
\frac{dV_{c_{p2}}}{dt} = \frac{-V_{c_{p2}}}{R'_{p2}C'_{p2}} + \frac{I}{C'_{p2}} + V_{c_{p2}} + V_{c_{p2}} - R'_{0}I$$
(4)

Thermal Model

$$\vec{T}_{c} = \frac{T_{s} - T_{c}}{R_{c}C_{c}} + \frac{Q(t)}{C_{c}}$$

$$\vec{T}_{s} = \frac{T_{a} - T_{s}}{R_{u}C_{s}} - \frac{T_{s} - T_{c}}{R_{c}C_{s}} +$$
(5)

Capacity Fade Model

$$C_{loss} = (\alpha SOC + \beta)e^{\frac{E_a + \eta C_{rate}}{R_g T_c}} (Ah)^z$$

$$S\dot{O}H(t) = -\frac{|I(t)|}{2N(C_{rate}, T_c)C_{use}}$$
(6)

 $R_{0}^{'}=R_{0}(T_{m}), R_{p1}^{'}=R_{p1}(SOC,T_{m}), R_{p2}^{'}=R_{p2}(SOC,T_{m}), C_{p1}^{'}=C_{p1}(SOC,T_{m}), C_{p2}^{'}=R_{p2}(SOC,T_{m}), Q(t)$ is the heat generation term.

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SOH-coupled Model Validation

- A 10A CC-CV input current is used to observe degradation over life
- SOC for the first charge-discharge cycle
- SOC for a time window at approximate mid-life
- SOH decay for end of life cycle



SOH-coupled Model Validation

- Comparison results with experimental validation results in [10].
- Proposed SOH-coupled model number of cycles is closer to the experimental results [10].
- Proposed SOH-coupled model more accurately represents the actual cell dynamics and number of cycles of operation.



SOH decay $(4.17C_{rate}, 65^{\circ}C)$ for coupled a) and b) uncoupled model.

Experimental Setup

• Maccor test equipment



- A123 2.5 Ah 26650 $LiFePO_4$ cell is selected for experiments
- The capacity of the cell is measured experimentally by cycling the battery at low rate (C/20) and found to be 2.4Ah.
- The $V_{oc}(SOC)$ curve is obtained from OCV-SOC test
- Identification of parameters using pulse charge/discharge test

1 Conduced the charge-discharge test to find the SOC-OCV curve.



• Pulse charging and discharging test at different temperatures ($15^{\circ}C$, $25^{\circ}C$, $35^{\circ}C$, $45^{\circ}C$)



Experimental Results: A12326650 2.5Ah

• A drive cycle current profile used as an input.



Experimental Validation of SOH-inclusive Model

- Output voltage RMSE: 0.0063V
- Surface temperature RMSE: $0.0926^{\circ}C$



• Previous works:

- Two state electro-thermal model [11, 12] to detect internal thermal faults using core and surface temperatures as residuals
- Battery internal resistance estimator [12] to represent the changes in core temperature due to fault.
- Limitations:
 - ECM parameter (R_0) varies with SOH and other degradation inducing factors, such as T_c , C_{rate} , and DOD.
 - Thermal model parameters, such as C_c, C_s, T_a also change with battery aging.
 - Account for the changes in residuals due to the aging, change in operating conditions, and unmodeled dynamics (uncertainty) and eliminate false positives.

Fault Detection and Internal State Estimation Scheme

• Fault detection scheme for SOC, SOH and core temperature estimation during faults



Actual faults	Description of fault	Fault map
Fault 1	Convective cooling resistance fault (ΔR_u) .	$\gamma_4 = 0$, $\gamma_5 \neq 0$, $\gamma_7 \neq 0$
Fault 2	Internal thermal resistance fault (ΔR_c) .	$\gamma_4 \neq 0$, $\gamma_5 \neq 0$, $\gamma_7 \neq 0$
Fault 3	Thermal runaway fault	$\gamma_4 eq 0$, $\gamma_5 = 0$, $\gamma_7 eq 0$
Fault 4	Internal side reaction fault	$\gamma_4 eq 0$, $\gamma_5 eq 0$, $\gamma_7 eq 0$

The state space model in with the above faults can be expressed as

$$\dot{x}_f = Kx_f + \Pi(x_f) + g(x_f)u + \Gamma(x_f, u) \tag{7}$$

where x_f are the faulty states of the model, the vector $\Gamma(x_f, u) = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \gamma_4(t) \ \gamma_5(t) \ 0 \ \gamma_7(t) \ 0]^T$ are the faults added to the dynamics of the battery.

- $\gamma_4(t)$ represents fault in core temperature dynamics.
- $\gamma_5(t)$ represents fault in surface temperature dynamics.
- $\gamma_7(t)$ represents fault in internal resistance dynamics.

Fault Detection Scheme



Healthy observer desing

- A nonlinear observer is designed
- The observer used SOH-coupled model to accurately estimate the SOC, SOH, and internal resistance accurately

SOH-integrated cell model

Fault Detection Scheme



• Adaptive threshold

$$\begin{aligned} R_{es_{1th}} &= \tilde{y}_1(0)e^{-\sigma_5 t} + \Psi_1, \text{and} \\ R_{es_{2th}} &= \tilde{y}_2(0)e^{-\sigma_8 t} + \Psi_2, \\ & (10) \\ \dot{\Psi}_1 &= -\sigma_5\Psi_1 + \eta_{5max}, \\ \dot{\Psi}_2 &= -\sigma_8\Psi_2 + \eta_{8max}. \end{aligned}$$

Adaptive threshold for fault detection

- Change in model parameters due to health
- Modeling uncertainty
- An adaptive threshold is designed to account for the above

Simulation Results: Validation of Observer

- Only uncertainties and no-fault: Output residuals and adaptive thresholds
- *T_s* RMSE: 0.0038, Voltage RMSE: 0.0033
- All the state estimation errors for SOH, SOC, R_0 , T_C are within 1% band.



- A convective cooling resistance fault $0.4R_u$ is introduced to the system at t = 206 sec.
- The residual V_t and T_s exceeds the threshold value after t = 206 sec.



Internal State Estimation Under Fault



Neural network-based observer to learn faulty states

- The healthy observer and a neural network.
- The neural network kicks in once the fault is detected.

- The Major challenge is the limited available measurement
- The estimated healthy states, as a substitute for the states that are not measurable, are used in addition to the faulty measured output.
- The weight update law, developed based on stability analysis, can be represented by

NN Weight Update Law

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}} = -\sigma(\check{x}, u)\Xi^T \upsilon - \sigma(\check{x}, u)\sigma(\check{x}, u)^T \hat{\theta}\Upsilon$$
(13)

where $v, \Upsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are the learning gains and $\Xi = \bar{X} - \check{x}$, with

$$\bar{X} = [S\hat{O}C, \hat{V}_{cp1}, \hat{V}_{cp2}, \hat{T}_c, y_{1f}, S\hat{O}H, \hat{R}_0, y_{2f}]^T$$

Simulation Results

• NN weight $\hat{\theta}$ was initialized at random from a uniform distribution in the interval of $[0 \ 0.001]$, l = 20.



Simulation Results: Multiple Faults

- A convective cooling resistance $0.4R_u$, internal thermal resistance $0.2R_c$, and thermal runaway 0.02W faults are injected at t = 206 sec
- The residual T_s and V_t exceeds the threshold value after $t=206~{\rm sec},$ respectively.



Simulation Results: Multiple Faults

• NN weight $\hat{\theta}$ was initialized at random from a uniform distribution in the interval of $[0 \ 0.001]$, l = 20.



- We presented a SOH-integrated model and validated the experimentally
- Subsequently, we used the model for fault detection by developing a fault detection observer.
- We designed an adaptive threshold accounting for health degradation.
- NN-based fault detection scheme to detect thermal and also estimate the core temperature, SOC, and SOH during faults.

Current and Future Work

- Extend the cell model to a pack level with electrical and thermal interconnection
- Develop an identification scheme to estimate pack model parameters.
- Extend the learning capability to estimate spatial variables using spatiotemporal learning.

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Questions?