Nonlinear Model Based Fault Detection of Lithium Ion Battery Using Multiple Model Adaptive Estimation

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Abstract: In this paper, an adaptive fault diagnosis technique is used for fault detection in Lithium ion batteries. The monitoring setup consists of multiple models representing the different degree of parameter shift due to over-discharge in the Lithium ion battery. A recursive least square estimator along with equivalent circuit methodology is used to construct the non-linear battery models. Extended Kalman filters are used to generate the estimated terminal voltages for each system. The residuals are further evaluated using the conditional probability evaluation function, to generate probabilities that determine the presence of a particular operational condition. Using experimental data, it is shown that Li-ion battery performance shift due to over-discharge can be accurately detected in real time.

1. INTRODUCTION

The battery technology of today has come a long way since its modest beginnings more than two centuries ago. The batteries in use today are smaller in size, with higher energy density, and have longer life with enhanced inherent safety (Tarascon and Armand, 2001). Batteries with lithium based chemistries have shown unprecedented increase in use over the last decade. The rechargeable Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries can be found in applications like mobile phones, cameras, critical applications like hybrid electric vehicles (HEV), electric vehicles (EV), and medical implants (Nagata et al., 2005). With the Li-ion battery available in various form factors, their application as a power source is extensive and wide spread. With increased use, it is imperative to ensure the safe operation of the Li-ion battery, which further leads to user safety. Failure in Li-ion batteries can be attributed in general to a combination of manufacturing defects, safety component failure, and/or human abuse. From the various fault scenarios, over discharge (OD) causes appreciable change in battery performance. In addition to being linked with capacity loss during cycling (Kanevskii and Dubasova, 2005), OD in extreme conditions can cause over heating of the battery, which further results in vaporization of active material and hence explosion. Repeated OD of the Li-ion battery causes slow variation in the battery performance over time, and if left unchecked, OD can lead to permanent, and in extreme conditions, catastrophic failure (Zhang and Lee, 2011).

Fault detection and diagnosis (FDD) in Li-ion batteries is a multidisciplinary research involving electrochemistry, controls, machine learning among others. Fault detection (FD) using control theory techniques, specifically state estimation, involves the evaluation of the state of the battery under test. While the choice of observer depends on the system and state, the objective is to access the critical information pertaining to Li-ion battery that is not readily available through measurement (Alavi et al., 2013). In (Chen et al., 2013), the authors use a bank of reduced order Luenberger observers (LO) for FDD in Li-ion batteries. In systems with little or no measurement noise, LO for FDD can be a good choice. With noise, as in the case of Li-ion measured parameters, the suggested setup will face inherent difficulties under subtle but important parameter variation. In presence of system and measurement noise, observer based fault diagnosis using Kalman filter shows good performance. In (Singh et al., in press), a bank of Kalman filters under the paradigm of multiple model adaptive estimation (MMAE) technique, an adaptive FDD method, along with impedance spectroscopy is used for accurate FDD in Li-ion batteries. Because of the associated disadvantages of impedance spectroscopy, namely expensive and bulky setup, delays in parameter extraction, this paper further develops the work in (Singh et al., in press), to implement system identification using recursive least squares (RLS) with MMAE for accurate detection of Li-ion battery performance degradation.

Real time implementation of battery fault detection dictates the use of a technique that is computationally inexpensive and yet captures the cell dynamics accurately. The equivalent circuit modelling technique (Xidong et al., 2011), is a good choice when it comes to system identification, observer based fault detection and minimal computational effort with good mapping to electrochemical phenomenon of the Li-ion battery.

The paper is organized as follows: section 2 describes the non-linear battery model, section 3 describes the RLS when applied to Li-ion battery model, and Section 4 covers the model based fault detection. Section 5 covers the state estimation and conditional probability generation. Design of experiments and the discussion of the results obtained are covered in sections 6 and 7 respectively.
2. BATTERY MODELING

The Li-ion battery is modelled as a third order system consists of lumped electrical elements like resistors, capacitors and voltage source. The simplified cell model is shown in Figure 1.

\[ V_{\text{cell}} = V_{\text{OCV}} - I_{\text{cell}} R + C_{\text{dl}} \frac{dV_{\text{dl}}}{dt} + I_{\text{cell}} C_{\text{a}} \]

where

\[ V_{\text{OCV}} = V_{\text{OCV,0}} + \eta \frac{I_{\text{cell}}}{C_{\text{a}}} \]

The nonlinear system is represented by the OCV-SOC relationship for Li-ion battery, which is found experimentally (Abu-Sharkh and Doerffel, 2004). This relationship, given in Figure 2, was recorded for a sample LiFePO$_4$ battery cell operating at room temperature at the Energy Systems and Power Electronics Laboratory (ESPEL) at IUPUI. A ninth order polynomial given by (1) is fit to the OCV-SOC curve of Figure 2.

\[
 u(SOC) = a_9(SOC^9) + a_8(SOC^8) + a_7(SOC^7) + a_6(SOC^6) + a_5(SOC^5) + a_4(SOC^4) + a_3(SOC^3) + a_2(SOC^2) + a_1(SOC) + a_0
\]

where

\[ a_1 = 0.0385, a_2 = -0.0193, a_3 = -0.169, a_4 = 0.0614, a_5 = 0.2328, a_6 = -0.0571, a_7 = -0.0832, a_8 = 0.0005257, a_9 = 0.03205 \]

The SOC is defined as the ratio of the remaining capacity to the fully charged capacity of the battery (Ehsani et al., 2009) and is given by

\[ SOC(i) = \frac{SOC(0) + \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \frac{\eta I(t)}{C_{\text{a}}} dt}{SOC(0)} \]

where, \( SOC(0) \) is the initial SOC, \( \eta \) represents the coulomb efficiency given by

\[ \eta = \begin{cases} \text{charging}, & I_L > 0 \\ \text{discharging}, & I_L < 0 \end{cases} \]

The battery efficiency given by

\[ \eta = \frac{ SOC(k) - SOC(k-1) }{ I_L(t) } \]

The SOC of Figure 2 shows the relationship between SOC and voltage of the battery, which is depicted in the battery cell operating at room temperature.

The terminal voltage \( V_{\text{term}} \) is obtained from

\[ V_{\text{term}} = u(SOC) - I_L R_b - V_{\text{cell}} - V_{\text{dl}} \]

The discrete time version of (2) can be given as:

\[ SOC(k) = SOC(k-1) + \frac{\eta I_L(k-1)}{C_{\text{a}}} \]

where \( T \) is the sample time.

The discrete time counterparts of (3) and (4) can be obtained using zero-order hold (ZOH) (Ogata, 1995) as follows

\[ V_{\text{cell}}(k) = e^{-\frac{r}{T}} V_{\text{cell}}(k-1) + R \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{r}{T}} \right] I_L(k-1) \]

\[ V_{\text{dl}}(k) = e^{-\frac{r}{T}} V_{\text{dl}}(k-1) + R \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{r}{T}} \right] I_L(k-1) \]

The state variable is given by

\[ x(k) = [SOC(k), V_{\text{cell}}(k), V_{\text{dl}}(k)]^T \]

The nonlinear battery model is given by

\[ x(k) = g(x(k-1), I_L(k-1)) + w(k-1) \]

where \( g \) and \( h \) are continuously differentiable nonlinear functions while \( w \) is the input noise with zero mean and covariance

\[ E[w_w]\begin{bmatrix} w_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I = m \\ 0, I \neq m \end{bmatrix} \]

and \( v \) is the measurement noise, independent from \( w \), with zero mean value as

\[ E[v_v]\begin{bmatrix} v_v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & I = m \\ 0, I \neq m \end{bmatrix} \]

Using (6), (7) and (8) the function \( g \) is given by

\[ g(x(k-1), I_L(k-1)) \]

Fig. 1. Li-ion battery equivalent circuit model

Fig. 2. OCV-SOC curve for LiFePO$_4$
From (5) the function \( h \) is given by

\[
h(k) = u(SOC) - I_k R_c - V_c(k) - V_{cal}(k)
\]

With different values for the circuit elements \( R_0, R, C, R_{cl} \) and \( C_{dl} \), distinct models can be obtained each representing a signature fault or health of the battery cell.

3. SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

The RLS method is a classical system identification technique and aims at fitting mathematical model to a sequence of observed data by minimizing the sum of the squares of the difference between the observed and computed data recursively (Ioannou and Fidan, 2006). The unknown parameter identification requires the system to be represented in discrete-time parametric form given by

\[
z(k) = \Theta \star e(k)
\]

where \( z(k) \) is the system output, \( \Theta \star \) is a linear vector of unknown parameters and is being identified by RLS, \( \phi(k) \) is the vector of earlier inputs and outputs. From (1) and (5), the terminal voltage is given by

\[
V(k) = a_1(SOC(k)') + a_2(SOC(k)') + a_3(SOC(k)') + a_4(SOC(k)') + a_5(SOC(k)') + a_6(SOC(k)) + \ldots
\]

substituting (7) and (8) in (15) and separating the unknown parameters from the known signals, the parametric form for battery model is given by

\[
V(k) = \left[ a_1 - a_6 R_C \frac{r}{1 + r R_e} \right] I_k + \frac{r}{1 + r R_e} \left[ V(k-1) - I_k \frac{1 - e^{-r T}}{r} \right]
\]

for further simplification, the combined parameters can be represented as

\[
A_1 = e^{-r T}, B_1 = R_C \left( 1 - e^{-r T} \right), A_2 = e^{-r T}, B_2 = R_C \left( 1 - e^{-r T} \right)
\]

The estimation equation is given by

\[
\hat{\theta}(k) = \hat{\theta}(k-1) + P(k) \phi(k) z(k)
\]

at \( k=1 \), \( \hat{\theta}(0) \) is the best initial guess of parameters to be identified, \( P \) is the covariance matrix, \( \varepsilon \) is the normalized estimation error, and \( \phi \) is given from (14).

The normalized estimation error \( \varepsilon \) is given by

\[
\varepsilon(k) = \frac{V(k) - \hat{\theta}(k)'}{m^2(k)}
\]

where \( m^2 \) is the normalizing signal and is given by

\[
m^2(k) = cc + \phi(k) \hat{\theta}(k)
\]

with \( cc \) as a positive scalar value.

The covariance matrix \( P \) is recursively updated by using the following equation

\[
P(k) = P(k-1) - P(k-1) \phi(k) \phi(k)' P(k-1) m^2(k) + \phi(k) P(k-1) \phi(k)'
\]

with \( P(0) = P_0 = P_0^T > 0 \).

The information regarding the condition of the battery is partially available in the OCV-SOC relationship and partially in the circuit parameters. OD alters the response of the battery while charging and discharging, and this information is used to observe and collect the variation in all the 15 parameters combined. Out of the 15 parameters, 10 are from the OCV-SOC relationship while 5 are from the equivalent circuit.

4. MODEL BASED FAULT DETECTION

The model based fault detection and fault diagnosis structure used in this paper is shown in Fig. 3. As a special case of observer based fault diagnosis, MMAE uses a bank of non-linear Kalman filters to generate the residuals. Each filter represents a particular operational condition of the battery and has access to the present and past terminal voltage \( V_t \) and load/charging current \( I_L \). The critical information carrying residuals are further deciphered using the condition probability density evaluator block to generate the conditional probabilities.

5. STATE ESTIMATION AND PROBABILITIES

5.1 Extended Kalman Filter Design

The extended Kalman filter is used for estimating the states of the non-linear battery model by linearizing around the current mean and covariance. For the non-linear system given by (9), (12) and (13), the discrete time extended Kalman filter (Anderson, 1979, Welch and Bishop, 2006, Fei...
et al., 2008) estimates the non-accessible states of the Li-ion battery. The prediction equations are given by

$$
\dot{x}(k | k-1) = g(\dot{x}(k-1 | k-1), I_z(k-1))
$$

$$
P(k | k-1) = F(k-1)P(k-1 | k-1)F(k-1)^T + Q(k-1)
$$

where $\dot{x}(k | k-1)$ is the predicted state based on function $g$ and evaluated at the estimated state and inputs available at sample k-1, $P(k|k-1)$ is the predicted covariance estimate. The recursive equations are given by

$$
K(k) = P(k | k-1)H(k)^T \left( H(k)P(k | k-1)H(k)^T + R(k) \right)^{-1}
$$

$$
\dot{x}(k | k) = \dot{x}(k | k-1) + K(k)(z(k) - h(\dot{x}(k | k-1)))
$$

$$
P(k | k) = (I - K(k)H(k))P(k | k-1)
$$

where $\dot{x}(k | k)$ is the Kalman gain, $\dot{x}(k | k)$ is the updated state estimate, $P(k|k)$ is the updated covariance update, and $F(k-I)$ and $H(k)$ are the state transition and observation matrices respectively and given by

$$
F(k) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x|_{x(k-1),u(k-1)}}
$$

$$
H(k) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x|_{x(k-1),u(k-1)}}
$$

The estimated output is given by

$$
y(k) = h(\dot{x}(k | k), I_z(k))
$$

The residual signal for each model are obtained from the estimated state and inputs available at current state estimate. Considering a history of measurements $Z(k-1) = [z^T(1) \ldots z^T(k-1)]$, the conditional probability function can be given by

$$
f_{j(i)}(z(k) | a, Z(k-1)) = \beta \exp(\bullet)
$$

where

$$
\beta = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} |\psi(k)|^{\frac{1}{2}}}
$$

$l=1$ is the measurement dimension, and

$$
\bullet = -\frac{1}{2} r^T(k) \psi(k)^{-1} r(k)
$$

The conditional probability evaluation for the $n^{th}$ model is then given by

$$
p_{n}(k) = \frac{f_{j(i)}(z(k) | a, Z(k-1))p_{n}(k-1)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} f_{j(i)}(z(k) | a, Z(k-1))p_{j}(k-1)}
$$

where $p_{j}$ is the conditional probability of $j^{th}$ model, where $j=1, \ldots, n$. The largest conditional probability amongst all is used as an indicator of the respective operating condition being true.

6. DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS

The Li-ion battery selected for this study was A123 18650 LiFePO4 single cylindrical cell (Systems, 2009). The schematic of the test setup for cycling and data acquisition of the Li-ion battery is shown in Figure 4. The controlled discharging and charging of the battery is carried out by using a DC load and MCP73123/223 (Inc., 2013) LiFePO4 charging IC respectively. The key battery parameters of terminal voltage, load/charge current and the skin temperature are recorded continuously. For this study, a brand new Li-ion battery under test was over discharged in a cyclic fashion. The over discharge regime is adopted from (Navy, 2004), where the Li-ion battery is discharged at maximum suitable discharge rate for 1.25 times the rated capacity of 18650 LiFePO4 battery under test. The charging of the battery is carried out using a standard non-abusive charge regime. The battery is cycled 25 times using this discharge-charge regime and the critical battery parameters are continuously monitored.

Fig. 5. Current and voltage profiles for healthy and OD battery

For the purpose of system identification, a standard discharge current is applied to the battery for partial SOC drop and the battery is charged again to full SOC. The typical noise filtered discharge-charge current and voltage curves are as shown in Figure 5.

Based on the current and voltage data of Figure 5, the parameter values for the healthy cell before and after the OD
cycles are estimated. The identified system parameters are given in Table I.

Table I. PARAMETER IDENTIFICATION DATA UNDER OVER DISCHARGE

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>New battery</th>
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Using the identified system parameters, different operational models for healthy and OD cycled battery can be formulated. To mimic the actual operation of battery, a suitably scaled UDDS drive cycle, derived from AUTONOMIE (laboratory, 2010), is selected as an input to the fault detection system. The duration of test is 142 seconds and is obtained by running two cycles of UDDS consecutively; the current and corresponding voltage profiles are as shown in Figure 6.

Within the fault detection framework, both the extended Kalman filters access the same load current and terminal voltage measurements. Based on these signals the model states are estimated, terminal voltage is evaluated and the residuals are generated.

Fig. 6. UDDS load/charge current and terminal voltage profile

The initial state of the system is given by $[0.7 \ 0 \ 0]^T$, which implies 70% SOC and zero polarization voltages.

7. FAULT DETECTION PERFORMANCE

To test the effectiveness of the fault detection setup, a scenario representing the healthy and OD battery condition is created. The total simulation time is 142 seconds, from which healthy battery operation is simulated for the first 47.3 seconds. The OD battery operation is simulated from 47.4 to 94.6 seconds and finally healthy battery operation again from 94.7 to 142 seconds. Once the operational condition is diagnosed correctly, this setup helps to check the effectiveness of the fault detection algorithm to de-latch itself from its earlier diagnosis (Izadian and Famouri, 2010).

Fig. 7. Simulated and estimated terminal voltages

At every sample, the terminal voltages are estimated based on the measurement of current and terminal voltage. The simulated terminal voltage measurement $\hat{y}_\text{new}$ and the estimated terminal voltages from the new battery $\hat{y}_\text{new}$ and OD battery $\hat{y}_\text{OD}$ are shown in Figure 7. During the first 47.3 seconds, $\hat{y}_\text{new}$ matches while $\hat{y}_\text{OD}$ shows clear deviation from the simulated measurement. From 47.4 to 94.6 seconds, $\hat{y}_\text{new}$ deviates from the simulated measurement while $\hat{y}_\text{OD}$ shows good agreement. Finally, from 94.7 to 142 seconds, $\hat{y}_\text{new}$ again shows good match with the simulated measurement while $\hat{y}_\text{OD}$ shows deviation.

From Figure 8, the variation of the residuals along with the dependent probabilities can be observed, where $P_{\text{new}}$ represents the probability of healthy operation of the cell and $P_{\text{OD}}$ indicates the probability of OD operational condition. The OD operational condition was inserted at 47.3 seconds, as indicated by $P_{\text{OD}}$, when it transitions from 0 to 1. At the same time, $P_{\text{new}}$ drops down to 0, thus indicating the battery operation is no longer healthy. At 94.6 seconds, the healthy operational condition is indicated with $P_{\text{new}}$ transitioning from 0 to 1 and $P_{\text{OD}}$ dropping to zero.

The system residuals play an important role in accurate Li-ion battery condition detection and monitoring. When the process response matches with the estimated output from the filter, the mean value of the residual signal goes to zero, as observed in Figure 8. To demonstrate the effectiveness of model based battery fault diagnosis technique, the estimated parameter models are used in this validation. The purpose is to show the effectiveness of the technique in detecting the condition of the battery. As a next step, independent battery condition data can be used along with additional battery condition models for conducting experimental validation studies.
Fig. 8. Conditional probability density and residuals evaluated for new and OD battery condition

In some cases the results of Figure 8 may not match as closely, but the relative degree of match will be sufficient to predict the battery condition accurately.

CONCLUSION

In this paper an observer based fault detection technique for Li-ion battery cell is developed. Experimental data from healthy and OD cycled battery is used to develop nonlinear system models. Extended Kalman filters are used to access the internal dynamics of the battery cell and estimate the condition of the system. The effectiveness of the fault detection is shown by its ability to capture small deviation from normal cell operation in real time.

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