

Fast Charging of Lithium-ion Batteries with Monitoring and Controlling the Internal Physical States

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Super fast-charging station for highways



Fast charging station for passenger cars – 300 kW charging for 15 to 20 min



Picture: DesignWerk

Fast charging station for trucks – 1 MW charging for about 45 min





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Charging of Lithium-Ion Batteries is limited by the negative Electrode Potential





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Why Lithium Plating happens

Depending on local anode potential



moderate temperature or low current rate



low temperature or high current rate



→ Cells behave very differently





Ageing caused by Plating of a Kokam 40 Ah Cell at different Temperatures and Current Rates





Lithium Plating: Caused by excessive Currents at a given Temperature

Non-linear function depending on

- Battery type
- Ageing
- State of charge





Solution approach

- Model for the prediction of plating
- Model implementation and reduction
- Online state estimation
- Parameter identification
- Controlling charging current







Physical-chemical battery model

- Bottom-up approach
 □ Physical processes → Cell voltage
- States and parameters have physical meaning
- Plating predictable via internal states
 Plating Overpotential η_{plating} < 0 V



F. Ringbeck, Dissertation, ISEA, RWTH Aachen 2021



State-of-the-art experimental parameter measurements



Li W, et al., Energy Storage Materials, 2021 (44): 557-570.



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Sensitivity Analysis of Electrochemical Battery Models



Luder D, et al., Advanced Battery Power Conference, Münster, Germany, 2022



Multi-chemistry parameter sensitivity analysis

- Perform Sensitivity Analysis
- Observe influence of
 battery chemistries,
 - high power / high energy batteries
 on battery voltage, capacity,
 overpotential, impedance
- Investigate cathode / anode limitations
- Comparing NCA and LFP as cathode material:
 - LFP: capacity dependent parameters have smaller influence on cell voltage due to flat OCV



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Metaheuristic algorithms

- Global optimization problem
 - □ Genetic algorithm
 - Particle swarm optimization algorithm
 - Cuckoo search algorithm (CSA)









Multi-objective multi-step data-driven identification



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□ Minimization of the voltage errors between simulation and measurement

□ Minimization of the relative capacity errors between the electrodes

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Multi-objective identification

□ Minimization of the voltage errors between simulation and measurement

- □ Minimization of the relative capacity errors between the electrodes
- Multi-step identification considering sensitivity difference
 - □ High-sensitivity parameters unchanged in the second step
- Machine learning-inspired identification process
 - Data grouping and training to overcome overfitting

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Results: Experimental validation





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Results: Experimental vs. Data-driven



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Experiment: Samsung 35e (NCA / Graphite + Si)



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Results

- Capacity fade
 - $\Box \text{ SOH}_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{C_{N,t}}{C_N}$
 - Capacity fade can be accurately estimated

Volume fraction of the solid active material ϵ_s^- decrease more rapidly than ϵ_s^+ during aging



Results

Degradation modes

The degradation modes of the battery can be accurately estimated
 LAMNE and LLI play a major role in the aging process of batteries



Chen J, et al., 2023, in preparation



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Fast Charging Trade-off

Trade-off between fast charging and ageing

Lithium plating





Charging Protocols



- Passive Methods
 - Predefined current and voltage levels
 - Does not account for battery state

- Equivalent Circuit Models
 - Modelling of electrical characteristics
 - Does not model side reactions

- Electrochemical Models
 - Modelling of internal cell state
 - High complexity needing model simplifications





Machine learning-based fast charging



Z. Wei, W. Li, D. U. Sauer et al., 2023, Energy Storage Materials 56 62-75



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Offline Learning Environment





Testing Procedure - Experimental Setup

Scenario

- □ Charge from 10% SOC to 80% SOC
- □ Temperature 0 °C
- □ Active Cooling with Aluminium Cooling Plates
- □ Charging Time ~ 54 minutes

Benchmarks

- Constant Current Constant Voltage (CCCV)
- Multistage Constant Current (MCC)





Benchmarks of model-based control with self-learning of model parameters

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CCCV @ 0.787 C
MCC @ 1.25, 1.05, 0.85, 0.5 C

Capacity / Internal Resistance / Loss mechanisms





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Fast charging is the most critical operation phase for the lifetime of batteries.

- Proper control of charging protocol is essential.
- Model-controlled charging can bring the shortest charging times without accelerated ageing.
- Machine-learning algorithms help to identify and to adapt the model parameters throughout the lifetime.
- Very good results for lifetime extension have been achieved.





Thank you for your attention

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