

Enhanced Performance in Li-Ion Batteries via Modified Reference Governors

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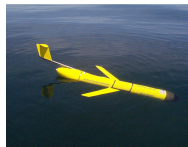
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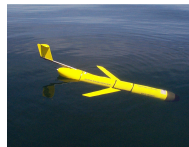
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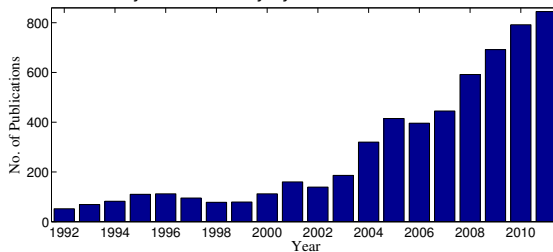
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Two Solutions

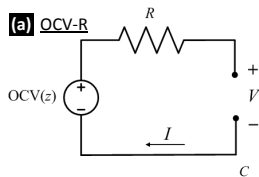
Design better batteries
(materials science & chemistry)

Make current batteries better
(estimation and control)

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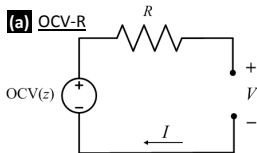
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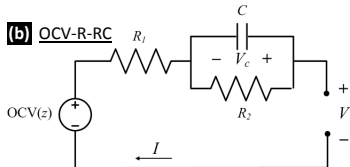
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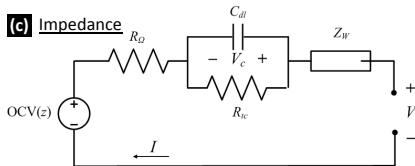
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(b) OCV-R-RC

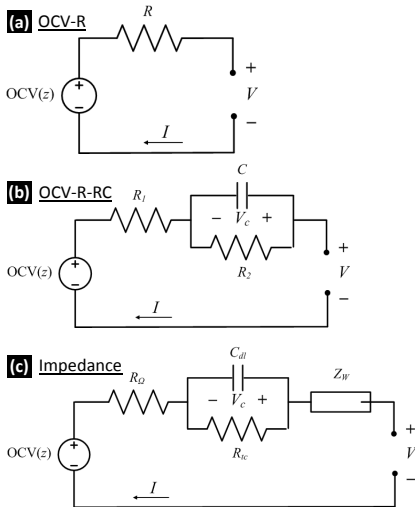


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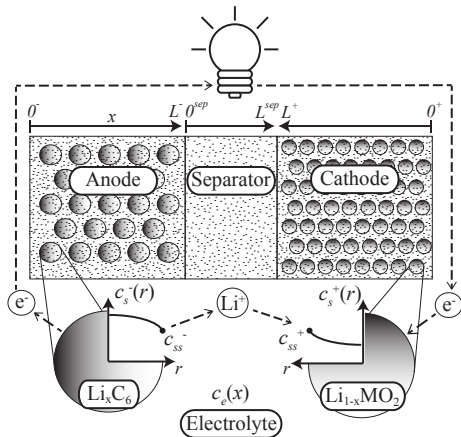


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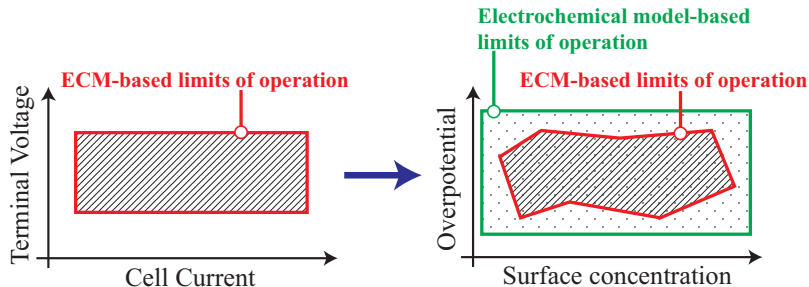
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Electrochemical Model



Operate Batteries at their Physical Limits



Electrochemical Model Equations

well, some of them

Description	Equation
Solid phase Li concentration	$\frac{\partial c_s^\pm}{\partial t}(x, r, t) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[D_s^\pm r^2 \frac{\partial c_s^\pm}{\partial r}(x, r, t) \right]$
Electrolyte Li concentration	$\varepsilon_e \frac{\partial c_e}{\partial t}(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\varepsilon_e D_e \frac{\partial c_e}{\partial x}(x, t) + \frac{1-t_c^0}{F} i_e^\pm(x, t) \right]$
Solid potential	$\frac{\partial \phi_s^\pm}{\partial x}(x, t) = \frac{i_e^\pm(x, t) - I(t)}{\sigma^\pm}$
Electrolyte potential	$\frac{\partial \phi_e}{\partial x}(x, t) = -\frac{i_e^\pm(x, t)}{\kappa} + \frac{2RT}{F} (1 - t_c^0) \left(1 + \frac{d \ln f_{c/a}}{d \ln c_e}(x, t) \right) \frac{\partial \ln c_e}{\partial x}(x, t)$
Electrolyte ionic current	$\frac{\partial i_e^\pm}{\partial x}(x, t) = a_s F j_n^\pm(x, t)$
Molar flux btw phases	$j_n^\pm(x, t) = \frac{1}{F} i_0^\pm(x, t) \left[e^{\frac{\alpha_a F}{RT} \eta^\pm(x, t)} - e^{-\frac{\alpha_c F}{RT} \eta^\pm(x, t)} \right]$
Temperature	$\rho C_P \frac{dT}{dt}(t) = h [T^0(t) - T(t)] + I(t)V(t) - \int_{0-}^{0+} a_s F j_n(x, t) \Delta T(x, t) dx$

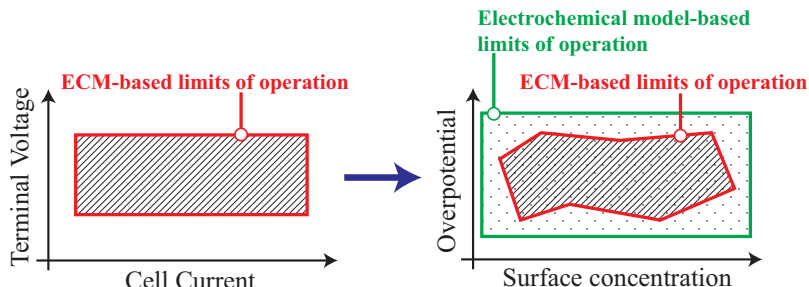
Matlab CODE: github.com/scott-moura/dfn

Animation of Li Ion Evolution

Operate Batteries at their Physical Limits

Problem Statement

Given accurate state estimates*, govern the electric current such that safe operating constraints are satisfied.



* S. J. Moura, N. A. Chaturvedi, M. Krstic, "Adaptive PDE Observer for Battery SOC/SOH Estimation via an Electrochemical Model," *ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control*, 2013.

- **Scalar Reference & Command Governors**

Gilbert, Kolmanovsky, Tan '95; Bemporad '98

- **Electrochemical System Applications**

- **Fuel Cells**

Sun, Kolmanovsky '05; Vahidi, Kolmanovsky, Stefanopoulou '07

- **Batteries**

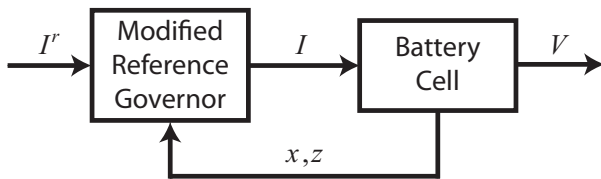
Plett '05; Smith, Rahn, Wang '10; Klein et al. '11 (MPC);
Suthar et al. '13 (MPC/MHE)

Constraints

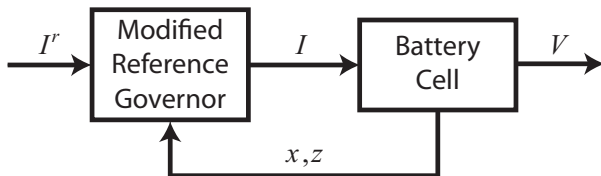
Variable	Definition	Constraint
$I(t)$	Current	Power electronics limits
$c_s^\pm(x, r, t)$	Li concentration in solid	Saturation/depletion
$\frac{\partial c_s^\pm}{\partial r}(x, r, t)$	Li concentration gradient	Diffusion-induced stress
$c_e(x, t)$	Li concentration in electrolyte	Saturation/depletion
$T(t)$	Temperature	High/low temps accel. aging
$\eta_s(x, t)$	Side-rxn overpotential	Li plating, dendrite formation

Each variable, y , must satisfy $y_{\min} \leq y \leq y_{\max}$.

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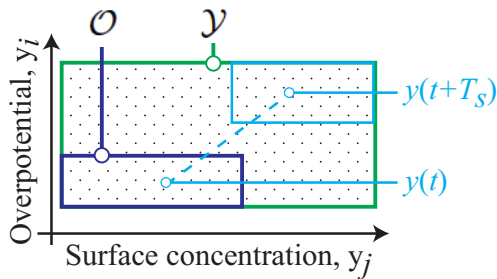
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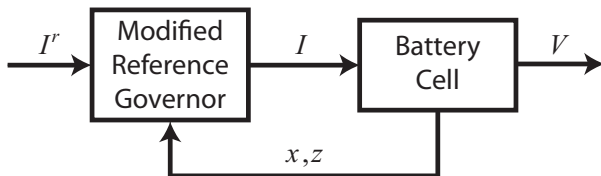
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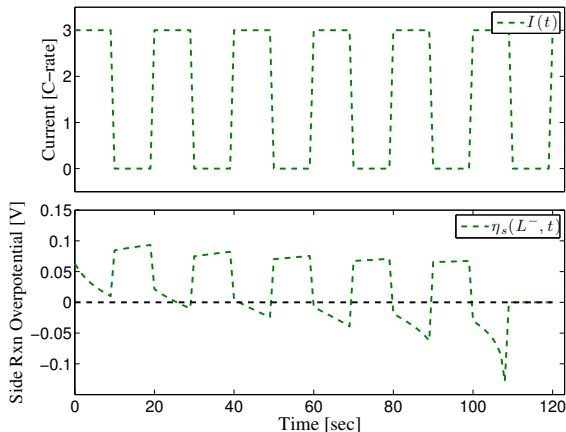
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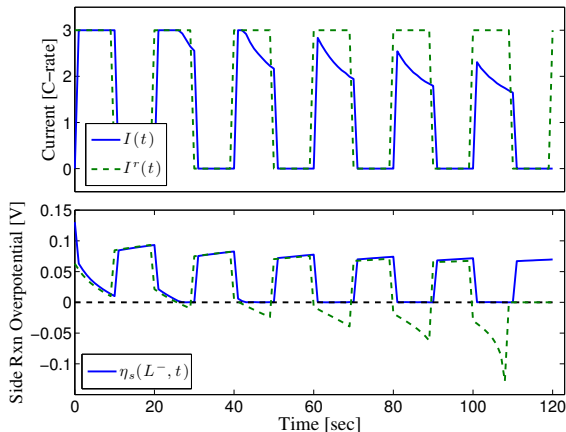
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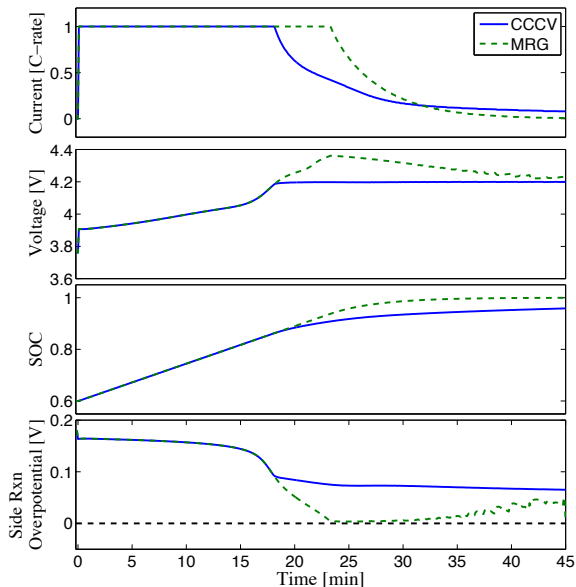
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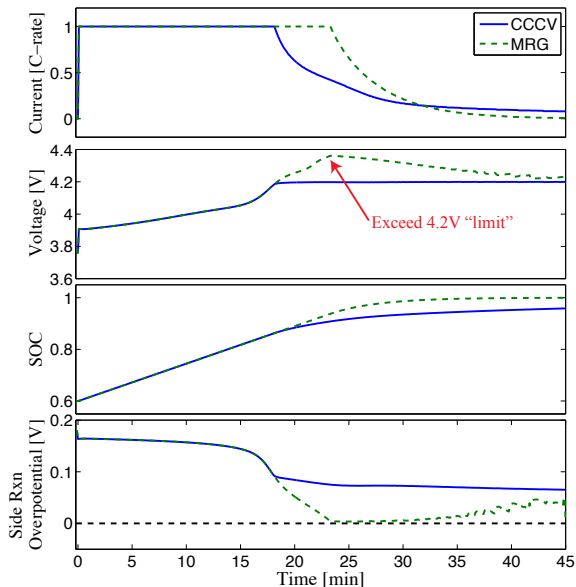
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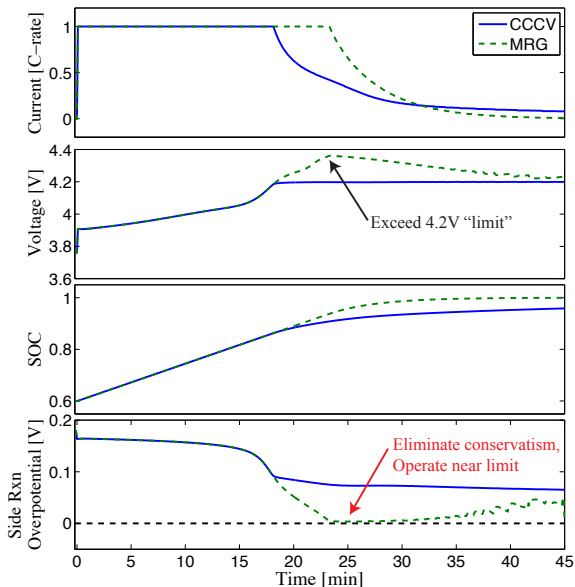
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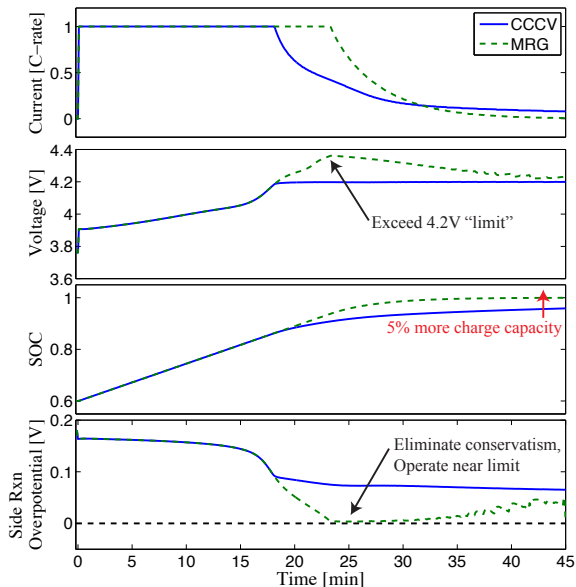
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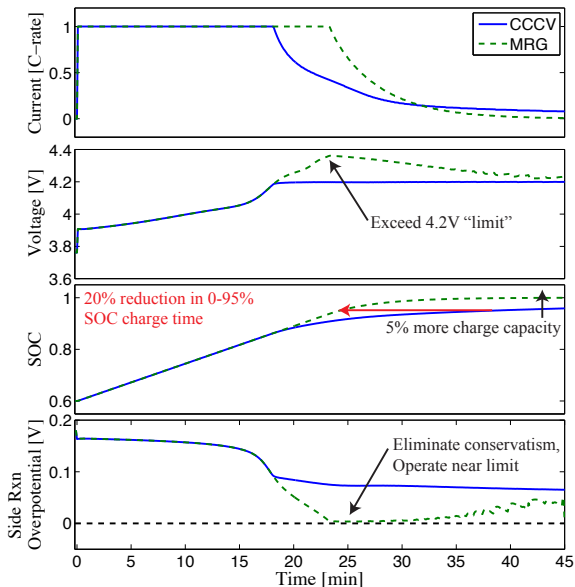
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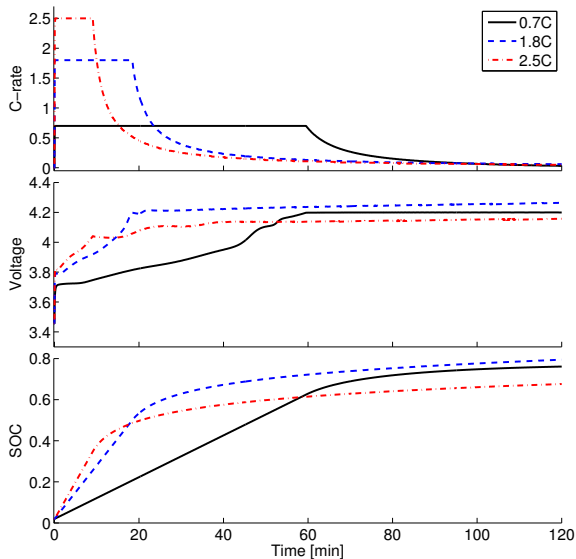
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Fast Charging



Fast charge your smartphone/EV while getting coffee

Table: Simulated fast charge times for various C-rates

Charge range	0.7C Traditional	1.8C MRG	2.5C MRG
0-10%	7.92 min	3.17 min	2.33 min
0-20%	17.83 min	7.00 min	5.08 min
0-50%	47.33 min	18.42 min	20.50 min

Linearized MRG Motivation

Remark

MRG requires iterating over nonlinear simulations of discretized PDEs - computationally expensive

Problem Statement

Can we decrease computational complexity at sacrifice of guaranteed constraint satisfaction?

Model Linearization

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Explicitly compute constrained outputs

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$$\tilde{z}(t + T_s) = -A_{22}^{-1} [A_{21}\tilde{x}(t + T_s) + B_2\tilde{l}],$$

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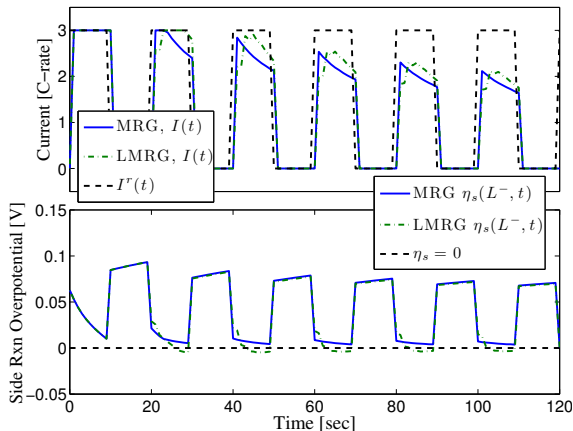
Final Result

One-dimensional LP - can solve explicitly (no iterations over simulations)!

Simulation Example

Modified Reference Governor (MRG) : Simulations

Linearized MRG (LMRG) : Explicit function evaluation



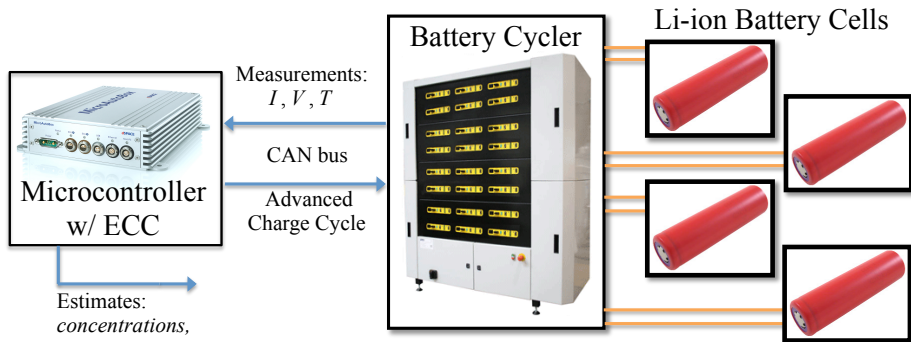
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Table: Comparison of CPU Time for Nonlinear and Linear MRGs.

Scenario	MRG	Linear MRG
10sec 3C charging	4.27min (100%)	1.03min (24%)
10sec 10C discharging	4.99min (100%)	1.13min (23%)

Battery-in-the-Loop Test Facility



Motivation in Mobile Communication:

6.7B subscription accounts, 5.2B handsets in use,
1.7B sold worldwide in 2012

Constrained control of batteries via an electrochemical model and reference governors.

QUESTIONS?

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