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# Real-time aging trajectory prediction using a base model-oriented gradient-correction particle filter for Lithium-ion battery management

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## Abstract

Obtaining the information on batteries' future degradation is essential for power scheduling and energy management. The technical challenges arise from the absence of a full battery degradation model and the inevitable local fluctuations of the aging trajectory. In response, an attempt has been made in this paper to derive a model-oriented gradient-correction particle filter (GC-PF) for aging trajectory prediction of Lithium-ion battery management. Specifically, under the framework of typical particle filter, a gradient corrector is first employed for each particle, resulting in the evolution of particle could follow the direction of gradient descent. Then, a model-based regulation is added to the gradient corrector. In this way, the global optimal modeling information suggested by the base model is fully utilized, and the algorithm's sensitivity to the local behaviors could be reduced accordingly. Further, the weighting factors of the local observation and the base model in the gradient correction are both updated on-line based on the fitness between the base model and the measured trajectories.

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The proposed algorithm is extensively verified using four different battery data sets. Quantitatively, a root mean square error of the proposed model-oriented GC-PF approach is limited to 1.75% , which is 44% smaller than that of the conventional particle filter. In addition, the consistency of the corresponding predictions when using different size of the training data is also improved by 32%. Due to pure data-driven characteristics, the proposed algorithm can be readily applied in real-time battery aging predictions of energy management.

*Keywords:* Lithium-ion batteries; Energy management; Gradient Correction; Bayesian Monte Carlo; Aging trajectory prediction; State-of-health

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## 1. Introduction

The inevitable battery degradation is a key factor that influences the battery efficiency regarding the applications of energy managements [1], thermal managements [2], charging managements [3], balancing managements [4], and economic managements [5]. For instance, an aged battery could have a 20% reduction in its available capacity and 100% increase in its internal resistance for electrical vehicle (EV) applications. In some special cases, degradation can even lead to battery failure and safety issues [6]. In response, extensive studies on the estimations of real-time battery state of health (SOH) have been carried out [7, 8]. However, only using current SOH information is not sufficient for power scheduling and energy management because users generally want to know how many remaining life can a battery still own. This information regarding the remaining useful life is critical for reducing the users' anxiety about the battery lifespan and safety [9, 10]. Further, the prediction of battery capacity degradation can also benefit the optimization of battery operations and the improvement of energy systems' efficiency and reliability [11]. Therefore, it is also imperative to predict the battery's future capacity aging behaviors for efficient energy management.

One most straightforward solution to obtain the degradation trajectory of battery capacity is through conducting the direct experiments under a specific

21 load condition. However, this solution generally requires quite a long experi-  
22 mental time of several months or even years [12]. The batteries after experiments  
23 would be largely degraded and no longer be used. Therefore, this solution is  
24 commonly adopted in the lab to provide referenced aging trajectories rather  
25 than applied in real-time applications.

26 To achieve effective online predictions of battery aging, the first thing is  
27 to obtain the existing degradation trajectories. After that, various algorithms  
28 are employed to extract the tendency of battery degradation over time, so that  
29 the future predictions can be made through reasonably extending the battery  
30 aging tendency. Such algorithms could be categorized into three categories,  
31 namely, time-series based approach, data-fitting based approach, and filter based  
32 approach.

33 For the time-series based prediction approaches, the battery’s SOH after  
34 future  $M$  steps degradation ( $SOH_{k+M}$ ), is assumed to have some underly-  
35 ing relations with the historical SOHs obtained from the previous  $N$  steps  
36 ( $SOH_{k-N+1:k}$ ) [13]. To capture these underlying relations, various artificial  
37 intelligence technologies such as neural network [14], support vector machine  
38 [15], and relevant vector machine [16] have been successfully adopted. One ob-  
39 vious benefit of using this kind of method is that the time-series information of  
40 battery aging tendency can be captured after learning process, and an accurate  
41 result can be generally achieved for the single-step prediction. However, due  
42 to the error accumulation, the accuracy of long-term multi-step predictions will  
43 inevitably decrease.

44 For the data-fitting based prediction approaches, after collecting the bat-  
45 tery historical aging data, the underlying mapping between battery SOH and  
46 the corresponding time (or cycle number) is captured by fitting the data into  
47 a reasonable degradation model. After that, the battery degradation level at  
48 various timescale could be predicted through using the established model. One  
49 effective model type here is the physics-based models that use several partial  
50 differential equations to directly explain battery aging behaviors [17, 18]. Al-  
51 though attractive electrochemical dynamics of battery aging can be analysed in

52 the simulation environment, these physics models are generally highly memory-  
53 consuming and complex to be fitted, making them overly expensive for real-time  
54 aging trajectory predictions [19]. As an alternative, simple but effective empir-  
55 ical models such as the single exponential model [20], dual-exponential model  
56 [21], linear model [22] or polynomial model [23] are generally adopted. Due  
57 to the characteristics of straightforward and easy to implement, the empirical  
58 model fitting-based predictions are widely used in battery management systems  
59 (BMS). However, it should be noted that a simplified empirical model tend to  
60 be noise-sensitive, especially when the training data is limited.

61 For the filter based prediction approaches, the parameters in an aging model  
62 are treated as state variables and identified online through state observers or  
63 filters. In comparison with the empirical prediction based approach, the noise-  
64 sensitivity of this type of algorithms is reduced with the help of advanced observ-  
65 ers or filters. Further, the filtering based approaches are more suitable for real-  
66 time applications as the corresponding calculations can be carried out recurs-  
67 ively. In light of this, filter based predictor is regarded as one of the most prom-  
68 ising algorithm for predicting the battery degradation dynamics. Commonly  
69 used filtering algorithms include the Luenberger observer [24], Kalman filter-  
70 based algorithms [25], and particle filter (PF)-based algorithms [26]. Among  
71 these algorithms, PF is featured as its superiorities of solving nonlinear and  
72 non-Gaussian problems, and has been widely adopted in health prognosis [27].  
73 However, similar to most of the existed observers, the filtering results of PF are  
74 largely affected by the initial value, and they would also be more sensitive to  
75 the new data than the historical data.

76 Based on the above analyses, predicting battery aging trajectory is tech-  
77 nically challenging due to at least the following two reasons: First, battery  
78 degradation is a complex nonlinear process with coupled physical and chemical  
79 reactions [28]. A full model describing this process is difficult to obtain and  
80 computational complex, while the local aging tendency extracted from the par-  
81 tial historical data may fail to reflect the whole trajectory of long-term battery  
82 degradation if a simplified empirical model is selected. Meanwhile, the data

83 collected for the battery aging trajectory prediction is easy to be polluted by  
84 noise in daily applications. For instance, considerable noise may come from  
85 cost-effective sensors in the BMS [29] and uncontrollable climate changes over  
86 time [30]. This situation is quite different from the cases that adopt the accurate  
87 lab-operations [31]. When identifying a nonlinear model with limited training  
88 data and considerable noise, it is generally difficult to ensure fitting accuracy.  
89 With the presence of above two problems, the predicted aging trajectories would  
90 change significantly under the cases of using different size of the training data.  
91 From the user’s perspective, a trembling prediction result could increase the  
92 anxiety on battery lifespan, which requires to be prohibited.

93 Driven by the purpose to enhance the performance of battery aging trajec-  
94 tory prediction, a base model-oriented gradient-correction particle filter (GC-PF)  
95 is proposed in this study. Specifically, the evolution of each particle within the  
96 framework of PF is enhanced by a gradient-based estimator, bringing the be-  
97 nefits to improve the particles’ tracking performance. Besides, a model-based  
98 regularization is also proposed to force the local identification result to well  
99 follow the global result, further helping to reduce the algorithm sensitivity to  
100 the local behavior of the aging trajectories. Finally, based upon four different  
101 battery aging data sets, the prediction performance of our proposed algorithm  
102 is investigated and compared with two other benchmarks. To evaluate the  
103 prediction consistency under different size of training data, a new criterion is  
104 also adopted. This is a promising application by using model regularization  
105 technique together with the improved PF to handle battery aging trajectory  
106 prediction problem. Obviously, due to the mechanism-free properties, this pro-  
107 posed GC-PF algorithm can be easily extended to other battery types for aging  
108 trajectory prediction.

109 The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 specifies the  
110 utilized battery aging data sets. Then the elaborations of fundamentals behind  
111 classical particle filter, enhanced gradient correction method, and the proposed  
112 GC-PF algorithm are presented in Section 3. Section 4 first describes the other  
113 two benchmarks and the criteria for algorithm evaluation, followed by the in-

114 depth analyses of the experimental results. Finally, Section 5 concludes this  
115 study.

## 116 **2. Experimental platform**

117 In this paper, four battery aging data sets are used to verify the proposed  
118 method and each set contains the cyclic aging data of two battery cells. The  
119 data sets of SONYVTC5, FST2500, and FST2000 batteries are collected in the  
120 Guangzhou HKUST Fok Ying Tung Research Institute. Additionally, a widely  
121 used aging data benchmark provided by NASA (see [32] for details) is also  
122 selected to verify the proposed method.

123 Specifically, the UPower battery tester, as described in [33], is applied for  
124 collecting data from SONYVTC5 and FST2500 batteries. Another Sunway  
125 BTS4008 battery tester with the detailed description in [34], is adopted to collect  
126 the data from FST2000 batteries. In each operational cycle of all these three  
127 batteries, the constant-current constant-voltage (CCCV) profile [35, 36] is first  
128 used to fully charge cell, followed by a constant-current (CC) pattern to fully  
129 discharge cell during the cyclic aging process.

130 All the corresponding current and voltage data are continuously collected  
131 during cyclic aging tests. Then the discharging capacity is calculated by in-  
132 tegrating the current over each cycle. It should be noted that all these tests  
133 are carried out under the room temperature without using precise temperature  
134 control, bringing more challenges for the adopted algorithms to take the effects  
135 of these measured noises into account. Other details of these data sets regarding  
136 the rated capacity, current rates, cut-off current, cut-off voltages, and testing  
137 cycles are summarized in Table 1.

## 138 **3. Methodology**

139 In this section, the typical particle filter (PF)-based aging trajectory al-  
140 gorithm is first described with the purpose of comparison and motivating other

Table 1: Description of the selected data sets.

Battery type	FST2500		SONYVTC5		FST2000		NASA	
	#01	#02	#01	#02	#01	#02	#05	#06
Rated capacity (mAh)	2500	2500	2500	2500	2000	2000	2000	2000
Current rate (Chg/Dchg)	0.2C/0.2C	0.4C/0.4C	1C/1C	1C/1C	1C/1C	1C/1C	0.75C/1C	0.75C/1C
Cut-off current	0.05C	0.05C	0.05C	0.05C	0.05C	0.05C	0.01C	0.01C
Cut-off voltage: Chg	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V	4.2V
Cut-off voltage: Dchg	2.75V	2.75V	2.75V	2.75V	2.75V	2.75V	2.7V	2.5V

141 algorithms. Then the innovate state estimator based on the enhanced gradient-  
 142 corrector is elaborated in details.

### 143 3.1. Conventional PF-based aging trajectory prediction

144 From [33], as the battery capacity  $C_n(k)$  at the discrete-time step  $k$  is avail-  
 145 able, the battery state of health (SOH) could be defined as:

$$SOH(k) = C_n(k)/C_n(0) \quad (1)$$

146 where  $C_n(0)$  represents the capacity calibrated at the beginning of battery's  
 147 service life, and  $C_n(k)$  stands for the real capacity that is sampled at each  
 148 battery operating cycle.

149 Given a set of aging data, the SOH can be modeled as a function of time or  
 150 cycle number. Motivated by [37, 38, 39], a generalized polynomial equation with  
 151 the following form could be adopted to depict the underlying relation between  
 152 battery SOH and the cycle number  $k$  as:

$$SOH(k) = \alpha_1 \cdot k^{\alpha_2} + \alpha_3 \quad (2)$$

153 where  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3]$  represent the model parameters that require to be de-  
 154 termined. More details regarding the effectiveness of this type of polynomial  
 155 equation has been proven in [38].

156 To implement the parameter identification under the framework of PF, the  
 157 evolution of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  should be first formulated as:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k-1} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_k \quad (3)$$

158 where  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3]$  are zero-mean Gaussian noises, with standard deviation  
 159  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = [\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3]$ , respectively.

160 The SOH observation equation can be formulated as:

$$SOH(k) = y_k = \alpha_{1,k} \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}} + \alpha_{3,k} + \nu_k \quad (4)$$

161 where  $\nu$  is a zero-mean Gaussian noise, with standard deviation equal to  $\sigma_\nu$ ,  
 162 and  $\alpha_{i,k}$  for  $i \in [1, 3]$  is the identified  $\alpha_i$  at the  $k$ th cycle number.

163 It should be noted that the initial  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0$  could significantly affect the algorithm  
 164 performance. An effective engineering solution is to offline identify (2) with the  
 165 battery degradation data provided by the datasheet or the existing historical  
 166 data that covers the full SOH range. To simplify the notations, the offline  
 167 identified model using the existing battery data is labelled as base model, and  
 168 the identified model parameter  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_B$  is used to set  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0$  as:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0 = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_B \quad (5)$$

169 When implementing the PF with (3) and (4), one key step is to draw  $N_s$   
 170 groups of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  (also known as particles) from  $P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k | \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k-1})$  following (3). Then, for  
 171 each particle  $j$ , the corresponding SOH can be calculated as:

$$y_k^j = \alpha_{1,k}^j \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}^j} + \alpha_{3,k}^j \quad (6)$$

172 Then, the weight associated with particle  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k^j$  at the  $k$ th cycle number could  
 173 be calculated by [40]:

$$w_k^j = w_{k-1}^j \cdot P(y_k | \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k^j) = w_{k-1}^j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_\nu} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_k - y_k^j)^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}\right) \quad (7)$$

174 and then normalized as:

$$w_k^j \leftarrow w_k^j / \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} w_k^j \quad (8)$$

175 The estimation of  $\alpha$  can be given as the weighted summation of each particle  
176 as:

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} w_k^j \cdot \alpha_k^j \quad (9)$$

177 Similarly, the  $h$ -step prediction of the aging trajectory can also be obtained by  
178 the weighted summation of the prediction generated from each particle [21]:

$$\hat{y}_{k+h} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} w_k^j \cdot y_{k+h}^j \quad (10)$$

179 In order to reduce the particle degradation problem, the following three-step  
180 resampling technique is adopted [41].

- 181 • for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_s$ , generating the uniformly distributed random numbers  
182  $u_i \in U(0, 1)$ .
- 183 • after resampling, the  $i^{th}$  particle in the new particle set should be equal  
184 to the  $j^{th}$  particle in the original set under the case of:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{n=j-1} w_k^n < u_i \leq \sum_{n=1}^{n=j} w_k^n \quad (11)$$

- 185 • resetting the weight of each particle in the resampled particle set as  $1/N_s$ .

186 For the above mentioned process, detailed resampling approach is summar-  
187 ized in Table 2 to guarantee the computational efficiency [27]. Noting that the  
188 battery aging could generally take several years, while the algorithm's compu-  
189 tational time is only about a few seconds. In this concern, the resampling is  
190 carried out at each sampling step in this study.

Table 2: Detailed resampling approach

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**Function** Resample( $\alpha_k^{1:N_s}, w_k^{1:N_s}$ )

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1 for  $i = 1 : N_s$  do
2   Generate:  $u_i \in U(0, 1)$ ;
3    $w_{sum} = 0$ ;
4   for  $j = 1 : N_s$  do
5      $w_{sum} = w_{sum} + w_k^j$ ;
6     if  $w_{sum} \geq u_i$  then
7        $\beta_k^i \leftarrow \alpha_k^j$ ;
8       break;
9 return  $\beta_k^{1:N_s}$ ;
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191 *3.2. Enhanced gradient-corrector*

192 In this subsection, an enhanced gradient-correction (GC)-based state estim-  
 193 ator is designed. This estimator is then used together with the PF to improve  
 194 the performance of battery aging trajectory prediction. For completeness, the  
 195 following descriptions start with the conventional gradient correction method  
 196 accordingly.

197 *3.2.1. Batch gradient correction method*

198 In order to determine  $\alpha$  in (2) with a batch GC method, it is necessary to  
 199 seek the  $\alpha$  that can minimize the following cost function at  $k$  as:

$$J(\alpha, k) = \sum_{n=1}^{n=k} \|y_n - (\alpha_1 \cdot n^{\alpha_2} + \alpha_3)\|_2^2 \quad (12)$$

200 where  $\|\cdot\|_2^2$  represents the 2-norm.

201 Then, (12) can be solved by repeating (13) as [42]:

$$\alpha \leftarrow \alpha - \eta \cdot \nabla_{\alpha} J(\alpha, k) \quad (13)$$

202 where  $\boldsymbol{\eta} = [\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3]$  stands for the learning rates, and  $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$  is the gradient  
 203 operator for  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ :

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} J(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, k) = \left[ \frac{\partial J(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, k)}{\partial \alpha_1}, \frac{\partial J(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, k)}{\partial \alpha_2}, \frac{\partial J(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, k)}{\partial \alpha_3} \right] \quad (14)$$

204 This iteration would stop as the obtained gradient becomes smaller than a pre-  
 205 defined threshold or the maximum number of iterations is reached.

### 206 3.2.2. Enhanced gradient correction method

207 It should be noted that a GC algorithm based on (12) has two limitations  
 208 when using it to handle the lifespan prediction problem: First, due to the re-  
 209 quirements of storing the historical data from 1st to  $k$ th cycle number, the  
 210 complexity of solving (12) becomes larger with the increase of  $k$ . Second, at the  
 211  $k$ th cycle number, the optimal solution of (12) is obtained based on the data  
 212 collected from 1 to  $k$ . Due to the simplified structure of the empirical model  
 213 and the inevitable measurement noise in real-time applications, this optimal  
 214 solution may fail to capture the true degradation tendency of the entire battery  
 215 lifespan.

216 Driven by the purpose to address the first problem, at each  $k$ th cycle number,  
 217 the following cost function would be adopted as an alternative:

$$J_k^S(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k, k) = \|y_k - (\alpha_{1,k} \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}} + \alpha_{3,k})\|_2^2 \quad (15)$$

218 Based on this cost function, a new GC-based solution is conducted as:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k-1} - \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} J_k^S(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k-1}, k) \quad (16)$$

219 Following this way, the update would be conducted at each sampling step  
 220 through only using the information collected at this step, further helping to  
 221 reduce the corresponding computational complexity.

222 After that, an attempt has been made through using a novel model-based  
 223 regularization to address the second issue. The key idea is to use the existing

224 knowledge of  $\alpha_B$  in the entire training process, rather than just for parameter  
 225 initialization. In details, the cost function in (15) would be enhanced by adding  
 226 a penalty under the condition of the identified  $\alpha_i$  is far away from the referenced  
 227  $\alpha_{B,i}$ :

$$J_k^B(\alpha_k, k) = (1 - \lambda_k) \cdot \|y_k - [\alpha_{1,k} \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}} + \alpha_{3,k}]\|_2^2 + \lambda_k \cdot \left\| \left( \frac{\partial y_k}{\alpha_{1,k}}, \frac{\partial y_k}{\alpha_{2,k}}, \frac{\partial y_k}{\alpha_{3,k}} \right) \cdot (\alpha_k - \alpha_B) \right\|_2^2 \quad (17)$$

228 where  $\lambda_k \in [0, 1]$  represents the weighting factor at  $k$ . It can be seen that there  
 229 exists two parts within the (17). With the same form as (15), the first part  
 230 is used to describe the deviation between the predicted output and the online  
 231 collected SOH information. The second part mainly describes the deviation  
 232 between  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_B$ . Noting that the level of magnitude of  $\alpha_i$  in (2) could be  
 233 different, one partial differential term is adopted to describe the sensitiveness of  
 234 corresponding parameters.

235 When the SOH calculated from the base model gets close to the measure-  
 236 ment, it is better to keep  $\alpha$  becoming close to the existed  $\alpha_B$  that represents  
 237 the global tendency of battery degradation. However, the priority should be  
 238 shifted into the online measurement if there exists large difference between the  
 239 SOH from base model and measurement. In light of these considerations, the  
 240 following heuristic method is adopted to determine  $\lambda$  at time  $k$  as:

$$\lambda_k = c \cdot \lambda_{k-1} + (1 - c) \cdot \max \left\{ 0, 1 - \frac{|y_k - y_{B,k}|}{\delta} \right\} \quad (18)$$

where  $\delta$  represents a threshold to reflect the credibility of base model,  $c$  stands  
 for the filtering factor, and  $y_{B,k}$  is the battery SOH calculated with the base  
 model as:

$$y_{B,k} = \alpha_{B,1} \cdot k^{\alpha_{B,2}} + \alpha_{B,3} \quad (19)$$

241 Then, the GC-updating law for  $\alpha$  finally becomes the following equation as:

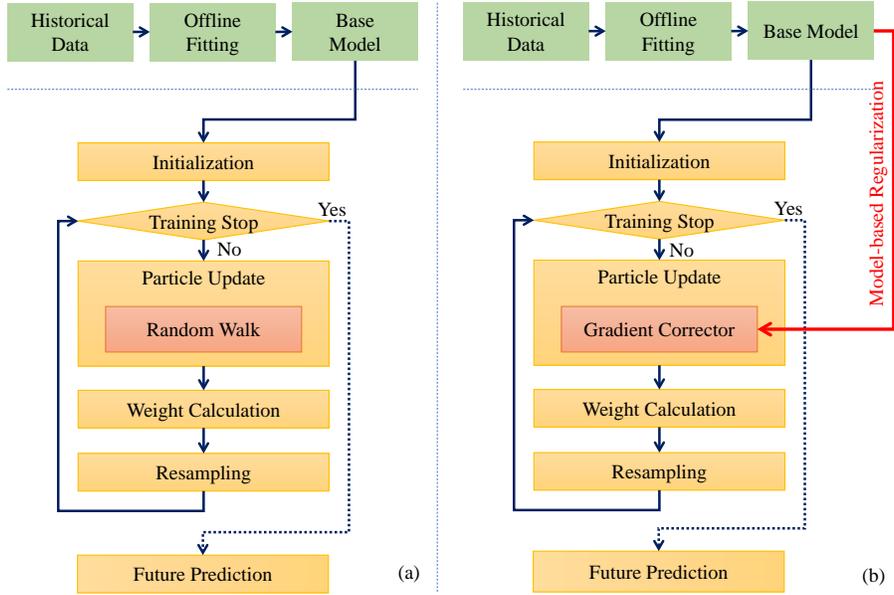


Figure 1: Comparison between the proposed algorithm and the conventional PF. (a): Conventional PF; (b): Proposed GC-PF.

$$\alpha_k = \alpha_{k-1} - \eta \cdot \nabla_{\alpha} J_k^B(\alpha_{k-1}, k) \quad (20)$$

### 242 3.3. Proposed GC-PF algorithm

243 Given the enhanced GC as well as the PF algorithms, the innovate GC-PF  
 244 algorithm could be formulated for battery aging prediction. A systematic dia-  
 245 gram describing the proposed algorithm is shown in Fig. 1, together with that  
 246 of the conventional PF for comparison. Specifically, the proposed algorithm  
 247 remains the same framework as the conventional PF that has been mentioned  
 248 in subsection 3.1. However, the proposed GC-PF algorithm will utilize the GC  
 249 method on each particle before calculating the corresponding weight. According  
 250 to this improvement, the evolution of  $\alpha$  is no longer a random walk as described  
 251 in (3). Instead, the particles would move towards a more reasonable direction  
 252 suggested by the gradient descent, leading to a better tracking capability. In  
 253 addition, the base model containing the global information is not only used for

parameter initialization, but also incorporated in the gradient corrector throughout the entire training process. Consequently, both the local dynamics of aging trajectory and the global behavior of battery degradation could be taken into account.

Table 3 illustrates the detailed implementation process of proposed GC-PF algorithm. The performance of this algorithm will be experimentally evaluated in Section 4.

## 4. Experimental Verification

In this section, the effectiveness of the proposed method is extensively verified through experiments. To better illustrate the results, benchmarking algorithms for comparison are first introduced in Section 4.1, followed by the parameter configurations in Section 4.2 and the experimental results in Section 4.3.

### 4.1. Benchmarks and criteria for algorithm evaluation

In this paper, two benchmarking algorithms are designed. First, the conventional PF is selected as the benchmarking algorithm 1 because it has the similar fundamental structure as the proposed GC-PF. Second, to indicate the best fitting result of (2) under the specific noise conditions, a benchmarking algorithm 2 is adopted. For this algorithm, through employing the offline nonlinear fitting algorithms provided in MATLAB [43], the battery degradation model would be identified based on the full aging data.

Two common criteria, namely, the Root-Mean-Squared-Error (RMSE), and the Maximum-Absolute-Error (MxAE), are used to evaluate the accuracy of these algorithms. Their definitions are provided in equations (21) and (22), respectively [44].

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{h} \sum_{j=1}^{j=h} (\hat{y}_{l+j} - y_{l+j})^2} \quad (21)$$

Table 3: Proposed GC-PF algorithm

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**Algorithm 1:** GC-PF algorithm

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**Input:** Collected SOH from time 1 to  $l$ :  $y_{1:l}$

**Output:**  $h$ -steps prediction of future SOH:  $\hat{y}_{l+1:l+h}$

- 1 **Initialize:** Base model parameters:  $\alpha_B$ ;
- 2 Model parameters:  $\alpha_0^j = \alpha_B$ , for  $j = 1 : N_s$ ;
- 3 Particle number:  $N_s$ ;
- 4 Learning rate:  $\eta$ ;
- 5 Initial weighting factor for GC:  $\lambda_0$ ;
- 6 Standard deviation of  $\omega$ :  $\sigma$ ;
- 7 Standard deviation of  $\nu$ :  $\sigma_\nu$ ;
- 8 Initial particle weight:  $w_j = 1/N_s$ , for  $j = 1 : N_s$ ;
- 9 Filtering factor for  $\lambda$ :  $c$ ;
- 10 **for**  $k = 1 : l$  **do** // For each sampling step
  - 11  $y_{B,k} = \alpha_{B,1} \cdot k^{\alpha_{B,2}} + \alpha_{B,3}$ ;
  - 12  $\lambda_k = c \cdot \lambda_{k-1} + (1 - c) \cdot \max\{0, 1 - |y_k - y_{B,k}| \cdot \delta^{-1}\}$ ;
  - 13 **for**  $j = 1 : N_s$  **do** // For each particle
    - 14 // PF-based particle update  
 $\alpha_k^j = \alpha_{k-1}^j + \omega_k$ ;
    - 14 // GC-based particle update
    - 15  $y_k^j = \alpha_{1,k}^j \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}^j} + \alpha_{3,k}^j$ ;
    - 16  $J_k^B = (1 - \lambda_k) \left\| y_k - y_k^j \right\|_2^2 + \lambda_k \left\| \nabla_{\alpha} \left( y_k^j \right) (\alpha_k - \alpha_B) \right\|_2^2$ ;
    - 17  $\alpha_k^j \leftarrow \alpha_k^j - \eta \cdot \nabla_{\alpha} J_k^B$ ;
    - 17 // Particle weight calculation
    - 18  $y_k^j = \alpha_{1,k}^j \cdot k^{\alpha_{2,k}^j} + \alpha_{3,k}^j$ ;
    - 19  $w_k^j = w_{k-1}^j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_\nu} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_k - y_k^j)^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}\right)$ ;
    - 19 // Weight normalization
    - 20  $w_k^j \leftarrow w_k^j / \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} w_k^j$ ;
    - 20 // Resampling
    - 21  $\alpha_k^{1:N_s} \leftarrow \text{Resample}(\alpha_k^{1:N_s}, w_k^{1:N_s})$ ;
    - 22  $w_k^{1:N_s} = 1/N_s$ ;
- 23 **for**  $k = 1 : h$  **do** // Future predictions
  - 24  $y_{l+k}^j = \alpha_{1,k}^j \cdot (l+k)^{\alpha_{2,k}^j} + \alpha_{3,k}^j$ ;
  - 25  $\hat{y}_{l+k} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} w_k^j \cdot y_{l+k}^j$ ;
- 26 **return**  $\hat{y}_{l+1:l+h}$ ;

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$$\text{MxAE} = \max_{j \in [1, h]} |\hat{y}_{l+j} - y_{l+j}| \quad (22)$$

279 In addition, to evaluate the consistency of predictions under the cases of  
 280 using the different sizes of training dataset, a new criterion, the Standard-  
 281 Deviation of predictions at the end of test (SDE), is proposed in this study.  
 282 This criterion can be defined by the following way: when using the same data  
 283 set,  $M$  predictions can be made with different size of training data, denoted as  
 284  $[l_1, l_2, \dots, l_M]$ . Accordingly, the predicted SOH at cycle  $L$  can be denoted as  
 285  $[\hat{y}_{l_1+h_1}, \hat{y}_{l_2+h_2}, \dots, \hat{y}_{l_M+h_M}]$ , where  $h_j + l_j = L$  holds for  $\forall j \in [1, M]$ . Then, the  
 286 SDE can be calculated by:

$$\text{SDE} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{j=M} (\hat{y}_{l_j+h_j} - \bar{y}_L)^2}{M-1}} \quad (23)$$

287 where  $\bar{y}_L$  is the average SOH of these  $M$  predictions. The smaller the SDE, the  
 288 prediction performance of algorithm is less sensitive to the size of training data.  
 289 Due to the second benchmark uses the full range SOH data, the SDE is only  
 290 applied to the proposed GC-PF and conventional PF algorithms.

#### 291 4.2. Algorithm configurations

292 Before presenting the detailed prediction results, corresponding algorithm  
 293 configurations are introduced first to ensure the repeatability. For each data  
 294 set, the base model is built through using the data from the first cell, and then  
 295 the aging trajectory prediction is carried out on the second cell.

296 The base model is identified by the offline least-square method under the  
 297 MATLAB nonlinear fitting toolbox, and the particles for both the proposed al-  
 298 gorithm and the conventional PF algorithm are initialized by the parameters of  
 299 base model. Here the particle number and the standard deviation for all related  
 300 algorithms are set as 100 and 0.001, respectively. For our proposed GC-PF  
 301 algorithm, the initial weighting factor  $\lambda_0$  is set as 1. That is, we fully trust  
 302 the base model when no measurements are available. The filtering factor  $c$  is

303 selected as 0.1. The standard deviation of  $\omega$  and the learning rate  $\eta$  would vary  
 304 with the noise and the size of data sets. Detailed configurations of the proposed  
 305 and benchmarking algorithms are listed in Table 4. Specifically, we selected  
 306 the same  $\omega$  for the proposed algorithm and conventional PF to ensure a fair  
 307 comparison. For the first three groups of batteries (FST2500, SONYVTC5, and  
 308 FST2000), the battery aging trajectories are predicted using 10%, 20%, 30%  
 309 and 40% of the total data. For the NASA data set, there only exists 168 testing  
 310 results for each battery, which makes 10% of total data become too limited.  
 311 Therefore, the predictions are carried out after using the first 20%, 30%, 40%  
 312 and 50% of total data to train models.

Table 4: Configurations of the proposed algorithm and conventional PF

Battery	Proposed & Conventional PF			Proposed		
	$\omega_1$	$\omega_2$	$\omega_3$	$\eta_1$	$\eta_2$	$\eta_3$
FST2500	$3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-2}$
SONYVTC5	$3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-2}$
FST2000	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-2}$
NASA	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-2}$

### 313 4.3. Experimental results

314 The experimental results of the utilized four batteries are illustrated in Fig. 2  
 315  $\sim$  Fig 5, respectively. Here “Dat Sz” represents the corresponding training data  
 316 size. The RMSE, MxAE and SDE of both the proposed and the benchmarking  
 317 algorithms are also provided in Table 5. According to these prediction results,  
 318 several observations could be made.

319 First, for the cases of providing sufficient training data and a relatively  
 320 small measurement noise, both the proposed GC-PF and the conventional PF  
 321 algorithms are effective for predicting the battery aging trajectory. Taking  
 322 FST2500 battery data set as an example, both the proposed GC-PF and the  
 323 benchmark 1 algorithms can provide reliable performance for such cases. Quant-

Table 5: Prediction performance of the proposed and benchmarking algorithm

Battery Type	Training data size	Proposed				Benchmark 1				Benchmark 2
		10%	20%	30%	40%	10%	20%	30%	40%	100%
FST2500	RMSE (%)	0.99	1.22	1.05	1.14	2.73	1.15	3.10	1.05	0.76
	MxAE (%)	5.03	6.05	4.44	5.19	5.29	5.78	10.14	4.48	3.89
	SDE (%)	0.67				4.32				-
SONYVTC5	RMSE (%)	1.19	1.06	1.16	0.95	1.2	1.45	1.95	2.62	0.91
	MxAE (%)	2.94	3.02	2.79	2.09	2.98	3.71	4.24	5.21	2.22
	SDE (%)	0.99				2.18				-
FST2000	RMSE (%)	1.18	1.24	1.86	1.60	1.21	1.26	1.96	3.10	1.12
	MxAE (%)	2.65	2.75	3.73	3.27	3.01	2.79	3.85	5.18	3.02
	SDE (%)	0.62				1.92				-
Battery type	Training data size	20%	30%	40%	50%	20%	30%	40%	50%	100%
NASA	RMSE (%)	1.66	3.71	1.75	0.98	1.62	4.12	1.97	1.32	1.62
	MxAE (%)	4.74	5.19	2.71	4.56	5.1	5.69	2.92	4.6	4.77
	SDE (%)	1.99				2.93				-

324 itatively, the RMSE of all predictions is limited within 1.5% when the training  
325 data set covers 40% of the battery lifespan.

326 Second, under the conditions of using 10% data for training purpose, the  
327 RMSEs of conventional PF algorithm may become even better than the cases  
328 of 20% to 40%. This is mainly due to the fact that PF highly relies on the  
329 initialization when the training data is limited, and the initial  $\alpha_0$  for the first  
330 three batteries are all suitable (this could be verified by checking Fig. 2-(a) ~  
331 Fig. 4-(a)). The RMSE of the predictions with first 10% of the data can be  
332 limited within 2.73%. For the SONYVTC5 and FST2000 batteries whose aging  
333 curves are close to linear, the RMSE can become even better than 1.21%.

334 Third, the conventional PF tends to track the local behaviors of the measured  
335 aging trajectories. These "local behaviors" represent the local degradation rate,  
336 the disturbances in the aging curves (caused by the measurement noise and  
337 the ambient temperature change), and their combinations. To be specific, it  
338 can be seen from Fig. 2 that the battery degradation rate increases over time.  
339 When predicting the aging trajectory after using the first 30% data (108 cycles)  
340 for training purpose, the PF tends to use the local battery degradation rate  
341 around the 108th cycle to predict the future remaining trajectory. As a result,

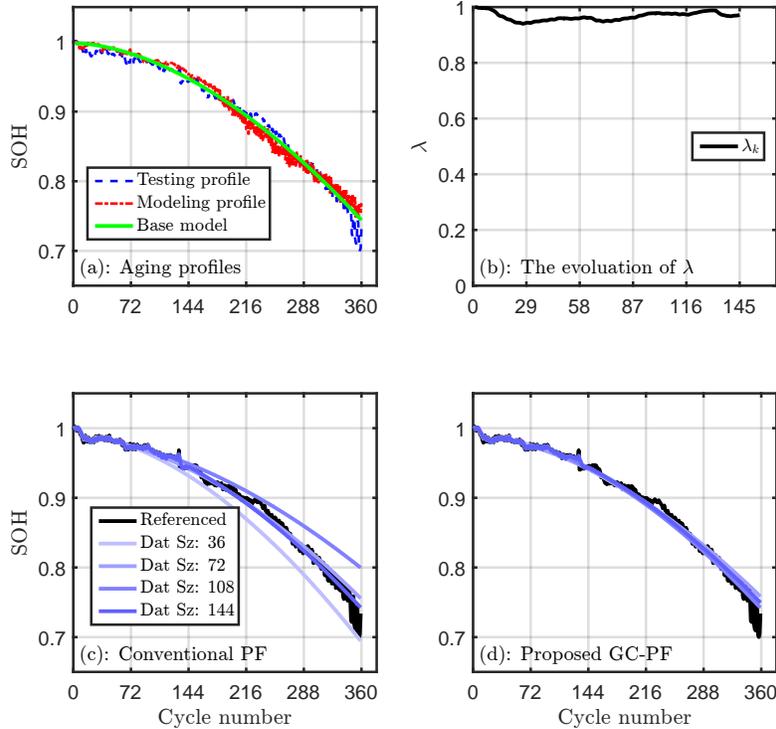


Figure 2: Experimental results using FST2500 batteries. (a): Aging profiles of modeling and testing profiles; (b): The evolution of  $\lambda$  over time; (c): Predicted aging trajectories using conventional PF; and (d): Predicted aging trajectories using the proposed GC-PF.

342 the predicted aging trajectory becomes significantly higher than the referenced  
 343 curve. The RMSE of this prediction is 3.10%, and the MxAE exceeds 10%.  
 344 An example regarding the influence of noise can be found in Fig. 3. The aging  
 345 trajectory of the testing profile presents a rapid decrease around the 160th cycle.  
 346 And according to Fig. 3-(c), the predicted aging trajectory through using 40%  
 347 of the aging data (160 cycles) is indeed lower than the referenced curve. Here,  
 348 the RMSE also exceeds 3%. Fig. 4 provides an example of the effects of both  
 349 noise and degradation rate variation. It is straightforward to see that this data  
 350 set is first heavily polluted by noise. In addition, the local degradation rate  
 351 from the 230th cycle to 320th cycle is faster than that suggested by the base  
 352 model. As a result, the predicted aging curve using 40% of the aging data (320

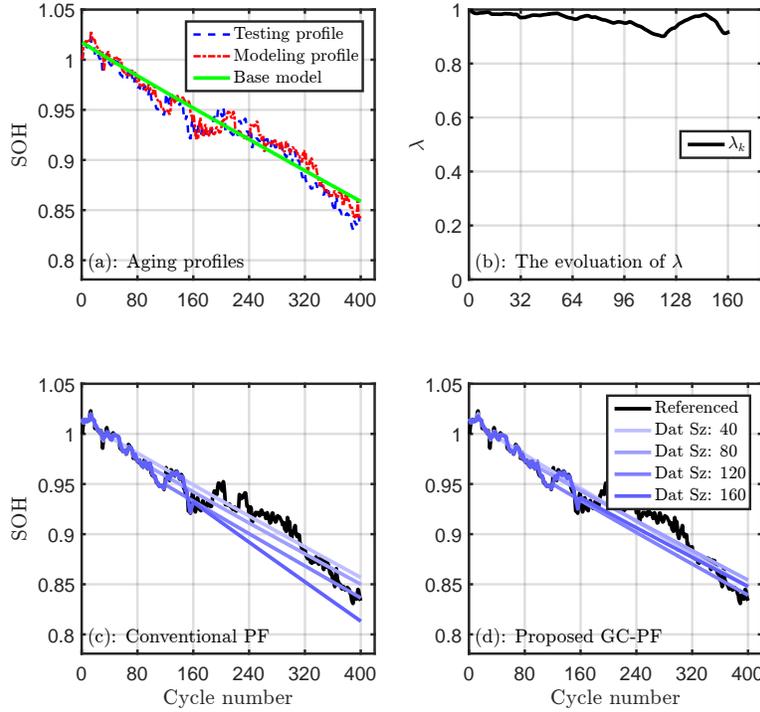


Figure 3: Experimental results using FST2000 batteries. (a): Aging profiles of modeling and testing profiles; (b): The evolution of  $\lambda$  over time; (c): Predicted aging trajectories using conventional PF; and (d): Predicted aging trajectories using the proposed GC-PF.

353 cycles) for training is lower than the reference with the RMSE is greater than  
 354 2.5%.

355 Fourth, the effects of local behaviors can be reduced by using our proposed  
 356 GC-PF method. Quantitatively, the RMSE of predictions are all limited within  
 357 1.86% for the above-mentioned three testing cases (FST2500, SONYVTC5 and  
 358 FST2000). These improvements are mainly due to the global information within  
 359 base model here is used in the entire training process, rather than only in the  
 360 initialization stage. It can be seen that the testing profiles generally agree with  
 361 the base models. In the light of this,  $\lambda$  in the (18) generally presents a value  
 362 getting close to 1, as depicted in Fig. 2-(b)  $\sim$  Fig. 4-(b). In this case, the  
 363 optimization problem within (17) for gradient correction could be dominated

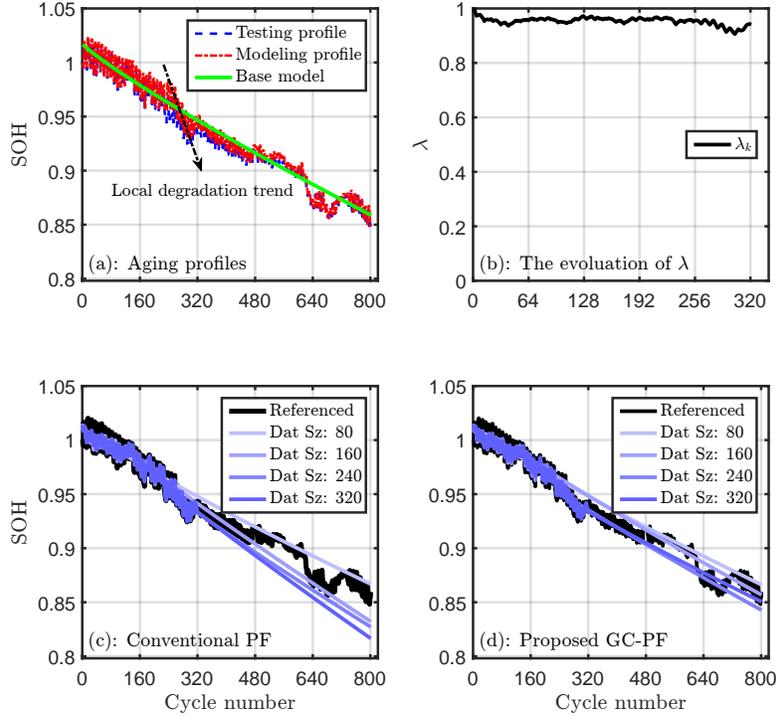


Figure 4: Experimental results using SONYVTC5 batteries. (a): Aging profiles of modeling and testing profiles; (b): The evolution of  $\lambda$  over time; (c): Predicted aging trajectories using conventional PF; and (d): Predicted aging trajectories using the proposed GC-PF.

364 by tracking the base model that provides the global battery aging behavior,  
 365 and the effects of local behaviors within the aging trajectories would be reduced  
 366 accordingly.

367 From the above observations, it is clear that the base model plays a vital  
 368 role in the proposed GC-PF algorithm. Therefore, it is worthwhile to analyse the  
 369 results under the case of there exists significant difference between the training  
 370 and testing profiles. Here the widely used NASA battery data set is selected for  
 371 verification purpose. As described in Table 1, the cut-off discharging voltages of  
 372 the two cells are significantly different, resulting in the different aging trajec-  
 373 tories as shown in Fig. 5-(a). For this scenario, the proposed GC-PF method still  
 374 outperforms the conventional PF. Quantitatively, the RMSE of the proposed

375 method can be limited within 1.75% when using 40% of the data for training.  
 376 The RMSE can be further reduced to 0.98% when 50% data is provided, and this  
 377 result is 25% better than that of the conventional PF. In the proposed method,  
 378  $\lambda$  drops below 0.6 within 50 cycles, indicating that the influence of base model  
 379 is reduced significantly. In such a case, the particle evolution is determined by  
 380 both the PF part and a GC with reduced regularization term. Obviously, this  
 381 GC-PF structure presents better results than just using conventional PF.

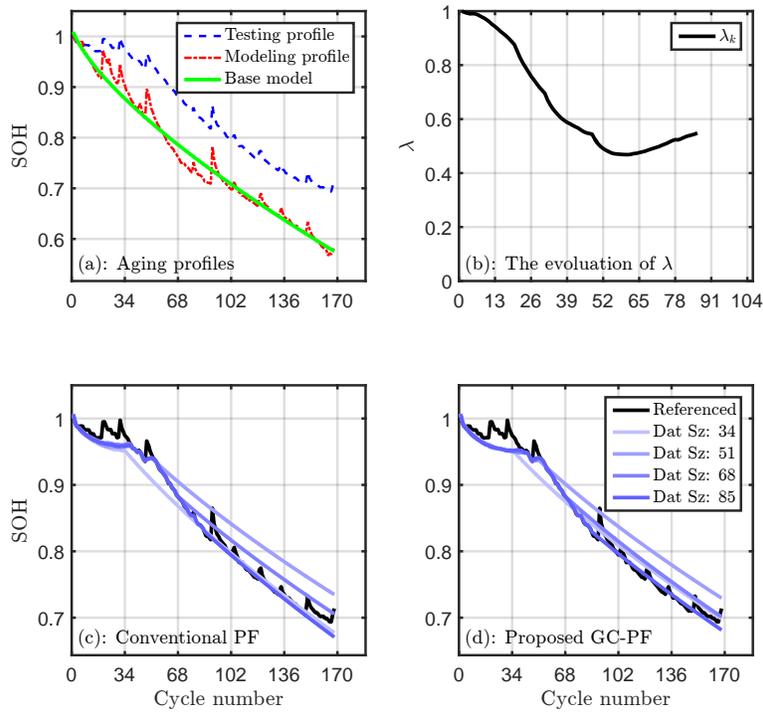


Figure 5: Experimental results using NASA batteries. (a): Aging profiles of modeling and testing profiles; (b): The evolution of  $\lambda$  over time; (c): Predicted aging trajectories using conventional PF; and (d): Predicted aging trajectories using the proposed GC-PF.

382 In addition to the RMSE, the MxAE values of prediction results for all  
 383 algorithms are also evaluated. Quantitatively, the maximum MxAE of the proposed  
 384 GC-PF is 6.05% for all batteries with different training data size, which  
 385 is only 2.16% larger than that from the benchmark 2. Besides, when 40% (50%

386 for NASA data set) of total data is involved in training process, this MxAE  
387 performance can be even closer to the result of benchmark 2, with a difference  
388 limited by 1.30%. Due to the MxAE of benchmark 2 is the best result under  
389 the specific noise-polluted condition, in comparison with the MxAE difference  
390 between benchmark 1 and 2 (here is still 2.99% even if 40% data is involved in  
391 training phase), the relatively smaller MxAE difference (1.30%) indicates that  
392 the proposed GC-PF algorithm is able to achieve more accurate predictions.

393 Additionally, to evaluate the consistency of predictions under the conditions  
394 of different size of training data, a new criterion SDE is also utilized in this study.  
395 To emphasize the necessity of evaluating SDE, an numerical example using the  
396 results from Fig 3 is first provided. Specifically, when using conventional PF,  
397 the predicted SOH through training based on the first 10% of the aging data is  
398 85.4% at cycle 400. However, under the condition of training model with 40% of  
399 the aging data, the predicted SOH at the 400th cycle becomes 81.3%, while SOH  
400 would be predicted to drop below 85.4% at the 317th cycle. Obviously, almost  
401 25% difference on the battery lifetime prediction or 4.4% variation on the SOH  
402 prediction would occur when the starting point of prediction is different, which  
403 will significantly affect the users' confidence on the predicted battery lifetime.  
404 In the light of this, it is vital to adopt an effective criterion to evaluate the  
405 consistency of predictions. According to the SDE results in Table 5, it can be  
406 observed that the prediction consistency of GC-PF is better than those from  
407 benchmark 1 for all testing conditions (here is nearly 32% decrease). For the first  
408 three batteries, this improvement is mainly due to the fact that the accurate base  
409 model is utilized in the entire training process rather than just initialization. For  
410 the NASA battery data set, the reduced SDE is mainly caused by the improved  
411 tracking capability of GC-PF in comparison with the conventional PF.

## 412 5. Conclusions

413 Battery aging prediction exerts an enormously important role in the ap-  
414 plications of power scheduling, energy management, thermal management etc.

415 This paper develops a hybrid approach through using a base model-oriented  
416 gradient-correction particle filter to predict the aging trajectory of Li-ion bat-  
417 teries. The main technical novelties arise from following aspects: First, through  
418 deriving a gradient-correction-particle filter, the tracking capability of PF can  
419 be improved. Second, through using the model-based regulation technique, the  
420 algorithm’s sensitivity related to the local behavior of aging curve can be effect-  
421 ively reduced. In addition, apart from the commonly used RMSE and MxAE,  
422 a new criteria named SDE is also adopted to evaluate the consistency of pre-  
423 diction results. Through the extensive comparisons with other two benchmarks  
424 under extensive experimental tests of four types Li-ion cells, several quantitative  
425 results could be obtained as:

- 426 • When 40% aging data are used for model training that involves the meas-  
427 urement noise, the proposed GC-PF can achieve a high prediction accuracy  
428 (here the RMSE is less than 1.75%).
- 429 • With an effective base model, GC-PF is capable of providing a satisfactory  
430 prediction accuracy (here the RMSE is less than 1.86%) and a reduced  
431 training data down to 10%.
- 432 • In comparison with the results from benchmark 1, the SDE of the pro-  
433 posed algorithm presents 32% decrease, indicating a better consistency of  
434 predictions is achieved by using base model-oriented GC-PF algorithm.

435 To the best of our knowledge, this is the first known application by us-  
436 ing model regularization technique with improved PF to handle battery aging  
437 trajectory prediction problem. The proposed algorithm could also be equally  
438 applicable to other battery aging predictions of energy management with ap-  
439 propriate data set.

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