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Abstract

Each charging/discharging cycle leads to a gradual decrease of the battery's capacity. Degradation of capacity in lithium-ion batteries represents a non-monotonous process with random jumps. Earlier studies claimed that the instantaneous degradation value of lithium-ion battery is influenced by the historical data, demonstrating long-range dependence. The existing methods ignore large jumps and long-range dependence in degradation processes. In order to capture long-range dependent property and random jumps, we deal with the fractional Poisson process. We also outline the relationship between the long-range correlation and the Hurst index. The connection between random jumps in capacitance and long-range dependence of the fractional Poisson process is proven. In order to construct the fractional Poisson predictive model, we included the fractional Brownian motion as the diffusion term and the fractional Poisson process as the jump term. The efficiency of our approach for calculation of the random walk was tested on the NASA's dataset of Li-ion battery dataset. We claim that the predictive model based on the fractional Poisson process has a number of advantages over the fractional Brownian motion, fractional Levy stable motion, the Wiener model and the Long-Short Term Memory model.

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1. Introduction

The capacity of lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) has a degradation trend with charging and discharge cycles. This results in the reduction of the end of life (EOL). A recommended practice to replace the battery on the capacity basis is estimated below 80% of the manufacturer's rating [IEEE 1188-1996]. Widespread applications of LIBs demand accurate prediction of RUL of LIBs.

Xiong et al. [1] deduces mathematical equations through electrochemical theory and applies finite element analysis and numerical methods to solve equations to build a predicting model. Li et al. [2] proposed to simulate the battery load response under specific temperature conditions through a coupling model, which is suitable for the temperature range of 25°C to 40°C in daily life. Using circuit theory to explore and analyze the performance of batteries [3], the Rint model and impedance-capacitor (RC) network model [4] are classic examples of such methods. Through a large amount of

historical degradation data, based on the capacity transfer relationship of the battery at adjacent time points, and applying Kulun's law, the capacity loss of the battery is modeled, and then a polynomial and exponential decay model is derived [5]. Most empirical models rely on statistical random filtering technology to track battery decay trends and optimize model parameters, such as particle filtering, Kalman filtering, etc. [6]. The prediction accuracy is highly dependent on the of model construction. Focusing on the research of data-driven methods, Chen et al. [7] combined variable modal decomposition and GPR, first decompose the capacity degradation data of lithium batteries into relatively stable components, and then conduct RUL prediction based on these components.

Li et al. [8] proposed a GPR prediction model with an automatic selection mechanism of kernel function. Jia et al. [9] mined key features from charge and discharge data, and then used GPR to estimate SOH and RUL, and effectiveness is proved. Peikun et al. [10] combined with gray correlation analysis and GPR method of multi-island genetic algorithm to optimize the prediction of SOH accuracy. these methods need high standards for data collection.

Xiao et al. [11] proposed a prediction technology combining RVM and three-parameter capacity decay model, Feng et al. [12] explored health indicator extracted from surface temperature changes when battery discharged, and Wang et al. [13] extracted new health indicator from the current curve during constant voltage charging of the battery. The RVM model is an emerging data-driven method, but its inherent high sparsity means that direct use of RVM for prediction may lead to instability of predicting result [14].

Deep learning such as recurrent neural network (RNN) is used for battery RUL prediction. Researchers [15] extracted key features of degradation data through empirical modal decomposition and grey relationship analysis, and used these features to deep RNNs to simulate cell RUL.

The current methods can only predict the volatility of the degradation trend. The fPp process can simulate irregular jumps caused by emergencies such as overcharge, short circuit or temperature abnormalities, and capacity regeneration, and can capture the continuous trend-long correlation and random fluctuations in the data.

The above methods can only predict the undulatory property of degradation trend, without considering the long-range dependence of lithium battery degradation process and the irregular jumps caused by capacity regeneration due to overcharge, short circuit or abnormal temperature emergencies. This paper proposes that the fPp prediction model can capture the long-range dependence property and random jump.

The organization of this paper is as follows. Section 2 discusses Long-range Dependence and Poisson Distribution, Section 3 Definition and characteristic of fractional Poisson process(fPp) Section 4 constructs a stochastic differential equation with adaptive jump intensity based on the fPp process. Section 5 is parameter estimation, section 6 is case study, section 7 is conclusion.

2. Long-Range Dependence and Poisson Distribution

2.1. Long-range Dependence

An autocorrelation function of a random series is a measure of the dependence of time series under different time interval(i.e. delays). Given a random sequence $\{X(t), 0 < t < \infty\}$, its autocorrelation function $R(\tau)$ see equation (1):

$$\int_0^{\infty} R(\tau) d\tau = \infty, \quad (1)$$

Because $R(\tau)$ decay is very slow, it means that $\{X(t)\}$ is significant correlation between sequence values even after a long lag. $R(\tau)$ decays obeys power law, see equation(2):

$$\begin{cases} R(\tau) \sim c|\tau|^{-\eta}, \\ \eta = 2 - 2H \end{cases}, \quad (2)$$

where $0 < \eta < 1$ and c are a constant, H is the Hurst exponent, and its range is $H \in (0,1)$, which is used to determine whether a random process has the LRD characteristic. When $H = 0.5$, the autocorrelation function can be integrated or summed, meaning that the random sequence is not autocorrelation characteristics; when $H \neq 0.5$, the autocorrelation function cannot be integrated or summed, revealing that the random sequence exhibits correlation, where $0 < H < 0.5$ shows a short correlation, and when $0.5 < H < 1$, the random process exhibits LRD characteristics.

2.2. Estimation of the Hurst exponent

A number of estimation algorithms of the Hurst exponent were proposed. Here, the heavy scale extreme difference method is used, namely the R/S method, which is as follow:

Divide the random sequence $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ into h subsequence of length a . The average value of these subsequence is as follows (3):

$$\langle X \rangle_a = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{i=1}^h X_i, \quad (3)$$

Calculate the cumulative deviation, as shown in Equation (4):

$$X(i, a) = \sum_{i=1}^h (X_i - \langle X \rangle_a), \quad (4)$$

Calculate the extreme difference value, as shown in Equation (5)

$$R(a) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq a} X(i, a) - \min_{1 \leq i \leq a} X(i, a) \quad (5)$$

Calculate the standard deviation, as shown in Equation (6)

$$S(a) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} \sum_{i=1}^h (X_i - \langle X \rangle_a)^2} \quad (6)$$

Calculate the standard deviation, as shown in Equation (7)

$$\frac{R}{S}(a) = \frac{1}{h} \times \frac{R(a)}{S(a)} \quad (7)$$

Next, repeat the above steps, and on the premise that the formula (6) is satisfied, take different a , get $h \times a = n$. Finally, the re-scaling extreme difference $\frac{R}{S}(a)$ takes the logarithm and fits the straight line using the least squares method, as shown in equation (8):

$$\log \frac{R}{S}(a) = \log(c) + H \times \log a + \omega \quad (8)$$

The slope ratio is the desired H , see Fig. 1.

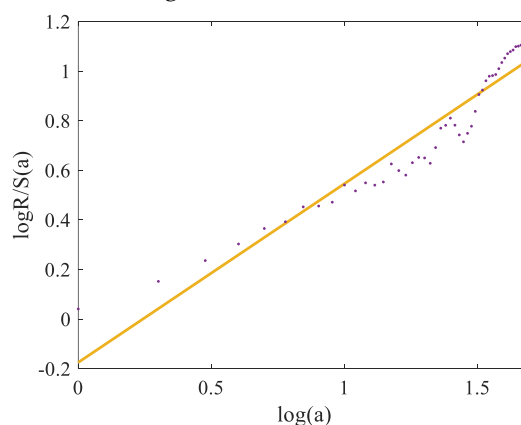


Figure 1. Estimation of the Hurst exponent.

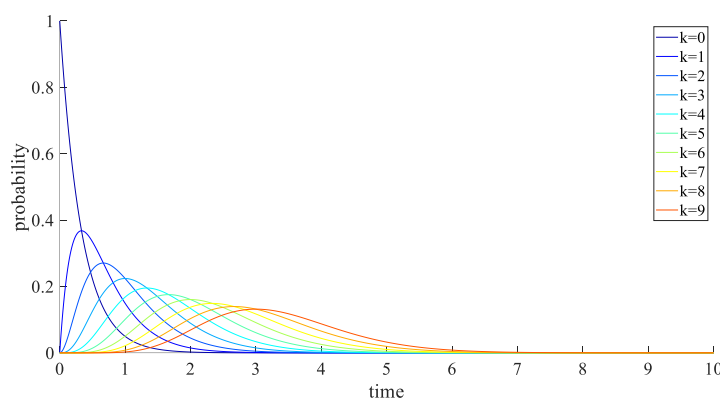
2.3. Jump Characteristics of Poisson Distribution

For any time length t , the probability of occurring n events obeys the Poisson distribution, as follows (9)

$$P(N(t) = n) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n e^{-\lambda t}}{n!} \quad (9)$$

Where λ is the average times number occurs in unit time, and is recorded as $N_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$.

The Poisson process is suitable for simulating events that occur randomly and relatively sparsely within a given time or space area. As shown Fig. 2, when $\lambda = 3$, PDF of occurring different sparse events k is shown as Fig.2.

**Figure 2.** Poisson Process Describing Sudden Events.

2.4. Random walks characteristics of Poisson distribution

A Poisson process \tilde{N}_t , defines $\{Q_k^n, k = 0, \dots, n\}$, as a random walk approximation of \tilde{N}_t is described as in Equation (10):

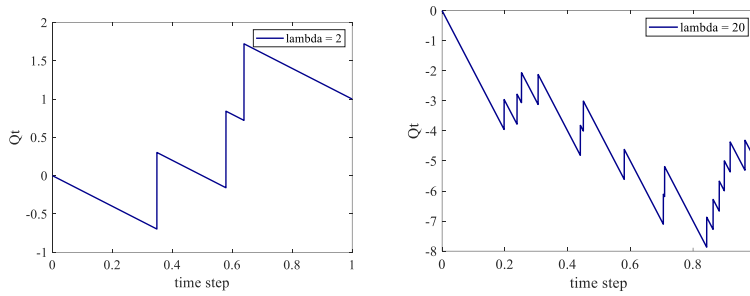
$$Q_0^n = 0; \quad Q_k^n = \sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i^n \quad (10)$$

Where $\eta_1^n, \dots, \eta_n^n$ is a random variable with independent and homogeneous distribution. For $\forall k$, there is the probability of formula (11):

$$P(\eta_k^n = k_n - 1) = 1 - P(\eta_k^n = k_n) = k_n \quad (11)$$

where $k_n = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}$. Let $Q_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} \eta_i^n$, Q_t is the Poisson random walk process, see Fig. 3. When

λ increases, the irregularity is stronger.



(a) random walk for $\lambda = 2$ (b) random walk for $\lambda = 20$

Figure 3. Random walk approximation.

3. Definition and Characteristics of the Fractional Poisson Process

According to Wang et al. [16], the fPp is defined as a class of non-Gaussian processes with stationary increments, and the definition of $N^H = \{N_t^H, t \geq 0\}$ is given as follows (12):

$$N_t^H(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(H - \frac{1}{2})} \int_0^t u^{\frac{1}{2}-H} \left(\int_u^t \tau^{H-\frac{1}{2}} (\tau - u)^{H-\frac{1}{2}} d\tau \right) dq(u) \quad (12)$$

where $q(u) = \frac{N(u)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} - \sqrt{\lambda}u$.

According to equation (12), when $H \in (0, 0.5)$, N_t^H represents short-term correlation, when $H = 0.5$ is a typical Poisson process. when $H \in (0.5, 1)$, fPp has LRD properties. Obviously, the Poisson process is actually only a special case of fPp. The curve of the Hurst exponent with time is shown in Fig. 4, and the Hurst ranges is from 0.5 to 0.1. The higher the surface curve, the stronger the long-range dependence.

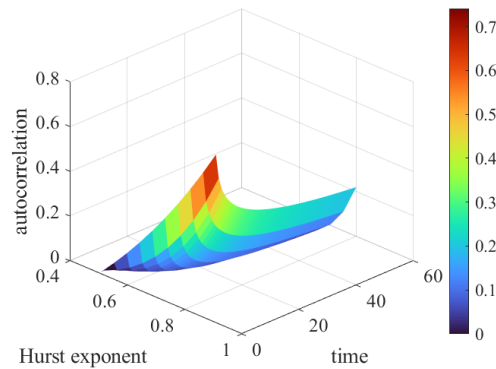


Figure 4. Autocorrelation Function of fPp with Different Hurst Exponents.

4. Fractional Poisson process predictive model

For any random sequences $\{X_t, t > 0\}$, using the Black-Scholes formula, we can obtain a random differential equation based on Brownian motion, such as equation (13):

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \delta X_t dB_t \quad (13)$$

where μ and δ are the drift and diffusion coefficients, respectively; B_t is the Brownian motion, and is replaced by fBm, thus the equation (13) has LRD characteristics, shown as equation (14), which can more accurately simulate the remaining useful life decay process of lithium batteries.

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \delta X_t dB_{t,H} + \eta X_{t-} dN_{t,H} \quad (14)$$

Where $B_{t,H}$ is the fBm process, $N_{t,H}$ is the fPp process, η is the jump amplitude, and

discretization can obtain the discrete equation (15).

$$\Delta X_t = \mu X_t \Delta t + \delta X_t \Delta B_{t,H} + \eta X_t \Delta N_{t,H} \quad (15)$$

the fPp difference prediction degradation model is deduced, as shown equation (16):

$$X_{t+1} = X_t + \mu X_t \Delta t + \delta X_t w_t (\Delta t)^H + \eta X_t q_t (\Delta t)^H \quad (16)$$

let $\mu = 2.7$, $\delta = 0.3$, $H = 0.85$, $\Delta t = 2$, $\lambda = 0.05$, $q_1 = 0.0453$, $q_2 = 0.9752$, substituting $X_t = 1$ into equation(16), get random sequence $\{X_t, t > 0\}$ simulation, as shown Figure 5.

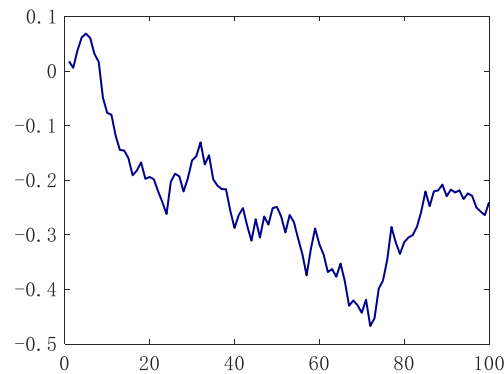


Figure 5. Differential equation numerical simulation.

5. Parameter estimation

5.1. Estimation of drift and diffusion coefficients

For model (16), the maximum likelihood method is applied to estimate the parameters. let sample $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$, the joint probability density is as follows:

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2 | X) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (17)$$

Two side takes logarithm(18)

$$l(\mu, \sigma^2 | X) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \quad (18)$$

Take the partial derivative for parameter μ and σ^2 , and let them equal zero, respectively, get equation (19), (20) and(21)

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) = 0 \quad (19)$$

5.2. Estimation Parameter λ

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \quad (21)$$

First calculate the difference for $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$, shown as equation (22)

$$\Delta x = x_{i+1} - x_i \quad (22)$$

Where x_i is the battery capacity of the i th times charge or discharge period, here let 95th percentile as jump threshold, shown as equation (23)

$$p_{95} = \text{prctile}(\text{difference}, 95) \quad (23)$$

Record jump times:

$$N_{shocks} = |\{\Delta x_i : \Delta x_i > p_{95}\}| \quad (24)$$

When given a Poisson process, the probability of occur N times events during T follows:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$P(N = n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda T} (\lambda T)^n}{n!}$$

Construct the logarithmic likelihood function

$$l(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda T} (\lambda T)^{n_i}}{n_i!} \right) \quad (26)$$

By using the properties of logarithm equation (26) can be expanded as follows:

$$l(\lambda) = -\lambda NT + \left(\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \right) \log(\lambda) + \log(T) \sum_{i=1}^N n_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \log(n_i!) \quad (27)$$

Then we obtain:

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \Delta x_i \cdot I(\Delta x_i > p_{95})}{NT} \quad (28)$$

where $I(\cdot)$ represents the exponent function for $\Delta x_i \leq p_{95}$, is equal to 1, otherwise it is equal to zero.

6. Case Study

This experiment used the RW12 degradation walk data set of four 18650 lithium batteries from NASA[17], which operated continuously at charge and discharge currents between -4.5A and 4.5A. This type of charging and discharging operation is called random walking (RW) operation. Each load period lasts for 5 minutes, and after 1500 cycles (approximately 5 days), a series of reference charge and discharge cycles are performed to provide a reference standard for the health of the battery. The voltage, current and temperature changes of lithium battery during the charge and discharge cycle are shown in Figure 6:

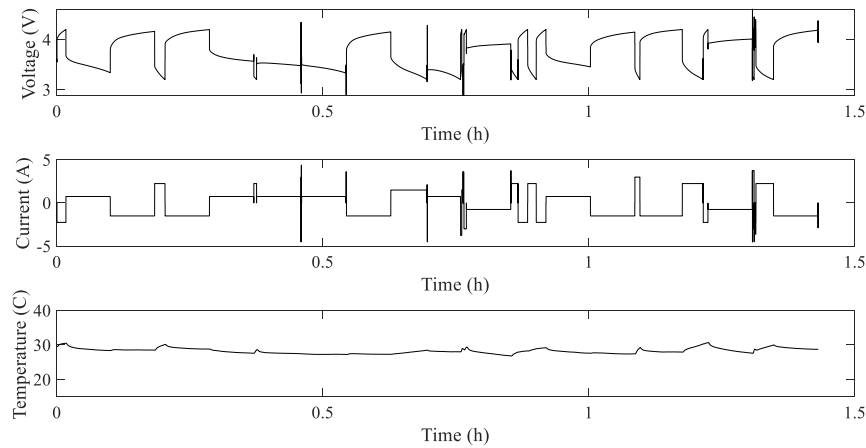


Figure 6. Voltage, Current, and Temperature during the cycles charge-discharge.

The capacity of RW12 battery is degraded as shown in Figure 7. The battery fails when the capacity EOL is set to 1.4Ah in this article. Therefore, the RW12 battery fails after the 56th cycle.

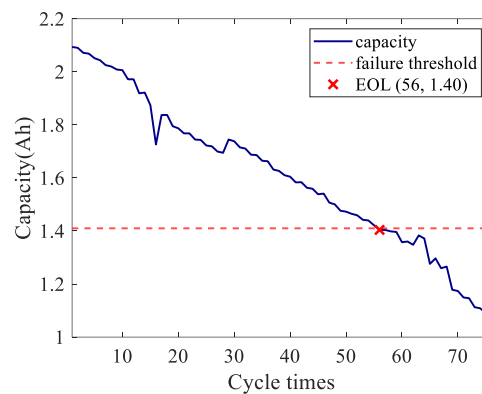


Figure 7. Capacity Degradation and the Failure Threshold.

By degrading the data difference of RW12, the jump situation as shown in Figure 8(a) is obtained. Four points exceed the 95% threshold, so there is a situation that the fBm model cannot predict. As shown in Figure 8(b), the large jump point has both capacity regeneration and significant decline in capacity, which is suitable for RUL prediction using the fPp degradation model.

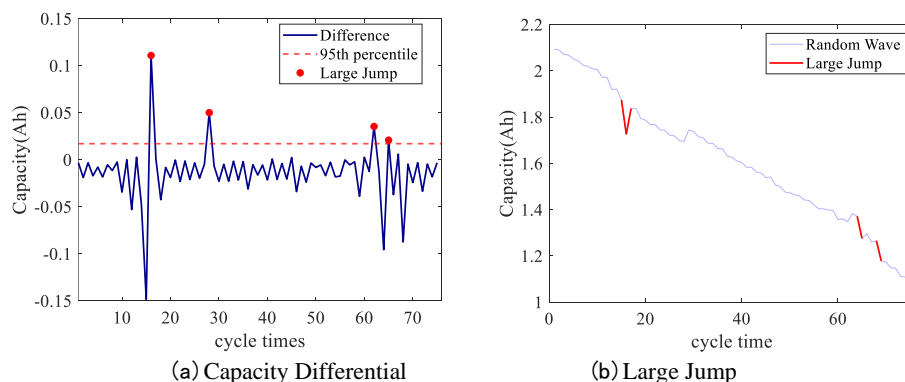


Figure 8. Capacity Differential and Large Jump of RW12.

The result of our simulation is shown in Figure 9 (a); the gray area in Fig.9 (b) represents that the different $\hat{\lambda}$ values are within the error of 10%, i.e., the predicted values have an acceptable error.

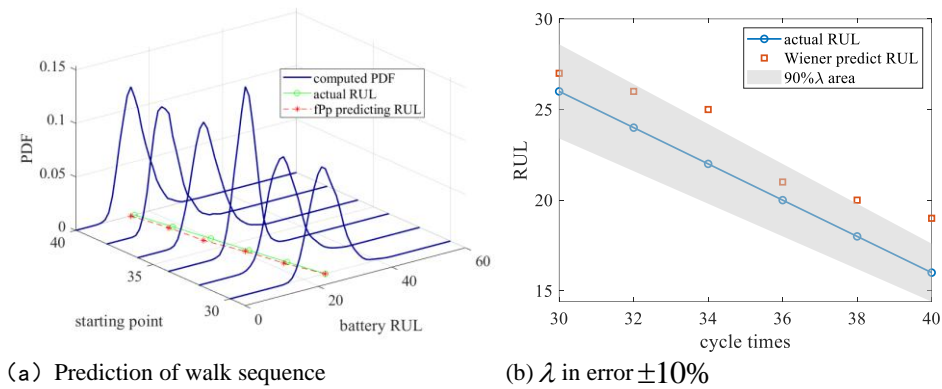


Figure 9. RUL prediction results and λ performance Region of RW12.

The error analysis of the fPp RUL prediction for battery RW12 is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. fPp model prediction results and error analysis of RW12.

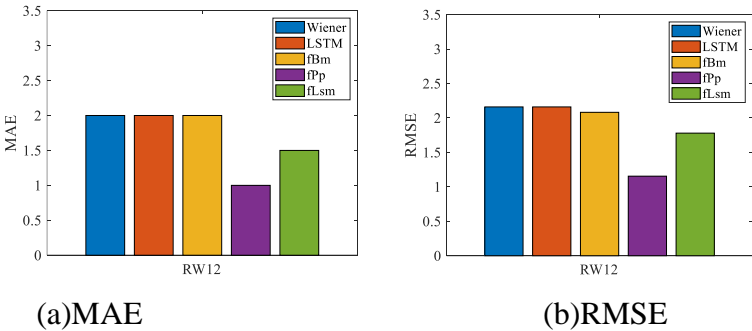
Start point	RUL actual	RULpredict value	AE	RE
30	26	26	0	0.0000
32	24	23	1	0.0417
34	22	21	1	0.0455
36	20	18	2	0.1000
38	18	17	1	0.0556
40	16	15	1	0.0625

Comparing with the fBm model, LSTM model, fLsm model and Wiener model, Through the error analysis of MAE, MAPE, RMSE and R^2 , the prediction error evaluation of the fPp model is the smallest,see Table 2.

Table 2. Comparative Prediction Evaluation of fPp Model and Benchmark Models.

battery	Model	MAE	MAPE(%)	RMSE	R^2
RW12	fPp	1.0000	5.0863	1.1547	0.9823
	fBm	2.0000	9.7122	2.0817	0.6577
	LSTM	2.0000	9.2484	2.1602	0.9725
	fLsm	1.5000	7.2959	1.7795	0.9292
	Wiener	2.0000	10.1128	2.1602	0.9468

Table 2 are visualized as a histogram, see Fig. 10. From Fig. 10 (a), (b), and (c), it is evident that the fPp model has the lowest prediction error. Furthermore, Fig.10 (d) clearly shows that the fPp model's prediction result is close to 1, it is mean that the fPp degradation model has high accuracy.



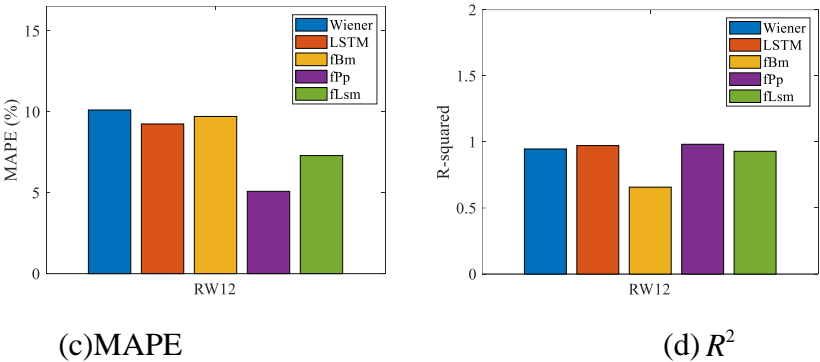


Figure 10. Performance Evaluation of three Models.

6. Conclusion

By the NASA degradation walk data set, the effectiveness of the fPp differential degradation model with the capacity regeneration jumps was verified, and λ parameter can describe jumps. The walk degradation data satisfies the LRD and determines the EOL. By selecting different prediction starting points, the results of parameter estimation are fed into the fPp degradation model to obtain the PDF and RUL predictions. Finally, the fBm model, LSTM model, fLsm model, and Wiener model were used as comparison models to verify the effectiveness of the fPp degradation model.

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Abbreviations

RUL	Remaining useful life
LRD	Long-range dependence
fPp	Fractional Poisson process
fBm	Fractional Brownian motion
fLsm	fractional Lévy stable motion
EOL	End of life
PDF	Probability density motion
LSTM	Long-short term memory
GPR	Gaussian process regression
RVM	Relevance vector machine
RNN	Recurrent neural network
SOH	State of Health
N_t^H	Fractional Poisson process
B_t^H	Fractional Brownian motion
H	Hurst exponent
λ	The intensity of jumping
μ	Drift coefficient
δ	Diffusion parameter

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