

How Is Your Satellite Doing? Battery Kinetics with Recharging and Uncertainty*

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Abstract

The *kinetic battery model* is a popular model of the dynamic behaviour of a conventional battery, useful to predict or optimize the time until battery depletion. The model however lacks certain obvious aspects of batteries in-the-wild, especially with respect to the effects of random influences and the behaviour when charging up to capacity limits.

This paper considers the kinetic battery model with limited capacity in the context of piecewise

constant yet random charging and discharging. We provide exact representations of the battery behaviour wherever possible, and otherwise develop safe approximations that bound the probability distribution of the battery state from above and below. The resulting model enables the time-dependent evaluation of the risk of battery depletion. This is demonstrated in an extensive dependability study of a nano satellite currently orbiting the earth.

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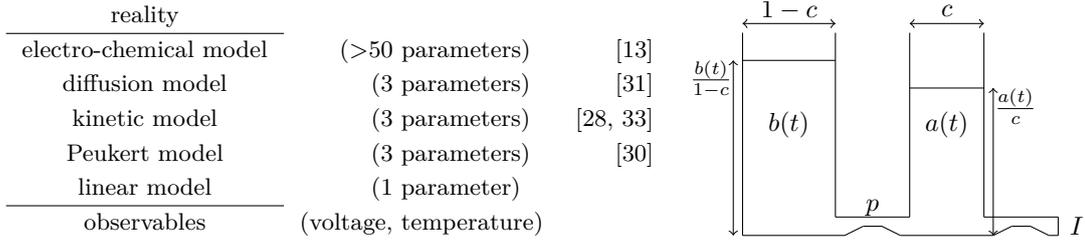
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1 Introduction

A rechargeable battery is a physical object storing energy. Charging and discharging induces or is the result of chemical reactions inside the battery. Lithium chemistry is the technology of choice and has made rechargeable batteries become the backbone of our modern digital life. Yet, batteries are safety-critical. Wrong usage may imply injuries due to overheating, gas formation or spontaneous combustion. In addition, batteries are an obvious bottleneck for device operation, restricting performance and longevity of wireless operations, as well as journeys of electric vehicles. To understand and manage battery-run operations requires an adequate model of battery state

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■ **Figure 1** Battery model overview (left) and visualisation of the kinetic battery model (right).

and battery behaviour. Different modelling approaches for predicting battery performance have been proposed [32, 6] based on a model landscape summarised on the left of Figure 1, where each model is known to be an abstraction of its upper neighbour [25, 23].

Detailed explanations of the various models will be given in Section 2. Intuitively, the linear model corresponds to a simple well holding liquid, the charge. This is the view typically displayed to smart phones users, in the form of a percentage value. The diffusion model treats the distribution of electrical charge between cathode and anode as a continuum, while its first-order approximation, the *kinetic battery model*, KiBaM, separates the charge in two parts, available charge and bound charge. The latter can be visualised as two wells interconnected by a pipe, as depicted on the right of Figure 1, where only the available charge may be consumed instantaneously, while bound charge is converted into available charge as time passes. Given a constant load, the KiBaM represents the battery *state-of-charge* (SoC) by two coupled differential equations, one for each well. Unlike the linear model (and the Peukert model), the KiBaM can capture two important real phenomena; the *rate capacity effect* and the *recovery effect*. The former effect describes the fact that if continuously discharged, a high discharge rate will cause the battery to provide less energy before depletion than a lower discharge rate. Thus a battery’s effective capacity depends on the rate at which it is discharged. The latter effect stands for the battery recovers to some extent during periods of no or little discharge. Both effects are decisive operational phenomena known across electro-chemical batteries, rooted in their physical layout where the chemical reactions related to charging and discharging span between cathode and anode, and are dis-equilibrating the chemical substrate balance. Indeed, empirical evaluations show that this model provides a good approximation of the battery SoC across various battery types [25, 23].

Our contribution. The original KiBaM does not take capacity limits into consideration, it can thus be interpreted as assuming infinite capacity. Reality is unfortunately different. When studying the KiBaM operating with capacity limits, it becomes apparent that charging and discharging are *not* dual to each other, simply because a full battery keeps operating, in contrast to an empty one. However, opposite to the discharging process, the charging process near capacity limits has not received dedicated attention in the literature. That problem is attacked in the present paper.

Although directly expressible as a function of time, the behaviour at capacity limits cannot be computed exactly. For this scenario we therefore resort to under- and over-approximating state of charge (SoC) evolutions, that serve as upper and lower bounds of the exact SoC evolution.

Furthermore, statistical results obtained by experimenting with real of-the-shelf batteries suggest considerable variances in actual performance [7], likely rooted in manufacturing and wear differences. This observation asks for a stochastic re-interpretation of the classical KiBaM to take the statistically observed SoC spread into account on the model level, and this is what the present paper develops – in a setting with capacity limits, charging and discharging. It views the KiBaM as a transformer of the continuous probability distribution describing the SoC at any real time

point, thereby also supporting uncertainty and noise in the load process.

The stochastic re-interpretation and the extension by capacity limits in combination, allow us to derive SoC distributions that bound the actual distribution of the SoC from above and below in a safe way. These bounding distributions can be used to determine an interval enclosing the cumulative risk of battery depletion for any given time point.

We apply this approach to an in-depth case study of the Danish nano satellite GOMX-1 currently orbiting the earth in low orbit [20]. From the satellite’s hardware specification and extensive in-flight telemetry logs provided by its manufacturer GomSpace, a probabilistic workload model is derived and superposed with a periodic deterministic charging load, representing the infeed from on-board solar panels. Our technique then enables us to perform an effective quantitative analysis of the satellite’s power budget, with a particular focus on the battery depletion risk over large mission times. The interplay of the resulting battery model and the imposed load can be viewed as a particular stochastic hybrid system [1, 3, 4, 8, 12, 37], developed here without discretising time. We have found that general purpose tools for this problem domain [36, 17, 43] are at present not capable to provide such answers, as we will explain.

The genuine contributions of the paper are:

- (i) The interpretation of the KiBaM as a transformer of SoC distributions,
- (ii) developed without discretising time,
- (iii) considering both charging and discharging in the context of capacity limits,
- (iv) using under- and over-approximations where needed to get correctness guarantees,
- (v) applied in the power budget analysis of a low-earth orbiting nano satellite.

Related work. Haverkort and Jongerden [23] review broad research on various battery models of different natures, ranging from electro-chemical models, electrical circuit models, stochastic models to analytical models. The conclusion is very plain: The most accurate models are the electro-chemical ones, although their usage requires expert knowledge about batteries. For integration with a workload model to carry out performance analysis, analytical models are best suited as they allow for analytical expressions of the battery lifetimes under a load process, while still capturing the most important non-linear effects of real batteries.

They particularly discuss *stochastic* battery models [33, 10] which view the KiBaM for a given load as a stochastic process, unlike our (more accurate) view as a deterministic transformer of the randomized initial conditions of the battery. Furthermore, in this survey, the problem of charging up to capacity limits does not get dedicated attention.

Battery capacity has been addressed only by Boker *et al.* [5]. They considered a discretized, unbounded KiBaM together with a possibly non-deterministic and cyclic load process, synthesizing initial capacity requirements to power the process safely. Hence, capacity is here understood as an over-dimensioned initial condition and not as a truly limiting charging bound.

Random loads on a battery, generated by a continuous-time Markov chain, have been previously studied by Cloth *et al.* [10]. Their setting cannot be easily extended by charging since they view the available and bound charge levels as two types of *accumulated reward* in a reward-inhomogeneous continuous time Markov chain.

An extension of the KiBaM to *scheduling* has been considered by Jongerden *et al.* [24]. They compute optimal schedules for multiple batteries in a discretized setting with only discharging. This has been taken up and improved using techniques from the planning domain [14].

Organisation of the paper. Section 2 introduces the original (deterministic, unlimited) kinetic battery model. In Section 3 we view this unlimited KiBaM as a transformer of probability density functions, resulting in a stochastic, unlimited model. Section 4 considers lower and upper capacity

limits for the deterministic model. This development is lifted to the stochastic interpretation in Section 5, arriving at a stochastic and limited model. Section 6 introduces a probabilistic workload model together with algorithms to compute the SoC of a stochastic limited KiBaM under such a workload. In Section 7 we present a discretisation algorithm that allows for efficient and tight approximations of a SoC distribution after being subject to a workload for a certain amount of time. Finally, in Section 8, we demonstrate the efficiency and relevance of our findings by analysing the power budget of a Danish nano satellite currently orbiting the planet.

This paper is a substantially enhanced and extended version of paper [22]. Apart from a more extensive exposition, the enhancements comprise all developments and results concerning over-approximations, a connection to synchronous data flow models, as well as a thorough and detailed description of the nano satellite case.

2 The Kinetic Battery Model

As discussed in Section 1, batteries in-the-wild exhibit two non-linear effects widely considered to be the most important ones to capture: the *rate capacity effect* and the *recovery effect*. In the sequel we introduce the *kinetic battery model* KiBaM as the simplest model capturing these effects, and place it in the context of other candidates to model a battery, summarized in Figure 1.

The linear model. Also called the *ideal battery*, this model views a battery as one well of capacity cap that is decreased proportionally to a load I that is imposed on the battery. Thus, the lifetime of a full battery under load I can naturally be expressed by cap/I . While easy to handle, the linear battery model neither captures the recovery of batteries nor the rate capacity effect.

Peukert model. An extension of the ideal battery is provided by *Peukert's law*. In this, parameters a and b characterise the lifetime of a full battery under load I as a/I^b . For $a = \text{cap}$ and $b = 1$, this corresponds to an ideal battery, although parameters fitted through experiments generally result in a being a bit smaller than cap and b being slightly larger than 1. Peukert's law captures the rate capacity effect, but neglects the recovery effect.

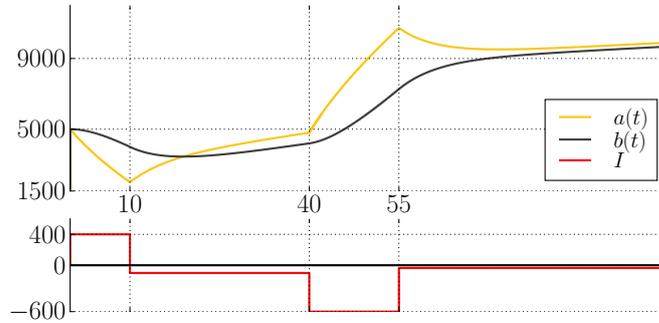
The electrochemical-model. Together with its accompanying simulation tool DUALFOIL [29], the highly parametrisable electro-chemical battery model is, in its own right, widely considered as the reference "reality" to check the faithfulness and accuracy of other models.

The diffusion model. The *diffusion model* of Rakhmatov and Vrudhula [25] describes the ion concentration along the width of a battery as a continuous quantity. A full battery exhibits equal concentration along the battery, while a discharge causes a decrease of the concentration near the discharging electrode. This, in turn, causes a gradient that makes the ions diffuse towards the electrode. Thus during periods of rest the ion concentration tends to equalise over the width of a battery, inducing a recovery. During periods of high discharge, the diffusion cannot keep up causing premature depletion; the rate capacity effect. The model allows for analytical expressions for the battery lifetime as well and exhibits a very high degree of precision against the electro-chemical model.

The kinetic battery model. The *kinetic battery model* (KiBaM) can be viewed as a discretised diffusion model by dividing the stored charge into two parts, the *available* charge and the *bound* charge and can actually be proven to be a first-order approximation of the diffusion model. When the battery is strained only the available charge is consumed instantly, while the bound charge is slowly converted to available charge by diffusion. This diffusion between available and bound charge can take place in either direction depending on the amount of both types of energy stored in the battery. Both non-linear effects are captured for the exact same reason as for the diffusion model: the relatively slow conversion of bound charge into available

charge or vice versa. Due to its simplicity and accuracy relative to the more complex diffusion model [23] and therefore also relative to the DUALFOIL electro-chemical model simulator, we focus on the kinetic battery model in this paper.

► **Example 1.** We illustrate the evolution of the state of charge of the KiBaM as time passes under the assumption of symmetry of charging and discharging below.



The initially available charge decreases heavily due to the load 400 but the restricted diffusion makes the bound charge decrease only slowly up to time 10; after that the battery undergoes a mild recharge, and so on. At all times the bound charge approaches the available charge by a speed proportional to the difference of the two values.

Coupled differential equations. The KiBaM can be visualized as two wells holding liquid, interconnected by a pipe that represents the diffusion of the two types of charge, as depicted on the right of Figure 1. The available charge well is exposed directly to the load I and connected to the bound charge well by a pipe of width p . Formally, the KiBaM is characterized by two coupled differential equations

$$\dot{a}(t) = -I + p \left(\frac{b(t)}{1-c} - \frac{a(t)}{c} \right), \quad \dot{b}(t) = p \left(\frac{a(t)}{c} - \frac{b(t)}{1-c} \right). \quad (1)$$

Here, the functions $a(t)$ and $b(t)$ describe the available and bound charge at time t respectively, $\dot{a}(t)$ and $\dot{b}(t)$ their time derivatives, I is a load on the battery. We refer to the parameter p as the *diffusion rate* between both wells, while parameter $c \in [0, 1]$ corresponds to the width of the available charge well, and $1 - c$ is the width of the bound charge well. Intuitively, $a(t)/c$ and $b(t)/(1 - c)$ are the level of the fluid stored in the available charge well and the bound charge well, respectively. In the following, we take a closer look at the properties of this concrete form of a dynamical system. In the end, this allows us to obtain tailor-made efficient analysis algorithms.

It is possible to derive a solution of the ODEs at time t when applying load I , for instance by using Laplace transforms. We can express it as a vector valued linear mapping $\mathbf{K}_{t,I}$ taking the initial available and bound charge a_0 and b_0 as argument:

$$\mathbf{K}_{t,I} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_a & r_a & s_a \\ q_b & r_b & s_b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} q_a &= (1-c)e^{-kt} + c, \\ r_a &= -c e^{-kt} + c, \\ s_a &= \frac{(1-c)(e^{-kt} - 1)}{k} - t \cdot c \end{aligned}$$

and $q_b = 1 - q_a$, $r_b = 1 - r_a$, $s_b = -t - s_a$ and finally $k = p/c(1 - c)$. The coefficients s_a and s_b of I do not sum to 1, because the non-zero load I makes the total power in the battery change. The above definition of $\mathbf{K}_{t,I}$ is a vector valued reformulation of equations found in [28].

As all vectors appearing in this paper are column vectors, we also denote them by semicolon notation $[a; b]$. Furthermore, whenever we compare two vectors, e.g., $[a; b] \leq [a'; b']$, we interpret

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the order component-wise. When $[a_0; b_0]$ and I are clear from context, we denote the SoC $\mathbf{K}_{t,I}[a_0; b_0]$ at time t also simply by $[a_t; b_t]$.

► **Example 2.** We can use the function \mathbf{K} to obtain the final SoC for our example (for $k = 1/100$, $c = 1/2$, and \circ denoting function composition) by

$$\mathbf{K}_{45,-35} \circ \mathbf{K}_{15,-600} \circ \mathbf{K}_{30,-100} \circ \mathbf{K}_{10,400}[5000; 5000] \approx \mathbf{K}_{45,-35}[10732; 7268],$$

and with the last step in more details (denoting $e^{-\frac{44}{100}}$ by E),

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}E + \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}E + \frac{1}{2} & 50E - 50 - \frac{44}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}E + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2}E + \frac{1}{2} & 50 - 50E - \frac{44}{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10732 \\ 7268 \\ -35 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -18E + 6480 \\ 18E + 8020 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 9881 \\ 9659 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The first summands on the last line (with E) stand for the spread of the values before the recovery effect converges (as $E \rightarrow 0$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$). The second summands are different due to non-zero load I causing $b_t - a_t$ to converge to I/k (for $c = 1/2$).

Powering a task. A standard problem in battery modelling and evaluation is to find out whether a task can be performed with a given *positive* state of charge without depleting the battery, where positive is to be understood componentwise. A task is a pair (T, I) with T being the task execution time, and I representing the load, imposed for duration T .

► **Definition 3 (K-powering a task).** For an execution time T and a load I , we say that a battery with a positive SoC $[a_0; b_0]$ **K-powers a task** (T, I) iff $\forall 0 < t \leq T : a_t > 0$.

Let us stress that the SoC of the battery evolves in negative numbers in the same way as in positive numbers because the differential equations do not have any explicit bounds. Furthermore, it is not monotonic with respect to time in the conventional sense.

► **Example 4.** In our example, the bound charge is not monotonic on the interval $[10, 40]$, the available charge is not monotonic on $[55, 100]$. However, for instance, on $[40, 55]$, available charge is the first to get above the value 9000 (and never crosses the boundary back down again).

We observe that the KiBaM is monotonic with respect to *crossing a boundary* κ when both wells start beyond this boundary.

► **Lemma 5.** For any $I \in \mathbb{R}$, $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$, $\triangleright \in \{<, >\}$, $[a_0; b_0] \triangleright [c\kappa; (1-c)\kappa]$ and for $t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $a_t = c\kappa$ we have

- $b_t \triangleright (1-c)\kappa$ (available charge is always the first to cross a boundary);
- $a_T \not\triangleright c\kappa$ for all $T > t$ (available charge never crosses back for a given load).

Intuitively speaking, the first property states that the available charge is always the first to cross a boundary, the second property states that when the available charge crosses a boundary it never returns back (for a given load).

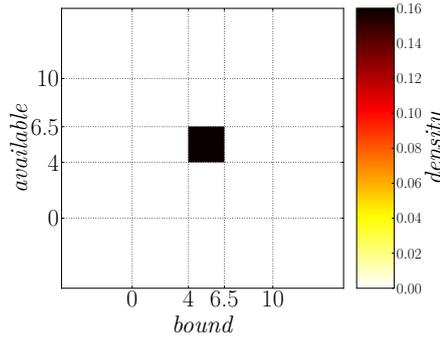
As a direct consequence of Lemma 5, we can easily find out whether the battery **K-powers** a task (T, I) by just observing the SoC at time point T .

► **Lemma 6.** A battery with a positive SoC $[a_0; b_0]$ **K-powers a task** (T, I) iff $[a_T; b_T] > [0; 0]$.

3 Random KiBaM

In order to consider the KiBaM as a stochastic object, it appears natural to consider the vector $[a_0; b_0; I]$ as being random. This reflects the perturbations of the load and of the initial SoC of the batteries. The latter is a real phenomenon, rooted in wear and manufacturing variances [9]. We thus assume the initial SoC to be random variables A_0, B_0 jointly distributed according to a density function f_0 , while the load on the battery is a random variable I independent of the SoC, endowed with a probability density function g .

► **Example 7.** Instead of a single (Dirac) SoC, we now consider that the joint density f_0 of the charge is, say, uniform over the area $[4, 6.5] \times [4, 6.5]$ as depicted below.



Here the values of the two-dimensional density are expressed using colours. Using similar plots, we shall illustrate how the SoC distribution evolves as the time passes on this particular example.

Evolution over time. We are interested in the random vector expressing the SoC after some time T for a *constant* (but random) load I . This is given by

$$[A_T; B_T] := \mathbf{K}_{T,I}[A_0; B_0]. \quad (2)$$

The core tool for studying the joint density of $[A_T; B_T]$ is the transformation law for random variables, which enables the construction of unknown density functions from known ones if given the relation between the corresponding random variables. Formally, for every d -dimensional random vector \mathbf{X} and every injective and continuously differentiable function $g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, we can express the density function of $\mathbf{Y} := g(\mathbf{X})$ at value y in the range of g as

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot |\det(J_{g^{-1}}(y))| \quad (3)$$

where $J_{g^{-1}}(y)$ denotes the *Jacobian* of g^{-1} evaluated at y . However, the mapping (2) is not invertible, thus we cannot directly apply the transformation law. Instead, we express the joint density conditioned by the random load I attaining some arbitrary but fixed value i . For this fixed i , we can exploit the specific structure of the KiBaM to express the transformation using an invertible linear mapping

$$\mathbf{K}_{T,i} \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ B_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_a & r_a \\ q_b & r_b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ B_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} s_a \\ s_b \end{bmatrix} \cdot i.$$

A straightforward inversion of the mapping results in

$$\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = e^{kT} \begin{bmatrix} r_b & -r_a & r_a s_b - r_b s_a \\ -q_b & q_a & q_b s_a - q_a s_b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ i \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Applying (3) we arrive at the joint density of $[A_T; B_T]$ conditioned by $I = i$

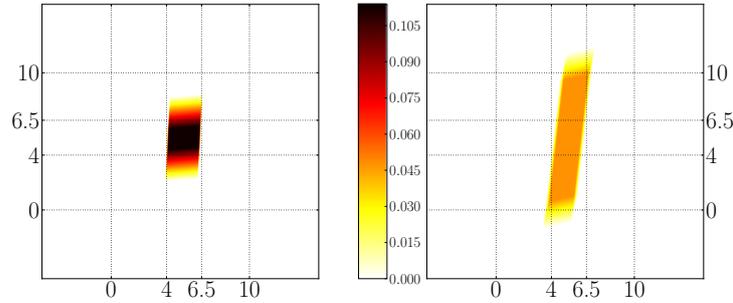
$$f_T(a, b | i) = f_0\left(\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}[a; b]\right) \cdot |e^{kT}|$$

where e^{kT} is the determinant of the Jacobian of $\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}$. Interestingly, it is constant in a , b and i , it only depends on T . It is also non-negative for $T \geq 0$ as $k > 0$. Finally we get rid of the conditional $I = i$ by marginalizing the variable $[A_T; B_T]$. Intuitively, this averages the conditional densities over the distribution g of I , obtaining thus the following.

► **Lemma 8.** *Let T be execution time and g be load density. For an initial SoC f_0 over $[A_0; B_0]$ and task (T, g) , the joint distribution of $[A_T; B_T]$ is absolutely continuous with density f_T given by*

$$f_T(a, b) = e^{kT} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_0\left(\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}[a; b]\right) \cdot g(i) \, di.$$

► **Example 9.** We return to our example assuming the density g of the load being uniform between $[-0.1, 0.1]$. We can compute the SoC of the battery after task $(20, g)$, displayed on the left, and $(60, g)$, displayed on the right. Here, we arbitrarily chose the parameters $c = 0.5$ and $p = 0.002$.



Probability of powering a task. We are now in the position to transfer the problem of powering a task to the stochastic setting. We say that a density f_0 is *positive* if it supports only positive SoCs, i.e. for any a, b such that either $a \leq 0$ or $b \leq 0$ we have $f_0(a, b) = 0$.

► **Definition 10** (Probability of \mathbf{K} -powering a task). For an execution time $T > 0$ and a load density g , we say that the battery (with positive initial SoC f_0) \mathbf{K} -powers a task (T, g) with probability (at least) $p > 0$ if

$$\Pr[\forall 0 \leq t \leq T : A_t > 0] \geq p.$$

Due to the monotonicity of KiBaM in the sense of Lemma 5, this is equivalent to observing the probability of depletion *only* at time T . From Lemma 8 we obtain the following.

► **Lemma 11.** *A battery with SoC f_0 \mathbf{K} -powers with probability $p > 0$ a task (T, g) if and only if*

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}_{>0}^2} f_T(a, b) \, da \, db \geq p.$$

► **Example 12.** Thanks to the lemma, it suffices to perform the integration on the densities displayed in the previous plots in this running example. The probability to power the tasks $(20, g)$ is 1, for the task $(60, g)$ it is just ≈ 0.968 .

4 Deterministic Limited KiBaM With Recharging

Both charging and discharging are well supported by the theory developed so far, as charging has occurred in our examples in the form of negative loads. What is not treated in the theory yet is a capacity limit. This however is an obvious real constraint in applications employing rechargeable batteries. To the best of our knowledge, charging in KiBaM while respecting its capacity restrictions has not been addressed even in the deterministic case. Thus, we dedicate this section to developing the deterministic setting first. In the next section, we extend the theory to the randomized setting.

We assume that the battery has capacity cap divided into capacity $a_{\max} = c \cdot \text{cap}$ of the available charge well and capacity $b_{\max} = (1 - c) \cdot \text{cap}$ of the bound charge well. Charging and discharging are not fully symmetric: A battery with empty available charge can no longer power its task, contrary to a battery with full available charge that *continues to operate*. We thus need to consider its further charging behaviour.

When the available charge is at its capacity $a_{\max} = c \cdot \text{cap}$ and is still further charged by a *sufficiently* high charging current, its value stays constant and only the bound charge increases due to diffusion. Hence, for any $t \geq 0$ we have $a(t) = c \cdot \text{cap}$ and thus $\dot{a}(t) = 0$. The equation for the bound charge from (1) is modified to an ODE

$$\dot{b}(t) = p \left(\text{cap} - \frac{b(t)}{1 - c} \right). \quad (\bar{1})$$

Staying at the upper limit. The differential equation above describes the behaviour of the battery at time t only if the incoming current to available charge well is *sufficient* to compensate the diffusion, i.e. $-I \geq \dot{b}(t)$. Since I is constant and the diffusion is decreasing over time, the charging current is sufficient at all times if and only if it is sufficient at time 0, i.e. $-I \geq \dot{b}(0)$.

For an initial bound charge b_0 we define the condition whether the charging current is sufficient by

$$I \leq \bar{I}(b_0) := p \left(\frac{b_0}{1 - c} - \text{cap} \right) \quad (4)$$

which requires the initial bound charge to be close enough to its capacity so that the charging current overcomes the diffusion.

By solving the ODE ($\bar{1}$) and using Inequation (4), we obtain the following result.

► **Lemma 13.** *Let $T > 0$ and b_0 such that $I \leq \bar{I}(b_0)$. A battery with a SoC $[a_{\max}; b_0]$ reaches after the task (T, I) the state of charge $[a_{\max}; \bar{b}_T(b_0)]$ where*

$$\bar{b}_T(b_0) = e^{-ckT} b_0 + (1 - e^{-ckT}) \cdot b_{\max} \quad (5)$$

and k again stands for $p / (c \cdot (1 - c))$.

We notice that the resulting bound charge evolution $\bar{b}_T(b_0)$ does not further depend on I , i.e. one cannot make the battery charge faster by increasing the charging current. Furthermore, for a fixed b_0 , the curve of $t \mapsto \bar{b}_t(b_0)$ is a negative exponential starting from the point b_0 with the full capacity b_{\max} of the bound charge being its limit. Thus, Lemma 13 also reveals that the bound charge in finite time never reaches its capacity and there is no need to describe this situation separately. Finally, we denote analogously by $\bar{\mathbf{K}}_T[a_0; b_0] = [a_0; \bar{b}_T(b_0)]$ the linear mapping describing the behaviour at the upper limit.

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Hitting the upper limit. When charging with a given constant load I , we have two modes of behaviour of the battery:

- (i) *before* the available charge hits a_{\max} and
- (ii) *after* it hits (and stays at) a_{\max} .

The remaining question is *when* it hits that capacity limit. For a given initial state $[a_0; b_0] < [a_{\max}; b_{\max}]$ and a load I , this amounts to finding $\bar{t} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $a_{\bar{t}} = a_{\max}$. This induces that the following equation can be derived from $\mathbf{K}_{\bar{t}, I}[a_0; b_0]$,

$$u \cdot e^{-k\bar{t}} + v \cdot \bar{t} + w = a_{\max}$$

where $u = a_0(1-c) - b_0c + (c+1) \cdot I/k$, $v = -Ic$, and $w = a_{\max} - a_0c - b_0c - (1-c) \cdot I/k$. In this equation, \bar{t} appears in an exponential as well as in a linear term. This is characteristic for a non-elementary function \mathcal{W} called *product logarithm* which can express the solution as

$$\bar{t} = -\mathcal{W}\left(\frac{u}{v} \cdot e^{-\frac{w}{v}}\right) - \frac{w}{v}. \quad (6)$$

The product log function can be approximated by numerical methods [11].

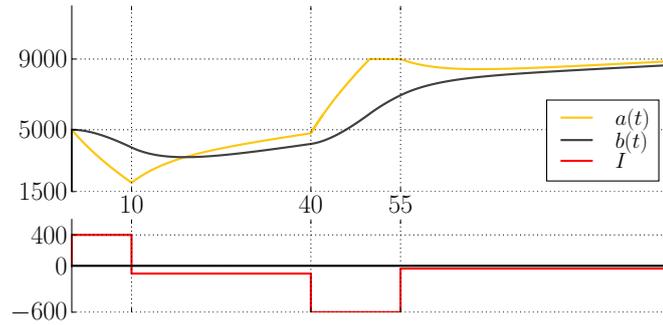
Integrating the two modes of behaviour. All the previous building blocks allow us to express easily the SoC of a deterministic KiBaM after powering a given task (T, I) when considering capacity limits. We define it as

$$\mathbf{K}_{T, I}^{\square}[a_0; b_0] := \begin{cases} \mathbf{K}_{T, I}[a_0; b_0] & \text{if } a_0 > 0 \wedge 0 < a_T \leq a_{\max}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{K}}_{\bar{t}} \circ \mathbf{K}_{\bar{t}, I}[a_0; b_0] & \text{if } a_0 > 0 \wedge a_T > a_{\max}, \\ [0; 0] & \text{if } a_0 = 0 \vee 0 \geq a_T \end{cases}$$

where \bar{t} is the largest solution of (6) and $t = T - \bar{t}$.

The first two cases in $\mathbf{K}_{T, I}^{\square}$ match the behaviour explained earlier thanks to Lemma 5. Whenever the upper limit is hit, it will never be crossed back with the given I and thus also I is sufficient according to (4).

► **Example 14.** If we put a limit of 9000 to the previous scenario, the battery ends up with a slightly smaller charge at time 100. The computation of the final SoC changes only in the interval $[40, 55]$. Here, instead of $\mathbf{K}_{15, -600}$, we apply $\mathbf{K}_{\bar{t}, -600}$ for the first $\bar{t} \approx 7.8$ time units, followed by $\mathbf{K}_{15-\bar{t}}$.



Similarly to Section 2, we establish the notion of \mathbf{K}^{\square} -powering a task.

► **Definition 15 (\mathbf{K}^{\square} -Powering a task).** A battery with a positive SoC $[a_0; b_0]$ \mathbf{K}^{\square} -powers a task (T, I) if $\forall 0 < t \leq T : a_t > 0$ where each $[a_t; b_t]$ denotes $\mathbf{K}_{t, I}^{\square}[a_0; b_0]$.

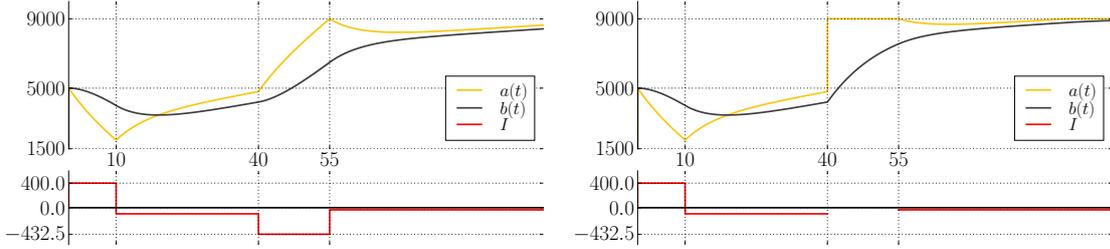
► **Lemma 16.** A battery with a positive SoC $[a_0; b_0]$ \mathbf{K}^{\square} -powers a task (T, I) if and only if $\mathbf{K}_{T, I}^{\square}[a_0; b_0] > [0; 0]$.

Computing \mathbf{K}^\square efficiently. The problematic part in computing \mathbf{K}^\square is the case $a_t > a_{\max}$ when the upper limit is reached at time $\bar{t} < t$; we cannot express such time \bar{t} *exactly*. This case also disallows *exact* closed-form expressions in the next section where we address the limited KiBaM with randomness. For these reasons we introduce under- and over-approximations of the SoC using simple closed-form expressions. These approximations are employed in Sections 5 to 7 to obtain elegant expressions and also efficient algorithms.

Over-approximation: We circumvent the computation of the time point \bar{t} by moving it to time 0, i.e. to the beginning of the time interval. We assume that the available charge attains a_{\max} during the whole time interval and the bound charge evolves *all the time* as captured by $\bar{\mathbf{K}}_t$.

Under-approximation: Dually, we move the time point \bar{t} to time T , i.e. to the end of the time interval. We assume that the charging current has such value I^\rightarrow (which is a weaker charging current than I) that causes the available charge to reach a_{\max} exactly at the end of the interval. The battery thus evolves *all the time* as captured by $\mathbf{K}_{t,I^\rightarrow}$. Expressing I^\rightarrow is discussed below.

► **Example 17.** Let us illustrate both approximations on the same situation as in Example 14. For the under-approximation (on the left), in the interval $[40, 55]$, we apply $I^\rightarrow \approx -432.5$ instead of $I = -600$ so that the available charge reaches 9000 exactly at $t = 55$. From here on, the SoC is in both components lower than the SoC from the previous figure.



For the over-approximation (on the right), in the interval $[40, 55]$, we intuitively apply a load $I \rightarrow -\infty$ so that the available charge reaches 9000 exactly at $t = 40$. Since the diffusion is finite, the available charge stays at its limit until $t = 55$ while the bound charge evolves according to $\bar{\mathbf{K}}$. From this point on, the SoC is in both components higher than the SoC from the previous figure.

Finally, we need a closed-form solution to the following problem: From an initial SoC $[a; b]$, we want to reach using \mathbf{K} a certain target level of available charge \bar{a} exactly at time T ; which current I achieves this? (For the under-approximation above, we instantiate the problem with $\bar{a} = a_{\max}$.)

Formally, we need to find I such that the first component of $\mathbf{K}_{T,I}[a; b]$ equals \bar{a} . The resulting current will be denoted by $I_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow[a; b]$. Later, we also need the solution of the same problem for \mathbf{K} 's inverse operator \mathbf{K}^{-1} . In this case the question is: From an initial available charge level \bar{a} , which current I is necessary to exactly reach a SoC $[a; b]$ at time T ? More precisely, find I such that the first component of $\mathbf{K}_{T,I}^{-1}[a; b]$ equals \bar{a} . We denote the current that solves this problem by $I_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow[a; b]$. From the above equalities we can derive that these currents are indeed unique, and given by

$$I_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow[a; b] = -\frac{q_a}{s_a} \cdot a - \frac{r_a}{s_a} \cdot b + \frac{\bar{a}}{s_a},$$

$$I_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow[a; b] = \frac{-r_b \cdot a + r_a \cdot b + (q_a r_b - r_a q_b) \cdot \bar{a}}{r_a s_b - s_a r_b}.$$

The bound charge attained under $\mathbf{K}_{T,I_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow}$ and $\mathbf{K}_{T,I_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow}^{-1}$ is denoted by $B_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow[a; b]$ and $B_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow[a; b]$, respectively. In the operators $I_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow, I_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow, B_{\bar{a}}^\rightarrow, B_{\bar{a}}^\leftarrow$, we omit the initial SoC $[a; b]$, if clear from context.

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It is now straight-forward to provide operators $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square$ and $\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square$ that formally characterize the under- and over-approximations from above.

$$\underline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square[a_0; b_0] := \begin{cases} \mathbf{K}_{t,i}[a_0; b_0] & \text{if } a_0, a_t > 0 \wedge a_t \leq a_{\max}, \\ \mathbf{K}_{t, I_{a_{\max}}}^\rightarrow[a_0; b_0] & \text{if } a_0, a_t > 0 \wedge a_t > a_{\max}, \\ [0; 0] & \text{if } a_0 \leq 0 \vee a_t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square[a_0; b_0] := \begin{cases} \mathbf{K}_{t,i}[a_0; b_0] & \text{if } a_0, a_t > 0 \wedge a_t \leq a_{\max}, \\ \overline{\mathbf{K}}_t[a_{\max}; b_0] & \text{if } a_0, a_t > 0 \wedge a_t > a_{\max}, \\ [0; 0] & \text{if } a_0 \leq 0 \vee a_t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

$\underline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square$ and $\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square$ are indeed under- and over-approximation of the exact SoC evolution \mathbf{K}^\square in the following sense.

► **Lemma 18.** *For any SoCs $[a; b]$ and $T > 0$ and $I > 0$, we have*

$$\underline{\mathbf{K}}_{T,I}^\square[a; b] \leq \mathbf{K}_{T,I}^\square[a; b] \leq \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{T,I}^\square[a; b].$$

5 Random Limited KiBaM With Recharging

We now return our attention to the challenge of random KiBaM, enriched by capacity limits. We thus assume that the random variables A_t and B_t evolve according to $\mathbf{K}_{t,I}^\square$ developed in Section 4. By overloading notation we change (2) to

$$[A_t; B_t] := \mathbf{K}_{t,I}^\square[A_0; B_0]. \quad (7)$$

We first observe that the joint distribution of $[A_T; B_T]$ may not be absolutely continuous, because positive probability may accumulate in the point $[0; 0]$ where the battery is empty and on the line $\{[a_{\max}; b] \mid 0 < b < b_{\max}\}$ where the available charge is full. We need a more complex representation of the distribution.

► **Definition 19.** A *SoC distribution* is a triple $\langle f, \bar{f}, z \rangle$ where

- f is a joint density over $]0, a_{\max}[\times]0, b_{\max}[$, (the distribution in the “inner” area)
- \bar{f} is a density over $\{a_{\max}\} \times]0, b_{\max}[$, (bound charge distribution along the capacity limit)
- $z \in [0, 1]$. (the cumulative probability of depletion)

We say that a SoC distribution $\langle f_t, \bar{f}_t, z_t \rangle$ *represents* random variables $[A_t; B_t]$ if for any measurable $X \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\Pr[[A_t; B_t] \in X] = \iint_{[a;b] \in X} f_t(a, b) da db + \int_{[a_{\max}; b] \in X} \bar{f}_t(b) db + z_t \mathbb{1}_{[0;0] \in X}$$

where $\mathbb{1}_\varphi$ denotes the indicator function of a condition φ .

Similarly to Section 3, we assume random load I described by a probability density function g . For random initial SoC $[A_0; B_0]$ represented by a SoC distribution $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ and a given task (T, g) we aim at expressing the resulting SoC $[A_T; B_T]$ using a SoC distribution $\langle f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T \rangle$.

To be able to express the distribution as integrals over simple closed-form expressions, we resort to under- and over-approximations of the SoC. We will work with $\lfloor d \rfloor$ and $\lceil d \rceil$ as notations for upper, respectively lower bounding SoC distributions, where d abbreviates the three components of the triple $\langle f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T \rangle$ (i.e. $\lfloor f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T \rfloor$ and $\lceil f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T \rceil$). To arrive there, we define

$$[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T] := \underline{\mathbf{K}}_{T,I}^\square[A_0; B_0] \quad \text{and} \quad [\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T] := \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{T,I}^\square[A_0; B_0]$$

respectively, that under-approximate and over-approximate $[A_T; B_T]$ in the following sense.

► **Definition 20.** We say that $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ *under-approximates* $[A_T; B_T]$ at the upper limit if

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[[A_T; B_T] \geq [a; b]] &= \Pr[[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T] \geq [a; b]] && \text{for any } [a; b] < [a_{\max}; b_{\max}], \\ \Pr[[A_T; B_T] \geq [a_{\max}; b]] &\geq \Pr[[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T] \geq [a_{\max}; b]] && \text{for any } 0 \leq b \leq b_{\max}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, $[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T]$ *over-approximates* $[A_T; B_T]$ at the upper limit if

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[[A_T; B_T] \geq [a; b]] &= \Pr[[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T] \geq [a; b]] && \text{for any } [a; b] < [a_{\max}; b_{\max}], \\ \Pr[[A_T; B_T] \geq [a_{\max}; b]] &\leq \Pr[[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T] \geq [a_{\max}; b]] && \text{for any } 0 \leq b \leq b_{\max}. \end{aligned}$$

This approach, detailed in the rest of this section, provides upper and lower bounds on the risk of battery depletion due to the monotonicity established in Lemma 28.

Behaviour below the upper limit (defining f_T and z_T). We first define a joint density \underline{f}_T over $] -\infty, a_{\max}[\times] -\infty, b_{\max}[$ that exactly describes the behaviour below the upper limit while *ignoring* the lower limit. This allows us to define

$$f_T(a, b) := \underline{f}_T(a, b), \quad \text{and} \quad z_T := \iint_{\mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}^2} \underline{f}_T(a, b) \, da \, db. \quad (8)$$

Note that for this case both, under- and over-approximation, behave equally, as indicated in Definition 20.

The intricate part in expressing \underline{f}_T is to describe how the SoC evolves away from the upper limit to the area below the upper limit when the level of available charge is decreasing. For each SoC $[a'; b']$ below the upper limit we need to find out what SoC of the form $[a_{\max}; b]$ under what load i (such that $i > \bar{I}(b)$) would evolve in time T exactly into $[a'; b']$, i.e. $\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}[a'; b'] = [a_{\max}; b]$. By definition, this is the case when using load $I_{a_{\max}}^- [a'; b']$ which results in a bound charge $b = B_{a_{\max}}^- [a'; b']$. The Jacobian determinant of the map $[a; b] \mapsto [B_{a_{\max}}^-; I_{a_{\max}}^-]$ is easily derived to be $1/(r_a s_b - s_a r_b)$ and is constant in the SoC and the load.

Finally, we can express the joint density \underline{f}_T for any $a < a_{\max}$ and $b < b_{\max}$ as

$$\underline{f}_T(a, b) = \bar{f}_0(B_{a_{\max}}^-) \cdot \frac{1}{|r_a s_b - s_a r_b|} \cdot g(I_{a_{\max}}^-) + e^{kT} \int_{-\infty}^{I_{a_{\max}}^-} f_0(\mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}[a; b]) \cdot g(i) \, di. \quad (9)$$

The second summand in (9) comes from the density f_0 of the inner area by the standard unlimited KiBaM. Ranging over all loads i , it integrates the density f_0 of such points $[a_i; b_i]$ that satisfy $\mathbf{K}_{T,i}[a_i; b_i] = [a; b]$, i.e. $[a_i; b_i] = \mathbf{K}_{T,i}^{-1}[a; b]$. Lemma 5 again guarantees that no limits are crossed in the meantime. The first summand comes from \bar{f}_0 , due to discharging the battery down from the capacity limit as discussed above.

Behaviour on the upper limit (defining \bar{f}_T). As indicated in Definition 20, we resort for the upper limit to approximations of the charge.

Under-approximation: We define the under-approximation of the density for $0 \leq b \leq b_{\max}$ by

$$\bar{f}_T(b) = \bar{f}_0(\bar{b}^{-1}) \cdot G(\bar{I}(\bar{b}^{-1})) \cdot e^{c k T} \quad (10)$$

$$+ \bar{f}_0(B_{a_{\max}}^-) \cdot [G(I_{a_{\max}}^-) - G(\bar{I}(B_{a_{\max}}^-))] \cdot \left| \frac{-s_a}{r_a s_b - s_a r_b} \right| \quad (11)$$

$$+ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_0(a, B_a^-) \cdot G(I_a^-) \, da \cdot \left| \frac{-s_a}{r_a s_b - s_a r_b} \right| \quad (12)$$

Let us go through this expression line by line.

In the first summand (10), \bar{b}^{-1} is such that $\bar{\mathbf{K}}_T[a_{\max}; \bar{b}^{-1}] = [a_{\max}; b]$. Thus $\bar{b}^{-1} := \bar{b}_T^{-1}(b) = e^{ckT} \cdot b - (e^{ckT} + 1) \cdot b_{\max}$ where the function \bar{b}_T is defined in Definition 5. This summand is taken into account only for charging currents that cover the diffusion (i.e. $i \leq \bar{I}(\bar{b}^{-1})$) so that the battery evolves along the capacity limit as expressed by Lemma 13. The integration over this range of loads can be directly expressed using the *cumulative density function (cdf)* G of the load. Technically, we again apply the transformation law for random variables.

By the second summand (11), we address the case where the diffusion in the state $[a_{\max}; b]$ is stronger than the charging current. The available charge thus leaves its limit in the beginning. Let us assume that before time T it again hits the upper capacity in some state $[a_{\max}; b']$. We are not able to express b using a closed-form expression over b' as discussed in Section 4. As a result, we cannot “move” the density from b to b' . We thus under-approximate the bound charge by assuming that the available charge hits its upper limit again exactly at time T by charging the battery with $I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}$ instead, just as shown in Example 17. Let us shortly outline the derivation. The mapping for the transformation law is $b \mapsto B_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}[a_{\max}; b]$. Its inverse is simply $b \mapsto B_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b]$ with Jacobian determinant $-s_a/(r_a s_b - s_a r_b)$. The transformation law yields a density at time T of

$$\bar{f}_0(B_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b]) \cdot |-s_a/(r_a s_b - s_a r_b)|.$$

Then we integrate over all charging currents i that are powerful enough to reach the limit ($i \leq I_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b]$) yet not too powerful to leave the upper limit in the meantime, i.e. $i > \bar{I}(B_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b])$. The integral over the resulting range equals $G(I_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}) - G(\bar{I}(B_{a_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}))$.

The third summand (12) comes from the density f_0 of the inner area and under-approximates the bound charge similarly to the second summand. If the available charge of the battery reaches its capacity limit *before* time T , we assume that it reaches it exactly at time T by underestimating the charging current with $I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}$. For the derivation, we define a map $\mathcal{K}_T : [a; b; i] \mapsto [a; B_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}[a; b]; i]$ (it is an identity in the first and the third component to be injective) and apply the transformation law of random variables. The inverse \mathcal{K}_T^{-1} and its Jacobian determinant is

$$\mathcal{K}_T^{-1} : [a; b; i] \mapsto [a; B_a^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b]; i] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{det} J_{\mathcal{K}_T^{-1}} = -s_a/(r_a s_b - s_a r_b).$$

The density h_T over the co-domain of \mathcal{K}_T is obtained by the transformation law as

$$h_T[a; b; i] = h_0(\mathcal{K}_T^{-1}[a; b; i]) \cdot \left| \frac{-s_a}{r_a s_b - s_a r_b} \right| = f_0(a, B_a^{\leftarrow}[a_{\max}; b]) \cdot g(i) \cdot \left| \frac{-s_a}{r_a s_b - s_a r_b} \right|$$

where the density h_0 equals a product of the densities f_0 and g because of independence of SoC $[a; b]$ and load i . Marginalizing away a and i (using $G(I_a^{\leftarrow})$ to integrate over all currents necessary to reach the upper limit) gives us the subsdensity from the third summand.

Over-approximation: The over-approximation bases on similar building blocks and equals:

$$\bar{f}_T(b) = \bar{f}_0(\bar{b}^{-1}) \cdot G(I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}) \cdot e^{ckT} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_0(a, \bar{b}^{-1}) \cdot G(I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}) \cdot da \cdot e^{ckT} \quad (13)$$

The first summand in (13) treats the contribution of the density \bar{f}_0 from the point \bar{b}^{-1} as defined above. We assume the density evolves as indicated by \mathbf{K} whenever \mathbf{K} would result in $a_T \geq a_{\max}$ (i.e. if the current is stronger than $I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}[a_{\max}; \bar{b}^{-1}]$). This is an over-approximation for the charging currents such that $\bar{I}(\bar{b}^{-1}) < i < I_{a_{\max}}^{\rightarrow}[a_{\max}; \bar{b}^{-1}]$, i.e. for charging currents that are not strong enough to stay at a_{\max} for the whole time but that are stronger than what is needed for \mathbf{K} to return to a_{\max} at time T .

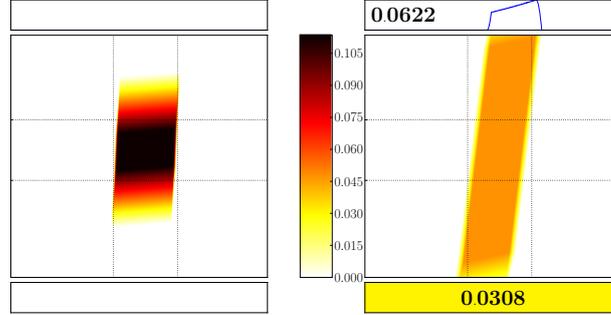
The second summand in (13) comes from the density f_0 of the inner area. Again, whenever \mathbf{K} would result in $a_T > a_{\max}$ (i.e. when the charging current is stronger than $I_{a_{\max}}^- [a; \bar{b}^{-1}]$), we assume that the upper limit is reached immediately and further evolves by $\bar{\mathbf{K}}$, thus justifying the argument $I_{a_{\max}}^-$ to appear in the integral. This results in an over-approximation for any such SoC.

The derivation of both summands in principle uses the mapping $[a; b; i] \mapsto [a; \bar{b}_T(b); i]$ (for the first summand, think of a being the constant a_{\max}). The transformation law and marginalizing away a (for the second summand) and i (integration over the corresponding range is again expressed using the cdf G) as in the derivations for the under-approximation provide the result.

We finally obtain the following result.

► **Lemma 21.** *Let (T, g) be a task, $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ represent $[A_0; B_0]$ and the induced SoC distributions $[f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T]$ and $[f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T]$ represent $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ and $[\bar{A}_T; \bar{B}_T]$. Then $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ under-approximates $[A_T; B_T]$ and $[\bar{A}_T; \bar{B}_T]$ over-approximates $[A_T; B_T]$ at the upper limit.*

► **Example 22.** Based on Lemma 21, we can under-approximate the SoC of the random battery from our second running example for *battery limits* $[0, 10]$. We consider the same tasks, $(20, g)$ on the left and $(60, g)$ on the right.



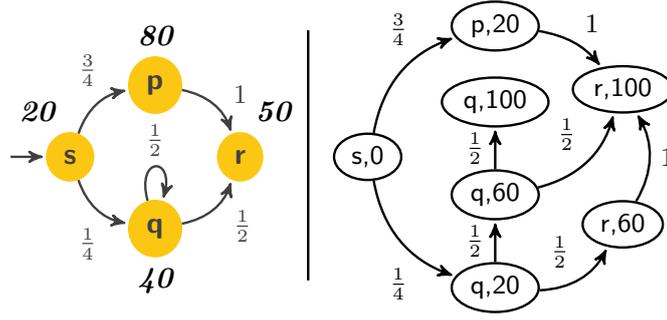
The bounded area of the joint density f_T is depicted by the largest box. In the small box above we display the density \bar{f}_T at the capacity limit a_{\max} . The numbers above and below are the probabilities of available charge being full and empty, respectively (the color below corresponds to the probability).

► **Lemma 23** (Probability of \mathbf{K}^\square -powering a task). *A battery with SoC distribution $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ \mathbf{K}^\square -powers with probability $p > 0$ a task (T, g) if and only if $z_T < p$.*

6 Markov Task Process

So far, we have only discussed execution of one task with fixed duration and random load. In this section, we give a discrete-time Markov model that randomly generates tasks that we call a *Markov task process* (MTP). The formalism is closely inspired by stochastic task graph models [34] or data-flow formalisms such as SDF [26] or SADF [38]. In SDF, task durations are deterministic, and thus directly supported in our framework. In SADF, durations are in general governed by discrete probability distributions, which can be translated into our framework at the price of a larger state space. We will briefly explain informally how to translate timed versions of SDF as well as SADF to MTPs, after formally introducing the latter.

► **Definition 24.** A *Markov task process* (MTP) is a tuple $\mathcal{M} = (S, P, \pi, \Delta, \mathbf{g})$ where S is a finite set of tasks, $P : S \times S \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a transition probability matrix, π is an initial probability distribution over S , $\Delta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ assigns to each task an positive integer time duration, and \mathbf{g} assigns to each task a probability density function of the load.



■ **Figure 2** An MTP model on the left (with Δ depicted next to states) and its induced graph for $T = 100$ on the right.

An example of an MTP is depicted in Figure 2. Intuitively, a Markov task process \mathcal{M} together with an initial distribution of the SoC given by $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ behaves as follows. First, an initial SoC $[a_0; b_0]$ of the battery and an initial task $s_0 \in S$ are chosen independently at random according to $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$, and π , respectively. Then, the load i_0 in task s_0 is picked randomly according to $\mathbf{g}(s_0)$. After the battery is strained by the load i_0 for $\Delta(s_0)$ time units, the process moves into a random successor task s_1 (where any s_1 is chosen with probability $P(s_0, s_1)$). Here, the load i_1 is randomly chosen and so on.

Formally, \mathcal{M} and $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ induce a probability measure \mathbf{Pr} over samples of the form $\omega = [[a_0; b_0]; (s_k, i_k)_{k=0}^\infty]$ where the first component is the initial SoC of the battery and the second component describes an infinite execution of \mathcal{M} . Here, each s_j is the j -th task and i_j is the load that is put on the battery for $\Delta(s_j)$ time units while performing s_j . For a given $T \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, the SoC of the battery at time T is expressed by random variables A_T, B_T that are for any $\omega = [[a_0; b_0]; (s_k, i_k)_{k=0}^\infty]$ defined as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_T(\omega) \\ B_T(\omega) \end{bmatrix} := \mathbf{K}_{\Delta', i_n}^\square \circ \mathbf{K}_{\Delta_{n-1}, i_{n-1}}^\square \circ \cdots \circ \mathbf{K}_{\Delta_0, i_0}^\square \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where each Δ_j stands for $\Delta(s_j)$, and n is the minimal number such that the n -th task is not finished before T , i.e. $\Delta_n > \Delta'$ where $\Delta' := T - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \Delta_j$.

► **Definition 25.** We say that a battery with a SoC $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ powers with probability $p > 0$ a system \mathcal{M} for time T if

$$\mathbf{Pr}[A_T > 0] \geq p.$$

In order to under-approximate the probability that \mathcal{M} is powered for a given time, we need to symbolically express the distribution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{A}_T(\omega) \\ \underline{B}_T(\omega) \end{bmatrix} := \underline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta', i_n}^\square \circ \underline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta_{n-1}, i_{n-1}}^\square \circ \cdots \circ \underline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta_0, i_0}^\square \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ B_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we just replace \mathbf{K}^\square with $\underline{\mathbf{K}}^\square$. Analogously, for an over-approximation we use $\overline{\mathbf{K}}^\square$ instead.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{A}_T(\omega) \\ \overline{B}_T(\omega) \end{bmatrix} := \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta', i_n}^\square \circ \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta_{n-1}, i_{n-1}}^\square \cdots \circ \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{\Delta_0, i_0}^\square \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ B_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We present an algorithm that builds upon the previous results.

Expressing the distribution of $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ and $[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T]$. Let us fix an **input** MTP $\mathcal{M} = (S, P, \pi, \Delta, \mathbf{g})$, SoC distribution $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ that represents $[A_0; B_0]$, and time $T > 0$. We consider the joint distribution of under- / over-approximation of the SoC and the MTP. Intuitively, we split the SoC distribution into under- and over-approximating subdistributions and move them along the paths of \mathcal{M} according to the probabilistic branching of the MTP. We notice that we do not need to explore all exponentially many paths; when two paths visit the same state at the same moment, we can again merge the two subdistributions. This process is formalized by the following graph and a procedure how to propagate the distribution through the graph.

For a given MTP \mathcal{M} we define a directed acyclic graph (V, E) over $V = S \times \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor T \rfloor, T\}$ such that there is an edge from a vertex (s, t) to a vertex (s', t') if $P(s, s') > 0$, $t < t'$, and $t' = \min\{t + \Delta(s), T\}$. Further, let (V', E') be the graph obtained from (V, E) by removing vertices that are not reachable from any $(s, 0)$ with $\pi(s) > 0$ (see Figure 2).

1. We label each vertex of the form $(s, 0)$ where $\pi(s) > 0$ by the pair of equal initial subdistributions

$$[f, \bar{f}, z] := \langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle \cdot \pi(s) \quad \text{and} \quad [f, \bar{f}, z] := \langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle \cdot \pi(s)$$

where the multiplication is to be understood componentwise.

2. We repeat the following steps as long as possible.
 - a. For each vertex (s, t) labeled by $[f, \bar{f}, z]$ and $[f, \bar{f}, z]$, we obtain $[f_\Delta, \bar{f}_\Delta, z_\Delta]$ and $[f_\Delta, \bar{f}_\Delta, z_\Delta]$ by Lemma 21 for a task $(\Delta, \mathbf{g}(s))$ where $\Delta := \min\{\Delta(s), T - t\}$. Then we label i -th outgoing edge of (s, t) leading to some (s', t') by

$$[f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i] := [f_\Delta, \bar{f}_\Delta, z_\Delta] \cdot P(s, s') \quad \text{and} \quad [f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i] := [f_\Delta, \bar{f}_\Delta, z_\Delta] \cdot P(s, s').$$

- b. For each vertex (s, t) such that its k ingoing edges are labelled by $[f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i]$ and $[f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i]$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$, we label (s, t) by

$$[f, \bar{f}, z] := \sum_{i=1}^k [f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i] \quad \text{and} \quad [f, \bar{f}, z] := \sum_{i=1}^k [f^i, \bar{f}^i, z^i]$$

where the summation is again to be interpreted componentwise.

Finally, let i -th of all n vertices of the form $(s, T) \in V'$ be labelled by $[f, \bar{f}, z]_i$ and $[f, \bar{f}, z]_i$. The **output** distributions that represent $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ and $[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T]$ respectively are

$$[f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T] := \sum_{i=1}^n [f, \bar{f}, z]_i \quad \text{and} \quad [f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T] := \sum_{i=1}^n [f, \bar{f}, z]_i.$$

We naturally arrive at the following theorem.

► **Theorem 26.** *A battery with SoC distribution $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$ \mathbf{K}^\square -powers a system \mathcal{M} for time T with probability at least $1 - \underline{z}_T$ and at most $1 - \bar{z}_T$, where \underline{z}_T and \bar{z}_T are the depletion probabilities of the densities representing $[\underline{A}_T; \underline{B}_T]$ and $[\overline{A}_T; \overline{B}_T]$, respectively.*

This theorem relies on the simple observation that an underapproximation of the SoC is an overapproximation of the depletion probability.

► **Remark (on complexity).** As indicated in the beginning of this section, we do not need to track all exponentially many paths through the MTP up to time T . In fact, in the algorithm above, once we have computed the subdistributions on the left hand side, we can discard the subdistribution on the right hand side of the assignments. Since the task durations Δ are natural numbers, the amount of subdistributions we need to track simultaneously is bounded by $|S| \cdot D$ where D is the smallest common multiple of all the task durations. D always exists since all task durations are strictly positive.

Translating timed SDF graphs to equivalent MTPs. As mentioned above, some well known formalisms can be translated to MTPs, among them the timed version of *Synchronous Data Flow (SDF)* [26] and some *Scenario-Aware Data Flow (SADF)* [38] flavors. We will demonstrate informally how to translate a timed SDF graph (SDFG) to an equivalent MTP.

SDF is a widely used formalism for modelling and analysing networks of deterministic sequential processes along with their resource budget. Processes, called *actors* communicate via consuming and producing tokens (data elements) from their incoming and to their outgoing unbounded channels. Whenever an actor is activated it spawns a new active *instance*. The number of tokens an instance consumes and eventually produces is fixed a priori. The timed version additionally annotates each actor a with a constant execution time $e(a) \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, representing how much time passes between consumption and production of tokens. We furthermore associate a distribution $L(a)$ over loads with each actor a to reason about energy consumption.

The semantics of an SDFG execution is a finite *Labelled Transition System (LTS)* over its configurations, which can be extended to an MTP on the same state space of configurations with Dirac transitions and additional annotations concerning load and sojourn times.

An SDF configuration records

- (i) a vector v representing the number of tokens in each channel,
- (ii) a set \mathcal{A} collecting active actor instances a_i of any actor a and
- (iii) the residual execution time of each running instance as a map r .

Transitions between states are of three natures:

start a : A new instance a_i of actor a with $r(a_i) = e(a)$ is added to \mathcal{A} , provided the input channels contain enough tokens, which are thereby consumed;

end a : An actor instance a_i is removed from \mathcal{A} when its residual execution time $r(a_i)$ is 0. Thereby output tokens are produced according to a 's output channels;

time t : Under the precondition that no **start** or **end** transitions are possible, an amount of time t passes corresponding to the minimum of the residual times, thereby decreasing the residual execution times of every active actor instance accordingly.

The precondition of **time**-type transitions implies that the LTS is free of nondeterminism between **time** and **start/end** transitions. The nondeterminism among **start/end** transitions is irrelevant thanks to the *diamond property*. This means that for each state s there is a unique *final* state s' such that each maximal sequence of **start/end** transitions from s ends up in s' . On each such diamond (set of states reachable from s) no time passes, thus it has no effect on the battery. As the first step in defining the MTP, we transform the LTS by collapsing each diamond into its final state. As a result, the LTS becomes deterministic with only **time** transitions remaining. If the starting state was part of a diamond collapsed to a state s' , this state becomes the initial state of the transformed LTS.

The reachable part of the LTS induces an MTP $\mathcal{M} = (S, P, \pi, \Delta, \mathbf{g})$ as follows:

- The state space S is defined as the reachable states of the LTS,
- The initial probability distribution π is Dirac in the initial state of the SDFG,
- $\Delta(s)$ for $s \in S$ is the residual time according to the transition of type **time** leaving s .
- $\mathbf{g}(s)$ for $s = (v, \mathcal{A}, r) \in S$ is the convolution of the $L(a)$ for each $a_i \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $P(s, s')$ is 1 if there is a **time** transition from s to s' , and 0, otherwise.

SADF extends SDF to discrete execution time distributions and scenarios (with subscenarios probabilistically chosen through discrete-time Markov Chains). An extension of the above is relatively intuitive, but technically involved. However, since the semantics of such SADF graphs under self-timed executions are *Timed Probabilistic Systems (TPS)* with the diamond property for actions [39], an analogous approach to the above can be formulated.

7 Approximating Random Limited KiBaM With Recharging

After approaching the problems from the theoretical side, we take the practical view in this section. We want to be able to compute the probability to power a system \mathcal{M} for a given time T in practice. As this is only possible approximatively, we want to obtain provably correct lower and upper bounds on this probability.

The crucial step in the symbolic algorithm from Section 6 is the following: for a fixed initial SoC distribution $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$, compute the SoC distribution $\langle f_T, \bar{f}_T, z_T \rangle$ after powering a task (T, g) . First, we implemented the symbolic continuous solution developed in Sections 3 and 5 in a high-level computational language Octave. This way, we performed numerical integration only over the resulting complete expression describing the SoC distribution at time T . This showed up to be practical only up to sequences of a handful of tasks. Thus, we targeted discretisation of the SoC space and of the load distributions. In contrast to general approaches [35], we are able to give much tighter (a posteriori) error bounds.

The discretisation algorithm. We need to assume that each load distribution g is supported only on a bounded interval. This is no real restriction due to the obvious physical limits of battery load.

The idea is simple. We approximate each SoC distribution over $[0, a_{\max}] \times [0, b_{\max}]$ by a discrete distribution μ over a regular grid $[0, \delta, 2\delta, \dots, a_{\max}] \times [0, \delta, 2\delta, \dots, b_{\max}]$, for any fixed $\delta > 0$ that divides the maximum capacities a_{\max} and b_{\max} into $K := a_{\max}/\delta$ and $L := b_{\max}/\delta$ steps.¹

For a fixed initial SoC distribution μ and task (T, g) , we define an under-approximated target distribution $\underline{\mu}$ and an over-approximated target distribution $\bar{\mu}$ for each point $[k\delta; l\delta]$ as follows. We first over-approximate and under-approximate the density g by discrete distributions \bar{g} and \underline{g} supported on multiples of $\delta_g > 0$.² Then we set

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mu}[k\delta; l\delta] &:= \sum_i \bar{g}(i\delta_g) \cdot \sum \left\{ \mu[k'\delta; l'\delta] \mid \mathbf{K}_{t,i}^\square[k'\delta; l'\delta] \in [k\delta, (k+1)\delta[\times [l\delta, (l+1)\delta[\right\}, \\ \bar{\mu}[k\delta; l\delta] &:= \sum_i \underline{g}(i\delta_g) \cdot \sum \left\{ \mu[k'\delta; l'\delta] \mid \bar{\mathbf{K}}_{t,i}^\square[k'\delta; l'\delta] \in](k-1)\delta, k\delta] \times](l-1)\delta, l\delta] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, in the definition above we apply the *deterministic* KiBaM operator \mathbf{K}^\square to each possible load and round the result to the closest multiples of δ . The results are weighted by the approximation of the load distribution. The direction of the approximation determines the direction of the approximation of g , the direction of approximation of the function $\mathbf{K}_{t,i}^\square$, and the direction of rounding the result.

Correctness of the approximations. When plugging the under- and over-approximation of each step for given δ to the algorithm in Section 6, we obtain the overall algorithm to compute under- and over-approximations $\underline{\mu}_T$ and $\bar{\mu}_T$ of the SoC distribution after powering a given system \mathcal{M} for a given time horizon $T > 0$. Let $[\underline{A}_T^\delta; \underline{B}_T^\delta]$ and $[\bar{A}_T^\delta; \bar{B}_T^\delta]$ denote random variables distributed according to $\underline{\mu}_T$ and $\bar{\mu}_T$.

¹ Here we assume that c is rational thus allowing to find arbitrarily small such $\delta > 0$. This is assumed purely for presentation purposes, as for the under-approximation the capacity limits can be arbitrarily decreased; for the over-approximation analogously increased.

² The over-approximation of the load assigns the integral of g over $[k \cdot \delta_g, (k+1) \cdot \delta_g]$ to the point k , the under-approximation to the point $k+1$.

► **Theorem 27.** Let $[A_0; B_0]$ be the initial SoC, represented by $\langle f_0, \bar{f}_0, z_0 \rangle$, $\delta > 0$, \mathcal{M} be an MTP and $T > 0$ be a time horizon. For any SoC $[a; b]$ on the grid (i.e. equal to some $[k\delta; \ell\delta]$) we have

$$\Pr[[\underline{A}_T^\delta; \underline{B}_T^\delta] \geq [a; b]] \leq \Pr[[A_T; B_T] \geq [a; b]] \leq \Pr[[\bar{A}_T^\delta; \bar{B}_T^\delta] \geq [a; b]].$$

The theorem relies on Lemma 18 and one additional observation. The KiBaM evolution has one fundamental property: for any fixed time and load, it is monotonic with respect to starting SoC.

► **Lemma 28.** For any two SoCs $[a; b]$, $[a'; b']$ as well as $T > 0$ and $I > 0$, we have

$$[a; b] \leq [a'; b'] \implies \mathbf{K}_{T,I}^\square[a; b] \leq \mathbf{K}_{T,I}^\square[a'; b'].$$

This property is crucial for correctness and not found in general systems studied in [35]. It implies that a sequence of under-approximations is still an under-approximation, and dually for over-approximations.

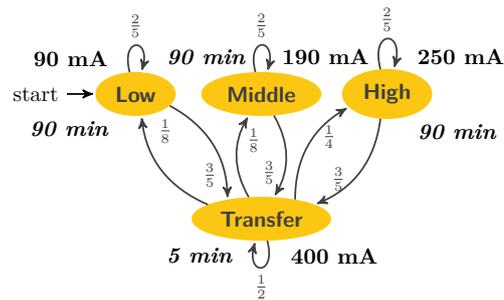
8 The Random KiBaM In Practice

In this section, we apply the results established in the previous sections in a concrete scenario. The problem is inspired by experiments currently being carried out with an earth orbiting nano satellite, the GOMX-1 [20].

Satellite. GOMX-1 [20] is a Danish two-unit CubeSat mission launched in November 2013 to perform research and experimentation in space related to Software Defined Radio (SDR) with emphasis on receiving ADS-B signals from commercial aircraft over oceanic areas. As a secondary payload the satellite flies a NanoCam C1U color camera for earth observation experimentation. Five sides are covered with NanoPower P110 solar panels, and the power system NanoPower P31u holds a 7.4V Li-Ion battery of capacity 5000 mAh. GOMX-1 uses a radio amateur frequency for transmitting telemetry data, making it possible to receive the satellite data with low-cost infrastructure anywhere on earth. The mission is developed in collaboration between GomSpace ApS, DSE Airport Solutions and Aalborg University, financially supported by the Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation. The empirical studies carried out with GOMX-1 serve as a source for parameter values and motivate the scenario described in the remainder of the paper. We use the following data collected from extensive in-flight telemetry logs.

- One orbit takes 99 minutes and is nearly polar;
- The battery capacity is $\text{cap} = 5000$ mAh;
- During 4 to 7 out of on average 15 orbits per day, communication with the base station takes place. The load induced by communication is roughly 400 mA. The length of the communication depends on the distance of the pass of the satellite to the base station and varies between 5 and 15 minutes;
- In each communication, the satellite can receive instructions on what activities to perform next. This influences the subsequent background load. Three levels of background load dominate the logs, with average loads at 250 mA, 190 mA, and 90 mA. These background loads subsume the power needed for operating the respective activities, together with basic tasks such as sending beacons every 10 seconds;
- Charging happens periodically, and spans around 2/3rd of the orbiting time. Average charge power is 400 mA.

The above empirical observations determine the base line of our modelling efforts, which interprets the statistical data as being of stochastic nature. We make the following assumptions:



■ **Figure 3** Markov task process of the load on the satellite. All load distributions are normal with mean depicted next to the states and with standard deviation 5. This load is superposed with a strictly periodic load modelling charge by solar power infeed.

- We assume constant battery temperature. The factual temperature of the orbiting battery oscillates between -8 and 25 degree Celsius on its outside. There is the (currently unused) on-board option to heat the battery to nearly constant temperature. Using an on-off controller, this would lead to another likely nearly periodic load on the battery, well in the scope of what our model supports.
- A constant charge from the solar panels is assumed when exposed to the sun. The factual observed charge slowly decays. This is likely caused by the fact that solar panels operate better at lower temperature (opposite to batteries), but heat up quickly when coming out of eclipse.
- We assume a strictly periodic charging behavior. The factual charging follows a more complicated pattern determined by the relative position of sun, earth and satellite. There is no fundamental obstacle to calculate and incorporate that pattern.
- We assume a uniform initial charge between 70% and 90% of full capacity with identical bound and available charge. Since the satellite needs to be switched off for transportation into space, assuming an equilibrated battery is valid. Being a single experiment, the GOMX-1 had a particular initial charge (though unknown). The charge of the orbiting battery can only be observed indirectly, by the voltage sustained.
- We assume that the relative distance to a base station is a random quantity, and thus interpret several of the above statistics probabilistically. In reality, the position of the base station for GOMX-1 is at a particular fixed location (Aalborg, Denmark). Our approach can either be viewed as a kind of probabilistic abstraction of the relative satellite position and uncertainty of signal transmission, or it can be seen as reflecting that base stations are scattered around the planet. This especially would be a realistic in scenarios where satellite-to-satellite communication is used.
- We assume that the satellite has no protection against battery depletion. In reality, the satellite has 2 levels of software protection, activated at voltage levels 7.2 and 6.5, respectively, backed up by a hardware protection activated at 6 V. In these protection modes, various non-mission-critical functionality is switched-off. Despite omitting such power-saving modes, we still obtain conservative guarantees on the probability that the battery powers the satellite.

Satellite model. According to the above discussion, the load on the satellite is the superposition of two piecewise constant loads.

- A probabilistic load reflecting the different operation modes, modeled by a Markov task process \mathcal{M} as depicted in Figure 3.
- A strictly periodic charge load alternating between 66 minutes at -400 mA, and the remaining 33 minutes at 0 mA.

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One can easily express the charging load as another independent Markov task process (where all probabilities are 1) and consider the sum load generated by these two processes in parallel (methods in Section 6 adapt straightforwardly to this setting).

The KiBaM in our model has following parameters:

- The ratio of the available charge $c = 1/2$ (artificially chosen value as parameters fitted by experiments on similar batteries strongly vary [42, 25]);
- The diffusion rate $p = 0.0006$ per minute (we decreased the value reported by experiments [25] by a factor of 4 because of the low average temperature in orbit, 3.5°C , and the influence of the Arrhenius equation [27]).

Implementation aspects. Our implementation is done in C++. We used $K = 1200, 600, 300$ and 150 for the experiments with the batteries of capacity 5000 mAh, 2500 mAh, 1250 mAh and 625 mAh, respectively to guarantee equal relative precision. All the experiments have been performed on a machine equipped with an Intel Core i5-2520M CPU @ 2.50GHz and 4GB RAM. All values occurring are represented and calculated with standard IEEE 754 double-precision binary floating-point format except for the values related to the battery being depleted where we use arbitrary precision arithmetic (as this number keeps accumulating grid values that are of much lower order of magnitude). The number of subdistributions that must be kept track of simultaneously, turned out to be no larger than 54.

Model evaluation. We performed various experiments with this model, to explore the random KiBaM technology. We here report on five distinct evaluations, demonstrating that valuable insight into the model can be obtained.

1. The 5000 mAh battery in the real satellite is known to be over-dimensioned. Our aim was to find out how much. Hence, we performed a sequence of experiments, decreasing the size of the battery exponentially. The results (of the safe under-approximation) are displayed and explained in Figure 4. We found out that 1/4 of the capacity still provides sufficient guarantees (since the depletion risk calculated is in the order of 10^{-10}) to power the satellite for 1 year while 1/8 of the capacity, 625 mAh, does not. The following table compares the under- and over-approximations.

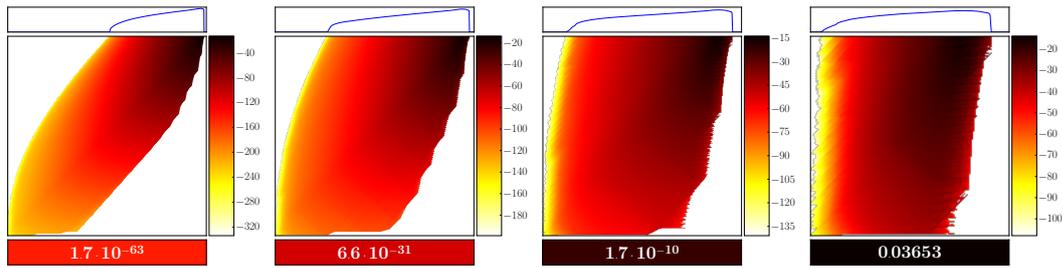
capacity (mAh)	5000	2500	1250	625
under-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$9.61 \cdot 10^{-96}$	$4.69 \cdot 10^{-43}$	$1.01 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.00122
over-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$1.66 \cdot 10^{-63}$	$6.58 \cdot 10^{-31}$	$1.73 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0.03653

The approximations thus compute the real probability of depletion up to very small absolute errors ranging from 10^{-63} for the 5000 mAh battery to 0.03531 for the 625 mAh battery.

2. We compared our results with a simple linear battery model of the same capacity.³ This linear model is not uncommon in the satellite domain, it has for instance been used in the *Envisat* and *CryoSat* missions [18]. We obtain the following probabilities for battery depletion:

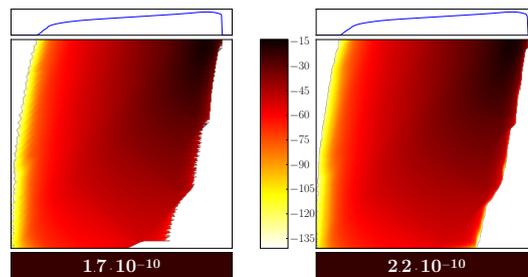
capacity (mAh)	linear battery model		KiBaM	
	5000	625	5000	625
under-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$1.76 \cdot 10^{-144}$	$8.53 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$9.61 \cdot 10^{-96}$	0.00122
over-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$1.86 \cdot 10^{-84}$	$2.94 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-63}$	0.03653

³ The linear model can be emulated using a KiBaM with diffusion rate $p \rightarrow \infty$. This has the effect that available and bound charge wells behave equally and thus deplete at the same time. To compute the numbers we used the same algorithm and discretisation constants δ, δ_g as for the corresponding KiBaM of the same size.

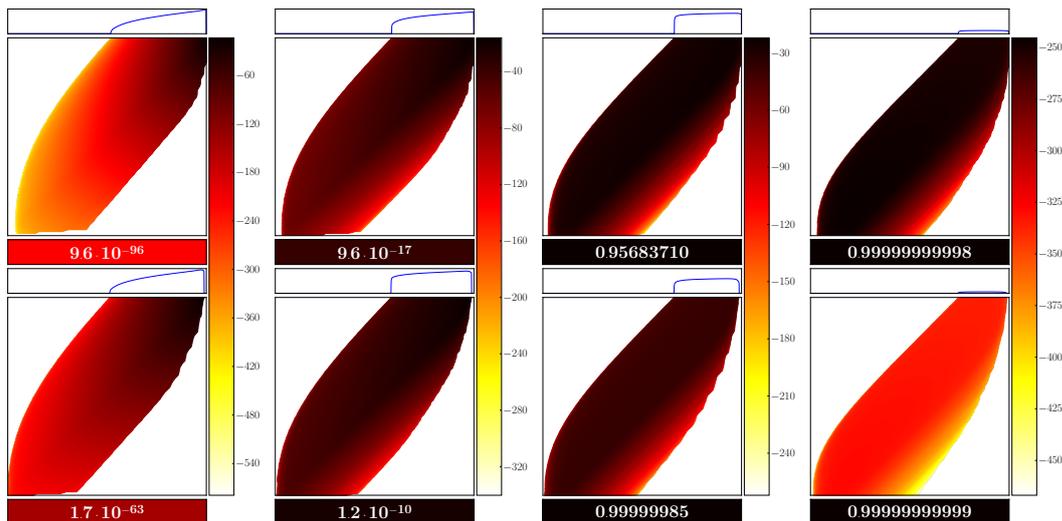


■ **Figure 4** SoC under-approximation for different sizes of the satellite’s battery after 1 year^a. The leftmost SoC is with the original battery capacity, 5000 mAh. In each further plot, the battery capacity is halved, i.e. 2500 mAh, 1250 mAh, and 625 mAh. Note that all the densities are depicted on the logarithmic scale (ticks in the colorbar stand for the order of magnitude). We observe that only the smallest battery does not give sufficient guarantees. Its probability of depletion after 1 year is 0.0365; the probability decreases to $1.7 \cdot 10^{-10}$ already for the 1250 mAh battery. The smaller the battery, the more crucial is the distinction of available and bound charge as a larger area of the plots is filled with non-trivial density.

^a Actually it is after 364 days, as this is in the middle of the charging phase. After 365 days the satellite is in eclipse and no density is exhibited along the upper limit.



■ **Figure 5** Load noise. SoC under-approximation of the 1 year run using the 1250 mAh battery with Dirac loads (left) and with noisy loads (right). We used Gaussian noise with standard deviation 5.



■ **Figure 6** Number of solar panels. Top: The over-approximation of the full 5000 mAh battery with 9,8,7 and 6 solar panels. Bottom: The respective under-approximations on the same colorscale. Again, the ticks of the colorscale represent the order of magnitude of the densities.

The linear model turns out to be surprisingly (and likely unjustifiably) optimistic, especially for the 625 mAh battery.

3. We (computationally) simplified the two experiments above by assuming Dirac loads. To analyze the effect of the white noise, we compared the Dirac loads with the noisy loads, explained earlier, on the 625 mAh battery. As expected, the noise (a) smoothes out the distribution a little and (b) pushes a bit more of the distribution to full and empty states, see Figure 5.
4. Our reference satellite is a two-unit satellite, i.e. is built from two cubes, each 10 cm per side. In the current design, 9 of the 10 external sides are covered by solar panels, the remaining one is used for both radio antenna and camera. We thus conducted a robustness analysis with respect to solar infeed, by assuming that 1,2 and 3 solar panels break down. Figure 6 displays that the satellite can easily deal with 1 defective solar panel. If additional panels fail, the system runs out of energy rapidly with high probability.
5. The random KiBaM does not incorporate battery *aging*. In general, the degradation of a battery over time depends on many factors, most prominently how the battery was stored, which loads it was subjected to, how deeply it was discharged and at which temperatures it was used. We are not aware of a consensus method of how to model degradation of a Li-ion battery which is influenced by all of these factors. A measurable quantity related to battery age for our case study is the voltage drop when in eclipse. In-orbit measurements show that this voltage drop has worsened by 3% after one year of operation. For comparison purposes, we thus pessimistically assumed a battery with a capacity of only 4850 mAh (97% of 5000 mAh) from the beginning. Compared to the 5000 mAh battery the depletion probabilities are only slightly higher:

capacity (mAh)	5000	4850
under-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$9.61 \cdot 10^{-96}$	$1.73 \cdot 10^{-92}$
over-approximation of $\Pr[\textit{depletion}]$	$1.66 \cdot 10^{-63}$	$5.58 \cdot 10^{-61}$

9 Alternative Approaches

The results reported above are obtained from a discretized abstraction of the stochastic process induced by the MTP and the battery, solved numerically and with high-precision arithmetic where needed.

One could instead consider estimating the probability z_t of the battery depletion using ordinary simulation techniques [19]. Considering a battery of capacity 5000 mAh, this would mean that about 10^{63} simulation traces are needed on average to observe the rare event of a depleted battery at least once. This seems prohibitive, also if resorting to massively parallel simulation, which may reduce the exponent by a small constant at most. A possible way out of this might lie in the use of rare event simulation techniques to speed up simulation [40].

The behaviour of KiBaM with capacity limits can be expressed as a relatively simple *hybrid automaton* model [21]. Similarly, the random KiBaM with capacity limits can be regarded as an instance of a *stochastic hybrid system* (SHS) [1, 3, 4, 8, 12, 37]. This observation opens some further evaluation avenues, since there are multiple tools available publicly for checking reachability properties of SHS. In particular, FAUST² [36], SiSAT [17] and PROHVER [43, 16] appear adequate at first sight. However the random KiBaM system cannot be evaluated with FAUST², basically due to a model mismatch: The tool thus far assumes stochasticity in all dimensions, because it operates on stochastic kernels, while our model is non-stochastic in the bound charge dimension. The existing general theory about computing reach-avoid probabilities of so called partially degenerate stochastic processes [35] is not yet built into FAUST². The guarantees provided using these methods

are computed a priori on the basis of Lipschitz constants and do not scale well to the small absolute errors and large time horizons that are required for the satellite model. In our approach they are computed a posteriori (as the difference between under- and over-approximation). SiSAT provides principal support for encoding all model aspects needed, yet the time horizon and precision needed seem unsurmountable [15]. Our PROHVER experiments failed for a similar reason, namely the sheer size of the problem. An extension of the stochastic network calculus to deal with energy [41] can in principle be employed to calculate depletion risks, by modelling the cumulative energy supply and energy demand as the arrival and service process of a queue, so as to capture the Fraction of Time Energy Not-Served (FTNS). Different from ours, that work assumes a linear battery behaviour and discretised time. Using a linear battery model causes underestimation of the depletion risk, as discussed in Section 8. All the above tools have not been optimized for dealing with very low probabilities as they appear in high dependability scenarios like the satellite case. The orders of magnitude difference between the smallest time step (5 minutes) and the time horizon (1 year) appear as another serious obstacle, but not for our approach.

10 Conclusion

Inspired by the needs of an earth-orbiting satellite mission, we extended in this paper the theory of kinetic battery models in two independent dimensions. First, we addressed battery charging up to full capacity. Second, we extended the theory of the KiBaM differential equations to a stochastic setting. We provided a symbolic solution for random initial SoC and a sequence of piecewise-constant random loads.

These sequences can be generated by a stochastic process representing an abstract and averaged behavioural model of a nano satellite operating in earth orbit, superposed with a deterministic representation of the solar infeed in orbit. We illustrated the approach by several experiments performed on the model, especially varying the size of the battery, but also the number of solar panels.

ESA is running a large educational program [2] for launching missions akin to GOMX-1. The satellites are designed by student teams, have the form of standardized 1 unit cube with maximum mass of 1 kg, and target mission times of up to four years. The random KiBaM presented here is of obvious high relevance for any participating team. It can help quantify the risk of premature depletion for the various battery dimensions at hand, and thereby enable an optimal use of the available weight and space budget. Our experiments show that using the simpler linear battery model instead is far too optimistic in this respect.

For a fixed setup, one can also use the technology offered by us for optimal task scheduling: In the same way as we can follow a single SoC distribution, we can also branch into several distributions and determine which of them is best according to some metric. Taking inspiration from [42], this can be combined with statistical model checking so as to find the optimal task schedule of a given set of tasks.

Several extensions can and should be integrated in the model. Among them, temperature dependencies are of particular interest. A temperature change has namely opposing physical effects in solar panels and in the battery, having intriguing consequences such as piecewise exponential decay in the charging process. An extension that is particularly important for long lasting missions, is incorporating a model of battery wearout. So far we assume the battery capacity to be constant along the mission time. Notably, our contribution is the first to consider capacity limits in operation at all, as far as we are aware. As of now, our battery model is itself considered lossless, while in reality one never gets out as much energy as one has put in before. We are so far putting this phenomenon as a burden on the modeller side, namely to scale down the real charging current

to an effective charging current, that factors in the loss only while charging the battery. We are looking into ways to instead make these losses a genuine part of the KiBaM model.

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