

# Why do lithium battery packs need to be balanced

Why is a lithium battery pack designed with multiple cells in series?

Contributed Commentary by Anton Beck, Battery Product Manager, Epec When a lithium battery pack is designed using multiple cells in series, it is very important to design the electronic features to continually balance the cell voltages. This is not only for the performance of the battery pack, but also for optimal life cycles.

Why is battery cell balancing important?

Battery cell balancing is important for maintaining the battery pack voltage/SoC level in EVs, laptops, and renewable ESS. Cell balancing ensures that every cell in the battery pack has the same SoC and voltage level. Failure to properly balance cells can result in reduced usable capacity, shortened battery life, and safety hazards.

Why is SoC balancing important in EV battery pack?

After performing cell balancing, each cell's SoC reaches 60 % (average SoC) which signifies that all cells have reached to same level or balanced. Therefore, SoC balancing is crucial in EV battery pack to increase the usable capacity. Fig. 3. Charge among five cells connected in series before and after SoC balancing.

Why do lithium ion batteries need to be connected in series?

To meet the power and energy requirements of the specific applications, lithium-ion battery cells often need to be connected in series to boost voltage and in parallel to add capacity. However, as cell performance varies from one to another [2,3], imbalances occur in both series and parallel connections.

Does balancing a battery increase the rechargeable capacity?

During the balancing process, the balancing current is very small and the charging speed is fast; equalization does almost nothing to increase the maximum rechargeable capacity of the battery pack. We divided different balance intervals according to different voltage of the battery cell, as shown in Figure 6. Equilibrium interval division.

Do all battery chemistries need balancing?

Not all battery chemistries require balancing, but balancing is essential for lithium-ion batteries and other multi-cell systems where consistent charge across cells is crucial for performance and safety. Q2: How Often Should I Perform Battery Balancing? The frequency depends on the battery type, usage, and the balancing system itself.

Lithium-ion battery packs do feature a battery management system (BMS) which is designed to protect the battery cells and prevent failures from occurring. The BMS tracks ...

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The dependencies of current distribution have been investigated by simulations and experiments. While some studies focused on the influence of cell performance variations ...

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The individual cells in a battery pack naturally have somewhat different capacities, and so, over the course of charge and discharge cycles, may be at a different state of charge (SOC). Variations in capacity are due to manufacturing variances, assembly variances (e.g., cells from one production run mixed with others), cell aging, impurities, or environmental exposure (e.g., some cells may be subject to additional heat from nearby sources like motors, electronics, etc.), and c...

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