Risks of using lithium battery packs in series and parallel

What are the characteristics of lithium ion battery packs?
One of the critical aspects of the use and management of lithium-ion battery packs is the statistical variations of the electro-chemical-thermal characteristics of the single cells. A battery pack consists of series and parallel connected cells. The effect of the mismatch among the cells causes degradation of the performances of the battery pack.

What happens if a lithium-ion battery is connected parallel?
Uneven electrical current distribution in a parallel-connected lithium-ion battery pack can result in different degradation rates and overcurrent issues in the cells. Understanding the electrical current dynamics can enhance configuration design and battery management of parallel connections.

What happens if a battery pack is connected in parallel?
The maximum value of mismatch among the cell parameters that will be connected in parallel must be properly defined and the allowed voltage range of the battery pack must be reduced to avoid overcharge and over-discharge of some of the cells. This causes a reduction of the effective usable capacity of the battery pack.

Can a BMS measure cell mismatch in parallel connected battery packs?
It is difficult,for the BMS to estimate the effect of cell mismatch in parallel connected battery pack,because the measurement of the current of each cell in parallel-connected battery packs is impractical due to the high cost of additional current sensor.

What happens if a battery pack is mismatched?
This causes a reduction of the effective usable capacityof the battery pack. If usually the charge of a single cell is maintained between 10% to 90% of the nominal capacity,the charge of the battery pack in case of mismatch must be between 15% to 85% of the nominal capacity,that is an additional 10% of battery capacity cannot be used.

What causes a variation on the curve of a battery pack?
The variations on the curves are due to the mismatch on \(OCV\) and \(Q\). The variation on the right side of the curves,when the SoC is close to100% is mainly due to the mismatch on the charge \(Q\). In stationary case with the load current is equal to zero,the voltage of the battery pack is equal to the OCV.

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The findings reveal that when cells are connected in series, the capacity difference is a significant factor impacting the battery pack"s energy index, and the capacity difference and Ohmic ...

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lithium-ion batteries are widely used in high-power applications, such as electric vehicles, energy storage systems, and telecom energy systems by virtue of their high energy density and long cycle life [1], [2], [3].Due to the low voltage and capacity of the cells, they must be connected in series and parallel to form a battery pack to meet the application requirements.

In this paper, an electrochemical-thermal model is established to simulate temperature and discharging distribution in 3 × 3 square lithium-ion battery modules with both series and parallel connection. For series battery arrangement, the final voltage of each cell exhibits small difference after discharge. The final voltage of center battery ...

Deviations between batteries in series appear gradually and increase with the number of cycles. This inconsistency reduces the lifetime of battery packs, increases the cost of using them, and may lead to security issues. Equalization is an important means of reducing battery differences. The relevant research has focused on the design of ...

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Using this framework, we demonstrate that current imbalance can cause convergent degradation trajectories, consistent with previous reports. However, we also demonstrate that different degradation assumptions, such as those associated with SOC imbalance, may cause divergent degradation.

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Subsequently, those techniques suitable for the battery packs involving several series or parallel-connected battery cells have never been taken into classification. This emphasizes the need for cell balancing at the same time as charging to enhance the batteries" charge efficiency and health. Besides, none of the review papers consider the control-oriented ...

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Abstract: Lithium-ion battery packs are often made of multiple groups of parallel cells connected in series. This article addresses how the inherent variability in lithium-ion cell properties due to manufacturing inconsistencies may cause un-even current sharing between them when used in modules. Non uniform current sharing may cause some cells ...

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