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Overview

What should you know about lithium ion batteries?

The most important key parameter you should know in lithium-ion batteries is the nominal voltage. The standard operating voltage of the lithium-ion battery system is called the nominal voltage. For lithium-ion batteries, the nominal voltage is approximately 3.7-volt per cell which is the average voltage during the discharge cycle.

How does a lithium ion battery charge?

During charging, lithium-ion batteries exhibit distinct voltage characteristics that reflect their electrochemical processes. The charging cycle typically follows a constant current-constant voltage (CC-CV) protocol. Initially, the battery voltage rises steadily as current flows into the cell.

What is the voltage of a lithium ion battery?

Additionally, the voltage of lithium-ion battery systems may differ slightly due to variations in the specific chemistry. For example, the nominal voltage of LiFePO4 batteries (a lithium-based popular alternative) is 3.2V per cell which is significantly lower than Litium-ion batteries’ average voltage (3.7V).

Can a lithium ion battery be overcharged?

For most lithium-ion batteries, the charging voltage peaks at 4.2V, while the cutoff voltage during discharge is typically 3.0V. Exceeding these limits can lead to overheating, capacity loss, or even thermal runaway. To avoid overcharging, use chargers specifically designed for your battery type.

How do you know if a lithium ion battery is charging or discharging?

The voltage of a lithium-ion battery system always fluctuates during charging or discharging. If you see the voltage during charge or discharge cycles, you will notice that the voltage remains constant initially and then varies over time. In the discharge cycle, initially, the voltage will be 4.2V.

What is the difference between a lithium ion battery and a LiFePO4 battery?

At 50%SoC, the voltage is held constant and near the nominal or higher volts per cell for LiFePO4 whereas a standard lithium-ion battery’s voltage performance is usually lower than its nominal value. A multi-cell battery’s voltage of LiFePO4 simply scales up as per the number of cells.

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