Abstract:
More sensors are needed for enhanced safety in lithium ion battery systems, and without the proliferation of wires. Elimination of such wiring harnesses promise to increase reliability, decrease weight, and increase mass-specific power and energy. Wireless sensors and controllers provide a means of eliminating the massive wiring harnesses, and are capable of increasing safety, reliability, specific power, and specific energy. Specific performance parameters of individual Li-ion cells that can be monitored and transmitted wirelessly to the BMS or operator during charge-discharge cycling include: (1) terminal voltages during charge-discharge cycling; (2) electrode voltages measured against an internal reference electrode; (3) cell current; (4) surface temperature; (5) internal core temperature with an embedded sensor; (6) package strain; and (7) internal cell pressure. These sensors are ideally suited for monitoring a broad range of energy conversion and storage devices, including but not limited to primary and secondary electrochemical batteries, photovoltaic cells, thermoelectric generators, capacitors, flywheels, and various types of generators.

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