

# SECTION 6: BATTERY BANK SIZING PROCEDURES

# Batteries for Stationary Applications

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- Battery energy storage systems are used in a variety of *stationary* applications
  - ▣ Telecom., remote communication systems
  - ▣ Bridging supply for UPS applications
    - Data centers
    - Hospitals
    - Wafer fabs, etc.
  - ▣ Utilities – switch gear – black start
    - Power plant
    - Substation
  - ▣ Off-grid PV systems
    - Residential
    - Commercial
    - Remote monitoring
- Lead-acid batteries still commonly used in these applications

# Autonomy

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## □ ***Autonomy***

- Length of time that a battery storage system must provide energy to the load without input from the grid or PV source
- Two general categories:
  - Short duration, high discharge rate
    - Power plants
    - Substations
    - Grid-powered
  - Longer duration, lower discharge rate
    - Off-grid residence, business
    - Remote monitoring/communication systems
    - PV-powered

# Battery Bank Sizing Standards

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- Two IEEE standards for sizing lead-acid battery banks for stationary applications
  - ▣ **IEEE Std 485**
    - *IEEE Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications*
    - Short duration, high discharge rate
  - ▣ **IEEE Std 1013**
    - *IEEE Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stand-Alone Photovoltaic Systems*
    - Longer duration, lower discharge rate
- We'll look first at the common considerations for both standards before

# Basic Battery Sizing Approach

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- Determine the ***load profile*** over the autonomy period
- Size a battery bank to have sufficient capacity to provide the required energy over the autonomy period, accounting for:
  - ***System voltage***
  - ***Temperature***
  - ***Aging***
  - ***Maximum depth of discharge***
  - ***Rate of discharge***

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## Common Battery-Sizing Considerations

# Duty Cycle

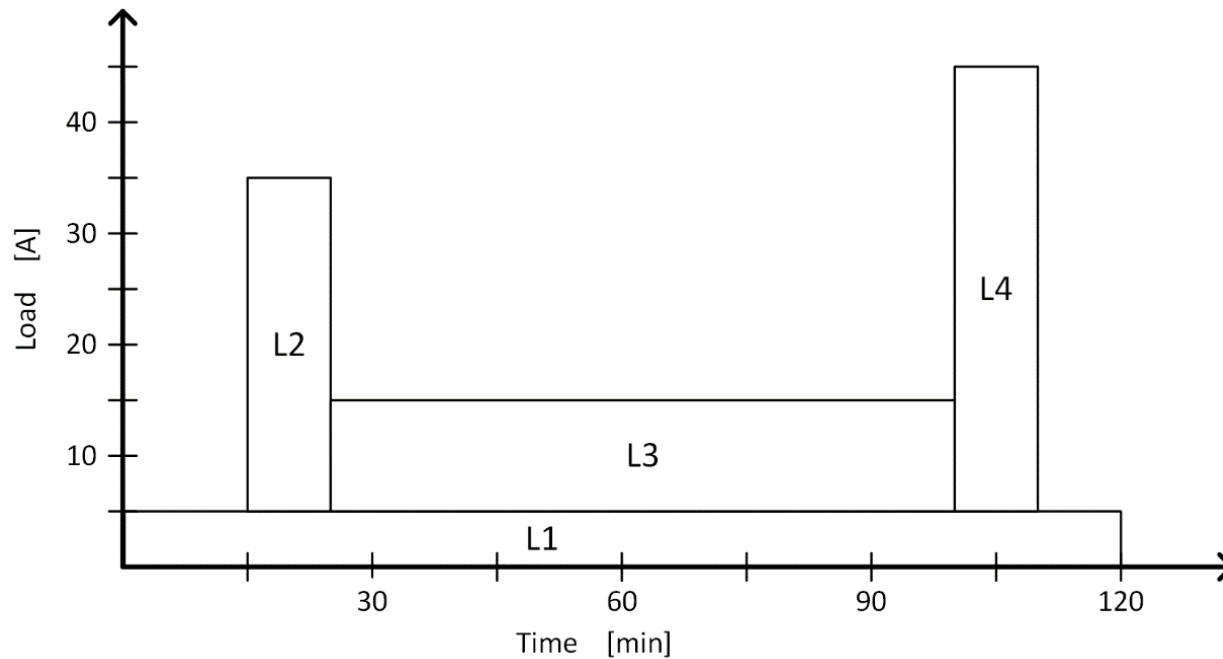
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- Tabulate and, possibly, plot system loads over the autonomy period
  - ▣ Duty-cycle diagram (plot) often more useful for shorter duration, higher current applications
- For example, consider a 2-hr autonomy period with the following loads:

Load #	Current (A)	$t_{\text{start}}$ (min)	T (min)
1	5	0	120
2	30	15	10
3	10	25	75
4	40	100	10

# Duty-Cycle Diagram

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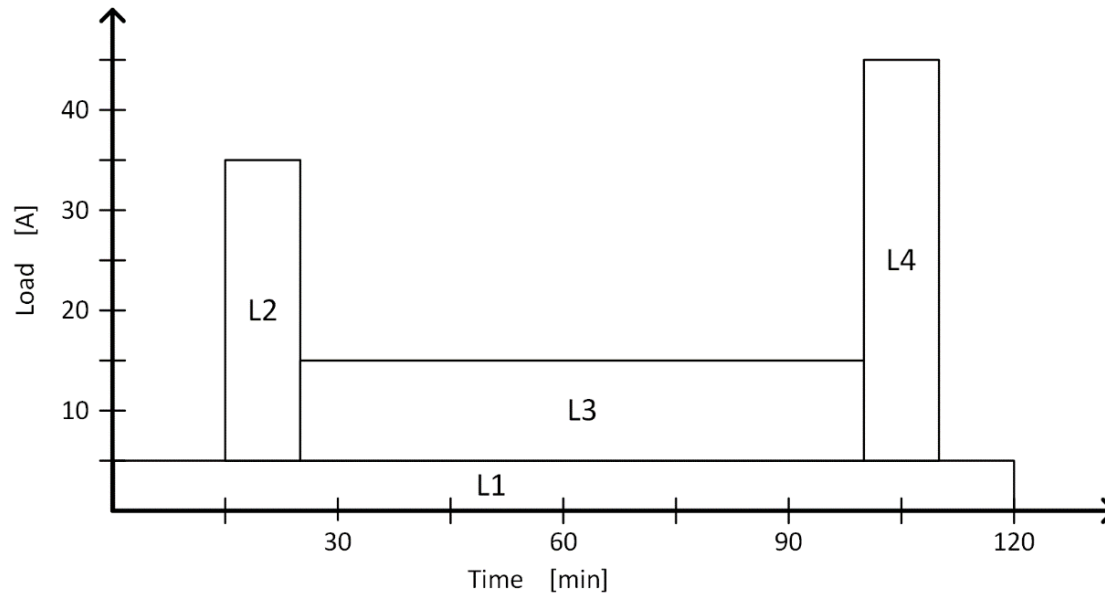


Load #	Current (A)	t <sub>start</sub> (min)	T (min)
L1	5	0	120
L2	30	15	10
L3	10	25	75
L4	40	100	10



# Duty-Cycle Diagram

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- Total energy (actually, charge) required by the load over the autonomy period is the area under the curve
  - ▣ Sizing procedures map the load profile to a battery capacity capable of supplying the load

# Constant-Current vs. Constant-Power Loads

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- Typically easiest to deal with constant-current loads
- Convert constant-power loads to constant current
  - Approximate, because battery voltage decreases during discharge
  - Use a minimum voltage to provide a conservative estimate

$$I = \frac{P}{V_{min}}$$

- $V_{min}$  can be either the manufacturer's recommended minimum voltage or 95% of the nominal voltage

# System Voltage

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- Batteries are comprised of multiple series-connected cells
  - ▣ For lead-acid batteries at 100% SoC, nominal voltage is 2.1 V/cell
- Common battery configurations:
  - ▣ 1 cell: 2 V
  - ▣ 3 cells: 6 V
  - ▣ 6 cells: 12 V
- Multiple batteries can be connected in series for higher system voltage
  - ▣ Efficiency
  - ▣ Capacity optimization
  - ▣ Other system-specific considerations

# Operating Temperature

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- Standard temperature for battery capacity rating is 25 °C
- Capacity decreases at lower temperatures
- For minimum electrolyte temperatures below 25 °C, ***multiply determined capacity by a correction factor***
  - ▣ For example, from IEEE 485, Table 1:

Electrolyte Temp. [°F]	Electrolyte Temp. [°C]	Correction Factor
40	4.4	1.30
50	10	1.19
60	15.6	1.11
70	21.1	1.04
77	25	1.00

- ~0.5%/°F (0.9%/°C) reduction in capacity below 77 °F (25 °C)
- Capacity is typically not corrected for electrolyte temperatures above 25 °C

# Aging

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- Battery capacity degrades with age
- IEEE standards recommend replacing batteries when capacity has degraded to 80% of initial value
- Adjust battery capacity for aging to ensure adequate capacity at end of lifetime

$$C_{age} = \frac{C_0}{0.8}$$

- For example, if 100 Ah of capacity is required, initial aging-adjusted capacity is

$$C_{age} = \frac{100 \text{ Ah}}{0.8} = 125 \text{ Ah}$$

# Maximum Depth of Discharge

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- For many battery types (e.g. lead acid), lifetime is affected by ***maximum depth of discharge*** (DoD)
  - ▣ Higher DoD shortens lifespan
  - ▣ Tradeoff between lifespan and unutilized capacity
- Calculated capacity must be adjusted to account for maximum DoD
  - ▣ Divide required capacity by maximum DoD

$$C_{DoD} = \frac{C_0}{DoD}$$

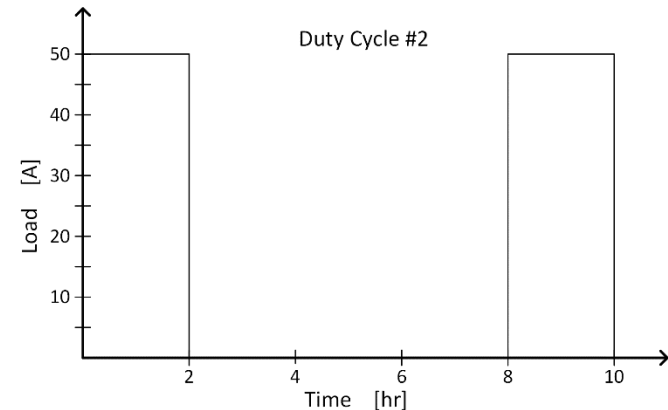
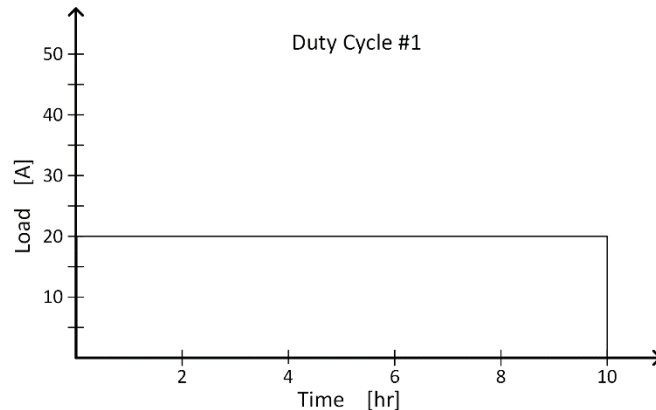
- For example, if 100 Ah is required, but DoD is limited to 60%, the required capacity is

$$C_{DoD} = \frac{100 \text{ Ah}}{0.6} = 167 \text{ Ah}$$

# Battery Capacity vs. Rate of Discharge

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- Consider two different 10-hour duty cycle diagrams:



- Equal energy requirements:

$$E_1 = 20 \text{ A} \cdot 10 \text{ h} = 200 \text{ Ah}$$

$$E_2 = 50 \text{ A} \cdot 2 \text{ h} + 50 \text{ A} \cdot 2 \text{ h} = 200 \text{ Ah}$$

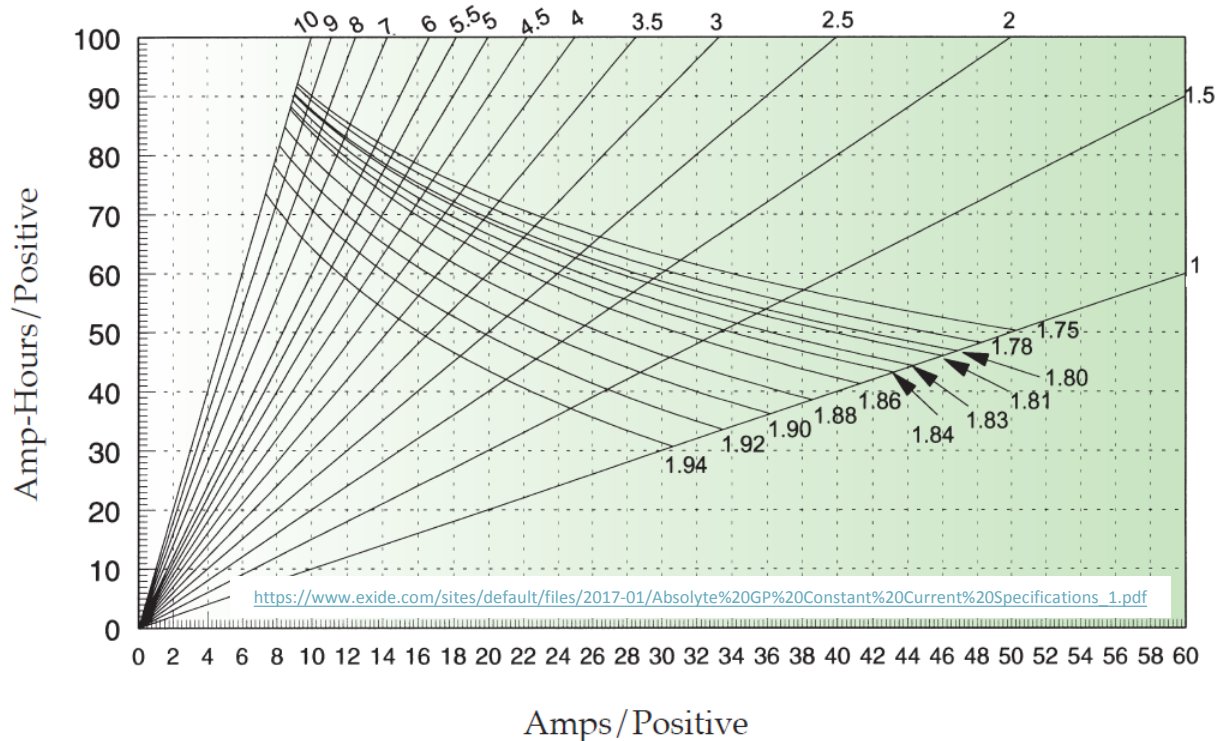
- But, different required battery capacities:

- Battery capacity is a function of discharge rate
- As discharge rate increases
  - Losses increase
  - Capacity decreases

# Battery Performance Curves

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- Capacity vs. discharge current
  - ▣ Different curves for different minimum cell voltages



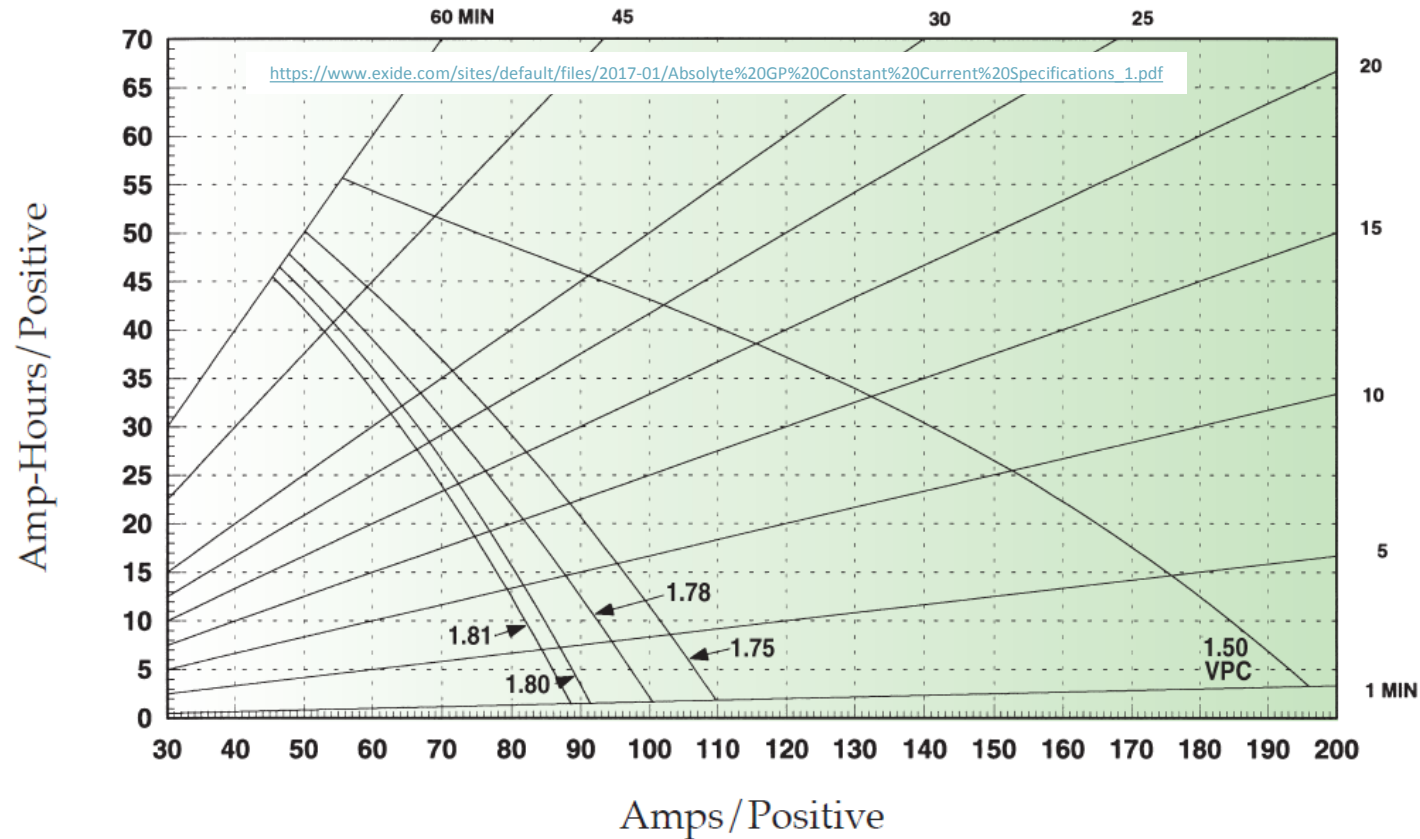
- Straight lines are lines of constant discharge time
  - ▣ Here, 1 to 10 hours



# Battery Performance Curves

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- Same cells, 1-60 minute discharge time:



- Capacity decreases at higher discharge rates

# Battery Capacity vs. Rate of Discharge

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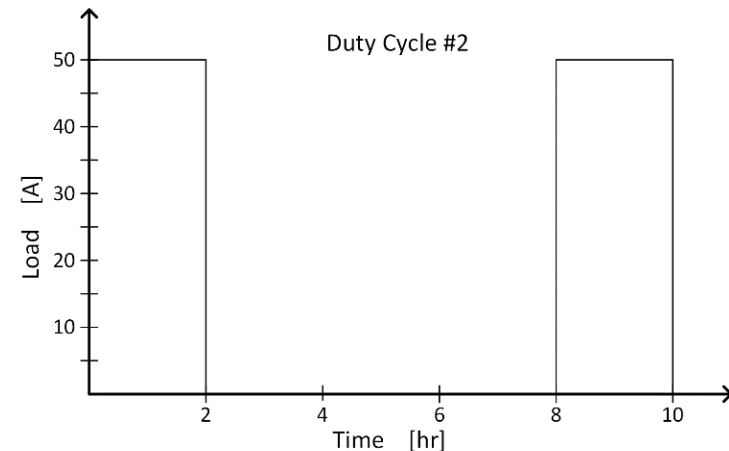
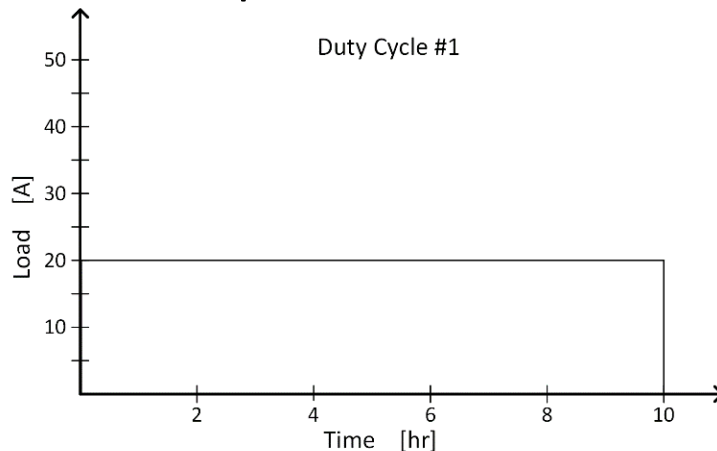
- When sizing a battery, we must account for discharge rates in addition to total energy
  - ▣ Larger nominal capacity required for higher discharge rates
- For example, consider a cell with the following constant-current discharge data for a minimum cell voltage of 1.8 V

Discharge Time [hr]	24	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Discharge Current [A]	12	23	27	32	35	40	45	53	66	88	141
Capacity [Ah]	288	276	270	256	245	240	225	212	198	176	141

# Battery Capacity vs. Rate of Discharge

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- Choose sizing procedure based on maximum load current
  - ▣ Relative to discharge rates for the selected/proposed batteries
    - Greater than or less than the 20-hr rate?
  - ▣ Relative to average load
    - Significantly greater than average load?
- For example:



- Max current for #2, 50 A, significantly exceeds average current, 20 A
  - ▣ IEEE std 485 is the appropriate procedure
  - ▣ IEEE std 1103 may yield an overly-conservatively-sized battery

# Battery Capacity vs. Rate of Discharge

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- Two methods for accounting for reduced capacity at higher discharge rates:
  - ▣ **Capacity factor,  $k_t$** 
    - Used in IEEE std 485
  - ▣ **Functional hour rate**
    - Used in IEEE std 1013
- Next, we'll look at each of these procedures in depth

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# IEEE Std 485

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- IEEE std 485 battery sizing procedure
  - ▣ Shorter-duration, higher-current applications
  - ▣ Max current greater than 20-hr rate
  - ▣ Max current much greater than average current
- Common applications:
  - ▣ Bridging supply for UPS applications
    - Data centers
    - Hospitals
    - Wafer fabs, etc.
  - ▣ Utilities – switch gear – black start
    - Power plant
    - Substation

# IEEE Std 485 – Tabulate Loads

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- First, tabulate loads over during the autonomy period
  - ▣ For example:

Load #	Current (A)	$t_{\text{start}}$ (min)	T (min)
1	5	0	120
2	30	15	10
3	10	25	75
4	40	100	10

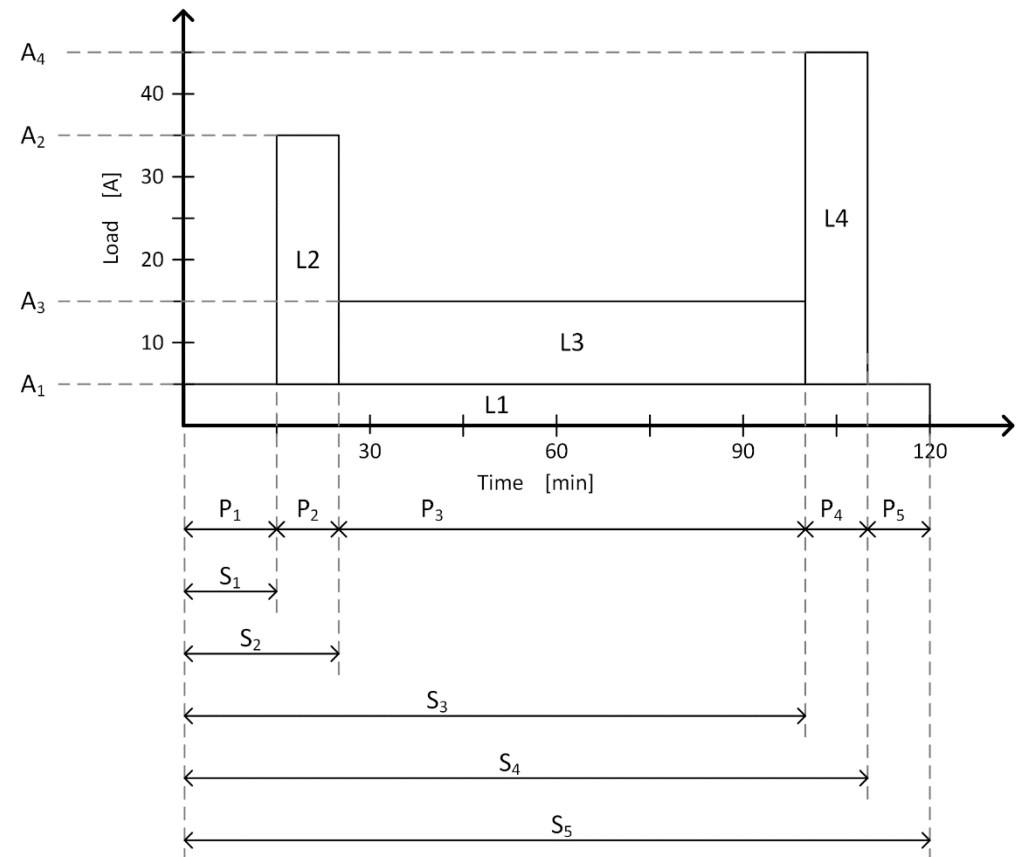
- Next, generate the duty cycle diagram

# IEEE Std 485 – Duty Cycle Diagram

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□ Duty cycle diagram is divided into ***periods*** and ***sections***

- ***Period*** – a portion of the duty cycle with a constant load,  $P_i$
- ***Section*** – portion of the duty cycle from the beginning of the cycle to the end of each period,  $S_j$





# IEEE Std 485 – General Procedure

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- Determine the required capacity for each section
  - ▣ Rate of discharge is accounted for here
    - ***Discharge factor,  $k_t$***
- Maximum section capacity identified
  - ▣ This is the ***uncorrected capacity***
- Uncorrected capacity is adjusted
  - ▣ Multiplied by ***temperature correction factor***
  - ▣ Multiplied by ***design margin***
  - ▣ Divided by ***aging factor***
- Result is the ***required capacity***

# Section Capacity – Worksheet

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Period	Load [A]	Change in Load [A]	Duration of Period [min]	Time to End of Section [min]	Discharge Factor, $k_t$ [Ah/A]	Required Section Size [Ah]
Section 1 - First period only						
1	A1 = 5	A1 - 0 = 5	P1 = 15	T = P1 = 15	0.78	3.9
						Section Total: 3.9
Section 2 - First two periods only						
1	A1 = 5	A1 - 0 = 5	P1 = 15	T = P1+P2 = 25	0.998	4.99
2	A2 = 35	A2 - A1 = 30	P2 = 10	T = P2 = 10	0.699	20.97
						Section Total: 25.96
Section 3 - First three periods only						
1	A1 = 5	A1 - 0 = 5	P1 = 15	T = P1+P2+P3 = 100	2.472	12.36
2	A2 = 35	A2 - A1 = 30	P2 = 10	T = P2+P3 = 85	2.217	66.51
3	A3 = 15	A3 - A2 = -20	P3 = 75	T = P3 = 75	2.048	-40.96
						Section Total: 37.91

## □ Capacity determined for each section

### ▣ Sum of capacities required for

- *Change* in the load at the start of each period
- Assuming that load persists until the end of the section
- Scaled by the discharge factor,  $k_t$ , for the time from the start of the period to the end of the section

$$C_s = \sum_{p=1}^s [A_p - A_{p-1}] \cdot k_t$$

# Discharge Factor

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Period	Load [A]	Change in Load [A]	Duration of Period [min]	Time to End of Section [min]	Discharge Factor, $k_t$ [Ah/A]	Required Section Size [Ah]
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- So, what is  $k_t$ ?
  - Note different  $k_t$  values for different times-to-end-of-sections
- Manufacturers provide data for current available for different times
  - Time-current product gives capacity at that discharge rate
  - Data given for a range of final cell voltages
    - ***This is how max depth of discharge is accounted for***
  - For example, for final cell voltage of 1.8 V/cell:

CELL TYPE	HOURS											MINUTES		
	24	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	30	15	1
<b>50G</b>														
50G05	5.1	9.3	11	13	14	16	18	22	27	37	58	94	133	189
50G07	7.7	14	16	19	22	24	28	33	41	56	87	142	199	283

# Discharge Factor

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- **Discharge factor**,  $k_t$ , for time-to-end-of-section,  $T$ :

$$k_t = \frac{C_{nom} [Ah]}{A_T [A]}$$

- $C_{nom}$ : nominal capacity
  - Typ. 8 or 20 hr capacity
  - From manufacturer's data
  - Arbitrary – used as reference capacity for final sizing
  - For example:
    - $C_{nom} = 50 Ah$  (8 hr)
    - Calculated capacity requirement: 150 Ah
    - Required number of cells: 3
- $A_T$ : current available for time-to-end-of-section,  $T$ 
  - From manufacturer's data

# Discharge Factor

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- Consider the following battery data for discharge to 1.8 V/cell:

	Hours											Minutes		
Discharge time	24	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	30	15	1
Discharge current [A]	5.1	9.3	11	13	14	16	18	22	27	37	58	94	133	189
Capacity [Ah]	122	112	110	104	98	96	90	88	81	74	58	47	33.3	3.15

- Let  $C_{nom} = 104 \text{ Ah}$  (8 hr capacity)
- Discharge factor for 1 hr:

$$k_t = \frac{C_{nom}}{A_T} = \frac{104 \text{ Ah}}{58 \text{ A}} = 1.79 \text{ hr}$$

- That is, for 1-hr discharge, size for 1.79 hr using the 8 hr capacity as a reference
- Accounts for capacity reduction at high current
- Discharge factor for 15 min:

$$k_t = \frac{C_{nom}}{A_T} = \frac{104 \text{ Ah}}{133 \text{ A}} = 0.782 \text{ hr}$$

- Linearly interpolate currents for intermediate discharge times

# Discharge Factor - Example

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	Hours											Minutes		
Discharge time	24	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	30	15	1
Discharge current [A]	5.1	9.3	11	13	14	16	18	22	27	37	58	94	133	189
Capacity [Ah]	122	112	110	104	98	96	90	88	81	74	58	47	33.3	3.15

- Again, let  $C_{nom} = 104 \text{ Ah}$  (8 hr capacity)
  - ▣ Each battery can provide 13 A for 8 hr
- Determine the # of batteries required to supply 100 A for 2 hr (200 Ah)
  - ▣ Discharge factor:

$$k_t = \frac{C_{nom}}{A_T} = \frac{104 \text{ Ah}}{37 \text{ A}} = 2.81 \text{ hr}$$

- ▣ Required capacity:

$$C = A \cdot k_t = (100 \text{ A}) \cdot (2.81 \text{ hr}) = 281 \text{ Ah}$$

- ▣ Required number of batteries:

$$N = \frac{C}{C_{nom}} = \frac{281 \text{ Ah}}{104 \text{ Ah}} = 2.7 \rightarrow 3$$

- Note that failure to account for discharge rate would yield  $N = 2$

# Section Capacity

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- Section capacity given by:

$$C_s = \sum_{p=1}^s [A_p - A_{p-1}] \cdot k_t$$

- $[A_p - A_{p-1}]$  is the change in current at the start of each period
  - Assumed to last until the end of the section, duration  $T$
  - Adjusted by the change in current at the next period
  - May be positive or negative
- Each current scaled by the discharge factor for time  $T$ :

$$[A_p - A_{p-1}] \cdot k_t = \text{current req. for } T \cdot \left( \frac{C_{nom}}{\text{current avail. for } T} \right)$$

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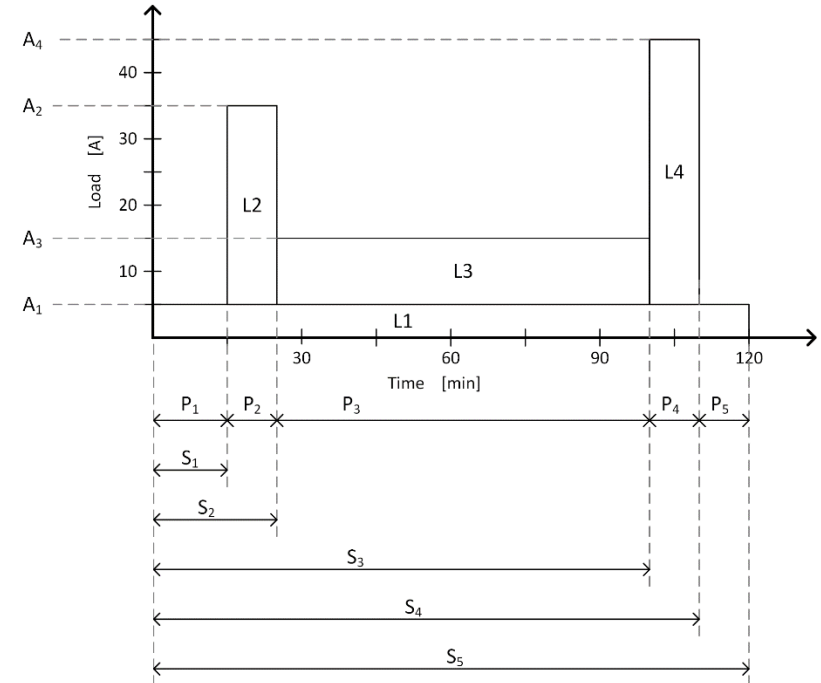
$$[A_p - A_{p-1}] \cdot k_t = \left( \frac{\text{current req. for } T}{\text{current avail. for } T} \right) \cdot C_{nom}$$

# Section Capacity – Worksheet

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□ Consider the third section:

- $k_t$  determined for each  $T$
- Change in load scaled by  $k_t$  to give required capacity for each period within the section
- Section capacity is the sum of the period capacities



Period	Load [A]	Change in Load [A]	Duration of Period [min]	Time to End of Section [min]	Discharge Factor, $k_t$ [Ah/A]	Required Section Size [Ah]
Section 3 - First three periods only						
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Section Total:						37.91



# Uncorrected Capacity

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- **Uncorrected capacity** is the largest total section capacity

- Plus capacity for any random loads

- Capacity then adjusted for

- Temperature
  - Design margin
  - Aging

Maximum Section Size +	Random Section Size =	Uncorrected Size
61.445	0	61.445

Uncorrected Size x	Temperature Correction Factor x	Design Margin /	Aging Factor =	Required Capacity [Ah]
61.445	1.19	1.15	0.8	105.11

- Result is the **required capacity**

- **Number of cells** required is determined from the required capacity and the reference capacity

$$N = \frac{C}{C_{nom}}$$

- Note that DoD was accounted for by selecting capacity data for the appropriate final cell voltage

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# IEEE Std 1013

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- IEEE std 1013 battery sizing procedure
  - ▣ Longer-duration, lower-current applications
  - ▣ Max current less than 20-hr rate
  - ▣ Max current not significantly greater than average
- Typically for off-grid PV systems
  - ▣ Residential
  - ▣ Commercial
  - ▣ Remote monitoring

# IEEE Std 1013 – General Procedure

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- Determine the required ***autonomy period***
- ***Load determination***
  - ▣ System voltage and allowable range
  - ▣ Tabulate loads – daily or over the autonomy period
  - ▣ Load profile (duty cycle) diagram
- Calculate ***energy requirement*** (Ah) over the autonomy period
  - ▣ Unadjusted capacity
- ***Adjust capacity*** for
  - ▣ Depth of discharge
  - ▣ Aging
  - ▣ Temperature
  - ▣ Design margin
  - ▣ Discharge rate

# Load Determination

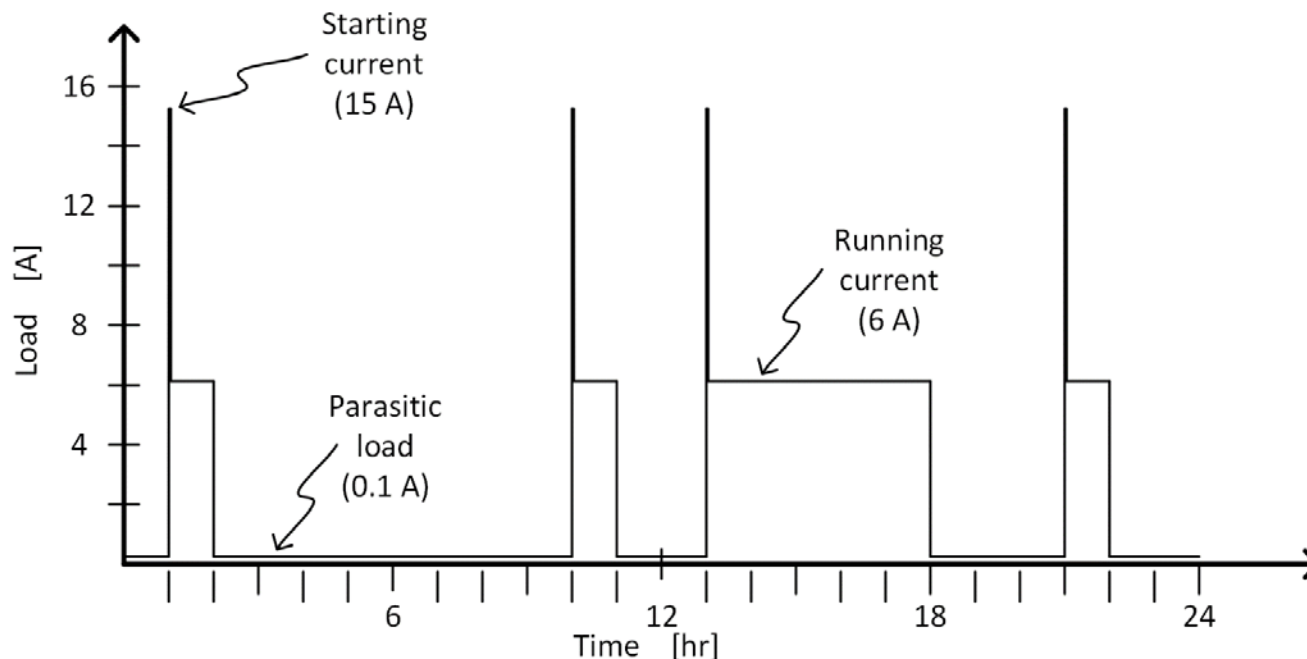
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- ***Tabulate loads*** over autonomy period
  - ▣ Current
  - ▣ Start time and duration
  - ▣ Momentary (e.g. motor starting) and running loads
- Plot ***load profile*** where appropriate
  - ▣ Are timing, duration, and coincidence of loads known?
  - ▣ If not, determine worst-case scenarios
- Determine:
  - ▣ Maximum momentary current
  - ▣ Maximum running current
  - ▣ Total daily load (Ah/day)
  - ▣ Maximum and minimum allowable system voltages

# Load Determination – Example

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- Consider, for example, a remote refrigerator/freezer unit for medical storage and ice making
  - ▣ Solar charging
  - ▣ Six-day autonomy period
- Daily load profile:



# Load Determination – Example

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- Tabulate the load data, accounting for
  - ▣ Running current
  - ▣ Starting current
  - ▣ Parasitic load current (e.g. control electronics, etc.)

DC load device	Voltage window		Momentary currents	Running currents	Occurrences	Duration	Run Time	Daily Load
	Vmax [V]	Vmin [V]	[A]	[A]	[/day]	[hr/occurrence]	[hr/day]	[Ah/day]
Compressor (chill)	15	10.5		6	3	1	3	18
Compressor (ice making)	15	10.5		6	1	5	5	30
Compressor (starting)	15	10.5	15		4	0.0167	0.0667	1
Parasitic load (controls, etc.)				0.1	1	24	24	2.4

<b>Total Daily Load [Ah/day]</b>	<b>51.4</b>
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- Motor starting currents conservatively assigned durations of one-minute (0.0167 hr)

# Load Determination

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## 5) Load Data Summary

a) Maximum momentary current	15.1	A
b) Maximum running current	6.1	A
c) Maximum current	15.1	A
d) Total daily load	51.4	Ah/day
e) Maximum system voltage	15	V
f) Minimum system voltage	10.5	V

Max lines 5a and 5b

- **Maximum momentary current** (line 5a)
  - Motor starting current may be much larger than running current
  - Assumed duration is 1 min
  - Used for total daily load calculation and max current
- **Maximum running current** (line 5b)
  - If load coincidence is unknown, determine worst case
  - Used for total daily load calculation and max current
- **Maximum current** (line 5c)
  - Used when determining minimum system voltage when accounting for voltage drops



# Load Determination

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## 5) Load Data Summary

a) Maximum momentary current	15.1	A
b) Maximum running current	6.1	A
c) Maximum current	15.1	A
d) Total daily load	51.4	Ah/day
e) Maximum system voltage	15	V
f) Minimum system voltage	10.5	V

Max lines 5a and 5b

- **Total daily load** (line 5d)
  - Daily energy (charge, really) requirement in Ah/day
  - Sum of products of currents and durations
  - Used for determining required capacity
- **Maximum system voltage** (line 5e)
  - Lowest max. allowable voltage for all system components
  - Used for determining number of series-connected cells
- **Minimum system voltage** (line 5f)
  - Highest min. allowable voltage for all system components
  - Used for determining number of series-connected cells

# Battery Capacity

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- First, calculate the ***unadjusted capacity***
  - ▣ Product of total daily load and number of days of autonomy
- Next, ***adjust capacity*** for:
  - ▣ Maximum depth of discharge
  - ▣ Maximum daily depth of discharge
  - ▣ Minimum operating temperature
  - ▣ Design margin

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## 6) Battery Capacity

a) <u>Unadjusted capacity</u>	308	Ah	line 5d * line 3
b) <u>Max DoD</u>	80	%	
c) <u>Capacity adjusted for MDoD</u>	386	Ah	line 6a/line 6b
d) <u>Max daily DoD</u>	20	%	
e) <u>Capacity adjusted for MDDoD</u>	257	Ah	line 5d/line 6d
f) ...			

### □ ***Unadjusted capacity*** (line 6a)

- Product of total daily load and number of days of autonomy
- Daily energy (charge, really) requirement in Ah/day

### □ ***Maximum depth of discharge*** (MDoD, line 6b)

- From manufacturer's data/recommendation
- Tradeoff between capacity and lifetime

### □ ***Capacity adjusted for MDoD*** (line 6c)

- Unadjusted capacity divided by MDoD

# Battery Capacity

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## 6) Battery Capacity

c) ...			
d) Max daily DoD	20	%	
e) Capacity adjusted for MDDoD	257	Ah	line 5d/line 6d
f) End-of-life capacity	80	%	
g) Capacity adjusted for EoL	386	Ah	line 6a/line 5f
h) ...			

- **Maximum daily DoD** (MDDoD, line 6d)
  - ▣ From manufacturer's data/recommendation
- **Capacity adjusted for MDDoD** (line 6e)
  - ▣ Total daily load divided by MDDoD
- **End of life (EoL) capacity** (line 6f)
  - ▣ Battery to be replace when capacity degrades to this percentage of rated capacity
  - ▣ Typically 80% for lead-acid batteries
- **Capacity adjusted for EoL** (line 6g)
  - ▣ Unadjusted capacity divided by EoL capacity

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## 6) Battery Capacity

g) ...			
h) Capacity adjusted for DoD or EoL	386	Ah	Max of lines 6c, 6e, and 6g
i) Min. operating temperature	25	degC	
j) Temperature correction factor	1		line 6h *line 6j
k) Capacity adjusted for temperature	386	Ah	
l) ...			

- ***Capacity adjusted for MDoD, MDDoD, or EoL*** (line 6h)
  - Largest of the three adjusted capacities
  - Satisfies all three requirements
- ***Temperature correction factor*** (line 6j)
  - Correction factor for minimum electrolyte temperatures below 25 °C
  - Don't compensate for temperature above 25 °C
  - From manufacturer's data (or IEEE std 485, Table 1)
  - ~0.5%/°F (0.9%/°C) reduction in capacity below 77 °F (25 °C)
- ***Capacity adjusted for temperature*** (line 6k)
  - DoD/EoL-adjusted capacity multiplied by temperature correction factor

# Battery Capacity

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6) <b>Battery Capacity</b>		
k) ...		
l) Design margin factor	1.1	
m) Capacity adjusted for design margin	424 Ah	line 6k * line 6l
7) <b>Functional Hour Rate</b>		
	70 hr	line 6m/line 5b

- ***Design margin factor*** (line 6l)
  - ▣ Allows for load uncertainty and growth
  - ▣ Typically 10% – 25% (i.e. 1.1 – 1.25)
- ***Capacity adjusted for design margin*** (line 6m)
  - ▣ Temperature-corrected capacity multiplied by design margin
- ***Functional hour rate*** (line 7)
  - ▣ Used to account for discharge rate in final capacity determination
  - ▣ A conservative '*average*' discharge rate for the duty cycle
  - ▣ Adjusted capacity divided by the maximum running current

# Functional Hour Rate

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## □ **Functional hour rate**

- Adjusted capacity divided by the max running current
- The discharge time at the max running current
- Used to account for capacity dependence on discharge rate
- An alternative to the discharge factor used in IEEE std 485

## □ For example:

- Adjusted capacity: 424 Ah
- Maximum running current: 6.1 A

$$\text{Functional hour rate} = \frac{C_{adj}}{I_{max}} = \frac{424 \text{ Ah}}{6.1 \text{ A}} = 70 \text{ hr}$$

- For final cell selection, ***use the capacity rating at the functional hour rate***

# Voltage Window Adjustment

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## 8) Voltage Window Adjustment

a) Controller low-voltage disconnect	10.8	V	Max of lines 5f and 8a
b) Adjusted minimum voltage	10.8	V	
c) Controller full-charge voltage set point	14.7	V	Min of lines 5e and 8c
d) Adjusted maximum voltage	14.7	V	

- **Controller low-voltage disconnect** (LVD, line 8a)
  - ▣ Voltage at which the charge controller is set to disconnect the battery from the load
  - ▣ Voltage at the maximum DoD
- **Adjusted minimum voltage** (line 8b)
  - ▣ Larger of the LVD set point and the minimum allowable system voltage
  - ▣ Used when determining number of series-connected cells
- **Controller full-charge voltage set point** (line 8c)
  - ▣ Voltage at which the charge controller stops charging the battery
  - ▣ Voltage at full SoC
- **Adjusted maximum voltage** (line 8d)
  - ▣ Smaller of the controller full-charge set point and the maximum allowable system voltage
  - ▣ Used when determining number of series-connected cells



# Series-Connected Cells

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## 9) Series-Connected Cells

a) Recommended per-cell full-charge voltage	2.45	V/cell	
b) Maximum number of cells in series	6		line 8d/line 9a rounded down
c) Rec. per-cell end-of-discharge voltage	1.8	V/cell	
d) Calculated per-cell EoD voltage	1.8	V/cell	line 8b/line 9b
...			

- ***Recommended per-cell full-charge voltage*** (line 9a)
  - ▣ From manufacturer's data
- ***Maximum number of cells in series*** (line 9b)
  - ▣ Maximum allowable system voltage divided by the maximum volts/cell, rounded down
- ***Recommended per-cell end of discharge voltage*** (line 9c)
  - ▣ From manufacturer's data
- ***Calculated per-cell EoD voltage*** (line 9d)
  - ▣ Minimum system voltage divided by number of series cells

# Series-Connected Cells

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## 9) Series-Connected Cells

d) ...

If 9.d) > 9.c) proceed to 9.g), otherwise continue with 9.e)

e) Decremented # series-connected cells

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line 9b - 1

f) Adjusted maximum per-cell voltage

- V

line 8d/line 9e

Verify that 9.f) is within maximum allowable cell voltage. If not, adjust

g) Number of cells in series

6

line 9b or, if applicable, line 9e

- **Calculated per-cell EoD voltage** (line 9d)
  - Minimum system voltage divided by number of series cells
  - Minimum voltage seen by each cell at EoD
  - If less than recommended, decrement the number of series cells by one (line 9e)
- **Adjusted maximum per-cell voltage** (line 9f)
  - Maximum system voltage divided by the decremented number of series cells
  - Max per-cell voltage after reducing number of series cells
  - If greater than recommended maximum, adjustments are required

# Series-Connected Cells

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## 9) Series-Connected Cells

d) ...

If 9.d) > 9.c) proceed to 9.g), otherwise continue with 9.e)

e) Decremented # series-connected cells

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line 9b - 1

f) Adjusted maximum per-cell voltage

- V

line 8d/line 9e

Verify that 9.f) is within maximum allowable cell voltage. If not, adjust

g) Number of cells in series

6

line 9b or, if applicable, line 9e

- Minimum and maximum per-cell voltages must be within recommended range
  - ▣ If not, iteration is required
- Adjust some combination of the following:
  - ▣ Number of series-connected cells
  - ▣ Low-voltage disconnect set point
  - ▣ Controller full-charge voltage set point
- ***Number of cells in series*** (line 9g)
  - ▣ The selected number of series cells

# Cell Selection and Capacity Determination

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## 10) Cell Selection and Capacity Determination

- a) Smallest cell capacity available for selected cell type that satisfies capacity requirement, line 6m, when discharged to per-cell EoD voltage, line 9d or 9e, at functional hour rate, line 7. OR, if no single cell satisfies requirements, capacity of cell to be paralleled.

110 Ah

- b) Number of parallel strings

4

line 6m/line 10a rounded up

- c) Final battery capacity

440 Ah

line 10a \* line 10b

- Select a cell and enter the capacity (line 10a)
  - ▣ Really, a *battery* with the selected number of series-connected cells (line 9g)
- The smallest single cell, or smaller cells to be paralleled, to:
  - ▣ Satisfy adjusted capacity requirement (line 6m)
    - When discharged at the **functional hour rate** (line 7)
    - When discharged to the determined per-cell EoD voltage (section 9)
  - ▣ Minimize excess, unutilized capacity
- This is the **capacity at the functional hour rate**
  - ▣ Not necessarily the battery's nominal capacity

# Cell Selection and Capacity Determination

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110 Ah

- b) Number of parallel strings

4

line 6m/line 10a rounded up

- c) Final battery capacity

440 Ah

line 10a \* line 10b

### □ **Number of parallel strings** (line 10b)

- Number of parallel batteries needed to satisfy the adjusted capacity requirement (line 6m)
- Adjusted capacity divided by the per-battery capacity, rounded up

### □ **Final battery capacity** (line 10c)

- Capacity of the resulting battery bank
- Per-battery capacity multiplied by the number of parallel strings
- Battery bank capacity at the **functional hour rate**

# Battery Bank Summary

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Summary	
Battery manufacturer and model:	XYZ Batteries: 123-ABC
Cells in series:	6
Cells in parallel:	4
Full-charge voltage:	14.7 V
End-of-discharge voltage:	10.8 V

- Battery sizing procedure is now complete
- Summarize key battery bank specifications at the end of the worksheet
- For our example:
  - ▣ Four of the specified batteries in parallel
    - Six cells per battery
  - ▣ Battery bank voltage range: 10.8 V – 14.7 V