BATTERY THERMAL MANAGEMENT USING HEAT PIPE INTEGRATED IMMERSION COOLING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

The thermal management of batteries is a crucial aspect of improving their performance, lifespan, and safety. In this research, the proposed method of battery thermal management system(BTMS) is heat pipe integrated immersion cooling with an air conditioning system to control battery temperature and maintain the uniform temperature over the entire battery pack. The study analyzes the heat pipe's performance and heat transfer characteristics in an immersion cooling system by simulating it under actual operating conditions. A heat pipe thermal management system was employed in many applications but it is not so successful in BTMS due to the lack of experimentation. But in this system, it is proposed to use the heat pipe with a dielectric fluid medium in a lithium-ion battery pack which can able to absorb the heat from the battery cells and dissipate to the environment through the condenser section of a heat pipe at a higher rate. The modified design of the heat pipe condenser section and using acetone and acetone with Al2O3 and CuO nanofluids with different filling ratios in a heat pipe can able to control the temperature of the battery even under high charging and discharging conditions. Analytical results from the previous research suggest that the integrated system has better thermal stability but only limited experimental studies are done in the BTMS. The proposed hybrid thermal management system offers optimal thermal management in batteries and maintains thermal stability with extended battery life and performance. In conclusion, the proposed battery thermal management system can be utilized in many applications requiring high energy and power densities. Both Thermo electric modules, heat pipes, and immersed cooling systems offer practical and efficient thermal management solutions for lithium-ion batteries.

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The thermal management system should be scalable, adaptable, and flexible enough to accommodate various battery chemistries, sizes, and configurations in different applications and environments. The system's adaptability is essential because Li-Ion batteries come in various chemistries, such as lithium-cobalt-oxide (LCO), lithium-nickel-manganese-cobalt (NMC), and lithium-iron-phosphate (LFP). Each chemistry has unique thermal management requirements due to differences in heat generation and thermal stability.

The system's flexibility is crucial because Li-Ion batteries are used in various applications, including electric vehicles, portable electronics, and grid-scale energy storage systems. Each application has different thermal management requirements due to differences in power demand, operating temperature, and environmental conditions.

The thermal management system should consist of several components, including a cooling system, a heating system, a temperature sensor, and a control unit. The cooling system should be capable of removing heat from the battery pack, preventing overheating and thermal runaway. The heating system should be capable of maintaining the battery's optimal operating temperature, particularly in low-temperature environments.

The temperature sensor should be capable of providing real-time feedback on the battery's temperature, enabling the control unit to adjust the cooling and heating systems accordingly. The control unit should be capable of monitoring the battery's health and providing real-time feedback on the battery's condition, enabling proactive maintenance and replacement.

The thermal management system should also be capable of adapting to different environmental conditions, such as high altitude, low altitude, and extreme temperatures. The system's adaptability is essential because Li-Ion batteries' thermal management requirements vary significantly in different environments.

For example, in high-altitude environments, the atmospheric pressure is lower, leading to lower air density and reduced heat dissipation. In such environments, the thermal management system should be capable of generating more heat to compensate for the reduced heat dissipation.

In low-altitude environments, the atmospheric pressure is higher, leading to higher air density and improved heat dissipation. In such environments, the thermal management system should be capable of reducing the cooling capacity to prevent excessive heat dissipation and energy loss.

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