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INTERWOVEN VOLTAGE SENSE HARNESS OF A BATTERY

Abstract

An interwoven voltage sense harness of a battery is provided. A battery system can include cells arranged in an array. The battery system can include a harness. The harness can include a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness can extend along a side of the cells. The harness can include a trace. The trace can be electrically coupled to the circuit. The trace can contact each of the cells to measure voltage of the cells. At least one aspect is directed to a method. The method can include providing a battery system comprising a plurality of cells arranged in an array and a harness.

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Background/Summary

INTRODUCTION

[0001] Electric vehicles (EVs) can be powered using batteries that store energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The batteries can include different components facilitating energy storage.

SUMMARY

[0002] This disclosure is generally directed to an interwoven voltage sense harness of a battery. An EV can be powered from a battery system having any combination of battery packs, battery modules or battery cells. A battery system can include a plurality of battery cells arranged in an array. Due to the configuration of a battery system in an electric vehicle, the battery system can have physical load placed on the battery system. A voltage sensing component placed on a portion of the battery cells that receives force or supports a load can impact the performance or durability of the voltage sensing component. Manufacturing the voltage sense component to withstand the force from the supported load can utilize excessive materials and increase a size of the battery system and weight of the electric vehicle, which can impact performance of the electric vehicle.

[0003] Systems, methods and apparatus of the technical solutions disclosed herein can provide an interwoven voltage sense harness. For example, placing the harness between the cells can remove the harness from the direct load path. The harness can be formed of an electrically insulating material that encapsulates a flexible circuit. The harness can extend along a cylindrical side of the cells, and include an exposed trace that contacts the cells to measure voltage. Thus, the voltage sense harness of this technical solution can improve the durability, performance and compactness of a battery system by being disposed between the cells in the battery system.

[0004] An aspect of this disclosure is directed to a battery system. The battery system can include cells arranged in an array. The battery system can include a harness. The harness can include a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness can extend along a side of the cells. The harness can include a trace. The trace can be electrically coupled to the circuit. The trace can contact each of the cells to measure voltage of the cells.

[0005] At least one aspect is directed to a battery system. The circuit of the battery system can be configured to be flexible. A tab can extend from the harness to contact a top portion of each of the plurality of cells. The side along which the harness extends can be cylindrical. The side along which the harness extends can be prismatic. The material can include an opening to expose the trace to contact each of the plurality of cells.

[0006] At least one aspect is directed to a battery system. The harness can be bonded to each of the plurality of cells via an electrical conductor. The harness can be bonded to each of the plurality of cells via at least one of a laser weld or a solder. The harness can extend along a group of cells of the plurality of cells that are connected to form a series circuit. The height of the harness can be less than a height of each of the plurality of cells. The harness can comprise a first portion with a first

level of stiffness, and a second portion with a second level of stiffness that can be different than the first level of stiffness. The harness can comprise a first portion that can have an arc shape, and a second portion that can have a planar shape.

[0007] At least one aspect is directed to a method. The method can include providing a battery system comprising a plurality of cells arranged in an array and a harness. The harness can comprise a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness can extend along a side of the plurality of cells. The harness can include a trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, that can contact each of the plurality of cells to measure voltage of the plurality of cells.

[0008] At least one aspect is directed to a method. The side along which the harness extends can be cylindrical. The side along which the harness extends can be prismatic. The material can comprise an opening to expose the trace to contact each of the plurality of cells. The method can include bonding the harness to each of the plurality of cells via an electrical conductor. The harness can extend along a group of cells of the plurality of cells that can be connected to form a series circuit.

[0009] At least one aspect is directed to an electric vehicle. The electric vehicle can include a battery system. The battery system can include a plurality of cells arranged in an array. The battery system can include a harness, comprising a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness can extend along a side of the plurality of cells. The harness can include a trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, that can contact each of the plurality of cells to measure voltage of the plurality of cells. The harness can comprise a tab that can extend from the harness and can contact a top portion of each of the plurality of cells.

[0010] These and other aspects and implementations are discussed in detail below. The foregoing information and the following detailed description include illustrative examples of various aspects and implementations, and provide an overview or framework for understanding the nature and character of the claimed aspects and implementations. The drawings provide illustration and a further understanding of the various aspects and implementations, and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification. The foregoing information and the following detailed description and drawings include illustrative examples and should not be considered as limiting.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] The accompanying drawings are not intended to be drawn to scale. Like reference numbers and designations in the various drawings indicate like elements. For purposes of clarity, not every component may be labeled in every drawing. In the drawings:

[0012] FIG. 1 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness.

[0013] FIG. 2 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness.

[0014] FIG. 3 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness.

[0015] FIG. 4 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness.

[0016] FIG. 5 depicts an example of a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0017] FIG. 6 depicts an example of a harness weaved through a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0018] FIG. 7 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness weaved through a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0019] FIG. 8 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness weaved through a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0020] FIG. 9 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness between a group of cells.

[0021] FIG. 10 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness between a group of cells weaved through a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0022] FIG. 11 depicts an example of a battery system with a harness between a group of cells

woven through a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0023] FIG. **12** depicts an example of a battery system with a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0024] FIG. **13** depicts an example of a battery system with a harness on the outside of the group of cells with a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0025] FIG. **14** depicts an example of a battery system with a harness on the outside of the group of cells with a balancing voltage and temperature module with a current collector assembly.

[0026] FIG. **15** depicts an example of a battery system with a harness, current collector assembly, and a balancing voltage and temperature module.

[0027] FIG. **16** is a flow diagram illustrating an example method of providing a battery system.

[0028] FIG. **17** depicts an example electric vehicle.

[0029] FIG. **18A** depicts an example of one or more battery packs.

[0030] FIG. **18B** depicts an example of one or more battery modules.

[0031] FIG. **18C** depicts a cross sectional view of a battery cell.

[0032] FIG. **18D** depicts a cross sectional view of a battery cell.

[0033] FIG. **18E** depicts a cross sectional view of a battery cell.

[0034] FIG. **19** is a block diagram illustrating an architecture for a computer system that can be employed to implement elements of the systems and methods described and illustrated herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0035] Following below are more detailed descriptions of various concepts related to, and implementations of, methods, apparatuses, and systems of an interwoven voltage sensing harness of a battery system. The various concepts introduced above and discussed in greater detail below may be implemented in any of numerous ways.

[0036] This disclosure is generally directed to a solution for providing efficient integration of a harness with a battery system of an EV. The battery system can be called a battery assembly. The battery system can include an assembly of a battery pack, or a battery module. An EV can store energy in a battery system that can include interconnected battery pack or battery modules. The battery system can include battery cells which can have their voltage measured via a harness. The harness can be called a voltage sensing harness. However, integrating the harness into a battery system can be difficult. For example, placing the harness, which can comprise of delicate features, on the top of the battery system or cell array can make the harness susceptible to damages. It can be difficult as the top of the battery system can be in a direct load path (e.g., mechanical load, electrical load, electrical load). It can be difficult as the harness placed on the top of the battery system can increase the height of the battery system, which can make the battery system not compact.

[0037] The present solution can provide efficient integration of a harness with a battery system of an EV. The present solution can effectively utilize the cell-to-cell spacing that would have otherwise been empty or not utilized. The resulting solution can decrease the compressive forces exhibited on the harness. The harness comprising a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness can extend along a side of multiple cells arranged in an array. The harness can include a trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, to contact each of the multiple cells to measure voltage of the multiple cells.

[0038] FIG. **1** depicts an example of a battery system **100** with a harness **110**. The battery system **100** can include multiple cells **102** arranged in an array **106**. The battery system **100** can include a harness **110**. The harness **110** can include a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The material can be, but is not limited to, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, polypropylene, teflon, mica, or polyimide film. The material can include an opening **128** to expose the trace to contact each of the multiple cells. The opening can allow the trace to form a connection. The shape of the opening can be a small round opening, a slot, or any shape that ensures optimal contact with the cell terminal. The opening can be created by laser cutting, die cutting, or precision molding. The harness **110** can

be flat, round, ribbed, smooth, angular, or curved.

[0039] The circuit can be flexible. The circuit can include flexible plastic substrates, such as polyimide or polyester film. The circuit can be bent, folded, or rolled to fit various shapes. The circuitry pathways can be formed of thin layers of copper etched onto the flexible substrate. A protective layer can be laminated over the circuit to provide insulation and protection. The harness **110** can extend along a side **109** of the multiple cells **102**. The side **109** along which the harness **110** can extend can be cylindrical (e.g., 18650 or 21700 cells). The side **109** along which the harness **110** can extend can be prismatic. The harness **110** can include a trace. The trace can be a tab **118**. The trace can be electrically coupled to the circuit. The trace can be a continuous path of conductive material. The conductive material can be copper, silver, aluminum, or gold.

[0040] The trace can contact each of the multiple cells **102** to measure voltage of the multiple cells **102**. The cells **102** can be pouch, prismatic, 18650, 21700, or 26650. The cells **102** can be a combination of, but not limited to, pouch, prismatic, 18650, 21700, or 26650. The area of contact can be called a point of contact. The area of contact can be at a top portion **104** of the cells **102**. The area of contact can be at a bottom portion of the cells **102**. The area of contact can be a designated port or connector. The tab **118** can extend from the harness **110** to contact a top portion **104** of each of the multiple cells **102**. The tab can be a piece of conductive material that is connected to an electrode inside the cell and protrudes out of the cell to provide an external connection point (e.g., area of contact).

[0041] The harness **110** can be bonded to each of the multiple cells **102** by an electrical conductor. The harness **110** can be bonded to each of the multiple cells **102** by, but not limited to, a laser weld or a solder. The harness **110** can be bonded to each of the multiple cells **102** with an adhesive. The adhesive can be located on the harness. The adhesive can be located on the tab. The adhesive can include a pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA), epoxy resin adhesive, polyurethane adhesive, acrylic adhesive, cyanoacrylate adhesive, or silicone adhesive. The adhesive can be an electrically conductive adhesive. The multiple cells **102** can interface with the harness **110** via the adhesive. For example, the adhesive can be a thin layer or can be thermally conductive. The harness **110** can extend along a group of cells **106** of the multiple cells **102** that are connected to form a series circuit. A height of the harness **120** can be less than a height **122** of each of the multiple cells. For example, for an 18650 cylindrical cell with a cell height of 65 mm, the harness **110** can cover three-quarters of the cell height and the height of the harness can be around 49 mm. In another example, a prismatic cell for an electric vehicle with a height **122** of 150 mm can have a harness that can cover the top half of the cell height **122** and the height of the harness **120** can be around 75 mm. The cell height **122** can range from 5 mm to 200 mm. The height of the harness **120** can depend on the lateral/horizontal length of the harness. The height of the harness **120** can range from 1% to 99% of the cell height **122**.

[0042] The harness **110** can have two portions. The harness **110** can include a first portion **116** that have an arc shape, and a second portion **114** that have a planar shape. The harness **110** can be versatile and can accommodate various cell geometries. The harness can interface with both flat and curved cell sides **109**. The multiple cells **102** can be placed between a harness **110** on one side and a thermal component **108** on another side. The thermal component **108** can include a fin, barrier, insulation layer, or composite layer. The thermal component **108** can be used for or enhance thermal management or insulation, electrical insulation, physical separation or protection, etc.

[0043] The multiple cells **102** can be a part of a parallel group (such as parallel group configurations) **126**. The parallel group configurations can increase the total capacity of the battery system. The parallel group configurations can spread the current load across multiple cells. Each of the cells **102** can have a diameter **124**. The harness **110** can include different portions having different structural features or configurations, or different dimensions. For example, a portion **112** can be planar, straight or more flat relative to a portion **116**, which can be arced. In some cases, the flat portion **112** can extend along a different axis relative to the arced portion **116**. For example, the

flat portion **112** can be perpendicular or otherwise intersect with an axis or segment of the arced portion **116**.

[0044] FIG. **2** depicts an example of a battery system **200** with a harness **110**. The battery system **200** can include a series, group, string, or chain of cells **102** in series. The number, count or quantity of cells **102** in a chain can be 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 100, 500, 1000, or more, for example. The length of the harness **110** can be larger than 50 mm. The length of the harness **110** can be 50 mm, 100 mm, 500 mm, 1000 mm, 2000 mm, or 20000 mm. The battery system **200** can include multiple cells **102** arranged in an array **106**. The battery system **200** can include a harness **110**. The harness **110** can include a circuit electrically insulated by a material. The harness **110** can be at the outer side (e.g., perimeter or exterior) **109** of the cells **102**.

[0045] FIG. **3** depicts an example of a battery system **300** with a harness. The harness **310** can include one or more component, material, configuration or functionality of harness **110** depicted in FIG. **1**. The end of the harness **310** can be curved into a smooth arc or curve. For example, the central angle of the arc can be 30° to form the smooth arc (e.g., curve). The central angle of the arc can be 10°, 30°, 45°, 90°, 100°, 120°, 145°, 160°, 180°, 270°, 290°, 300°, 350° or more. The end of the harness **310** can be curved to form a full or semi-circle. The end of the harness **310** can include a zigzag or wavy pattern. The end of the harness **310** can be sharply bent at an angle. The angle can 10°, 30°, 45°, 90°, 100°, 120°, 145°, 160° or more, for example. The sharp bent can be inwards, outwards, or to the side. The end of the harness **310** can split into two or more pathways. The end of the harness **310** can include thicker materials, thinner materials, additional layers, or embedded structures than the remaining part of the harness. The segment of the harness **312** can be adjacent to the end of the harness **310**. The segment of the harness **312** adjacent to the end of the harness **310** can be the same or different than the central body of the harness **314**. The segment of the harness **312** can include thicker materials, thinner materials, additional layers, or embedded structures compared to the central body of the harness **314**. The segment of the harness **312** can be shorter than the central body of the harness **314**. The segment of the harness **312** can have a different shape or design than the central body of the harness **314**. The segment of the harness **312** can be flat, round, ribbed, smooth, angular, or curved.

[0046] FIG. **4** depicts an example of a battery system **400** with a harness **110** that is between a group of cells **102**. The harness **110** can occupy unused space. The harness **110** can be placed between cells **102** that form a parallel group **126**. The harness **110** can serve as a protective layer. The harness **110** can include embedded sensors to monitor cell health, voltage, or temperature. The harness **110** be placed between cells **102** can provide quicker and more direct electrical connections compared to a harness placed on the outer side of the cells **102**.

[0047] FIG. **5** depicts an example of a balancing voltage and temperature module **500**. The balancing voltage and temperature (BVT) module **500** can include an assembly of various electrical components to monitor or control components of a battery system. The BVT module **500** can include a circuit board having various connectors to couple with, for example, a thermistor that can measure a temperature of the battery subassembly, battery module or a battery cell thereof, a voltage sensor or balancer that can sense or control voltage that flows through the battery subassembly, battery module or a battery cell thereof, or a communication device that can receive, transmit, or analyze data associated with the battery subassembly, battery module or a battery cell thereof. The BVT module **500** can include a short wall **505**. The short wall **505** can add structural support to the BVT module **500**. The short wall **505** can serve as a mounting point for electrical components like connectors, busbars, or fuses that are part of the BVT module **500**. The short wall **505** can include thermally conductive material and can dissipate heat away from BVT module **500** components. The short wall **505** can include a modular design to allow the BVT module **500** to be attached or detached from a battery pack for maintenance or replacement.

[0048] FIG. **6** depicts an example of a harness weaved through a BVT module. The BVT module can have multiple slots. The slot **600** in the BVT module can serve as an exit point for the harness.

The slot **600** can provide a direct and efficient path for the harness **310**. The slot **600** can be elongated and narrow. The slot **600** can have rounded edges. The slot **600** can be lined with abrasion-resistant materials. The abrasion-resistant materials can include Teflon lining, ceramic inserts, or reinforced nylon. The slot **602** in the BVT module can serve as an exit point for the thermal component **108**. The slot **602** can have rounded edges. The slot **602** can be lined with abrasion-resistant materials. The abrasion-resistant materials can include Teflon lining, ceramic inserts, or reinforced nylon. The slot **600** and slot **602** can have different or same dimensions. [0049] FIG. **7** depicts an example of a battery system **700** with a harness weaved through a BVT module. The slot in the BVT module **500** can serve as an exit point for the end of the harness **310**. The central body of the harness **314** can be between a group of cells **102**. The harness can be placed between cells **102** that form a parallel group **126**. The BVT module **500** can be positioned at one end of a group of cells **102**. The BVT module can access data from cells **102**. The BVT module **500**, via the short wall **505**, can be attachable or detachable from the battery cells, battery pack, harness **314**, or other components. The harness **314** can be detachable from the battery cells, battery pack, BVT module **500**, or other components. The BVT module **500** can include a diagnostic interface that can monitor the performance of the BVT module.

[0050] FIG. **800** depicts an example of a battery system **800** with a harness weaved through a BVT module. FIG. **8** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **7**. The BVT module **500** can include nodes **802**. The nodes **802** can include terminals that can facilitate further interactions or connections (e.g., modular expansions, accessory integrations, monitoring capabilities). The BVT module **500** can have a slot for a structure **804**. The structure **804** can include conductor or insulator structures.

[0051] FIG. **9** depicts an example of a battery system **900** with at least one harness that can extend between a group of cells **102**. The harness can gain protection against external mechanical stresses, contaminants, or electromagnetic interference. The harness can extend between a group of cells **102** that form a parallel group **126**. The harness can be placed adjacent to a thermal component **108**. The harness can be placed between a group of thermal components **108**.

[0052] FIG. **10** depicts an example of a battery system **1000** with at least one harness that can extend between a group of cells weaved through a BVT module **1020**. FIG. **10** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **9**. FIG. **10** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **6**. BVT module **1020** can have slots that are in the middle of the BVT. BVT module **1020** can have slots that are at the ends of the BVT. The slots in the BVT module can serve as an exit point for the harness.

[0053] FIG. **11** depicts an example of a battery system **1100** with at least one harness that can extend between a group of cells weaved through a BVT module **1020**. FIG. **11** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **10**.

[0054] FIG. **12** depicts an example of a battery system **1200** with a BVT module **500**. FIG. **12** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **7**. FIG. **12** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **5**. The BVT can have slots for thermal component **108**.

[0055] FIG. **13** depicts an example of a battery system **1300** with a harness on the outside of the group of cells with a balancing voltage and temperature module. FIG. **13** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **12**. At least one harness that can extend along the outside of a group of cells.

[0056] FIG. **14** depicts an example of a battery system **1400** with a harness on the outside of the group of cells with a BVT module. FIG. **14** can include one or more component or functionality depicted in FIG. **12**. The cells **102** can have a current collector assembly **1402** placed on top of the cells **102**. The current collector assembly **1402** can reduce resistance, ensure uniform current distribution, or enable efficient power transfer. The current collector assembly **1402** can be made from conductive materials such as copper or aluminum. The current collector assembly **1402** can

include connectors or terminals that allow connections between the cells **102** and an external circuitry. The current collector assembly **1402** can include sensors to monitor the current flow. [0057] FIG. **15** depicts an example of a battery system **1500** with a harness, current collector assembly, and a BVT module. The current collector assembly **1402** can include a conductor layer **1504**. The conductor layer **1504** can include a material to conduct electricity (e.g., gold, copper, aluminum, silver, or a combination of metallic metals). The materials of the conductor layer **1504** can be designed, constructed, or selected to conduct electricity. For example, the materials of the conductor layer **1504** can have a sufficient density of free electrons to allow for the transmission of electric current to provide power to one or more component of an electric vehicle, such as an electric motor or on-board computer system. The conductor can be formed by depositing the material onto a substrate following a process including at least one of physical vapor deposition, chemical vapor deposition, electroplating, chemical deposition, among others. The conductor layer **1504** can provide an electrically conductive path for electricity to and from battery cells that can be housed within a battery module. Instead of injecting the conductor layer **1504** into the insulative structure, the conductor layer **1504** can be partially removed from the insulative structure. For example, the conductor layer **1504** can be coupled to the insulative structure using an adhesive. In some arrangements, the adhesive can be removed to separate the conductor layer **1504** and the insulative structure.

[0058] The conductor layer **1504** can include a plurality of polygons or quadrilaterals (e.g., square, rhombus, parallelogram, etc.) to form spaces for the battery cells. For example, the spaces for the battery cells can be a plurality of squares. In another example, the spaces of the battery cells can be a plurality of *rhombi*. The plurality of polygons or quadrilaterals can include a symmetrical or asymmetrical arrangement. For example, one space can be offset by 3 centimeters and at a 45-degree angle from the space adjacent to it. In some arrangements each space can be aligned along first axis.

[0059] The current collector assembly **1402** can include a series busbar **1506**. The series busbar **1506** can include a metallic material but is not limited to copper and aluminum. The metallic material can depend on the characteristics of the current collector assembly **1402**. For example, a series busbar **1506** can have an aluminum material to reduce the weight of the current collector assembly. In some arrangements, copper can be used due to the higher conductivity. In some arrangements, copper can be used to increase the longevity of the series busbar **1506**. In some arrangements, the series busbar **115** can have a structure proportional to the height of the rib **115**. For example, if the rib **115** is 3.2 cm, the series busbar **1506** can have a displace from the rib **115** of 4.2 cm.

[0060] The series busbar **1506** can maintain electrical current distribution in the current collector assembly **1402**. The desired voltage can be established by the harness **110**. The series busbar **1506** can be a centralized ground for the current collector assembly **1402**. The metallic material of the series busbar **1506** can provide a low-impedance path for the current to flow to ground. For example, the series busbar **1506** can direct the current. In some arrangements, the series busbar **1506** can protect the components of the current collector assembly **1402**. For example, the series busbar **1506** can reduce the possibility of an occurrence of fault currents in the current collector assembly **1402**.

[0061] The short wall **505** can be used to protect the components of the current collector assembly **1402**. For example, the short wall **505** can protect the harness **110**, one or more terminals, and the battery cells **102**. The short wall **505** can enhance serviceability of the battery system, enabling technicians to access and replace the BVT module **500**. The treehouse busbar **1510** can include materials, structure, and functionality similar to the series busbar **1506**. The BVT module **500** can access the state of charge of the battery cells **102** and further determine whether the battery cells **102** have sufficient voltage to operate the current collector assembly **1500**. For example, an interface can be couple to the BVT module **500** to display the state of charge of the battery cells

102. The BVT module **50** and the harness **110** can work together to provide accurate voltage measurements of the battery cells **102** of a current collector assembly. For example, the harness **110** can continuously monitor the voltage of each battery cell **102** in the battery cells **102**. The real-time feedback can be transmitted to the BVT module **500** to provide the interface with a continuously updated measurement of the voltage of each battery cell **102** in the battery cells **102**. The combination of the harness **110** and the BVT module **500** can provide convenience of on-the-spot voltage checks and the benefits of automated, continuous monitoring to ensure optimal performance and prevent potential issues.

[0062] The harness **110** can be coupled to the top of the insulative structure of the current collector assembly **1402** or to the bottom of the insulative structure of the current collector assembly. The harness **110** can monitor the voltage at a critical point in an electrical system. For example, the voltage sense harness **110** can monitor the voltage of the battery cells **102**. The harness **110** placed at the top of the current collector assembly **1402** can provide an accurate voltage measurement at a particular location on the current collector assembly.

[0063] FIG. **16** depicts a method **1600** for providing a battery system. The method **1600** can include providing the battery system at ACT **1602**. The battery system can include a plurality of cells arranged in an array and a harness. The harness can include a circuit electrically insulated by a material, that can extend along a side of the plurality of cells. The harness can include a trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, that can contact each of the plurality of cells. The harness can measure voltage of the plurality of cells. The harness can extend along a side that is cylindrical. The harness can extend along a side that is prismatic. The harness material can include an opening to expose the trace to contact each of the plurality of cells. The harness can be bonded to of the battery cells via an electrical conductor. The harness can extend along a group of cells of the plurality of cells that are connected to form a series circuit.

[0064] FIG. **17** depicts an example cross-sectional view **1700** of an electric vehicle **1705** installed with at least one battery pack **1710**. Electric vehicles **1705** can include electric trucks, electric sport utility vehicles (SUVs), electric delivery vans, electric automobiles, electric cars, electric motorcycles, electric scooters, electric passenger vehicles, electric passenger or commercial trucks, hybrid vehicles, or other vehicles such as sea or air transport vehicles, planes, helicopters, submarines, boats, or drones, among other possibilities. The battery pack **1710** can also be used as an energy storage system to power a building, such as a residential home or commercial building. The battery pack **1710** can include the battery system with the harness **110** as depicted in FIG. **1**. Electric vehicles **1705** can be fully electric or partially electric (e.g., plug-in hybrid) and further, electric vehicles **1705** can be fully autonomous, partially autonomous, or unmanned. Electric vehicles **1705** can also be human operated or non-autonomous. Electric vehicles **1705** such as electric trucks or automobiles can include on-board battery packs **1710**, batteries **1715** or battery modules **1715**, or battery cells **1720** to power the electric vehicles. The electric vehicle **1705** can include a chassis **1725** (e.g., a frame, internal frame, or support structure). The chassis **1725** can support various components of the electric vehicle **1705**. The chassis **1725** can span a front portion **1730** (e.g., a hood or bonnet portion), a body portion **1735**, and a rear portion **1740** (e.g., a trunk, payload, or boot portion) of the electric vehicle **1705**. The battery pack **1710** can be installed or placed within the electric vehicle **1705**. For example, the battery pack **1710** can be installed on the chassis **1725** of the electric vehicle **1705** within one or more of the front portion **1730**, the body portion **1735**, or the rear portion **1740**. The battery pack **1710** can include or connect with at least one busbar, e.g., a current collector element. For example, the first busbar **1745** and the second busbar **1750** can include electrically conductive material to connect or otherwise electrically couple the battery **1715**, the battery modules **1715**, or the battery cells **1720** with other electrical components of the electric vehicle **1705** to provide electrical power to various systems or components of the electric vehicle **1705**.

[0065] FIG. **18A** depicts an example battery pack **1710**. Referring to FIG. **18A**, among others, the

battery pack **1710** can provide power to electric vehicle **1705**. Referring to FIG. **18A**, the battery pack **1710** can include the battery system with the harness **110** as depicted in FIG. **1**. Battery packs **1710** can include any arrangement or network of electrical, electronic, mechanical or electromechanical devices to power a vehicle of any type, such as the electric vehicle **1705**. The battery pack **1710** can include at least one housing **1805**. The housing **1805** can include at least one battery module **1715** or at least one battery cell **1720**, as well as other battery pack components. The battery module **1715** can be or can include one or more groups of prismatic cells, cylindrical cells, pouch cells, or other form factors of battery cells **1720**. The housing **1805** can include a shield on the bottom or underneath the battery module **1715** to protect the battery module **1715** and/or cells **1720** from external conditions, for example if the electric vehicle **1705** is driven over rough terrains (e.g., off-road, trenches, rocks, etc.) The battery pack **1710** can include at least one cooling line **1810** that can distribute fluid through the battery pack **1710** as part of a thermal/temperature control or heat exchange system that can also include at least one thermal component (e.g., cold plate) **108**. The thermal component **108** can be positioned in relation to a top submodule and a bottom submodule, such as in between the top and bottom submodules, among other possibilities. The battery pack **1710** can include any number of thermal components **108**. For example, there can be one or more thermal components **108** per battery pack **1710**, or per battery module **1715**. At least one cooling line **1810** can be coupled with, part of, or independent from the thermal component **108**.

[0066] FIG. **18B** depicts example battery modules **1715**, and FIGS. **17C**, **17D** and **17E** depict an example cross sectional view of a battery cell **1720**. The battery modules **1715** can include at least one submodule. For example, the battery modules **1715** can include at least one first (e.g., top) submodule **1820** or at least one second (e.g., bottom) submodule **1825**. At least one thermal component **108** can be disposed between the top submodule **1820** and the bottom submodule **1825**. For example, one thermal component **108** can be configured for heat exchange with one battery module **1715**. The thermal component **108** can be disposed or thermally coupled between the top submodule **1820** and the bottom submodule **1825**. One thermal component **108** can also be thermally coupled with more than one battery module **1715** (or more than two submodules **1820**, **1825**). The thermal components **108** shown adjacent to each other can be combined into a single thermal component **108** that spans the size of one or more submodules **1820** or **1825**. The thermal component **108** can be positioned underneath submodule **1820** and over submodule **1825**, in between submodules **1820** and **1825**, on one or more sides of submodules **1820**, **1825**, among other possibilities. The thermal component **108** can be disposed in sidewalls, cross members, structural beams, among various other components of the battery pack, such as battery pack **1710** described above. The battery submodules **1820**, **1825** can collectively form one battery module **1715**. In some examples each submodule **1820**, **1825** can be considered as a complete battery module **1715**, rather than a submodule.

[0067] The battery modules **1715** can each include a plurality of battery cells **1720**. The battery modules **1715** can be disposed within the housing **1805** of the battery pack **1710**. The battery modules **1715** can include battery cells **1720** that are cylindrical cells or prismatic cells, for example. The battery module **1715** can operate as a modular unit of battery cells **1720**. For example, a battery module **1715** can collect current or electrical power from the battery cells **1720** that are included in the battery module **1715** and can provide the current or electrical power as output from the battery pack **1710**. The battery pack **1710** can include any number of battery modules **1715**. For example, the battery pack can have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve or other number of battery modules **1715** disposed in the housing **1705**. It should also be noted that each battery module **1715** can include a top submodule **1820** and a bottom submodule **1825**, possibly with a thermal component **108** in between the top submodule **1820** and the bottom submodule **1825**. The battery pack **1710** can include or define a plurality of areas for positioning of the battery module **1715** and/or cells **1720**. The battery modules **1715** can

be square, rectangular, circular, triangular, symmetrical, or asymmetrical. In some examples, battery modules **1715** may be different shapes, such that some battery modules **1715** are rectangular but other battery modules **1715** are square shaped, among other possibilities. The battery module **1715** can include or define a plurality of slots, holders, or containers for a plurality of battery cells **1720**. It should be noted the illustrations and descriptions herein are provided for example purposes and should not be interpreted as limiting. For example, the battery cells **1720** can be inserted in the battery pack **1710** without battery modules **1820** and **1825**. The battery cells **1720** can be disposed in the battery pack **1710** in a cell-to-pack configuration without modules **1820** and **1825**, among other possibilities.

[0068] Battery cells **1720** have a variety of form factors, shapes, or sizes. For example, battery cells **1720** can have a cylindrical, rectangular, square, cubic, flat, pouch, elongated or prismatic form factor. As depicted in FIG. **18C**, for example, the battery cell **1720** can be cylindrical. As depicted in FIG. **18D**, for example, the battery cell **1720** can be prismatic. As depicted in FIG. **18E**, for example, the battery cell **1720** can include a pouch form factor. Battery cells **1720** can be assembled, for example, by inserting a wound or stacked electrode roll (e.g., a jelly roll) including electrolyte material into at least one battery cell housing **1830**. The electrolyte material, e.g., an ionically conductive fluid or other material, can support electrochemical reactions at the electrodes to generate, store, or provide electric power for the battery cell by allowing for the conduction of ions between a positive electrode and a negative electrode. The battery cell **1720** can include an electrolyte layer where the electrolyte layer can be or include solid electrolyte material that can conduct ions. For example, the solid electrolyte layer can conduct ions without receiving a separate liquid electrolyte material. The electrolyte material, e.g., an ionically conductive fluid or other material, can support conduction of ions between electrodes to generate or provide electric power for the battery cell **1720**. The housing **1830** can be of various shapes, including cylindrical or rectangular, for example. Electrical connections can be made between the electrolyte material and components of the battery cell **1720**. For example, electrical connections to the electrodes with at least some of the electrolyte material can be formed at two points or areas of the battery cell **1720**, for example to form a first polarity terminal **1835** (e.g., a positive or anode terminal) and a second polarity terminal **1840** (e.g., a negative or cathode terminal). The polarity terminals can be made from electrically conductive materials to carry electrical current from the battery cell **1720** to an electrical load, such as a component or system of the electric vehicle **1705**.

[0069] For example, the battery cell **1720** can include at least one lithium-ion battery cell. In lithium-ion battery cells, lithium ions can transfer between a positive electrode and a negative electrode during charging and discharging of the battery cell. For example, the battery cell anode can include lithium or graphite, and the battery cell cathode can include a lithium-based oxide material. The electrolyte material can be disposed in the battery cell **1720** to separate the anode and cathode from each other and to facilitate transfer of lithium ions between the anode and cathode. It should be noted that battery cell **1720** can also take the form of a solid state battery cell developed using solid electrodes and solid electrolytes. Solid electrodes or electrolytes can be or include inorganic solid electrolyte materials (e.g., oxides, sulfides, phosphides, ceramics), solid polymer electrolyte materials, hybrid solid state electrolytes, or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the solid electrolyte layer can include polyanionic or oxide-based electrolyte material (e.g., Lithium Superionic Conductors (LISICONs), Sodium Superionic Conductors (NASICONs), perovskites with formula ABO_3 (A=Li, Ca, Sr, La, and B=Al, Ti), garnet-type with formula $A_3B_2(XO_4)_3$ (A=Ca, Sr, Ba and X=Nb, Ta), lithium phosphorous oxy-nitride ($Li_xPO_yN_z$)). In some embodiments, the solid electrolyte layer can include a glassy, ceramic and/or crystalline sulfide-based electrolyte (e.g., Li_3PS_4 , $Li_7P_3S_{11}$, $Li_2S-P_2S_5$, $Li_2S-B_2S_3$, $SnS-P_2S_5$, Li_2S-SiS_2 , $Li_2S-P_2S_5$, Li_2S-GeS_2 , $Li_{10}GeP_2S_{12}$) and/or sulfide-based lithium argyrodites with formula

Li.sub.6PS.sub.5X (X=Cl, Br) like Li.sub.6PS.sub.5Cl). Furthermore, the solid electrolyte layer can include a polymer electrolyte material (e.g., a hybrid or pseudo-solid state electrolyte), for example, polyacrylonitrile (PAN), polyethylene oxide (PEO), polymethyl-methacrylate (PMMA), and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), among others.

[0070] The battery cell **1720** can be included in battery modules **1715** or battery packs **1710** to power components of the electric vehicle **1705**. The battery cell housing **1830** can be disposed in the battery module **1715**, the battery pack **1710**, or a battery array installed in the electric vehicle **1705**. The housing **1830** can be of any shape, such as cylindrical with a circular (e.g., as depicted in FIG. **18C**, among others), elliptical, or ovular base, among others. The shape of the housing **1830** can also be prismatic with a polygonal base, as shown in FIG. **18D**, among others. As shown in FIG. **18E**, among others, the housing **1830** can include a pouch form factor. The housing **1830** can include other form factors, such as a triangle, a square, a rectangle, a pentagon, and a hexagon, among others. In some embodiments, the battery pack may not include modules (e.g., module-free). For example, the battery pack can have a module-free or cell-to-pack configuration where the battery cells are arranged directly into a battery pack without assembly into a module.

[0071] The housing **1830** of the battery cell **1720** can include one or more materials with various electrical conductivity or thermal conductivity, or a combination thereof. The electrically conductive and thermally conductive material for the housing **1830** of the battery cell **1720** can include a metallic material, such as aluminum, an aluminum alloy with copper, silicon, tin, magnesium, manganese, or zinc (e.g., aluminum 1000, 4000, or 5000 series), iron, an iron-carbon alloy (e.g., steel), silver, nickel, copper, and a copper alloy, among others. The electrically insulative and thermally conductive material for the housing **1830** of the battery cell **1720** can include a ceramic material (e.g., silicon nitride, silicon carbide, titanium carbide, zirconium dioxide, beryllium oxide, and among others) and a thermoplastic material (e.g., polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, or nylon), among others. In examples where the housing **1830** of the battery cell **1720** is prismatic (e.g., as depicted in FIG. **18D**, among others) or cylindrical (e.g., as depicted in FIG. **18C**, among others), the housing **1830** can include a rigid or semi-rigid material such that the housing **1830** is rigid or semi-rigid (e.g., not easily deformed or manipulated into another shape or form factor). In examples where the housing **1830** includes a pouch form factor (e.g., as depicted in FIG. **18E**, among others), the housing **1830** can include a flexible, malleable, or non-rigid material such that the housing **1830** can be bent, deformed, manipulated into another form factor or shape.

[0072] The battery cell **1720** can include at least one anode layer **1845**, which can be disposed within the cavity **1850** defined by the housing **1830**. The anode layer **1845** can include a first redox potential. The anode layer **1845** can receive electrical current into the battery cell **1720** and output electrons during the operation of the battery cell **1720** (e.g., charging or discharging of the battery cell **1720**). The anode layer **1845** can include an active substance. The active substance can include, for example, an activated carbon or a material infused with conductive materials (e.g., artificial or natural graphite, or blended), lithium titanate (Li.sub.4Ti.sub.5O.sub.12), or a silicon-based material (e.g., silicon metal, oxide, carbide, pre-lithiated), or other lithium alloy anodes (Li—Mg, Li—Al, Li—Ag alloy etc.) or composite anodes consisting of lithium and carbon, silicon and carbon or other compounds. The active substance can include graphitic carbon (e.g., ordered or disordered carbon with sp² hybridization), Li metal anode, or a silicon-based carbon composite anode, or other lithium alloy anodes (Li—Mg, Li—Al, Li—Ag alloy etc.) or composite anodes consisting of lithium and carbon, silicon and carbon or other compounds. In some examples, an anode material can be formed within a current collector material. For example, an electrode can include a current collector (e.g., a copper foil) with an in situ-formed anode (e.g., Li metal) on a surface of the current collector facing the separator or solid-state electrolyte. In such examples, the assembled cell does not comprise an anode active material in an uncharged state.

[0073] The battery cell **1720** can include at least one cathode layer **1855** (e.g., a composite cathode

layer compound cathode layer, a compound cathode, a composite cathode, or a cathode). The cathode layer **1855** can include a second redox potential that can be different than the first redox potential of the anode layer **1845**. The cathode layer **1855** can be disposed within the cavity **1850**. The cathode layer **1855** can output electrical current out from the battery cell **1720** and can receive electrons during the discharging of the battery cell **1720**. The cathode layer **1855** can also receive lithium ions during the discharging of the battery cell **1720**. Conversely, the cathode layer **1855** can receive electrical current into the battery cell **1720** and can output electrons during the charging of the battery cell **1720**. The cathode layer **1855** can release lithium ions during the charging of the battery cell **1720**.

[0074] The battery cell **1720** can include a layer **1860** disposed within the cavity **1850**. The layer **1860** can include a solid electrolyte layer. The layer **1860** can include a separator wetted by a liquid electrolyte. The layer **1860** can include a polymeric material. The layer **1860** can include a polymer separator. The layer **1860** can be arranged between the anode layer **1845** and the cathode layer **1855** to separate the anode layer **1845** and the cathode layer **1855**. The polymer separator can physically separate the anode and cathode from a cell short circuit. A separator can be wetted with a liquid electrolyte. The liquid electrolyte can be diffused into the anode layer **1845**. The liquid electrolyte can be diffused into the cathode layer **1855**. The layer **1860** can help transfer ions (e.g., Li.sup.+ ions) between the anode layer **1845** and the cathode layer **1855**. The layer **1860** can transfer Li.sup.+ cations from the anode layer **1845** to the cathode layer **1855** during the discharge operation of the battery cell **1720**. The layer **1860** can transfer lithium ions from the cathode layer **1855** to the anode layer **1845** during the charge operation of the battery cell **1720**.

[0075] The redox potential of layers (e.g., the first redox potential of the anode layer **1845** or the second redox potential of the cathode layer **1855**) can vary based on a chemistry of the respective layer or a chemistry of the battery cell **1720**. For example, lithium-ion batteries can include an LFP (lithium iron phosphate) chemistry, an LMFP (lithium manganese iron phosphate) chemistry, an NMC (Nickel Manganese Cobalt) chemistry, an NCA (Nickel Cobalt Aluminum) chemistry, an OLO (Over Lithiated Oxide) chemistry, or an LCO (lithium cobalt oxide) chemistry for a cathode layer (e.g., the cathode layer **1855**). Lithium-ion batteries can include a graphite chemistry, a silicon-graphite chemistry, or a lithium metal chemistry for the anode layer (e.g., the anode layer **1845**).

[0076] For example, lithium-ion batteries can include an olivine phosphate (LiMPO.sub.4, M=Fe and/or Co and/or Mn and/or Ni)) chemistry, LISICON or NASICON Phosphates (Li.sub.3M.sub.2(PO.sub.4).sub.3 and LiMPO.sub.4O.sub.x, M=Ti, V, Mn, Cr, and Zr), for example lithium iron phosphate (LFP), lithium iron manganese phosphate (LMFP), layered oxides (LiMO.sub.2, M=Ni and/or Co and/or Mn and/or Fe and/or Al and/or Mg) examples, NMC (Nickel Manganese Cobalt) chemistry, an NCA (Nickel Cobalt Aluminum) chemistry, or an LCO (lithium cobalt oxide) chemistry for a cathode layer, lithium rich layer oxides (Li.sub.1+xM.sub.1-xO.sub.2) (Ni, and/or Mn, and/or Co), (OLO or LMR), spinel (LiMn.sub.2O.sub.4) and high voltage spinels (LiMn.sub.1.5Ni.sub.0.5O.sub.4), disordered rock salt, Fluorophosphates Li.sub.2FePO.sub.4F (M=Fe, Co, Ni) and Fluorosulfates LiMSO.sub.4F (M=Co, Ni, Mn) (e.g., the cathode layer **1855**). Lithium-ion batteries can include a graphite chemistry, a silicon-graphite chemistry, or a lithium metal chemistry for the anode layer (e.g., the anode layer **1845**). For example, a cathode layer having an LFP chemistry can have a redox potential of 3.4 V vs. Li/Li.sup.+, while an anode layer having a graphite chemistry can have a 0.2 V vs. Li/Li.sup.+ redox potential.

[0077] Electrode layers can include anode active material or cathode active material, commonly in addition to a conductive carbon material, a binder, or other additives as a coating on a current collector (metal foil). The chemical composition of the electrode layers can affect the redox potential of the electrode layers. For example, cathode layers (e.g., the cathode layer **1855**) can include medium to high-nickel content (50 to 80%, or equal to 80% Ni) lithium transition metal

oxide, such as a particulate lithium manganese cobalt oxide (“LiNMC”), a lithium nickel cobalt aluminum oxide (“LiNCA”), a lithium nickel manganese cobalt aluminum oxide (“LiNMCA”), or lithium metal phosphates like lithium iron phosphate (“LFP”) and lithium iron manganese phosphate (“LMFP”). Anode layers (e.g., the anode layer **1845**) can include conductive carbon materials such as graphite, carbon black, carbon nanotubes, and the like. Anode layers can include Super P carbon black material, Ketjen Black, Acetylene Black, SWCNT, MWCNT, graphite, carbon nanofiber, or graphene, for example.

[0078] Electrode layers can also include chemical binding materials (e.g., binders). Binders can include polymeric materials such as polyvinylidene fluoride (“PVDF”), polyvinylpyrrolidone (“PVP”), styrene-butadiene or styrene-butadiene rubber (“SBR”), polytetrafluoroethylene (“PTFE”) or carboxymethylcellulose (“CMC”). Binder materials can include agar-agar, alginate, amylose, Arabic gum, carrageenan, caseine, chitosan, cyclodextrins (carbonyl-beta), ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) rubber, gelatine, gellan gum, guar gum, karaya gum, cellulose (natural), pectine, poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) polystyrene sulfonate (PEDOT-PSS), polyacrylic acid (PAA), poly(methyl acrylate) (PMA), poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA), poly(vinyl acetate) (PVAc), polyacrylonitrile (PAN), polyisoprene (PIpr), polyaniline (PANi), polyethylene (PE), polyimide (PI), polystyrene (PS), polyurethane (PU), polyvinyl butyral (PVB), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), starch, styrene butadiene rubber (SBR), tara gum, tragacanth gum, fluorine acrylate (TRD202A), xanthan gum, or mixtures of any two or more thereof.

[0079] Current collector materials (e.g., a current collector foil to which an electrode active material is laminated to form a cathode layer or an anode layer) can include a metal material. For example, current collector materials can include aluminum, copper, nickel, titanium, stainless steel, or carbonaceous materials. The current collector material can be formed as a metal foil. For example, the current collector material can be an aluminum (Al) or copper (Cu) foil. The current collector material can be a metal alloy, made of Al, Cu, Ni, Fe, Ti, or combination thereof. The current collector material can be a metal foil coated with a carbon material, such as carbon-coated aluminum foil, carbon-coated copper foil, or other carbon-coated foil material.

[0080] The layer **1860** can include or be made of a liquid electrolyte material. For example, the layer **1860** can be or include at least one layer of polymeric material (e.g., polypropylene, polyethylene, or other material) including pores that are wetted (e.g., saturated with, soaked with, receive, are filled with) a liquid electrolyte substance to enable ions to move between electrodes. The liquid electrolyte material can include a lithium salt dissolved in a solvent. The lithium salt for the liquid electrolyte material for the layer **1860** can include, for example, lithium tetrafluoroborate (LiBF₄), lithium hexafluorophosphate (LiPF₆), and lithium perchlorate (LiClO₄), among others. The solvent can include, for example, dimethyl carbonate (DMC), ethylene carbonate (EC), and diethyl carbonate (DEC), among others. Liquid electrolyte is not necessarily disposed near the layer **1860**, but the liquid electrolyte can fill the battery cells **1720** in many different ways. The layer **1860** can include or be made of a solid electrolyte material, such as a ceramic electrolyte material, polymer electrolyte material, or a glassy electrolyte material, or among others, or any combination thereof.

[0081] In some embodiments, the solid electrolyte film can include at least one layer of a solid electrolyte. Solid electrolyte materials of the solid electrolyte layer can include inorganic solid electrolyte materials (e.g., oxides, sulfides, phosphides, ceramics), solid polymer electrolyte materials, hybrid solid state electrolytes, or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the solid electrolyte layer can include polyanionic or oxide-based electrolyte material (e.g., Lithium Superionic Conductors (LISICONs), Sodium Superionic Conductors (NASICONs), perovskites with formula ABO₃ (A=Li, Ca, Sr, La, and B=Al, Ti), garnet-type with formula A₃B₂(XO₄)₃ (A=Ca, Sr, Ba and X=Nb, Ta), lithium phosphorous oxy-nitride (Li_xPO_yN_z). In some embodiments, the solid electrolyte layer can include a glassy, ceramic and/or crystalline sulfide-based electrolyte (e.g., Li₃PS₄,

Li.sub.7P.sub.3S.sub.11, Li.sub.2S—P.sub.2S.sub.5, Li.sub.2S—B.sub.2S.sub.3, SnS—P.sub.2S.sub.5, Li.sub.2S—SiS.sub.2, Li.sub.2S—P.sub.2S.sub.5, Li.sub.2S—GeS.sub.2, Li.sub.10GeP.sub.2S.sub.12) and/or sulfide-based lithium argyrodites with formula Li.sub.6PS.sub.5X (X=Cl, Br) like Li.sub.6PS.sub.5Cl). Furthermore, the solid electrolyte layer can include a polymer electrolyte material (e.g., a hybrid or pseudo-solid state electrolyte), for example, polyacrylonitrile (PAN), polyethylene oxide (PEO), polymethyl-methacrylate (PMMA), and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), among others.

[0082] In examples where the layer **1860** includes a liquid electrolyte material, the layer **1860** can include a non-aqueous polar solvent. The non-aqueous polar solvent can include a carbonate such as ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, diethyl carbonate, ethyl methyl carbonate, dimethyl carbonate, or a mixture of any two or more thereof. The layer **1860** can include at least one additive. The additives can be or include vinylidene carbonate, fluoroethylene carbonate, ethyl propionate, methyl propionate, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, or a mixture of any two or more thereof. The layer **1860** can include a lithium salt material. For example, the lithium salt can be lithium perchlorate, lithium hexafluorophosphate, lithium bis(fluorosulfonyl)imide, lithium bis(trifluorosulfonyl)imide, or a mixture of any two or more thereof. The lithium salt may be present in the layer **1860** from greater than 0 M to about 1.5 M. Once disposed to the battery cell **1720**, liquid electrolyte can be present and touching battery subcomponents present within the battery cell **1720**. The battery subcomponents can include the cathode, the anode, the separator, the current collector, etc.

[0083] FIG. **19** depicts an example block diagram of an example computer system **1900**. The computer system or computing device **1900** can include or be used to implement a data processing system or its components. The computing system **1900** includes at least one bus **1905** or other communication component for communicating information and at least one processor **1910** or processing circuit coupled to the bus **1905** for processing information. The computing system **1900** can also include one or more processors **1910** or processing circuits coupled to the bus for processing information. The computing system **1900** also includes at least one main memory **1915**, such as a random access memory (RAM) or other dynamic storage device, coupled to the bus **1905** for storing information, and instructions to be executed by the processor **1910**. The main memory **1915** can be used for storing information during execution of instructions by the processor **1910**. The computing system **1900** may further include at least one read only memory (ROM) **1920** or other static storage device coupled to the bus **1905** for storing static information and instructions for the processor **1910**. A storage device **1925**, such as a solid state device, magnetic disk or optical disk, can be coupled to the bus **1905** to persistently store information and instructions.

[0084] The computing system **1900** may be coupled via the bus **1905** to a display **1935**, such as a liquid crystal display, or active matrix display, for displaying information to a user such as a driver of the electric vehicle **1705** or other end user. An input device **1930**, such as a keyboard or voice interface may be coupled to the bus **1905** for communicating information and commands to the processor **1910**. The input device **1930** can include a touch screen display **1935**. The input device **1930** can also include a cursor control, such as a mouse, a trackball, or cursor direction keys, for communicating direction information and command selections to the processor **1910** and for controlling cursor movement on the display **1935**.

[0085] The processes, systems and methods described herein can be implemented by the computing system **1900** in response to the processor **1910** executing an arrangement of instructions contained in main memory **1915**. Such instructions can be read into main memory **1915** from another computer-readable medium, such as the storage device **1925**. Execution of the arrangement of instructions contained in main memory **1915** causes the computing system **1900** to perform the illustrative processes described herein. One or more processors in a multi-processing arrangement may also be employed to execute the instructions contained in main memory **1915**. Hard-wired circuitry can be used in place of or in combination with software instructions together with the

systems and methods described herein. Systems and methods described herein are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry and software.

[0086] Although an example computing system has been described in FIG. 19, the subject matter including the operations described in this specification can be implemented in other types of digital electronic circuitry, or in computer software, firmware, or hardware, including the structures disclosed in this specification and their structural equivalents, or in combinations of one or more of them.

[0087] While operations are depicted in the drawings in a particular order, such operations are not required to be performed in the particular order shown or in sequential order, and all illustrated operations are not required to be performed. Actions described herein can be performed in a different order.

[0088] Having now described some illustrative implementations, it is apparent that the foregoing is illustrative and not limiting, having been presented by way of example. In particular, although many of the examples presented herein involve specific combinations of method acts or system elements, those acts and those elements may be combined in other ways to accomplish the same objectives. Acts, elements and features discussed in connection with one implementation are not intended to be excluded from a similar role in other implementations or implementations.

[0089] The phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting. The use of “including” “comprising” “having” “containing” “involving” “characterized by” “characterized in that” and variations thereof herein, is meant to encompass the items listed thereafter, equivalents thereof, and additional items, as well as alternate implementations consisting of the items listed thereafter exclusively. In one implementation, the systems and methods described herein consist of one, each combination of more than one, or all of the described elements, acts, or components.

[0090] Any references to implementations or elements or acts of the systems and methods herein referred to in the singular may also embrace implementations including a plurality of these elements, and any references in plural to any implementation or element or act herein may also embrace implementations including only a single element. References in the singular or plural form are not intended to limit the presently disclosed systems or methods, their components, acts, or elements to single or plural configurations. References to any act or element being based on any information, act or element may include implementations where the act or element is based at least in part on any information, act, or element.

[0091] Any implementation disclosed herein may be combined with any other implementation or embodiment, and references to “an implementation,” “some implementations,” “one implementation” or the like are not necessarily mutually exclusive and are intended to indicate that a particular feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the implementation may be included in at least one implementation or embodiment. Such terms as used herein are not necessarily all referring to the same implementation. Any implementation may be combined with any other implementation, inclusively or exclusively, in any manner consistent with the aspects and implementations disclosed herein.

[0092] References to “or” may be construed as inclusive so that any terms described using “or” may indicate any of a single, more than one, and all of the described terms. References to at least one of a conjunctive list of terms may be construed as an inclusive OR to indicate any of a single, more than one, and all of the described terms. For example, a reference to “at least one of ‘A’ and ‘B’” can include only ‘A’, only ‘B’, as well as both ‘A’ and ‘B’. Such references used in conjunction with “comprising” or other open terminology can include additional items.

[0093] Where technical features in the drawings, detailed description or any claim are followed by reference signs, the reference signs have been included to increase the intelligibility of the drawings, detailed description, and claims. Accordingly, neither the reference signs nor their absence have any limiting effect on the scope of any claim elements.

[0094] Modifications of described elements and acts such as variations in sizes, dimensions, structures, shapes and proportions of the various elements, values of parameters, mounting arrangements, use of materials, colors, orientations can occur without materially departing from the teachings and advantages of the subject matter disclosed herein. For example, elements shown as integrally formed can be constructed of multiple parts or elements, the position of elements can be reversed or otherwise varied, and the nature or number of discrete elements or positions can be altered or varied. Other substitutions, modifications, changes and omissions can also be made in the design, operating conditions and arrangement of the disclosed elements and operations without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

[0095] For example, descriptions of positive and negative electrical characteristics may be reversed. Elements described as negative elements can instead be configured as positive elements and elements described as positive elements can instead be configured as negative elements. For example, elements described as having first polarity can instead have a second polarity, and elements described as having a second polarity can instead have a first polarity. Further relative parallel, perpendicular, vertical or other positioning or orientation descriptions include variations within $\pm 10\%$ or ± 10 degrees of pure vertical, parallel or perpendicular positioning. References to “approximately,” “substantially” or other terms of degree include variations of $\pm 10\%$ from the given measurement, unit, or range unless explicitly indicated otherwise. Coupled elements can be electrically, mechanically, or physically coupled with one another directly or with intervening elements. Scope of the systems and methods described herein is thus indicated by the appended claims, rather than the foregoing description, and changes that come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are embraced therein.

Claims

1. A battery system, comprising: a plurality of cells arranged in an array; a harness, comprising a circuit electrically insulated by a material, that extends along a side of the plurality of cells, wherein the material comprises an opening to expose a trace to contact each cell of the plurality of cells; and the harness comprising: the trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, to contact each cell of the plurality of cells to measure voltage of the plurality of cells, wherein the trace extends from the harness to contact a top portion of each cell of the plurality of cells; a first portion that has an arc shape to correspond to a curvature of a lateral surface of at least one cell of the plurality of cells; and a second portion having a planar shape.
2. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the circuit is configured to be flexible.
3. (canceled)
4. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the side along which the harness extends is cylindrical.
5. The battery system of claim 1, comprising: the harness bonded to each cell of the plurality of cells via an adhesive.
6. (canceled)
7. The battery system of claim 1, comprising: the harness bonded to each cell of the plurality of cells via an electrical conductor.
8. The battery system of claim 1, comprising: the harness bonded to each cell of the plurality of cells via at least one of a laser weld or a solder.
9. The battery system of claim 1, comprising: the harness to extend along a group of cells of the plurality of cells that are connected to form a series circuit.
10. The battery system of claim 1, wherein a height of the harness is less than a height of each cell of the plurality of cells.
- 11-12. (canceled)
13. The battery system of claim 1, comprising: an interface system integrated into the harness; and the interface system configured to facilitate electrical and data connections between the harness and

an external monitoring or control system harness.

14. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the harness includes a shock absorption feature to mitigate mechanical shocks and vibrations.

15. A method, comprising: providing a battery system comprising: a plurality of cells arranged in an array; a harness, comprising a circuit electrically insulated by a material, that extends along a side of the plurality of cells, wherein the material comprises an opening to expose a trace to contact each cell of the plurality of cells; and the harness comprising: the trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, to contact each cell of the plurality of cells to measure voltage of the plurality of cells, wherein the trace extends from the harness to contact a top portion of each cell of the plurality of cells; a first portion that has an arc shape to correspond to a curvature of a lateral surface of at least one cell of the plurality of cells; and a second portion having a planar shape.

16. (canceled)

17. The method of claim 15, comprising: bonding the harness to each cell of the plurality of cells via an electrical conductor.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the harness extends along a group of cells of the plurality of cells that are connected to form a series circuit.

19. An electric vehicle, comprising: a battery system, comprising: a plurality of cells arranged in an array; a harness, comprising a circuit electrically insulated by a material, that extends along a side of the plurality of cells, wherein the material comprises an opening to expose a trace to contact each cell of the plurality of cells; and the harness comprising: the trace, electrically coupled to the circuit, to contact each cell of the plurality of cells to measure voltage of the plurality of cells, wherein the trace extends from the harness to contact a top portion of each cell of the plurality of cells; a first portion that has an arc shape to correspond to a curvature of a lateral surface of at least one cell of the plurality of cells; and a second portion having a planar shape.

20. (canceled)

21. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the battery system further comprises: a current collector assembly placed on a top surface of the plurality of cells; and the current collector assembly comprising: a conductor layer configured to: provide an electrically conductive path for electricity to the plurality of cells and from the plurality of cells.

22. The battery system of claim 21, wherein the battery system further comprises: a series busbar configured to: maintain electrical current distribution; and provide a low-impedance path for current to flow to ground, protecting components of the current collector assembly.

23. The battery system of claim 22, wherein the battery system further comprises: a balancing voltage and temperature module at one end, wherein the balancing voltage and temperature module is configured to: measure at least one of a temperature or a state of charge of at least one of a first group of cells of the plurality of cells or a second group of cells of the plurality of cells; sense and control voltage flows through at least one of the first group of cells of the plurality of cells or the second group of cells of the plurality of cells; and provide real-time feedback of temperature and voltage flows of at least one of the first group of cells of the plurality of cells or the second group of cells of the plurality of cells.

24. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the harness further comprises a segment shorter than a central body of the harness.

25. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the harness further comprises a plurality of sensors configured to monitor voltage and temperature.

26. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the harness extends along a side of a second plurality of cells.

27. The battery system of claim 26, wherein the plurality of cells and the second plurality of cells form a parallel group.

28. The battery system of claim 1, wherein the trace extends from the harness to contact a top portion of each cell of the plurality of cells.

