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# Multiple-string single-parallel battery BMS system

What is a parallel battery management system (BMS)?

A Parallel BMS plays an important role in achieving safe and efficient parallel battery configurations. It continuously monitors the voltage, temperature and charging status of each battery, ensuring that the battery is balanced and protected during the charge and discharge cycle. A BMS for parallel cells performs several essential functions:

### What is the difference between a battery array and a BMS?

Note that a single BMS handles multiple strings connected permanently in parallel. A battery array is different from a single battery with multiple strings in parallel. In that case, each string is a single battery with its own BMS and its own protector switch. Extremely few BMS are compatible with battery arrays.

#### What is a BMS for parallel cells?

A BMS for parallel cells performs several essential functions: Cell Balancing: The BMS for batteries in parallel ensures that all batteries in the parallel configuration have similar state-of-charge levels. It can balance the charge across individual cells or strings to prevent overcharging or over-discharging of any particular battery.

### How can a string of cells parallel save on BMS costs?

This saves on BMS costs. The capacity of a string of cells parallel is the sum of the indivual capacities. For example: when you want a 12V battery with a capacity of 200Ah and you want to build this from 100Ah cells (3.3V), then configure the battery as 2P4S.

#### What is a battery management system (BMS)?

The banks are wired to the cells. For example, for a battery with 3 strings of 12 cells, the BMS uses 3 banks, one for each string, and each string uses a standard Li-ion BMS IC. What's special about the BMS is not the Li-ion IC, it's the software and the isolation between the ICs.

#### Can a BMS handle multiple strings?

There are: those few BMSs that can handle multiple stringsuse standard Li-ion BMS ICs. Each IC handles a bank of cells (e.g.,12 cells for the LT68xx ICs). Each bank is isolated from the other banks and from the low voltage power supply and communication lines. The banks are wired to the cells.

On other example would be if you want to parallel a string of 4 x 12.8v batteries with a single 48v battery. Generally a bad idea, but we all know sometimes you have no choice but the best of a bad idea. Get the impedance totally balanced so things look the same from the charger/inverter point of view and it will work reasonably well.

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If you have three or more batteries, the most conservative design approach is to still have the ability for a single battery to accept the full charge/discharge, but you could also consider thinking of it as an N+2 system and plan to never have more than a single battery offline, which would then split the max load across two batteries and hence the cabling, fusing, etc. ...

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I"ve read many question on here about how to connect multiple BMS controlled batteries in parallel to step up amps. Is this necessary to step up amps as opposed to running all the cells in series and ... This should work with any BMS as the single or parallel cell voltages are the same? \$endgroup\$ - Mikeologist. Commented Jul 11, 2021 at ...

Given a number of cells in a battery pack (such as 100 cells), they can be arranged as sets of cells directly in parallel, which are then connected in series (such as a 2P50S battery), or as ...

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Four batteries wired in parallel into a (single) battery bank would be capable of four times the Ah rating of each battery, assuming that all four batteries are the same. If you used a 60A BMS on each battery and the batteries are wired in parallel then you get a battery bank that is - effectively - 240 Ah.

Your Daly contact is definitely wrong, with respect to two fully independent batteries in parallel at loads which do not exceed the BMS limits of a single battery. I own and use such a configuration myself. One battery is 106Ah with 100A Daly BMS, while the other is 123Ah - also with 100A Daly BMS. They work fine together.

I am designing a multi-house solar PV system, where multiple (2 to 8) DIY LFP 48V battery banks working in parallel. This multi-string battery will have capacity in the 25-100 kWh and feed multiple 48VDC inverters, even of ...

It also results in a lower BMS cost (the BMS must monitor 50 voltages in the first approach, 100 in the second approach). Some times battery designers decide to use multiple strings which are then connected in parallel, because they think that doing so has advantages: Reliability: the reliability will be increased thorugh parallel batteries

It should work perfectly fine in parallel. As long as the BMS are the same model. The other thing you can do, a much better approach, is to have 2 separate 4s packs, with their respective BMS. Then connect both packs in parallel, the same with multiple packs.

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