

Analysis of the cause of the battery fire in the energy storage cabinet

What causes a fire accident in energy storage system?

According to the investigation report, it is determined that the cause of the fire accident of the energy storage system is the excessive voltage and current caused by the surge effect during the system recovery and startup process, and it is not effectively protected by the BMS system.

What happened in the lithium battery energy storage system?

On 7th March 2017, a fire accident occurred in the lithium battery energy storage system of a power station in Shanxi province, China.

Does the battery energy storage industry use system analysis?

In view of the analysis of the complexity of socio-technical systems, there are few cases in which the battery energy storage industry uses system analysis methods to carry out cause analysis. Therefore, based on the STAMP model, the thermal runaway diffusion explosion accident of the BESS was systematically analyzed.

What is a battery energy storage system (BESS)?

There has been a dramatic increase in the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the United States. These systems are used in residential, commercial, and utility scale applications. Most of these systems consist of multiple lithium-ion battery cells. A single battery cell (7 x 5 x 2 inches) can store 350 Whr of energy.

What happens if the energy storage system fails?

The energy storage system lacks effective protective measures, it may cause the expansion of battery accidents. If the energy storage device is arranged indoors, when the flammable gas reaches a certain concentration, it will explode in case of a naked fire, and more serious situation is the chain explosion accident.

What is the explosion hazard of battery thermal runaway gas?

The thermal runaway gas explosion hazard in BESS was systematically studied. To further grasp the failure process and explosion hazard of battery thermal runaway gas, numerical modeling and investigation were carried out based on a severe battery fire and explosion accident in a lithium-ion battery energy storage system (LIBESS) in China.

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