

# Analysis of the energy storage cabinet combustion incident

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 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.

Can commercial energy storage systems cause explosions?

It is notable that all examples plotted in Figure 5 lie well above the partial volume deflagration band, indicating that energy densities in commercial energy storage systems are sufficiently high to generate explosions in the event of thermal runaway failure.

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.

Are battery storage systems causing fires & explosions?

Unfortunately, a small but significant fraction of these systems has experienced field failures resulting in both fires and explosions. A comprehensive review of these issues has been published in the EPRI Battery Storage Fire Safety Roadmap (report 3002022540), highlighting the need for specific efforts around explosion hazard mitigation.

What causes large-scale lithium-ion energy storage battery fires?

**Conclusions** Several large-scale lithium-ion energy storage battery fire incidents have involved explosions. The large explosion incidents, in which battery system enclosures are damaged, are due to the deflagration of accumulated flammable gases generated during cell thermal runaways within one or more modules.

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