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Overview

The 2019 explosion at Arizona's McMicken Battery Energy Storage facility revealed critical vulnerabilities in lithium-ion storage systems, underscoring the urgent need for improved facility design, specialized firefighter training, and advanced thermal management solutions, such as immersion cooling, to effectively prevent thermal runaway and enhance overall industry safety. 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.

Do energy storage systems have an explosion risk?

The existing research findings on the explosion risk of energy storage systems struggle to effectively uncover the essence of accidents and accurately depict the shock dynamics of explosion and the evolution of disasters induced by the coupling of constraint boundaries.

What is an example of an energy storage disaster?

For example, in April 2019 in Arizona, USA, a massive battery energy storage system (EES) exploded, injuring eight firefighters ; In April 2021, a tragic incident involving a thermal runaway fire and explosion of a lithium iron phosphate battery took place at the Dahongmen Energy Storage Power Station in Beijing, China.

What happened at the McMicken battery energy storage system?

In April 2019, an explosion rocked the McMicken Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility in Surprise, Arizona. This incident, which injured several firefighters and caused significant damage, serves as a stark reminder of the challenges and risks associated with energy storage systems, particularly lithium-ion battery storage.



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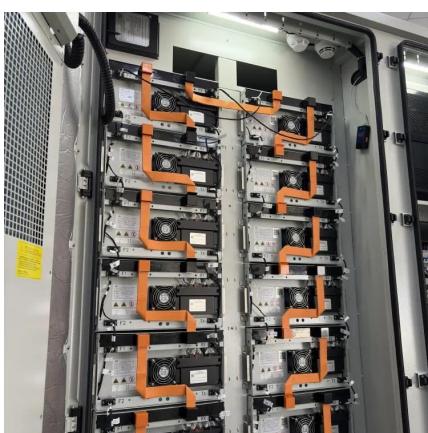


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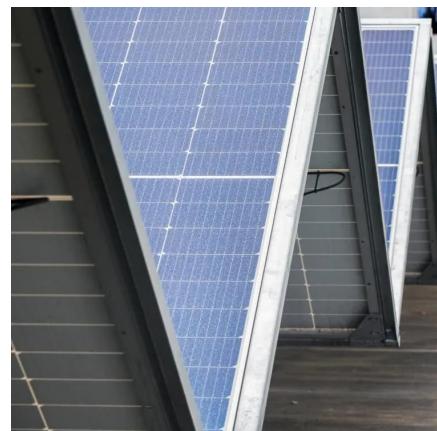
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