

Why is hydrogen explosion a major problem in industrial production processes?

As a carbon-free clean energy source and energy carrier, the risk of hydrogen explosion is one of the major problems in industrial production processes and has attracted a lot of attention from research scholars.

What are the key issues concerning hydrogen safety?

Through an analysis of literature, in combination with our practical survey analysis, this paper reviews the key issues concerning hydrogen safety, including hydrogen incident investigation, hydrogen leakage and diffusion, hydrogen ignition, and explosion. Hydrogen (H_2) energy has been receiving increasing attention in recent years.

Why is a delayed hydrogen explosion a risk scenario?

The delayed explosion of an accidental release of hydrogen under high pressure is an important risk scenario for safety studies of production plants, transport lines, and charging lines for fuel cell vehicles.

Why is hydrogen a problem?

Hydrogen embrittlement: hydrogen can embrittle metals, which can cause problems with the structural integrity of equipment and infrastructure as well as pose a safety risk. Transport safety: transporting hydrogen safely over long distances can be a challenge due to its low energy density and the need for specialised containers or pipelines.

Why are hydrogen explosions so common?

The probable reason is that hydrogen is widely used as the most promising renewable energy source in the 21st century, and hydrogen explosion accidents with the use of hydrogen have become increasingly frequent (Ma et al. 2014; Shang et al. 2022a). Thus, scholars have begun to focus on studying hydrogen explosion processes.

What happens if hydrogen explodes?

Hydrogen ignites and explodes when the burning condition is satisfied. Ignition and explosion produce higher temperature and pressure fields, which will cause great harm to surrounding people and property. In addition, compressed hydrogen spontaneously ignites without any apparent ignition source if it is suddenly released into air.

Out of three compressed hydrogen storage tanks installed in the vehicle, two did not have hydrogen fuel, and one was filled with compressed gaseous hydrogen of 700 bar and forcedly deactivated its temperature-activated pressure relief device. ... An explosion rapidly emits energy and is accompanied by blast waves, fragments, debris, heat fluxes ...

Considering the high storage capacity of hydrogen, hydrogen-based energy storage has been gaining

momentum in recent years. It can satisfy energy storage needs in a large time-scale range varying from short-term system frequency control to medium and long-term (seasonal) energy supply and demand balance [20].

The circular economy and the clean-energy transition are inextricably linked and interdependent. One of the most important areas of the energy transition is the development of hydrogen energy. This study aims to review and systematize the data available in the literature on the environmental and economic parameters of hydrogen storage and transportation ...

2. US Department of Energy (2019) Energy Storage Technology and Cost Characterization Report. Available at: [Link](#). 3. UL Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) (2020) Four Firefighters Injured In Lithium-Ion Battery Energy Storage System Explosion - Arizona. Available at: [Link](#). 4.

This in no way implies that hydrogen is not dangerous -- there are many situations where hydrogen, like any other fuel or energy storage device, can cause an accident. As one life-long hydrogen expert said to me once, "Hydrogen is no better, nor worse, than any other fuel. You just have to know the rules for working with hydrogen."

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The development and application of hydrogen energy in power generation, automobiles, and energy storage industries are expected to effectively solve the problems of energy waste and pollution. However, because of the inherent characteristics of hydrogen, it is difficult to maintain high safety during production, transportation, storage, and utilization.

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