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Are lithium-ion battery energy storage systems fire safe?

With the advantages of high energy density, short response time and low economic cost, utility-scale lithium-ion battery energy storage systems are built and installed around the world. However, due to the thermal runaway characteristics of lithium-ion batteries, much more attention is attracted to the fire safety of battery energy storage systems.

What happens if an energy storage station fires?

Since a large amount of energy is stored in the energy storage station in the form of chemical energy, once this energy is released in the form of heat and fire, it will cause serious damage. For example, in 2024, three LFP battery energy storage station fire accidents occurred in Germany within three months.

Why do energy storage systems have a high risk of fire?

This is due to the rapid development of the energy storage industry and the continuous expansion of capacity demand. The number of large-capacity energy storage systems has increased, and the probability of accidents has increased. There have been many fire accidents of BESS in United States, Australia and China.

Are energy storage fire accidents increasing?

Similarly, as the battery energy storage industry develops, energy storage fire accidents are also increasing [16,19]. Fig. 2 shows the installed capacity and accident data of global energy storage stations in the past decade.

How to protect battery energy storage stations from fire?

High-quality fire extinguishing agents and effective fire extinguishing strategies are the main means and necessary measures to suppress disasters in the design of battery energy storage stations. Traditional fire extinguishing methods include isolation, asphyxiation, cooling, and chemical suppression.

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