

Explosion-proof grade requirements for energy storage containers





Overview

Can a flammable battery gas source be used for explosion control?

NFPA 855 recommends that a UL 9540A (ANSI/CAN/UL, 2019) test be used to evaluate the fire characteristics of an ESS undergoing thermal runaway for explosion control safety systems. An approach to determine a flammable battery gas source term to design explosion control systems has been developed based on UL 9540A or similar test data.

How do I design an explosion prevention system for an ESS?

The critical challenge in designing an explosion prevention system for a ESS is to quantify the source term that can describe the release of battery gas during a thermal runaway event.

Does NFPA 855 require an explosion prevention system?

NFPA 855 (NFPA, 2020) requires that an explosion prevention system be installed in accordance with NFPA 69 (NFPA, 2019) for buildings and walk-in containers housing an ESS.

Does the explosion prevention system work with other fire protection features?

The explosion prevention system functionality presented in this work is limited to removing flammable battery gas generated due to the non-flaring decomposition of batteries and does not consider its interactions with other fire protection features.



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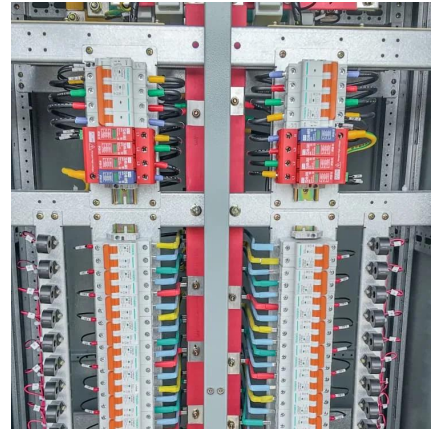
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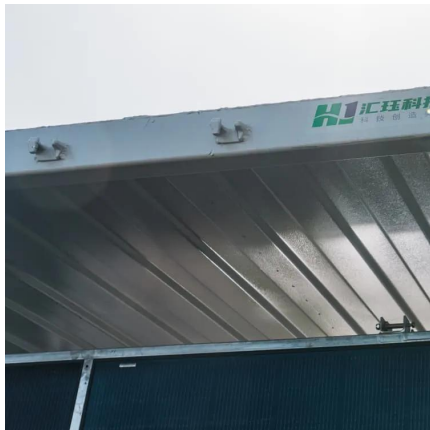




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