

# Battery runaway smoke generation

Do lithium-ion batteries release smoke gas during thermal runaway?

By analyzing the smoke gas emission, this work has shown that 100 % charged cylindrical lithium-ion batteries release a likely smoke gas quantity of up to 27 mmol Wh<sup>-1</sup> during the thermal runaway (see Fig. 5 ). Individual, unverifiable measurements even yield values of up to 48 mmol Wh<sup>-1</sup>.

Can thermal runaway events cause a battery fire?

The results from this work highlight the following: Battery fire emanating from thermal runaway events can result in significant particle and gaseous emissions. Both overcharge tests of LFP modules, and the nail penetration test of the NMC module resulted in PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions exceeding 375 g/h and total PN emissions of the order of 2E +17 part./h.

How does battery chemistry affect a runaway event?

Physical dimensions and arrangement of cells within a module could also influence the severity of the runaway event, particularly if the triggering mechanism is mechanical in nature. Battery chemistry coupled with the thermal runaway initiation mechanism influences the magnitude of particle and gaseous emissions, along with release profile.

Does oxygen dilution affect battery fire and thermal runaway propagation?

In this study, a series of experiments has been conducted on cylindrical Li-ion battery packs to investigate the effect of oxygen concentration (12-21%) and dilution gases (nitrogen and argon) on inhibiting the battery fire and thermal runaway propagation. The main conclusions of this study were drawn as follows:

What is the thermal runaway speed of a battery?

Specifically, the thermal-runaway speed is 1.53 cell/min with the module at 21% O<sub>2</sub>, which is 1.36 times as fast as that of the module at 12% O<sub>2</sub>. Thus, for the large battery system, diluting the oxygen concentration can slow down the thermal-runaway propagation and minimize the fire hazards.

What is the peak temperature of a battery cell during thermal runaway?

Note that the peak temperature of the battery cell (750-800 °C) during the thermal runaway is less sensitive to the oxygen concentration, because it is mainly determined by the internal electrochemical reactions rather than the external heat transfer.

### 3.2.2. Mass loss of battery cells

**Lithium-Ion Battery Thermal Runaway Temperature.** Identifying the trigger temperature for thermal runaway is complex, as it varies based on battery composition and design. Generally, lithium-ion batteries become vulnerable to thermal runaway at temperatures above 80 °C (176 °F). Once this threshold is crossed, the risk of chemical reactions ...

Comprehensive meta-analysis of Li-ion battery thermal runaway off-gas. Specific off-gas production for

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The study included characterization of the components of fire and smoke during thermal runaway for NMC and LFP cells, modules, and batteries and to determine if the size ...

In order to assess the resulting risks of damage to critical infrastructure and to human health, we perform practical thermal runaway experiments with lithium-ion battery modules of an...

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Initially, the battery underwent constant current discharging and CC-CV charging at different rates of 0.5C and 1C. In addition, we conducted HPPC tests under the following conditions. The battery was first charged at 0.5C with a CC-CV protocol, followed by a 2-h rest period. Then, a 0.5C discharge was applied to reduce the SOC by 10 % ...

This work investigates the propagation of thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries within tunnels, including smoke flow, toxic gas diffusion and heat distribution under various ventilation conditions and tunnel shapes. Tests with 18650 lithium-ion cells were carried out on tunnels with gradients (0°; 2°; and 5°), followed by CFD ...

The underlying degradation and gas-generation process inside the battery is very similar to the "pyrolysis" of a common combustible solid, except that such a process is self-sustained without the flame heating and intensive enough to form a jet flame. Sadeghi and Restuccia Citation 2024) proposed a single-step pyrolysis model to simulate fires in thermal runaway, in which a solid ...

If the battery cell continues to get subjected to the abuse factor, gas generation will continue to the point where pressure generated from these gases will eventually result in breaching the separator. This is classified as Stage 3 of failure and there is onset of smoke generation, and thermal runaway is imminent. The significant release of ...

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Thermal runaway propagation model for designing a safer battery pack with 25 Ah  $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Co}_y\text{Mn}_z\text{O}_2$  large format lithium ion battery Appl. Energy, 154 ( 2015 ), pp. 74 - 91 View PDF View article Crossref View in Scopus Google Scholar

Different thermal runaway triggering methods in battery safety accidents can lead to different outcomes. In this study, four testing methods, including side heating, nail penetration, overcharging, and oven heating, are ...

It also analyzes and forecasts the future trends of battery thermal runaway monitoring, warning, and protection. ... which would typically result in smoke, fire, or possibly an explosion [2,3,4]. Thermal runaway events represent a serious hazard to human life and property in the form of smoke, fires, and explosions [5,6]. However, large-scale distributed energy ...

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