

Predictive Risk Analysis for Leakage Accidents with Dynamic Behaviour

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Abstract: A predictive risk analysis approach is proposed for modelling leakage accidents with dynamic behaviour based on time-series simulations in order to enhance data foundation of risk analysis tasks. Critical failure items are first identified by the Failure Model and Effects Analysis model and the occurrence probabilities of which are subsequently computed by the Bayesian and Event Tree Analysis methods. The dynamic behaviour of the accidents is simulated to reveal their time-series failure consequences. With the probabilities and consequences obtained, a predictive risk analysis approach is established as a basis to calculate the risk index of accidents with the consideration of dynamic behaviours. The applicability and superior performance of the proposed approach are illustrated by a leakage risk analysis of offshore hydrogen storage systems. Overall, the proposed approach extends the existing inductive risk analysis concepts to predictive patterns and contributes to leakage accidents analysis and prevention with the situation of data and knowledge scarcities.

Keywords: Offshore hydrogen storage system; Failure mode and effect analysis; Bayesian theory; Long short-term memory; Dynamic failure behaviour

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26 **1. Introduction**

27 Hydrogen generation by offshore wind is a promising solution for variable energy storage, which
28 allows offshore wind farms to expand into deeper and further waters [1]. This new concept can partly
29 substitute long cables connecting far offshore wind farms and the grid onshore but will bring additional
30 risks in terms of hydrogen safety [2]. For instance, leakage accidents (e.g., hydrogen leakage) pose
31 significant threats due to their physical properties such as the flammability of hydrogen [3]. These
32 leakage accidents present dynamic adverse effects across spatial and temporal scales, with extended
33 hazardous consequences and variable occurrence probabilities [4]. To this end, one of the keys for the
34 development and deployment of hydrogen generation by offshore wind is to overcome safety issues
35 through avoiding leakage accidents [5].

36 Leakage risk analysis includes probability analysis and consequence assessment [6]. Qualitative,
37 quantitative, and semi-quantitative risk analysis concepts are based on existing human experiences,
38 mathematical models, simulation tools, and statistical analyses [7]. These strategies quantify the
39 uncertainty and impact of accidents, allowing decision-makers to prioritize and control risk factors
40 before their occurrence [8]. Probability analysis quantifies the likelihood of risk factors according to
41 objective or subjective data as a basis to identify hazards and prioritize the associated potential risks
42 [9]. Two solutions have been applied to approximate the likelihood of leakage risk factors: inductive
43 approaches and leak-size-based modelling methods [10].

44 Inductive approaches access probabilities of risk factors using Fault Tree Analysis (FTA), statistical
45 methods such as Bayesian theory, intelligent methods, etc. For instance, Casamirra et al. [11] applied
46 the FTA approach to update the leakage probability of storage tanks based on failure data from similar
47 products. Although FTA is widely used to identify system weak links from a probability perspective,
48 its accuracy is constrained by static system assumptions. Feng et al. [12] developed a vibration-based
49 digital twin method for risk factors monitoring and prediction. It offers a practical framework for
50 applying digital twin technology in real-world industrial prognostics and risk control. Wei et al. [13]
51 proposed a global adaptive modal-data interaction prognostic framework for system risk analysis and
52 prediction, which provide the sector with a superior model for operational risk prognosis. Durga et al.

53 [14] developed a dynamic FTA that models failure dynamics and simultaneously solves large-scale
54 modelling problems. Subsequently, Bayesian Networks (BNs) are introduced to represent dependent
55 failures in complex systems by identifying and modelling correlations among root causes. For instance,
56 Meng et al. [15] proposed a physics-informed data-driven BN for accident risk analysis that captures
57 correlated failures from data and model perspectives. Additionally, Event Tree Analysis (ETA) [16],
58 statistical model [17], and Bayesian model [18] have been developed to acquire occurrence
59 probabilities of leakage risk factors as well. It is worth noting that the estimation of leakage probability
60 relies on sufficient data which will turn out to be disabled in the case of insufficient data situations (a
61 common situation in real engineering cases).


62 On the other hand, leak-size-based methods provide an alternative to estimate leakage probabilities
63 under data scarcity and limited subjective experience. For instance, Spouge [19] developed a leak size-
64 based model to form standardized leakage probabilities for offshore devices. The results revealed that
65 incorporating leak size factors can improve the accuracy of leakage probability estimation. LaChance
66 et al. [20] proposed a Bayesian model to predict the leakage probability, in which the leakage
67 probability is modelled as a function of leak sizes. Zhang et al. [21] developed an inspection policy
68 optimisation method, which can effectively reduce decision-related risks by accounting for
69 uncertainties in both system state and inspection decision-making. Zheng et al. [22] combined a time-
70 varying discrete dynamic BN with a tailored Hungarian algorithm, which significantly improves the
71 credibility of risk assessment of complex systems. The proposed approach enables accurate reliability
72 estimation and provides deeper insights into the optimal allocation of support among components. Bi
73 et al. [23] proposed an innovative inverse neural-network-based stochastic model calibration
74 framework that converts high-dimensional sequential responses into RGB image representations,
75 offering a new paradigm for real-time calibration of complex engineering systems. Ji et al. [24]
76 proposed a leakage localisation model for subsea pipelines, which significantly improve leakage
77 localisation accuracy by 15.65%. Hecht et al. [25] applied the Bayesian model to estimate the leakage
78 probability of gas bunkering systems, which required complex modelling procedures and vast
79 computations. The mentioned issues are then partially addressed by the Hierarchical Bayesian Model
80 (HBM).


81 It is pointed out that the core for risk analysis of leakage, applies to both inductive approaches and
82 leak-size-based methods, is the consequence analysis, which mainly focuses on evaluating the
83 potential impacts of accidents on safety, environmental, and economic losses by single-model-based
84 approaches and integrated-model-based methodologies [26-28]. Specifically, (i) Single-model-based
85 methods apply a single approach, such as an empirical and a simulation model, to assess the
86 consequences of leakage [29,30]. Empirical models such as Gaussian model, SLAB model, and Ermak
87 model are typical tools for consequence analysis, which are advantageous but unable to process
88 complex or dynamic failures. Alternatively, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) such as PHAST,
89 FLUENT, and FLACS have been developed for the consequence analysis but the analytical accuracy
90 of the these methods is limited; (ii) Integrated-model-based methodologies incorporate several
91 methods to get free from the limitations of a single model. For example: FLACS incorporates Latin
92 Hypercube Sampling (LHS) and Monte Carlo method improves coverage [31]; Empirical functions
93 are incorporated to improve the accuracy of the simulation results [32]; Surrogate models are able to
94 reduce computation time spent in solving the complex mathematical models. To be specific, Ning et
95 al. [33] combined convolutional neural networks and spectrum enhancement to predict gas pipeline
96 leakage positions to improve the accuracy and efficiency of leakage detection. Kopbayev et al. [34]
97 combined the CFD and a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model to perform leakage diagnosis,
98 releasing the dependence of risk diagnosis on sensor data. In addition, Zhang et al. [35] developed a
99 reliable wave-basin experimental system to obtain time-series data of complex offshore systems under
100 representative conditions for risk analysis. Similar artificial intelligence-based and simulation-based
101 methods leakage risk analysis methods can be seen in [36] and [37].


102 The above-mentioned post-event analysis approaches are, however, particularly suitable for risk
103 analysis with sufficient historical data [38], which fail to reflect current and future risks. It is critical
104 to note that the time-series nature of leakage-related hazards (e.g., offshore hydrogen leaks) renders
105 the risk factors dynamic. Given this, the prediction of time-series leakage consequence becomes
106 necessary for a better understanding towards accident escalation and mitigation, providing forward-
107 looking insights into the development of leakage risk as well as prevention actions. Moreover, the
108 availability of time-series accident data poses a challenging, as direct observation of risk progression

109 are typically unavailable prior to accident occurrence. Data limitation further restricts the applicability
110 of existing data-driven post-event methods and calls for predictive frameworks to reveal the dynamic
111 behaviour of leakage accidents.

112 To this end, this paper proposes a predictive risk analysis approach for accidents with dynamic
113 behaviour with the assistance of time-series simulations, aiming to provide predictive risk analysis to
114 better support the accident analysis, prediction, and prevention. Overall, the proposed method includes
115 critical risk item identification, accident probability computation, and simulation-based predictive risk
116 analysis. The main contributions of this paper are listed below:

117  To propose a predictive risk analysis approach to assess the time-series and evolutionary risks of
118 accidents with dynamic behaviour, supporting the proactive prevention and forward-looking risk
119 management.

120  To propose a failure probability updating model to reveal failure features of dynamic accidents.

121  To propose a Deep Neural Network (DNN) and LSTM combined model to predict the potential
122 dynamic behaviour (time-series consequence) of leakage consequence before accidents
123 occurrence.

124 The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the proposed predictive risk
125 analysis methodology. Section 3 provides the results and discussion of the case study of an offshore
126 hydrogen storage system. Section 4 gives conclusions.

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128 **2. Methodology**

129 The purpose of this study is to predict the dynamic behaviour of hydrogen leakage accidents, defined
130 as the spatiotemporal evolution of hydrogen leakage concentration, with the DNN model capturing
131 spatial evolution and LSTM model capturing temporal evolution. The proposed predictive risk analysis
132 framework, taking the leakage risk analysis of an offshore hydrogen storage system as an example,
133 consists of four modules. The framework is shown in Figure 1, where (i) the proactive Failure Mode
134 and Effect Analysis (FMEA) model determines the critical items; (ii) the information-driven HBM
135 updates leakage probabilities; (iii) the consequence predictive model predicts time-series leakage

136 consequences and (iv) the time-series risk analysis defines hazard zones. It is specifically described as
137 follows:

138 **Step #1:** Decompose the system into components and identify critical components through FMEA, as
139 described in Section 2.1.

140 **Step #2:** Acquire the leakage probability of critical components from the targeted offshore hydrogen
141 storage system (if data is available) or from similar systems (if data is insufficient). Define a group of
142 credible leakage scenarios based on the LHS technique.

143 **Step #3:** Update the leakage probability of critical components using the leakage probability collected
144 in Step 2 and prior information based on BHM, as described in Section 2.2.

145 **Step #4:** Estimate the probability of fire and explosion accidents using the ETA, as described in Section
146 2.2.

147 **Step #5:** Simulate leakage accidents and collect hydrogen leakage concentrations, as described in
148 Section 2.3.

149 **Step #6:** Simulate the consequences of accidents (e.g. fires and explosions) using the data from Step
150 #5. Collect data on heat radiation and overpressure.

151 **Step #7:** Develop and train a DNN model using training data collected from Step #2 and Step #5, to
152 predict critical leakage positions, as described in Section 2.3.

153 **Step #8:** Develop and train a LSTM model using time-series data of leakage concentrations at the
154 critical leakage positions, to predict time-series leakage concentration, as described in Section 2.3.

155 **Step #9:** Assess time-series leakage risk based on updated leakage probabilities and predicted time-
156 series leakage concentrations, as described in Section 2.4.

157 **Step #10:** Assess the risks of fires and explosions by combining the calculated occurrence probabilities
158 with the simulated consequences, as described in Section 2.4.

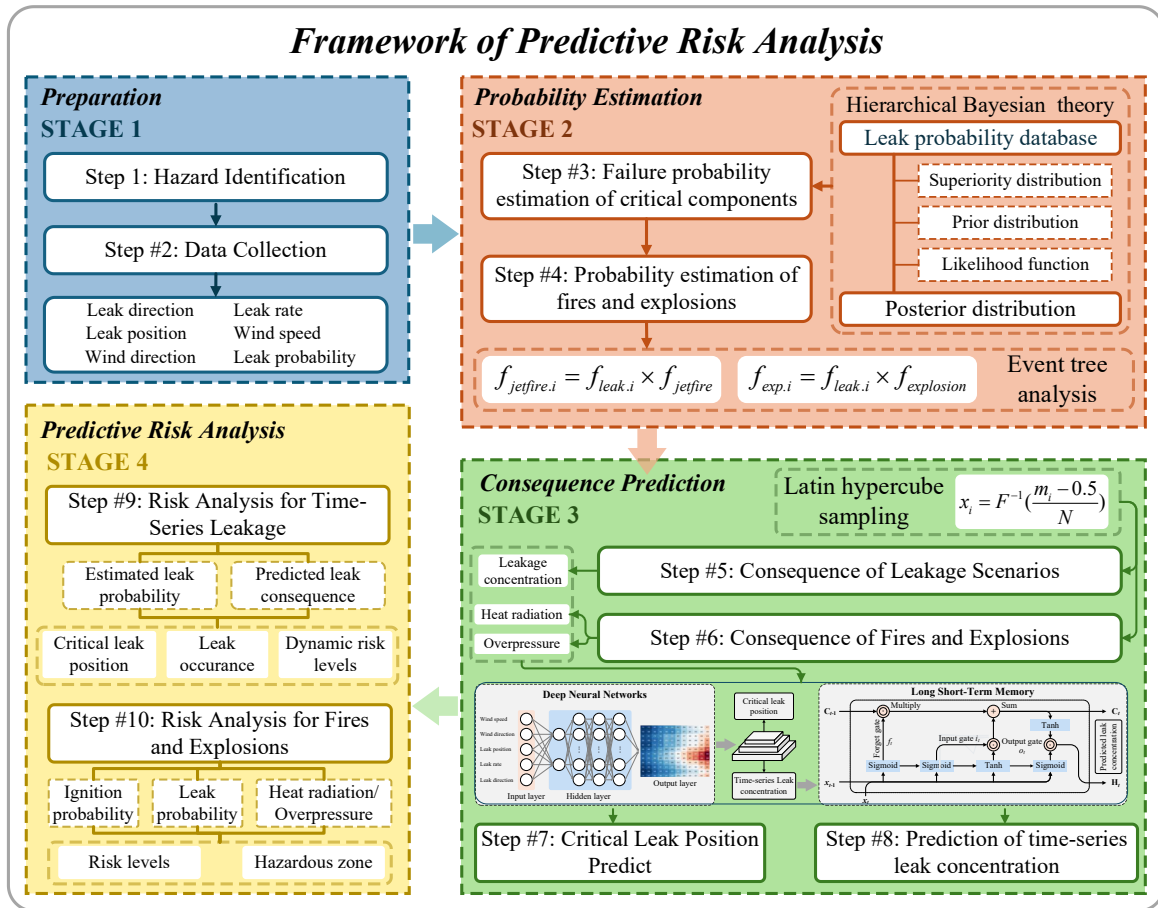


Figure 1. The proposed predictive risk analysis framework.

2.1. Critical component identification

Several methods are available for the identification of critical components and for the characterization of leakage hazards. The FMEA method is applied to analyse potential failure items (e.g., failure modes, failure causes, and components) in this paper. FMEA is an important method for hazard identification and prevention of complex systems. Recent decades have seen extensive developments and applications of FMEA in hazard identification of complex systems. FMEA relies on an exhaustive review of items within each layer and maps connections between items in various layers according to their affiliations [39]. With vertical extension across layers (e.g., from the system level to root causes) and horizontal expansion within each layer through an exhaustive review of items, a systematic decomposition and a comprehensive knowledge graph of systems can be formulated to understand the system's configuration and behaviour in terms of failures, improvements, quality control, and other dimensions [40].

174 Numerically, FMEA assigns an index to each item such as the Risk Priority Number (RPN) to reflect
 175 the relative importance of items in each layer. With the indices of items computed, items are ranked in
 176 descending order based on their criticality, and the top-ranked items are further analysed and controlled
 177 [41]. Specifically, FMEA determines critical system items through quantitative combinations of
 178 Severity (S), Occurrence (O), and Detection (D) [42]:

$$179 \quad RPN = Severity \times Occurrence \times Detection \quad (1)$$

180 where *Severity* represents the impacts of an item on the system; *Occurrence* is the likelihood of an item
 181 to happen; *Detection* reflects the difficulty of detecting the item in advance. The use of subjective
 182 evidence reduces the requirements for objective failure data and makes FMEA user-friendly. To this
 183 end, the FMEA structure is applied as the foundation of failure analysis models developed in this study.

184 **2.2. Probability estimation**

185 The leakage probability of critical components is updated by HBM, and the probabilities of fire and
 186 explosion are computed using ETA. First, HBM is used to integrate prior information and available
 187 data for updating beliefs about estimated parameters HBM consists of the hyperprior distribution, prior
 188 distribution ($p(\alpha)$), likelihood function ($p(x|\alpha)$), and posterior distribution ($p(\alpha|x)$), as shown in Figure
 189 2. Available data are used to establish the likelihood function, which is informed by hyperprior and
 190 prior distributions. Suitable statistical models (e.g., Uniform and Normal distributions) are applied to
 191 establish hyperprior and prior distributions. The hyperprior distribution provides adaptive adjustments
 192 and optimisation of priors. Accordingly, the posterior distributions of estimated parameters can be
 193 calculated as [19]:

$$194 \quad p(\alpha|x) = \frac{p(x|\alpha)p(\alpha)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(x|\alpha)p(\alpha)}{\int p(x|\alpha)p(\alpha)d\alpha} \quad (2)$$

195 where α denotes the estimated parameters; x denotes the observed data; $p(x)$ denotes a normalisation
 196 function ensuring that the parameter estimates are bounded between zero and one.

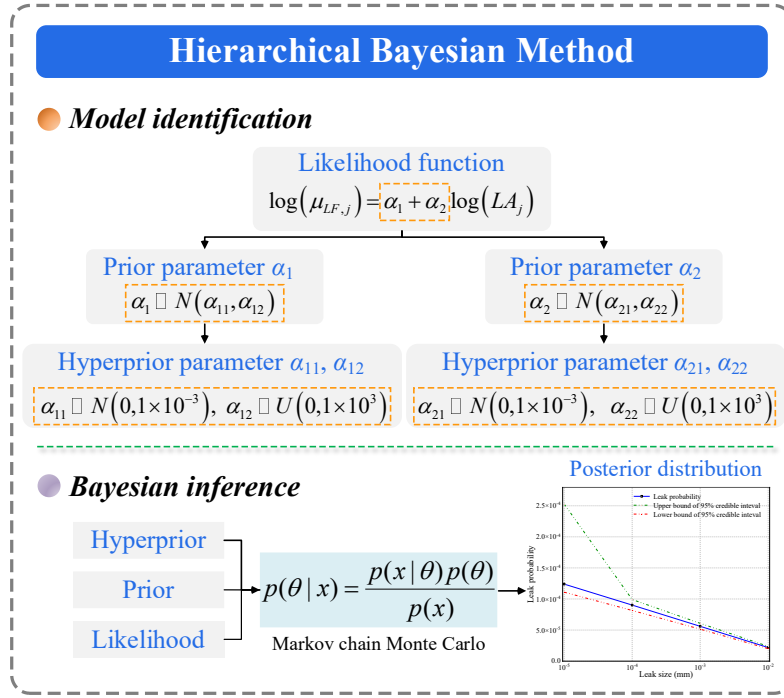


Figure 2. The framework of the hierarchical Bayesian model.

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200 Secondly, ETA is used to estimate the occurrence probabilities of fire and explosion accidents based
 201 on the ignition timing. According to [43], immediate ignition of released flammable gas leads to jet
 202 fires, whose probability is expressed as [19]:

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$$f_{\text{jetfire}}^i = f_{\text{leak}}^i \times f_{\text{jetfire}} \quad (3)$$

204 Delayed ignition allows the released flammable gas to disperse and form a combustible cloud, which
 205 triggers an explosion upon subsequent ignition. The probability of an explosion is calculated as [19]:

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$$f_{\text{explosion}}^i = f_{\text{leak}}^i \times f_{\text{explosion}} \quad (4)$$

207 where f_{jetfire}^i , $f_{\text{explosion}}^i$, and f_{leak}^i denote the occurrence probabilities of jet fire, explosion, and leakage
 208 accidents, respectively, associated with the leak size i . These formulations provide a basis for risk
 209 assessment by linking leak probability with ignition scenarios. They allow for evaluating the likelihood
 210 of fire and explosion accidents under different leak sizes.

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214 **2.3. Consequence prediction**

215 The workflow for consequence prediction includes random variable sampling, CFD simulation, data
216 processing, and consequence prediction using the Deep Neural Network-Long Short-Term Memory
217 (DNN-LSTM) model.

218 **Step 1: Credible leakage scenarios**

219 A set of inputs for simulation is established by the LHS technique based on five random variables: leak
220 rate, leak direction, leak location, wind speed, and wind direction. Their Probability Density Functions
221 (PDFs) are first determined from a historical database and then divided into N intervals. Each sample
222 (m_i) ensures that the area of each interval under the curve is equal. Thus, sampling results (x_i) can be
223 obtained by:

$$224 \quad x_i = F^{-1}\left(\frac{m_i - 0.5}{N}\right) \quad (5)$$

225 **Step 2: Data processing**

226 Random variables are sampled using the LHS technique and subsequently inputted into numerical
227 simulation software STAR-CCM+. In total, 150 leakage scenarios (see Appendix A) are generated for
228 critical leakage position prediction using the DNN model and time-series concentration prediction
229 using the LSTM model. They are normalised using MinMaxScaler normalisation [39] to avoid the
230 influence of scale differences by mapping a sampling value x_i between zero to one, i.e., $x_{i-normal}$.

$$231 \quad x_{i-normal} = \frac{x_i - \min\{x_i\}}{\max\{x_i\} - \min\{x_i\}} \quad (6)$$

232 where $\min\{x_i\}$ and $\max\{x_i\}$ denote the minimum and maximum values of the variable x_i . Physically,
233 Eq. (6) shifts the raw value relative to the minimum and then scales it proportionally to fit within the
234 interval $[0, 1]$. As a result, the output needs to be anti-normalised to recover the original values $x_{i-return}$,
235 which can be calculated by [44]:

$$236 \quad x_{i-return} = x_{i-normal} \times (\max\{x_i\} - \min\{x_i\}) + \min\{x_i\} \quad (7)$$

237 Eq. (7) performs the inverse operation to rescale the normalised data back to its physical meaning.
238 For example, the gas concentration at a monitoring point varies between 0 ppm and 10000 ppm. For

239 an value of 2500 ppm, based on Eq. (6), the normalised value is computed as $x_{i-normal}=(2500-$
 240 $0)/(10000-0)=0.25$.

241 Step 3: DNN-LSTM

242 Figure 3 presents the structure of the DNN-LSTM model. For the DNN model, the output, including
 243 concentration and corresponding location information, is divided into training (80%) and testing (20%)
 244 subsets, following the rules in [45]. A ReLU activation function is used in the DNN model (including
 245 input layer, hidden layers, and output layer) to predict the critical leakage position. The input layer
 246 requires the above normalized random variables, which are expanded through the first three hidden
 247 layers and compressed in the fourth hidden layer. The output concentrations at different leakage
 248 positions are predicted as [46]:

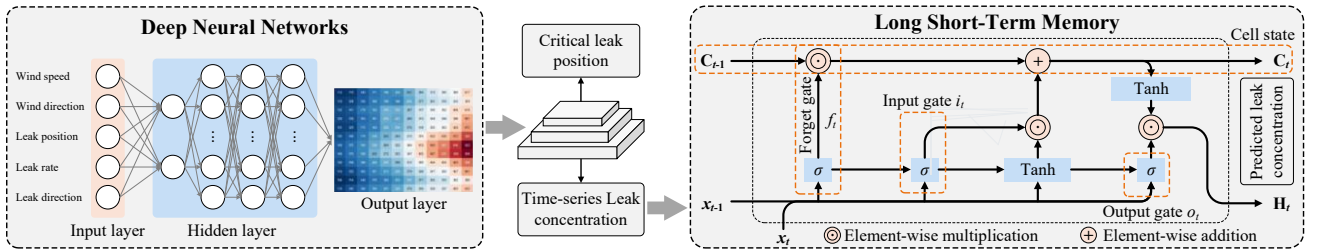
$$249 \quad \begin{aligned} H^l &= \sigma(H^{l-1}W^l + b^l), \quad (1 < l < L) \\ O &= H^lW^{l+1} + b^{l+1} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

250 where the output H^l is controlled by the activation function σ , weight matrix W , and bias vector b . The
 251 procedure is applied to middle layers from 1 to $l-1$. The output layer O is controlled by the weights and
 252 activation functions. Parameters of the DNN model is summarised in Table 1. Four hyperparameters
 253 are optimised using grid search (see Figure 4), with Mean Squared Error (MSE) employed as the loss
 254 function to evaluate the average squared deviation between the true and predicted values [37].

$$255 \quad MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{x}_i - x_i)^2 \quad (9)$$

256 where x_i is the true value of i th sample (e.g., gas concentration at a specific time and position); \hat{x}_i is the
 257 corresponding predicted value generated by the DNN or LSTM model; n is the number of samples.

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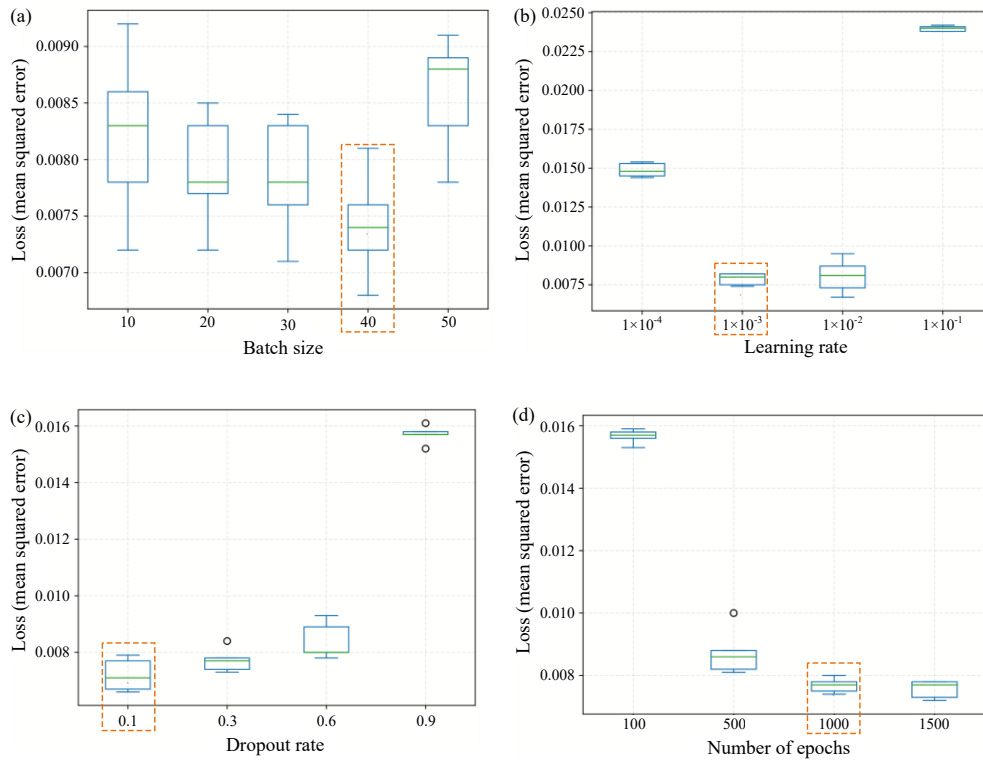
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Figure 3. The structure of DNN-LSTM model.

Table 1. Parameter configuration of the DNN model.

| Parameter | Specification | Parameter | Specification |
|----------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Training set | 120 samples | Hidden layer 2 | 64 neurons |
| Testing set | 30 samples | Hidden layer 3 | 128 neurons |
| Input layer | wind speed; wind direction; leak rate; leak position; leak direction | Hidden layer 4 | 256 neurons |
| Output layer | concentration at 189 monitoring points | Hyperparameters | batch size: 40; learning rate: 1×10^{-3} ; dropout rate: 0.1; epochs: 1000 |
| Hidden layer 1 | 32 neurons | | |



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Figure 4. Comparison of error boxplots for different hyperparameter configurations of the DNN

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model: (a) batch size; (b) learning rate; (c) dropout rate; (d) number of epochs.

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The time-series concentration x_t at critical leakage position is then input into the LSTM model. The

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information is added to the cell state c_t when the input gate is activated. The output vector (f_t, i_t, c_t, o_t)

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at each propagation step is controlled by the activation functions σ and \tanh , weight W and H , and bias

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 b . Detailed propagation behaviours can be expressed as [47]:

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$$\begin{cases}
i_t = \sigma(W_i x_t + U_i h_{t-1} + b_i) \\
f_t = \sigma(W_f x_t + U_f h_{t-1} + b_f) \\
o_t = \sigma(W_o x_t + U_o h_{t-1} + b_o) \\
\tilde{c}_t = \tanh(W_c x_t + U_c h_{t-1} + b_c) \\
c_t = f_t \square c_{t-1} + i_t \square \tilde{c}_t \\
h_t = o_t \square \tanh(c_t)
\end{cases} \quad (10)$$

272 The definition of notations use in Eq. (10) is summarised in Table 2. Detailed parameter configuration
273 of the LSTM model is summarised in Table 3. Four hyperparameters are optimised using grid search
274 based on the criteria of MSE, as shown in Figure 5.

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Table 2. Definition of notations used in Equation (10).

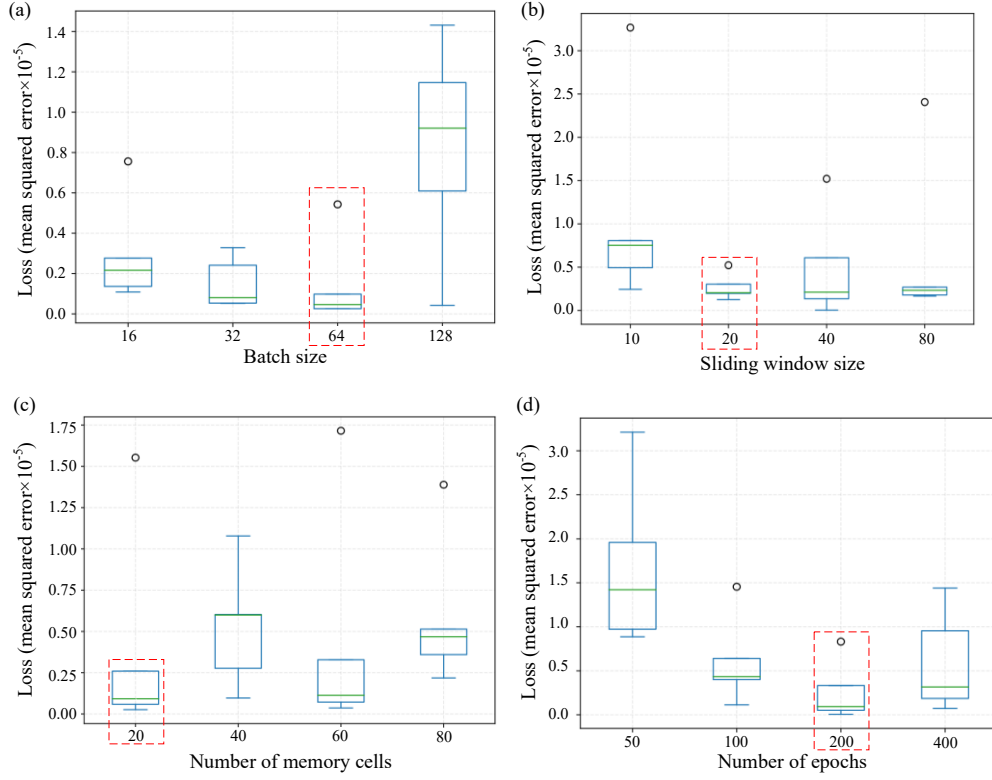
| Parameters | Significance | Parameters | Significance |
|-----------------|---|------------|-----------------------------|
| x_t | Current input | W | Input weight matrix |
| h_{t-1}, h_t | Previous and current hidden state | U | Hidden state weight matrix |
| c_{t-1}, c_t | Previous and updated cell state | b | Bias term |
| \square | Element-wise multiplication | σ | Sigmoid activation function |
| i_t, f_t, o_t | Input, forget, and output gate activations, respectively. | | |

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Table 3. Parameter configuration of LSTM model.

| Component | Specification | Component | Specification |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Training set | 120 samples | Hidden layer 2 | 64 neurons |
| Test set | 30 samples | Hidden layer 3 | 128 neurons |
| Input layer | Concentration sequence of first 20 s | Hidden layer 4 | 256 neurons |
| Output layer | Concentration sequence of last 100 s | Hyperparameters | batch size: 64; sliding window size: 20; number of memory cells: 20; epochs: 200 |
| Hidden layer 1 | 32 neurons | | |



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279 Figure 5. Comparison of error boxplots for different hyperparameter configurations of the LSTM
 280 model: (a) batch size; (b) sliding window size; (c) number of memory cells; (d) number of epochs.

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282 The Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Correlation Coefficient (CC),
 283 and MSE are used to evaluate the performance of the model [34-37], as:

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$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{x}_i - x_i| \quad (11)$$

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$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{x}_i - x_i)^2} \quad (12)$$

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$$CC = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{x}_i - \bar{\hat{x}})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{x}_i - \bar{\hat{x}})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} \quad (13)$$

287 where $\bar{\hat{x}}$ is the mean of the predicted values, \bar{x} is the mean of the actual values.

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290 **2.4. Risk analysis**

291 The simulation software PHAST 8.22 is employed to simulate the consequences of fire and explosion
292 accidents. The consequences are quantified as the fatality probability under heat radiation thresholds
293 of 4 kW/m², 12.5 kW/m², and 37.5 kW/m² (for fire), or under overpressure thresholds of [0.2, 0.3],
294 [0.3, 0.5], [0.5, 1], and [1, +∞] bar (for explosion). The consequence of the leak accident is quantified
295 by the maximum concentration of flammable gas, expressed in units of parts per million (ppm).
296 Accordingly, the risk corresponding to each leak size is calculated as:

$$297 \quad R_i = \sum_i (C_i \times P_i) \quad (14)$$

298 where C_i denotes the consequence of an accident (concentration for leaks, fatality probability for fire
299 and explosion); P_i denotes the occurrence probability of the corresponding accident; i corresponds to
300 leak sizes of 0.1%, 1%, 10%, and 100% of the flow cross-sectional area, respectively. For instance, the
301 flow diameter is 100 mm, resulting in leak sizes of 0.1 mm, 1 mm, 10 mm, and 100 mm. Based on Eq.
302 (14), the unit of risk is expressed in ppm for leakage accidents and in percentages for fire and explosion
303 accidents.

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305 **3. Case study**

306 **3.1. System description and critical component identification**

307 Hydrogen production from offshore wind provides a promising solution for offshore energy
308 development, including energy production (electricity generation), transformation (electricity to
309 preservable hydrogen), transportation (pipes and vessels), and consumption (hydrogen industry
310 onshore). Among these processes, hydrogen storage supported by an offshore hydrogen storage system
311 plays a critical role in offshore hydrogen transformation and transportation. However, harsh offshore
312 conditions, such as salt spray and microbial activity, may cause structural pitting corrosion and
313 accelerate degradation of hydrogen storage structures. These damages can be further aggravated by
314 the wind-wave coupling loads and collisions, therefore increasing the component failure probability
315 [48]. In this study, these effects are modelled as failure probability with different leak sizes for
316 predictive risk analysis of offshore hydrogen storage systems.

317 The offshore hydrogen storage system consists of four subsystems: control and monitoring, automated
 318 control, storage and delivery, and preparation, see Table 4. The control and monitoring subsystem
 319 provides real-time data and early warnings; The automated control subsystem performs operational
 320 logic for safe regulation; The storage and delivery subsystem accommodates hydrogen under designed
 321 conditions and ensures reliable supply; The preparation subsystem performs compression, cooling,
 322 purification, and drying to guarantee the hydrogen quality. The RPNs of each component are
 323 summarised in Table 5 using the FMEA method. The result indicates that the storage tanks have the
 324 highest RPN, therefore, it is prioritised for the risk analysis.

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326 Table 4. Main components of offshore hydrogen storage system.

| Subsystems | Components |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Control and Monitoring (CM) | Magnetic Float Level Gauge (MG), Flowmeter (FM), Pressure Sensor (PS), Temperature sensor (TS), Pipeline Level Indicator (PI), Pneumatic Ball Valve (PB), Control Valve (CV), Filling Pump (FP) |
| Automated Control (AC) | Programmable Logic Controller (PL), Industrial control computer (IC) |
| Storage and Delivery (SD) | Storage Tank (ST), Storage tank flange seal (SF), Warehouse Storage Tank (WT), Tower Storage Tank (TT) |
| Preparation (LP) | Filling Signal Station (FS), Fuel Transfer Valve (FV), Safety Overflow Valve (SV), Junction (JC), Gauge (RG) |

327 Table 5. The RPNs of components of offshore hydrogen storage system.

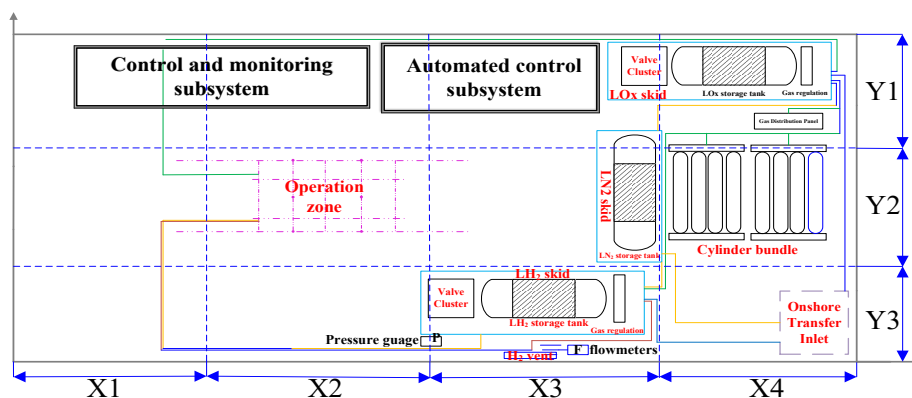
| Components | S | O | D | RPN×10 ⁻² | Components | S | O | D | RPN×10 ⁻² |
|------------|------|------|------|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| MG | 0.58 | 0.32 | 0.26 | 5.00 | ST | 2.15 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 74.29 |
| FM | 0.88 | 0.50 | 0.37 | 16.80 | SF | 0.63 | 0.42 | 0.21 | 5.85 |
| CV | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.40 | WT | 1.44 | 0.19 | 0.15 | 4.51 |
| PB | 1.43 | 0.78 | 0.60 | 68.85 | TT | 1.65 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 3.10 |
| PS | 0.52 | 0.22 | 0.14 | 1.70 | FS | 0.55 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.47 |
| TS | 0.49 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 1.46 | FV | 0.55 | 0.27 | 0.19 | 2.86 |
| PI | 0.37 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.94 | SV | 0.33 | 0.20 | 0.12 | 0.84 |
| FP | 1.29 | 0.97 | 0.53 | 67.82 | JC | 0.55 | 0.22 | 0.17 | 2.12 |
| PL | 0.63 | 0.32 | 0.11 | 2.27 | RG | 1.25 | 0.77 | 0.42 | 41.36 |
| IC | 0.39 | 0.32 | 0.10 | 1.36 | | | | | |

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330 **3.2. Data sources**

331 To avoid additional uncertainty from distributional assumptions, the discretisation method [49] is
 332 applied to model the PDFs of the five input variables, including wind speed, wind direction, leak rate,
 333 leak position, and leak direction. Specifically, the collected data are divided into several intervals, and
 334 the frequency of occurrence in each interval is counted. The probability of each interval is calculated
 335 as the ratio of the corresponding frequency to the interval width. The wind speed and wind direction
 336 data are collected from a real offshore wind farm [50]. The leak position is divided into six intervals
 337 with leakage accidents based on the spatial discretisation method, see Figure 6. The leak direction is
 338 averaged into six directions ($\pm X$, $\pm Y$, and $\pm Z$). The leak rate is collected from the HyRAM database
 339 [16] and divided into three ranges: 0-1 kg/s, 1-10 kg/s, and 10-20.8 kg/s. The statistical information of
 340 the five input variables is summarised in Table 6, Table 7,
 341 Table 8. Finally, 150 leakage scenarios are sampled by the LHS technique, as detailed in Appendix A.



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343 Figure 6. Spatial discretization of offshore hydrogen storage system.
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345 Table 6. Statistic information of leak position, leak direction, and leak rate.

| Leak position (Interval index) | Probability | Leak direction (Interval index) | Probability | Leak rate (Interval index) | Probability |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| X4Y1 (0-1) | 0.2823 | +X (0-1) | 1/6 | 0.1-1.0 (0-1) | 0.7281 |
| X4Y2 (1-2) | 0.2721 | -X (1-2) | 1/6 | 1.0-10.0 (1-2) | 0.2435 |
| X3Y1 (2-3) | 0.1447 | +Y (2-3) | 1/6 | 10.0-20.8 (2-3) | 0.0284 |
| X4Y3 (3-4) | 0.1443 | -Y (3-4) | 1/6 | | |
| X1Y2 (4-5) | 0.1407 | +Z (4-5) | 1/6 | | |
| X3Y3 (5-6) | 0.0158 | -Z (5-6) | 1/6 | | |

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Table 7. Statistic information of wind speed.

| Wind speed (m/s) | Probability | Wind speed (m/s) | Probability | Wind speed (m/s) | Probability |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 0-1 | 0.0071 | 7-8 | 0.0931 | 14-15 | 0.0346 |
| 1-2 | 0.0221 | 8-9 | 0.0951 | 15-16 | 0.0256 |
| 2-3 | 0.0396 | 9-10 | 0.0905 | 16-17 | 0.0188 |
| 3-4 | 0.0549 | 10-11 | 0.0802 | 17-18 | 0.0128 |
| 4-5 | 0.0679 | 11-12 | 0.0685 | 18-19 | 0.0087 |
| 5-6 | 0.0817 | 12-13 | 0.0562 | 19-20 | 0.0058 |
| 6-7 | 0.0901 | 13-14 | 0.0457 | | |

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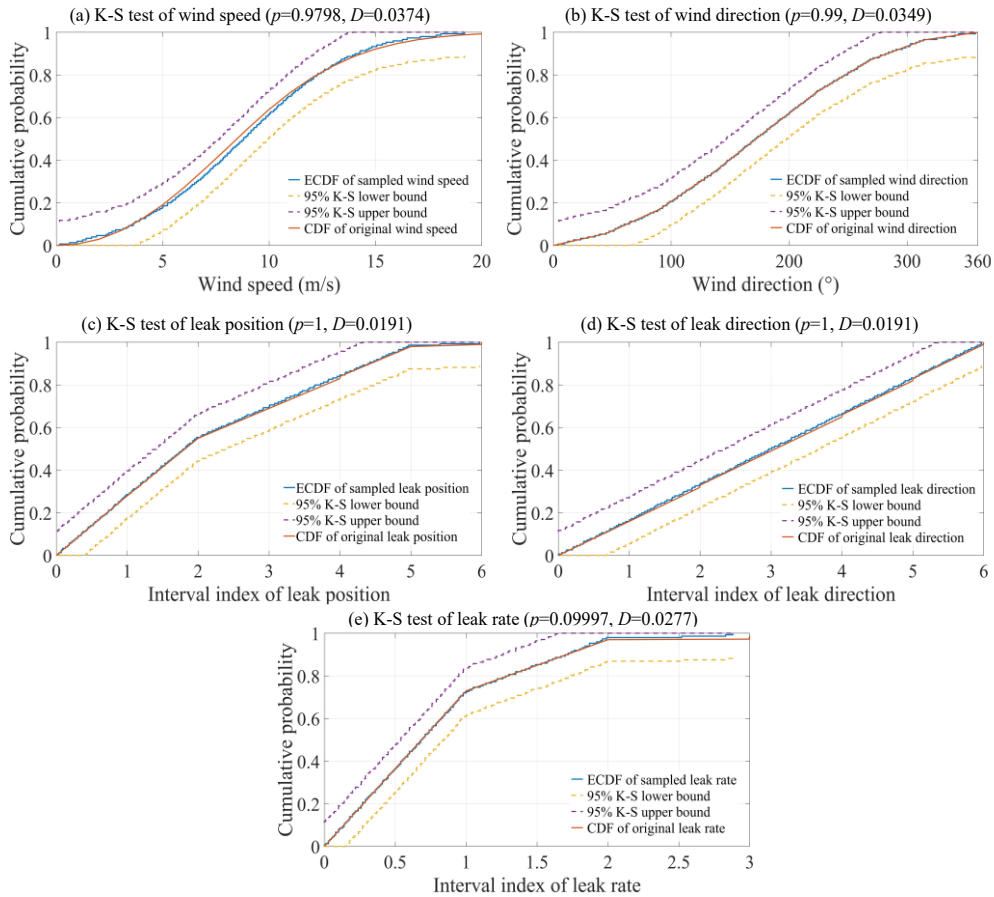
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Table 8. Statistic information of wind direction.

| Wind direction (°) | Probability | Wind direction (°) | Probability | Wind speed (m/s) | Probability |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 0-45 | 0.0563 | 135-180 | 0.1971 | 270-315 | 0.0915 |
| 45-90 | 0.1126 | 180-225 | 0.1901 | 315-360 | 0.0352 |
| 90-135 | 0.1690 | 225-270 | 0.1478 | | |

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350 The Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function (ECDF) of the sampled data is compared with
351 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of original variables to compute the maximum deviation D
352 among them. A smaller D value indicates a lower level of uncertainty. Additionally, the 95%
353 confidence bounds of Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) static is used to evaluate whether the ECDF falls
354 within the acceptable range of the CDF. Both the K-S statistic and the associated p -value are computed
355 to assess the goodness of fit and thereby measure the uncertainty. Figure 7 illustrates the uncertainty
356 quantification for five variables, namely wind speed, wind direction, leak position, leak direction, and
357 leak rate. The results confirm that the LHS technique can reliably reproduce the target distributions of
358 input variables [51].



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360 Figure 7. Uncertainty quantification of five sampled variables: (a) wind speed; (b) wind direction; (c)
 361 leak position; (d) leak direction; (e) leak rate.

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363 3.3. Model construction and verification

364 Hydrogen storage tank (suggested by FMEA) is selected as a case to illustrate the applicability and
 365 effectiveness of the proposed method. The offshore hydrogen storage system is modelled based on a
 366 real-world design, as shown in Figure 8. The incompressible ideal gas law, pressure-based solver,
 367 standard $k-\varepsilon$ model, non-homogeneous equilibrium model, and Lee's model [52] are applied to
 368 characterize flows in leakage accidents. Since hydrogen approaches a steady state in terms of leak
 369 position and concentration at approximately 120 seconds, the simulation time is set to 120 seconds.

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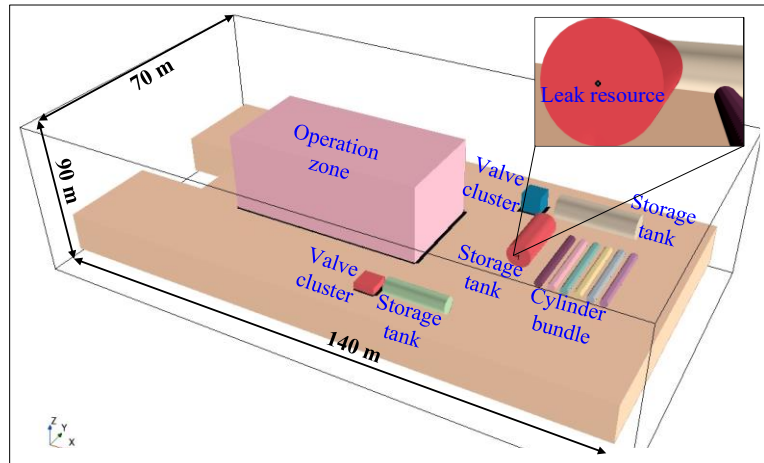


Figure 8. Simulation model for offshore hydrogen storage platform.

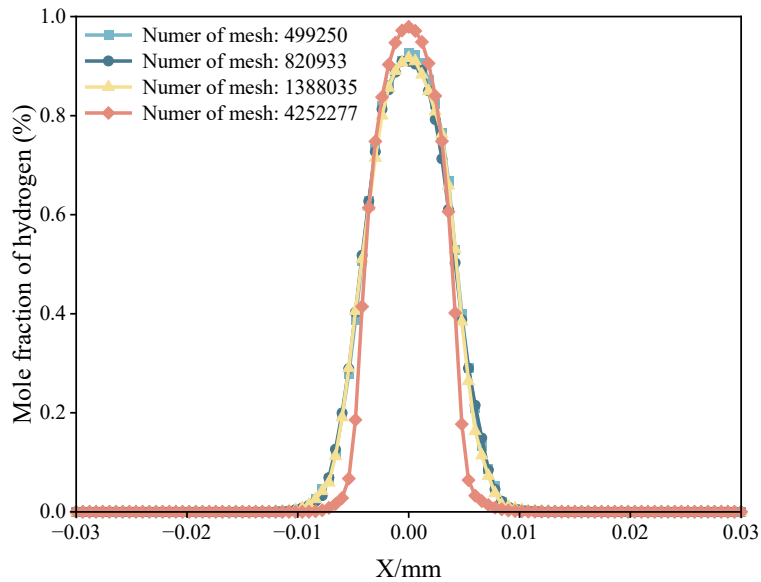


Figure 9. Sensitivity analysis of simulation results to mesh quality.

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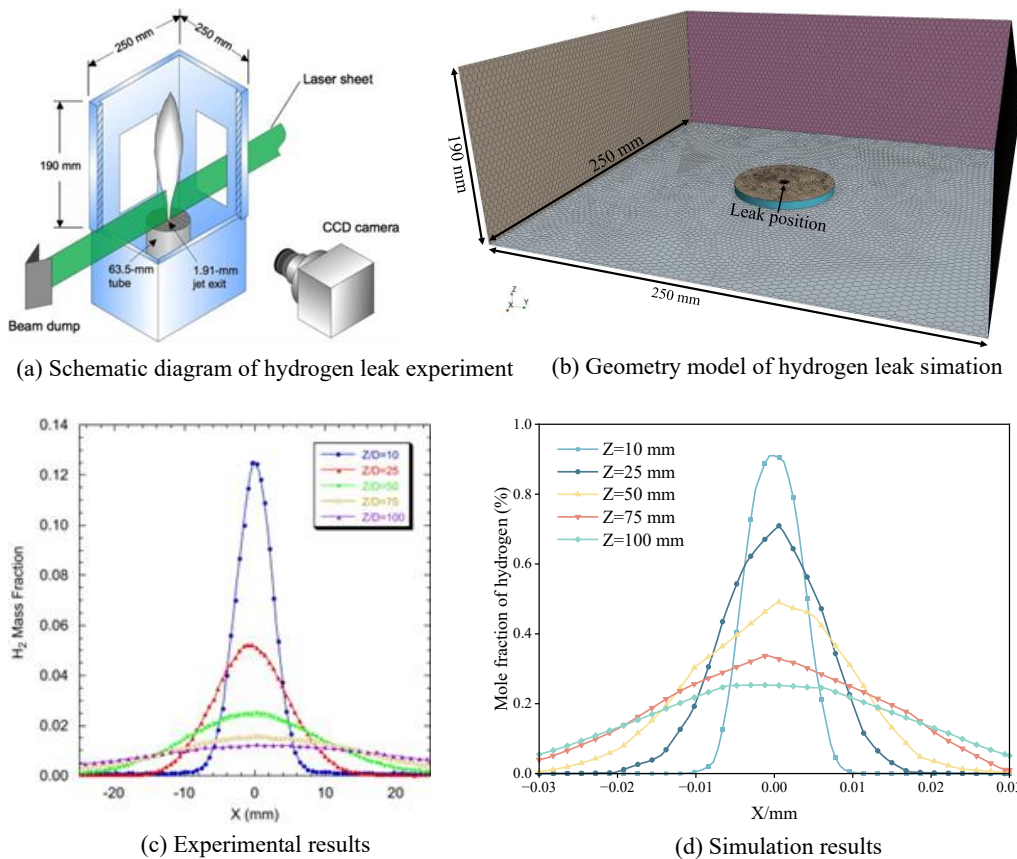
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377 A well-documented hydrogen leak experiment from [53] is used to verify the feasibility of the
 378 established hydrogen leakage model. Notably, due to no available experimental is identical to the
 379 presented case model, the similar hydrogen leak experiment designed by Houf et al. [53] is adopted as
 380 a benchmark, which have been widely employed for validating hydrogen leakage [45]. The
 381 experimental apparatus, as shown in Figure 10(a), consisted of a 1.91 mm hydrogen nozzle and a 63.50
 382 mm air co-flow tube. The flow rate of hydrogen is controlled by calibrated mass-flow controller. The
 383 operating condition is maintained at ambient temperature (21 ± 1 °C) and pressure (100 ± 5 kPa). The

384 hydrogen exit velocity is set as 134 m/s, corresponding to a Reynolds number of 2384. As a result, a
 385 numerical model with a computational domain of 250 mm × 250 mm × 190 mm is constructed to
 386 reproduce the experimental configuration, as shown in Figure 10(b). The boundary continual and
 387 model setting match those described above.

388 The simulated mole fraction of hydrogen is compared with the experimental measurements at axial
 389 planes (Z=10, 25, 50, 75, 100 mm), as shown in Figure 10 (c) and (d). The numerical model captures
 390 the centreline peak and the radial decay of the plume at all planes, as well as the increase in plume
 391 width with axial distance, indicating promising agreement with the experiments. Minor deviations
 392 close to the nozzle are attributed to idealised inlet conditions and measurement uncertainty, but they
 393 do not affect the conclusions regarding the dynamic behaviour of hydrogen leakage. Overall, the
 394 numerical model is able to reflect the dynamic behaviour of hydrogen leakage and dispersion.

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 397 Figure 10. Experimental layout and model validation: (a) schematic of the hydrogen leak experiment
 398 [53]; (b) numerical model; (c) experimental mole-fraction profiles of hydrogen; (d) simulated mole-
 399 fraction profiles of hydrogen.

400 Figure 11 presents the results of numerical simulation for six hydrogen leak scenarios. A region of high
401 gas concentration forms near the leakage source due to the pressure difference between the interior
402 and exterior environments. Wind speed also plays a critical role in shaping the diffusion behaviour of
403 released hydrogen. Increasing wind speed enhances local turbulence intensity, causing greater diffusion
404 range and more rapid mix with air, as in [30]. Similarly, the leak rate significantly influences the
405 hydrogen diffusion when the wind energy is insufficient to overcome the energy of the leak flow. A
406 numerical simulation in [36] demonstrates the effects of wind speed and leak rate. Additionally,
407 structural components or obstacles within the system further hinder the uniform distribution of
408 hydrogen, creating localized concentration anomalies. The associated risks are increased under specific
409 conditions: (i) when the structural components are sensitive to hydrogen embrittlement and an ignition
410 source is present, (ii) when high-speed winds align with the direction of the leak, exacerbating the
411 spread of hydrogen, and (iii) when the leakage accidents occur in the limited space, complicating safety
412 management and emergency response. Although numerical simulations effectively capture these
413 complex relationships, the extensive computational time required poses a significant challenge to
414 predictive risk assessment. To address this, the DNN-LSTM model is a robust option for capturing and
415 predicting these relationships between inputs and outputs, providing insights into potential future
416 changes in accident risks.

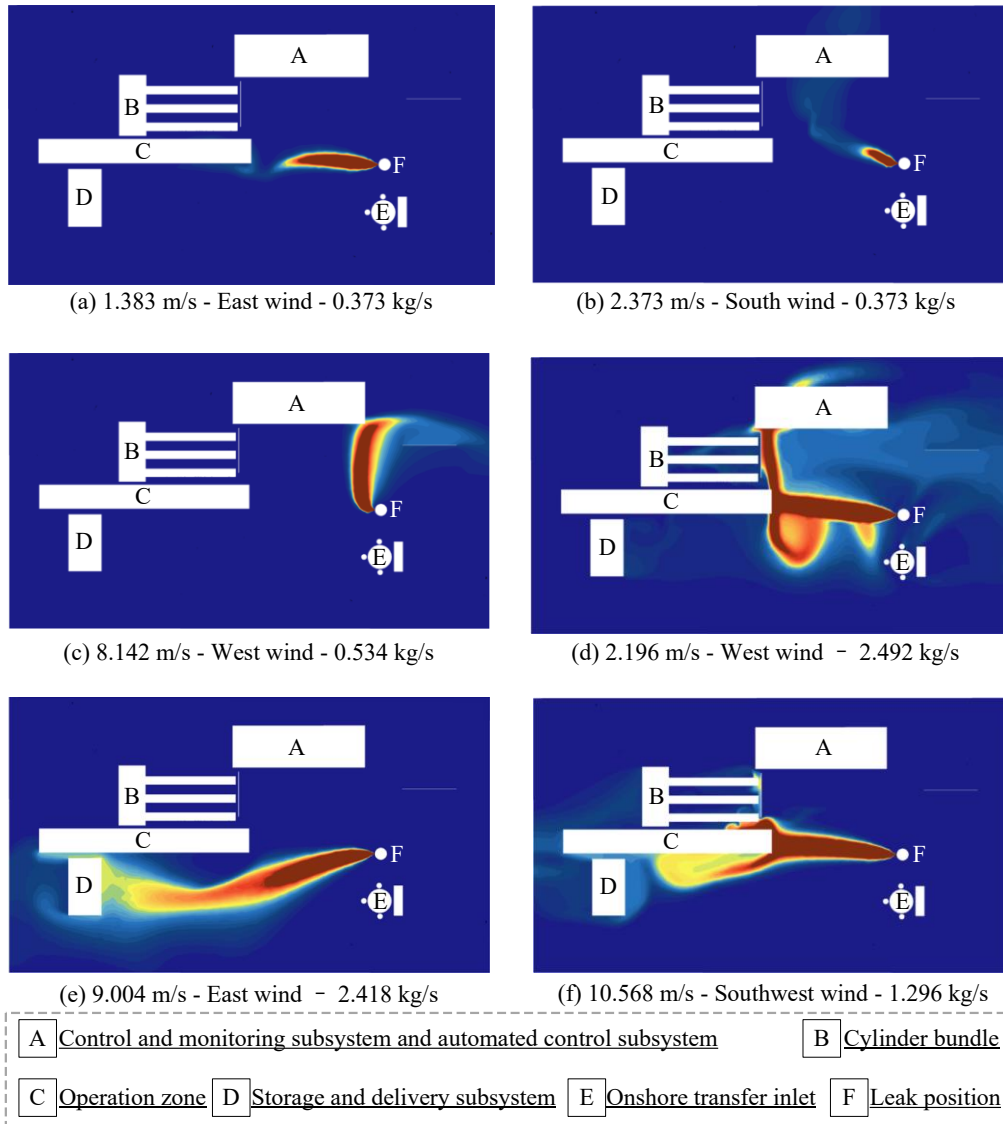


Figure 11. Results of numerical simulation for hydrogen leakage scenarios.

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420 3.4. Probability estimation

421 (1) Leakage probability

422 The leak probability estimation model is expressed a function of leak size, as shown in Figure 12(a).

423 The input information based on non-parametric approach is summarized in Table 9 according to the
 424 database that reported in [20] and [54].

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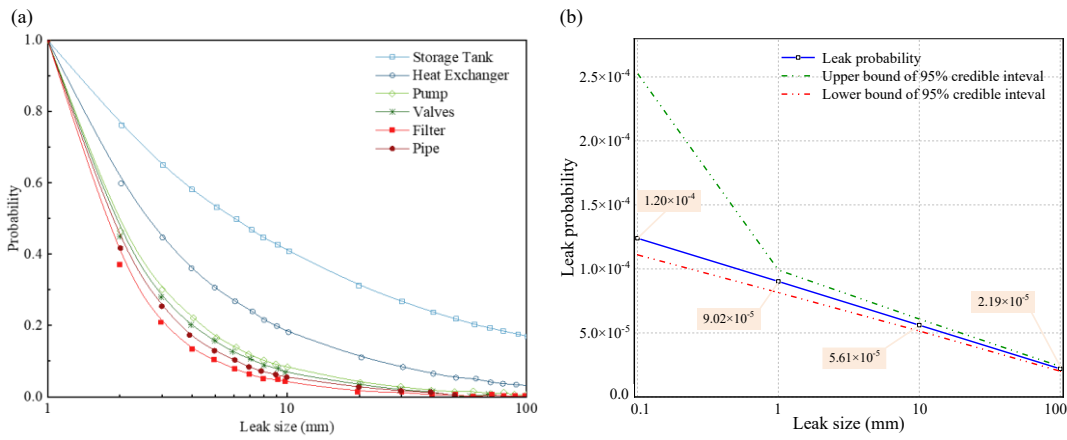
Table 9 Input of hierarchical Bayesian model.

| Parameter | Information | parameter | Information |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Prior α_1 | $\alpha_1 \sim N(\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12})$ | Hyperprior α_{12} | $\alpha_{12} \sim U(0, 1 \times 10^3)$ |
| Prior α_2 | $\alpha_2 \sim N(\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{22})$ | Hyperprior α_{21} | $\alpha_{21} \sim N(0, 1 \times 10^{-3})$ |
| Prior τ | $\tau \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 5)$ | Hyperprior α_{22} | $\alpha_{22} \sim U(0, 1 \times 10^3)$ |
| Model | $\log(\mu_{LP}) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \log(LA)$ | Likelihood LP | $LP \sim N(\mu_{LP}, \tau)$ |
| Hyperprior α_{11} | $\alpha_{11} \sim N(0, 1 \times 10^{-3})$ | | |

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430 Figure 12(b) indicates that a linear relationship is observed between the leak probability and leak size.
 431 The leak probability decreases with increased leak size, indicating that smaller leak sizes are more
 432 likely to leak. This trend is consistent with risk-informed separation model. It reported that pinhole
 433 leaks dominate event counts whereas large breaches are rare but easier to observe, leading to lower
 434 estimation uncertainty [19-25].

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437 Figure 12. Leak probability estimation for storage tank.

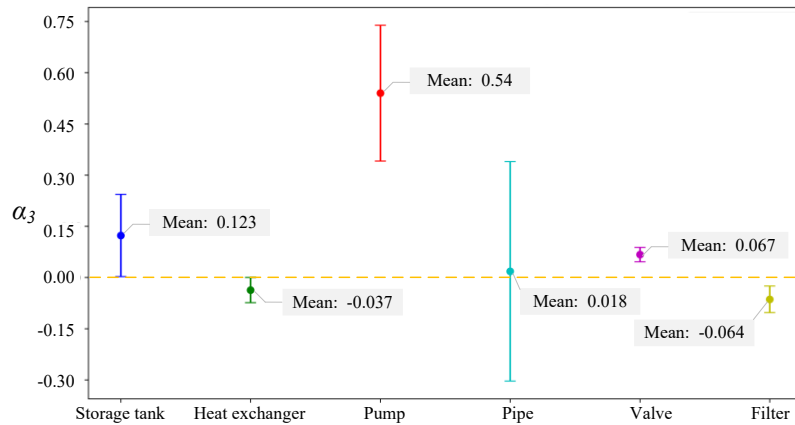
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439 A nonlinear model is established to assess the robustness of the estimation model, as [55]:

$$440 \quad \log(\mu_{LP}) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \log(LA) + \alpha_3 [\log(LA)]^2 \quad (15)$$

441 This model employs a non-informative prior distribution for α_3 , defined as $\alpha_3 \sim N(0, 1 \times 10^{-3})$, which
 442 represents a normal distribution with a mean of zero and a very small variance (1×10^{-3}). It can minimize
 443 assumptions about the value parameter α_3 , ensuring that the model relies primarily on the observed

444 data to guide the estimation process. Figure 13 displays the 95% confidence interval of α_3 for each
 445 component. The original model fits most components except the pumps and valves. This is because of
 446 the scarcity of 1% and 0.1% leak size from generic databases. The estimation of the pipe has the
 447 greatest uncertainty due to great variability in the database or few available data.
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 450 Figure 13. Confident interval (95%) of the posterior distributions of components.
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452 (2) Fire and explosion probabilities

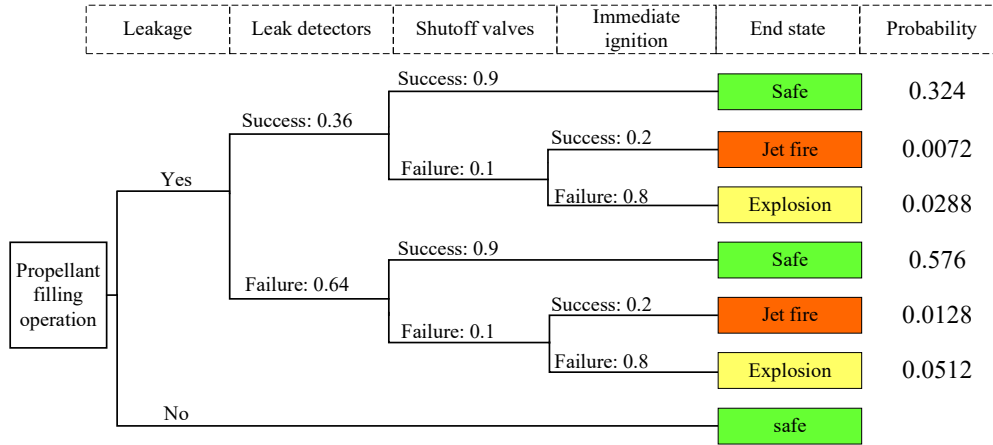
453 The leak detector has a failure rate of 0.64, and the shutoff valve has a failure rate of 0.1 [25]. The
 454 ignition type is classified as immediate or delayed ignition according to the ignition time. The former
 455 occurs within 0.1 seconds after leakage, and the latter occurs within 5 seconds after leakage. The
 456 immediate ignition probability ($P_{imm.ign}$) derives from [25] and the delay ignition probability ($P_{delay.ign}$)
 457 is calculated by:

$$458 \quad P_{delay.ign} = 1 - P_{imm.ign} \quad (16)$$

459 Figure 14 shows the event tree where leakage is an initial accident. Table 10 summarizes the
 460 probabilities of fires and explosions with different leak sizes. The probability of explosion is greater
 461 than that of jet fire due to the higher probability of delayed ignition.
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Table 10. Probability of fires and explosions

| Type of accident | Leak size | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Minor | Medium | Major | Rupture |
| Jet fire | 2.40×10^{-6} | 1.80×10^{-6} | 1.12×10^{-6} | 4.38×10^{-7} |
| Explosion | 9.60×10^{-6} | 7.22×10^{-6} | 4.49×10^{-6} | 1.75×10^{-6} |



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Figure 14. Event tree for the scenario of liquid hydrogen leakage from storage tanks.

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469 3.5. Consequence prediction

470 Figure 15(a) presents the predictions of critical leakage position by the DNN model. Green dashed box

471 ① denotes the comparison of high-concentration region between the true and predicted values; ②

472 denotes the comparison of low-concentration region between the true and predicted values. The DNN

473 model demonstrates prediction performance for the true simulation results in box ②, particularly when

474 leakage concentration is relatively low. However, in box ①, the DNN model is used only to predict

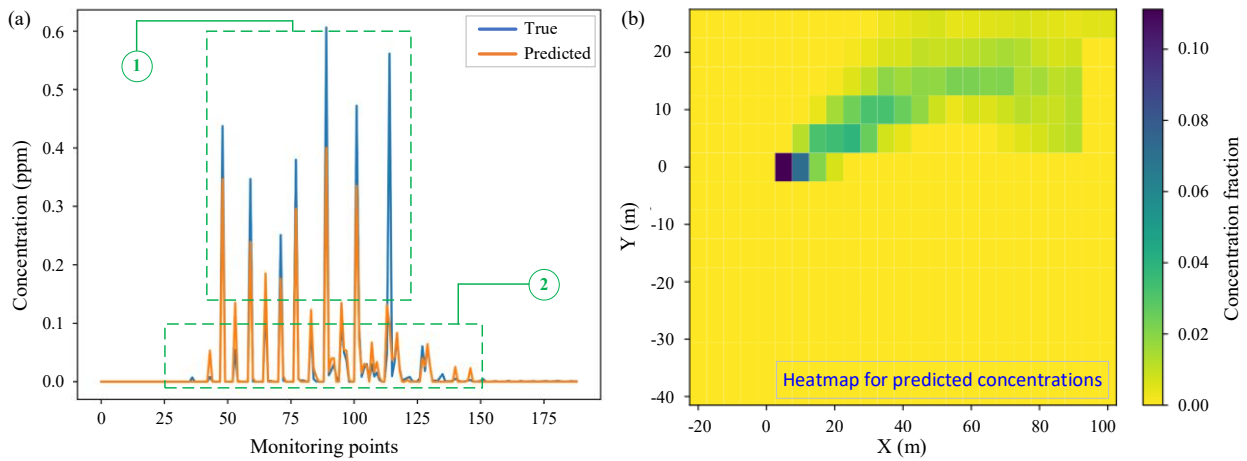
475 the critical leakage position rather than to predict the full concentration field and it is sufficient for this

476 purpose [47]. In Figure 15(b), the concentration concentrated within approximately 5 m and then

477 dispersed to a distance of nearly 90 m under the influence of environmental factors. The observed

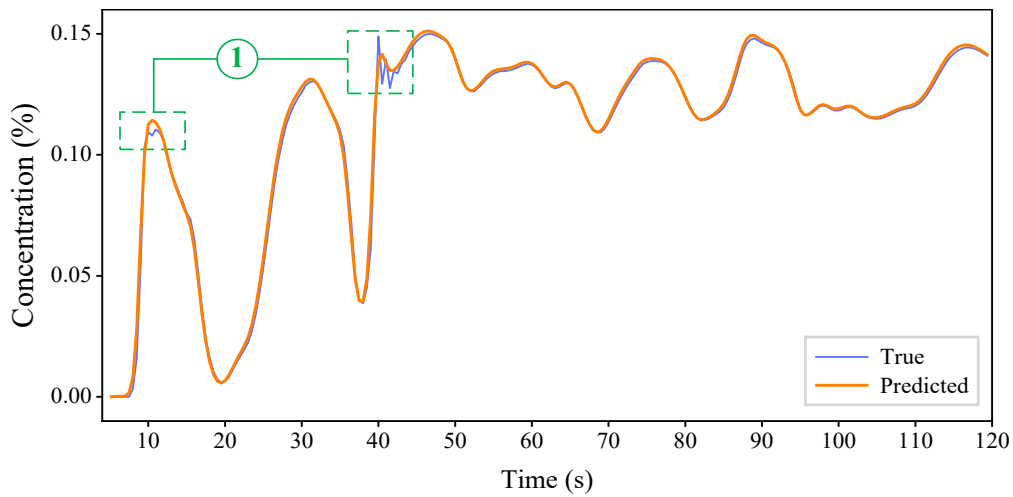
478 variability in leakage positions supports the necessity of applying the DNN model to identify critical

479 leak locations.



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481 Figure 15. Prediction of critical leakage position by the DNN model.

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483 Figure 16 shows the predictions of time-consequence from critical leakage position by the LSTM
484 model. Overall, the LSTM model accurately predicts time-series concentration. Importantly, the
485 leakage concentration shows significant dynamic developmental behaviour rather than remaining at a
486 fixed value, highlighting the need for a dynamic perspective when assessing leakage risks.



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489 Figure 16. Prediction of time-series consequence by LSTM.

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491 Baseline models, including back propagation (BP), polynomial regression (PR), and artificial neural
492 network (ANN), recurrent neural network (RNN), gate recurrent unit (GRU), and autoregressive model

493 (AR), are compared with the proposed DNN-LSTM model in Table 11. The result indicates that the
 494 DNN-LSTM model achieves the minimum output loss among all methods.

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Table 11 Comparisons of MLAs

| Model | MSE | MAE | RMSE | CC |
|-------------|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| BP | 0.03 | 0.19 | 2.35 | 0.77 |
| RP | 3.05×10^{-3} | 2.13×10^{-2} | 1.96 | 0.90 |
| ANN | 7.59×10^{-4} | 5.32×10^{-3} | 0.98 | 0.89 |
| DNN | 1.10×10^{-5} | 7.73×10^{-4} | 0.01 | 0.99 |
| RNN | 8.56×10^{-5} | 4.91×10^{-2} | 0.321 | 0.763 |
| GRU | 5.23×10^{-5} | 2.53×10^{-2} | 0.037 | 0.854 |
| AR | 6.71×10^{-5} | 2.50×10^{-2} | 0.562 | 0.766 |
| LSTM | 2.89×10^{-6} | 1.08×10^{-3} | 0.010 | 0.992 |

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498 3.6. Risk analysis

499 (1) Time-series leakage risk

500 According to [19] and [56], hydrogen concentration thresholds are classified and adopted to assess the
 501 time-series leakage risks, including $[0, 4 \times 10^4]$, $[4 \times 10^4, 6.7 \times 10^4]$, $[6.7 \times 10^4, 7.5 \times 10^4]$, and $[7.5 \times 10^4,$
 502 $10 \times 10^4]$ ppm. Since leak probability is strongly dependent on the leak size, the risk thresholds
 503 associated with leak sizes are determined by multiplying the concentration threshold with the leak
 504 probability of corresponding leak size, see Table 12.

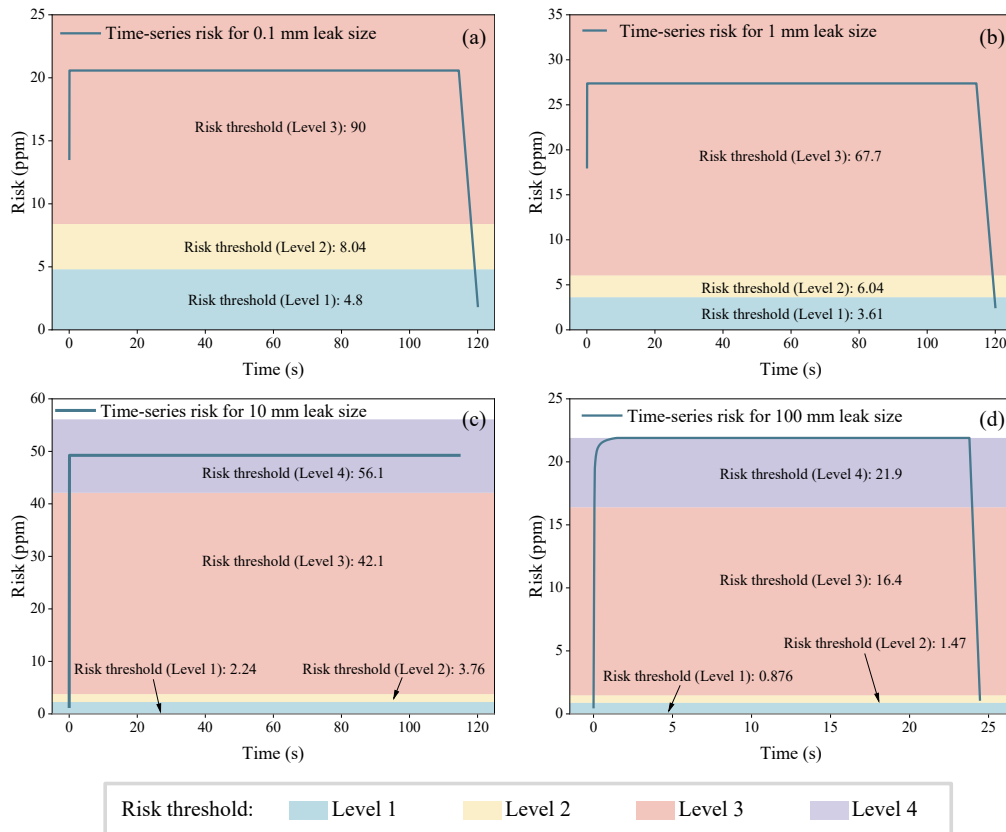
505 Table 12 Risk level under different leak sizes.

| Leak accident | Probability | Risk threshold (ppm) | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| 0.01 mm leaks | 1.20×10^{-4} | 4.80 | 8.04 | 90.00 | 120.0 |
| 1 mm leaks | 9.02×10^{-5} | 3.61 | 6.04 | 67.70 | 90.21 |
| 10 mm leaks | 5.61×10^{-5} | 2.24 | 3.76 | 42.10 | 56.10 |
| 100 mm leaks | 2.19×10^{-5} | 0.876 | 1.47 | 16.40 | 21.90 |

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507 Figure 17 presents the time-series risk analysis results for different leak sizes, which confirm that 0.1
 508 mm and 1 mm leaks hold less hazardous and do not cause fires and explosions, but leakage risk varies

509 over time, suggesting that a fixed risk value cannot reflect the complexity and variability of the actual
 510 situation. Moreover, acceptable risk criteria specific to the offshore hydrogen storage system are
 511 obtained by comparing other acceptable risk criteria. Figure 18 shows the individual risks at axial
 512 distances from the leakage source. The acceptable risk criteria have a significant impact on hazardous
 513 zones, and it is determined to be 10^{-6} per year [46].

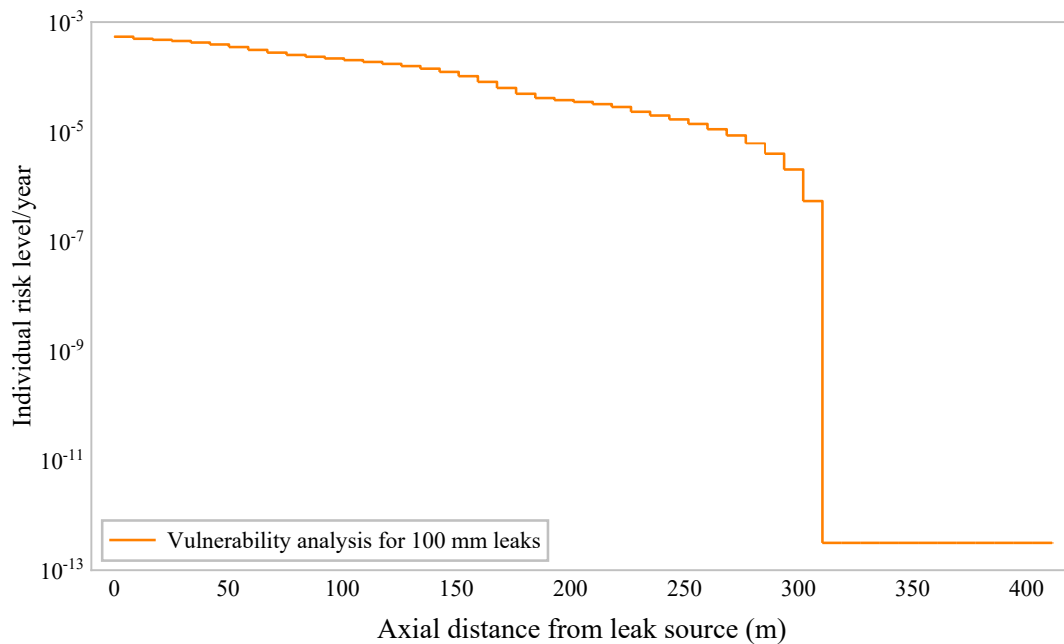


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Figure 17. Time-series risk of leaks associated with leak sizes.



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Figure 18. Risk level for 100 mm leaks under different acceptable risk criteria.

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520 **(2) Fire and explosion risks**

521 Table 13 presents the results of risk analysis for fire and explosion, indicating that the leak accidents
 522 with a size below 0.1 mm generate negligible release and are unlikely to result in explosion accidents.

523 The maximum hazardous zones of fire and explosion are under 1 m as the open space when leak size
 524 is less than 1 mm, indicating negligible damage. In contrast, larger damage zones are observed when
 525 the leak size exceeds 1 mm. It worth to noting that no potential correlation exists between risk
 526 probability and accident consequences. Furthermore, the explosion consequences remain consistent
 527 across leak sizes, since their peak overpressures are only associated with the leaking material.

528 Table 13 Results of fire and explosion risk assessment under different leak sizes.

| Type of accident | Leak size (mm) | Probability | Consequence (mortality) | Risk | Maximum hazard distance (m) |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jet fire | 0.1 | 2.40×10^{-6} | 0.61% | 1.46×10^{-8} | 0.29 |
| | 1 | 1.80×10^{-6} | 2.08% | 3.75×10^{-8} | 0.97 |
| | 10 | 1.12×10^{-6} | 3.88% | 4.35×10^{-8} | 17.99 |
| | 100 | 4.38×10^{-7} | 6.01% | 2.63×10^{-8} | 135.44 |
| Explosion | 0.1 | 9.60×10^{-6} | — | — | — |
| | 1 | 7.22×10^{-6} | — | — | — |
| | 10 | 4.49×10^{-6} | 23.05% | 1.03×10^{-6} | 41.13 |
| | 100 | 1.75×10^{-6} | — | 4.03×10^{-7} | 238.70 |

529 **(3) Hazardous zone definition**

530 Figure 19 shows the hazardous zone associated with leak sizes based on defined risk acceptable criteria.

531 The result shows no concerns about damage for the leakage accident with less than 0.1 mm leak size.

532 The main contributor of damage is the heat radiation of 12.5 kW/m² for 1 mm, 10 mm, and 100 mm

533 leakage accidents. The leakage accident with 1 mm leak size is recognized as a low-risk due to low

534 heat radiation. The result also indicates that the individual risk from 1 mm and 10 mm leakage

535 accidents never exceeds 10⁻⁴ per year. However, the individual risk from 100 mm leakage accidents


536 exceeds 10⁻⁴ per year.


537 The warning signals for three leakage accidents are summarised in Table 14. System operating


538 variables, including pressure, mass flow rate, and leakage concentration, are used as warning indicators

539 to approximate leak sizes. Accordingly, hazardous zones and corresponding preventive measures can

540 be determined as follows.

541  Low risk: Characterised by a slight concentration rise (e.g., from 0 ppm to 500 ppm), a minor
542 pressure drops (e.g., from 101 kPa to 100.8 kPa), and small flow rate fluctuations. To prevent
543 escalation, sensor consistency should be verified and targeted concentration inspections should be
544 conducted near pipe joints. Activities should be restricted within a 5 m radius. The potential
545 ignition sources should be controlled.

546  Medium risk: Characterised by a significant concentration rise (e.g., reaching 5000 ppm or higher),
547 a significant pressure drops (e.g., from 101 to 98 kPa), and a significant flow rate change. This
548 level triggers active mitigation within a 25 m region, including isolating the suspected segment
549 and reducing operating load.

550  High risk. Characterised by a rapid surge in concentration, a sharp pressure drop and pronounced
551 flow rate change. All activities should be stopped, followed by rapid isolation and pressure control.
552 Personnel must be evacuated within a 200 m radius.

553 Table 14 Hazardous zones of different hazard responses.

| Response Level | Corresponding leak size (mm) | Hazard distance (m) |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Low | 0.1 - 1 | 5 |
| Medium | 1 - 10 | 25 |
| High | 10 - 100 | 200 |

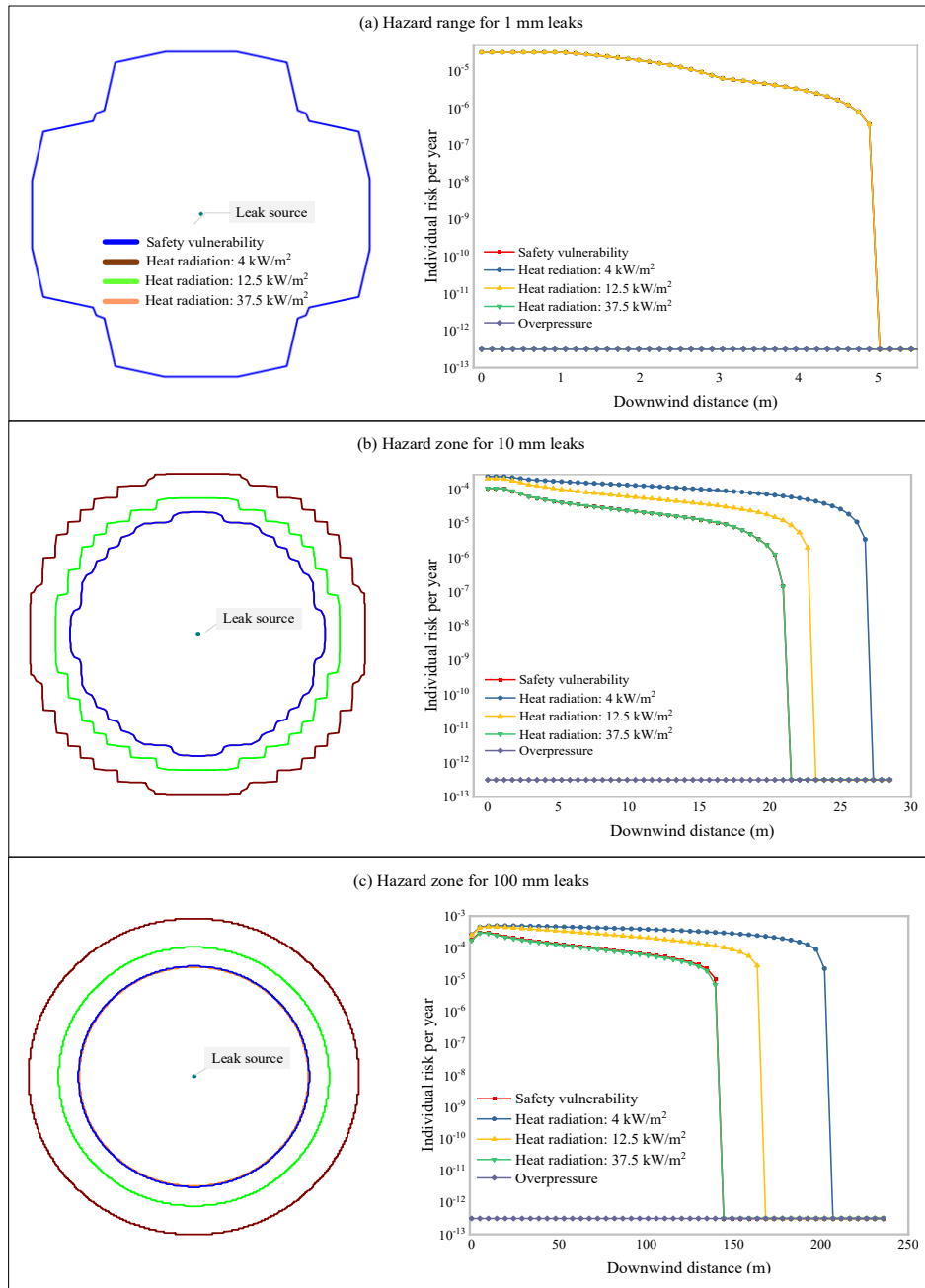


Figure 19. Hazardous zones for different leak sizes.

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557 3.7. Discussions

558 Overall, this paper proposes a predictive risk analysis method that accounts for the dynamic nature of
 559 risks and enables real-time updates. The approach integrates hierarchical Bayesian failure estimation
 560 with time-series consequence analysis. Specifically, the occurrence probability of risk factors is
 561 estimated using a hierarchical Bayesian model, while the time-series consequences prior to accidents
 562 are predicted by a dynamic consequence model. The predictive framework significantly enhances the

563 ability to identify potential risks in advance and to implement preventive measures, thereby reducing
564 the probability and severity of accidents. It is applicable not only in the design stage, but throughout its
565 lifetime.

566 From the failure probability modelling perspective, the proposed method implicitly accounts for the
567 offshore environmental effects using the estimated component failure probability associated with
568 different leakage sizes. This formulation can be further refined by the offshore specific risk
569 modification factors. As reported in [57], marine environment correction factor related to salt spray
570 can be incorporated to modify component failure probability. Structural numerical simulations provide
571 alternatives to link the vessel collision scenarios with failure probability models, to improve the
572 reliability of risk assessment results [58]. In addition, most spectral fatigue models have been
573 developed to assess the structural fatigue life, which can be used as evidence to support risk assessment
574 of offshore system under wind-wave coupled conditions [59].

575 From the dynamic perspective, this study predicts the spatiotemporal evolution of hydrogen leakage
576 concentrations using the DNN-LSTM model. Future work will extend the framework to time-
577 dependent degradation modelling of component performance (e.g. cumulative hydrogen
578 embrittlement), to link the component failure probability to cumulative damage mechanisms and
579 therefore enable a more generalisable dynamic risk assessment framework.

580 From the leakage consequence perspective, the proposed DNN-LSTM model is trained as a surrogate
581 of dispersion simulations. According to the diffusion mechanisms of hydrogen, the predicted leakage
582 behaviour accurately represents (i) high-concentration position regions near the leak source [47], (ii)
583 dynamic development behaviour of hydrogen concentration field, (iii) enhanced turbulent mixing
584 mechanisms under varying environmental conditions [24,29], and (iv) localised concentration
585 anomalies induced by obstacles [25]. Despite these advantages, the artificial intelligent-driven models
586 may struggle to capture extreme concentration peaks and fine-scale turbulent fluctuations, as
587 demonstrated in Figures 15 and 16. Moreover, the complex nonlinear networks reduce the
588 interpretability of predictions. Therefore, future work will incorporate physical mechanisms into
589 training process to enable interpretable and reliable risk predictions. Models include physics-informed

590 neural networks [60] and conservation-constrained models [61], which embed the specific diffusion
591 models and/or hard constraints to improve physical consistency and to provide informative predictions.

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593 **4. Conclusions**

594 A predictive risk analysis framework for capturing the dynamic development nature of leak accidents
595 is proposed in this paper. According to the occurrence probability of risk factors and time-series
596 consequences of events, the dynamic leak risk and hazardous zone are analysed. Meantime, a hazard
597 response mechanism is developed to reduce the difficulty of detecting leak size. The feasibility of the
598 proposed approach is validated by a comprehensive risk analysis of a real offshore hydrogen storage
599 system. The results indicate that the greatest hazardous zone for 100 mm leaks is determined as 200
600 m, followed by 10 mm leaks (25 m) and 1 mm leaks (5 m). The results also indicate that the time-
601 series risks of leakage accidents provide a dynamic and refined improvement over existing risk
602 analysis approaches. Specifically, (i) it adapts to changing external factors by a dynamic framework
603 that continually learns, and updates parameters based on new feedback, and (ii) comprehensive
604 consideration of the risk of leaks and its escalated accidents are effective in developing safety measures,
605 reducing response time, and minimizing potential damage. Future work should focus on establishing
606 a comprehensive physical leakage model by model in terms of hydrogen corrosiveness, limited space,
607 and embrittlement issues and developing model-and-data driven risk analysis approach to enhance
608 reliability and accuracy of the results.

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Appendix A. 150 credible leakage scenarios.

| Code | Wind speed (m/s) | Wind direction (°) | Leak position | Leak rate (kg/s) | Leak direction | Code | Wind speed (m/s) | Wind direction (°) | Leak position | Leak rate (kg/s) | Wind speed (m/s) |
|------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 8.05 | 113.29 | X4Y1 | 0.71 | -Z | 76 | 11.99 | 314.36 | X3Y1 | 0.29 | -Z |
| 2 | 5.73 | 342.35 | X4Y1 | 0.89 | +Z | 77 | 11.57 | 162.38 | X4Y1 | 1.39 | -Z |
| 3 | 16.49 | 177.63 | X4Y3 | 1.84 | -Z | 78 | 12.09 | 248.92 | X3Y1 | 0.14 | +Y |
| 4 | 0.16 | 165.08 | X4Y2 | 1.46 | +Y | 79 | 18.08 | 275.38 | X3Y1 | 0.27 | -X |
| 5 | 15.84 | 168.46 | X4Y1 | 0.68 | +Z | 80 | 9.73 | 121.95 | X1Y2 | 0.38 | -Y |
| 6 | 10.44 | 44.18 | X4Y2 | 0.32 | +Z | 81 | 14.26 | 287.72 | X3Y1 | 0.98 | +X |
| 7 | 8.92 | 267.86 | X4Y1 | 0.54 | -Z | 82 | 0.98 | 61.17 | X4Y1 | 1.99 | +Z |
| 8 | 6.92 | 195.36 | X4Y2 | 0.37 | +Y | 83 | 19.19 | 117.17 | X1Y2 | 1.18 | +Z |
| 9 | 7.25 | 151.35 | X3Y1 | 0.03 | +Z | 84 | 4.24 | 376.41 | X4Y2 | 0.92 | -Z |
| 10 | 5.02 | 93.00 | X4Y2 | 1.10 | +Y | 85 | 10.02 | 148.84 | X4Y1 | 14.80 | +Y |
| 11 | 9.41 | 34.50 | X4Y2 | 0.96 | -X | 86 | 9.00 | 357.04 | X4Y3 | 0.77 | +Y |
| 12 | 2.48 | 91.99 | X1Y2 | 0.33 | +X | 87 | 12.61 | 142.84 | X4Y1 | 0.76 | -X |
| 13 | 1.89 | 31.29 | X4Y1 | 0.81 | -X | 88 | 4.87 | 258.88 | X1Y2 | 0.18 | -X |
| 14 | 8.49 | 254.49 | X4Y3 | 1.95 | -Y | 89 | 7.15 | 250.62 | X4Y1 | 0.65 | -Z |
| 15 | 15.51 | 331.78 | X3Y1 | 1.49 | -Y | 90 | 8.26 | 53.96 | X4Y3 | 1.67 | +Z |
| 16 | 9.14 | 3.28 | X4Y3 | 0.21 | +Z | 91 | 10.85 | 190.39 | X4Y1 | 0.47 | +Z |
| 17 | 12.46 | 185.79 | X4Y3 | 1.61 | -X | 92 | 3.13 | 26.96 | X1Y2 | 0.48 | -Y |
| 18 | 9.54 | 225.00 | X4Y3 | 0.84 | -Y | 93 | 10.08 | 362.04 | X4Y1 | 1.05 | -X |
| 19 | 17.11 | 200.16 | X4Y1 | 1.70 | -Z | 94 | 16.27 | 156.56 | X4Y2 | 0.69 | +Z |
| 20 | 7.35 | 203.02 | X4Y3 | 1.87 | -Y | 95 | 8.20 | 174.88 | X4Y1 | 1.14 | +X |
| 21 | 8.63 | 52.07 | X4Y2 | 0.74 | -Y | 96 | 2.36 | 126.19 | X4Y1 | 1.53 | -X |
| 22 | 10.39 | 124.49 | X4Y1 | 0.40 | +Y | 97 | 8.02 | 127.61 | X1Y2 | 0.87 | +Y |
| 23 | 6.39 | 85.26 | X4Y2 | 0.20 | -X | 98 | 12.80 | 232.44 | X1Y2 | 0.00 | +X |
| 24 | 13.93 | 40.09 | X4Y3 | 0.55 | +Y | 99 | 7.68 | 280.36 | X4Y1 | 1.28 | +X |
| 25 | 14.71 | 172.49 | X4Y1 | 0.57 | -Z | 100 | 6.66 | 330.54 | X4Y3 | 0.36 | -Z |
| 26 | 9.30 | 308.50 | X3Y1 | 0.56 | +Z | 101 | 14.05 | 281.96 | X3Y1 | 1.92 | +Y |
| 27 | 7.21 | 152.79 | X3Y1 | 0.52 | +Y | 102 | 6.10 | 45.17 | X4Y3 | 1.82 | +X |
| 28 | 7.93 | 89.64 | X3Y1 | 0.34 | -Y | 103 | 9.96 | 83.26 | X4Y1 | 1.74 | +Z |
| 29 | 4.46 | 214.00 | X1Y2 | 1.30 | -Y | 104 | 17.85 | 100.32 | X4Y2 | 0.73 | +Y |
| 30 | 9.44 | 163.88 | X4Y1 | 0.79 | +X | 105 | 9.15 | 178.70 | X1Y2 | 0.60 | +Y |
| 31 | 1.66 | 254.80 | X4Y2 | 0.88 | +X | 106 | 11.54 | 243.47 | X4Y2 | 0.26 | -Z |
| 32 | 4.19 | 160.05 | X4Y2 | 0.36 | -X | 107 | 13.40 | 139.78 | X4Y2 | 0.22 | +Y |
| 33 | 12.96 | 133.84 | X4Y1 | 0.42 | +Y | 108 | 1.24 | 309.06 | X4Y1 | 0.85 | +Z |
| 34 | 3.62 | 171.87 | X1Y2 | 0.03 | -X | 109 | 8.57 | 103.07 | X4Y3 | 0.08 | +X |
| 35 | 9.84 | 222.93 | X3Y1 | 0.65 | -X | 110 | 6.50 | 145.40 | X4Y3 | 1.96 | -X |
| 36 | 2.79 | 78.97 | X3Y1 | 0.54 | +Z | 111 | 4.57 | 165.85 | X3Y1 | 0.39 | -Z |
| 37 | 11.24 | 217.87 | X4Y3 | 0.31 | +Y | 112 | 10.35 | 263.51 | X4Y1 | 0.13 | +X |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------|--------|------|-------|----|-----|-------|--------|------|-------|----|
| 38 | 4.98 | 265.28 | X4Y2 | 1.21 | -X | 113 | 12.57 | 96.18 | X4Y1 | 0.26 | +Y |
| 39 | 14.58 | 10.61 | X4Y1 | 0.93 | -X | 114 | 3.73 | 158.71 | X1Y2 | 0.24 | -X |
| 40 | 5.48 | 141.66 | X4Y2 | 0.91 | +Z | 115 | 5.60 | 74.09 | X4Y1 | 17.88 | +X |
| 41 | 13.67 | 270.76 | X4Y1 | 0.41 | -Y | 116 | 7.82 | 107.40 | X4Y1 | 1.42 | +X |
| 42 | 9.03 | 123.59 | X4Y1 | 0.64 | +Y | 117 | 12.10 | 245.18 | X4Y3 | 1.35 | -X |
| 43 | 6.33 | 68.17 | X1Y2 | 1.22 | -Y | 118 | 5.62 | 55.89 | X3Y1 | 0.83 | -Y |
| 44 | 8.16 | 259.82 | X4Y1 | 0.67 | -Z | 119 | 11.44 | 130.04 | X3Y1 | 0.49 | -Z |
| 45 | 11.36 | 71.84 | X4Y2 | 1.12 | -Y | 120 | 4.38 | 237.79 | X4Y3 | 0.95 | +Z |
| 46 | 13.34 | 199.93 | X4Y2 | 0.91 | +X | 121 | 15.33 | 49.65 | X1Y2 | 0.18 | -Z |
| 47 | 6.18 | 230.03 | X4Y2 | 0.59 | +Z | 122 | 6.98 | 180.55 | X4Y1 | 0.50 | -Z |
| 48 | 5.22 | 136.14 | X4Y1 | 0.41 | +X | 123 | 12.89 | 204.11 | X4Y1 | 0.46 | -Y |
| 49 | 7.48 | 134.67 | X1Y2 | 0.85 | -Y | 124 | 5.90 | 62.34 | X4Y2 | 1.26 | -Z |
| 50 | 6.84 | 118.77 | X4Y3 | 0.45 | +X | 125 | 3.31 | 241.41 | X1Y2 | 0.53 | +X |
| 51 | 9.61 | 132.22 | X4Y2 | 1.02 | -Y | 126 | 10.66 | 98.53 | X1Y2 | 0.45 | +Y |
| 52 | 5.98 | 322.68 | X4Y1 | 12.83 | -X | 127 | 7.74 | 67.51 | X4Y2 | 0.29 | +Y |
| 53 | 8.32 | 211.77 | X4Y3 | 0.68 | +Z | 128 | 7.40 | 188.09 | X1Y2 | 0.07 | +X |
| 54 | 10.90 | 64.96 | X4Y2 | 1.87 | +X | 129 | 14.30 | 146.31 | X4Y2 | 19.52 | +Z |
| 55 | 13.55 | 297.93 | X4Y2 | 0.44 | -Z | 130 | 3.41 | 154.56 | X4Y2 | 1.04 | -X |
| 56 | 10.58 | 169.00 | X4Y2 | 0.16 | +Z | 131 | 8.80 | 293.72 | X3Y1 | 0.30 | +X |
| 57 | 8.81 | 210.74 | X4Y2 | 0.94 | -X | 132 | 11.17 | 4.28 | X3Y1 | 1.00 | +X |
| 58 | 7.07 | 155.05 | X4Y1 | 0.15 | +X | 133 | 13.12 | 147.45 | X4Y2 | 0.01 | +X |
| 59 | 7.85 | 226.16 | X4Y3 | 0.74 | +Y | 134 | 10.21 | 182.46 | X3Y1 | 0.71 | +X |
| 60 | 10.68 | 109.75 | X4Y2 | 0.63 | -Y | 135 | 5.80 | 438.84 | X1Y2 | 0.27 | -Z |
| 61 | 10.26 | 221.00 | X4Y3 | 0.10 | -Z | 136 | 11.10 | 176.29 | X4Y1 | 0.62 | +Z |
| 62 | 7.59 | 237.08 | X4Y2 | 1.63 | +X | 137 | 3.96 | 87.16 | X3Y1 | 0.79 | +Y |
| 63 | 12.24 | 198.18 | X4Y1 | 0.82 | -X | 138 | 13.21 | 138.86 | X3Y1 | 0.17 | -X |
| 64 | 0.63 | 235.32 | X4Y2 | 0.98 | +Z | 139 | 3.91 | 21.01 | X4Y1 | 0.51 | +Z |
| 65 | 14.83 | 216.60 | X4Y2 | 1.45 | -Y | 140 | 5.24 | 111.91 | X4Y2 | 1.72 | -Z |
| 66 | 8.72 | 302.57 | X1Y2 | 1.35 | -X | 141 | 11.04 | 207.43 | X3Y1 | 1.76 | -Y |
| 67 | 9.86 | 219.58 | X4Y2 | 0.10 | -X | 142 | 6.28 | 193.30 | X4Y1 | 0.24 | -X |
| 68 | 12.30 | 105.29 | X3Y3 | 0.95 | +Z | 143 | 9.65 | 191.26 | X4Y1 | 1.58 | -Y |
| 69 | 5.40 | 247.14 | X1Y2 | 0.76 | +Z | 144 | 1.40 | 105.17 | X4Y2 | 0.08 | -Z |
| 70 | 4.72 | 26.75 | X4Y2 | 0.80 | -Z | 145 | 6.78 | 194.51 | X4Y2 | 0.59 | -Z |
| 71 | 15.07 | 77.72 | X3Y3 | 0.89 | -Z | 146 | 11.69 | 278.66 | X1Y2 | 0.60 | +X |
| 72 | 11.73 | 229.62 | X4Y1 | 0.11 | +Y | 147 | 10.79 | 11.35 | X4Y1 | 0.04 | -Y |
| 73 | 6.59 | 186.35 | X4Y2 | 1.57 | -Y | 148 | 2.62 | 183.50 | X4Y3 | 0.05 | +Y |
| 74 | 9.24 | 205.97 | X4Y2 | 0.06 | +Y | 149 | 8.42 | 115.82 | X4Y1 | 0.14 | +Z |
| 75 | 3.64 | 290.39 | X4Y3 | 0.20 | -Y | 150 | 11.85 | 209.03 | X4Y3 | 0.70 | -Y |

619 Appendix B. Leakage probability of components under different leak sizes [16].

| Storage tank | | Heat exchanger | | Pump | | Valves | | Filter | | Pipe | |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Leak size | Leak probability | Leak size | Leak probability | Leak size | Leak probability | Leak size | Leak probability | Leak size | Leak probability | Leak size | Leak probability |
| 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 2.04 | 0.76 | 2.03 | 0.60 | 2.02 | 0.47 | 2.00 | 0.45 | 2.01 | 0.37 | 2.01 | 0.42 |
| 3.03 | 0.65 | 3.02 | 0.45 | 3.00 | 0.30 | 2.98 | 0.28 | 2.97 | 0.21 | 3.00 | 0.25 |
| 4.00 | 0.58 | 3.99 | 0.36 | 4.05 | 0.22 | 3.96 | 0.20 | 4.02 | 0.13 | 3.91 | 0.17 |
| 5.09 | 0.53 | 4.98 | 0.31 | 5.07 | 0.17 | 4.98 | 0.16 | 4.97 | 0.10 | 4.97 | 0.13 |
| 6.15 | 0.50 | 6.06 | 0.27 | 6.13 | 0.14 | 5.92 | 0.13 | 6.04 | 0.08 | 6.05 | 0.10 |
| 7.11 | 0.47 | 7.17 | 0.24 | 6.89 | 0.12 | 7.05 | 0.11 | 6.95 | 0.06 | 6.92 | 0.08 |
| 7.95 | 0.45 | 8.01 | 0.22 | 7.97 | 0.10 | 8.01 | 0.09 | 7.96 | 0.05 | 7.79 | 0.07 |
| 9.15 | 0.43 | 9.06 | 0.20 | 8.97 | 0.09 | 9.17 | 0.08 | 9.16 | 0.05 | 8.96 | 0.06 |
| 10.17 | 0.41 | 10.13 | 0.18 | 10.04 | 0.08 | 9.81 | 0.07 | 9.85 | 0.04 | 9.97 | 0.06 |
| 19.91 | 0.31 | 20.42 | 0.11 | 20.25 | 0.04 | 20.13 | 0.03 | 19.77 | 0.01 | 19.90 | 0.03 |
| 30.15 | 0.27 | 30.42 | 0.08 | 29.84 | 0.03 | 29.67 | 0.02 | 30.16 | 0.01 | 29.83 | 0.02 |
| 40.80 | 0.24 | 40.74 | 0.07 | 39.98 | 0.02 | 40.20 | 0.01 | 40.41 | 0.01 | 39.74 | 0.01 |
| 50.78 | 0.22 | 50.72 | 0.05 | 50.06 | 0.01 | 50.32 | 0.00 | 50.33 | 0.01 | 50.04 | 0.00 |
| 60.77 | 0.20 | 61.41 | 0.05 | 59.95 | 0.02 | 58.25 | 0.00 | 59.91 | 0.00 | — | — |
| 70.32 | 0.19 | 70.66 | 0.04 | 70.56 | 0.01 | 69.77 | 0.01 | 71.75 | 0.01 | — | — |
| 80.01 | 0.18 | 79.51 | 0.04 | 80.33 | 0.01 | 80.30 | 0.00 | 80.29 | 0.00 | — | — |
| 92.07 | 0.18 | 90.49 | 0.03 | 88.87 | 0.01 | — | — | 89.87 | 0.00 | — | — |
| 100.72 | 0.17 | 102.99 | 0.03 | 99.46 | 0.01 | — | — | 98.89 | 0.00 | — | — |

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