

Vamsi Kukkapalli Unveils Groundbreaking Research Exploring Energy Storage and Infrastructure Technologies

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, July 10, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Vamsi Kukkapalli, a researcher at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is proud to have recently published a series of groundbreaking papers that explore optimization techniques for metal hydride reactors and roadway embankment stabilization. These studies promise significant advancements in the domains of hydrogen energy storage and permafrost engineering.

A renowned researcher, Kukkapalli has long worked at the forefront of energy storage and infrastructure technology spaces. One of his earlier studies, "<u>Optimization of Internal Cooling Fins for Metal Hydride</u> <u>Reactors</u>," was published in Energies 2016, and he has since focused his research on improving the efficiency of



metal hydride reactors through enhanced internal cooling fins – key to faster and more efficient hydrogen absorption.

In his latest work, published in Energies 2023, Kukkapalli provides a <u>comprehensive review</u> of thermal management techniques in metal hydrides for hydrogen storage applications. This review consolidates the advancements made in the field, encompassing various cooling methods, such as air, liquid, and phase change cooling. By analyzing the advantages and limitations of each technique, Kukkapalli offers valuable insights for researchers and engineers striving to optimize metal hydride reactor systems.

Beyond the realm of hydrogen energy storage, Kukkapalli's has also introduced innovative research extending to the stabilization of roadway embankments on permafrost, a pressing concern in Artic regions. In his work published in April 2019 in the IOP Conference Series on

Material Science and Engineering, Kukkapalli introduced the use of thermosyphons with <u>Y-shaped evaporators</u>. By employing this innovative technique, he demonstrated how roadway embankments could be effectively heated and cooled, mitigating the adverse effects of thawing permafrost. This breakthrough offers a sustainable and cost-effective solution for maintaining stable infrastructure in cold regions.

Kukkapalli's research demonstrates his unwavering commitment to pushing the boundaries of energy storage and infrastructure optimization. These significant contributions lay the groundwork for a more sustainable and resilient future, where clean energy storage and infrastructure thrive. To learn more about Vamsi Kukkapalli and his research, visit <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/vamsikukkapalli/</u>.

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