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As an effective risk assessment method, layer of protection analysis (LOPA) is widely used in the evaluation of protection measures, *i.e.*, independent protection layers (IPLs). However, traditional LOPA can only make semi-quantitative assessments for risk. Thus, assessment results with respect to risk will not be accurate or detailed enough, and the evaluation for IPLs may not be scientific or reasonable. By taking advantage of the quantitative analysis of the set pair analysis (SPA), a quantitative LOPA called the set pair analysis-layer of protection analysis (SPA-LOPA) is proposed in this study. The severity of the risk is judged by experts, and expert judgements are reflected by the connection degree (CD) while the corresponding algorithm for the CD is developed. In addition, the diversity degree (DD) and its algorithm are presented to process the CD with respect to the severity, and the assessed severity is measured by the calculated value of the DD. Next, the risk is quantified by the value of the DD and its frequency. Subsequently, the steps of the SPA-LOPA and corresponding assessment flowchart are provided. The SPA-LOPA and semi-quantitative LOPA are utilized to evaluate risks of gas leakage in biomass gasification. It is proved that the SPA-LOPA is more scientific and reasonable in the evaluation for IPLs, based on the comparison results.

Keywords: Layer of protection analysis; Set pair analysis; Connection degree; Diversity degree;
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37 **1. Introduction**38

39 Risk assessment is one of the most effective methods in the risk control and risk 40 management of process industries. With years of development, various risk assessment methods have been proposed and developed, including the fault tree analysis (FTA), 41 42 event tree analysis (ETA), hazard and operability analysis (HAZOP), preliminary hazard 43 analysis (PHA), failure model effect criticality analysis (FMECA), Bayesian network 44 (BN), set pair analysis (SPA), layer of protection analysis (LOPA), fire and explosion 45 index (F&EI), probabilistic risk assessment (PRA), and fuzzy methods. Currently, the 46 development of the risk assessment involves quantitative research. Fuentes-Bargues took 47 advantage of the FTA to perform quantitative analysis of the most relevant risks of 48 industrial chemical plants (Fuentes-Bargues et al. 2017). Subsequently, the HAZOP was 49 combined with FTA results, and the most significant danger was identified. In Fu's study 50 (Fu et al. 2016), the ETA was integrated with the computational fluid dynamics (CFD) 51 simulation to investigate the hazard in LNG-fuelled vessels. According to the analysis of 52 consequences, the risk of LNG leakage was indicated. Abdo proposed a new quantitative 53 risk assessment approach based on the fuzzy set theory and the Monte Carlo simulation Download English Version:

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