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KBRN Dekontaminasyon Teknikleri için Proses Kontrol Metodolojilerindeki Gelişmeler: Bir İnceleme

Advancements in Process Control Methodologies for CBRN Decontamination Techniques: A Review

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Özet

Kamu güvenliği için önemli riskler oluşturan kimyasal, biyolojik, radyolojik ve nükleer (KBRN) olayların etkilerini hafifletmek için etkili dekontaminasyon tekniklerine ihtiyaç duyulmaktadır. Dekontaminasyon operasyonlarının başarılı bir şekilde yürütülmesini sağlamada, süreç kontrol yöntemleri kritik bir rol oynamaktadır. Bu derleme çalışması, KBRN dekontaminasyonu süreç kontrol yöntemlerini incelemeyi ve bunların etkinliğini artırmak için yeni teknolojilerin entegrasyon potansiyelini vurgulamayı amaçlamaktadır. Mevcut literatür araştırılarak, gerçek zamanlı izleme, otomasyon, veri analitiği ve akıllı karar verme sistemleri gibi alanlardaki gelişmeler incelenmiştir.

Gelişmiş sensörler ve gözetim sistemleri gibi gerçek zamanlı izleme teknolojileri, zamanında ve doğru yanıtlar için kritik veriler sağlayabilmektedir. Dekontaminasyon süreçlerinde otomasyon, insan hatasını azaltabilir ve operasyonel verimliliği artırabilir. Veri analitiği, büyük bilgi yığınlarının işlenmesini sağlayarak KBRN tehditlerine daha etkili bir şekilde yanıt verilmesini mümkün kılabilir, yapay zeka ve makine öğrenmesi gibi akıllı karar verme sistemleri ise gerçek zamanlı verilere dayanarak dekontaminasyon stratejilerini optimize edebilir.

Bu teknolojilerin entegrasyonu ile süreç kontrol yöntemleri daha hızlı, daha verimli ve daha güvenli KBRN dekontaminasyon operasyonlarını mümkün kılacak şekilde dönüştürülebilir. Bu çalışma, KBRN olaylarına hazırlık ve yanıt yeteneklerini geliştirmek için bu alanlarda devam eden araştırma ve geliştirmeye olan ihtiyacı vurgulayarak, kamu güvenliğini artırmayı ve bu tür olayların etkilerini en aza indirmeyi hedeflemektedir.

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Abstract

Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) incidents pose significant risks to public safety and require effective decontamination techniques to mitigate their impact. Process control methodologies play a crucial role in ensuring the successful execution of decontamination operations. This review paper aims to explore the current state of process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination and highlight the potential for integrating new technologies to enhance their effectiveness. By examining existing literature, this review identifies key areas where advancements can be made, including real-time monitoring, automation, data analytics, and intelligent decision-making systems.

Real-time monitoring technologies, such as advanced sensors and surveillance systems, can provide critical data for timely and informed responses. Automation in decontamination processes can reduce human error and increase operational efficiency. Data analytics enables the processing of large volumes of information to predict and respond to CBRN threats more effectively. Intelligent decision-making systems, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, can optimize decontamination strategies based on real-time data.

Through the incorporation of these technologies, the process control methodologies can be transformed to enable faster, more efficient, and safer CBRN decontamination operations. This paper emphasizes the need for ongoing research and development in these areas to improve preparedness and response capabilities for CBRN incidents, ultimately enhancing public safety and minimizing the impact of such events.

1. INTRODUCTION

Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) incidents pose significant risks to public safety, the environment, and infrastructure. Whether caused by accidents, acts of terrorism, or natural disasters, CBRN incidents require prompt and effective response strategies to mitigate their devastating consequences. Among the various response measures, decontamination plays a critical role in removing or neutralizing hazardous materials, reducing contamination levels, and restoring affected areas to a safe and usable state (Walker, 2019; Zoland and Alford, 2019).

Decontamination processes are complex and require meticulous planning, precise execution, and robust process control methodologies. Process control encompasses a range of techniques and systems aimed at ensuring the efficient and reliable operation of decontamination procedures. These methodologies enable the monitoring, adjustment, and optimization of various parameters, such as decontamination agent concentration, contact time, temperature, and flow rates, to achieve the desired decontamination outcomes (World Health organization 2017; Borsuk et al., 2018; U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, 2018).

While traditional process control methodologies have been widely employed in CBRN decontamination operations, there is a growing recognition of the need for advancements to meet evolving challenges. With the rapid development and integration of new technologies, there is an immense potential to enhance and transform process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination. This review paper aims to explore the current state of process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination and highlight the opportunities for incorporating innovative technologies to improve their effectiveness (Walker, 2019; Singh et al., 2020).

The effective management of CBRN incidents demands real-time situational awareness, accurate detection and monitoring of contaminants, prompt decision-making, and precise execution of decontamination processes. Traditional process control methodologies, such as manual sampling, periodic measurements, and fixed parameter settings, have inherent limitations in addressing these requirements. The reliance on human operators, who may face safety risks and time constraints, can impede the timely and efficient execution of decontamination operations (World Health Organization, 2017; U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, 2018; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019).

Therefore, there is a need for novel process control methodologies that leverage advanced technologies to overcome these limitations. Real-time monitoring systems equipped with cutting-edge sensor technologies can provide continuous and accurate data on contamination levels, facilitating proactive decision-making and precise adjustments to the decontamination process. Automation, using robotics and autonomous systems, can enable remote and hazardous decontamination operations, reducing human exposure to risks. Data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems can harness the power of machine learning and artificial intelligence to optimize process parameters, predict decontamination effectiveness, and support real-time decision-making (Tussing & Carafano, 2013; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2019)

By integrating these new technologies, process control methodologies can be revolutionized, leading to faster, more efficient, and safer CBRN decontamination operations. However, the adoption and implementation of such advancements pose challenges related to safety and reliability, regulatory compliance, standardization, and the need for specialized training and skillsets. Addressing these challenges is crucial to ensure the successful integration and widespread adoption of advanced process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2019).

In this review paper, we will examine the current state of process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination and explore the potential for enriching and enhancing them with new technologies. By analyzing existing literature and research, we aim to identify key areas where advancements can be made, highlight successful case studies, discuss challenges, and provide recommendations for future research and development. Ultimately, this review seeks to contribute to the advancement of process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination, promoting safer and more effective response strategies in the face of CBRN incidents.

2. STATUS QUO IN CBRN DECONTAMINATION

2.1. Current process control methodologies in cbrn decontamination

The successful execution of CBRN decontamination operations relies heavily on process control methodologies, which encompass a range of techniques and systems aimed at managing and optimizing various aspects of the decontamination process. These methodologies ensure that decontamination efforts are executed efficiently, accurately, and with minimal environmental and health risks. In this section, we will delve into the current state of process control methodologies employed in CBRN decontamination and explore their strengths and limitations (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2019).

2.2 Traditional process control techniques

In recent years, the field of CBRN decontamination has witnessed remarkable progress in process control techniques, driven by advancements in technology and the increasing demand for more efficient and reliable methods. One of the notable breakthroughs is the integration of real-time monitoring and sensing systems. These systems leverage state-of-the-art sensors, detectors, and analyzers to continuously capture and analyze data on contamination levels, environmental conditions, and other pertinent parameters.

With real-time monitoring and sensing systems in place, operators no longer have to rely solely on manual sampling and periodic measurements. Instead, they can access instant and accurate information about the status of the decontamination process. These systems can detect and identify hazardous substances, measure their concentrations, and even track their spatial distribution. By providing instantaneous data, they empower operators to make prompt and informed decisions regarding the adjustment of decontamination agent concentrations, contact times, and other crucial parameters. This real-time feedback loop enables a more adaptive and responsive approach to CBRN decontamination, ensuring that actions are tailored to the specific needs of each situation.

Furthermore, the integration of automation and advanced control algorithms has revolutionized process control in CBRN decontamination. Automation technologies, such as robotics and intelligent systems, have been developed to automate various tasks, reducing the reliance on human operators and minimizing their exposure to potential safety risks. These automated systems can perform tasks with precision, speed, and accuracy, ensuring consistent and reliable execution of decontamination processes.

Sophisticated control algorithms have also been employed to optimize and fine-tune the decontamination process. These algorithms utilize complex mathematical models and data analysis techniques to optimize the allocation of resources, minimize waste, and maximize the effectiveness of decontamination efforts. By continuously analyzing real-time data and adjusting parameters accordingly, these algorithms enable the decontamination process to be finely tuned for optimal performance, even in rapidly changing or uncertain environments.

In summary, the traditional process control techniques in CBRN decontamination have laid a solid foundation for managing decontamination operations. However, advancements in real-time monitoring, automation, and control algorithms have opened up new horizons for enhancing the efficiency, safety, and effectiveness of the decontamination process. By embracing these cutting-edge techniques, operators can overcome the limitations of manual sampling, reduce delays, mitigate safety risks, and achieve more rapid and targeted responses to CBRN incidents, ultimately ensuring the successful decontamination of affected areas. (Al-Tufaili et al., 2018; Bertrand-Krajewski, 2019).

2.3. Need analysis of traditional systems

Several challenges arise when implementing process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination:

-Real-time screening and data collection: Ensuring real-time monitoring of contamination levels is crucial for swift decision-making and process optimization. However, existing technologies may not provide continuous, accurate, and reliable data on contaminants in real-time.

-Reducing personnel needs: The incorporation of automation in CBRN decontamination can reduce human exposure to hazardous environments, increase operational efficiency, and enable remote decontamination. Nevertheless, fully autonomous systems may require complex decision-making capabilities and robust safeguards to avoid potential accidents or errors.

-Data Handling and Interpretation: Handling and analyzing vast amounts of data generated during decontamination operations can be challenging. Effective data analytics are essential to draw insights, make informed decisions, and optimize decontamination processes.

-Smart Decision-Making: Developing intelligent decision-making systems that can analyze real-time data, predict contamination patterns, and recommend appropriate responses is a complex task that demands sophisticated algorithms and integration with existing process control systems. Against all the odds, there is a growing interest in exploring new technologies that can be integrated into process control methodologies to overcome limitations and enhance overall effectiveness in CBRN decontamination operations. In the subsequent sections of this review paper, we will focus on advancements in process control methodologies driven by new technologies. We will explore the potential of real-time monitoring systems, automation, data analytics, and intelligent decision-making systems to revolutionize the way CBRN decontamination is managed. By examining these emerging technologies and their applications, we aim to provide insights into how they can be harnessed to create more efficient, safer, and adaptive process control methodologies, thus improving the response to CBRN incidents (Bullock et al., 2018).

Below, you will find comprehensive information regarding emerging techniques that have been developed in response to specific needs in the relevant field for better understanding.

3. EMERGING TECHNICS AND INNOVATIONS IN CBRN DECONTAMINATION

3.1. Real-time monitoring systems

Real-time monitoring plays a crucial role in CBRN decontamination, providing continuous and accurate data on contamination levels to enable proactive decision-making and optimize the decontamination process. Recent advancements in sensor technologies have opened up new possibilities for improved detection and monitoring capabilities. This section will explore the advancements in sensor technologies and the integration of real-time data collection and analysis in CBRN decontamination process control methodologies (Sutlieff et al., 2021; Rothbacher, 2021; Kumar-Kumar, 2019).

3.2. Advancements in sensor technologies for detection and monitoring

Sensor technologies have witnessed significant advancements in recent years, offering enhanced capabilities for detecting and monitoring CBRN contaminants. These advancements have enabled the development of more sensitive, selective, and reliable sensors that can detect a wide range of chemical and biological agents, as well as radiation levels (Mattmann, 2020; Teledyne, 2021; Bruker, 2024; Carraher et al., 2020).

-Chemical sensors: Novel sensor technologies, such as optical sensors, electrochemical sensors, and surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS), have demonstrated improved sensitivity and selectivity in detecting chemical contaminants. These sensors can rapidly identify and quantify hazardous chemicals, facilitating real-time monitoring of decontamination effectiveness and the identification of residual contamination.

-Biological sensors: Biological agent detection technologies have evolved to include biosensors, immunosensors, and nucleic acid-based sensors. These sensors offer rapid and specific detection of biological agents, enabling early warning and prompt response to potential biological threats. They can be integrated into process control systems to continuously monitor the presence of biological contaminants during decontamination operations.

-Radiation sensors: Advances in radiation detection technologies have resulted in more accurate and portable radiation sensors. These sensors utilize various techniques, including scintillation detectors, solid-state detectors, and spectrometry, to provide real-time measurements of radiation levels. They play a crucial role in monitoring and ensuring the safety of personnel involved in CBRN decontamination.

3.3. Integration of real-time data collection and analysis

The availability of real-time data is essential for effective process control in CBRN decontamination. Integration of sensor networks and data collection systems enables the continuous acquisition of data on contamination levels, environmental conditions, and other relevant parameters. This real-time data is then processed and analyzed to provide meaningful insights for decision-making and process optimization (Sutlieff el al., 2021; Seböck et al., 2023; Department of the Army, 2020).

-Data collection systems: The integration of sensor networks, data loggers, and telemetry systems allows for continuous data collection during decontamination operations. These systems can be deployed in various locations, such as hotspots, monitoring stations, and personal protective equipment, to provide comprehensive and real-time data on contamination levels. Data analysis and visualization: Advanced data analytics techniques, including machine learning algorithms, statistical models, and pattern recognition, can be employed to analyze the collected data. These techniques enable the identification of trends, correlations, and anomalies, supporting decision-making processes and optimizing decontamination strategies. Real-time data visualization tools further aid in interpreting and communicating the information effectively (Chilcott et al., 2019; Seböck et al., 2023).

-Feedback loop and adaptive control: Real-time data analysis can facilitate the establishment of a feedback loop between data collection, analysis, and process control. By continuously monitoring contamination levels and adjusting process parameters in response to real-time data, an adaptive control system can be implemented, ensuring optimal decontamination effectiveness throughout the operation. The integration of real-time monitoring systems and data collection with advanced sensor technologies provides valuable insights into the contamination levels and dynamics during CBRN decontamination. These advancements enable prompt decision-making, adjustment of process parameters, and optimization of decontamination strategies based on real-time data analysis. By leveraging these technologies, process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination can become more dynamic, efficient, and responsive, ultimately leading to improved decontamination outcomes (Seböck et al., 2023; Singh & Mannan, 2012).

4. AUTOMATION IN CBRN DECONTAMINATION

Automation technologies have the potential to revolutionize CBRN decontamination by reducing human exposure to hazardous environments, increasing operational efficiency, and enabling remote and autonomous operations. This section explores the advancements in automation and its integration into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination (Bhaskar et al., 2020; Mohindru et al., 2022).

4.1. Robotic systems for remote and hazardous environments

Robotic systems have made significant strides in recent years, offering advanced capabilities for remote and hazardous CBRN decontamination operations. These systems can be deployed in environments where human access is limited or poses significant risks. They can navigate complex terrains, manipulate objects, and perform decontamination tasks with precision and repeatability. Remote-controlled robots: Remote-controlled robots, operated by human operators from a safe location, are used in CBRN decontamination scenarios where direct human involvement is not feasible. These robots can be equipped with specialized decontamination tools, such as sprayers, brushes, or suction devices, enabling them to perform decontamination tasks effectively.

-Autonomous robots: Autonomous robots are designed to operate independently, without direct human intervention. They incorporate advanced sensors, computer vision systems, and path planning algorithms to navigate and perform decontamination tasks autonomously. These robots can adapt to dynamic environments, avoid obstacles, and carry out decontamination operations with a high level of accuracy.

-Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs): UAVs, commonly known as drones, have gained popularity in CBRN decontamination due to their ability to access hard-to-reach areas and cover large areas quickly. Equipped with decontamination payloads, such as spraying systems or sensors, UAVs can deliver decontamination agents or collect real-time data on contamination levels from the air (Liu et al., 2017).

4.2. Autonomous decontamination processes and equipment

Advancements in automation have led to the development of autonomous decontamination processes and equipment, reducing the need for continuous human intervention. These technologies streamline and optimize the decontamination workflow, resulting in improved efficiency and reduced time requirements.
Autonomous decontamination chambers: Decontamination chambers equipped with automated systems for agent dispensing, temperature control, and air circulation can carry out decontamination processes autonomously. These chambers can be programmed to follow predefined protocols, ensuring consistent and reliable decontamination outcomes.

-Self-decontaminating materials and surfaces: Self-decontaminating materials, such as coatings or films, have been developed to eliminate the need for external decontamination processes. These materials can actively neutralize or repel contaminants, significantly reducing the effort and time required for decontamination (Rothbacher, 2021; Khan et al., 2012; Dancer & King, 2021; Lee et al., 2018).

The integration of automation in CBRN decontamination offers several benefits, including:

- Improved safety: By reducing human exposure to hazardous environments, automation minimizes the risks associated with CBRN decontamination operations, safeguarding the health and well-being of personnel.

- Enhanced efficiency: Automation technologies enable faster execution of decontamination processes, resulting in reduced downtime and increased operational efficiency.

- Consistency and repeatability: Automated systems can carry out decontamination tasks with precision and consistency, ensuring uniformity in decontamination outcomes.

However, there are considerations that need to be addressed when implementing automation in CBRN decontamination:

- Complexity and reliability: Autonomous systems require robust engineering and validation processes to ensure their reliability and performance under various conditions.

- Compatibility and adaptability: Integration of automation technologies with existing decontamination equipment, protocols, and processes may require careful planning and customization.

- Human supervision and intervention: While automation reduces human involvement, it is crucial to have human operators available for supervision, intervention, and decision-making when needed.

In conclusion, automation technologies have the potential to significantly enhance CBRN decontamination by improving safety, efficiency, and operational capabilities. The integration of robotic systems, autonomous equipment, and processes into process control methodologies enables remote, efficient, and precise decontamination operations. However, careful considerations must be taken into account during the design, implementation, and operation of automated systems to ensure their effectiveness, reliability, and compatibility with existing decontamination practices (Kaurinović & Randjelović, 2018; Chilcott et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2017).

5. DATA ANALYTICS AND INTELLIGENT DECISION-MAKING SYSTEMS

Data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems are transforming the field of CBRN decontamination by harnessing the power of machine learning, artificial intelligence, and advanced algorithms. These technologies enable the extraction of valuable insights from data, prediction of decontamination effectiveness, and real-time decision-making. This section explores the advancements in data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems and their integration into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination (Malizia et al., 2022; NATO, 2022).

5.1. Data-driven analysis and optimization

Data analytics techniques are utilized to analyze large volumes of data collected during CBRN decontamination operations. By applying statistical analysis, pattern recognition, and machine learning algorithms, valuable insights can be derived, enabling the optimization of decontamination processes and resource allocation (Liu et al., 2017; Kaurinović & Randjelović, 2018).

-Statistical analysis: Statistical techniques are employed to identify trends, correlations, and patterns in the data collected during decontamination operations. These analyses provide valuable information about the effectiveness of different decontamination strategies, influencing decision-making and process optimization.

-Pattern recognition: Advanced pattern recognition algorithms can identify complex patterns and anomalies in the data, aiding in the detection of contamination hotspots, assessing the progress of decontamination, and guiding the allocation of resources.

-Machine learning: Machine learning algorithms, such as supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning, can be trained on historical data to predict decontamination outcomes, optimize process parameters, and support real-time decision-making. These algorithms adapt and improve their performance over time by learning from new data.

5.2. Intelligent decision-making systems

Intelligent decision-making systems leverage data analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence to support real-time decision-making during CBRN decontamination. These systems incorporate models, algorithms, and decision support tools to provide timely and informed recommendations to operators and decision-makers (Liu et al., 2017).

-Real-time situational awareness: By integrating real-time data from sensor networks, data analytics, and process control systems, intelligent decision-making systems provide operators with a comprehensive view of the decontamination operation. This situational awareness facilitates informed decision-making and enables proactive responses to changing conditions (Chilcott et al., 2019; Lee et al., 2018).

-Optimization and resource allocation: Intelligent decision-making systems can optimize the allocation of resources, such as decontamination agents, equipment, and personnel, based on real-time data and predictive models. These systems ensure efficient utilization of resources and minimize operational costs while maximizing decontamination effectiveness (Chilcott et al., 2019; Lee et al., 2018).

-Adaptive control: Intelligent decision-making systems can dynamically adjust process parameters based on real-time data, predictive models, and predefined objectives. This adaptive control capability allows for continuous optimization and fine-tuning of decontamination operations to achieve desired outcomes (Chilcott et al., 2019; Lee et al., 2018).

Implementing data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems in CBRN decontamination comes with its own set of challenges:

-Data quality and integration: Ensuring the accuracy, reliability, and compatibility of data from various sources is crucial for the effectiveness of data analytics and decision-making systems. Proper data integration and validation processes are necessary to achieve reliable and meaningful results.

-Model training and validation: Developing accurate and robust predictive models requires access to diverse and representative training data. Additionally, these models must undergo thorough validation to ensure their reliability and generalizability.

-Interpretability and transparency: The interpretability and transparency of decision-making processes are important for building trust and confidence in intelligent systems. It is essential to develop methodologies and tools that enable the understanding and explanation of the decisions made by these systems.

-Ethical and legal considerations: The use of data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems raises ethical and legal concerns, such as privacy, data security, and compliance with regulations. These considerations must be addressed to ensure responsible and lawful deployment of these technologies.

In conclusion, data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems have the potential to revolutionize CBRN decontamination by enabling data-driven optimization, real-time decision-making, and adaptive control. However, addressing challenges related to data quality, model development, interpretability, and ethical considerations is essential to fully harness the potential of these technologies. With careful implementation and integration, data analytics and intelligent decision-making systems can greatly enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of CBRN decontamination operations.

6. INTEGRATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES INTO TRADITIONAL AND EMERGING CBRN DECONTAMINATION PROCESS CONTROL METHODOLOGIES

The integration of new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination holds great promise for enhancing the overall effectiveness and efficiency of decontamination operations. This section explores various emerging technologies and their potential integration into process control methodologies.

6.1. Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology offers exciting opportunities for CBRN decontamination by providing innovative decontamination and techniques that can efficiently neutralize or remove contaminants. Nanomaterials, such as nanoparticles, nanocomposites, and nanostructured coatings, can enhance the performance of decontamination agents, econtami their stability, and provide targeted and controlled 8econtam. These nanomaterials can be incorporated into decontamination processes and equipment to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. Additionally, nanosensors and nanodevices enable real-time monitoring of contamination levels, allowing for prompt decision-making and adjustment of process parameters. The integration of nanotechnology into process control methodologies enhances both the decontamination process and the monitoring capabilities, resulting in more effective and precise decontamination operations (Kumar, 2019; Camesano, 2015).

6.2. Internet of things (ıot)

The Internet of Things (IoT) has the potential to transform process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination by connecting devices, sensors, and systems in a network. IoT devices can collect and transmit real-time data on contamination levels, environmental conditions, and equipment performance. This data can be analyzed and processed to provide valuable insights for decision-making, optimization of decontamination processes, and predictive maintenance of equipment. By leveraging the capabilities of IoT, process control systems can be enhanced with remote monitoring and control, enabling real-time adjustments of process parameters and rapid response to emerging challenges. The integration of IoT in CBRN decontamination process control methodologies improves situational awareness, enhances efficiency, and facilitates data-driven decision-making (Bhaskar et al., 2020; Das et al., 2018).

6.3. Augmented reality (ar) and virtual reality (vr)

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) technologies offer immersive and interactive experiences that can enhance training, planning, and execution of CBRN decontamination operations. AR and VR can simulate realistic scenarios, allowing operators to visualize and practice decontamination processes, evaluate potential challenges, and develop strategies in a safe and controlled environment.

AR can overlay real-time data, such as contamination levels or equipment status, onto the operator's field of view, providing instant information and guidance. VR can create virtual environments that replicate CBRN-contaminated areas, allowing operators to navigate and interact with simulated hazards, enhancing their preparedness and decision-making skills.

The integration of AR and VR technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination improves training effectiveness, enhances situational awareness, and enables more efficient and accurate execution of decontamination operations (Deloitte, 2018; Bhaskar et al., 2020; Das et al., 2018).

6.4. Robotics and artificial intelligence (ai)

Advancements in robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) have a transformative impact on CBRN decontamination process control methodologies. Intelligent robots equipped with AI capabilities can autonomously perform decontamination tasks, adapt to changing conditions, and make real-time decisions based on data analysis. Robots with AI algorithms can analyze sensor data, detect and classify contaminants, and autonomously adjust process parameters to achieve optimal decontamination outcomes. They can also collaborate with human operators, enabling human-robot interaction and synergistic performance in complex decontamination scenarios. The integration of robotics and AI technologies enhances the efficiency, precision, and adaptability of CBRN decontamination operations, reducing human exposure to hazards and improving overall process control (Kaszeta, 2013; Shandilya et al., 2020).

6.5. Blockchain Technology

Blockchain technology, known for its decentralized and secure nature, has potential applications in CBRN decontamination process control methodologies. Blockchain can provide a secure and immutable record of decontamination operations, ensuring transparency, accountability, and traceability of data and processes. By utilizing blockchain technology, the integrity and authenticity of data collected during decontamination operations can be guaranteed, preventing tampering or falsification. This enhances the reliability of process control methodologies, facilitates audits and compliance with regulations, and strengthens trust among stakeholders involved in CBRN decontamination operations. In conclusion, the integration of emerging technologies, such as nanotechnology, IoT, AR/VR, robotics and AI, and blockchain, into process control methodologies holds tremendous potential for advancing CBRN decontamination. These technologies offer improved efficiency, enhanced monitoring capabilities, increased safety, and innovative approaches to decontamination operations. By embracing these new technologies, the field of CBRN decontamination can evolve and continually adapt to emerging challenges and requirements, ensuring effective and timely response to CBRN incidents (Bugajska et al., 2021).

7. ADAPTATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY TO CBRN DECONTAMINATION: MERITS AND FLAWS

While the integration of new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination shows great promise, several challenges need to be addressed to fully realize their potential. Additionally, exploring future directions can open up new opportunities for advancing the field of CBRN decontamination (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, 2020). This section discusses some of the challenges and suggests potential future directions.

7.1. Challenges

7.1.1. Safety and Reliability

The primary concern in CBRN decontamination is ensuring the safety of personnel and the environment. When incorporating new technologies, it is essential to rigorously assess their safety and reliability under various operating conditions. System malfunctions or errors in autonomous or remote-controlled equipment could have severe consequences, necessitating robust fail-safe mechanisms and thorough testing protocols (Haddow et al., 2020; Kaszeta, 2020; National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, 2018; Thakur et al., 2019; Till & Grogan, 2008).

7.1.2. Interoperability and Standardization

The integration of diverse technologies into process control methodologies requires seamless interoperability and standardization of data formats, communication protocols, and interfaces. Lack of interoperability can lead to data fragmentation and hinder efficient decision-making and process optimization. Establishing industry-wide standards for CBRN decontamination technologies can promote compatibility and facilitate technology integration (Singh et al., 2020).

7.1.3. Cost and Accessibility

New technologies, especially those on the cutting edge, may be expensive to develop, procure, and maintain. The cost-effectiveness of implementing these technologies needs to be carefully evaluated, especially for widespread adoption. Ensuring accessibility and affordability is crucial to democratizing the benefits of advanced process control methodologies across various response teams and regions (Tussing & Carafano, 2013).

7.1.4. Ethical and Legal Considerations

As with any emerging technology, the ethical and legal implications of utilizing advanced process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination should be thoroughly examined. Privacy concerns, data ownership, and potential misuse of technology must be addressed to maintain public trust and adhere to ethical guidelines (U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defens, 2018).

7.2. Future Directions

7.2.1. Multi-Modal and Multi-Agent Systems

The future of CBRN decontamination process control lies in the integration of multi-modal and multi-agent systems. Combining various technologies, such as robotics, nanotechnology, and IoT, into cohesive systems can create highly adaptive and versatile decontamination platforms. These systems can synergistically leverage the strengths of individual technologies to achieve superior performance and respond effectively to diverse CBRN scenarios (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019).

7.2.2. Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Systems

Advancements in artificial intelligence and cognitive computing can elevate process control methodologies to new heights. Cognitive systems can analyze vast amounts of data, learn from historical decontamination operations, and provide sophisticated decision support in complex and dynamic situations. These intelligent systems can continuously improve and optimize decontamination processes based on real-time data and feedback.

7.2.3. Human-Machine Collaboration

The future of process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination envisions a harmonious collaboration between humans and machines. Humans bring creativity, intuition, and adaptability, while machines offer precision, efficiency, and automation. Emphasizing human-machine collaboration can capitalize on the strengths of both to create highly effective and responsive decontamination operations.

7.2.4. Real-Time Decision-Support Systems

Advancements in data analytics and AI technologies will lead to the development of sophisticated real-time decision-support systems. These systems will provide operators and decision-makers with timely and actionable insights, allowing for more informed and effective responses to CBRN incidents. Additionally, predictive modeling and simulations can help forecast potential scenarios, enabling proactive planning and resource allocation.

7.2.5. Continuous Innovation and Collaboration

To drive advancements in CBRN decontamination process control, a culture of continuous innovation and collaboration among academia, industry, and government agencies is crucial. Encouraging research, development, and the exchange of ideas will foster the discovery of novel technologies and methodologies for enhanced CBRN decontamination.

In conclusion, while integrating new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination brings immense potential, challenges such as safety, interoperability, cost, and ethical considerations must be addressed. Looking ahead, the future of CBRN decontamination process control involves multi-modal systems, AI and cognitive computing, human-machine collaboration, real-time decision-support systems, and a collaborative innovation ecosystem. By navigating these challenges and exploring future directions, the field of CBRN decontamination can continually evolve and improve its capabilities to safeguard public safety and security.

7.3. Recommendations

7.3.1. Potential Impact of Integrating New Technologies in CBRN Decontamination

The integration of new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination has the potential to revolutionize the field and significantly improve response capabilities (Kaszeta, 2021; Rothbacher, 2021; Army Technology, 2021; NATO, 2022). The following are some potential impacts of integrating these technologies:

-Enhanced effectiveness and efficiency: By leveraging advanced sensor technologies, real-time monitoring systems, and intelligent decision-making systems, CBRN decontamination operations can become more effective and efficient (Malizia et al., 2022). Real-time data collection, analysis, and feedback enable timely adjustments and optimization of decontamination processes, leading to improved decontamination outcomes. The integration of robotics, automation, and AI technologies reduces human exposure to hazards and increases operational efficiency (Rothbacher, 2021; Sutlieff et al., 2021).

-Improved safety and risk mitigation: The integration of new technologies can enhance safety measures and mitigate risks associated with CBRN decontamination operations. Autonomous robots and remote-controlled equipment can perform tasks in hazardous environments, minimizing human exposure to dangerous substances (EU CBRN Risk Mitigation, n.d.). Real-time monitoring systems can detect and alert operators to potential hazards, allowing for immediate response and risk mitigation. The use of advanced materials and nanotechnology-based decontamination agents can provide safer and more effective methods for neutralizing contaminants.

-Rapid response and decision-making: The integration of data analytics, AI, and decision support systems enables rapid response and informed decision-making during CBRN incidents (EU CBRN Risk Mitigation, 2016). Real-time data collection and analysis facilitate situational awareness, allowing for quick identification of contamination hotspots and adjustment of decontamination strategies. Predictive modeling and simulations aid in scenario forecasting and resource allocation, ensuring a proactive and efficient response (EU CBRN Risk Mitigation, n.d.).

7.3.2. Research Directions and Areas for Further Development

To harness the full potential of integrating new technologies in CBRN decontamination, further research and development are essential (Malizia et al., 2022). The following research directions can guide future efforts in advancing process control methodologies:

-Advanced sensor technologies: Continued research in sensor technologies is crucial for improving the accuracy, sensitivity, and reliability of CBRN detection and monitoring. Developments in miniaturized and wearable sensors, as well as multi-modal sensing platforms, can enhance real-time data collection and enable comprehensive situational awareness (Rothbacher, 2021).

-Data analytics and machine learning: Further research is needed to develop advanced data analytics techniques and machine learning algorithms tailored to CBRN decontamination. This includes the development of predictive models, anomaly detection algorithms, and optimization algorithms for process control. Integration of domain-specific knowledge and context-aware analytics can improve the accuracy and reliability of data-driven decision-making (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2019).

-Human factors and user interfaces: Research should focus on understanding human factors, usability, and user interfaces in the context of integrating new technologies in process control methodologies. Designing intuitive interfaces, considering cognitive load and decision support requirements, and conducting user-centric evaluations can enhance the acceptance and effectiveness of these technologies by operators and decision-makers (Singh et al., 2020; Tussing & Carafano, 2018).

-Standardization and interoperability: Efforts should be directed towards developing standardized protocols, data formats, and communication interfaces to ensure interoperability and seamless integration of diverse technologies (Rothbacher, 2021). Establishing industry-wide standards and collaboration among stakeholders will facilitate technology adoption, data exchange, and compatibility (Khan et al., 2012; Neri-Sommario, 2020).

-Ethical and legal considerations: Research should address ethical and legal considerations associated with integrating new technologies in CBRN decontamination. This includes developing guidelines and frameworks for data privacy, security, and compliance with regulations. Ethical implications, such as the responsible use of AI and autonomous systems, should be explored to ensure public trust and accountability (Neri-Sommario, 2020).

-Testing and validation: Comprehensive testing and validation frameworks are needed to ensure the safety, reliability, and effectiveness of integrated technologies. Rigorous testing under realistic conditions, including field trials and validation exercises, will help identify limitations, optimize performance, and build confidence in these technologies (Khan et al., 2012; Tussing & Carafano, 2013).

In conclusion, integrating new technologies in CBRN decontamination process control methodologies offers significant potential for enhancing effectiveness, efficiency, and safety. Continued research and development in sensor technologies, data analytics, human factors, standardization, ethical considerations, and testing are crucial for unlocking the full capabilities of these technologies. By addressing these research directions and collaborating across academia, industry, and government sectors, we can pave the way for a future where CBRN decontamination operations are more robust, responsive, and effective in safeguarding public safety and security (EU CBRN Risk Mitigation, n.d.; EU CBRN Risk Mitigation, 2016).

8. CONCLUSION

In this review paper, we have explored the integration of new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination. We have discussed the potential of these technologies, such as real-time monitoring systems, nanotechnology, IoT, AR/VR, robotics and AI, and blockchain, in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of CBRN decontamination operations. Additionally, we have identified challenges and recommended future research directions for further development in this field.

Key findings from this review highlight the transformative impact of integrating new technologies in CBRN decontamination process control methodologies. These technologies offer enhanced monitoring capabilities, real-time data collection and analysis, adaptive control, and improved decision-making. The use of advanced materials, nanotechnology, robotics, and AI brings increased safety, efficiency, and precision to decontamination operations. Moreover, the integration of blockchain technology ensures secure and transparent record-keeping.

Advancing process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination is of paramount importance for several reasons. Firstly, CBRN incidents pose significant risks to public safety, national security, and critical infrastructure. By integrating new technologies, we can respond more effectively to these incidents, reducing the impact on human health and the environment. Secondly, advancing process control methodologies enables faster response times, minimizing the spread of contamination and limiting the scope of incidents.

Furthermore, the integration of new technologies allows for proactive and data-driven decision-making. Real-time monitoring, predictive modeling, and simulations empower operators and decision-makers with the information needed to optimize decontamination strategies, allocate resources efficiently, and mitigate risks effectively. By continually improving and advancing process control methodologies, we enhance our preparedness and response capabilities to handle CBRN incidents.

In conclusion, the integration of new technologies into process control methodologies for CBRN decontamination offers immense potential for improving response capabilities and reducing the risks associated with CBRN incidents. By addressing the challenges and pursuing the recommended research directions, we can continue to advance the field and develop more robust, efficient and adaptive process control methodologies. This will ultimately contribute to the protection of public safety, national security, and the preservation of critical infrastructure in the face of CBRN threats.

By examining the current state of process control methodologies in CBRN decontamination and exploring the potential for integrating new technologies, this review paperaims to provide a comprehensive overview of the advancements in this field. The findings and recommendations presented here can guide researchers, engineers, and practitioners in developing and implementing more efficient and reliable process control methodologies to enhance CBRN decontamination operations.

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