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High pressure metal hydrides have been recently considered as one of the most promising hydrogen solid storage options for on-board applications. Unfortunately the high purchasing costs related to these materials and the complexity related to building a scaled high pressure tank system with activated powder and embedded heat exchanger makes difficult to set up experimental facilities. Trustable simulation models that can address the system's performances to a particular design are then a fundamental step to be taken prior any experimental setup. This study considers a detailed 1D fueling model is applied to the metal hydride system, with Ti_{1.1}CrMn as the absorbing alloy, to predict the weight fraction of absorbed hydrogen and solid bed temperature. Dependencies of thermal conductivity and specific heat capacity upon pressure and hydrogen content respectively, are accounted for, by interpolating experimental data. The effect of variable parameters on the critical metal hydride thickness is investigated and compared to results obtained from a constant parameter analysis. At the end, the discrepancy in the metal hydride thickness value is estimated around 10%.

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