

# Addressing the Safety Issues Related to Air Transportation of Lithium-Ion Batteries with Effective Engineered Thermal Management Solutions

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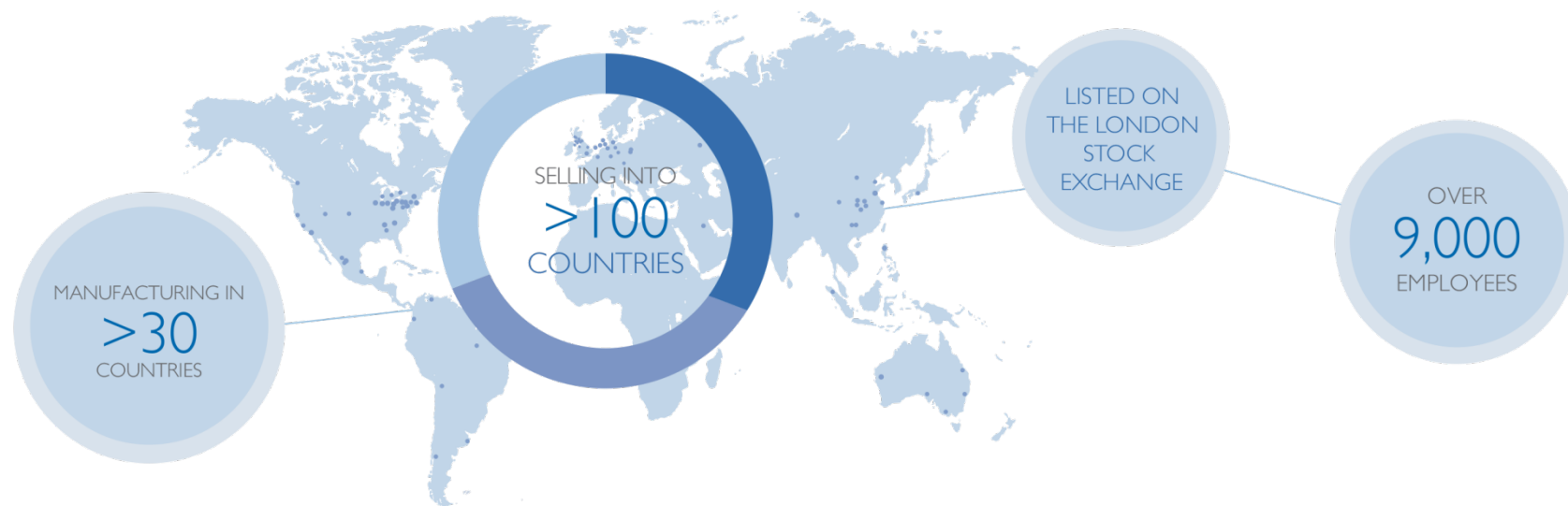
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# Morgan Advanced Materials



Founded in England in 1856

Stock symbol on LON: MGAM

2015 revenue: GBP912 million (USD1.3 billion)

2 Divisions and 6 Global Business Units

Thermal Ceramics, including Fire Protection: GBP372 million

# Focus on technically demanding, growth markets



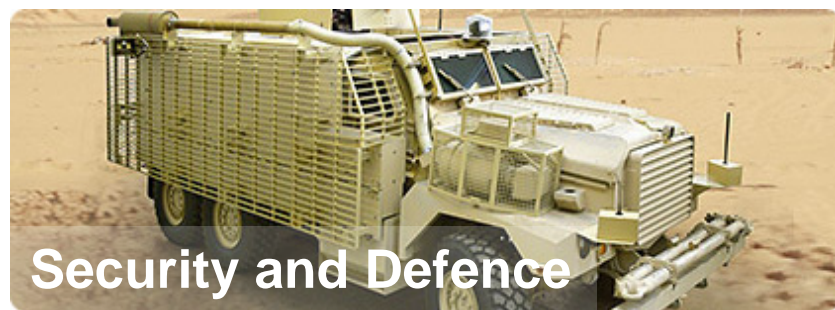
**Energy**



**Transportation**



**Electronics**



**Security and Defence**



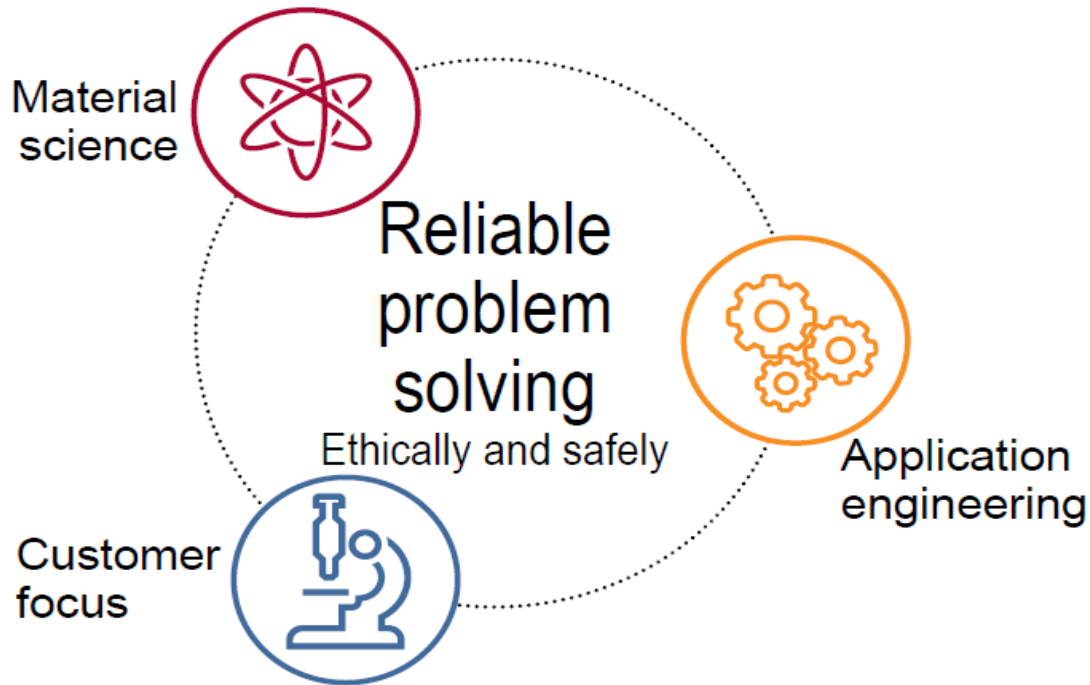
**Healthcare**



**Industrial**

**Petrochemical**

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## Global Business Units



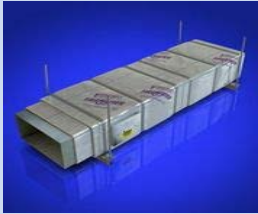


Thermal Ceramics	✓
Molten Metal Systems	
Electrical Carbon	✓
Seals and Bearings	
Technical Ceramics	✓
Composites and Defense Systems	✓

✓ indicates GBU with one or more LIB industry solutions

# Thermal management solutions are wide ranging


**FIBER**

- Bulk
- Blanket
- Modules
- Converted
- Paper



**IFB & FIREBRICK**

JM, K & TJM Grades



**MONOLITHICS**

Dense Monolithics  
LW Monolithics  
Special Shapes



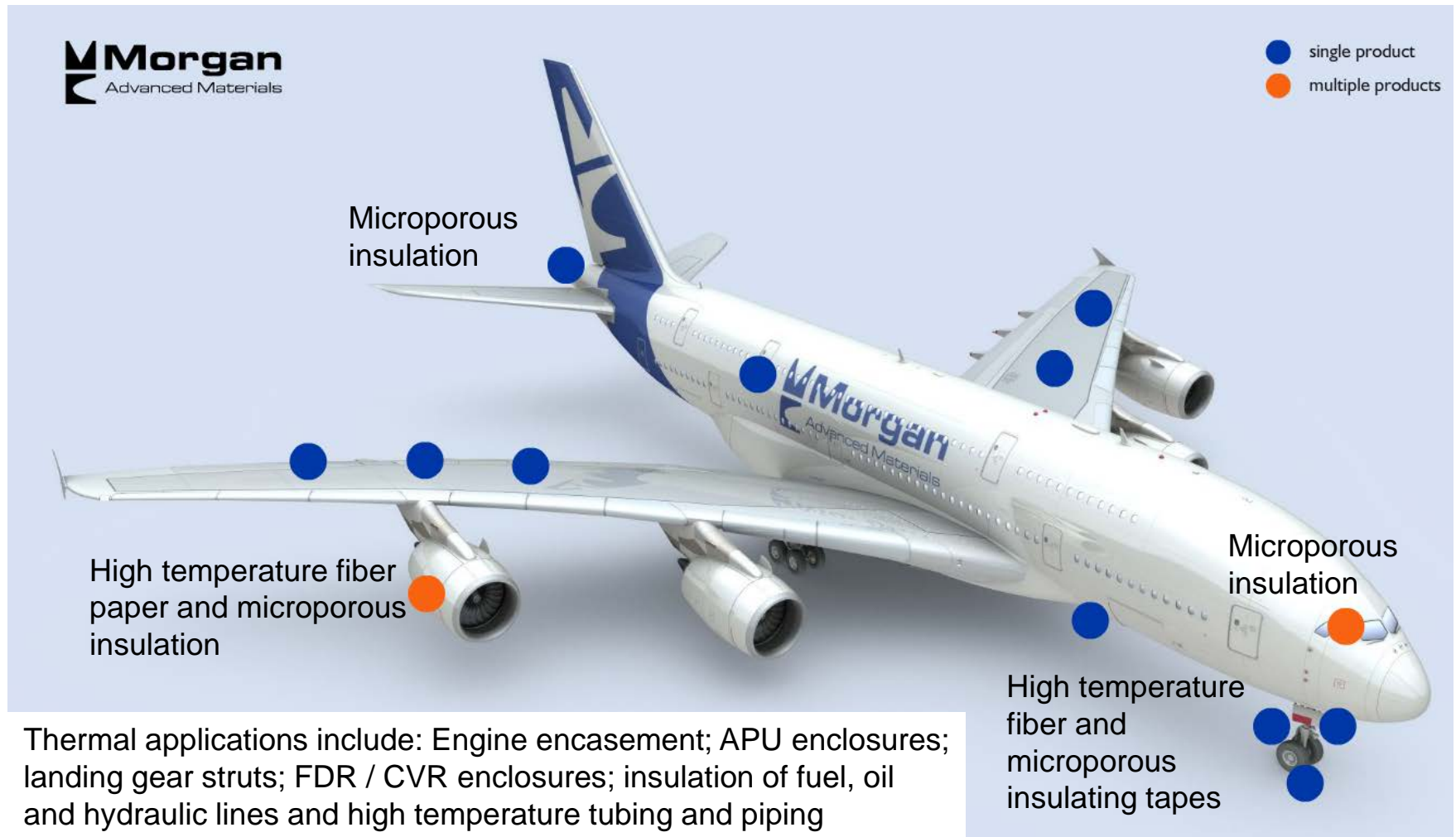
**SPECIALTIES**

- Heat Shields
- Graphite Insulation
- Engineered Insulation
- Microporous Insulation



Morgan engineers and installs high performance insulation in operating environments from -70°C to 3000°C

# Morgan's products on an aircraft



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# Batteries on an aircraft



## Permanently installed batteries:

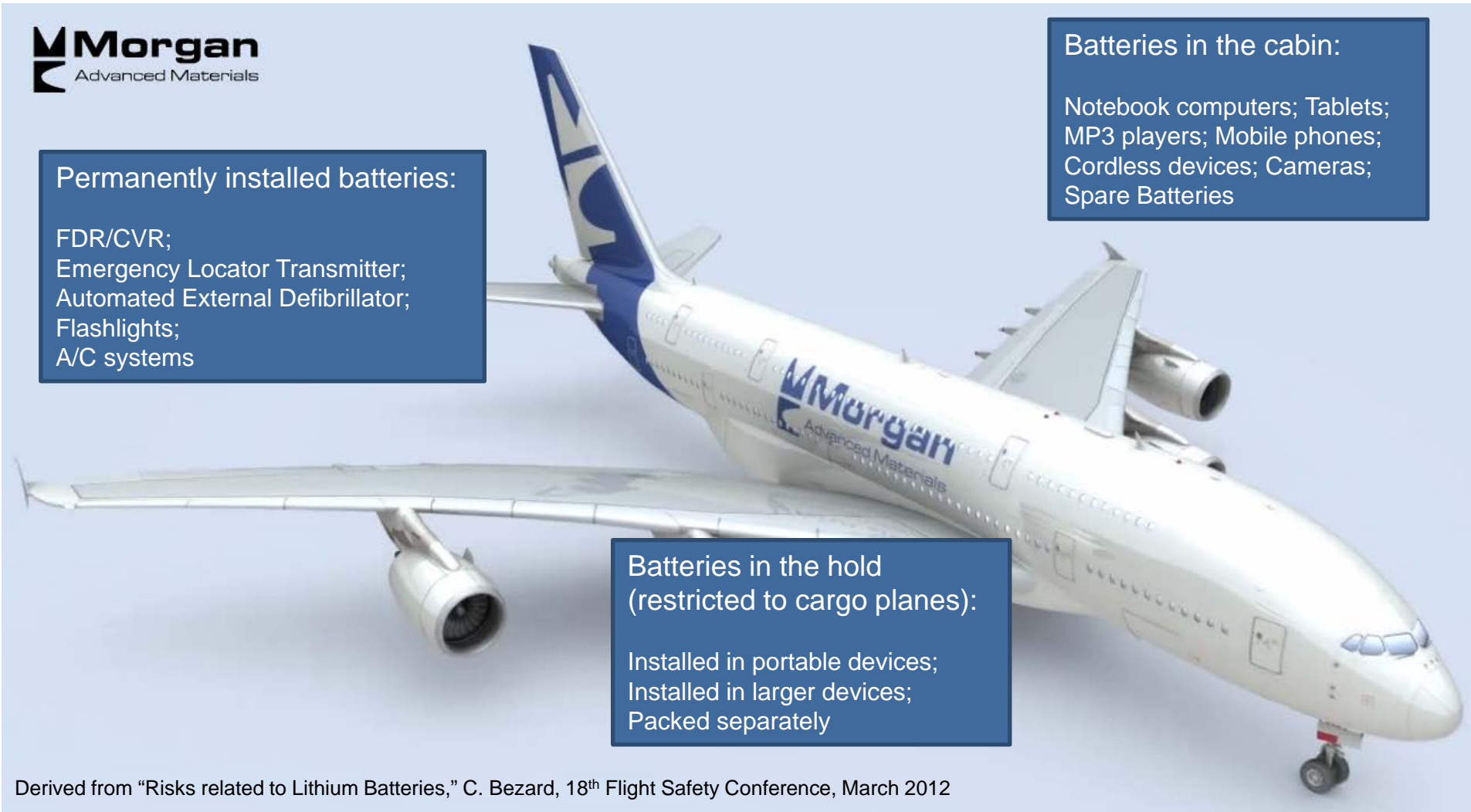
FDR/CVR;  
Emergency Locator Transmitter;  
Automated External Defibrillator;  
Flashlights;  
A/C systems

## Batteries in the cabin:

Notebook computers; Tablets;  
MP3 players; Mobile phones;  
Cordless devices; Cameras;  
Spare Batteries

## Batteries in the hold (restricted to cargo planes):

Installed in portable devices;  
Installed in larger devices;  
Packed separately

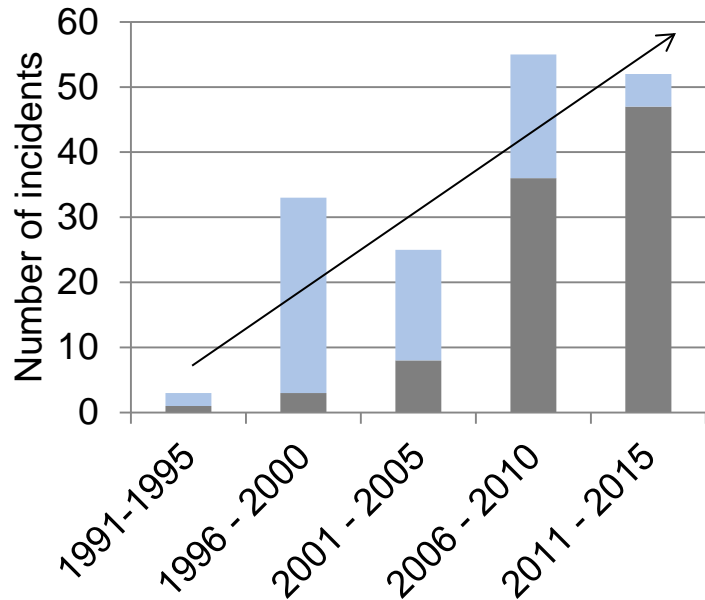


Derived from "Risks related to Lithium Batteries," C. Bezar, 18<sup>th</sup> Flight Safety Conference, March 2012

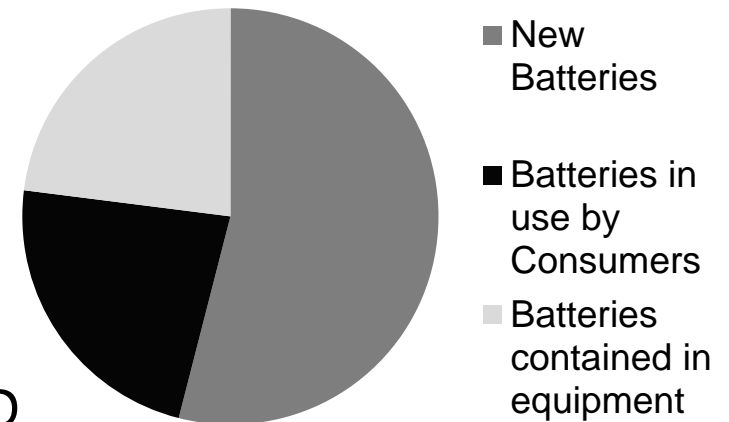


# Growing number of incidents

Between March 20, 1991 and January 15, 2016, **171** air/airport incidents involving batteries carried as cargo or baggage have been recorded by FAA



+3 in 2016 YTD



Distribution of Lithium battery incidents in air transport

Data source:

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ash/ash\\_programs/hazmat/aircarrier\\_info/media/battery\\_incident\\_chart.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ash/ash_programs/hazmat/aircarrier_info/media/battery_incident_chart.pdf)

Derived from presentation "Navigating the Regulatory Jungle": Hwang and Leary, USDOT, Baltimore, 2015

# Catastrophic events attributed to lithium-ion batteries

- Fire erupted in a cargo plane (UPS – DC8) that landed in Philadelphia on February 7, 2006 – airplane destroyed
- A cargo plane (UPS – B747) with 81,000 lithium batteries caught fire and crashed after it left Dubai on September 3, 2010 – airplane destroyed, 2 crew members killed
- A cargo jet (Asiana – B747) crashed into the East China Sea on July 28, 2011, after the crew reported a fire on board – airplane destroyed, 2 crew members killed



Information and pictures from: DOT/FAA/TC-13/2; <https://aviation-safety.net/airlinesafety/>; "Fire Hazards of Lithium-Ion Batteries" R. E. Lyon et al., International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection Working Group Meeting, October 21 to 22, 2015; "Fire Suppression in a Class E Cargo Compartment" Dhaval Dadia, ICAO Meeting, October 30-31, 2013

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# Legislation history – Primary Lithium (UN 3090)

- April 28, 1999 Fire at LAX -120,000 lithium primary cells led to issue of FAA DGAB-00-02 on September 7, 2000
- Subsequent studies showed that lithium metal primary cell fires cannot be suppressed by halon
- Banned on passenger aircraft by FAA in 2005 – details in DOT PHMSA HM-224C (April 2, 2002) and HM-224E (December 15, 2004)
- Banned on passenger aircraft by ICAO starting January 1, 2015 – details in ICAO Technical Instruction for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air and the 56th Edition of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR)

<http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/rulemaking/archive/hm-new>

<https://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/lithium-battery-guidance-document-2015-en.pdf>

# Legislation history – Lithium-Ion (UN 3480)

- Lithium batteries (both UN 3090 and UN 3480) are currently classified as Class 9 hazardous materials in Title 49 CFR, Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) and the ICAO Technical Instructions
- FAA (SAFO 16001) supports recommendations that before operators engage in the transport of lithium ion batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft, or lithium ion or lithium metal batteries on cargo aircraft, they should be aware that ICAO and major airframe manufacturers (Boeing and Airbus) have recommended that operators perform safety risk assessments in order to establish whether, or how, they can manage the risk associated with the transport of these batteries
- Transportation by air of lithium-ion batteries is not currently banned in either cargo or passenger aircraft. **However, this is about to change.**

[http://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/safo/all\\_safos/media/2016/SAFO16001.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/safo/all_safos/media/2016/SAFO16001.pdf)

# New legislation with effect from April 1, 2016

- On February 22, 2016, the ICAO Council passed a prohibition on lithium ion batteries (UN 3480) on passenger aircraft as cargo that goes into effect on April 1, 2016.
- ICAO “Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air” 2015-2016 (Doc 9284) incorporating corrigenda and addenda up to and including addendum number 4 (February 23, 2016) include the above and other new requirements which include:
  - Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity
  - Details related to acceptable packing and labeling

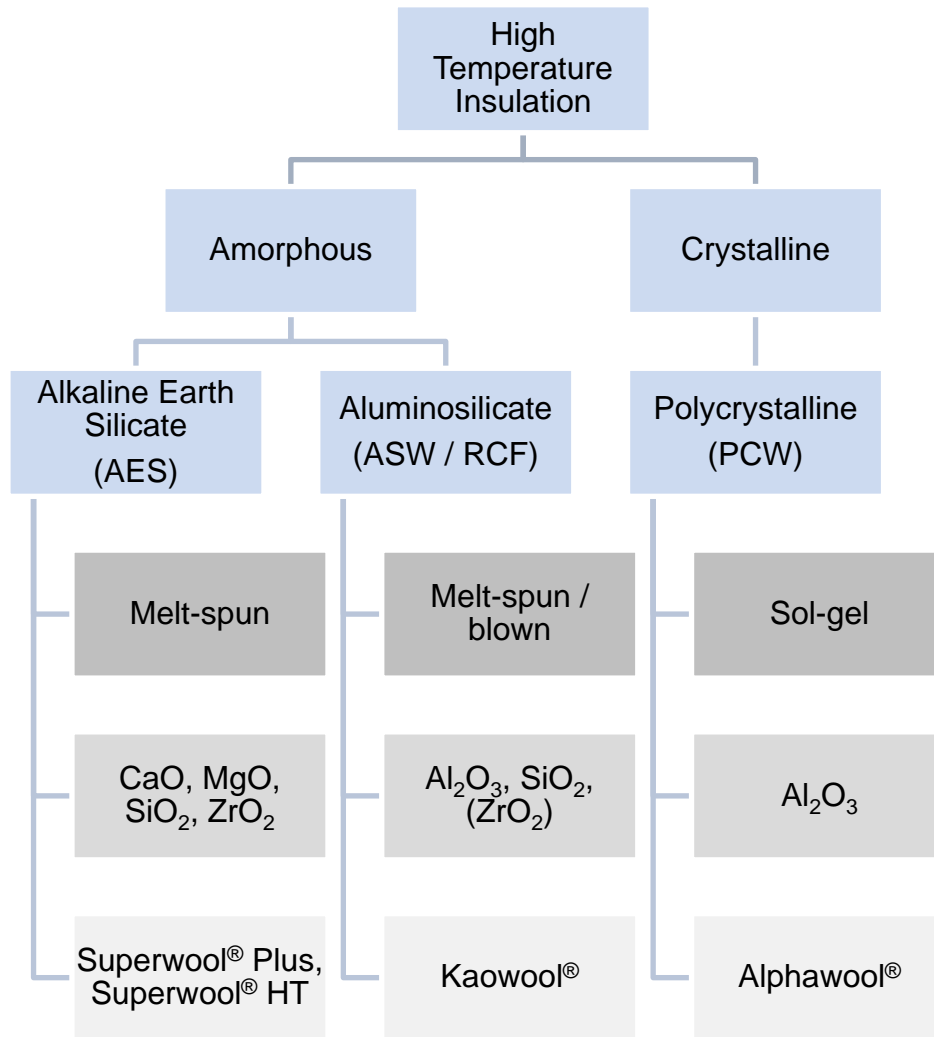
<http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Council-Prohibits-Lithium-Ion-Cargo-Shipment-on-Passenger-Aircraft.aspx>

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# Types of High Temperature Insulation Fibers



ASW/RCF invented 1942  
 PCW invented 1969  
 AES invented 1986  
 (Microporous invented 1958)

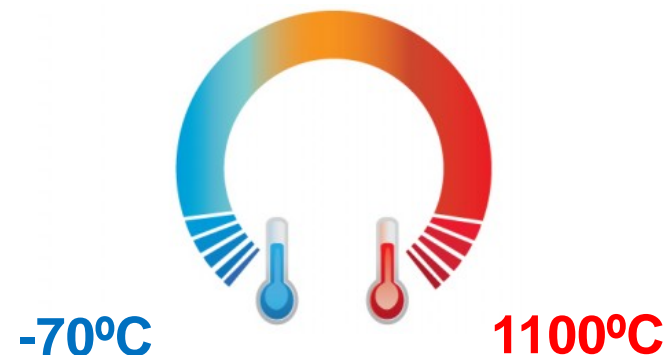


Key Advantages of Superwool® over RCF:

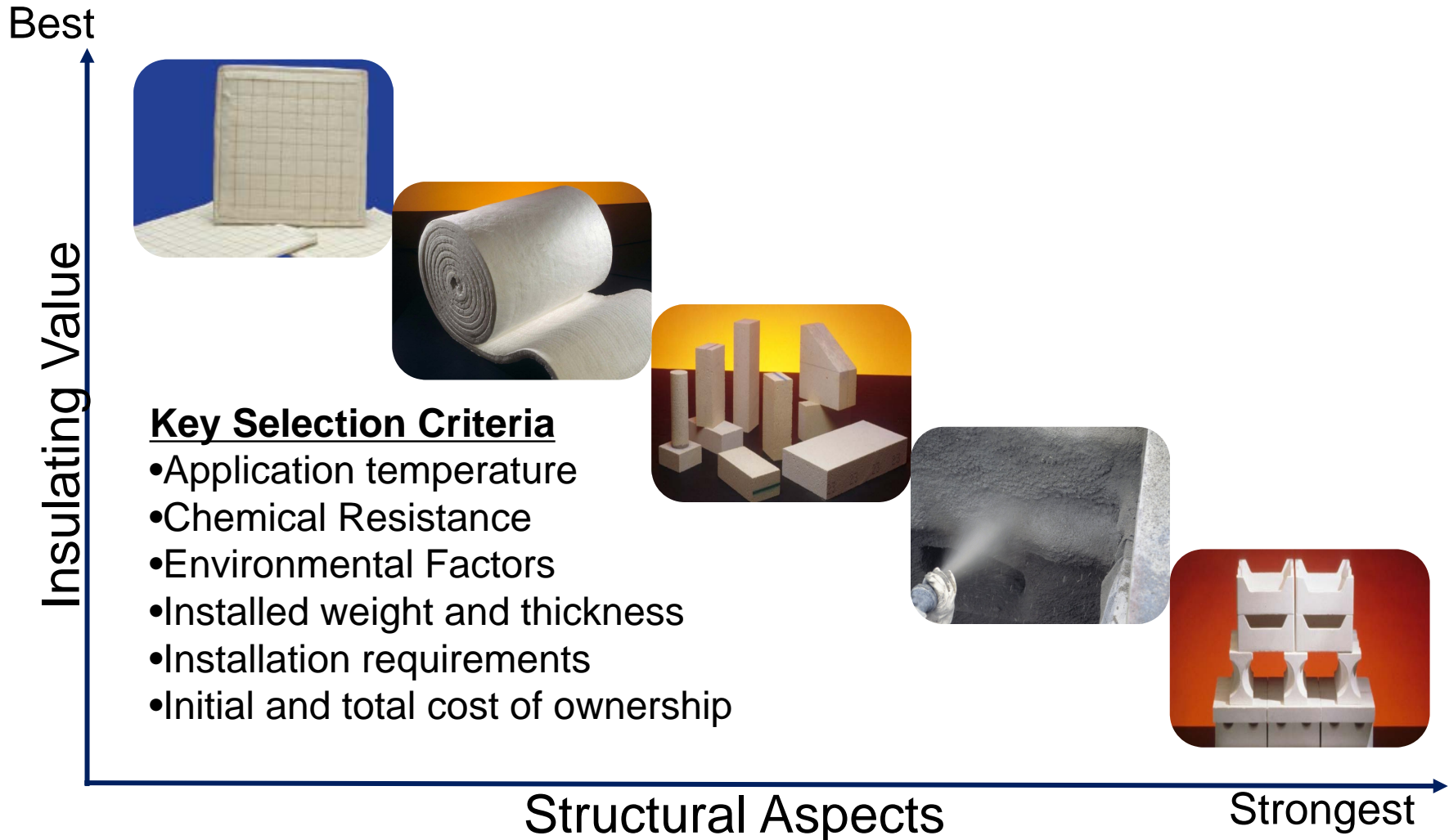
- Low bio-persistence
- Low shrinkage up to classification temperature
- Low thermal conductivity

# What is microporous insulation?

- A low density powder comprised of heat resistant particles and high temperature fibers compressed to form a microporous structure
- The most efficient insulation commercially available for a wide temperature range, engineered to control all three modes of heat transfer – convection, conduction and radiation
- Inorganic material, recyclable and safe from an H&S perspective












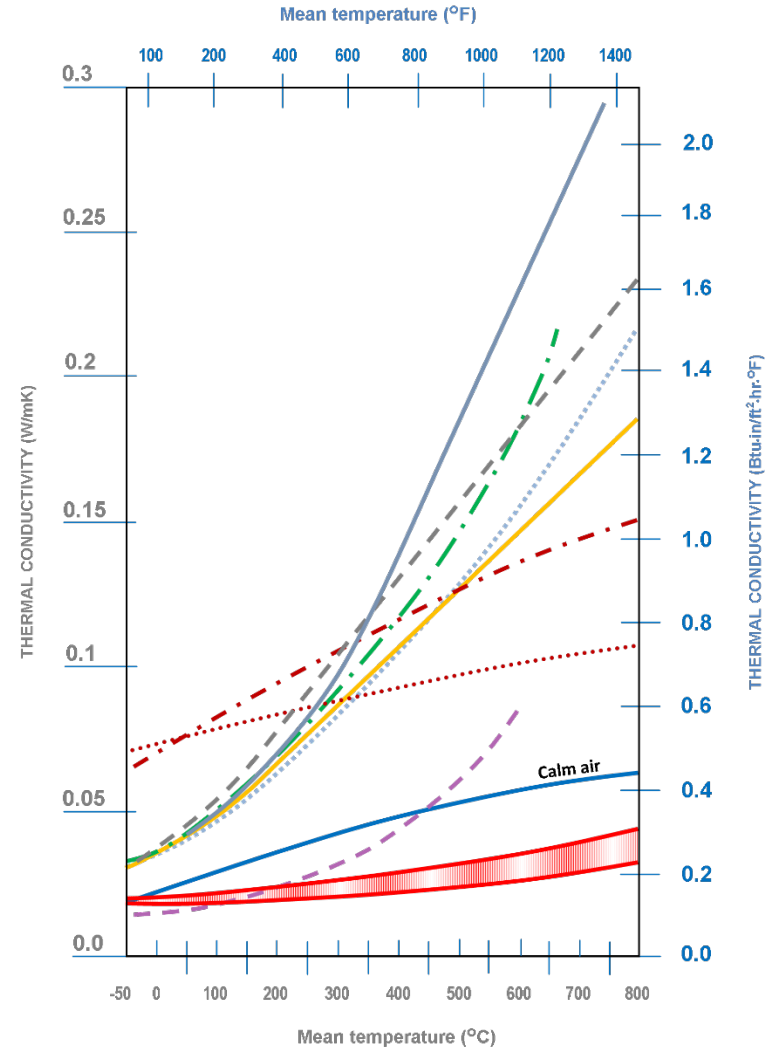
# Material optimization / application engineering



# Thermal conductivity comparison

Thermal conductivity comparison of WDS microporous insulation products vs. other types of insulating products

-  Perlite (granular)
-  Mineral Wool (100 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
-  RCF blanket (130 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
-  Low shot AES blanket (130 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
-  LD Calcium Silicate
-  AES fiber board (300 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
-  Opacified LD Calcium Silicate
-  Aerogel blanket
-  WDS<sup>®</sup> insulation



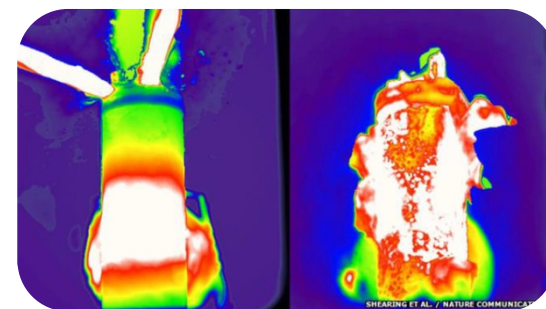
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# Aviation industry safety challenges with Lithium Ion

6 billion Lithium Ion cells were manufactured in 2015 – 30% were transported by air

Situation	Immediate consequence	Ultimate consequence
Thermal runaway in packed Lithium Ion cell	Transmission to large number of adjacent cells	Fire / explosion / pressure wave
Thermal runaway in Lithium Ion cell in use	(Transmission to adjacent cells)	Fire / explosion / pressure wave
Fire external to package	Elevated cell temperatures start thermal runaway	Fire / explosion / pressure wave



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## Thermal Runaway

- Auto-accelerating heat generation
- Rapid temperature increase
- Expulsion of flammable gases and liquids

“Fire Hazards of Lithium-Ion Batteries”  
R. E. Lyon et al., International Aircraft  
Systems Fire Protection Working Group  
Meeting October 21 to 22, 2015

Many causes of thermal runaway – electrical, mechanical, thermal

# Additional challenges in all applications

- Ideally would employ chemistries and cell structures to prevent thermal runaway from starting, but increasing energy densities make this increasingly difficult, especially in applications where space is critical
- Once thermal runaway in one cell has started then the challenge is to prevent propagation from cell-to-cell, from module-to-module and from pack to surroundings – this applies in electronics, electric vehicle, energy storage and other applications
- In the case of aviation, the key is to extend the time needed for remediation measures to be employed where possible and to land the plane safely



Images from: "Fire Hazards of Lithium-Ion Batteries" R. E. Lyon et al., International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection Working Group Meeting October 21 to 22, 2015 and "Fire Suppression in a Class E Cargo Compartment" Dhaval Dadia, ICAO Meeting, October 30-31, 2013

# Morgan Advanced Materials expertise

- Morgan's understanding of the materials science required to prevent the spread of thermal energy is demonstrated in our supply of the material surrounding FDR and CVR products which is designed to survive arduous mechanical and thermal conditions
- We are also the trusted supplier of materials for surrounding living quarters in offshore oil rigs, specifically designed to protect the structure to allow additional time for operators to escape from a fire



Living Quarter Module for Gudrun Offshore Platform



10,000 m<sup>2</sup> FireMaster Marine Plus Blanket installed in 2011 for one hour fire protection of external and internal structure

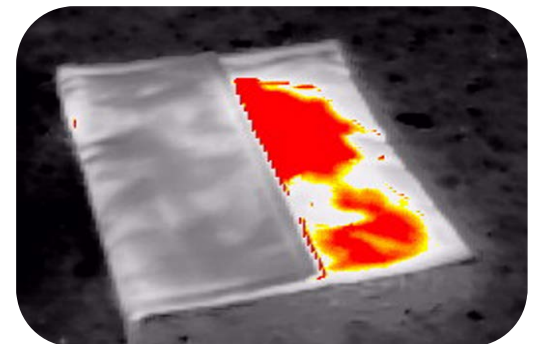


# New product recently deployed by one major airline

A composite product incorporating FireMaster® Marine Plus Blanket

## FireMaster® Battery Bag

- PED containment bag for emergency storage of defective personal electronic devices to avoid expansion of fire in case of thermal runaway of Li Ion batteries.



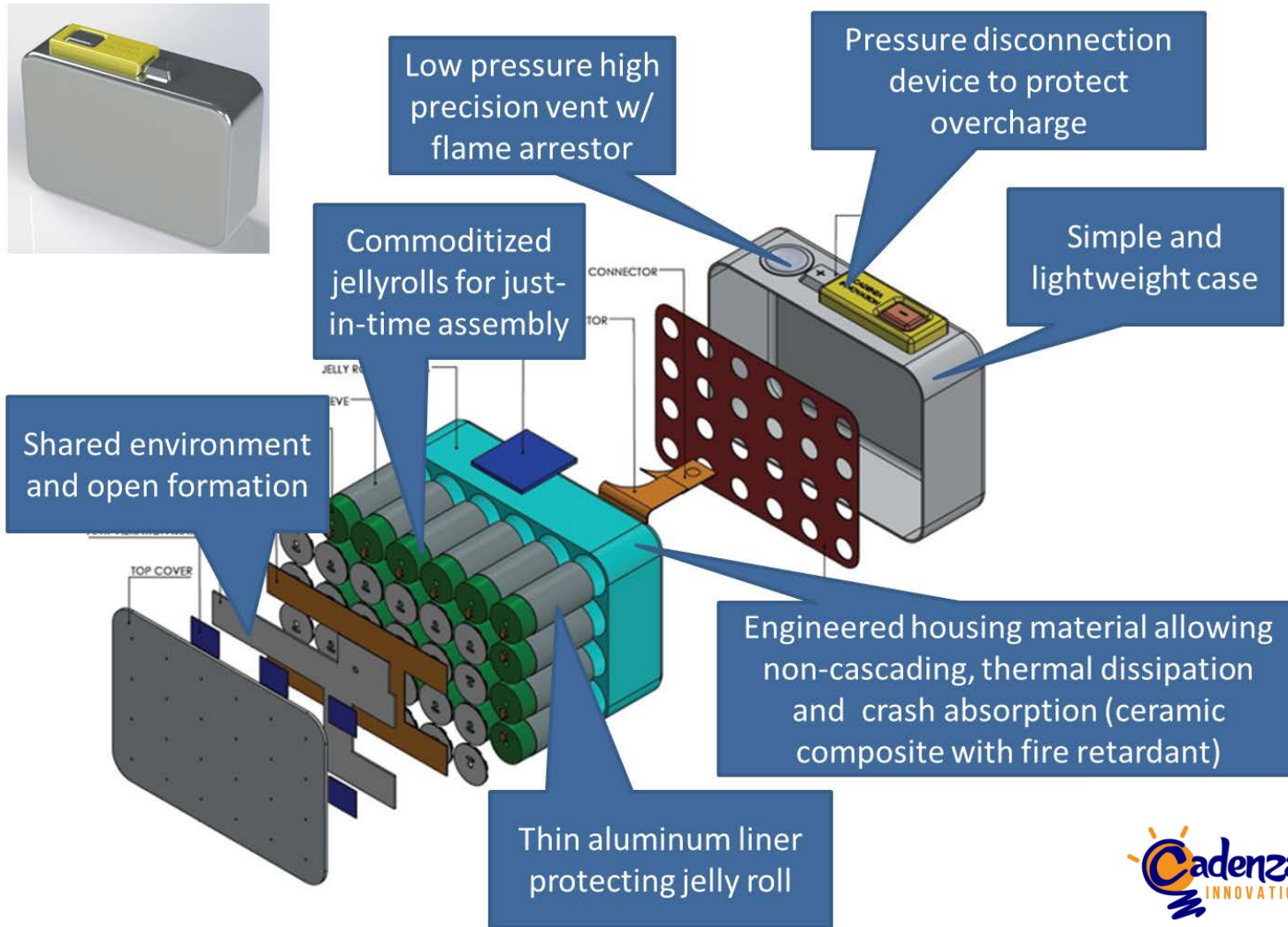
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# Moving from mitigation to prevention

- To address the EV and ESS market opportunities for LIB requires:
  - high energy density
  - low cost
  - uncompromising safety
- > 500 Wh/L
- < \$125/kWh including electronics
- Intrinsic safety
- A visionary team led by Christina Lampe-Onnerud has conceived of a way to address these requirements
- Morgan is proud to be partnering with Cadenza Innovation in developing a novel engineered housing solution incorporated within the Cadenza solution



# Cadenza Technology Platform: Multi-Jellyroll Architecture



# Conclusions

- Current chemistries and cell structures of the vast majority of lithium ion batteries cannot protect against the possibility of thermal runaway in certain conditions
- It continues to be necessary for large quantities of lithium ion batteries to be transported by air
- Although legislation continues to improve the requirements for safe air transport of lithium-ion batteries, there is still a significant and urgent need to provide additional protection for the passengers, crew and aircraft
- As the leading global manufacturer of thermal fire protection systems, Morgan Advanced Materials is working with the air transportation industry to develop solutions to address this need

The logo for FIREMASTER, featuring the word "FIREMASTER" in a stylized, orange and red font with a flame-like effect.

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Questions?