



# **Avoiding Drone Battery Safety Hazards: Predictive Safety Management Systems**

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# Best Power for Electric Drones: Lithium-ion Batteries



# Lithium Ion Batteries

- Valued for their high energy content
- Consistent safety problems in various applications

# Li ion battery fires on 787 Dreamliners



**JAL Boeing Dreamliner  
Boston, January 2013**

# Li Ion Cell after Fire - Hot enough to melt plane fuselage



# Why are lithium ion cells hazardous ?

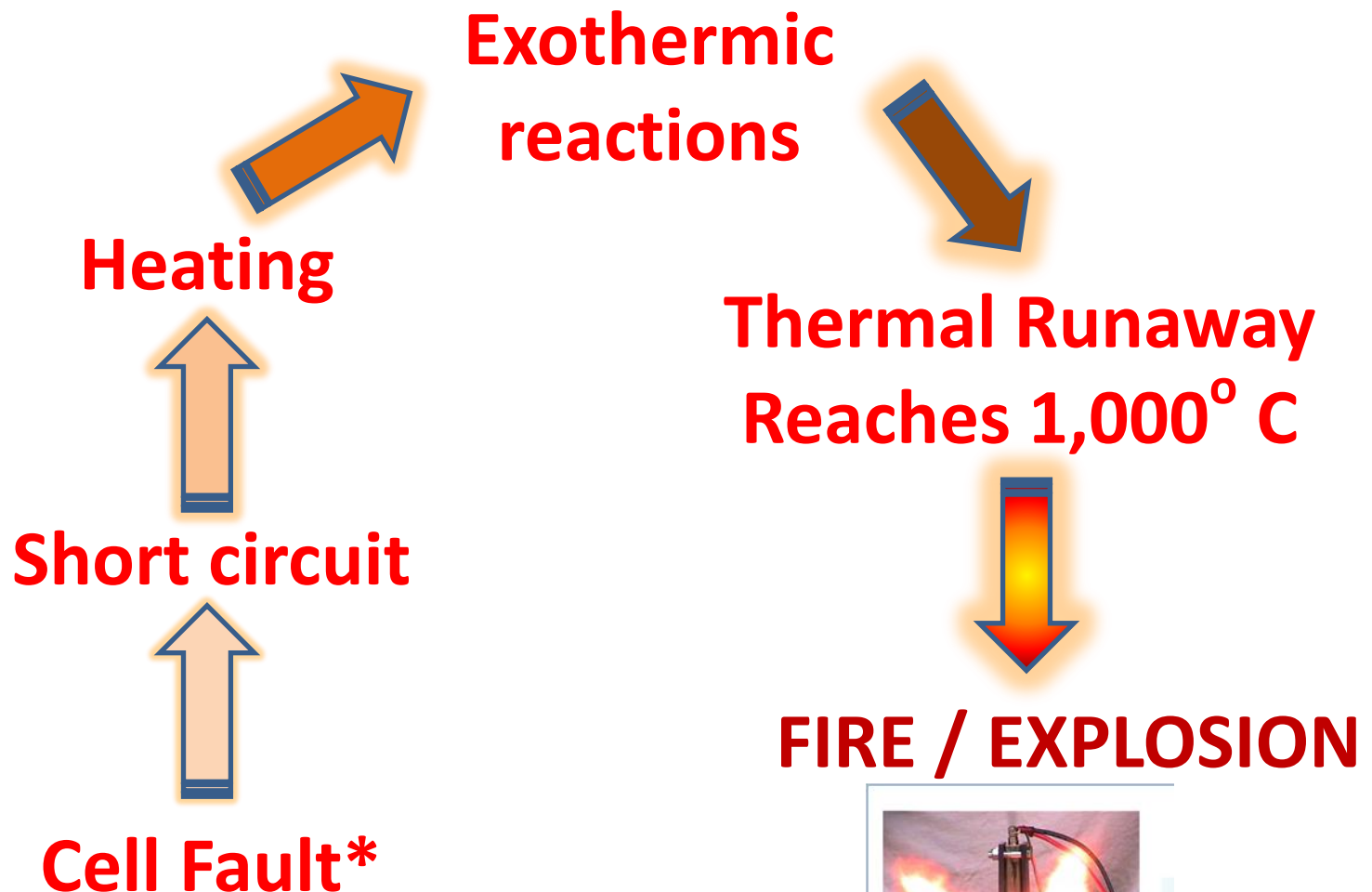
**Flammable electrolyte**

**Very high energy density**

**Can reach 1,000° in a few seconds**

**Thermal runaway**

# Safety events can be lethal

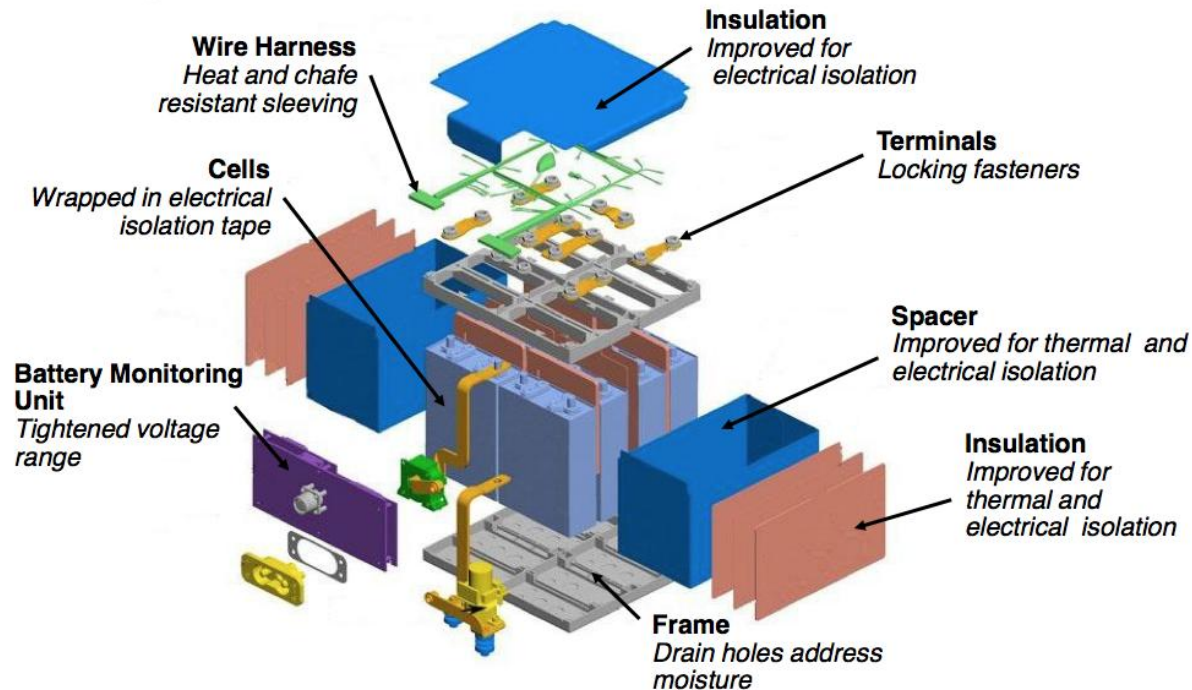


\*Internal short from abuse, manufacturing defects, hot environment



# Boeing will put the battery in a Box: Minimizes harm but doesn't prevent Fires

## Comprehensive Set of Solutions: Battery





# Airbus drops lithium-ion batteries for A350

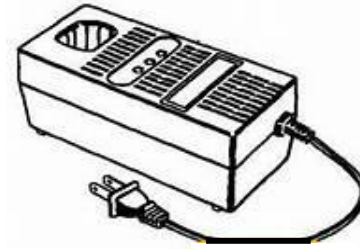
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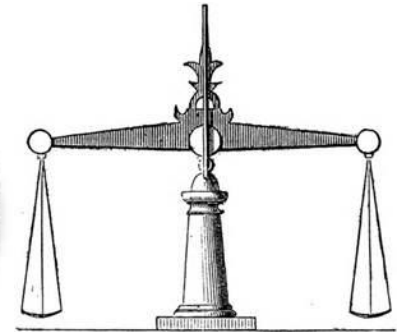
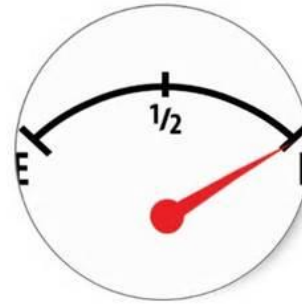
PARIS (Reuters) - Airbus has dropped lithium-ion batteries of the type that forced the grounding of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner and will use traditional [nickel-cadmium batteries](#) in its crucially important next passenger jet, the A350.

# Today's Battery Management Systems can **not** forecast when a fire will occur

1. **Charge**



2. **Monitor capacity, balances cells**



3. **Alerts you of a fire ...  
but by then its too late**



**They can't predict this...**



# Our Solution Can Prevent Fires:

## Recognizes the Problem before it Happens

**Proactive  
Algorithm**

**Identifies  
Precursors**

**Forecast  
Hazards**

**Preventive  
Action**

# So that this does not happen



# The Technology

- **Active algorithm** discovers 'soft' pre-shorts
- Adds **electronics** layer to existing charge & management systems

# Our Advantages

ANALyzer	Today's Systems
<b>Detects symptoms before</b> they become dangerous	Detects the event itself – too late
<b>Active protocol</b> of stimulus-response algorithms elicits electrochemical precursors	Passive monitoring of standard operating parameters
<b>Early stage identification</b> of the indicators	Kicks in once the event has started to occur
<b>Tracks a suite of parameters</b>	Tracks normal battery operating values
<b>Advance warning</b> , enables preventive action	Reactive, alerts that fire is taking place

# ANALyzer Features: Drones

Ground device for predicting, managing, charging

Used between missions

**Fast:** a single multi-functional unit

**Simple:** one connection to the UAV/battery

**Versatile:** models for all types of UAVs & batteries



# **ANALyzer Benefits for Drones**

- **Greater Safety**
- **Higher Reliability**
- **Lower Operating Costs**
- **Improved Mission Confidence**

# The Product

- **Under development** – a suite of models for
  - UAV types
  - Battery chemistries
  - Battery designs
  
- **Pipeline**
  - Aircraft
  - EVs
  - Electric boats

# The Proposition

- Start-up mode
- Seeking partners in battery, charger, drone space
- Seeking seed investments - corporate and VC sources

*Thank you ...*

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