

# Introduction & Highlights



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Project Manager

**Brookhaven National Laboratory**



- Project Manager in the Collider Accelerator Department
- Bachelor Mechanical Engineer 2011 Stony Brook University
- Master's Degree 2012 Stony Brook University
- +12 years experience
- Project Management Professional (PMP) certification – 2016
- Licensed New York State Professional Engineering (PE) - 2018

- Coupled electromagnetic, fluid, thermal & structural simulations
- Superconducting Radio Frequency Cavities (operating at 2K)
- Warm Radio Frequency Cavities
- Microwave structures (waveguide and coax)
- Beam instrumentations (beam dumps)
- Engineering design analyses, overall planning, scheduling and provide operational support.
- Support the RF group with Research and Development (R&D) work for the new Electron Ion Collider (EIC).

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**Richard Formato**

Director of New Technology

**Microtek Laboratories, Inc.**



- Director of New Technology, CAVU Group
- BSME UMass/Amherst (1990); MEME WPI (1998)
- 30+ years of industry experience
- Experience Includes Thermal/Fluids Simulation, Materials R&D and Product Commercialization
- Developed and invented several diverse technology solutions (US Patents: 25 issued / 6 pending)

- Formulated and introduced liquid, gelled pcm product lines
- Method to simulate thermal packaging through the cold chain
- Capability to simulate phase change with free convection in enclosed spaces, including validation with experimental results
- Developed extensive material database comprising key thermal shipper components: insulation, polymers, metals and phase change materials
- Developed and introduced method to thermally characterize complex product loads
- Developed and introduced tool to compare shipper ambient temperature profiles
- Developing shape stable, radiation curable organic PCMs for use in thermal shippers
- Developing compostable, flexible refrigerants for use in thermal shippers

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Technical Lead- Thermal  
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 LION ELECTRIC



## Summary:

Mechanical Engineer and entrepreneur with interest in sustainable energy and environmental issues.

## Actual :

Lion Electric - lead the development of thermal management systems for trucks platforms and modifications to existing platforms. We are in the commercial transportation sector - buses and trucks.

Lion is a very dynamic and creative company. Focus on fast innovation application and hard problem solving.

## Relevant experiences (11 years):

- Modeling, Design and construction of 10 Landfill biogas recovery system, collection networks (piping and civil engineering)
- Energy and Thermal modeling for LEED Buildings. Organization of energy simulations: 200k\$ in financial support gain per project.
- Energetic and quantitative analysis of residual material within a 100 km radius (paper, cardboard, plastics, etc.) (2020) - Identification of a 178 kT/year potential of mainly CRD, having 2,570 TJ of calorific value
- Entrepreneur : Thermal sizing of a heat storage system and geothermal system. Reduction of power consumption by 50%.

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# Design Process: Temperature Controlled packaging

1. Define System Requirements
2. Identification of Thermal Physics
3. Material Thermal Properties, ICs and BCs
4. Design Process: Iterative Simulation / Prototype / Testing
5. Design Selection: Design Freeze

## I. System Requirements:

- Minimum/Maximum Temperature Limits (material capability)
- Thermal Requirements: Temperature Criteria (of product), Duration, Ambient Profile and Product Load
- System Components / Materials (including compatibility)
- System Weight, Volume, Cost, single or multiple use expectations

## II. Identification of Thermal Physics

- Conduction, Convection (free/forced), Radiation
- Phase Change, Chemical Reaction, Internal Energy Generation

## III. Establish Material Thermal Properties, ICs and BCs

- Density, Specific heat and Thermal conductivity (the big three)
- Enthalpy (latent heat) and  $T_{\text{melt}}$  /  $T_{\text{freeze}}$
- Thermal contact resistance and properties for radiative exchange (wavelength, absorption, transmission, reflection)
- Ambient Temperature (Profile), External convective heat transfer coefficient (HTC), Initial conditions [IC]
- Symmetric boundary conditions [BC], characterization of product load

# Design Process: Temperature Controlled packaging

## IV. Design Process: Iterative Simulation / Prototype / Testing

- Solid Model
- Apply symmetric BCs (1/4 model), thermal couplings, external Ambient Temperature Profile, external HTC, Initial conditions
- Discretize solid model (Mesh), Apply material properties, Configure Solvers
- Run Simulation and Iterate until design meets requirements
- Fabricate Prototype, Establish measurement method/locations, Select test equipment
- Execute test, compare simulation results with test

## V. Design Selection: Design Freeze

- If test results agree with simulation results, model has been validated
- Team Design Review (manufacturing, logistics, supply chain)
- If Design approved, design is frozen
- Transfer to manufacturing begins



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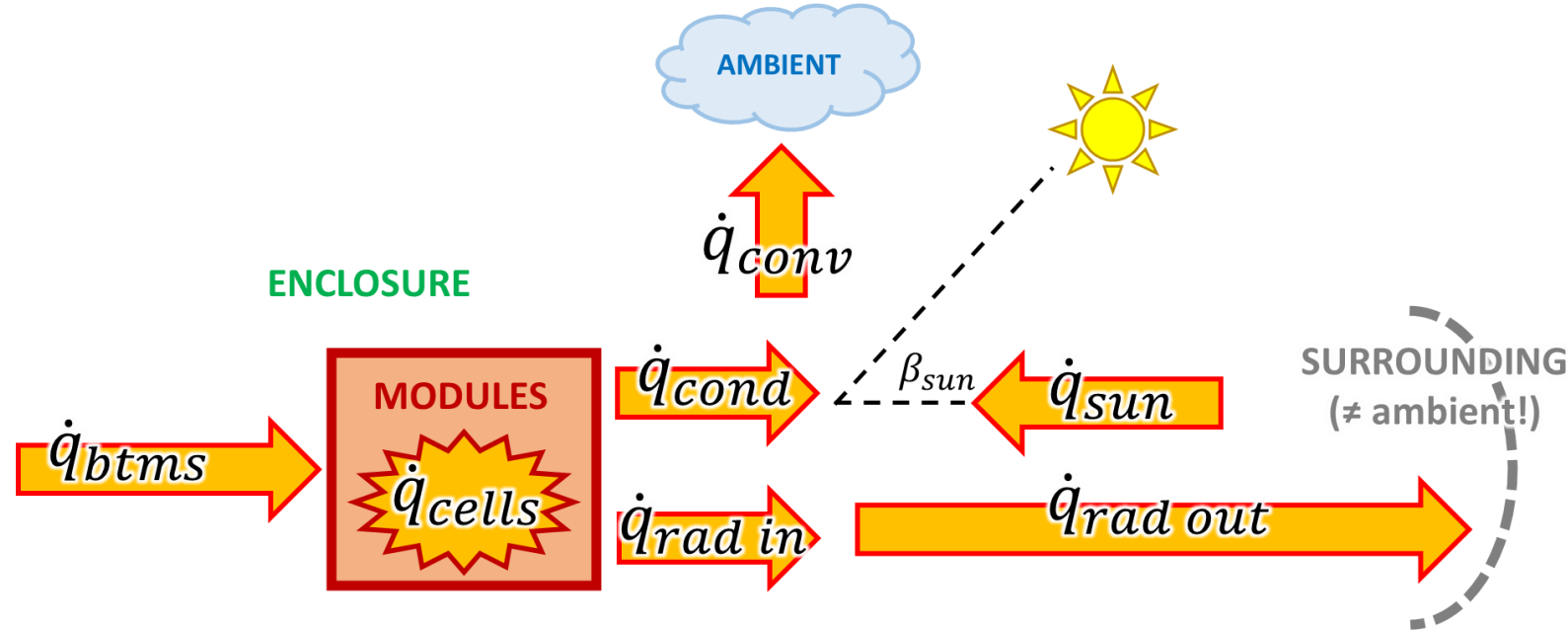
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# Find the heat transfer values



Focus on the simplest way to meet requirement (choose in order)

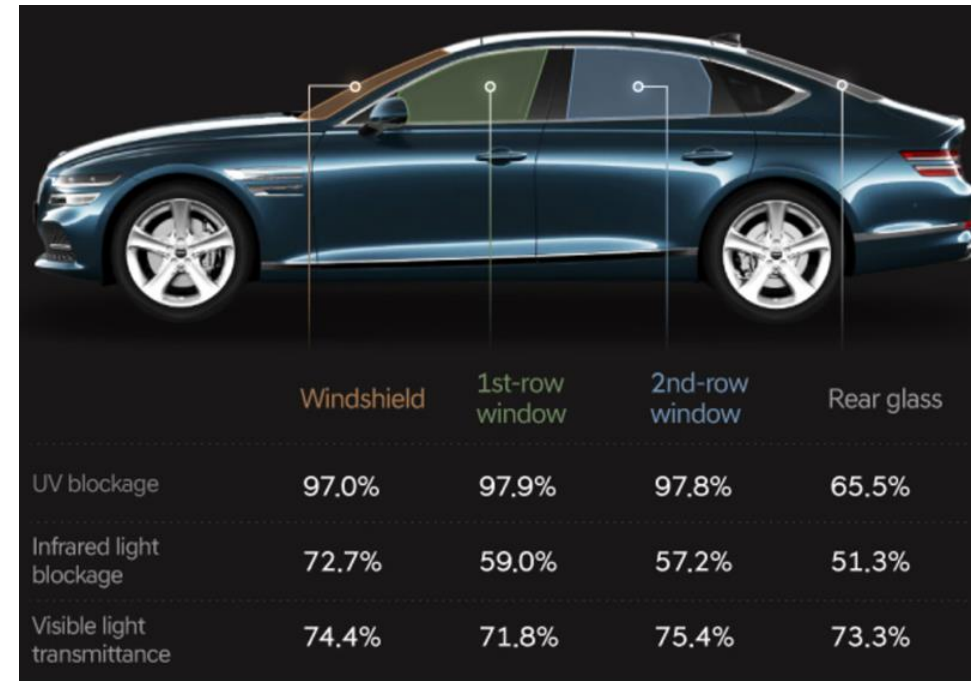
1. **Passive cooling** : Air cooled, insulation, reflection, etc
2. **Manage internal generation** : De-Rerating – Slowing process down or Using internal resistance of the battery -energy storage, Mostly Software
3. **Active measure** : Transferring energy, implies electrical or mecanical process



# Design measures



- **Convection**
  - Adjust flow rate
  - Limit infiltration
- **Conductivity**
  - Increase heat exchange (changing conductivity or surface of exchange)
  - Reducing conductivity with insulation
- **Radiant heat**
  - Protection shielding or emitting surface
- **Latent heat**
  - Phase change material for batteries help reduce temperature swing
  - No autonomy gain



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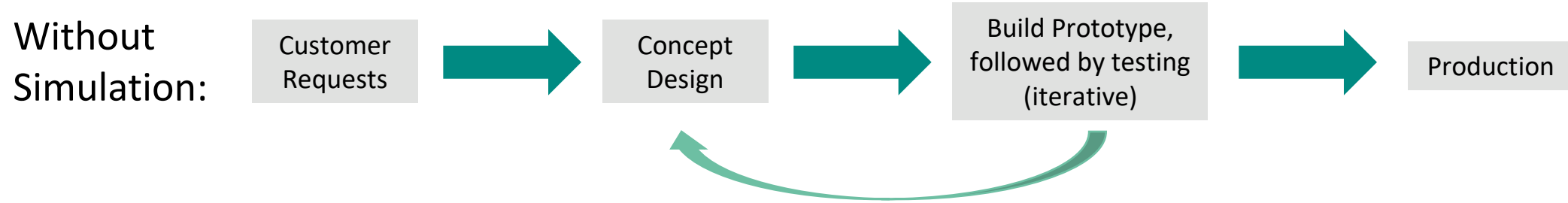
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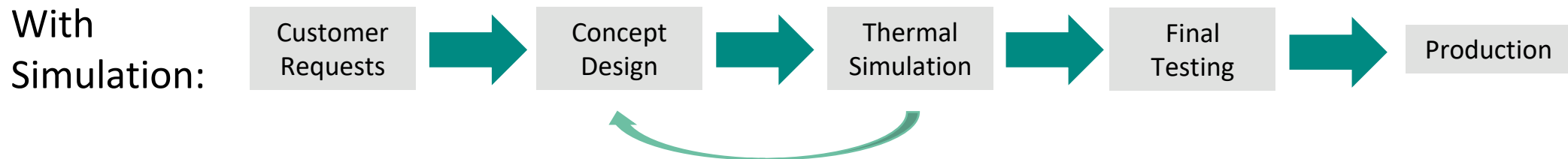
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# Simulation Speeds Development & Reduces Testing Costs



A single build/test iteration typically takes weeks or months

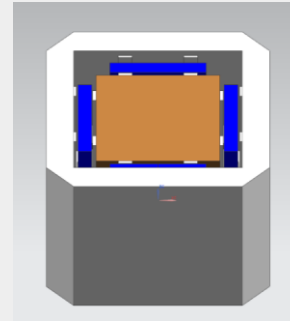


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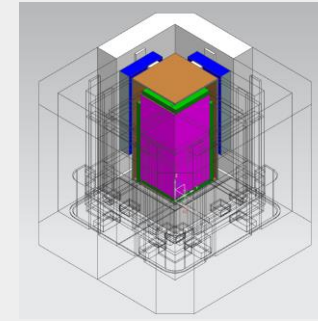
# Development of Process to Simulate Temperature Controlled Packaging



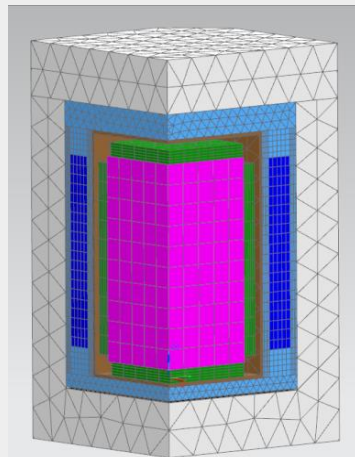
**STEP 1:**  
Create Solid  
Model



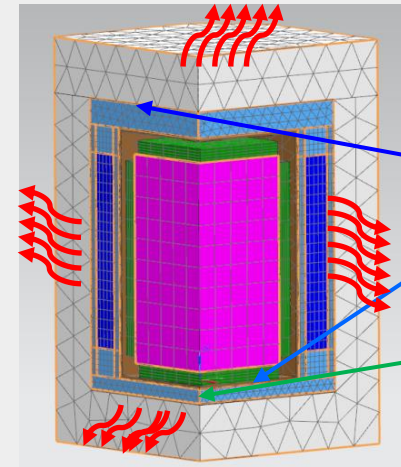
**STEP 2:**  
Apply Symmetry



**STEP 3:**  
Create Finite Element Mesh



**STEP 4:**  
Formulate a Thermal/Flow Problem



Symmetry  
condition

Thermal-Coupling  
between touching  
(solid) surfaces



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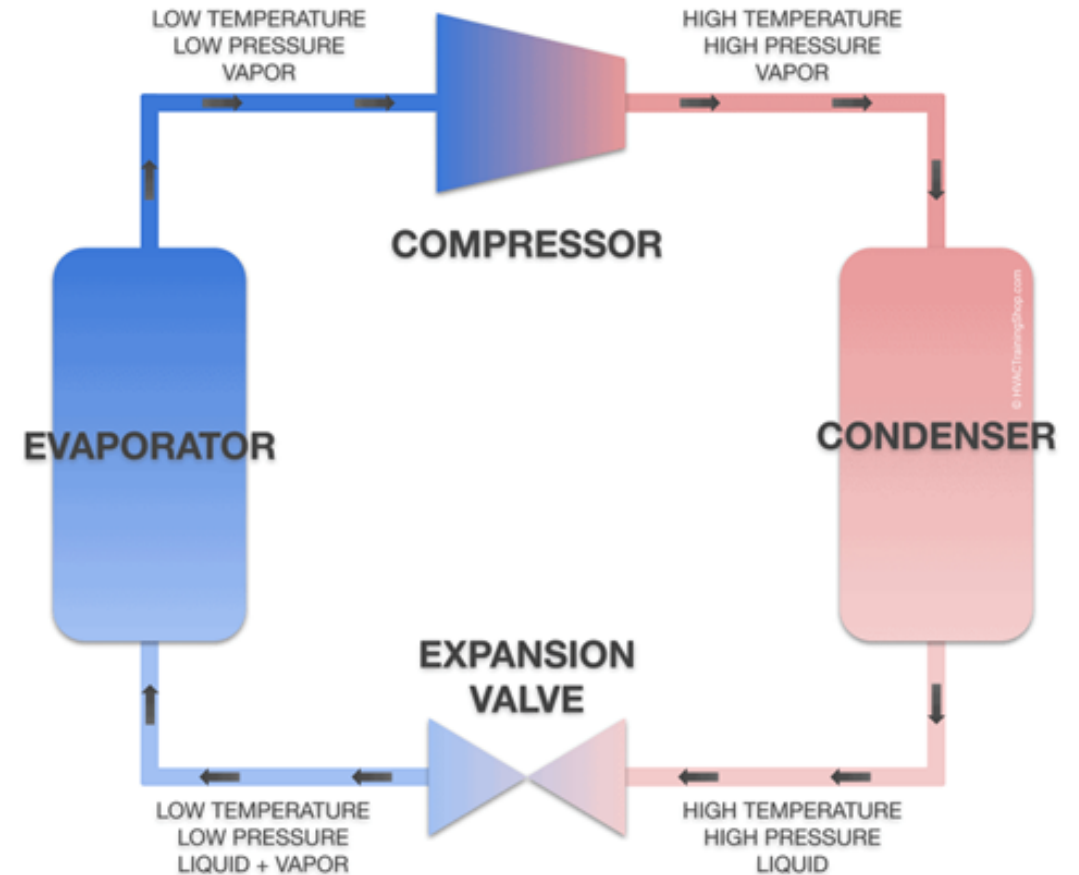
# Select cooling system options to fit the needs



- Refrigeration loop

OR

- Cooling loop – Coolant (phase change or not)
  - Fan and/or pump
  - High Delta T - needed with ambient temp



# Responding to different Heat-Transfer fluid criterias



- What is available in your system and your surroundings (water, air, space, )
- Environmental and Security issues
  - Ammonia is risky
  - Hydrocarbon refrigerant are phase out (Ozone and GHG issues )
- Price
- Pressure, enthalpy and COP
- Temperature range
- Examples:
  - Batterie system use an array of fluids : Air, Water, Refrigerant
  - Spaceship mostly use radiant heat and Rocket use propellant for cooling fluid
  - High temps phase change salt in Nuclear Power

# Pros and Cons of Tailored options



## Pros

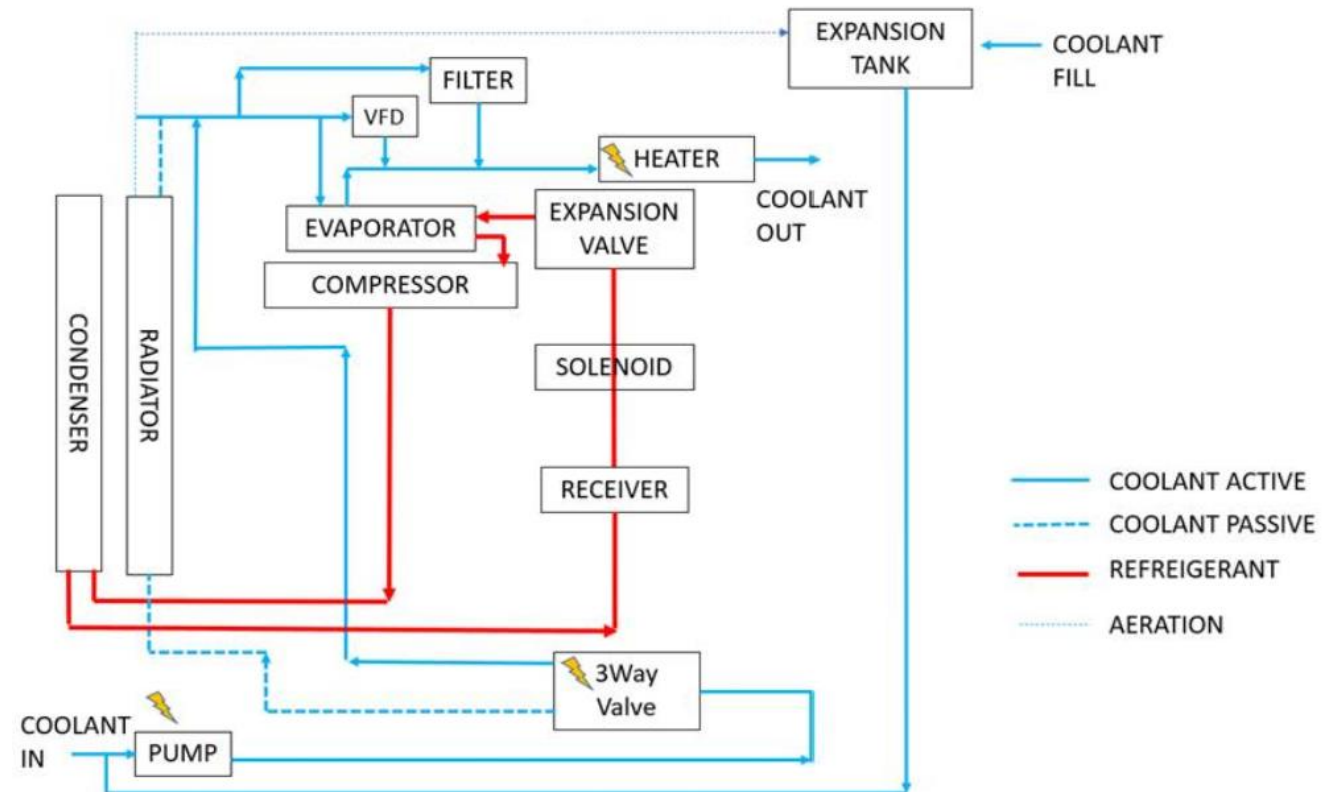
- Power + Efficiency – Improved performance
- Lowering Refrigerant Quantity
- Reusing part - Fan for Radiator and Condenser

## Cons

- Complexity
- Weight

## Improvement possible:

- Heat pump loop for heating efficiency
- Low side/High side heat exchange for higher efficiency with 1234y



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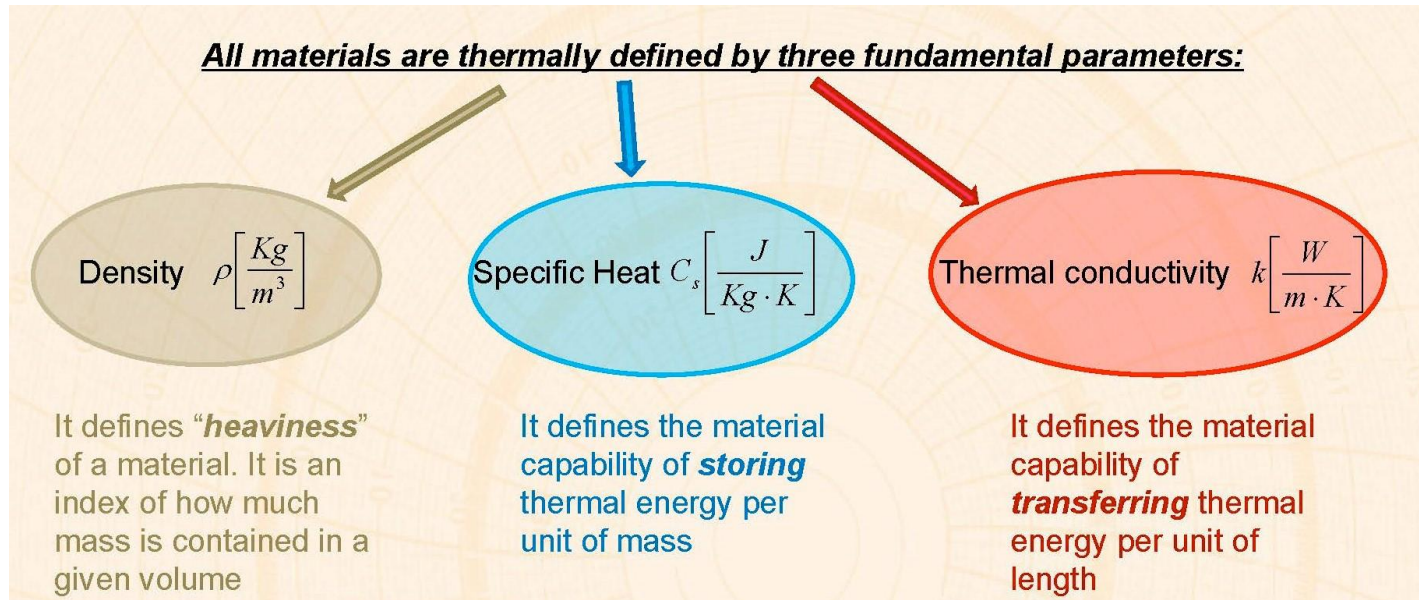


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# Key Thermal Material Properties: Example, how characterize product load

- Key material properties for simulation of transient thermal behavior: **Density ( $\rho$ )**, **Specific Heat ( $c_s$ )** and **Thermal Conductivity ( $k$ )**.



- In theory, this sounds simple, but in practice the full gamut of product loads is encountered:
  - Large containers tightly packed, fully filled with drug (gelatinous pills).
  - Many tightly packed, small vials filled with liquid vaccine or
  - Small number of loosely packed, syringes, pre-filled with 0.5ml of vaccine.
  - Experience indicates volumetric heat capacity shows good modeling results:

$$VHC = \rho \cdot C_s = \left[ \frac{J}{m^3 \cdot K} \right]$$



# Key Thermal Material Properties: Example, how characterize product load

A question comes up, on how to best thermally characterize the product loads, since they can have:

- Many small intricate components made from many different materials (not practical to simulate)
- Very different amounts of internal space (e.g. very different air volumes)



VHC > 15



VHC < 2

Decreasing VHC

Developed method to thermally characterize complex product loads (e.g. RHS, above) such that small intricate components do not have to be solid modeled for simulation purposes, but instead can be represented by a **single isotropic (homogeneous) solid body, with constant VHC**.

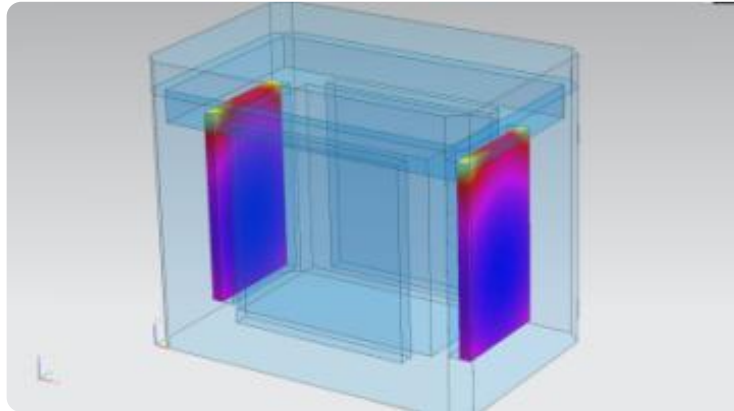
# Validation of Phase Change

- PCMs provide stable product temperatures
- Precise simulation of PCM physics is essential towards obtaining accurate product temperatures
- Latent heat of refrigerant effectively extends cooling duration
- Simulation models phase change effects accurately and efficiently
  - Already validated with test results (Ref. R. Formato publication)

## Feature

### Validation of the Thermal Modeling Process for Cold-Chain Shippers

One company shows a strong parallel between phase change simulations and actual data.



PharmaBio Transport Supplement, Winter 2009

A screenshot of the 'Materials' dialog box in a simulation software. The dialog box has a title bar with a close button. It contains a 'Name' field with 'PCM01' and a 'Category' field. Below these are tabs for 'Isotropic', 'Basic Structural', 'Strength', and 'Thermal'. The 'Thermal' tab is selected, showing various thermal properties with input fields and units. The properties listed are: Thermal Conductivity (2.392 W/m-K), Specific Heat (1943 J/kg-K), Latent Heat (334000 J/kg), Phase Change Temperature (0 C), Phase Change Temperature Range (deltaC), Specific Heat above Phase Change (4204 J/kg-K), IR Scattering Coefficient (1/mm), IR Extinction Coefficient (1/mm), Solar Scattering Coefficient (1/mm), and Solar Extinction Coefficient (1/mm). At the bottom are 'OK', 'Apply', 'Back', and 'Cancel' buttons.

# Thermal Management Challenge in EV



3 main systems function on trucks.

- Heating, air conditioning and ventilation (HVAC) of Cabin
  - Affect autonomy in cold climate
  - Client knowledge
- BTMS – Heating and cooling
  - Extreme temperature Pull up and Pull down are the limitation
  - Dictated by batteries suppliers
- HV cooling loop (motor, drive, rectifier/inverter, DCDC, etc.)
  - Variability of component needs – power, operating temperature, and pressure.
  - Routing difficult
- Other general issue
  - Not a priority system – No security issue unless Defrost
  - New market – Supplier ramp up and tendencies to oversize
  - Software Complexity
  - Still R&D phase for constructors

# Cold Climate Challenge



- Generally Low efficiency - Thermal management system loads can reduce the drive range by as much as 45% under ambient temperatures below  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Often, cabin heating relies purely on positive temperature coefficient (PTC) resistive heating, contributing to a significant range loss
- Quebec minus  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  for on hour
  - o Between 5kWh for heat
  - o Total 30 kWh – CSHVC – with regen
- Suppliers are not familiar with cold temp for EV

