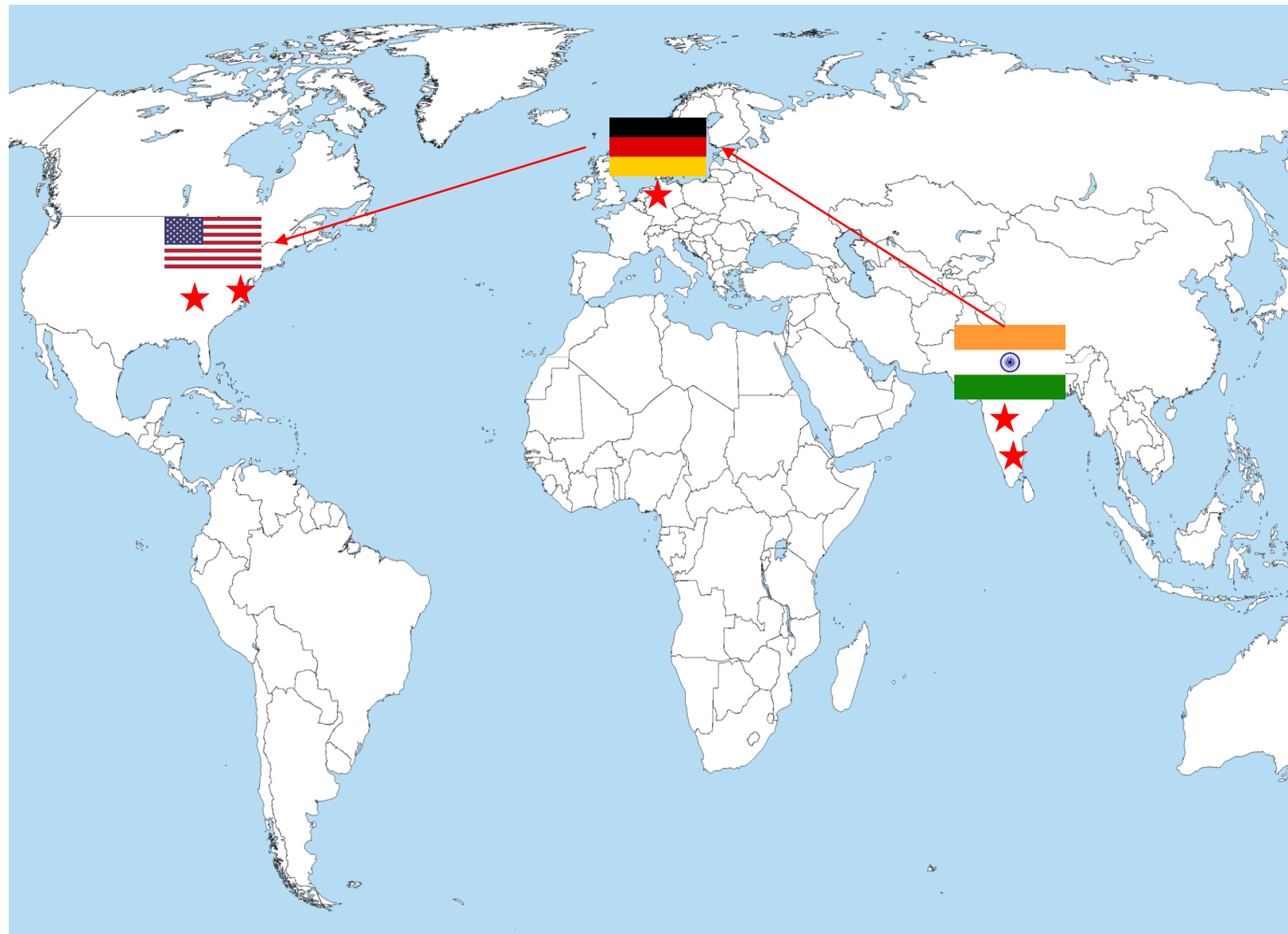


# Thermal Management Coatings

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# Background



**2000**

MSc – Kakatiya University/IIT Mumbai – India  
Medicinal Chemistry

**2005**

PhD – Siegen University – Germany  
Supramolecular Chemistry

**2007**

Post-Doc – Tufts University – USA  
Bio-organic Chemistry

- Joined PPG synthesis group
- Lead synthesis and formulation groups
- Current role – synthesis group

# PPG paints and coatings are used to protect and enhance some of the world's best-known products and brands



World-renowned landmarks



Devices and screens all around you



The planes we fly in – from the windows to the exteriors



Passports and licenses



Cars we drive and the infrastructure to get where we're going



The homes we live in



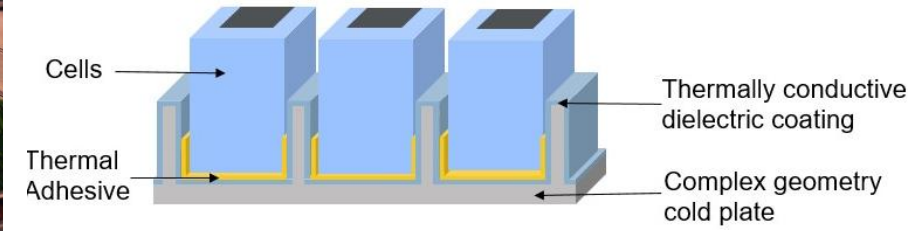
The offices we work in



The cans we drink from



# Thermal Management



# Agenda

- **Impact of Fire**
- **Fire Protection:** Active & Passive, Retardants & Intumescent
- **Intumescent Passive Fire Protection (PFP) Coating**
  - How does it work?
  - Differences between cellulosic and hydrocarbon PFP?
  - Where can it be used?
- **Need for Accelerated Test Methods, Future Trends & Reduction in Substances of Concern**
- **Summary**

# Effects of Fire on Lives and Assets

*The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) U.S. estimates*

- A fire department responds to a fire every **23 seconds**
- A home structure fire every **95 seconds**
- One civilian fire-related death occurs every **3 hours**
- In 2023, U.S. fire departments responded to **1.39 million fires**, estimated 3,670 civilian deaths and 136,350 injuries. Every year there are about 50 on-duty firefighter deaths.
- 2023: **\$23B** property loss
- Worse metrics in developing countries



# Fire Protection Methods

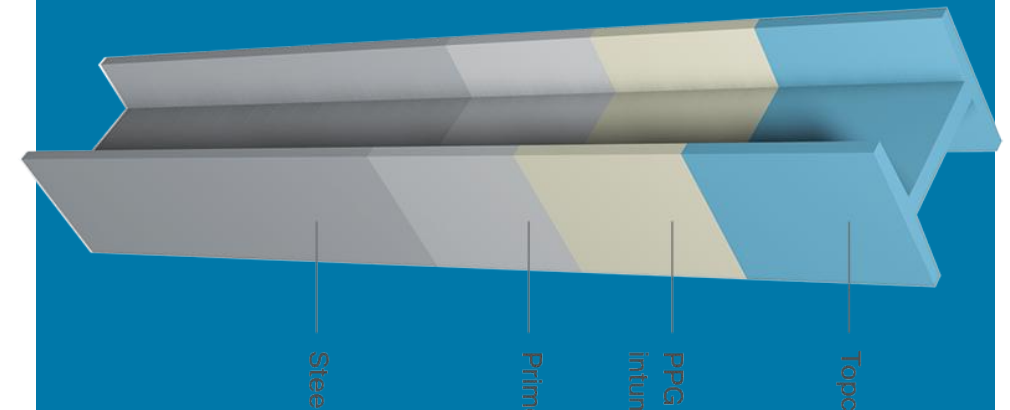
## *Active Fire Protection (AFP)*

- Require action/motion to activate
- Fire/smoke alarm, sprinkler system, fire extinguisher, fire fighter



## *Passive Fire Protection (PFP)*

- No activation required
- Fireproofing steel structures, walls, floors, doors, etc.

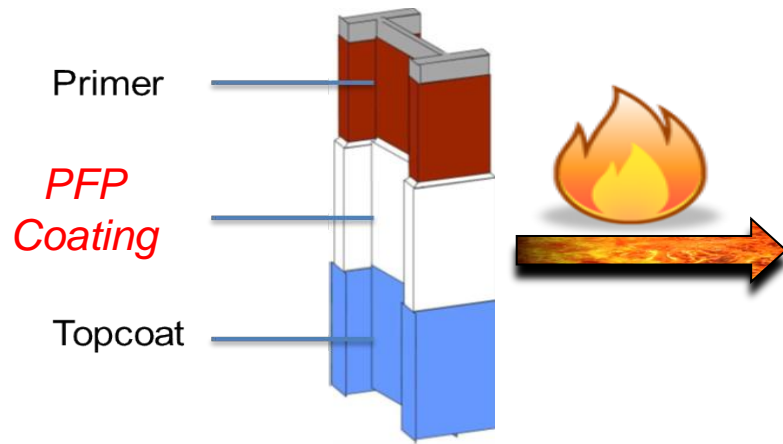


**AFP and PFP measures can substantially mitigate fire risks**



# Intumescent Coatings in Action

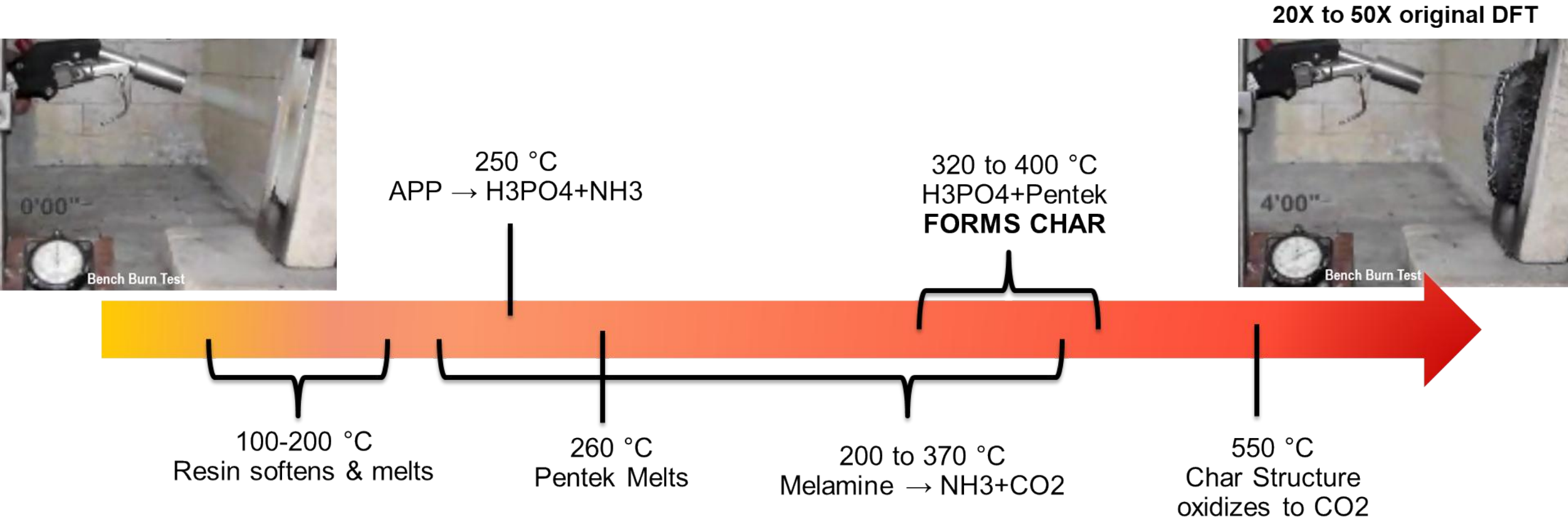
- Expands its volume when exposed to heat
- Creates insulation, and prevents steel from heating up rapidly
- Can save lives, protect investments and reduce downtime



**Coating volume expands to produce thermal insulating barrier**



# PFP Charring Mechanism



Multiple events to produce thermal barrier for substrates

# Types of Fires

## Cellulosic Fire Testing

- Civil constructions
- Fueled by wood, paper, textiles
- Reaches 945°C after 60 minutes



- **Steel structures start to lose their stability and integrity >400°C**
- **Not every fire is the same**
- **Delayed heat transfer with PFPs!**

## Hydrocarbon Fire Testing

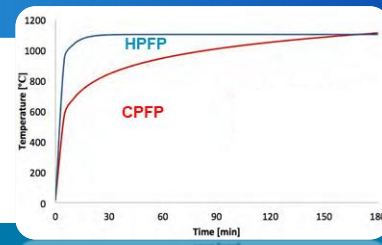
### *pool fire*

- Petrochemical industries
- Fueled by oil and gas
- Reaches 1096°C within 5 min



### *jet fire*

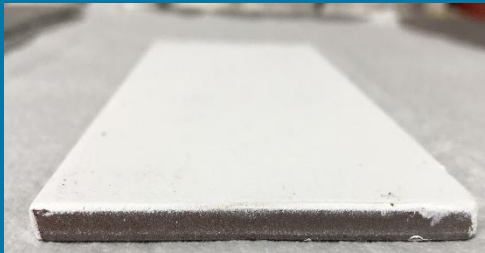
- Petrochemical industries
- Fueled by pressurized oil & gas
- Reaches >1200°C within 5 min
- Explosion/Cryospill requirements



# Cellulosic and Hydrocarbon

## *Char behavior differences*

### Cellulosic PFP

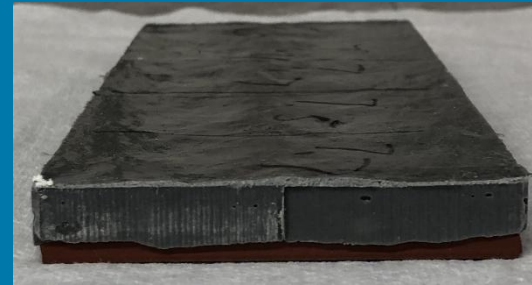


1 mm dry film thickness



- Subjected to cellulosic fire
- Expands 40-60 times original film thickness
- Char is highly porous, soft, fluffy

### Hydrocarbon PFP



8 mm dry film thickness



- Subjected to hydrocarbon fire
- Expands 3-10 times original film thickness
- Char is hard, compact, dense



**Chemistries designed to address various fire sources**

# Typical Resin Chemistries

## Cellulosic PFP / SB & WB



Typically 1k: Thermoplastic

## Hydrocarbon PFP



Typically 2k:  
Thermoset



## Open Innovation Opportunities

- Enhanced durability
- Less coats
- Faster return to service
- 2K or 1K
- Hybrid solutions

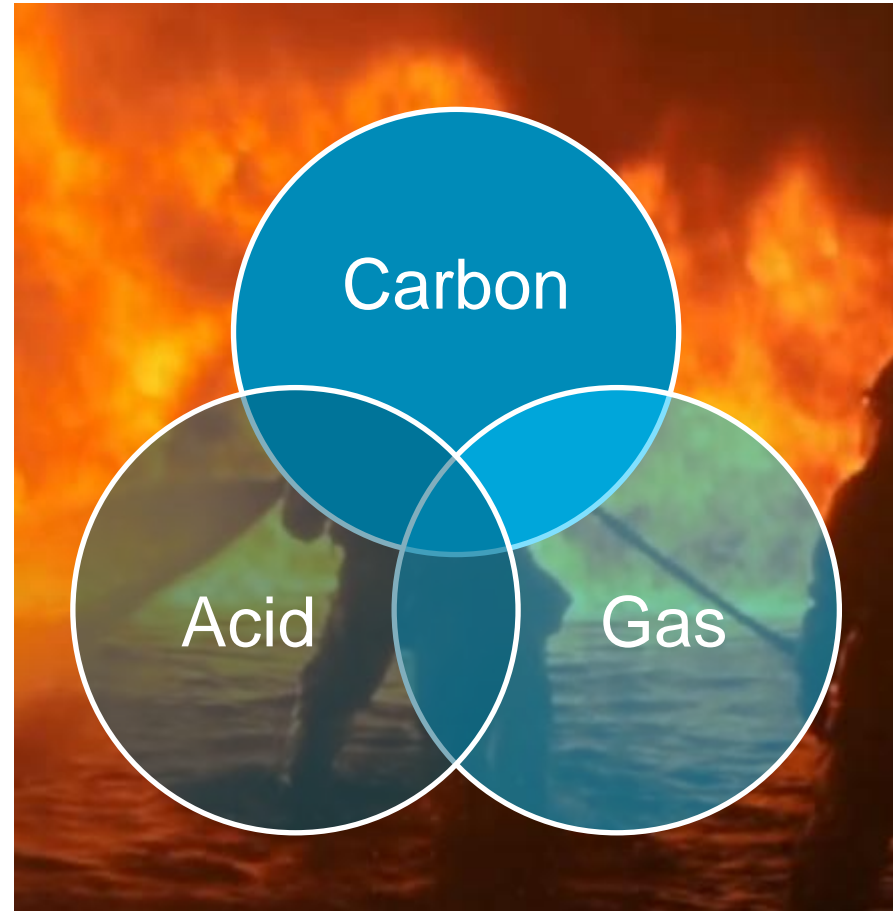
- Waterborne, Solventborne, Solventfree Choices
- Fire source and durability dictate choice of chemistry



# Intumescent Coatings Key Components

## *3 key intumescent ingredients in a PFP coating*

- Inorganic  
phosphoric; sulfuric; **boric**
- Organic  
**phosphates**; sulfates; borates



- -OH- rich organic compounds  
polyol; **pentaerythritol (PER)**;  
starch, dextrin; sorbitol; phenol resin
- N-rich organic compounds  
**melamine**; urea; dicyandiamide

# PPG 2030 sustainability targets with 2019 baseline

*validated science-based targets*



50%↓

reduction in absolute  
scope 1 and 2 greenhouse  
gas (GHG) emissions



30%↓

reduction in absolute  
scope 3  
GHG emissions



100%

reuse, recycle or recover  
100% of process waste



25%↓

reduction in  
waste intensity



5%↓

annual reduction in  
spill release rate



15%↓

reduction in water  
intensity at priority sites



50%

sales from sustainably  
advantaged products



100%

of key suppliers  
assessed against  
sustainability and social  
responsibility standards



100%

of employees go home  
safely each day



\$15MM

Commitment to  
COLORFUL COMMUNITIES®  
projects globally, with all  
projects having an element  
of sustainability



# Research and Development Process

*Innovation lab-high throughput tests*



1Ft columns

*Development lab – scale up tests*



8Ft columns

Country Dependent

## ■ Cellulosic fires



ISO 834



UL 263

## ■ HC Pool fire



UL 1709

## ■ HC Jet fire



ISO 22899-Part 1 & Part 3

- From ideation → commercialization
- Several other tests in addition: Take significant time and third-party tests

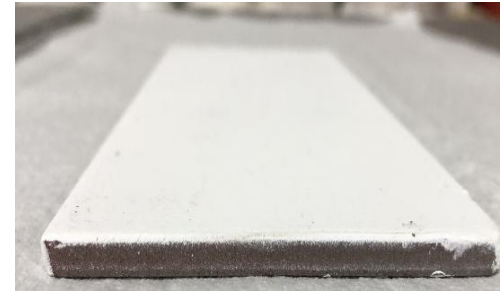
# Need for Accelerated Tests



1 FOOT I-BEAM



FIELD APPLICATION



4X6 PANELS



NORSOK...



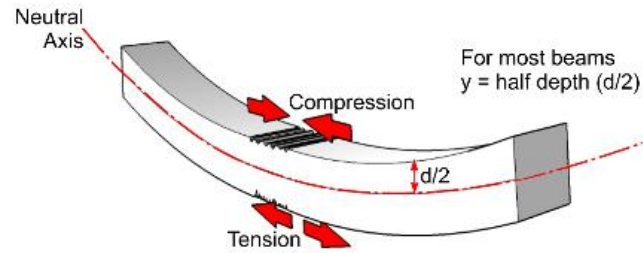
- Convection Oven
- Cone Calorimetry
- Bunsen Burners
- ...Fast & Reliable!

**Reliable accelerated tests are key for innovations**



# Understanding the Need for Flexible PFP

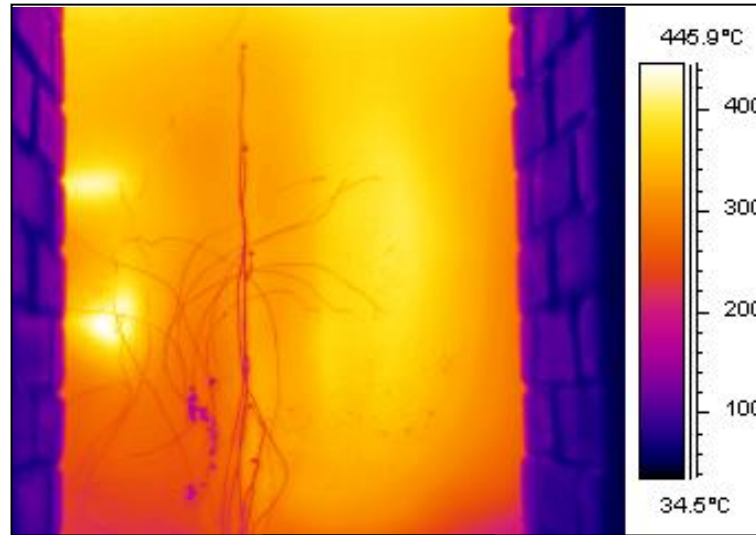
Steel under operational loads



Exposed to very low temperatures



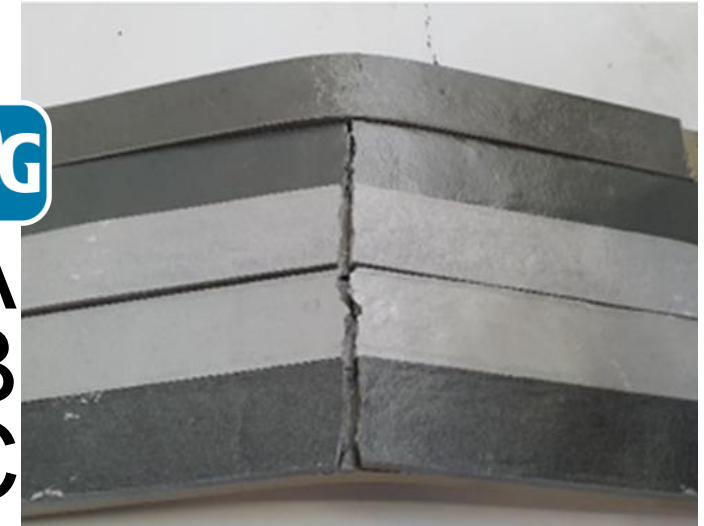
Does it impact fire performance?



- With cracks/delamination: 60 min to 433 °C
- Without cracks/delamination 60 min 388 °C



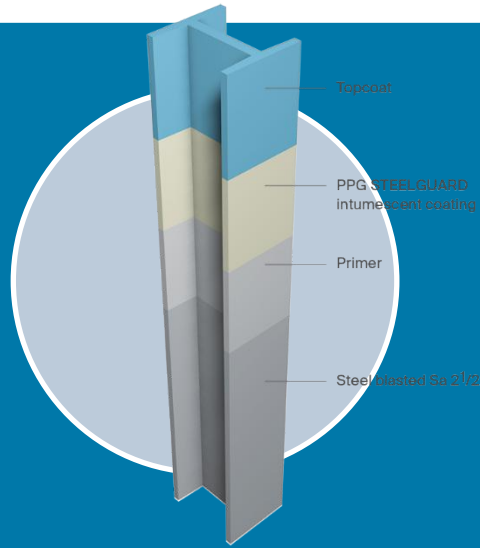
PPG  
A  
B  
C



\* Acceptance Criteria for Damaged Passive Fire Protection Coatings - Simon Thurlbeck, MMI Engineering - FABIG Technical Meeting 57, 2009

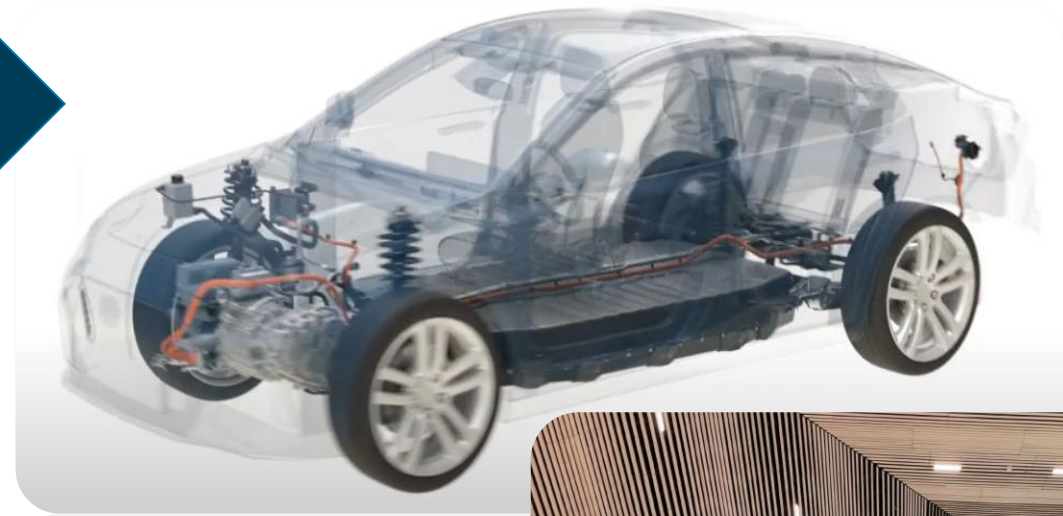
**Reliable accelerated tests are key for innovation/differentiation**

# PFP Drivers – Future Trends



Aesthetics / Durability  
Ease of Application  
Sustainability  
Regulatory  
Hybrid Solutions  
Compact Systems

Market & Technology Trends



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJdkJcSEoBw>

# Let's Create Value!



- PFP coatings are one of the fastest growing segments
- Innovation opportunities: new polymers, substances of concern, new applications
- Join us!

- **Passive Fire Protection Coatings protect and beautify**
  - **Protect investments, reduce downtime**



Thank You  
Questions?

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