

# EXTENDING THE RANGE OF A BEV – EARLY PROGRESS

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# Project Objective

**Objective:** Maintain occupant thermal comfort and increase the range of Grid Connected Electric Drive Vehicles (GCEDV).

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# Project Scope

## Vehicle Technologies Office Program Goals:

- Develop more energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly technologies
- Further development and validation of models and simulation tools
- Support EV Everywhere Grand Challenge

## Timing:

- October 2013 - January 2017

## Project Partners:

- Hanon Systems USA, LLC
- Hyundai America Technical Center Inc. (HATCI)
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

# Participants



**Thermal Systems Design, Analysis  
and Integration**

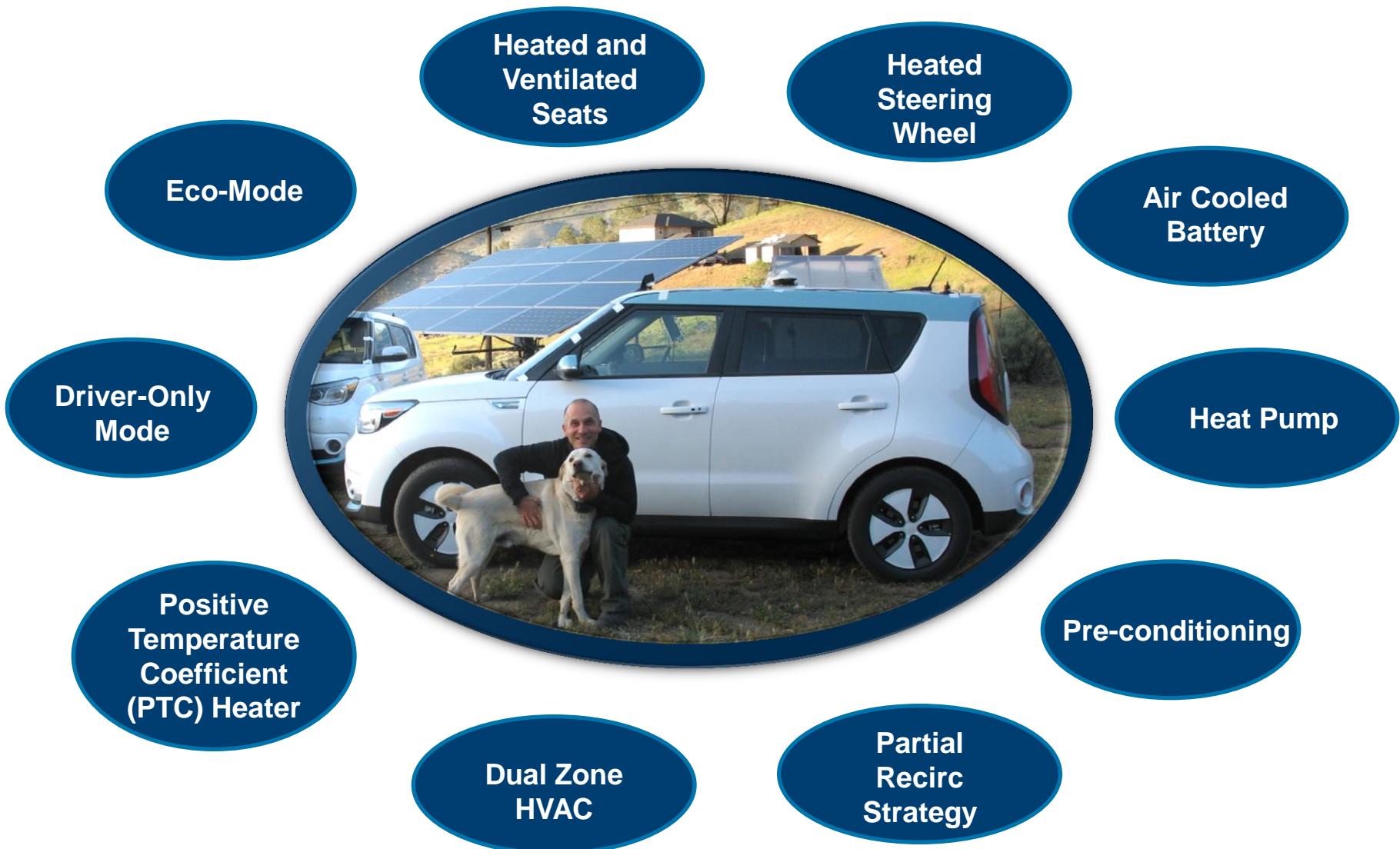


**Vehicle Modeling, Integration, &  
Field & Laboratory Testing**



**Thermal Comfort Modeling  
Advanced Test Methods**

# Selected 2015MY Kia Soul EV with Heat Pump



# Challenges and Opportunities

## Baseline Vehicle has Many Range Extension Technologies

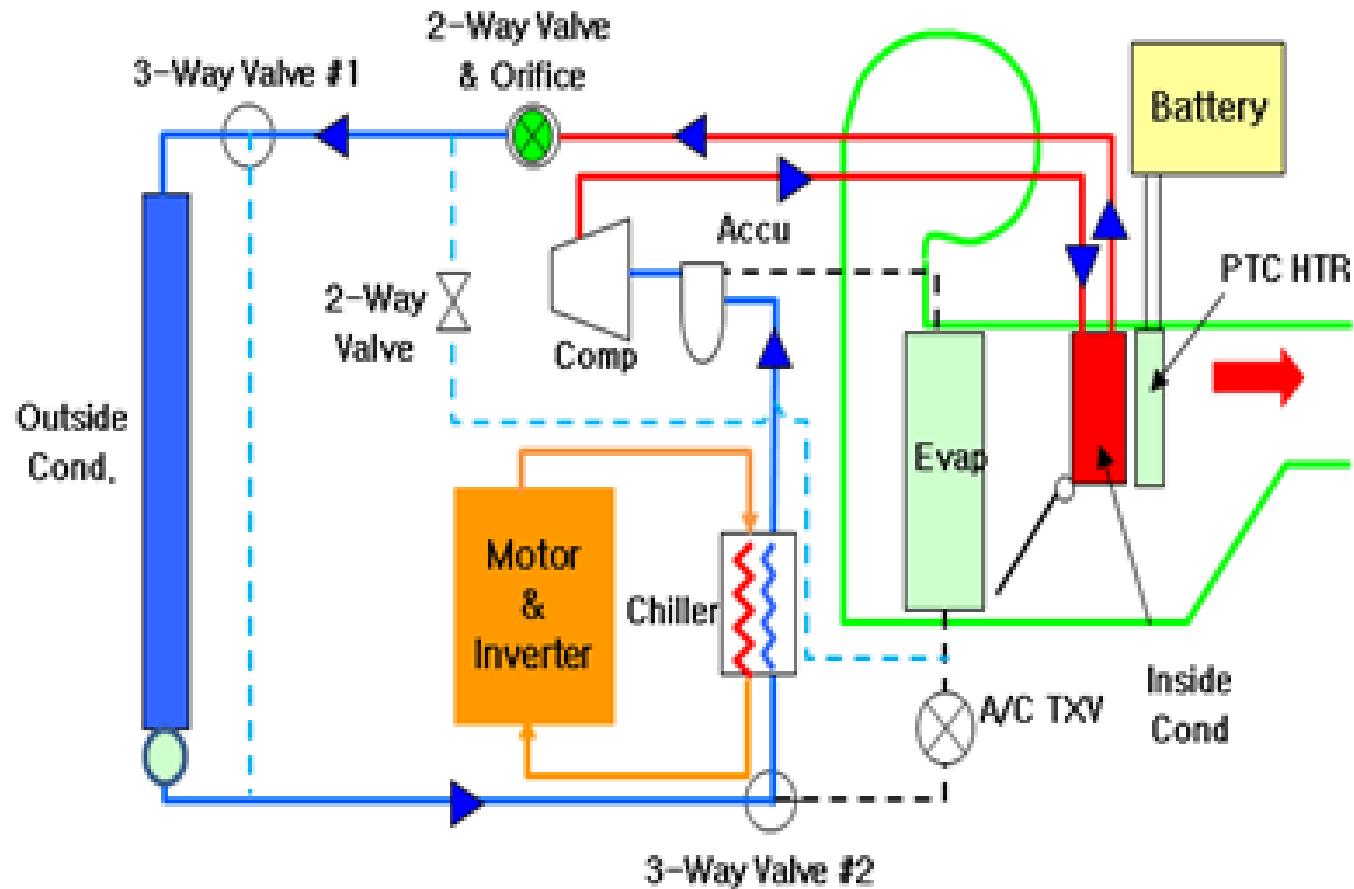
- Heat pump
- Preconditioning
- Zonal
- Heated and ventilated seats
- Heated steering wheel

## Opportunities

- Enhance preconditioning
- Add thermal storage
- Improve component effectiveness
- Integrate heated surfaces with controls

# System Schematic

System shown in heat pump mode



# Development Methodology

## Test Baseline System (Bench and in Vehicle)

- Cold weather – 2014 International Falls
- Hot weather – 2014 Death Valley
- Hot and cold – 2014 wind tunnel
- Hot and cold – 2014 bench

Past

## Build and Verify CAE Models

- 1-D system
- 3-D cabin
- Comfort

## Design and Quantify system Enhancements

- Use models to predict performance

Present

## Verify Enhancements with Bench Testing

## Install and Demonstrate Technologies in vehicle

Future

# Assumptions

- Ambient Conditions
  - Temperatures and population across US was considered
  - -18°C, -5°C, +5°C, +28°C, +32°C, and +43°C were chosen for evaluation
- Drive Cycle
  - Average drive times were considered
  - Wanted to accurately use CAE models to predict outcomes
  - Decided on 50kph for 40 minutes, with 45 minute soak
- Weighting Factors
  - If weighted by population, -18°C and 43°C factors become zero
  - In support of “EV Everywhere” each condition considered separately
  - Within each drive, early comfort is heavily weighted

# Baseline Testing – Vehicle

## January 2014 – International Falls, MN

- HATCI sign-off trip
- Both PTC only and HP Kia Souls participated
- Quantified benefit of heat pump

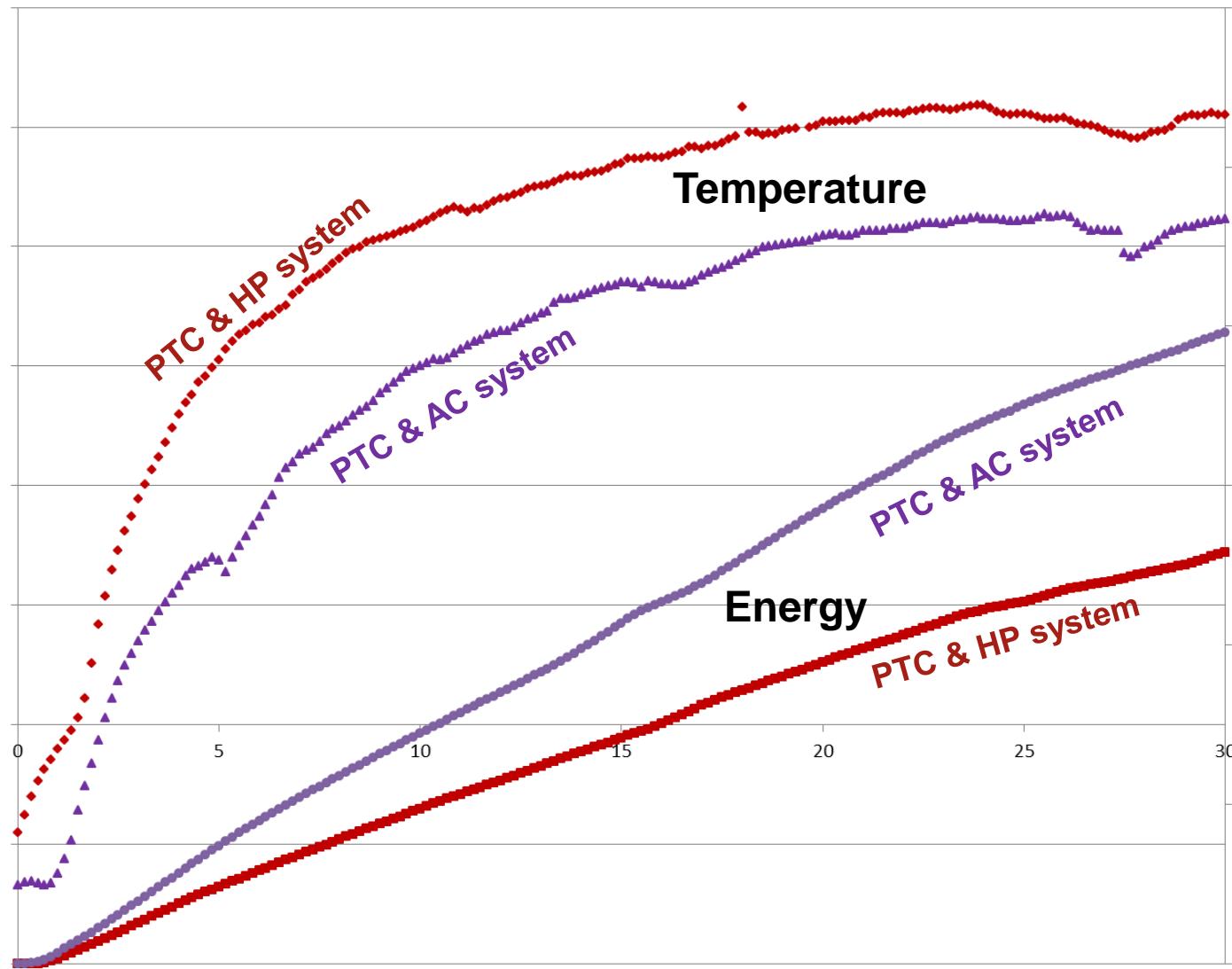
## May 2014 – Wind Tunnel

- Both hot and cold conditions tested
- Measured HVAC power
- Data used for model correlation

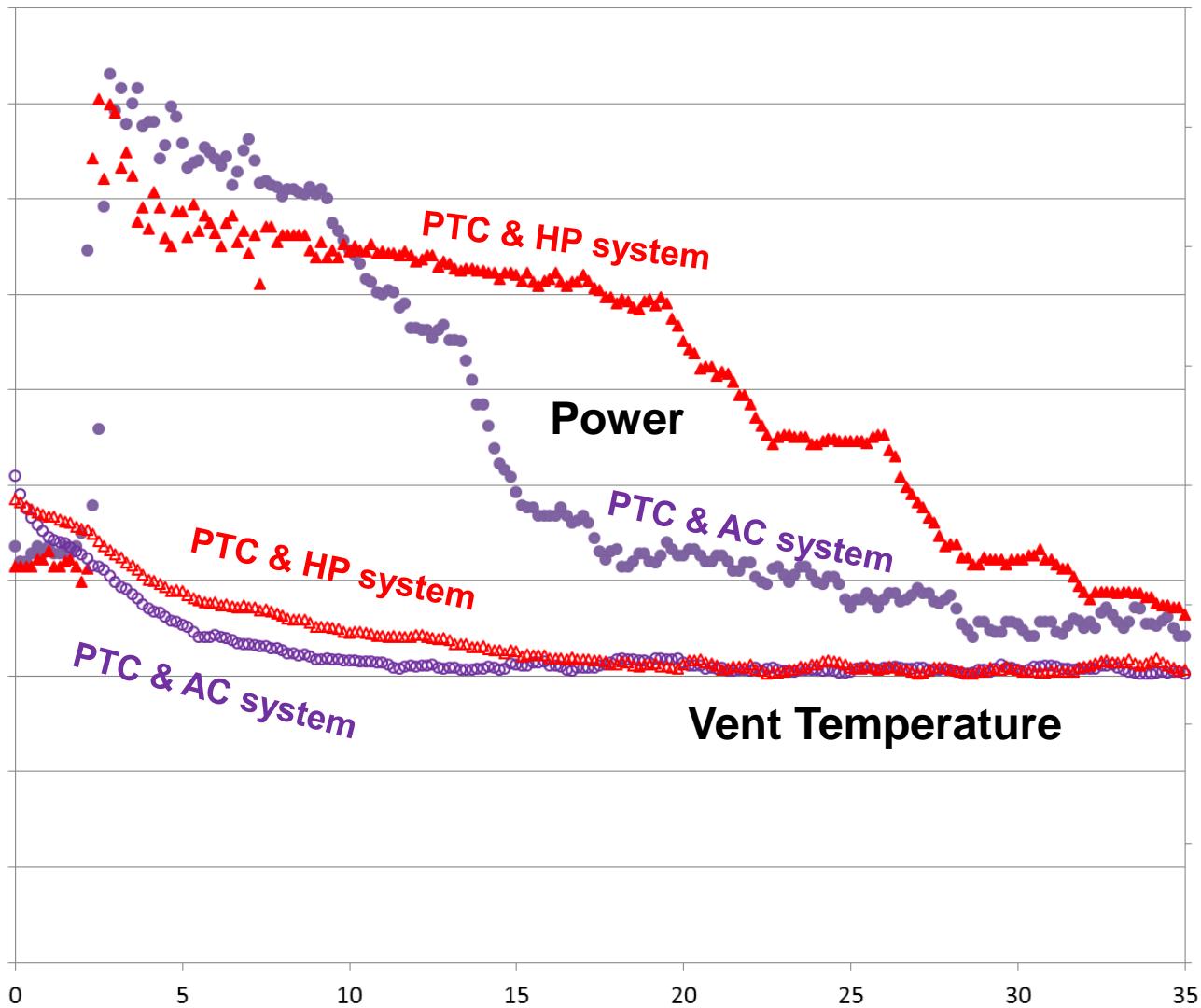
## June 2014 – Death Valley, CA

- Both PTC only and HP Kia Souls participated
- Evaluated power consumption during pulldowns

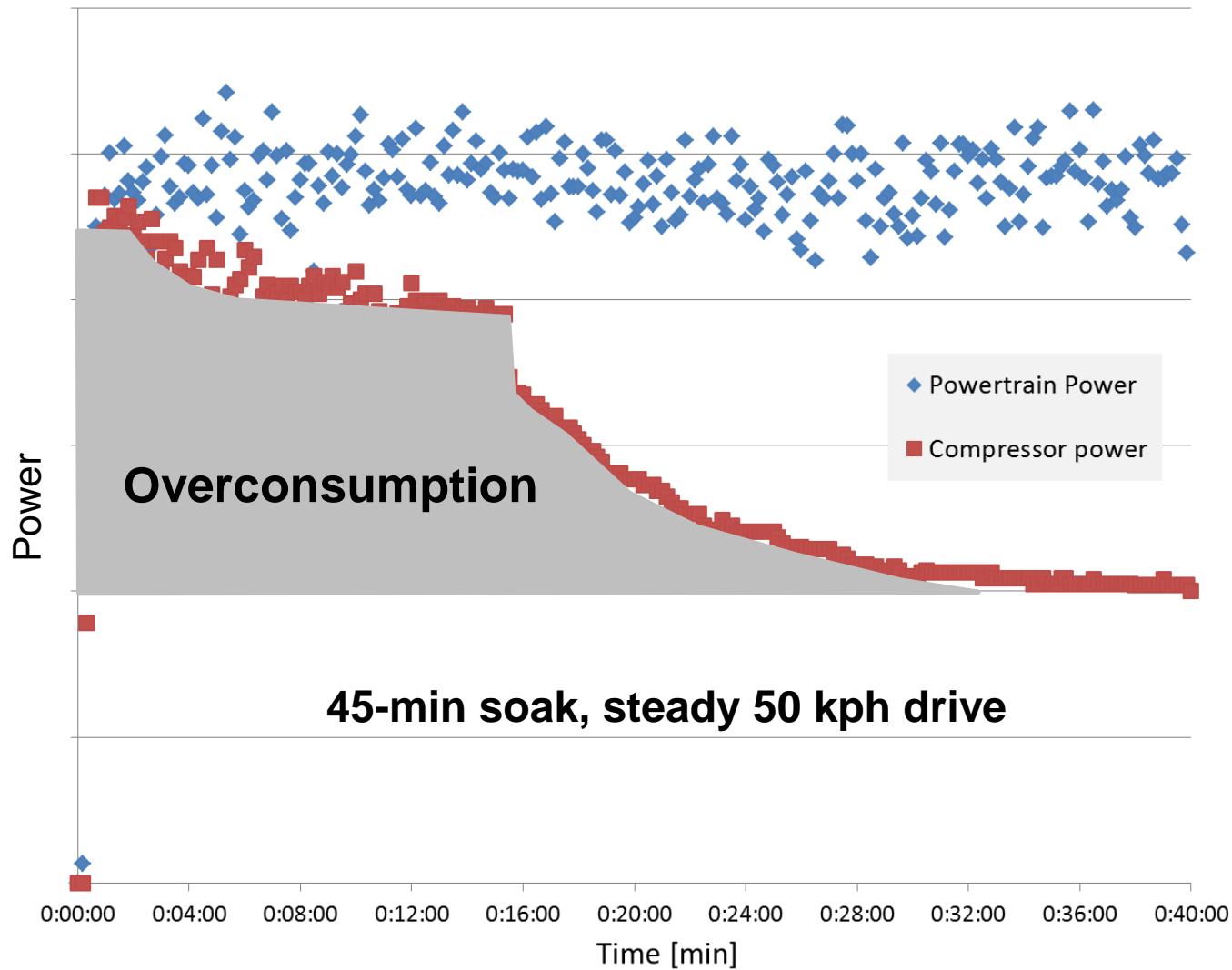
# Baseline – Max Heating Comparison (-18C)



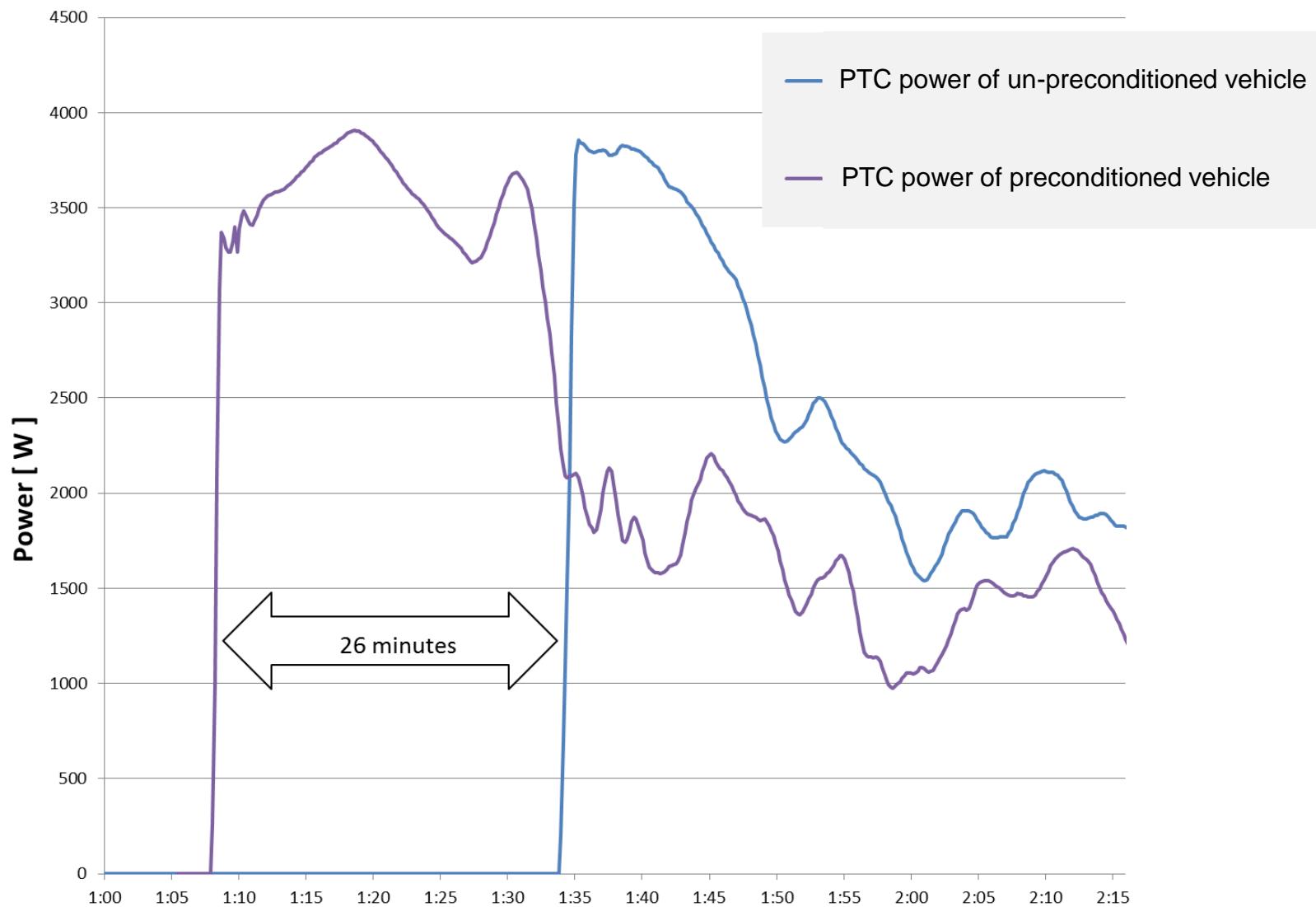
# Baseline – Cooldown Comparison (45C)



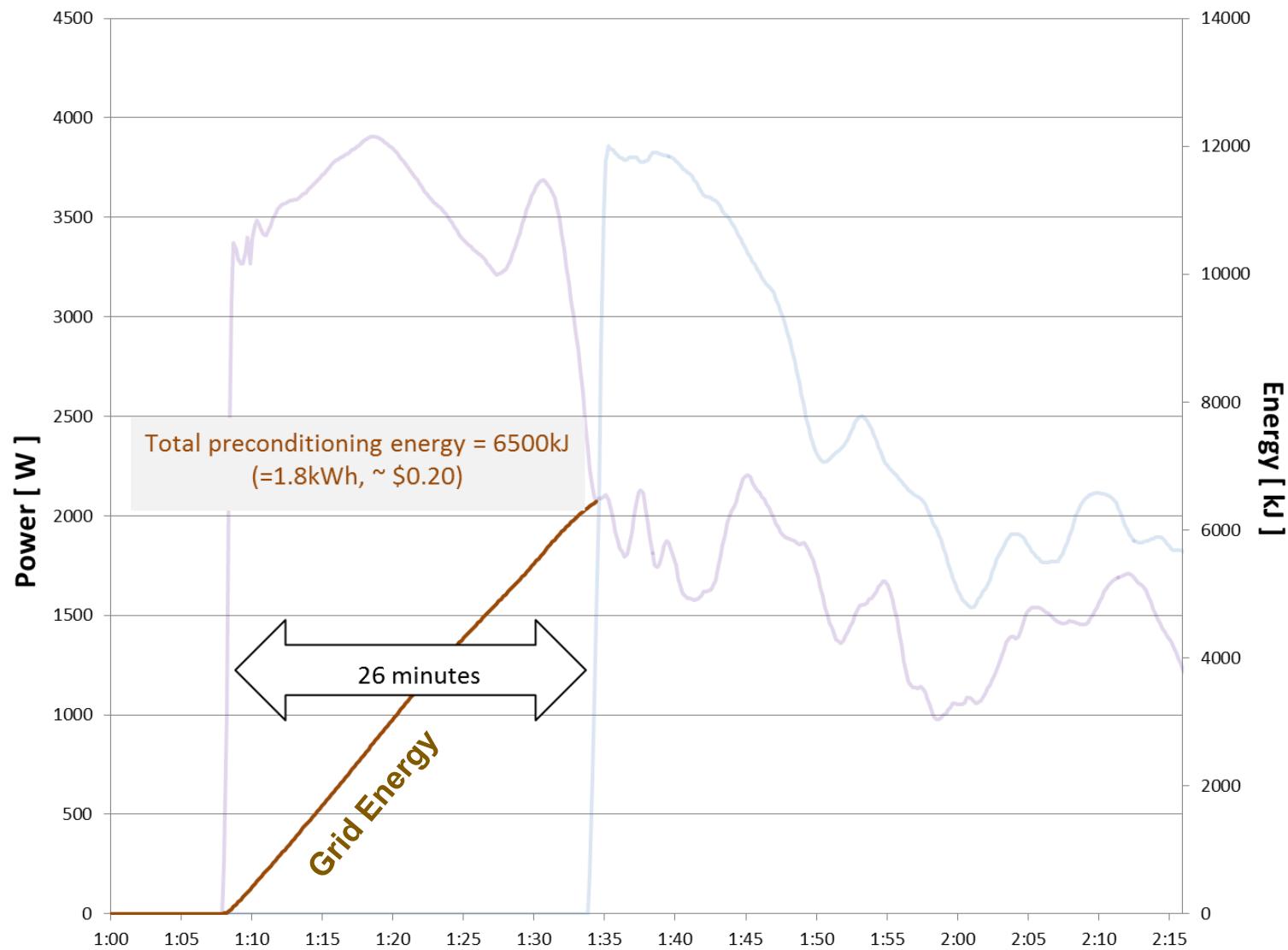
# Importance of Preconditioning (43C)



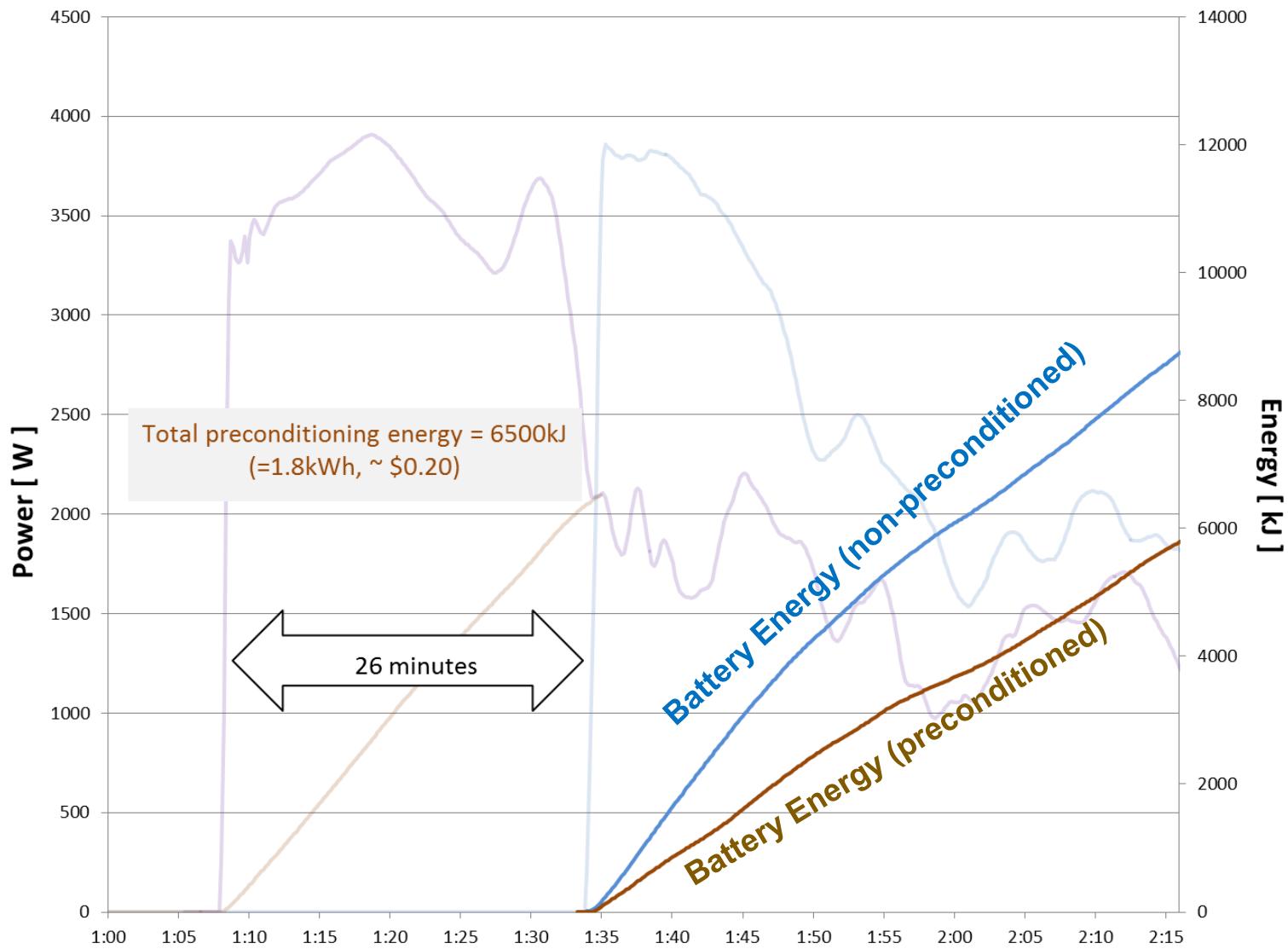
# Effect of Preconditioning a Cold Interior (-15C)



# Effect of Cabin Preconditioning a Cold Interior (-15C)

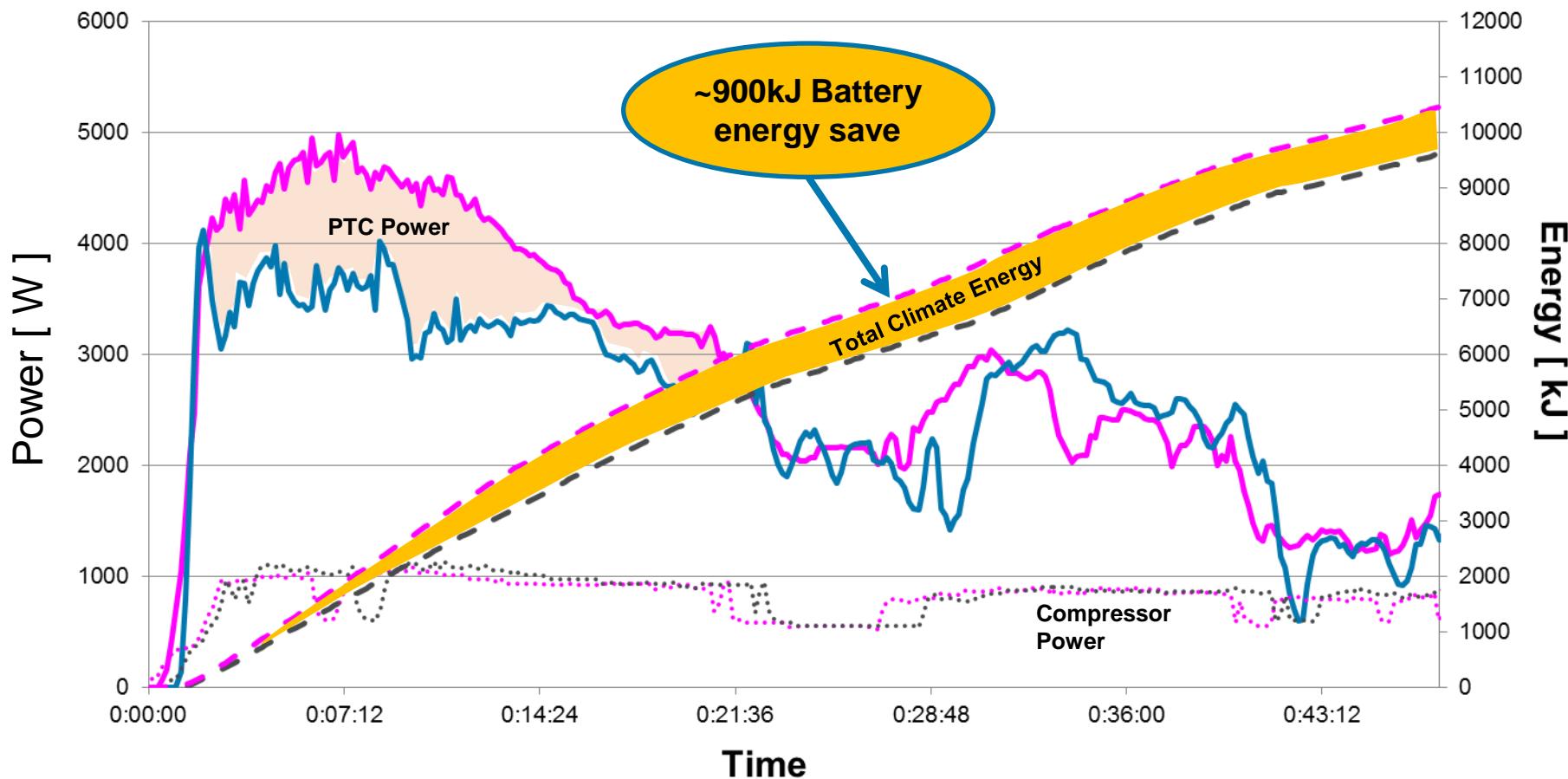


# Effect of Preconditioning a Cold Interior (-15C)



# Cold Weather Testing (-18C)

## Initial Thermal Storage Evaluation



# Baseline Testing – Bench

## Production A/C system bench tested

- 17 Conditions
- 25°C to 60°C ambient temperatures
- 2,000 to 7,000 compressor RPM

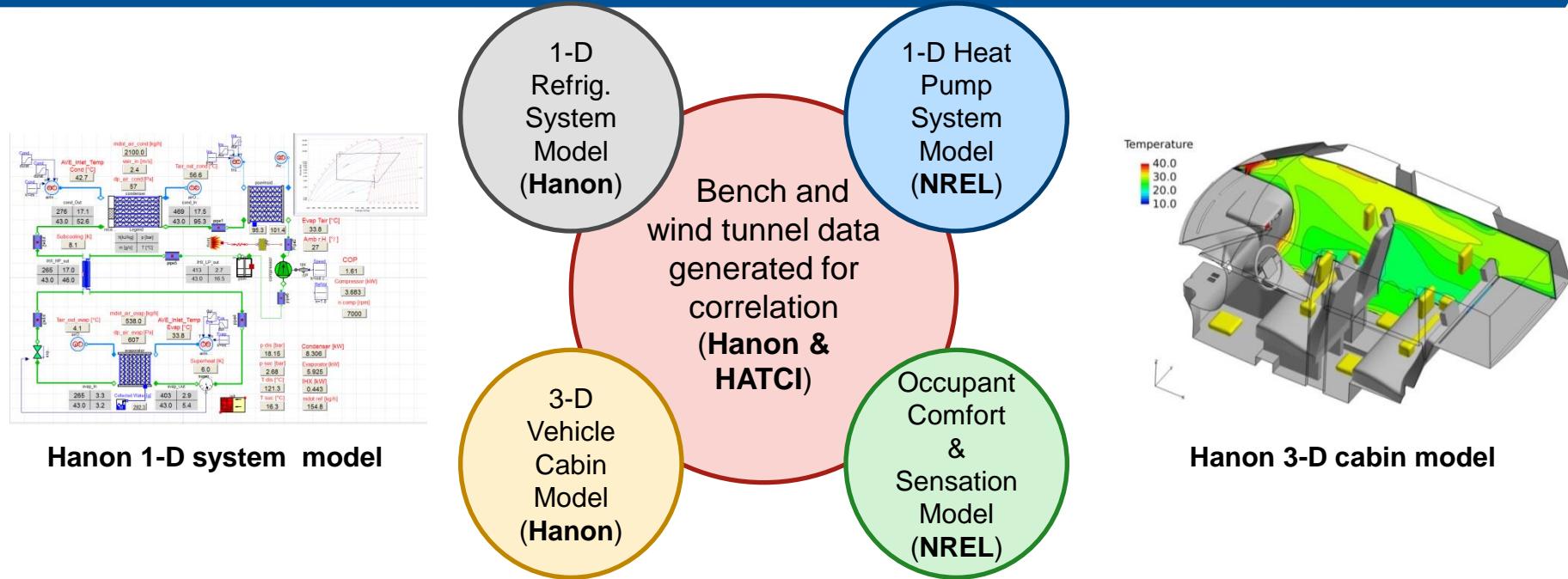
## Bench modified for heat pump conditions

- 33 conditions
- 15°C to -10°C ambient temperatures
- 1,500 to 5,000 compressor RPM

## Results used for

- Model correlation
- System understanding
- Initial evaluation of thermal storage

# Modeling and Correlation



**Modeling and correlation was a cooperative effort by HVCC, NREL and HATCI, consisting of two primary modeling efforts:**

Develop correlated CAE models from vehicle and system testing.

Leverage models to aid the selection and definition of specific range extending ideas.

**Specific modeling tools utilized:**

1-D heat pump and air-conditioning system models

3-D transient Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) cabin models

Transient human thermal comfort models

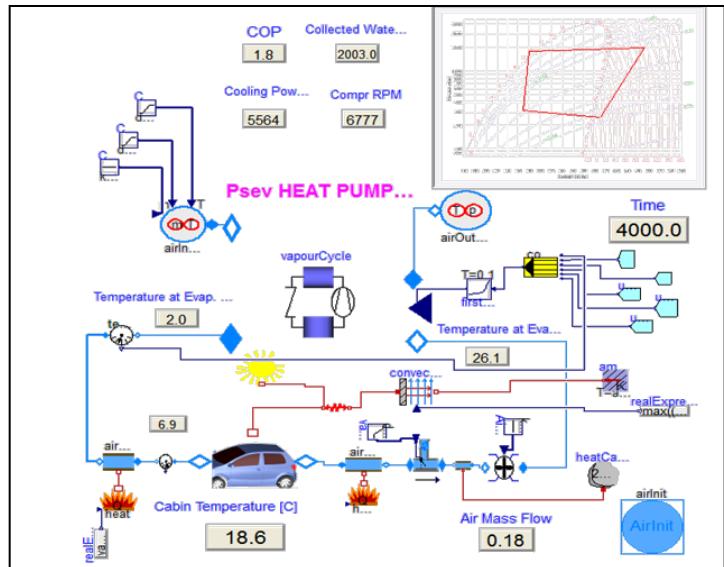
# Thermal Modeling Collaboration

## 1-D models

Both Hanon and NREL have developed 1-D system models

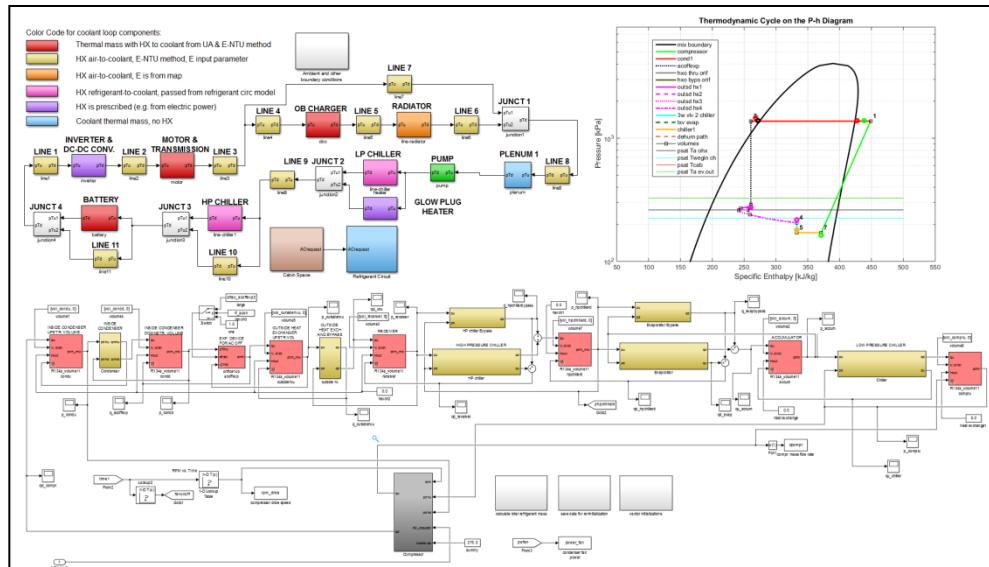
Hanon is focusing on A/C operation, NREL on heat pump operation

# Hanon Systems



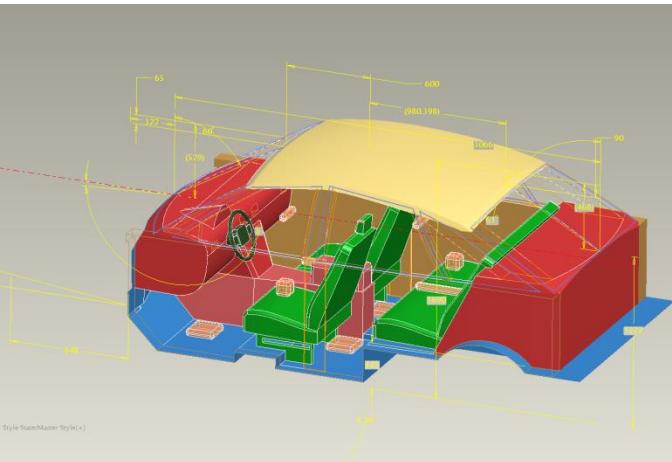
## A/C system model front end

NREL



## HP system model front end

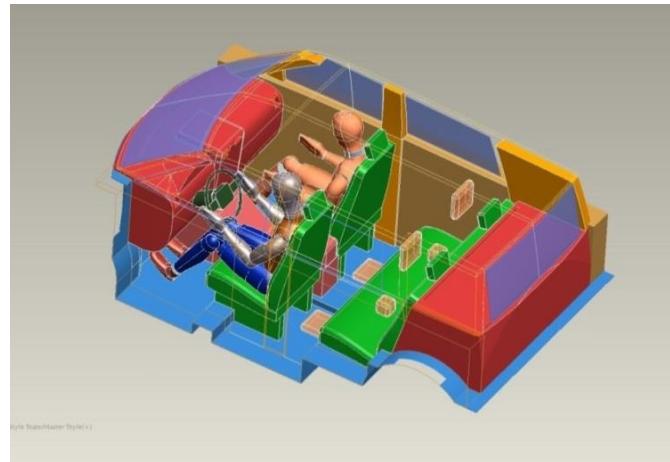
# Vehicle Cabin Modeling (3-D)



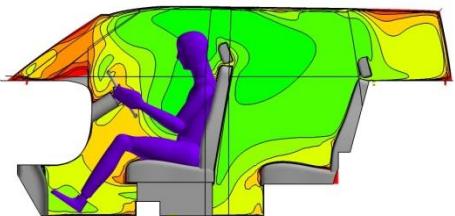
The parametric vehicle model was morphed into a close representation of the Kia Soul.



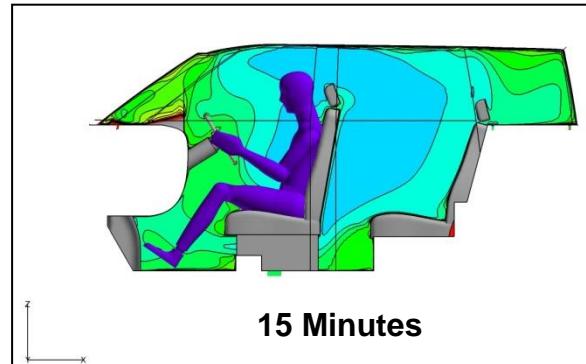
System modifications can be quickly incorporated and recalculated.



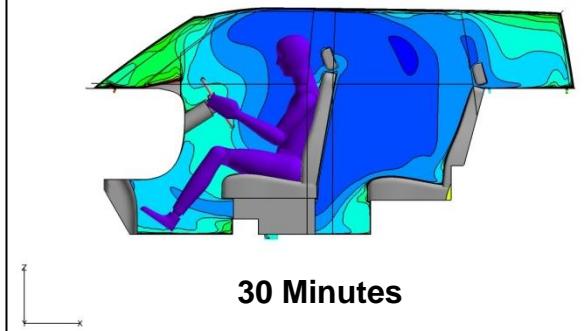
CFD was used to simulate the heating and cooling performance of the Kia Soul. The pictures below show interior temperature progression for a 43°C cool down.



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15 Minutes

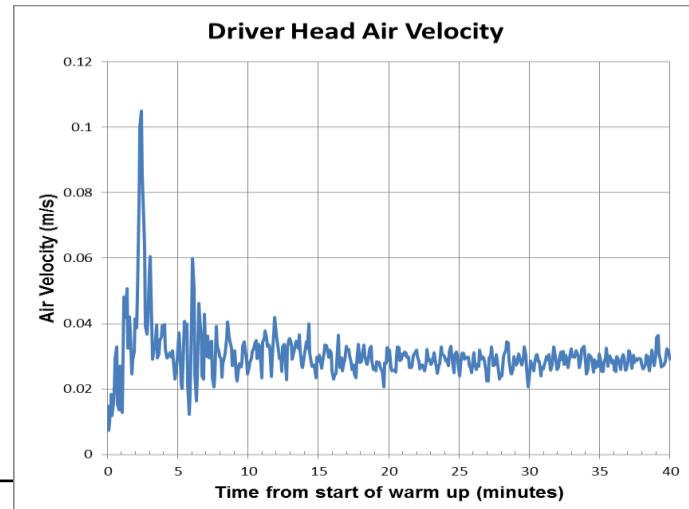
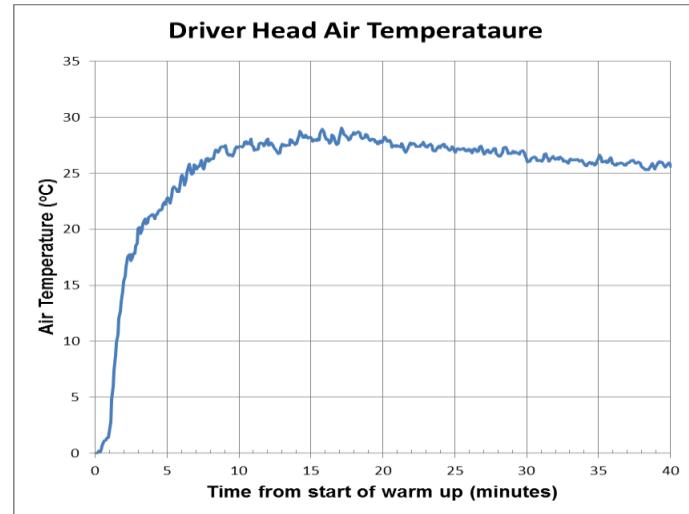
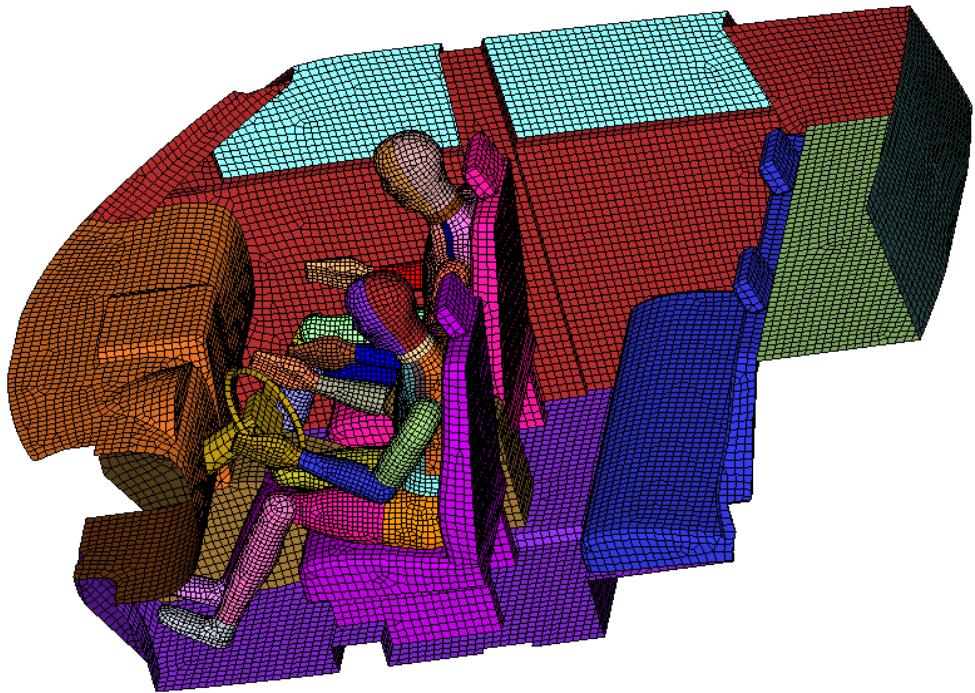


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# Thermal Comfort Modeling

The Human Thermal Comfort software module (ThermoAnalytics, Inc.) was utilized to evaluate occupant thermal sensation and comfort for all test cases.

- Near manikin air temperature and velocity from the CFD simulations were input for each of the 21 manikin segments.
- Transient vehicle surface temperatures from the CFD results were input into the software.
- Clothing ensemble applied to manikins.



# Range Extension

- Using our assumptions, the vehicle range extension predictions

Test Condition	August 2015 Assessment (%)
Cold 3 (-18C)	26%
Cold 2 (-5C)	8%
Cold 1 (5C)	9%
Hot 1 (28C)	8%
Hot 2 (32C)	9%
Hot 3 (43C)	12%

# Summary

## Vehicle Selection

- 2015 Kia Soul BEV with heat pump
  - Many range extending technologies in production
  - Thermal storage offers the largest improvement

## Initial Testing

- Behavior of baseline systems understood
- Data used to validate CAE models
- Areas for enhancements identified and targeted

## Next Steps

- Design and fabricate components for enhanced system
- Bench test and analyze data
- Retrofit into vehicle and demonstrate