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# Challenges and Potential Solutions for Reducing Climate Control Loads in Conventional and Hybrid Electric Vehicles

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# NREL Mission

Lead the nation toward a sustainable energy future by developing renewable energy technologies, improving energy efficiency, advancing related science and engineering, and facilitating commercialization

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# NREL Background

- ▶ Established in 1977 as Solar Energy Research Institute
- ▶ Current staff of approximately 900
- ▶ Operating budget of \$170M for FY99

# NREL Facilities



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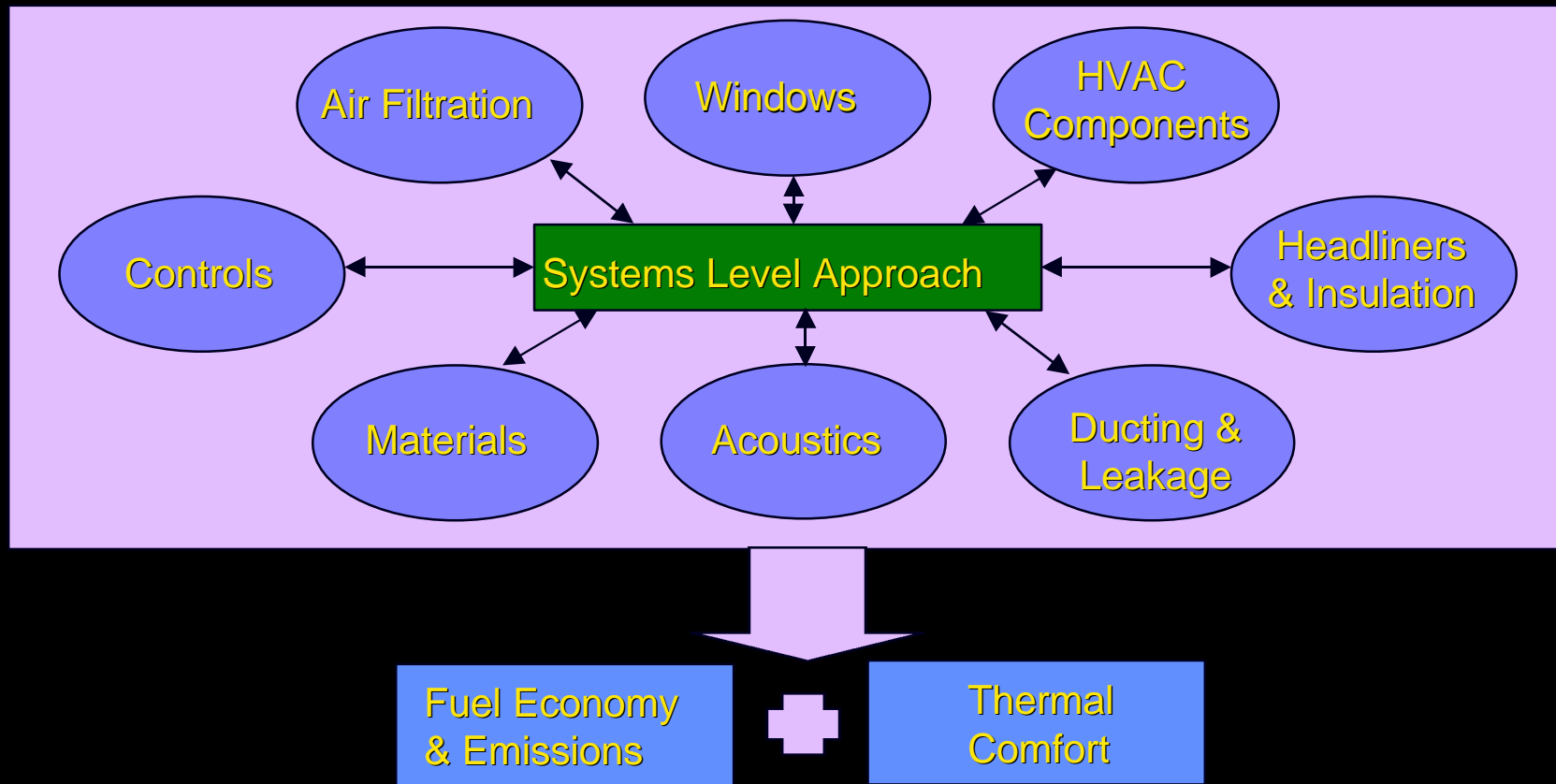
# Cool Car Goal

To reduce energy use for vehicle climate control by 50% while maintaining passenger thermal comfort and safety.



# Our Approach

A systems approach to integrate components and systems to provide thermal comfort while reducing fuel consumption and emissions.



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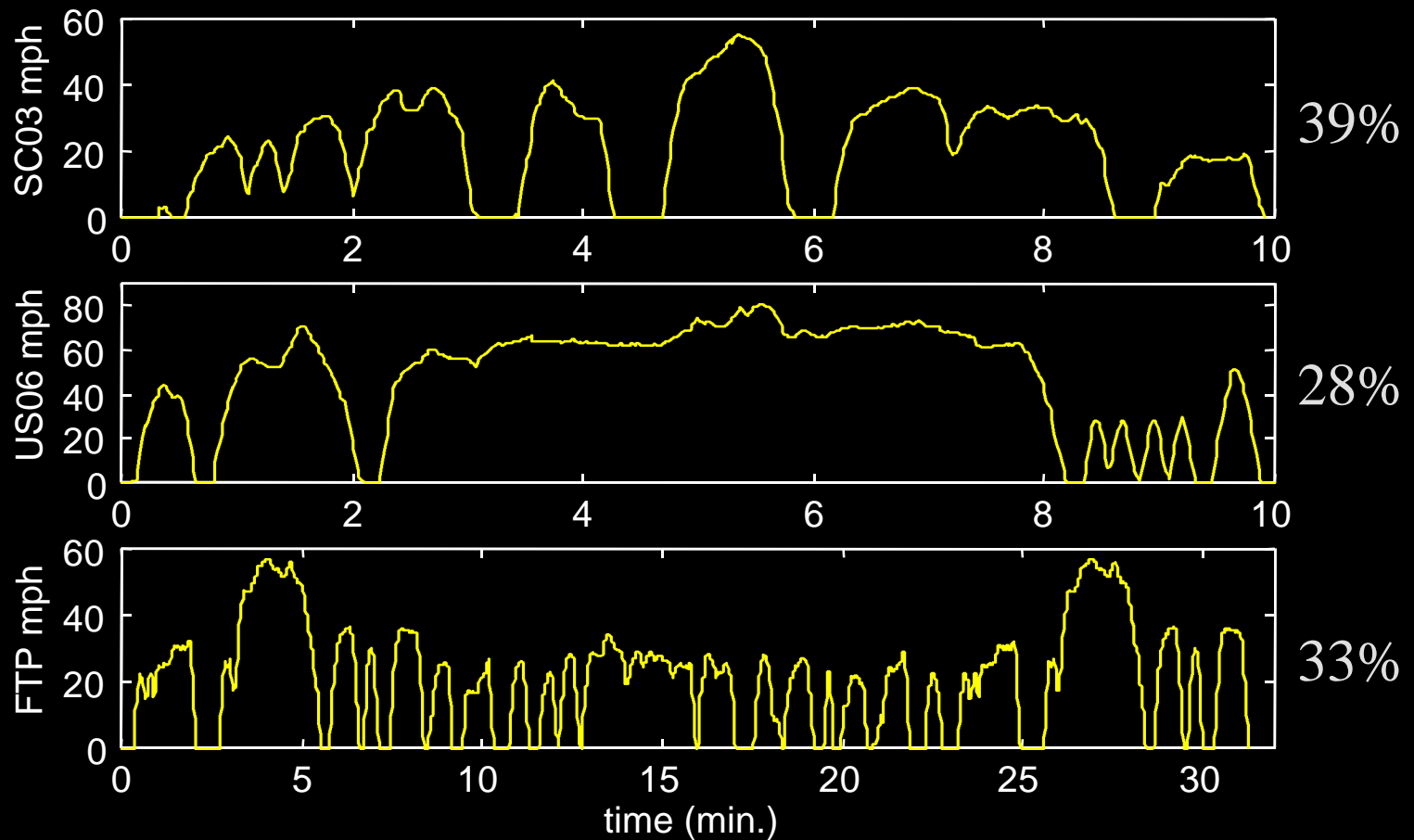
# SFTP Timeline

- ▶ MY 2001: 25% of manufacturer's fleet
- ▶ MY 2002: 50%
- ▶ MY 2003: 85%
- ▶ MY 2004: 100%

For cars & trucks under 5750 lb GVW

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# Supplemental Federal Test Procedure: Velocity Profiles

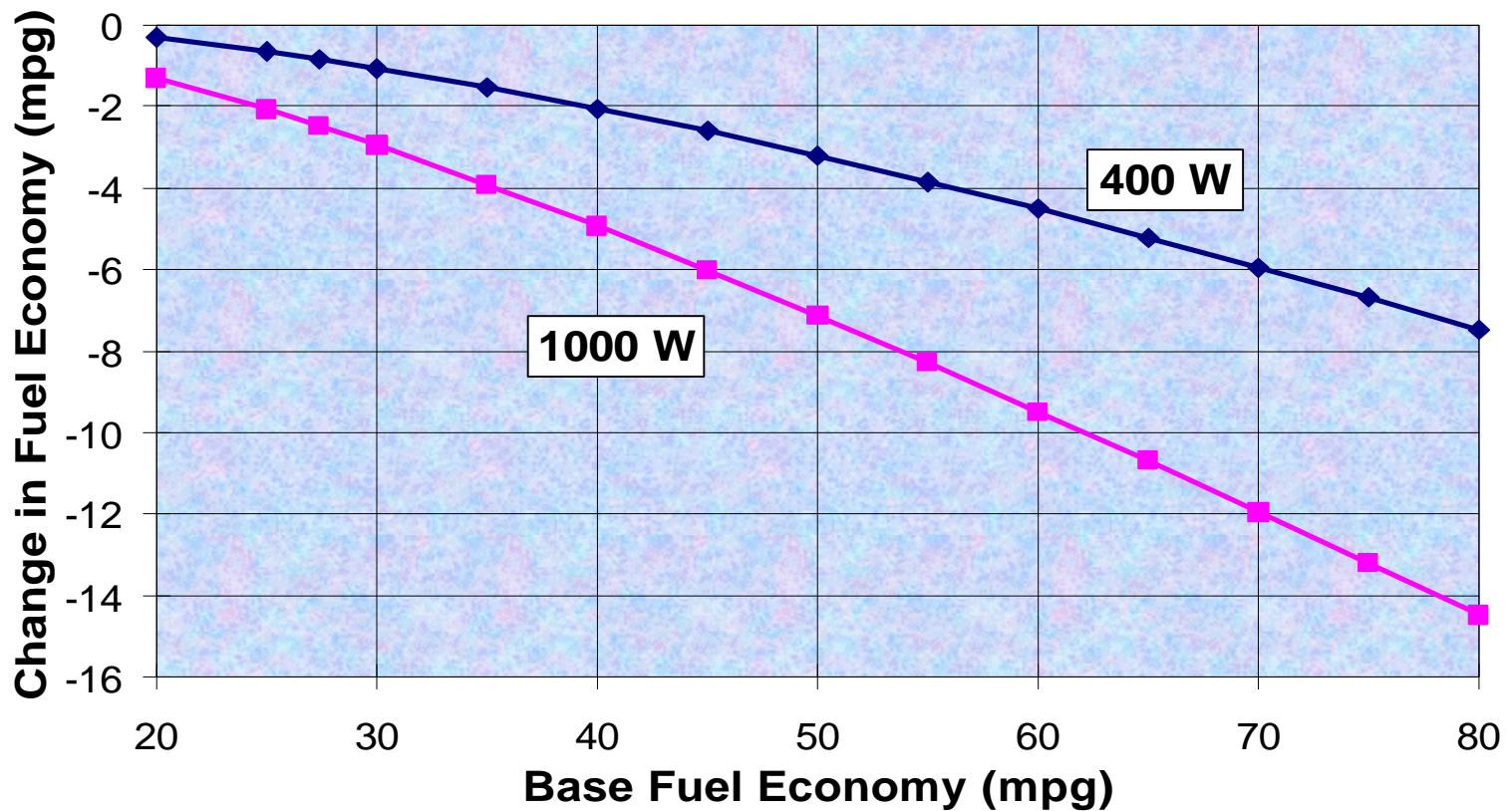




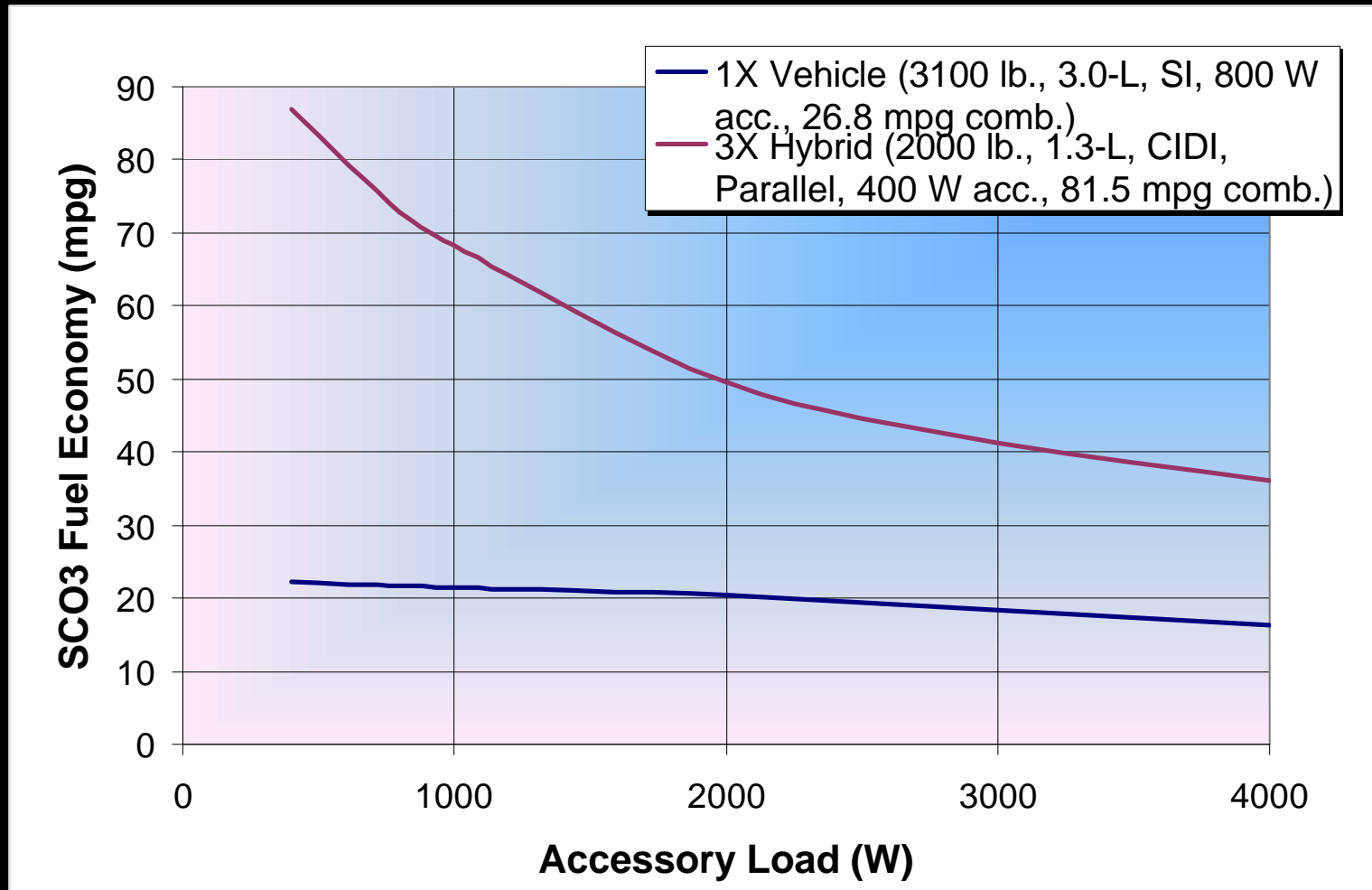
# SFTP Specifications

	FTP	SCO3	US06
Time (s)	1877	594	600
Max. speed (mph)	56.7	54.8	80.3
Max. acceleration (mph/s)	3.6	5.1	8
Distance (miles)	11.1	3.6	8
Contribution to total emissions value	33%	39%	28%

# Fuel Economy Penalties From Auxiliary Loads



# Fuel Economy Impact



# Emissions Impact from A/C Load

Engine	Net COP = 2.25			Net COP = 1.25		
	HC	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	HC	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>
1.5-L Geo	31%	22%	52%	50%	50%	113%
1.9-L Saturn	4%	51%	39%	13%	125%	58%
3.0-L Dodge	24%	26%	29%	46%	68%	56%
3.0-L Toyota	18%	11%	31%	29%	20%	54%

# HEV F.E. Results for A/C Load

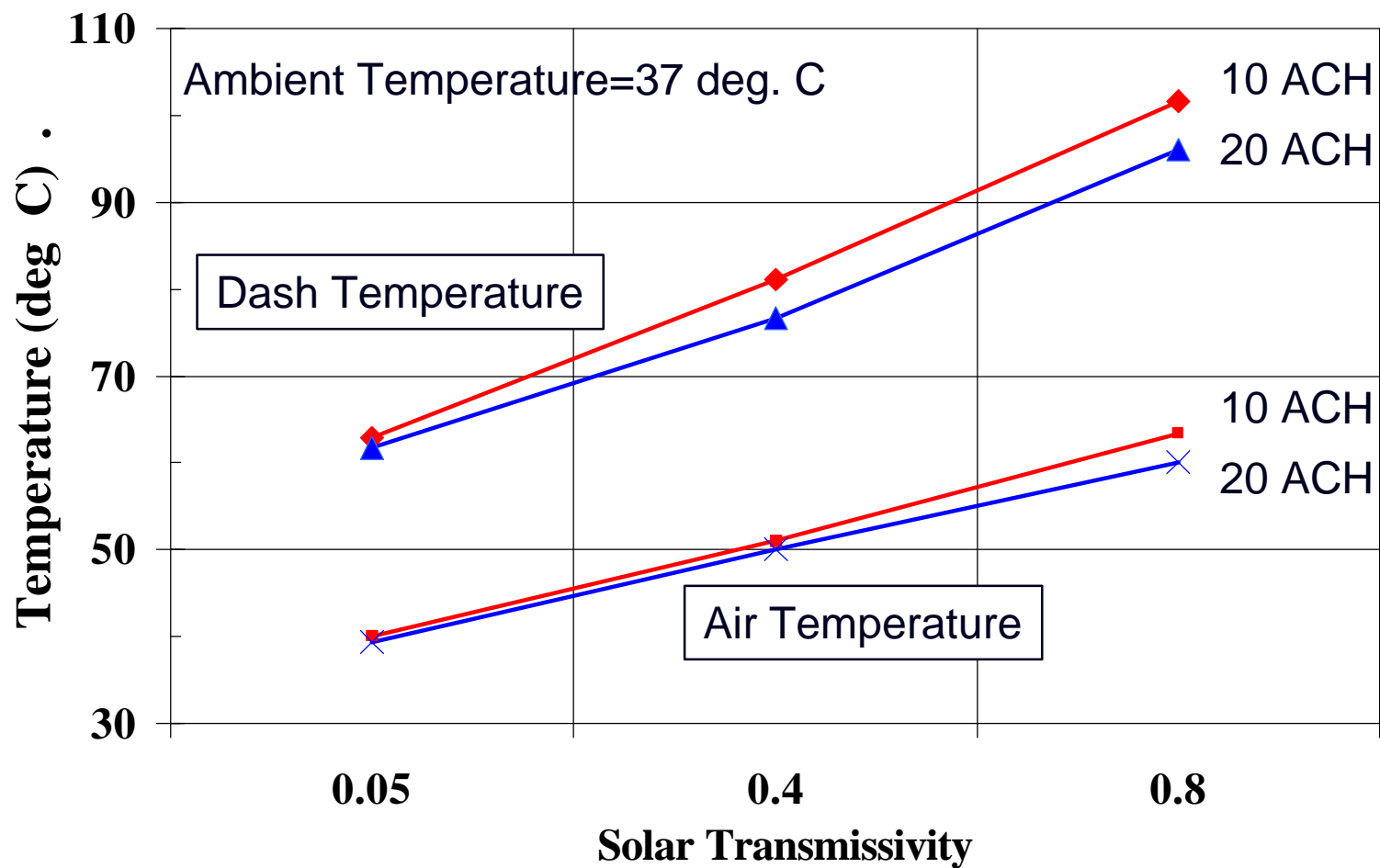
	500 W	1500 W		2500 W		3500 W	
	F. E. [mpg]	F. E. [mpg]	% decr.	F. E. [mpg]	% decr.	F. E. [mpg]	% decr.
FUDS	43.2	36.1	16%	30.6	29%	26.0	40%
HWFET	48.3	45.4	6%	42.9	11%	40.3	16%
US06	35.4	33.9	4%	32.2	8%	30.6	12%
SC03	39.5	34.1	10%	29.5	19%	25.1	28%



# EV Range Results for A/C Load

	500 W	1500 W		2500 W		3500 W	
	Range (mi)	Range (mi)	% decr.	Range (mi)	% decr.	Range (mi)	% decr.
FUDS	109.3	91.8	16%	78.0	29%	67.7	38%
HWFET	114.1	104.1	9%	95.7	16%	88.3	23%
US06	72.1	66.9	7%	63.7	12%	59.2	18%
SC03	108.3	91.3	16%	78.8	27%	69.1	36%

# Predicted Peak Dash/Air Temps.

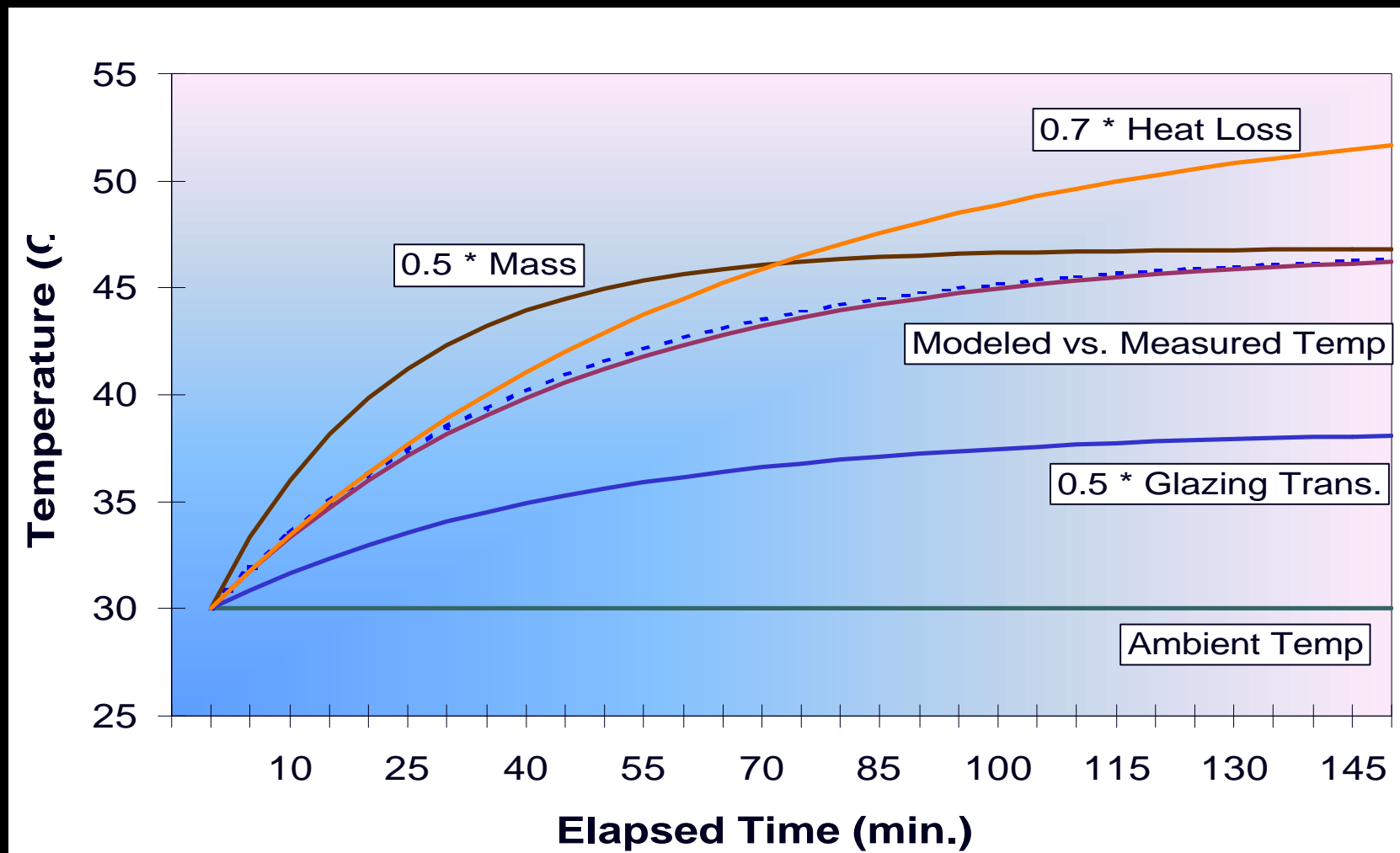


# NREL's Breeze Test Vehicle

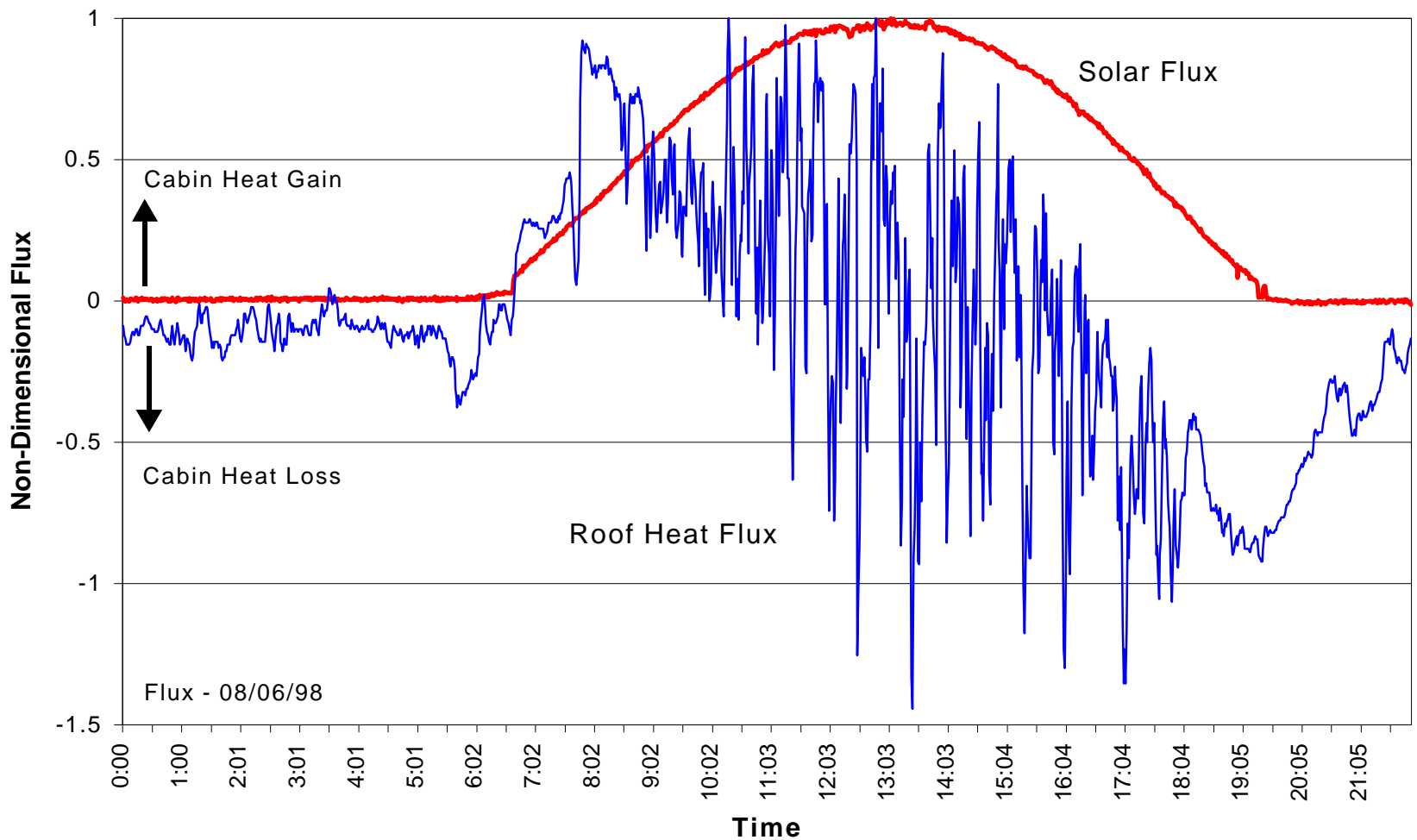


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# Soak Temperature Sensitivity

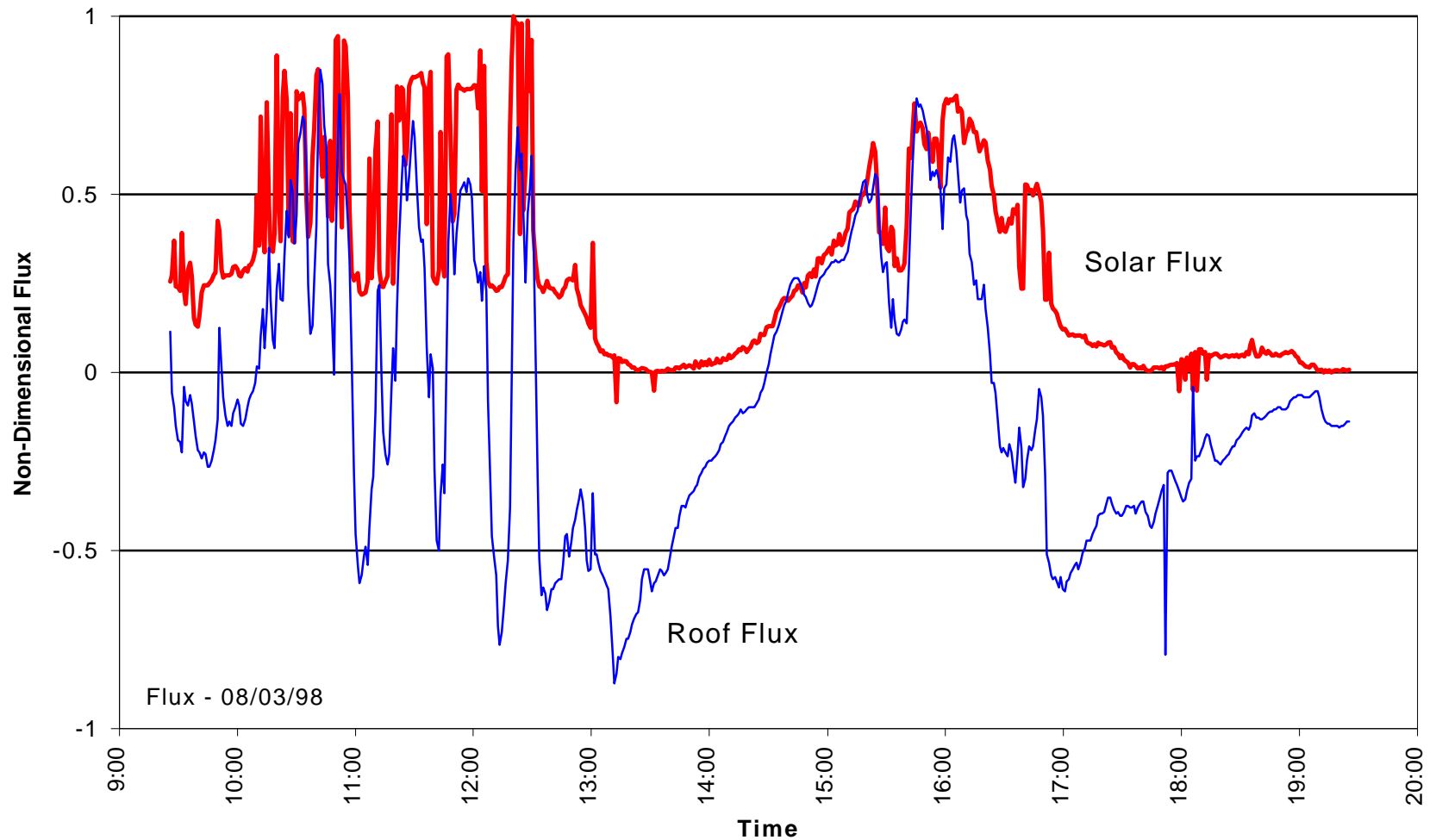


# Cabin Heat Flux - Clear Day

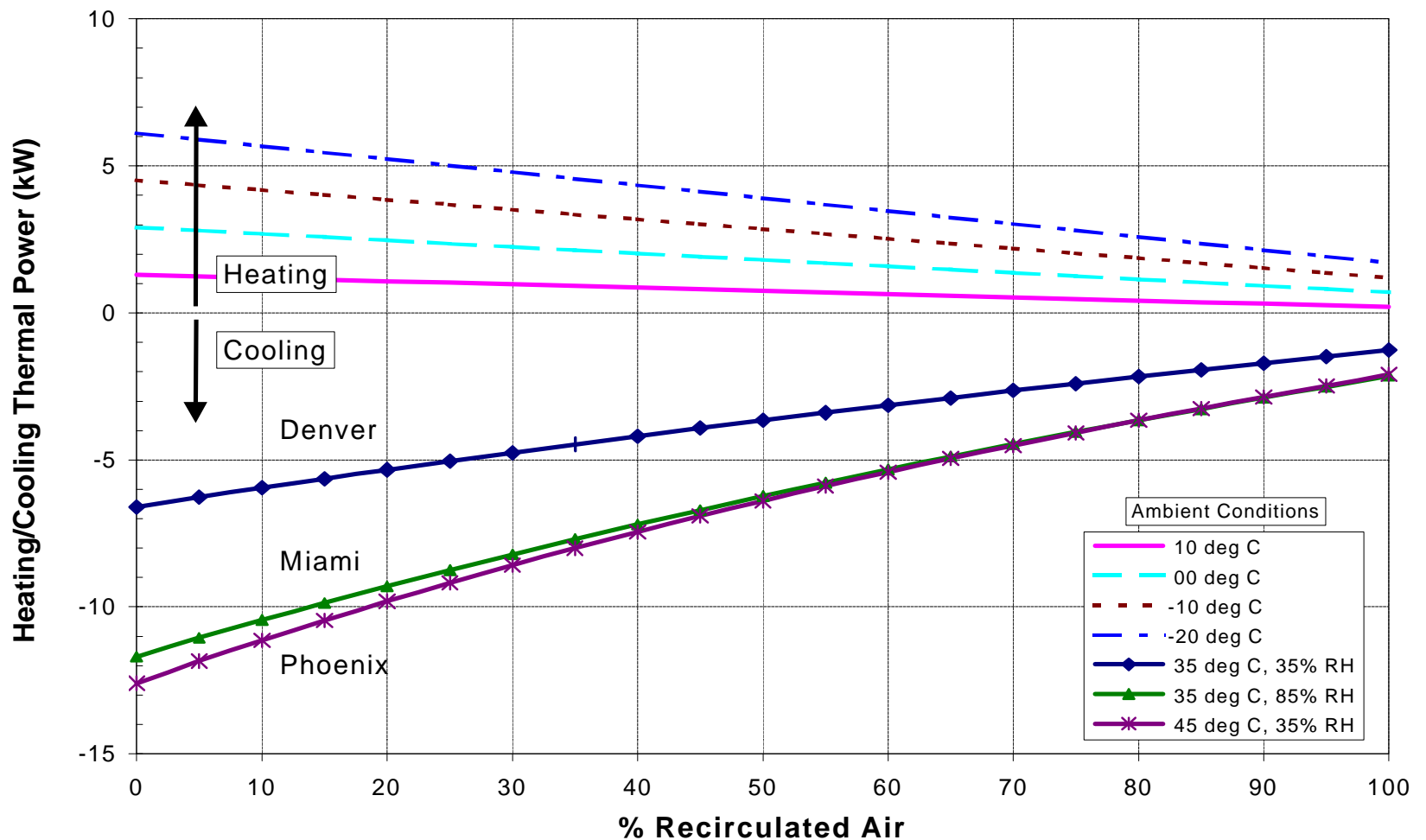




# Cabin Heat Flux - Cloudy Day



# Thermal Power Requirements



# Solar Gain Reducing Windshields

NREL tested 3  
different  
windshields:  
Sungate  
Solex  
Solar green

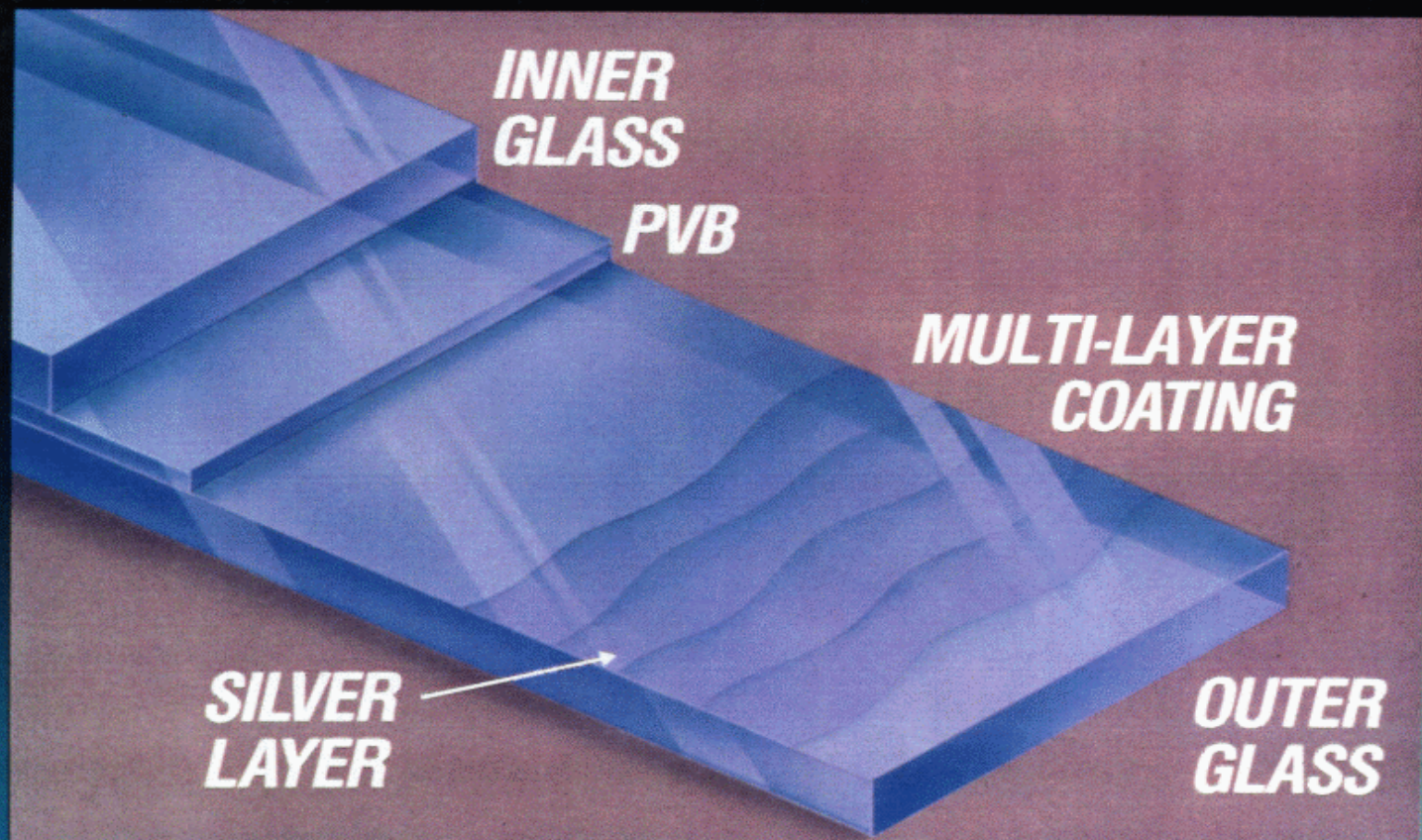




# Sungate Windshield Description

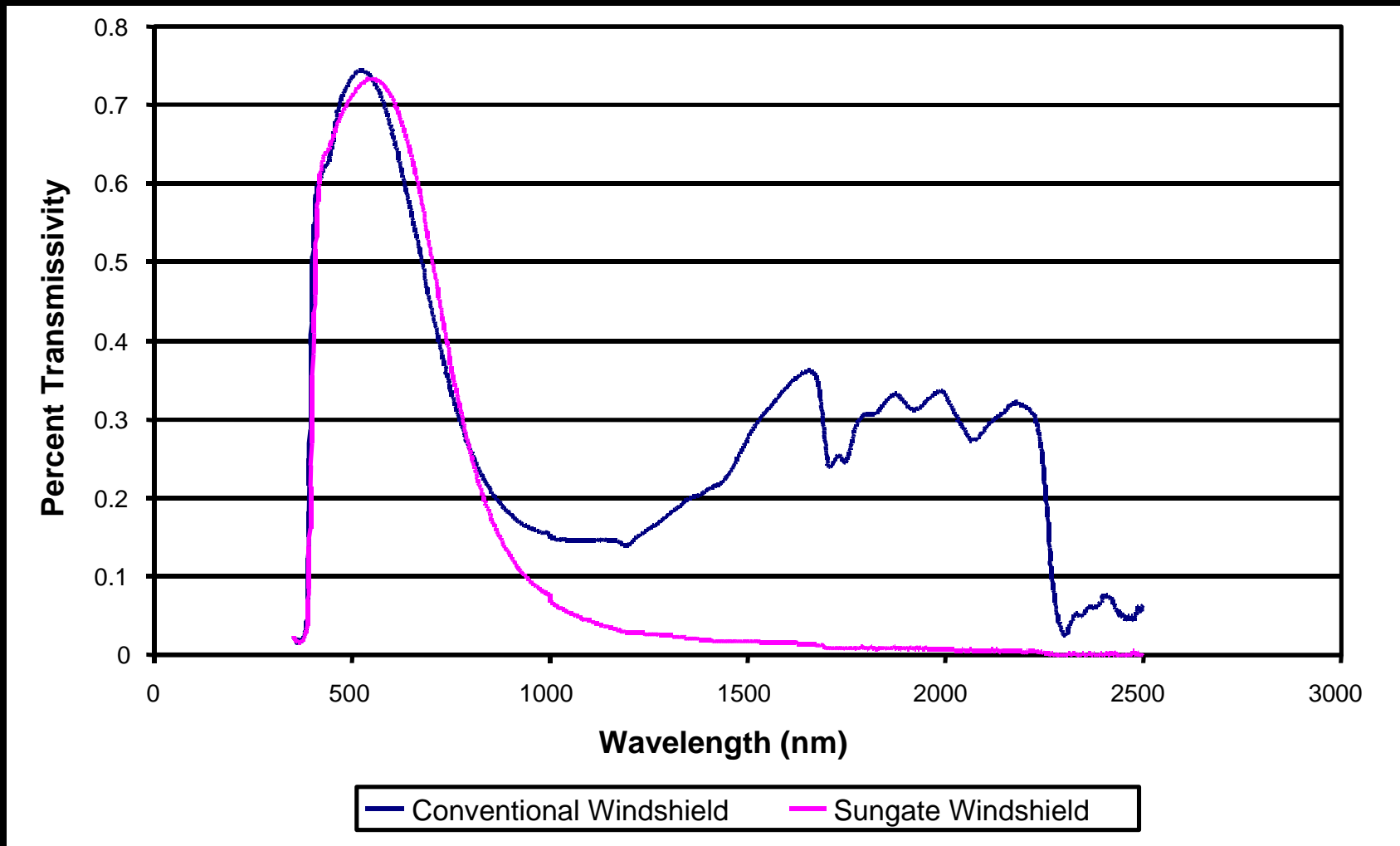


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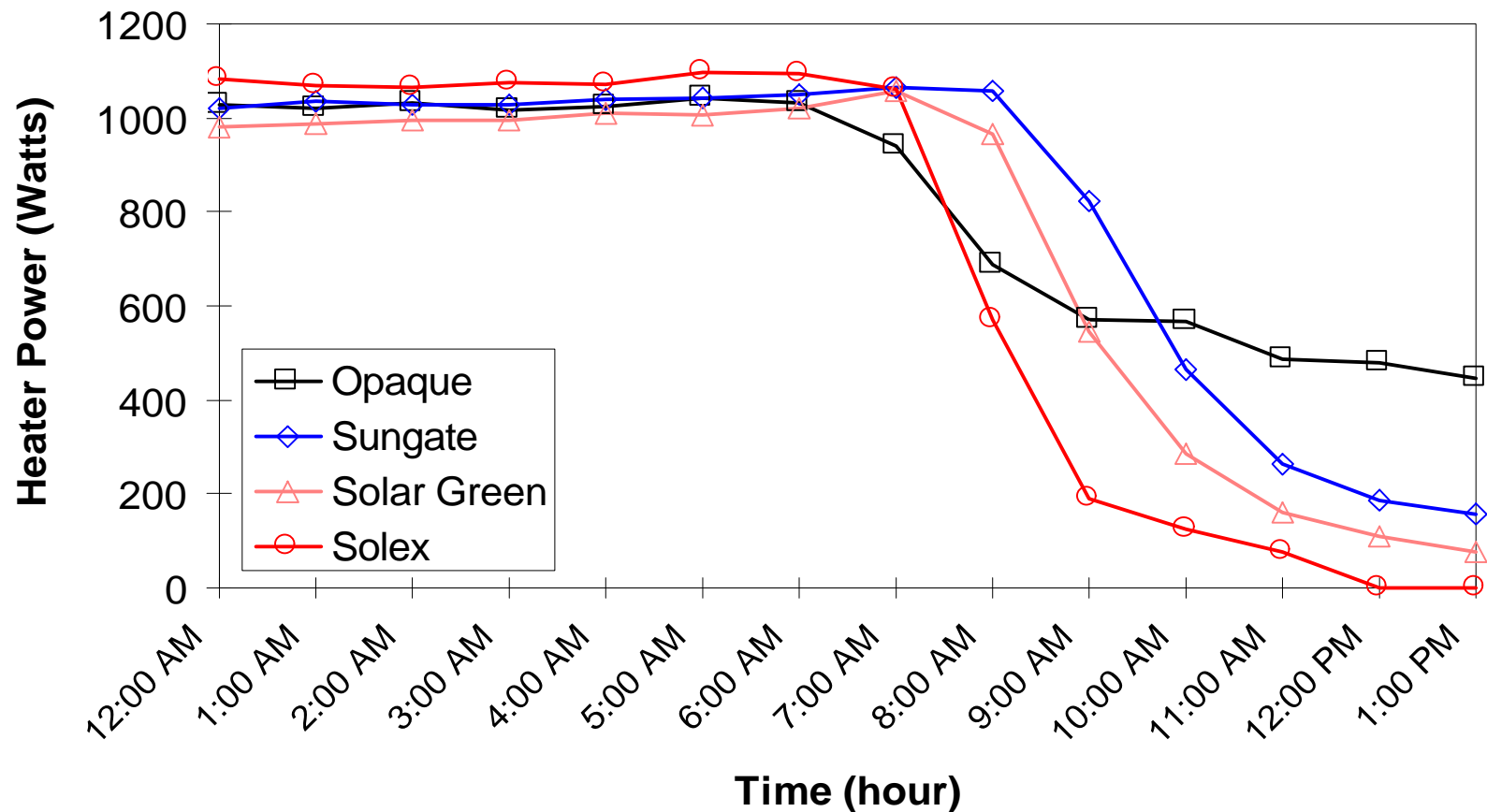
# Solar Reflective Windshield



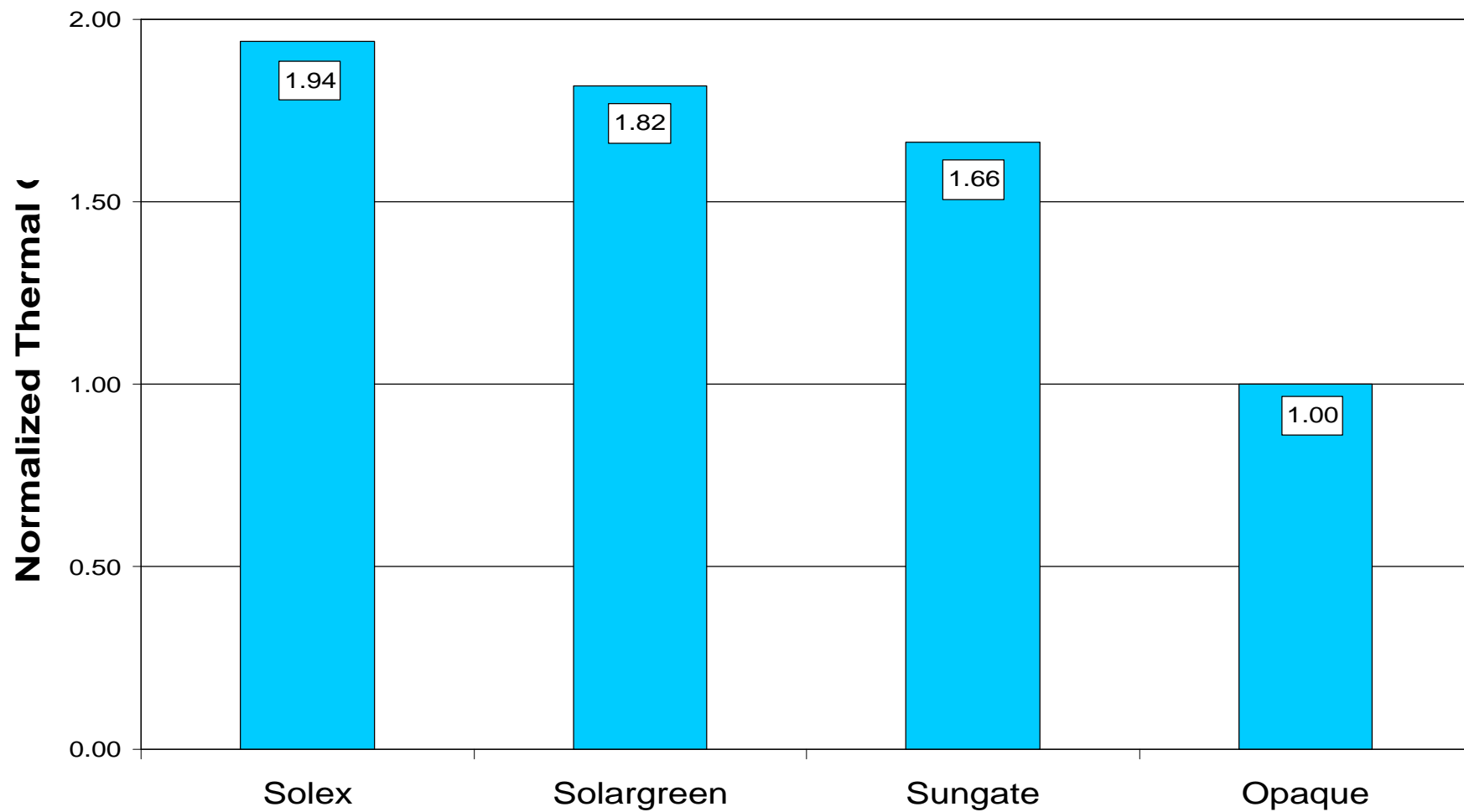
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# Windshield Co-Heating Tests



# Windshield Results



# Fuel Economy Results

(assuming a compressor efficiency of 75%)

Windshield	Mechanical Accessory Load (kW/hp)	SFTP		SCO3 Only	
		Fuel Econ. (mpg)	% Change from Solex Baseline	Fuel Econ. (mpg)	% Change from Solex Baseline
Solex®	3.9/5.2	26.2	--	20.4	--
Sungate®	3.5/4.7	26.7	1.7%	21.1	3.4%

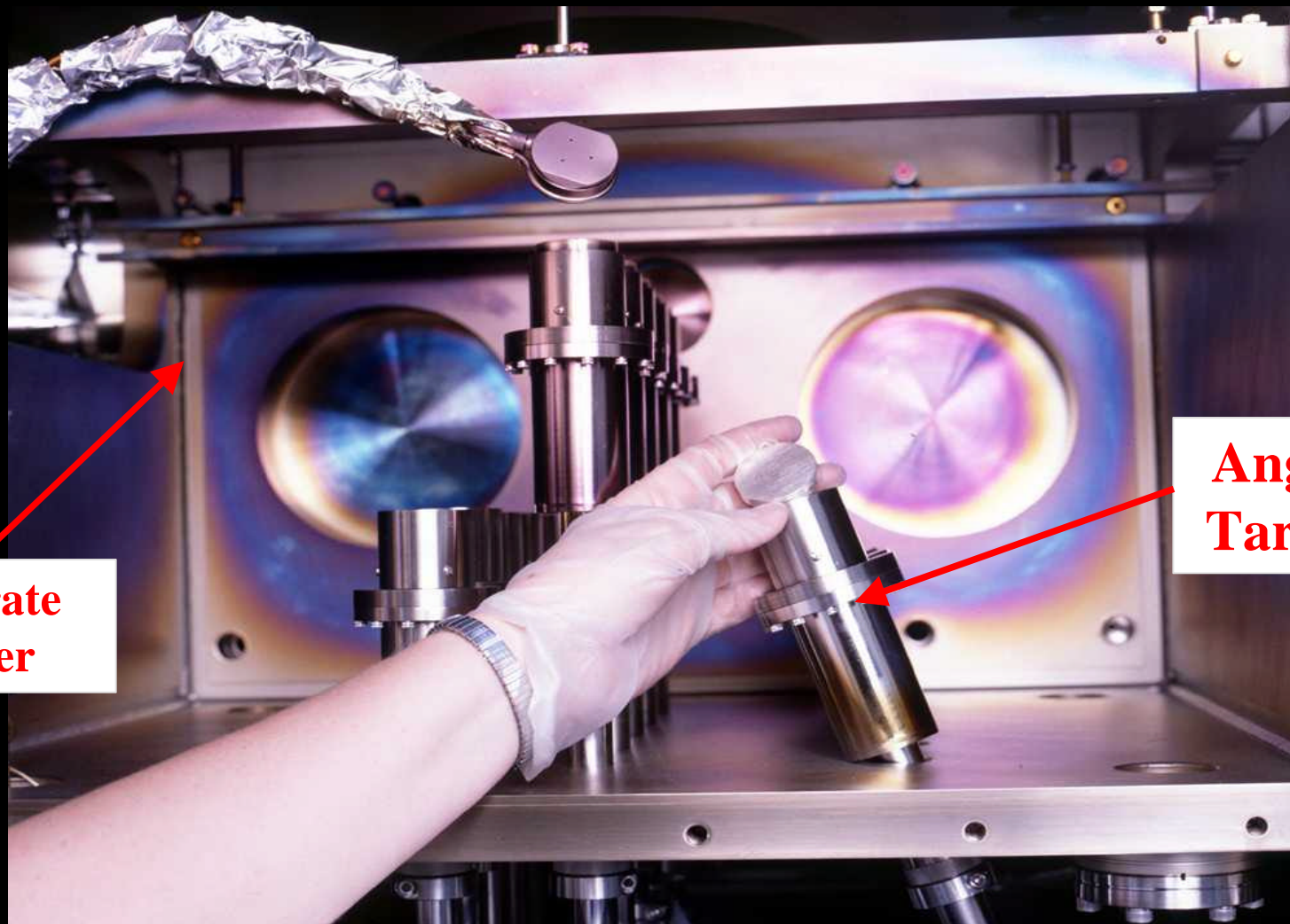
# Angularly Reflective Glazing



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# Magnetron Sputtering Chamber Showing Angled Target Array



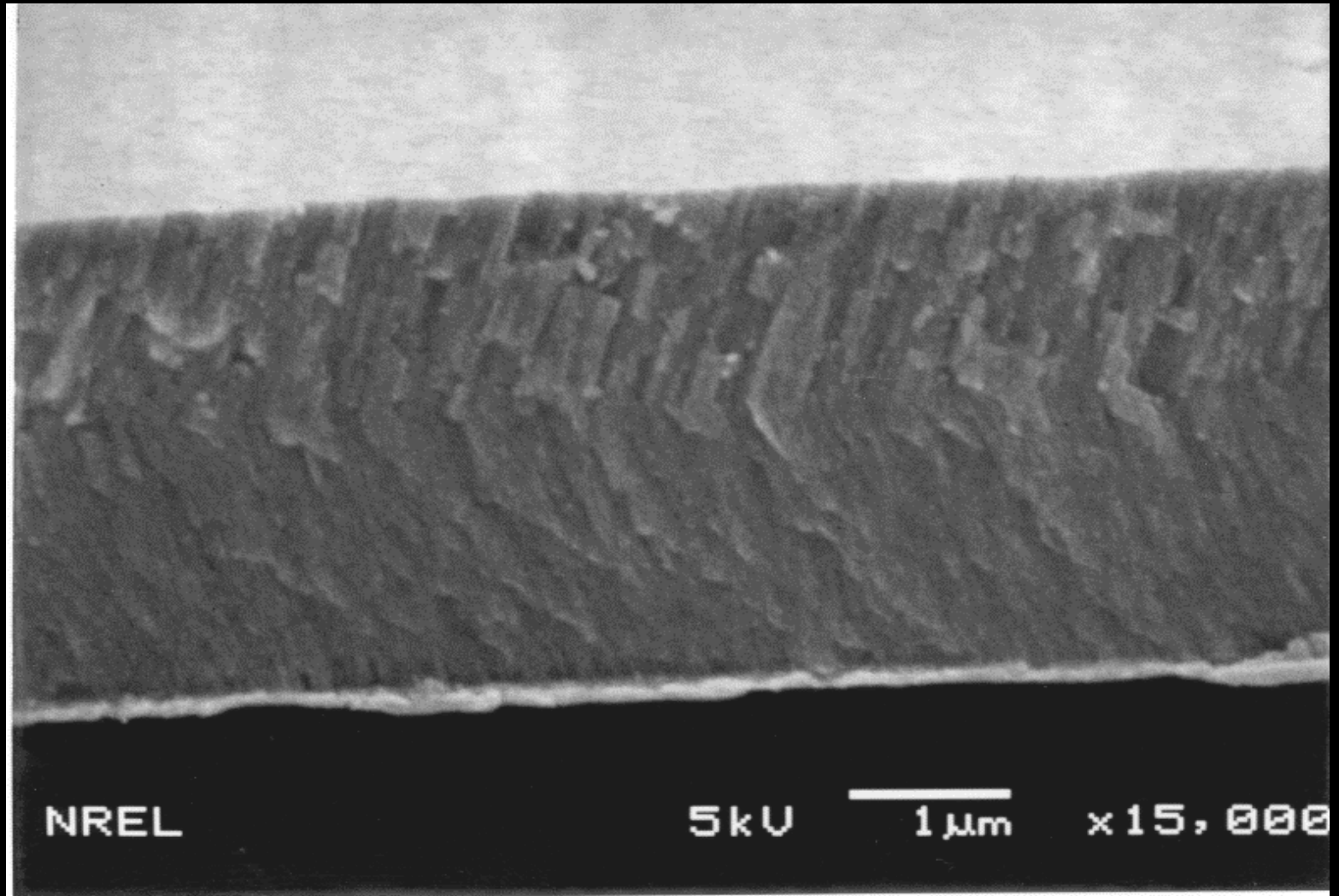
**Substrate  
Holder**

**Angled  
Targets**

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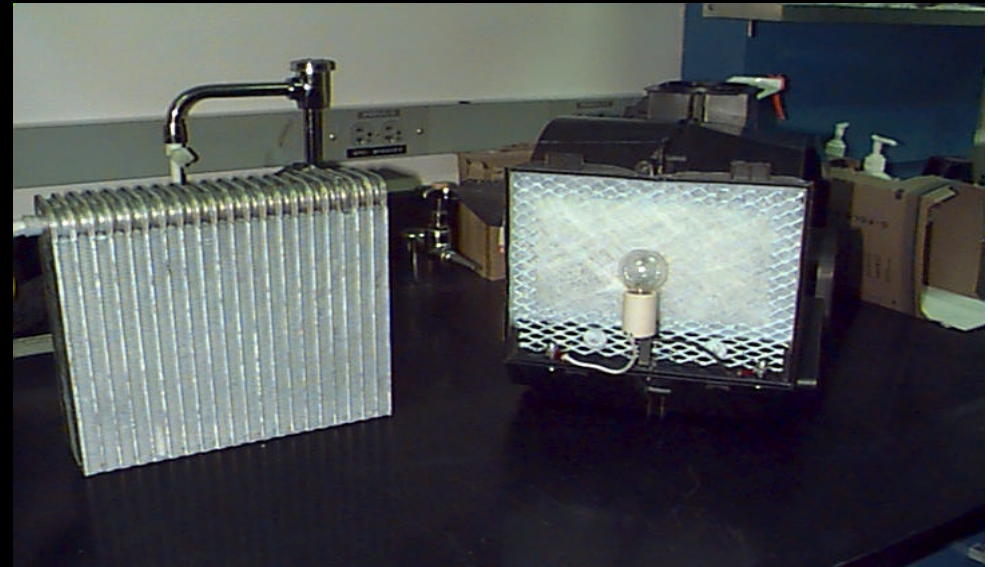
# SEM Showing Angular Morphology of Sputter Deposited $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$



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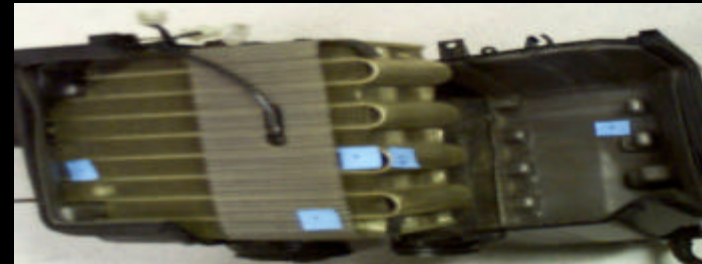
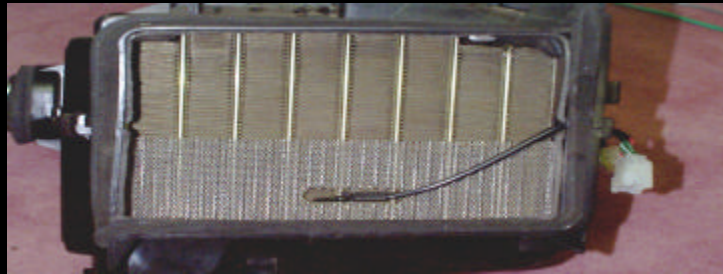
# Cabin Air Cleaning

- ▶ Active
  - ▶ Integrated
  - ▶ Stand-alone
- ▶ Passive
  - ▶ Windshield System
  - ▶ Anti-fogging (VOCs)
  - ▶ UV-protection
- ▶ Baseline (VOC, Aerosol)
- ▶ Competitive Technologies (Activated Carbon)

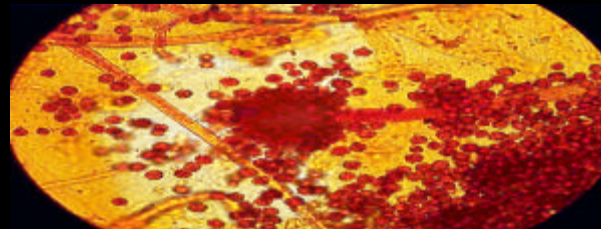
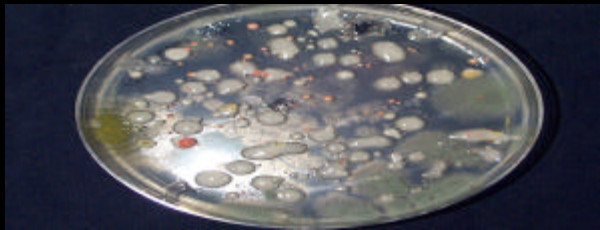




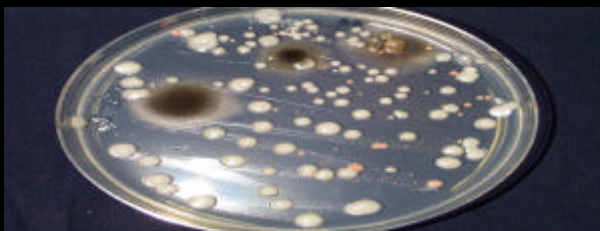
# Microbial Examination of A/C System (Chrysler 1990)



Evaporator



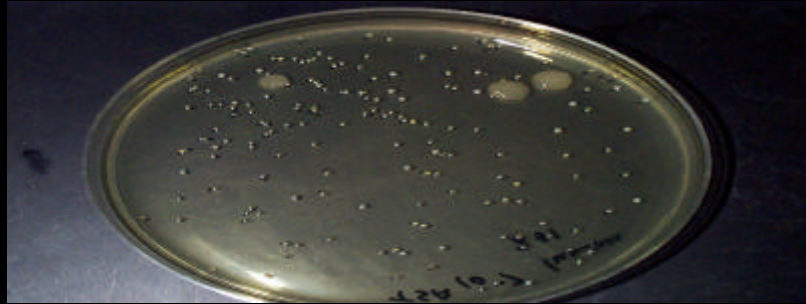
Fungal growth from evaporator A - swab sample



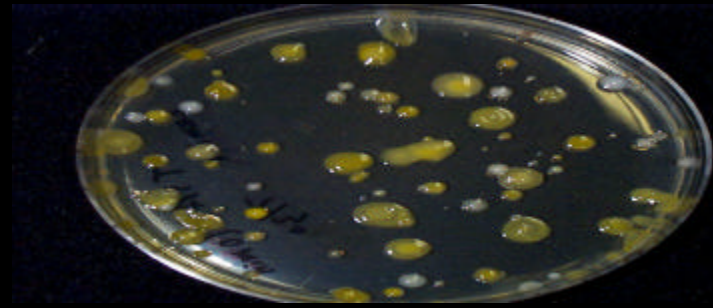
From evaporator B



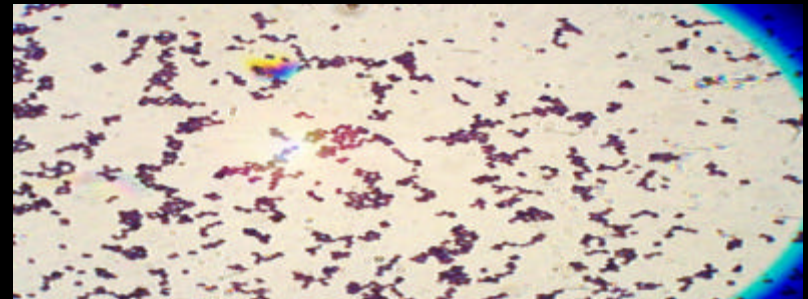
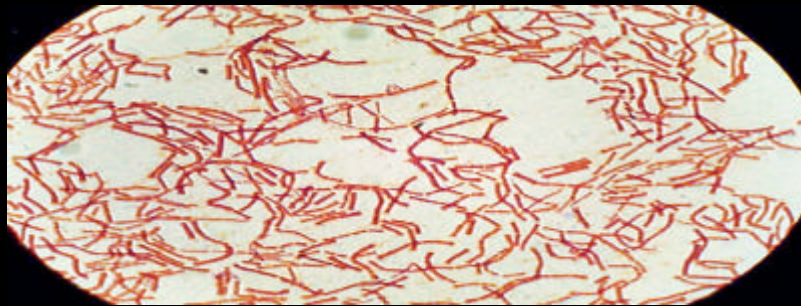
# Microbial Examination of A/C System (‘96 Lumina)



Bacterial growth from A/C vent  
swab sample



Outflow from A/C vent (10 min exposure)



Fungal growth from A/C  
vent (10 min exposure)





# Cabin Air Cleaning Options

- ▶ Ventilation
- ▶ Activated carbon unit (requires regeneration or periodic replacement)
- ▶ Photocatalytic device (alone or in combination with activated carbon)
- ▶ Other chemical or photochemical treatment methods (ozone, catalytic oxidation, etc.)



# Objectives for Integrating Photocatalytic Oxidation (PCO) Unit into a Vehicle

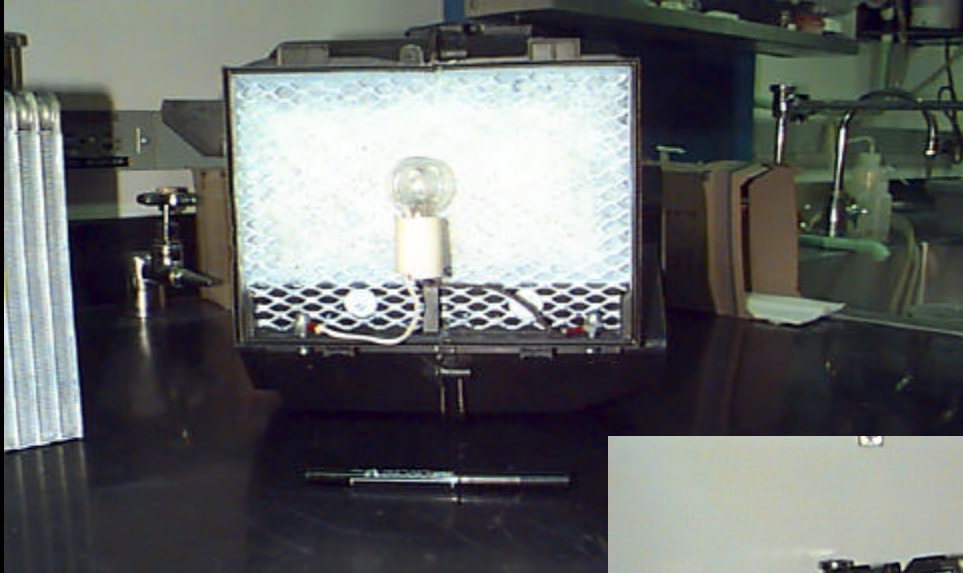
- ▶ Simple unit that can be integrated into the HVAC assembly
- ▶ Power consumption less than 10 watts
- ▶ Unit cost less than \$10
- ▶ Capable of removing VOC's from fuels, vehicle emissions, odors, and interior materials
- ▶ Can increase use of recirculated air



# Advantages of PCO System

- ▶ Acts as a self cleaning filter for VOCs and bioaerosols
- ▶ Low maintenance - light bulb and catalyst/filter media (project long life unless it becomes contaminated with inorganic matter)
- ▶ Operates at ambient conditions - insensitive to temperature, 0 - 82 C

# NREL's PCO Device



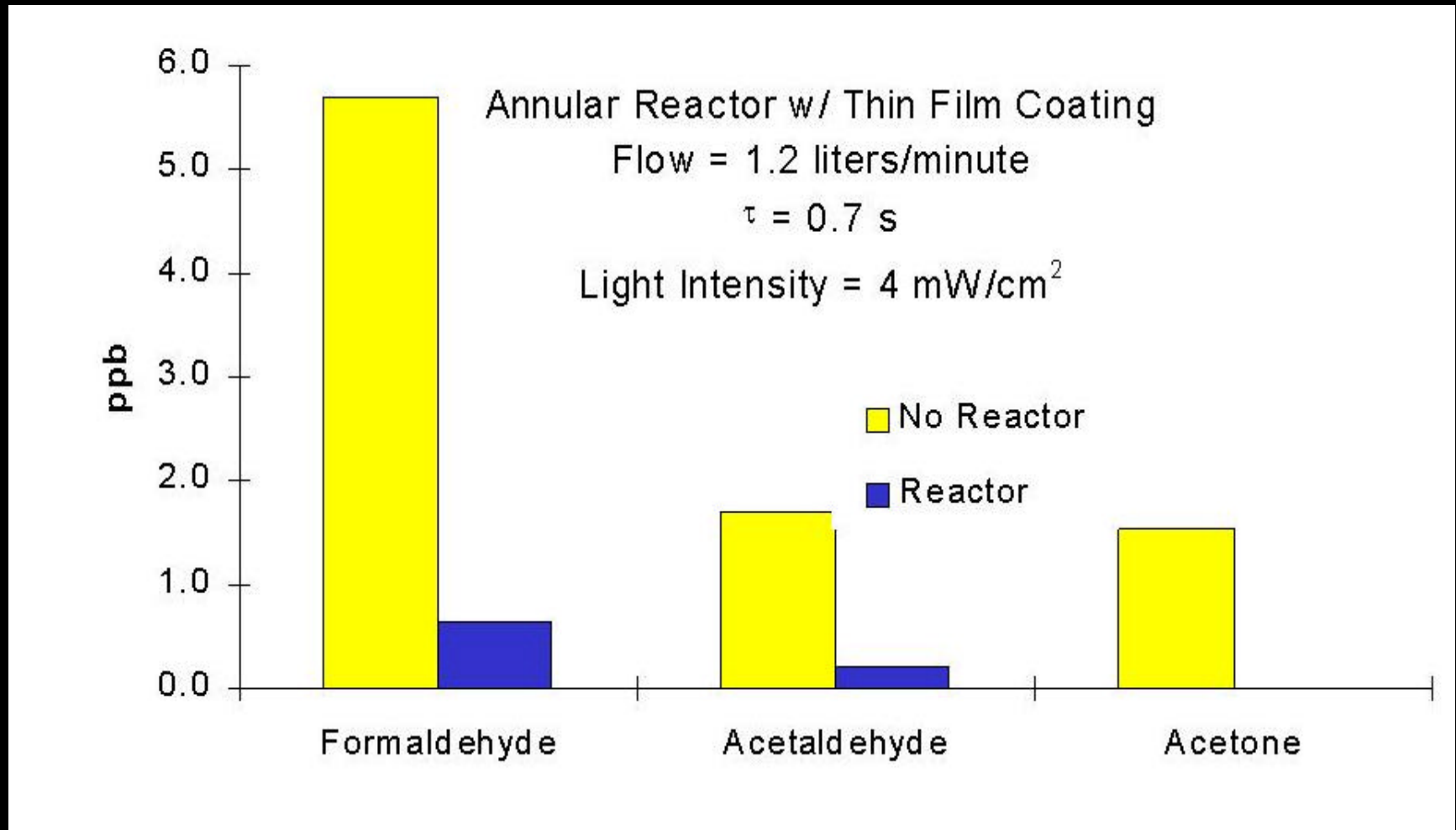
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# Measured VOC Concentrations (ppbv)

	Formaldehyde	Acetaldehyde	Acetone
'87 Camry (a.m.)	81	71	20
'87 Camry (p.m.)	171	204	39
'98 Subaru (p.m.)	86	47	28
'91 4Runner (a.m.)	17	13	5

# PCO Performance



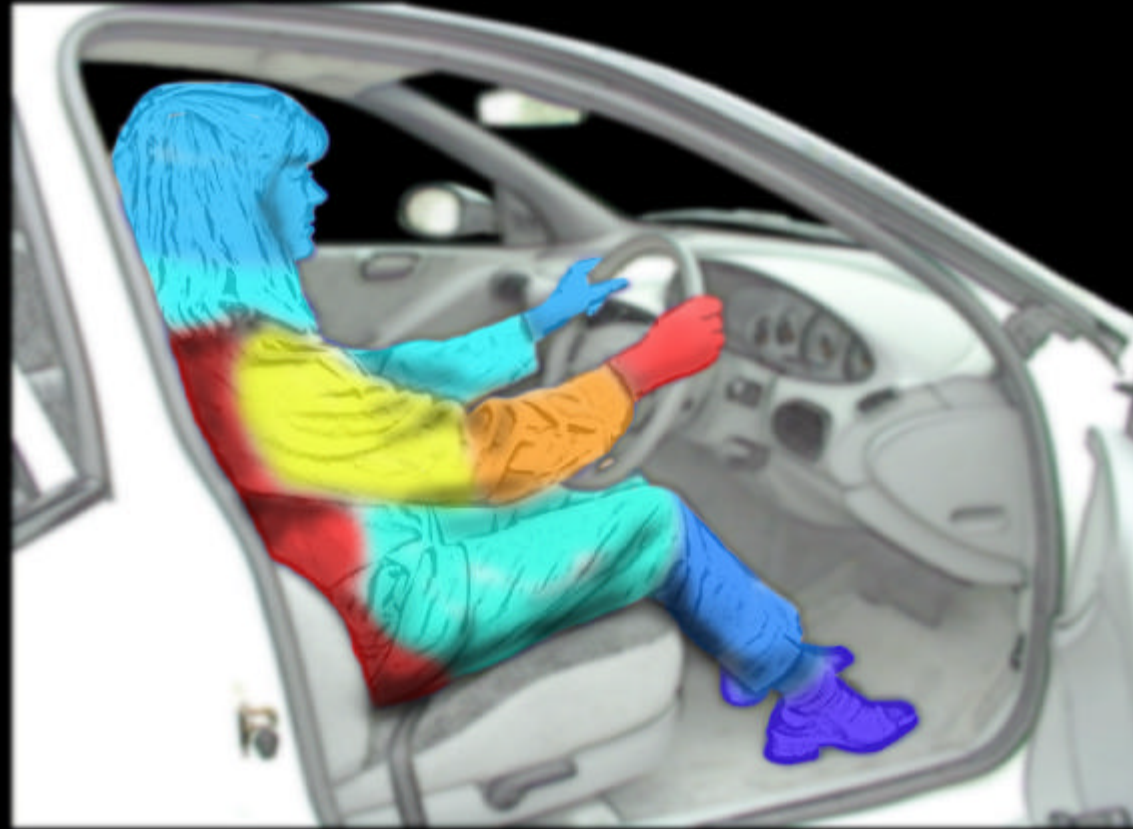
# Average Energy Thermal Comfort Model



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# 16-Segment Thermal Comfort Model

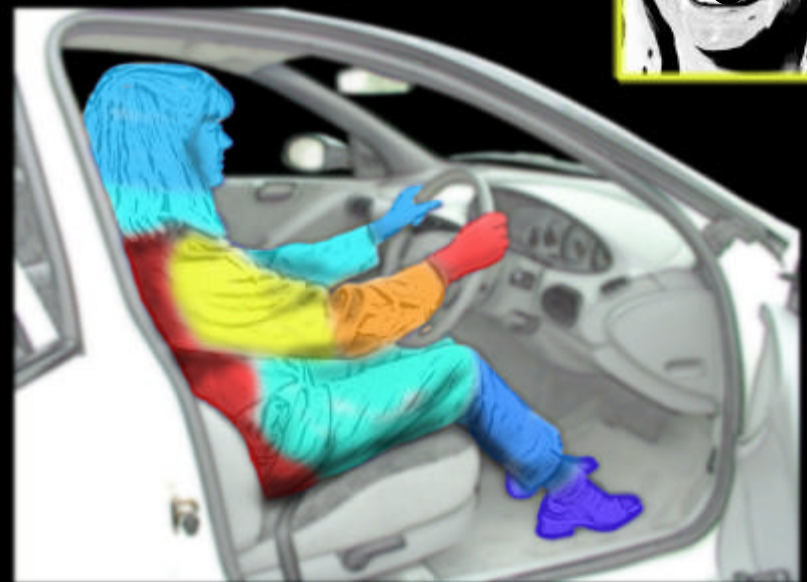


Well-suited for a nonuniform environment, such as in a vehicle.

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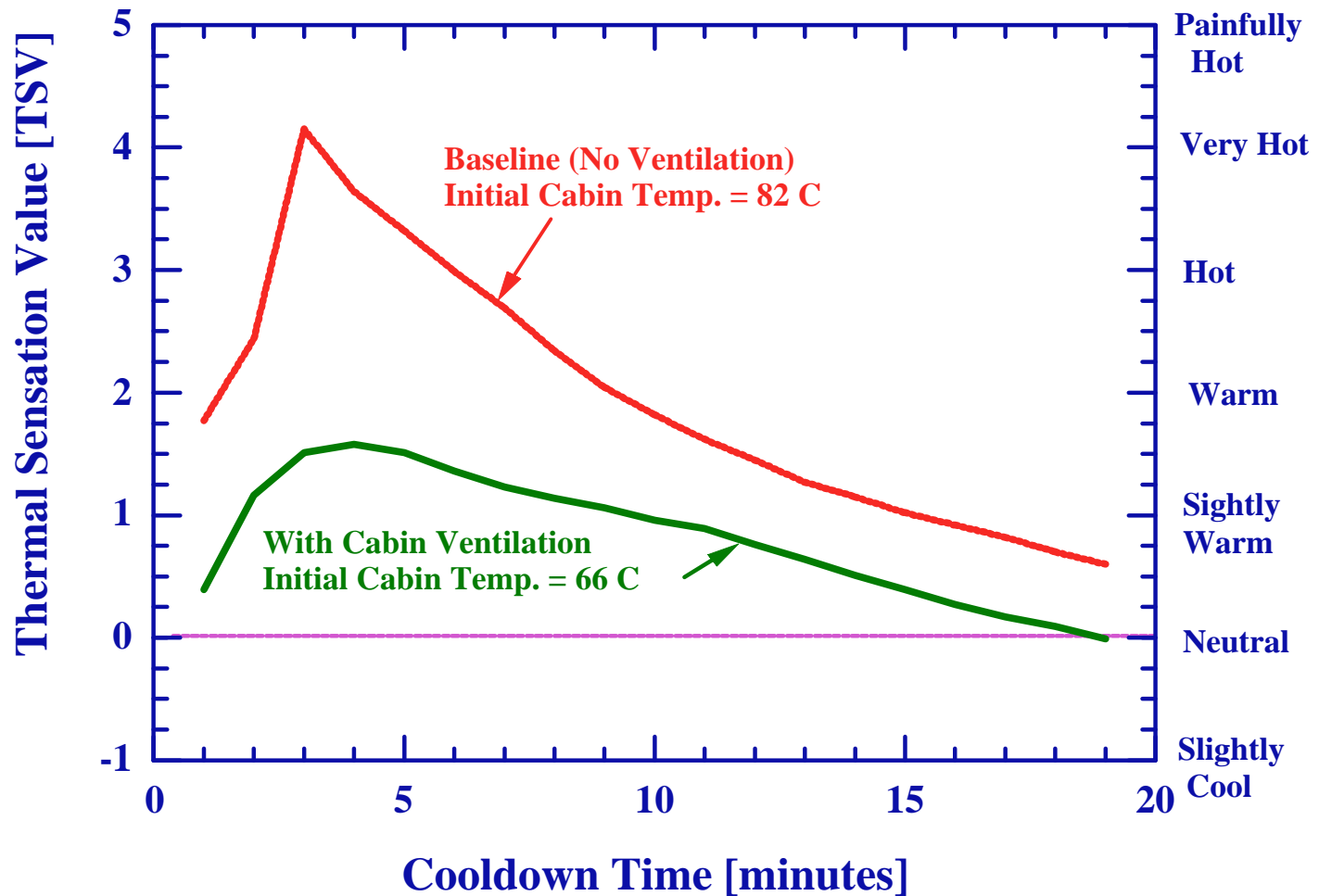


# Thermal Comfort Prediction

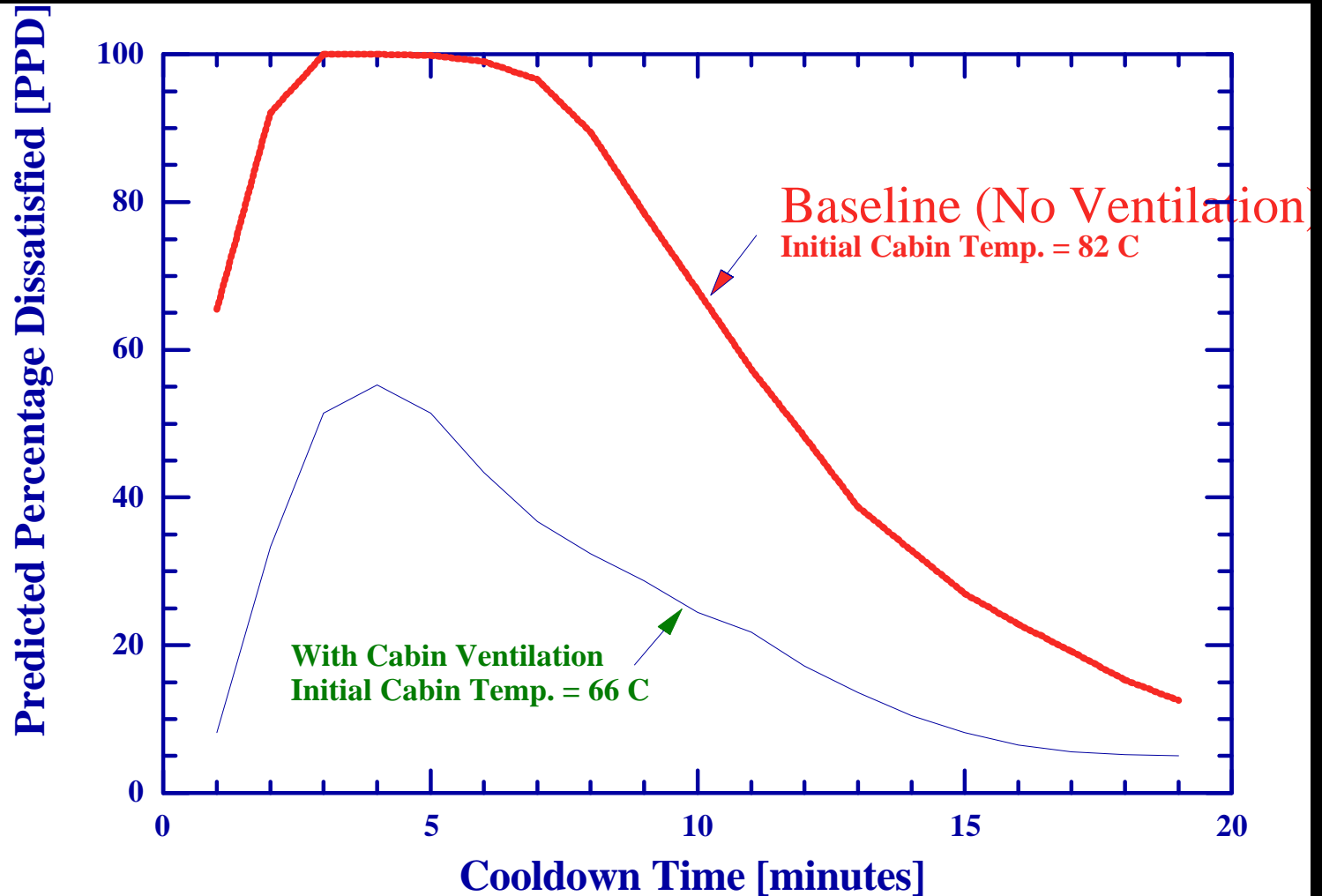


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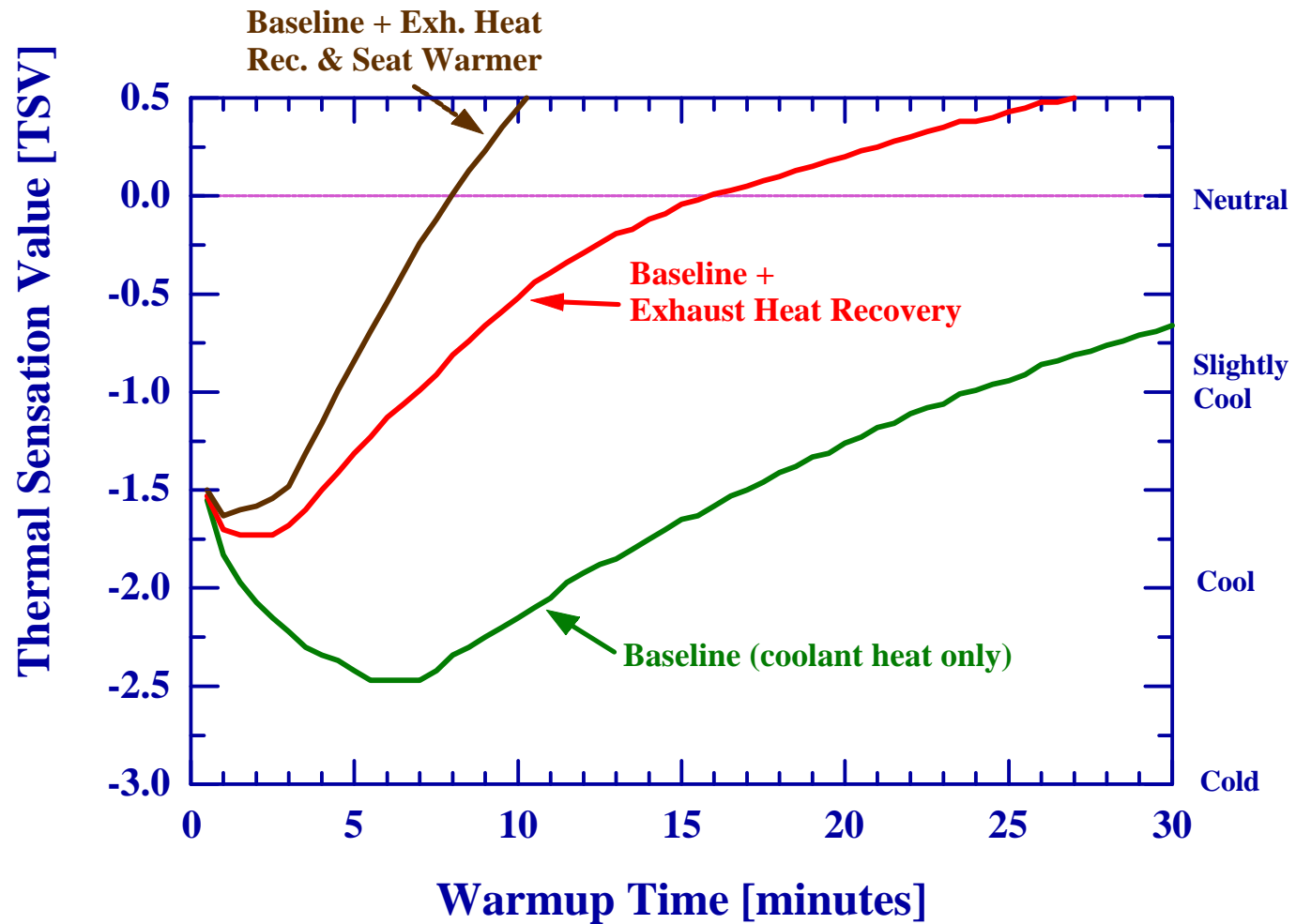
# Thermal Comfort - TSV



# Thermal Comfort - PPD



# Cabin Warm-up: TSV







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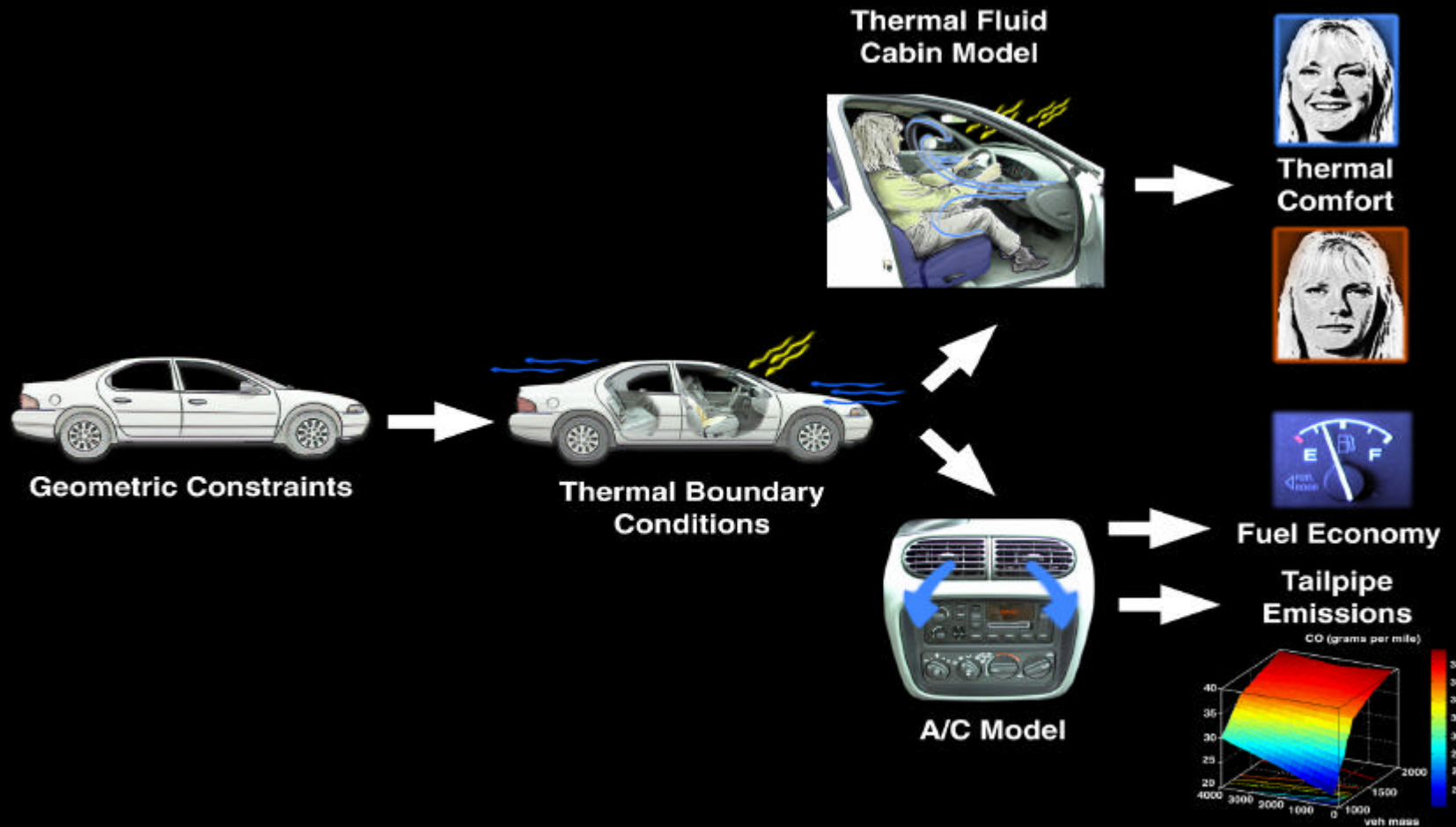


# Integrated Vehicle Climate Control Modeling

Objective:

To meet thermal comfort, fuel economy, and emissions targets by using an integrated modeling approach composed of CAE, CFD, thermal comfort, and vehicle simulation tools.

# The Modeling Process



# Vehicle Geometry

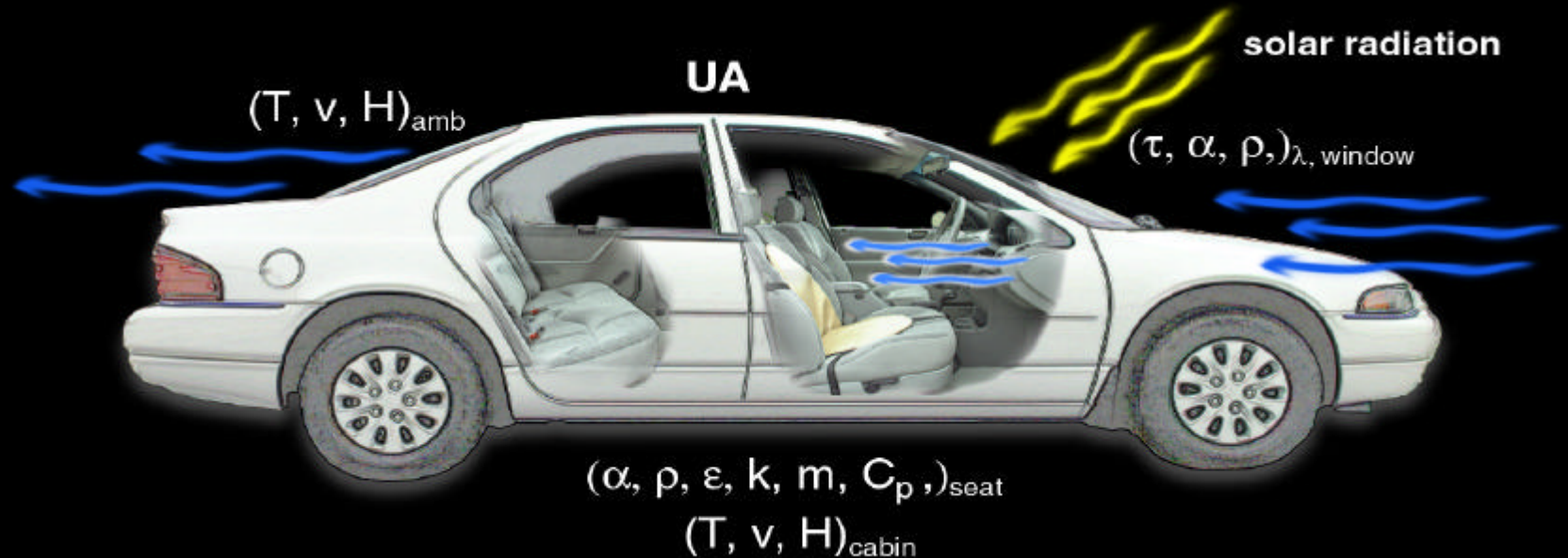
- ▶ **Objective:** To specify the cabin geometry.





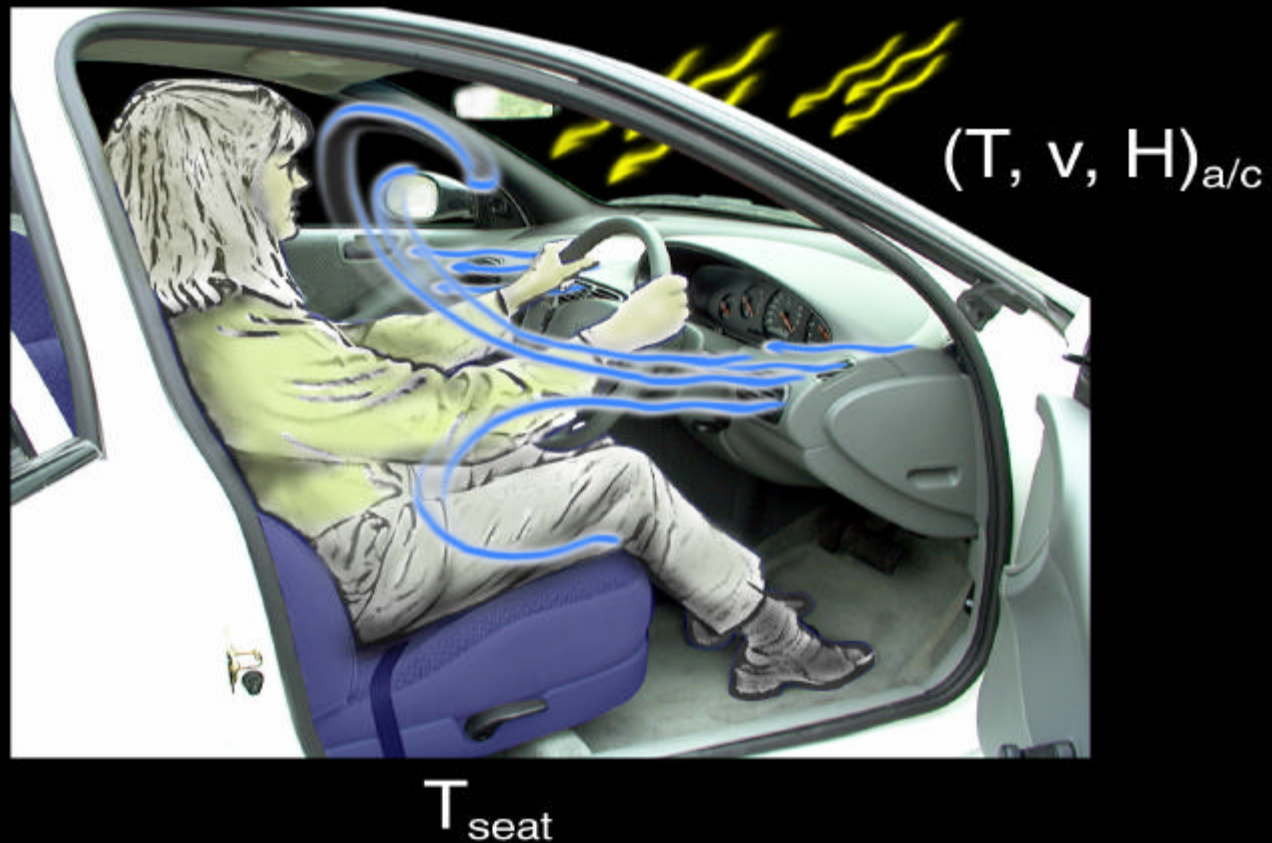
# Thermal Boundary Conditions

- **Objective:** To specify the cabin thermal properties and boundary conditions.



# Thermal/Fluid Cabin Model

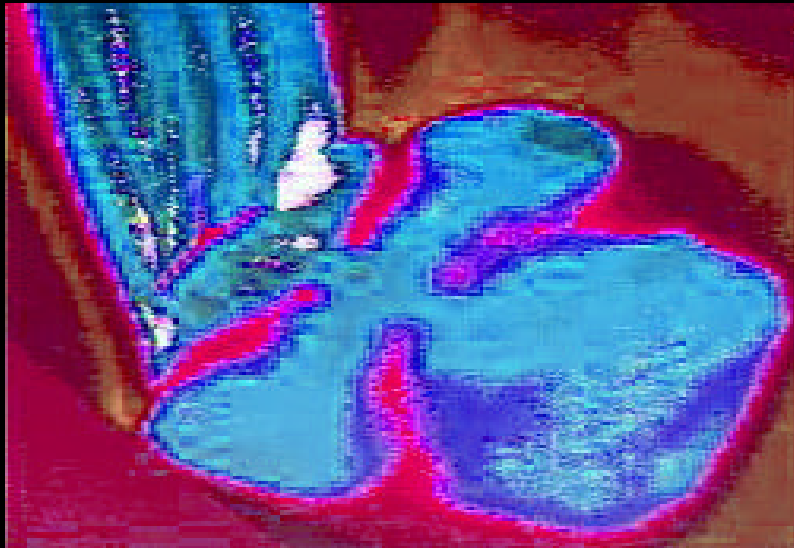
- **Objective:** To predict thermal environmental conditions.



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# Air-Conditioning Model

- ▶ **Objective:** To design the A/C system based on environmental conditions and thermal comfort feedback.





# Thermal Comfort Model

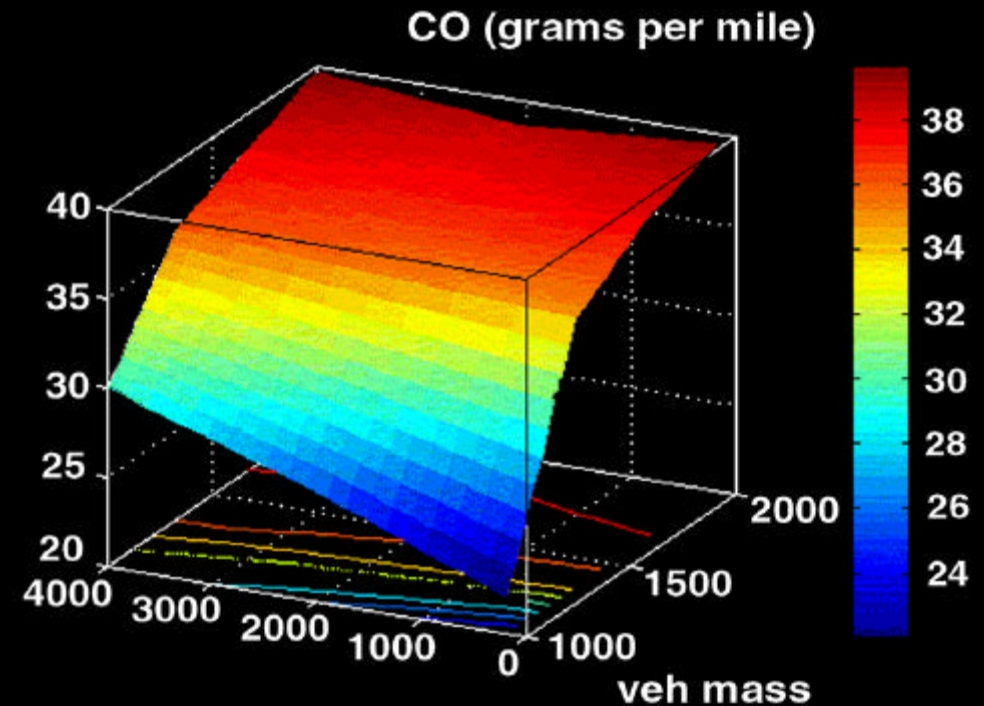
- ▶ **Objective:** To predict occupant thermal comfort based on environmental conditions and A/C design.





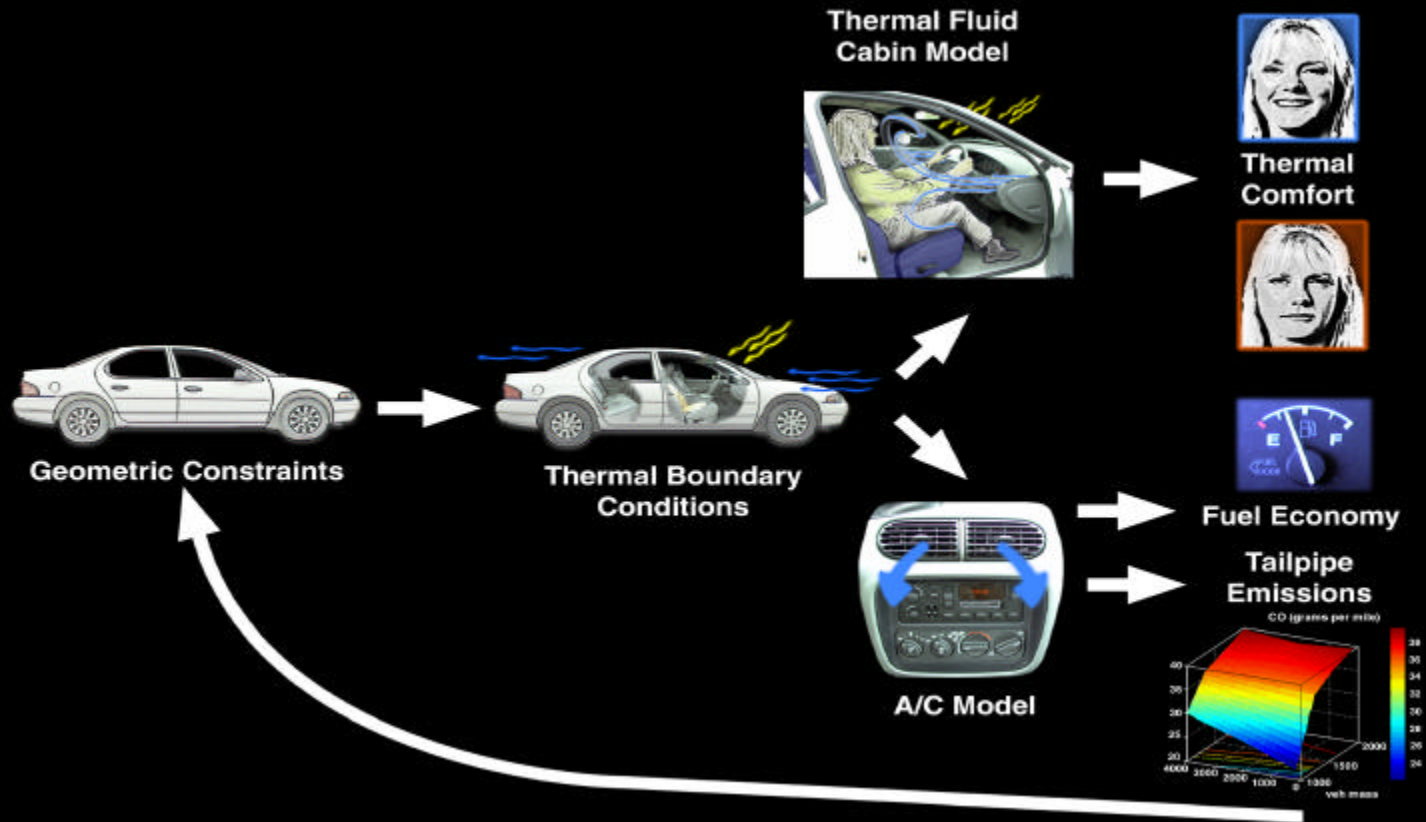
# Vehicle Model

- ▶ **Objective:** To predict vehicle fuel economy and tailpipe emissions with A/C use.



# Feedback Loop

- **Objective:** To meet thermal comfort, fuel economy, and emissions goals by iterating the modeling processes.



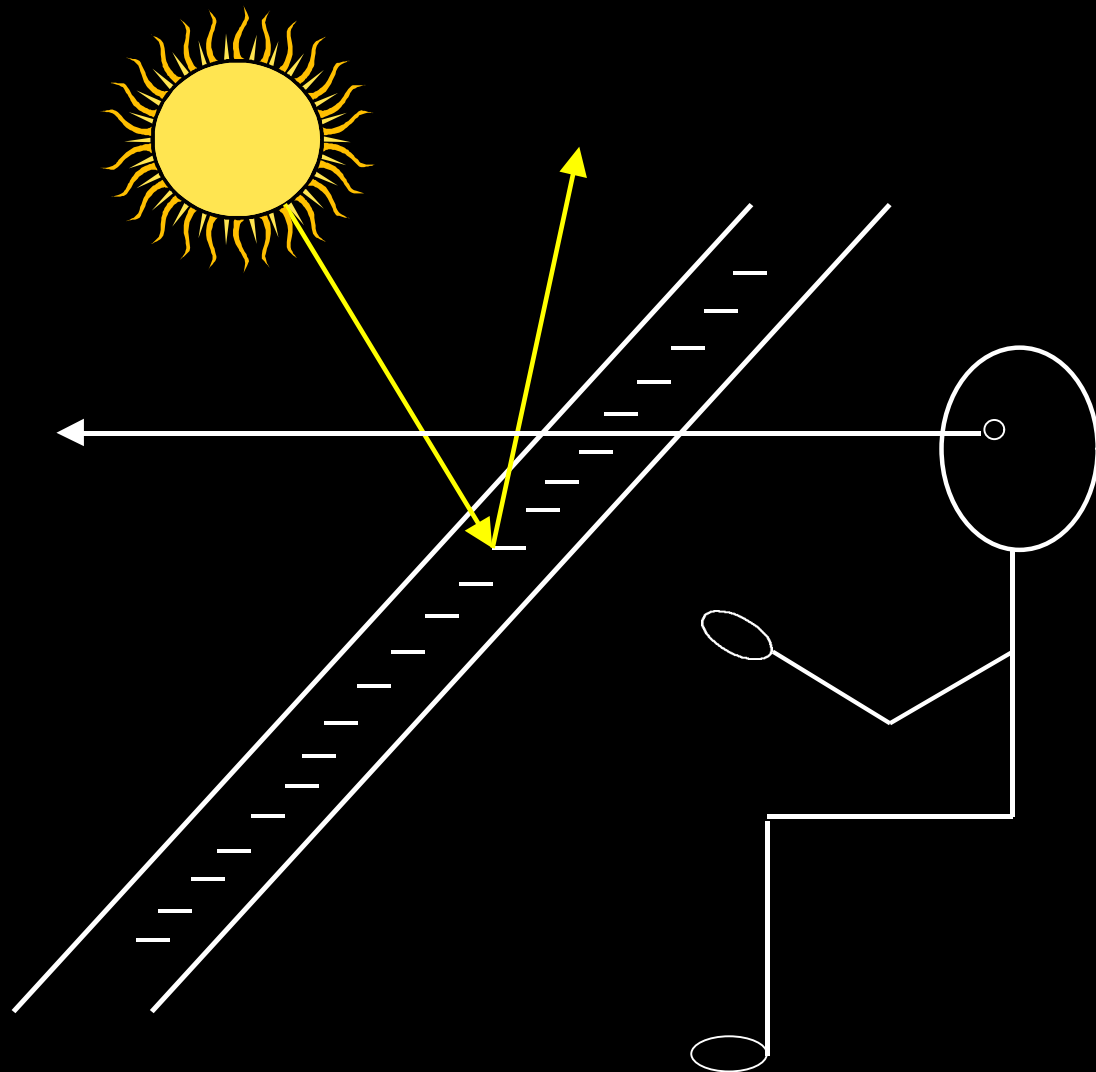
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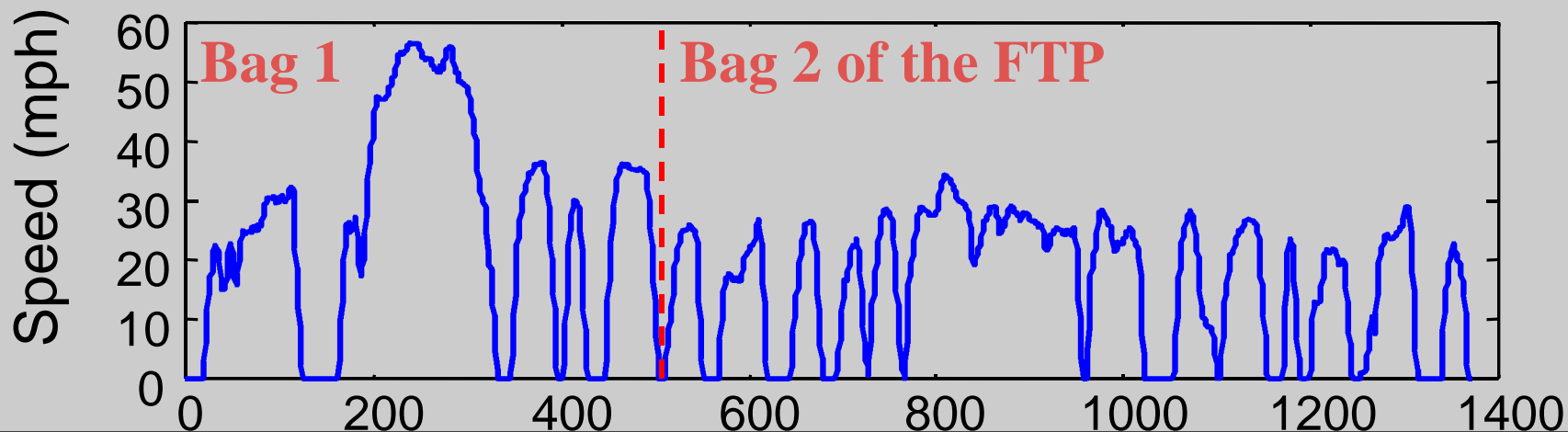
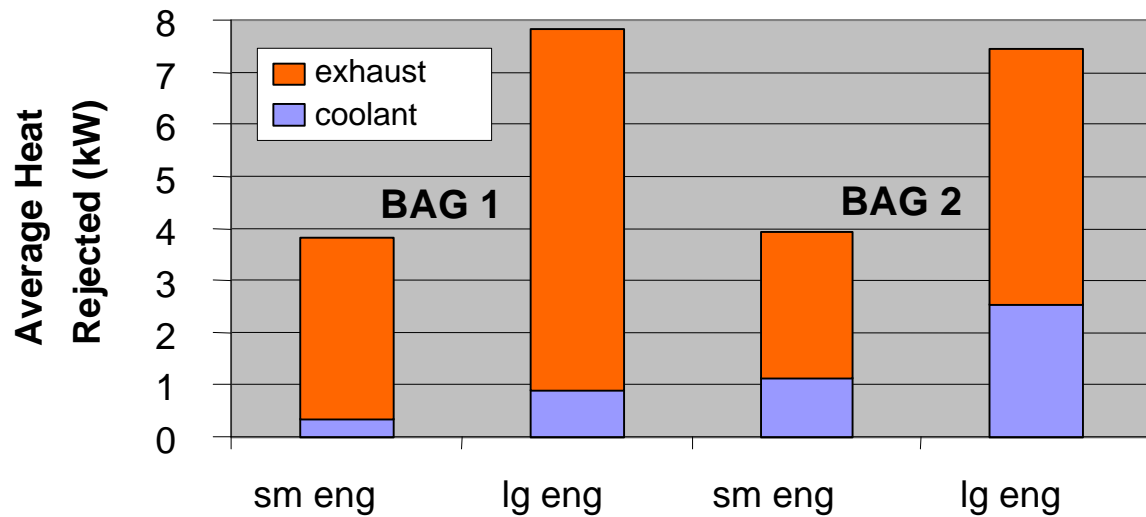
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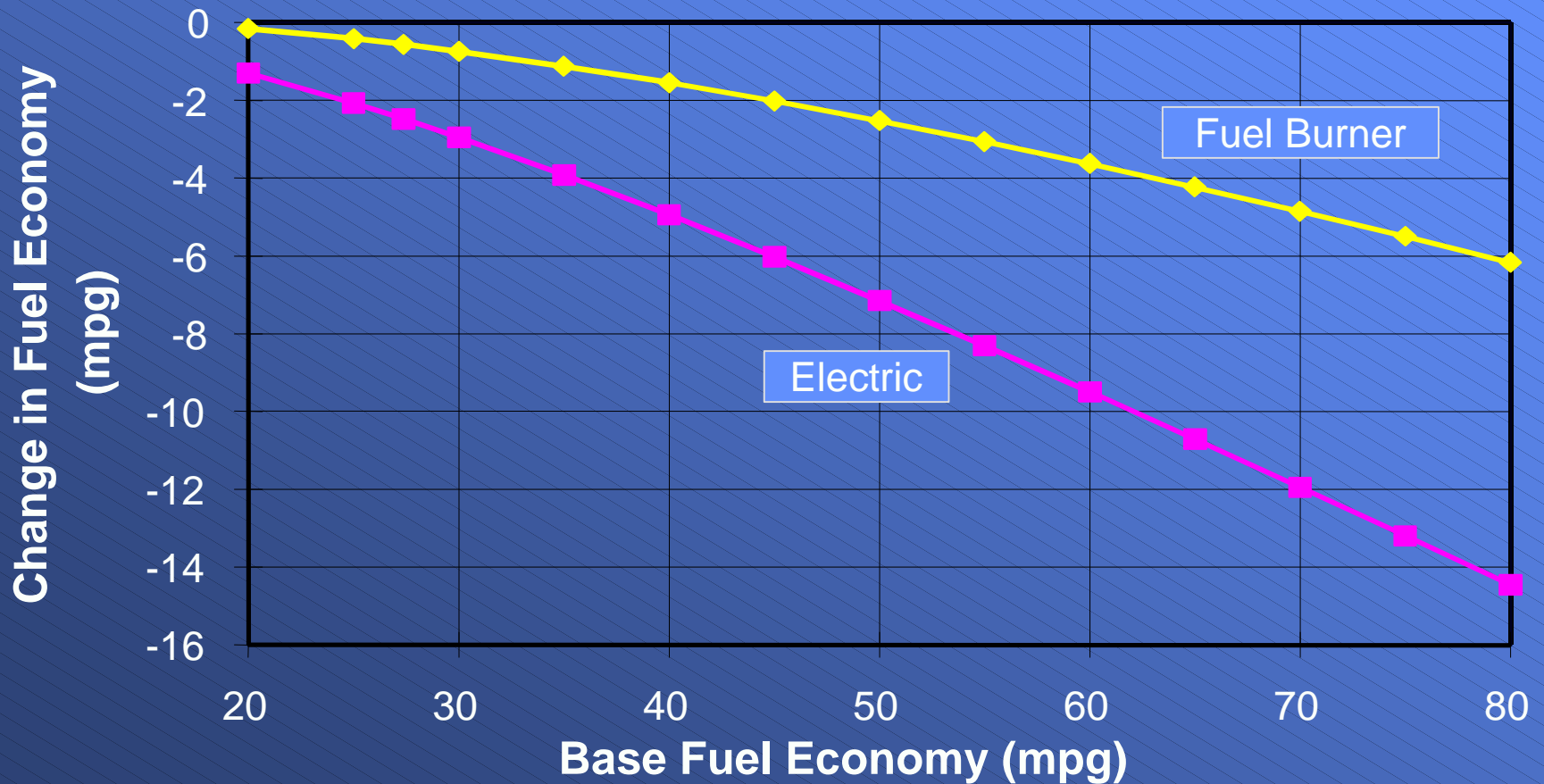
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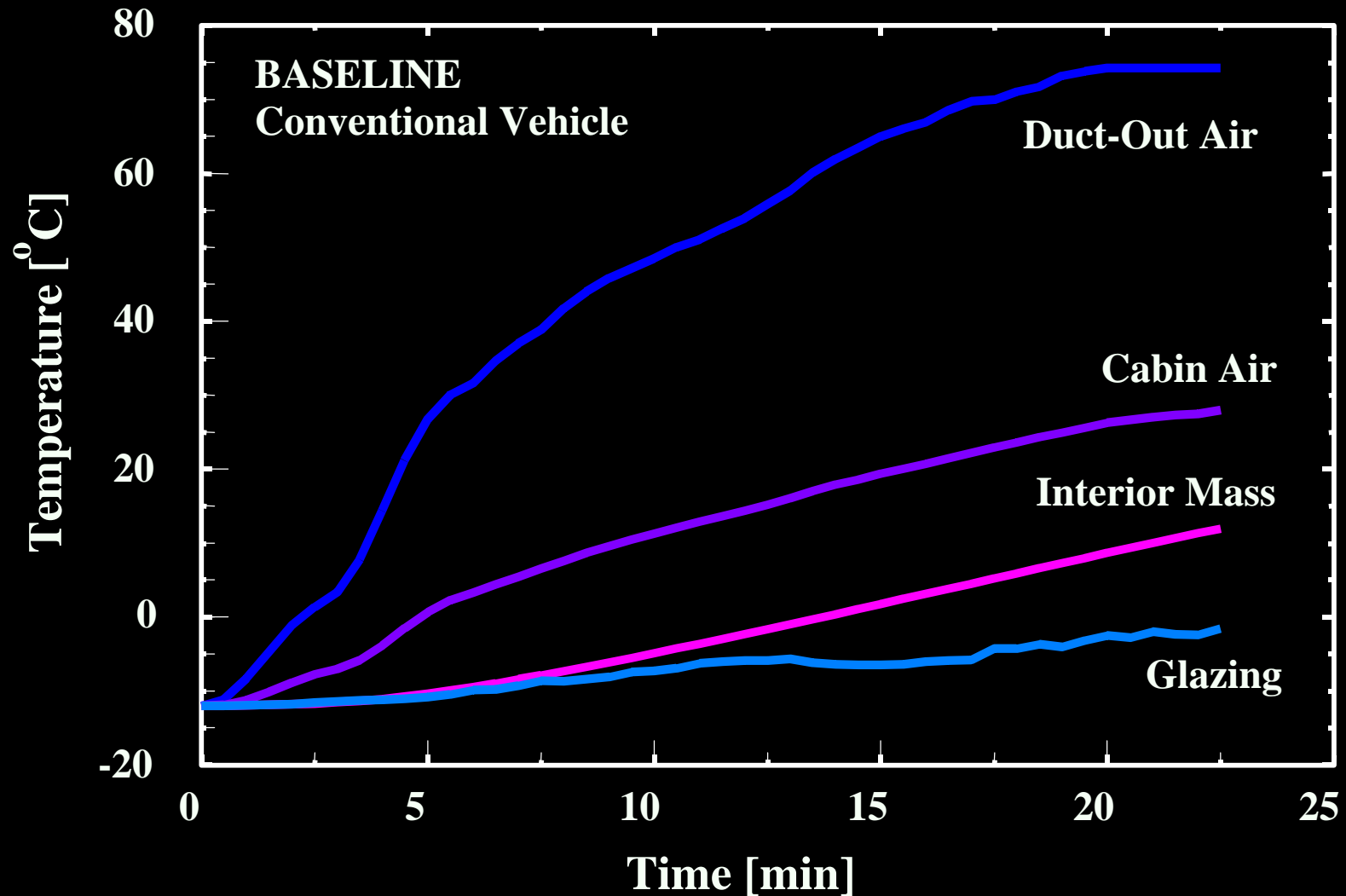
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# EHR Potential

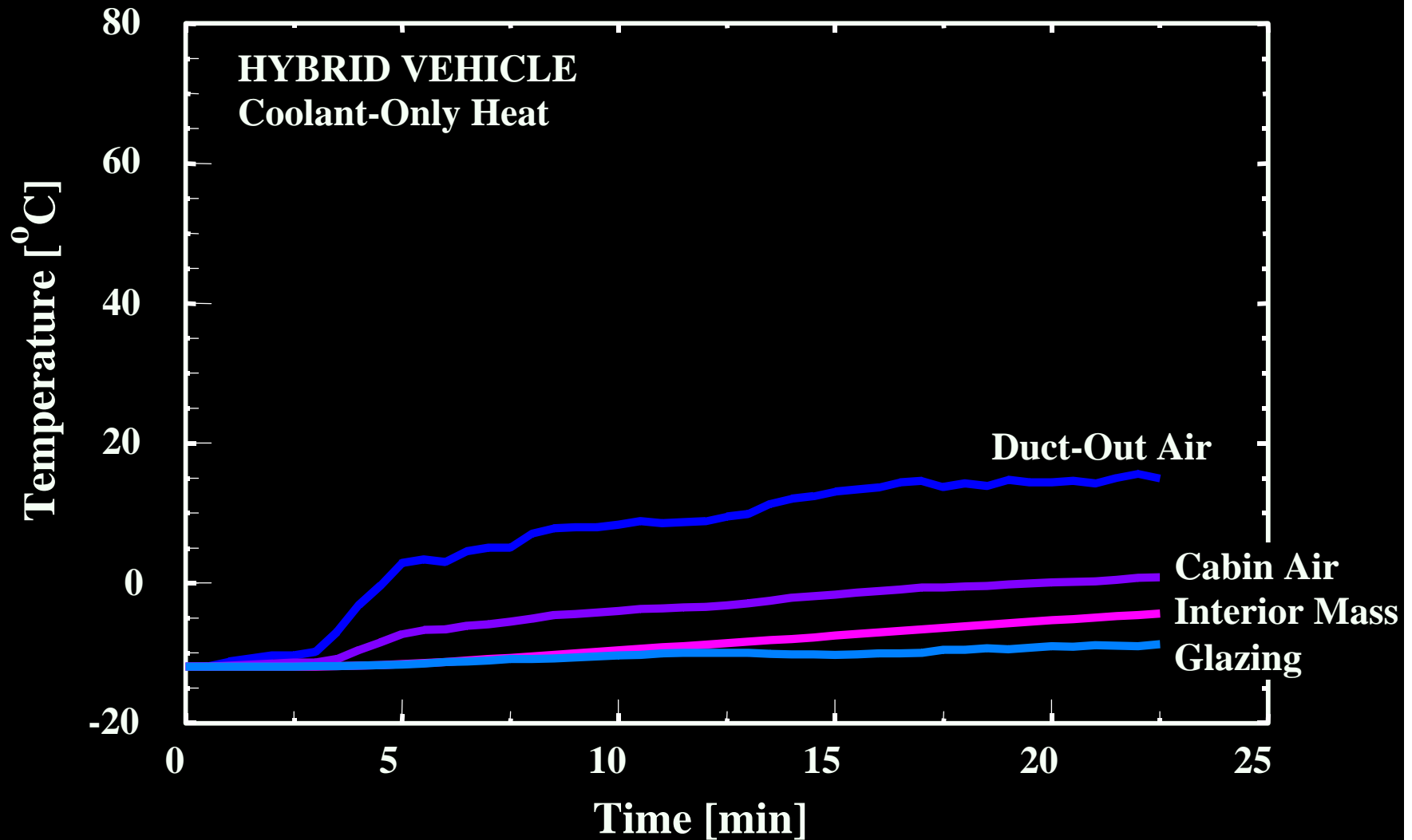
Effect on City/Highway Fuel Economy of a 1000-W Heater Load



# Conventional Vehicle: $T_{\text{interior}}(t)$



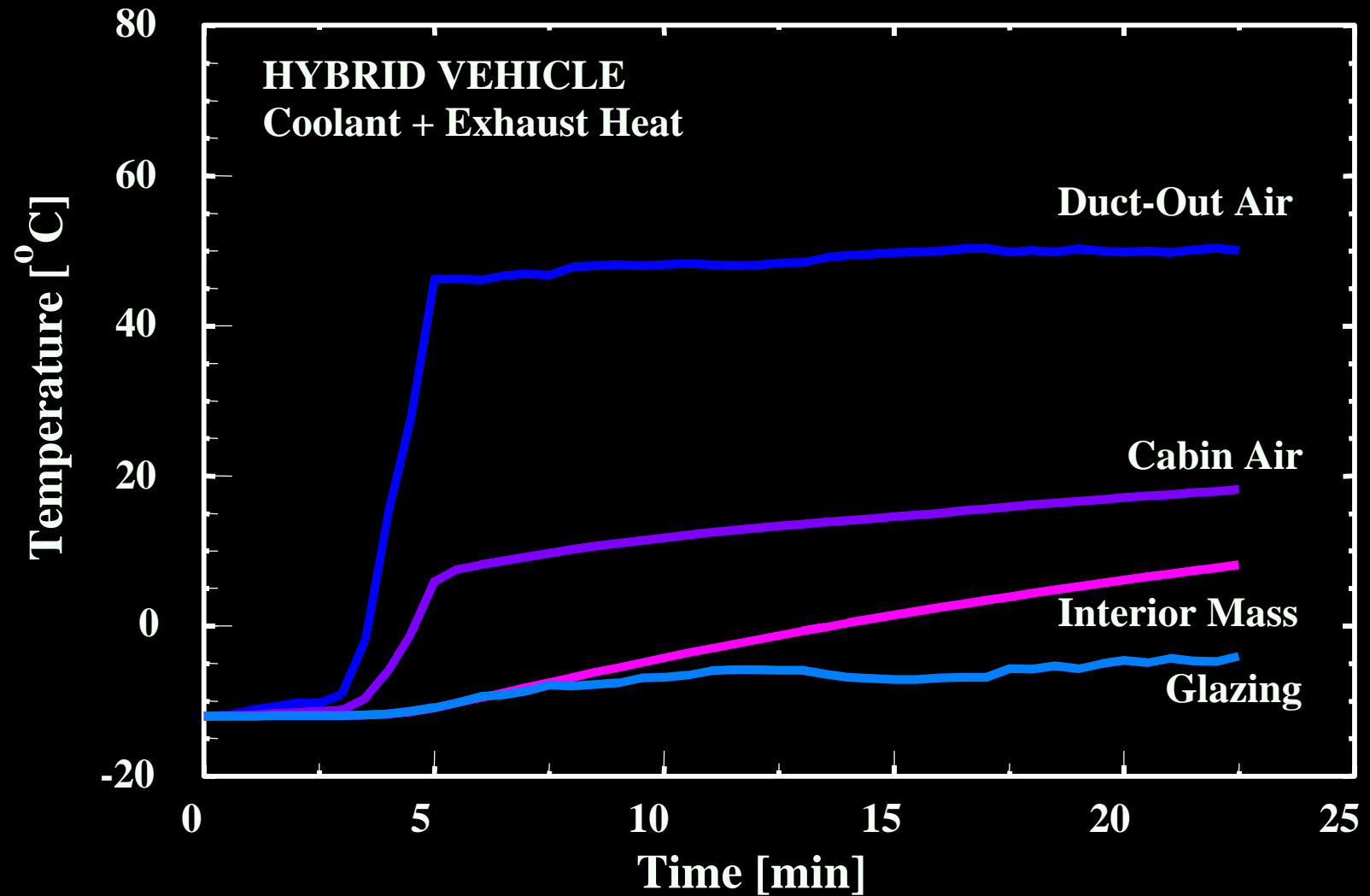
# HEV w/Coolant: $T_{\text{interior}}(t)$



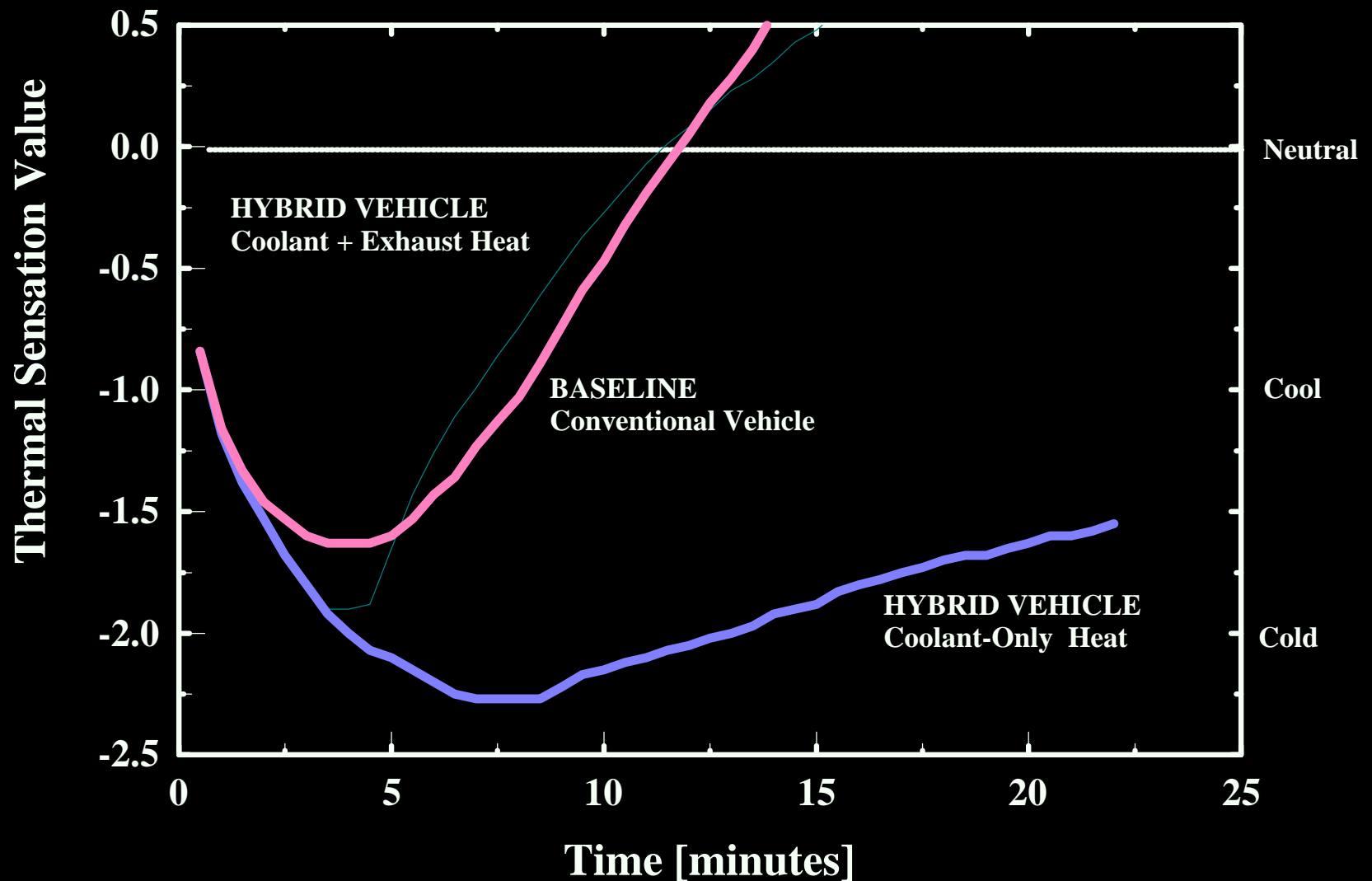
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# HEV w/Coolant + EHR: $T_{\text{interior}}(t)$



# Effect of EHR on Thermal Comfort



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