

Advanced Climate Systems for EV Extended Range (ACS forEVER)

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Timeline

- Start: Oct. 2013
- End: Jan 2017
- Percent complete 15%

Budget

- Total project funding: \$4.68M
 - DOE share: \$2.34M
 - Contractor share: \$2.34M
- Funding received in FY14: \$59k

Barriers

• Public acceptance of electric drive as central vehicle choice.

Partners

- Interactions / collaborations
- Hyundai America Technical Center: Vehicle Integration and Testing
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory: Comfort Modeling and Test Support
- Project lead HVCC

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The objective of the project is to identify a technical and business approach that will reduce the load on grid connected electric drive vehicles (GCEDV) while maintaining occupant comfort and thus increase the range of the vehicle. The program will demonstrate the technical feasibility and commercial value of an innovative thermal system for light-duty vehicles by evaluating the impact of:

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- Cabin pre-conditioning
- Thermal storage
- Innovative thermal comfort delivery methods
- Efficient generation of heat/cool
- FY2014 Objectives
 - Vehicle selection
 - Establish test conditions, metrics, and performance criteria
 - Baseline test vehicle and validate computer models
 - Create CAE models for a heat pump subsystem, thermal storage subsystem, and airflow distribution subsystem
 - Begin trade-off analysis of potential heat pump, thermal storage, and airflow distribution subsystem configurations leading to determination of a final system architecture



Budget Period 1: Subsystem Design and Specification Development

Month/Year	Milestone	Туре	Description
Sep-14	Baseline Vehicle Testing	Technical	Completion of baseline vehicle testing in a wind tunnel.
Sep-14	System Architecture Complete	Go/No Go	Completion of system architecture design for each subsystem to verify established system requirements are met.

Budget Period 2: <u>Design, Fabricate, and Validate</u>

Month/Year	Milestone	Туре	Description
Sep-15	Bench Testing	Go/No Go	Subsystems testing to verify established system requirements are met

Budget Period 3: Integration and Vehicle Validation

Month/Year	Milestone	Туре	Description
Mar-16	Vehicle Integration	Technical	All subsystems integrated into vehicle and ready for testing
Mar-16	Vehicle Demonstration	Technical	Demonstration vehicle testing complete

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- Choose a "state of the art" vehicle for the baseline
- Define test conditions and performance criteria that reflect real-world usage
- Create and validate computer models that describe the subsystems involved
- Leverage the models to develop optimum subsystem parameters and component specifications
- Design and fabricate components that meet the new specifications
- Bench test the new components and subsystems to validate performance
- Use CAE models to quantify improvement offered by new hardware
- Integrate new subsystems into a vehicle
- Test vehicle to verify predicted improvements in performance

Vehicle Selection

- The follow vehicles were considered
 - Nissan Leaf PTC only
 - Nissan Leaf PTC and heat pump
 - Kia Soul BEV PTC only
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 - 2016 MY Hyundai PHEV (PTC only)



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- The vehicles were graded based on eight criteria availability, technical data access, currently has a heat pump, electric propulsion, has a PTC only option, cost of vehicle, model lifetime, and image
- Selected project vehicle based on highest criteria rating is Kia Soul BEV with PTC and Heat Pump



Test Conditions & Metrics Definition

- Test conditions and metrics based on real-world usage data
- Final test conditions represent a balance between minimizing amount of testing without sacrificing accuracy
- Chosen test conditions based on four primary factors
 - Regional populations, weather patterns, driving patterns, distribution of GCEDVs
- Analysis resulted in six unique environmental conditions

Test	Temp	Solar Load (W/m^2)	Humidity	Number of Occupants	Final Weight %
Cold 3	-18°C (0°F)	N/A	N/A	2	0.0
Cold 2	-5°C (23°F)	N/A	N/A	4	11.1
Cold 1	5°C (41°F)	N/A	N/A	1	42.6
Hot 1	28°C (82°F)	750	70%	1	43.6
Hot 2	32°C (90°F)	850	70%	2	2.6
Hot 3	43°C (109°F)	1000	40%	1	0.0



Test Conditions & Metrics Definition Continued

- A test procedure has been defined for each of the six tests
- A drive cycle was developed to reflect real world conditions
- During each test, comfort will be evaluated at the end of five segments
- The 30 (six tests x five segments) evaluations will be used to quantify the performance of the vehicle



Technical Accomplishments and Progress



Evaluation of Transient Interior Environment Using CFD – Computational Fluid Dynamics



- Started building baseline vehicle CFD model using parametric geometry.
- Parametric geometry is utilized to decrease modeling time while maintaining acceptable accuracy.
- Began correlation of model simulations with A/C pull down and heater warm up test data.



Collaborators	Relationship	Туре	Role
Halla Visteon Climate Control USA LLC	Prime	Automotive Climate Control Supplier	- CAE & CFD Modeling - Component/System Design - Bench & Vehicle Testing - Comfort Evaluation - Commercialization Planning
Hyundai America Technical Center Inc.	Subcontractor	Automotive OEM	 Vehicle Selection & Modeling Performance Criteria Vehicle Integration Vehicle Testing Comfort Evaluation Commercialization Planning
National Renewable Energy Laboratory	Subcontractor	(DOF FFRF)	- CAE Comfort Modeling - Bench Testing Participation - Vehicle Testing Participation



- Efficiency vs. cost challenges in the automotive world abound. In plug in electric vehicles efficiency is valued far more than in other vehicles because of the range effect.
- Modern vehicle infrastructure is very complex. The introduction of new technology is more challenging every year as we move forward. There is no 'empty space' to put things.
- Electric vehicle design is a compromise between range and customer expectations. Consumers want all the perks of a gasoline engine and the maximum range possible, all at minimal additional cost.
- The statement "The technology shall be ready for production within one year of project conclusion" in the FOA may constrain the level of technology that can be introduced into a vehicle.



- Continue correlation of model simulations for all hot and cold test cases.
- Incorporate zonal strategies within cabin model to evaluate their performance relative to the baseline vehicle.



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Sample Warm Ambient Simulation



Sample Cool Ambient Simulation





CFD solution data converted into transient occupant thermal comfort / sensation predictions.

Occupant thermal comfort / sensation predictions are a function of:

- Temperature
- Velocity
- Solar Load
- Surface Radiation
- Humidity



20 Minutes 30.0 28.0 26.0 24.0 Temperature 12.0 20.0



*Note: Data shown is example only





Sample Heat Pump Subsystem Model

- Continue correlation of heat pump subsystem simulations for all hot and cold test cases.
- Utilize subsystem models to conduct trade-off studies of various subsystem configurations.
- Utilize subsystem models to calculate total power required and how this affects vehicle range.



For each of the three subsystems, heat pump, zonal distribution and thermal storage:

- Computer modeling of the subsystem
 - Baseline built from current and gathered data
 - Subsystem design iterations based on recommendations from design team trade off analysis
 - Provide data to NREL for comfort modeling to support subsystem definition
 - Integrate with other HVCC subsystems to define final system design
 - Outcome: Subsystem final computer design model
- Develop cost estimates for the subsystem
 - Create component bill of materials and initial cost assumptions
 - Outcome: Subsystem initial cost estimate
- Determine the architecture and physical locations of the subsystem
 - **Outcome**: Subsystem initial CAD modeling and packaging
- Develop basic controls for the subsystem
 - Outcome: Document detailing the basic controls required for the subsystem
- Determine the impact of the subsystem on the vehicle
 - Determine the impact of the subsystem on the vehicle infrastructure
 - **Outcome**: Understand and document the integration needed, and the costs incurred
- Create detailed specifications for the subsystem and components within
 - **Outcome**: Subsystem and subcomponent specifications



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2015FY Future Work – Design, Fabricate, Validate

Model Components as Required **Design Components Fabricate Components Build Subsystem** Validate Components

Compare performance to models

Validate Subsystem

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- This project is appropriate for the times; range extension of EV's is a key to their mass market adoption.
- The technical approach is sound and can be contained within the constraints of the project. Improvements to the latest vehicle technologies, although challenging, will provide the most value to the consumer.
- The technical accomplishments thus far are progressing considering how recently development was started.
- The future work planned is methodical and uses the latest development strategy and tools. We look forward to 'pushing the envelop' in the areas we have selected.
- We have chosen the right mix of collaborators. Each organization has the expertise to contribute significantly to the overall development.