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- **Ford Global Sustainability Outlook**
  - Global factors impacting future vehicle technologies
  - Technology roadmaps to transportation sustainability
  - Role of thermoelectrics in vehicle applications
- **Thermoelectric Waste Heat Recovery**
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  - Ford Thermoelectric Generator Progress Update
  - Requirements for a thermoelectric generator
- **Thermoelectric HVAC**
  - TE heat-pump device development
  - TE materials for heating & cooling
  - Comfort-based design criteria
- **Conclusions and Questions**

- Fuel economy trends driven by global factors:
  - US and California (CAFE, AB32)
  - EU CO<sub>2</sub> Regulations and Fuel Taxes
  - Global Oil Prices
- Fuel prices will be put under pressure by increasing demand from emerging markets
- Regulations in emerging markets are lagging developed countries only by a few years

“We are committed to being a leader in fuel economy in every product segment in which we compete. In keeping with our heritage as a company, we introduce new technology on a large scale.”

- William Clay Ford Jr., June 2010

\* <http://www.ford.com/microsites/sustainability-report-2009-10/default>

# Ford Technology Migration Path



## Trends:

- **Improved fuel economy driven by both regulatory and consumer pressure**
- **Technologies that can be implemented on global platforms and vehicles are most desirable**
- **Technologies that improve fuel economy and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> at a reasonable cost to the consumer will be implemented early**

# Implications of Ford Sustainability Plans for Thermoelectrics

- Multiple technologies are competing to improve regulated fuel economy and to attract consumers through marketable features. Winners will be determined by their ability to complete on several factors:
  - Cost (total cost, \$/mpg saved, etc...)
  - Robustness (200K + durability)
  - Ease of migration across fleet (B-car, Full-size truck, gas, diesel)
  - Ease of integration (migration ability, partnerships with T1)
  - Marketable feature (OEM revenue opportunity and differentiation)
  - Performance (W/kg, W/m<sup>3</sup>, W-hr/kg, W-hr/m<sup>3</sup>, W/\$)
- How is Ford investigating these factors?
  - Developing strong partnerships in the value chain
  - Leveraging government investments into TE technology
  - Providing critical feedback to support business-case analysis

# DOE Phase 5 TEG Program

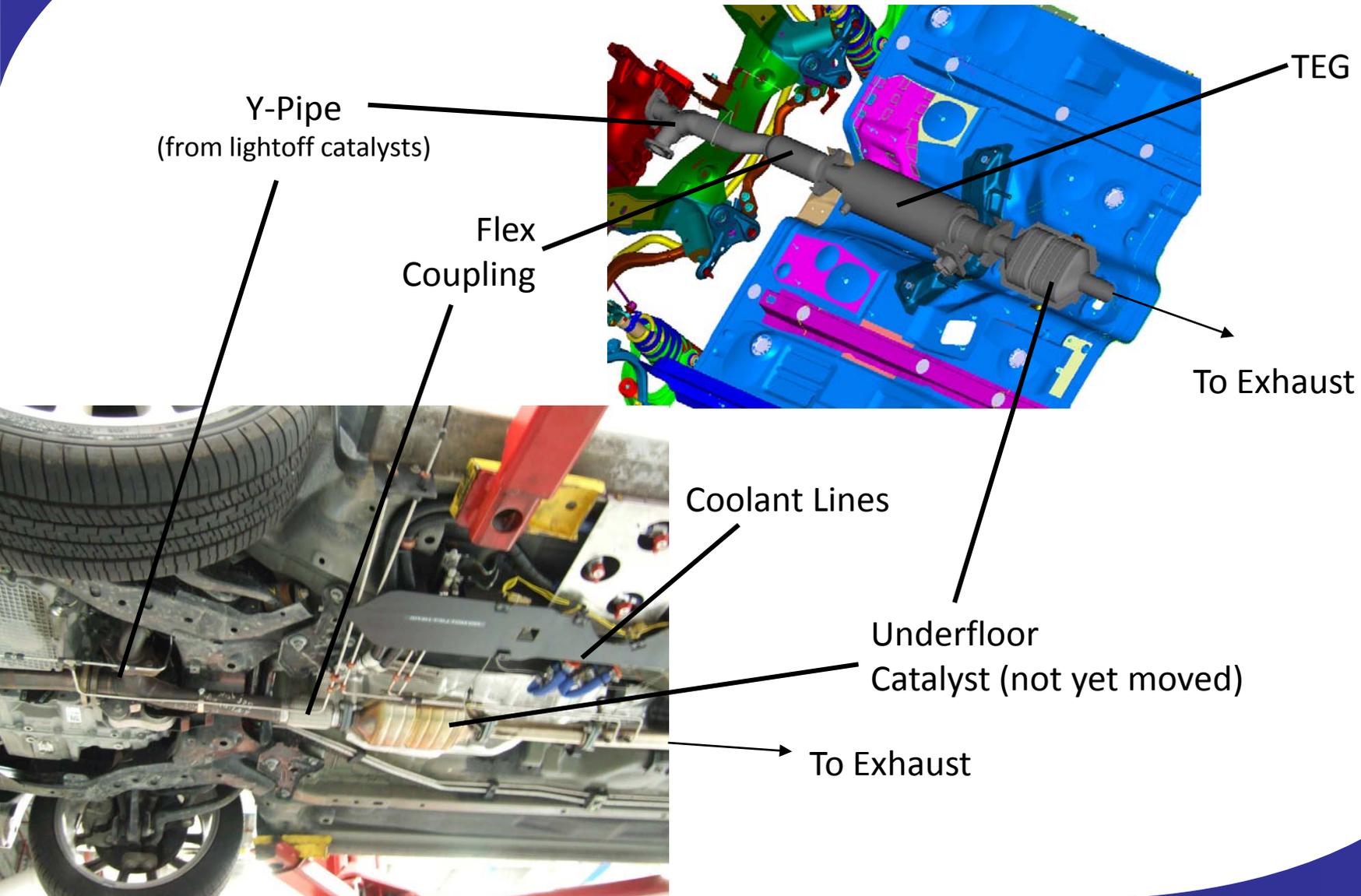
Evaluate TEG on a Ford Fusion with 3.0L V-6 Engine

## Vehicle-Level Demonstration of TEG Technology



- Design with central bypass
- Separate low-temperature cooling loop
- Half-Heusler +  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$  segmented TE elements
- Major benefit in a vehicle-level demonstration is to understand systems-integration implications
- Anticipated power: ~500 Watts (peak)
- Test cycle: US06 (highway cruise ~100kph)
- April 2011 completion timeframe
- Results reported at the DOE AMR

# Packaging for Prototype TEG



# Automotive Requirements for a TE Generator

Requirements	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Backpressure limit in TEG HEX</li> <li>● Temperature limit for TE materials</li> <li>● Durability test requirements</li>   <li>● Performance test requirements</li> <li>● Assembly requirements</li>   <li>● Control and sensor requirements</li> <li>● Power conditioning</li>   <li>● Recycling</li> <li>● Price and Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Idle, design point, max speed-load</li> <li>● Max and min conditions</li> <li>● Shock loading, vehicle test cycles, hot ambient, cold start, trailer-tow, corrosion, etc...</li>   <li>● Design targets for power generation, backpressure, system mass, volume, etc...</li> <li>● Electrical, mechanical, fluid connections</li>   <li>● Internal temperature, valve position, CAN signal requirements, etc...</li> <li>● V-I requirements, series-parallel requirements</li> <li>● Plan for reclaiming RoHS materials, etc...</li> <li>● \$/W target at design point</li> </ul>

## Alternator Replacement by a TEG

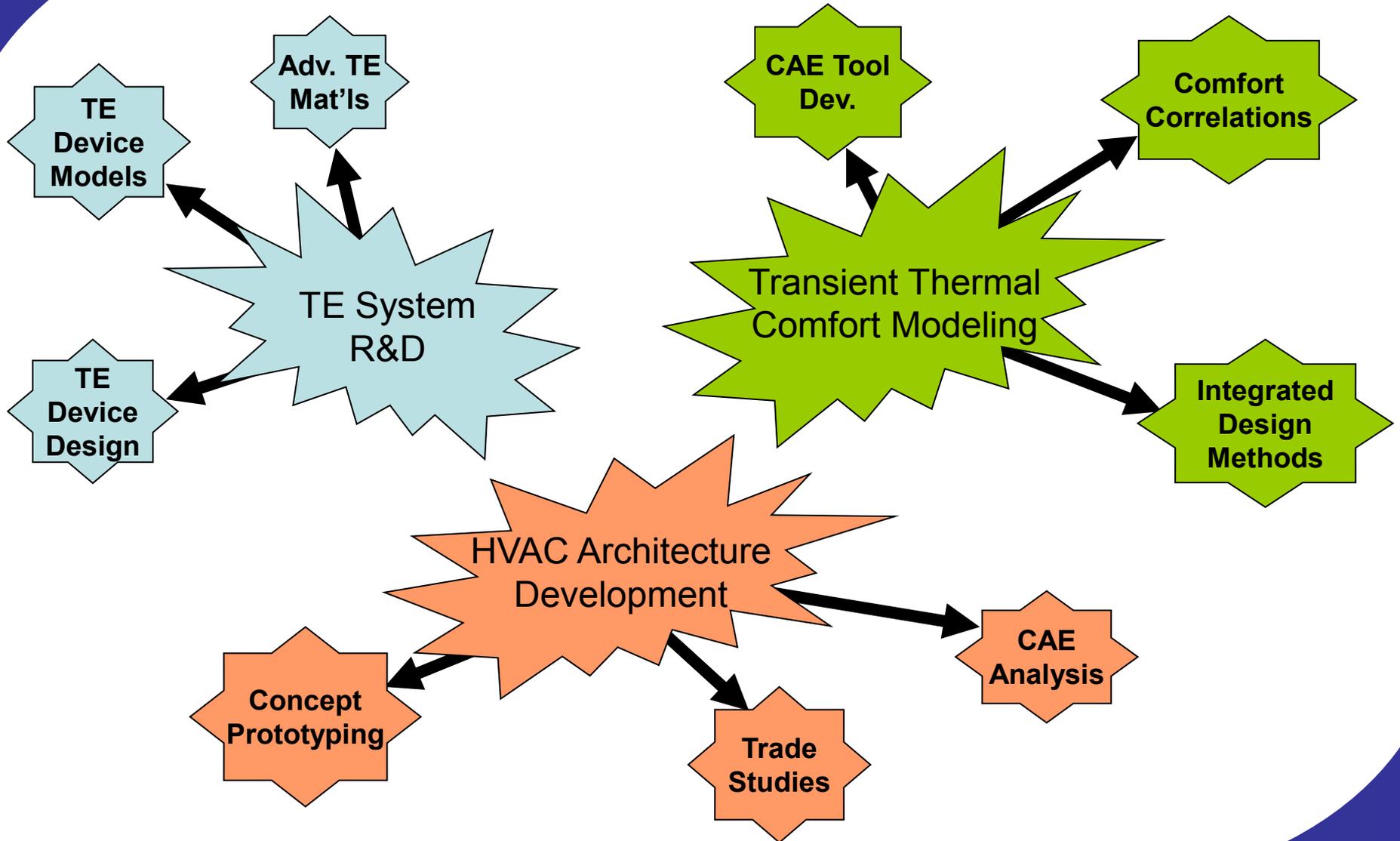
- A TEG must be able to provide necessary power to the vehicle under extremely challenging conditions:
  - Idle
  - City drive cycle (Start-Stop)
  - +50°C to -30°C ambient conditions
  - Full accessory loads, including current spikes
  - Reduce TOTAL fuel consumption, weight, and cost compared to an alternator/battery system

# Thermoelectric Waste Heat Recovery: Potential Benefit for Fuel Economy and CO<sub>2</sub>

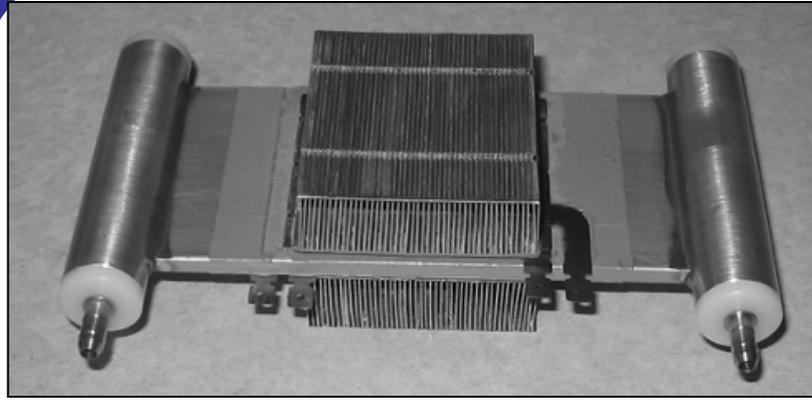
- Electrical System Demand
  - Maximum system demand: 14-V @ 200-A (~3kW)
  - Typical system demand: ~1kW
  - Typical regulatory cycle demand: 0.2 – 0.4 kW
- Potential for Fuel Economy and CO<sub>2</sub> Benefit
  - Regulatory Cycle: 0.2 to 0.4 L/100km (5 to 10g CO<sub>2</sub>/km)
  - Consumer Cycle: >1 L/100km (>24g CO<sub>2</sub>/km)
- Potential Value of a TEG
  - Regulatory Cycles:
    - US CAFE (based on NHTSA cost analysis): ~\$0.50 to \$1.00 per watt
    - EU Reg (based on EU CO<sub>2</sub> fines): ~\$3 to \$5 per watt
  - Consumer Cycles:
    - Potential benefit for off-cycle credits, electrical power charge-margin
  - True value is based on competition with other technologies
    - Cost per % fuel economy gain
    - Total fuel economy improvement potential

# Ford TE HVAC Project

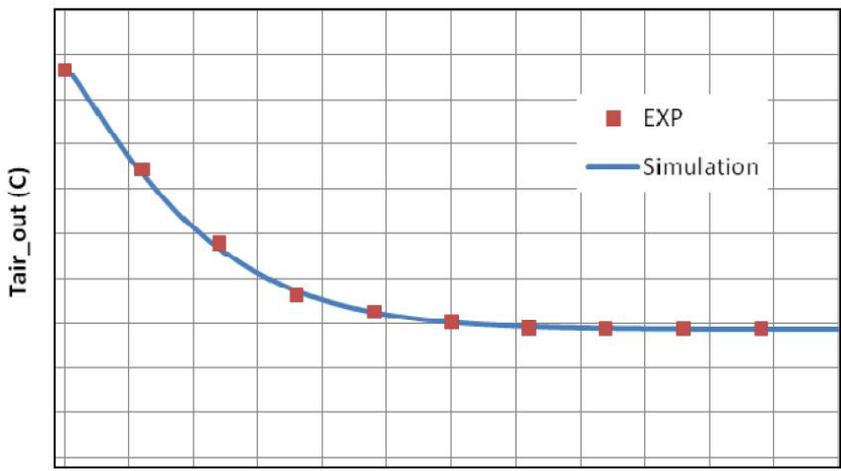
- **3.5-year cooperative agreement with US Dept. of Energy**
  - **Goal:** Identify and demonstrate technical and commercial approaches need to accelerate deployment of a zonal TE HVAC system in automobiles.
- **Objectives:**
  - 33% reduction in A/C compressor power usage
  - TE performance:  $COP_{cooling} > 1.3$ ,  $COP_{heating} > 2.3$
  - Reduce total HVAC energy consumption
  - Assess technical and commercial viability for use in automotive applications
  - Integrate, test, and deliver to DOE demo vehicle with a prototype TE HVAC system
- **Phase 1: (Oct. '09 to Nov. '10)**
  - Develop requirements and targets, benchmark baseline vehicle performance
  - Model, design and test at liquid-to-air TE heat-pump addressing commercial and technical metrics
  - Assess and develop CAE and Occupant Thermal Comfort Tools for a zonal, comfort-based system design
  - Research into advanced TE devices and p-type TE materials
- **Phase 2 (Dec. '10 to Oct. '11)**
  - Develop and investigate a TE HVAC system architecture to meet program objectives
  - Model performance of selected architecture on vehicle efficiency benefit
  - Engineer advanced TE devices for vehicle deployment. Research n-type TE materials.
- **Phase 3 & 4 (Nov. '11 to Apr. '13)**
  - Engineer, build, and test TE HVAC subsystems
  - Install system into vehicle, evaluate performance
  - Deliver vehicle to DOE for further study



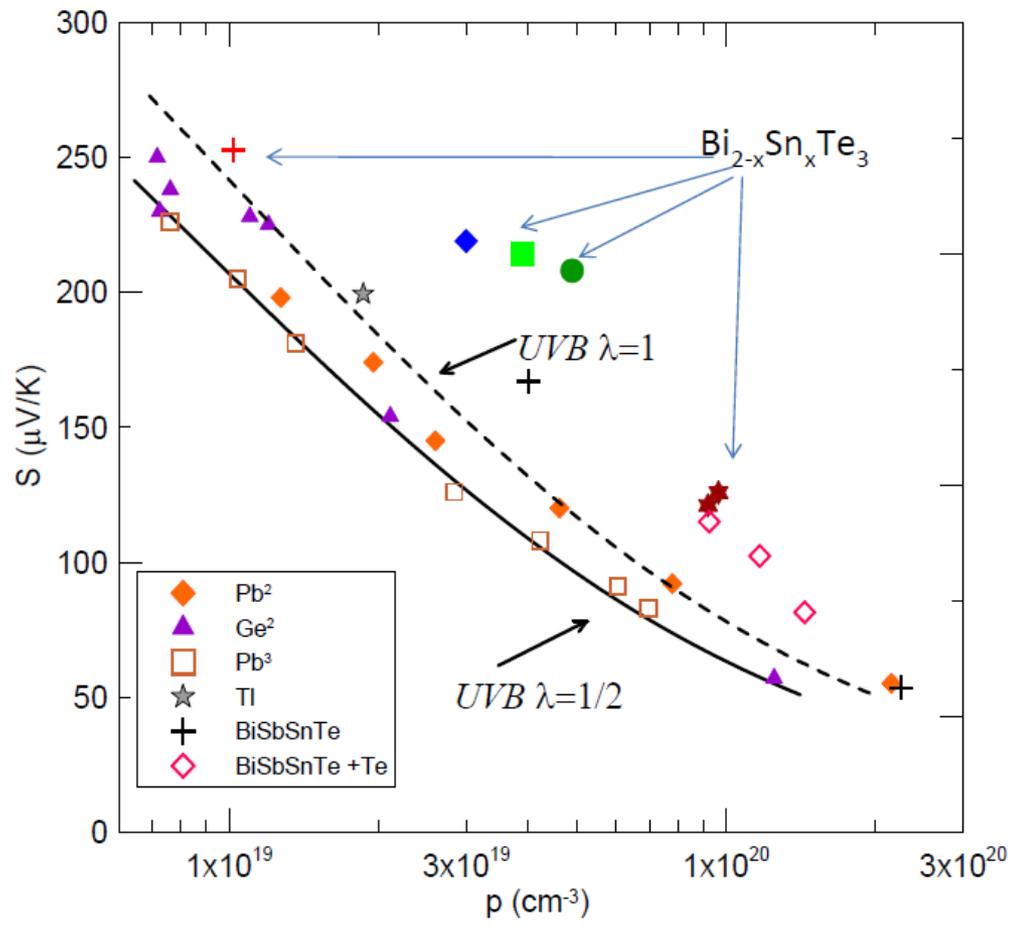
# TE Device and Materials Development



BSST 50 Watt Prototype  
Liquid-to-Air TE Heat Pump



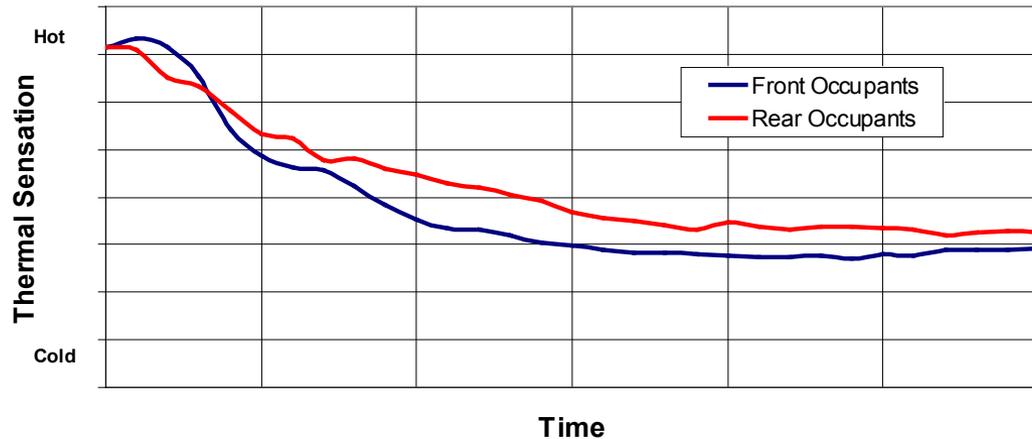
TED-model validation results



C.M. Jaworski, V.A. Kulbachinskii and J.P. Heremans "Tin forms a Resonant Level in Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> that Enhances the Room Temperature Thermoelectric Power", *Phys. Rev. B* **80** 233201 (2009)

# Occupant Thermal Comfort: Test vs Modeling

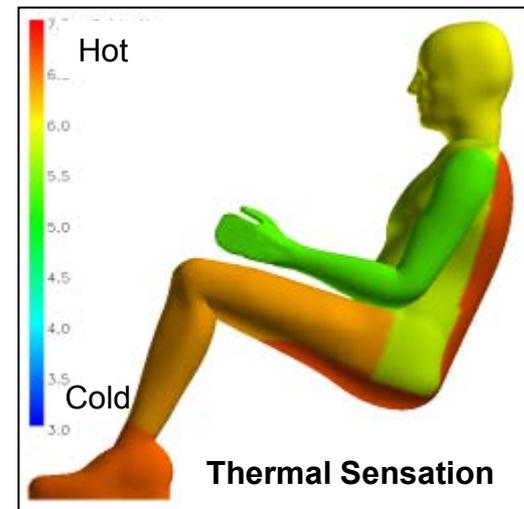
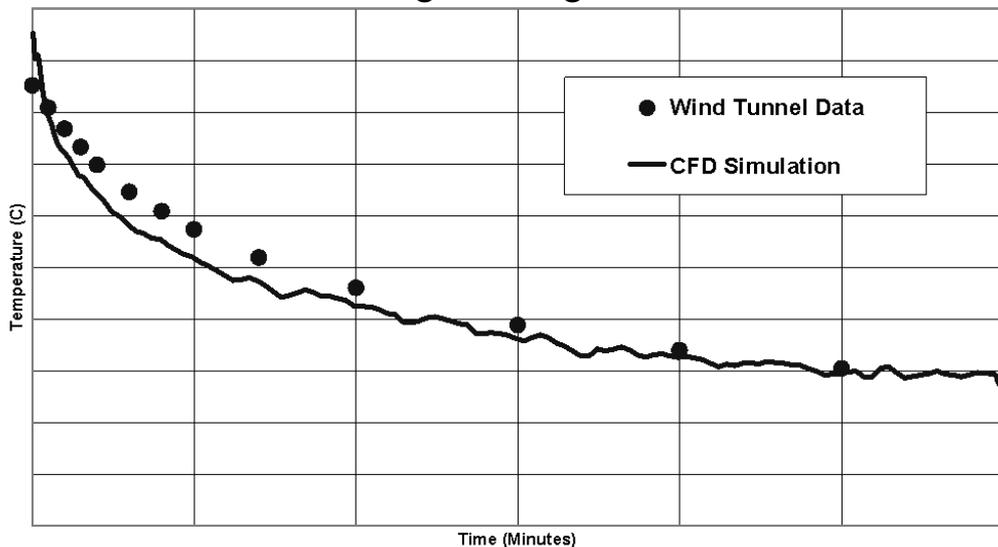
Typical Whole Body Thermal Sensation  
Air-conditioning Performance Test



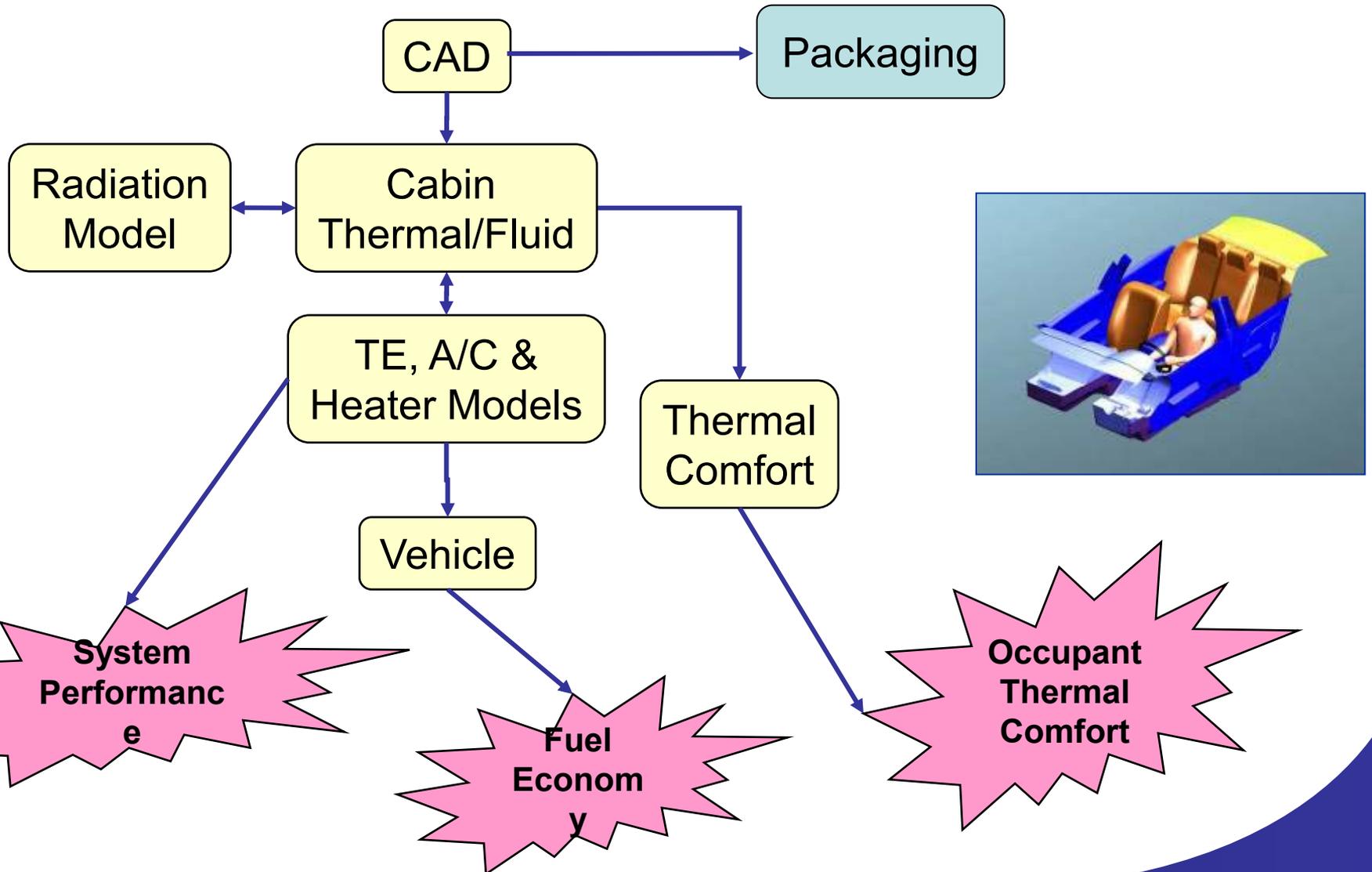
## Occupant Thermal Sensation Predictions are a Function of:

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

CFD vs testing show good correlation



# Development of a TE HVAC Architecture



- TE Waste Heat Recovery Project:
  - Install and test TEG
    - Assess actual vs modeled performance
    - Understand packaging and systems-integration issues
  - Study full-integration requirements, including power conversion, control strategy, and regulatory benefits
  - Develop business case to determine production feasibility
    - This can guide research, engineering, and manufacturing investment decisions
  - Continue to support development of advanced materials and processes to improve efficiency, reduce cost, weight, packaging space
  
- TE HVAC Project:
  - Continue to develop and assess HVAC architectures that can utilize the unique advantages of TE technology through the use of thermal comfort-based analysis and design
  - Agressively work to improve cost and performance of TE materials and devices
  - Develop systems-level requirements for a TE-based HVAC system hardware

- Application of thermoelectrics into vehicles will remain limited in the near-term, until significant fundamental issues are solved
- Advantages of thermoelectric technology exist in the mid- to long-term horizon
- Significant research and investment is still needed in the areas of cost, performance, thermal management, systems integration, manufacturing, and durability

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