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# CO<sub>2</sub> AC System Simulation with Kuli AC

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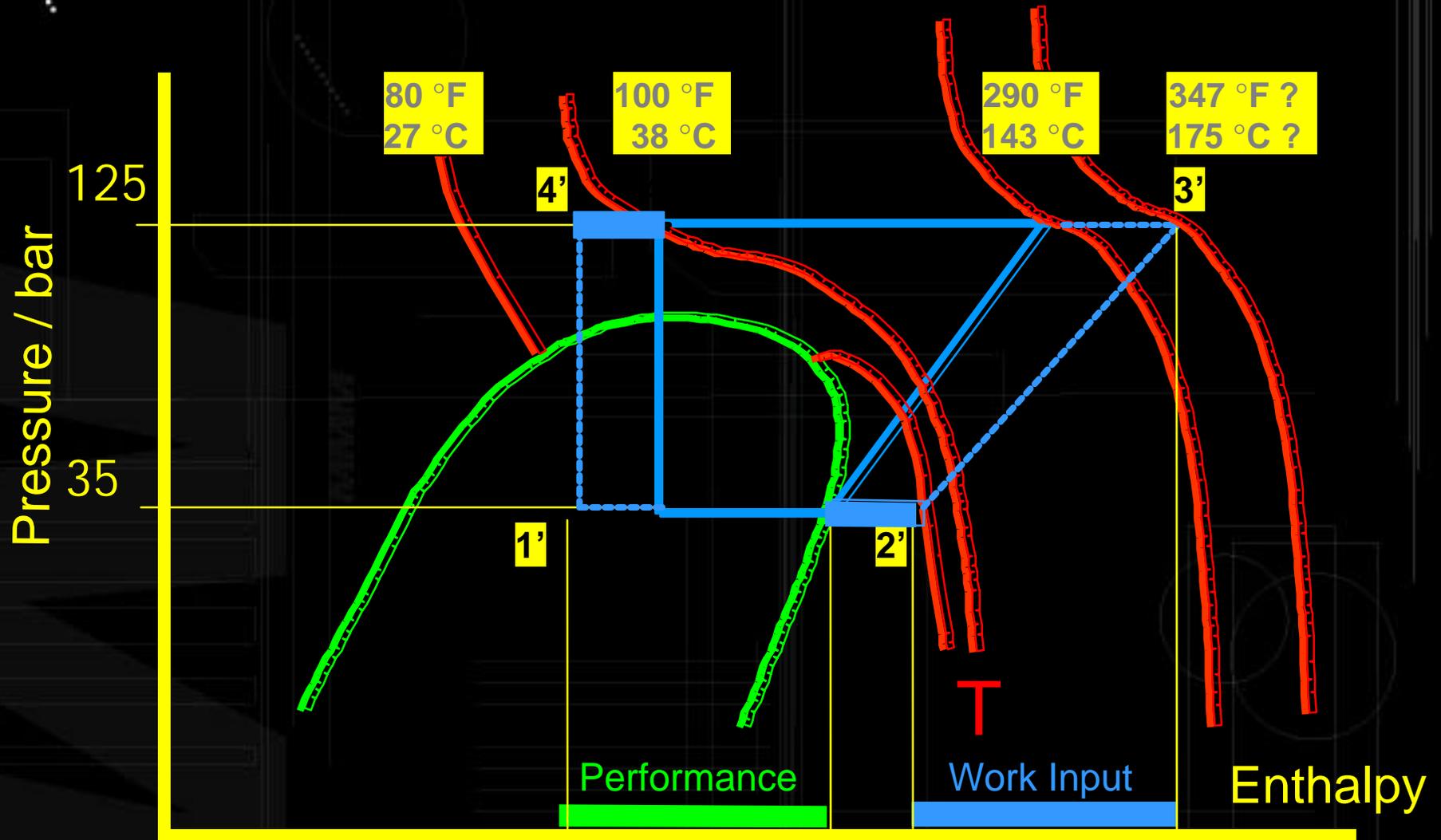


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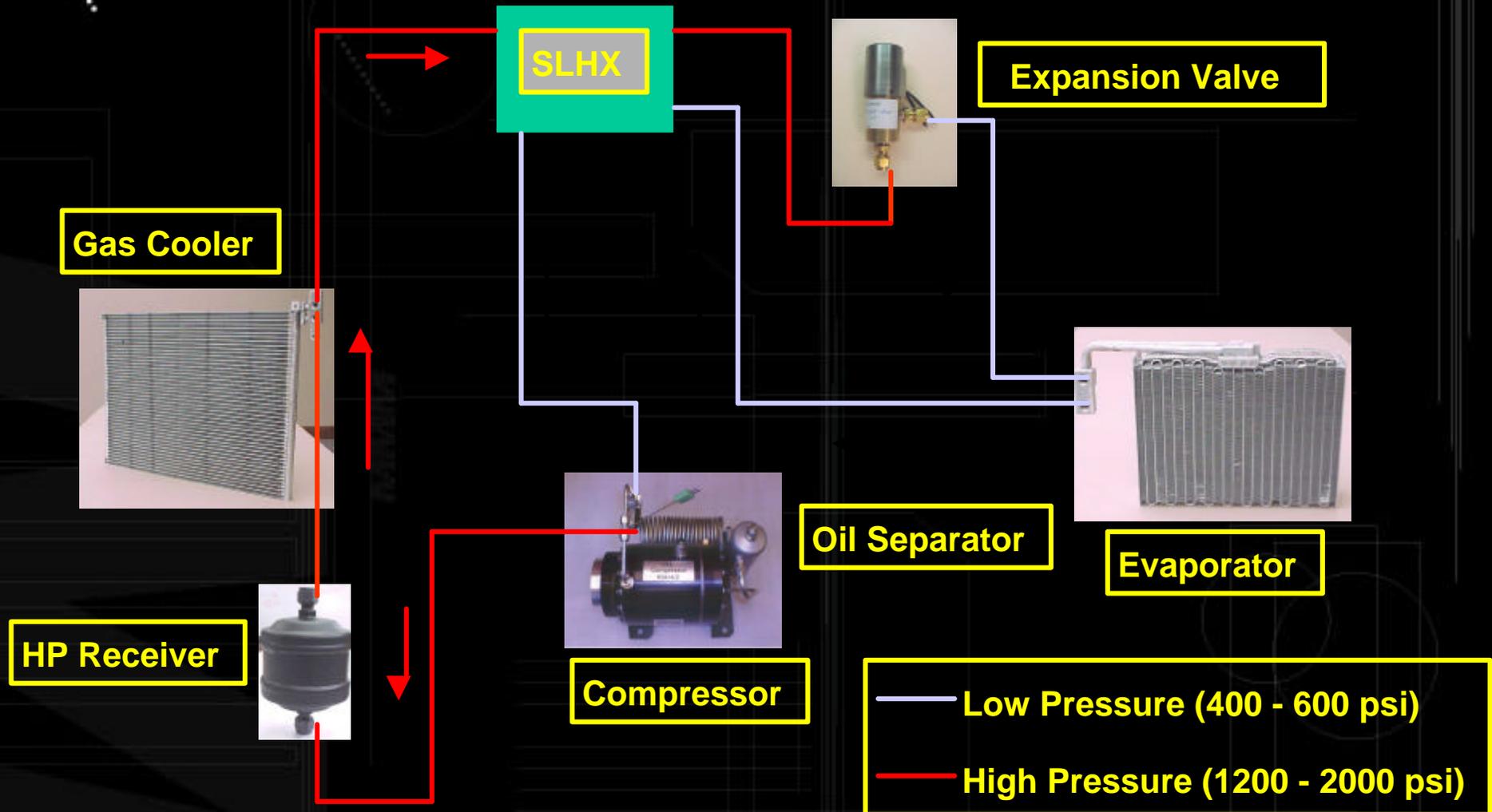
## CO<sub>2</sub> advantages

- Enhanced cooling and heating performance compared to R134a
- Heat pump capability
- Good thermodynamic characteristics
- Environmentally friendly (no GWP)
- No recovery or recycling required
- Non-flammable, non-toxic

# Typical p-h diagram



# The Modine CO2 AC system



## Kuli-AC benchmark

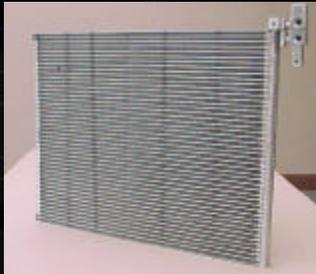
Evaluation of Kuli 4.0 AC capabilities for CO<sub>2</sub>

- Accuracy of component models
- Handling of steady state system simulation

Test data for Modine CO<sub>2</sub> AC system

- Split room tests

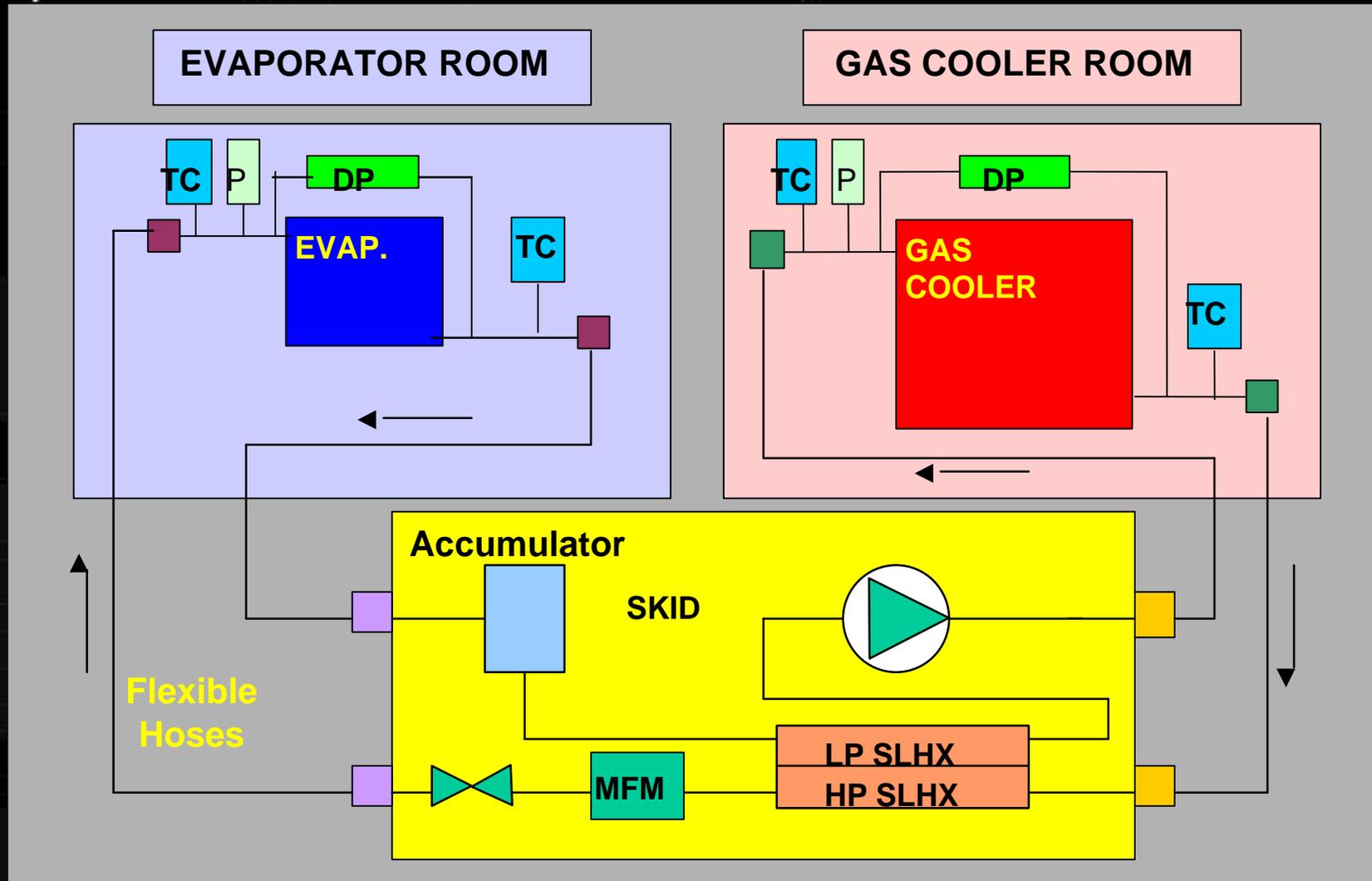
Gas cooler



Evaporator

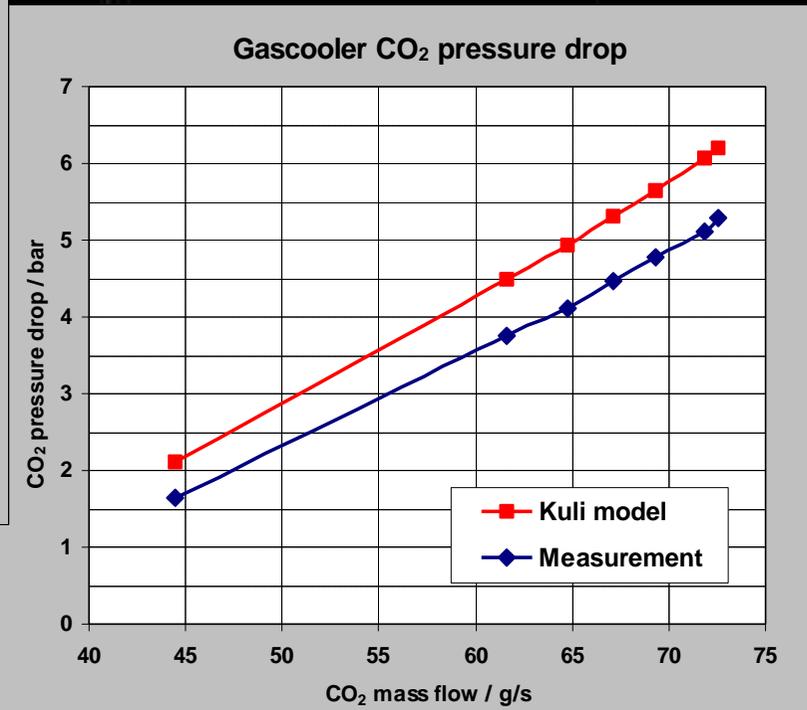
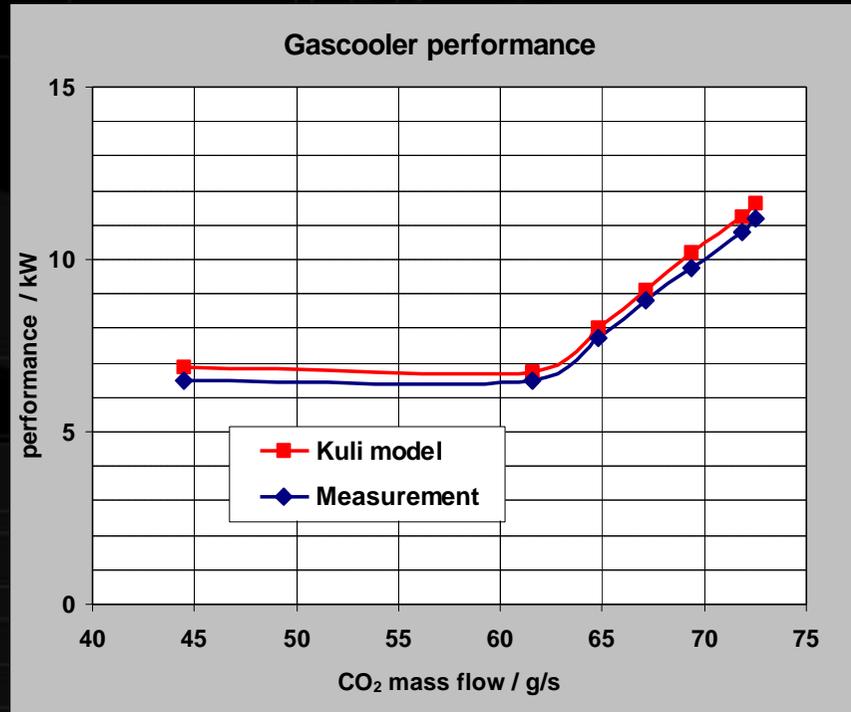
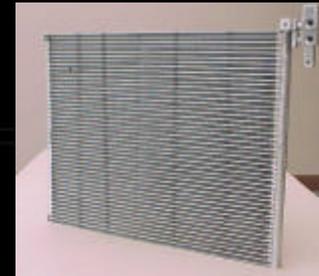


# Test facility - Split room



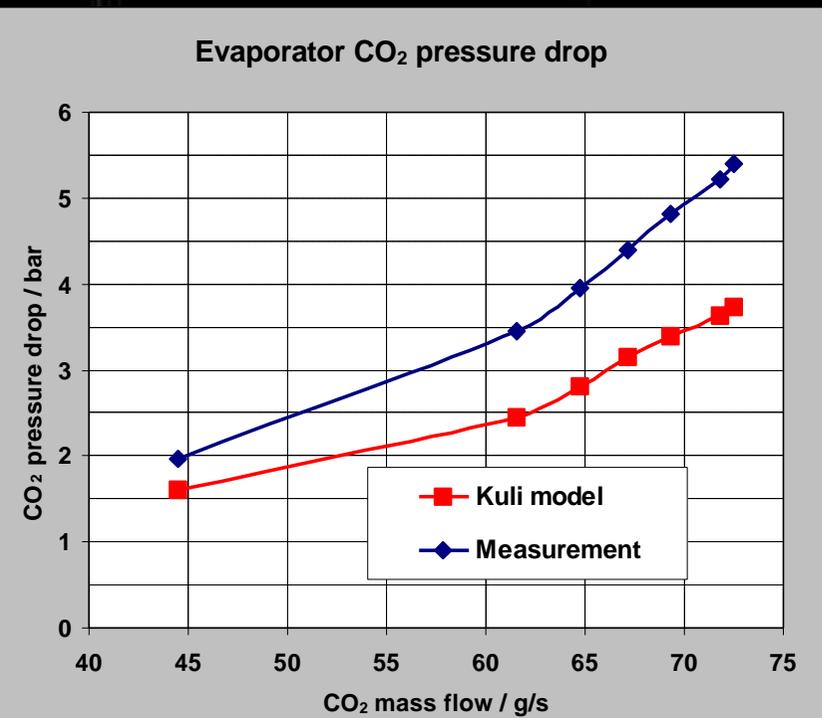
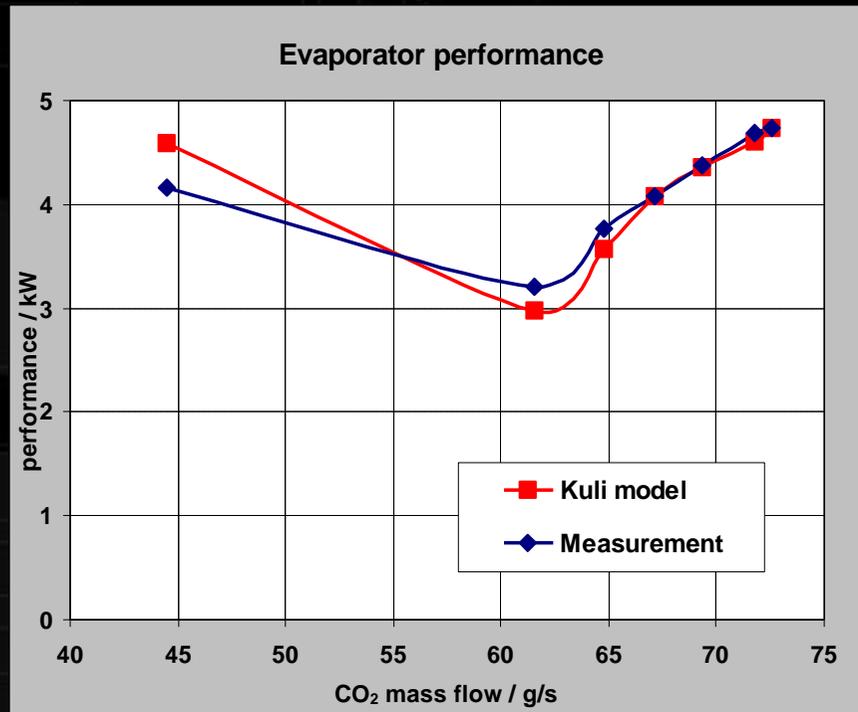
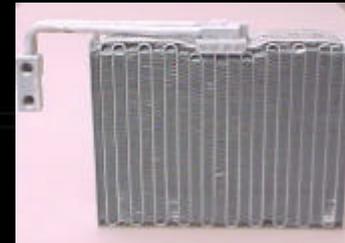
# Component validation - 1

## Gas cooler



# Component validation - 2

## Evaporator



## Pull down test

CO<sub>2</sub> AC system

- in recirculation mode
- with branches in refrigerant circuit

Transient Kuli simulation

Compartment model

- Heatsim
- KULI-Fluid substitution

Model generation in close cooperation with ECS

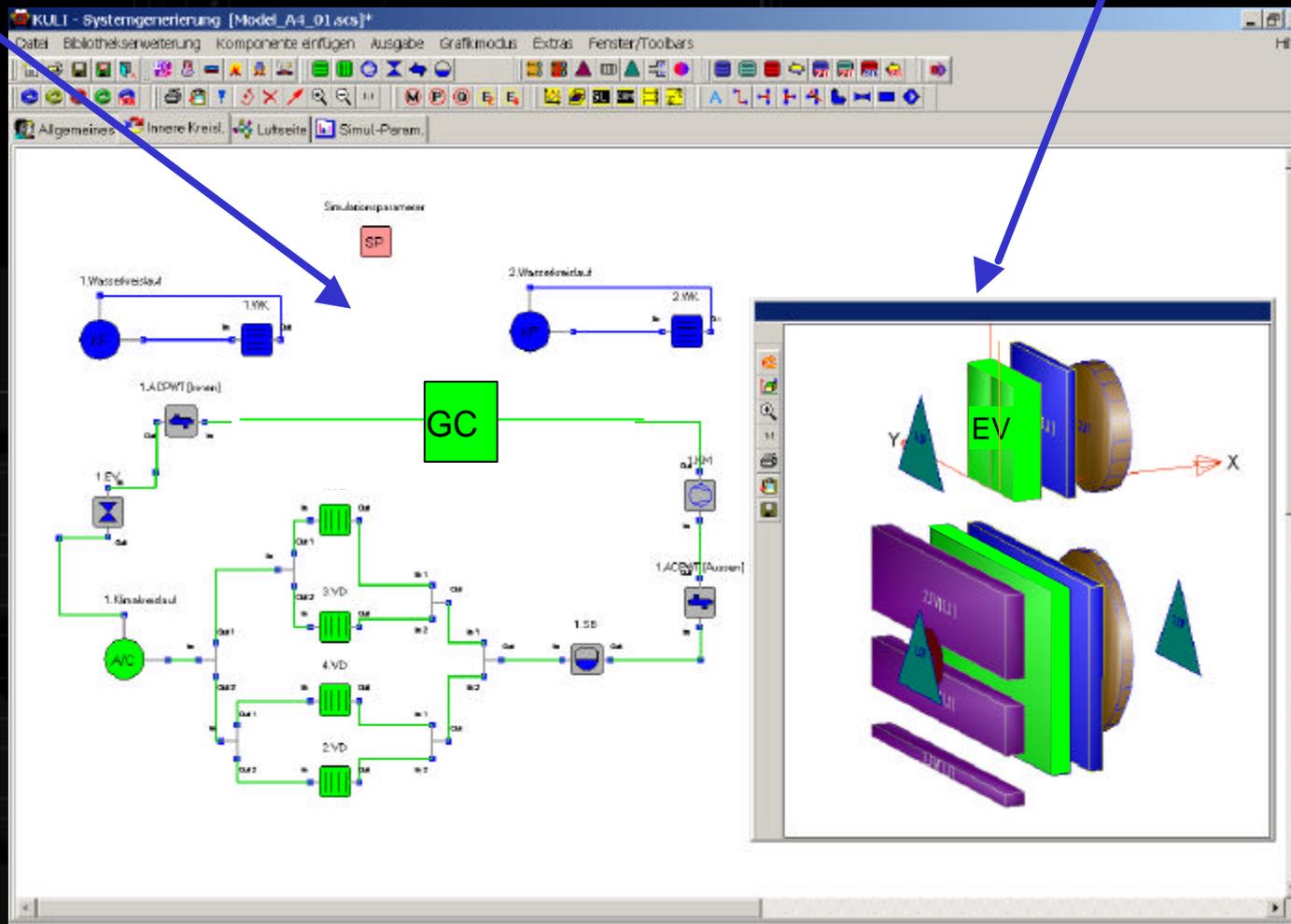
# Test facility - Wind tunnel



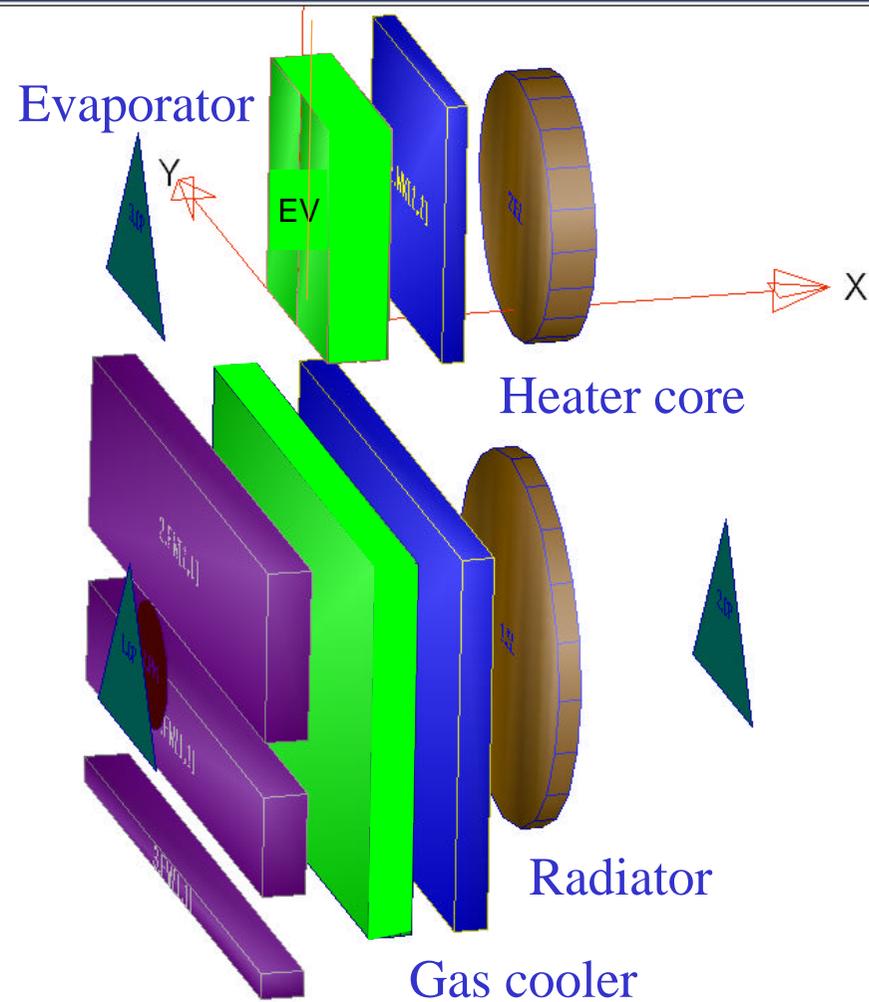
# KULI system

Inner circuits

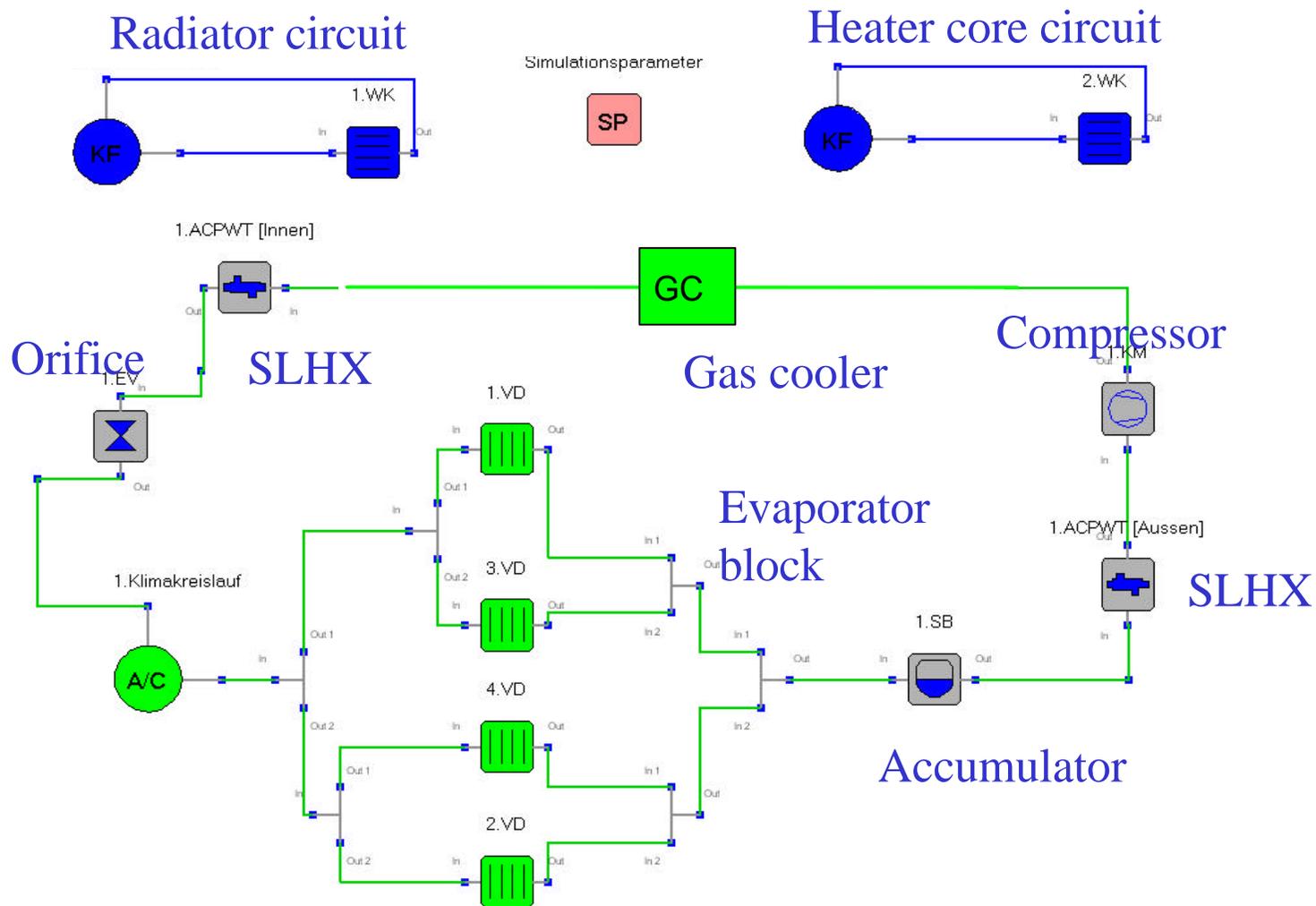
Air flow network



# Cooling system

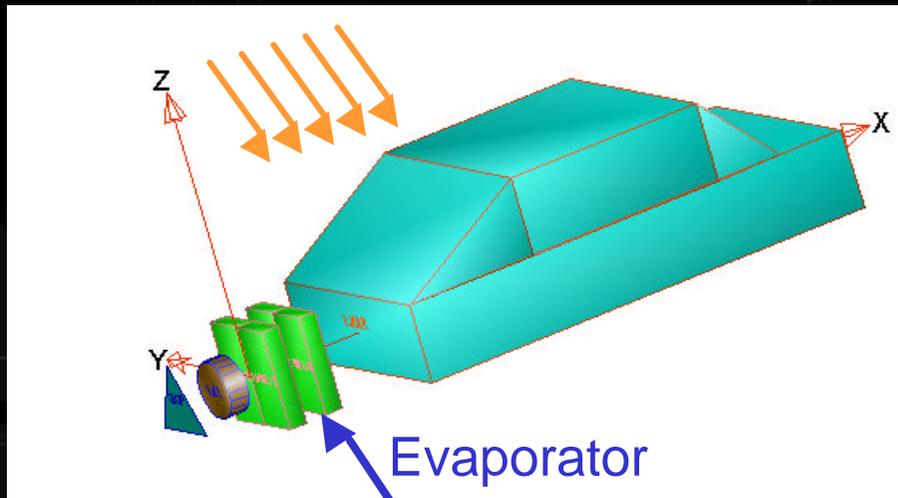


# Refrigerant system



# HEATSIM model

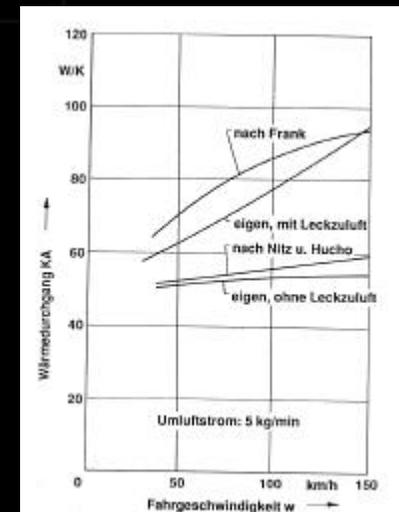
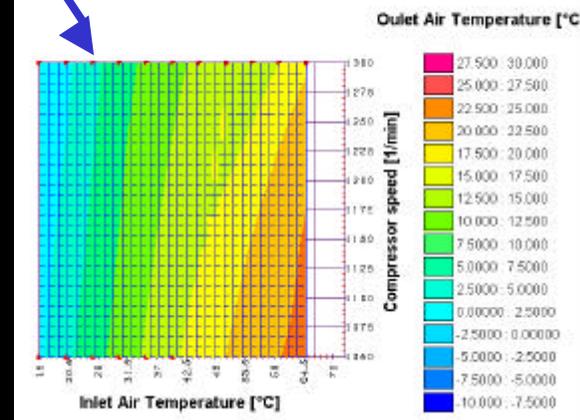
Radiation



Additional thermal compartment masses

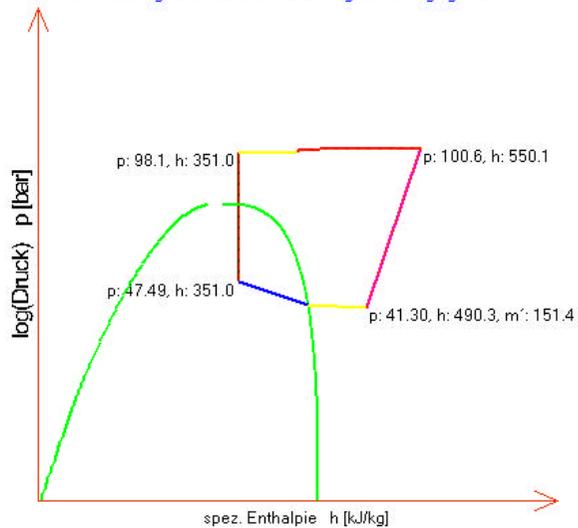
Passenger compartment, Heat transfer model

Performance map calculated in advance



# Refrigerant circuit results

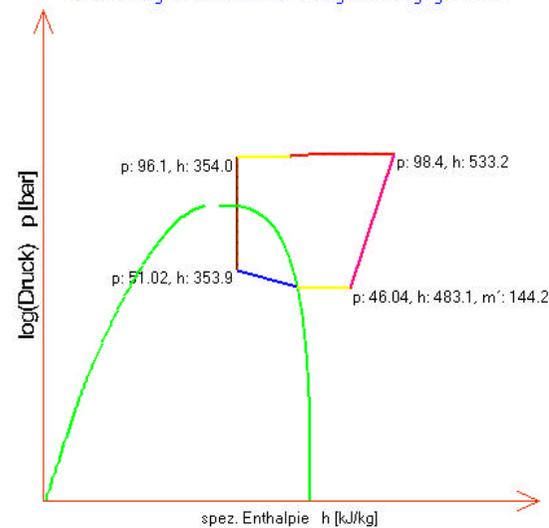
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1300 RPM

$T_{air,in} = 35^\circ\text{C}$

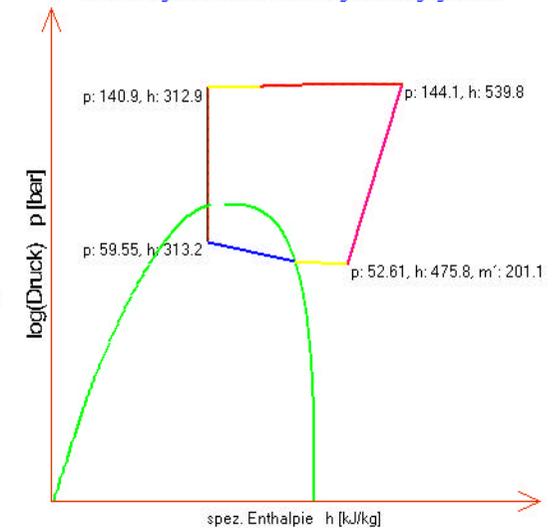
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1050 RPM

$T_{air,in} = 35^\circ\text{C}$

Abgleich Nr.: 9  
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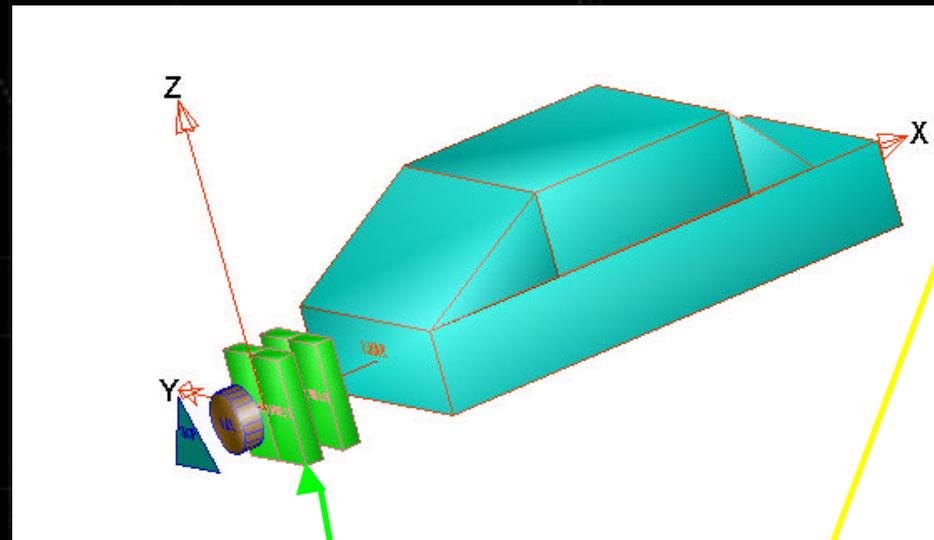
1300 RPM

$T_{air,in} = 65^\circ\text{C}$

Air side results at evaporator ➔ Input for performance map

# Substitute model

HEATSIM-Model

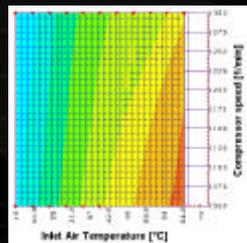


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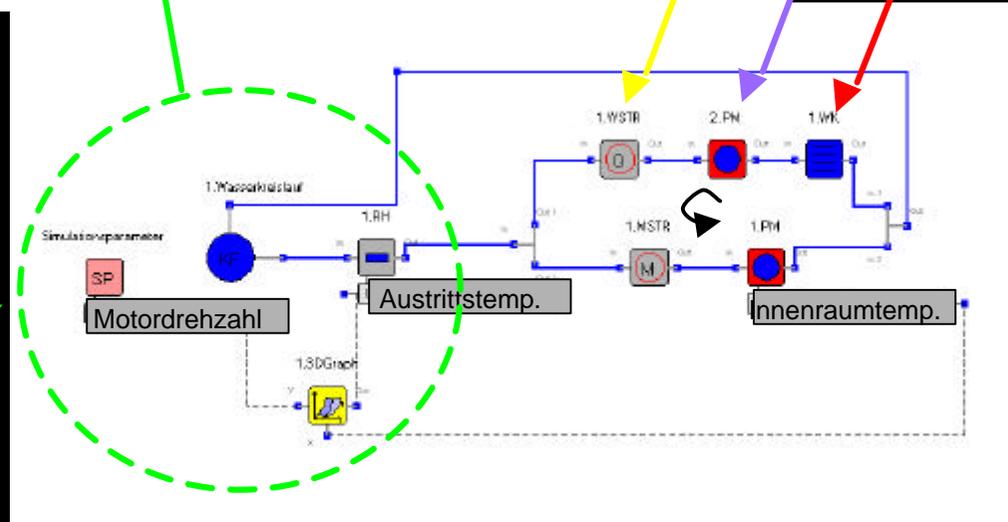
Compartment masses

Cabin model

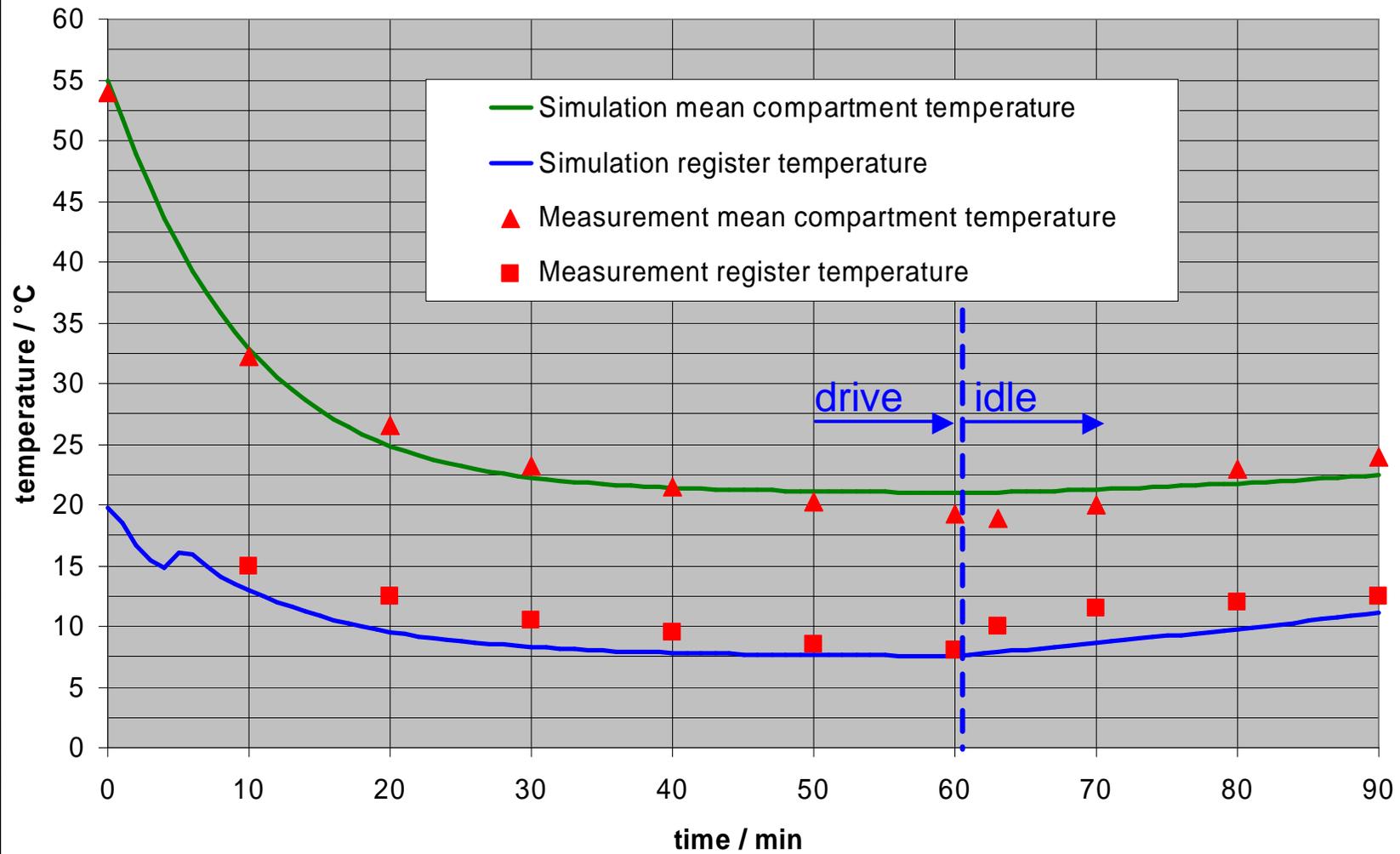
KULI-Fluid substitute



Evaporator model



# Pull down results



## Conclusion

- Accuracy of component models in Kuli-AC is satisfying.
- Pull down model is in reasonable agreement with measurement.
- Kuli-AC is flexible
  - ➔ AC branches
- Powerful air side model
  - ➔ link to engine cooling
  - ➔ air flow / temperature distribution

Advantage: **1** tool for engine cooling and AC simulation.