

# Thermal Management of Hybrid Electric Vehicles

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# Introduction

Some power train elements show a considerably lower efficiency in cold condition than at operating temperature:

- Engine
- Transmission
- Axle Transmission

Thermal Management:

control of heat flows in the vehicle dependent on the heat requirements of the components

→ Shorter warm-up phase

# Introduction

Two different concepts to reduce  
fuel consumption:

- Hybridization
- Thermal Management

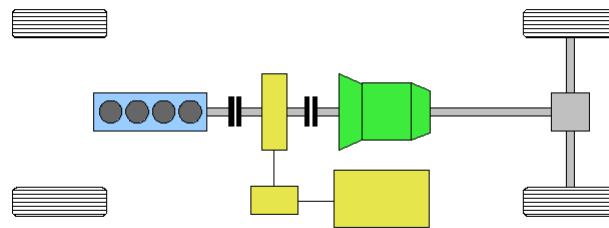
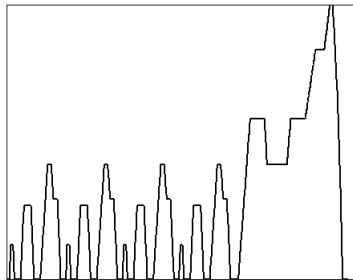
Is there an extra benefit in combining these two?

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# Simulation

## Vehicle model for longitudinal simulation



fuel  
consumption

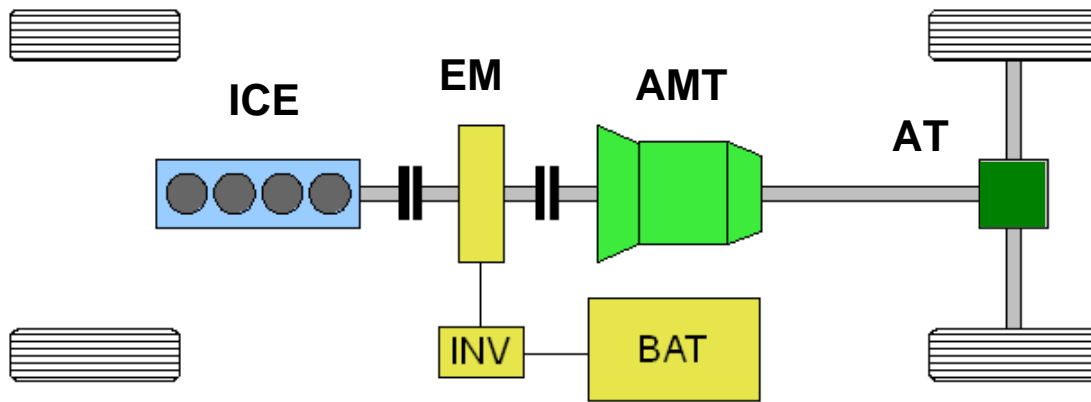
Extension of the simulation model:

Thermal behavior of the power train components

- warm-up behavior
- temperature dependence of the component efficiencies

# Vehicle

## Parallel Hybrid:



- ICE internal combustion engine
- EM electric machine
- AMT automated manual transmission
- AT axle transmission
- INV inverter
- BAT battery

## Conventional Vehicle:

ICE: 147 kW  
 mass: 1885 kg



## Hybrid:

EM: 35.5 kW  
 BAT: 2.6 kWh  
 mass: 2045 kg



# Operating Strategy

## **Operational states:**

- 1. Start / Stop**
- 2. Regenerative Braking**
- 3. Load point shifting**
- 4. Electrical driving**
- 5. Boost**
- 6. ICE driving**

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# Fuel Saving Potential (NEDC)

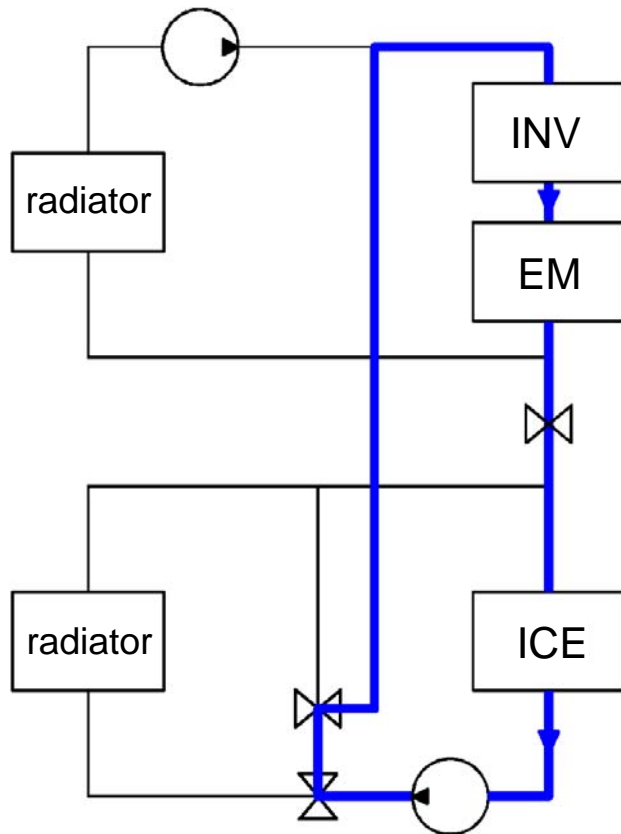
engine	transmission	axle transmission	fuel consumption, reduction	conventional vehicle	hybrid vehicle
cold	cold	cold	fuel consumption (reference)	9.06 l/100km	7.03 l/100km
warm	cold	cold	fuel consumption	8.72 l/100km	6.74 l/100km
			reduction	3.7 %	4.2 %
warm	warm	cold	fuel consumption	8.65 l/100km	6.64 l/100km
			reduction	4.5 %	5.5 %
warm	warm	warm	fuel consumption	8.55 l/100km	6.56 l/100km
			reduction	5.7 %	6.6 %

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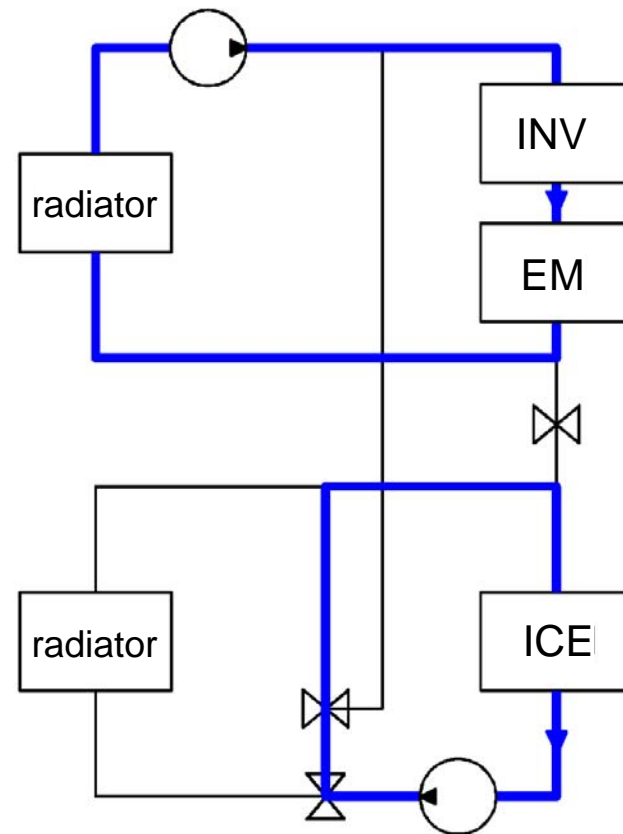
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# Utilization of thermal power losses of the electrical components

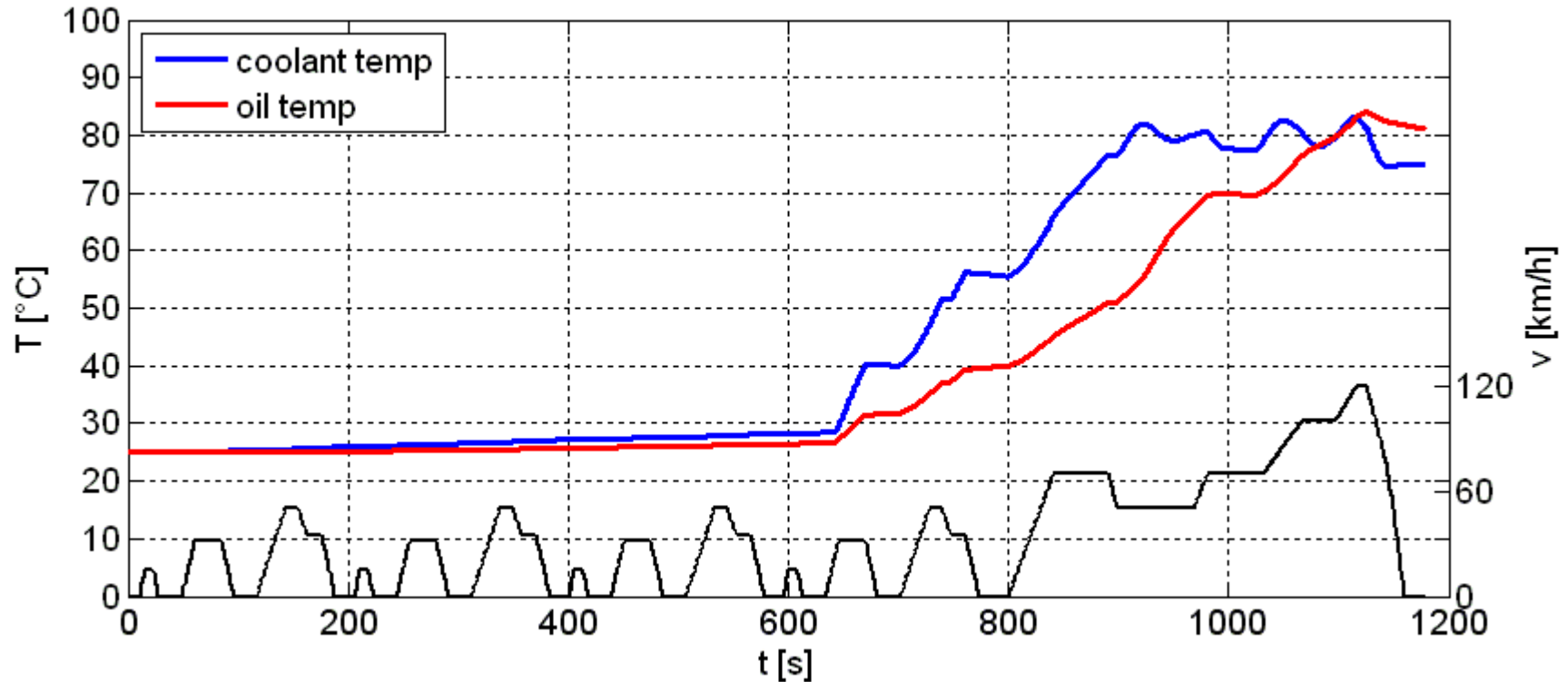
**engine pre-heating  
with electric driving**



**splitting of cooling circuits  
after engine start**



# Utilization of thermal power losses



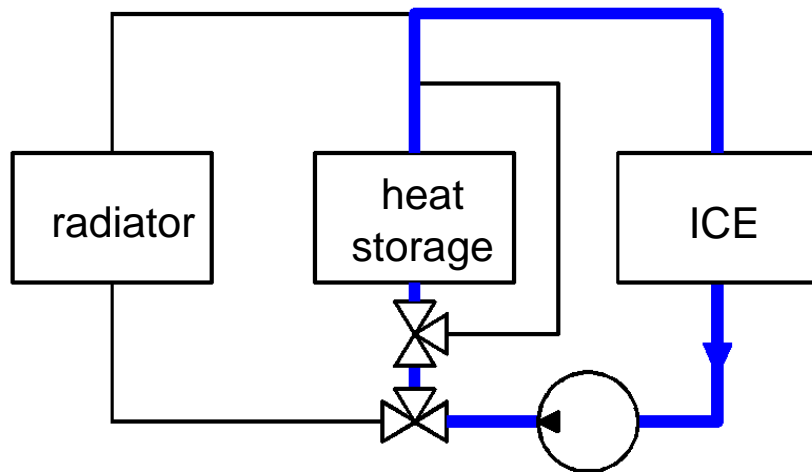
**3.1 % fuel saving**

but mainly due to the changes in the operating strategy

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# Heat Storage for Engine Heating



**coolant temperature at vehicle  
turn off:** 80 °C

**ambient temp.:** 25 °C

**Loss:** 4.5 W

**parking duration:** 12 h

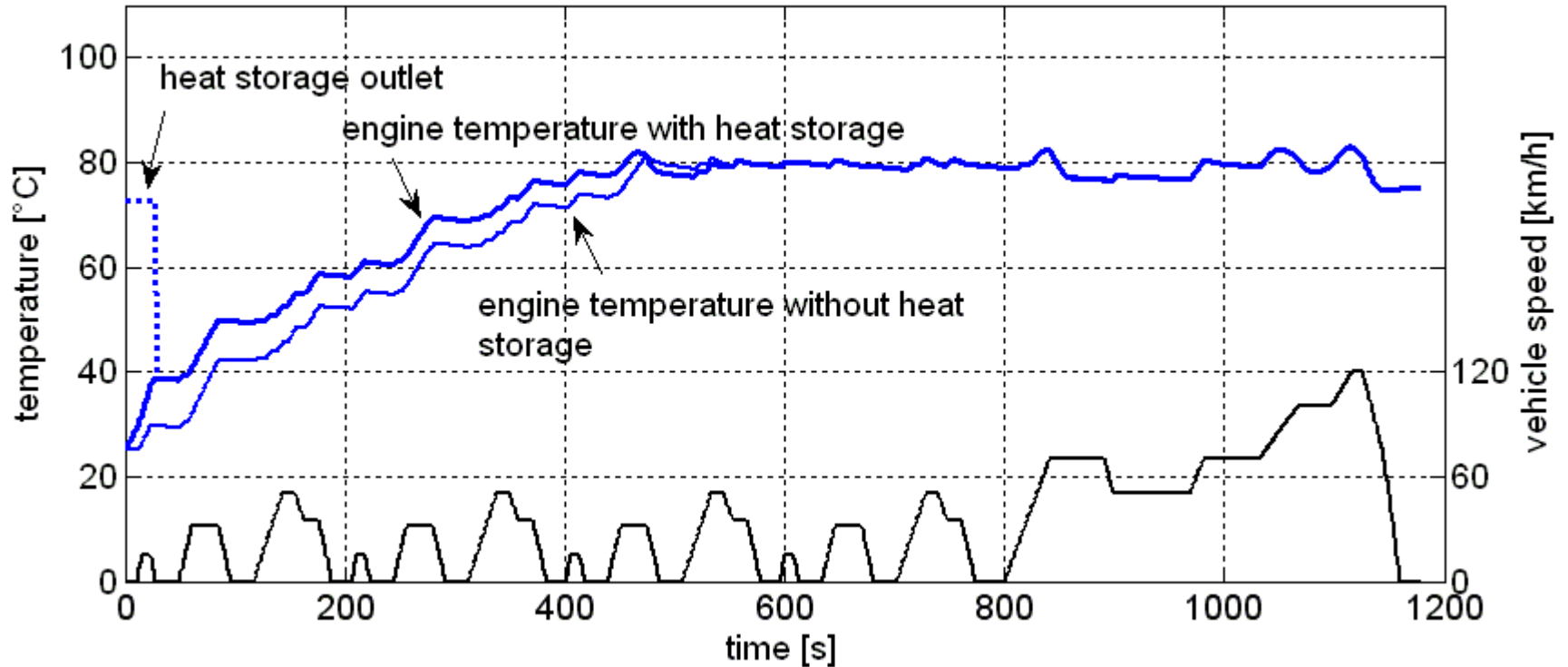
**coolant temperature in heat  
storage after 12 h:** 72.6 °C

**heat quantity:** 190 Wh

**Volume: 7.3 l**

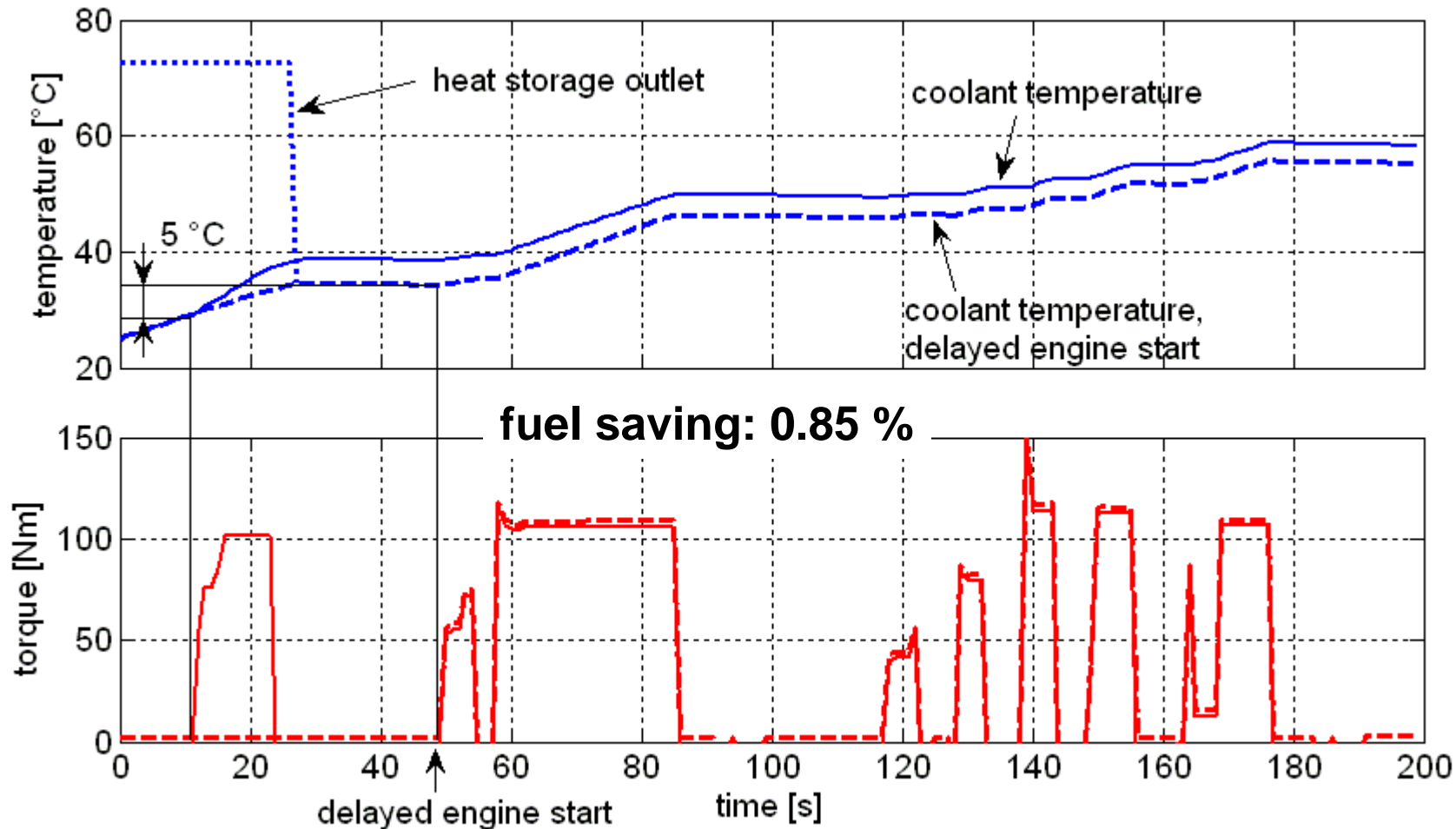


# Heat Storage for Engine Heating



**fuel saving: 0.71 %**

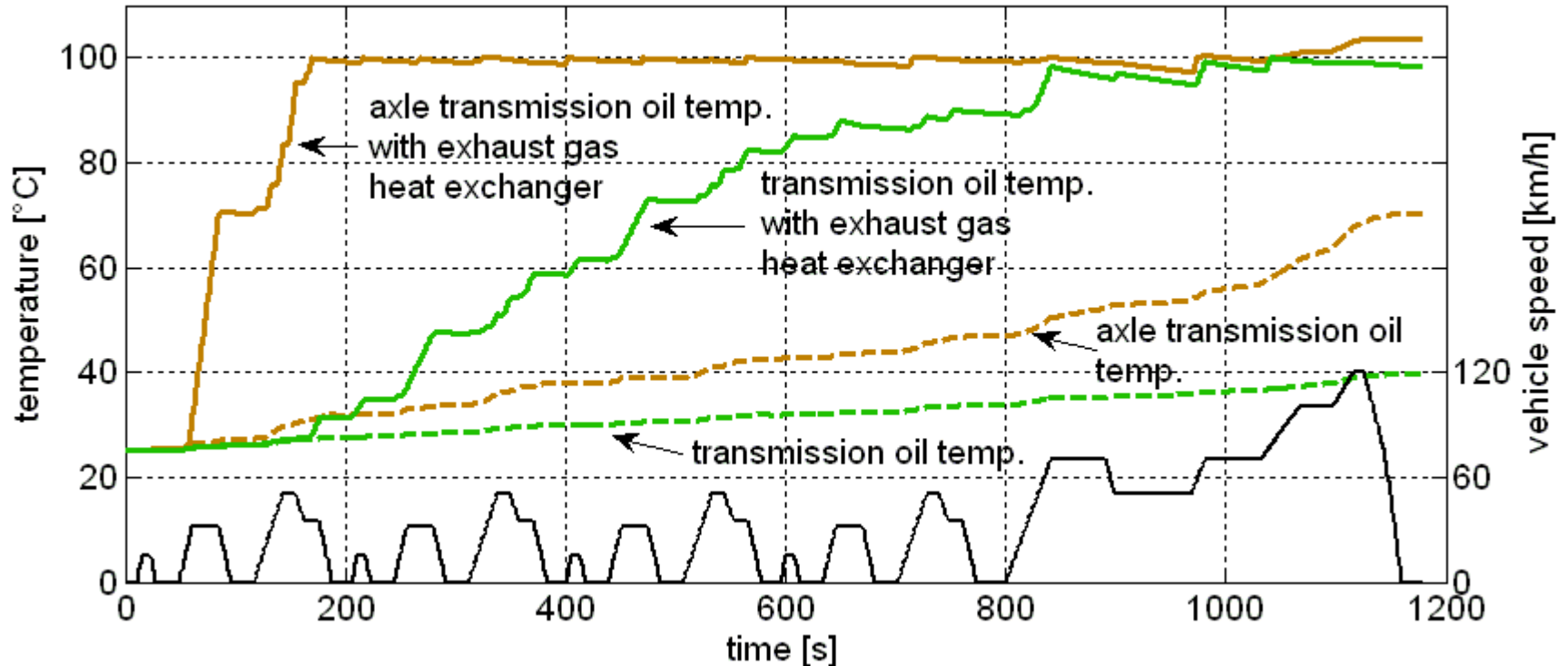
# Engine start delayed until heat storage is discharged



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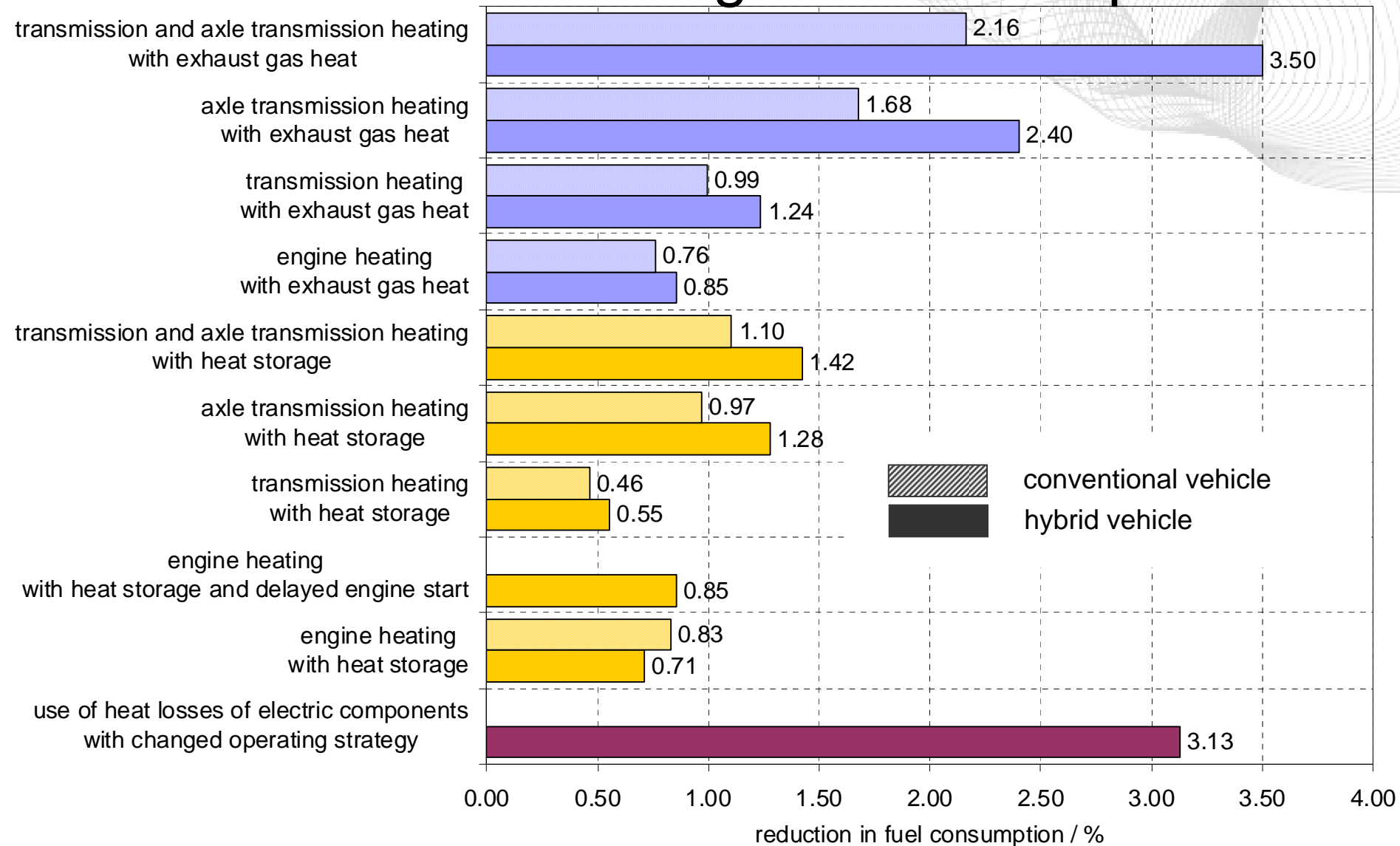
# Transmission and axle transmission heating with exhaust gas heat



**better transmission efficiency also improves regenerative braking**

**fuel saving: 3.5 %**

# Reductions in fuel consumption with different thermal management concepts



# Conclusion

- Some means of thermal management can be more efficiently applied in hybrids than in conventional vehicles
- More exhaust gas heat is available in the hybrid
- Thermal management measures targeting on the transmission or axle transmission are improving hybrid specific operational states (regenerative braking, electric driving)
- The efficient electric components provide little heat to be used for a thermal management

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