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# MC Formula Technical Overview

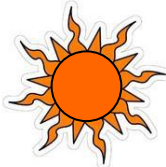
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# Overview – Worst Case Boundary Conditions

## Hot Case

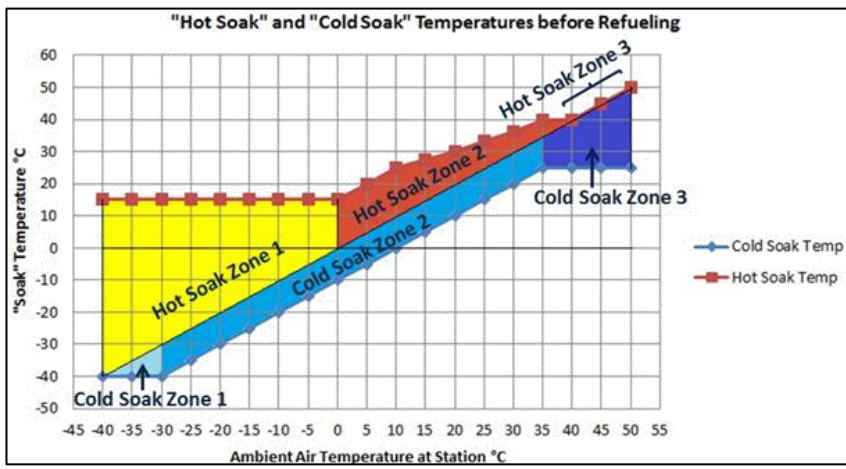


### Hot Soak

Park in the hot sun in summer or in heated garage during winter

**Hot Tank "Type 4" + Plastic Liner** + **Tank is at minimum pressure**

Because gas temperature in the tank is unknown, worst case assumptions must be used



## Cold Case

### Cold Soak

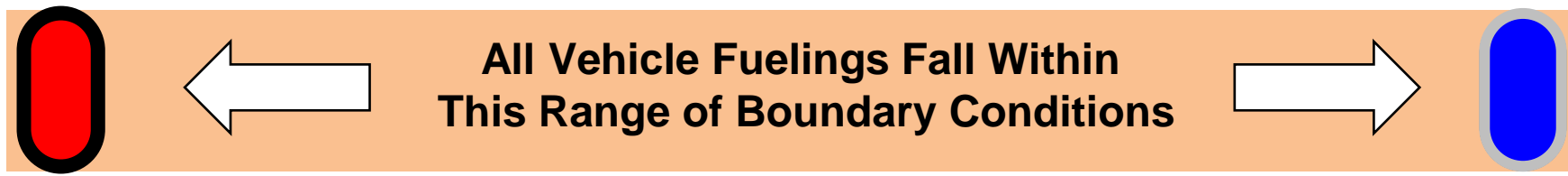
Park in the A/C garage

### + Defueling

Drive high speed on autobahn (rapid defueling)



**Cold Tank Small "Type 3" Aluminum Liner**



Hotter ending gas temperature ← Absorbs Heat Less

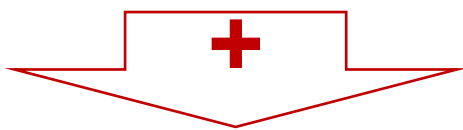
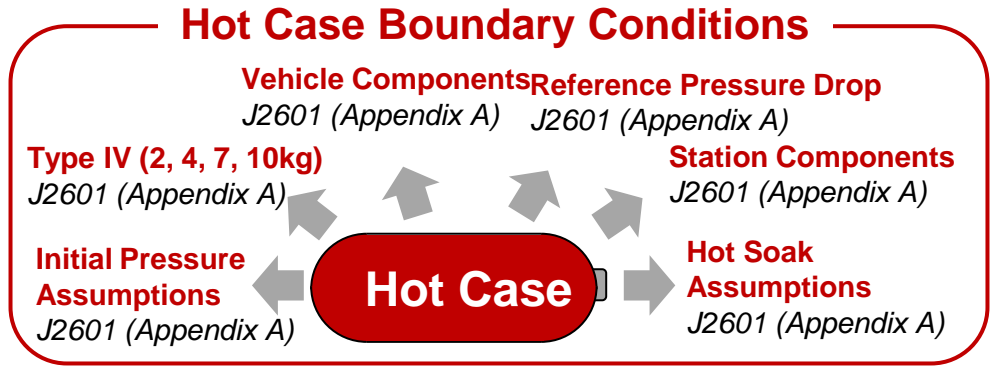
Absorbs Heat More → Colder ending gas temperature

**To Prevent Overheating:**  
Pressure Ramp Rate determined by Hot Case Boundary Conditions

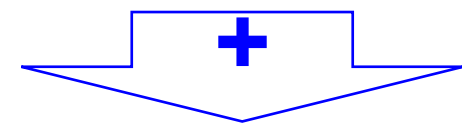
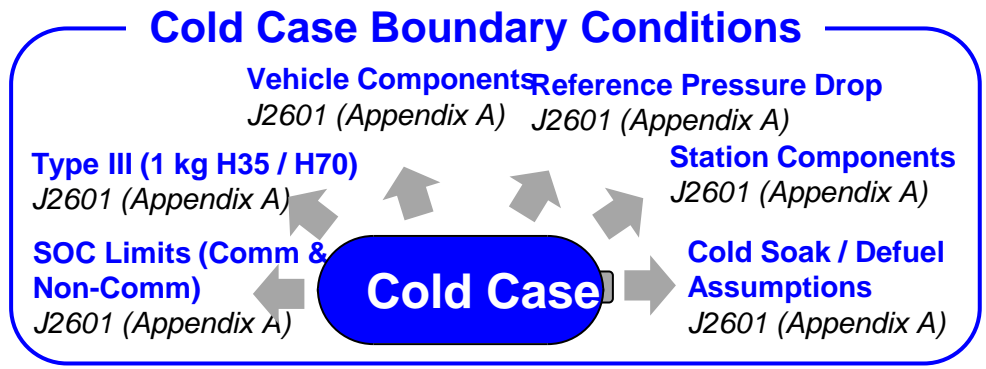
**To Prevent Overfilling:**  
End-of-fill pressure target determined by Cold Case

# Overview – Pressure Ramp Rate & Ending

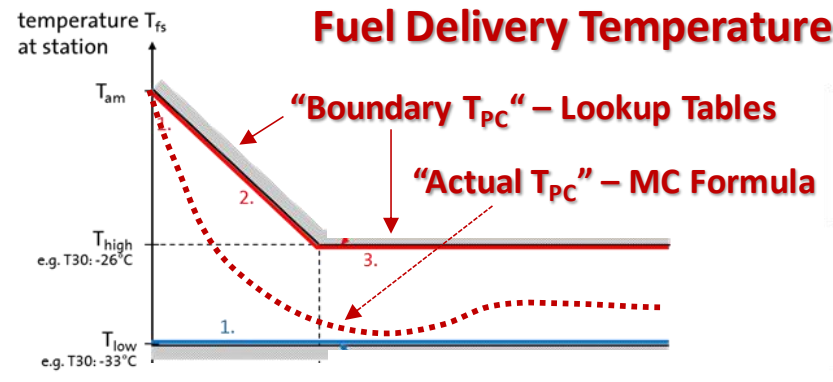
## Pressure Ramp Rate



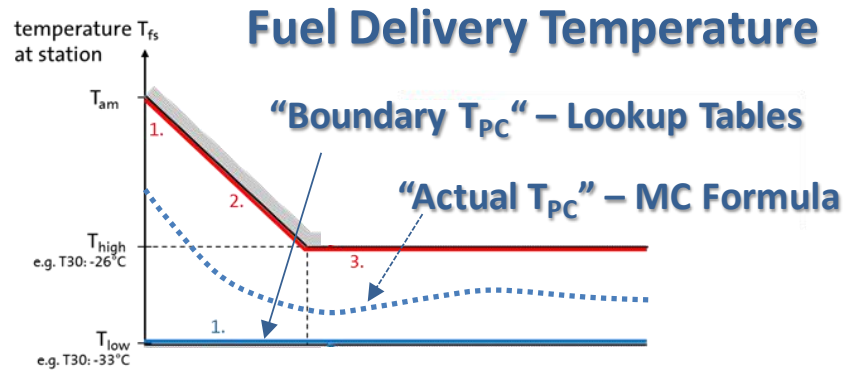
## Ending Pressure



## Fuel Delivery Temperature



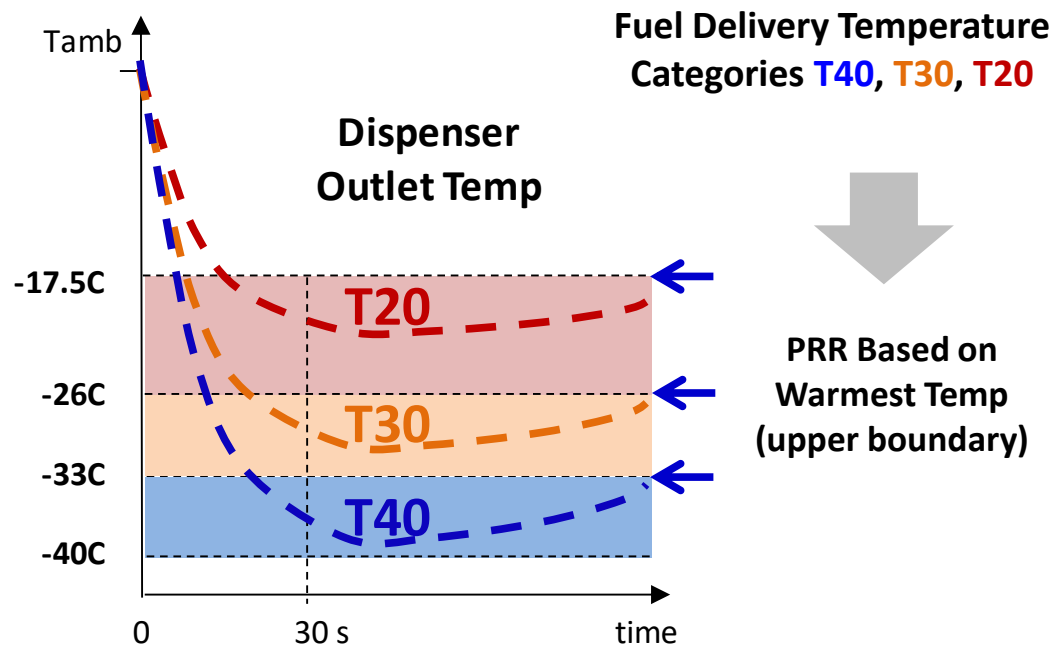
## Fuel Delivery Temperature



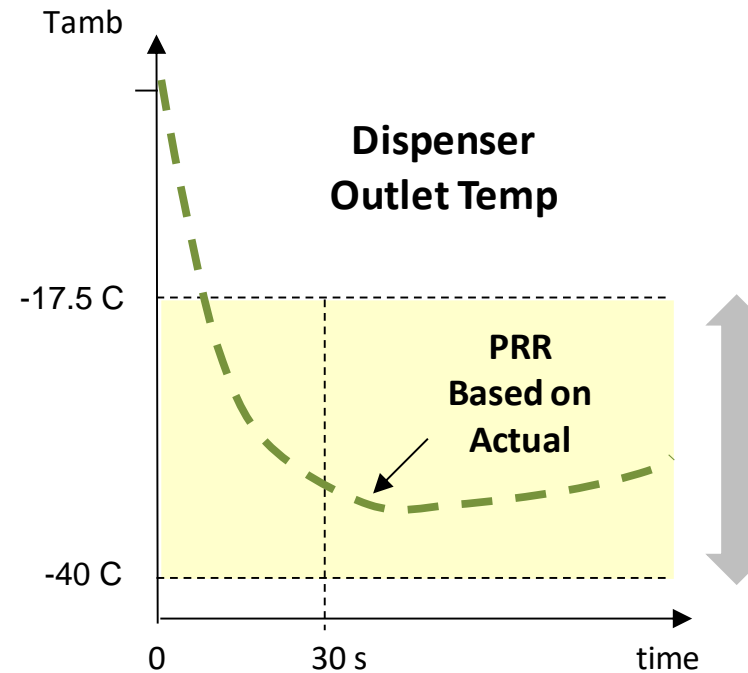
- In addition to the hot and cold case boundary conditions, the fuel delivery temperature also is used to determine the Pressure Ramp Rate and End-of-Fill Pressure Target

# Overview – Pressure Ramp Rate (PRR) Control Pressure

## Table Based Protocol

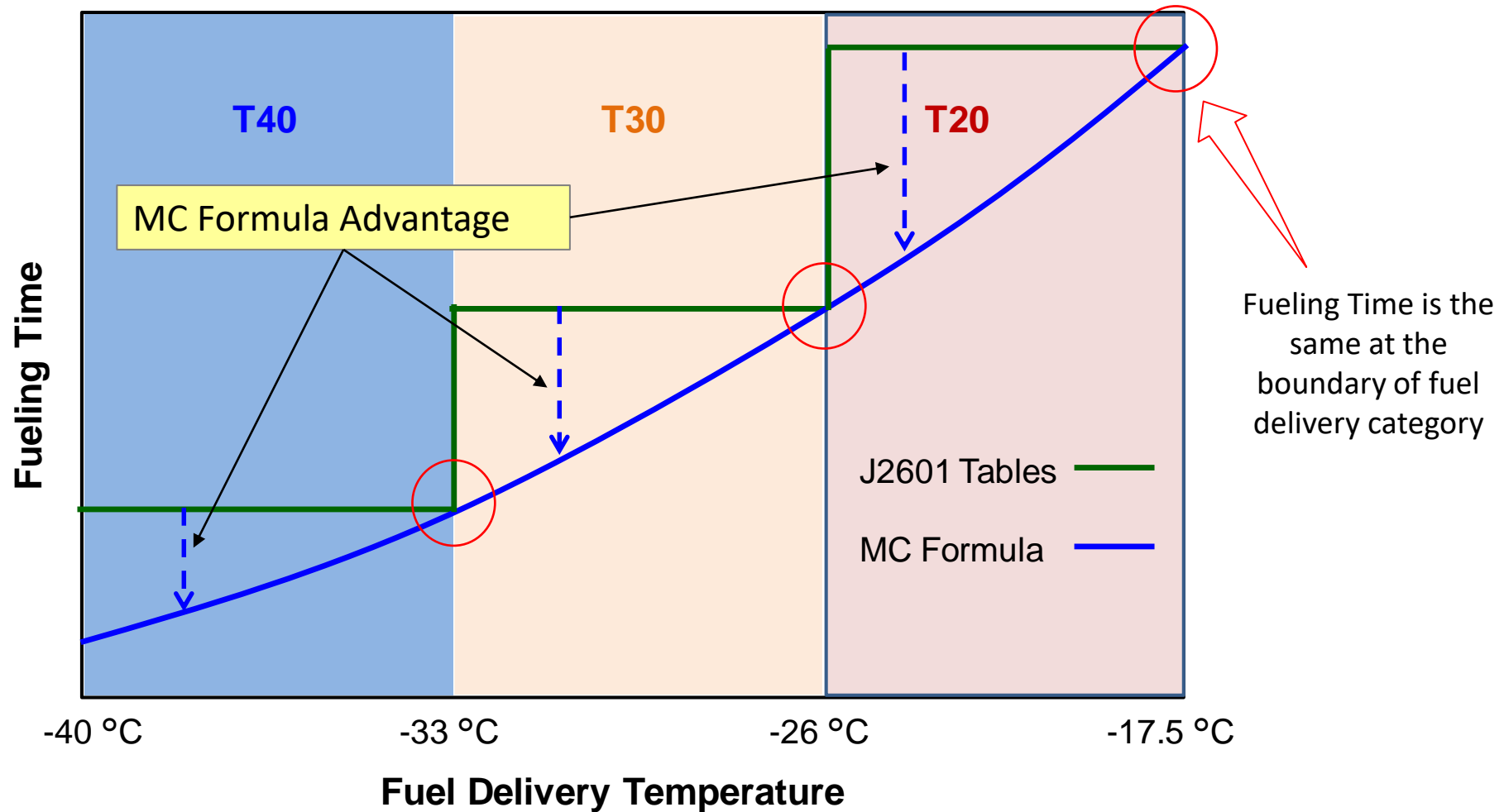


## MC Formula Protocol



- Table Protocol uses fuel delivery temperature categories, i.e. T40 must keep  $-40\text{ °C} \leq T_{\text{fuel}} \leq -33\text{ °C}$
- The upper boundary of these categories is used to determine PRR
- MC Formula protocol allows any fuel delivery temperature between  $-40\text{ °C} \leq T_{\text{fuel}} \leq -17.5\text{ °C}$

# Overview – Pressure Ramp Rate (PRR) Control Pressure



Fueling Time is the same at the boundary of fuel delivery category

- MC Formula protocol reduces fill time because it is directly a function of fuel delivery temperature
- J2601 Table protocol fill time is a function of upper boundary of the fuel delivery category (e.g. T40)

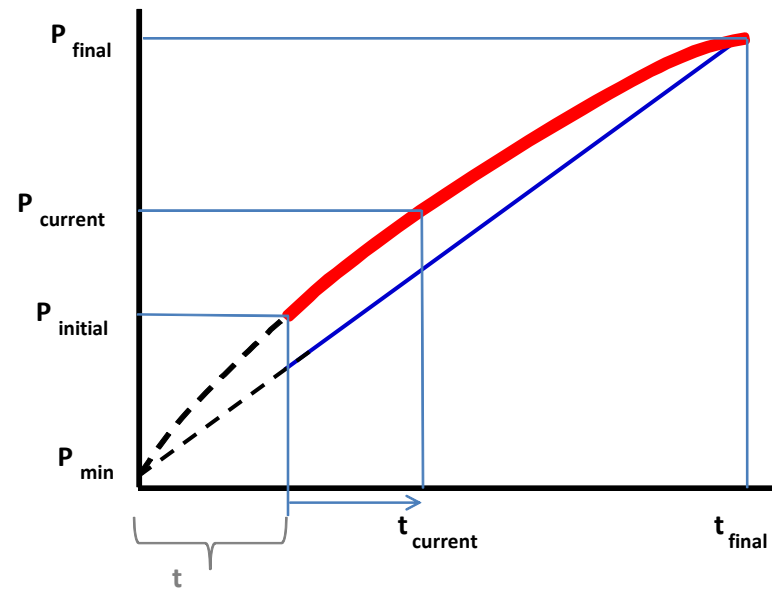
# Overview – Pressure Ramp Rate (PRR) Control Pressure

## Table Based Protocol

Fuel Delivery Temp input is constant (boundary)  
Therefore, **PRR is constant**

Constant Pressure  
Ramp Rate (PRR)

$$PRR = \frac{P_{final} - P_{min}}{t_{final}}$$



## MC Formula Protocol

Fuel Delivery Temp input is variable (actual)  
Therefore, **PRR is variable**

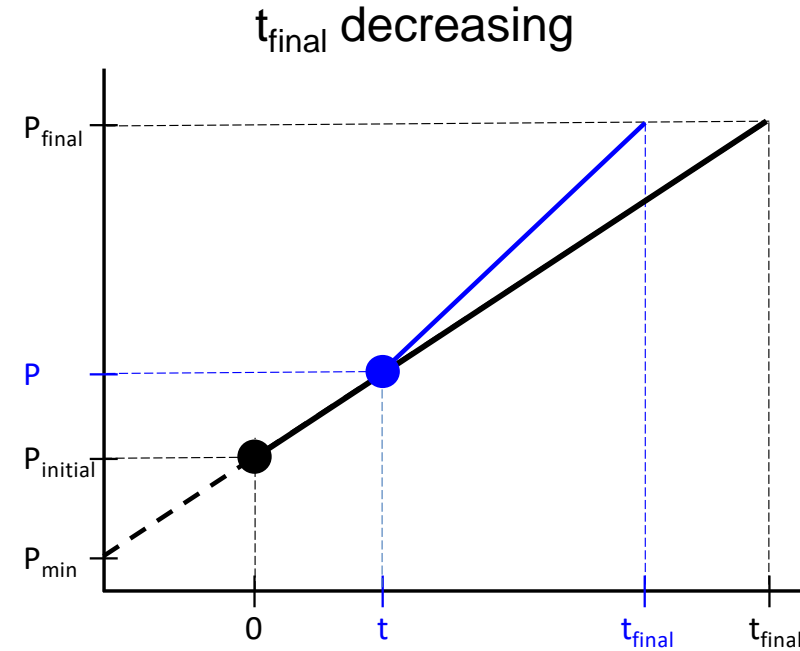
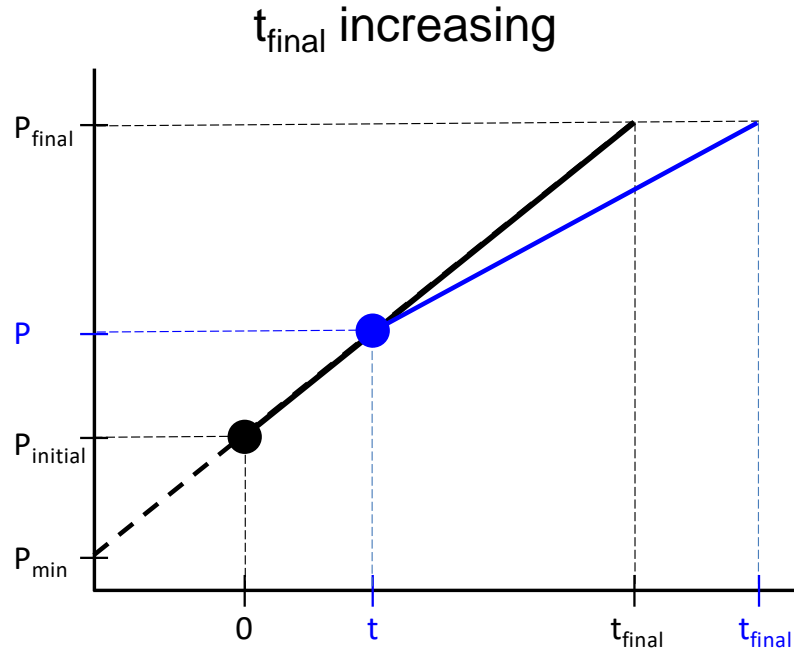
Variable Pressure Ramp Rate (PRR)

$$PRR = \frac{P_{final} - P_{current}}{t_{final} \times \left( \frac{P_{final} - P_{initial}}{P_{final} - P_{min}} \right) - t_{current}}$$

- PRR is a function of  $t_{final}$  →  $t_{final}$  = time required to fill from  $P_{min}$  to  $P_{final}$  under hot case

# Overview – Pressure Ramp Rate (PRR) Control Pressure

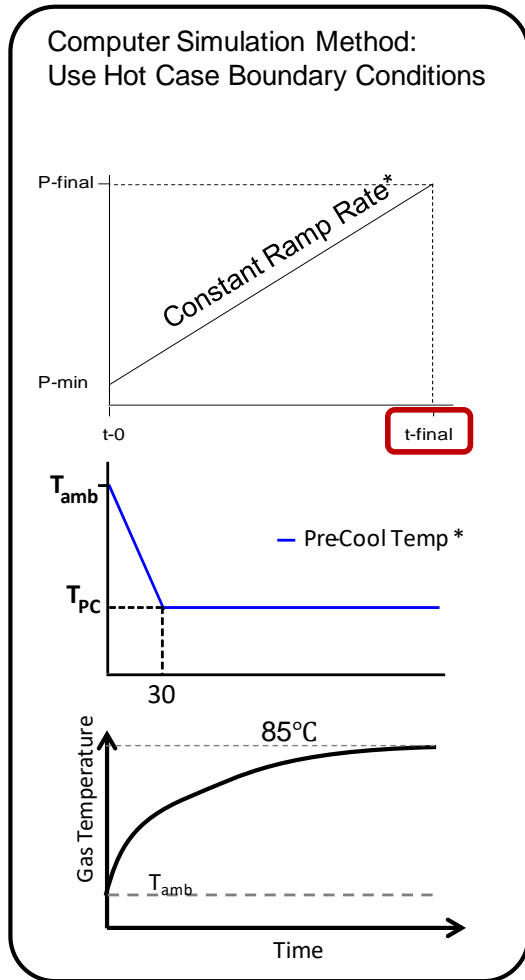
## Variable Ramp Rate Control



$$PRR = \frac{P_{\text{final}} - P}{t_{\text{final}} \times \left( \frac{P_{\text{final}} - P_{\text{initial}}}{P_{\text{final}} - P_{\text{min}}} \right) - t}$$

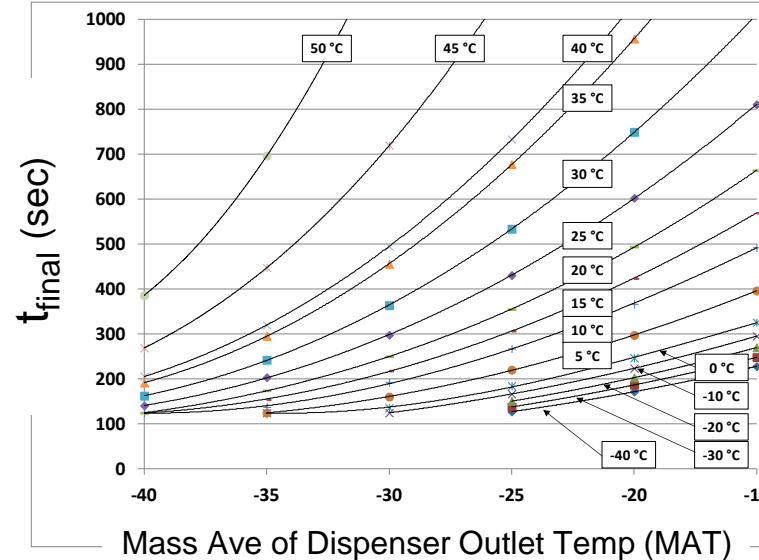
- PRR equation determines the rate of change of station pressure such that  $P_{\text{final}}$  is reached at time  $t_{\text{final}}$
- PRR is calculated & updated every second

# Overview – Derivation of $t_{final}$



- 6 fuel delivery temperatures
- 15 ambient temperatures
- 2 initial pressures
- 4 vessel sizes

720 Total Simulations



- Result is a continuous equation for each ambient temperature
- $R^2 = 0.999$

MAT = Mass Average  
of Dispenser Outlet  
Temperature

$$t_{final}(T_{amb}) = a_{(T_{amb})} \times MAT^3 + b_{(T_{amb})} \times MAT^2 + c_{(T_{amb})} \times MAT + d_{(T_{amb})}$$

- Computer Simulations conducted to calculate time required ( $t_{final}$ ) under HOT CASE Conditions
- A cubic polynomial regression fit of  $t_{final}$  vs MAT is utilized  $\rightarrow R^2 = 0.999$



# Overview – Calculation of $t_{final}$

$$t_{final}(T_{amb}) = a_{(T_{amb})} \times MATC^3 + b_{(T_{amb})} \times MATC^2 + c_{(T_{amb})} \times MATC + d_{(T_{amb})}$$

Where MATC represents the “mass average dispenser outlet temperature” used as the control input

T-amb	a	b	c	d
50	4.514388462E-01	-3.145142974E+02	7.306695058E+04	-5.659824740E+06
45	7.049933102E-02	-4.821054939E+01	1.102055079E+04	-8.419924911E+05
40	1.362862549E-02	-8.260815544E+00	1.651200338E+03	-1.084379676E+05
35	4.592256382E-03	-1.807162289E+00	1.120637098E+02	1.411203687E+04
30	4.285982632E-05	1.144067798E+00	-5.267907363E+02	6.026791301E+04
25	2.355885523E-04	7.644968907E-01	-3.838726125E+02	4.511675817E+04
20	2.020835458E-03	-7.232242970E-01	1.741969529E+01	9.783347285E+03
15	3.495653749E-03	-1.986079447E+00	3.646860190E+02	-2.124398236E+04
10	2.325930317E-03	-1.126206134E+00	1.528858512E+02	-3.779522713E+03
5	3.254083778E-03	-1.837957932E+00	3.334329553E+02	-1.895330972E+04
0	4.243090406E-03	-2.780202650E+00	6.113483920E+02	-4.509030496E+04
-10	5.895584098E-03	-4.046795945E+00	9.333096162E+02	-7.226120299E+04
-20	4.886261021E-03	-3.307007199E+00	7.515142270E+02	-5.729865936E+04
-30	5.968674400E-03	-4.154120397E+00	9.708272308E+02	-7.611219657E+04
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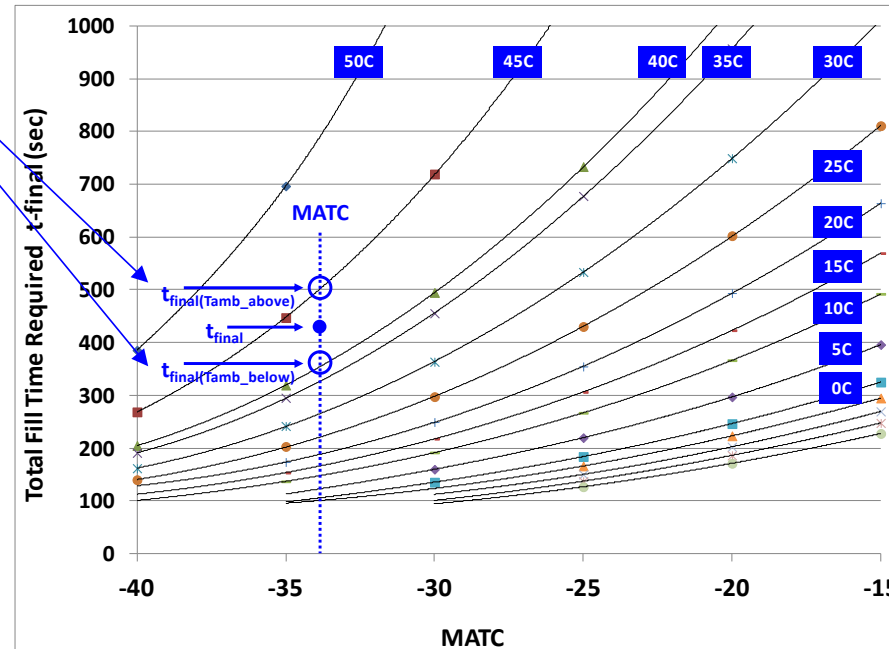


Table of coefficients a, b, c and d  
One table for each tank size (2, 4, 7, and 10 kg)

- Interpolation is used to calculate  $t_{final}$  for the ambient temperature
- For a given CHSS volume category,  $t_{final}$  is calculated for the upper and lower boundary tanks and the most conservative value is used.

- The  $t_{final}$  value used in the pressure ramp rate equation is determined by the  $t_{final}$  equation and interpolation on  $T_{amb}$

# Overview – Structure of $t_{final}$ Coefficient Tables

## J2601 Lookup Tables

H35 H70

CHSS Volume	Station Type	Non-Comm		CHSS Volume	Station Type	Non-Comm	
		Comm	Comm			Comm	Comm
2.4 to 4.2kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]	2 to 4kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]
	T30	[Table]	[Table]		T30	[Table]	[Table]
	T20	[Table]	[Table]		T20	[Table]	[Table]
4.2 to 6.0kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]	4 to 7kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]
	T30	[Table]	[Table]		T30	[Table]	[Table]
	T20	[Table]	[Table]		T20	[Table]	[Table]
7 to 10kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]	7 to 10kg	T40	[Table]	[Table]
	T30	[Table]	[Table]		T30	[Table]	[Table]
	T20	[Table]	[Table]		T20	[Table]	[Table]

30 Tables

## MC Formula

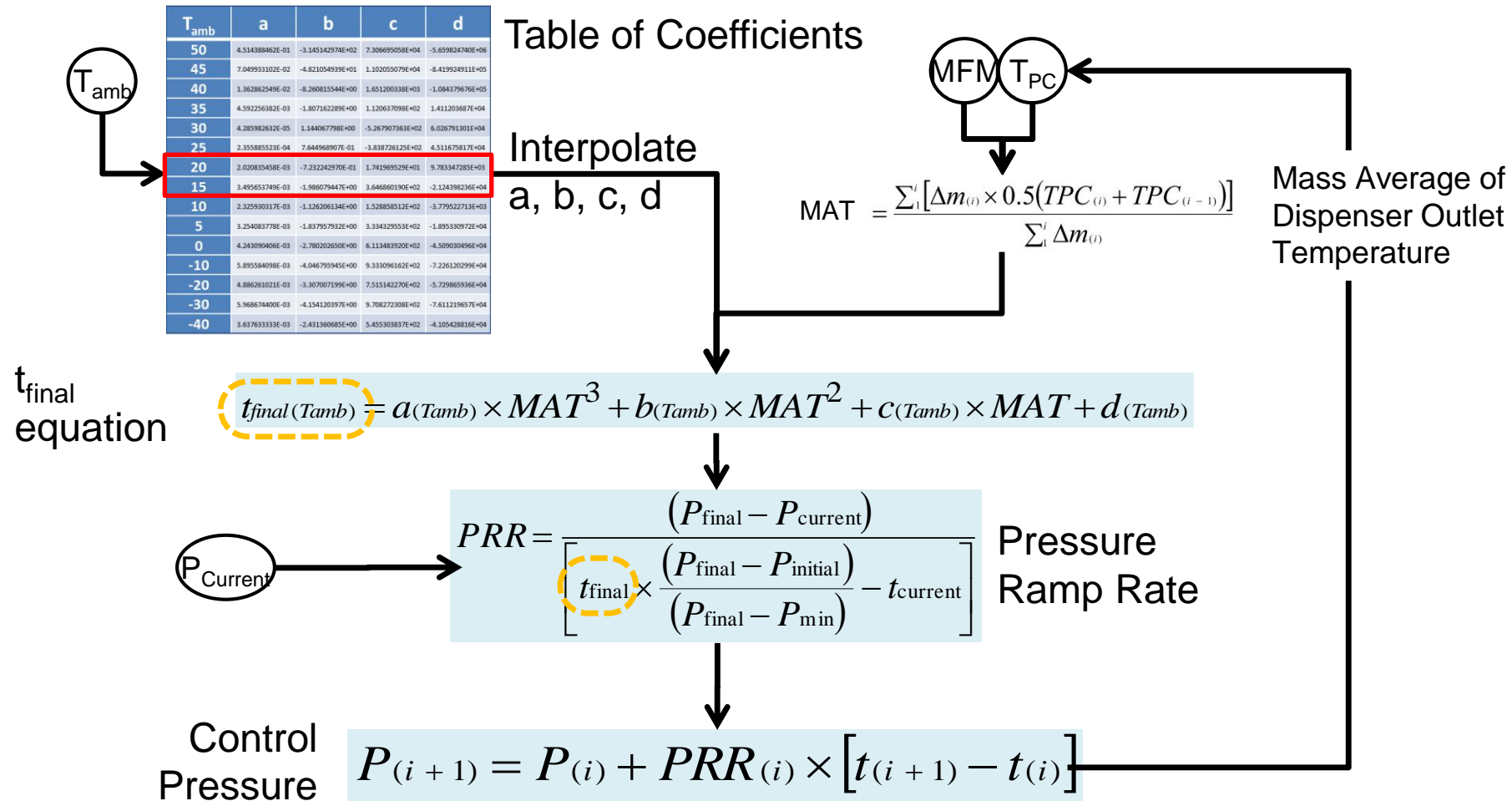
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CHSS Volume	$P_0 < 5MPa$		$P_0 \geq 5MPa$	
	a	b	c	d
2 to 4kg	2kg tank		2kg tank	
	4kg tank		4kg tank	
	7kg tank		7kg tank	
4 to 7kg	7kg tank		7kg tank	
	10kg tank		10kg tank	
7 to 10kg	10kg tank		10kg tank	
	10kg tank		10kg tank	

8 Tables

- MC Formula uses 8 coefficient tables versus 30 tables for the Lookup Table Method

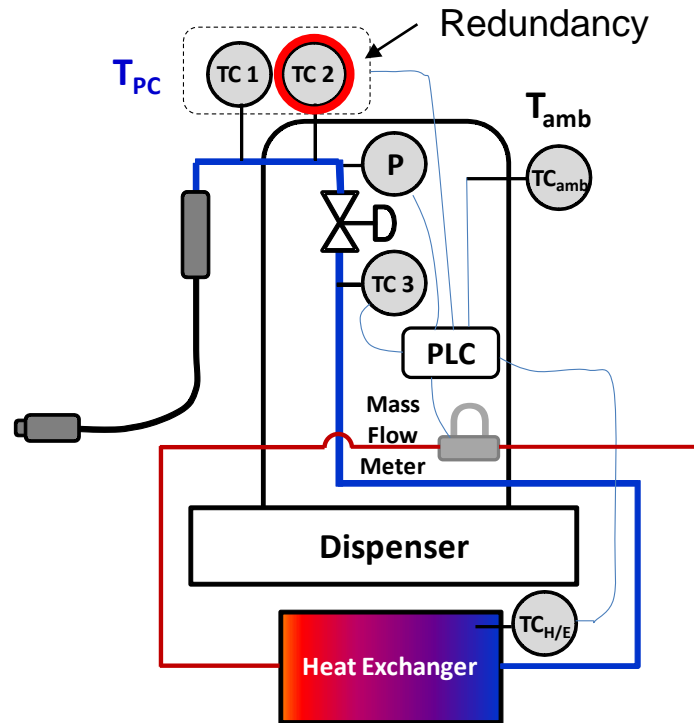
# Overview – How $t_{\text{final}}$ is used



- $t_{\text{final}}$  equation coefficients  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$  are chosen from table and then interpolated on ambient temp
- MAT is calculated continuously and input to  $t_{\text{final}}$  equation to calculate  $t_{\text{final}}$
- PRR and Control Pressure is calculated as a function of  $t_{\text{final}}$  and current pressure  $P_{\text{current}}$

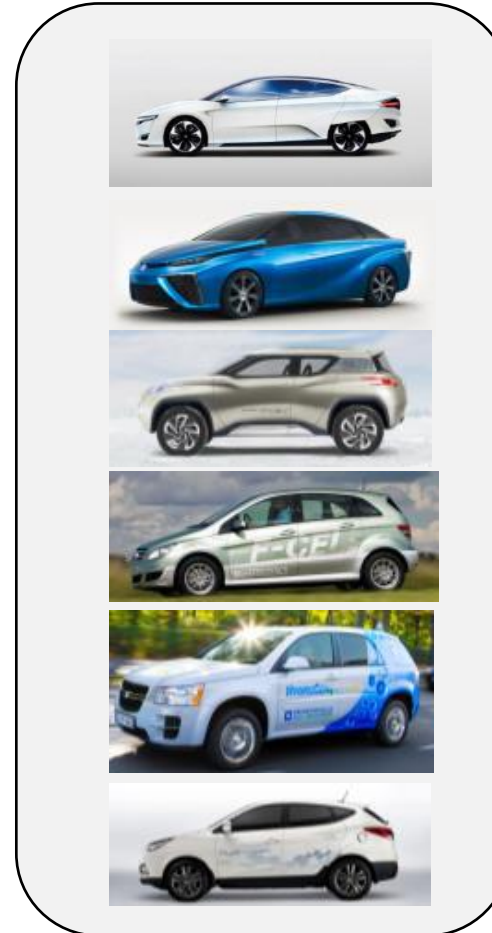
# Overview – Requirements

## Station Requirements:



Because the fuel delivery temperature is directly used to calculate the pressure ramp rate, it should have a high reliability, i.e. redundant sensors.

## Vehicle Requirements:



Same as Table-based (no additional requirements for MC Formula)

- Redundance should be used for the fuel delivery temperature measurement – vehicle requirements are same as table-based

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