

# Research on Energy Consumption Evaluation of Electric Vehicle Considering Air Conditioning Energy Consumption

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9       **Abstract** This article discusses how to accurately evaluate the whole vehicle energy  
10 consumption under different refrigeration and heating working states of electric  
11 vehicles. Firstly, using the actual driving test data of electric vehicle, the weight  
12 coefficients of electric vehicle under refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating were  
13 obtained by algorithm. Then, the above weight coefficient was combined with the  
14 drum test results to obtain the annual comprehensive 100km energy consumption  
15 value of the vehicle, at the same time, the comprehensive energy consumption value  
16 of 100km of the vehicle under different comfort control modes of electric vehicle was  
17 analyzed. The related vehicle tests were carried out, the simulation and experimental  
18 results showed that the weight coefficient obtained by the least square method can  
19 better reflect the real energy consumption of the whole vehicle, the evaluation method  
20 of 100km energy consumption of electric vehicle proposed in this paper is a feasible  
21 evaluation method.

22       **Key words:** vehicle energy consumption test; least square method; air conditioning  
23 energy consumption; comfort control modes of electric vehicle

24       **1. Instruction**

25 Compared with traditional vehicles, researchers and users pay more attention to the  
26 parameters related to energy consumption, such as energy consumption loss and  
27 driving range of electric vehicles (Corazza et al. 2021,Cvok 2021,Fan et al. 2021). In  
28 addition, because the energy consumption of the accessory system of the electric  
29 vehicle comes from the battery (Li et al. 2018), and the energy consumption of the  
30 accessory system of the fuel vehicle comes from the internal combustion engine, the  
31 accessory energy consumption has a greater impact on the energy consumption of the  
32 electric vehicle during the use of the electric vehicle air conditioner(Zhao et al. 2020).  
33 Therefore, it is particularly urgent to study the impact of the accessory energy  
34 consumption on the energy consumption evaluation of the whole vehicle.

35 Summarizing the existing research results, the research on the impact of accessory  
36 energy consumption on the energy consumption of new energy electric vehicles is as  
37 follows. Takahisa Suzuki(Suzuki 2018) proposed and developed a new electric air  
38 conditioning system, and tested the energy consumption of the vehicle at different  
39 temperatures. Malakondaiah Naidu (Naidu et al.2005), Masahiko Makino (Makino et  
40 al. 2003) and others have conducted in-depth research on various components of the  
41 accessory system, especially the systematic analysis and research on the key  
42 components of the electric air conditioning system. At the same time, they have  
43 conducted the energy consumption test of the accessory system and the vehicle, and  
44 obtained the influence law of the key components of the air conditioning on the  
45 energy consumption of the vehicle. Du Qian and others tested the energy consumption  
46 of hybrid electric vehicles under different refrigeration and heating working

47 conditions of electric vehicles. In addition, they studied the impact of different  
48 refrigeration and heating working conditions of electric vehicles on vehicle energy  
49 consumption and emissions. The test results show that the energy consumption of the  
50 vehicle increases by about 40% after the air conditioner is turned on (Qian 2008). Wu  
51 Zhongbin and others compared and analyzed the energy consumption of the vehicle  
52 under the cycle condition with and without considering the energy consumption of  
53 accessories, and rematched the voltage and capacity of the power battery on the  
54 premise of meeting the vehicle range(Wu 2012). Taking a certain model of bus as an  
55 example, Min Haitao and others carried out simulation calculation on the key parts of  
56 the electric air conditioning system, analyzed and compared the impact of the key  
57 parts of the air conditioning on the economy and endurance of the electric vehicle, and  
58 analyzed and compared the impact degree of different key parts (Min 2009).

59 In order to better develop and apply electric vehicles, the evaluation methods of  
60 energy consumption of electric vehicles considering accessory systems are  
61 summarized. Corresponding specifications and standards have been formulated in  
62 Europe and the United State (John 2016, López 2020) Europe previously proposed  
63 MACTP(Mobile Air Conditioning Test Procedure) cycle to conduct energy  
64 consumption test for the use of air conditioning in the vehicle. The United States also  
65 introduced SC03 air conditioning cycle into the five working condition method of fuel  
66 consumption test in 2008 and further introduced AC17 test cycle in 2013. In AC17  
67 test cycle, air conditioning is rewarded based on the advanced technology adopted by  
68 air conditioning, This cycle is also applicable to the energy consumption evaluation of

69 electric vehicles(Wu et al. 2015). In the process of electric vehicle development,  
70 China's vehicle enterprises mostly use the specifications of traditional fuel vehicle  
71 air conditioning energy consumption test or enterprise specifications in air  
72 conditioning energy consumption test (Qi 2021,Silva et al.2021).

73 To sum up, there are many researches on reducing the energy consumption of the  
74 vehicle. The research on the impact of accessories on the energy consumption of the  
75 vehicle mainly focuses on building the accessory model based on the vehicle model,  
76 so as to analyze the impact of accessories on the energy consumption of the vehicle.  
77 As for the research on the vehicle energy consumption test of electric vehicle  
78 considering the accessory energy consumption, the manufacturers have considered the  
79 impact of accessory energy consumption on the whole vehicle energy consumption to  
80 varying degrees when conducting product test, but the research on the evaluation  
81 method of electric vehicle energy consumption based on accessory energy  
82 consumption is not very sufficient and specific. In addition, there is no research on the  
83 impact of accessory energy consumption on the evaluation method of electric vehicle  
84 energy consumption based on human comfort index in the previous literature. It is  
85 very necessary to study the impact of accessory energy consumption, especially air  
86 conditioning energy consumption, on the evaluation method of electric vehicle energy  
87 consumption.

88 Aiming at the problem of how to accurately evaluate the whole vehicle energy  
89 consumption under different refrigeration and heating working states of electric  
90 vehicles, based on the actual driving test data of electric vehicle, the weight

91 coefficients of electric vehicle under different working conditions of annual  
92 refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating are obtained, combined with the results of  
93 drum test, the 100km energy consumption of the whole vehicle is obtained, the  
94 accuracy of vehicle energy consumption evaluation results is improved, at the same  
95 time, the comprehensive 100km energy consumption of electric vehicle under  
96 different control modes is analyzed, which provides a new evaluation method for  
97 introducing air conditioning energy consumption into electric vehicle energy  
98 consumption evaluation.

## 99 **2. The mathematical problems to be solved for the research problems proposed**

100 In the previous research on the energy consumption test of electric vehicles, the  
101 impact of accessory energy consumption on the energy consumption of electric  
102 vehicles is less considered. In this paper, the impact of air conditioning energy  
103 consumption and heater energy consumption on the energy consumption of the whole  
104 vehicle under the refrigeration and heating conditions of electric vehicles is mainly  
105 considered. When calculating the annual comprehensive energy consumption of  
106 electric vehicles considering the influence of air conditioning energy consumption and  
107 heater energy consumption, in order to achieve better calculation results, it is very  
108 necessary to identify the weight coefficient of electric vehicles under refrigeration,  
109 heating and uncooled heating conditions(Li 2021).

110 The purpose of parameter identification is to comprehensively determine the weight  
111 coefficient of the electric vehicle under different working states according to the  
112 tested values corresponding to the energy consumption of the vehicle under different

113 working states of the electric vehicle, and then combined with the vehicle test data  
114 under different cooling and heating states of the test vehicle, comprehensively obtain  
115 the 100km energy consumption value of the test vehicle. There are many commonly  
116 used parameter identification methods, among which the least square method has the  
117 advantages of simple implementation and easy understanding of the principle. The  
118 recursive least square method is also a method often used in the least square method.  
119 In this paper, the recursive least square method is used to identify and calculate the  
120 parameters for the weight coefficients under different working states of electric  
121 vehicle refrigeration and heating.

122 According to the above ideas, annual 100km comprehensive energy consumption of  
123 electric vehicles in the whole year  $FC_{tot}$  is listed as follows:

$$124 \quad FC_{tot} = \alpha_1 FC_r + \alpha_2 FC_n + \alpha_3 FC_h \quad (1)$$

125 Where,

126  $FC_r$  ——Energy consumption per 100km under electric vehicle refrigeration,  
127 unit: kwh / 100km;

128  $FC_n$  —— Energy consumption per 100km of electric vehicle without  
129 refrigeration and heating, unit: kwh/100km;

130  $FC_h$  ——Energy consumption per 100km of vehicle under electric vehicle  
131 heating, unit: kwh / 100km;

132  $\alpha_1$  ——According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding  
133 to the mileage of electric vehicle under refrigeration conditions;

134  $\alpha_2$  ——According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding  
135 to the mileage of electric vehicle under no refrigeration and no heating  
136 conditions;

137  $\alpha_3$  ——According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding  
138 to the mileage of electric vehicle under heating conditions.

139 In the above formula, the sum of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  is 1, and  $\alpha_1 > 0$ 、 $\alpha_2 > 0$ 、 $\alpha_3 > 0$ .  
140 The specific values of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  are determined according to the main sales and  
141 use regions of the vehicle. If it is determined according to the number of days the air  
142 conditioner and heater are used, it can be roughly considered that the three months in  
143 the whole year are summer, the electric vehicle works under cooling conditions, the  
144 three months are winter, the electric vehicle works under heating conditions, and the  
145 six months are the working state of the electric vehicle without cooling and heating.  
146 Through the above assumptions, we can get the coefficient  $\alpha_1 = 0.25$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.25$ ,  
147  $\alpha_3 = 0.5$ . In this paper, the above weight solution method is called the method of  
148 determining the weight coefficient according to time. In the later simulation results,  
149 this paper makes a comparative analysis of the relevant data between the method of  
150 determining the weight coefficient according to time and the method of determining  
151 the weight coefficient by the least square algorithm.

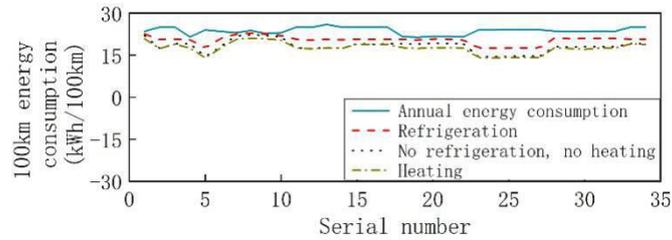
152 When using the least square method for calculation, it is necessary to fit the weight  
153 coefficients  $\alpha_1$ 、 $\alpha_2$ 、 and  $\alpha_3$  according to the annual comprehensive 100 km energy  
154 consumption value of vehicles corresponding to the sample and the 100 km energy  
155 consumption value of electric vehicles corresponding to the sample under  
156 refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating conditions. After calculating the annual  
157 use weight coefficient of electric vehicle under refrigeration, heating and uncooled  
158 heating by using the least square method. The 100km energy consumption under  
159 different cycle conditions and different working conditions is tested by vehicle bench  
160 test. Finally, combined with the weight coefficient, the annual comprehensive 100km

161 energy consumption value of the research vehicle model is obtained.

162 **3. Simulation study on the influence of air conditioning energy consumption on**  
 163 **energy consumption evaluation of electric vehicle**

164 *3.1 Solution of weight coefficient by least square method based on example*

165 First, actual road energy consumption per 100 km of the whole vehicle of a  
 166 domestic testing institution is taken as the sample, 100km energy consumption value  
 167 under refrigeration and 100km energy consumption value under heating of a vehicle  
 168 model in Tianjin. There are 34 groups of sample data, as shown in Fig.1 below. The  
 169 main parameters of the vehicles involved in the test are shown in Table 1.



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171 **Fig.1** Sample information diagram corresponding to least square method

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**Table 1** Main technical parameters of electric vehicle

Parameter	Value
Curb weight (kg)	1648
Maximum torque of motor (N.m)	290
Maximum power of motor (kw)	132
Maximum speed (km/h)	156
Total energy of power battery pack (kW.h)	54.75
Maximum range (km)	410
Power consumption per 100km (kWh/100km)	14.7

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Fig.1 shows the data of the samples used to fit the weight coefficient by least

174 square method, which can be obtained from the sample data in the figure. During the  
175 whole year driving process of the vehicle model studied in this paper, the energy  
176 consumption of 100km under electric vehicle heating>100km under electric vehicle  
177 refrigeration>100km without refrigeration and heating. Among them, the annual  
178 comprehensive 100km energy consumption value of electric vehicles is between the  
179 100km energy consumption value of the vehicle under the working state of no  
180 refrigeration and no heating and the 100km energy consumption value of the vehicle  
181 under the working state of refrigeration.

182 Solving the weight coefficients  $\alpha_1$ 、 $\alpha_2$ 、 $\alpha_3$ , can be transformed into solving the  
183 following mathematical problems by double multiplication, as shown in the following  
184 formula:

$$185 \quad y = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 \quad (2)$$

186 Where,

187  $y$  ——Comprehensive energy consumption per 100km of electric vehicle in the  
188 whole year, unit: kwh/100km;

189  $x_1$  ——Energy consumption per 100km under electric vehicle refrigeration, unit:  
190 kwh / 100km;

191  $x_2$  ——Energy consumption per 100km of electric vehicle without refrigeration  
192 and heating, unit: kwh/100km;

193  $x_3$  ——Energy consumption per 100km under electric vehicle heating, unit:  
194 kwh/100km;

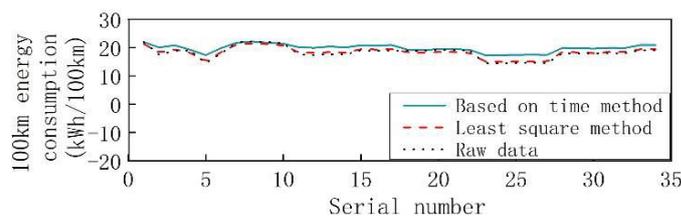
195  $\alpha_1$  ——According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding  
196 to the mileage of electric vehicle under refrigeration conditions;

197  $\alpha_2$  ——According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding  
198 to the mileage of electric vehicle under no refrigeration and no heating  
199 conditions;

200  $a_3$ —According to the test statistics, the utilization coefficient corresponding to  
201 the mileage of electric vehicle under heating conditions.

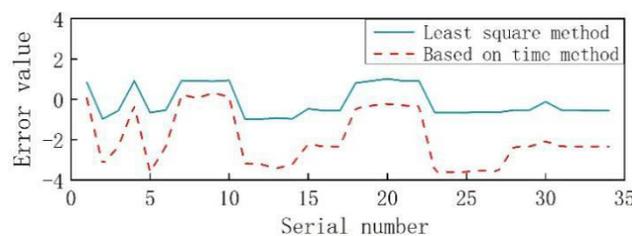
202 Where,  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$  and  $a_1 > 0$ ,  $a_2 > 0$ ,  $a_3 > 0$ .

203 Fig.2, Fig.3 and Fig.4 show the data analysis and comparison of the solution results  
204 of the above problems. Fig.2 shows the 100km energy consumption of the vehicle  
205 based on the sample data, the 100km energy consumption of the whole vehicle  
206 calculated by fitting the weight coefficient by the method of the least square and the  
207 method of determining the weight coefficient according to time. Fig.3 shows the error  
208 comparison between the 100km energy consumption value of the whole vehicle  
209 calculated by using the double multiplication fitting weight coefficient and the 100km  
210 energy consumption value obtained by determining the weight coefficient according  
211 to time. Fig.4 shows the comparison between the error value calculated by the least  
212 square method fitting weight coefficient and the error rate obtained by the method of  
213 determining the weight coefficient according to time. The final weight coefficient  
214 calculated is:  $a_1 = 0.222$ ,  $a_2 = 0.753$ ,  $a_3 = 0.025$ .



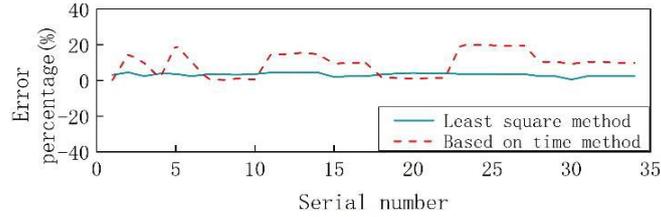
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216 **Fig.2** Comparison diagram of the  
217 vehicle 100km energy consumption based on sample data



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219 **Fig.3** Comparison of error values



**Fig.4** Comparison diagram of error rate

As can be seen from Fig.2, Fig.3 and Fig.4 above, compared with the energy consumption value of the whole vehicle calculated by the time determination weight coefficient algorithm, the energy consumption value of the whole vehicle calculated by the least square method fitting weight coefficient is closer to the real energy consumption of the whole vehicle, and the error value and error rate are smaller. The reason why the energy consumption value of the whole vehicle obtained by the method of determining the weight coefficient according to time is higher than the real energy consumption value of the whole vehicle is that the electric vehicle is not always in the cooling or heating state in summer or winter. Therefore, the coefficient of electric vehicle cooling in summer and electric vehicle heating in winter can not be simply defined by the length of season, which is 0.25.

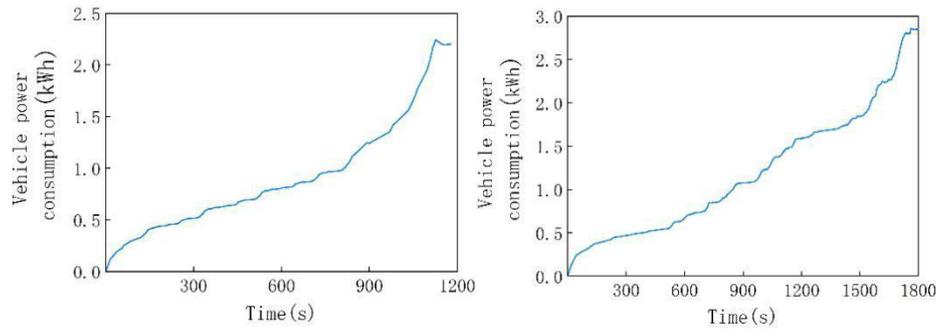
It can be seen in Fig.2, Fig.3 and Fig.4 that the energy consumption value of the whole vehicle calculated according to the weight coefficient calculated by the least square method is staggered with the real energy consumption value of the whole vehicle. Sometimes the real value of the whole vehicle is greater than the energy consumption value of the whole vehicle calculated according to the weight coefficient fitted by the least square method, and sometimes the real value of the whole vehicle is less than the energy consumption value of the vehicle calculated according to the weight coefficient fitted by the least square method. This shows that the use of the

241 least square method can control the overall trend of samples in the process of fitting  
242 coefficients, so as to minimize the synthesis error.

243 In addition, in Fig.4, the maximum error of the whole vehicle energy consumption  
244 value calculated according to the least square method fitting weight coefficient is  
245 4.5%, and the error is acceptable. It is feasible to use the least square method to fit the  
246 weight coefficient of electric vehicles under different working conditions.

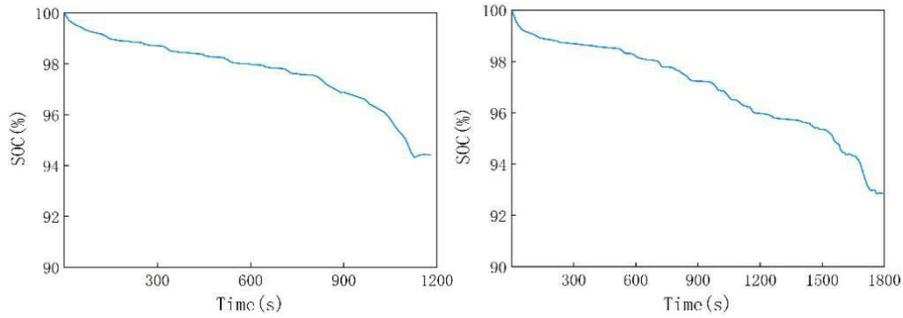
### 247 *3.2 Comparison of influence results of air conditioning energy consumption on* 248 *electric vehicle energy consumption under NEDC /CLTC-P cycle*

249 The following Fig.5, Fig.6, Fig.7 and Fig.8 respectively show the comparison of  
250 relevant simulation data of vehicle energy consumption, SOC, the inside temperature,  
251 battery voltage and battery current under single NEDC and CLTC-P cycle, the outside  
252 temperature is 35°C, the radiation intensity is 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>, and the inside temperature  
253 is set at 25°C. The whole vehicle energy consumption simulation data under NEDC  
254 cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.5(a) and Fig.5(b) respectively. The SOC  
255 simulation data under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.6(a) and  
256 Fig.6(b) respectively, and the simulation data of vehicle interior temperature change  
257 under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.7(a) and Fig.7(b) respectively.  
258 The simulation data of battery voltage and current under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P  
259 cycle are shown in Fig.8(a) and Fig.8(b) respectively.



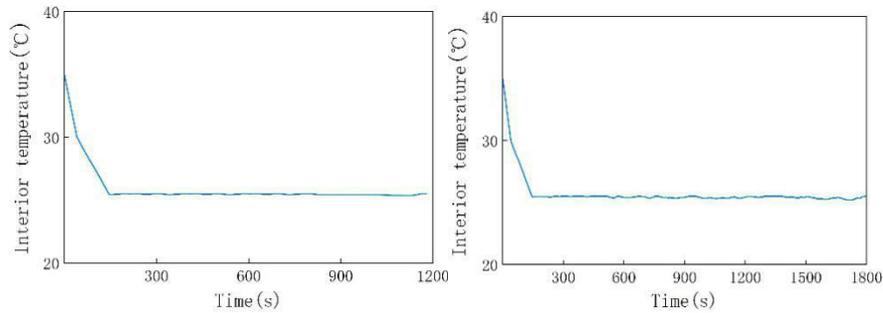
(a) NEDC cycle (b) CLTC-P cycle

**Fig.5** Comparison of vehicle power consumption simulation data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycle under refrigeration



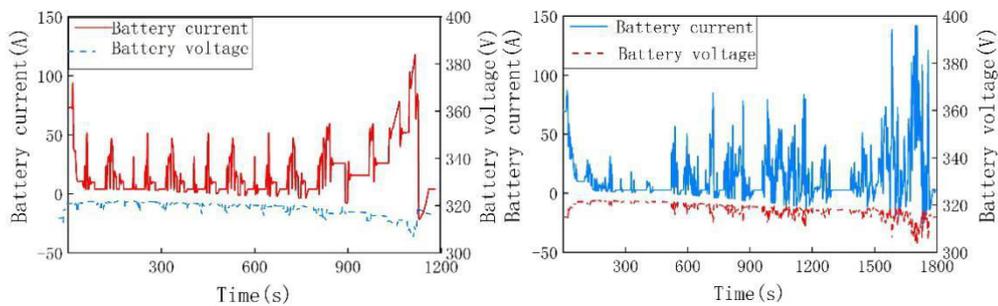
(a) NEDC cycle (b) CLTC-P cycle

**Fig.6** Comparison of SOC simulation data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycles under refrigeration



(a) NEDC cycle (b) CLTC-P cycle

**Fig.7** Comparison of interior temperature simulation data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycles under refrigeration



(a) NEDC cycle (b) CLTC-P cycle

**Fig.8** Comparison of battery voltage and current simulation data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycles under refrigeration

276 Under the refrigeration condition of electric vehicle, the air conditioning energy  
 277 consumption under CLTC-P cycle is 27.55% higher than that of NEDC cycle, and the  
 278 whole vehicle energy consumption is 19.38% higher than that of NEDC cycle. Under  
 279 CLTC-P condition, the voltage and current of battery change more frequently.

280 Table 2 shows the energy consumption of electric vehicles under refrigeration,  
 281 heating and uncooled heating conditions under NEDC and CLTC-P cycles.

282 **Table 2** Energy consumption of electric vehicle  
 283 under different refrigeration and heating conditions

285 Working condition	Refrigeration (kWh)	Heating(kWh)	No refrigeration, no heating (kWh)
286 NEDC	2.27	3.32	1.80
287 CLTC-P	2.71	3.80	2.11

288  
 289 The data in the heating state of electric vehicle in Table 2 is the simulation data  
 290 obtained by setting the temperature outside the vehicle to -7°C and the target  
 291 temperature inside the vehicle to 23°C.

292 Finally, according to formula(2), the energy consumption per 100km of the whole  
 293 vehicle under different refrigeration and heating working conditions of electric  
 294 vehicles in the whole year calculated by the method of the least square and the method  
 295 of determining the weight coefficient according to time respectively under NEDC  
 296 cycle and CLTC-P cycle are obtained. The data are shown in Table 3.

297 **Table 3** Energy consumption per 100km  
 298 of the whole vehicle under each cycle during simulation process

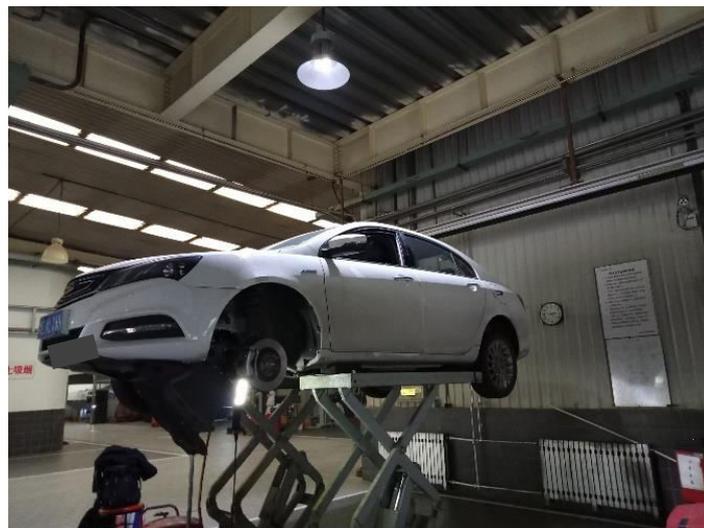
Working	Refrigeration	Heating	No	Least square	Method of
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condition	(kWh/100km)	(kWh/100km)	refrigeration, no heating (kWh/100km)	method (kWh/100km)	determining weight coefficient based on time (kWh/100km)
NEDC	20.56	30.11	16.29	17.58	20.81
CLTC-P	18.72	26.24	14.56	15.78	18.52

299 **4. Vehicle test study on the influence of air conditioning energy consumption on**  
300 **energy consumption evaluation of electric vehicle**

301 *4.1 Preparation for vehicle test*

302 The whole vehicle test is carried out in the environmental simulation and emission  
303 test room of Ningbo automobile testing center of China automobile technology  
304 research center. The test room is composed of the emission and performance  
305 environmental warehouse of ETAS company in Germany and ROADSIM  
306 48”4×Type4 chassis dynamometer of AVL company in Austria. Fig.9 below shows the  
307 photos of the vehicles participating in the test. The relevant parameters of the whole  
308 vehicle refer to the information in Table 1.



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Fig.9 Photos of vehicles participating in the test

311 The test process is as follows:

312 1) Preheating and heating stage

313 Before the test, the preparations before the test shall be carried out according to the  
314 provisions in Table 4.

315 **Table 4** Test vehicle preheating process

Stage	Environment setting	Vehicle status	Purpose
Stage1	Test requires temperature, humidity and no light.	The door and window are open and the vehicle does not start.	Preheat the car to make it reach the set ambient temperature.
Stage2	Set the target temperature, humidity and light intensity.	Close the door, open the window, the blower runs, and the external circulation.	Preheat the air conditioning system to make the air conditioning outlet and air duct meet the test environment conditions.
Stage3	Set the target temperature, humidity and light intensity.	Close the door, close the window, the vehicle will not start.	The vehicle is heated in the light to simulate the vehicle immersion process under sunlight.

316 2) Experimental phase

317 Before starting the vehicle, the vehicle battery should be fully charged first record  
318 the relevant data with the computer, then start the vehicle and carry out the NEDC  
319 cycle test. After the test, save the test data and fully charge the vehicle. After charging,  
320 record the charge with the computer. Other test precautions and test steps refer to the  
321 requirements of standards (QC/T 2010) and (T/CSAE 2021).

322 *4.2 Result analysis of vehicle energy consumption test data under different operating*  
323 *conditions*

324 During the vehicle test, the ambient temperature, solar radiation intensity and inside  
325 temperature settings are consistent with the simulation process. During the whole

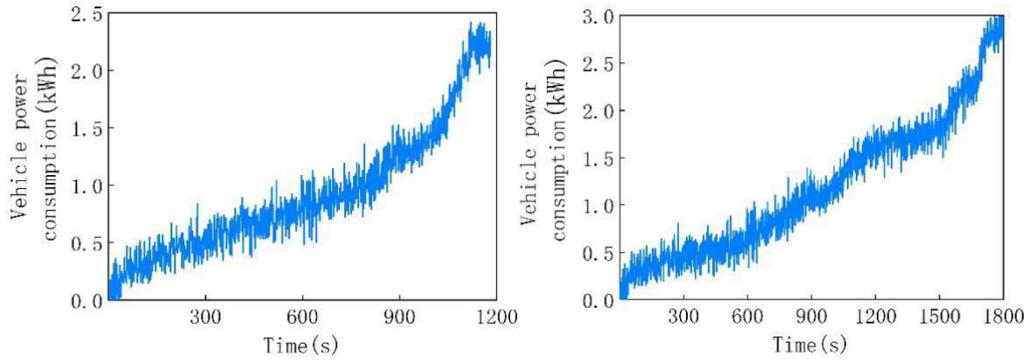
326 vehicle test, the ambient temperature, solar radiation intensity and in vehicle  
 327 temperature settings are consistent with the simulation process. During the heating  
 328 test of electric vehicle, the specific vehicle immersion and test steps referred to the  
 329 requirements in standard (T/CSAE 2021), and the vehicle test cycle is NEDC and  
 330 CLTC-P cycle. In addition, due to the slow heating speed of electric vehicles. In order  
 331 to facilitate the smooth test, generally, the target temperature in the vehicle set by the  
 332 heating system of electric vehicle is relatively low. Considering that users are  
 333 sensitive to the power consumption of electric vehicles in winter, refer to the reference  
 334 materials to set the temperature in the vehicle in winter during the test<sup>[Li et al. 2020]</sup>, and  
 335 the PMV value ranges of comfort mode, economic mode and power saving mode  
 336 under the condition of heating in winter are obtained, as shown in Table 5.

337 **Table 5** Three different heating control modes of electric vehicles in winter

Working mode	Comfort mode	Economic model	Power saving mode
PMV	-2~-1	-2.5~-0.5	-3~0

338 Through the vehicle test, the test data of vehicle energy consumption, SOC, vehicle  
 339 inside temperature, battery voltage and battery current under the refrigeration  
 340 condition of electric vehicle are obtained, as shown in Fig.10, Fig.11, Fig.12 and  
 341 Fig.13 below.

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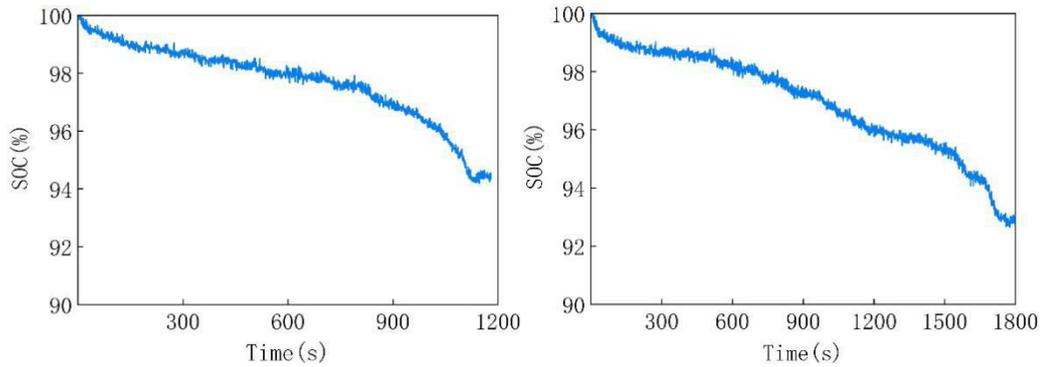


(a) NEDC cycle

(b) CLTC-P cycle

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**Fig.10** Comparison of vehicle power consumption test data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycle under refrigeration

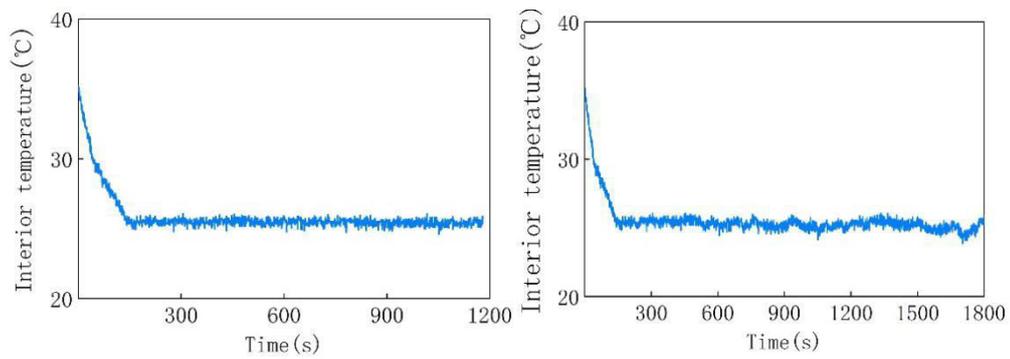


(a) NEDC cycle

(b) CLTC-P cycle

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**Fig.11** Comparison of SOC test data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycle under refrigeration

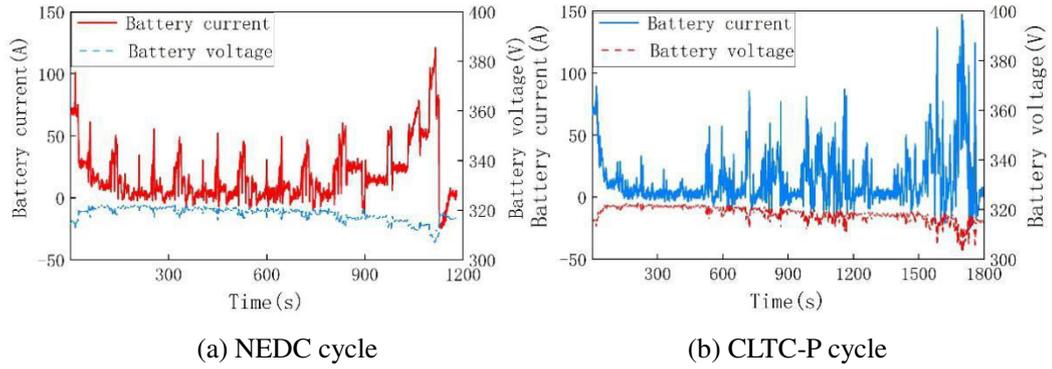


(a) NEDC cycle

(b) CLTC-P cycle

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**Fig.12** Comparison of interior temperature test data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycle under refrigeration



(a) NEDC cycle (b) CLTC-P cycle  
**Fig.13** Comparison of battery voltage and current test data of NEDC and CLTC-P cycle under refrigeration

In Fig.10, Fig.11, Fig.12 and Fig.13, the energy consumption test data of the vehicle under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.10(a) and Fig.10(b) respectively. The SOC test data under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.11(a) and Fig.11(b) respectively. The temperature change test data in the vehicle under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.12(a) and Fig.12(b) respectively. The battery voltage and current test data under NEDC cycle and CLTC-P cycle are shown in Fig.13(a) and Fig.13(b) respectively.

According to the above Fig.10, Fig.11, Fig.12 and Fig.13, the energy consumption per 100km of electric vehicle under refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating conditions under CLTC-P and NEDC cycles can be obtained. The energy consumption per 100km of the vehicle in the whole year can be calculated according to the formula. The data are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6** Energy consumption per 100km of the whole vehicle under each cycle

Operating mode	Refrigeration (kWh)	Heating (kWh)	No refrigeration, no heating (kWh)	Least square method (kWh)	Simple weight method (kWh)
NEDC	20.57	29.18	16.50	17.72	20.69
CLTC-P	18.65	26.17	14.64	15.82	18.53

374 It can be seen from Fig.10, Fig.11, Fig.12 and Fig.13 that the change trend of  
375 simulation test data of air conditioning power consumption, vehicle power  
376 consumption, SOC, vehicle inside temperature, battery voltage and battery current is  
377 consistent and the values are slightly different, no matter under NEDC cycle or  
378 CLTC-P cycle. Due to many environmental factors, test equipment and human factors  
379 involved in the test, there are some fluctuations and differences in the test data. The  
380 annual 100km energy consumption of the vehicle calculated by the weight coefficient  
381 obtained by the least square method increases by 0.80% compared with the simulation  
382 results, compared with the simulation results, the annual 100km energy consumption  
383 of the vehicle calculated by the weight coefficient obtained by the method of  
384 determining the weight coefficient according to time is reduced by 0.58%; For  
385 CLTC-P cycle, the annual 100km energy consumption of the vehicle calculated by the  
386 weight coefficient obtained by the least square method increases by 1.90% compared  
387 with the simulation results, and the annual 100km energy consumption of the vehicle  
388 calculated by the weight coefficient obtained by the method of determining the weight  
389 coefficient according to time increases by 0.19% compared with the simulation results.  
390 The error of energy consumption is within  $\pm 5\%$ , which is acceptable.

391 It can be seen from Fig.10, Fig.11, Fig.12, Fig.13 and Table 6 above that under  
392 NEDC working condition, the annual energy consumption of electric vehicles  
393 calculated by using the weight coefficient obtained by the least square method is  
394 simpler, and the annual energy consumption of electric vehicles obtained by the  
395 method of determining the weight coefficient according to time is 14.35% less.

396 Under CLTC-P working condition, the annual energy consumption of electric  
 397 vehicles calculated by using the weight coefficient obtained by the least square  
 398 method is simpler, and compared with the method of determining the weight  
 399 coefficient according to time, the annual energy consumption of electric vehicles is  
 400 14.62% less. It can be seen from the above data analysis that since the air conditioner  
 401 and heater do not work all the time in summer and winter, the weight coefficients  
 402 under cooling and heating of electric vehicles calculated by the least square method  
 403 are less than 0.25. Using the weight coefficient obtained by the least square method to  
 404 calculate the vehicle energy consumption can better reflect the real energy  
 405 consumption of the vehicle.

406 *4.3 Result analysis of vehicle energy consumption test data under different comfort*  
 407 *control strategies*

408 According to the actual needs of different users, this paper uses three different air  
 409 conditioning control modes, namely comfort mode, economic mode and power saving  
 410 mode. Table 7 describes the three modes and their corresponding PMV values. For the  
 411 calculation of specific PMV values, refer to reference[6]. After selecting the  
 412 corresponding control mode, the user controls the target temperature in the vehicle  
 413 between  $PMV_{min}$  and  $PMV_{max}$  according to the strategy.

414 **Table 7** Three different refrigeration control modes of electric vehicles in summer

Mode	Comfort	Economic	Power saving
PMV value	-0.5~0.5	-1~1	-1.5~1.5

415 In addition, people are sensitive to electric energy consumption during the use of  
 416 electric vehicles in winter. Due to the slow heating speed of electric vehicles in the

417 heating process, in order to facilitate the smooth test, the temperature in the vehicle  
 418 set by the heating system of electric vehicles is generally low. In the process of  
 419 calculating PMV values in Table 7 and Table 8, considering the sensitivity of users in  
 420 winter, the temperature in the vehicle in winter is set in combination with reference  
 421 materials, and the PMV value ranges of three modes under winter heating, comfort  
 422 mode, economic mode and power saving mode are obtained, as shown in Table 8.

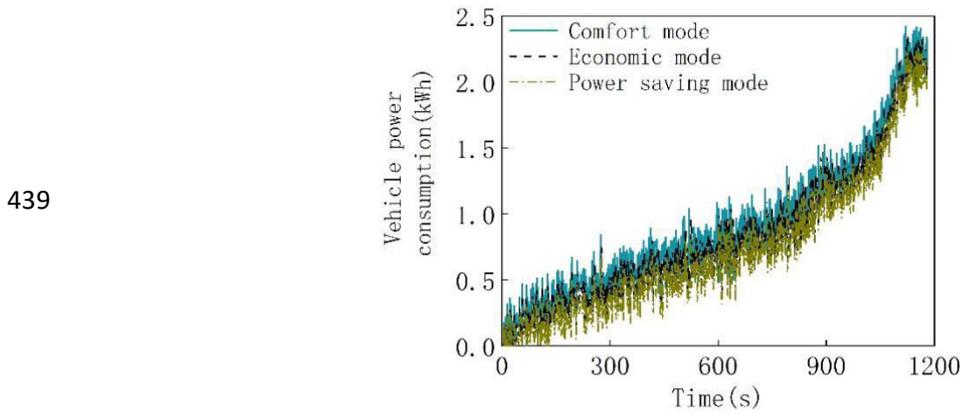
423 **Table 8** Three different heating control modes of electric vehicles in winter

Mode	Comfort	Economic	Power saving
PMV value	-2~-1	-2.5~-0.5	-3~0

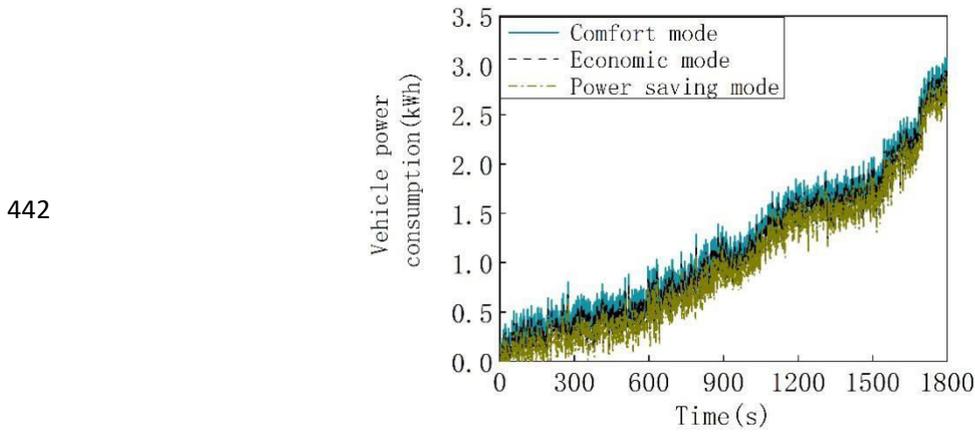
424 Taking summer as an example, after the user selects the working mode, the system  
 425 starts to calculate the real-time PMV value, and controls the PMV value by switching  
 426 the air conditioning system to make the PMV value between  $PMV_{min}$  and  $PMV_{max}$ .  
 427  $PMV_{min}$  is the lower limit of thermal comfort, which represents the critical value of  
 428 the coldest and hottest comfort state acceptable to the user, and  $PMV_{max}$  is the upper  
 429 limit of thermal comfort, which represents the critical value of the hottest comfort  
 430 state acceptable to the user. For example, after the user selects the comfort mode, the  
 431 air conditioning control system will control the PMV value in the vehicle between  
 432 -0.5 and 0.5.

433 In order to further analyze the impact of air conditioning energy consumption on  
 434 energy consumption evaluation of electric vehicles under three thermal comfort  
 435 modes. This paper also analyzes the energy consumption data under three different  
 436 thermal comfort control strategies under NEDC and CLTC-P cycles. Fig.14 and Fig.15  
 437 show the energy consumption data of the whole vehicle under NEDC and CLTC-P

438 cycles when the air conditioner is in refrigeration working state.



440 **Fig.14** Energy consumption test data  
441 of the vehicle under three control strategies of NEDC cycle



443 **Fig.15** Energy consumption test data  
444 of the vehicle under three control strategies of CLTC-P cycle

445 Through the calculation of energy consumption value, the electric vehicle energy  
446 consumption test results of CLTC-P and NEDC cycles under different refrigeration  
447 and heating conditions. See the data in Table 9 for details.

448 **Table 9** Electric vehicle energy consumption test results of different cycles  
449 under different refrigeration and heating conditions

Working condition	Refrigeration (kWh)	Heating (kWh)	No refrigeration and no heating (kWh)
NEDC comfort mode	2.32	3.36	1.84
NEDC economic mode	2.21	3.19	1.82

NEDC power saving mode	2.13	2.75	1.80
CLTC-P comfort mode	2.73	3.90	2.12
CLTC-P economic mode	2.64	3.73	2.10
CLTC-P power saving mode	2.55	3.59	2.07

450 The annual comprehensive energy consumption per 100km of the vehicle of  
451 different working cycles under the corresponding three modes is calculated by the  
452 least square method. See the data in Table 10 for details.

453 **Table 10** Electric vehicle 100km energy consumption test results of different cycles  
454 under different refrigeration and heating conditions

Working condition	Refrigeration (kWh/100km)	Heating (kWh/100km)	No refrigeration and no heating (kWh/100km)	Least square method (kWh/100km)
NEDC comfort mode	21.03	30.44	16.68	17.99
NEDC economic mode	20.07	28.89	16.46	17.57
NEDC power saving mode	19.31	24.93	16.33	17.21
CLTC-P comfort mode	18.86	26.93	14.67	15.91
CLTC-P economic mode	18.23	25.76	14.53	15.63
CLTC-P power saving mode	17.61	24.79	14.30	15.30

455 According to the data in Fig.14, Fig.15, Table 9 and Table 10, the energy  
456 consumption per 100km under refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating of electric  
457 vehicles obtained by NEDC and CLTC-P cycles are different, the energy consumption  
458 per 100km corresponding to NEDC cycle is relatively high. In addition, under three  
459 different thermal comfort control strategies, whether NEDC cycle or CLTC-P cycle,

460 using the vehicle test data and weight coefficient, the final calculation shows that the  
461 order of 100km energy consumption of the whole vehicle from large to small is  
462 comfort mode, economic mode and power saving mode.

## 463 **5. Conclusion**

464 This paper studies the energy consumption evaluation method of electric vehicle  
465 considering air conditioning energy consumption. The main conclusions are as  
466 follows:

467 (1) According to the annual energy consumption data of electric vehicles under  
468 real operation, the weight coefficient of energy consumption of electric vehicles under  
469 refrigeration, heating and uncooled heating conditions was obtained by using the  
470 algorithm. Then, the annual comprehensive energy consumption value of 100km of  
471 corresponding models was calculated through bench test combined with weight  
472 coefficient, the annual comprehensive 100km energy consumption of electric vehicles  
473 under different cycle conditions was compared and analyzed. It provided a new  
474 evaluation method for introducing air conditioning energy consumption into the  
475 energy consumption evaluation of electric vehicle.

476 (2) According to the data in this paper, since the air conditioner and heater do not  
477 work all the time in summer and winter, the weight coefficients under refrigeration  
478 and heating of electric vehicles calculated by the least square method were less than  
479 the simple weight coefficient weight of 0.25. The calculation of vehicle energy  
480 consumption by using the weight coefficient obtained by the least square method can  
481 better reflect the real energy consumption of the whole vehicle.

482 (3) The annual comprehensive 100km energy consumption value of the research  
483 vehicle under three different thermal environment comfort control modes of electric  
484 vehicle was analyzed. Through the vehicle test data, it was obtained that the order of  
485 the annual comprehensive 100km energy consumption value from large to small was  
486 comfort mode, economic mode and power saving mode.

487 Further work will be carried out in the following areas: in view of the impact of air  
488 conditioning energy consumption on the evaluation method of vehicle energy  
489 consumption, the working weight of air conditioning can be calculated according to  
490 the selected vehicle model and six climate regions in China, and then the 100km  
491 energy consumption data of electric vehicle under refrigeration, heating and uncooled  
492 heating can be obtained through bench test. Combining the above data with the weight  
493 coefficient, the annual comprehensive 100km energy consumption of the test vehicle  
494 considering the air conditioning energy consumption can be obtained.

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