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Efficiency Enhancement of a New Two-Motor Hybrid System

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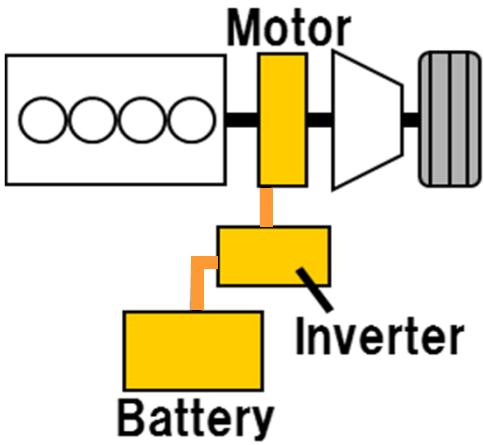
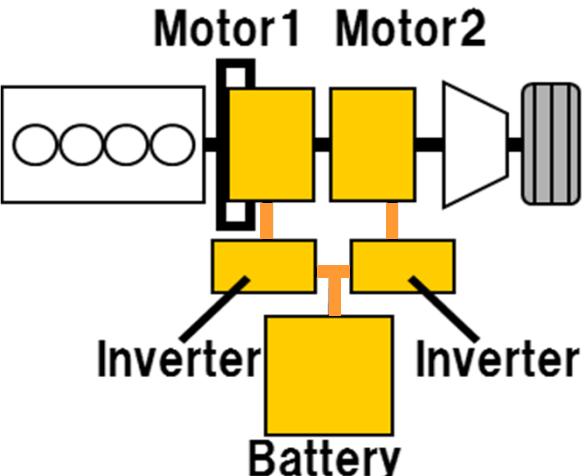
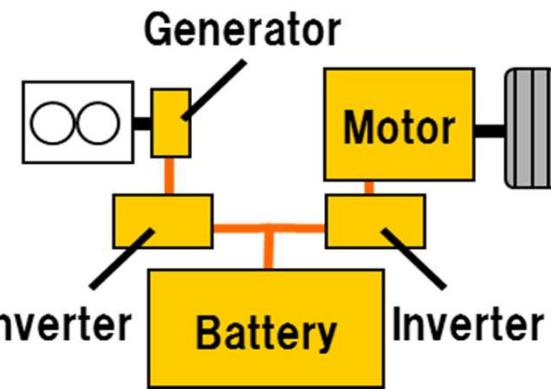
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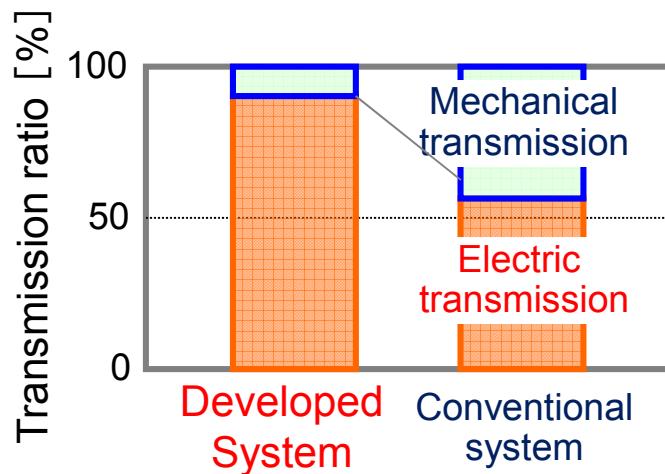
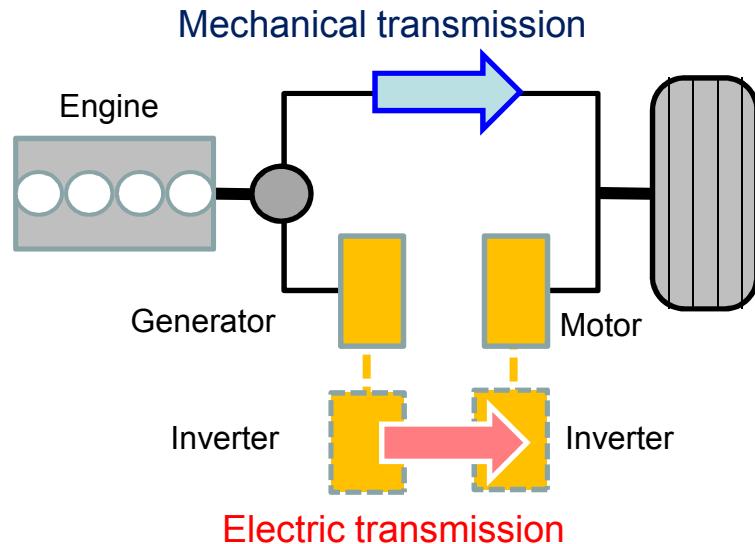
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Conventional Hybrid Systems

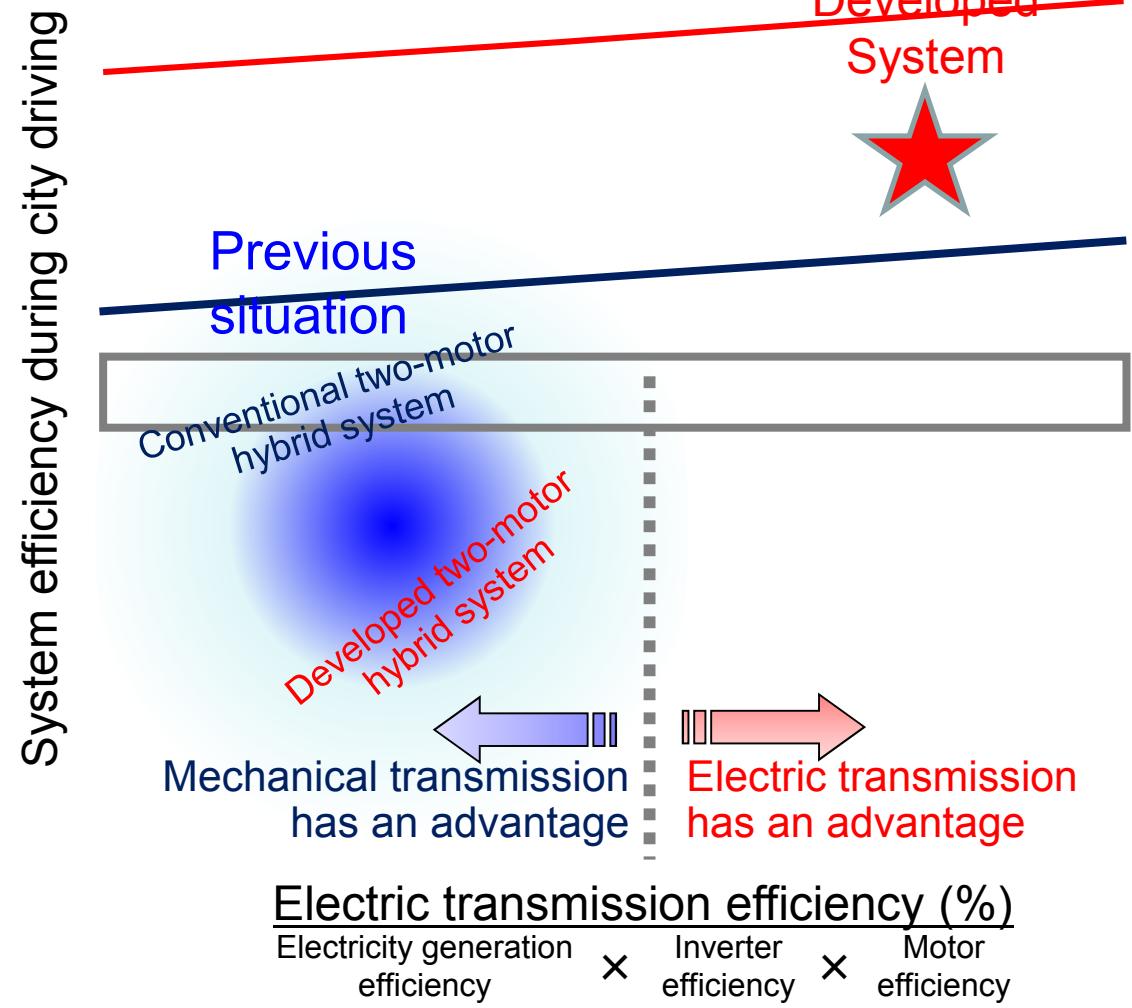
 Electric Transmission
 Mechanical transmission

Parallel Hybrid	Series/Parallel Hybrid	Series Hybrid
 <p>Diagram of a Parallel Hybrid system. A battery (yellow box) is connected to an inverter (yellow box), which is connected to a motor (yellow box). The motor is connected to a mechanical transmission (represented by a gear icon) and then to a vehicle wheel.</p>	 <p>Diagram of a Series/Parallel Hybrid system. A battery (yellow box) is connected to two inverters (yellow boxes). Each inverter is connected to a motor (yellow box). The two motors are connected in parallel and then connected to a mechanical transmission (represented by a gear icon) and a vehicle wheel.</p>	 <p>Diagram of a Series Hybrid system. A battery (yellow box) is connected to an inverter (yellow box). The inverter is connected to a generator (yellow box). The generator is connected to a mechanical transmission (represented by a gear icon) and a vehicle wheel. The battery is also connected to another inverter (yellow box), which is connected to a motor (yellow box). The motor is connected to the mechanical transmission.</p>
1MOTOR	2MOTORS	
<p>Advantage: Smaller system size Light system weight</p> <p>Disadvantage: Using conventional transmission</p>	<p>Advantage: Engine operating points can be selected with smaller restriction related to vehicle speed</p> <p>Disadvantage: Complicated system configuration and control method</p>	<p>Advantage: Engine operating points can be selected without any restriction related to vehicle speed</p> <p>Disadvantage: Battery input/output loss Large battery size</p>
100% Mechanical transmission	Electric/Mechanical transmission ratio variable	100% Electric transmission

Basic Concept of Efficiency Enhancement



System efficiency during hybrid operation



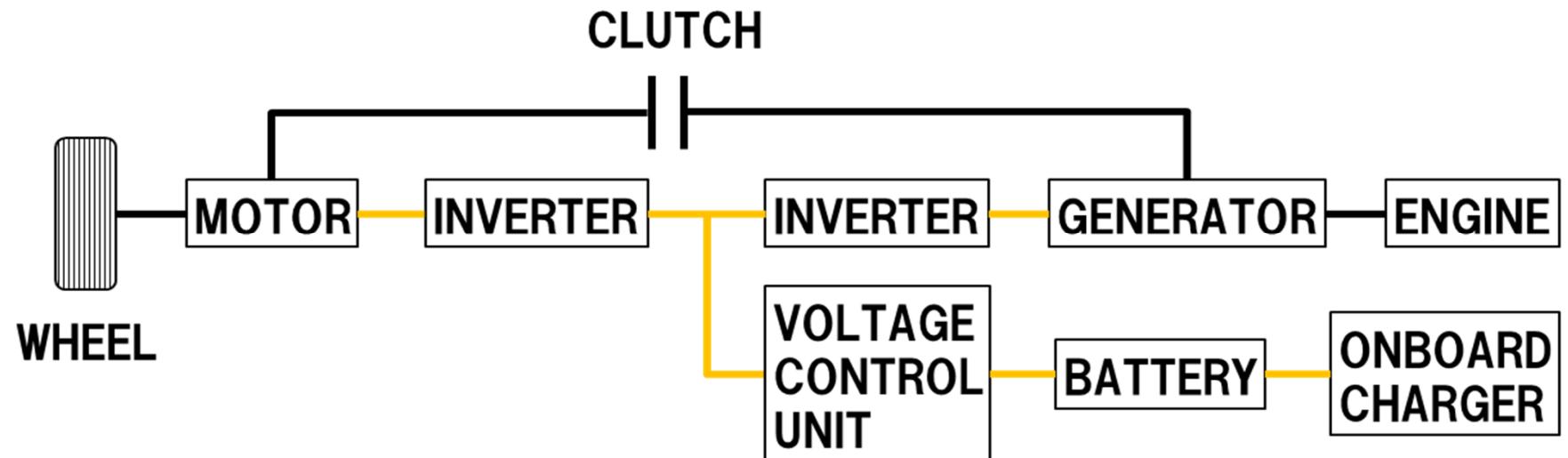
Taking an advantage by enhancing electric efficiency

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Block Diagram of Powertrain System

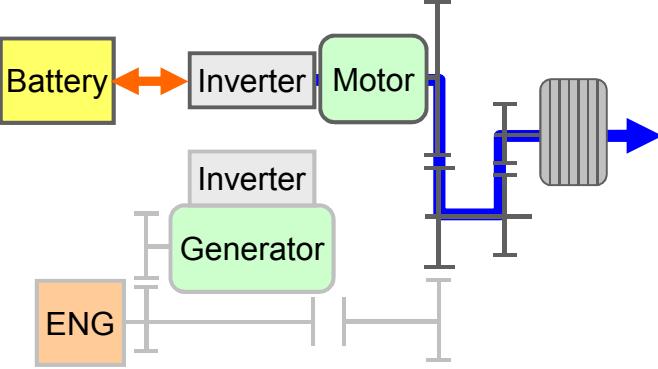
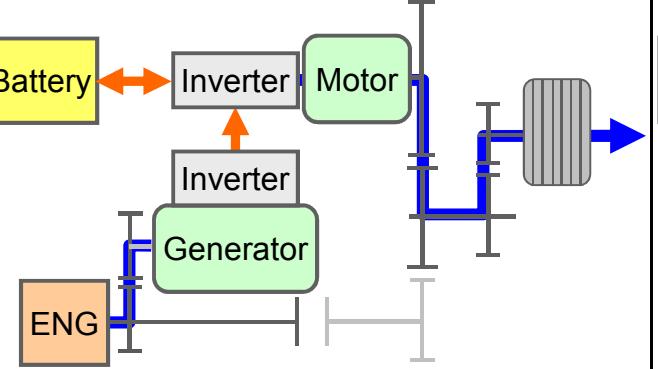
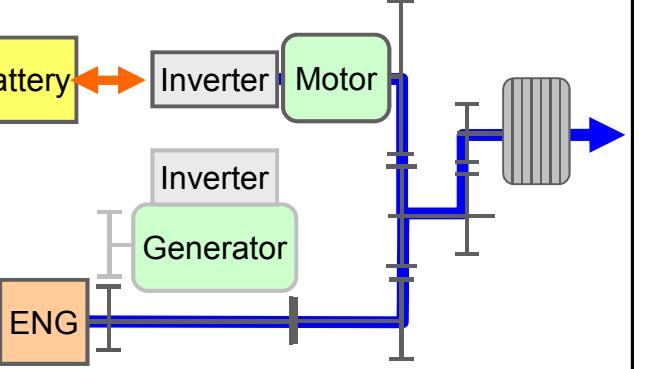
— Electric transmission
— Mechanical transmission



- Apply Series hybrid based system to enlarge electric transmission
- Battery acts as a power buffer to avoid charge-discharge loss
- Add a mechanical clutch to realize engine direct drive

Operation Modes

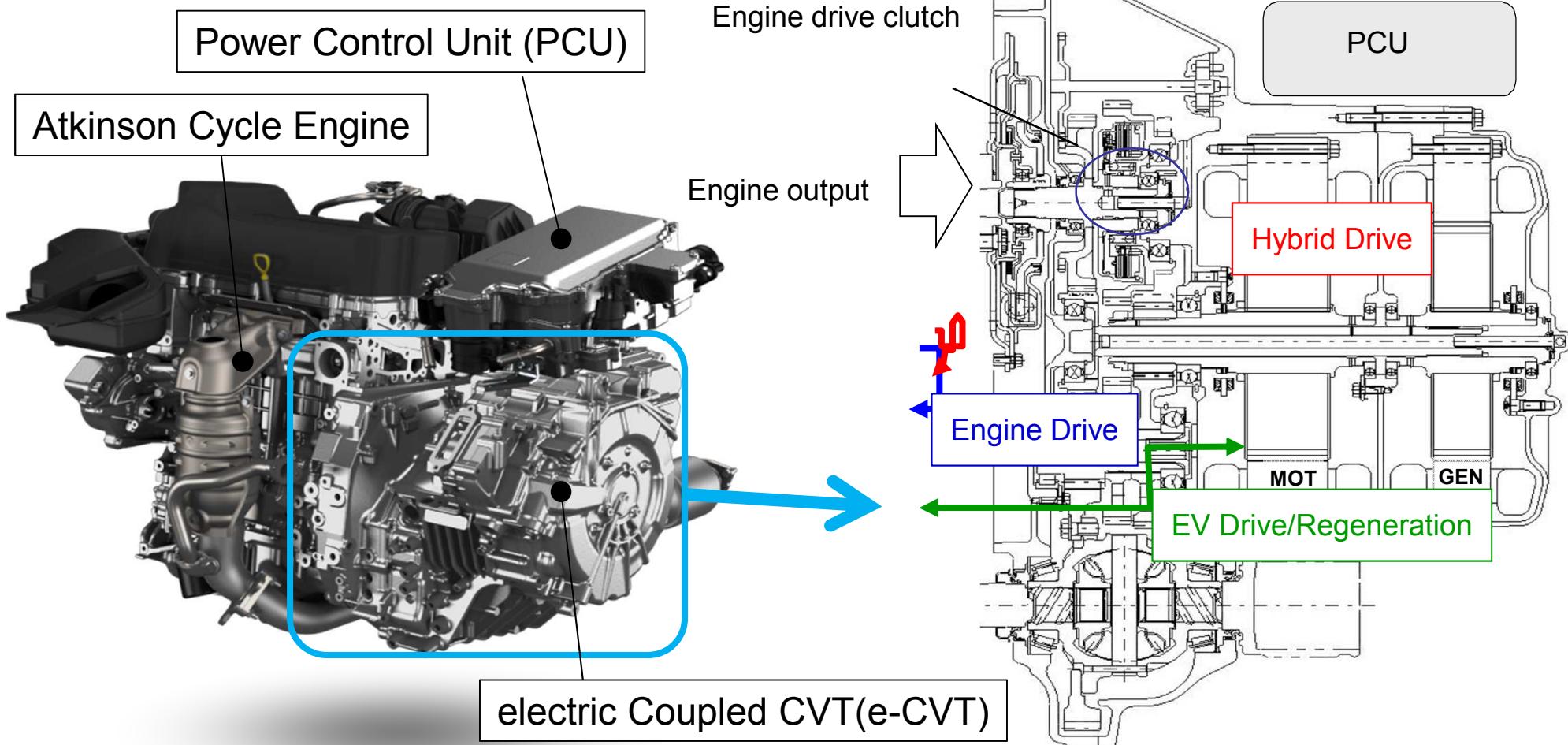
— Electrical Transmission
— Mechanical Transmission

EV Drive	Hybrid Drive	Engine Drive
		
Use electric energy stored in the battery to drive the motor	Use electric energy generated by the engine to drive the motor, with assistance or charging of the battery	Use engine output to directly drive the wheels, with assistance or charging of the battery

Change three modes according to system efficiency

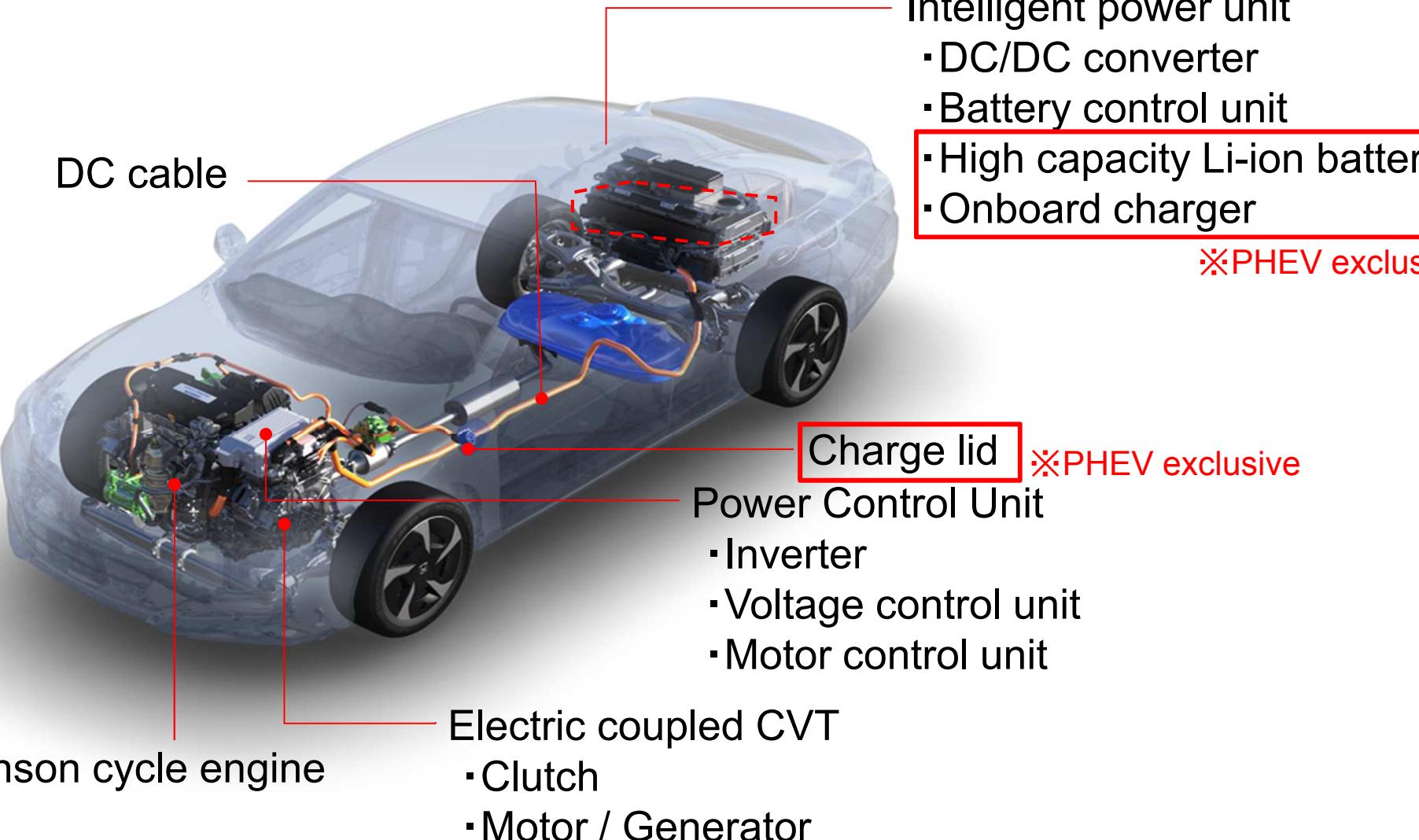
Power Train Overview

SPORT HYBRID i-MMD
intelligent Multi-Mode Drive



Switching engine and motor according to system efficiency

Overall System Configuration (Accord Plug-In)

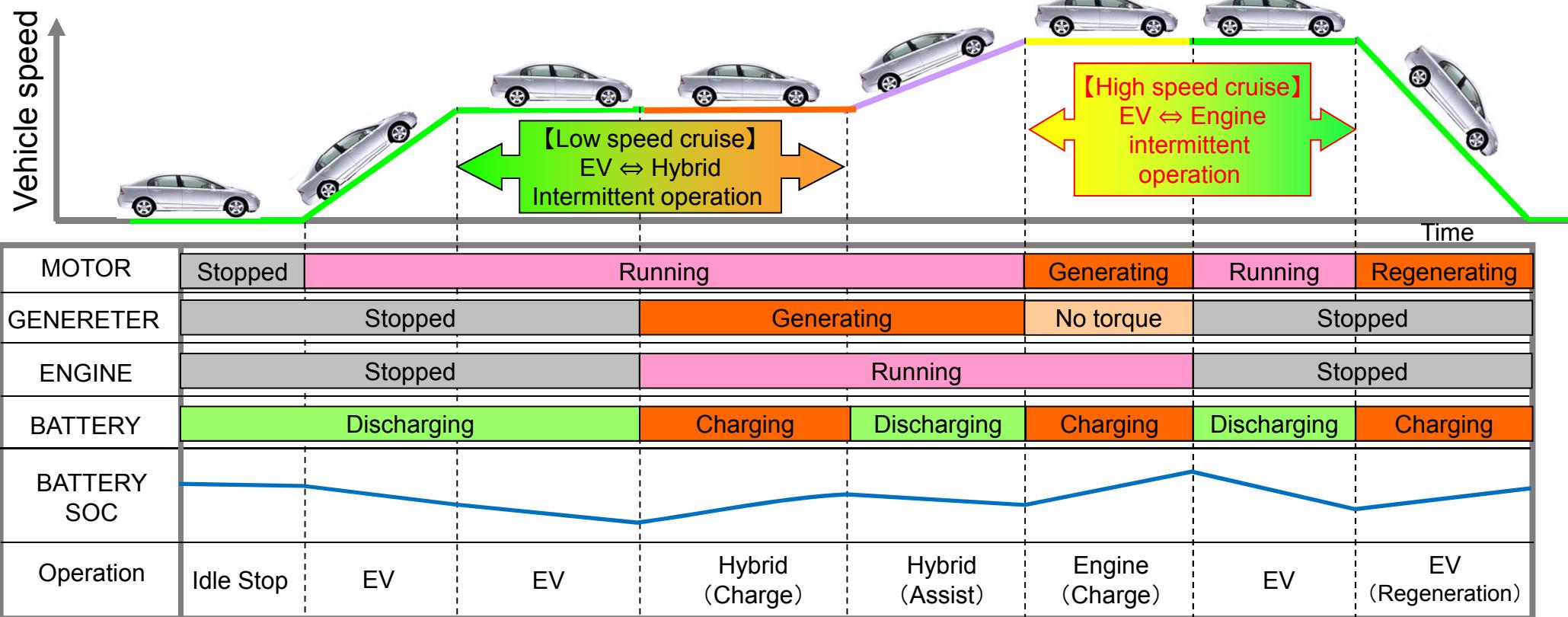


Equip the developed system with practical plug-in EV capability by installing a high capacity battery and an onboard charger.

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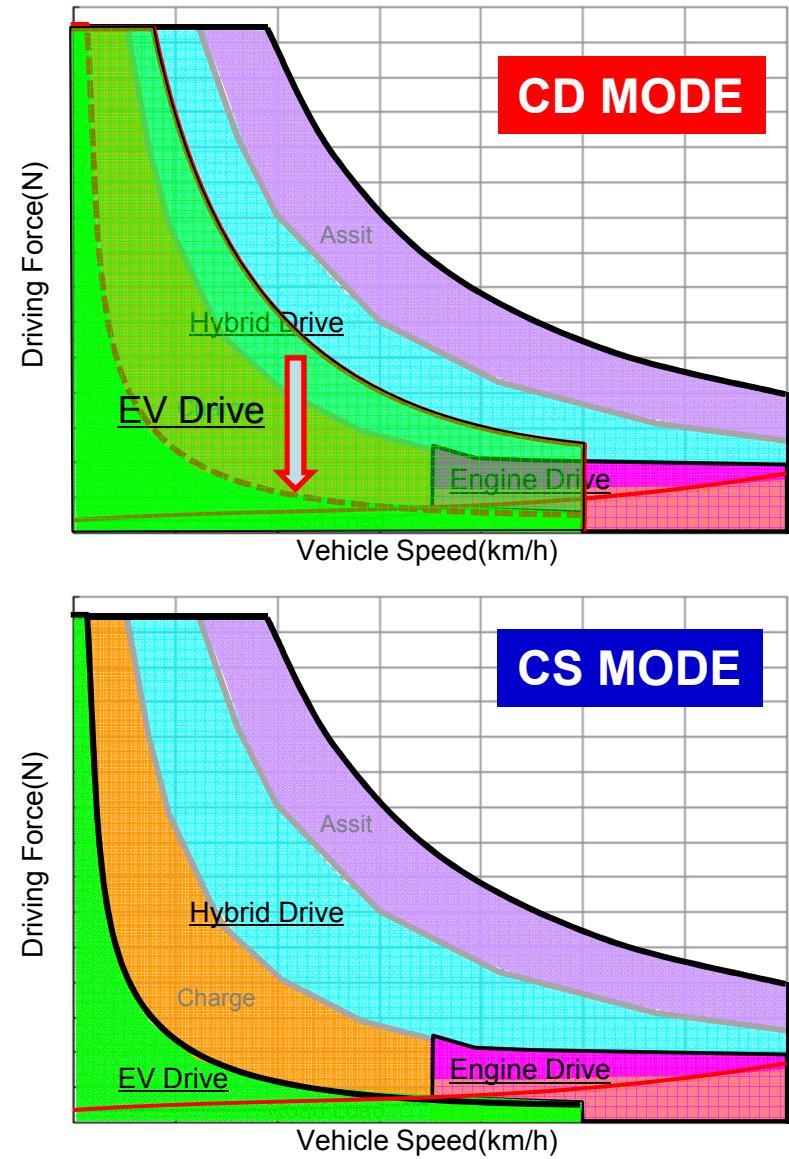
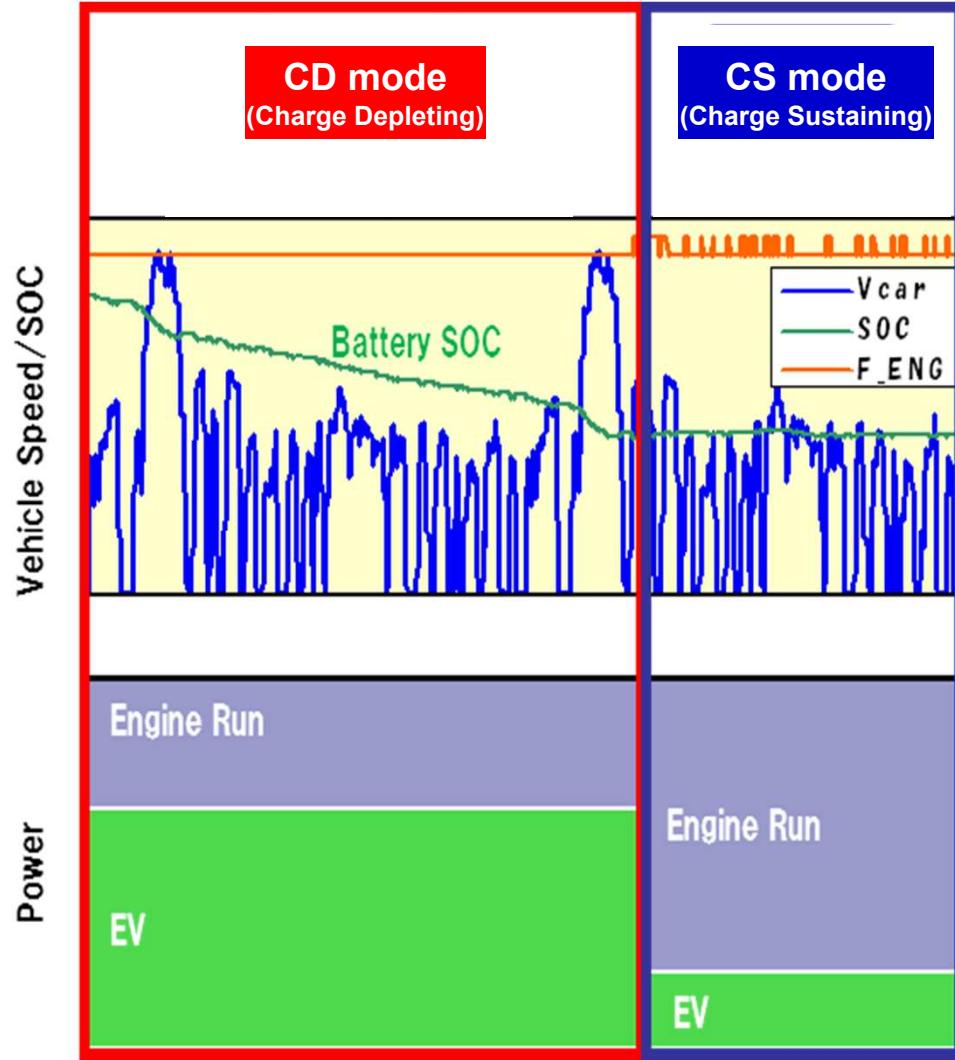
Basic Mode Transition



- Select suitable operation mode according to driving situation
- If the vehicle is cruising, intermittent operation is selected to enhance thermal efficiency of the engine

Comparison of Power Management Control

■ Mode transition between CD and CS mode

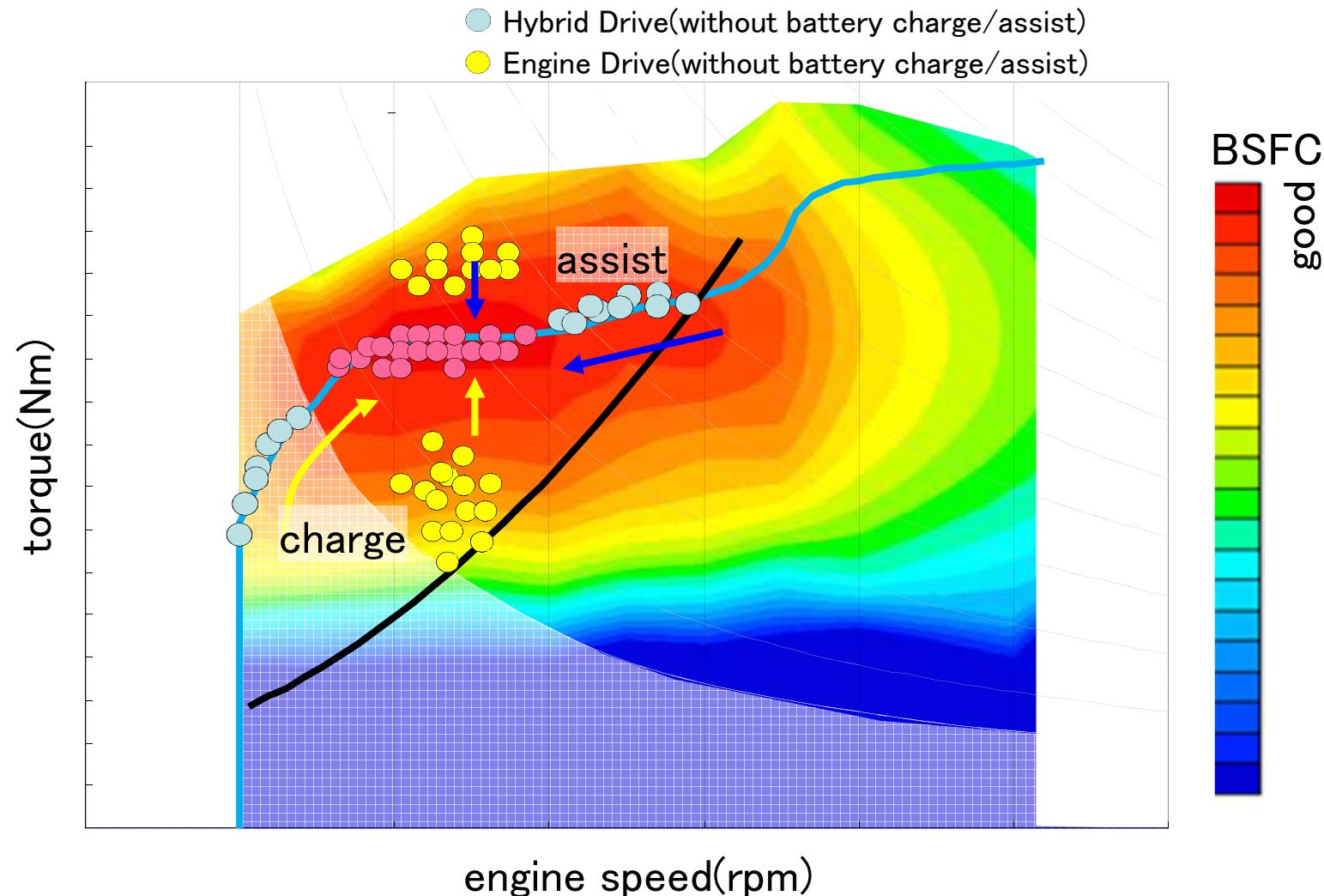


Adjust "EV Drive" area depending on battery SOC

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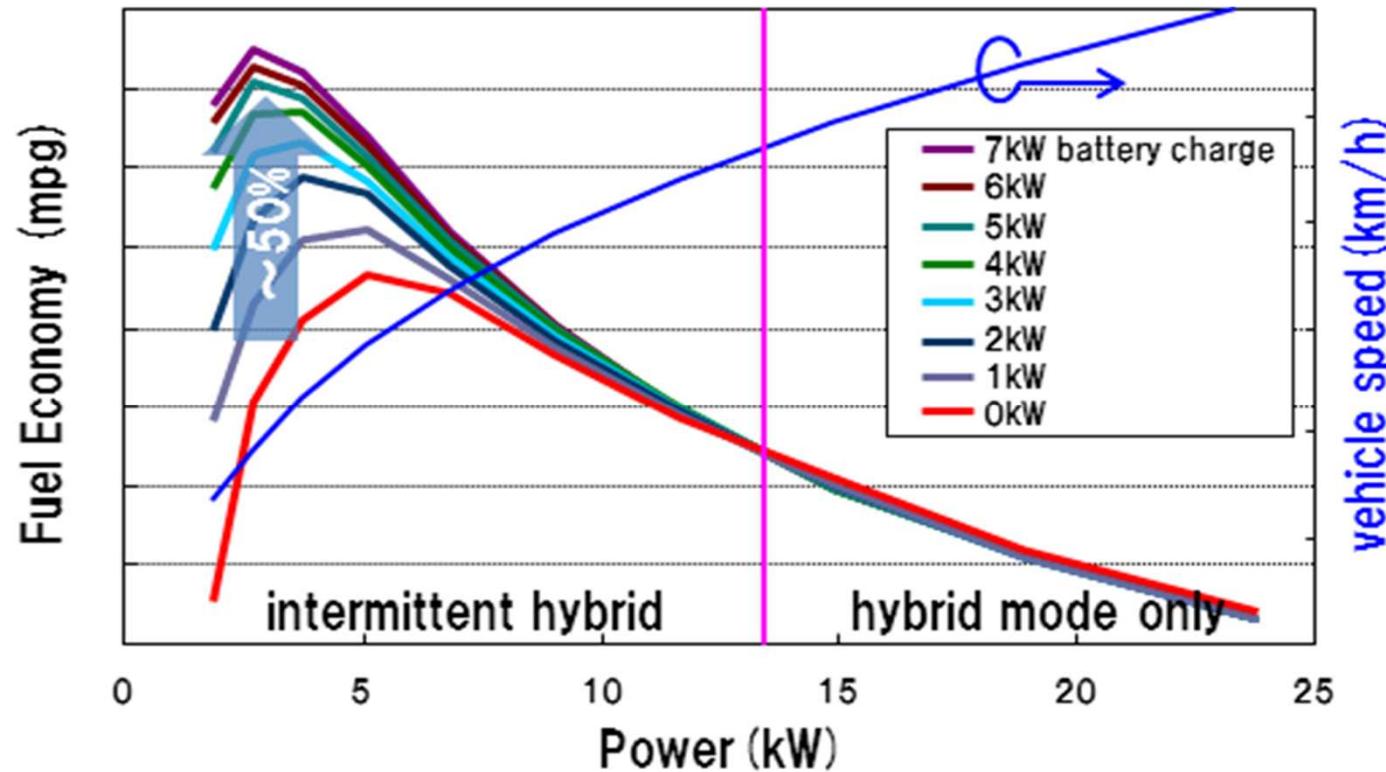
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Engine Output Adjustment



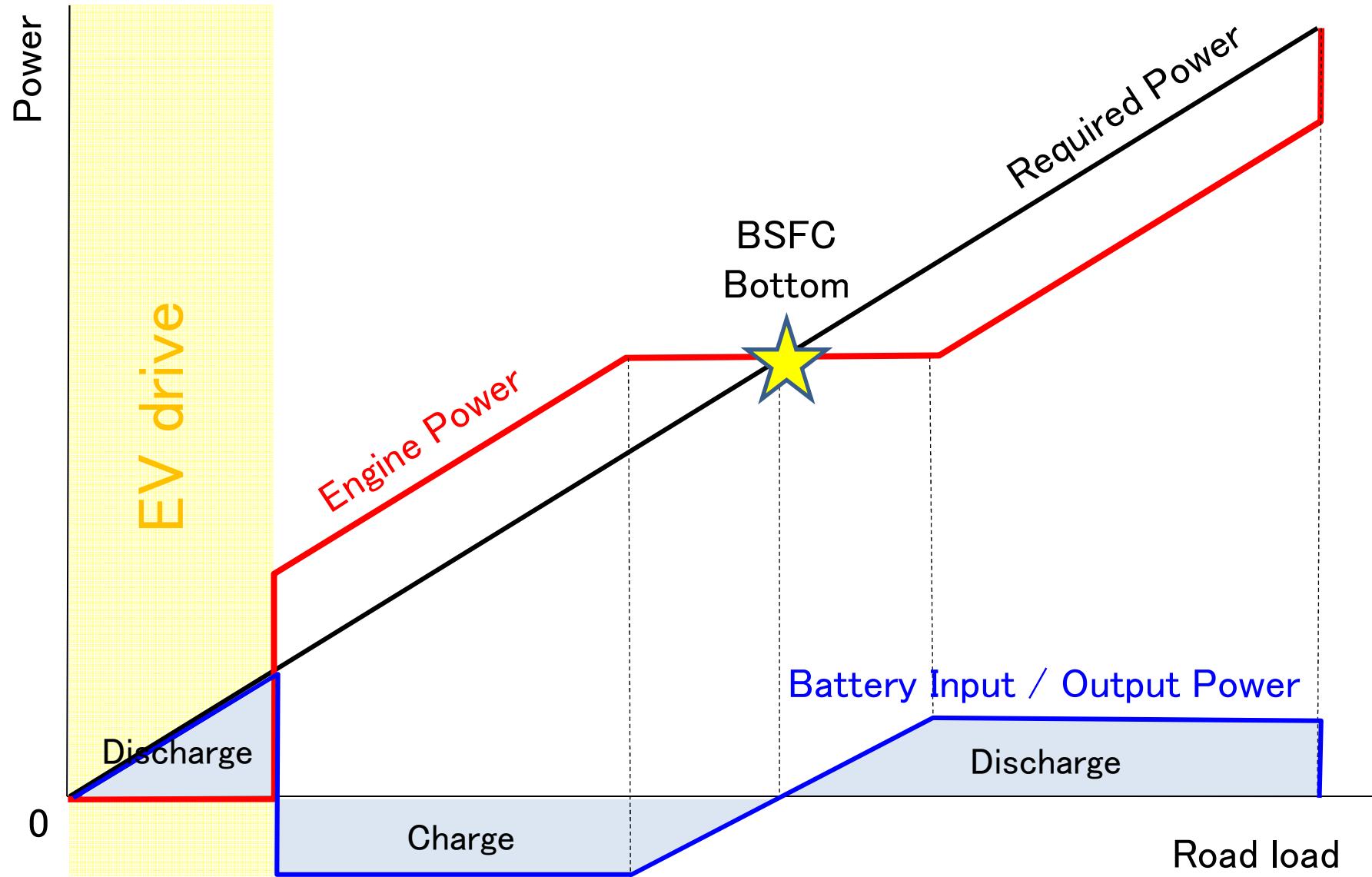
Moving engine operating point toward the most efficient area by adjusting engine load

Intermittent Operation

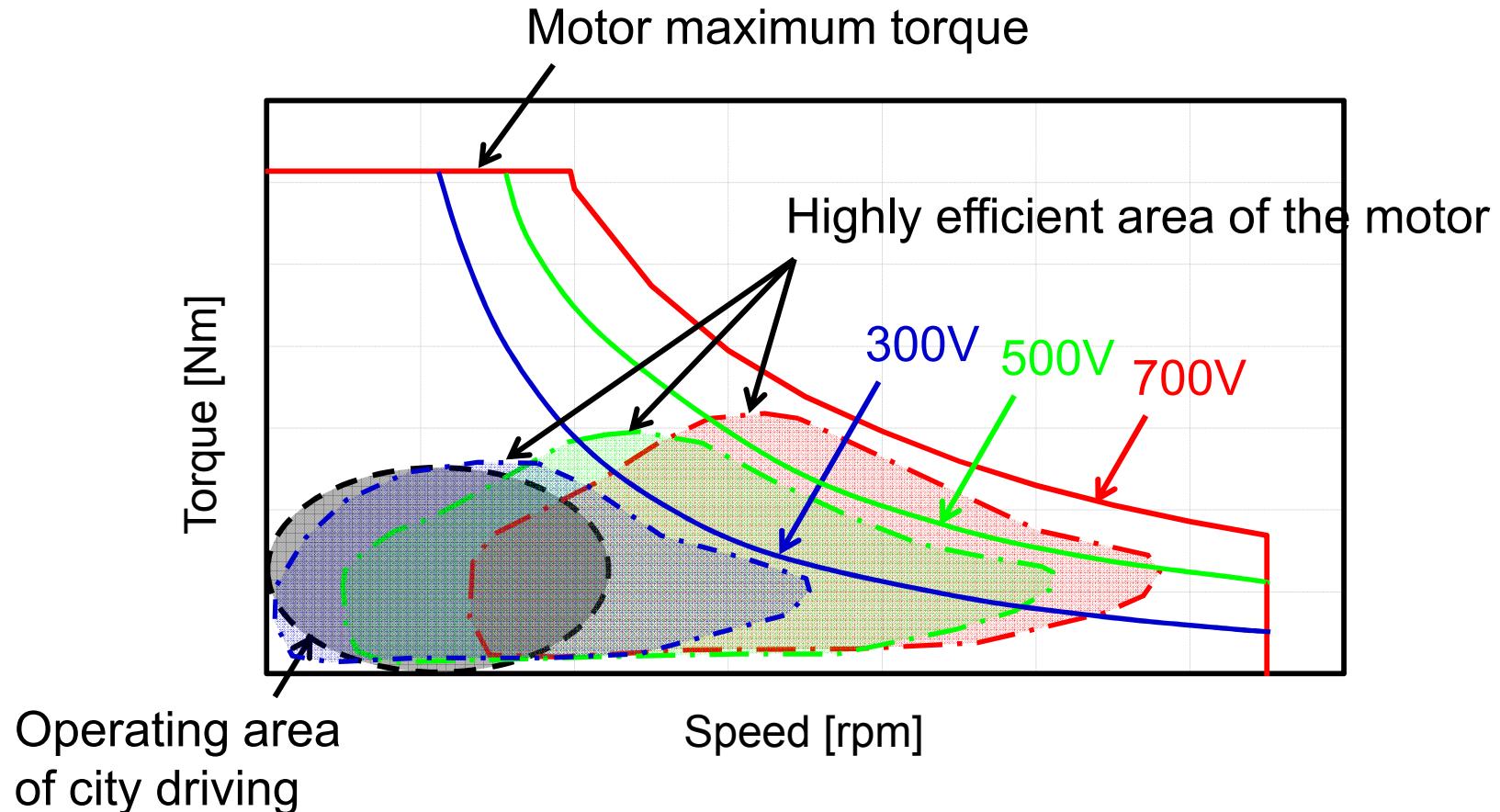


Intermittent operation is effective
if required power is lower than 15kW

Power Management



Voltage Amplification

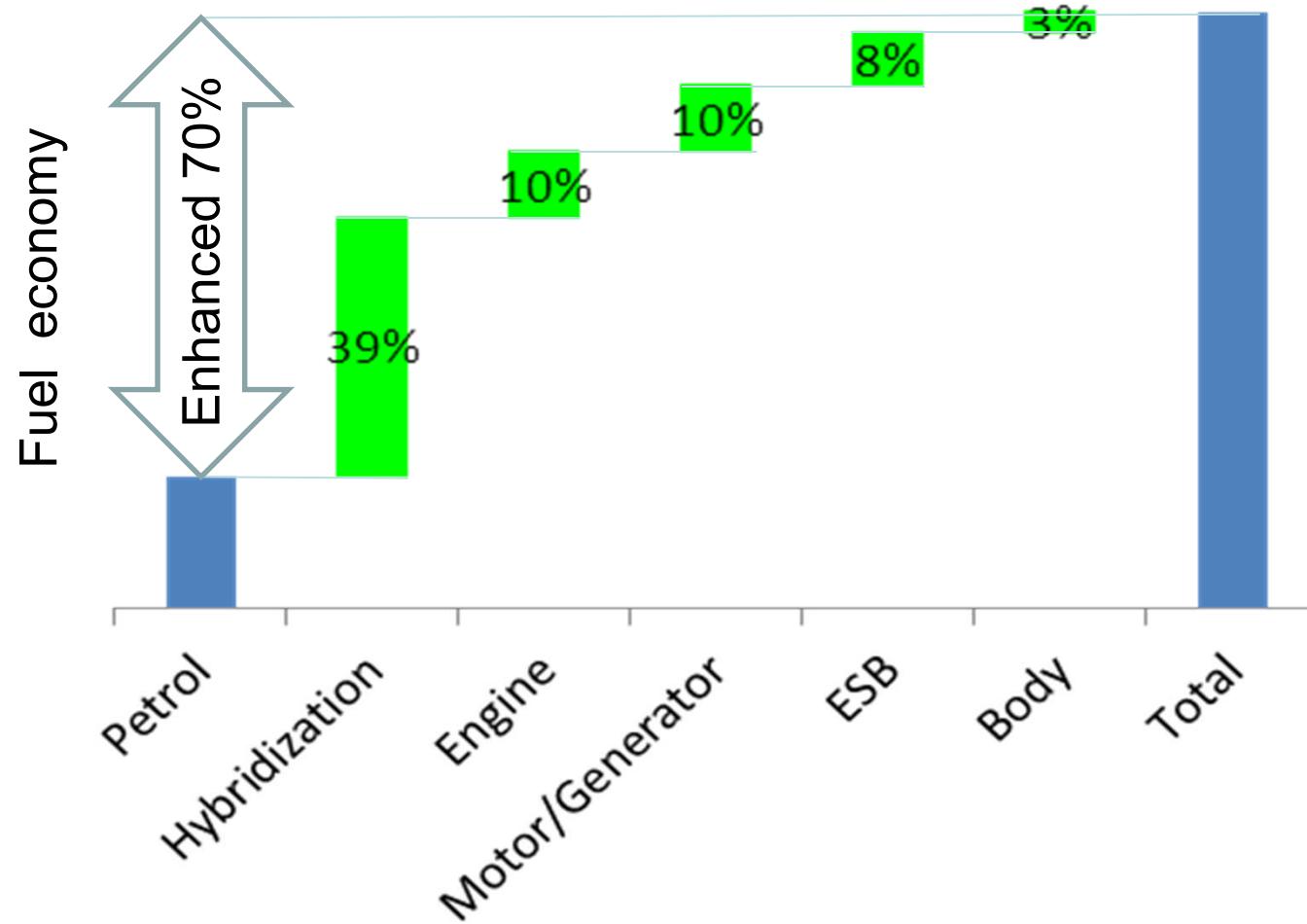


- Move highly efficient area depending on required output
- Enhance the motor power without upsizing

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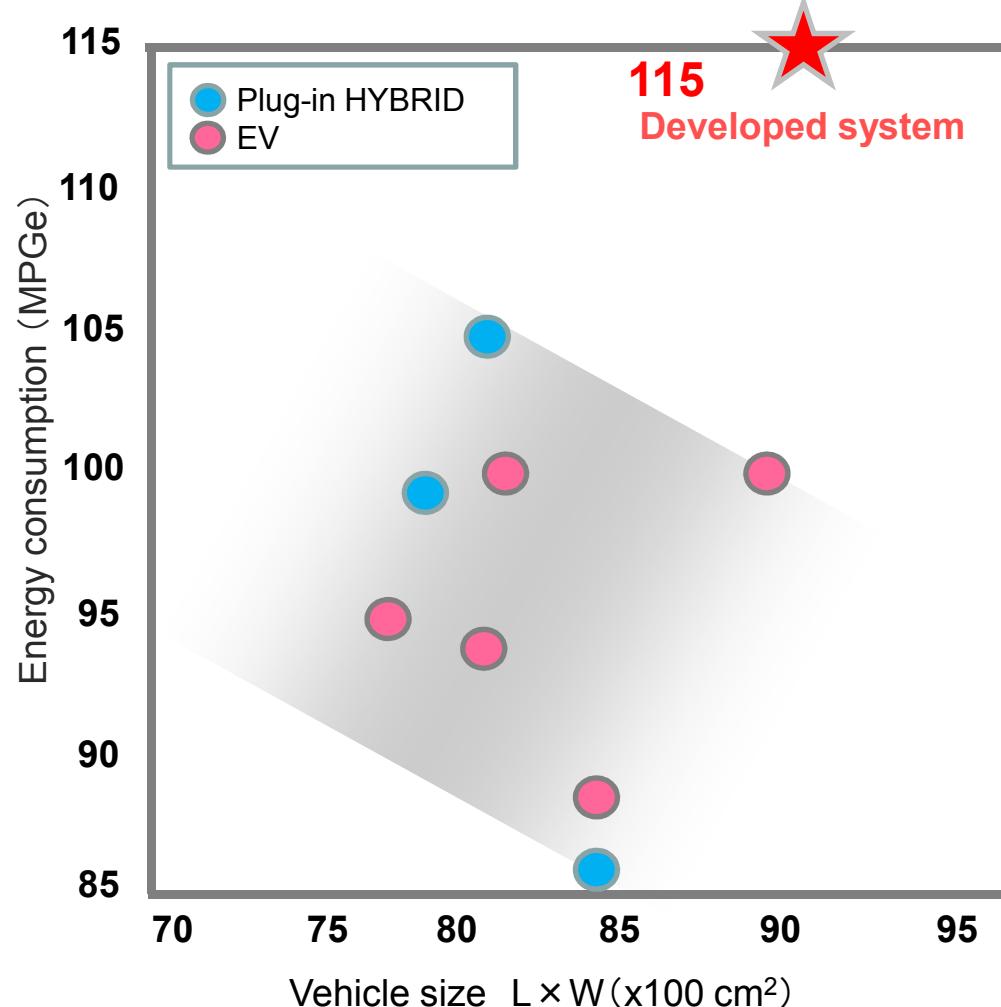
Contributions to Fuel Economy Enhancement



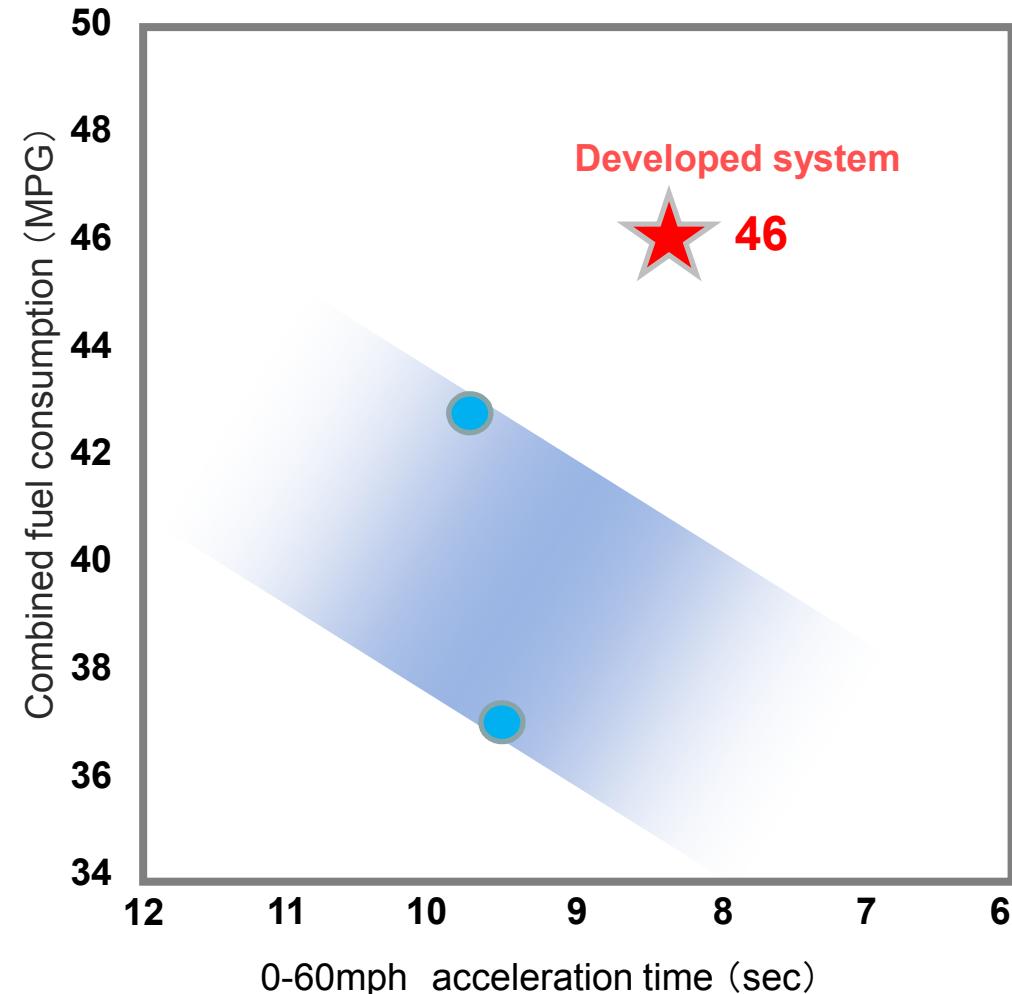
Total fuel economy is enhanced approximately 70%

Achieved Performance (2014 Accord Plug-In)

Vehicle size vs MPGe



Acceleration time vs Fuel consumption



Achieve both high levels of fuel economy
and driving performance

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Conclusion

- Reduction of CO₂ emission is an urgent issue for the automobile industry.
- A new two-motor hybrid system named "i-MMD" (intelligent Multi-Mode Drive) was developed to maximize powertrain efficiency.
- As a result of installation on Accord Plug-In, following fuel consumption values are achieved.
 - EV range: 13 mile
 - Fuel economy: 115 MPGe (Charge depleting)
 - 46 MPG (Charge sustaining)