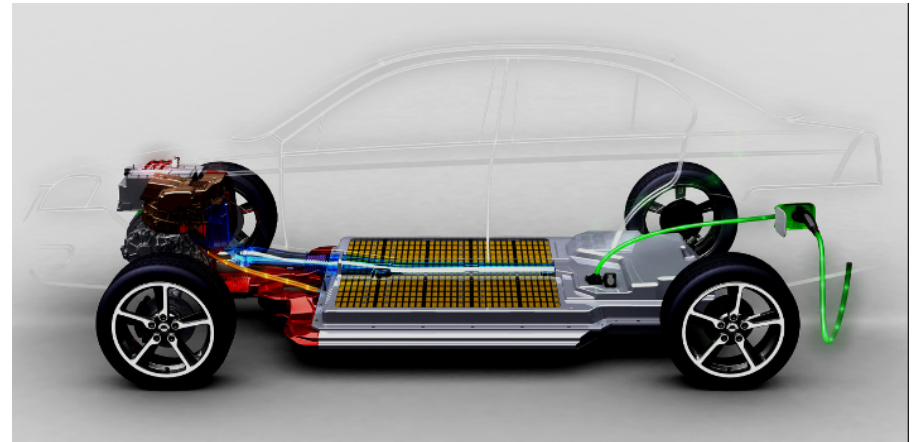


# OPTIMIZING AUTOMOTIVE DRIVE TRAINS

FROM ENERGY SOURCE TO WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

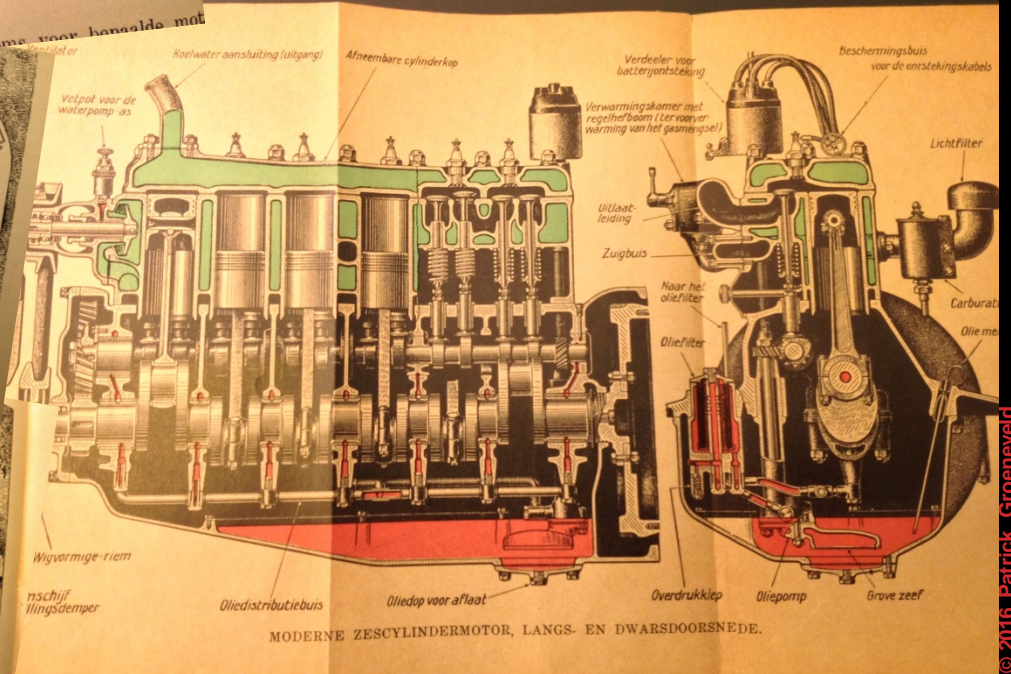
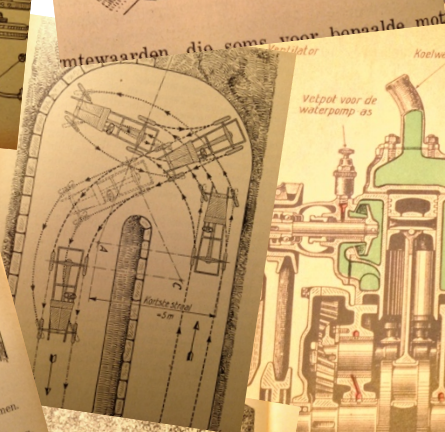
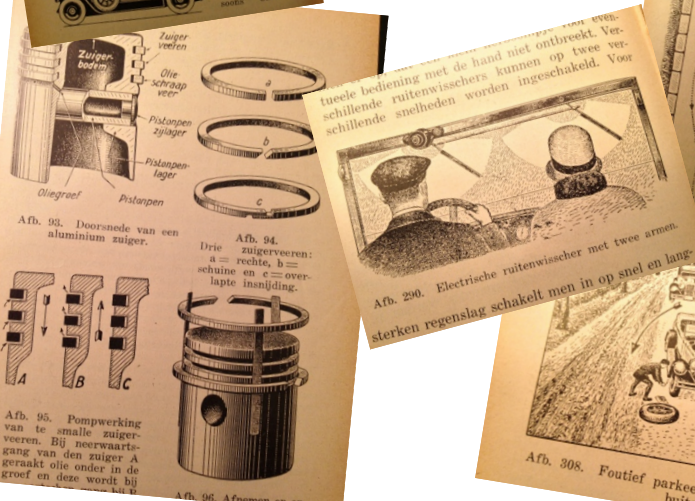
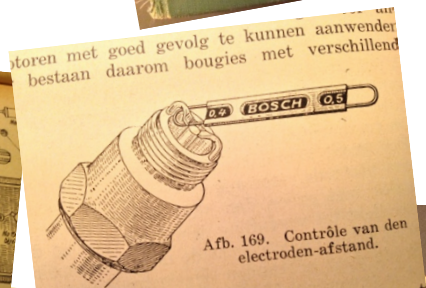
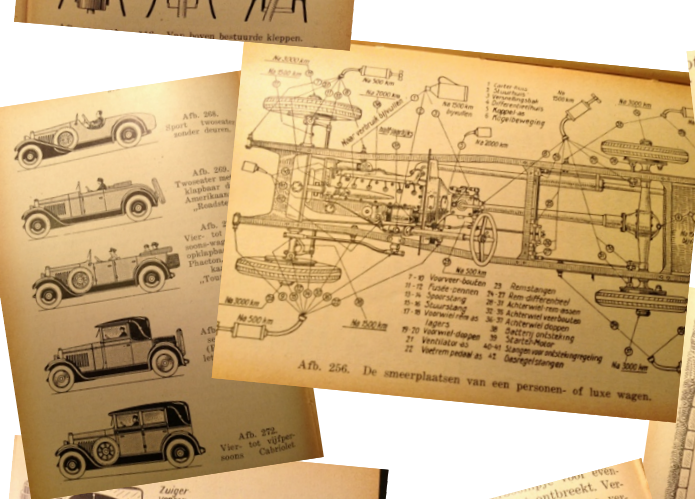
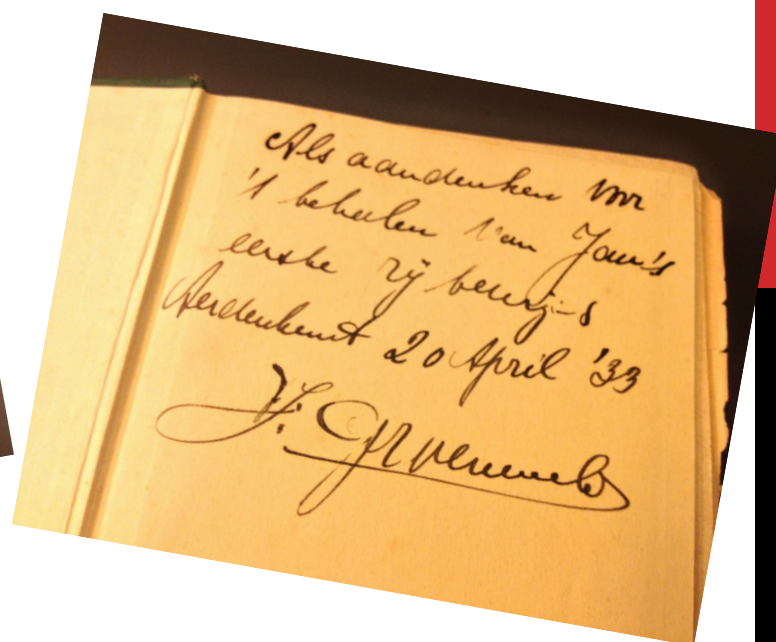
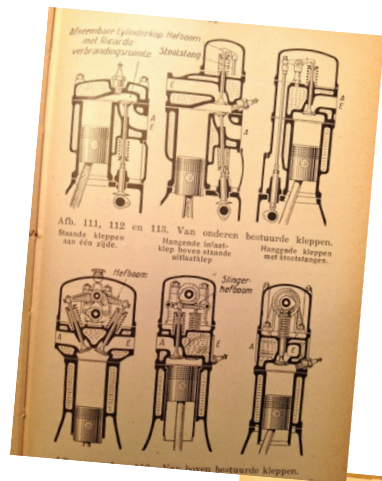


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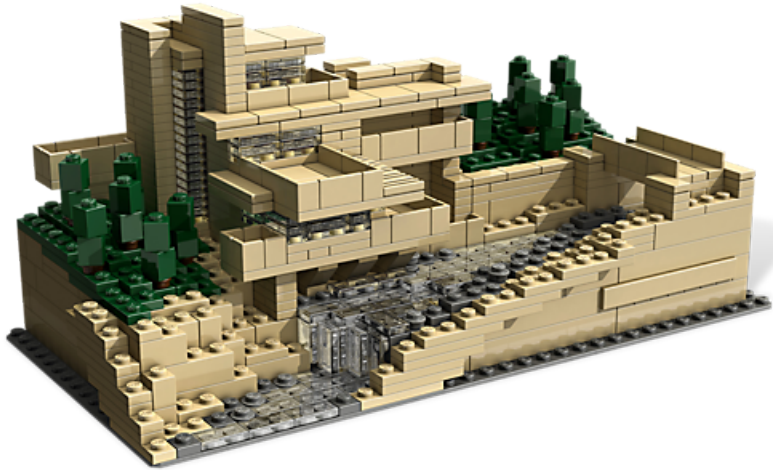


# OUTLINE:

## MULTI-MODE MULTI-CORNER AUTOMOTIVE!

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- Battery Technology
  - Tesla, GM, BMW

# THE PRICE OF A ROUGH ABSTRACTION



## Model

- built from very few distinct types of components
- Simplified abstractions

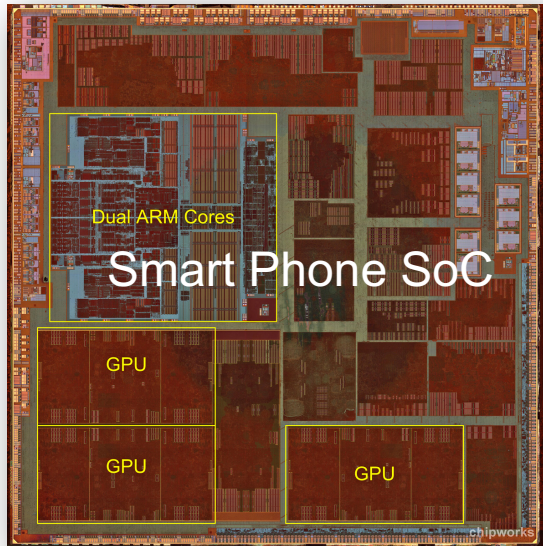


## ■ Reality

- Many different components
- Different abstractions



# ELECTRONIC DESIGN AUTOMATION VS MECHANICAL DESIGN AUTOMATION



- 100,000,000 parts
- Development cost: \$50,000,000
- Development time: <1 year
- Development team size: 50



- 4,000,000 parts (0.04x)
- Development cost: \$17,000,000,000 (340x)
- Development time: 10 years (10x)
- Development team size: 10,000 (200x)

# IC vs AUTOMOTIVE

|                          | IC Design                          | EV Design                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current                  | 0.0000001Amp- 10Amp                | 1A-1000A                      |
| Voltage                  | 1Volt-3.6Volt                      | 12V-360V                      |
| Power consumption        | 0.0000001Watt-5Watt                | 25W-250,000W                  |
| Li-Ion Battery           | 5 Watthour                         | 500Wh-85,000Wh                |
| Performance Metrics      | Geekbench, MHz                     | Torque, hp/kW, 0-60           |
| Efficiency Metrics       | MIPS/Watt, battery life, area      | Miles/kWh, range              |
| Product cycle (lifespan) | 1 year (4 years)                   | 4 years (20 years)            |
| Design tools             | Well Automated                     | Trial-and-Error               |
| Verification tools       | STA/Solid at all levels            | Fin. Elem. /Multi-physics     |
| Design Abstractions      | Strong and well defined            | Intricate                     |
| Big objective            | Time-to-Market, correctness        | (Re)liability, looks          |
| Ecosystem                | Few IP suppliers                   | Huge parts supply chain       |
| Design tool Market size  | ~\$6B/year <b>(\$50K/designer)</b> | < \$1B <b>(\$5K/designer)</b> |

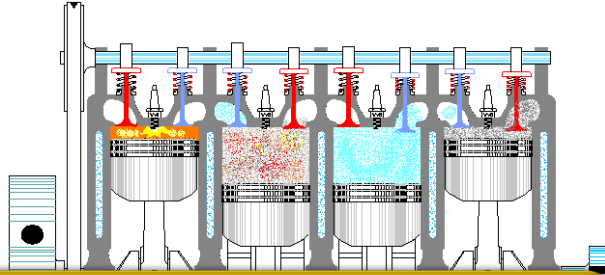


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# THE GOOD OLD INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE



BSFC Fuel consumption **sweet spot**.  
Most efficient at 2000 RPM with  
100 Nm torque

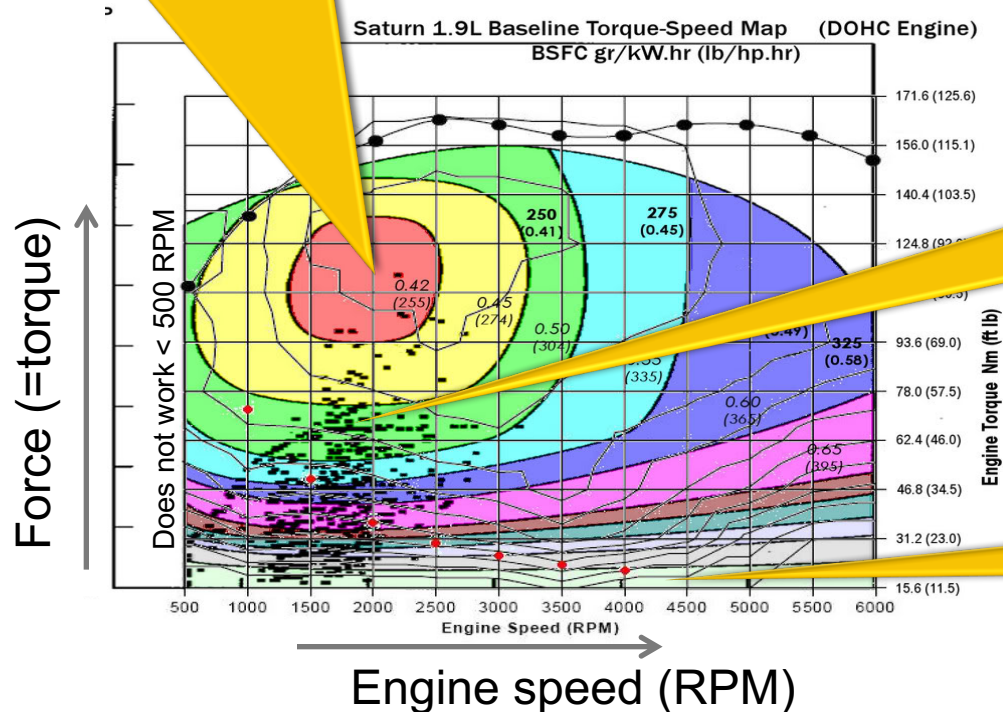
Proven technology

Works only between 500 – 6000  
RPM

Low force (torque) at low RPM

So needs gearbox and clutch

Overall energy conversion is only  
about 15-30% efficient



Dots show 1 second intervals during  
EPA standard test cycle. Despite  
gearbox, it does not hit the sweet  
spot well...

Sweet spot is very narrow: 100%  
worse here



# AUTOMOTIVE POLLUTION



Gasoline



Diesel



Electric



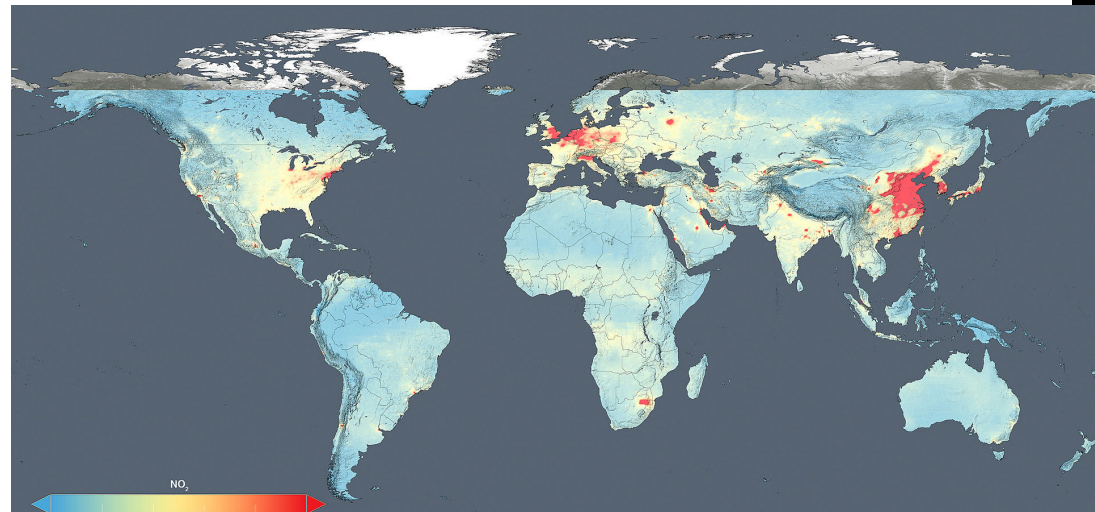
**Carbon Dioxide** – 1/3<sup>rd</sup> comes from cars

-> Causes Global Climate Change

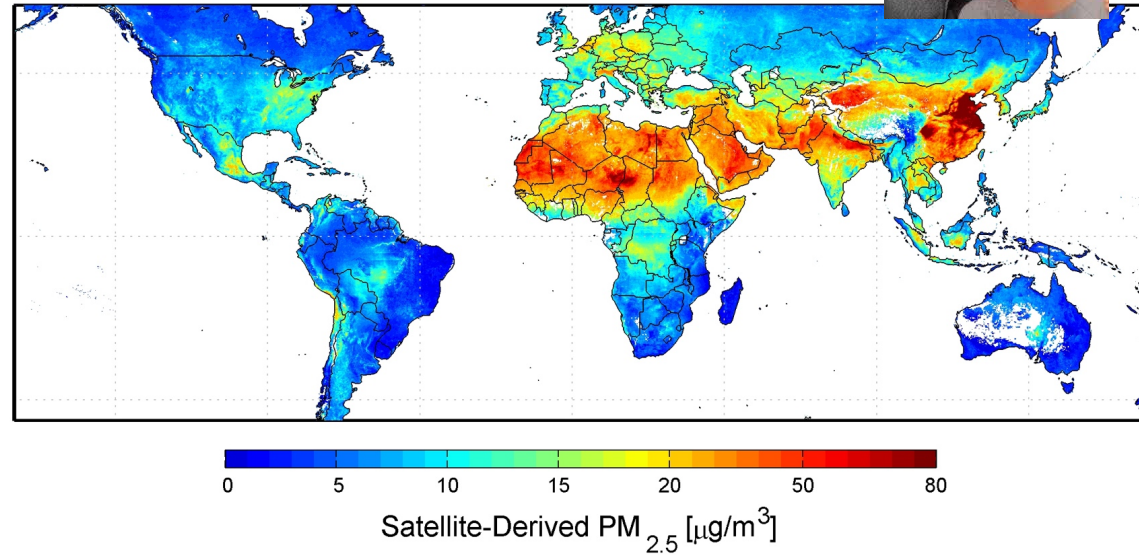


**Nitrogen Oxides** – Mainly Affects Health

-> Local smog, Respiratory diseases



# AUTOMOTIVE POLLUTION



| Gasoline | Diesel | Electric |
|----------|--------|----------|
| ☹️       | ☹️     | ☹️       |

|       |       |      |
|-------|-------|------|
| ☹️    | ☹️☹️  | 😊😊   |
| ☹️/☹️ | ☹️/☹️ | 😊/☹️ |
| ☹️    | ☹️    | 😊    |

**PM2.5 dust** – Fine particulates < 2.5micrometer  
 -> Causes Respiratory diseases, cancer

Smell

Noise

Geopolitical Issues (e.g. oil-fueled wars)



# MEASURING EMISSION: DYNAMOMETER



# COMPARE 'OFFICIAL' MPG BETWEEN GERMANY AND USA

2016 Mercedes E-350 Sedan

USA [www.mbusa.com](http://www.mbusa.com):



US EPA test:  
**23 MPG combined**  
 237 g CO2/km

↕ 48% more!?!?! ↕

EU NEFZ test:  
**34 MPG combined (7.1 liter/100km)**  
 165 g CO2/km

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| The 2016 E350 Sedan    | MSRP \$53,100*            |
| Passenger capacity     | 5                         |
| Trunk capacity         | 12.9 cu ft                |
| Transmission type      | 7-speed automatic         |
| Engine                 | 3.5L gasoline V-6         |
| Power                  | 302 hp @ 6,500 rpm        |
| Acceleration, 0-60 mph | 6.5 sec                   |
| City fuel economy      | 20 mpg                    |
| Highway fuel economy   | 29 mpg<br>23 mpg combined |

Germany: same car, [www.mercedes.de](http://www.mercedes.de):

| Kraftstoff                                    | Superkraftstoff |
|---|-----------------|
| Tankinhalt/davon Reserve (l)                  | 59/8            |
| Kraftstoffverbrauch innerorts (l/100 km) [3]  | – (9,6–9,4)     |
| Kraftstoffverbrauch außerorts (l/100 km) [3]  | – (5,6–5,5)     |
| Kraftstoffverbrauch kombiniert (l/100 km) [3] | – (7,1–6,9)     |
| CO2-Emissionen (g/km) kombiniert [3]          | – (165–161)     |

# FUEL ECONOMY: EUROPEAN TEST VS US EPA TEST

vs EPA

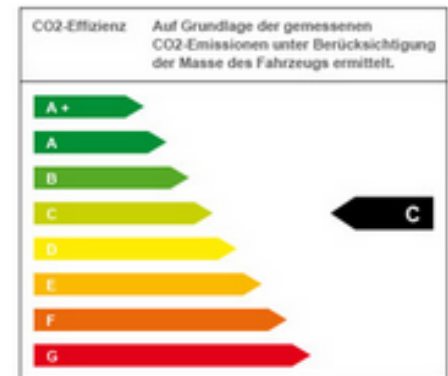
| Car               | US MPG (EPA) | Fuelly.com (actual) | German MPG (NEFZ) | Reality gap |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| BMW 328i          | 26           | 24                  | 37                | 42%         |
| BMW 535i          | 24           | 23                  | 44                | 83%         |
| BMW 740i          | 24           | 19                  | 34                | 42%         |
| BMW X535i         | 18           | 19                  | 28                | 56%         |
| Cadillac ATS      | 25           | 25                  | 31                | 24%         |
| Cadillac Escalade | 17           | 15                  | 18                | 6%          |
| VW Passat CC      | 25           | 25                  | 44                | 76%         |
| VW Beetle         | 28           | 27                  | 44                | 57%         |
| Mercedes E350     | 23           | 22                  | 34                | 48%         |

Combined usage  
[www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov)

Real-life  
usage

Official European  
manufacturers data

**Why?** Because cheating with the emission test helps meet fleet-wide European manufacturer CO2 emission goals.





# HOW MANUFACTURERS CHEAT THE EUROPEAN EMISSION TEST

- **Multi-Mode:** ECU mode switches

- Performance
- Fuel Economy
- Emissions



- **Multi-Corner:** Artificially hit most advantageous corner:

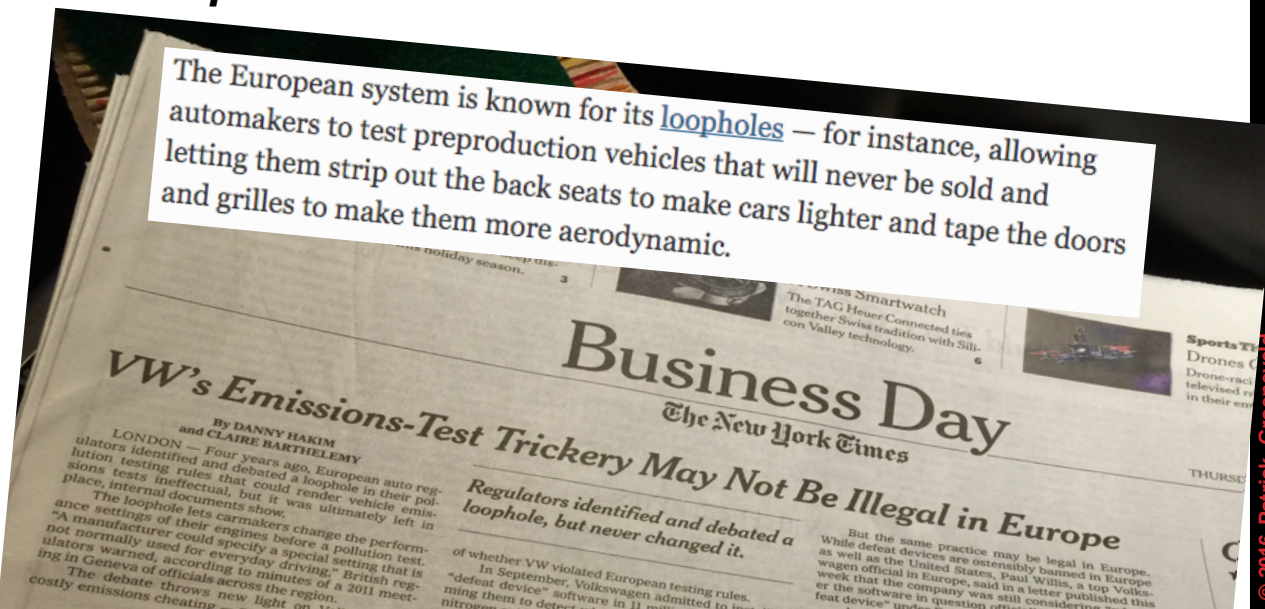
- Non-production car with reduced weight
- Special low-resistance tires
- Extra aerodynamic tweaks (tape door gaps, spoilers)

# VOLKSWAGEN EMISSION SCANDAL



**VW CEO Matthias Müller:** *"Frankly spoken, it was a technical problem. We made a default, we had a ... **not the right interpretation of the American law.** And we had some targets for our technical engineers, and they solved this problem and reached targets with some **software solutions which haven't been compatible to the American law.**"*

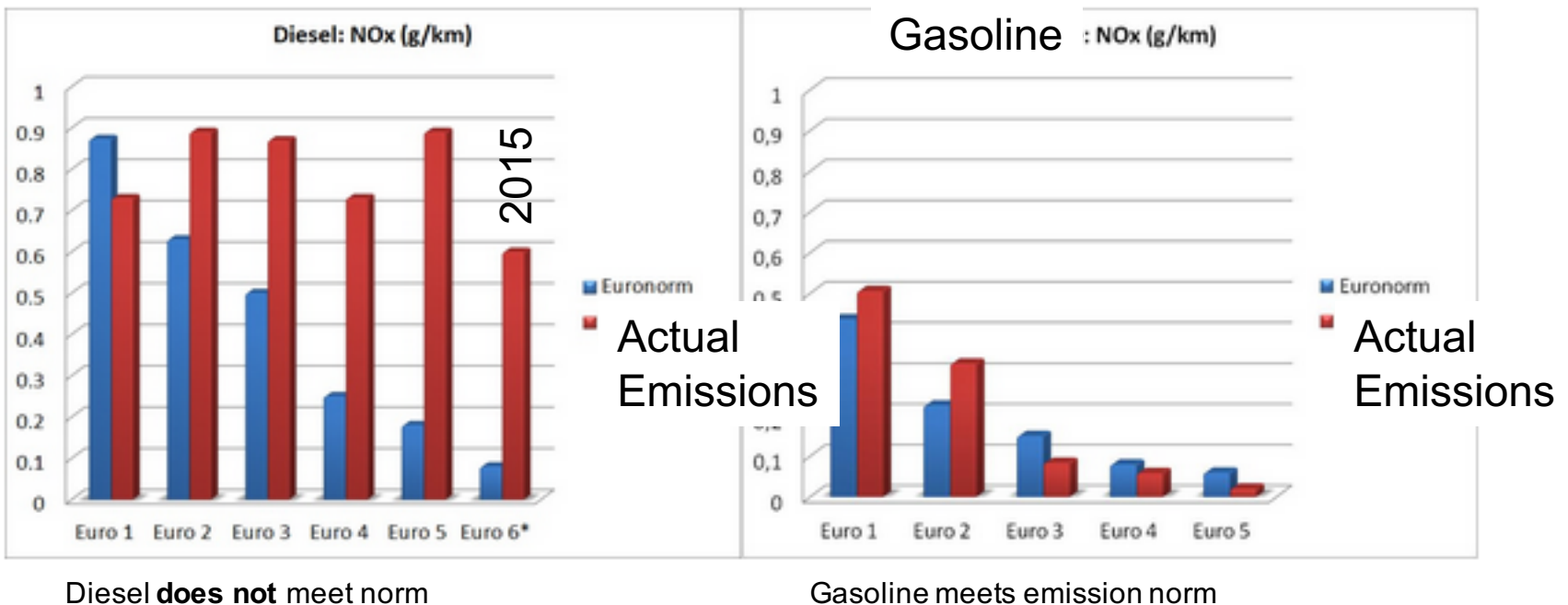
(NPR interview  
Detroit, Jan 11, 2016)



# DIESEL NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS

Improved in theory on the dynamometer (blue bars)

... but not in practice (red bars):



50% of all passenger cars in Europe are diesels (!),

Diesel gets ~20% better MPG and is cheaper per liter than gasoline

# VOLKSWAGEN'S DIESEL-DILEMMA

Burn Diesel lean at high temperature:

- ☺ Best MPG = best CO<sub>2</sub>/km
- ☺ Lower PM<sub>25</sub> fine dust
- ☹ High NO<sub>x</sub>

Solutions:

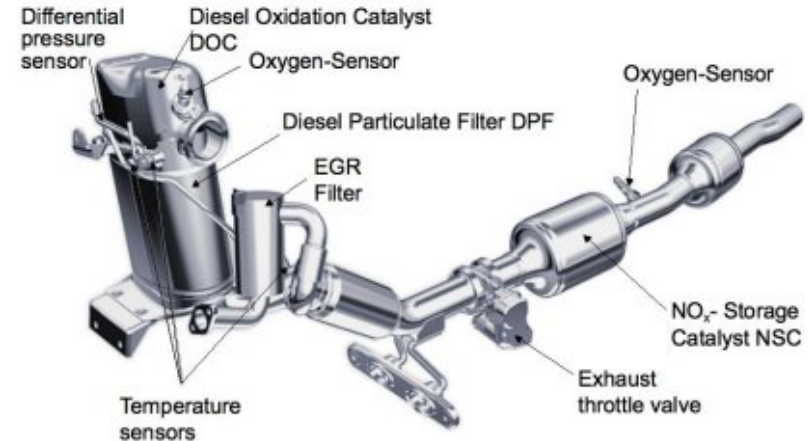
Exhaust Gas Recirculation with cooling

Lean NO<sub>x</sub> trap (NO<sub>x</sub> Absorber)

Selective Catalytic Reduction (Urea/BlueTec)

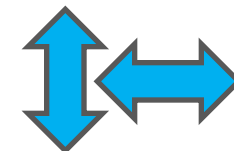
Diesel Particulate Filter

## After-Treatment Components



MPG & low CO<sub>2</sub>

Hard to get at the same time:



Low Cost

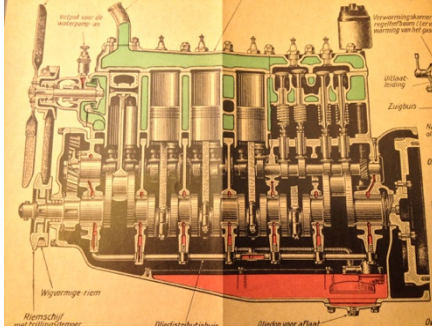
Low NO<sub>x</sub>



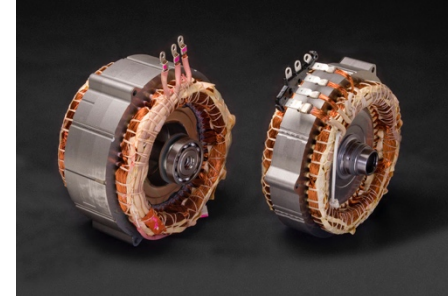
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# INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VS ELECTRIC MOTOR



- **Motor only**
- **17%-25% efficient**
- **Gets hot, needs cooling**
- **Needs gearbox + clutch**
- **Needs maintenance**
- **Big and complicated**
- **Vibrates, noisy, stinks**



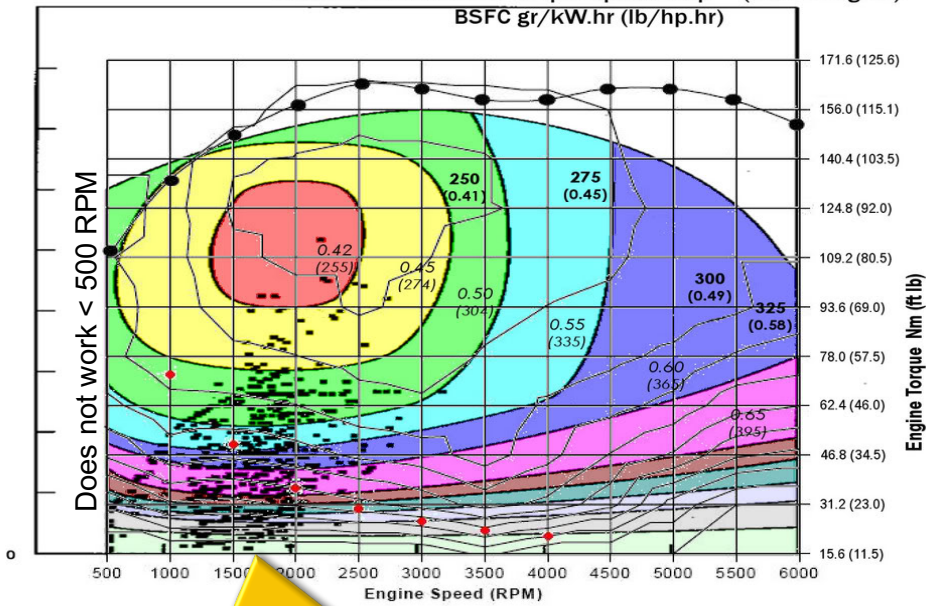
- **Motor *and* Generator**
- **> 90% efficient**
- **Cool**
- **No gearbox**
- **Maintenance free**
- **Small and simple**
- **Smooth, silent, 0-emission**

# ELECTRIC MOTORS: BIG SWEET SPOT

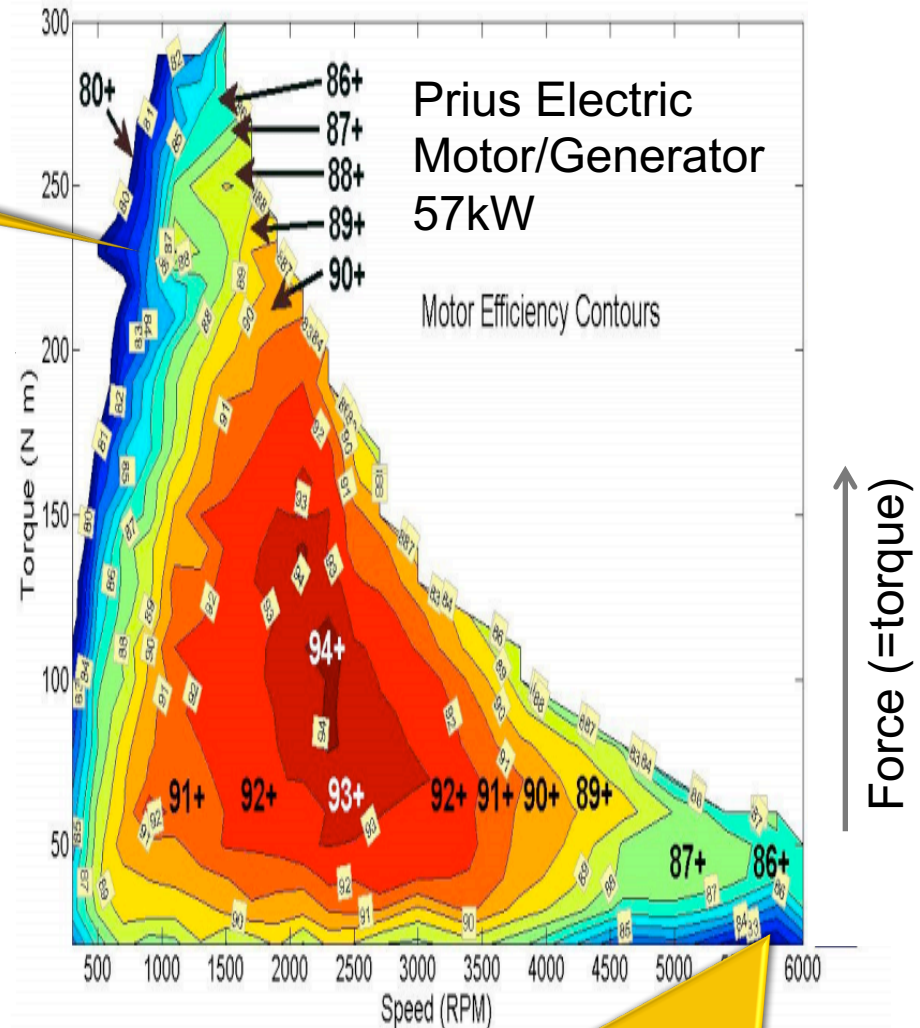
High torque at low RPM  
So no need for multi-speed transmission

Car Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)  
92kW (100hp)

Saturn 1.9L Baseline Torque-Speed Map (DOHC Engine)  
BSFC gr/kW.hr (lb/hp.hr)



ICE: 100% less energy efficient when off the sweet spot



Electric motor: only 15 % efficiency loss when off sweet spot

# W(H)AT(T) IS A KWH ?

Average home in the USA uses 11kWh/day

## Electric cars drive on electric power:

- The unit of power is **Watt**
- We pay for electrical energy per **kilo Watt hour (kWh)**

1 kWh = a big Mac + small Fries + Coke (860 kCal)

## The efficiency of an EV is expressed in:

- ***Miles per kWh*** “Plug-to-wheel”
- Plug-to-wheel includes battery losses (17%)

Typical EV: **3.0 miles/kWh**  
Plug-to-wheel

1 mile = 1.6 km

1 US gallon = 3.8 liter

1 lb = 0.45 kg



# WAT(T) IS A KWH ?

## MPG VS MPGe

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**EPA uses MPGe to rate electric cars:**

- 33.7 kWh = 1 gallon of gas
- So 100 MPGe = 2.92 miles/kWh.

Because the EPA thinks  
that people do not  
understand miles/kWh

**Since regular cars are 25 MPG, and EVs are 100 MPGe**

- Are EVs 4x cheaper?
- Are EVs 4x cleaner?
- Are EVs 4x more energy efficient?

# No, No and No!

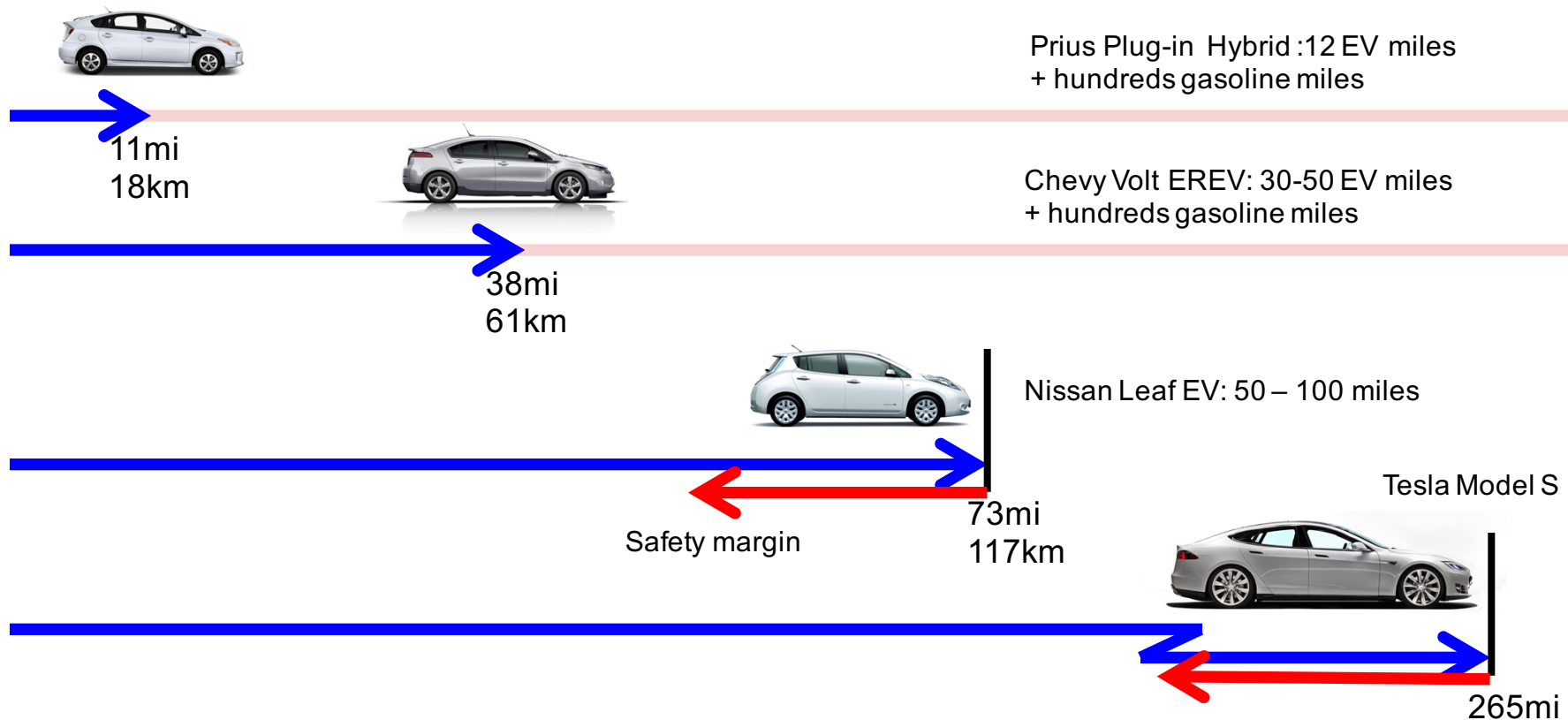
# BATTERY-POWERED VEHICLE CATEGORIES

**Plug-In Hybrid:** Gasoline-Electric hybrid with larger battery

**Extended Range EV:** Electric Vehicle with Gasoline ICE as backup

**Commute EV:** Electric Motor only, mid-sized battery

**Full-EV:** Electric Motor only, large battery



# TYPICAL EV DRIVING: 0 → 45MPH → 0 IN 1 MINUTE

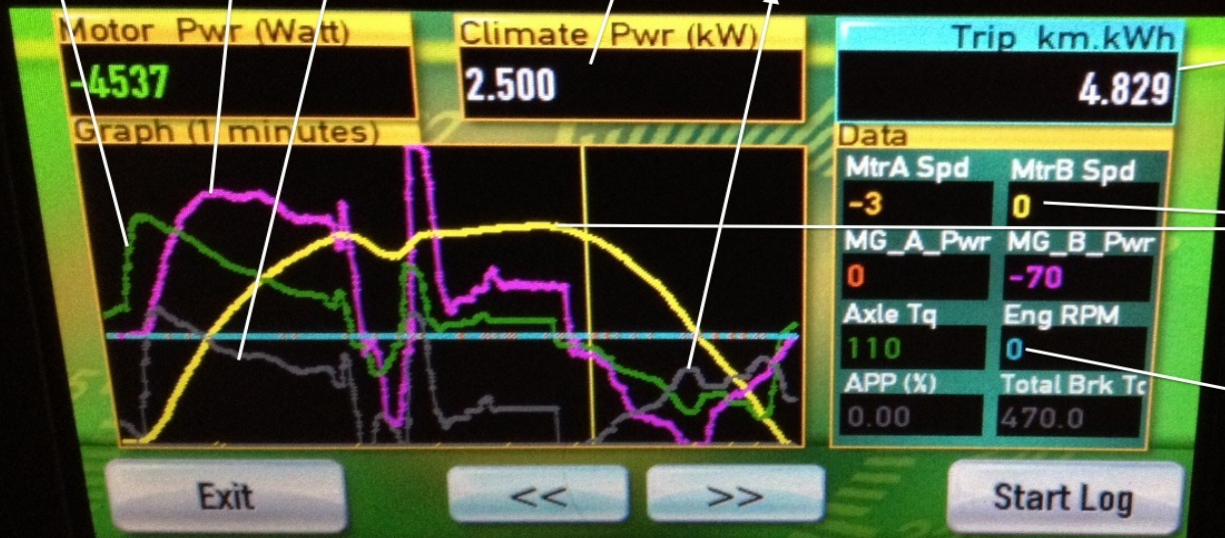
Magenta: MGB Power:  
Blue line = 0, top of the  
graph is 70kW, while the  
bottom is -50 kW  
regeneration.

Heater running in  
ECO mode: 2.5 kW

Green: Axle Torque  
Blue line = 0

Grey = Acceleration  
pedal position: 0% - 100%

Also Grey = Brake  
pedal position  
(Torque demand)



Trip Efficiency in  
km per kWh  
(bigger = better)

Yellow: MGB RPM  
This is linear with vehicle  
speed in this drive mode.  
Bottom = 0 RPM,  
Top = 6000 RPM

Blue: ICE RPM  
When ICE is not running this  
marks the 0 power for MGA,  
MGB and torque

Acceleration  
from full stop  
to 45 MPH

Constant  
45MPH

Brake to full stop,  
MGB regenerates  
up to -50kW

Coast, then  
briefly brake



# EV OPERATION: BURNING AND HARVESTING ELECTRIC ENERGY

**Purple** = net energy flow to/from the Electric Motor (-50kW to +110kW)

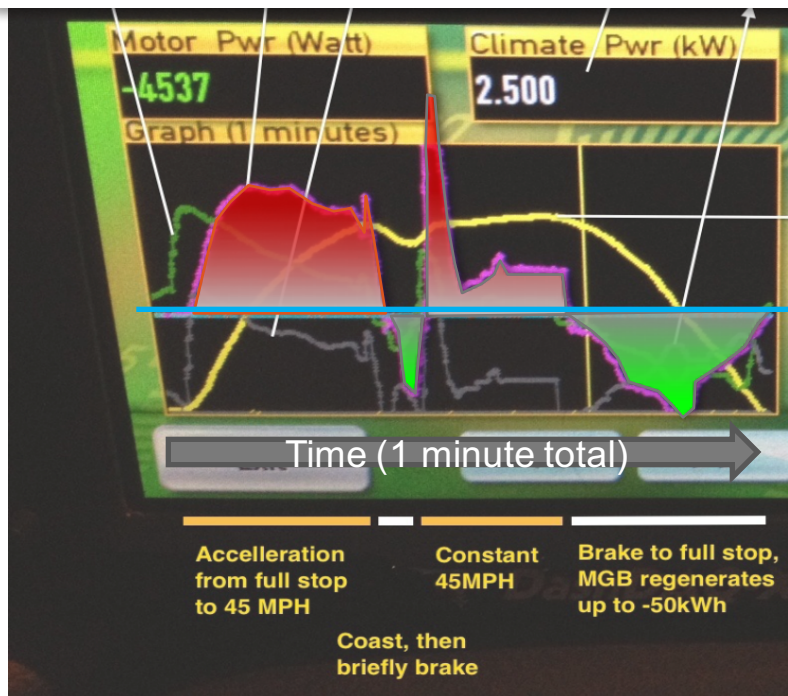
Above blue line = Motor converts electrical energy into mechanical

Below Blue line = Motor regenerates electrical energy

**Yellow** = Vehicle speed

**Red** area = Battery discharges, car accelerates

**Green** area = Battery charges, car brakes through **regenerative braking**.



Spend energy



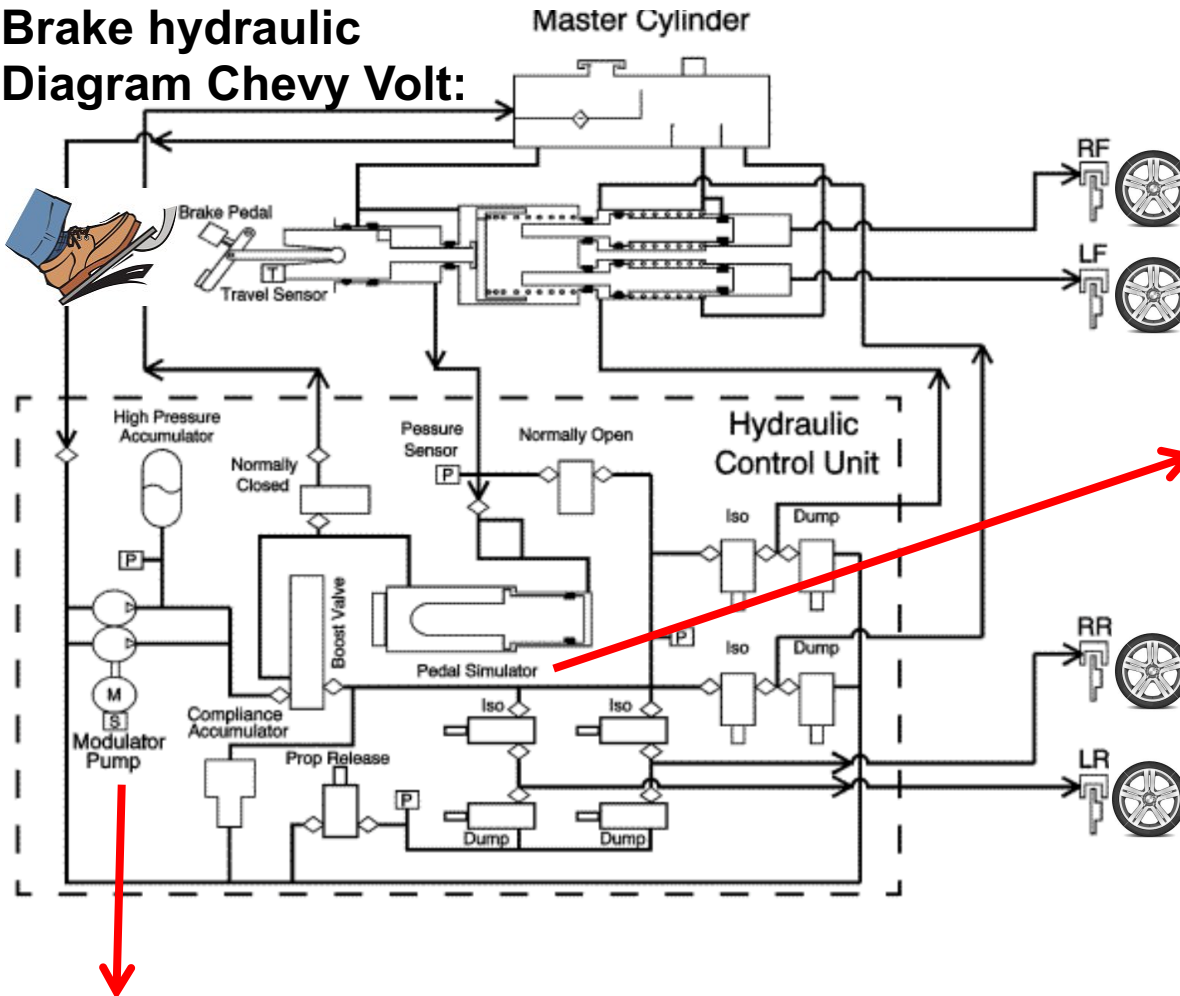
Harvest energy





# BLENDING REGENERATIVE BRAKING WITH FRICTION BRAKING

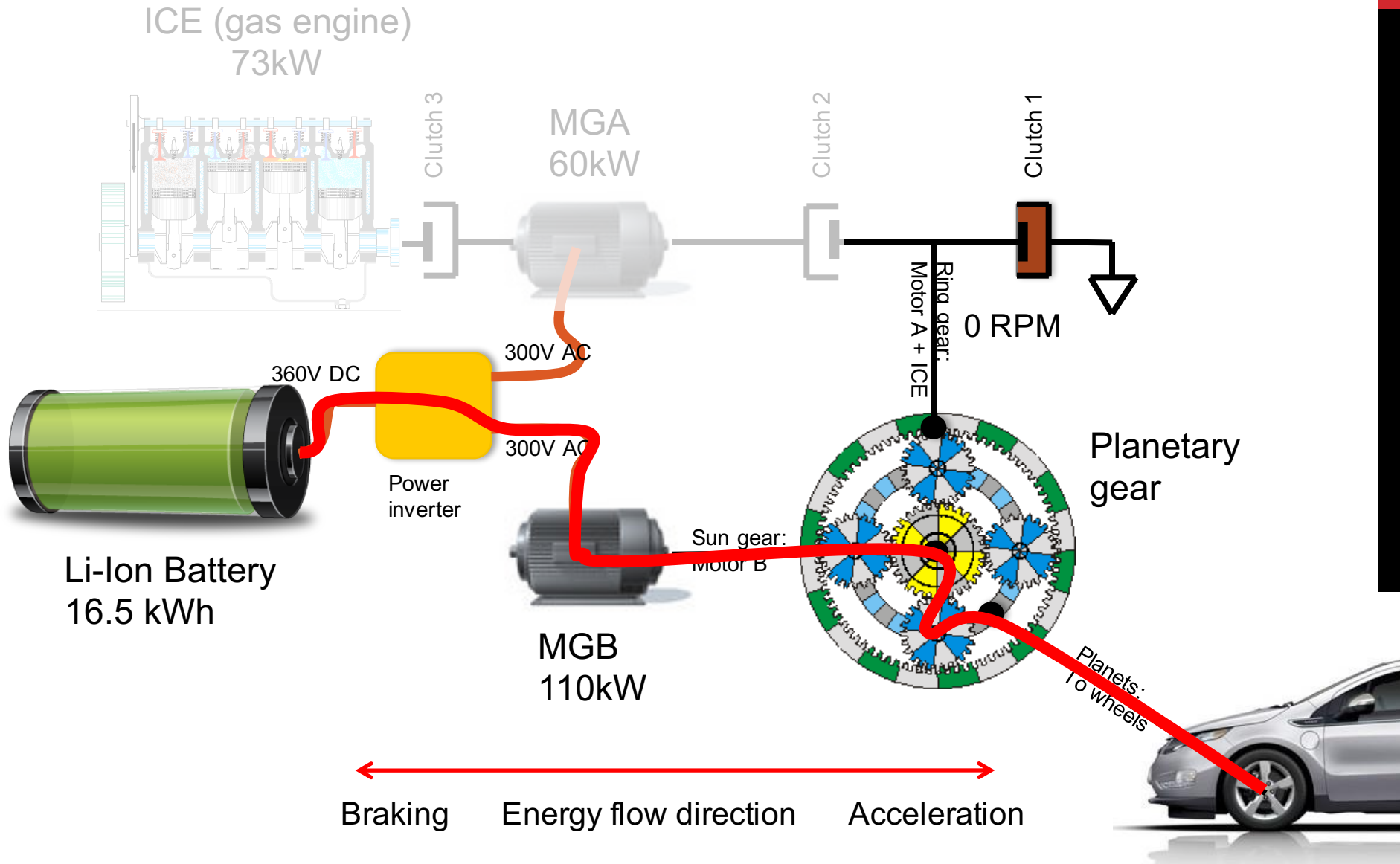
Brake hydraulic  
Diagram Chevy Volt:



- At low brake torque demand:
  - Uses **regenerative** braking
- Higher brake torque demand and low speed:
  - Blend in **friction** braking.
- Uses '*brake pedal pressure simulator*' to create natural feel.
- BMW i3 and Tesla use a simpler system:
  - Friction braking only
  - Yet accelerator pedal is in 'high-regen' mode
- **Round-trip regeneration energy losses ~30% = 70% efficient**

Note: since the ICE is not running, need electric pump for brake fluid pressure.

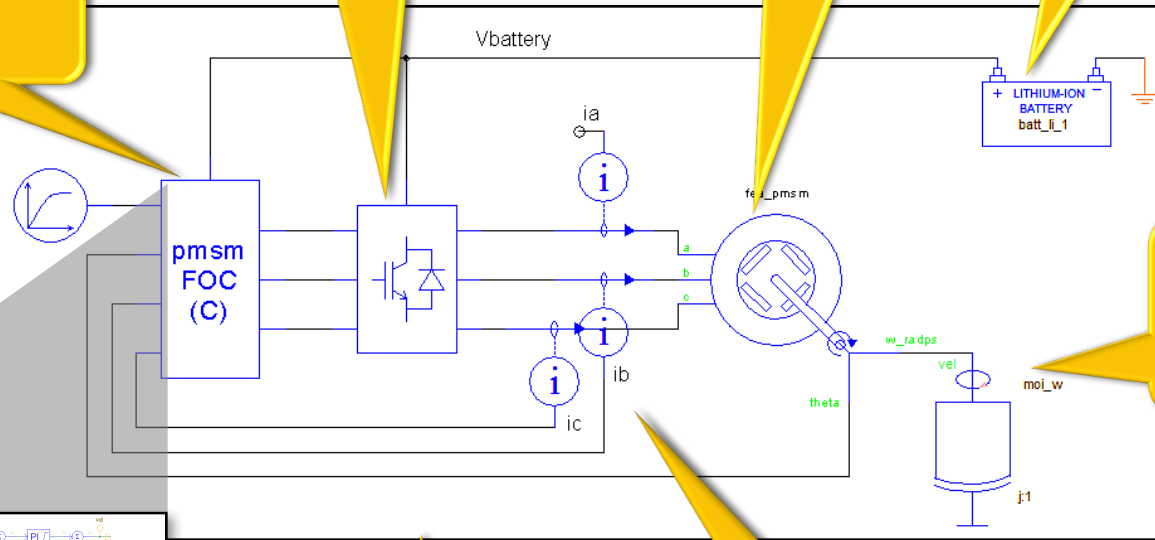
# ELECTRIC DRIVING: EV MODE 1



Controller:  
Digital / Analog  
Software

Motor/Generator:  
Electro-mechanical

## Li-Ion Battery: Electro- Chemical



Transmission:  
Mechanical  
Electro-Hydraulic

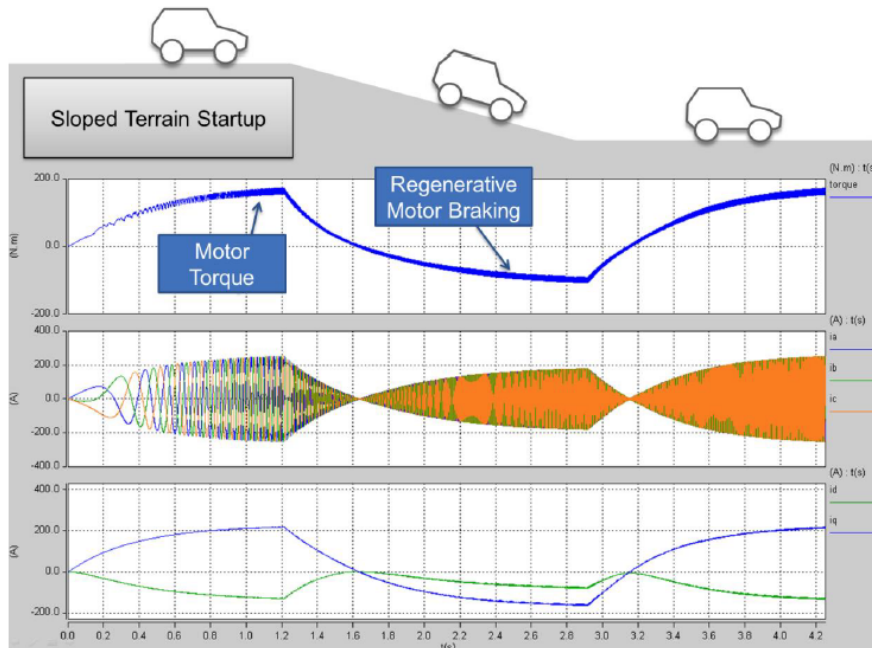
Chassis:  
Mechanical,  
Thermal

## Sensors: Electrical

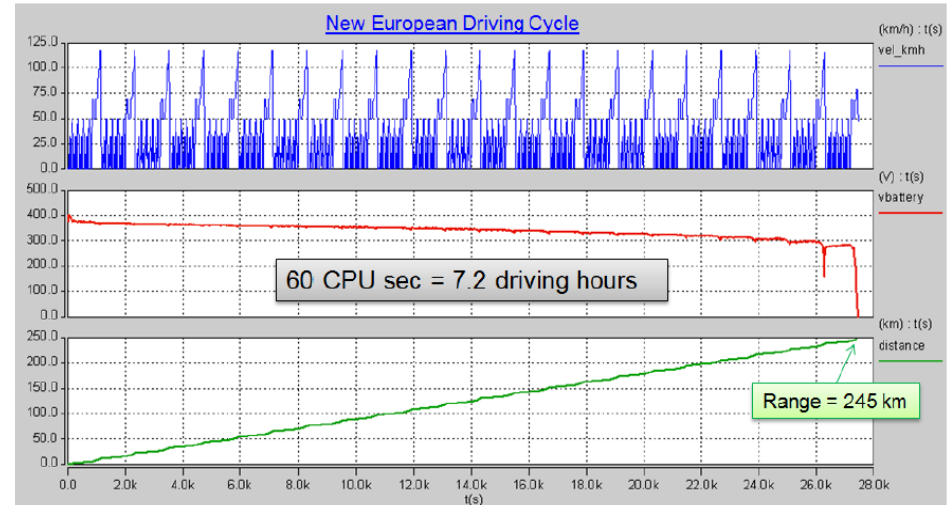
Efficiency?  
Range?  
Temperature?

Source: Synopsys Sabre tool

# SYSTEM LEVEL SIMULATION RESULTS



*Torque and current responses on sloped terrain.*

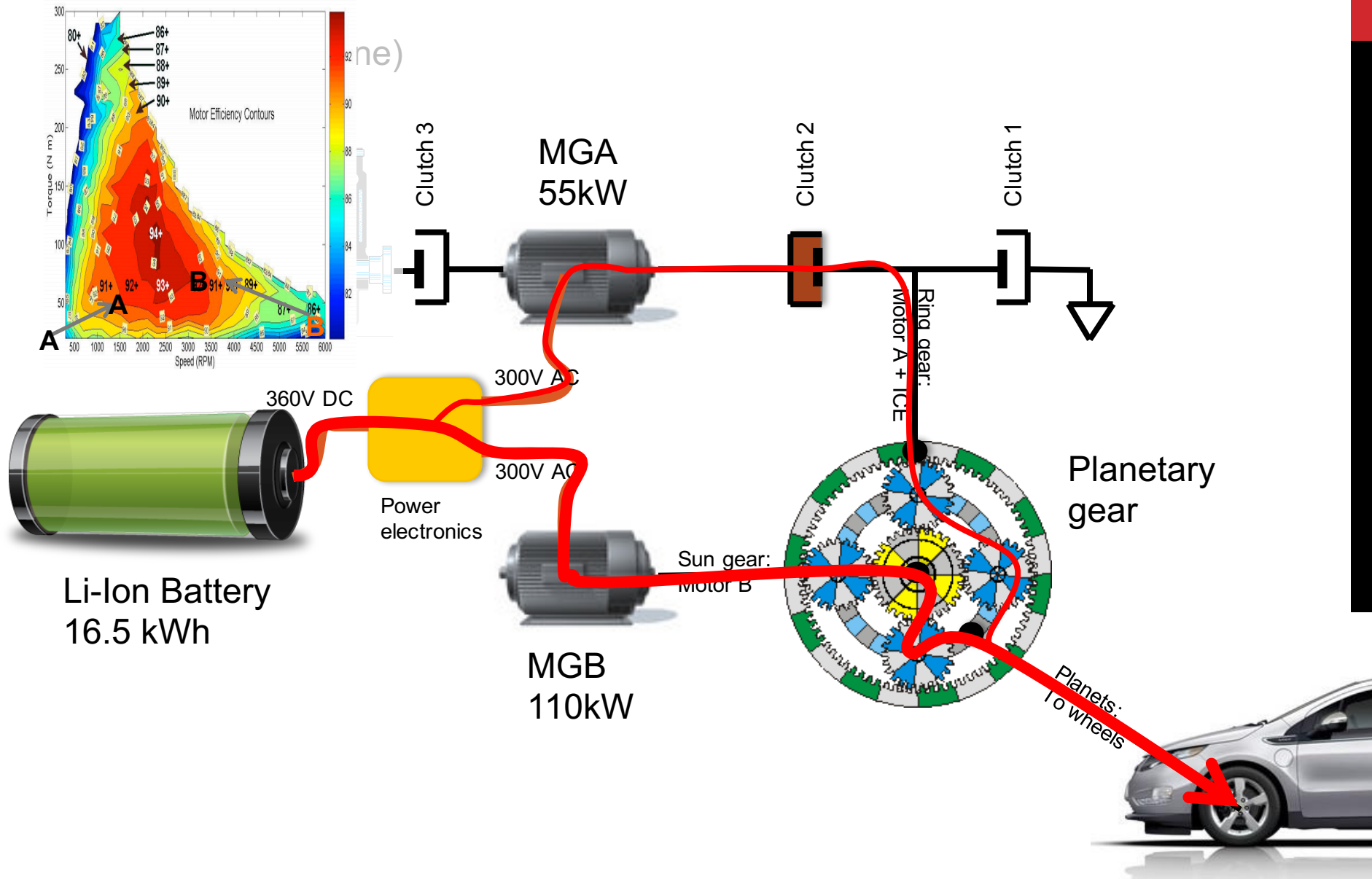


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|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
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| Range   |  | R                          | 247.17216862087  |   | Complete    |
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| Inverter_Efficiency   |  | I                          | 0.79311800440691 |   | Complete    |
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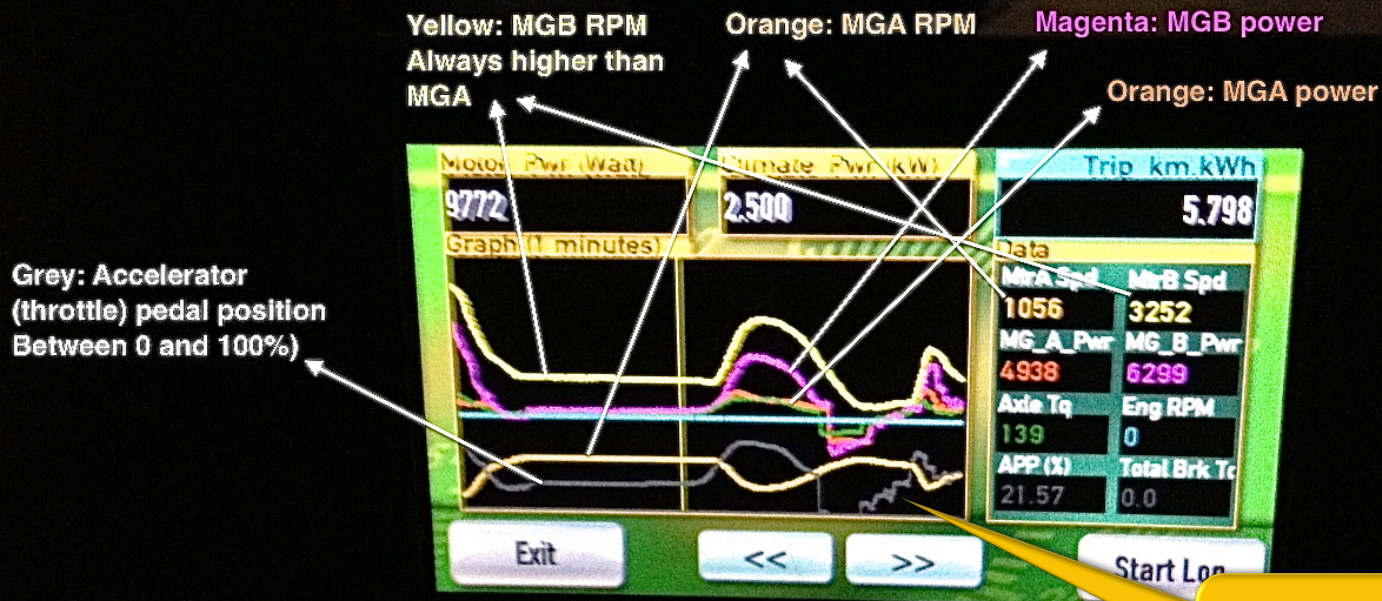


# ELECTRIC DRIVING: EV MODE 2 FOR EFFICIENT HIGH-SPEED



# HIGHWAY DRIVING

## Highway driving 64 MPH 2-motor EV mode

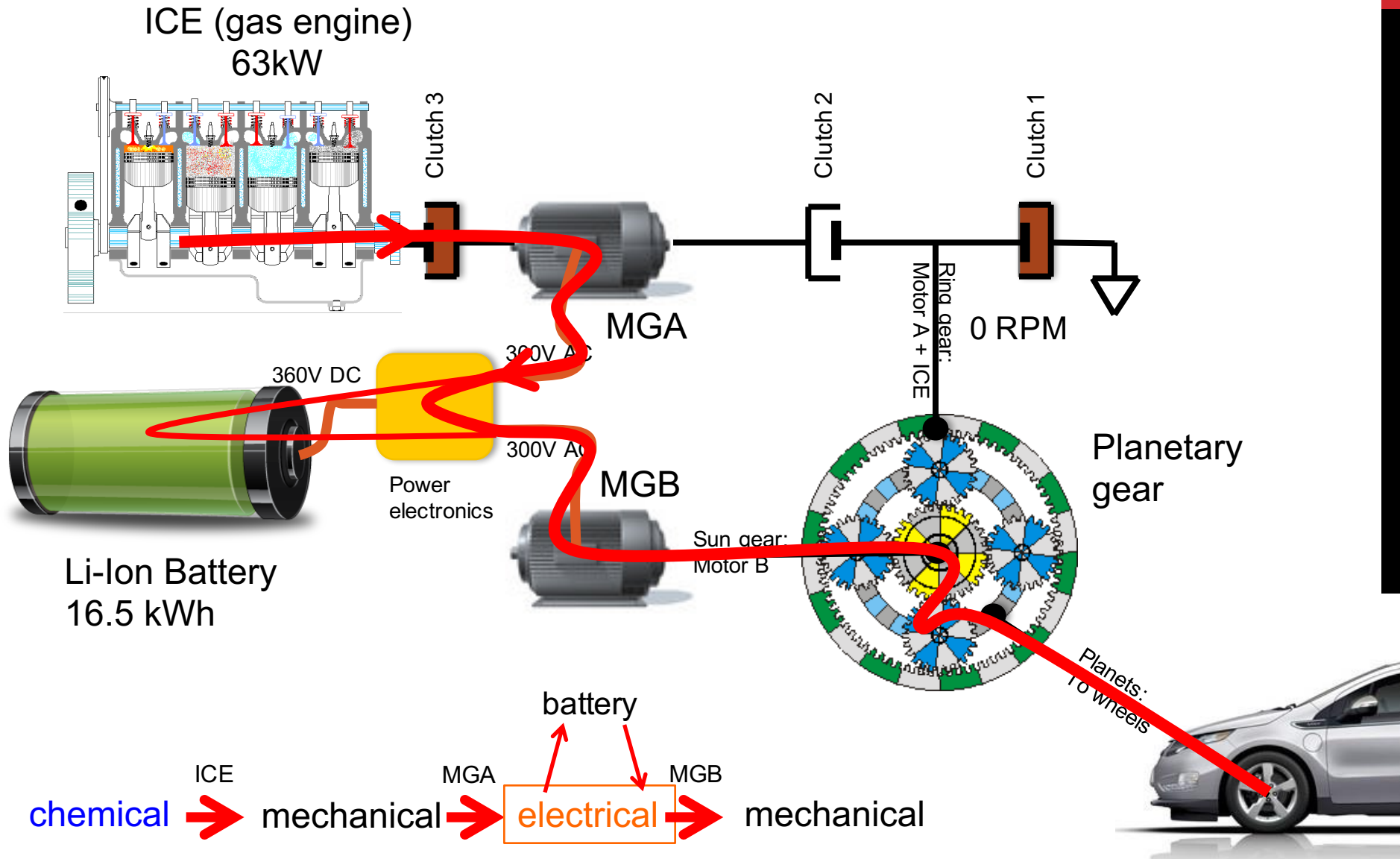


Cruise control  
(auto throttle)

Manual  
throttle

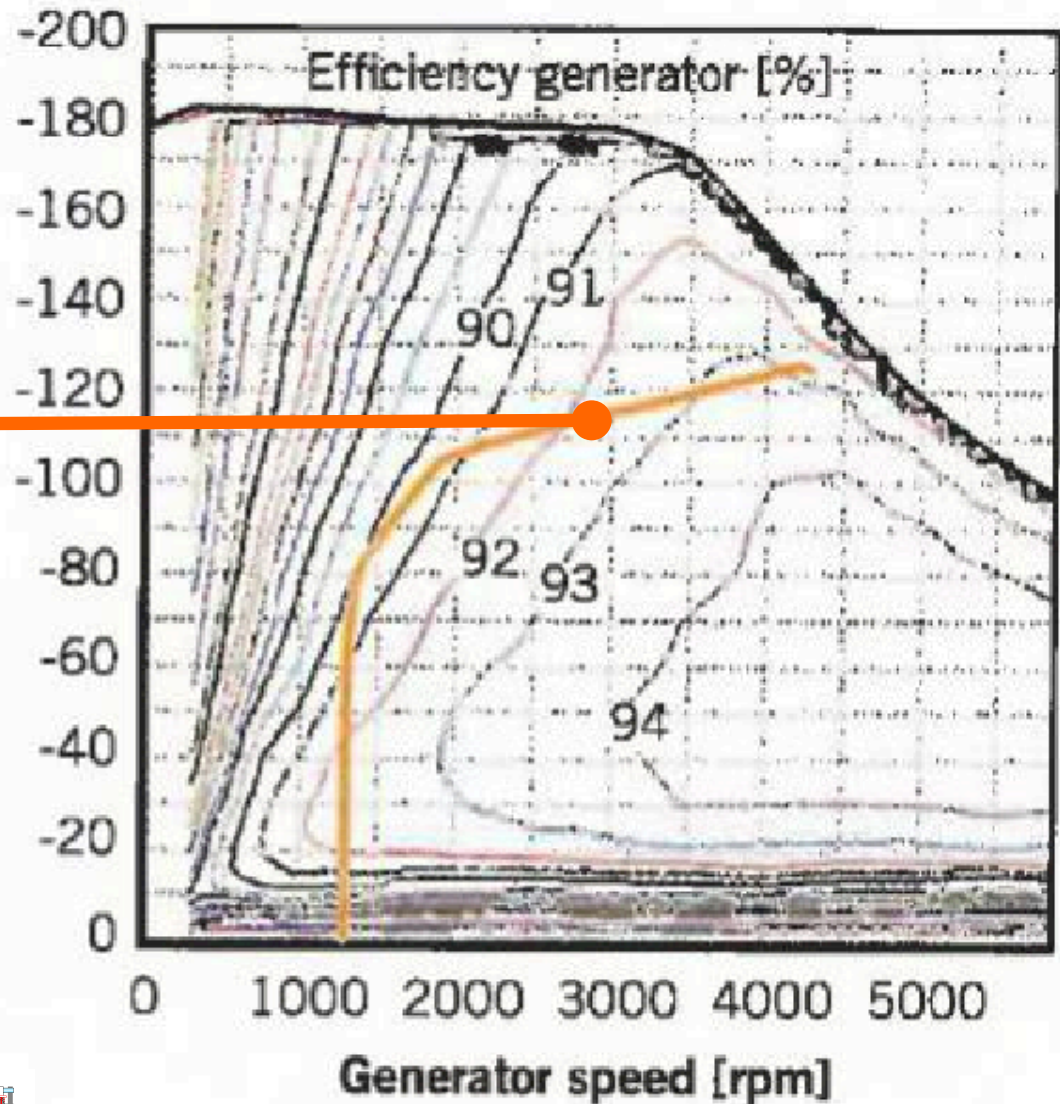
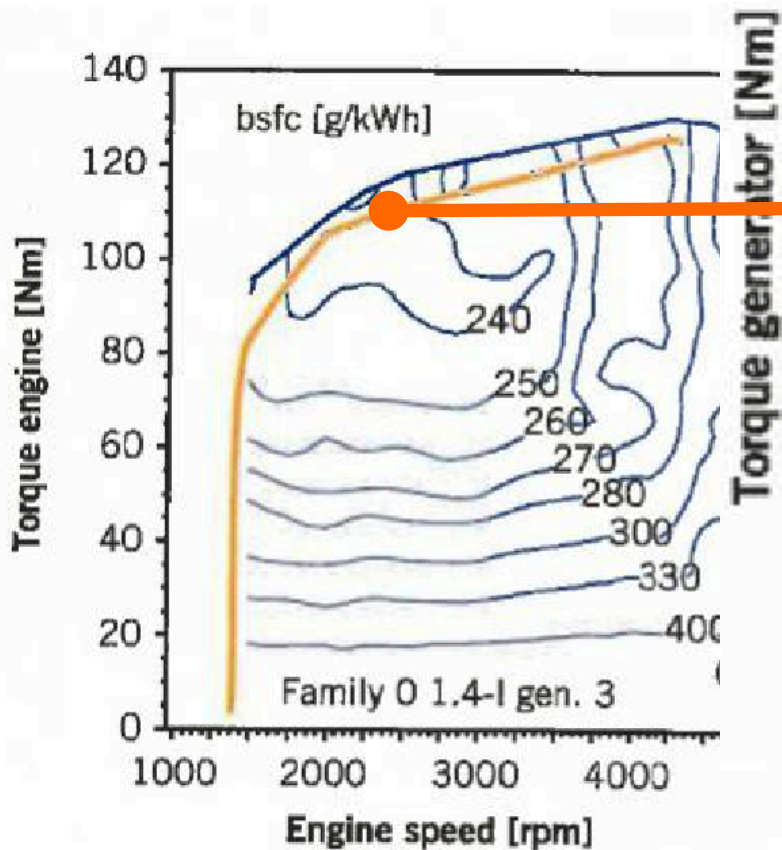
Better to drive in  
cruise control!

# SERIES-HYBRID MODE

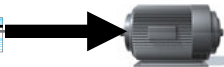
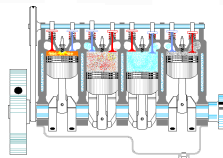




# ICE-GENERATOR OPERATING CURVES



ICE  
63kW



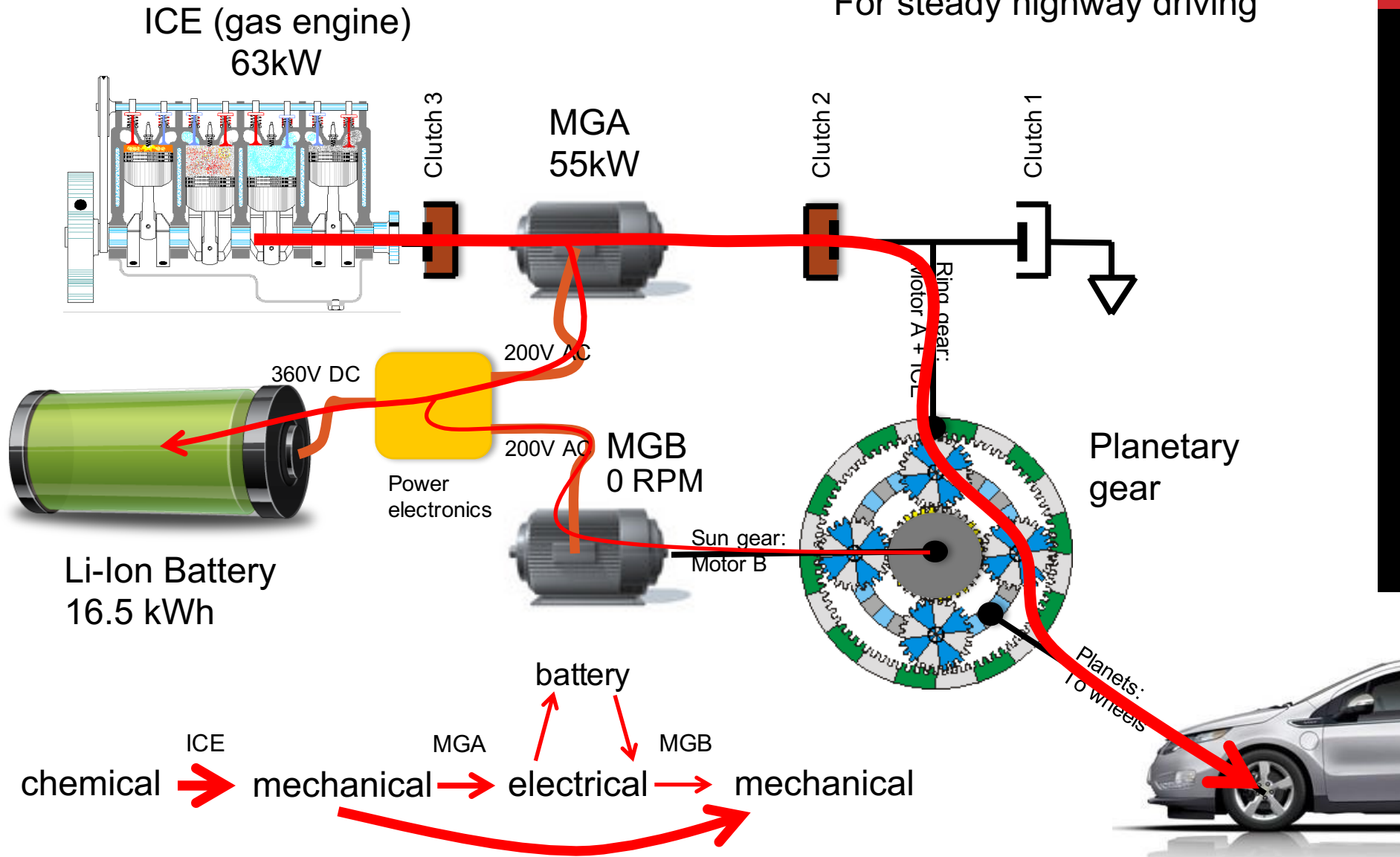
MGA  
55kW





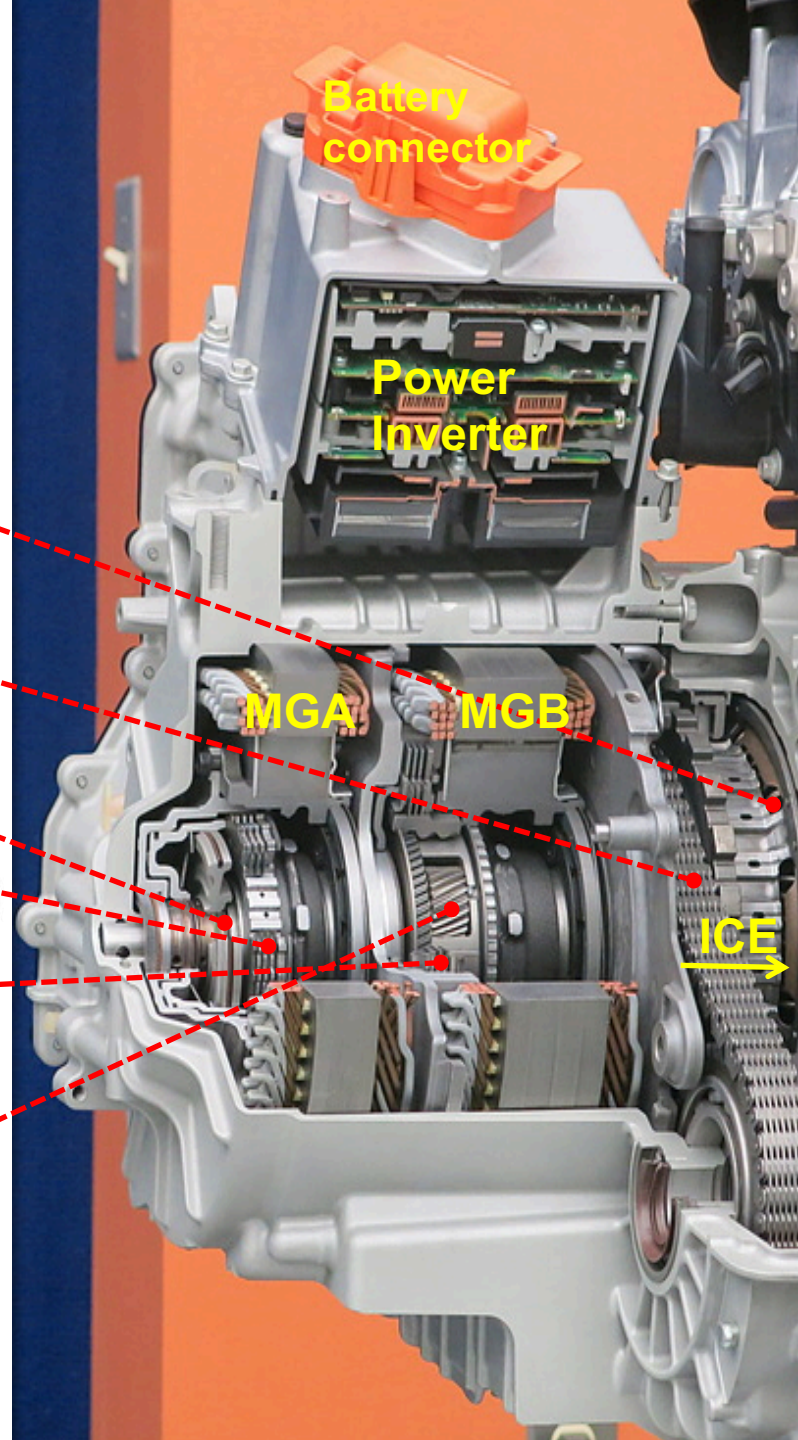
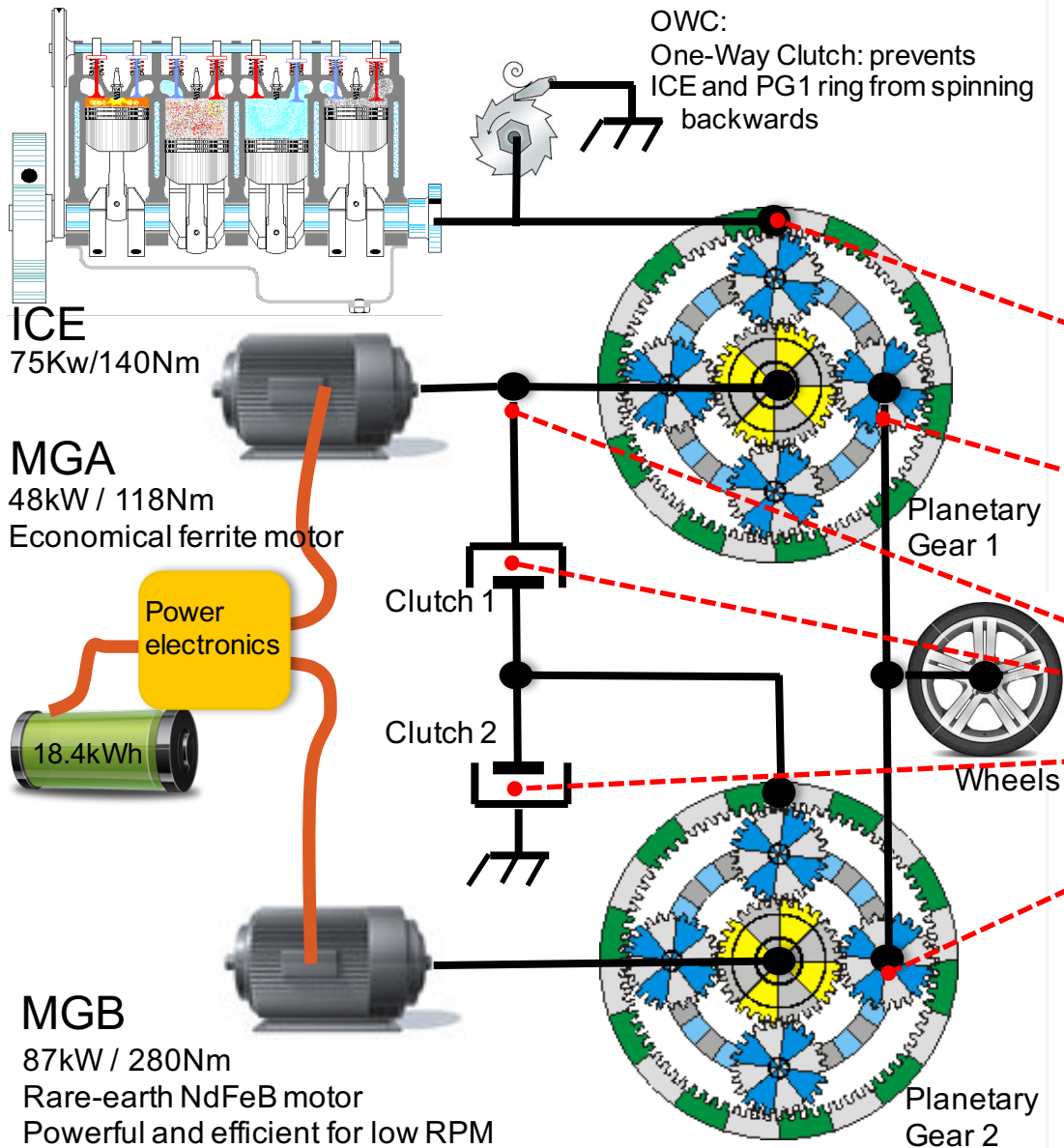
# HYBRID: POWER-SPLIT MODE

For steady highway driving

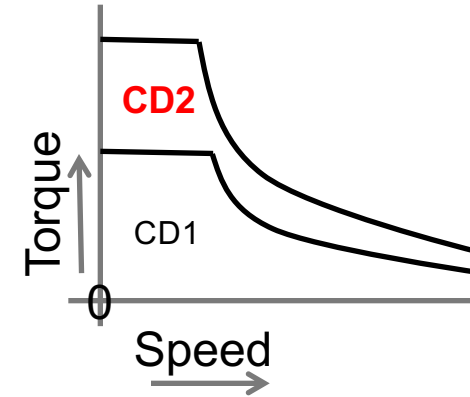
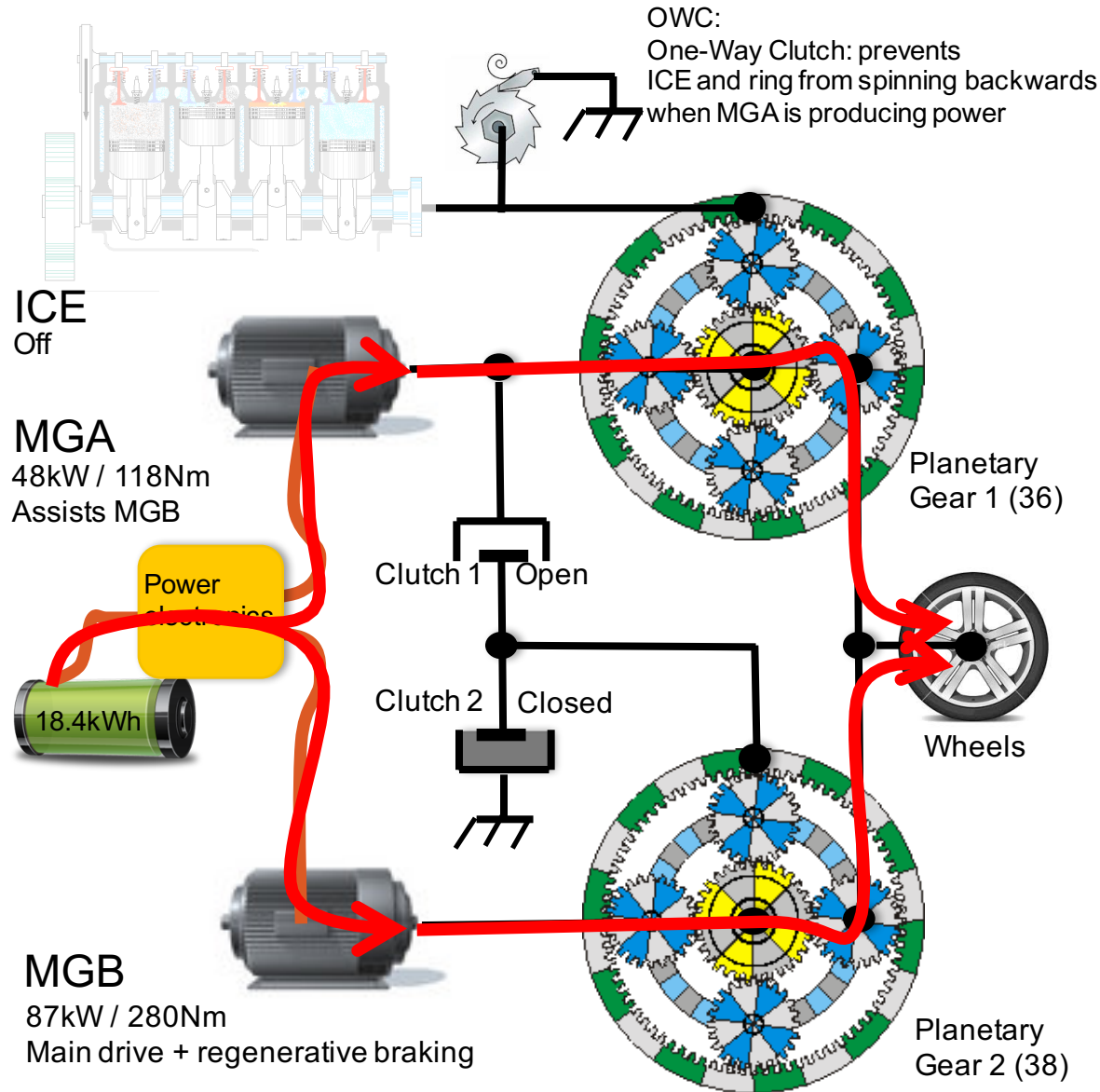


# HYBRID DRIVETRAIN

Based on US patent 8,602,938 + GM SAE presentation



# CD2: TWO MOTOR EV MODE



Mode **CD2**: (74)  
**Two Motor EV**

**When:** Electric drive CD  
High torque demand, any speed

**How:** MGB+MGA are on. ICE is off  
Clutch 1 is open, Clutch 2 is closed

Only MGB does regenerative braking.  
Fast, seamless transition between  
CD1 & CD2 or regen braking.

**Why:** Both motors work in parallel.  
More peak output from smaller motors

# OUTLINE:

# ELECTRIC VEHICLES

- Introduction
  - IC design vs EV Design
- Drive Train Design
  - System and transmission design
  - Design and simulation tools
  - Operating modes
- **Dollars and sense:**
  - **Economic**
  - Environmental
- What can improve efficiency?
  - Battery, driving, etc.
- Battery Technology
  - Tesla, GM, BMW
  - Electric Airplanes



# DOES IT MAKE FINANCIAL SENSE TO DRIVE ELECTRIC?

Annual cost = Efficiency \* Unit Energy Cost \* 12,000 miles

Miles/  
kWh

Miles/  
Gallon

\$/kWh

\$/Gallon

Average annual distance  
for US driver

Chevy Volt,  
Driven in  
Hybrid mode  
on Gasoline

Toyota Prius  
Gasoline Hybrid

Porsche  
Panamera S  
Gasoline

Chevy Volt,  
Driven electric

Nissan Leaf  
All-electric

Tesla Model S  
All-Electric

2.9Miles/kWh  
= 4.6 km/kWh

38Miles/Gal  
= 6.2 l/100km

3.4Miles/kWh  
= 5.4 km/kWh

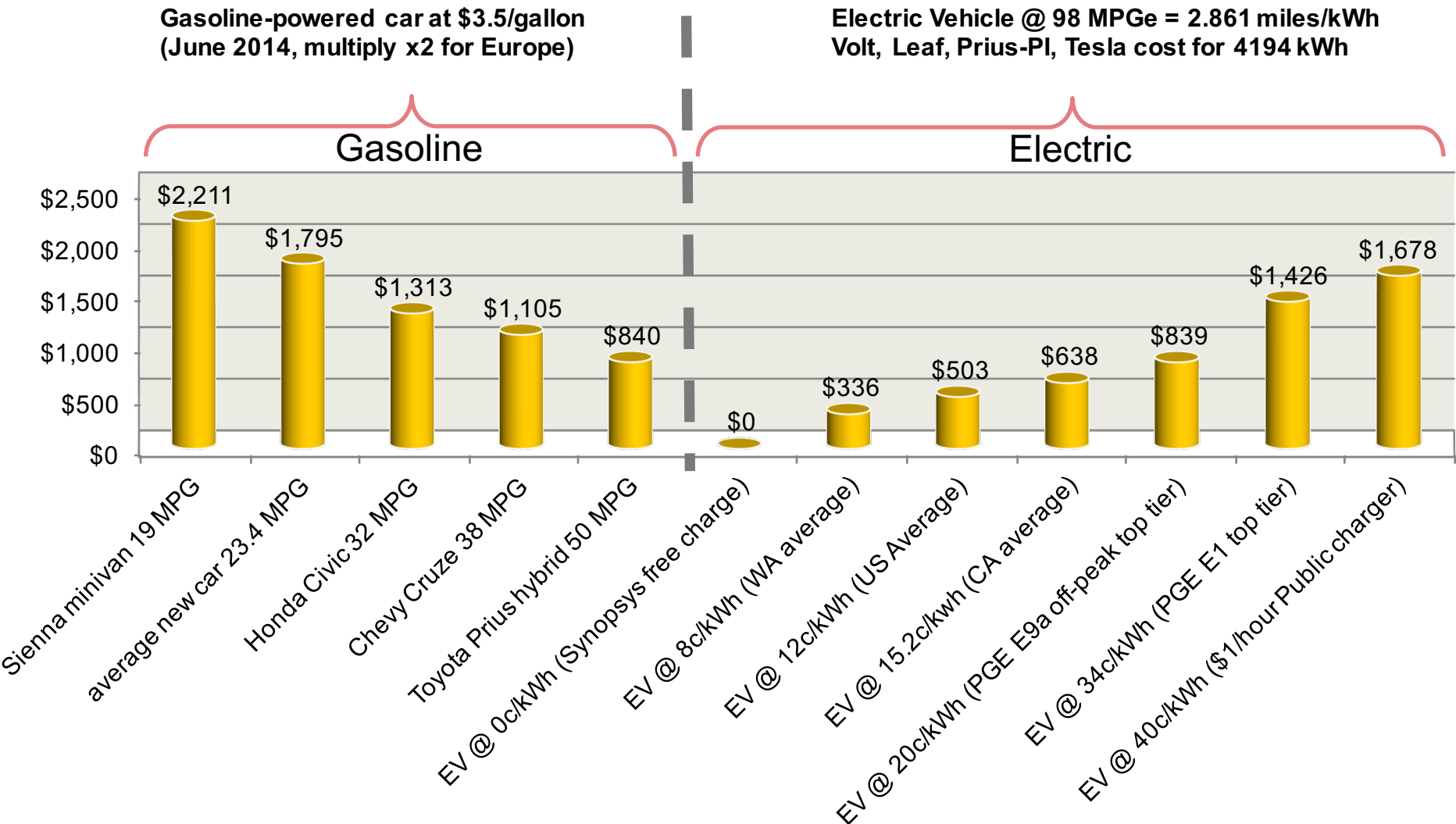
50Miles/Gal  
= 4.7L/100km

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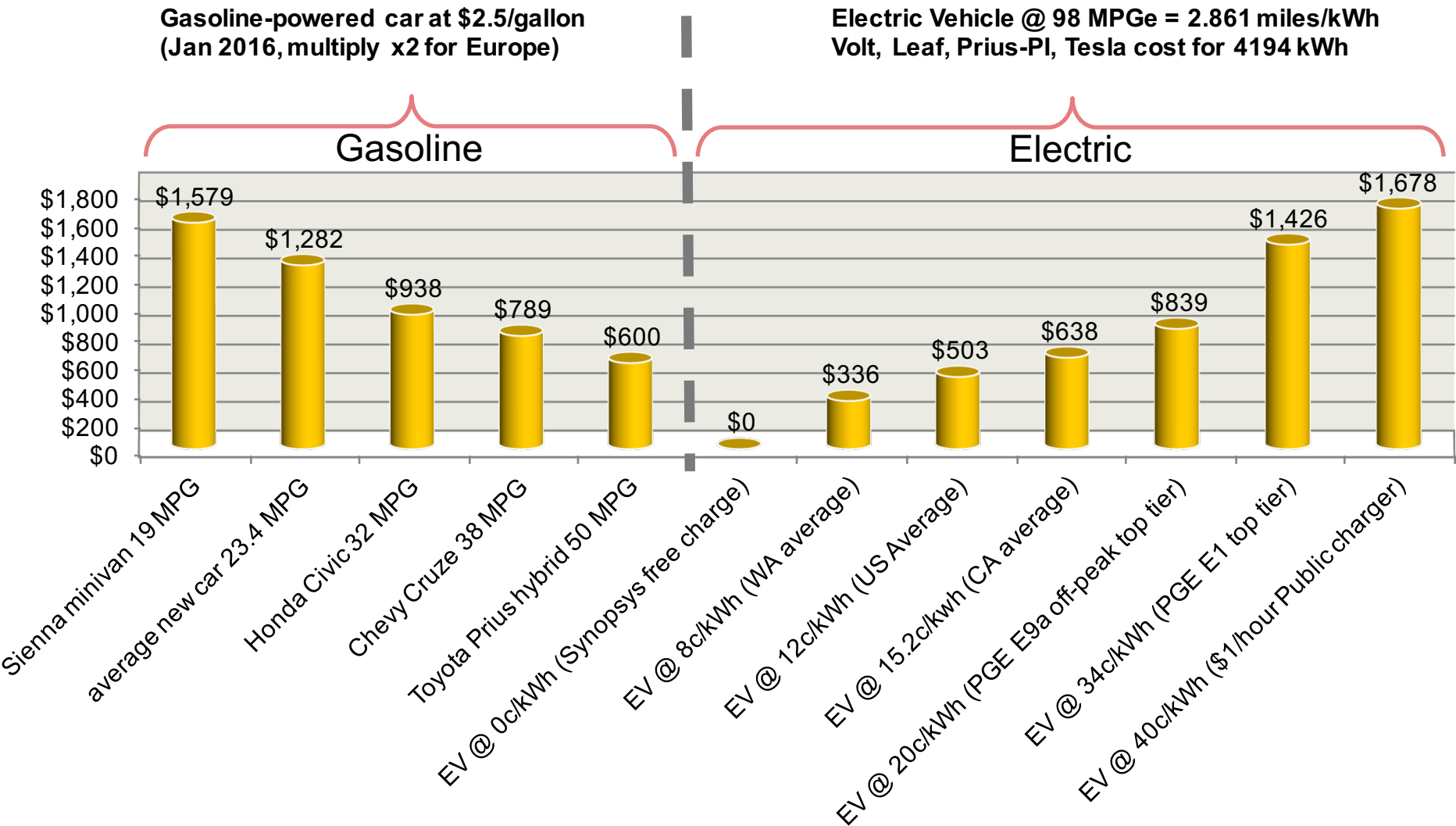
17Miles/Gal  
= 13.8 l/100km

Apples-to-apples comparison: cars in the same class

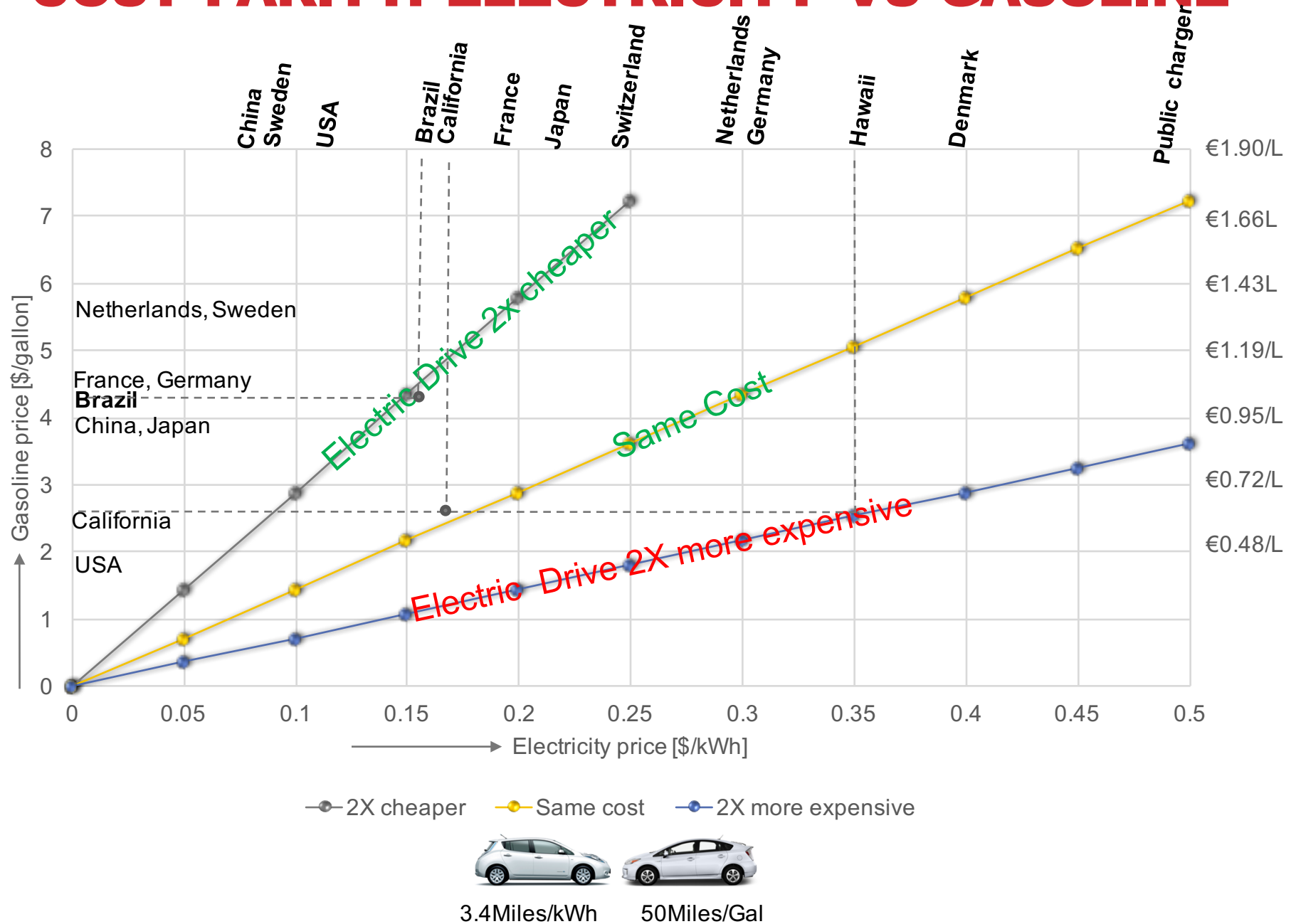
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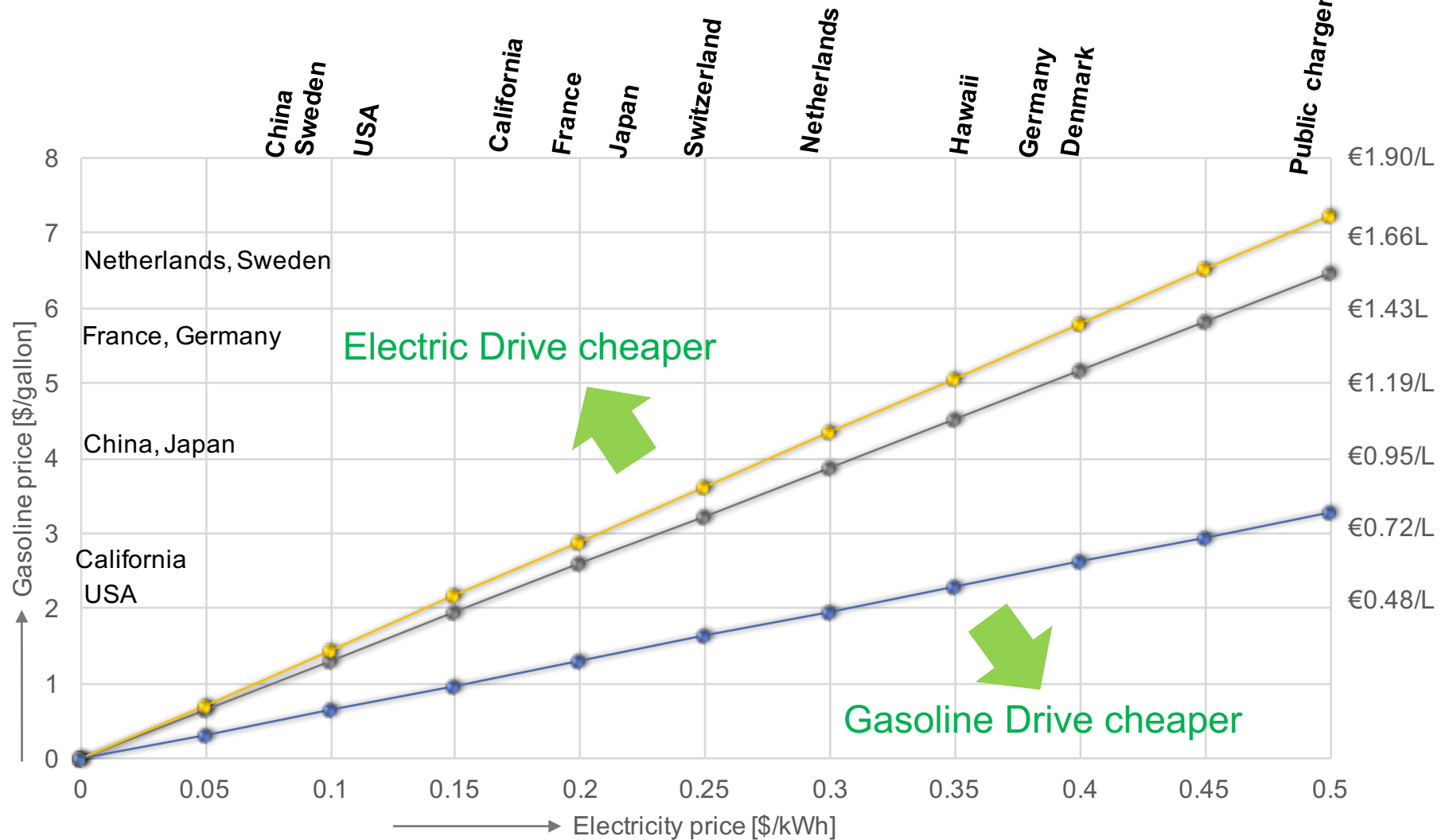


# COST PARITY: ELECTRICITY VS GASOLINE





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—●— Volt EV vs Volt Hybrid

—●— Leaf EV Vs Prius Hybrid

—●— TeslaS EV vs PanameraS



2.9Miles/kWh

38Miles/Gal

3.4Miles/kWh

50Miles/Gal

2.6Miles/kWh

17Miles/Gal

# **PERK: CHARGING AT SYNOPSYS**

**80 free charging spots  
available on the Mountain View  
Campus**

**Currently:**

**45 Nissan Leaf EV**

**14 Chevy Volt EREV**

**10 Toyota Prius Plug-in**

**8 Ford Fusion Plug-in**

**5 Ford C-Max Plug-in**

**4 Tesla Model S EV**

**2 Toyota Rav-4 EV**

**1 Fiat 500e EV**

**1 Chevy Spark EV**





# THE REALITY OF PLUGGING IN

## 110V/20A receptors (max 2.2kW)

- 4 miles/hour = 32 miles during 8-hour work day.

## 220V/20A receptor (max 4.6kW).

- 10 miles/hour = 80 miles/day typical

## 220V/30A (Clothes dryer)

- 15 miles/hour

## Tesla DC supercharger (90kW)

- 300 miles/hour

## Gas station fill up:

- 3600 miles/hour



EVSE + Cable is a trip, theft and vandalism risk

Portable EVSE with adapter cable. Stores in trunk

Plugging in and cable-wrestling takes 1 minute each time. So no significant time gain compared to gas station fill-up



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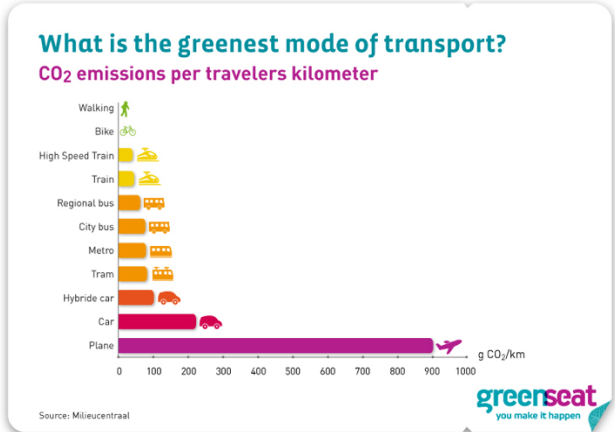
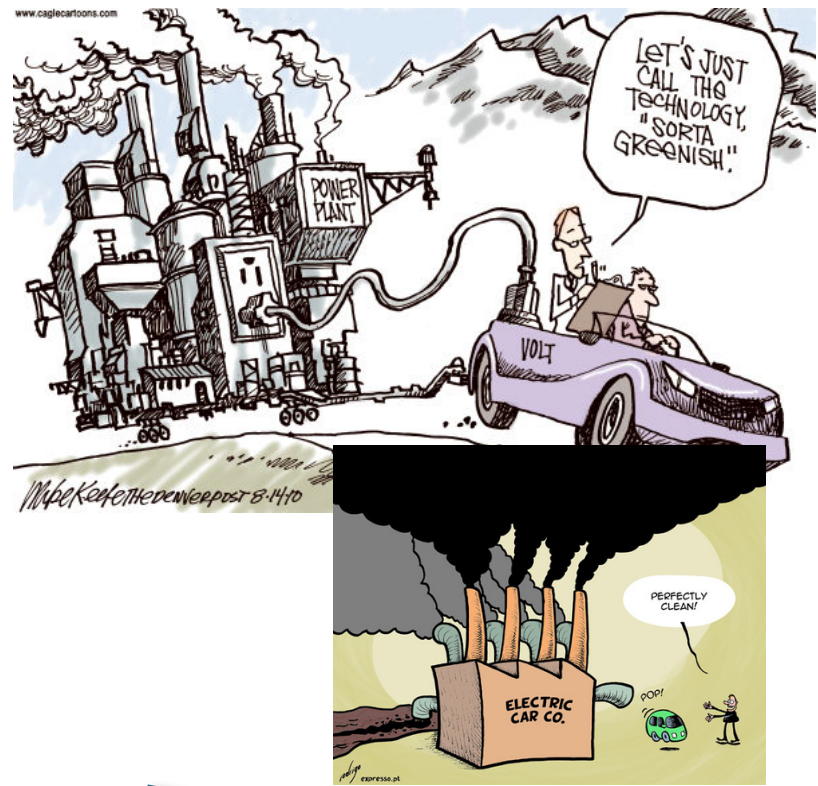
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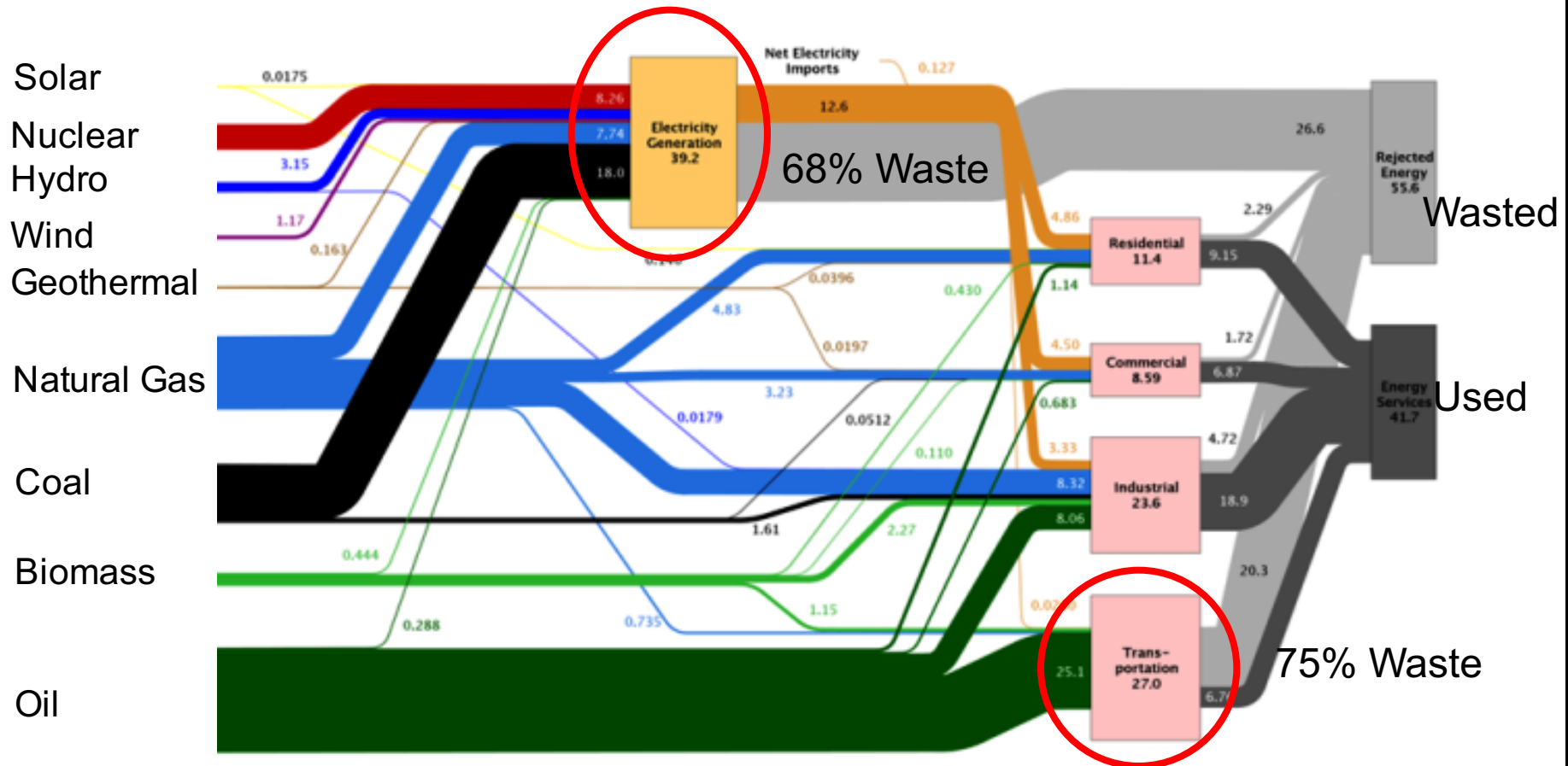
# BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?



Who is right?



# WELL-TO-SINK ENERGY FLOW GRAPH



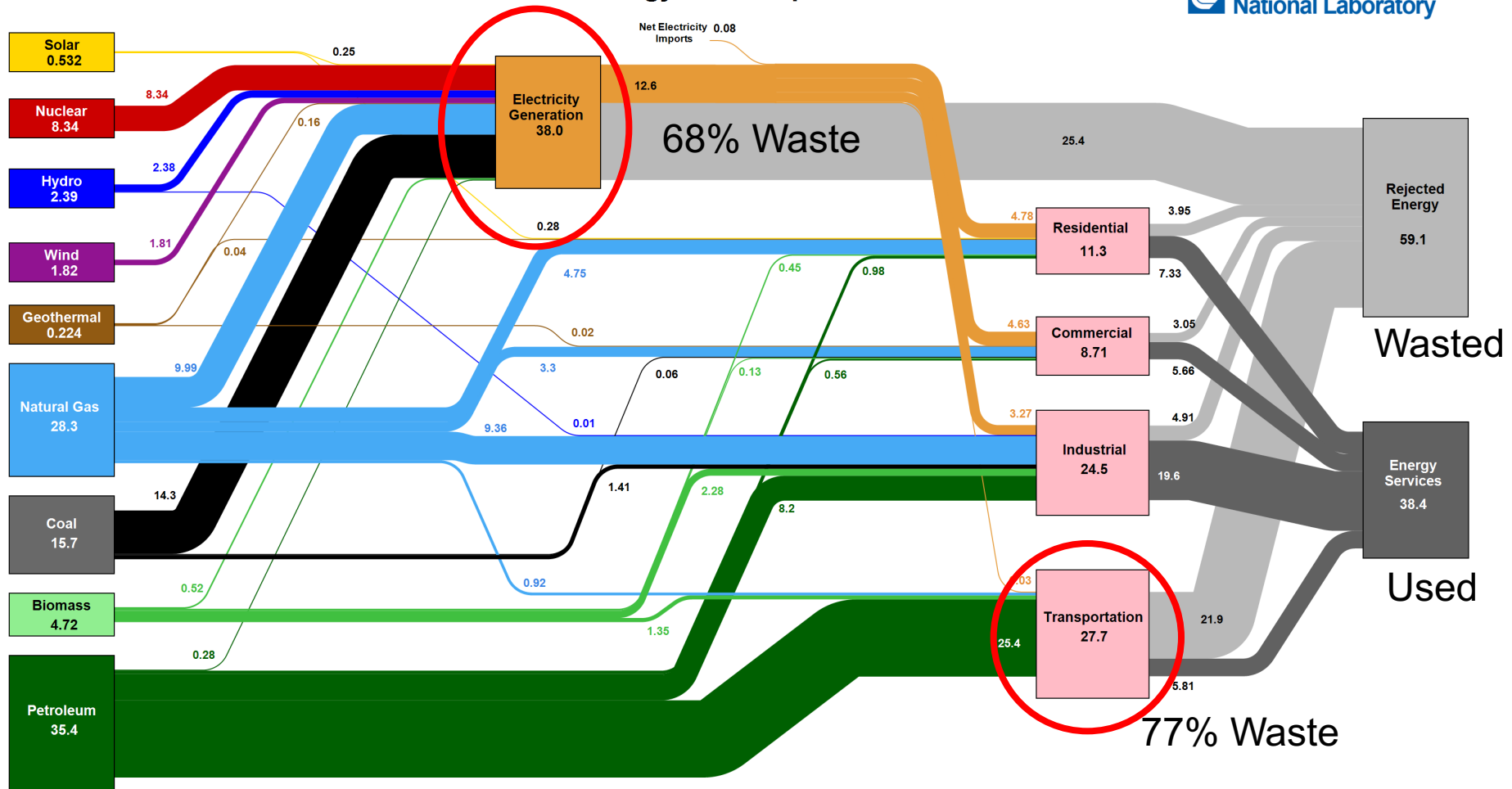
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Data: US Dept of Energy 2011 report

Unit: Quadrillion BTU =  $\sim 10^{18}$  joule = [Quintillion Joule]

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Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2015: 97.5 Quads

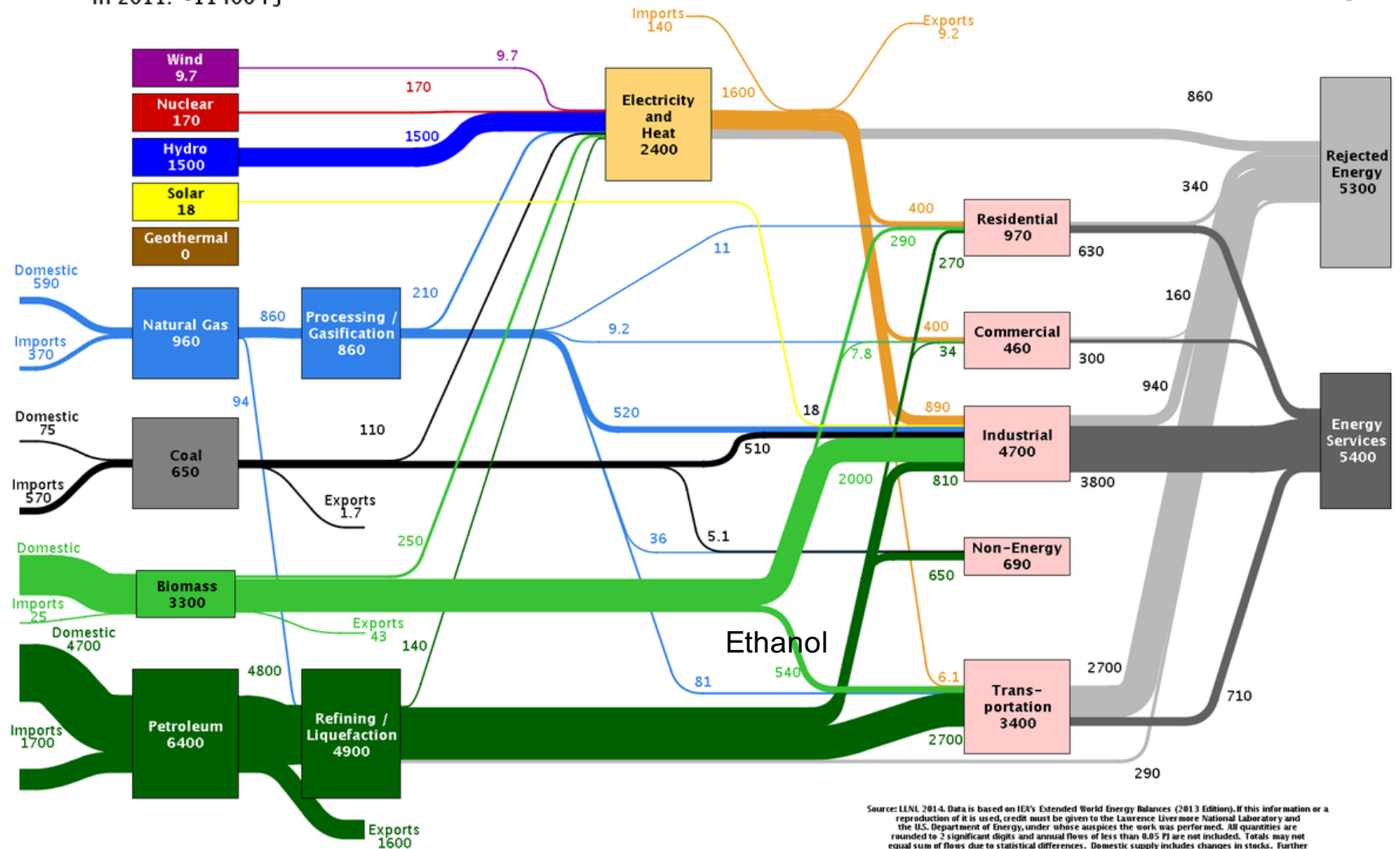


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# BRAZIL ENERGY FLOW GRAPH

Brazil Energy Flow  
in 2011: ~11400 PJ



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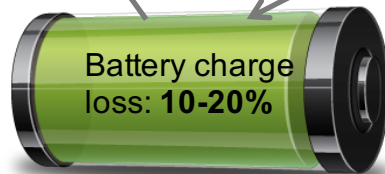
# SYSTEM-WIDE LOSSES & POLLUTION



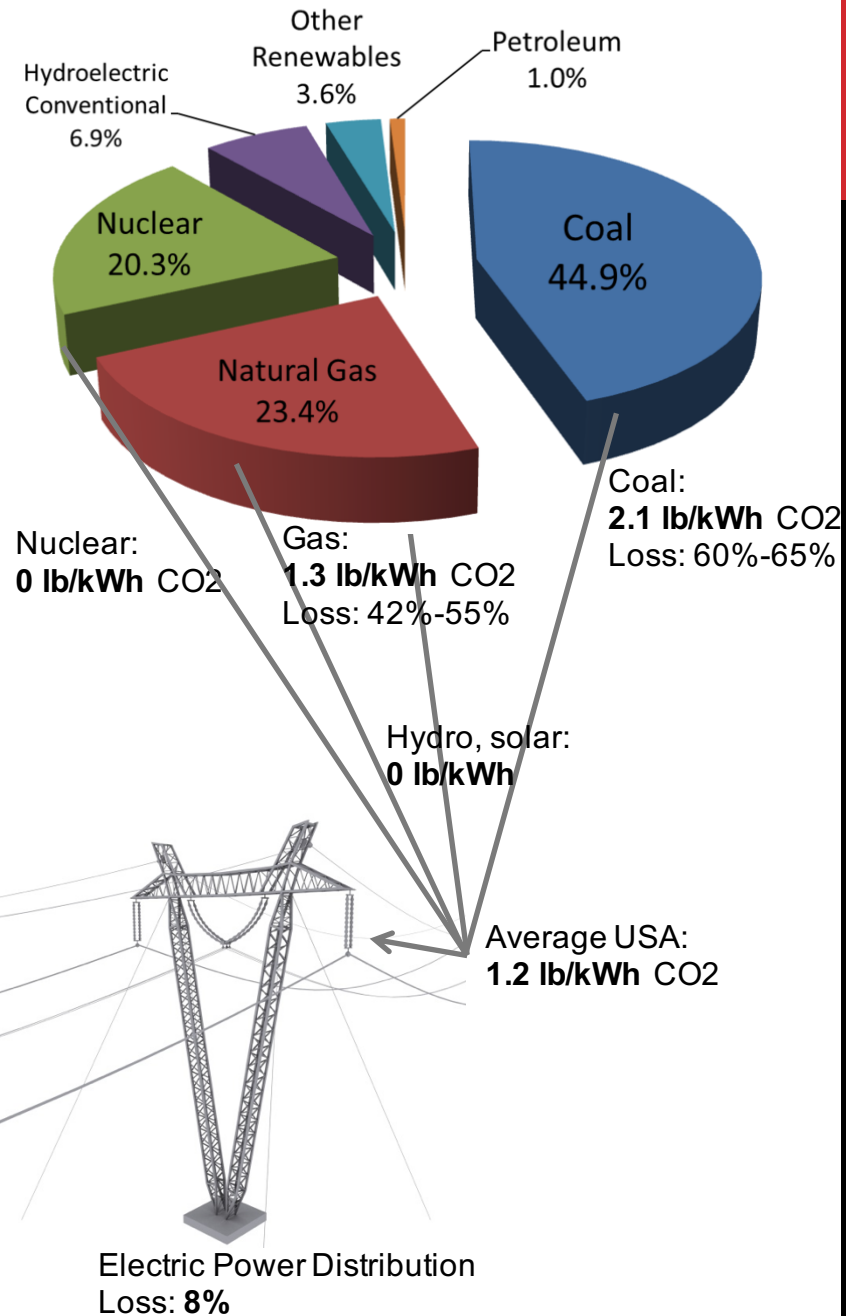
Electric motor  
loss: 8%



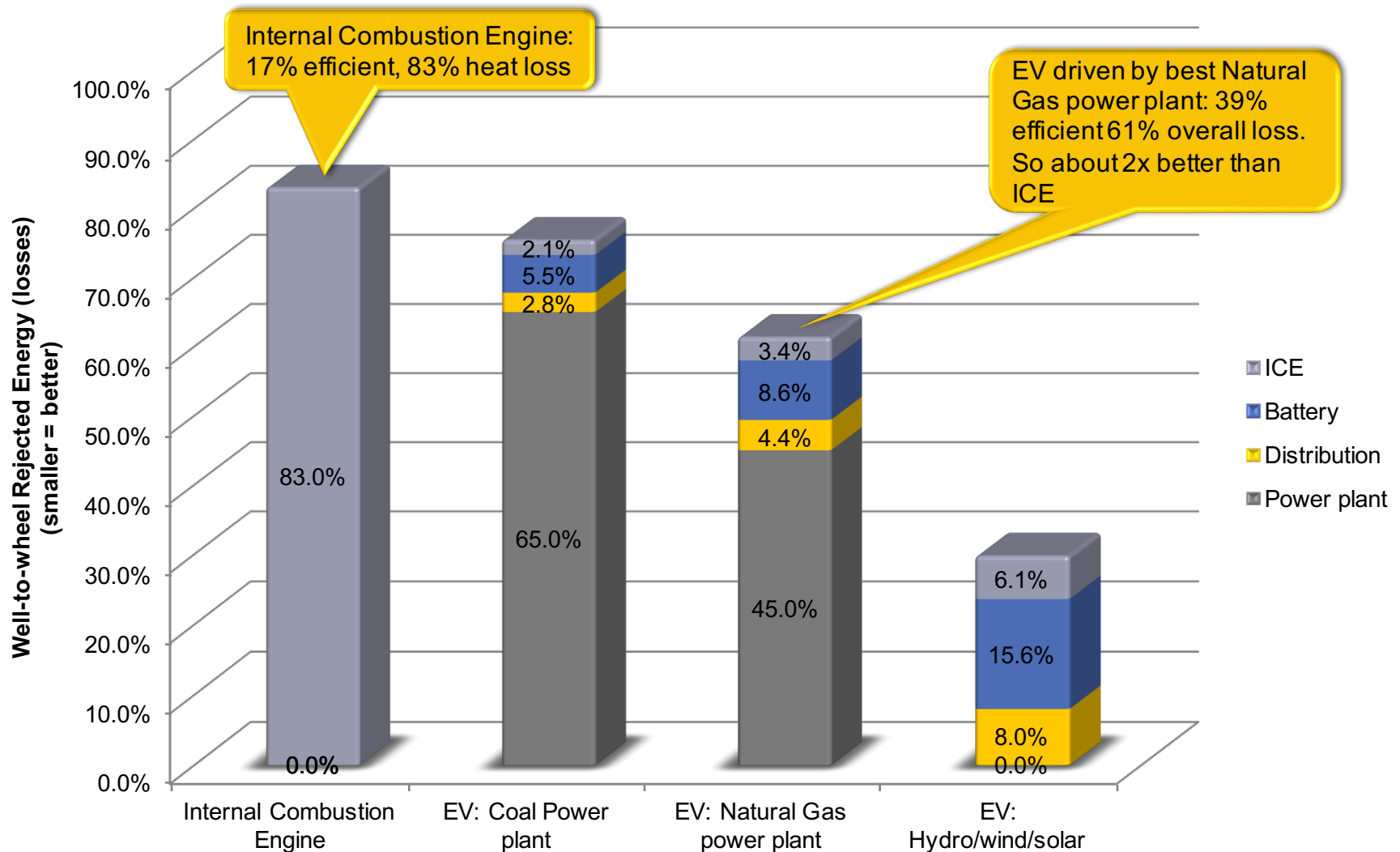
Battery charge  
loss: 10-20%



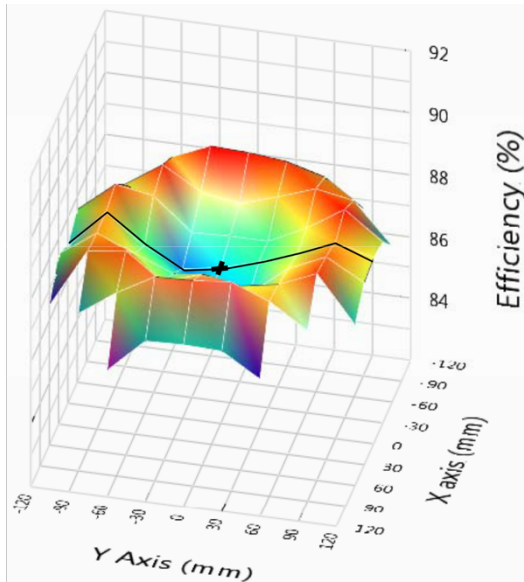
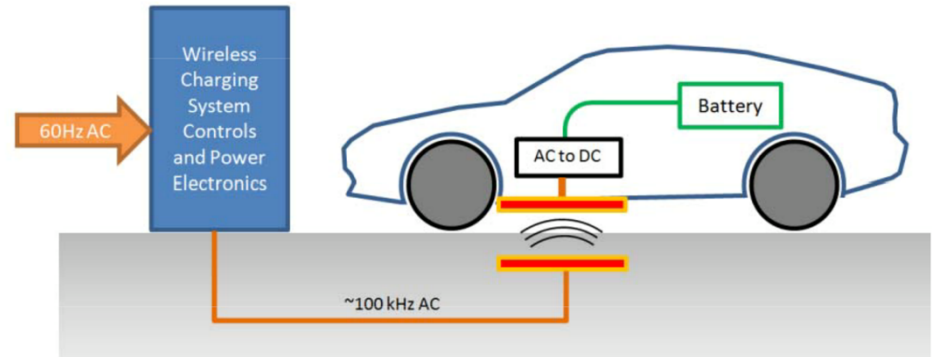
2009 U.S. Electricity Generation by Source



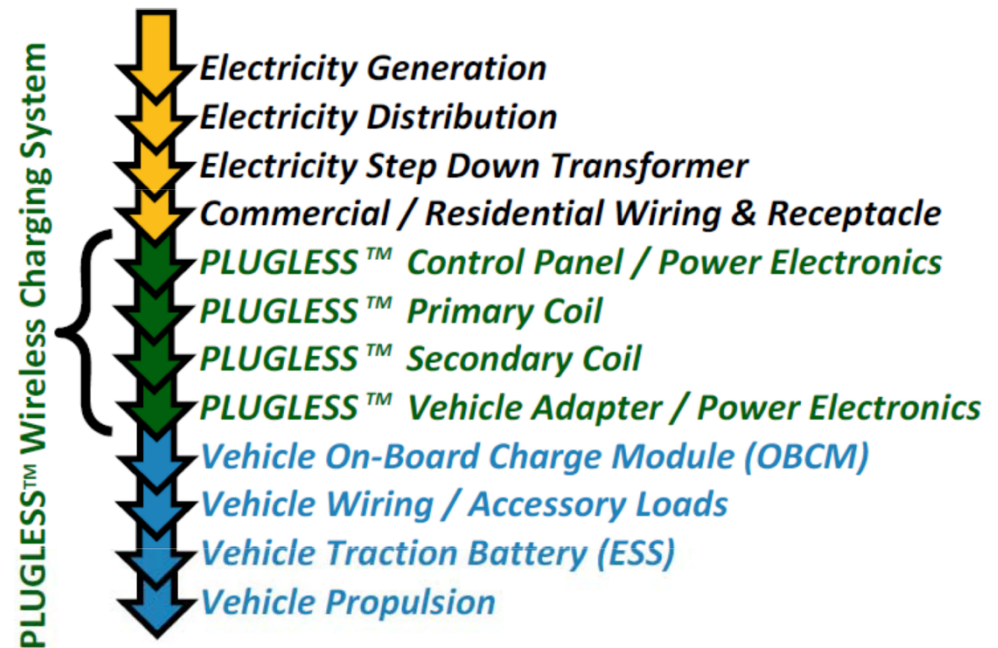
# ENERGY CONVERSION LOSSES: INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VS ELECTRIC



# WIRELESS EV CHARGING



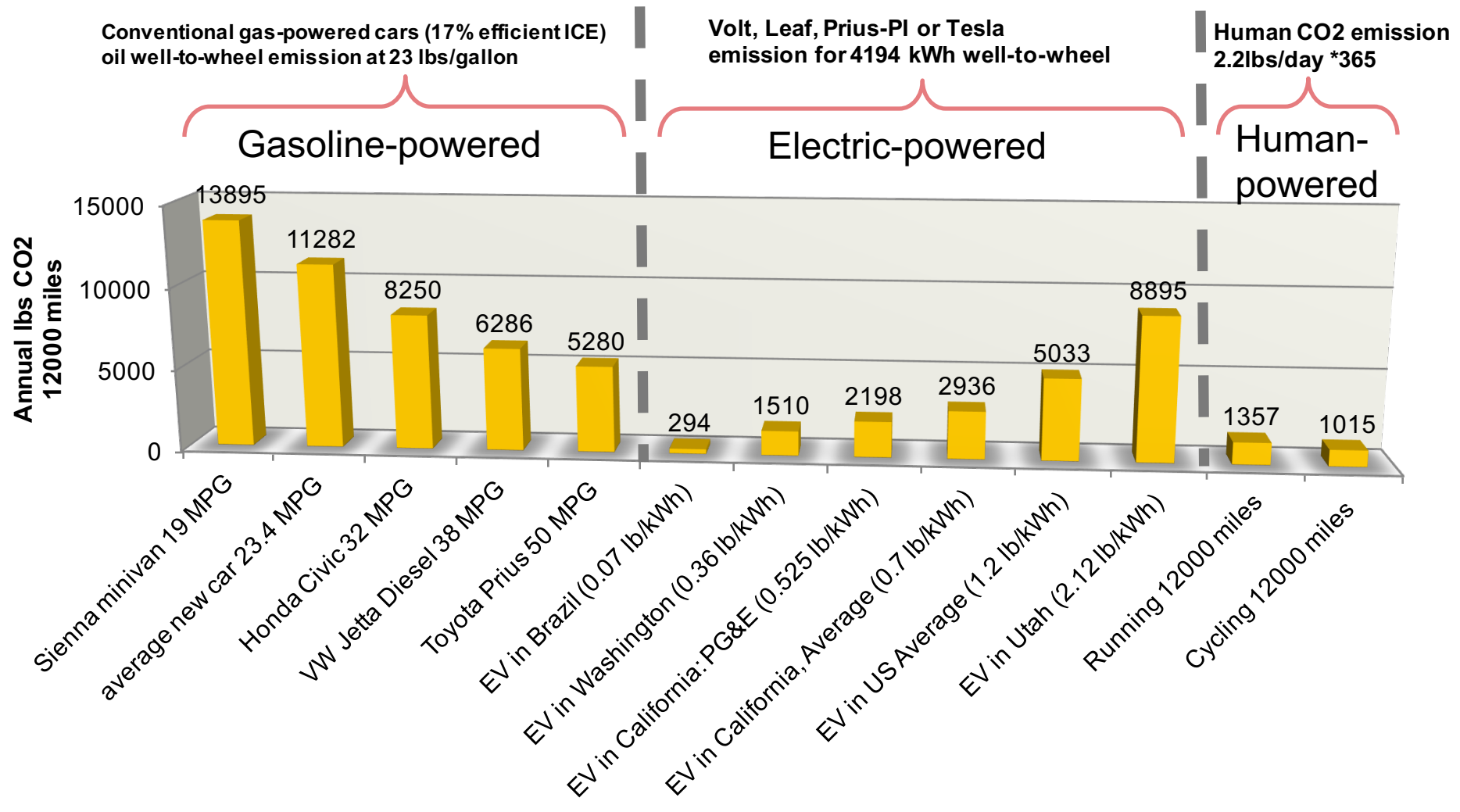
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**Bottom line: adds 10-15% to system loss...**

# ARE EVS CLEANER CO2-WISE?

.... That depends on how electricity is generated

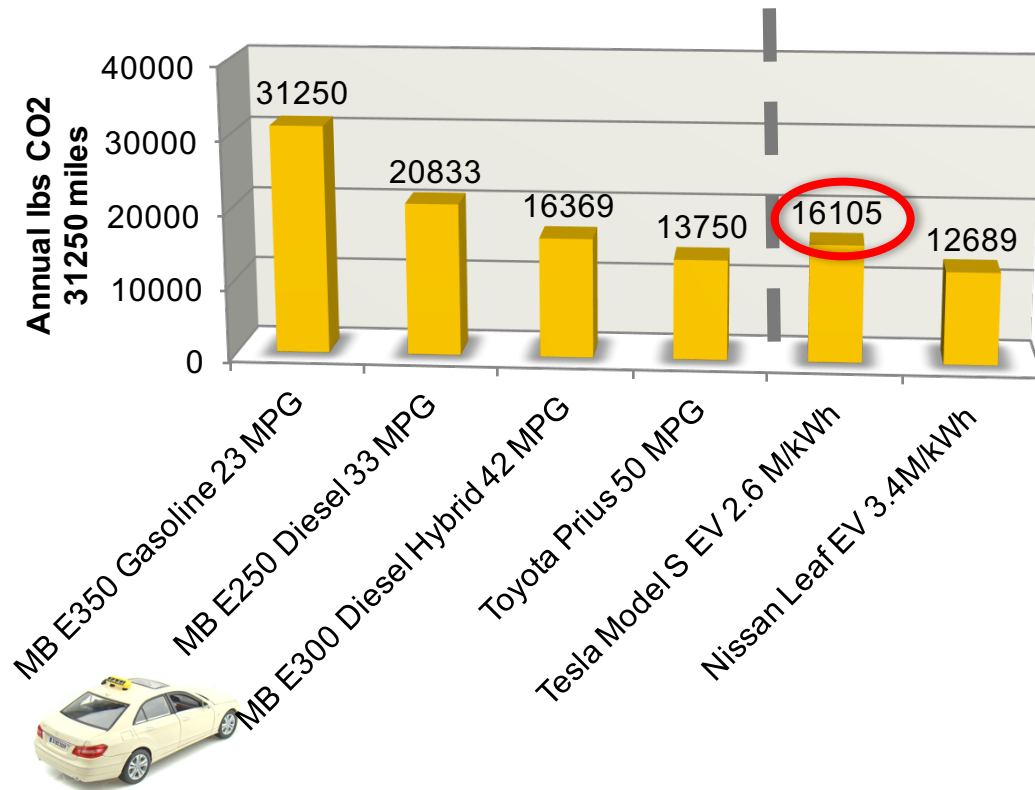




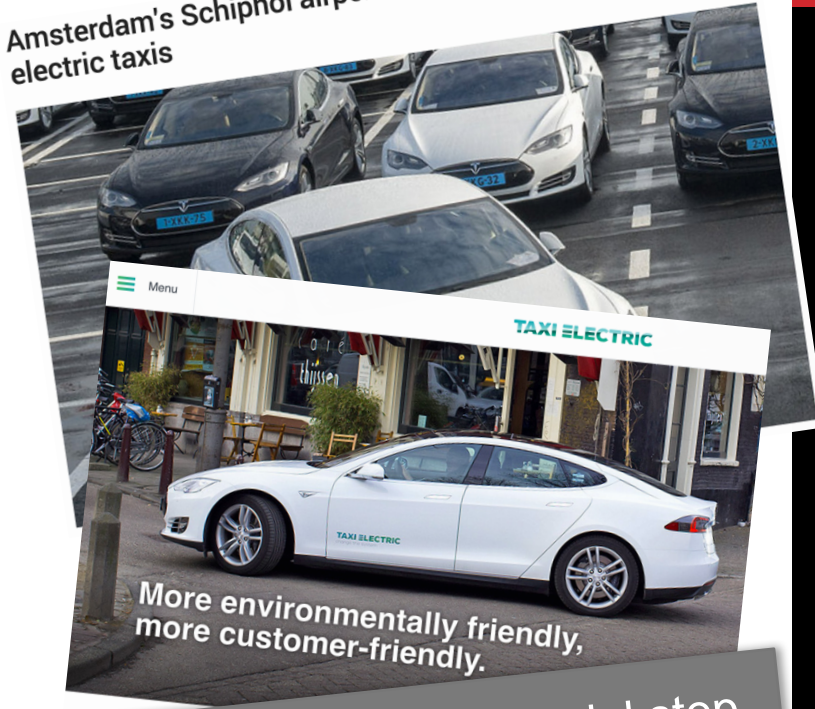
# TESLA AIRPORT TAXI IN AMSTERDAM..

Fact check: Taxi drives 31250miles/year

Netherlands: Electric grid = 1.34lbs CO2/kWh



Amsterdam's Schiphol airport launches fleet of 167 Tesla electric taxis

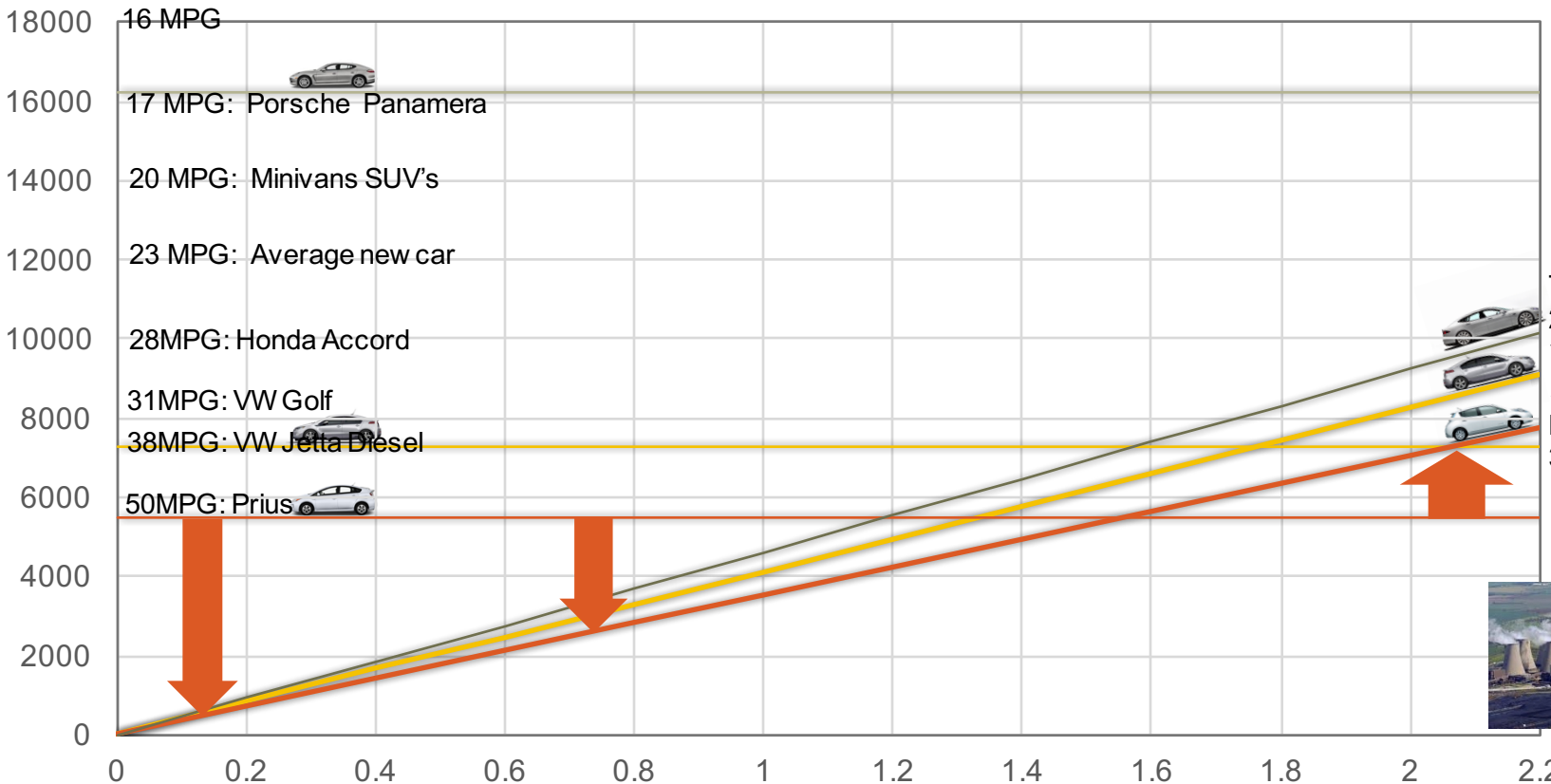


"This represents a crucial step in our efforts to reduce CO2 emissions and become one of the world's three most sustainable airports", explained Jos Nijhuis, Schiphol Group's President and CEO.

# CO2 EMISSIONS: ELECTRIC VS GASOLINE

Gasoline: 23lbsCO2/gallon  
incl. transport & refine

CO2 emissions at 12000miles/year [lbs]



Tesla EV:  
2.6Miles/kWh  
Volt EV:  
2.9Miles/kWh  
Leaf EV:  
3.4Miles/kWh



Hydro  
Nuclear  
Solar  
Wind

Natural gas:  
1.22lbs/kWh

Lignite:  
2.2lbs/kWh  
Coal:  
2.1lbs/kWh  
Biomass:  
2.2lbs/kWh

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- What really matters: cost performance and Emissions
  - Volkswagen scandal
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# WHAT AFFECTS EFFICIENCY?

# WHAT AFFECTS EV RANGE?

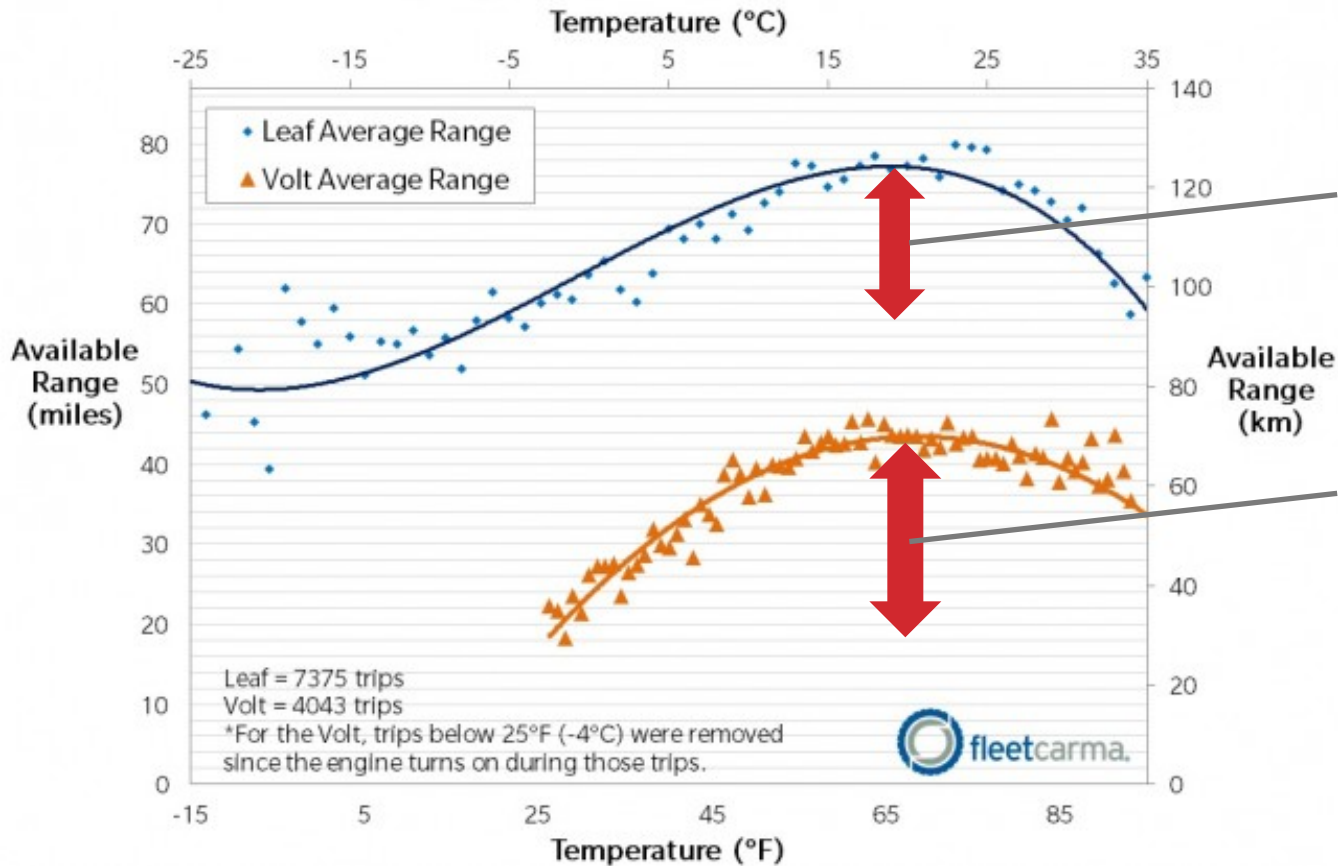
- **Structural Design factors:**
  - Vehicle weight: ~1% for each 100lb (50kg)
  - Tires
  - Aerodynamics
  - Crash ratings and Safety
- **Market factors (subjective):**
  - Size and good looks are bad for efficiency
  - Driving style
- **Environmental factors:**
  - Temperature
  - Altitude, road conditions
- **Battery aging**



# TEMPERATURE: THE ACHILLES HEEL OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Nissan Leaf & Chevrolet Volt: Range vs. Temperature

Spanning All Model Years in the FleetCarma Database



Note that range equals efficiency and emissions.

Nissan Leaf at 0C/32F

30% less range =  
30% more emissions

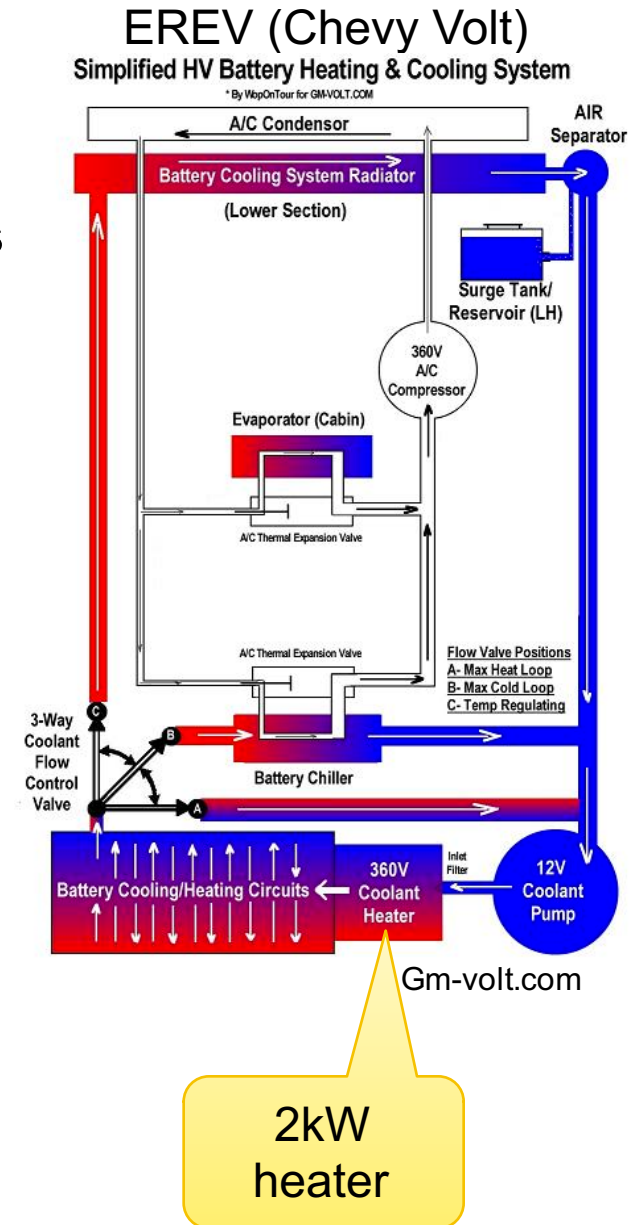
Chevy Volt at 0C/32F

2x less EV range  
2x more emissions/mile

Source: Fleetcarma Canada

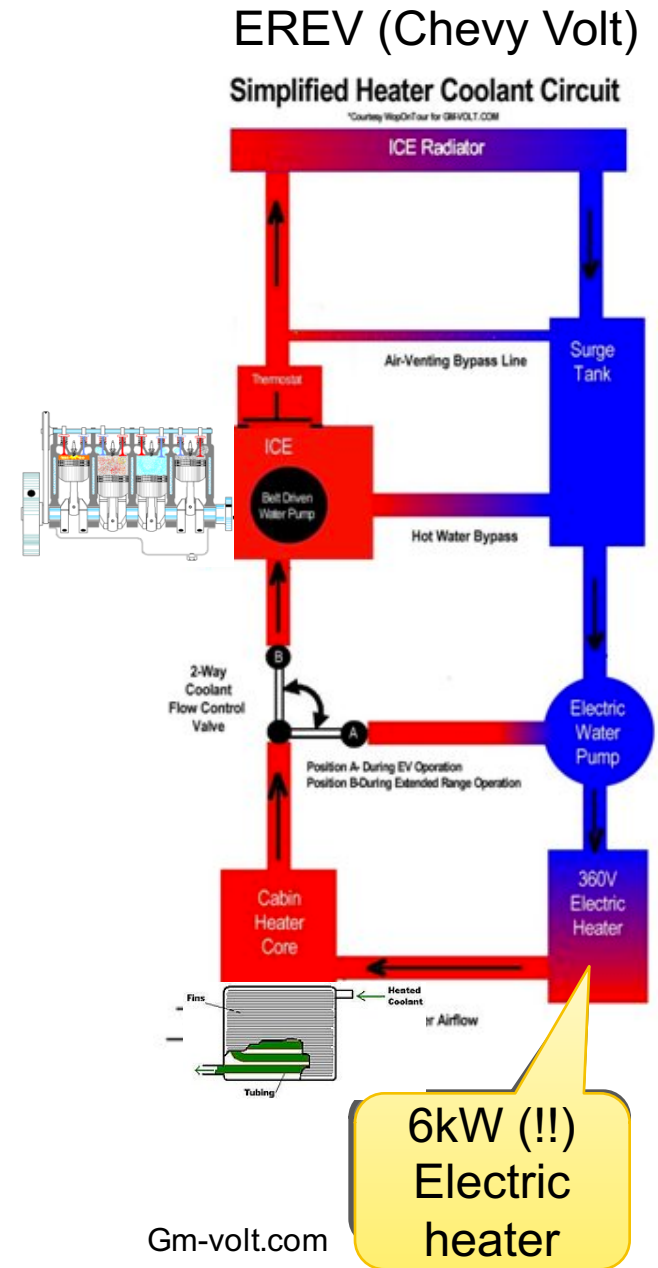
# DEALING WITH LOW TEMPERATURES (1)

- **Problem 1: Li-Ion Battery chemistry & physics**
  - Must be kept above 10C
  - Must be kept below 30C
- **Engineering solution:**
  - Thermal isolation of battery
  - Electric battery heater (~2kW)
  - Pre-condition battery before leaving
  - Run on ICE if very cold (EREV only)



# DEALING WITH LOW TEMPERATURES (2)

- **Problem 2: Cabin Comfort**
  - People: 22C
- **Engineering solution:**
  - Electric heater: 6kW: has huge impact
  - Use heat pump instead of heater coil
  - Run ICE to heat cabin up (EREV only):
    - Use abundant ICE heat for cabin
- **Masochist approach:**
  - Wear gloves



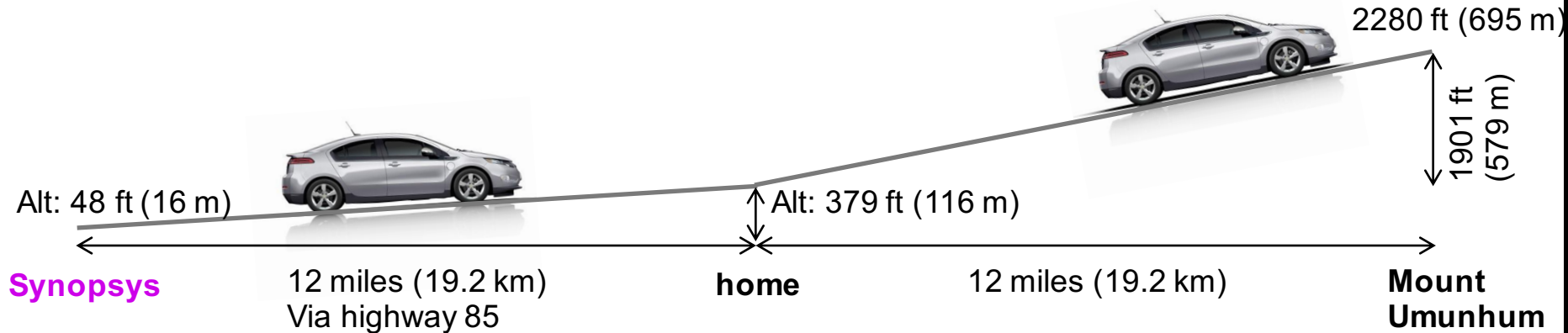
# BATTERY POWER: EV COMFORT VS RANGE

| Guilty pleasure      | load   | Range penalty<br>Each 10 minutes | Per 45minute<br>full charge |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cold Battery         | 2.0kW  | 1 mile                           | 5 miles                     |
| Cabin heat 'Comfort' | 6.0kW  | 4 miles                          | 14 miles                    |
| Cabin heat 'ECO'     | 2.5kW  | 2 miles                          | 7 miles                     |
| Seat heater          | 0.06kW | 0 miles                          | 0 miles                     |
| Airco Comfort        | 0.7kW  | 0 miles                          | 2 miles                     |
| Airco 'ECO'          | 0.4kW  | 0 miles                          | 1 miles                     |
| Idling at 0MPH       | 0.5kW  | 0 miles                          | 2 miles                     |
| Driving 65 MPH       |        | 2 miles                          | 7 miles                     |

Note: Volt EREV has  
at 38miles EV range



# THE EFFECT OF ALTITUDE ON RANGE



Driving home, predicted range is always 15% to optimistic, because potential energy 'investment' is unaccounted

High school physics:  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , mass =  $1715 + 75 = 1790 \text{ kg}$   
 $h = \text{height difference} = 579 \text{ m}$   
Potential energy =  $m * g * h = 10.157 \text{ Mega joule} = 2.82 \text{ kWh}$

## The bad news:

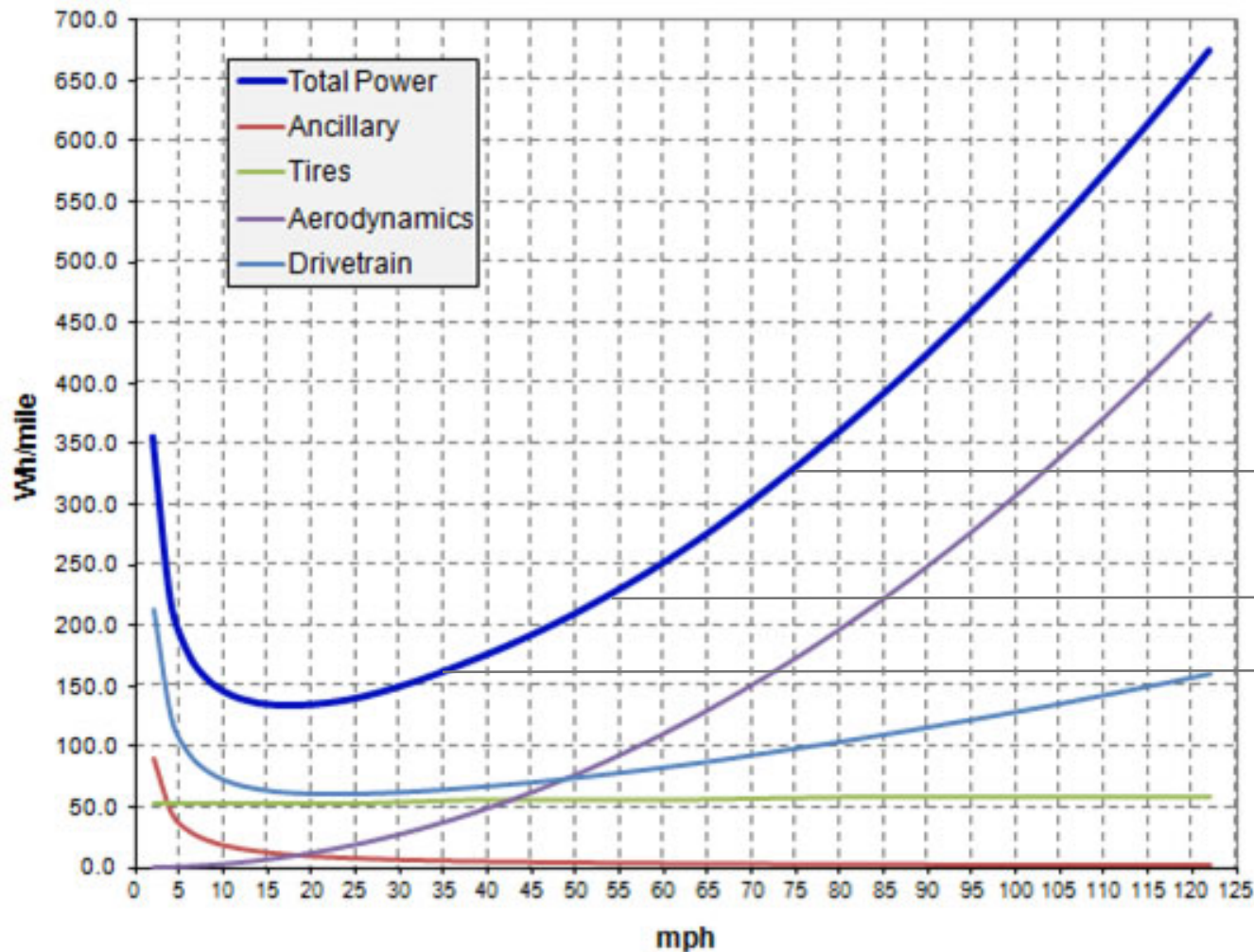
It 'costs' about 0.5 kWh per 100 altitude meters (320 feet) climb

## The good news:

All this potential energy comes back on the downhill leg!

# SPEED: HASTE IS WASTE

Wh/mile vs. Speed Tesla Model S

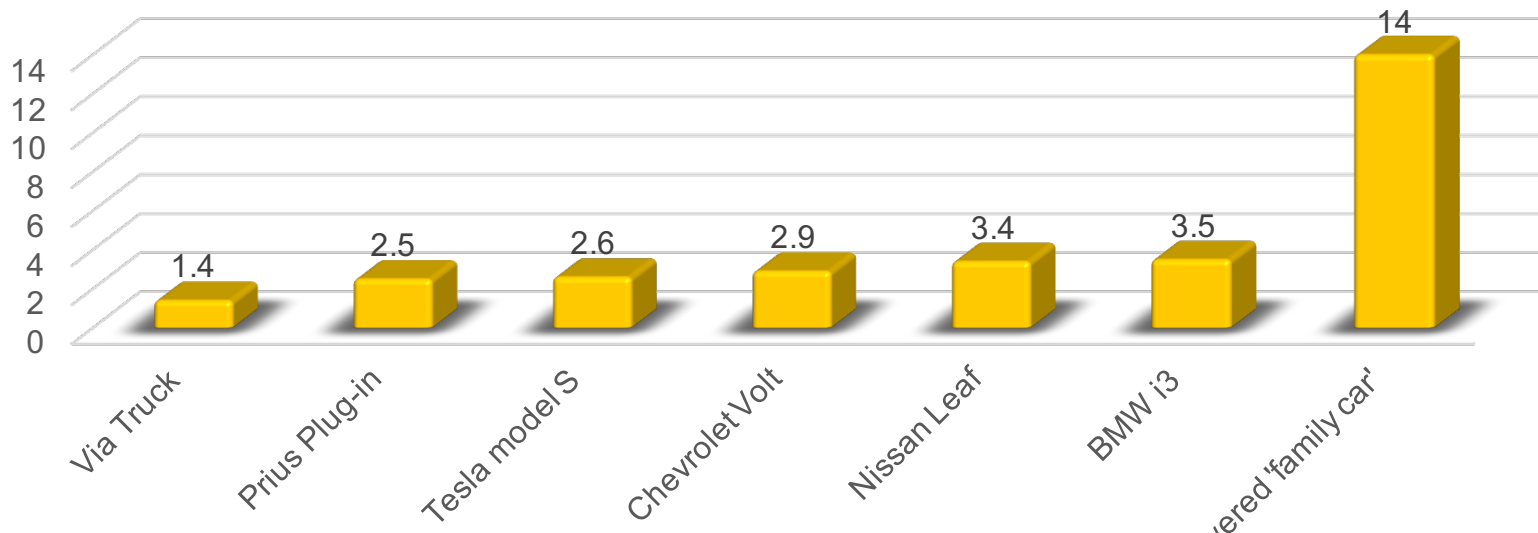


55 MPH vs  
75 MPH:  
+50%

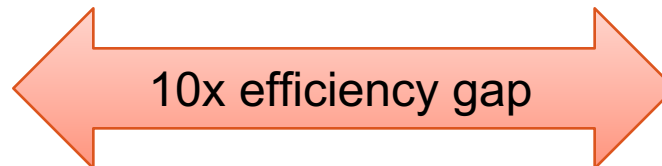
35 MPH vs  
75 MPH:  
+100%

# IS A SIGNIFICANT EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT REALISTIC?

Miles/kWh Plug-to-Wheel



VIA truck EREV  
190kW motor, 3000kg



10x efficiency gap



Stella experimental:  
14kW motor, 380kg

# BATTERY TECHNOLOGY: ENERGY DENSITY

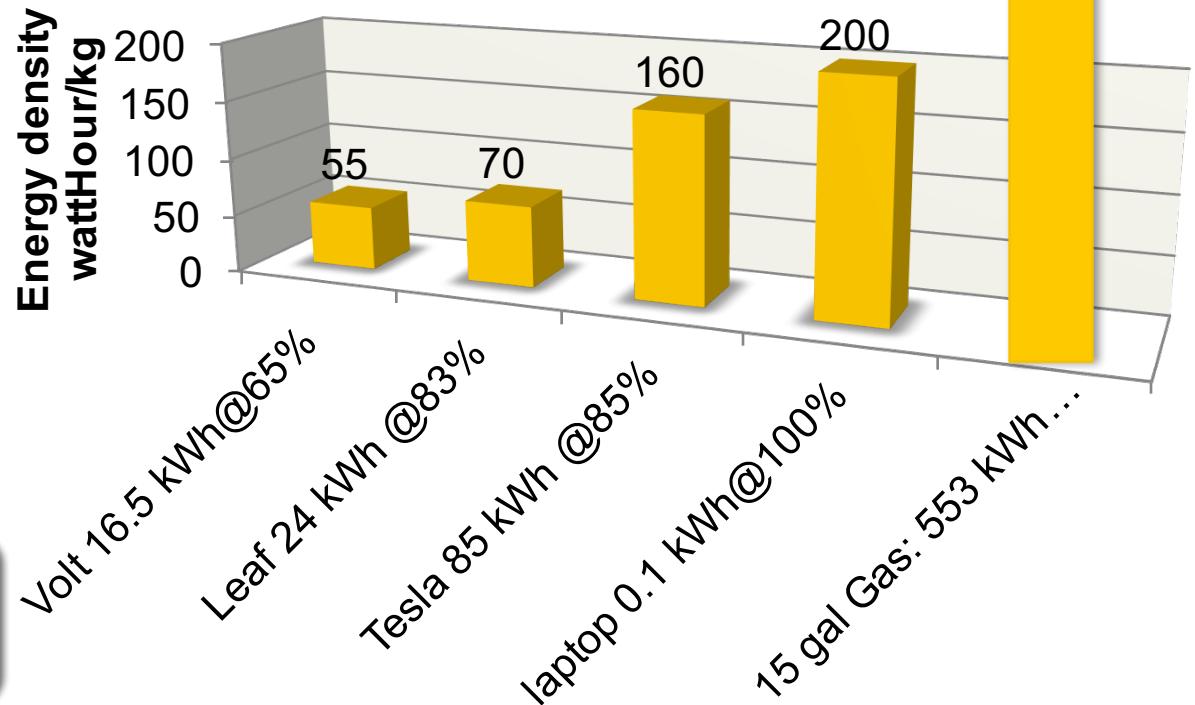
All EVs use advanced Li-Ion technology

- Yet there are differences in density
- Density = usable kWh/weight of pack

Differences:

- Charge window at Volt is only 65%, while Tesla uses 85%
- Extent of cooling/heating equipment.

Charge window and battery temperature control affect battery wear!

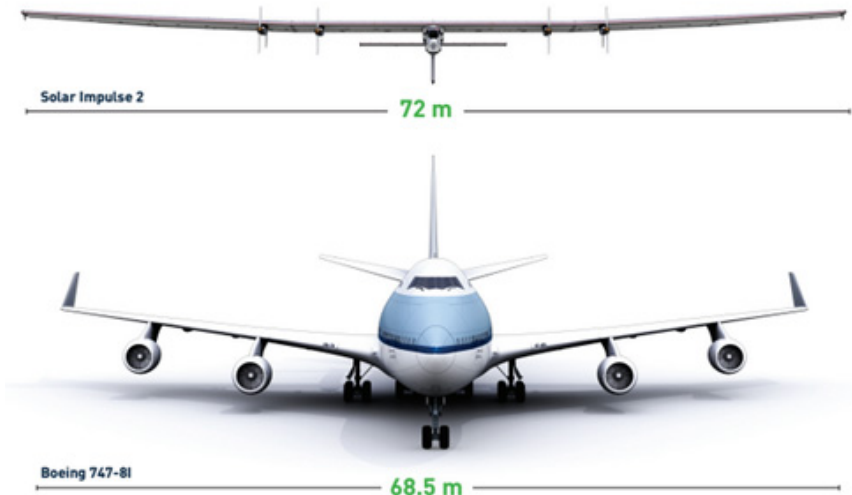
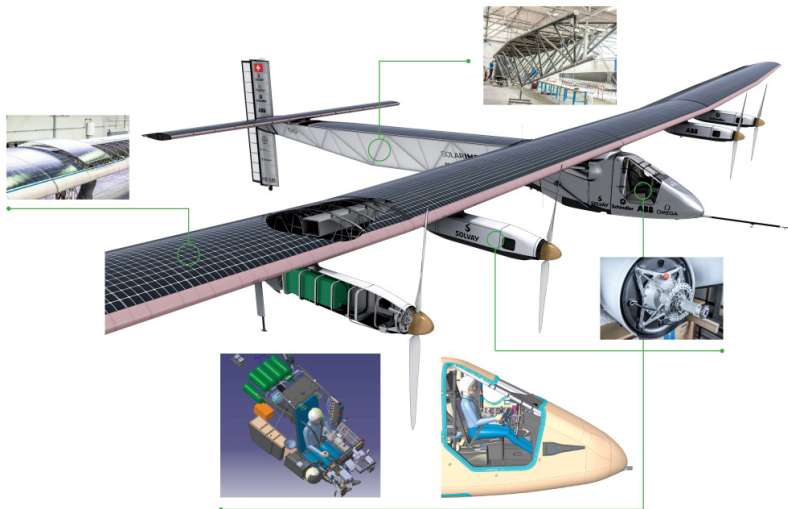




# WILL ELECTRICALLY POWERED AIRPLANES EVER BE FEASIBLE?

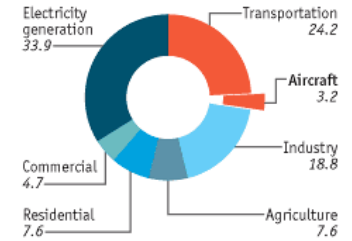
- **Solar Impulse:**

- 30kW max power, 7kW sustained
- 84kWh batteries, 450kg
- 45kW peak solar cells
- Huge wingspan (!!)



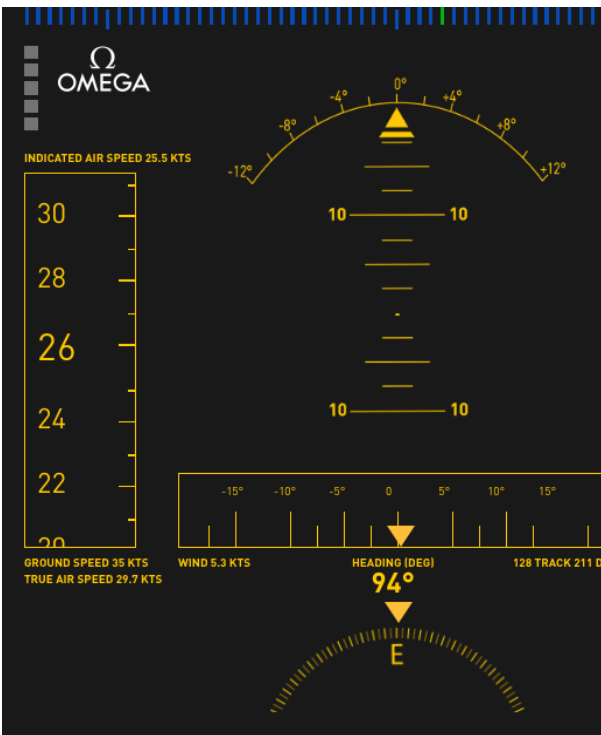
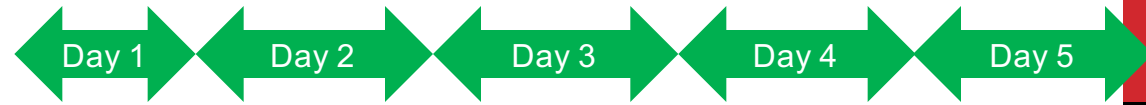
## Aviation's share

Causes of US greenhouse-gas emissions, %



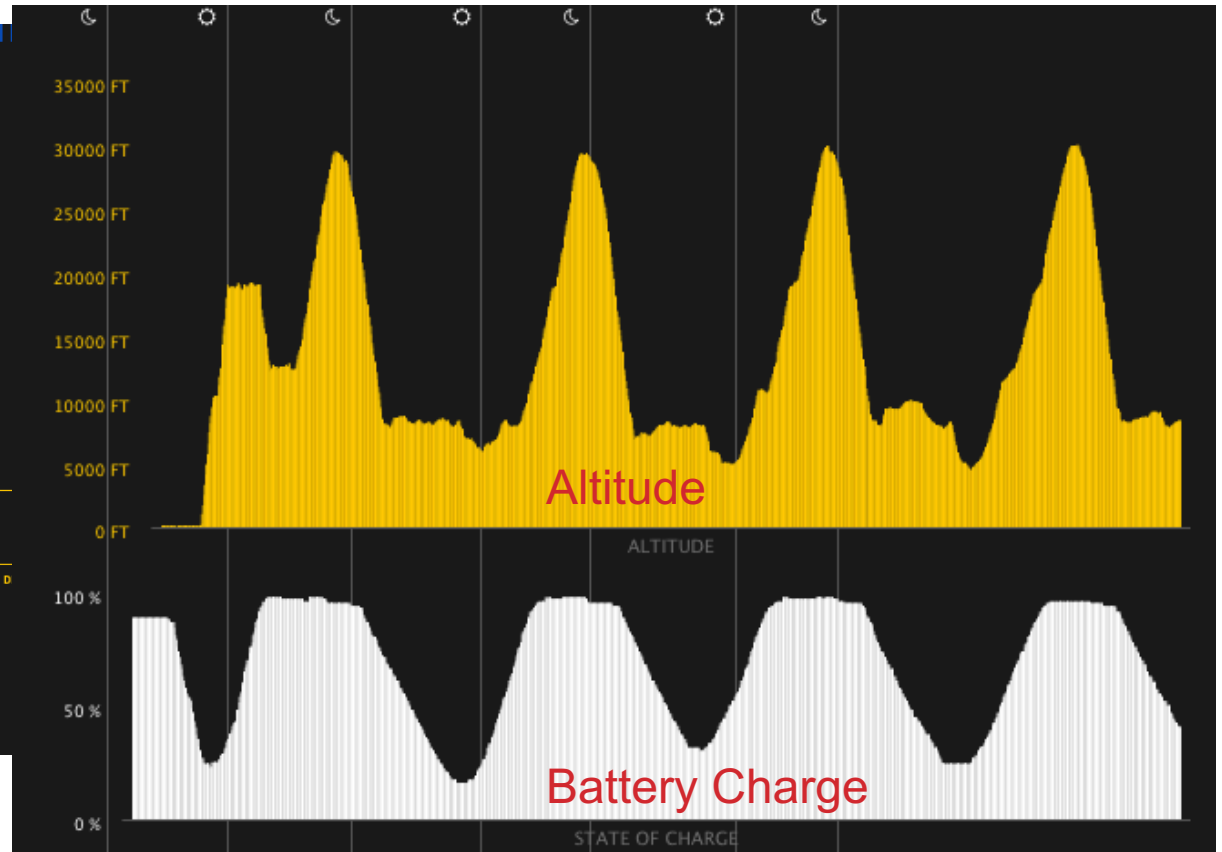
Sources: EPA; The Economist estimates

# SOLAR IMPULSE ELECTRIC FLIGHT



26 knots speed...

Fried the batteries during Japan to Hawaii trip.



Day Strategy:  
Charge battery full then  
Climb as high as possible

Night Strategy:  
Glide down to 8000ft  
Then run on battery

# ENGINEERING IMPLICATIONS BY VEHICLE TYPE

- **Plug-in Hybrid: 12-18 miles EV range**

- 4.4kWh @77% = **3.4kWh** usable
- At 12000 miles = **365 full cycles/year**
- Should last 8 years/ 3000 cycles.



- **Extended Range EV: 38 miles EV range**

- 16.5kWh @ 65% = **10.5kWh** usable
- At 12000 miles/year = **315 full cycles/year**
- Guaranteed to 3000 cycles (8 years), likely more



- **Commuter EV: 75 miles EV range**

- 24kWh @ 83% = **20kWh** usable
- At 12000 miles/year = **160 full cycles/year**
- So aging 1000 cycles = 6 year



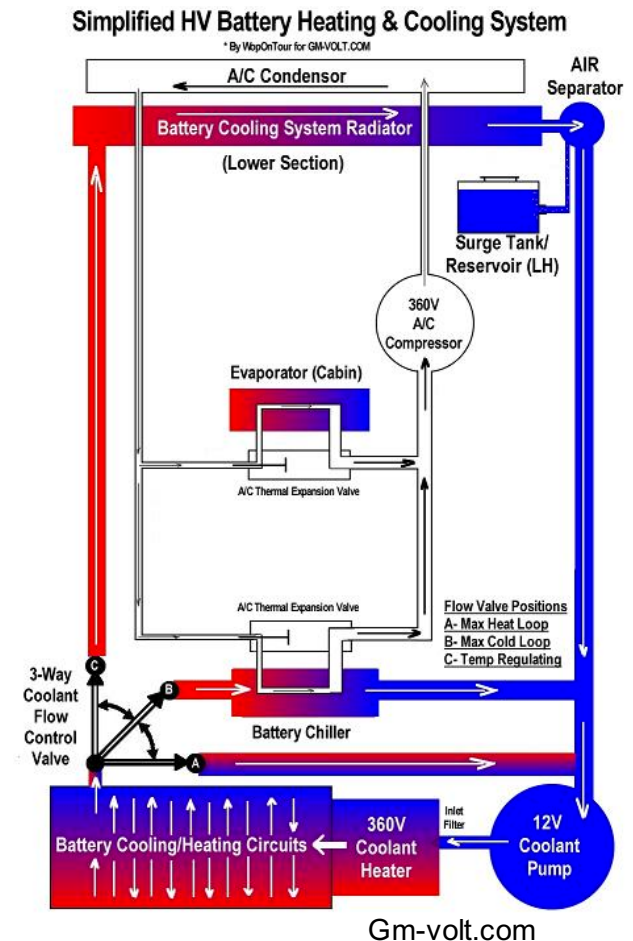
- **Full EV: 250 miles EV range:**

- 85kWh @ 85% = **72 kWh** usable
- At 12000miles/year = **48 full cycles/year**
- So aging 1000 cycles: 20 years, 7x fewer than Volt



# MAKING THE BATTERY LAST FOR 10 YEARS

- **Control 'depth of charge'**
  - Charge window affects lifetime very non-linearly
  - So trade-off energy density vs lifespan
- **High temperature is very detrimental**
  - Active liquid cooling above 30C using air conditioner: Volt, Tesla, BMW i3
  - Energy load of compressor: 0.5-2 kW
  - Nissan Leaf uses cheaper air cooling
- **Current density during charge and discharge**
  - Typical generation and re-generation currents are ~100A (~40kW).
  - In Tesla 85kWh that is 1.4A/cell
  - In Volt that is 33A per cell (20x)
  - Driving style affect lifetime and internal losses as well.





# POPULAR EV BATTERY TYPES

|   | Cell Maker      | Chemistry     | Capacity | Configuration | Voltage | Weight | Volume | Ener dens | Spec Ener | Used in:   |         |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|
|   |                 | Anode/Cathode | Ah       |               | V       | Kg     | liter  | Wh/liter  | Wh/kg     | Company    | Model   |
| 1 | AESC            | G/LMO-NCA     | 33       | Pouch         | 3.75    | 0.80   | 0.40   | 309       | 155       | Nissan     | Leaf    |
| 2 | LG Chem         | G/NMC-LMO     | 36       | Pouch         | 3.75    | 0.86   | 0.49   | 275       | 157       | Renault    | Zoe     |
| 3 | Li-Tec          | G/NMC         | 52       | Pouch         | 3.65    | 1.25   | 0.60   | 316       | 152       | Daimler    | Smart   |
| 4 | Li Energy Japan | G/LMO-NMC     | 50       | Prismatic     | 3.7     | 1.70   | 0.85   | 218       | 109       | Mitsubishi | i-MiEV  |
| 5 | Samsung         | G/NMC-LMO     | 64       | Prismatic     | 3.7     | 1.80   | 0.97   | 243       | 132       | Fiat       | 500     |
| 6 | Lishen Tianjin  | G-LFP         | 16       | Prismatic     | 3.25    | 0.45   | 0.23   | 226       | 116       | Coda       | EV      |
| 7 | Toshiba         | LTO-NMC       | 20       | Prismatic     | 2.3     | 0.52   | 0.23   | 200       | 89        | Honda      | Fit     |
| 8 | Panasonic       | G/NCA         | 3.1      | Cylindrical   | 3.6     | 0.048  | 0.018  | 630       | 233       | Tesla      | Model S |



Panasonic 18650  
Cylindrical cell (Tesla)

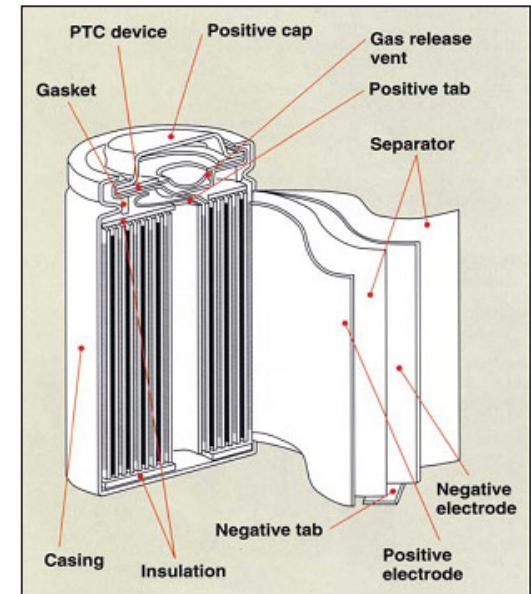
# BATTERY FORM FACTORS

- **Cylindrical: Tesla**

- More expensive
- Less fire hazard
- Flat pack shape
- 12Wh/cell

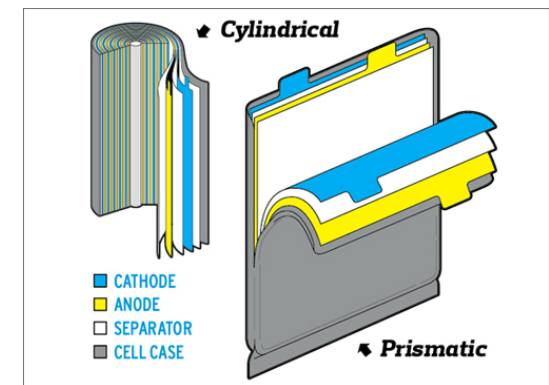


Panasonic  
18650  
Cylindrical

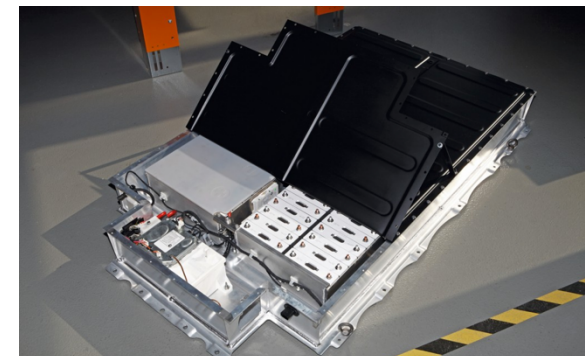


- **Pouch/prismatic: Volt, Leaf, BMW i3, B787**

- More cost-effective
- Adaptable shape
- More compact and less weight overhead
- Needs thermal management
- Thermal/Fire issue

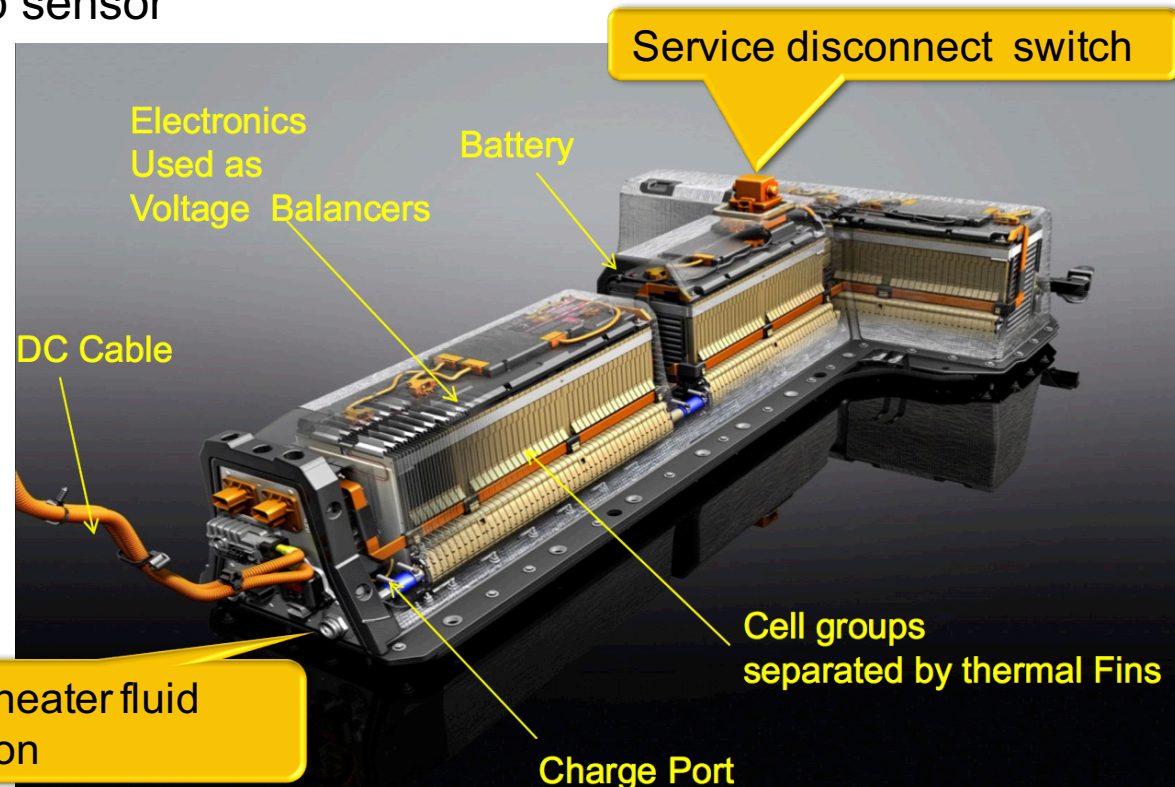
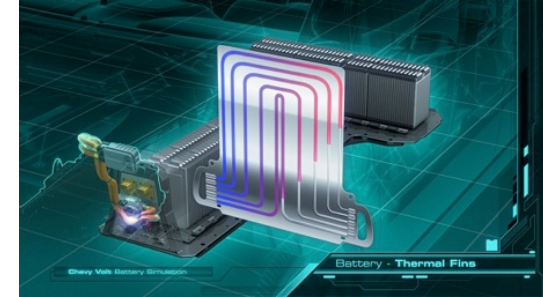


BMW i3 battery pack



# VOLT 16.5KWH BATTERY PACK

- **T-shaped arrangement:**
  - Series of 96 cell groups (360V)
  - Each cell groups:
    - 3 pouch cells parallel
    - Liquid cool fin
    - Voltage + Temp sensor
    - Balancer
- **2kW heater**
- **1.5kW Cooler**
- **Cells replaceable.**

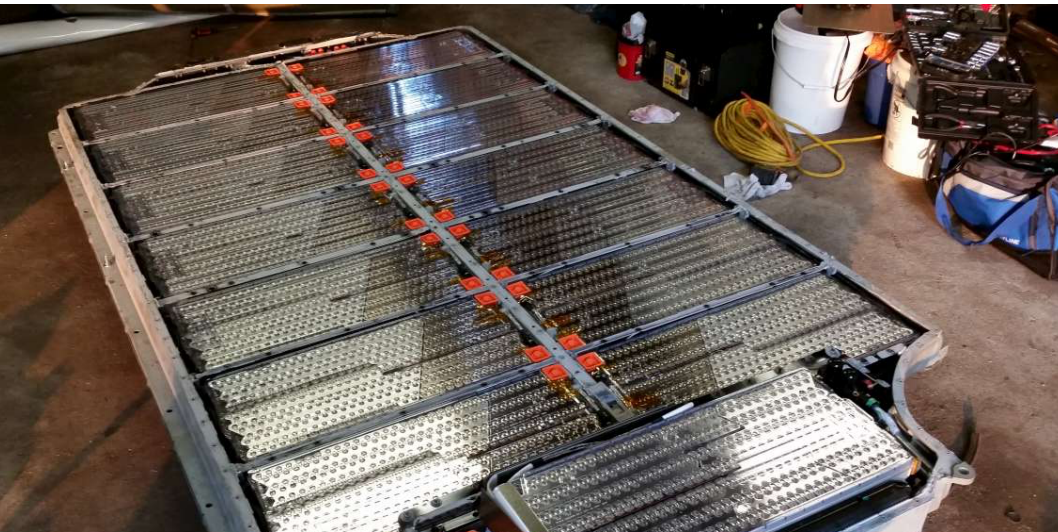




# TESLA BATTERY LAYOUT

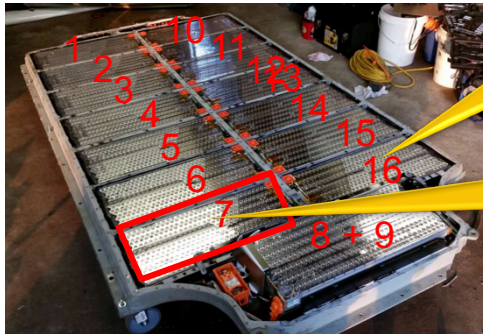
|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Total capacity                    | 85kWh  |
| Number of 18650 cells (Panasonic) | 7104   |
| # of cells in parallel per group  | 74     |
| # of groups in series             | 96     |
| Voltage                           | 364V   |
| Max current                       | ~950A  |
| Cooling/heating                   | Liquid |
| Battery cell balancing            | Yes    |

Each cell is 11Wh  
(roughly 1/4 of laptop  
battery)



Aluminum strip profile  
with coolant/heater fluid

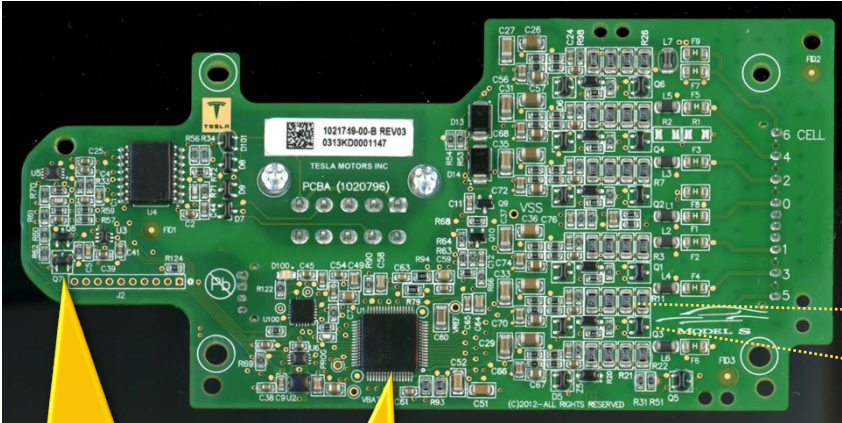
# SERIES-PARALLEL BATTERY STRUCTURE



16 Blocks in series total = 365V

Each Block = 6Series74Parallel + 1 BMS PCB

Battery Management PCB for each block, serves 6 P groups

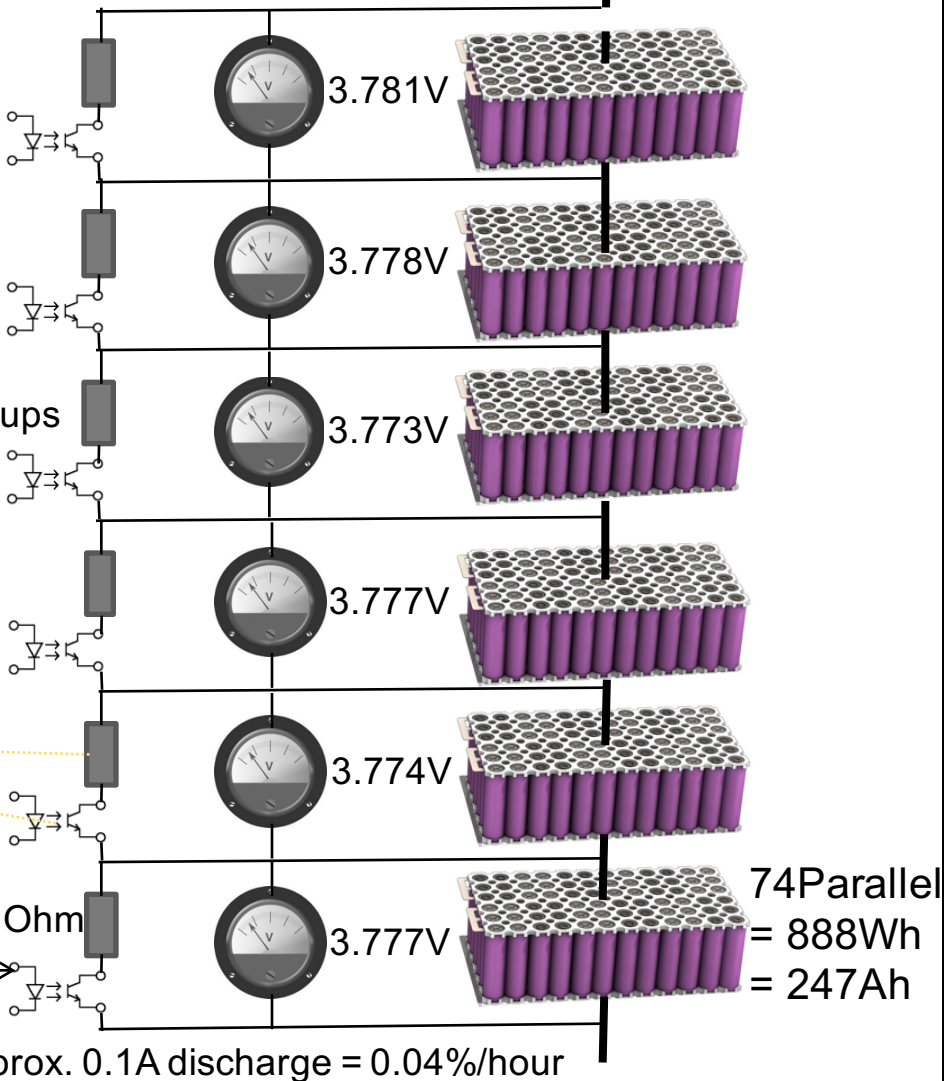


2x temperature sensor

Texas Instruments BMS chip

950A (!! ) max.

Series:  $96 \times 3.77V = 365V$  (full)  
 $278V$  (empty)

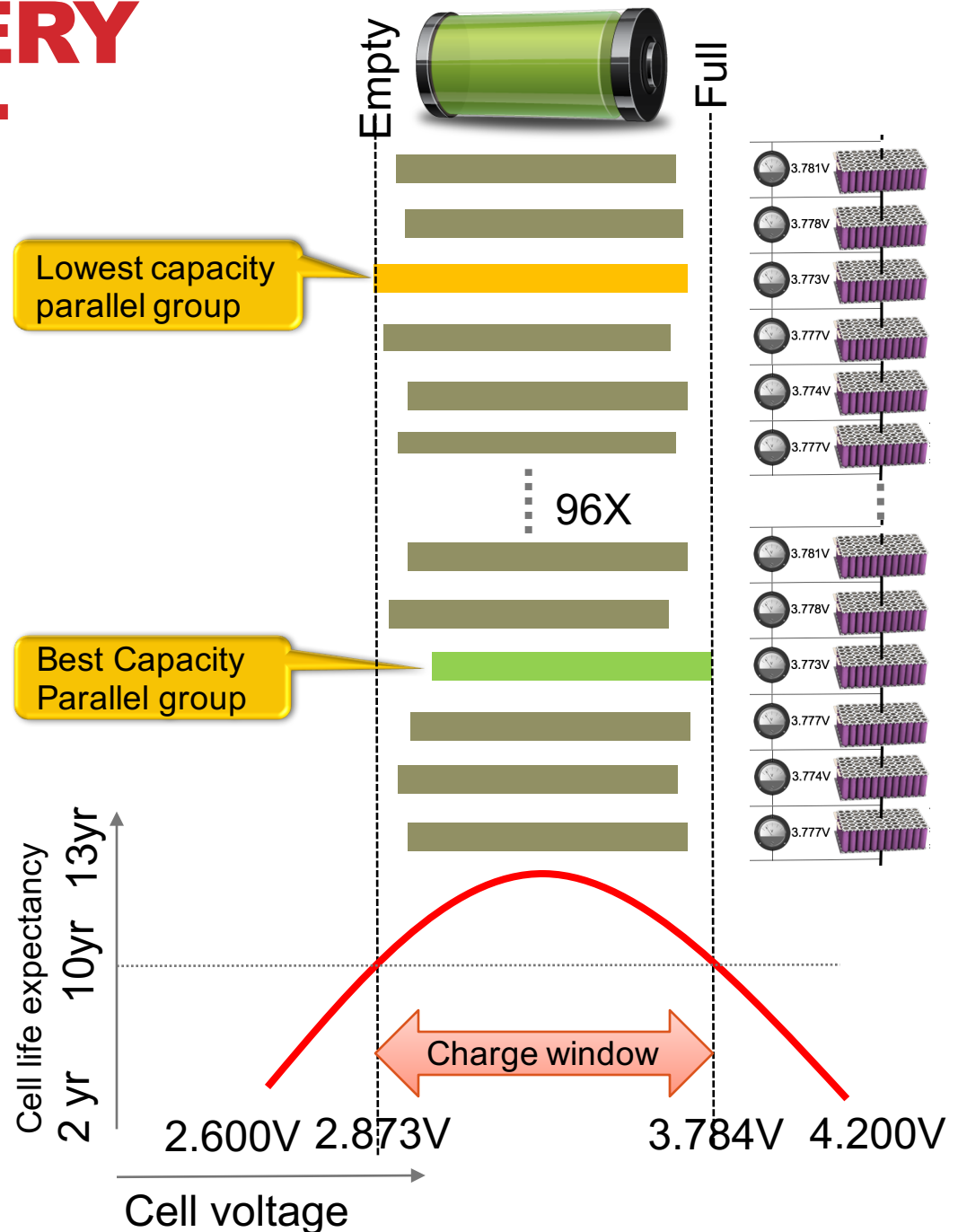




# ACTIVE BATTERY MANAGEMENT

The difference between the worst and the best P-Groups determines capacity!

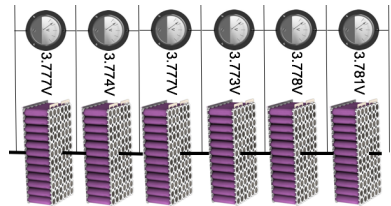
Solution: Balance by selectively discharging the best groups





# ACTIVE BATTERY MANAGEMENT

Charge must stop when the first of the 96 P-groups reaches 3.784V



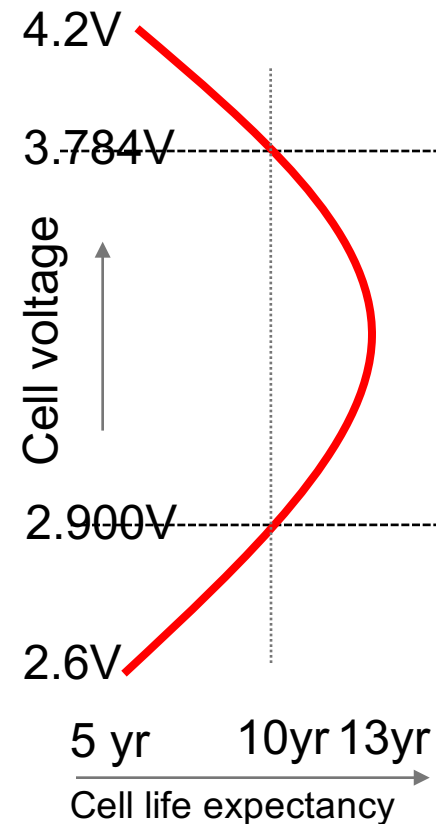
Best Parallel group

96X

Worst P-Group

3.784V  
Safe  
Li-Ion  
Operating  
Voltage  
range  
2.900V

Empty when any of the 96 P-groups reaches 2.900V



The difference between the worst and the best P-Groups determines capacity!

Solution: Balance by selectively discharging the best groups



# LI-ION BATTERY SAFETY

High energy density =  
inherently dangerous

2013 Boeing 787 Dreamliner  
uncontained battery fire



Exemplar Battery



JAL Event Battery

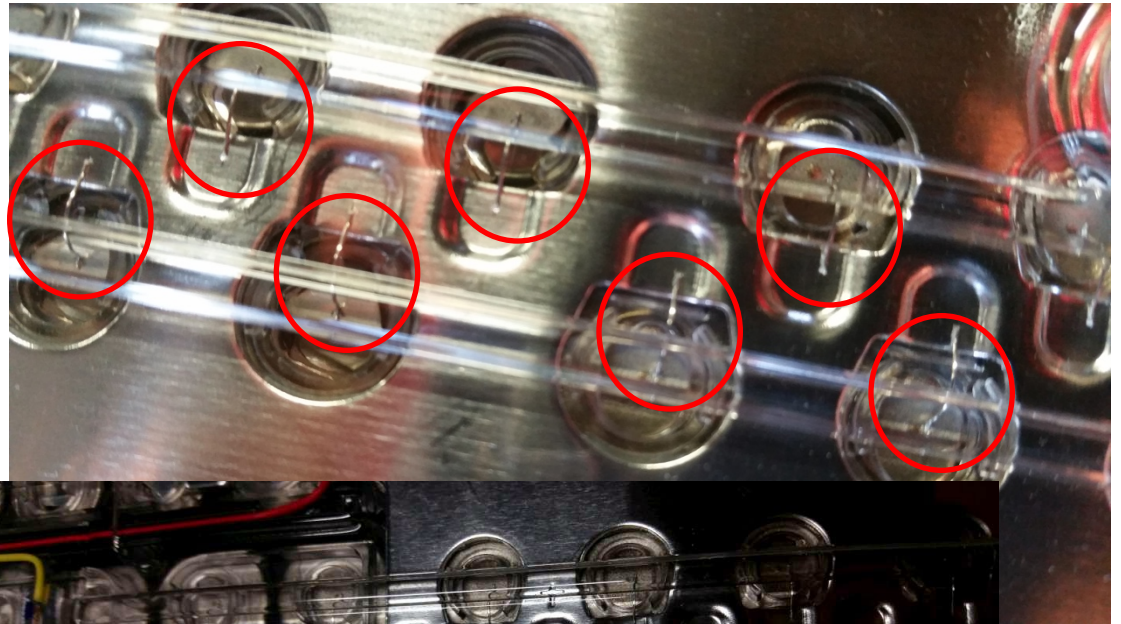
# TESLA'S SOLUTION



Cylindrical cells are inherently safer due to isolation.

Electric fuse wire per cell prevents fire due to catastrophic short-circuit

Max current per cell is 12A so 15A fuse would make sense.





# REALISTIC PREDICTIONS

- **CO2 emissions of Electric Grid reduce by 1% per year**
  - Large time constants ☹️
- **EV efficiency (in miles/kWh) will hardly improve.**
  - Physics is a bitch,
  - People like less efficient SuV style
- **Batteries will continue steady incremental improvements**
  - Lower cost, but barely lower weight
  - 200 Miles at reasonable cost soon feasible
- **EV cost will drop steadily:**
  - Feasible without taxpayer subsidy.
- **Workplace EV charging will be commonplace.**
  - 80 Charging spots at Synopsys, all in use!

# **ELECTRIC VEHICLES: WHAT'S IS IN IT FOR THE EDA FOLKS?**

- **Designing the Electric drivetrain is a multi-faceted optimization problem:**
  - Design space exploration tools
  - Modeling of systems: Charger, Battery, Inverter, Control, Motor, modes, etc.
  - Simulation and tuning of the system
- **Hardware-software co-optimization**
  - Apply EDA design methods to mechanical CAD
- **Software Verification & Correctness**
- **Security**

# THANKS!

Questions?