

# Electrified Vehicles as Platforms for Complex System Control

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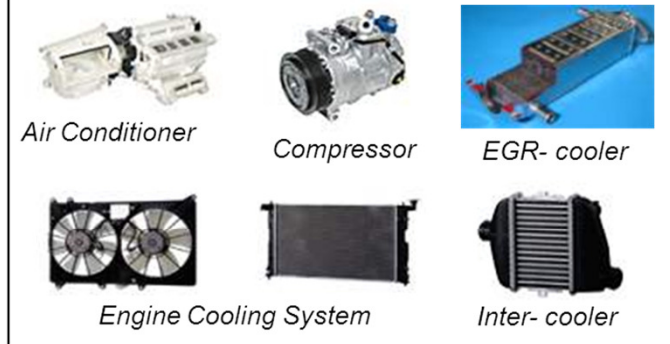
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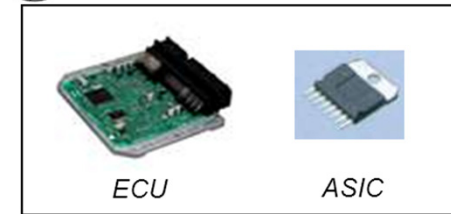
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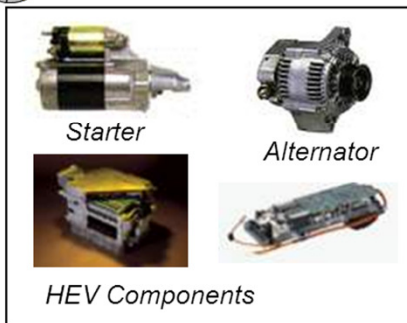
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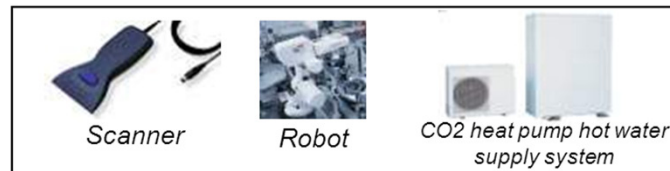
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## Electric Systems



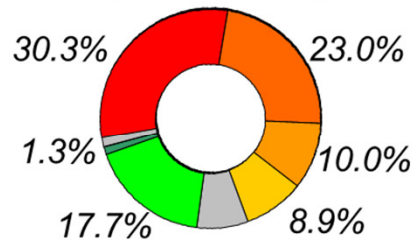
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## Information and Safety Systems



### Sales by Business Segment



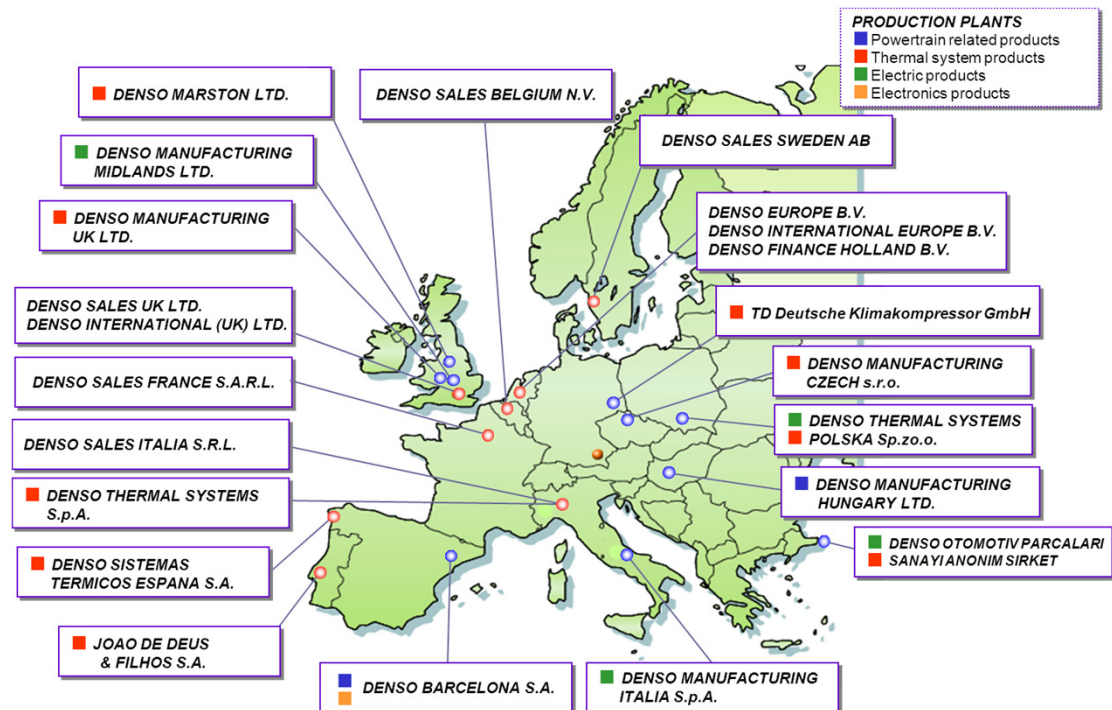
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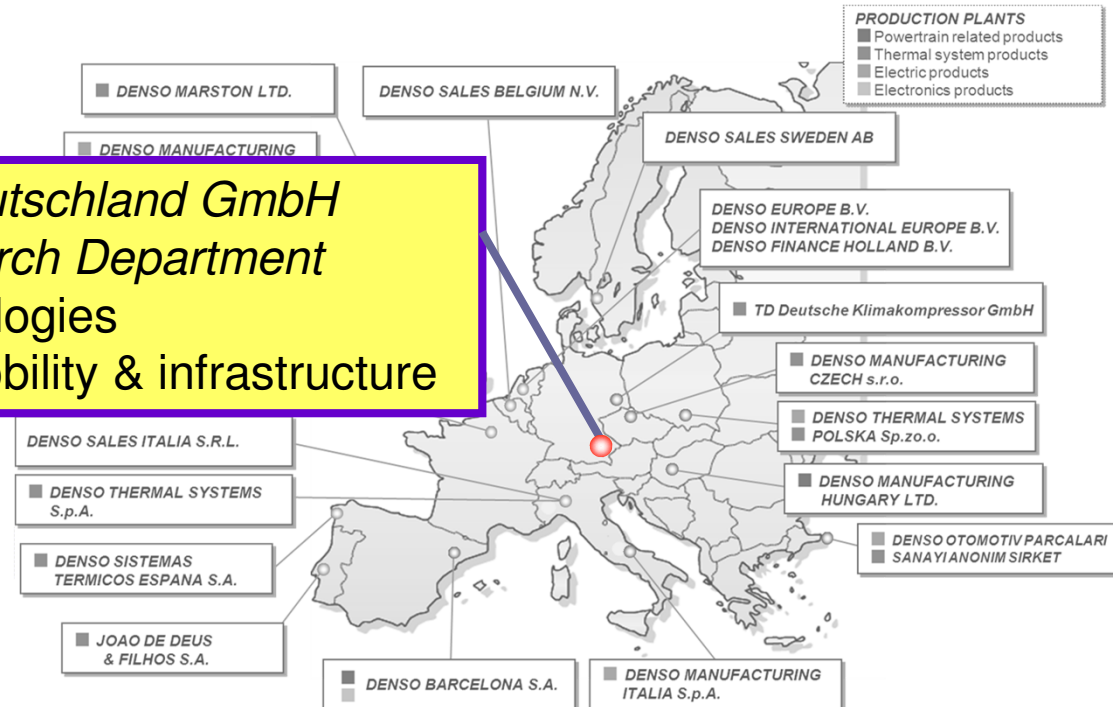
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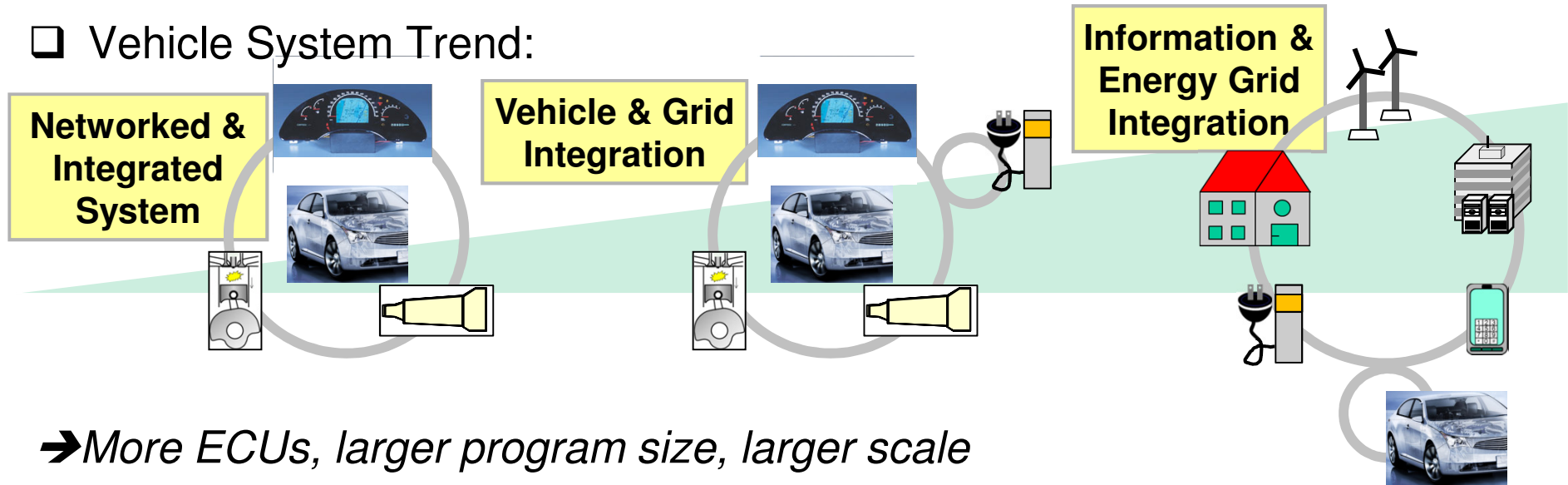
- E/E Platform & System Technologies
- ICT & Safety, Powertrain, E-mobility & infrastructure



## 2. Increasing Complexity of Automotive Systems

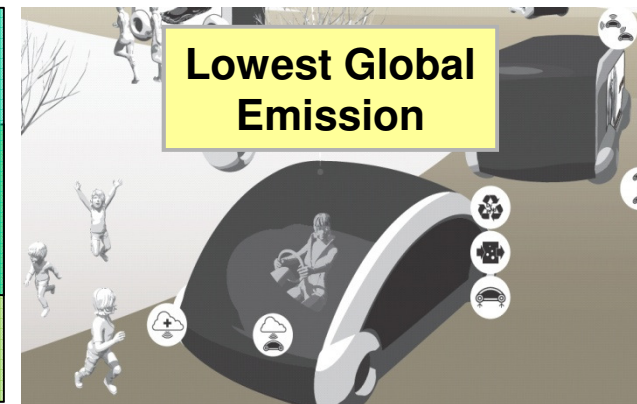
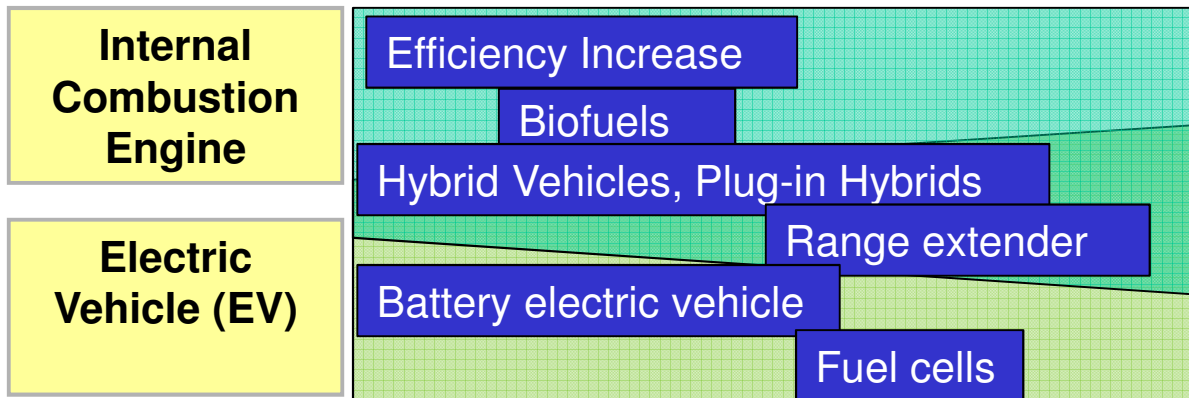
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### ❑ Vehicle System Trend:



➔ *More ECUs, larger program size, larger scale*

### ❑ Powertrain Trend: Increasing diversity

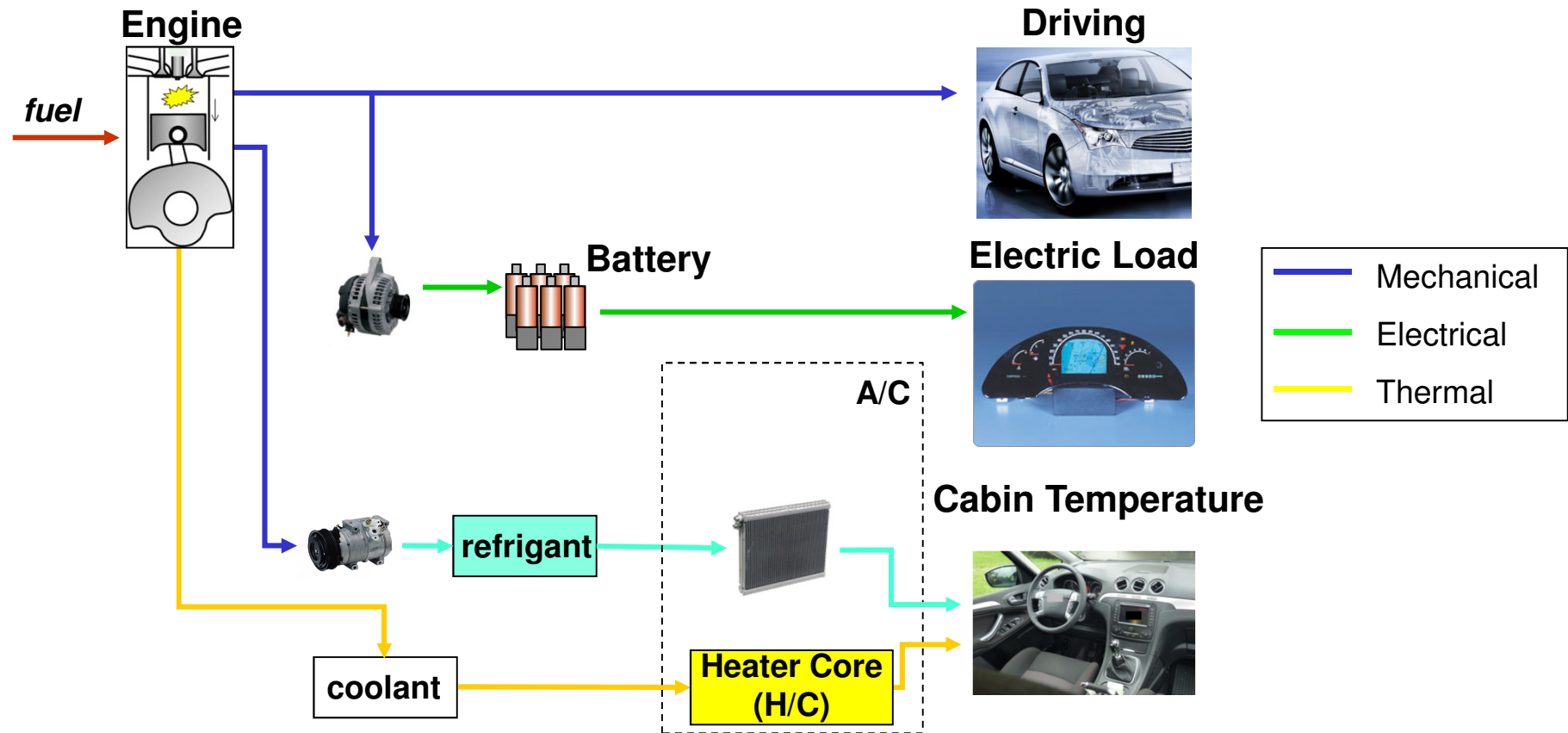


➔ *Increasing powertrain diversity*

## 2. Increasing Complexity of Automotive Systems

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### □ Energy Flow (conventional vehicle):

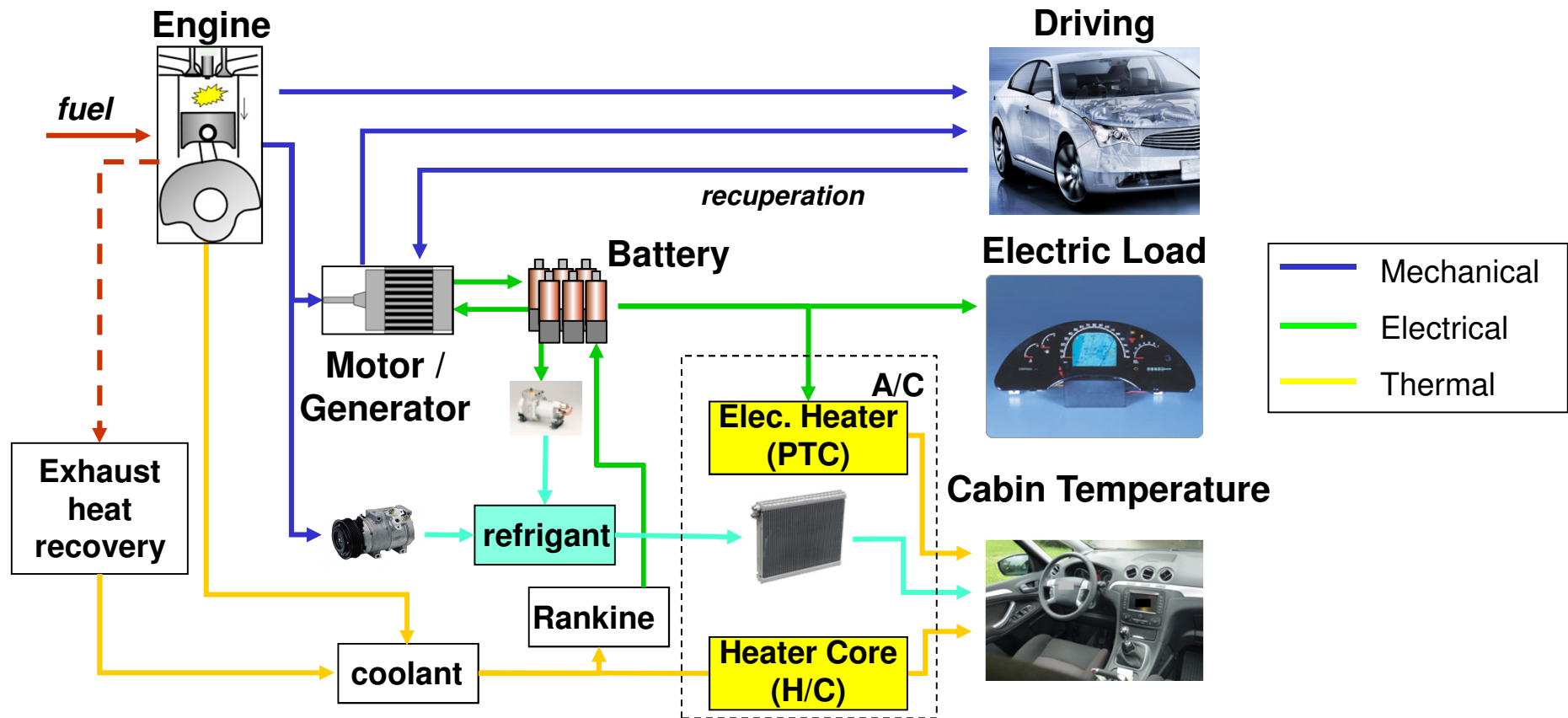


*1 function – 1 component*

## 2. Increasing Complexity of Automotive Systems

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- Energy Flow (hybrid, low fuel consumption vehicle):



→ 1 function – multi component



**Challenging control problems **today** as a result of increasing complexity & scale**

Architectural problems

Fault-tolerance

High control freedom & optimality

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**New control design concept and methodology are necessary for automotive systems**

### ❑ DENSO Example Studies

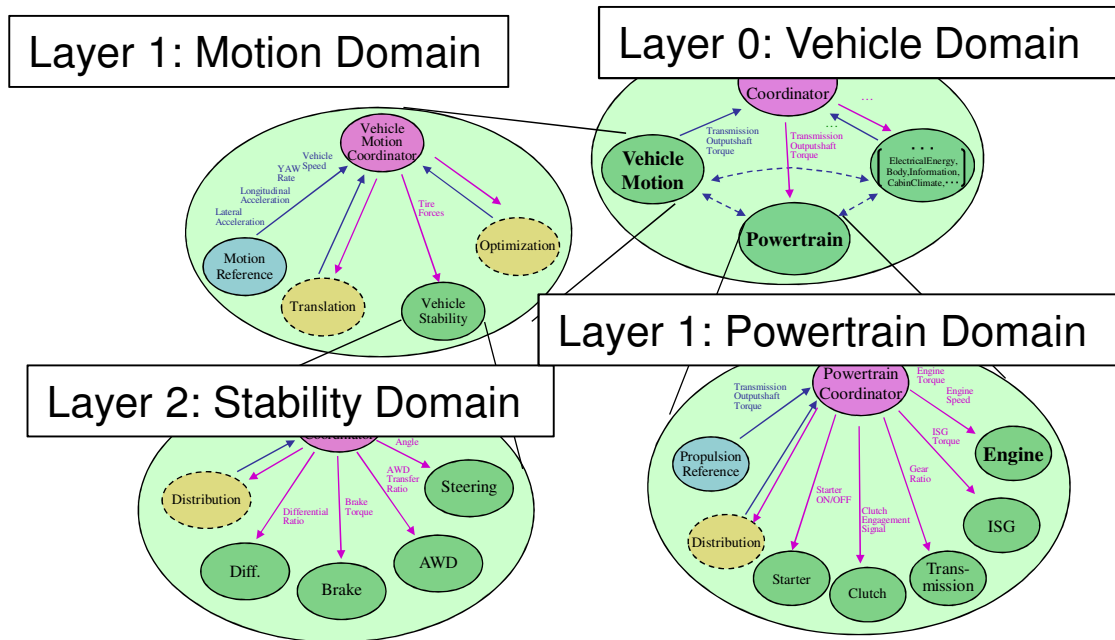
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*3.3 Fault Tolerant Battery Control in Electrified Vehicles*

# 3.1 Functional Architecture based Control System Design\*

- Aim: structuring the control system that gets larger and more complex



## Main features:

- Restructure vehicle control under simple rules.
- Redefine and allocate all of control function appropriately
- Standardize interface of each component.
- Hide localized information for outside of the component.
- Parallel development of each component

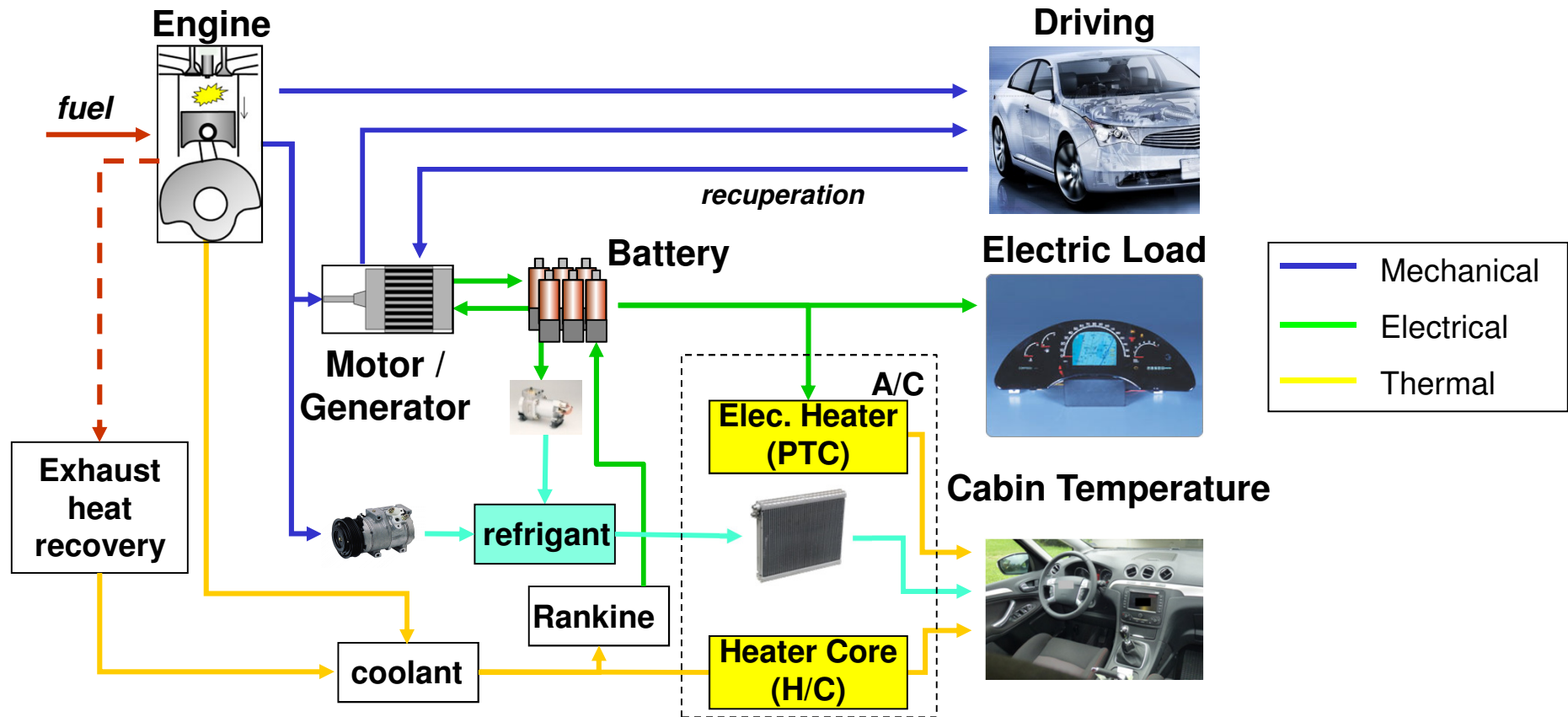
- This hierarchical structure serves as a framework. It has been gradually embodied

\*T. Tashiro, S. Akiyama (DENSO Corp.) Global Powertrain Conference 2003, Ann Arbor, MI, 2003

## 3.2 Model Predictive Control for Cabin Heat Thermal Man.

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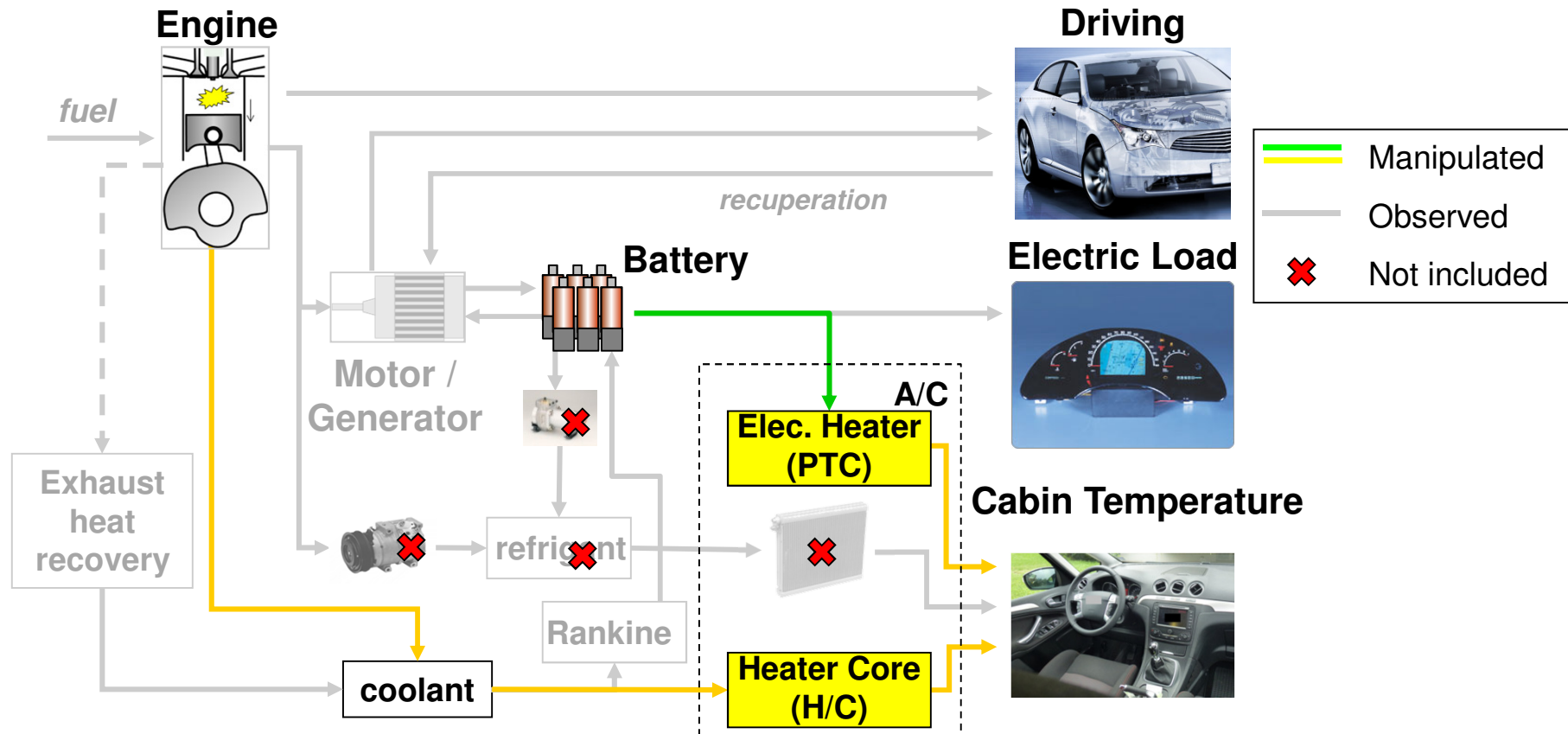
- Energy Flow (hybrid, low fuel consumption vehicle):



***distribute the workload between components to heat the cabin in order to achieve real-world (driving, electric and thermal domains) fuel efficiency***

# 3.2 Model Predictive Control for Cabin Heat Thermal Man.\*

## □ Cabin Heat Problem Covering Range



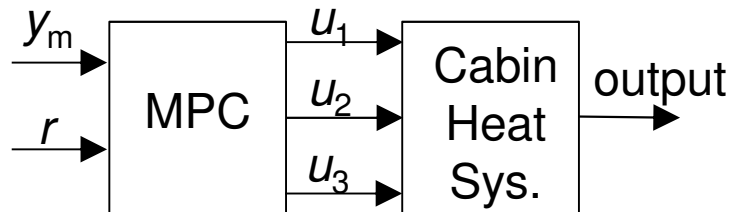
**Manipulate:** Some options of engine, Electrical heater, (PTC), Heater Core (H/C)  
**Observe/Evaluate:** Battery, engine, M/G, other electrical and thermal loads

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### □ Control Problem



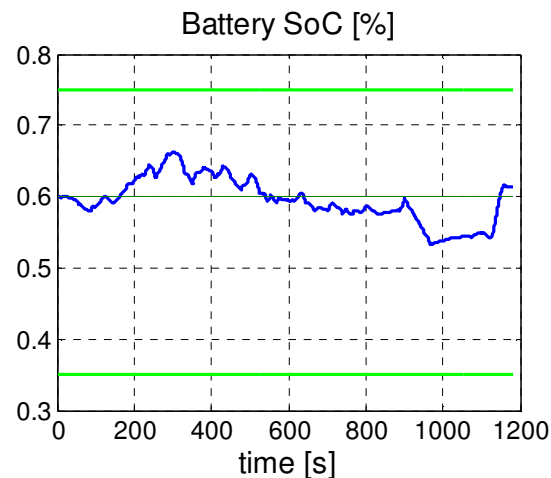
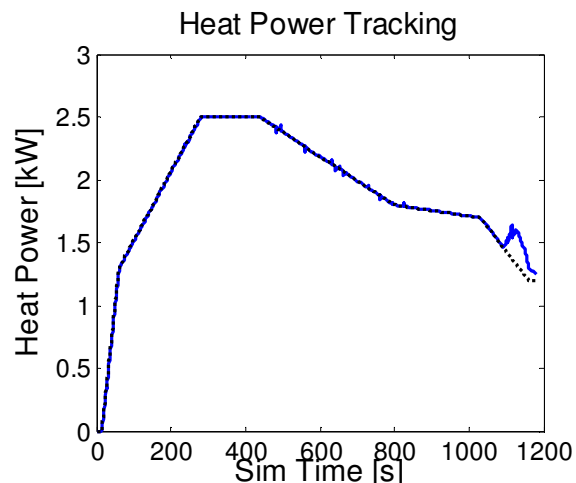
For given measurements ( $y_m$ ) and references ( $r$ ), manipulate H/C ( $u_1$ ), PTC ( $u_2$ ), and engine power ( $u_3$ ) to achieve the control objectives:

- heat power reference tracking
- maintaining battery SOC in its limits
- minimizing fuel consumption

Complex relations are identified & simplified as linear-time variant (LTV) models

Multi-objective MPC is formulated s.t. LTV prediction models and constraints

### □ Simulation Results (NEDC, Ambient Temp 5°C)


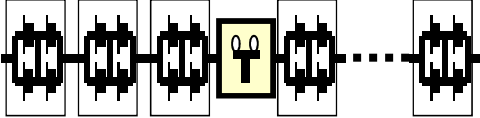
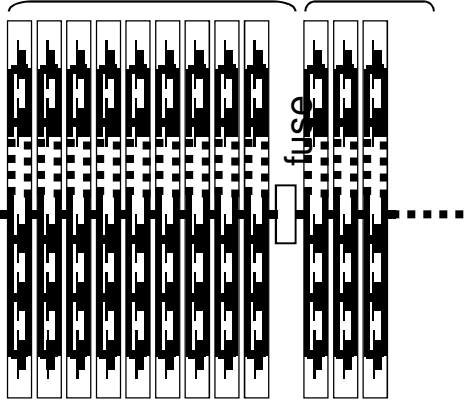


Fuel savings  
w.r.t. baseline:  
~ 3%

Benefit:  
Better competitiveness

# 3.3 Fault Tolerant Battery Control in Electrified Vehicles\*

## □ Different Battery Topologies

Type	Single String	Double String	Multi-String
			
	1 parallel x n series	2 parallel x n series	m parallel x n series
Complexity	😊	😐	😞
Sensitivity to 1-cell failure	😞	😐	😊

***improve the reliability of simpler topologies (single string) using active fault detection and control mechanisms***

\* In collaboration with Prof. J. Stoustrup (Uni Aalborg) & his team. Published in Safeprocess'12 Conference

### ❑ Software modifications: Active Fault Detection (AFD)

#### 1. State space battery model

Input : current  $I$

Output : voltage  $V_o$

States : voltage across bulk and surface capacitors  $V_{cb}$ ,  $V_{cs}$

#### 2. Estimate the bulk capacity $C_b$ and the terminal resistance $R_t$ using Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

#### 3. Design the input current signal $I$

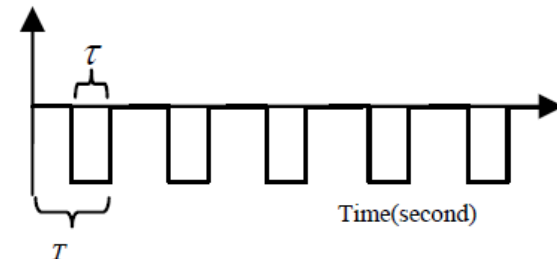
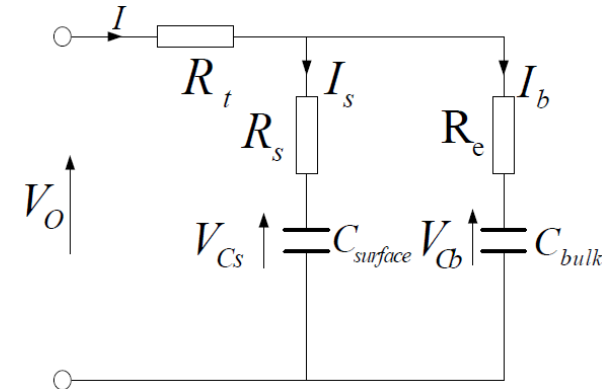
increase the sensitivity of parameter changes

Non-convex optimization problem

#### 4. Compare the estimates with nominal values for fault detection

### ❑ Results

- Reliability of single-string topology increases with AFD
- Early warning to the driver, before severe failures occur



**Challenging control problems tomorrow as a result of increasing complexity & scale**

*cyber-physical systems, large-scale distributed systems, systems of systems*

- Vehicle as a component of system of systems
- Zero emission, zero fatality
- Absolute fault-tolerance
- Secure V2G communication
- Utilizing advanced computing technologies
- Standardization
- Information management



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