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(54) **SINGLE-INPUT AND SINGLE-OUTPUT HYBRID SYSTEM**

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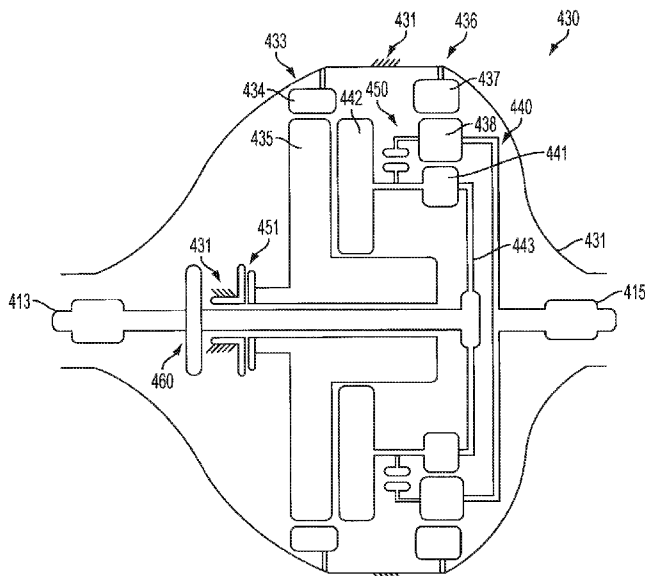
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A hybrid assembly having a single input and a single output. The hybrid assembly is compactly packaged and achieves a wide range of gear ratios. The hybrid assembly may be used in a vehicle power train with or without an additional transmission.

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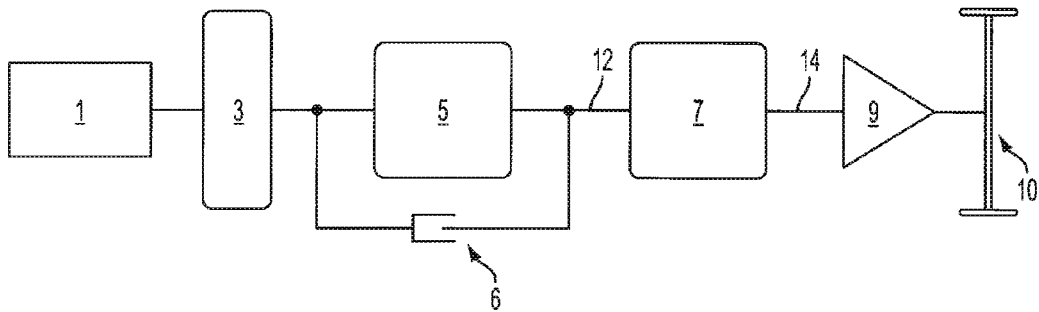


FIG. 1  
PRIOR ART

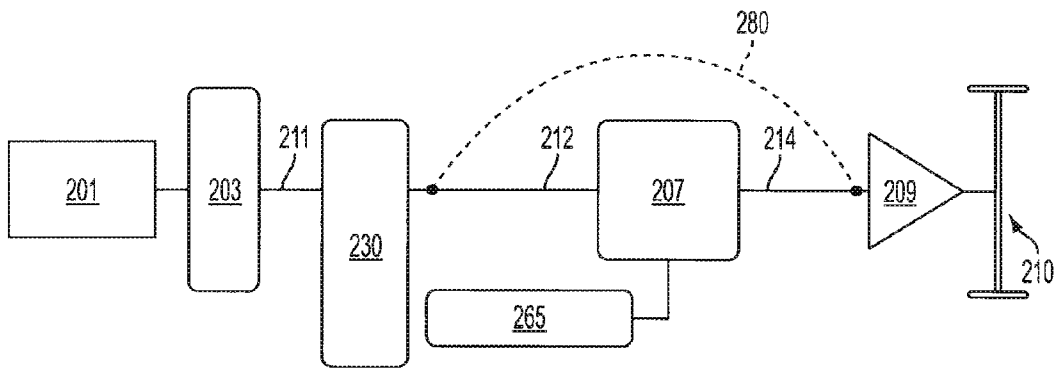


FIG. 2

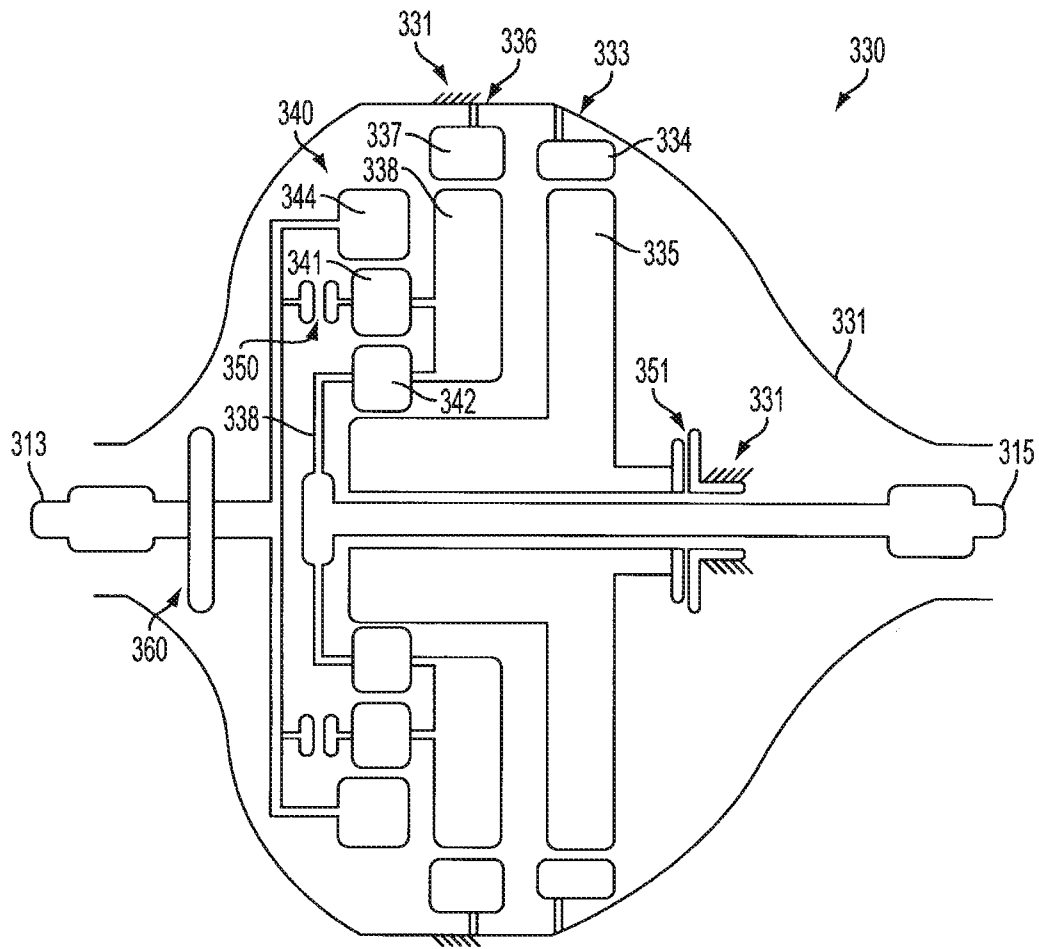


FIG. 3

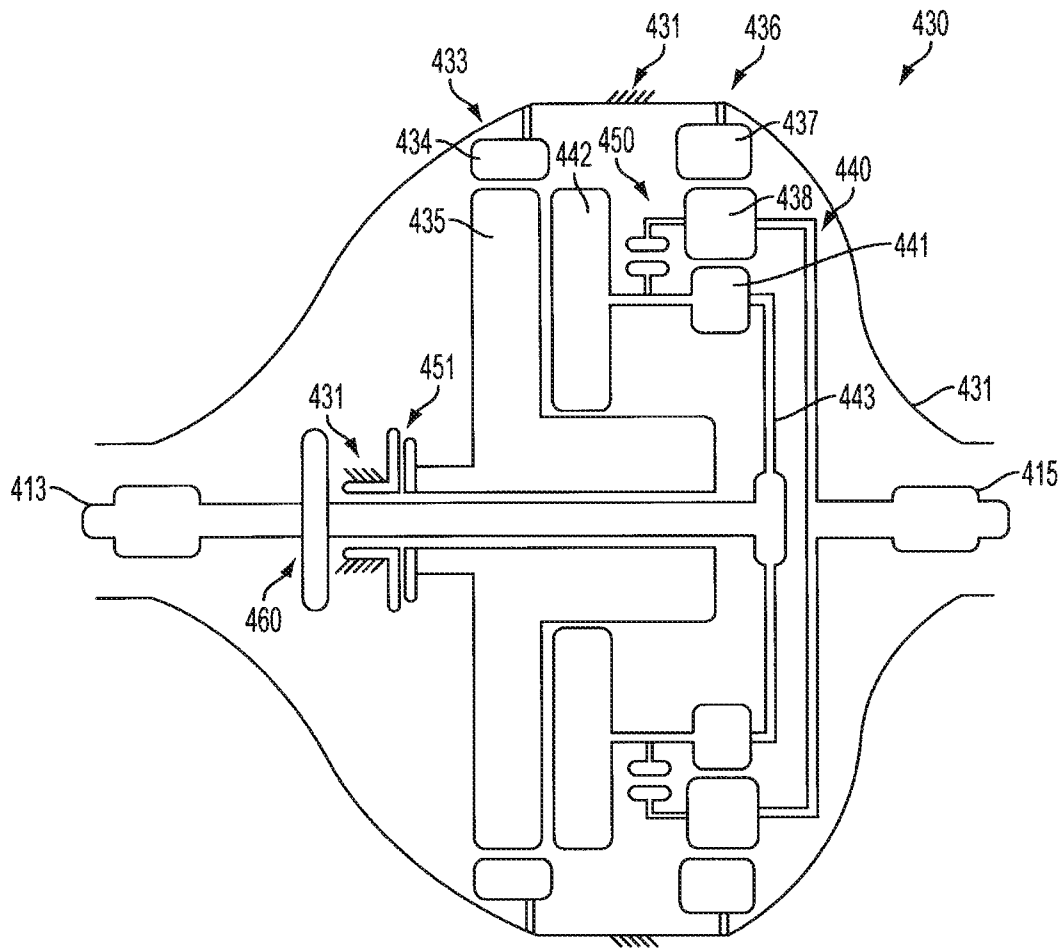


FIG. 4

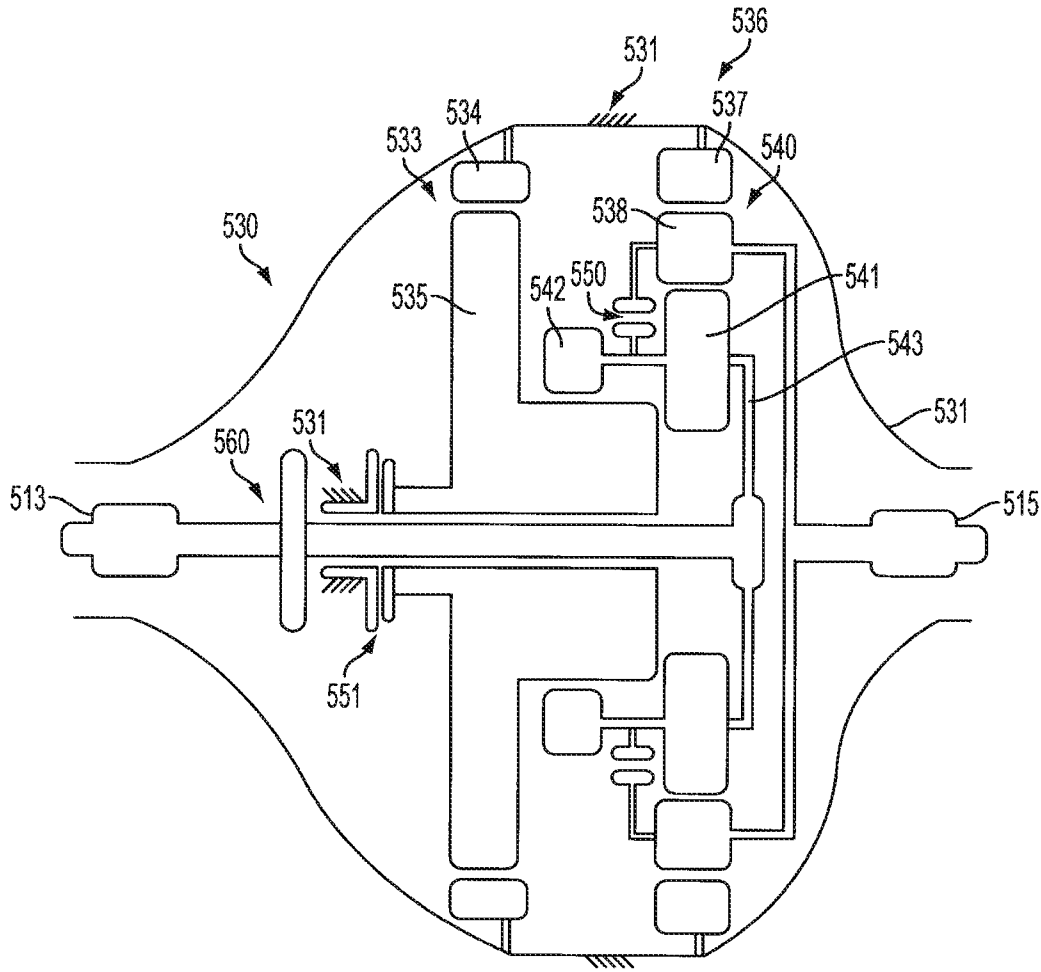


FIG. 5

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## SINGLE-INPUT AND SINGLE-OUTPUT HYBRID SYSTEM

### FIELD

The present disclosure relates to a hybrid propulsion system, more particularly, to a compact hybrid propulsion system having a single input and a single output.

### BACKGROUND

Many modern automobiles utilize a hybrid transmission system in which an internal combustion engine, electric machine, or combination of the two provides propulsion for the vehicle. In a typical hybrid transmission system, torque from the engine and electric machines is supplied to a plurality of gears and shifting elements. Torque is output from this plurality of gears and clutches to drive the wheels of the vehicle. A typical hybrid transmission features either an electrically variable transmission mode (“EVT mode”) or a fixed gear mode, but not both. In an EVT mode, torque must be supplied by both the engine and the electric machines and the overall transmission gear ratio between the transmission input and output can be constantly varied between a theoretically limitless number of gear ratios. In a fixed gear mode, power may be supplied by either or both of the engine and electric machines, but the overall transmission gear ratio between the transmission input and output can only be a limited number of fixed gear ratios. While some hybrid transmissions do feature both an EVT mode and fixed gear mode, these transmissions typically have augmented structures and generally require complicated torque and speed controls.

Typical hybrid transmissions are large and bulky. This makes it more difficult to integrate them into a vehicle’s powertrain. Decreasing the size of a typical hybrid transmission often results in decreased torque capability and performance. Further, typical hybrid transmissions serve as the only ratio-adjusting link between the engine and the wheels of the vehicle. This is largely a result of the intricate connections among the engine, electric machine, and hybrid transmission. These complicated connections make the addition of a typical hybrid transmission a complex process. Moreover, these complicated connections typically are not configured as single input and single output and prevent the use of an additional gearbox such as a conventional automatic transmission because of packaging and complexity concerns. This limits the overall gear ratio achievable by the hybrid drive system.

What is needed, therefore, is a compact and robust hybrid drive system that offers both an EVT mode and a fixed gear mode and that retains full functionality of the engine and electric machines regardless of their operating state. What is also needed is a hybrid drive system that achieves an increased range of power modes to expand hybrid power manipulation space and to enhance vehicle drivability. What is further needed is a simple hybrid transmission that can be added to existing automobiles with or without an additional transmission. What is further needed is a hybrid transmission having controls independent from those of an optional automatic transmission.

### SUMMARY

In one form, the present disclosure provides a hybrid drive train including a hybrid assembly. The hybrid assembly includes a compound planetary gear set, a first electric

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machine having a first electric machine rotor coupled to a sun gear of the compound planetary gear set, and a second electric machine having a second electric machine rotor coupled to the compound planetary gear set. The hybrid assembly also includes a first clutch configured to selectively lock the planetary gear set.

In another form, the present disclosure provides a hybrid drive train including a hybrid assembly. The hybrid assembly includes a compound planetary gear set including a ring gear, a carrier, a first plurality of planetary gears rotatably mounted on the carrier and continuously meshed with the ring gear, a second plurality of planetary gears rotatably mounted on the carrier, and a sun gear continuously meshed with the second plurality of planet gears. The hybrid assembly further includes a first electric machine having a first electric machine rotor coupled to the sun gear, and a second electric machine having a second electric machine rotor coupled to the compound planetary gear set. The hybrid assembly also includes a first clutch configured to selectively lock the planetary gear set, and a brake clutch configured to selectively couple the first electric machine rotor to a housing of the hybrid assembly.

Thus, a compact and robust hybrid drive system is provided that offers both an EVT mode and a fixed gear mode and retains full functionality of the engine and electric machines regardless of their operating state. The hybrid drive system achieves an increased range of gear ratios. The hybrid drive system can be added to existing automobiles with or without an additional transmission. The hybrid transmission has controls independent from those of the optional additional transmission.

Further areas of applicability of the present disclosure will become apparent from the detailed description provided hereinafter. It should be understood that the detailed description, including disclosed embodiments and drawings, are merely exemplary in nature intended for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention, its application or use. Thus, variations that do not depart from the gist of the invention are intended to be within the scope of the invention.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic representation of an exemplary prior art drive train having an automatic transmission;

FIG. 2 is a schematic representation of the drive train of FIG. 1 having an exemplary compact single-input and single-output hybrid system;

FIG. 3 is a schematic representation of the compact single-input and single-output hybrid system of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a schematic representation of the compact single-input and single-output hybrid system of FIG. 2 according to another embodiment; and

FIG. 5 is a schematic representation of the compact single-input and single-output hybrid system of FIG. 2 according to yet another embodiment.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Before describing the disclosed embodiments of the technology in detail, it is to be understood that the technology is not limited in its application to the details of the particular arrangement shown herein since the technology is capable of other embodiments. Also, the terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation.

FIG. 1 illustrates an example schematic representation of a prior art drive train having an automatic transmission. The

prior art drive train includes an engine **1** coupled to a torsional vibration damper **3**. The engine **1** may be any type of power source including an internal combustion engine, turbine engine, or any other desired power source. The torsional vibration damper **3** is coupled to a torque converter **5**. The torque converter **5** is coupled by a shaft **12** to an automatic transmission **7**. The automatic transmission **7** is coupled by a shaft **14** to a final drive **9** that is coupled to a drive axle **10**. In one embodiment, the drive train includes a torque converter lockup clutch **6** that selectively couples the torsional vibration damper **3** to the shaft **12**. The torsional vibration damper **3**, torque converter **5**, automatic transmission **7**, final drive **9**, drive axle **10**, and torque converter lockup clutch **6** are all typical components in a vehicle drive train as would be understood by one of skill in the art.

FIG. 2 is an example schematic representation of the drive train of FIG. 1 having a single-input and single-output hybrid system according to an embodiment disclosed herein. The drive train includes an engine **201** coupled to a torsional vibration damper **203**. The engine **201** may be any type of power source including an internal combustion engine, turbine engine, electric machine, or any other desired power source. The torsional vibration damper **203** is coupled to a single-input and single-output hybrid assembly **230** (“hybrid assembly”) by a shaft **211**. The hybrid assembly **230** is coupled by a shaft **212** to an automatic transmission **207**. The automatic transmission **207** is coupled by a shaft **214** to a final drive **209** that is coupled to a drive axle **210**. In one embodiment, the hybrid assembly **230** may be directly coupled to the final drive **209**, and the automatic transmission **207** may be omitted. In one embodiment, the drive train includes a bypass linkage **280** that selectively connects the hybrid assembly **230** to the final drive **209**, bypassing the automatic transmission **207**. In one embodiment, the bypass linkage **280** selectively connects the hybrid assembly **230** to the drive axle **210**, bypassing the automatic transmission **207** and the final drive **209**.

The drive train also includes an automatic transmission auxiliary pump **265**. The automatic transmission auxiliary pump **265** includes at least one electric motor that drives a hydraulic or electric pump to provide the force necessary to operate the clutches of the automatic transmission **207** when the engine **201** is not operating.

FIG. 3 is an example schematic representation of the single-input and single-output hybrid system (“hybrid assembly”) of FIG. 2 according to an embodiment disclosed herein. The hybrid assembly **330** includes a housing **331** that surrounds the components of the hybrid assembly **330**. The hybrid assembly **330** also includes a hydraulic or electric pump **360** coupled to a hybrid assembly input shaft **313**. The hybrid assembly input shaft **313** is also coupled to shaft **211** of FIG. 2. The hydraulic or electric pump **360** supplies oil pressure to operate a first clutch **350** and a brake clutch **351** of the hybrid assembly **330**. In one embodiment, the hydraulic or electric pump **360** may be omitted. The hybrid assembly **330** also includes a first electric machine **333** having a first electric machine rotor **335** and a first electric machine stator **334**. The first electric machine stator **334** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **331**. The hybrid assembly **330** further includes a second electric machine **336** having a second electric machine rotor **338** and a second electric machine stator **337**. The second electric machine stator **337** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **331**.

The shaft **313** is also coupled to a ring gear **344** of a compound planetary gear set **340**. A first plurality of planet gears **341** are rotatably mounted on the second electric

machine rotor **338**. The first plurality of planet gears **341** are continuously meshed with the ring gear **344**. A second plurality of planet gears **342** are also rotatably mounted on the second electric machine rotor **338**. The second plurality of planet gears **342** are continuously meshed with the first electric machine rotor **335**. The second plurality of planet gears **342** are meshed with the first plurality of planet gears **341**. The second plurality of planet gears **342** and first plurality of planet gears **341** are both rotatably mounted on the second electric machine rotor **338**. In the embodiment of FIG. 3, the first electric machine rotor **335** acts as the sun gear of the compound planetary gear set **340** and the second electric machine rotor **338** acts as the carrier of the compound planetary gear set **340**. The second electric machine rotor **338** is coupled to a hybrid assembly output shaft **315**. The hybrid assembly output shaft **315** is coupled to shaft **212** of FIG. 2.

The first clutch **350** selectively couples the ring gear **344** to the second electric machine rotor **338**, thereby, locking the compound planetary gear set **340**. The brake clutch **351** selectively couples the first electric machine rotor **335** to the hybrid housing **331**, thereby, selectively preventing the first electric machine rotor **335** from rotating. The first clutch **350** and brake clutch **351** may be any type of clutch including, but not limited to, a dry clutch, wet clutch, or dog clutch. In one embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **335** and second electric machine rotor **338** may have the same diameter. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **335** may have a smaller diameter than the second electric machine rotor **338**. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **335** may have a larger diameter than the second electric machine rotor **338**. In one embodiment, one of the brake clutch **351** or first clutch **350** may be omitted entirely.

FIG. 4 is a schematic representation of the compact single-input and single-output hybrid system (“hybrid assembly”) of FIG. 2 according to another embodiment disclosed herein. The hybrid assembly **430** includes a housing **431** that surrounds the components of the hybrid assembly **430**. The hybrid assembly **430** also includes a hydraulic or electric pump **460** coupled to a hybrid assembly input shaft **413**. The hybrid assembly input shaft **413** is also coupled to shaft **211** of FIG. 2. The hydraulic or electric pump **460** supplies oil pressure to operate a first clutch **450** and a brake clutch **451** of the hybrid assembly **430**. In one embodiment, the hydraulic or electric pump **460** may be omitted. The hybrid assembly **430** also includes a first electric machine **433** having a first electric machine rotor **435** and a first electric machine stator **434**. The first electric machine stator **434** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **431**. The hybrid assembly **430** further includes a second electric machine **436** having a second electric machine rotor **438** and a second electric machine stator **437**. The second electric machine stator **437** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **431**.

The shaft **413** is also coupled to a carrier **443** of a compound planetary gear set **440**. A first plurality of planet gears **441** and second plurality of planet gears **442** are rotatably mounted on the carrier **443**. The first plurality of planet gears **441** and second plurality of planet gears **442** are coupled together and rotate synchronously. In one embodiment, the diameter of the first plurality of planet gears **441** may be smaller than the diameter of the second plurality of planet gears **442**. The first plurality of planet gears **441** are continuously meshed with the second electric machine rotor **438**. The second plurality of planetary gears **442** are continuously meshed with the first electric machine rotor **435**.



In the embodiment of FIG. 4, the first electric machine rotor **435** acts as the sun gear of the compound planetary gear set **440**, and the second electric machine rotor **438** acts as the ring gear of the compound planetary gear set **440**. The second electric machine rotor **438** is coupled to a hybrid assembly output shaft **415**. The hybrid assembly output shaft **415** is coupled to shaft **212** of FIG. 2.

The first clutch **450** selectively couples the carrier **443** to the second electric machine rotor **438**, thereby, locking the compound planetary gear set **440**. The brake clutch **451** selectively couples the first electric machine rotor **435** to the hybrid housing **431**, thereby, selectively preventing the first electric machine rotor **435** from rotating. The first clutch **450** and brake clutch **451** may be any type of clutch including, but not limited to, a dry clutch, wet clutch, or dog clutch. In one embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **435** and second electric machine rotor **438** may have the same diameter. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **435** may have a smaller diameter than the second electric machine rotor **438**. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **435** may have a larger diameter than the second electric machine rotor **438**. In one embodiment, one of the brake clutch **451** or first clutch **450** may be omitted entirely.

FIG. 5 is a schematic representation of the compact single-input and single-output hybrid system (“hybrid assembly”) of FIG. 2 according to yet another embodiment disclosed herein. The hybrid assembly **530** includes a housing **531** that surrounds the components of the hybrid assembly **530**. The hybrid assembly **530** also includes a hydraulic or electric pump **560** coupled to a hybrid assembly input shaft **513**. The hybrid assembly input shaft **513** is also coupled to shaft **211** of FIG. 2. The hydraulic or electric pump **560** supplies oil pressure to operate a first clutch **550** and a brake clutch **551** of the hybrid assembly **530**. In one embodiment, the hydraulic or electric pump **560** may be omitted. The hybrid assembly **530** also includes a first electric machine **533** having a first electric machine rotor **535** and a first electric machine stator **534**. The first electric machine stator **534** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **531**. The hybrid assembly **530** further includes a second electric machine **536** having a second electric machine rotor **538** and a second electric machine stator **537**. The second electric machine stator **537** is non-rotatably coupled to the transmission housing **531**.

The shaft **513** is also coupled to a carrier **543** of a compound planetary gear set **540**. A first plurality of planet gears **541** and second plurality of planet gears **542** are rotatably mounted on the carrier **543**. The first plurality of planet gears **541** and second plurality of planet gears **542** are coupled together and rotate synchronously. In one embodiment, the diameter of the first plurality of planet gears **541** may be larger than the diameter of the second plurality of planet gears **542**. The first plurality of planet gears **541** are continuously meshed with the second electric machine rotor **538**. The second plurality of planetary gears **542** are continuously meshed with the first electric machine rotor **535**. In the embodiment of FIG. 5, the first electric machine rotor **535** acts as the sun gear of the compound planetary gear set **540**, and the second electric machine rotor **535** acts as the ring gear of the compound planetary gear set **540**. The second electric machine rotor **538** is coupled to a hybrid assembly output shaft **515**. The hybrid assembly output shaft **515** is coupled to shaft **212** of FIG. 2.

The first clutch **550** selectively couples the carrier **543** to the second electric machine rotor **538**, thereby, locking the compound planetary gear set **540**. The brake clutch **551**

selectively couples the first electric machine rotor **535** to the hybrid housing **531**, thereby, selectively preventing the first electric machine rotor **535** from rotating. The first clutch **550** and brake clutch **551** may be any type of clutch including, but not limited to, a dry clutch, wet clutch, or dog clutch. In one embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **535** and second electric machine rotor **538** may have the same diameter. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **535** may have a smaller diameter than the second electric machine rotor **538**. In another embodiment, the first electric machine rotor **535** may have a larger diameter than the second electric machine rotor **538**. In one embodiment, one of the brake clutch **551** or first clutch **550** may be omitted entirely.

The hybrid assemblies of FIGS. 3-5 may be operated in four different modes. However, if one of the brake clutch **351**, **451**, **551** or the first clutch **350**, **450**, **550** are omitted, the hybrid assemblies may only be operated in two modes. For the sake of simplicity, the operating modes will be described with respect to the embodiment of FIG. 3. The operating modes of the embodiments of FIGS. 4 and 5 are identical except where noted otherwise.

In a first mode, the hybrid assembly **330**, may be operated as an electrically variable transmission (“EVT mode”) such that the ratio between the RPM of the hybrid assembly input shaft **313** and hybrid assembly output shaft **315** is continuously variable by adjusting the torque supplied by the first electric machine **333**, second electric machine **336**, and engine **201**. To operate in the EVT mode, the first clutch **350** and the brake clutch **351** are deactivated. Thus, the first electric machine rotor **335** is free to rotate independently of the housing **331**. In the embodiment of FIG. 3, the second electric machine rotor **338** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the ring gear **344**. In the embodiment of FIG. 4, the carrier **443** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the second electric machine rotor **438**. In the embodiment of FIG. 5, the carrier **543** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the second electric machine rotor **538**. As a result, there are two degrees of freedom within the hybrid assembly **330**. Torque to the hybrid assembly output shaft **315** may be provided by the engine **201** in combination with the first electric machine **333** while the second electric machine **336** generates electricity. Alternatively, when additional torque is demanded, the engine **201**, first electric machine **333**, and second electric machine **336** may all provide torque. Further, both first electric machine **333** and second electric machine **336** may be used to generate electricity during vehicle regenerative braking or as otherwise desired.

In a second mode, the hybrid assembly **330** may operate in a fixed gear ratio (“fixed gear mode”) in which the ratio between the RPM of the hybrid assembly input shaft **313** and hybrid assembly output shaft **315** is constant regardless of the amount of torque supplied by the second electric machine **336** and engine **201**. To operate in the fixed gear mode, the first clutch **350** is deactivated and the brake clutch **351** is activated. In the embodiment of FIG. 3, the second electric machine rotor **338** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the ring gear **344**, but the first electric machine rotor **335** is locked to the housing **331** and does not rotate. In the embodiment of FIG. 4, the carrier **443** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the second electric machine rotor **438**, but the first electric machine rotor **435** is locked to the housing **431** and does not rotate. In the embodiment of FIG. 5, the carrier **543** is free to rotate at a corresponding but different RPM than the second electric machine rotor **538**, but the first electric

machine rotor **535** is locked to the housing **531** and does not rotate. Because the first electric machine rotor **335** is locked, rotation of the planet gears **341** will cause the second electric machine rotor **338** to rotate. As a result, there is only one degree of freedom within the hybrid assembly **330**. Torque to the hybrid assembly output shaft **315** may be provided by the engine **201** and the second electric machine **336**, **436**, **536**. The second electric machine **336** may be used to generate electricity or to provide additional torque as desired.

In a third mode, the hybrid assembly **330** may operate in a direct gear ratio (“direct gear mode”) in which the hybrid assembly input shaft **313** and hybrid assembly output shaft **315** rotate at the same RPM regardless of the amount of torque supplied by the first electric machine **333**, second electric machine **336**, and engine **201**. To operate in the direct gear mode, the first clutch **350** is activated and the brake clutch **351** is deactivated. In the embodiment of FIG. **3**, the second electric machine rotor **338** rotates at the same RPM as the ring gear **344** and the first electric machine rotor **335**, and the first electric machine rotor **335** is free to rotate independently of the housing **331**. In the embodiment of FIG. **4**, the carrier **443** rotates at the same RPM as the second electric machine rotor **438** and the first electric machine rotor **435**, and the first electric machine rotor **435** is free to rotate independently of the housing **431**. In the embodiment of FIG. **5**, the carrier **543** rotates at the same RPM as the second electric machine rotor **538** and the first electric machine rotor **535**, and the first electric machine rotor **535** is free to rotate independently of the housing **531**. In effect, the planetary gear set **340** is converted to a direct gear with a unity gear ratio. As a result, there is only one degree of freedom within the hybrid assembly **330**. Torque to the hybrid assembly output shaft **315** may be provided by the engine **201** in combination with the first electric machine **333** and the second electric machine **336**.

In a fourth mode, the hybrid assembly **330** may be locked (“locked mode”) to prevent any rotation of the hybrid assembly input shaft **313** and hybrid assembly output shaft **315**. To operate in the locked mode, the first clutch **350** and the brake clutch **351** are activated. In the embodiment of FIG. **3**, the second electric machine rotor **338** rotates at the same RPM as the ring gear **344**, and the first electric machine rotor **335** is locked to the housing **331**. In the embodiment of FIG. **4**, the carrier **443** rotates at the same RPM as the second electric machine rotor **438**, and the first electric machine rotor **435** is locked to the housing **431**. In the embodiment of FIG. **5**, the carrier **543** rotates at the same RPM as the second electric machine rotor **538**, and the first electric machine rotor **535** is locked to the housing **531**. As a result, there are zero degrees of freedom within the hybrid assembly **330**. In one embodiment, the locked mode may be used as a mechanical parking brake.

In one embodiment, the automatic transmission **207** may be a manual transmission or any other type of desired transmission or power transfer device. In one embodiment, the automatic transmission **207** may be omitted altogether and any necessary ratio shifting may be provided by one of the hybrid assemblies **330**, **430**, **530**. In one embodiment, the bypass linkage **280** may be used to selectively bypass the automatic transmission **207** and couple one of the hybrid assemblies **330**, **430**, **530** directly to the final drive **209**. Thus, in one embodiment, the hybrid assembly **330**, **430**, **530** may be the sole ratio shifting device between the engine **201** and the wheels of a vehicle.

In one embodiment, the hybrid assembly **230** may function as a torque converter replacement in a conventional,

non-hybrid automatic transmission. Because the hybrid assembly **230** may provide an infinite number of gear ratios between the engine **201** and drive axle **210**, including varying the drive axle RPM to zero while the engine **201** continues to rotate, a torque converter **5** need not be included in a vehicle featuring a hybrid assembly **230**. In addition, this infinitely variable number of gear ratios, particularly the drive axle RPM to zero, permits the hybrid assembly **230** to function as a vehicle launch device.

In one embodiment, the control of the hybrid assembly and its first clutch and brake clutch may be achieved by an electronic control unit. In one embodiment, the electric control unit may be the same as or different from the electronic control unit used to control the optional automatic transmission.

Thus, a compact and robust hybrid drive system offering both an EVT mode and a fixed gear mode is described. The hybrid drive system achieves an increased range of modes. The hybrid drive system retains full functionality of the engine and electric machines regardless of their operating state. The hybrid drive system can be added to existing automobiles with or without an additional transmission. The hybrid transmission may have controls independent from those of the automatic transmission.

What is claimed is:

**1.** A hybrid drive train, comprising:

a hybrid assembly, including:

- a compound planetary gear set;
- a first electric machine having a first electric machine rotor integrally forming and acting as a sun gear of the compound planetary gear set;
- a second electric machine having a second electric machine rotor integrally forming and acting as a ring gear of the compound planetary gear set;
- a first clutch configured to selectively lock the planetary gear set; and
- a second clutch configured to selectively directly couple the rotor and sun gear to a housing of the hybrid assembly thereby preventing both the first electric machine and the sun gear of the compound planetary gear set from rotating.

**2.** The hybrid drive train of claim **1**, wherein:

- a first plurality of planet gears of the compound planetary gear set is rotatably mounted on a carrier of the compound planetary gear set and continuously meshed with the ring gear;
- a second plurality of planet gears of the compound planetary gear set is rotatably mounted on the carrier and continuously meshed with the sun gear; and
- the first plurality of planet gears and the second plurality of planet gears are non-rotatably coupled.

**3.** The hybrid drive train of claim **2**, wherein the first plurality of planet gears and the second plurality of planet gears are non-rotatably coupled along a common axis.

**4.** The hybrid drive train of claim **2**, wherein the first clutch selectively directly couples the ring gear to the second plurality of planet gears, thereby locking the compound planetary gear set.

- 5.** The hybrid drive train of claim **2**, further comprising:
  - a hybrid assembly input shaft coupled to the carrier;
  - a hybrid assembly output shaft coupled to the ring gear;
  - an engine coupled to the hybrid assembly input shaft; and
  - an automatic transmission coupled to the hybrid assembly output shaft.

**6.** The hybrid drive train of claim **5**, wherein the automatic transmission is coupled to a final drive; and

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further comprising a bypass linkage selectively coupling the hybrid assembly output shaft directly to the final drive thereby bypassing the automatic transmission.

7. The hybrid drive train of claim 2, further comprising: a hybrid assembly input shaft coupled to the carrier; a hybrid assembly output shaft coupled to the ring gear; an engine coupled to the hybrid assembly input shaft; and a final drive directly coupled to the hybrid assembly output shaft.

8. The hybrid drive train of claim 5, wherein the input shaft is directly coupled to the carrier and the output shaft is directly coupled to the ring gear.

9. The hybrid drive train of claim 8, wherein the input shaft and the output shaft share a common axis of rotation and are axially spaced apart.

10. The hybrid drive train of claim 9, wherein the input shaft, output shaft, first electric machine, second electric machine and compound planetary gear set share a common axis of rotation.

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11. The hybrid drive train of claim 5, wherein the hybrid assembly is configured to:

operate in a first mode where a ratio between a speed of the input shaft and a speed of the output shaft is continually variable by deactivating the first and second clutches;

operate in a second mode where a ratio of the speed of the input shaft and the speed of the output shaft is constant by deactivating the first clutch and activating the second clutch;

operate in a third mode where the speed of the input shaft and the speed of the output shaft is equal by activating the first clutch and deactivating the second clutch; and

operate in a fourth mode where the input shaft and the output shaft are locked by activating the first clutch and the second clutch.

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