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Internal Combustion Engine Performance

Message from the Guest Editors

The world energy crisis and the environmental impact have played a major role in the development of the internal combustion engine during the last few decades. At this time, it has become obvious that a closer understanding of the thermodynamic processes occurring within the engine is necessary. As a result, research on I.C. engines has expanded enormously, both on simulation and experimental bases. Today, the main objectives are the improvement of engine performance, the minimization of fuel consumption/CO₂ emissions, and the reduction of the level of exhaust pollutants. To this aim, various alternative combustion techniques have been developed or are under development (e.g., direct injection SI engines, HCCI operation), and in parallel, various internal and after-treatment exhaust measures are also being examined. The present Special Issue of *Energies* aims to gather innovative research and include some of the latest developments on internal combustion engines.

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