

Special Issue

PHEVs: Latest Advances and Prospects

Message from the Guest Editor

Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) can use both electric energy and liquid fuel energy. There are many advantages to such a vehicle but their usefulness is dependent on component sizing and system design, which vary among current models. Data on customer use have been collected by the USDOE Idaho National Labs and vehicle manufacturers but have not been disseminated in an understandable fashion. In addition, there is a lot of misunderstanding surrounding the usefulness of the PHEV concept because of biases towards pure EVs being the final solution towards achieving Zero CO₂. The focus of this Special Issue is on (but is not limited to):

- PowerTrain simplification in PHEVs
- low-cost charging infrastructure for PHEVs
- low-cost PHEV system vs. other concepts
- Zero CO₂ PHEVs
- direct solar and wind charging
- energy collection and management
- energy reliability and durability
- separation of energy and power in vehicle design
- energy storage for reliable solar and wind systems by managed PHEVs

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