Types of Electrified Vehicles and Selection of Electric Motors for Such Vehicles

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Abstract

General Motors (GM) is actively working on developing battery electric vehicle (BEV), hybrid electric vehicle (HEV), plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV), extended range electric vehicle (EREV), and fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV) over the past several decades. GM has already brought several electrified vehicles in the market such as the EV1 BEV, Chevrolet Tahoe HEV, Gen1 and Gen2 Chevrolet Volt EREV, Gen1 Chevrolet Spark, and Gen2 Chevrolet Bolt BEV etc. In this presentation an overview of different types electrified vehicles and a summary of relevant hybrid architectures will be presented. Electric motors are integral part of the propulsion systems of these vehicles. This presentation will also cover the selection of electric motor topologies for electrified vehicles. Relative merits and demerits of each motors will be presented citing examples from specific applications.

Biography

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