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Driving towards tomorrow: exploring the evolution and challenges of hybrid electric vehicles

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Abstract:

Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) represent a piv- otal advancement in automotive technology, blending internal combustion engines with electric propulsion systems to redefine the future of transportation. This review paper comprehen-sively explores the intricate components, diverse types, versatile operation modes, compelling advantages, persistent difficulties, and groundbreaking innovations within the realm of HEVs. HEVs encompass various types, including full hybrids, plug- in hybrids, and mild hybrids, each offering distinct benefits in terms of efficiency, range, and environmental impact. Innovative powertrain architectures, next-generation batteries, regenerative braking systems, predictive energy management, and electrification of auxiliary systems, vehicle-to-grid integration, and advanced driver assistance systems are among the cutting-edge innovations shaping the evolution of HEV technology. However, challenges such as cost barriers, battery degradation concerns, weight con- straints, maintenance requirements, infrastructure limitations, and consumer adoption hurdles persist, underscoring the need for collaborative efforts to overcome obstacles and accelerate the transition to a sustainable transportation paradigm. Through an in-depth analysis of HEV components, types, operation modes, advantages, innovations, and difficulties, this review paper pro- vides valuable insights into the current state and future prospects of hybrid electric vehicles in the automotive industry.