# Plug-in Hybrid Cars (PHEVs)

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#### **Terminology**

HEV = Hybrid Electric Vehicle

Electric car = Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)

or Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)

ICE = Internal Combustion Engine car (gasoline or diesel)

Energy = kilowatts-hours (kWh)
Power = Energy/time = kilowatts (kW)

Pluginamerica.org, insideevs.com, plugshare.com

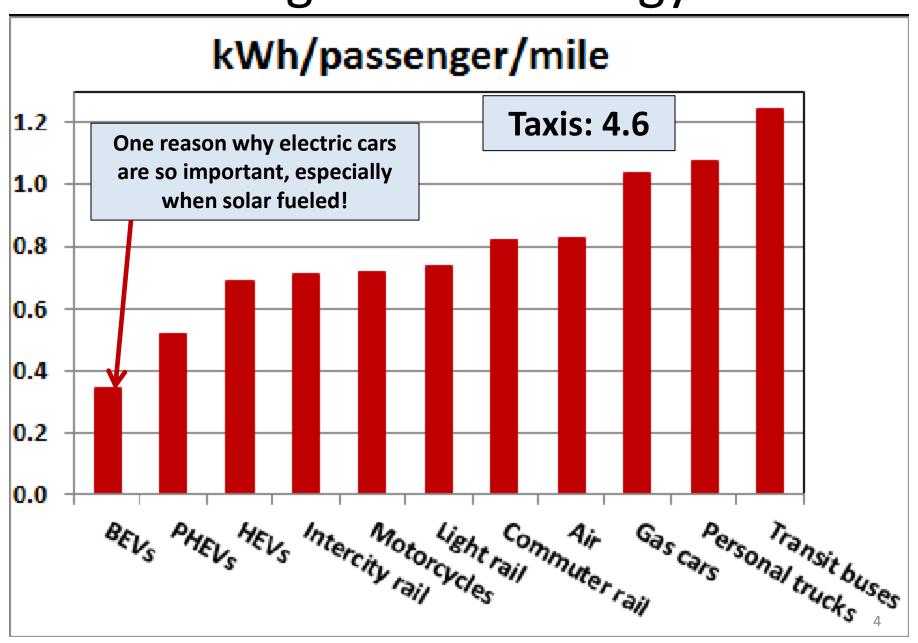
# My Experience with PHEVs

- 2005: Bought a 2005 Toyota Prius.
- 2009: Had Prius converted to a Hymotion PHEV.
- 2006: Bought a 2006 Toyota Highlander Hybrid (HiHy).
- 2013: Attempted to convert HiHy to a PHEV-failed!
- 2016: Bought a 2016 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

### PHEVs as a Bridge to BEVs

- Has no "range anxiety".
- Provides an introduction to the advantages of electrical propulsion.
- Greatly reduces emissions of an HEV.
- Can mostly be fueled at home.

# Passenger Travel Energy Use



#### PHEV versus HEV

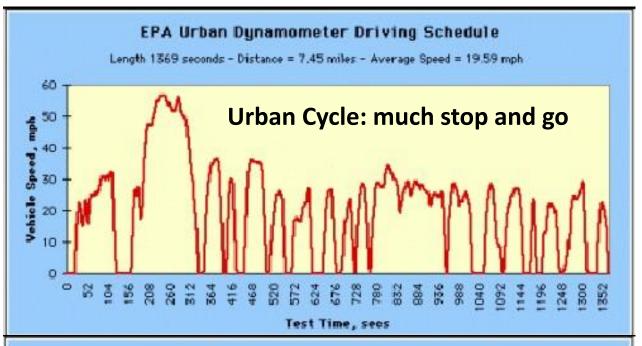
#### Same components as in an HEV +

- Larger battery (Prius 1.3 kWh vs Prius Prime 8.8 kWh)
- Different eCVT
- Different computer controls to allow motion using battery only until its charge gets below some value
- Charger to connect to a charging station to charge the larger battery (3.3 kW or 6.6 kW)
- External J1772 receptacle for 120-volts or 240-volts charging
- Portable charging station stored in trunk for 120-volts charging anywhere; some can be converted to 240-volts
- Dash display to show the State Of Charge (SOC)
  - and energy usage
  - and location of level-2 charging stations

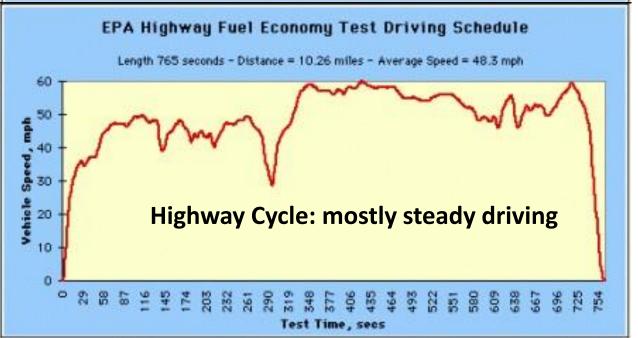
# Regeneration for HEVs, PHEVs & BEVS

- The electric motor is used as a generator to charge the battery.
- When brakes are engaged except in emergencies and at very low speeds, due to kinetic energy.
- When going down a hill due to gravity.
- When accelerator is not being depressed, due to kinetic energy.

#### **EPA Driving Cycles**

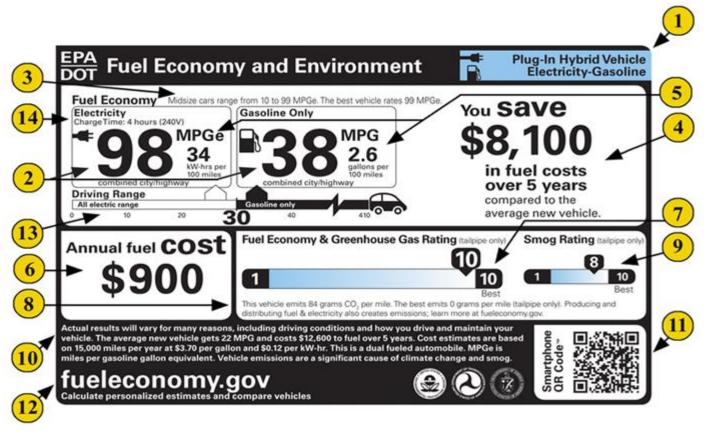


May not fit your driving method.



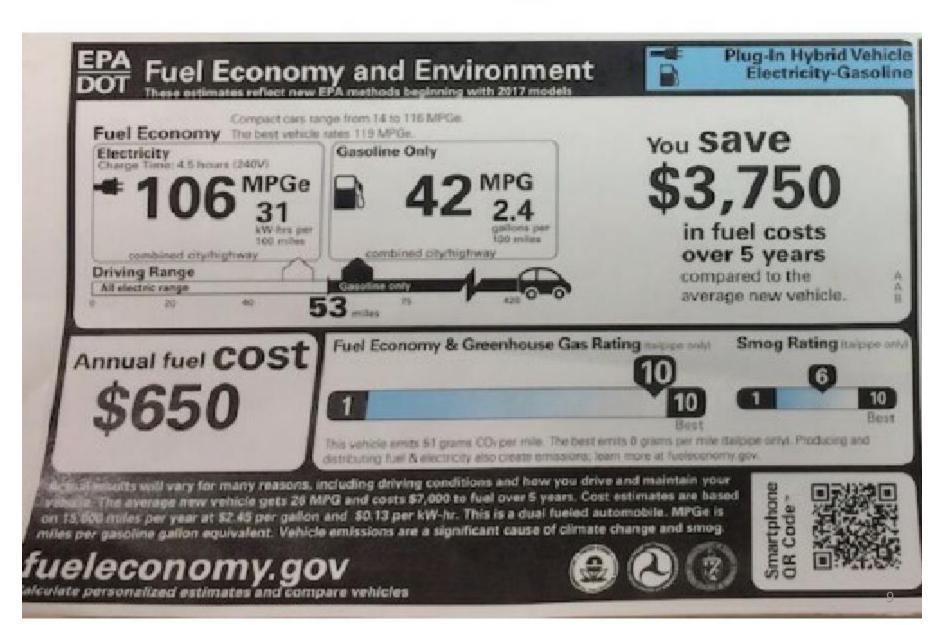
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### for 2011 Chevrolet Volt Gen 1

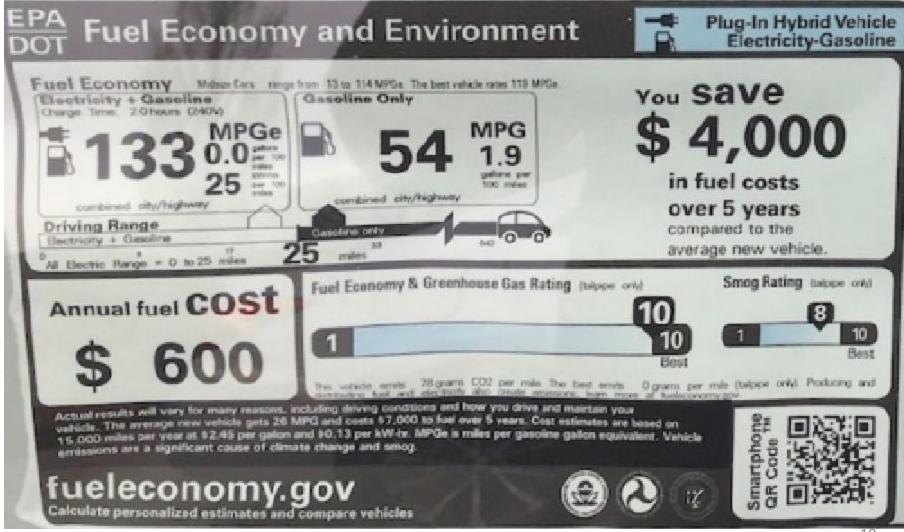


- 1: Vehicle Technology & Fuel. 2: Fuel Economy. 3: Comparing to Other Vehicles
- 4: Save/Spend More of 5 Years Compared. 5: Fuel Consumption Rate.
- 6: Estimated Annual Fuel Cost. 7: Fuel Economy & Greenhouse Gas Rating.
- 8: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions. 9: Smog Rating. 10: Details 11: QR Code. 12: Web page.
- 13: Driving Range. 14: Charge Time

# 2017 Chevy Volt



# 2017 Prius Prime Plus



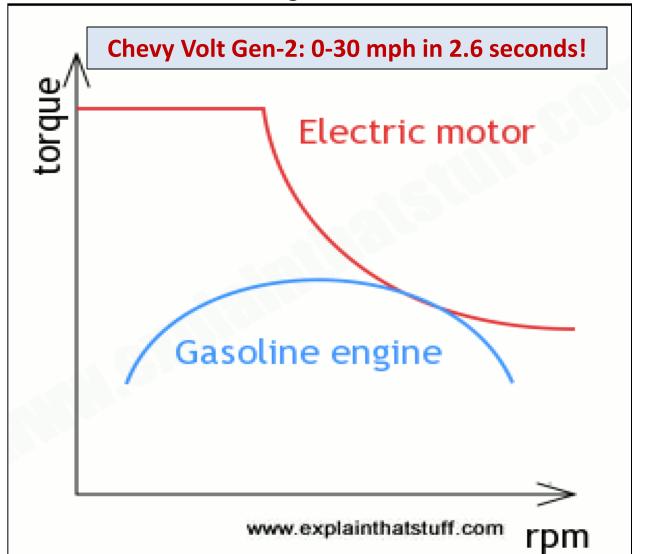
# Charging a PHEV

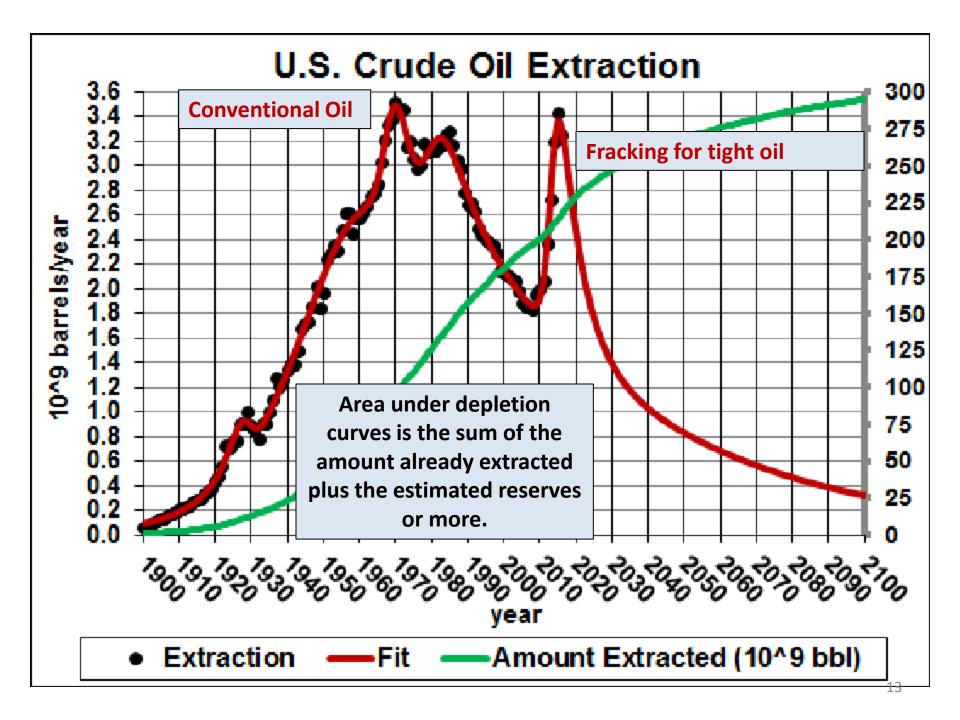
- All have standard SAE J1772 inlet.
- Comes with portable level-1 120-volts charging station. It can be converted to 240-volts.
- Can be charged at all level-2 240-volts charging stations. ~9 are in Blacksburg.
- Cannot be charged at level-3 480-volts DC charging stations.

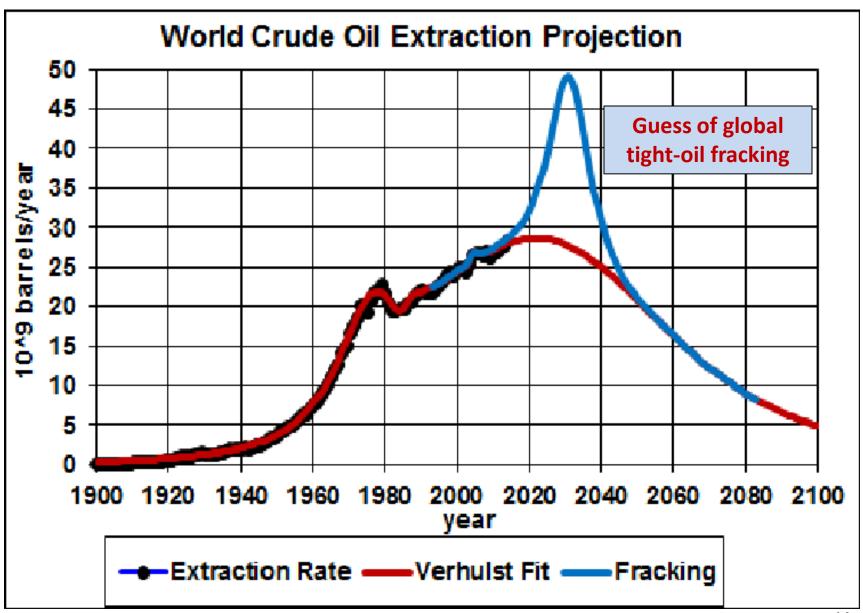


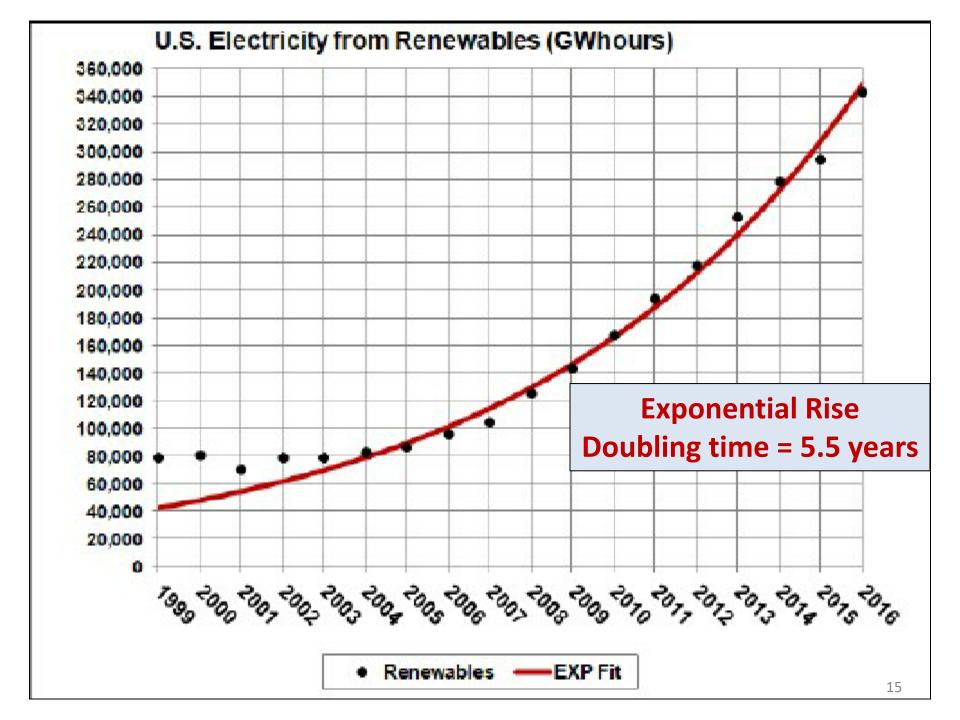
#### 0-30 mph Acceleration is a BIG DEAL!

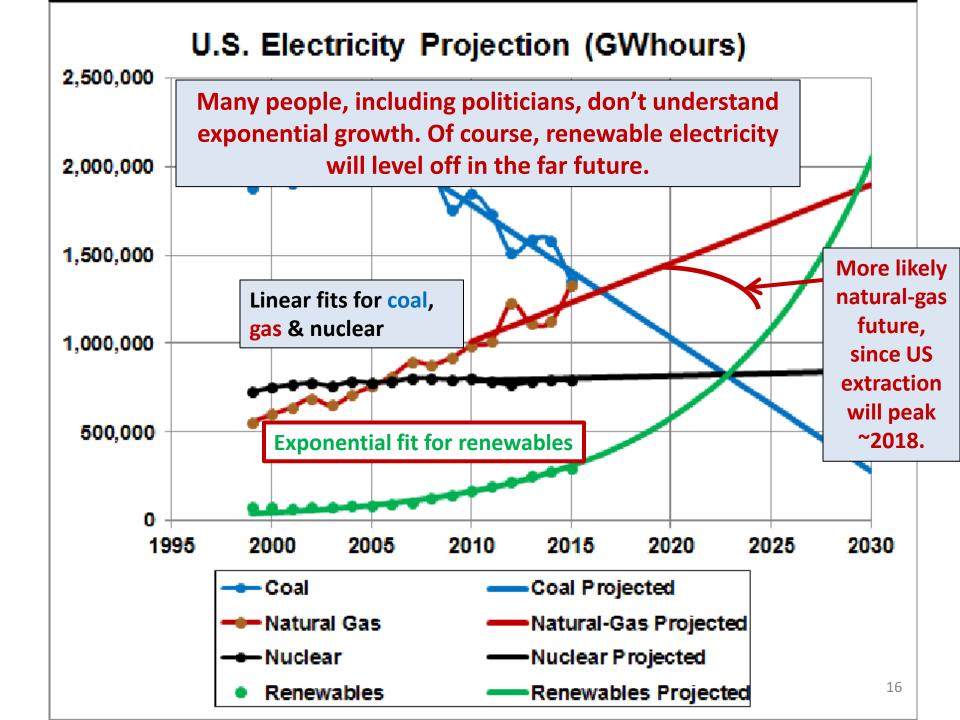
- High torque at low speed! Triple acceleration same efficiency as for ICE.
- Can get to the next traffic light far ahead of ICE cars with no roar.
- Can maneuver much better in tight traffic.











# **US Tax Credit for Plug-In Vehicles**

- For vehicles acquired after December 31, 2009, the credit is equal to \$2,500 plus, for a vehicle which draws propulsion energy from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, \$417, plus an additional \$417 for each kilowatt hour of battery capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours. The total amount of the credit allowed for a vehicle is limited to \$7,500.
- The credit begins to phase out for a manufacturer's vehicles when at least 200,000 qualifying vehicles have been sold for use in the United States (determined on a cumulative basis for sales after December 31, 2009).

# **Expiration of EV Tax Credits**

AUTOMAKER	Current	9M Change	FY-2017	Q1-18	Q2-18	Q3-18	Q4-18	<b>Q1-1</b> 9	Q2-19	Q3-19	<b>Q4-19</b>	Q1-20	Q2-20	Q3-20	Q4-20	Q1-21
General Motors	124,290	+24,031	180	195	7,500	7,500	3,750	3,750	1.875	1,875				1	nsideE	/s
Nissan	103,597	+11,075	128	143	158	173	188	1500	7800	3,750	3,750	1,875	1.875			
Tesla*	110,849	+38,854	175	199	7,510	1500	3,750	3,750	1,875	1,875						
Ford	84,681	+21,318	110	120	130	142	157	169	183	198	1500	1511	3,750	3,750	1,875	1,875
Toyota	47,248	+2,422	82	96	108	120	135	150	165	180	195	7,500	1,000	3,500	3,500	1,875
BMW	37,050	+14,446	72	84	96	111	126	141	156	171	186	1500	7,500	3,500	3,500	1,875

Current Expectations For \$7,500 Federal Credit Phase-Out For Major US EV Makers.

Grey shaded areas are expected cumulative future sales in thousands.

Colored blocks indicate stage of the Federal credit a particular OEM is at.

# **Chevrolet Volt PHEV (Gen 2)**

- Electric Range: 53 miles
- Total Range: 420 miles
- Battery Capacity: 18.4 kWh, 14 usable
- Hybrid Efficiency: 42 MPG

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- Electric Efficiency: 106 MPGe
- MSRP: **\$33,220**
- Federal Tax Credit: \$7,500

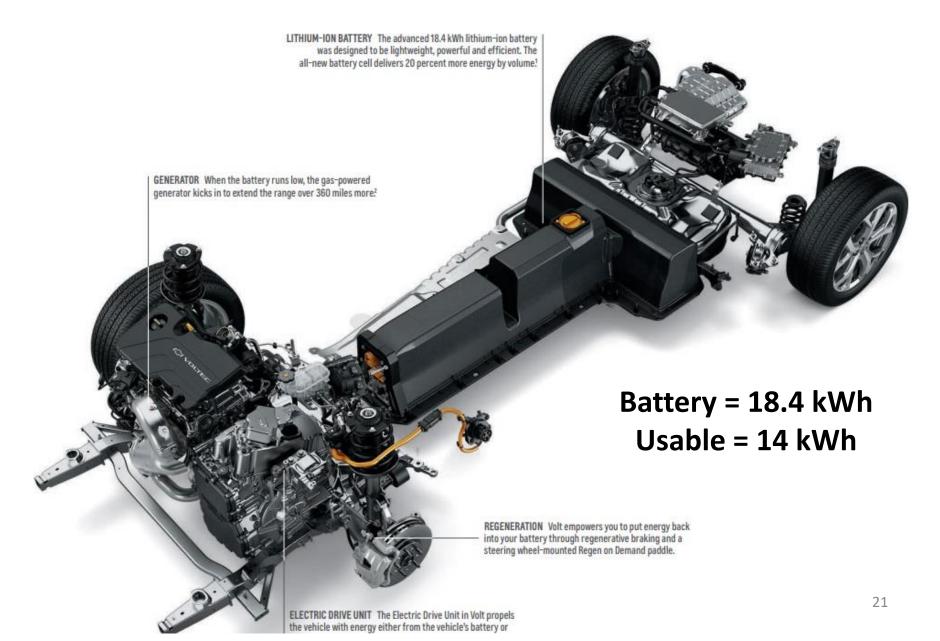


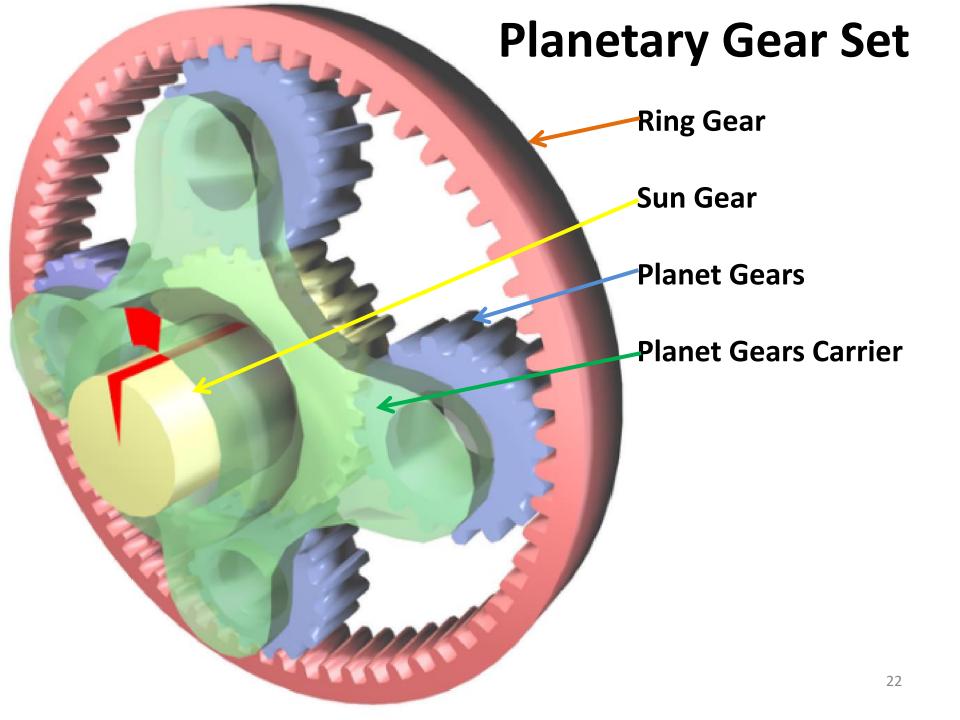


# Chevrolet Volt PHEV (Gen 2)

- Engine: 1.5-liter, 101 hp (75 kW) [1-hp = 0.7457-kW]
- 2 Motor/Generators
  - 64-hp (48 kW) MGA
  - 117-hp (87 kW) MGB
- Effective power: 149-hp (111-kW)
- 2 Planetary gear sets PG1 & PG2
- Three clutches
  - one a ratchet CR
  - two computer operated C1 & C2)
- Battery: 192 Li-Ion cells, 360 volts, 120 kW, 403 lbs

### Chevrolet Volt 2017





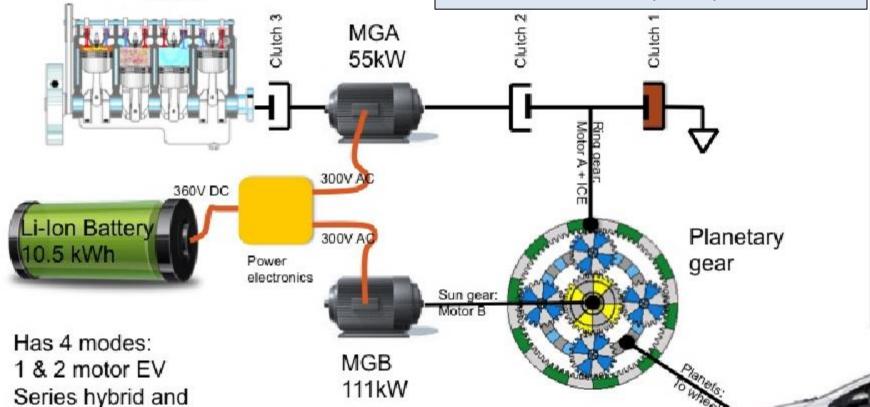
# 1ST GENERATION VOLTEC: **SERIES HYBRID**

ICE (gasoline engine) 63kW

Power split

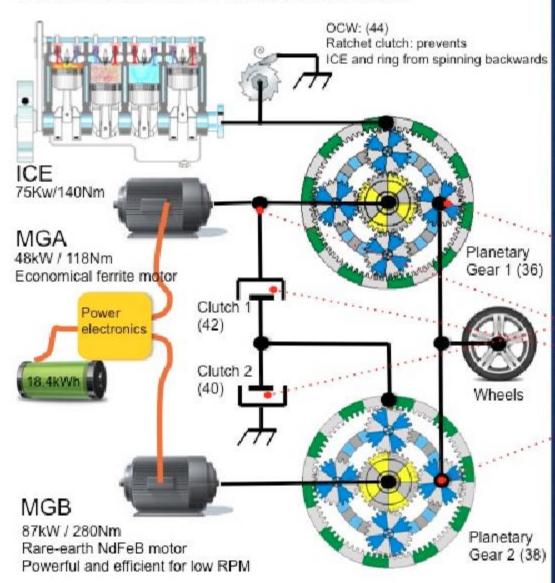
2 EV modes & 2 extended-range modes:

- EV1: C1 on, C2 off, C3 off
- EV2: C1 off, C2 on, C3 off
- ER1: C1 on, C2 off, C3 on
- ER2: C1 off, C2 on, C3 on



#### **NEW 2016 VOLTEC**

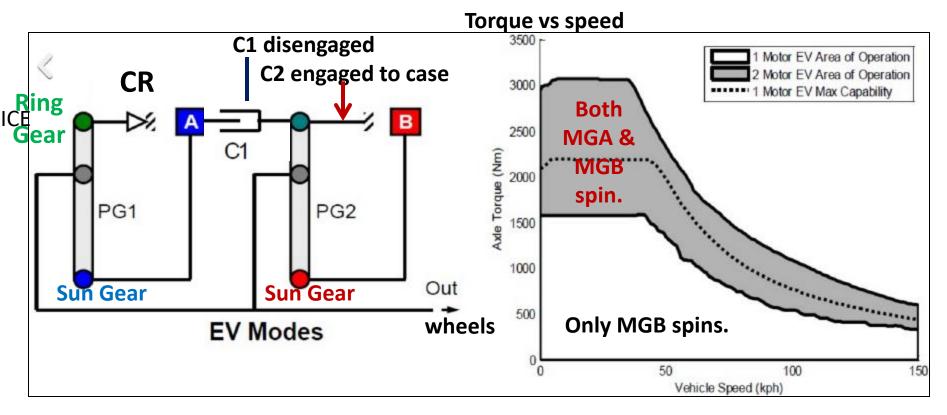
Based on US patent 8,602,938 + GM SAE paper 2015-01-1152





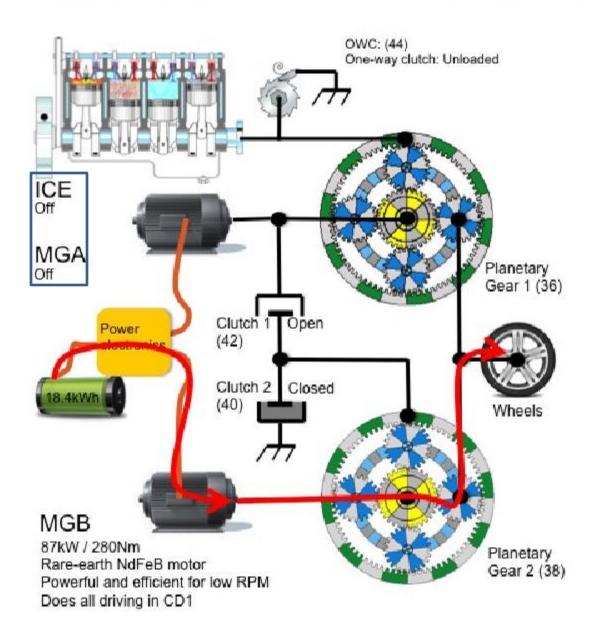
#### Chevrolet Volt 2017

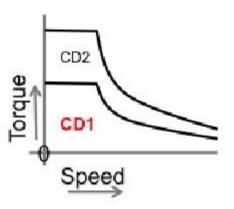
#### **EV Motion**



- Both motors, MGA & MGB, connected to the 2 sun gears, PGA & PGB.
- PG1 ring gear is ratcheted to only spin forward
- PG2 ring gear is fixed to not rotate.
- Both planet-carriers connect to the wheels through a fixed-gears box.

#### **CD1: ONE MOTOR EV MODE**





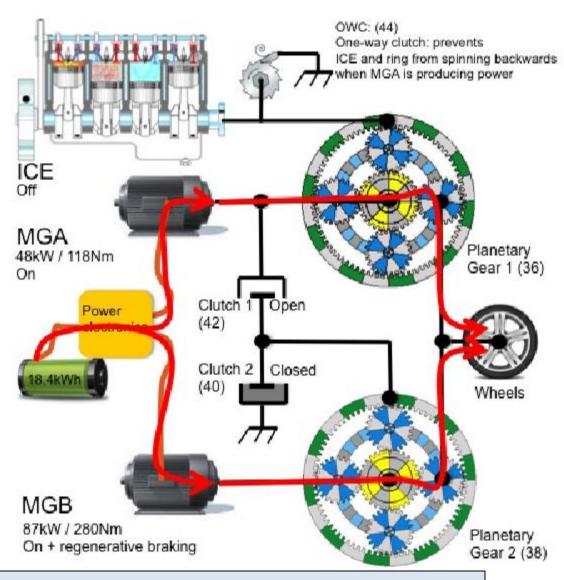
Mode CD1: (74)
One Motor EV

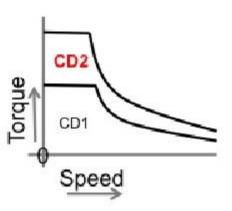
When: Electric drive CD
Low & medium torque demand.
Any speed including reverse.
+ CS mode low speed & low torque.

**How:** MGB is on. MGA & ICE are off Clutch 1 is open, Clutch 2 is closed. MGB also does regenerative braking.

Why: Most efficient since MGB is efficient for low torque.

#### **CD2: TWO MOTOR EV MODE**





Mode CD2: (74)
Two Motor EV

When: Electric drive CD High torque demand, any speed

How: MGB+MGA are on. ICE is off Clutch 1 is open, Clutch 2 is closed

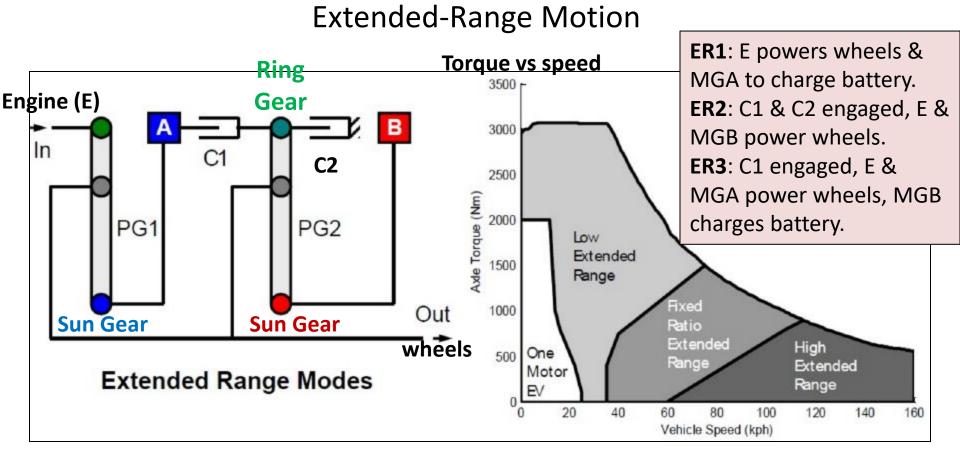
Only MGB does regenerative braking. Fast, seamless transition between CD1 & CD2 or regen braking.

Why: Both motors work in parallel.

More peak output from smaller motors.

Different gear ratios give a wider torque band.

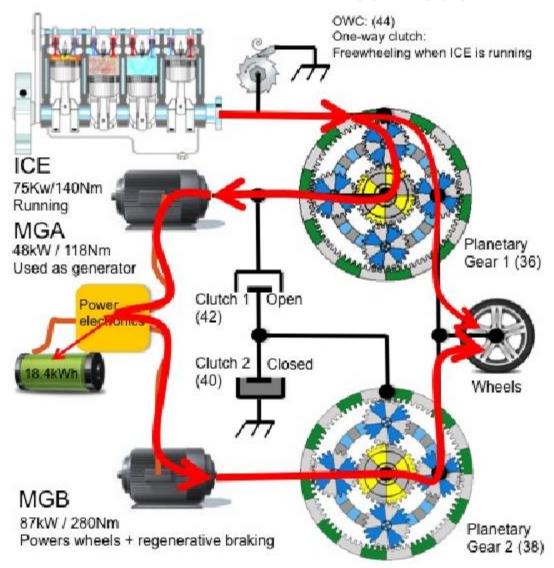
#### Chevrolet Volt 2017

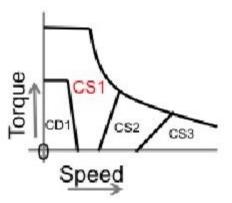


- Both motors, MGA & MGB, connect to the 2 sun gears, PGA & PGB.
- MGA connects to PG2 ring gear through clutch C1.
- Engine connects to PG1 ring gear.
- Both planet-carriers connect to the wheels through a fixed-gears box.

#### **CS1: LOW EXTENDED RANGE MODE**

#### **Mixed Mode**





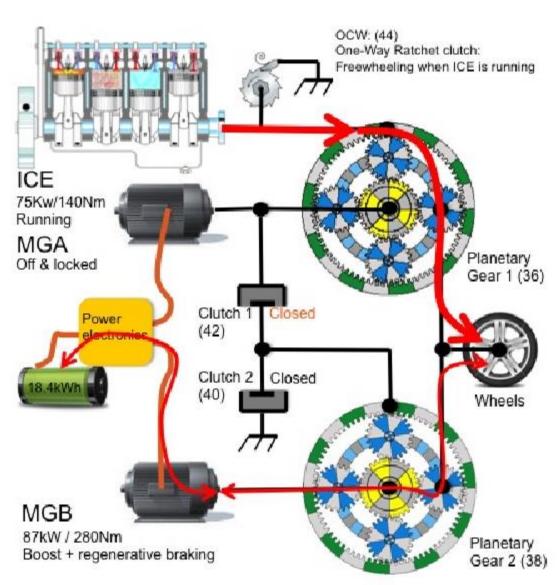
Mode CS1: (54)

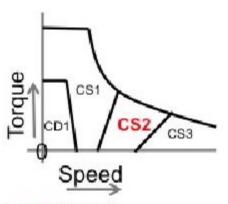
Low Extended Range or Input Split

When: Hybrid drive CS High torque demand: 0-60km/h Low torque demand: 20-40km/h

How: ICE power is split between wheels and generator MGA.
MGA's electric output is sent down to MGB to power the wheels.
At low speed & torque ICE is off and vehicle temporarily drives in CD1 Engine starts at CD1->CD2 by spinning up MGA.

#### **CS2: FIXED RATIO EXTENDED RANGE**





Mode CS2: (56)

Fixed Ratio Extended Range

When:

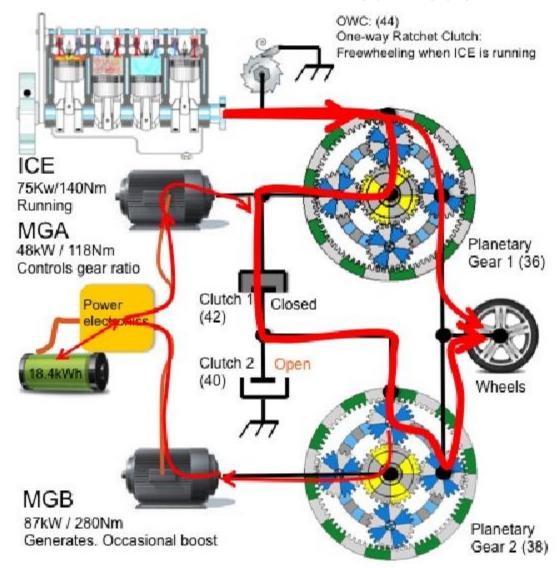
High torque demand: 70-110km/h Low torque demand: 40-60km/h

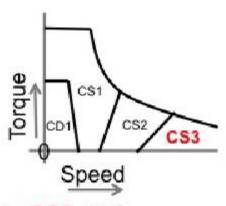
How: Full ICE output power is sent to wheels. ICE RPM is tied to vehicle speed (fixed ratio). MGA is off and locked via clutches 1&2. MGB may drive wheels using battery power to give extra boost for overtake sprints. MGB does regenerative braking. At low output torque demand MGB recharges battery to keep ICE at efficient BFC by increasing ICE torque. Between CS1->CS2 modes MGA spins down and Clutch 2 closes.

Why: Most efficient as it avoids most electric conversion losses.

#### **CS3: HIGH EXTENDED RANGE MODE**

#### **Mixed Mode**





Mode CS3: (56)

High Extended Range or Compound Split

#### When:

High torque demand: above 110km/h Low torque demand: above 60km/h

How: ICE output power is mechanically split between wheels and the ring of PG2. This effectively gives a higher gear ratio. By controlling the RPM of MGA and by turning MGB slowly or backwards the ICE RPM and torque can be controlled. The energy siphoned off by MGB is sent up to MGA or to the battery during regenerative braking.

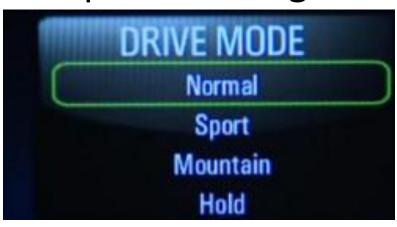
Between CS2->CS3 modes MGB powers off allowing Clutch 2 to open with no torque.

### Voltec Gen-2 eCVT

- The new transmission is lighter and has lower cost.
- Lower cost is achieved by using a smaller traction motor with fewer rare earth materials along with using an integrated inverter.
- Linking the 2 motors provides more torque (higher acceleration) than for Voltec Gen-1.
- We may see this new transmission, or slightly modified variants of it, in other General Motors plugin and non-plugin hybrids in the future.
- This new transmission is great engineering!

# **Volt Driving Modes**

- Normal: Linear map the accelerator pedal.
- Sport: Remaps accelerator pedal to nearer top.
- Mountain: Holds the battery at 45% SOC.
- Hold: Holds battery at % SOC when switched on.
- Lon shift knob: Increased regeneration to allow 1-pedal driving.





# Volt Regeneration Increase

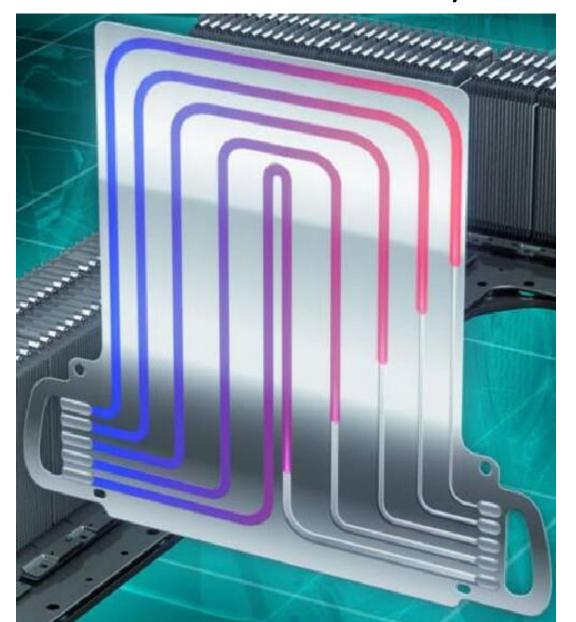
- L driving mode allows 1-pedal driving.
- Paddle behind left side of steering wheel increases regeneration (on demand).





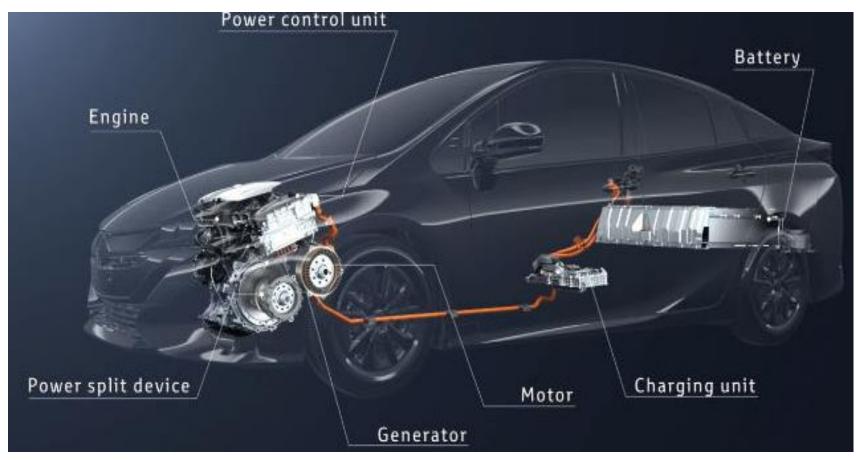


# Battery Thermal Management Chevrolet Volt/Bolt-EV Method



Refrigeration for cooling and resistance heating for glycol in warm weather. **Keep battery** plugged in after charging in cold or hot weather.

# Toyota Prius Prime 2017



Many details about Toyota Prius Prime PHEV

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Quick Reference Guide

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Battery = 8.8 kWh

## Toyota Prius Prime PHEV

- Electric Range: 25 miles
- Total Range: 640 miles
- Battery Capacity: 8.8 kWh
- Hybrid Efficiency: 54 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 133 MPGe
- MSRP: \$27,100
- Federal Tax Credit: \$4,500



Uses a similar ratchet or oneway clutch as for the Chevy Volt, so both motors can drive the wheels in EV mode at higher speeds. It can use EV mode up to 84 mph.

ICE has 40% efficiency!



# Prius Prime Lilon 2017



# Prius Prime Lilon Battery



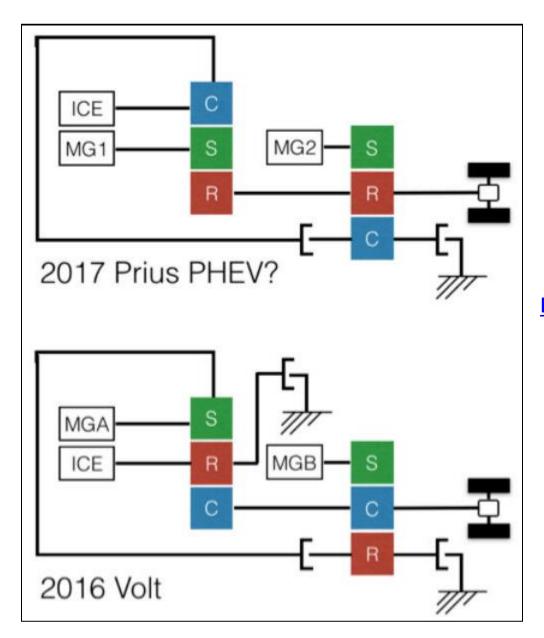
## Prius Prime Console



Premium: 11.6" portrait screen

Advanced: Heads-Up Display at bottom of windshield

## Volt vs Prius Prime Comparison



This is not correct. Only MG1 connects to a PGS. MG2 connects to an other gears arrangement.

**Detailed breakdown of Prius Prime eCVT** 

## Prius Prime Driving Modes

- Drive: Default HEV mode with linear map of accelerator.
- ECO: Maps accelerator toward bottom.
- PWR: Maps accelerator toward top; reduces AC.
- HV EV: "Electric Vehicle" mode, EV up to 84 mph or low battery.
- EV AUTO: Electric mode unless battery low or high acceleration.
- B: Uses ICE braking, for going down hills.



# Ford C-Max Energi PHEV

- Electric Range: 20 miles
- Total Range: 670 miles
- Battery Capacity: 7.9 kWh
- Hybrid Efficiency: 38 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 88 MPGe
- MSRP: \$27,120
- Federal Tax Credit: \$4,007





# Ford Fusion Energi PHEV

- Electric Range: 21 miles
- Total Range: 670 miles
- Battery Capacity: 7.9 kWh
- Hybrid Efficiency: 42 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 97 MPGe
- MSRP: \$33,900
- Federal Tax Credit: \$4,007



# **Honda Clarity PHEV**

- Electric Range: 47 miles
- Total Range: 330 miles
- Battery Capacity: 17 kWh
- Hybrid Efficiency: 48 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 110 MPGe
- MSRP: <\$40,000
- Federal Tax Credit: \$7,500



#### Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid

- Electric Range: 33 miles
- Total Range: 570 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 32 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 84 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 16 kWh
- MSRP: \$41,995
- Federal Tax Credit: \$7,500

#### Audi A3 Sportback e-tron

- Electric Range: 16/17 miles
- Total Range: 380/430 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 35/39 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 83/86 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 8.8 kWh
- MSRP: \$39,500
- US Tax Credit: \$4,502



World's first plug-in-hybrid minivan



#### Volvo XC90 T8 AWD PHEV

Electric Range: ~16 miles

Total Range: 350 miles

Hybrid Efficiency: 25 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 53 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 10.4 kWh

- MSRP: \$67,800

US Tax Credit: \$ 4,585



Electric Range: 97 miles

— Total Range: 180 miles (2.4-gallons gas tank!)

Hybrid Efficiency: 35 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 111 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 33.2 kWh

Gasoline Capacity: 2.4 gallons

Generator: 33.5 hp

- MSRP: \$48,300

US Tax Credit: \$7,500





#### BMW 740e xDrive AWD

Electric Range: 14 miles

- Total Range: 340 miles

Hybrid Efficiency: 27 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 64 MPGe

- Battery Capacity: 9.2 kWh

- MSRP: \$90,700

US Tax Credit: \$4,668

#### BMW 530e

Electric Range: 15 miles

- Total Range: 370

Hybrid Efficiency: 31 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 72 MPGe

- Battery Capacity: 9.2 kWh

- MSRP: \$52,400

US Tax Credit: \$4,668





#### BMW 330e

- Electric Range: 14 miles

- Total Range: 350 miles

- Hybrid Efficiency: 31 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 71 MPGe

- Battery Capacity: 7.6 kWh

- MSRP: \$44,100

US Tax Credit: \$4,001

#### BMW X5 xDrive40e

- Electric Range: 14 miles

Total Range: 540 miles

Hybrid Efficiency: 24 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 56 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 9.2 kWh

- MSRP: \$63,200

- US Tax Credit: \$4668





#### BMW i8

- Electric Range: 15 miles
- Total Range: 330 miles
- Electric Efficiency: 76 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 7.1 kWh
- MSRP: \$143,400
- US Tax Credit: \$3793

#### Kia Niro PHEV

- Battery Capacity: 8.9 kWh
- Electric Efficiency: 76 MPGe
- US Tax Credit: \$4,502





#### Mercedes E350e

Electric Range: 10 miles

Total Range: 410

- Electric Efficiency: 93 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 6.2 kWh

- MSRP: \$39,900

US Tax Credit: \$4043

#### Mercedes GLC 350e

Electric Range: 12 miles

Total Range: 450

Electric Efficiency: 109 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 8.7 kWh

US Tax Credit: \$4,085





#### Mercedes GLE 550e

- Electric Range: 10 miles

- Total Range: 460 miles

Hybrid Efficiency: 21 MPG

Electric Efficiency: 43 MPGe

- Battery Capacity: 8.7 kWh

- MSRP: \$66,300

US Tax Credit: \$4,085



#### Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV AWD

Electric Range: 22 miles

Electric Efficiency: 131 MPGe

Battery Capacity: 12 kWh

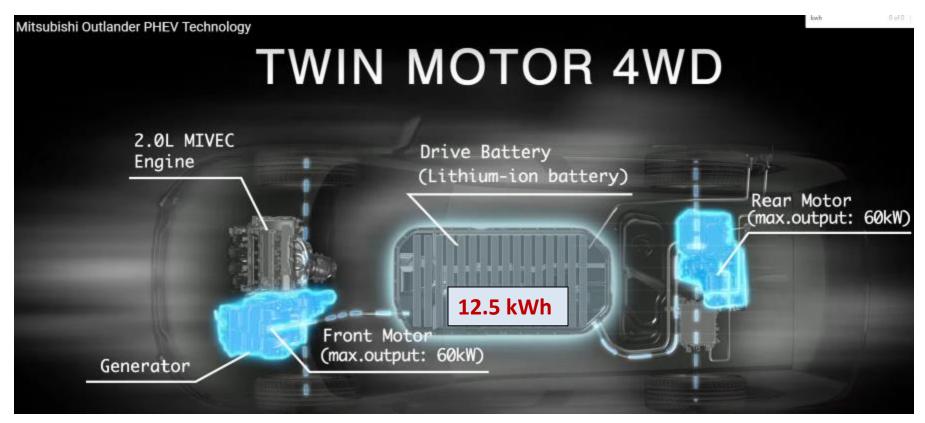
US Tax Credit: \$5,836

- MSRP: \$35,500/\$42,235



## World's first plug-in-hybrid SUV<sup>52</sup>

## Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV AWD



World's first plug-in-hybrid SUV CHAdeMO fast-charging port Two 120-volts outlets (1.5-kW AC) Lowest price PHEV SUV in U.S.



#### Kia Optima PHEV

- Electric Range: 27 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 40 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 103 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 9.8 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$4,919

#### Volkswagen Golf GTE PHEV

- Electric Range: 22 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 45 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 95 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 8.7 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$4,085





#### Hyundai Sonata Plug-In Hybrid

- Electric Range: 27 miles
- Total Range: 600 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 40 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 99 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 9.8 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$4,919

#### Hyundai Ioniq Plug-In Hybrid

- Electric Range: 27 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 50 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 105 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 8.9 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$4,085





#### Porsche Cayenne S E-Hybrid

- Electric Range: 14 miles
- Total Range: miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 47 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 27 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 10.8 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$5,300
- MSRP: \$86,995



- Electric Range: 23 miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: 27 MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 51 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 14.1 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$7,500
- MSRP: \$185,450





#### MINI Cooper AWD PHEV

- Electric Range: 17 miles
- Total Range: miles
- Hybrid Efficiency: MPG
- Electric Efficiency: 135 MPGe
- Battery Capacity: 7.6 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$3793
- MSRP: \$37,650

### Range Rover Sport P400e

- Electric Range: ~31 miles
- Battery Capacity: 13.1 kWh
- US Tax Credit: \$5880





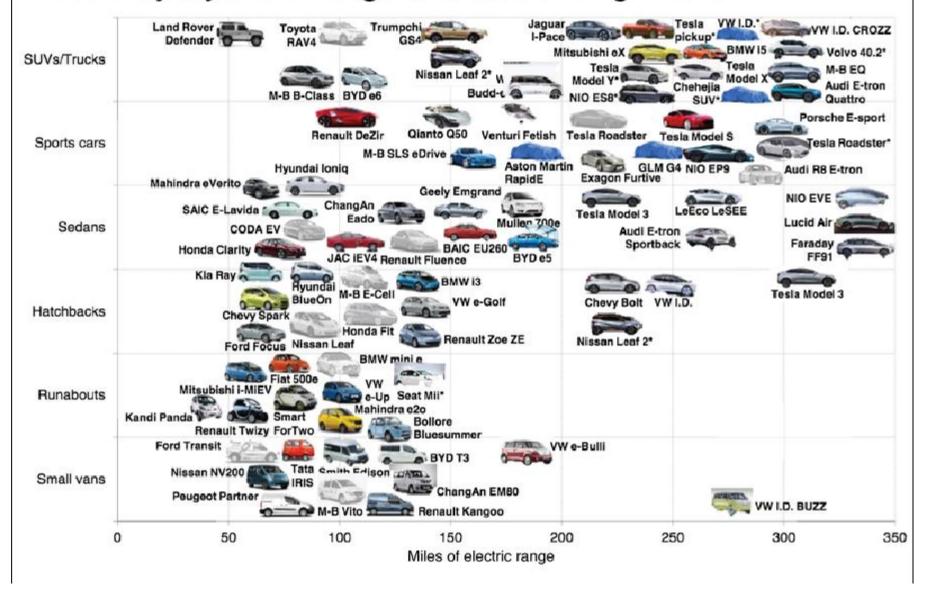
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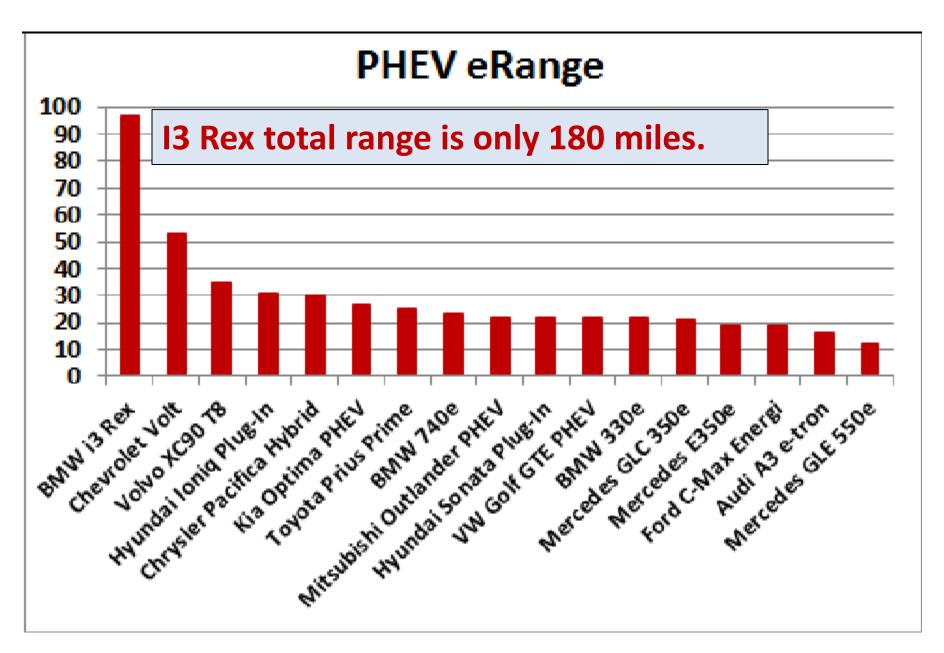


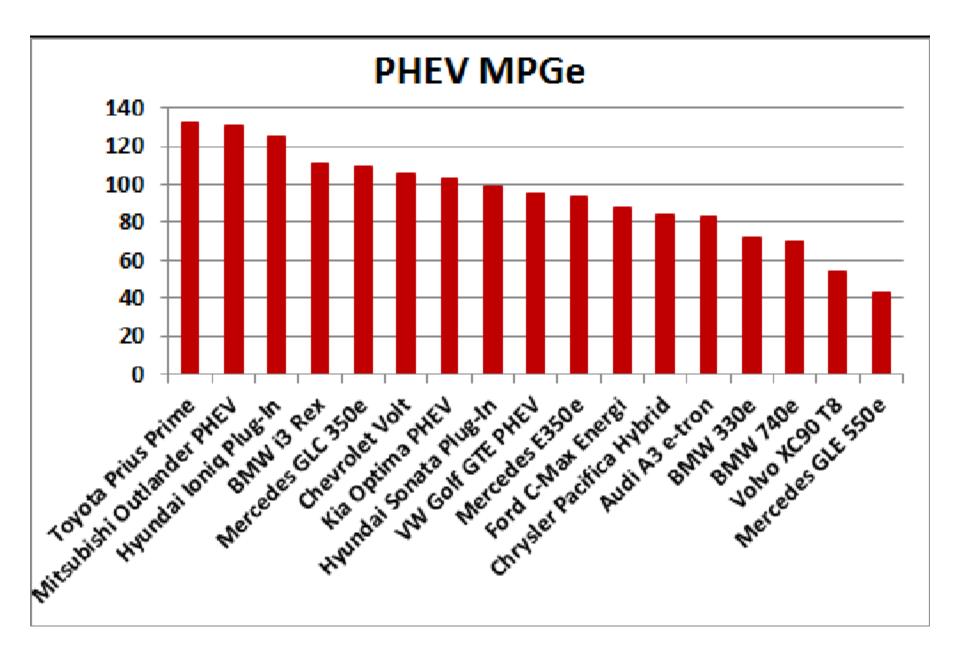
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## **Electric-Car Boom**

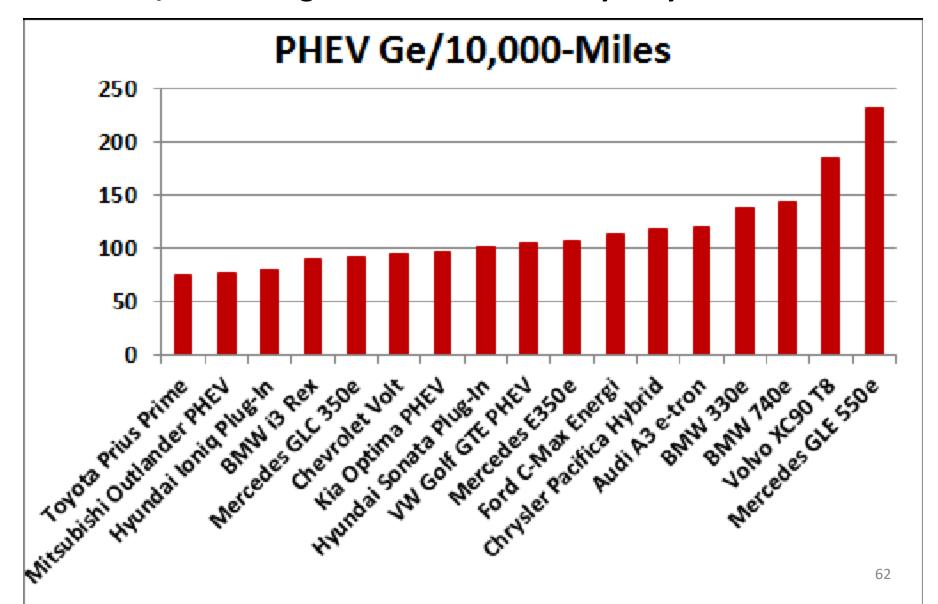
Models by style and range available through 2020

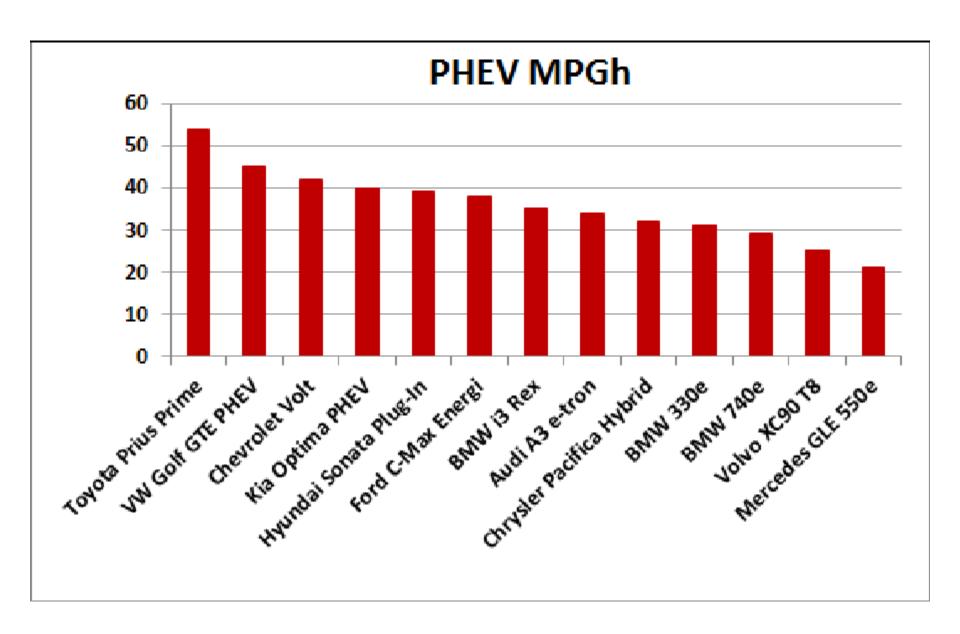




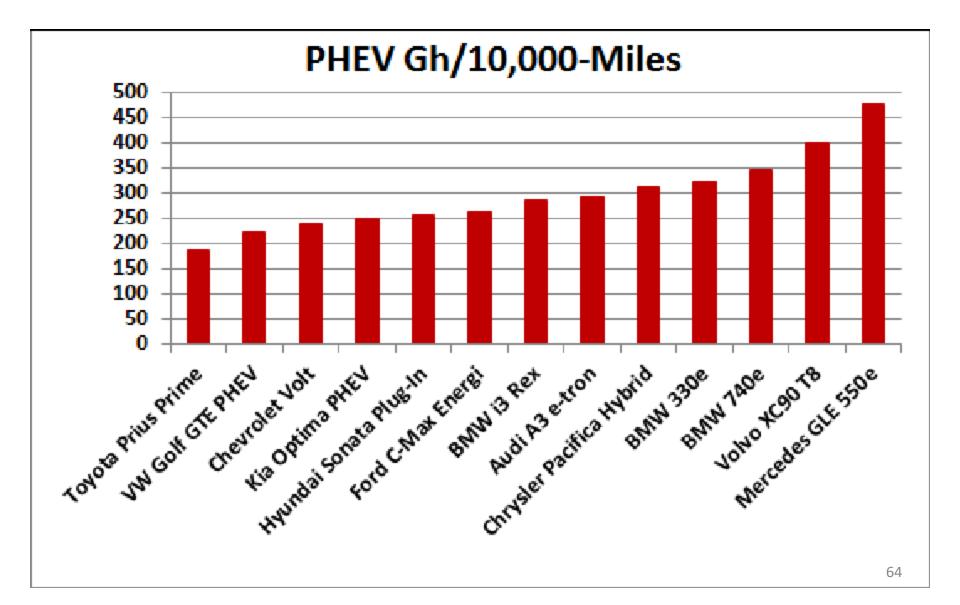


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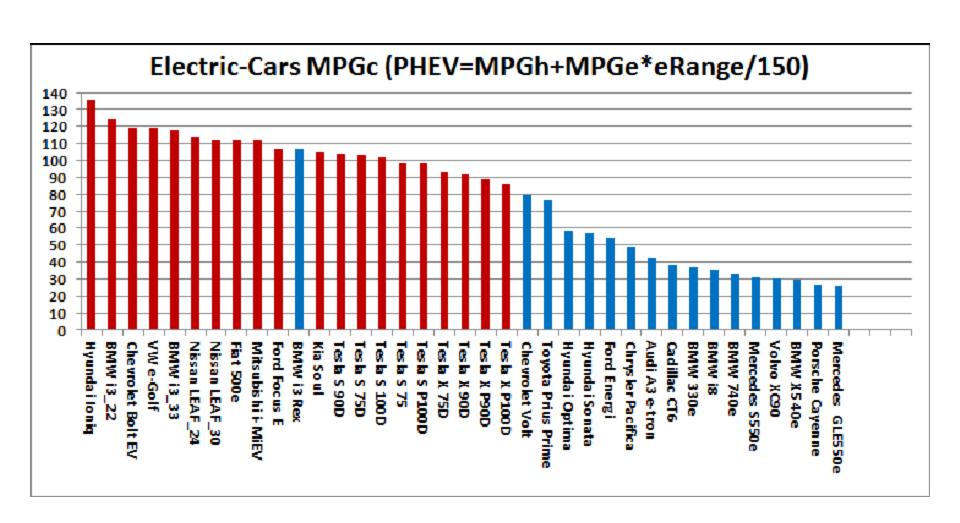


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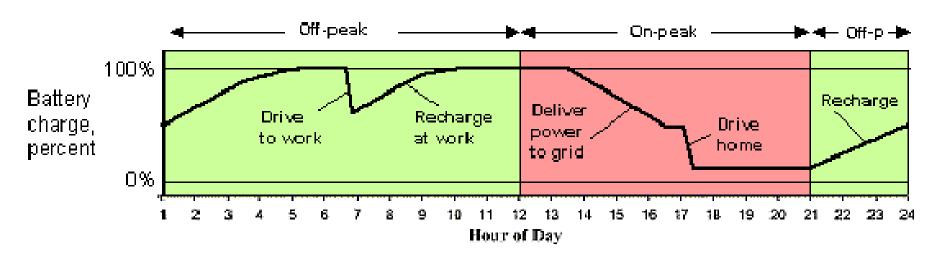
#### Calculated MPGc(PHEV) = MPGh + MPGe\*eRange/150)



## Electricity as Backup for Transportation when Fuel Gasoline becomes Scarce

- Gasoline will become scarce as world oil extraction rate decreases.
- Plug-in hybrid vehicles can travel 20-55 miles without gasoline, which should be sufficient for getting necessities for living.
- Electricity to charge the vehicles' batteries can be obtained from many sources: national grid, local electric storage, local photoelectric panels, local wind generators and local fuel cells using many different fuels.

# State of Charge of a Battery of a Plug-in Hybrid over a Day.

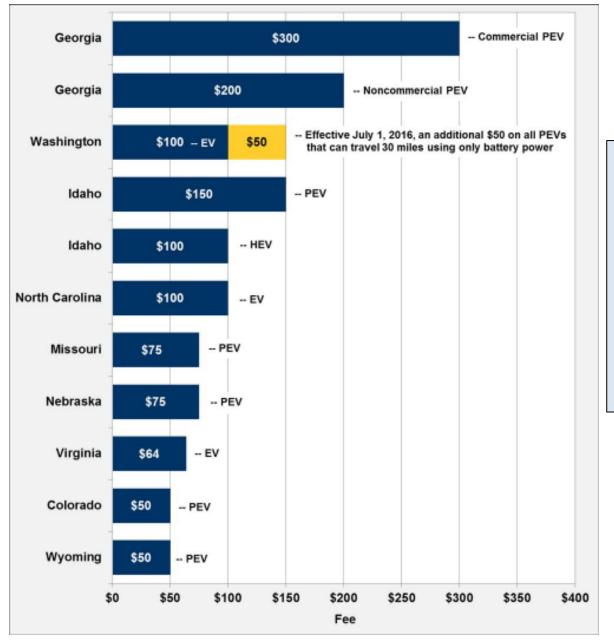


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vehicle-to-grid

## **Politics of Plug-In Hybrids?**

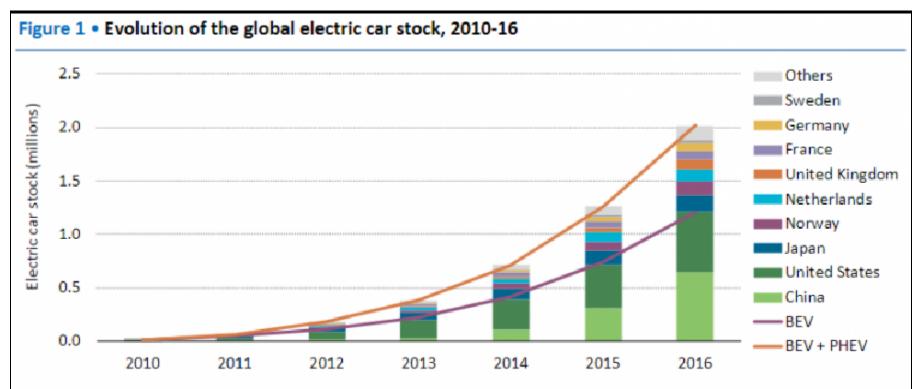
- How to pay for roads with no gas taxes?
- Will there be different rates for "traction electricity" and "house electricity" and, thus, different meters to register the amount used?
- Will there be special state and federal taxes on "traction electricity"?
- 17 states charge fees for EVs.

## Annual State Fees 2015 (PHEVs & BEVs)

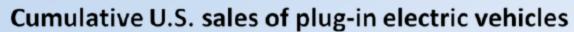


West Virginia,
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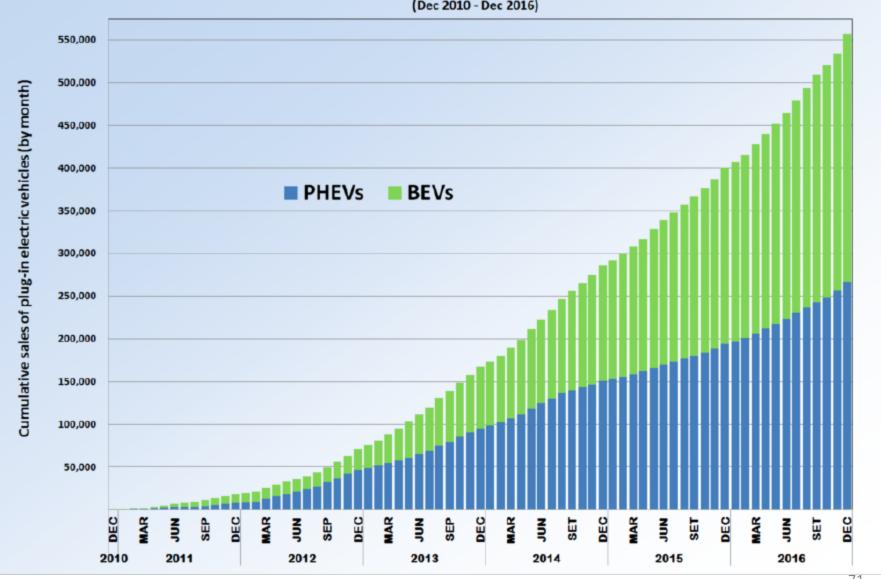
# Global Electric Cars (PHEVs & BEVs)



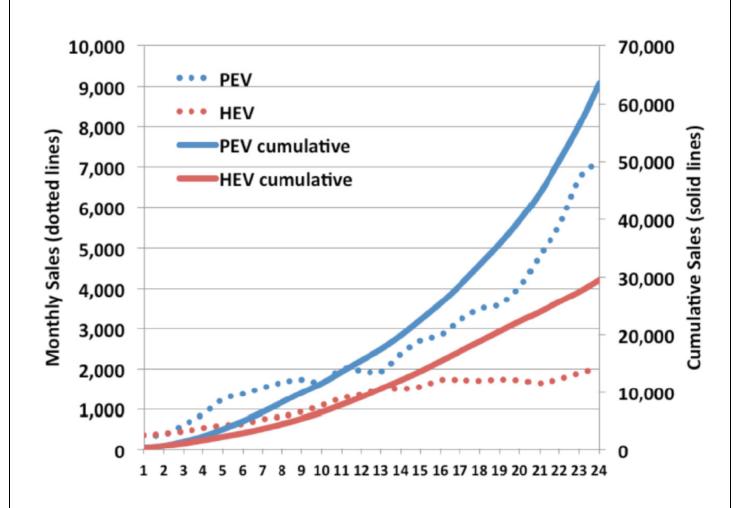
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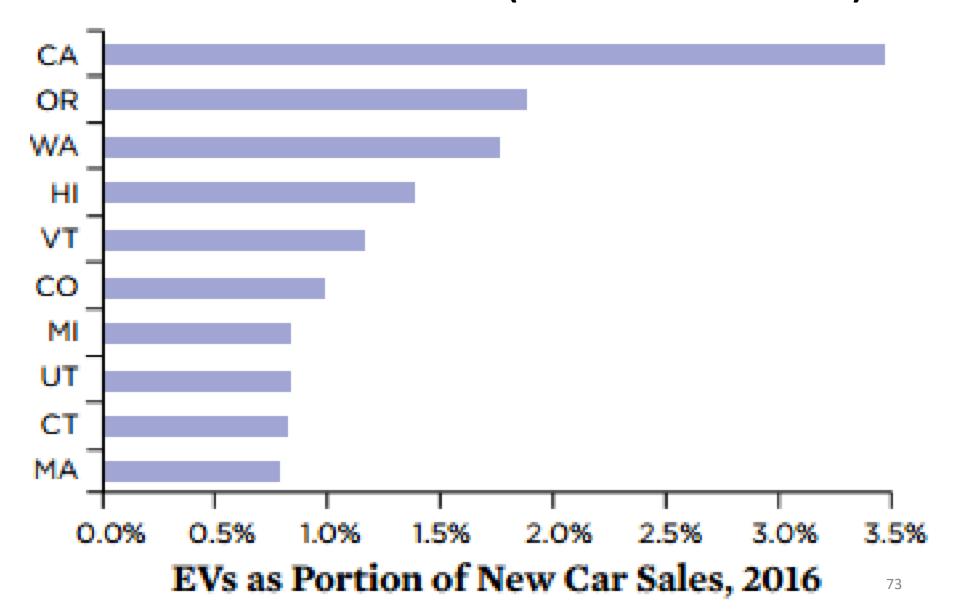
by monthly sales of all-electric cars (BEVs) and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) (Dec 2010 - Dec 2016)



# New PEV sales compared to HEV sales over their respective 24 month introductory periods



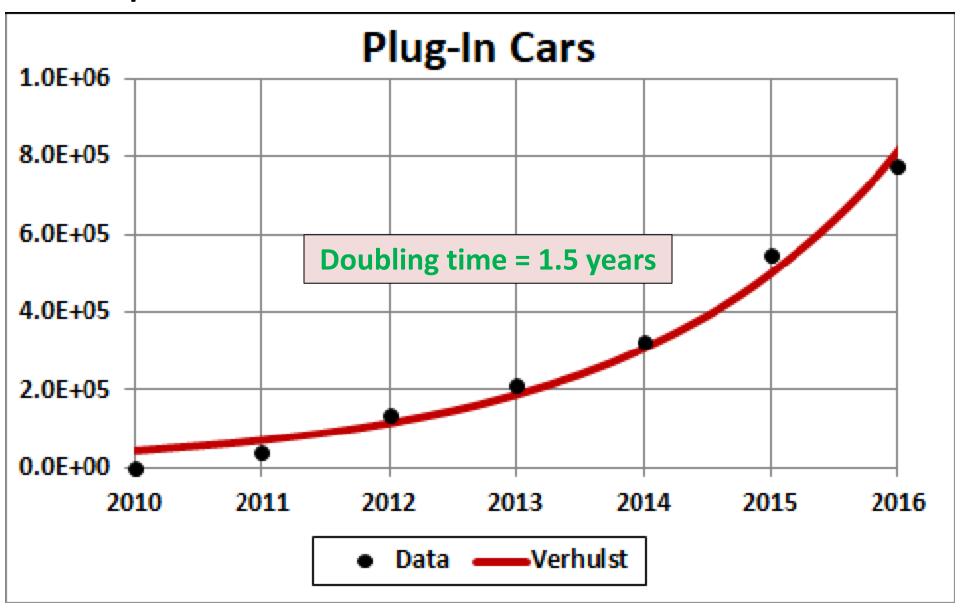
# U.S. Electric Cars (PHEVs & BEVs)



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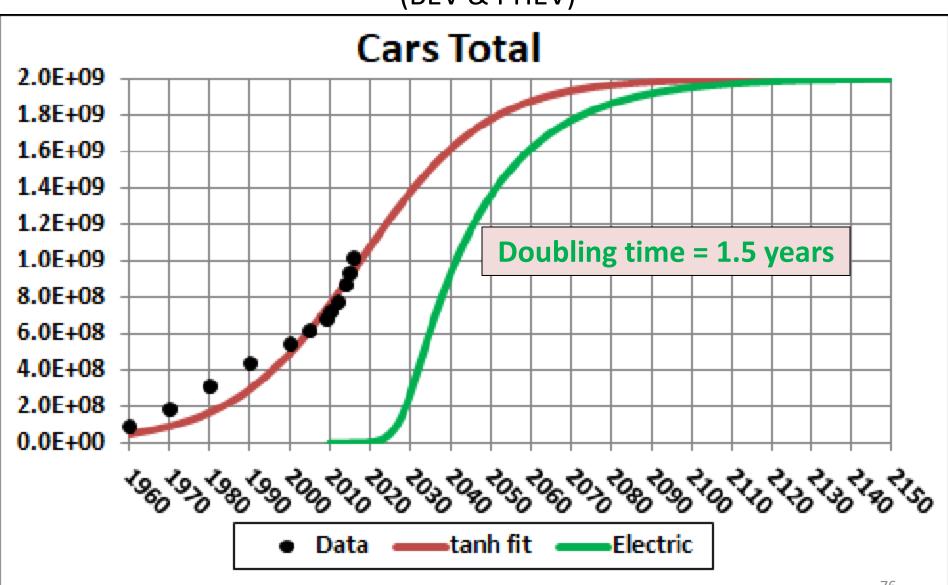
- Norway: All new cars electric by 2025
- Germany, India: All new cars electric by 2030
- Britain, France: All new cars electric by 2040
- China, California: Studying all new cars electric
- U.S.: Over half of cars will be electric by 2030.
- Audi: 40% of luxury cars will be electric by 2030;
   BEVs will soon have 400-miles range, and eventually 500 miles.
- VW: 50 new BEVs from VW group by 2025
- **GM**: 20 new BEVs by 2023
- Ford: Plans a 400-miles BEV by 2020

## **Exponential Rise of World Electric Cars**



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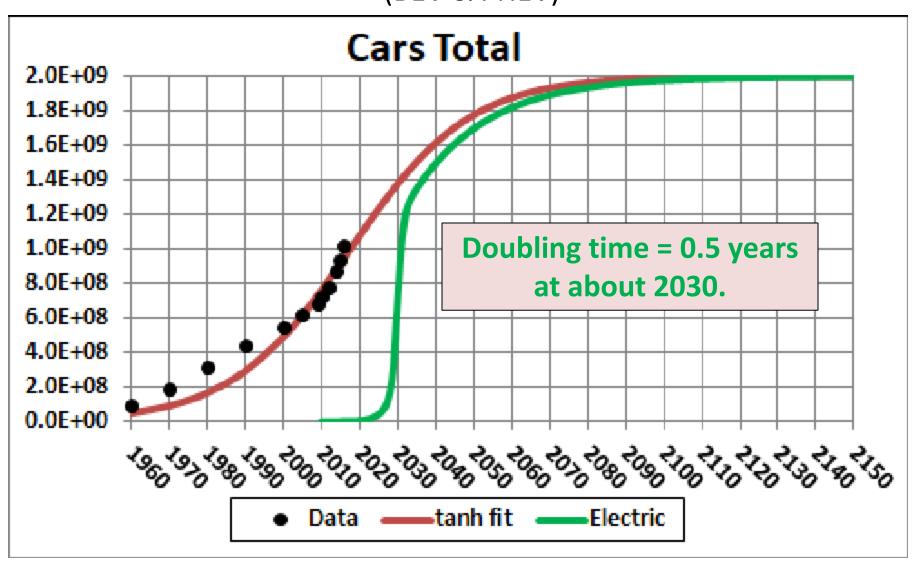
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### When will all cars be electric?

(BEV & PHEV)



## **Charging PHEVs**

- Most charging will occur at home in a garage, driveway or parking space.
- Level-1: 120-volts AC, 1.12-kW, for all BEVs & PHEVs (Everywhere!) (SAE-J1772 cord that comes with the PHEV)
- Level-2: 240-volts AC, 3.3-kW & 6.6-kW charging station with SAE-J1772 plug for all BEVs & PHEVs (Your parking space, Kroger, InnVT, Campus Automotive)
- **SAE-J1772 cord that comes with the PHEV** can have a <u>pigtail that allows level-2 charging</u> with a standard 240-volts outlet.
- The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV allows fast charging (CHAdeMO).

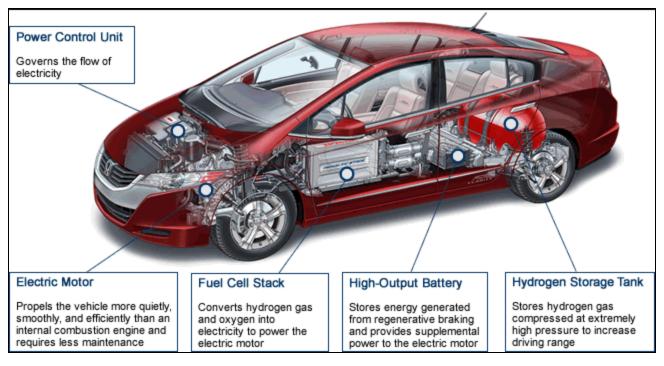
# **Light-Pole Charging Stations**



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# Why Not Fuel-Cell (FCEV) Cars?

• They are very complicated:



- Requires a battery similar to a PHEV!
- Hydrogen fuel is not easy to obtain. Most is made from methane and water, which produces carbon dioxide with the hydrogen! Should be made by solar!
- Better for heavy-duty vehicles, such as trucks & ships.

#### We Need a Rational National Energy System Design

- Fuel cells, solar photoelectric panels, hydropower, wind, geothermal and biofuel electricity generators at homes, work sites and parking garages to charge electric and hybrid vehicles' batteries and feed energy into the national electric grid. All possible fuels are used for the fuel cells. That is, create a distributed multi-source energy system to supplement, and eventually replace, huge coal, natural gas and nuclear electric power plants.
- Electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles that automatically connect to the national grid and local energy sources when parked at homes, work sites and parking garages.
- Plugged-in vehicles serve as national/local grid energy storage devices when at rest and drive away as fully charged vehicles for travel. They also serve as electric power backup at the home location.
- Use biodiesel made from new and recycled vegetable/animal oils and other wastes as fuels for long-distance hybrid-vehicle travel between recharging sites. Also, made from algae and bacteria?
- Use the remaining fossil fuels to develop the infrastructure needed to accomplish the items given above on a large scale, instead of merely as fuel for transportation.