
Introduction

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration-Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA/GSFC) Battery Workshop is an annual meeting for aerospace battery manufacturers and users to discuss recent results, problems, plans, programs or developments of interest to the industry. In the past the proceedings of these meetings have been published in government reports which receive limited distribution, allowing authors of suitable papers to publish also in established journals. Last year and again this year, the *Journal of Power Sources* has agreed to devote a special issue to these proceedings and publish as many as possible of these papers within somewhat relaxed publication criteria to reflect the informal flavor of the meeting. The Special Editor's only contribution again this year has been to occasionally "adjust" the English to a more universal form and to explain certain acronyms and jargon that are perhaps peculiar to the U.S. aerospace industry.

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