Power-Dense and Non-Synchronous Electric Motors

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BACKGROUND

Many industries in the 21st century are aiming to decarbonize emissions from power generation and use. This has stimulated interest in new and efficient designs of electric motors to help society transition from combustion-based systems. An all electric power train with a high-power-density could be a suitable replacement for incumbent propulsion technologies such as aviation. The attention on high-power-density motors has researchers focused on motor topologies with low weight and high efficiency. Existing electric motor systems suffer from relatively low power densities owing to iron cores and copper/aluminum wire. The introduction of high-temperature superconducting (HTS) technology has helped to raise the current density of the motor's wires. To date, however, HTS-based topologies have been synchronous designs with rotating windings that require expensive, heavy cooling system architecture.

TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

To help address these issues in all-electric powertrains, UCSC, in collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory, has focused on several non-synchronous topologies to improve torque density, power-to-weight ratio, and efficiency. UCSC research has reported on a new design topology of a doublerotor flux-switching motor leveraging high temperature superconducting coils and air-core stator. To date, the UCSC research team has achieved a maximum power density of >30 kW/kg which is accomplished by a 16pole/12slot motor geometry, and the efficiency under take-off and cruise conditions was found to be on average >93%.

APPLICATIONS

- Aircraft propulsion

ADVANTAGES

- demonstrated power density of >30 kW/kg to date
- >93% average efficiency under take-off and cruise conditions
- simpler and lighter cooling system as compared to synchronous machines

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

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RELATED MATERIALS

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