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Work Experience

University of Nottingham

Research Assistant

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Nottingham, United Kingdom

Education

Southeast University

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Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering

Najing, Jiangsu, China

- Dissertation Title: “Multi-physics Analysis and Design of Flat Wire Winding PM machines in Electric Vehicles”

Southeast University

2018/09 - 2021/06

Master in Electrical Engineering

Najing, Jiangsu, China

- Dissertation Title: “Analysis and Design of High-Performance Wound-Excited Magnetic Field Modulation-based Brushless Machines”

Southeast University

2014/09 - 2018/06

B.Eng in Electrical Engineering

Najing, Jiangsu, China

- Dissertation Title: “Comparative Study of Control Systems for PM Machine in Electric Vehicles”

Research Experience

My research focuses on the multi-physics design, analysis and control of the high power/torque density electric machine system applied in electric vehicles (EVs), including the flat wire PM machines and wound field excited machines. I have wrote 21 journal papers, including fourteen published IEEE Transactions papers and three more are under review. In general, my research can be divided into three parts.

The first part is the design methods for the high-performance electric machines in EVs, including the novel n-layer flat wire winding design and performance evaluation, DC winding induced voltage analysis and suppression for the wound excited electric machines and mechanism driven multi-objective optimization methods. **The second part is the advanced cooling system design and analysis for the electric machines in EVs**, both high resolution lumped parameter thermal model and the fluid-solid strong coupled oil cooling system are developed for the EV used electric machines. **The third part is the control and dynamic modeling for the electric machine system in EVs**, in which the control strategy, converter characteristics and the spatial harmonic electric machine model have been applied.

Research Publication

Transaction/Journal Paper

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- [J6] **Wentao Zhang**, Zhongze Wu, Lai Jin, Ying Fan, Wei Hua and Ming Cheng, “Analysis and Multi-Objective Optimization of the Hybrid Excitation Switched Flux Machine,” **IEEE Trans. Ind Appl.**, vol. 61, no. 2, pp. 2996-3006, March-April 2025.

- [J7] **Wentao Zhang**, Zhongze Wu, Lai Jin, Ying Fan, Wei Hua, Zhiyuan Xu and Ming Cheng, "Design Tradeoff between Flux Regulation Capability and DC Winding Induced Voltage in Hybrid Excitation Switched Flux Machine," **IEEE Trans. Ind Appl.** (accepted).
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- [J9] **Wentao Zhang**, Zhongze Wu, Ziyu Cang, Wei Hua, Ying Fan, and Ming Cheng, "Influence of End-Effect in Switched Flux Machines," **IEEE Trans. Ind Appl.**
- [J10] Zhongze Wu, **Wentao Zhang**, Ying Fan, Wei Hua and Ming Cheng, "A Transient-State Lumped Parameter Thermal Model for Brushless Wound Field Switched Flux Machines," **IEEE Trans. Transport. Electrific.**, vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 224-238, March 2024.
- [J11] Zhongze Wu, Ziqiang Zhu, Chao Wang, Wei Hua, Kai Wang and **Wentao Zhang**, "Influence of rotor iron bridge position on DC-winding-induced voltage in wound field switched flux machine having partitioned stators," **Chinese Journal of Electrical Engineering**, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 20-28, Sept. 2021.
- [J12] Zhongze Wu, Ziqiang Zhu, Shun Cai, Wei Hua and **Wentao Zhang**, "Enhancement of torque density in wound field switched flux machines with partitioned stators using assisted ferrites," **Chinese Journal of Electrical Engineering**, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 42-51, Sept. 2021.
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- [J18] Hao Hua, Xinying Chen, Dalin Li, **Wentao Zhang**, Zhongze Wu and Wei Hua, "Investigation of Torque Improvement of Modular Stator Surface-Mounted Permanent Magnet Machines With Flux Gaps," **IEEE Trans. Ind Appl.**, vol. 60, no. 5, pp. 6787-6798, Sept.-Oct. 2024.
- [J19] Jixuan Chen, Wei Hua, Lingyun Shao, Zhongze Wu, Xueyi Yan, and **Wentao Zhang**, "Modified magnetic equivalent circuit of double-stator single-rotor axial flux permanent magnet machine considering stator radial-end flux-leakage," **IET Electric Power Applications**, vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 195-207, Feb. 2024.

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- Wei Hua; **Wentao Zhang**; Zhongze Wu; Shichuan Ding, Method for Reducing Torque Ripple and Induced Voltage in Electric Excitation Flux Switching Motors, CN111769697A, 2020.10.13.

Awards

- 2024 2nd Prize in 11th Energy Equipment Innovative Design Competition for China Postgraduate
- 2023 **Wiscom System Scholarship**
- 2023 1st Prize Academic Scholarship
- 2023 CIEEC Best Paper Award
- 2023 **1st Prize in IEEE IAS CMD Thesis Contest (non-Ph. D)**
- 2022 Outstanding Master Degree Thesis in Jiangsu Province
- 2017 2nd Prize in Southeast University Smart Car Competition

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