Recent governmental policy decisions addressing key global challenges such as climate change and energy security have initiated a new wave of research in the field of rotating electrical machines. While innovations in rotating electrical machines cannot directly solve these global challenges, the machines are set to play a key role within the technology such as that will enable significant energy and CO₂ savings and, in turn, assist in securing a long term sustainable energy situation. Highlights of these technologies are high efficiency domestic appliances, electrified vehicles & aircraft and wind power generation. In addition to the identified grand challenges, it is the case that electrical machines are experiencing an ever expanding range of deployment, in many instances, the expanding remit of rotating electrical machines is in novel and extreme environment applications; here the boundaries of conventional design rules are continually being pushed forward, which again, requires innovation and novelty from the global machine design community.

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