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Power Electronics Applications in Aerospace Technologies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The development of More Electric Aircraft is related to the replacement of hydraulic and pneumatic systems by electric systems. As a consequence of the increase in electrical power demand, higher voltages in the electric distribution system have been proposed (HVDC, HVAC).

Energy management and bidirectional power transfer are two closely related concepts, which are expected to have an impact at the architecture level, since they increase systems' availability, and thus, architecture redundancy is increased as well. As an example, a bidirectional power converter that feeds avionics loads and charges batteries might be used to feed the HVDC bus when required.

Power electronics design in aeronautic applications must evolve according to current needs, so investigation into state-of-the-art technology implementation in power converters must be carried out. High efficiency, high power density, and aeronautical standards compliance must be targeted. Power module parallelization can be used to increase power or voltage rating and shows several potential advantages compared to monolithic converters.











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