

Title: Electric Machines – The enabling technology for a new wave of electrification

This talk will look at how electric machines play a central role in a new wave of electrification that is spreading through several application areas. In renewable energy applications, various forms of rotating and linear machines that are of permanent magnet or non-permanent magnet types have been designed to match the wind, wave, hydro and tidal energy. In electrification of transportation, electric traction machines face the competing and simultaneous demands of high power and torque density, high efficiency over a wide speed range, high reliability and low cost/kW. In addition, it is critical that the supply chain of electric machines is secure and sustainable. In aerospace industry, the challenges around noise, emission and fuel efficiency have prompted a new form of electrification – E-Thrust, which looks into developing superconducting machines to replace jet-engines in a 15-20 year horizon.

Throughout the talk, there will be highlights on Cranfield University's leading roles in contributing to the solutions in meeting these challenges within key national and international research consortia.

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Patrick Chi-Kwong Luk is a native from Hong Kong. He received his MPhil degree from Sheffield University and Ph.D degree from University of South Wales, Cardiff. Currently he is the Chair Professor in Electrical Engineering and Head of Electric Power and Drives Group in the School of Engineering at Cranfield University.

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He is the recipient of a number of prestigious awards including the 2011 IET Premium Award in Electric Power Applications and the Excellence Award by KTN Network in 2009. He has held technical advisory roles to blue-chip companies including Mitsubishi Electric UK, Lotus Engineering and Lockheed Martin. He is the co-holder of 10 GB and US patents and applications on electric drives, and has over 140 publications and several book chapters. A Senior IEEE member, he actively volunteers his time as the Chairperson for IEEE UK&RI GOLD, IEEE UK&RI Professional Activities, and IEEE UK&RI Power Electronics Chapter. He is an associate editor for IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, and IET Journal for Renewable Power Generation.