Integration Challenges, Cooling and Structural Requirements for Hybrid Powertrain Installations on a GA Airframe

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Overview

- Hypstair concept
- Baseline configuration
- Design iterations to final configuration
- Installation of real components and power-up
- Next steps



HYPSTAIR Installation Platform Concept





HYPSTAIR Serial Hybrid Drive Components





Hybrid architectures: serial vs parallel

Serial Hybrid (HYPSTAIR)	Parallel Hybrid
+ Two independent energy sources	- Closely coupled
- Electric generator	+ No electric generator
- At least two inverters	+ One inverter
+ Cruise RPM is not linked to the ICE	 Cruise RPM linked to the ICE
+ Optimum propeller efficiency from take-off to cruise	 Oversized propeller for cruise
+ Low noise (pure electric take-off), low cruise RPM	 No big difference to classic engine
+ Suitable for new aircraft configurations (e.g. distributed propulsion)	 Classic configurations only



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Configuration of the Hypstair Platform (Baseline)





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Aerodynamic Shape Concept (Baseline)





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Cooling Air Intakes





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ICE and Generator Integration



ICE and generator mounted in direction opposite to flight to simplify integration and enhance accessability



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Three Design Iterations to Optimize Packaging



Iteration two (grey) and three (brown)



A total reduction of 150 mm in length was achieved by:

- Simplification of engine mount due to stiff mounting of the electric motor
- Front mounting of electric motor accessories (governor, coolant and oil pump)
- Repositioning of ICE, generator and inverters
- Combining cooling circuits with heat exchangers



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Final Configuration: Firewall Forward



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Final Configuration: Battery System



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Weight comparison: Hypstair vs. Piston Engines

	Gasoline Engine	Diesel Engine	HYPSTAIR				
	e.g. Lycoming 260 HP	e.g. SMA 230 HP	200 kW (270 HP)				
dry weight	190 kg	210 kg	160 kg				
batteries	-	-	100 kg				
accessories	20 kg	35 kg	15 kg				
liquids	6 kg	8 kg	5 kg				
starter battery	11 kg	11 kg	-				
Total	227 kg	259 kg	280 kg				



Physical Integration of Components and Power-up



- All components for initial power-up were installed
- Component tests (inverters, electric motor, ICE, generator, battery) were successful
- Successful runs on battery power
- Successful battery charging from generator on ICE power
- First successful run on combined battery and generator power



High Power Runs with Propeller Installed





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Bird's Eye View of the Hypstair Platform



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Next Steps

- Installation of remaining components
- HMI Integration
- Cowling and intake ducts installation
- System level testing











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Thank you for your attention. Questions?

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