

Development of Extreme Temperature Motor for Venus Drill System

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- Motivation:
 - No off-the-shelf motors, or known R&D prototype motors, exist that are capable of operating under Venus surface conditions for any appreciable amount of time
- The Motor is required to operate under Venus-like conditions.
 - 460 deg C, 90 bar, CO₂
- Can be used to actuate drills (Venus RAT?), robotic arms, wheels.
- Two Motor types currently under development:
 - Switched Reluctance Motor
 - DC Brushless Motor (with resolver)
- Funded under NASA SBIR Program
 - SR Motor: Completed NASA SBIR Phase I and awarded Phase II contract
 - DC Brushless Motor: Awarded NASA SBIR Phase I (start 02/07







Background Information

Motor Systems Under Development



