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Fundamentals and Multi-Objective Design of Inductive Power Transfer Systems



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Introduction		System Components & Design Considerations		Power Electronics Concept for 50 kW	
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Introduction



Features & Limitations Potential Applications Existing Industry Solutions





Future Electric Vehicle Charging

Electric Vehicles – Key Limitations

- Driving Range / Battery Capacity
- Availability of Charging Stations
- Time for Battery Re-Charging

Drivers for Future Development

- Battery Technology
- Infrastructure Development
- Charging Technology

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Nissan Leaf, www.nissan.com







Network World, www.networkworld.com



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Wireless Electric Vehicle Battery Charging





Delphi, www.delphi.com

Charge Point, www.chargepoint.com

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Daimler & BWM, ww.daimler.com, www.bmw.de

Higher Convenience & Usability

• No Plug Required: Quick Charging at Traffic Lights, Bus Stops, ...

More Frequent Recharging

- Longer Battery Lifetime
- Smaller Battery Volume & Weight

Reduced Fleet in Public Transportation

• Shorter Time for Depot Re-Charging



Bombardier PRIMOVE, http://primove.bombardier.com.



EV Charging – Typical AC/DC Power Conversion Chain



▲ Structure of a 3-Φ Isolated 2-Stage High-Power Battery Charging System with High-Frequency Transformer or IPT Transmission Coils



Electrical Ratings of Conductive EV Chargers

SAE J1772 Definition (USA)

- AC Level 1: 120 V, 16 A \rightarrow 1.92 kW
- AC Level 2: 204-240 V, 80 A → 19.2 kW $\rightarrow \geq 20 \text{ kW}$
- AC Level 3: n/a
- DC Level 1: 200-450 V, 80 A \rightarrow 36 kW ٠
- DC Level 2: 200-450 V, 200 A → 90 kW
- DC Level 3: 200-600 V, 400 A \rightarrow 240 kW

■ IEC 62196 Definition (Europe, Int.)

- Mode 1: 1x230 V / 3x400 V, 16 A \rightarrow 7.7 kW
- Mode 2: 1x230 V / 3x400 V, 32 A \rightarrow 15.4 kW
- Mode 3: 3x400 V, 32-250 A $\rightarrow \geq 20 \text{ kW}$
- Mode 4: ≤ 1000 V, 400 A (DC) \rightarrow 240 kW





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► Regulations & Standards for Inductive EV Charging (1)

- SAE J2954 Wireless Charging Standard (under Development, April 2015)
- Common Operating Frequency 85 kHz
- Minimum Charging Efficiency > 90%
- Charging Levels: 3.7 kW (WPT1: Private Low Power) 7.7 kW (WPT2: Private/Publ. Parking) 22 kW (WPT3: Fast Charging)
- Interoperability: Air Gap, Coil Dimensions, x,y,z-Misalignment Tolerance, Communication & Interfaces

- Safety Features:
- Foreign Object Detection, Electromagnetic Stray Field
- Validation Methods: Performance, Safety





Regulations & Standards for Inductive EV Charging (2)

- ICNIRP 1998/2010: Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying EM Fields
- Living Tissue affected by Power Dissipation caused by Electromagnetic Fields
- Limitation of Human Body SAR (=Specific Absorption Rate, [W/kg]) by Limiting Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Distinction between "General Public" and "Occupational Exposure"
- Poynting Vector $\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$ [W/m²] shows *H* and *E*-Field are needed for Power Transfer \rightarrow Minimum Required Area for Power Transfer: $P_2 = \iint (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) d\vec{A}$



▲ ICNIRP 1998 and 2010 Reference Values for RMS Magnetic Flux Density and Electric Field





Realization Examples





► IPT for Industry Automation Applications

- Industry Automation & Clean-Room Technology
- Automatic Guided & Monorail Transportation Vehicles
- Stationary/Dynamic Charging in Closed Environment
- Key Features: Wireless, Maintenance-Free, Clean & Safe
- Lower Requirements & Less Restrictive Standards than EV Charging







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▲ Wireless Powered Floor Surface Conveyors

▲ Ceiling-Mounted Monorail Transportation System

Conductix-Wampfler, www.conductix.ch (1.11.2014), «Product Overview: Inductive Power Transfer



IPT for EV: Selected Demonstration/Research Activities



► IPT Public Transportation Systems

	Conductix-Wampfler IPT Charge	Bombardier PRIMOVE	KAIST On-Line EV	Wave IPT
Location	Genoa (IT) Hertogenbosch (NL)	Augsburg, Braunschweig, Mannheim (DE) Lommel (BE)	Seoul, Daejeon, Yeosu, Gumi (KR)	Salt Lake City, McAllen Monterey-Salinas, Lancaster (USA)
Year	2002 - 2012	2010 - 2015	2010 - 2015	2014 - 2015
Air Gap	Approx. 4 cm	Approx. 4 cm	Up to 20 cm	Up to 20 cm
Power	Up to 60 kW	150-200 kW	3-100 kW	50 kW
Details	 Coil Lowered to Ground at Bus Stations Charging Efficiency > 90% ICNIRP 1998 Compliant 50% Red. Battery Capacity (240→120 kWh) 	 Coil Lowered to Ground at Bus-Stations Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles Extended Battery Life Lower Total Cost 	 Electrified Track for In-Motion Charging ICNIRP 1998 Compl. 30% Reduced Battery Weight Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles 	 Wireless Charging at Bus-Stations without Lowering the Coil Charging Efficiency > 90% ICNIRP Compliant



Historic Background: Medical Applications

Electro-Mechanical Heart Assist Devices

- Percutaneous Driveline Major Cause of Lethal Infections
- Transcutaneous Power Supply for Heart Assist Devices ٠
- ٠



"Optimization of Transcutaneous Energy Transfer Coils for High Power Medical Applications," in Proc. Workshop on Control and Modeling for Power Electron. (COMPEL), **2014**.

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State-of-the-Art for Conductive EV Charging

- Best-in-Class Conductive Isolated On-Board EV Battery Chargers Reach up to 5 kW/dm³ with Efficiency > 95%
- Example: B. Whitaker et al. (APEI), 2014
- Single-Phase Bridgeless Boost-Type PFC & Isolated Phase-Shift DC-DC-Converter
- Switching Frequency 200 kHz with 1.2 kV, 20 A SiC MOSFET Modules
- Power: 6.1 kW

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- Volume: 1.2 dm³
- Weight: 1.6 kg
- Power Density 5 kW/dm³
- Spec. Weight 3.8 kW/kg
- Efficiency > 95%

Typical Price for EV Chargers (Frost & Sullivan 2015):

 Approx. 130 - 230 \$/kW (e.g. for 6.6 kW: 860 - 1500 \$)





▲ Best-in-Class 6.1 kW On-Board EV Charger (APEI)



Engineering Challenges for Competitive IPT System

- High Power Density (kW/dm², kW/kg)
- High Ratio of Coil Diameter / Air Gap Needed
- Heavy Shielding & Core Materials Necessary
- Low Magnetic Stray Field B_s < B_{lim}
- Limited by Standards (e.g. ICNIRP or Lower)
- Eddy Current Loss in Surrounding Metals
- **High Efficiency** η

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- Efficiency Limited by Magnetic Coupling k
- Sensitivity to Coil Misalignment
- High Reliability of Components
- High Mechanical Stress for Transmitter (1-10t)
- Receiver Fully Exposed to Environment

Low Infrastructure & Installation Cost

- Material Effort for On-Board Components
- Installation of Transmitter into Road Surf.

Lexus, www.lexus.com, 2014



Physical Size of a Conductive Charger

windings









Fundamentals: Isolated DC/DC \rightarrow IPT



Transformer Equivalent Series Resonant Topologies Zero-Voltage Switching Inductive Power Transfer





Isolated DC/DC-Converter for Conductive EV Charging

- Soft-Switching DC/DC-Converter without Output Inductor
- Galvanic Isolation
- Minimum Number of Components
- Clamped Voltage across Rectifier
- Constant Switching Frequency of Full-Bridge Inverter on Primary
- di/dt given by Voltage Levels & Transformer Stray & Magn. Induct.



▲ Isolated DC/DC Converter Topology with MF Transformer



▲ Schematic Converter Waveforms $(i_1 - i_2 \text{ not to Scale})$

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I. D. Jitaru, «A 3 kW Soft-Switching DC-DC Converter," *Proc. IEEE APEC*, pp. 86-92, 2000.

▲ Realization Example (1 kW Module, Rompower)



► Transition to IPT System (1)

- Airgap in the Magnetic Path
- Reduced Primary & Secondary Induct.
- Higher Magnetizing Current
- Reduced Magnetic Coupling k
- Load Dependency of Output Voltage due to Non-Dissip. Inner Impedance





▲ Schematic Converter Waveforms for OP_1 and OP_2 (i_1 - i_2 not to Scale)





Transformer Characterization





Characterization of the Transformer

Transformer Differential Equations

$$u_{1} = L_{1} \frac{di_{1}}{dt} - M \frac{di_{2}}{dt}$$

$$u_{2} = M \frac{di_{1}}{dt} - L_{2} \frac{di_{2}}{dt}$$
Note: No Explicit Dependency
on N₁, N₂ (Unknown in
General Case)



Measurement of the Three (!) Parameters L₁, L₂ and M







■ General Equivalent Circuit Diagram $u_1(t) = (L_1 - M) \frac{di_1}{dt} + M \frac{d}{dt} (i_1 - i_2)$





Definitions: Coupling Factor $k = \frac{M}{\sqrt{L_1 L_2}}$, Stray Factor $\sigma = 1 - k^2 \rightarrow$ Ideal: $k = 1, \sigma = 0$.



Transformer Equivalent Circuits (1)

- Transformer Differential Equations
 - $u_{1} = L_{1} \frac{di_{1}}{dt} M \frac{di_{2}}{dt} = L_{1} \frac{di_{1}}{dt} + u_{1,\text{ind}}$ $u_{2} = M \frac{di_{1}}{dt} L_{2} \frac{di_{2}}{dt} = u_{2,\text{ind}} L_{2} \frac{di_{2}}{dt}$
- Equivalent Circuit Representation with Induced Voltages as Voltage Sources:



■ Inductive Behavior Partly Hidden in Voltage Sources *u*_{1,ind}, *u*_{2,ind}

• 90° Phase-Difference between $\hat{\underline{i}}_1$ and $\hat{\underline{u}}_{2,ind}$ and between $\hat{\underline{i}}_2$ and $\hat{\underline{u}}_{1,ind}$







Transformer Equivalent Circuits (2)

Introduction of a General Transformation Ratio n



- 4 Degrees of Freedom $(L_{\sigma_1}, L_{\sigma_2}, L_{h'}, n)$, but only 3 Transformer Parameters (L_1, L_2, M)
- Assume *n* as given and Calculate Remaining Parameters $(L_{\sigma_1}, L_{\sigma_2}, L_h)$







• All Equivalent Circuits Fully Represent the Same Transformer!

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Transformer Equivalent Circuits (3)

- Direct Measurement of Transformer Equivalent Circuit Parameters
- Measurement 1: Secondary-Side Terminals Shorted





Measurement 2: Secondary-Side Terminals Open



• Measurement 3: Primary-Side Terminals Open









Field Lines of a Coupled Coil Pair

0° 30° 60°

- Mutual and Leakage Inductance is not Immediately Evident from FEM-Field Images
- Field Distribution Depends on Shown Time Instant and Phase Angle between Winding Currents



 $\varphi_{i1i2} = 90^{\circ}$

▲ Sinusoidal Currents in Both Coils, 90° Phase Shift as Typical for IPT Systems

135°





► Transition to IPT System (2)

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▲ Effects of an Air Gap in the Transformer



▲ Schematic Converter Waveforms for OP_1 and OP_2 (i_1 - i_2 not to Scale)



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▲ Effects of an Air Gap in the Transformer $L_{\sigma} = (1 - k^2)L_1, L_{\rm h} = k^2L_1, n = k\sqrt{L_1/L_2}$



Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance





Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance (1)



















 $\underline{Z}_{s} = j\omega L_{s} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{s}} + \underbrace{R_{ac}}_{\approx 0} = j(\omega L_{s} - \frac{1}{\omega C_{s}}) \rightarrow \omega_{s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_{s}C_{s}}}$

Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance (2)

- Insert Capacitor in Series to Transformer Stray Inductance L_σ
- Select Capacitance $C_{s,opt} = 1/(\omega_s^2 L_{\sigma})$ to Match Resonance and Inverter Switching Frequency



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Alternative Compensation Concepts

Limitations of Series-Compensation

- High Voltages Across Resonant Elements in High-Power Designs
- Limited to Step-Down Conversion
- No Control of Output at No-Load (with Frequency Control)

Alternative Options:

- Parallel Resonant Converter (LLC)
- Series/Parallel Res. Converter (LCC)
- General Matching Networks

Limitations of Parallel-Compensation

- Circulating Reactive Current in Parallel Elements also at Low Load
- Potentially Needs Additional Inductors
- Complex Design Process (Selection of Two Capacitor Values for SP-Comp.)



▲ Alternative Compensation Topologies



Fundamental Frequency Approximation (1)

- Nearly Sinusoidal Current Shape Despite Rectangular Voltage Waveforms
- Resonant Circuit Acts as Bandpass-Filter on Inverter Output Voltage Spectrum





- Consider only Fundamental Frequency Components:
- Fundamentals of u_1 , u_2 , i_1 , i_2
- Power Transfer Modeled with Good Accuracy

as

$$P = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_{1(n)} I_{1(n)} \cos(\phi_n)$$

$$\approx U_{1(1)} I_{1(1)} \cos(\phi_1)$$

→ Fundamental Frequency Model!



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Fundamental Frequency Approximation (2)

Replace Rectifier and Load $I_{2,dc}$ **by Power Equivalent Resistance** $R_{L,eq}$

R. Steigerwald, "A comparison of halfbridge resonant converter topologies," in *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 3, no. 2, 1988.











• Simplified Circuit Analysis & Approximate Power Loss Calculations



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Resonant Circuit Transfer Characteristics (1)

- Load-Independent Output Voltage due to Series Resonant Compensation
- Except for a (Small) Voltage Drop on Winding Resistances R_1, R_2



- Only Small Shift of Resonant Frequency for Different Loads at Constant Coupling
- Fixed Frequency Operation Possible




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Resonant Circuit Transfer Characteristics (2)

- Strong Coupling Dependency of Output Voltage due to Variation of Series Impedance
- Variation of Coupling k Changes L_{σ} which Leads to Series Voltage Drop on $\underline{Z}_{s} > 0$



- Large Variation of Resonant Frequency with Changing Magnetic Coupling
- Fixed Frequency Operation Not Possible
- Not Practical if Coupling is Variable in the Target Application



▲ Transfer Characteristics and Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Different Coupling



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Series-Series Compensated IPT System (1)

• Add Second Series Capacitor to Ensure Fixed Resonant Frequency ($\varphi_{Z_{in}} = 0$) for any Value of the Magnetic Coupling k $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_2C_2}}$



- Resulting Equivalent Circuit @ ω_0
- **Cancel Complete Self-Inductance**



- $\varphi_{\underline{Z}_{in}} = 0^{\circ} @ \omega_s$ Independent of k, R_L But: Voltage Gain @ ω_s Still Coupling & Load Dependent! •

▲ Transfer Characteristics and Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Different Coupling

Frequency (kHz)

100 110 120 130 140 150 160

k = 0.20

k = 0.25

k = 0.35

 $k = 0.45^{\circ}$

 $R_{\rm L,eq} = 20 \, \Omega^{-1}$

600

500

400

300

200

100

100

-100 🛌 80

90

arg[Zin] (deg)



Series-Series Compensated IPT System (2)

- Resonant Frequency ($arphi_{Z_{
 m in}}=0$) is Indepenent of Magnetic Coupling and of Load
- Necessary Condition for Minimum Input Current \rightarrow Max. Efficiency!



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φ_{Zin} = 0° @ ω_s Independent of k, R_L
But: Voltage Gain @ ω_s Still Coupling & Load Dependent!

▲ Transfer Characteristics and Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Different Loads



Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (1)





- $\omega_{\rm s}$ Coupling Dependent
- Inductive Input Impedance @ $\omega_{
 m s}$



Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (2)





▲ Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Varying Load (top) and Coupling (bot.)

Purely Ohmic Input Impedance
 For any Load & Coupling @ ω_s



Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (3)



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• Output Voltage \hat{U}_2 Rises with Load Resistance for Constant \hat{U}_1

Output Current Independent of Load Resistance R_{L.eq}:

$$\underline{\widehat{u}}_{1} = \Delta \underline{\widehat{u}} + \underline{\widehat{u}}_{h} = -j\omega_{0}M\underline{\widehat{\iota}}_{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \underline{\hat{\iota}}_2 = j \frac{\underline{\hat{u}}_1}{\omega_0 M}$$



Maximum Efficiency of the Resonant System





Power Losses of the Series-Series Compensation



Total Power Losses

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Core Loss Neglected •

$$\frac{\frac{P_{\text{loss}}}{P_2}}{\lambda} = \frac{\frac{P_{\text{loss},1}}{P_2}}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\frac{P_{\text{loss},2}}{P_2}}{\lambda_2}$$

Minimize Loss Factor λ ٠

$$\frac{d}{dR_{L,eq}} \left(\frac{P_{loss}}{P_2} \right) = 0 \qquad \rightarrow R_{L,opt} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 M^2 + \frac{R_{ac}^2}{R_1}} \approx k \omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$$

$$R_1 \approx R_2 = R_{ac} @ \omega_0$$
Design Condition for Maximum Efficience

0

5

Relative Power Loss (%)

Design Condition for Maximum Efficiency!

 $P_{\rm loss}/P_2$

 $P_{\rm loss,2}/P_2$ $P_{\rm loss,1}/P_2$

10

 $0P_3$

15

Optimum

 $R_{\rm L,opt} \approx k\omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$

30

35

25

0P4

20

Power Equivalent Load Resistance (Ω)



 $0P_5$

- Condition for Minimum Total Coil Losses: $R_{\rm L,opt} \approx k\omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$
- Efficiency Limit of IPT Systems

$$\eta_{\max} = \frac{k^2 Q_1 Q_2}{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 + k^2 Q_1 Q_2}\right)^2}$$

→ Figure-of-Merit =
$$k\sqrt{Q_1Q_2} = kQ$$



K. van Schuylenbergh and R. Puers, Inductive Powering: Basic Theory and Application to Biomedical Systems, 1st ed., Springer-Verlag, 2009.



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FOM = Quality Factor x Magnetic Coupling

- «Highly Resonant Wireless Power Transfer»
- Operation of «High-Q Coils» at Self-Resonance
- Compensation of Low k with High Q: High Freedom-of-Position
- High Frequency Operation (kHz ... MHz)



WiTricity, www.witricity.com (13.11.2014).

- Intelligent Parking Assistants for EV
- Maximize k by Perfect Positioning
- Camera-Assisted Positioning Guide
- Achieve up to 5 cm Parking Accuracy



Toyota, www.toyota.com, (18.11.2014).



Maximum Efficiency Operation of the Inverter





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Zero-Voltage Switching of the Inverter Stage (1)

Zero-Voltage Switching of MOSFET Half-Bridge

- Sufficient Load-Current to (Dis-) Charge the Charge-Equivalent MOSFET Capacitances Results in Loss-Free Turn-Off Transition
- Body Diode is Conducting before Loss-Free Turn-On of the MOSFET Channel at U_{dc} = 0V (= ZVS)



▲ Hard- and Soft-Switching of an Inverter Bridge-Leg



Zero-Voltage Switching of the Inverter Stage (2)

1000 200 Zero-Voltage Switching U_{ds} 160 800 Sufficient Load-Current to (Dis-) Charge the Charge-Equivalent Capacitance C_{Qeq} C_{Qeq} Differs Significantly from Energy-Equivalent Capacitance C_{Eeq} $U_{1,\mathrm{dc}}$ $I_{\rm sd}$ Logic Signal (A) Voltage (V) 007 009 009 $U_{as} \times 20$ -200 150 200 250 300 350 50 100 0 Time (ns) Capacitance Definitions: 10^{4} 104 C2M0025120D C2M0025120D Charge-Equivalent Capacitance $C_{Qeq} = \frac{Q(U_{1,dc})}{U_{1,dc}} = \frac{\int_0^{U_{1,dc}} C(v) dv}{U_{1,dc}},$ Cqs 10^{3} 10³ Capacitance (pF) Capacitance (pF) Energy-Equivalent Capacitance • $C_{ds,Qeq}$ $C_{Eeq} = \frac{E(U_{1,dc})}{\frac{1}{2}U_{1,dc}^2} = \frac{\int_0^{U_{1,dc}} v \cdot C(v) dv}{\frac{1}{2}U_{1,dc}^2}$ $\mathcal{C}_{ds, Eeq}$ 10² 10² 10¹ 10¹ 200 400 600 800 1000 200 400 600 800 1000 0 0 $U_{\rm ds}$ (V) $U_{\rm ds}$ (V) ▲ Datasheet Values of a SiC Power MOSFET (C2M0025120D) **ETH** zürich

Zero-Voltage Switching of the Inverter Stage (3)



Frequency Dependency of Voltage Gain (1)





Pole Splitting due to Interaction of Transmitter & Receiver Resonant Circuit

- Magnetic Coupling Determines the Strength of Transmitter/Receiver Interaction
- Non-Monotonic Phase Behavior
 → May Lead to Hard-Switching
- Can be Avoided by Design with Modified Design Rule for Receiver Reactance:

$$\left(\frac{R_{\rm L}}{\omega_0\sqrt{L_1L_2}}\right)_{\rm subopt} \approx 70..80\% \cdot k_{\rm max}$$

• Loss-Increase Typically below 5%

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• Inductive Behavior Ensured for $\omega_{sw} > \omega_0$



▲ Voltage Transfer Functions and Phase of Input Impedance of an IPT System



Frequency Dependency of Voltage Gain (2)

Explanation of Pole-Splitting: Interaction of Coupled Resonant Circuits Tuned to Same Frequency

Example of a Two-Stage *LC***-Filter**



- Both Stages tuned to Same Frequency (100 kHz)
- Pole-Splitting due to Stage-Interaction
- Two Resonant Peaks

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▲ Transfer Functions of a Singleand a Two-Stage *LC*-Filter



Zero-Current Switching of IGBTs

- Stored Charge in IGBT Drift Region must be Fully Removed at the Device Turn-Off
- Phase-Lag between Current and Stored Charge: Residual Charge if Turn-Off at Zero-Current
- Residual Charge causes Turn-On Losses in the Complimentary Device



P. Ranstad and H.-P. Nee, "On dynamic effects influencing IGBT losses in soft-switching converters," *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 260–271, 2011.
G. Ortiz, H. Uemura, D. Bortis, J. W. Kolar, and O. Apeldoorn, "Modeling of soft-switching losses of IGBTs in high-power high-efficiency dual-active-bridge dc/dc converters," *IEEE Trans. Electron Devices*, vol. 60, no. 2, pp. 587–597, 2013.



O Gate

Emitter

▲ Experimental Stored Charge Dynamic Analysis on 1.7kV FS IGBT and Resonant Sine Pulse





Efficiency Optimal IPT System Operation





Efficiency Optimal System Operation (1)





Control Block Diagram for Efficiency Optimal Operation



Receiver Electronics – Potential Solutions (1)

Regulation of Receiver-Side DC-Link Voltage with DC/DC Converter



Receiver Electronics – Potential Solutions (2)

■ Integrated Solution: Regulation of Receiver-Side Voltage with AC/DC Converter



• Utilization of 1- Φ Bridgless-PFC Topology

T. Diekhans, Rik W. De Donker, "A Dual-Side Controlled Inductive Power Transfer System Optimized for Large Coupling Factor Variations," in *Proc. ECCE USA*, 2014.









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► Transmitter Electronics - Potential Solutions (1)

- Receiver Voltage $U_{2,dc}$ used for Optimal Load Matching → Power Regulation by Adjustment of $U_{1,dc}$ using Characteristic $P_2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{U_{1,dc} \cdot U_{2,dc}}{\omega_0 k \sqrt{L_1 L_2}}$
- 1st Option: Cascaded AC/DC, DC/DC Conversion





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Transmitter Electronics – Potential Solutions (2)

- Receiver Voltage $U_{2,dc}$ used for Optimal Load Matching → Power Regulation by Adjustment of $U_{1,dc}$
- 2nd Option: Integrated Rectification and Voltage Controller



- **3-Phase Buck-Type Mains Interface**
- Power Factor Correction of Phase Current
- Regulated Output Voltage below Mains

Example Solution: SWISS Rectifier



T. B. Soeiro, T. Friedli, J. W. Kolar, "SWISS Rectifier – A Novel 3-Phase Buck-Type PFC Topology for EV Battery Charging," in Proc. APEC 2014

Alternative Control Concepts for Series Resonant Converters





Frequency Control @ Fixed Duty Cycle

Control of Inverter Switching Frequency

- Switching above Resonance Causes Voltage Drop on Series Impedance that can be Used to Control Transmitted Power
- Main Disadvantage:
- Requires Additional Reactive Current in Transmitter due to Operation above Resonant Frequency
- Operation at Efficiency Optimum Only at Maximum Output Power



▲ Switching above Resonance Causes Series Voltage Drop on <u>Z</u>



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Self-Oscillating/Dual Control Method

Switching at Current Zero-Crossings

- Tracking Resonant Frequency Automatically
- Duty-Cycle is Modulated for Power Control
- Operation with ZVS with Small Phase-Shift $\alpha_{\rm ZVS}$ between Zero-Crossings and Gate Sig.
- Main Disadvantage:

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- Operation at Efficiency Optimum Only at Maximum Output Power



▲ Switching above Resonance Causes Series Voltage Drop on <u>Z</u> J. A. Sabate, M. M. Jovanovic, F. C. Lee, and R. T. Gean, "Analysis and design-optimization of LCC resonant inverter for high-frequency AC distributed power system," in *IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron.*, vol. 42, no. 1, pp. 63–71, 1995.



▲ Control Block Diagram and Measure Waveform



Comparison of Control Methods (1)

R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar and B. Wunsch, "Control Method for Inductive Power Transfer with High Partial-Load Efficiency and Resonance Tracking," *IEEE IPEC/ECCE Asia*, 2014.

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Frequency Control Methods have (almost) Load-Independent Transmitter Current





VC ... DC-Link Voltage Control (Optimal Load Matching)FC ... Frequency ControlDC ... Dual/Self-Osc. Control

- Reduction in Transmitter Current I₁ Leads to Over-All Loss Reduction Despite Increased I₂ due to Lower U_{2,dc}
- Large Reduction of Power Losses in Partial-Load Condition with VC
- Reduced Transmitter-Coil RMS-Current
- Decreasing instead of Constant *I*²*R* Losses in Coils/Caps/Switches







- Large Reduction of Power Losses in Partial-Load Condition with Controlled DC-Link Voltages (= Optimal Load Matching)
- Reduced Transmitter-Coil RMS-Current: Decreasing instead of Constant I²R Losses in Coils/Caps/Switches



R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar and B. Wunsch, "Control Method for Inductive Power Transfer with High Partial-Load Efficiency and Resonance Tracking," *IEEE IPEC/ECCE Asia*, 2014.

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▲ Yokogawa WT3000

 Extremely Flat Efficiency Curve Even at Low Output Power thanks to Operating Constantly at Optimal Conditions



▲ For 5 kW IPT Prototype (Shown in Later Sect.)





Components Modeling & Multi-Objective System Optimization





Multi-Objective System Optimization (1)

- Mapping of Design Space into System Performance Space
- Requires Accurate Models for the Main System Components
- Allows Sensitivity & Trade-Off Analysis





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Multi-Objective System Optimization (2)

- Clarifies Influence of Main Components and Operating Parameters on System Performance
- Analysis of Physical Performance Limits → Pareto Front
- Trade-Off between Efficiency and Power Density



System Components and Design Considerations



Coil Modeling Resonant Capacitors Magnetic Shielding





Main System Components (1)

- IPT Transmission Coils
- Magnetic Design using FEM
- Shielding of Stray Field

- Receiver-Side Power Electronics
- Synchronous Rectification
- Battery Current Regulation





Main System Components (2)

- IPT Transmission Coils
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Transmission Coil: Coil Geometry Options




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Structures of Single-Phase Transformers

- Common Transformer Shapes: E- and U-Type
- One or Two Closed Paths for Core-Flux
- Available Ferrite Parts: E-/U-/Pot-/Toroid-Cores



▲ Available Ferrite Parts for Power Transformers *Huigao Megnetics*, www.huigao-magnetics.com (18.11.2014). ▲ Common Transformer Structures





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Classification of IPT Coil Geometries (1)





Classification of IPT Coil Geometries (2)



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Literature: Realized Example Prototypes





Coil Geometry Optimization (1)

Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model



■ Maximize Figure-of-Merit *kQ*:

$$k = \frac{\psi_{\rm h}}{\psi_{\sigma} + \psi_{\rm h}} \propto \frac{R_{\sigma}}{R_{\delta} + R_{\sigma}}$$

- Approximations:
- Core Reluctance Small (high Permeability)
- Only Air Gap in Central Leg Considered, Side Legs have small Reluctance (large Area)





Coil Geometry Optimization (2)

Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model



■ Maximize Figure-of-Merit *kQ*:

$$k = rac{\psi_{
m h}}{\psi_{\sigma} + \psi_{
m h}} \propto rac{R_{\sigma}}{R_{\delta} + R_{\sigma}}$$

Reluctance: Approximate Scaling Law

$$R_{\sigma} \approx rac{ar{r}}{\mu_0 \cdot 2\pi ar{r}h} pprox ext{const.}$$

 $R_{\delta} pprox rac{\delta}{\mu_0 A_c} \propto rac{\delta}{\mu_0 ar{r}^2}$

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Coil Geometry Optimization (3)

Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model



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▲ FEM-Calculated Coupling for Three Exemplary Coil Geometries



- ightarrow Maximize Coil Area for High Coupling!
- ightarrow Fully Utilize Available Construction Volume
- → Best Choice for Geometry is Application Specific!



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Fair Comparison of IPT Coil Geometries



▲ Performance Comparison of two IPT Coil Designs



Designed IPT Demonstrator Systems





Demonstrator Systems: 5 and 50 kW Output Power (1)

- **5** kW System for Model Development
- Output Power 5 kW @ 400V, 100 kHz with Forced-Air Cooling
- Lab-Scale Coil and Converter Size (210 mm Diameter / 50 mm Air Gap)
- Basic Geometry for Simplified Modeling
- Verification of Calculation & Optimization



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- Output Power 50 kW @ 800 V, 85 kHz with Forced-Air Cooling
- Optimized Geometry for EV Charging (450 x 750 x 60 mm, 25 kg)
- Experimental Verification



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Coil Modeling: High-Frequency Winding Losses





Winding Loss Calculation – Skin Effect

J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

Frequency Dependent Current Distribution in Single Solid Conductor



Winding Loss Calculation – Proximity Effect

J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

Frequency Dependent Current Distribution in Neighboring Solid Conductors



Winding Loss Calculation in Litz Wires

J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

- Calculate Winding Losses in Litz Wire with *n* Strands, Strand-Diameter *d*_i & Outer Diameter *d*_a
- Skin-Effect Calculated for each Strand Individually and Summed up

$$P_{\text{skin}} = n \cdot F_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{I}}{n}\right)^2$$

For Proximity-Effect Bundle-Level Effects must be Included

• Internal Proximity ... Effect of Currents in other Strands

External Proximity

• External Proximity ... Effect of External Magnetic Field (e.g. due to Air Gap)

$$P_{\text{prox}} = n \cdot G_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \hat{H}_{\text{e}}^{2} + n \cdot G_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{l}}{\sqrt{2}\pi d_{\text{a}}}\right)^{2} \qquad H_{\text{e}}$$

Internal Proximity

$$n$$
 ... Number of Strands
 R_{dc} ... Strand DC-Resistance
 d_i ... Strand Diameter
 d_2 ... Outer Wire Diameter









Comparison: Solid Wire vs. Litz Wire

J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

- Power Loss per 1 m of Solid or Litz Wire at $\hat{I} = 1$ A with $H_{ext} = 0$ A/m
- Only Internal Proximity Effect (no External Field)



 If Litz Wire is Operated far from "intended" Operating Frequency, Solid Wire can become Better Option due to Internal Proximity Effect in Litz Wire Bundles



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Example 1: Standard Transformer Winding Losses

Power Loss Calculation for Transformer with Litz Wire Windings

• External Magnetic Field (Simplified):

$$|H_{e,RMS}| \approx \begin{cases} \frac{N_p I_{p,RMS}}{b_c} \cdot \frac{k_p - 1/2}{k_{p,max}} & \dots \text{ primary side: } k_p = 1, 2, 3\\ \frac{N_s I_{s,RMS}}{b_c} \cdot \frac{k_s - 1/2}{k_{s,max}} & \dots \text{ secondary side: } k_s = 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

• AC-Resistance of Single Turn of Primary Winding:

$$R_{\text{AC,turn}}(k) = \frac{R_{\text{DC}}}{N} \cdot \left[2F_{\text{R}} + 2G_{\text{R}} \cdot \left(\frac{N}{b_{\text{c}}} \cdot \frac{2k-1}{2k_{\text{max}}}\right)^2 \right]$$
$$R_{\text{DC}} \approx \frac{4Nl_{\text{avg}}}{\sigma \pi d_{\text{Cu}}^2}$$

• Equations for F_R and G_R from Literature, e.g.:

J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

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Example 2: FEM-Based Loss Model of *5 kW* **Prototype**

- Analytical Field-Calculation not Possible
- Core Material / (Asymmetric Geometry)
- Calculation with Finite Element Method
- Extraction of *H*-Fields for Proximity Loss Calculation in Litz Wire



▲ 5 kW Prototype IPT Coil

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- **2D-Finite Element Solvers:**
- FEMM (free, www.femm.info)
- Ansys Maxwell, COMSOL, ...



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Fundamental Frequency Model

- **Resonant Tank: Highly Selective Bandpass Characteristic**
- Filtering Effect on Rectangular Switched Voltage
- Almost Sinusoidal Currents in Transmission Coils



▲ Measured voltage and current waveforms at 5 kW

▲ Calculated spectra of the coil currents





High-Frequency Copper Losses in Litz Wire

Skin-Effect Calculated Analytically (as for Transformer)



$$P_{\text{skin}} = n \cdot F_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{I}}{n}\right)^2$$

n ... Number of Strands R_{dc} ... Strand DC-Resistance d_i ... Strand Diameter d_a ... Outer Wire Diameter



Proximity-Effect Calculation with External Magnetic Field from FEM Results



Example 3: Analytical Loss Model of *50 kW* **Prototype**

- **3D Coil Design w/o Symmetry**
- Resolution of Winding Details not Possible due to Long Simulation Time of 3D-FEM
- Winding Modeled as Rectangular Box to Reduce Complexity of Geometry
- H-Field Inside Conductors is Not Available Anymore!

$$P_{\text{prox,ext}} = n \cdot G_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \widehat{H}_{\text{e}}^2$$

Unknown!

Field Calculations Outside Box Still Accurate for Core Loss & Stray Field





Measurement of Inductance & Coupling

Verification of Inductance Calculation

- Excitation with Linear Amplifier (6 A_{pk}, 85 kHz)
- Inductance Measured with Power Analyzer and with Impedance Analyzer
- Induced Voltage Measured with Diff. Probe
- Measured: *L*₁ = 66.3 uH, *k* = 0.230
- Calculated: $L_1 = 67.6 \text{ uH}, k = 0.233$
- \rightarrow High Accuracy Despite Simplifications!



▲ Yokogawa WT3000



▲ 50 kW Prototype IPT Coil

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▲ 3D-FEM Model of Tx and Rx Coil



- H-Field Inside Conductors is Needed to Estimate Proximity Effect
- Not Available if Winding Modeled as "Box" instead of Individual Wires

 $P_{\text{prox,ext}} = n \cdot G_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \widehat{H}_{e}^{2}$

Unknown!



Approximation with 2D-Cut Plane



▲ 2D-FE Simulation of Field in Cut Plane





Estimation of Proximity Effect (2)

Approximation: Analytical Calculation of H-Field in Conductors



Assumptions:

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- Ferrite Cores are Neglected
- No Losses due to Receiver Coil
- Corner-Effects Neglected
- Ideally Twisted Litz Wire
- DC-Current Distribution only if $R \ll \delta$



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Estimation of Proximity Effect (3)

Comparison to 2D-FEM Simulation Including Core



▲ 2D-FE Simulation with Core Rods for Comparison



and FEM Simulation

 Core has only Minor Effect on Fields
 Approximation with 2D-Calculation to Estimate External Field

 $\boldsymbol{P}_{\text{prox,ext}} = \boldsymbol{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{G}_{\text{R}}(f) \cdot \boldsymbol{R}_{\text{DC}} \cdot \widehat{\boldsymbol{H}}_{\text{e}}^2$

Calculated!

Verification of FEM Field Calculations (1)

R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, B. Wunsch "Accurate Finite-Element Modeling and Experimental Verification of Inductive Power Transfer Coil Design," Proc. 29th APEC, 2014.





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Verification of FEM Field Calculations (2)

R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, B. Wunsch "Accurate Finite-Element Modeling and Experimental Verification of Inductive Power Transfer Coil Design," Proc. 29th APEC, 2014.



▲ Equivalent Circuit and Transfer-Function with Measured Parameters





Verification of FEM Field Calculations (3)

210 mm 52 mm

R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, B. Wunsch "Accurate Finite-Element Modeling and Experimental Verification of Inductive Power

Transfer Coil Design," Proc. 29th APEC, 2014.



▲ Custom field probe for verification



Probe for Magnetic Field Measurements

- Optimized for 100 kHz, High Accuracy
- Sensitivity: 14.5 mV/µT @ 100 kHz
- Accuracy: < 5% Error (Comp. to ELT-400) •
- Size: 30x30x30 mm ٠

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▲ Measured stray field @ 5 kW



Frequency Effects in Non-Ideal Litz Wire





Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Asymmetric Twisting (1)

- Case study: Litz wire (tot. 9500 strands of 71µm each) with 10 sub-bundles
- Current distribution in internal litz wire bundles depends strongly on interchanging strategy

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Total copper losses for 10 bundles:

G. Ortiz, M. Leibl, J. W. Kolar, "Medium Frequency Transformers for Solid-State Transformer Applications — Design and Experimental Verification", 2013.







G. Ortiz, M. Leibl, J. W. Kolar,

Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Asymmetric Twisting (2)

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Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Termination



Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Symmetric Twisting

- 2nd Example: Measurement of 2500 x 0.1 mm Litz Wire at 85 kHz
- Stranding: 5x5x4x25 Strands of 0.1 mm
- No Common Mode-Chokes are Needed with Symmetric Twisting
- Termination: Standard Cable Shoe (Soldered)



▲ Equal Current Distribution at 85 kHz Measured in Actual Coil Arrangement





Coil Modeling: High-Frequency Core Losses





Core Materials for IPT Coils (1)

Power Ferrites (e.g. Manganese-Zinc)

- Lowest Core Losses at High-Frequency (20 ... 150 kHz)
- Saturation Typically not Limiting Factor
- Low Specific Weight: 4-5 g/cm³

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- Sintering / Tooling: Arbitrary Shape
- Isotropic Material: Flux in any Direction



▲ Schematic drawing of BH-loop







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► Core Materials for IPT Coils (2)

Tape Wound Cores

- Custom Shapes with Tape Winding
- High Losses at Frequency > 20..50 kHz
- Higher Specific Weight: 7-8 g/cm³
- Anisotropic: Orthogonal Flux Causes High Eddy Current Losses in Tapes
- Same Problem would also Occur for Foil instead of Litz Wire Windings





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B. Cougo, J. Mühlethaler, J. W. Kolar, "Increase of Tape Wound Core Losses due to Interlamination Short Circuits and Orthogonal Flux Components", 2011.


Core Segments for Circular Spiral Coil

- **5** kW Prototype IPT Coil Core Construction
- MnZn Power Ferrite (K2004: 300 mW/cm³, B_{sat} = 455 mT, 4.8 g/cm³)
- Off-the-Shelf 90°-Ferrite Segments
- Typical Application: Induction Cooking



J. Mühlethaler, "Modeling and multi-objective optimization of inductive power components," Ph.D. dissertation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, 2012.

Core Loss Calculation – General

Calculation of Core-Loss Density According to Current Waveform



Core Loss Calculation for Sinusoidal Excitation

Core Loss Calculation with FEM & Steinmetz Equation

- Integration of Steinmetz Equation over Core Volume Directly within FEM Tool
- Steinmetz Parameters Must be Iteratively Extracted for Flux Density, Frequency and Temperature Points Similar to those Occuring in the Final Design!



▲ Typical Core Loss Data from Ferrite Manufacturer Datasheet





Thermal Modeling





VDI, Heat Atlas., Springer, Berlin, 2010.

Heat Transfer Mechanisms

- Heat Conduction
 - Calculation Analog to Electric Networks:
 - $I \rightarrow P$... Heat Flux

 - $U \rightarrow \Delta T$... Temperature $R \rightarrow R_{\text{th}}$... Thermal Resistance

Natural/Forced Convection

Modeling of Fluid Dynamic Effects Required

$$R_{\rm th}=\frac{\Delta T}{P}=\frac{1}{hA}$$

- Heat Transfer Coefficient *h* is Influenced by Absolute Temperatures, Fluid Properties, Fluid Flow Rate, Surface Dim., Orientation & Texture
- **Empirical Models Exist for Some Typical** • Situations: Vertical Wall, Top/Bottom Surface
- Thermal Radiation
- Non-Linear Mechanisms Must be Modeled

 $P_{\rm rad} = \epsilon_{\rm eff} A \sigma (T_{\rm h}^4 - T_{\rm a}^4)$

- Which Surfaces are Radiation Sources/Sinks?
- Often Neglected at Low Temperatures (<100°C)









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Detailed Thermal Modeling of IPT Coils

- Derivation of Detailed Thermal Network incl. Heat Conduction, Convection at Surfaces is Complex and Might not Lead to a Generally Valid Solution
- Iterative Power Loss Calculation with Thermal Feedback Requires Long Calculation Time due to FEM Calculations in Power Loss Models



J. Biela, J. W. Kolar, "Cooling Concepts for High Power-Density Magnetic Devices", Proc. IEEE Power Conversion Conf., 2007.

Simplified Thermal Modeling

- No Thermal Feedback Included in Calculation of Power Losses, but Elevated Temperature (80-100°C) is Assumed during Calculation and Verified Afterwards
- Assumption of Uniform Loss Distribution over Coil Volume
- Typical Values for Convective Heat Transfer via Coil Surface
- Forced-Air Cooling: $30-60 \text{ W/(K} \cdot \text{m}^2) \rightarrow T_{\text{surf,max}} = 40^{\circ}\text{C}: 200 \text{ mW/cm}^2 \text{ at } 50 \text{ W/(K} \cdot \text{m}^2)$ • Natural Convection Cooling: $5-15 \text{ W/(K} \cdot \text{m}^2) \rightarrow T_{\text{surf,max}} = 40^{\circ}\text{C}: 40 \text{ mW/cm}^2 \text{ at } 10 \text{ W/(K} \cdot \text{m}^2)$

Considered as Thermal Limit in Coil Optimization Loop





Before Building Final Design Double-Check Thermal Feasibility with FEM Model!





Thermal Simulation & Experimental Verification

Before Building Final Design Double-Check Thermal Feasibility with FEM Model!



▲ Thermal Simulation of 5 kW Prototype Coil



www.fluke.com

- Temperature Measurements and Verification of Thermal FEM Results
- Accuracy: < 5% Error of Steady-State Temperature

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 Surface-Related Power Losses of up to 0.2 W/cm² with Forced Air Cooling is Useful Assumption in Design Phase



▲ Thermal Measurements with Thermocouples (with/without Forced Air Cooling)



► Forced Air Cooling System of the *50 kW* Prototype

- **•** Forced-Air Cooling is Needed to Reach Power Density 1.6 kW/dm² for the 50 kW Prototype
- Plastic Components with Low Temperature Rating have to be used to Avoid Eddy Currents





Estimation of Heat Transfer Coefficient

A. Van den Bossche and V. C. Valchev, Inductors and transformers for power electronics. New York: Taylor & Francis, 2005.



- ▲ Axial cooling fan for active cooling of the windings and core elements
- Emprical Equation for Surface Heat Transfer Coefficient:

$$h_{v} \approx C rac{\lambda_{\rm f}}{d} \left(rac{u_{\infty} d}{v_{\rm f}}
ight)^n Pr_{\rm f}^{1/3}$$

 $\lambda_{\rm f}, \nu_{\rm f}, Pr_{\rm f}$... conductivity, viscosity, Prantl number u_∞ ... fluid velocity

d ... component height

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C, *n* ... empirical geometry parameters (*C* = 0.102, *n* = 0.675)



▲ Heat Transfer Coefficient Estimated from Fan Characteristics of AUB0524VHD



Thermal Design Verification with 3D-FEM





Resonant Capacitors _





Resonant Capacitors: Component Selection (1)

Polypropylene Film Capacitors for Resonant Applications

- Low $tan(\delta) \rightarrow$ Low High-Frequency Losses
- Low Parasitic Inductance and ESR
- Least Affected by Temperature/Frequency/Humidity (Could Lead to Changing Resonant Frequency)

MK/F * ... Metallized Plastic Film / Metal Foil

- **7 ... Polyester
- ***P* ... Polypropylene
- ***N* ... Polyethylene Naphthalate





▲ Datasheet Values of tan(δ) in Funciton of Frequency for EPCOS Film Capacitors



EPCOS, Film Capacitors Data Handbook, 2009.



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▲ Typical Material Characteristics for Film Capacitors (EPCOS)





EPCOS, Film Capacitors



Capacitor Service Life vs. Temperature & Voltage

Service-Life of Film Capacitors Strongly Depends on Operating Temperature and Voltage Utilization

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$t_{\rm life}(T,V) = t_{\rm life,0} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi_{\rm T}} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi_{\rm V}}$			
T (°C)	π	V / V _R	πv
≤ 40	1	10%	0.26
50	1.8	25%	0.42
55	2.3	50%	1.00
60	3.1	60%	1.42
70	5.2	70%	2.04
80	9	80%	2.93
85	12	90%	4.22
90	16	100%	6.09
100	33	110%	9.00
105	50	120%	13.00

▲ Arrhenius Law (Exponential Func.)



▲ Service Life vs. Operating Temperature for Different Levels of Voltage Utilization

TDK/EPCOS Product Profile, Film Capacitors for Industrial Applications, 2012.

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High-Power Polypropylene Film Capacitors

- 50 kW IPT Capacitor Requirements
- $> 100 A_{rms} / 3..4 kV_{rms} / 20..150 kHz$



- ▲ CSP 120-200 Polypropylene Film Capacitor (1.1 kV_{pk} / 100 A_{rms} / 1 MHz @ full power)
- **Tangent-Delta:** 1/1000 1/700
- High Power Density: 5.95 kVAr/cm³
- Active Cooling: Water / Air @ 35% Power
- **Typical Application:** Induction Heating



▲ Induction Heating System (www.celem.com)



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Capacitor Module with Forced-Air Cooling System

- Forced-Air Cooling Required for Resonant Capacitors at 50 kW Operation
- Aluminum Extrudend Fin Heatsink Mounted to Capacitor Terminals







Splitting of the Resonant Capacitor

- Single Resonant Capacitor: Large Common-Mode Voltage u_{L,cm} Applied to IPT Coil
- Increased *Electric Stray Field* May Violate ICNIRP and/or Cause Interference with Radio Comm. Systems



- Symmetrical Splitting of Resonant Capacitor Eliminates Common-Mode Voltage u_{L,cm}
- Splitting into >2 Elements Reduces Voltage Stress at Cost of Higher R_{ac} due to Contact Resistances



Mounting of Capacitor Module on IPT Coil

C. Paul, "Shielding," in Introduction to Electromagnetic Compatibility,
2nd ed., Jon Wiley & Sons, Hoboken,
2006, ch. 10, sec. 4, pp. 742-749.

- **Compact Realization as Integrated IPT Coil & Capacitor Module for EV Integration**
 - Close Placement of Resonant Components to Limit Electric Stray Field
- Reduction of Eddy Currents in Capacitor Module with Conductive Eddy Current Shield



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Magnetic Shielding with Conductive Materials

Magnetic Flux Diversion with Eddy Current Shield

Create a Field-Free Space Around Capacitor Module









► Magnetic Shielding with *Magnetic* Materials (1)

Low Reluctance Path (=Core) Allows Guiding Magnetic Flux

- Some Stray Field Remains due to Low Air Gap Reluctance, even at the Backside of the Coil
- "Complete" Shielding Requires kg's of Core Material



Magnetic Flux Follows Low Reluctance Path:

$$R_{\delta 2}=\frac{l}{\mu_0 A}$$

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MMF Across Air Gap is not influenced by the core



→ Core has no Effect on Stray Field Horizontally Outside the Coil Area



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Magnetic Shielding with Magnetic Materials (2)

Save Weight, Use High Permeability Material ($\mu_r > 10'000$)?

- Machine Steel & Amorphous Iron: High Frequency Losses
- Permalloy: Strong Frequency Dependency and Low Saturation



▲ High-Permeability Material Attracts Magnetic Field

C. *Paul,* "Shielding," in *Introduction to Electromagnetic Compatibility*, 2nd ed., Jon Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, 2006, ch. 10, sec. 4, pp. 742-749.



▲ Frequency dependency of ferromagnetic materials

H. W. Ott, Noise Reduction Techniques in Electronic Systems, 2nd ed., Wiley- Interscience, New York, 1988.



Multi-Objective Optimization of High-Power IPT Systems



Requirements & Limits Optimization Method Trade-Off Analysis





Multi-Objective Optimization of 5 kW Prototype (1)

- Design of a 5 kW Prototype System with Maximum Possible Performance
- Use Component Models to Analyze Mapping from Design Space into Performance Space



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Multi-Objective Optimization of 5 kW Prototype (2)

Design Process Taking All Performance Aspects into Account





η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization





▶ η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization (1)

- Determine Physical Performance Limits and Study Design Trade-Offs
- Analysis of the η - α -Pareto Front
- Evaluation of Design Options in an Iterative Optimization Procedure
- Evaluation of Component Models for Power Losses, Thermal Feasibility, Stray Field Limits, etc.

Degrees-of-Freedom:

- Coil Dimensions
- Litz Wire Dimensions
- Number of Turns

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• Operating Frequency



▶ η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization (2)

Degrees-of-Freedom:

- Coil Dimensions
- Litz Wire Dimensions
- Number of Turns
- Operating Frequency





► η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization: Pareto Front

Degrees-of-Freedom:

- Coil Dimensions
- Litz Wire Dimensions
- Number of Turns
- Operating Frequency

• η - α -Pareto Front

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- Physical Performance Limit
- Trade-Off: Coil Size vs. Efficiency



▲ Efficiency vs. Power Density of >12k IPT Coils with 5 kW Output Power



► η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization: Thermal Limit

Degrees-of-Freedom:

- Coil Dimensions
- Litz Wire Dimensions
- Number of Turns
- Operating Frequency

• η - α -Pareto Front

- Physical Performance Limit
- Trade-Off: Coil Size vs. Efficiency

Thermal Limit

- Limited Thermal Power Dissipation Capability for Given Coil Size
- Lower Limit on Efficiency



▲ Efficiency vs. Power Density of >12k IPT Coils with 5 kW Output Power



▶ η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization: Key Results (1)

- Analysis of Result Data to Understand Relevant Design Trade-Offs
- Confirm Predictions of Analytical Models and Estimations \rightarrow FOM = kQ

• Identify Key-Parameters that Impact System Performance \rightarrow High Frequency



▲ Trade-Off Analysis with Result Data: Effect of Quality Factor and Magnetic Coupling

 \rightarrow Efficiency depends on *FOM* = *kQ*: Can be High even if *k* is Low, if instead *Q* is!





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▶ η - α -Pareto Coil Optimization: Key Results (2)

- Analysis of Result Data to Understand Relevant Design Trade-Offs
- Confirm Predictions of Analytical Models and Estimations \rightarrow FOM = kQ
- Identify Key-Parameters that Impact System Performance \rightarrow High Frequency



High *Q* Results from High Transmission
 Frequency of IPT System

▲ Calculated Efficiency vs. Power Density, divided by Transmission Frequency



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Efficiency at High-Frequency Transmission

- **Reduced Winding Losses due to Lower Number of Turns in Transmission Coils**
- Design Condition $R_{L,opt} \approx k\omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$ allows Lower L_1 , L_2 at Higher ω_0
- Reduction of Flux leads to Slow Increase of Core Losses
- Core & Capacitor Losses are Limiting Factors for High Frequency Operation





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High-Frequency Transmission & Stray Field

- Effects of Higher Transmission Frequency
- Scaling Law: $U_{\rm L} = N \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}t} = N\omega\hat{\phi} \propto \omega\hat{B}A_{\rm coil}$
- Smaller Coil Area Possible for Same Voltage $U_{\rm L}$
- Lower Flux Density Possible for Same Voltage $U_{\rm L}$
- Encountered Design Trade-Offs:
- Coil Size vs. Efficiency
- Coil Size vs. Stray Field
- Frequency vs. Stray Field
- → Take all Aspects into Account when Selecting Coil Design!





Selected Design for 5 kW Prototype System

- Selection of Transmission Frequency for Prototype System
- Significant Improvements up to 100 kHz, then Slower Loss Reduction
- Power Electronics Design with Standard Products, e.g. Litz Wire (630 x 71 µm)


Resonant Converter for 5 kW Testing



- ▲ 5 kW Prototype Power Converter
- Full-Bridge Test-Inverter 5 kW @ 400-800 V
- Cree 1.2 kV SiC MOSFETs (42 A, 100 kHz)
- DSP/FPGA-Based Control

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• Film Capacitors for DC-Link



▲ Measured Waveforms at 5 kW / 400 V



DC-to-DC Power Loss Measurement

- Difficult to Measure V/I-Phase Shift at High Frequency (100 kHz)
- Indirect Measurement of DC Input and Output Power



▲ Efficiency Measurement Setup



▲ Yokogawa WT3000

Efficiency Measurement

- Maximum Efficiency of 96.5%
- Higher than 96% down to 1 kW
- Flat Efficiency-Curve because of DC-Link Voltage Control
- 30% Winding & Core Losses
- 30% Capacitor Losses

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• 30% Semiconductor Losses







Application to Design of 50 kW Prototype System –





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Demonstrator Systems: 5 and 50 kW Output Power

- **5** kW System for Model Development
- Output Power 5 kW @ 400 V, 100 kHz with Forced-Air Cooling
- Lab-Scale Coil and Converter Size (210 mm Diameter / 50 mm Air Gap)
- Basic Geometry for Simplified Modeling
- Verification of Calculation & Optimization



R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic, B. Wunsch, F. Canales, "Modeling and η-α-Pareto optimization of inductive power transfer coils for electric vehicles," IEEE J. Emerg. Sel. Topics Power Electron., vol. 3, no. 1., pp.50-64, March 2015.

- 50 kW Prototype System for EV Specs
- Output Power 50 kW @ 800 V, 85 kHz with Forced-Air Cooling
- Optimized Geometry for EV Charging (450 x 750 x 60 mm, 25 kg)
- Experimental Verification





Pareto Optimization of the 50 kW Prototype System (1)

Fixed Parameters:

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz (Upcoming Standard SAE J2954)
- Litz Wire Parameters (2500 x 0.1mm)
- Core Material (Ferrite K2004)

Degrees of Freedom:

- Number of Core Rods N_{cores}
- Breath of Copper Winding *w*_{cu}
- Overlap of Core rods d_{core}
- Outer Coil Dimensions (*w*_{coil}, *l*_{coil})

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered





Pareto Optimization of the 50 kW Prototype System (2)

Fixed Parameters:

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz (Upcoming Standard SAE J2954)
- Litz Wire Parameters (2500 x 0.1mm)
- Core Material (Ferrite K2004)

Degrees of Freedom:

- Number of Core Rods N_{cores}
- Breath of Copper Winding *w*_{cu}
- Overlap of Core rods d_{core}
- Outer Coil Dimensions (*w*_{coil}, *l*_{coil})

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered





► Pareto Optimization of the 50 kW Prototype System (3)

Fixed Parameters:

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz (Upcoming Standard SAE J2954)
- Litz Wire Parameters (2500 x 0.1mm)
- Core Material (Ferrite K2004)

Degrees of Freedom:

- Number of Core Rods N_{cores}
- Breath of Copper Winding *w*_{cu}
- Overlap of Core rods d_{core}
- Outer Coil Dimensions (*w*_{coil}, *l*_{coil})

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered









► Analysis of Design Parameters (1)

Fixed Parameters:

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz (Upcoming Standard SAE J2954)
- Litz Wire Parameters (2500 x 0.1mm)
- Core Material (Ferrite K2004)
- Degrees of Freedom:
- Number of Core Rods N_{cores}
- Breath of Copper Winding *w*_{cu}
- Overlap of Core rods d_{core}
- Outer Coil Dimensions (*w*_{coil}, *l*_{coil})

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered







Analysis of Design Parameters (2)

Fixed Parameters:

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz (Upcoming Standard SAE J2954)
- Litz Wire Parameters (2500 x 0.1mm)
- Core Material (Ferrite K2004)
- Degrees of Freedom:
- Number of Core Rods N_{cores}
- Breath of Copper Winding *w*_{cu}
- Overlap of Core rods d_{core}
- Outer Coil Dimensions (*w*_{coil}, *l*_{coil})

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered





Effect of the Transmission Frequency (1)

- Resonant Frequency 85 kHz in Upcoming Standard SAE J2954
- Analyze Benefit from of Lower (50 kHz) or Higher (120 kHz) Transmission Frequency
- η-γ-Pareto Front for 50 kHz Slightly below Pareto Front for 85 kHz
- Very Similar η-γ-Pareto Front for 85 kHz 120 kHz
- → Further Increase Above 85 kHz Shows Only Small Improvement



▲ Results of 3D-FEM Simulations



Effect of the Transmission Frequency (2)

Sweep Over Transmission Frequency for Prototype Design

- Decreasing Power Losses in the Transmission Coils
- Reasons: Lower Inductance & Flux, Fewer Turns/Shorter Wires
- Significant Improvements Only Up to Approx. 50 kHz



▲ Calculated Coil Losses in Function of the Transmission Frequency of the Designs



Effect of the Transmission Frequency (3)

Sweep Over Transmission Frequency for Prototype Design

- Decreasing Stray Field at Higher Frequency
- Reasons: Reduced Flux for Equal Output Power
- Stray Field Norm @ 1 m from Coil Center above 70 kHz









Estimated DC-to-DC Performance



control with variable DC-link voltage



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Comparison to Double-D Coil





Comparison: Rectangular Prototype vs. Double-D Coil

- Which Performance is Achieved within Same Footprint?
- DD Coil Designed to Fit into Housing of Existing Rectangular 50 kW Prototype
- Equal Electrical Interface and Transmission at 85 kHz
- Optimized for Maximum Efficiency





▲ Realized 50 kW Prototype IPT Coil



▲ 50 kW DD-Prototype Optimized for same Footprint





Magnetic Coupling for Equal Footprint

- Evaluation of Magnetic Coupling for Ideal and Misaligned Coil Positions
- 3D-FEM Simulation Results in Frequency Domain



- Rectangular and Double-D Coil Achieve Equal Coupling at Ideal Positioning
- Coil Positioning Tolerance:

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- DD-Coil Better in x-Direction
- Rect.-Coil Better in y-Direction







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Core Losses in Double-D Coil Design

- Double-D has Higher Flux Density in Central Cores
- High Core Losses in Coil Center due to High Ampère-Turns
- Additional Core Elements Required to Reduce Flux Density
- No Additional Eddy-Current Shield on Top/Bottom Needed





▲ FEM Simulation Results without (left) and with (right) additional cores for flux density / core loss reduction in coil center





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► Pareto Fronts for Rectangular and Double-D Coil (1)

- Rectangular Coil Designs are Lighter and Reach Higher Efficiency
- Main Reason are High Core Losses in Central Part of Double-D Transmitter & Receiver Coil
- Double-D Coil Designs have Lower Stray Field Compared to Rectangular Designs
- Main Reason is Integration of Return Path for Flux in Main Coil Structure





▲ Results of 3360 3D-FEM Simulations



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► Pareto Fronts for Rectangular and Double-D Coil (2)

- Rectangular Coil Designs are Lighter and Reach Higher Efficiency
- Main Reason are High Core Losses in Central Part of Double-D Transmitter & Receiver Coil
- Double-D Coil Designs have Lower Stray Field Compared to Rectangular Designs
- Main Reason is Integration of Return Path for Flux in Main Coil Structure





▲ Results of 3360 3D-FEM Simulations



Comparison: Power Losses of the Selected Prototypes

- Double-D has Higher Core Losses in Central Core Elements due to High Core Flux Density
- But does not Require Additional Eddy-Current Shield that is used in Rectangular Design
- Power Losses in Remaining Parts are Comparable, Since Coupling is almost Equal
- \rightarrow Calculated Efficiency of Rectangular and Double-D Coil is very Similar
- \rightarrow Additional Cores were needed for Double-D \rightarrow Higher Weight: +1.2 kg/+5%





Comparison: Stray Field of the Selected Prototypes

- Magnetic Stray Field in at Specified Reference Position
- Note: Coils are Designed for Same Operating Frequency



Technological Limitations of IPT Systems for EV





Limiting Factor 1: High-Frequency Design

Litz Wires



- High Manufacturing Cost of Litz Wire
- Difficult Handling and Reliability of very Thin Strands under Mechanical Stress
- Decreasing Copper Filling-Factor

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- Low-ESR / High-Power Resonant Capacitors
 Low-Loss (Wide Bandgap) Semiconductors
 Fast Switching for Low (ZVS) Losses

Stray Inductance of Layout & Device Packages
 Coil Self-Capacitance (→ Include in Models)
 Sensitive Tuning of Resonant Circuit

Converter & Coil Parasitics







Limiting Factor 2: High-Frequency EMI

- Magnetic Stray Fields at High Power Levels
- Inherently Required for Inductive Power Transfer, can be Reduced by Increasing Frequency
- Magnetic Field Standards are Limiting Factor in Design (e.g. ICNRIP 1998, 2010)
- Radiated Electric Field Interference with other Electronic Systems in EV (e.g. Radio Comm.)
- High Series Resonant Voltages with SS-Comp. (can be Limited by Splitting Capacitance)
- Wide Bandgap SiC/GaN Semiconductors show high dV/dt even with ZVS
- \rightarrow Possibly dV/dt-Filter Needed to Limit EMI
- → Additional Filter Components Required
- \rightarrow Additional Losses in Filter Reduce Efficiency











Limiting Factor 3: Thermal Management

- Limited Cooling Possibilities for EV Charging Coils
- No Metal Heatsink for Cooling Possible due to Eddy Current
- Limited Lifetime of Rotating Parts in Forced-Air Cooling Fans
- Engine Cooling Water has Operating Temperature 80-90°C

Limited Efficiency & Power Capability of Compact IPT Systems

- Small IPT Coils have Lower Coupling and Reduced Efficiency
- Limited Surface Area for Passive Heat Dissipation
- → Charging Power IPT System with Natural Convection Cooling is Limited to 3-5 kW
- → Cooling Technology Results in ... a Minimum Coil Size ... a Power Density Maximum



Key Assumptions:

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- 10-Turn Air Coils without Core
- Airgap 20 cm for EV Charging
- Quality Factor *Q* = 300
- Identical Tx- & Rx-Coils



Limiting Factor 4: Material Effort & Cost

- High Charging Power Requires Large Coils for Low Losses & Sufficient Heat Dissipation
- Large Material Effort & Cost Compared to Conductive Charging Solutions
- Material Effort can be Reduced Significantly with Active Cooling Concepts
- Nearly No Benefit from Technology Progress Possible (Semiconductors, Digital Control, etc.)
- Increase of Freq. Blocked by Standards (SAE J2954) and Materials (Ferrite, Copper, Polypropylene)



Key Assumptions:

- Dissipation of 50% Losses in Receiver Coil, 30% thereof via Exposed Bottom Coil Surface
- Thickness of IPT Receiver Coil is approx. 15 mm; Equal Ferrite and Copper Volumes (cf. Transformer)
- Price of Ferrite: 5.5 €/kg; Price Model of 0.2 mm Copper Litz Wire from Fit to Manufacturer Data





Power Electronics Concept for 50 kW



System Topology IPT Coil Interface 3-Φ PFC Rectifiers





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Main System Components

- **IPT** Transmission Coils
- Magnetic Design (using FEM)
- Shielding of Stray Field

- Receiver-Side Power Electronics
- (Synchronous) Rectification
- Battery Current Regulation



• High-Frequency Inverter Stage



► IPT Test Bench for 50 kW with Energy Feedback

Test Setup for High-Power IPT Operation up to 50 kW

- Direct DC-to-DC Power Loss Measurements at DC Power-Supply for High Measurement Accuracy
- Enables Experimental Evaluation of Different Control Options at Nominal Power
- Experimental Evaluation and Comparison of Different Coil Designs





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Ripple Cancellation by Parallel Interleaving

- 3 x 20 kW DC/DC-Converter Modules
- Each Module has 2 Interleaved and Magnetically Coupled Stages
- Modular Design allows Disabling Stages at Low Output Power
 - → Fully Benefit from High Partial-Load Efficient Concept of IPT Transmission



Modular Buck+Boost Type DC/DC Stage





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Interleaved DC/DC-Converter with Coupled Inductors (2)

Explicit Separation of Common-Mode & Differential Mode Inductance



■ Common-Mode Flux Cancels in ICI → Only DCI Inductance Effective for $i_{CM} = 0.5 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$ ■ Differential-Mode Flux Cancels in DCI → Only ICI Inductance Effective for $i_{DM} = 0.5 \cdot (i_1 - i_2)$

→ Allows Separate Design of CM/DM Current Ripple Amplitudes



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- Measured CM/DM Current Ripples (1)
- 180°-Interleaved Switching in Buck-Mode with Duty-Cycle D = 25%



CM/DM Equivalent Circuit Diagrams



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- Measured CM/DM Current Ripples (2)
- 180°-Interleaved Switching in Buck-Mode with Duty-Cycle D=50%



CM/DM Equivalent Circuit Diagrams



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Separation of CM/DM Current Ripples (1)

- Common-Mode Flux Cancels in ICI \rightarrow Only DCI Inductance Effective for iCM = 0.5·(i1 + i2)
- **Differential-Mode Flux Cancels in DCI** \rightarrow **Only ICI Inductance Effective for iDM = 0.5** (i1 i2)



- Significant Ripple Reduction Compared to Two Uncoupled, Interleaved Converter Stages
- Reduced Total Magnetics Volume for Equal Output Current Ripple



▲ Calculated Inductor/Output Current Ripple


Separation of CM/DM Current Ripples (2)

Direct Coupled Inductor

- Flux due to Common-Mode Voltage
- DC-Flux → Energy Storage
- Reduction of Current-Ripple Requires Stored Magnetic Energy
- Inverse Coupled Inductor
- Flux due to Differential-Mode Voltage
- No DC-Flux → No Stored Energy
- Reduction of Current-Ripple does not Require Energy Storage



▲ Calculated Volume Couled vs. Un-Coupled



▲ Calculated Core Flux Waveforms



▲ Calculated Inductor/Output Current Ripple



Compact Realization of the Magnetic Components





ZVS Full-Bridge Inverter Stage





Sic MOSFET ZVS Full-Bridge Inverter Stage

- 60 kW Inverter Stage: SiC ZVS Full-Bridge @ 800 V, 100 A_{rms}
- Tree Discrete 25 m Ω SiC-MOSFET Devices in Parallel Connection for Low $R_{ds(on)}$ (Available Half-Bridge Modules have Higher Commutation & Gate Loop Inductance)
- Single Gate-Driver for Three Parallel Devices for Minimum Realization Complexity



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► Gate-Drive Concept for Parallel-Connected Devices (1)

Sic Half-Bridge Gate-Driver for Three Parallel Devices

• One Driver IC for all Three Parallel MOSFET Devices, Separate Gate Resistors for each Device

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• Ensure Synchronous Turn-On w/o Gate-Oscillation



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► Gate-Drive Concept for Parallel-Connected Devices (2)



Power-PCB Layout for Symmetrical Current Distribution

■ Layout of Power-PCB is Critical for Symmetrical Device Current Distribution



► 60 kW SiC Power Converter

Efficiency 98%, Power Density 9.2 kW/l, Forced-Air Cooled



3- Φ **PFC Rectifier Systems**

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3- Φ **AC/DC Power Conversion**

- **Basis Requirement for EV Charging / IPT Front End Converter Stages**
- Wide Input/Output Voltage Range Voltage Adaption
- Mains Side Sinusoidal Current Shaping / Power Factor Correction



► Classification of General Unidirectional 3-Φ Rectifier Systems



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Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems

• Passive Rectifier Systems	 Line Commutated Diode Bridge/Thyristor Bridge - Full/Half Controlled Low Frequency Output Capacitor for DC Voltage Smoothing Only Low Frequency Passive Components Employed for Current Shaping, No Active Current Control No Active Output Voltage Control
• Hybrid Rectifier Systems	 Low Frequency and Switching Frequency Passive Components and/or Mains Commutation (Diode/Thyristor Bridge - Full/Half Controlled) and/or Forced Commutation Partly Only Current Shaping/Control and/or Only Output Voltage Control Partly Featuring Purely Sinusoidal Mains Current
• Active Rectifier Systems	 Controlled Output Voltage Controlled (Sinusoidal) Input Current Only Forced Commutations / Switching Frequ. Passive Components
Phase-Modular Systems	 Phase Rectifier Modules of Identical Structure Phase Modules connected in Star or in Delta Formation of Three Independent Controlled DC Output Voltages
Direct Three-Phase Syst.	 Only One Common Output Voltage for All Phases Symmetrical Structure of the Phase Legs Phase (and/or Bridge-)Legs Connected either in Star or Delta



Evaluation of Boost-Type Systems





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Boost-Type PFC Rectifiers

- 3rd Harmonic Inj. Type
 Diode Bridge Conduction Modulation



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Vienna Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier



Comparison of Buck-Type Systems –





Buck-Type PFC Rectifiers



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SWISS Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier



Summary: Unidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems





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Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (1)



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Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (2)





Conclusions & Outlook

Summary of Key Results Advantageous Applications Key Challenge









Inductive Power Transfer for EV Charging

- Resonant Circuit Design
- Compensation Topology
- Impedance Matching

- Coil Design & Optimization
- Magnetic Modeling & Design
- Multi-Objective Optimization

- Power Electronic Converter
- High Frequency Capability
- Coil, Battery & Mains Interfaces

- Modulation & Control Scheme
- Active Load Matching
- High Partial-Load Efficiency





Key Figures of Designed Transmission Systems

■ 5 kW Prototype System



50 kW Prototype System

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- **Output Power**
- DC/DC-Efficiency
- Coil Dimensions
- Weight Coil + Cap.
- Spec. Weight
- Area-Rel. Power Dens. 1.47 kW/dm²
- Power Density
- Spec. Copper Weight
- Spec. Ferrite Weight

- 5 kW @ 400 V, 100 kHz
- 96.5% @ 52 mm (measured)
 - 210 mm x 30 mm
- 2.3 kg
 - 2.2 kW/kq
- 4.8 kW/dm³
- 43 g/kW
- 112 g/kW

- **Output Power**
- DC/DC-Efficiency
- Coil Dimensions
- Weight Coil + Cap.
- Spec. Weight
- Area-Rel. Power Dens.
- Power Density
- Spec. Copper Weight
- Spec. Ferrite Weight
- Spec. SiC-Chip Area

- 50 kW @ 800 V, 85 kHz
- 96.5% (calculated)
- 41 x 76 x 6 cm
- 24.6 kg
- 2.0 kW/kg
- 1.6 kW/dm^2
- 2.7 kW/dm³
- 52 q/kW
- 160 g/kW
- 9.4 mm²/kW





Inductive Power Transfer for Stationary EV Charging

Domestic EV Charging form Household Supply

• Lower Power Level Simplifies Design

Stationary EV Charging for Public Transportation

- Simplified Quick-Charging at Bus Stops
- Reduced Battery Volume/Weight/Cost
- Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles
- → Reduced Operating Costs!





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Inductive Power Transfer for EV Charging Technical Limits

Magnetic & Electric Stray Fields at High Power Levels

- Magnetic Field Standards (e.g. ICNRIP 1998, 2010)
- Electric Field Emissions due to High Resonant Voltages and Steep dV/dt of Power Switches

Limited Efficiency of Compact Systems

- Desired Small IPT Coils have Low Coupling and Reduced Efficiency → Physical Limit!
- Limited Power Capability with Passive Cooling
- Active Cooling Typically Not Available in EVs
- Limited Convection Cooling w/o Metal Heatsink
- → Charging Power Limited to Approx. 3-5 kW for Natural Convection Cooling



▲ Very Limited Room for Improvement





Inductive Power Transfer **Potential Application Areas**

Transportation Vehicles Industrial Environments

- Conveyor Vehicles at Industrial Sites / Airports / Hospitals
- Reduced Battery Volume & Weight → Lower Cost

Power Supply to Moving Vehicles in Clean Rooms

• No Slip-Contacts Required → Reduced Particle Generation

Applications with High Insulation Requirements

• Auxiliary Supply with High Insulation Strength, e.g. for Gate Drives, Modular Multi-Level, ...











Inductive Power Transfer Applications ... the Hype Cycle



Time





Thank You!







Further Information

- Appendix 1: Comments on Dynamic IPT Charging
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Appendix 1: Comments on Dynamic IPT Charging





Inductive Power Transfer for **Dynamic EV Charging**

Simplified Calculation

- 20 km of Highway @ avg. 25 kW¹, 120 km/h
- 20/120 h x 25 kW = 4.2 kWh used
- 200 m IPT-Lane per 20 km of Highway
- Electrification of 1%
- Speed while Charging 50 km/h
- 14 s for Charging of 4.2 kWh
- 1 MW / Vehicle Required Charging Power
- High Cost for Medium Voltage Infrastructure
- Battery that Handles 1 MW?
- Slowing Down to 50 km/h every 20 km?
- Stationary: 10 min \times 1 MW = 167 kWh \rightarrow 6.6 h Driving!

James Provost for IEEE Spectrum



¹ **T. Bütler and H. Winkler,** «Energy consumption of battery electric vehicles (BEV),» EMPA, Dübendorf, Switzerland, 2013.





Inductive Power Transfer for **Dynamic EV Charging**

- Large & Expensive Installation vs. Improving Battery Technology
- Medium-Voltage Supply & Distribution of Power along 1% of all Highways
- Efficiency of Dynamic IPT vs. Increasing Energy Cost?
- Possible Applications:

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- Electrification @ Traffic Lights, Bus Stops, ...
- Transportation Vehicles @ Industrial Sites





Appendix 2: **3-PFC Rectifier Systems**

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Hybrid 3- Φ **Boost-Type PFC Rectifier Systems**

3rd Harmonic Injection Rectifier —





Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems





Diode Bridge + DC/DC Boost Converter

Controllable Output Voltage
 Low-Frequency Mains Current Distortion









3- Φ **DCM (PFC) Boost Rectifier**

Controllable Output Voltage
 Low-Frequency Mains Current Distortion









Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems





3- Φ Hybrid 3rd Harmonic Inj. PFC Boost-Rectifier



■ Independent Control of *i*+ and *i*-





3- Φ Hybrid 3rd Harmonic Inj. PFC Boost-Rectifier





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3- Φ Hybrid 3rd Harmonic Inj. PFC Boost-Rectifier



- Sinusoidal Mains Current Control
- Output Voltage Control

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 \rightarrow Limited to Ohmic Mains Behavior \rightarrow High Minimum Output Voltage Level



3- Φ Active Filter Type PFC Rectifier







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$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Active 3-} \Phi \text{ Boost-Type} \\ \textbf{PFC Rectifier Systems} \end{array}$

∆-Switch Rectifier Vienna-Rectifier — Six-Switch Rectifier





Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems



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Δ -Switch Rectifier



- Modulation of Diode Bridge Input Voltages / Conduction States
 Derivation of 3-Φ Topology → Phase-Symmetry / Bridge-Symmetry



Δ -Switch Rectifier





- Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Mains Current Control
- Φ = (-30°,+30°)

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Vienna Rectifier





- Replace △-Switch by Y-Switch
 Connect Y-Switch to Output Center Point
 Maximum Phase/Bridge Symmetry

- Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Mains Current Control
- Φ = (-30°,+30°)



Vienna Rectifier

► Three-Level Characteristic



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Control Structure



Output Voltage Control & Inner Mains Current Control & NPP Control



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Experimental Results







Fully-Controlled (Six-Switch) Bridge Rectifier



Output Voltage Control

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- \rightarrow Phase- & Bridge-Symmetry \rightarrow Sinusoidal Mains Current Control
- $\rightarrow \Phi$ = (-180°,+180°) Bidirectional (!)





3-**⊕** Buck-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

Unidirectional
 Bidirectional





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Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems





Active 3- Φ Buck-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

Three-Switch Rectifier Six-Switch Rectifier –





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Three-Switch PFC Rectifier





- **Derivation of Rectifier Topology**
- → Controllability of Conduction State
 → Phase-Symmetry / Bridge-Symmetry



Three-Switch PFC Rectifier



Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Mains Current Control

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- Φ = (-30°,+30°)
- \rightarrow Relatively High Conduction Losses







Six-Switch PFC Rectifier





- \rightarrow Controllability of Conduction State
- Phase-Symmetry / Bridge-Symmetry \rightarrow
- Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Mains Current Control
- Φ = (-90°,+90°)

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Modulation Scheme

- Consider 60°-Wide Segment of the Mains Period; Suitable Switching States Denominated by (s_a, s_b, s_c)
- Clamping to Phase with Highest Absolute Voltage Value, i.e.
- Phase *a* for $\omega t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{6}, +\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$,
- Phase *c* for $\omega t \in \left(+\frac{\pi}{6}, +\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ etc.
- Assumption: $\omega t \in \left(0, +\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$





• Clamping and "Staircase-Shaped" Link Voltage in Order to Minimize the Switching Losses



Input Current and Output Voltage Formation



- Output Voltage Formation:

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$$\overline{u} = u_{ab} \cdot \alpha_b + u_{ac} \cdot \alpha_c$$

$$P_{\text{link}} = P_{\text{input}}$$

$$\overline{u} \cdot I = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot \hat{I}^*$$

$$\overline{u} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot \frac{\hat{I}^*}{I} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot M$$

- Output Voltage is Formed by Segments of the Input Line-to-Line Voltages
- Output Voltage Shows Const. Local Average Value



Control Structure



Output Voltage Control & Inner Output Current Control





Experimental Results

Ultra-Efficient Demonstrator System

 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 \text{ V} (50 \text{ Hz})$ $P_0 = 5 \text{ kW}$ $U_0 = 400 \text{ V}$ $f_s = 18 \text{ kHz}$ $L = 2 \times 0.65 \text{ mH}$

η = 98.8% (Calorimetric Measurement)







3rd Harmonic Inj. Buck-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

SWISS Rectifier





Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems







SWISS Rectifier





3rd Harmonic Inj. Concept



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Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Current Control

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SWISS Rectifier



- Output Voltage Control
 Sinusoidal Current Control
- \rightarrow Low Complexity





Bidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems

- Boost-Type Topologies
 Buck-Type Topologies





Boost-Type Topologies





Classification of Bidirectional Boost-Type Rectifier Systems





• Bridge-Leg Inductor (BLI) Converter

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Derivation of Two-Level Boost-Type Topologies

• Output Operating Range





Derivation of Three-Level Boost-Type Topologies





Comparison of Two-Level/Three-Level NPC Boost-Type Rectifier Systems



- Two-Level Converter Systems
- + State-of-the-Art Topology for LV Appl.+ Simple, Robust, and Well-Known
- + Power Modules and Auxiliary Components Available from Several Manufacturers
- Limited Maximum Switching Frequency
- Large Volume of Input Inductors



- Two-Level \rightarrow Three-Level Converter Systems
- + Reduction of Device Blocking Voltage Stress
- + Lower Switching Losses
- + Reduction of Passive Component Volume
- Higher Conduction Losses
- Increased Complexity and Implementation Effort





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T-Type Three-Level Boost-Type Rectifier System



- + Semiconductor Losses for Low Switching Frequencies Lower than for NPC Topologies
- + Can be Implemented with Standard Six-Pack Module
- Requires Switches for 2 Different Blocking Voltage Levels



Pros and Cons of Three-Level vs. Two-Level Boost-Type Rectifier Systems

- + Losses are Distributed over Many Semicond. Devices; More Even Loading of the Chips → Potential for Chip Area Optimization for Pure Rectifier Operation
- + High Efficiency at High Switching Frequency
- + Lower Volume of Passive Components
- More Semiconductors
- More Gate Drive Units
- Increased Complexity
- Capacitor Voltage Balancing Required
- Increased Cost

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• Moderate Increase of the Component Count with the T-Type Topology

Consideration for 10kVA/400V_{AC} Rectifier Operation; Min. Chip Area, $T_{j,max}$ = 125°C

Multi-Level Topologies are Commonly Used for Medium Voltage Applications but Gain Steadily in Importance also for Low-Voltage Renewable Energy Applications





Buck-Type Topologies





Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies

• Output Operating Range



• System also Features Boost-Type Operation









Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies



Thank you!





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