# Fundamentals and Multi-Objective Design of Inductive Power Transfer Systems

**Roman Bosshard & Johann W. Kolar**

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

**ETH** *zürich*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

# Agenda

**Slide Download:**
**www.pes.ee.ethz.ch**
**Publications → Tutorials**

| Introduction | Fundamentals: Isolated DC/DC → IPT | System Components & Design Considerations | Multi-Objective Optimization | Power Electronics Concept for 50 kW | Summary & Conclusions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 slides | 45 slides | 68 slides | 23 slides | 24 slides | 12 slides |

**ETH** *zürich*

**ICPE 2015 ECCE Asia**

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# Introduction

*Features & Limitations*
*Potential Applications*
*Existing Industry Solutions*

**ETH**zürich

## ► Future Electric Vehicle Charging
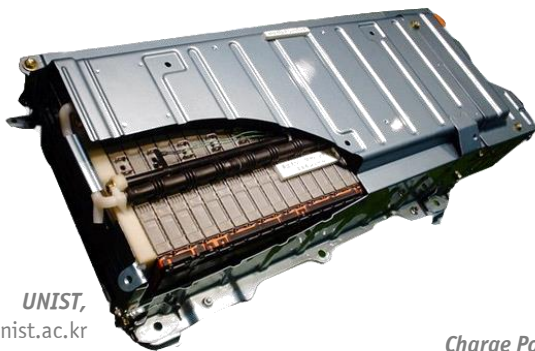
■ **Electric Vehicles – Key Limitations**
- Driving Range / Battery Capacity
- Availability of Charging Stations
- Time for Battery Re-Charging

■ **Drivers for Future Development**
- Battery Technology
- Infrastructure Development
- Charging Technology

*Nissan Leaf,*
www.nissan.com

*UNIST,*
www.unist.ac.kr

*Charge Point,*
www.chargepoint.com

*Network World,* www.networkworld.com

**ETH**zürich
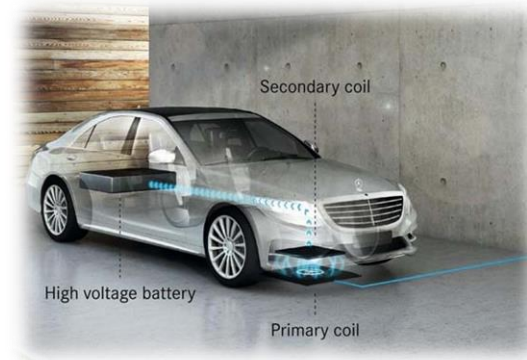
ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Wireless Electric Vehicle Battery Charging



*Charge Point,*
www.chargepoint.com



*Delphi,* www.delphi.com



*Daimler & BWM,*
ww.daimler.com, www.bmw.de
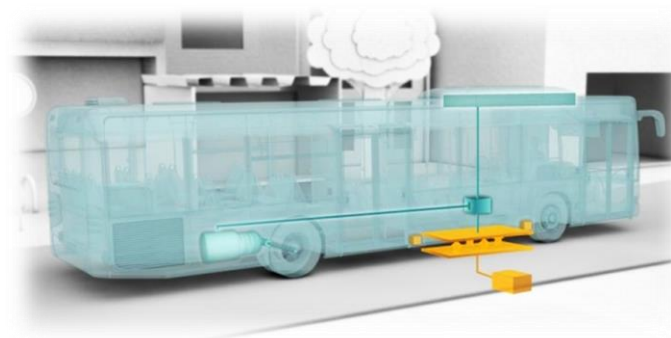
- **Higher Convenience & Usability**
  - No Plug Required: Quick Charging at Traffic Lights, Bus Stops, ...

- **More Frequent Recharging**
  - Longer Battery Lifetime
  - Smaller Battery Volume & Weight

- **Reduced Fleet in Public Transportation**
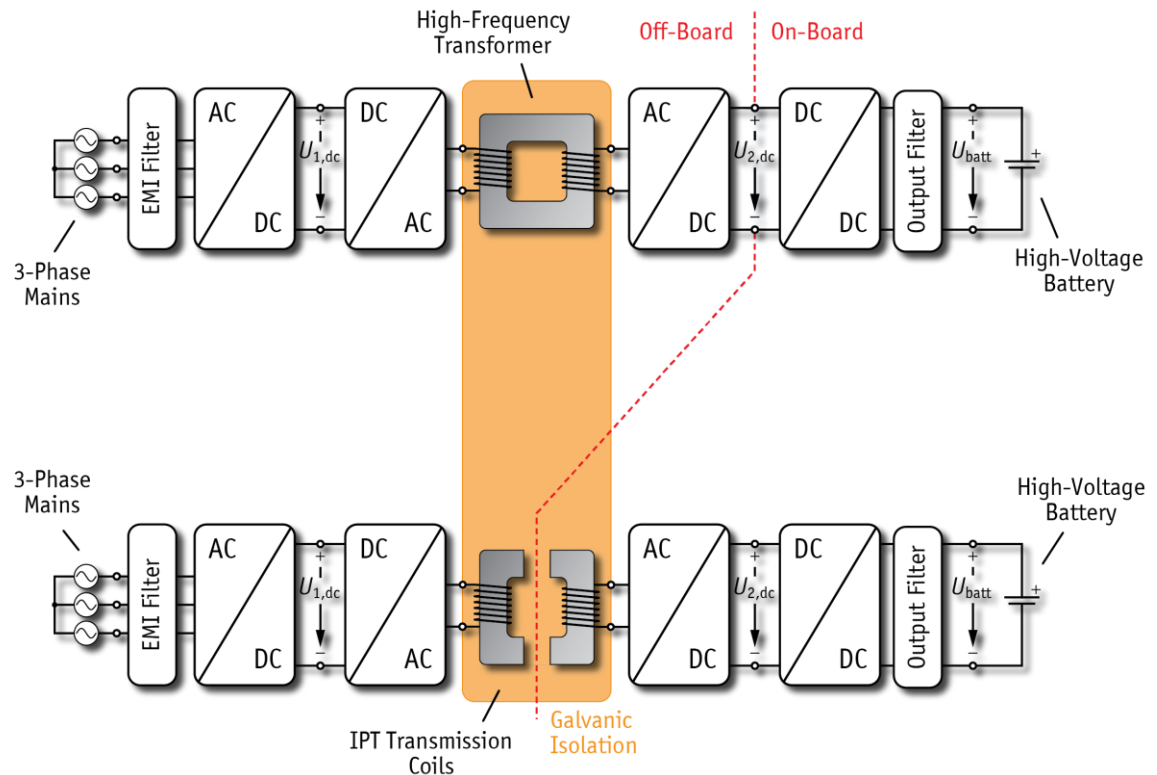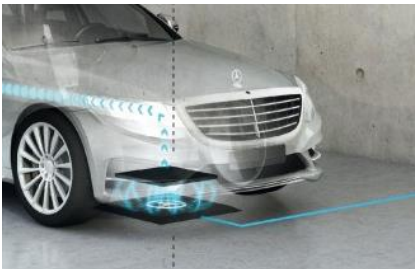  - Shorter Time for Depot Re-Charging



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

## ► EV Charging – Typical AC/DC Power Conversion Chain

■ **Conductive EV Charging**



■ **Wireless EV Charging**



▲ 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 → 1.92 kW
- AC Level 2: 204-240 V, 80 A → 19.2 kW
- AC Level 3: n/a → ≥ 20 kW
- DC Level 1: 200-450 V, 80 A → 36 kW
- DC Level 2: 200-450 V, 200 A → 90 kW
- DC Level 3: 200-600 V, 400 A → 240 kW

**■ IEC 62196 Definition (Europe, Int.)**

- Mode 1: 1x230 V / 3x400 V, 16 A → 7.7 kW
- Mode 2: 1x230 V / 3x400 V, 32 A → 15.4 kW
- Mode 3: 3x400 V, 32-250 A → ≥ 20 kW
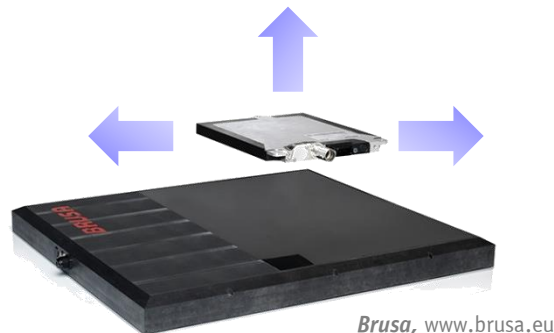- Mode 4: ≤ 1000 V, 400 A (DC) → 240 kW



▲ **SAE J1772 Combo Connector for AC or DC (Level 1-2)**
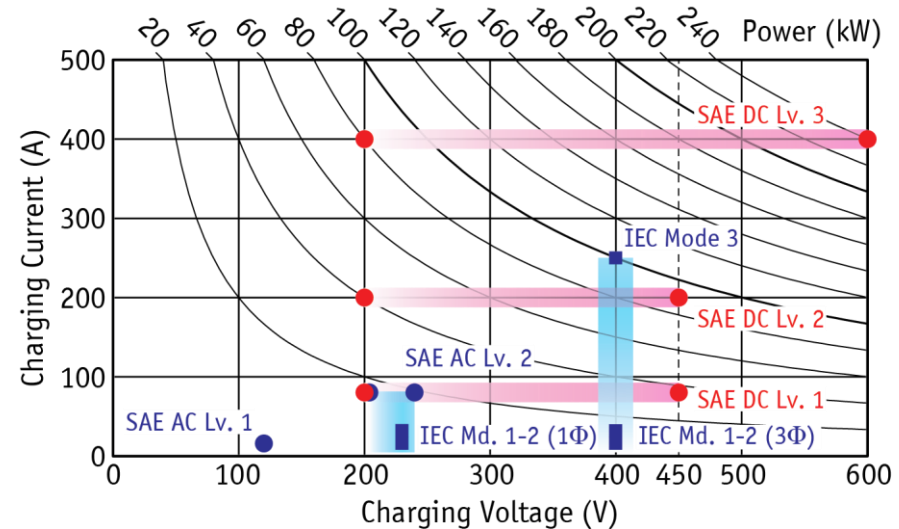
## ► Regulations & Standards for Inductive EV Charging (1)

■ **SAE J2954 Wireless Charging Standard (under Development, Nov. 2013)**

- 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, Tolerance, Communication, Receiver-Side Interface

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



*Brusa,* www.brusa.eu



*Qualcomm Halo,* www.qualcommhalo.com

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ▶ 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"
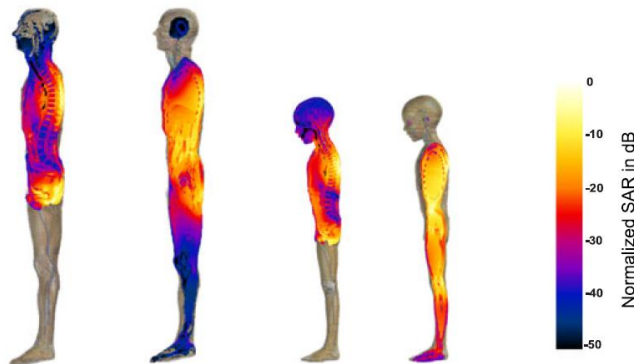


*Christ et al., «Evaluation of Wireless Resonant Power Transfer Systems With Human Electromagnetic Exposure Limits," IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 55, no. 2, 2013.
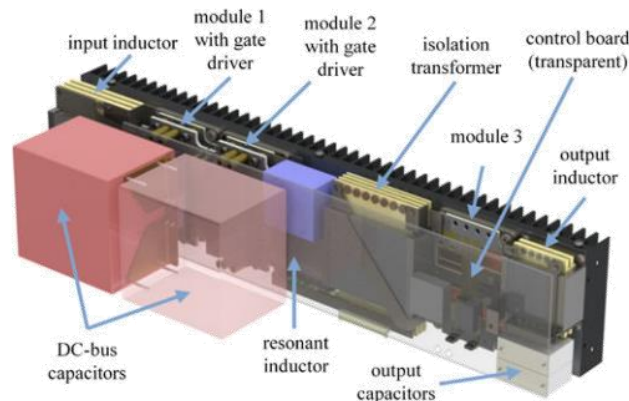
▲ **SAR caused by 8 MHz 4-Coil IPT System**
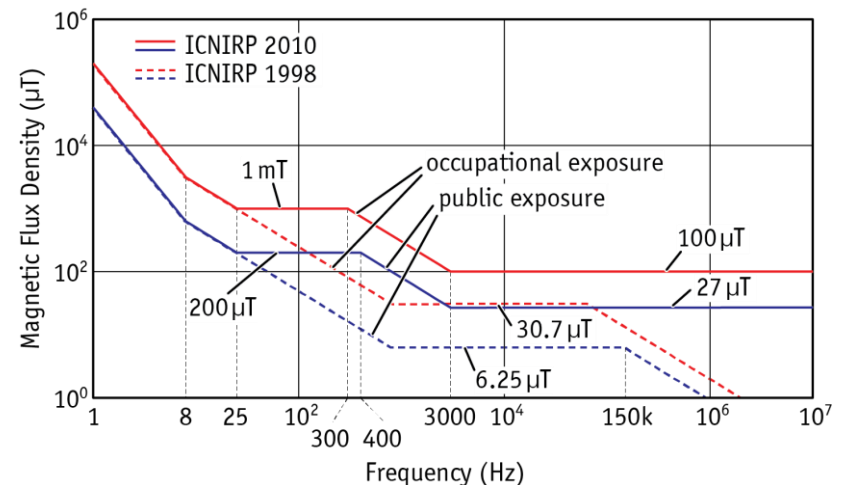


▲ **ICNIRP 1998/2010 Reference Values for B-Field**

**ETH**zürich

## ▶ EV Battery Charging: Key Design Challenges

■ **Conductive Isolated On-Board EV Battery Charger:**
- Charging Power 6.1 kW
- Efficiency > 95%
- Power Density 5 kW/dm$^3$
- Spec. Weight 3.8 kW/kg

→ **Engineering Goal: Design Competitive IPT System**



*B. Whitaker et al. (APEI),* «High-Density, High-Efficiency, Isolated On-Board Vehicle Battery Charger Utilizing SiC Devices,» *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.,* vol. 29, no. 5, 2014.

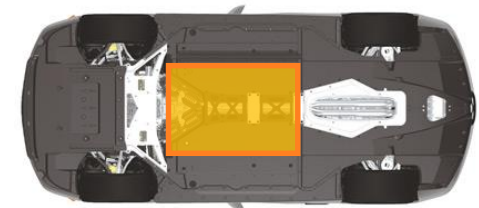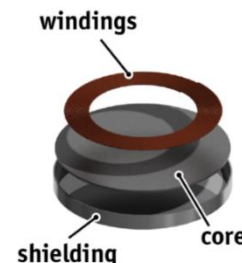■ **High Power Density (kW/dm², kW/kg)**
- High Ratio of Coil Diameter / Air Gap
- Heavy Shielding & Core Materials

■ **Low Magnetic Stray Field $B_s < B_{lim}$**
- Limited by Standards (e.g. ICNIRP)
- Eddy Current Loss in Surrounding Metals

■ **High Magnetic Coupling**
- Physical Efficiency Limit def. by $k$
- Sensitivity to Coil Misalignment



*Lexus,* www.lexus.com, 2014

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# Realization Examples

**ETH** *zürich*

# ▶ 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
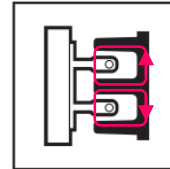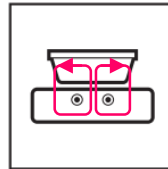


▲ **Wireless Powered Floor Surface Conveyors**

▲ **Ceiling-Mounted Monorail Transportation System**

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

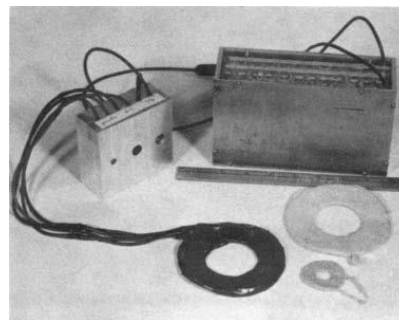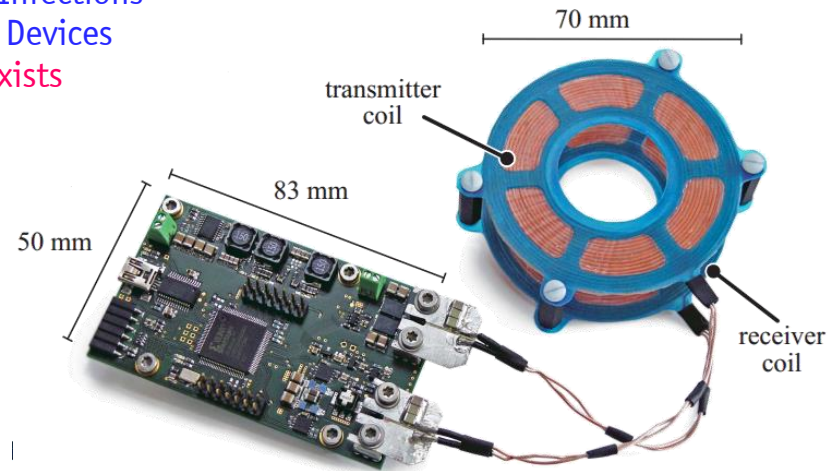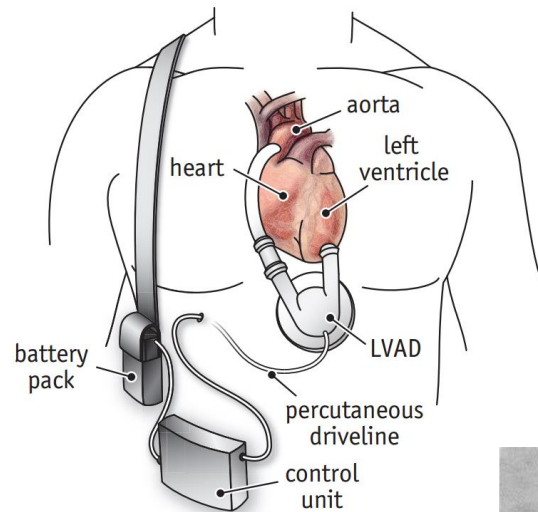**ETH**zürich

# ▶ 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<br>• Charging Efficiency > 90%<br>• ICNIRP 1998 Compliant<br>• 50% Red. Battery Capacity (240→120 kWh) | • Coil Lowered to Ground at Bus-Stations<br>• Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles<br>• Extended Battery Life<br>• Lower Total Cost | • Electrified Track for In-Motion Charging<br>• ICNIRP 1998 Compl.<br>• 30% Reduced Battery Weight<br>• Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles | • Wireless Charging at Bus-Stations without Lowering the Coil<br>• Charging Efficiency > 90%<br>• ICNIRP Compliant |

**ETH** *zürich*

# ▶ Historic Background: Medical Applications

■ **Electro-Mechanical Heart Assist Devices**
- Percutaneous Driveline Major Cause of Lethal Infections
- Transcutaneous Power Supply for Heart Assist Devices
- No Reliable and Medically Certified Solution Exists



70 mm

transmitter coil

83 mm

50 mm

receiver coil



aorta
left ventricle
heart
LVAD
battery pack
percutaneous driveline
control unit



*J. C. Schuder,* "Powering an artificial heart: birth of the inductively coupled-radio frequency system in **1960**," Artificial Organs, vol. 26, no. 11, pp. 909–915, 2002.

**ETH**zürich

# ▶ Inductive Power Transfer: Summary of Key Features

- ■ **Easy-to-Use and Fast EV Charging: Increased Convenience for Users**
- ■ **Reduced Number of Fleet Vehicles for Public Transportation**
- ■ **Galvanic Isolation - No Additional Transformer Required**

# ▶ Remaining Challenges for Further Industry Adaptation

- ■ **Transmission of High Power @ Highest Possible Efficiency Despite Low Coupling**
- ■ **Compliance with Standards Regulating Magnetic Stray Fields**
- ■ **Clarification of Technical Feasibility and Physical Limitations**

- ■ **Easy-to-Follow Optimization Methods for the Practicing Engineer**

  - • **Coil Size**
  - • **Efficiency**
  - • **Stray Field**
  - • **Thermal Limit**

  *Multi-Objective Design Problem* **!**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
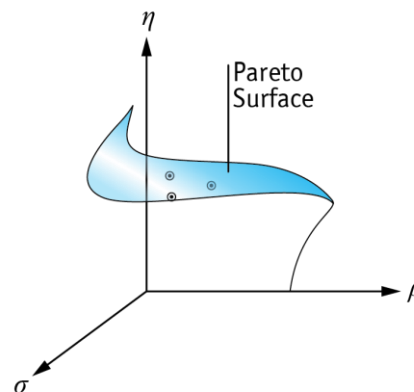
# Fundamentals:
## Isolated DC/DC → IPT



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

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

# ► 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**
- d$i$/d$t$ given by Voltage Levels & Transformer Stray & Magn. Induct.
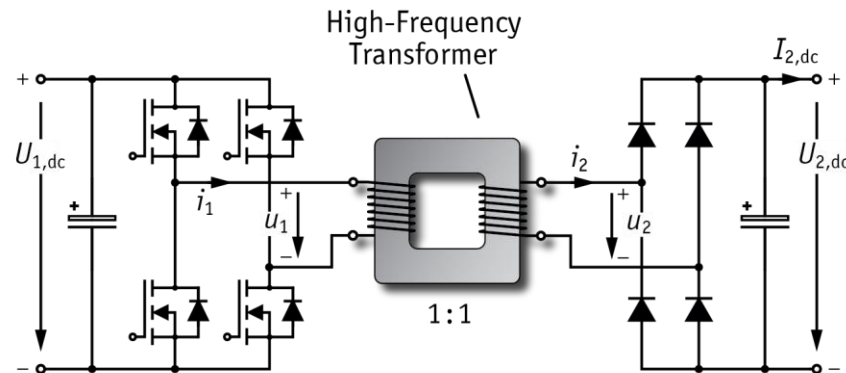


▲ **Isolated DC/DC Converter Topology with MF Transformer**
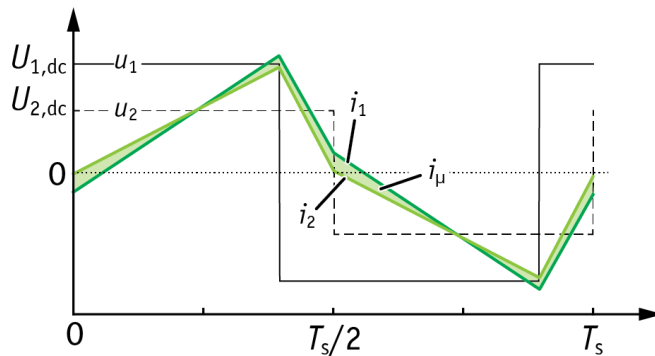


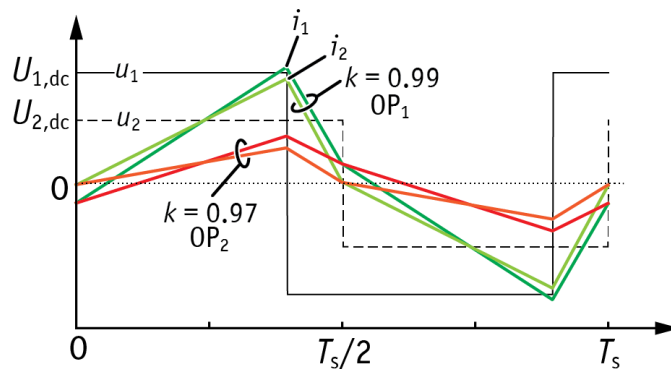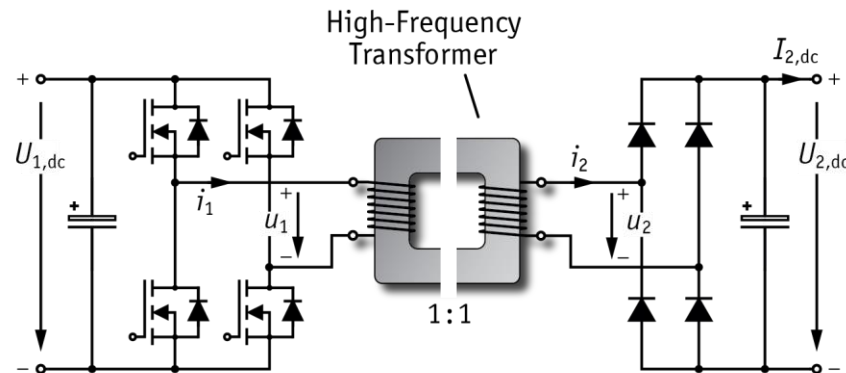▲ **Schematic Converter Waveforms ($i_1$-$i_2$ not to Scale)**
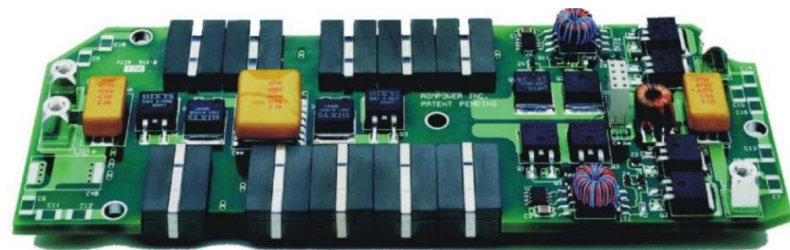


*I. D. Jitaru,* «A 3 kW Soft-Switching DC-DC Converter," *Proc. IEEE APEC*, pp. 86-92, 2000.

▲ **Realization Example (1 kW Module, Rompower)**
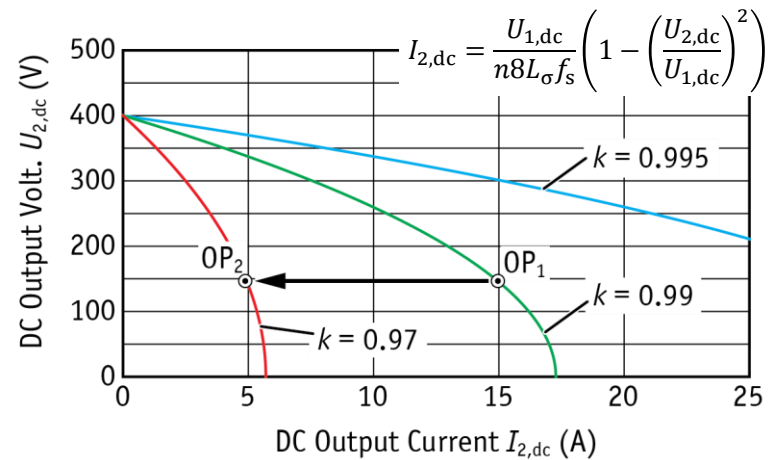
**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► 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-Dissipative Inner Resist.



$$I_{2,dc} = \frac{U_{1,dc}}{n8L_\sigma f_s}\left(1 - \left(\frac{U_{2,dc}}{U_{1,dc}}\right)^2\right)$$

▲ **Schematic Converter Waveforms for OP$_1$ and OP$_2$ ($i_1$-$i_2$ not to Scale)**

▲ **Converter Output Characteristics**

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Characterization of the Transformer

■ **Transformer Differential Equations**
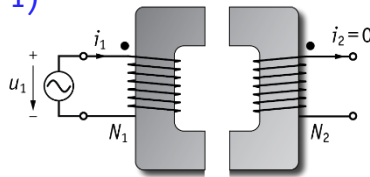
$$u_1 = L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} - M \frac{di_2}{dt}$$
$$u_2 = M \frac{di_1}{dt} - L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt}$$

Note: No Explicit Dependency
on $N_1$, $N_2$ (Unknown in
General Case)
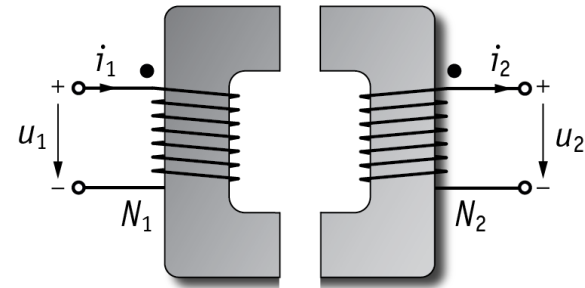
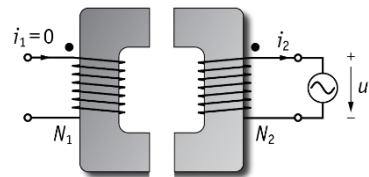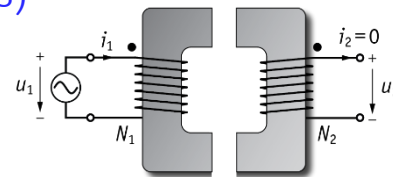■ **Measurement of the Three (!) Parameters $L_1$, $L_2$ and $M$**

1)

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{\hat{U}_1}{\hat{I}_1} \right) \bigg|_{i_2 = 0}$$

2)

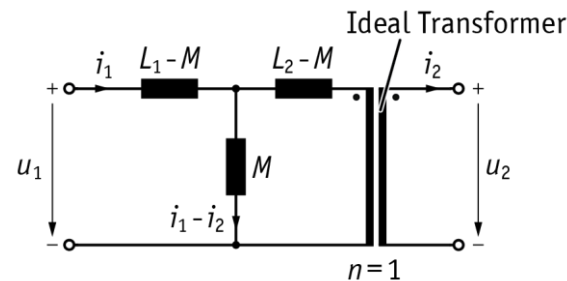$$L_2 = \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{\hat{U}_2}{\hat{I}_2} \right) \bigg|_{i_1 = 0}$$

3)

$$M = \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{\hat{U}_2}{\hat{I}_1} \right) \bigg|_{i_2 = 0}$$

■ **General Equivalent Circuit Diagram**

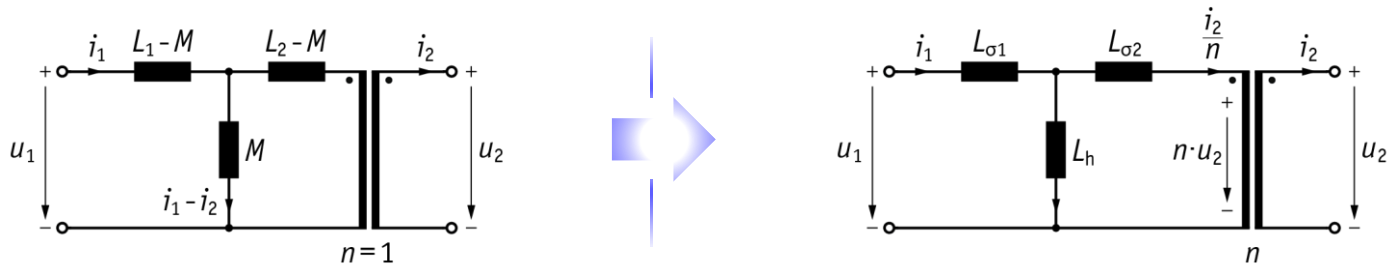$$u_1(t) = (L_1 - M) \frac{di_1}{dt} + M \frac{d}{dt}(i_1 - i_2)$$
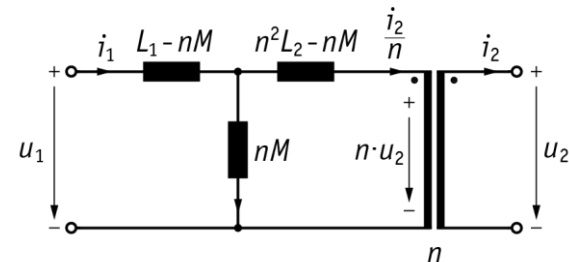$$u_2(t) = M \frac{d}{dt}(i_1 - i_2) - (L_2 - M) \frac{di_2}{dt}$$

Ideal Transformer

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

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
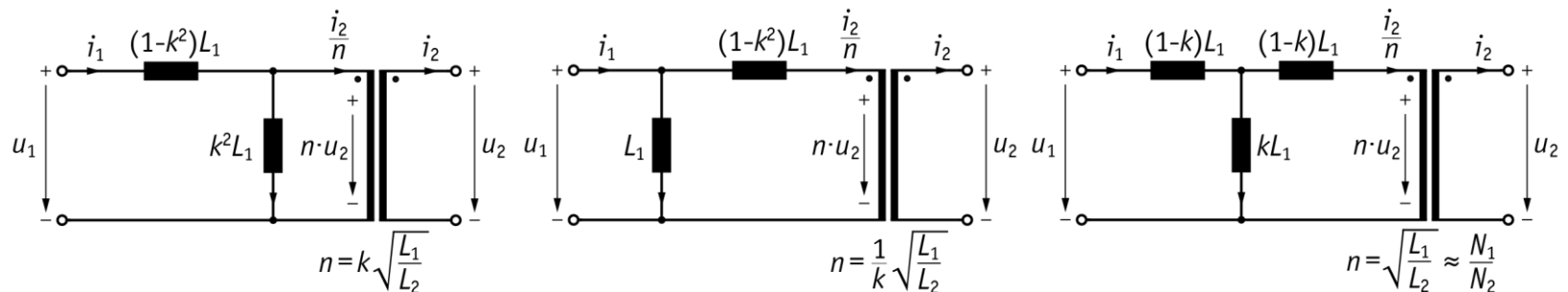ECCE Asia

# ► Transformer Equivalent Circuits (1)

■ **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 ($L_{\sigma 1}$, $L_{\sigma 2}$, $L_h$)

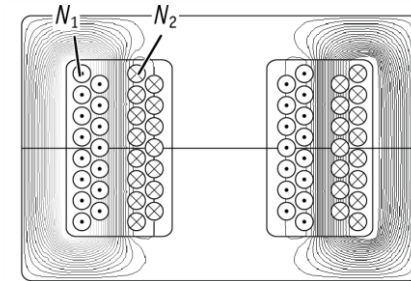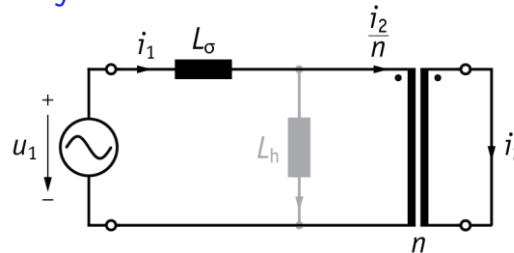■ **Simplified Circuit Diagrams for Specific Values of $n$**



$$n = k\sqrt{\frac{L_1}{L_2}}$$

$$n = \frac{1}{k}\sqrt{\frac{L_1}{L_2}}$$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{L_1}{L_2}} \approx \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

# ► Transformer Equivalent Circuits (2)

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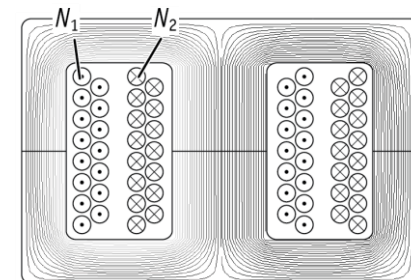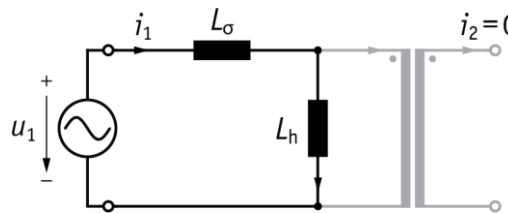
■ **Measurement 1:** Secondary-Side Terminals Shorted

$$L_\sigma = \frac{1}{\omega}\left(\frac{\widehat{U}_1}{\widehat{I}_1}\right)\Bigg|_{u_2 = 0}$$



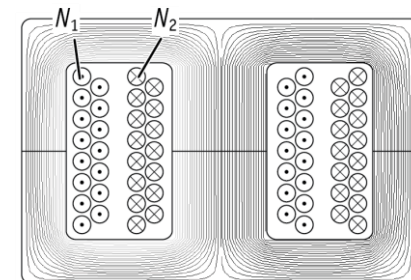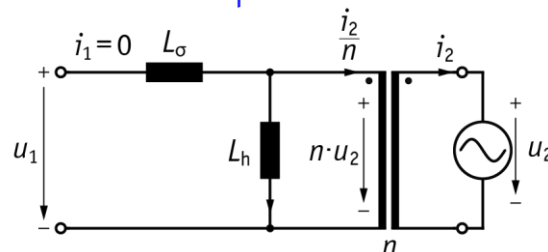■ **Measurement 2:** Secondary-Side Terminals Open

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{\omega}\left(\frac{\widehat{U}_1}{\widehat{I}_1}\right)\Bigg|_{i_2 = 0}$$

$$L_h = L_1 - L_\sigma$$

■ **Measurement 3:** Primary-Side Terminals Open

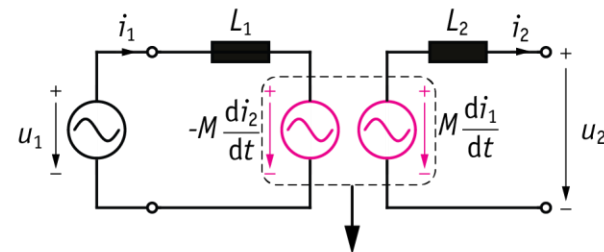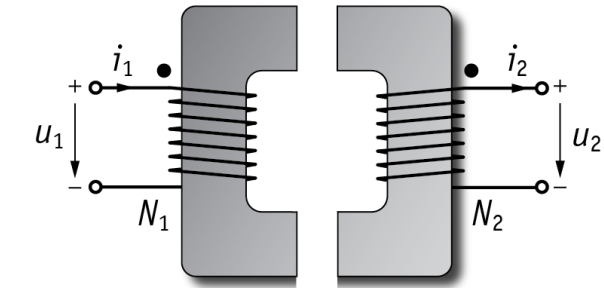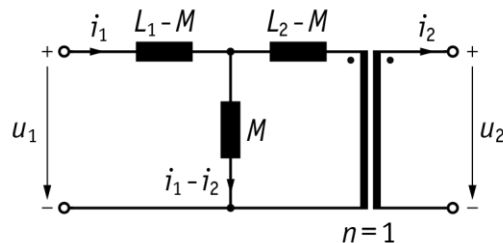$$n = \left(\frac{\widehat{U}_1}{\widehat{U}_2}\right)\Bigg|_{i_1 = 0}$$

# ► Transformer Equivalent Circuits (3)

■ **Transformer Differential Equations**

$$u_1 = L_1 \frac{\mathrm{d}i_1}{\mathrm{d}t} - M \frac{\mathrm{d}i_2}{\mathrm{d}t} = L_1 \frac{\mathrm{d}i_1}{\mathrm{d}t} + u_{1,\mathrm{ind}}$$

$$u_2 = M \frac{\mathrm{d}i_1}{\mathrm{d}t} - L_2 \frac{\mathrm{d}i_2}{\mathrm{d}t} = u_{2,\mathrm{ind}} - L_2 \frac{\mathrm{d}i_2}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

- Equivalent Circuit Representation with Induced Voltages as Voltage Sources:

■ **Inductive Behavior Partly Hidden in Voltage Sources** $u_{1,\mathrm{ind}}$, $u_{2,\mathrm{ind}}$

$$\underline{\hat{u}}_1 = \mathrm{j}\omega L_1 \underline{\hat{i}}_1 - \mathrm{j}\omega M \underline{\hat{i}}_2 = \mathrm{j}\omega L_1 \underline{\hat{i}}_1 + \underline{\hat{u}}_{1,\mathrm{ind}}$$

$$\underline{\hat{u}}_2 = \mathrm{j}\omega M \underline{\hat{i}}_1 - \mathrm{j}\omega L_2 \underline{\hat{i}}_2 = \underline{\hat{u}}_{2,\mathrm{ind}} - \mathrm{j}\omega L_2 \underline{\hat{i}}_2$$

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



**ETH** zürich
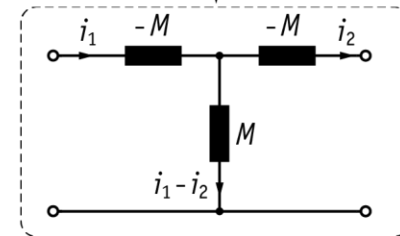
# ▶ Transition to IPT System (2)

■ **Airgap in the Magnetic Path**
  - Reduced Primary & Secondary Induct.
  - Higher Magnetizing Current
  - Reduced Magnetic Coupling $k$
  - Load Dependency of Output Voltage due to Non-Dissipative Inner Resist.
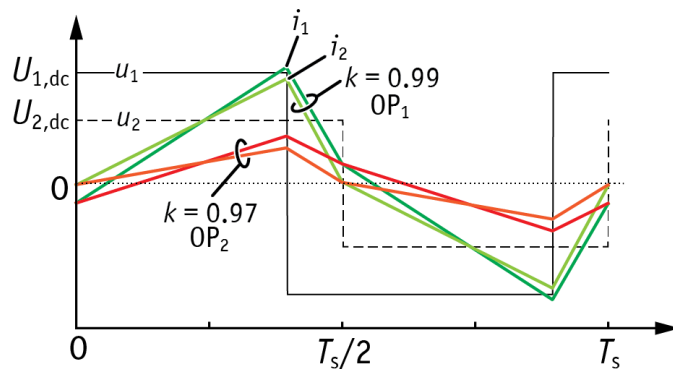


▲ **Schematic Converter Waveforms for OP$_1$ and OP$_2$ ($i_1$-$i_2$ not to Scale)**

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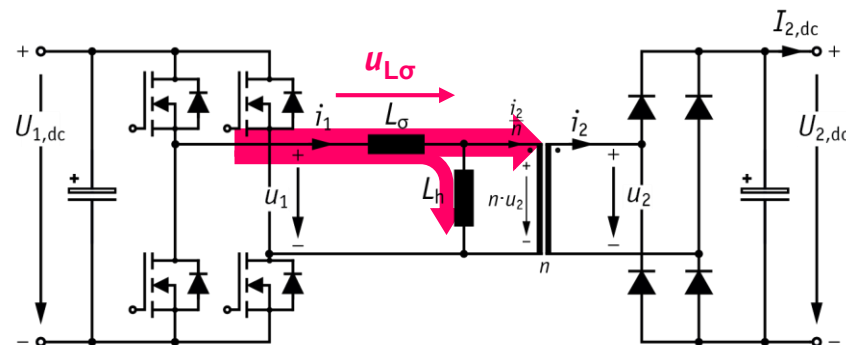$$L_\sigma = (1 - k^2)L_1, L_h = k^2 L_1, n = k\sqrt{L_1/L_2}$$
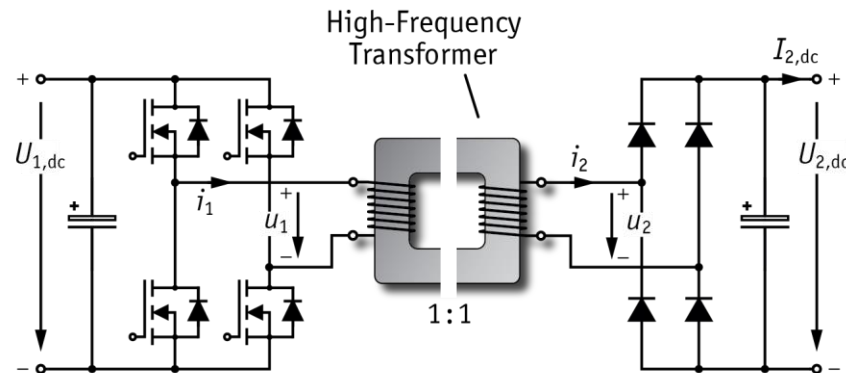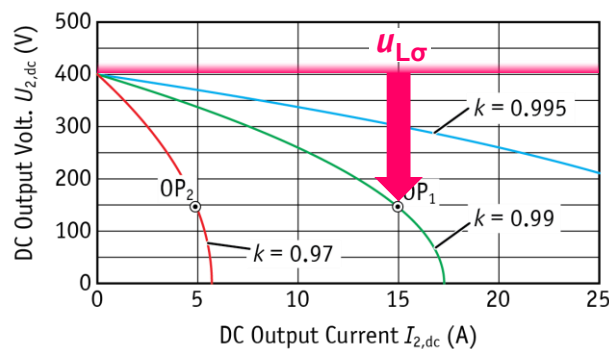
**ETH** zürich

# ► Transition to IPT System (3)

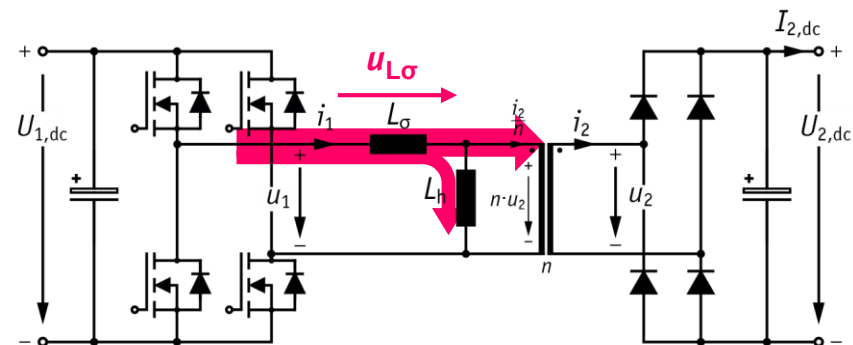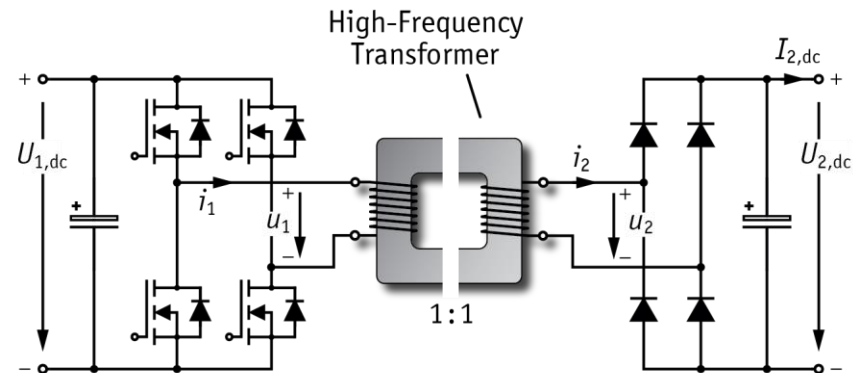■ **Airgap in the Magnetic Path**
- Reduced Primary & Secondary Induct.
- Higher Magnetizing Current
- Reduced Magnetic Coupling $k$
- Load Dependency of Output Voltage due to Non-Dissipative Inner Resist.



High-Frequency Transformer



▲ Converter Output Characteristics

▲ Effects of an Air Gap in the Transformer

$$L_\sigma = (1 - k^2)L_1, L_h = k^2 L_1, n = k\sqrt{L_1/L_2}$$

**ETH** zürich

# ► Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance (1)
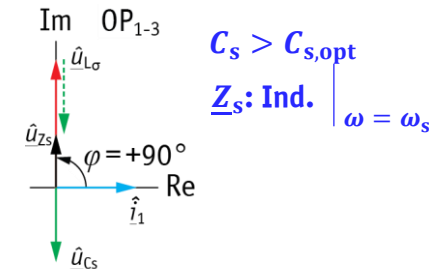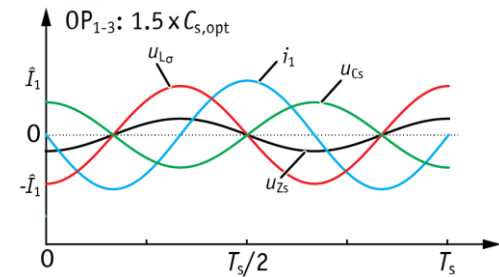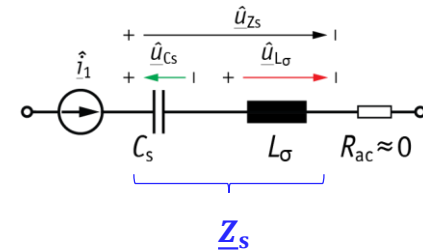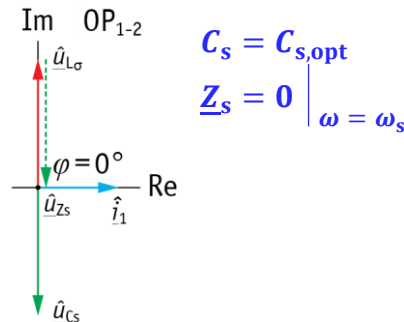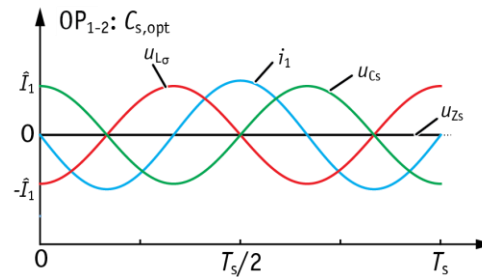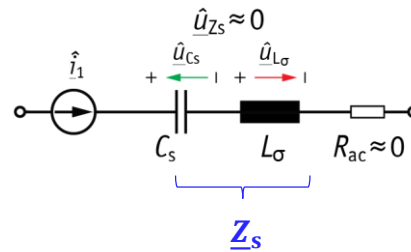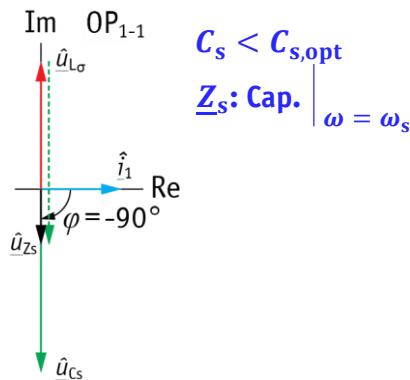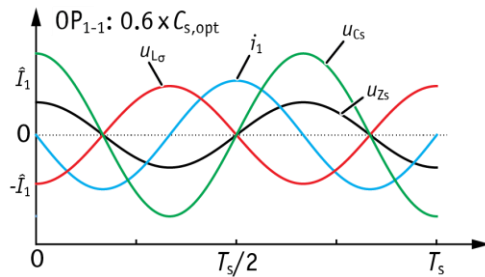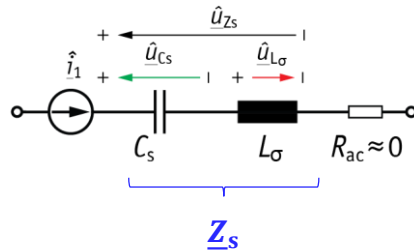


$$\underline{Z}_s = \mathrm{j}\omega L_s + \frac{1}{\mathrm{j}\omega C_s} + \underbrace{R_{ac}}_{\approx 0} = \mathrm{j}(\omega L_s - \frac{1}{\omega C_s}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_s C_s}}$$

$C_s < C_{s,opt}$

$\underline{Z}_s$: Cap. $\Big|_{\omega = \omega_s}$

$C_s = C_{s,opt}$

$\underline{Z}_s = 0 \Big|_{\omega = \omega_s}$

$C_s > C_{s,opt}$

$\underline{Z}_s$: Ind. $\Big|_{\omega = \omega_s}$

# ► Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance (2)

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



$$OP_{1-1}: \quad C_s < C_{s,opt}$$

$$OP_{1-2}: \quad C_s = C_{s,opt}$$

$$OP_{1-3}: \quad C_s > C_{s,opt}$$

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T_s}$$

▲ **Converter Output Characteristics**

ETH zürich

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
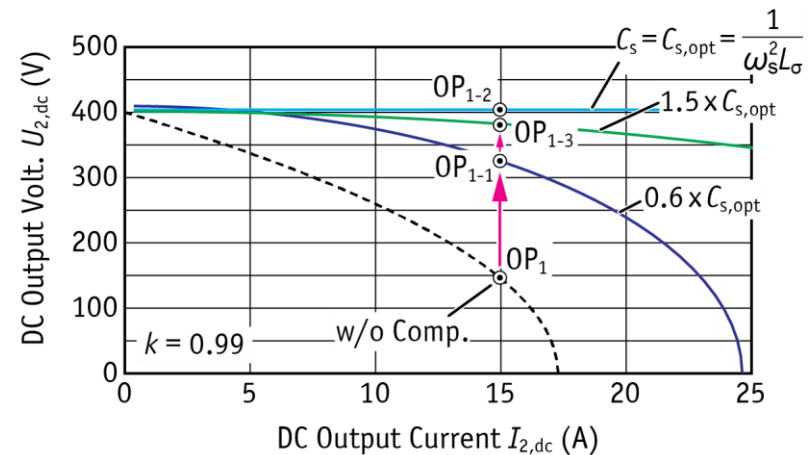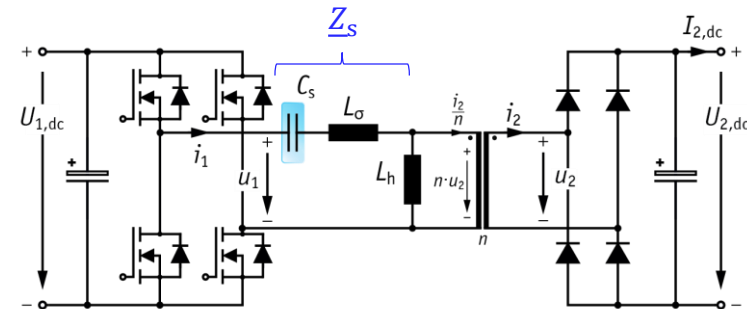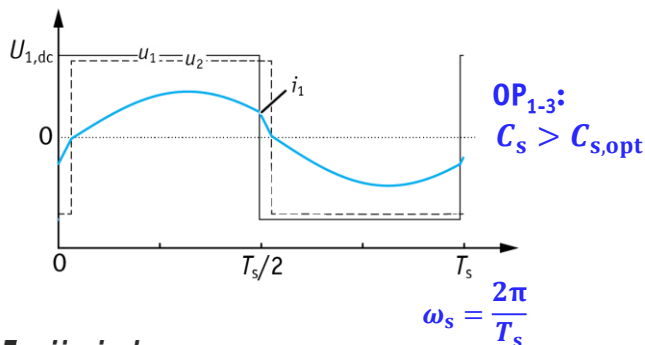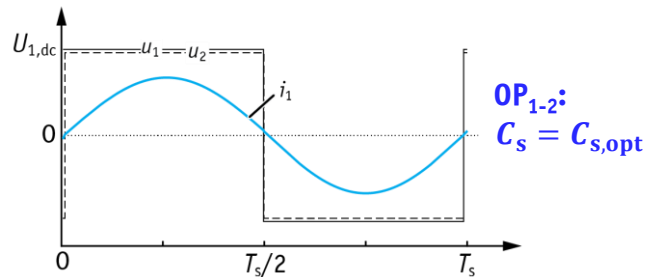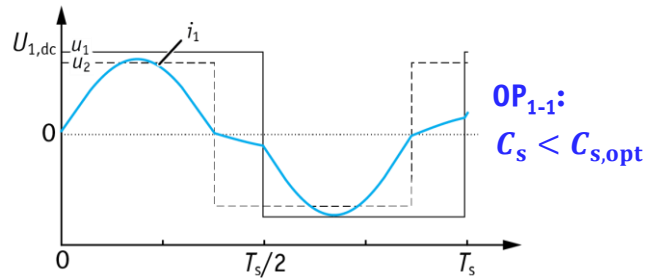
# ► Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance (3)

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

OP$_{1-1}$:
$C_s < C_{s,opt}$

OP$_{1-2}$:
$C_s = C_{s,opt}$

OP$_{1-3}$:
$C_s > C_{s,opt}$

$\omega_s = \dfrac{2\pi}{T_s}$

$\underline{Z}_s$

$f_s = 48$ kHz

$C_s = C_{s,opt} = \dfrac{1}{\omega_s^2 L_\sigma}$

OP$_{1-1}$

OP$_{1-3}$

$1.5 \times C_{s,opt}$

$0.6 \times C_{s,opt}$

OP$_{1-2}$

$R_{ac} \approx 0$

$f_s = 48$ kHz

OP$_{1-3}$

OP$_{1-2}$

OP$_{1-1}$
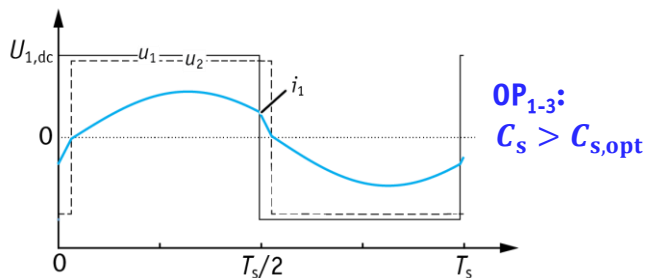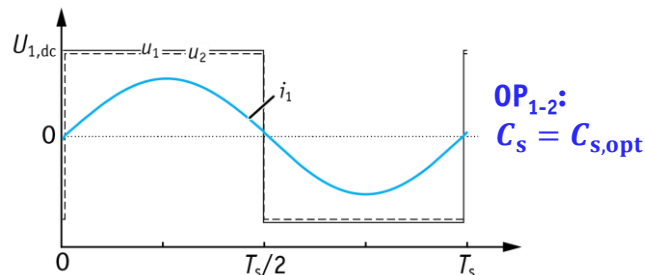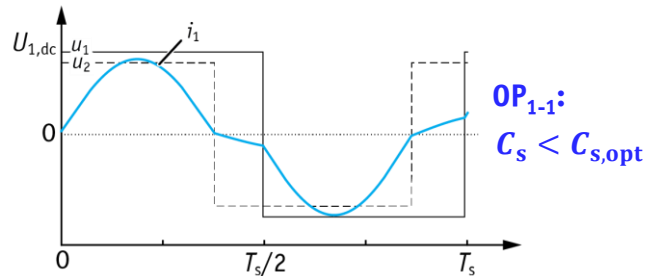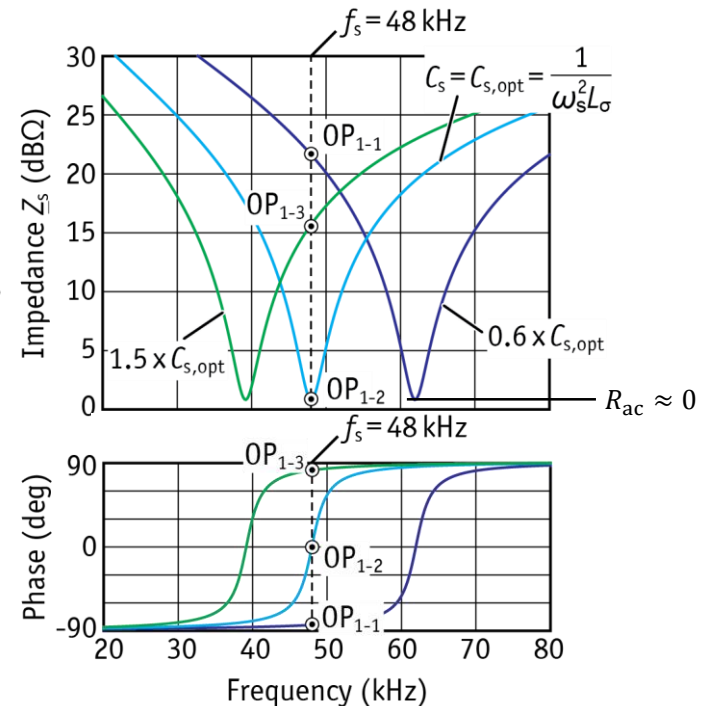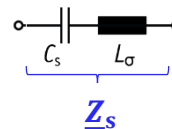
▲ Bode Diagram for Different Selections
of the Compensation Capacitance $C_s$

ETH zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Alternative Compensation Concepts

■ **Limitations of Series-Compensation**
- High Voltages Resonant Elements in High-Power Designs
- Limited to Step-Down Conversion
- No Control of Output at No-Load

■ **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.)
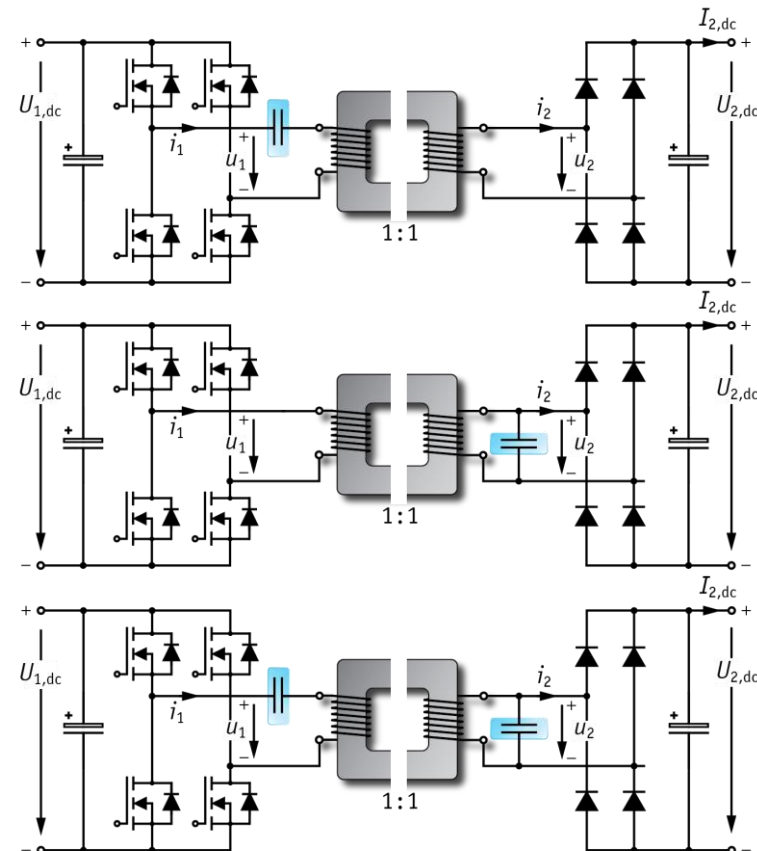


▲ **Alternative Compensation Topologies**

ETH zürich

# ► Fundamental Frequency Approximation (1)

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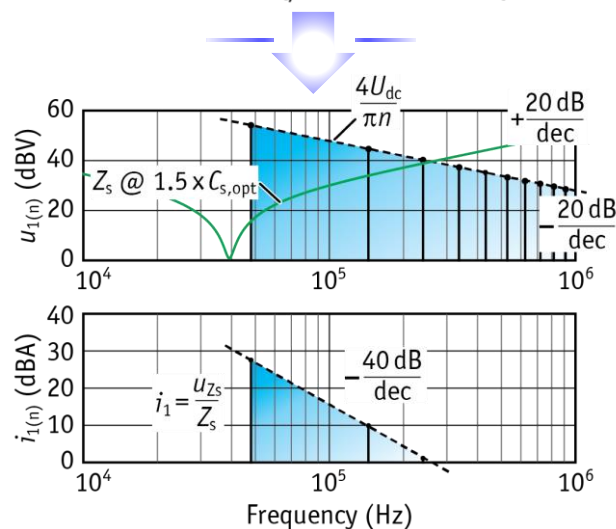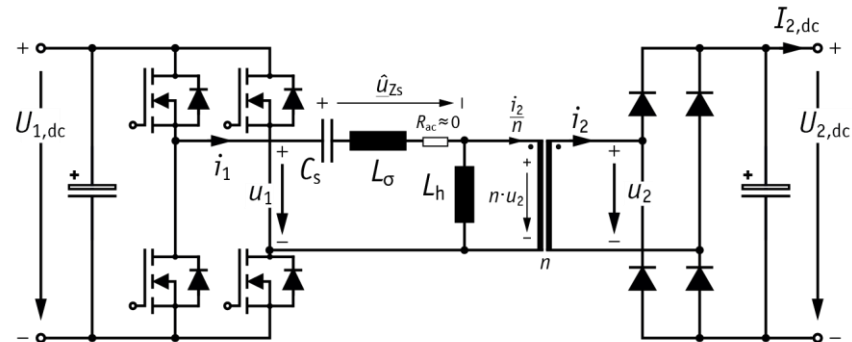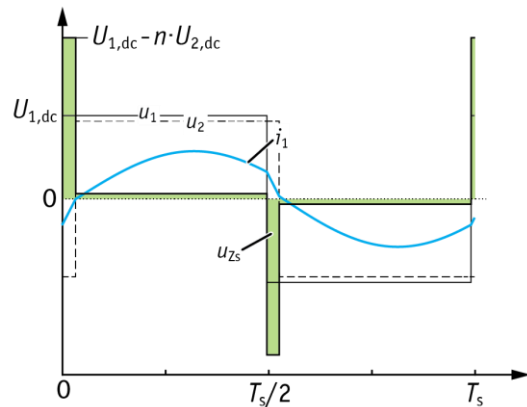


■ **Consider only Switching Frequency Components:**
- Fundamentals of $u_1$, $u_2$, $i_1$, $i_2$
- Power Transfer Modeled with Good Accuracy as

$$P = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_{1(n)} I_{1(n)} \cos(\phi_n)$$
$$\approx U_{1(1)} I_{1(1)} \cos(\phi_1)$$

→ Fundamental Frequency Model!

**ETH** zürich

# ► Fundamental Frequency Approximation (2)

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

$$\hat{U}_{1(1)} = \frac{4}{\pi} U_{1,dc}$$

$$R_L = \frac{U_{2,dc}^2}{P_2}$$
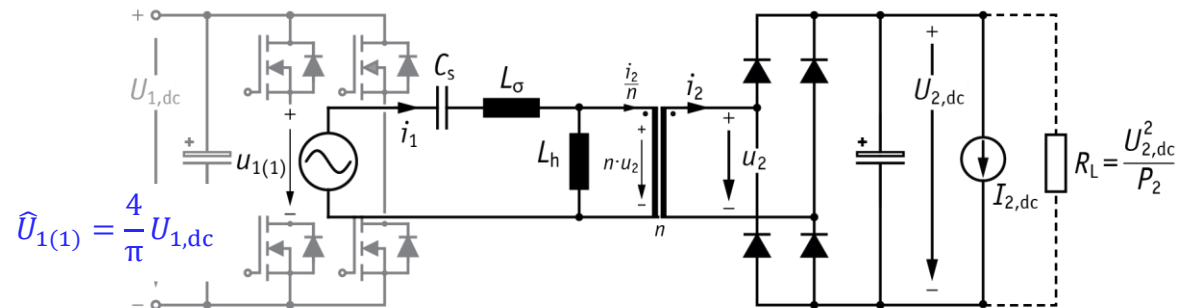
■ **Fundamental Frequency Equivalent Circuit**

$$R_{L,eq} = \frac{\hat{U}_{2(1)}}{\hat{I}_{2(1)}} \approx \frac{\frac{4}{\pi} U_{2,dc}}{\frac{\pi}{2} I_{2,dc}} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{U_{2,dc}^2}{P_2}$$

$$\hat{I}_{2(1)} = \frac{\pi}{2} I_{2,dc}$$

$$\hat{U}_{2(1)} = \frac{4}{\pi} U_{2,dc}$$

$$\hat{U}_{1(1)} = \frac{4}{\pi} U_{1,dc}$$
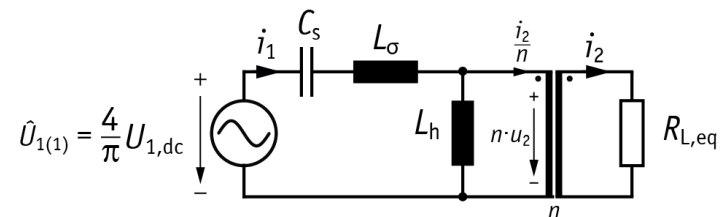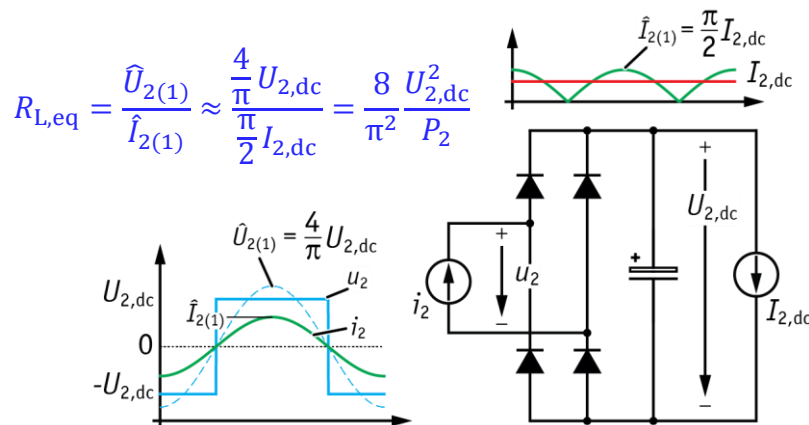
• Simplified Circuit Analysis & Approximate Power Loss Calculations

**ETH**zürich

# ▶ Resonant Circuit Transfer Characteristics (1)

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

$$Z_s = 0 \Big|_{\omega = \omega_s}$$

$$\omega_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-k^2)L_1 C_s}}$$

$R_{L,eq} = 43\,\Omega$

$R_{L,eq} = 26\,\Omega$

$R_{L,eq} = 13\,\Omega$

DC Output Volt. $U_{2,dc}$ (V)

arg[$Z_{in}$] (deg)

Frequency (kHz)
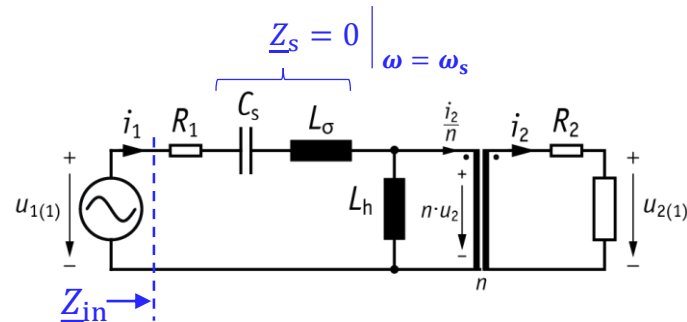
■ **Close to Ohmic Input Impedance due to Large Mutual Inductance**
   • Necessary Condition for Minimum Input Current → Max. Efficiency!
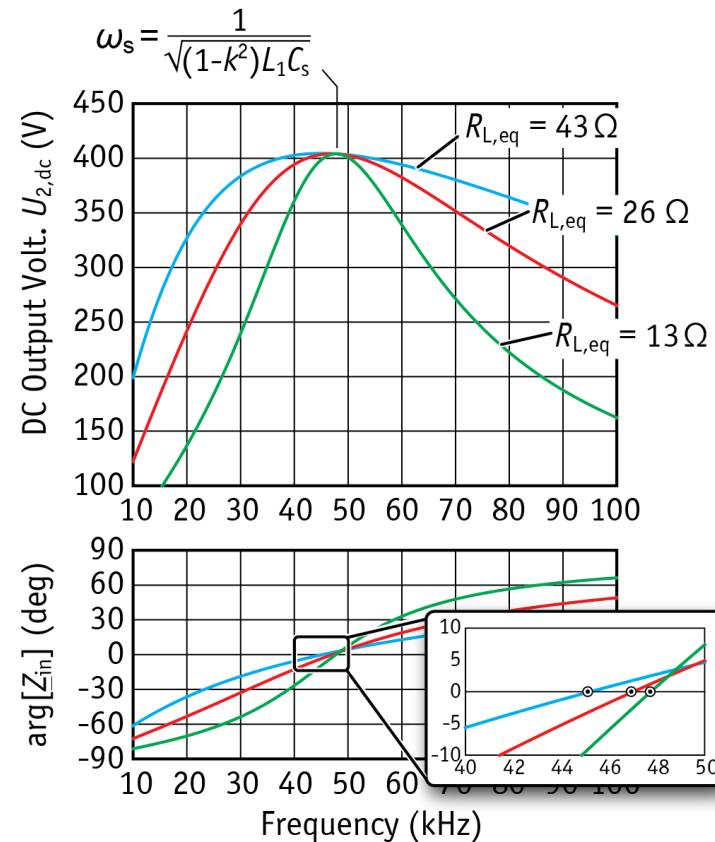
▲ **Voltage Transfer Ratio at** $k$ = **0.99**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Resonant Circuit Transfer Characteristics (2)

■ **Strong Coupling Dependency of Output Voltage due to Variation of Series Impedance**

• Variation of Coupling $k$ Changes $L_\sigma$ which Leads to Series Voltage Drop on $\underline{Z}_s > 0$



$$\underline{Z}_s > 0 \Big|_{\omega = \omega_s}$$

$$n = k\sqrt{\frac{L_1}{L_2}}$$

$$\omega_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-k^2)L_1 C_s}}$$
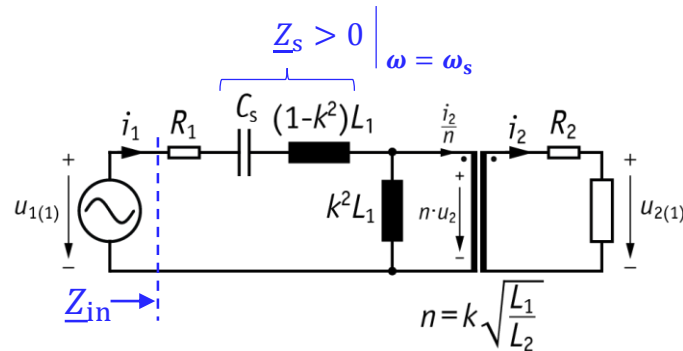
■ **Large Variation of Resonant Frequency
with Changing Magnetic Coupling**

• Fixed Frequency Operation Not Possible

■ **Not Practical if Coupling is Variable
in the Target Application**
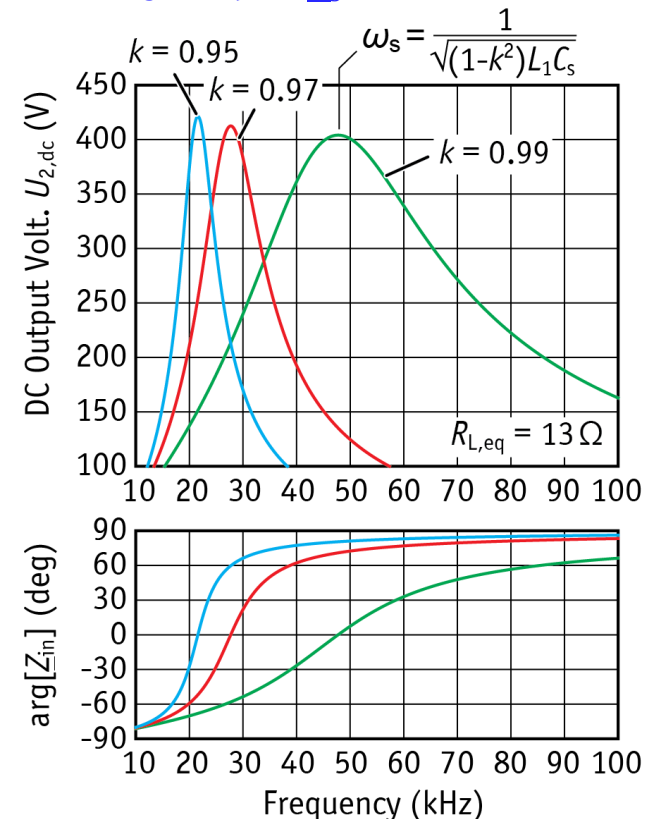
▲ **Transfer Characteristics and Phase Angle
of Input Impedance for Different Coupling**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Series-Series Compensated IPT System (1)

■ **Add Second Series Capacitor to Ensure Fixed Resonant Frequency ($\varphi_{\underline{Z}_{in}} = 0$)**
   **for any Value of the Magnetic Coupling $k$**
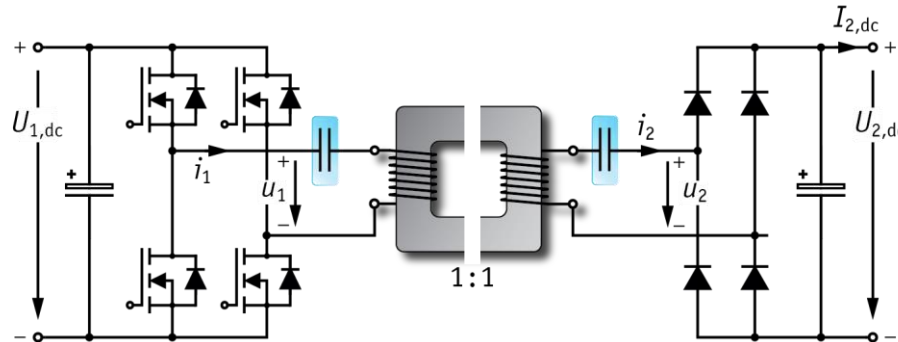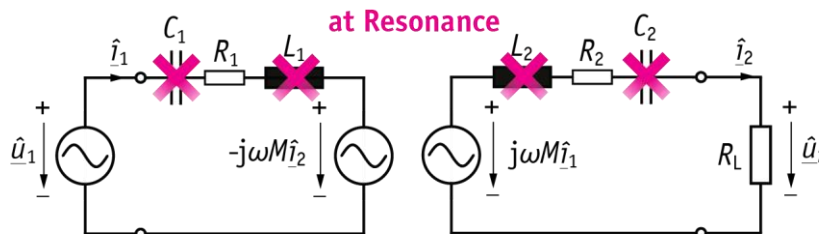
$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$$



■ **Resulting Equivalent Circuit @ $\omega_0$**
• Cancel Complete Self-Inductance



• Voltage Gain is Coupling & Load Dependent
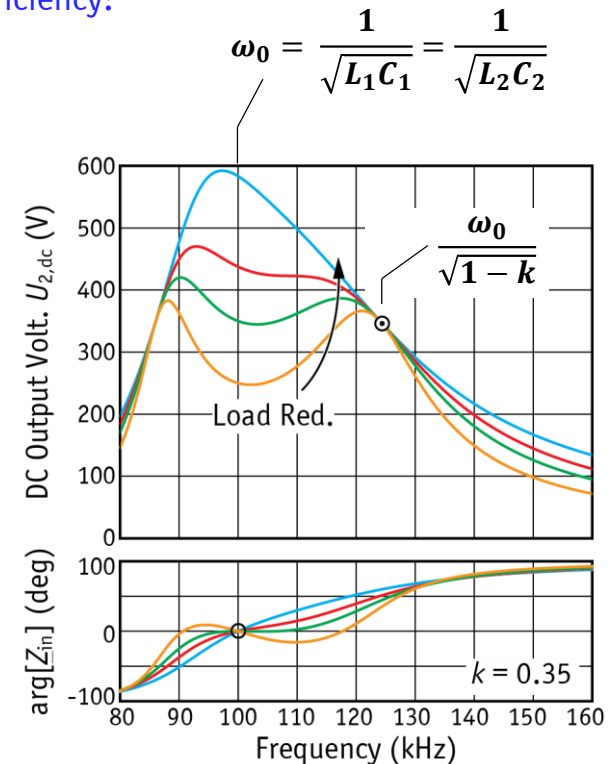
▲ **Transfer Characteristics and Phase Angle**
   **of Input Impedance for Different Coupling**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory**

# ► Series-Series Compensated IPT System (2)

■ **Resonant Frequency ($\varphi_{\underline{Z}_{in}} = 0$) is Indepenent of Magnetic Coupling and of Load**
• Necessary Condition for Minimum Input Current → Max. Efficiency!



$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$$

$$\frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1-k}}$$

■ **Resulting Equivalent Circuit @ $\omega_0$**
• Cancel Complete Self-Inductance

at Resonance



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

• Voltage Gain is Coupling & Load Dependent

**ETH** *zürich*

# ► Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (1)

■ **Operation at Resonant Frequency** $\omega_s = \dfrac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1-k}}$
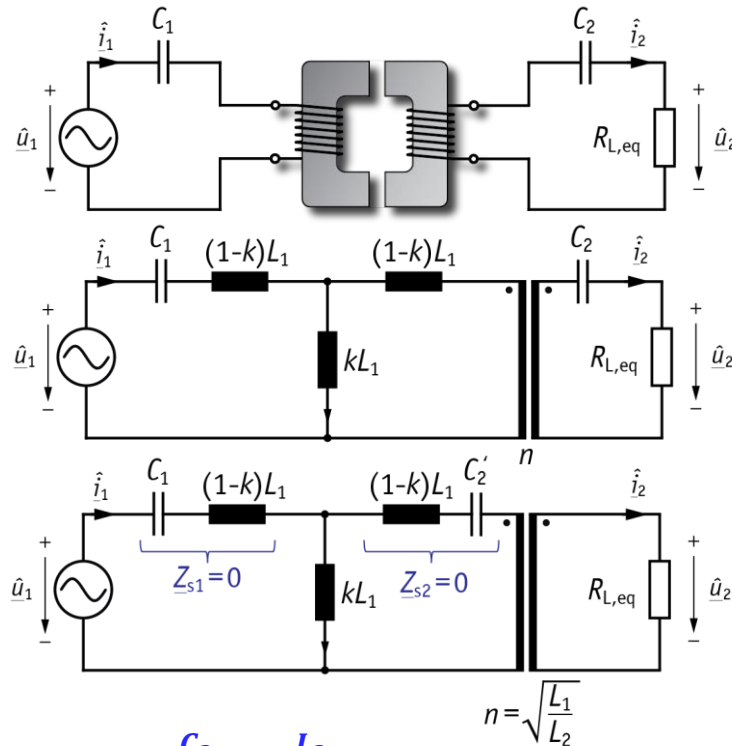


$$C_2' = \frac{C_2}{n^2} = C_s \frac{L_2}{L_1}$$

$$\omega_{s1}^2 = \frac{1}{C_1 L_1 (1-k)}$$

$$\omega_{s2}^2 = \frac{1}{C_2 L_2 (1-k)}$$

$\rightarrow \omega_s = \dfrac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1-k}}$

$\rightarrow \hat{\underline{u}}_2 = \hat{\underline{u}}_1 \sqrt{\dfrac{L_2}{L_1}}$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} \qquad \omega_s = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1-k}}$$
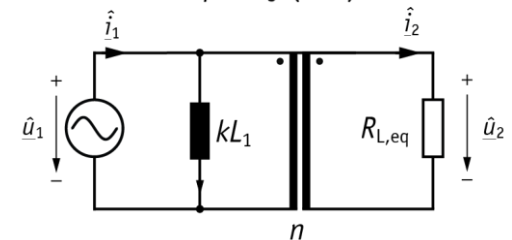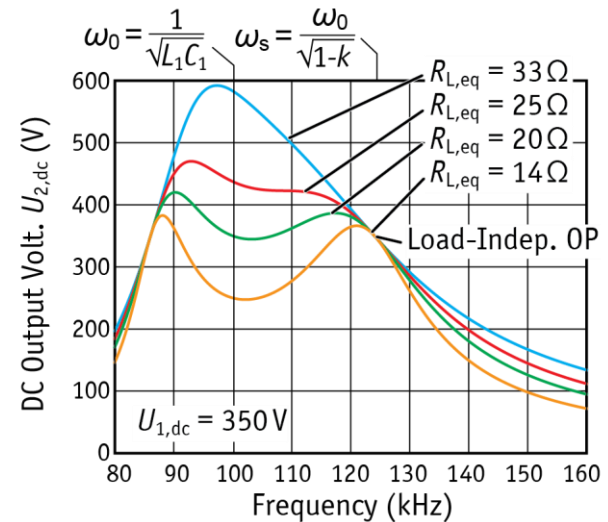


▲ **Output Voltage $\hat{U}_2$ is Independent of Load Resistance at $\omega_s$**

■ **Load-Independent Output Voltage**
- Still Coupling Dependent
- Inductive Input Impedance

# ► Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (2)

■ **Operation at Resonant Frequency** $\omega_0 = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$





▲ **Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Varying Load (top) and Coupling (bot.)**
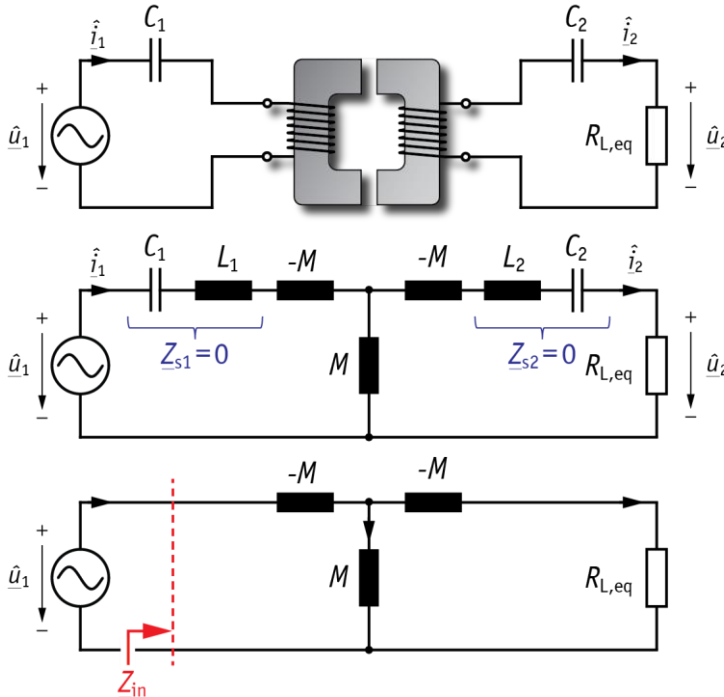
$$\underline{Z}_{in} = -j\omega_0 M + \frac{j\omega_0 M \cdot (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)}{j\omega_0 M + R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M}$$

$$\underline{Z}_{in} = \frac{\omega_0^2 M^2}{R_{L,eq}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \arg[\underline{Z}_{in}] &= 0 \\ k = 0 &\rightarrow \underline{Z}_{in} = 0 \\ R_{L,eq} = 0 &\rightarrow \underline{Z}_{in} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

■ **Purely Ohmic Input Impedance For any Load & Coupling**

**ETH** zürich

# ► Properties of the Series-Series Compensation (3)

■ **Operation at Resonant Frequency** $\omega_0 = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$
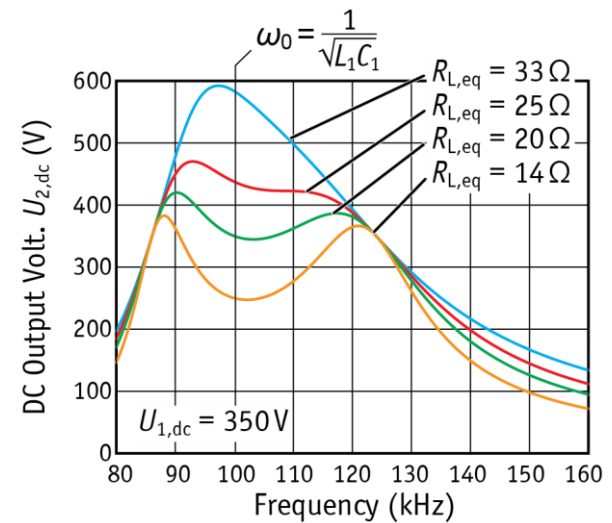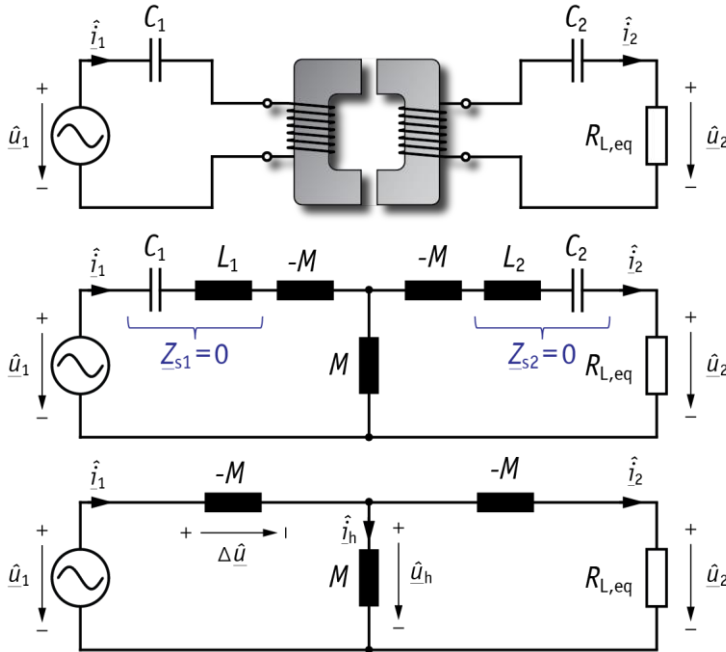


▲ **Output Voltage $\hat{U}_2$ Rises with Load Resistance for Constant $\hat{U}_1$**

$$\hat{\underline{u}}_h = \hat{\underline{i}}_2 (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)$$

$$\hat{\underline{i}}_h = \frac{\hat{\underline{i}}_2}{j\omega_0 M} (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)$$

$$\Delta\hat{\underline{u}} = -j\omega_0 M(\hat{\underline{i}}_2 + \hat{\underline{i}}_h)$$
$$= -j\omega_0 M \hat{\underline{i}}_2 - \hat{\underline{i}}_2 (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)$$

■ **Output Current Independent of Load Resistance $R_{L,eq}$:**

$$\hat{\underline{u}}_1 = \Delta\hat{\underline{u}} + \hat{\underline{u}}_h = -j\omega_0 M \hat{\underline{i}}_2$$

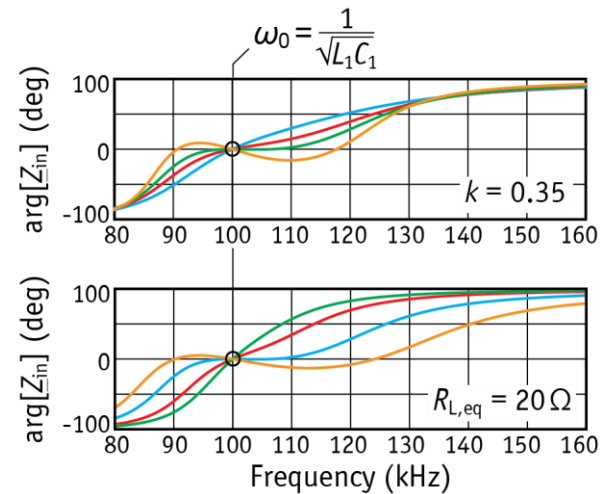$$\rightarrow \quad \hat{\underline{i}}_2 = j\frac{\hat{\underline{u}}_1}{\omega_0 M}$$

# ► Power Losses of the Series-Series Compensation

■ **Operation at Resonant Frequency** $\omega_0 = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$
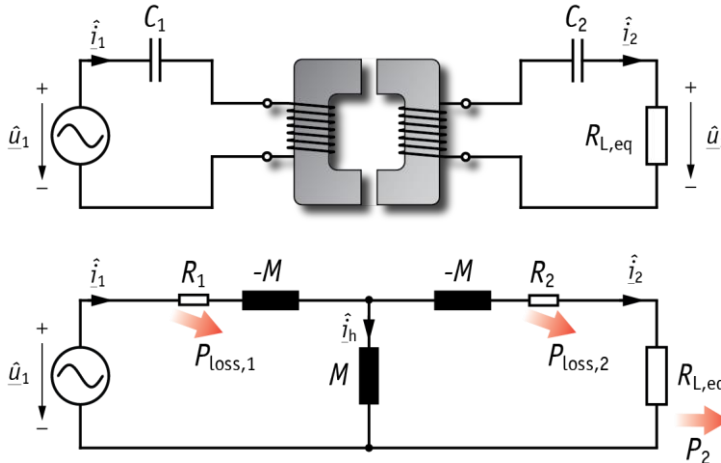


$$P_{\text{loss},1} = \frac{1}{2}\left|\hat{\imath}_1\right|^2 R_1 \quad P_{\text{loss},2} = \frac{1}{2}\left|\hat{\imath}_2\right|^2 R_2 \quad P_2 = \frac{1}{2}\left|\hat{\imath}_2\right|^2 R_{\text{L,eq}}$$
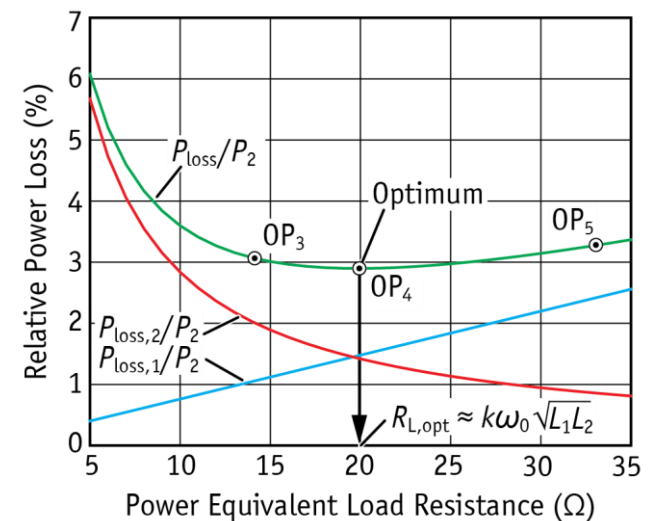
■ **Total Power Losses**
- Core Loss Neglected

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

■ **Minimum Relative Losses**
- Minimize Loss Factor $\lambda$

$$\frac{d}{dR_{\text{L,eq}}}\underbrace{\left(\frac{P_{\text{loss}}}{P_2}\right)}_{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_{\text{L,opt}} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 M^2 + \underbrace{R_{\text{ac}}^2}} \approx k\omega_0\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$$

$$R_1 \approx R_2 = R_{\text{ac}} \; @ \; \omega_0$$

Design Condition for Maximum Efficiency!

**ETH**zürich

# ► Series-Series Comp. for Maximum Efficiency

■ Current $\hat{I}_2$ Constant Indep. of $R_{L,eq}$: Current Source Characteristic @ Resonance
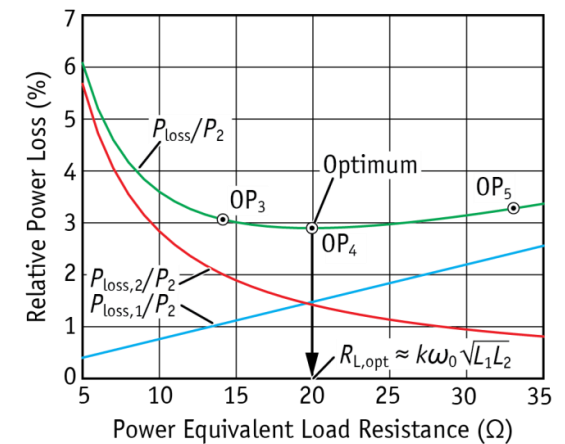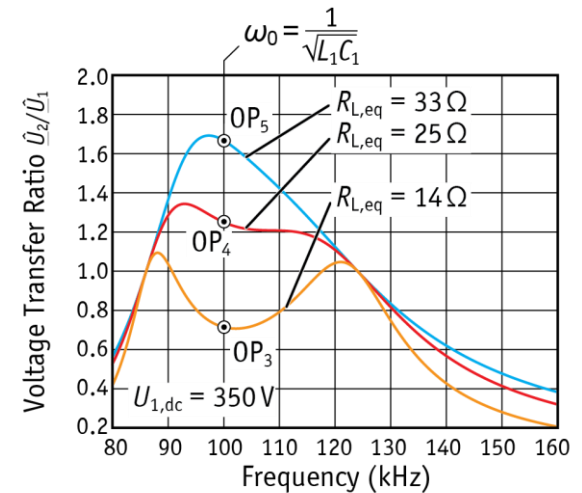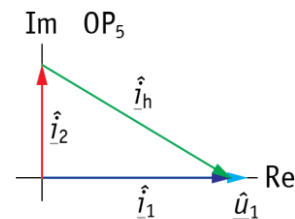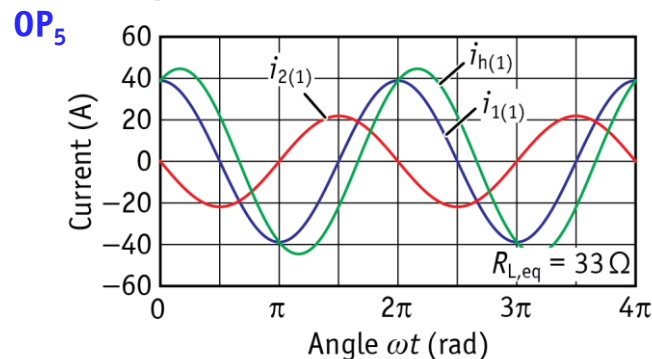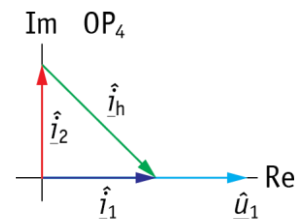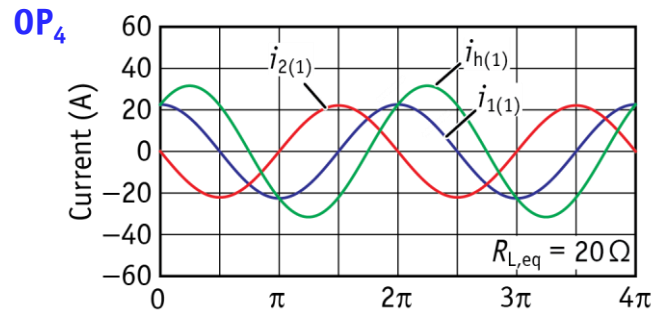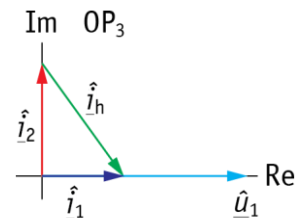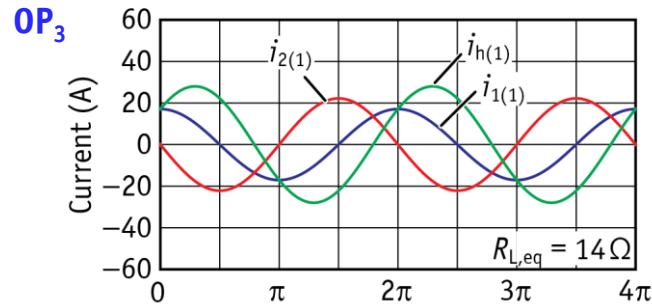
# ► Efficiency Limit of IPT Systems

■ **Condition for Minimum Total Coil Losses:** $R_{\text{L,opt}} \approx k\omega_0\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$

■ **Efficiency Limit of IPT Systems**

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

→ **Figure-of-Merit** $= k\sqrt{Q_1 Q_2} = kQ$
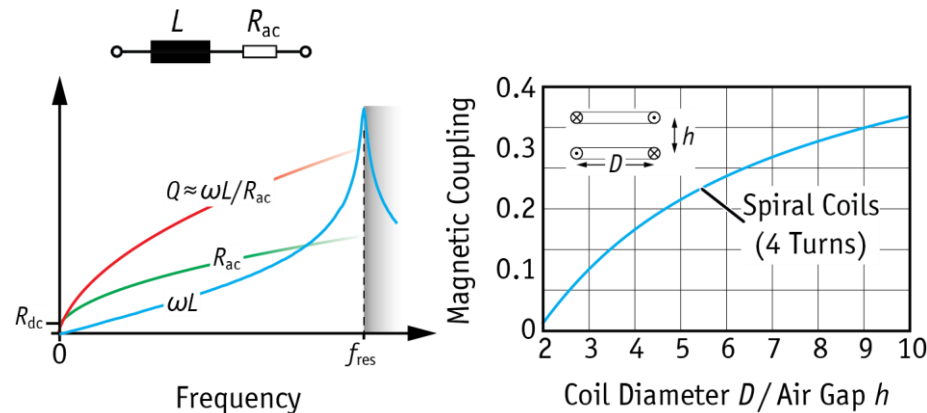


$k = L_h/\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$ .... Magnetic Coupling
$Q = \omega L/R_{\text{ac}}$ .... Coil Quality Factor
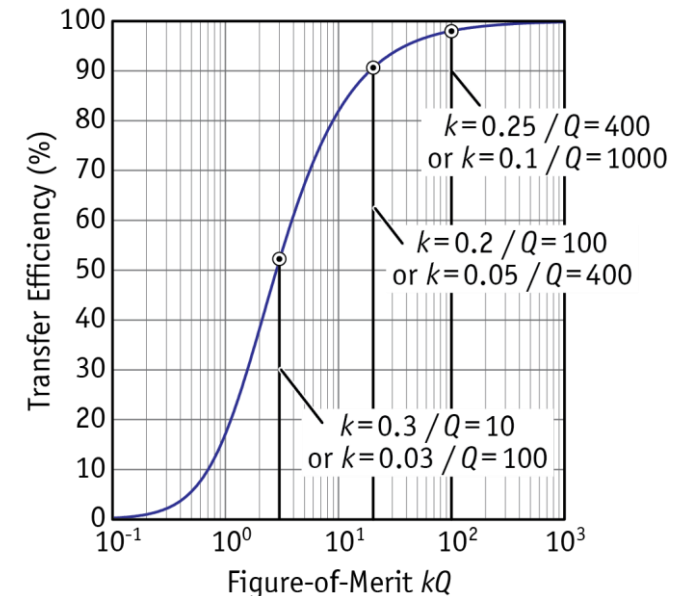
▲ **Efficiency Limit of IPT Systems (Coil Losses Only, Core Neglected)**

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► *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)
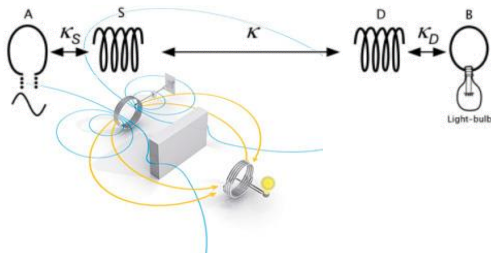




*WiTricity*, www.witricity.com (13.11.2014).

■ **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).

**ETH***zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Frequency Dependency of Voltage Gain (1)

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

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



$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \omega_0$$
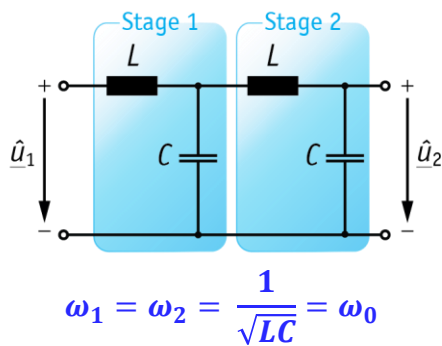


- Both Stages tuned to Same Frequency (100 kHz)
- Pole-Splitting due to Stage-Interaction
- Two Resonant Peaks

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$
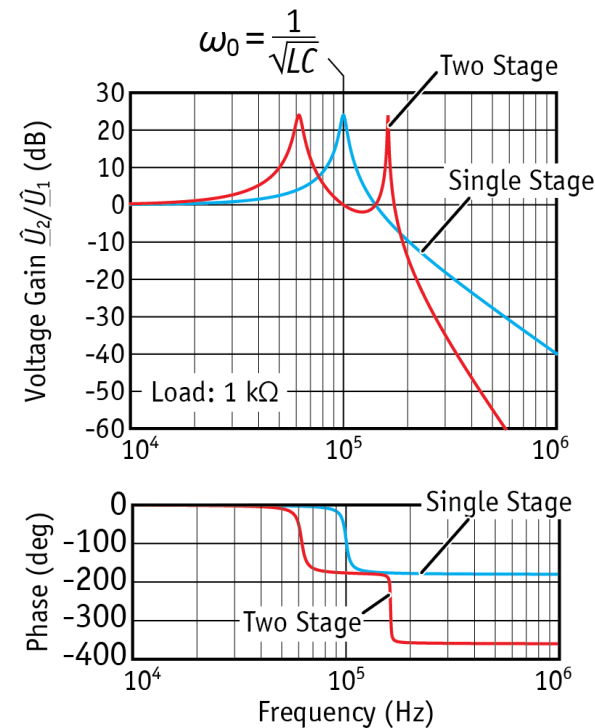
▲ **Transfer Functions of a Single- and a Two-Stage *LC*-Filter**

ETH *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Frequency Dependency of Voltage Gain (2)

■ **Example of SS-Compensated IPT System**



$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \omega_0$$
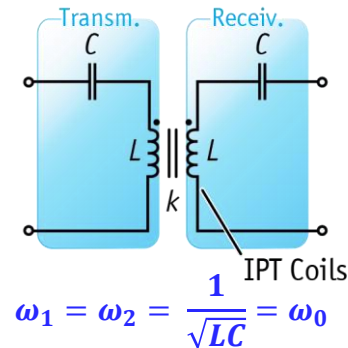
■ **Pole Splitting due to Interaction of Transmitter & Receiver Resonant Circuit**

• 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:**

$$\left(\frac{R_L}{\omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}}\right)_{subopt} \approx 70..80\% \cdot k_{max}$$

• Loss-Increase Typically below 5%
• Inductive Behavior Ensured for $\omega_{sw} > \omega_0$
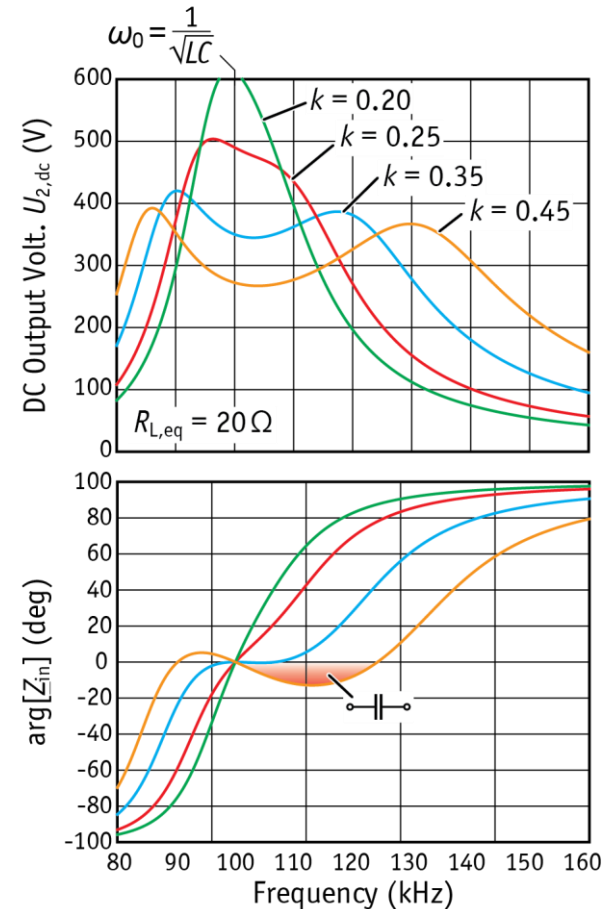


▲ **Voltage Transfer Functions and Phase of Input Impedance of an IPT System**

## ► High Efficiency Operation of Inverter Stage (1)

- **Zero-Voltage Switching**
  - Sufficient Load-Current to (Dis-) Charge Charge-Equivalent MOSFET Capacitance



$\omega_{sw} < \omega_{res}$

$\omega_{sw} > \omega_{res}$

$Q \geq 2 \cdot U_{1,dc} \cdot C_{Qeq}$

hard

OFF

ON

hard

ZVS

OFF

ON

ZVS
ZCS

$\omega_{res}$

$\omega_{sw} = \omega_{res} + \Delta\omega_{ZVS}$

▲ **Phase Angle of Input Impedance for Different Loads**

**ETH** zürich
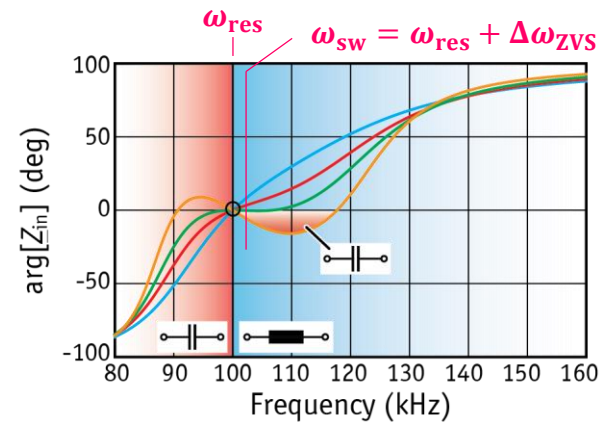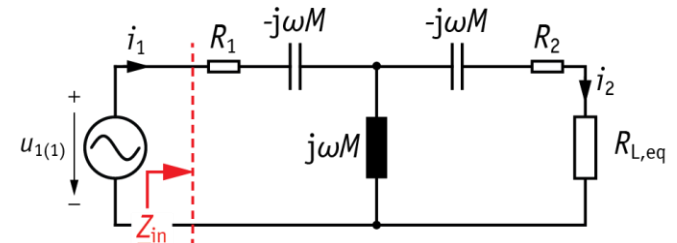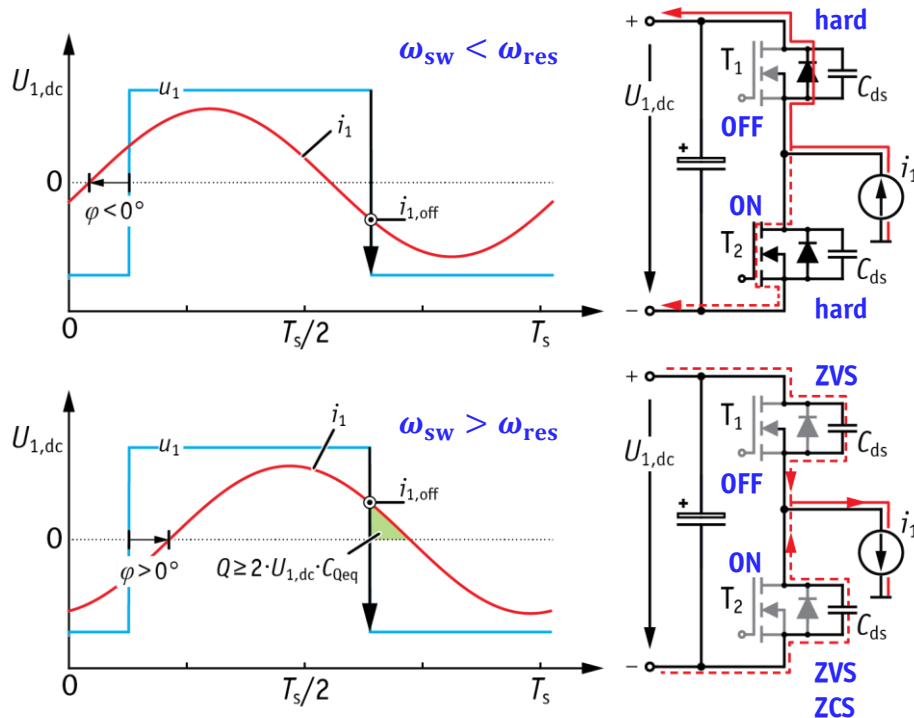
# ► High Efficiency Operation of Inverter Stage (2)

■ **Zero-Voltage Switching**
- Sufficient Load-Current to (Dis-) Charge Charge-Equivalent MOSFET Capacitance $C_{Qeq}$
- $C_{Qeq}$ Differs Significantly from Energy Eq. Capacitance $C_{Eeq}$



Zero Voltage Switching (ZVS)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $u_{DS}$ | 100 V/div. | $i_{DS}$ 3 A/div. |
| $p_T$ | 2.5 kVA/div. | $t$ 25 ns/div. |



$$C_{Qeq} = \frac{Q(U_{1,dc})}{U_{1,dc}} = \frac{\int_0^{U_{1,dc}} C(v)\,dv}{U_{1,dc}},$$

$$C_{Eeq} = \frac{E(U_{1,dc})}{\frac{1}{2}U_{1,dc}^2} = \frac{\int_0^{U_{1,dc}} v \cdot C(v)\,dv}{\frac{1}{2}U_{1,dc}^2}$$
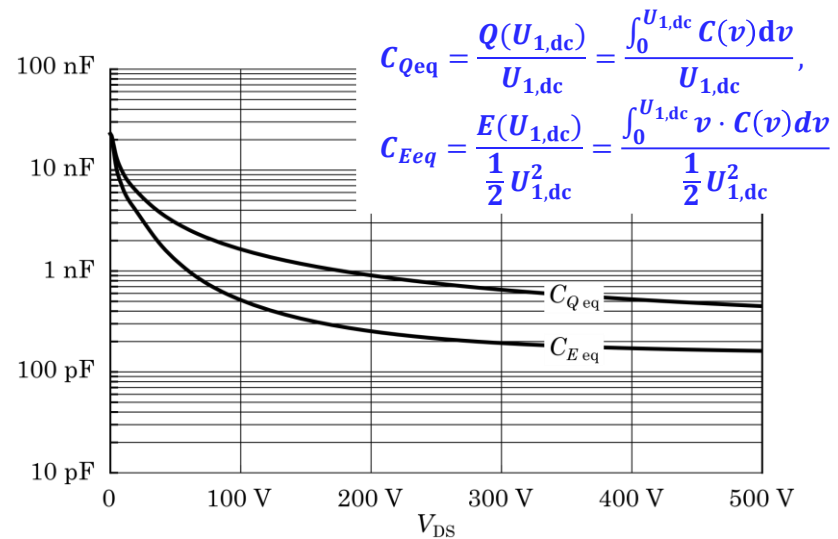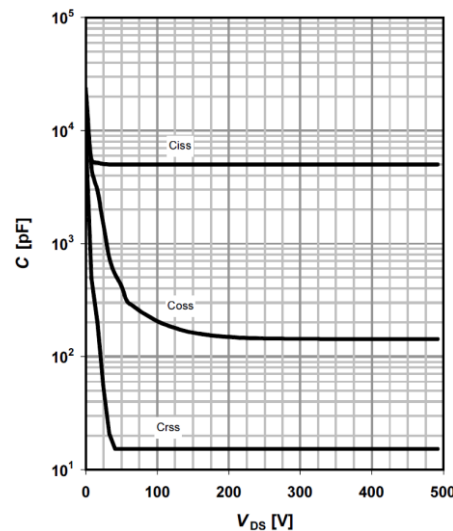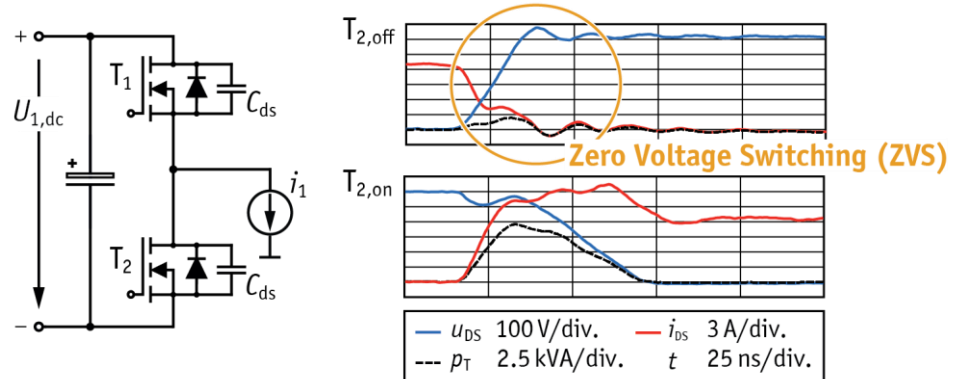
▲ **Typical Datasheet Values of a Power MOSFET (Infineon)**

ETHzürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ▶ IGBT Stored Charge Behavior

■ **Stored Charge in IGBT Drift Region must be Fully Removed at the Device Turn-Off**

- Phase-Lag between Current and Charge:
  Residual Charge if Turn-Off at Zero-Current
- Residual Charge causes Turn-On Losses
  in the Complimentary Device

$$\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = -\frac{Q(t)}{\tau} + k_s \cdot i_s(t)$$
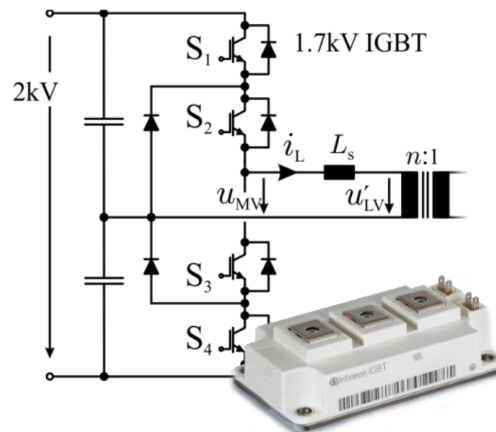
*P. Ranstad and H.-P. Nee,* "On dynamic effects influencing IGBT losses in soft-switching converters," *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 260–271, 2011. *G. Ortiz, H. Uemura, D. Bortis, J. W. Kolar, and O. Apeldoorn,* "Modeling of soft-switching losses of IGBTs in high-power high-efficiency dual-active-bridge dc/dc converters," *IEEE Trans. Electron Devices*, vol. 60, no. 2, pp. 587–597, 2013.
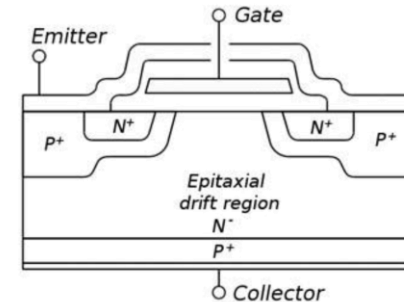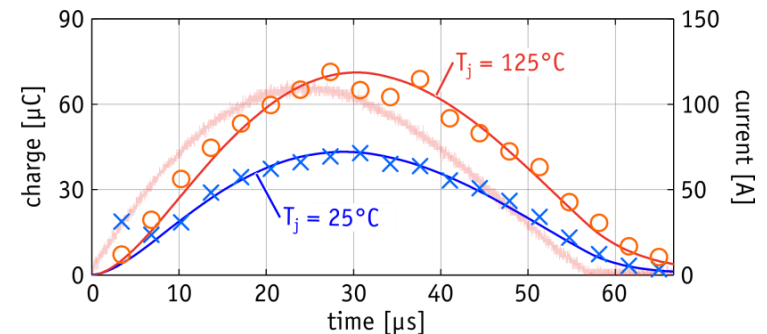
▲ **Experimental Stored Charge Dynamic Analysis on 1.7kV FS IGBT and Resonant Sine Pulse**

## ► Efficiency Optimal System Operation (1)

■ **Operation of Series-Series Compensated IPT System in Efficiency Optimum**

- Given Resonant Circuit
- Given Operating Frequency
- Given Magnetic Coupling
- Given Mains & Battery DC-Voltages



Efficiency-Optimal Operating Point

$P_2^*$ ... reference
$\omega_0$ ... selected
$U_{\text{batt}}$ ... given
$k$ ... estimated

→ $R_L^* \approx k\omega_0 L_2 = \dfrac{8}{\pi^2}\dfrac{U_{2,dc}^2}{P_2^*}$ → $U_{2,dc}^* = \sqrt{\dfrac{\pi^2}{8}P_2^* k\omega_0 L_2}$

Controller Input Variables

Maximum Efficiency Condition

Controller Reference



3-Phase Mains

Transmission Coils

High-Voltage Battery

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
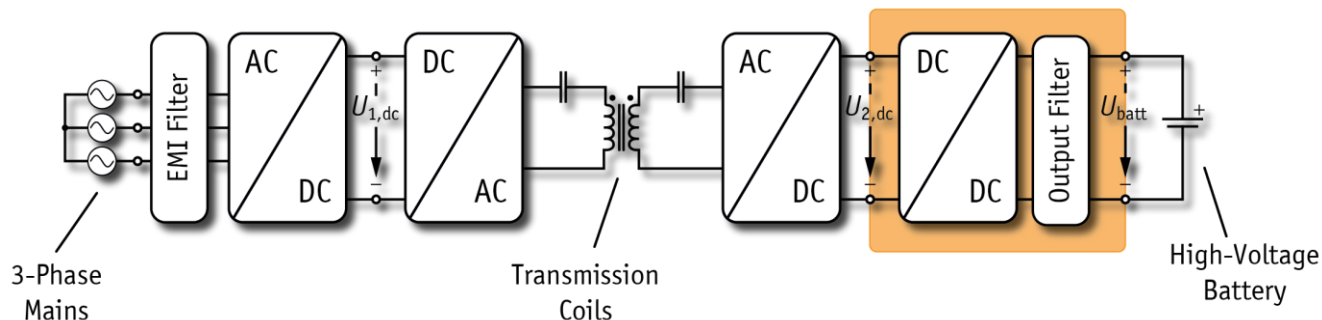
# ► Receiver Electronics – Potential Solutions (1)

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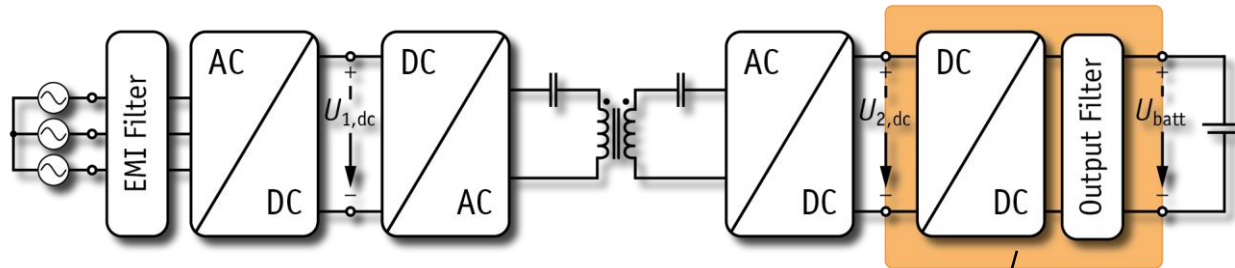


■ **Prototype SiC-Converter for 50 kW IPT (Receiver Side)**
• Efficiency 98%, 9.2 kW/dm$^3$





ETHzürich
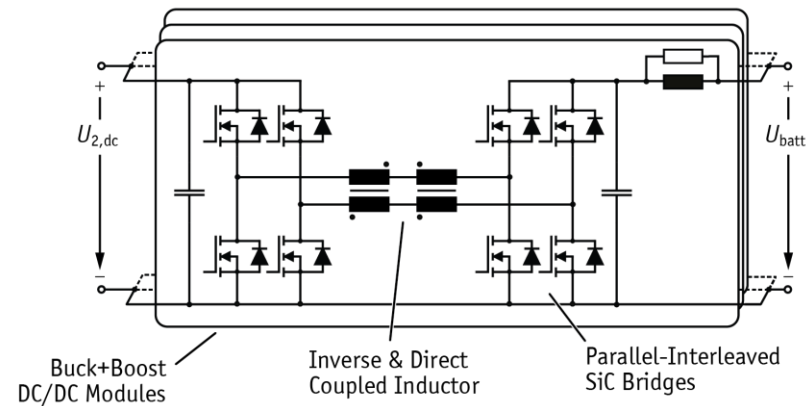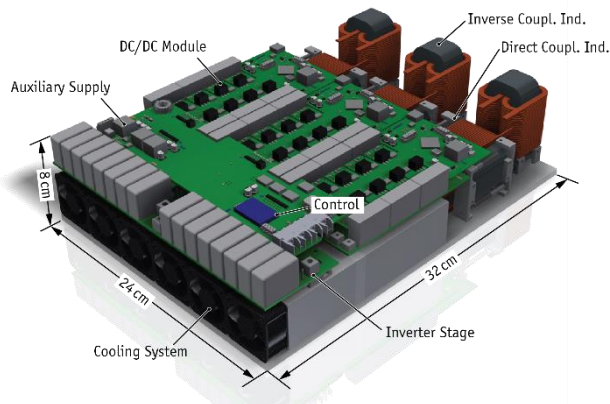
# ► Receiver Electronics – Potential Solutions (2)

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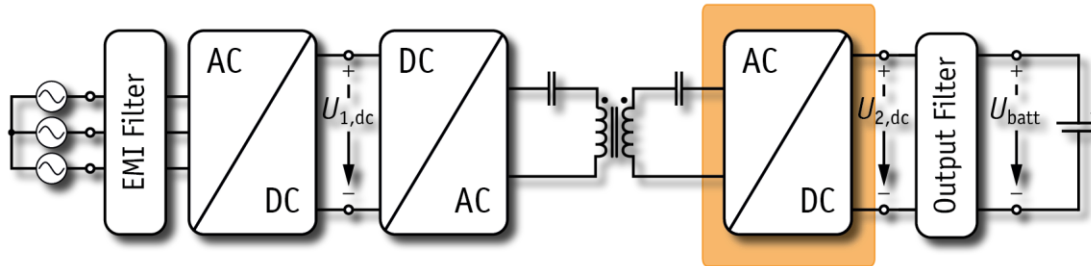


• **Utilization of 1-Φ Bridgless-PFC Topology**

*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.
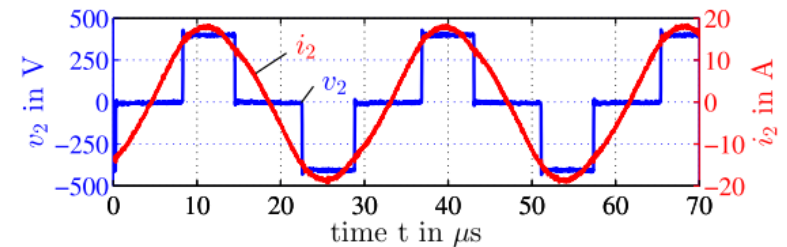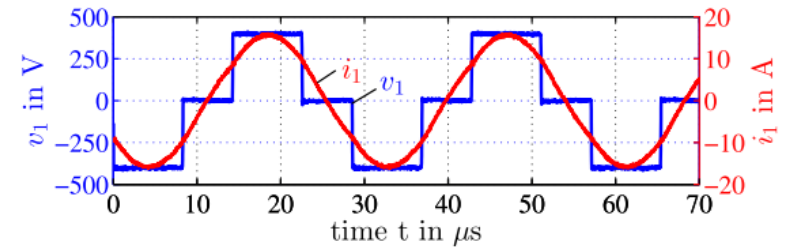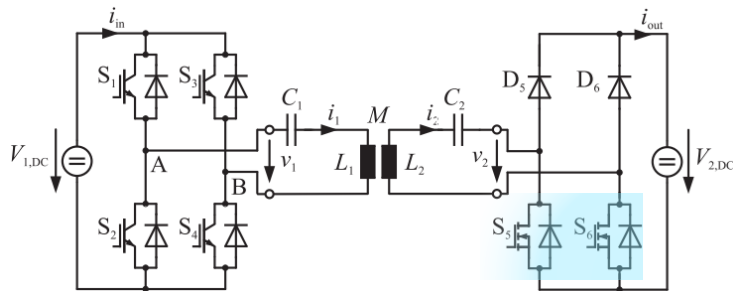
# ► Control Diagram for Efficiency Optimal Operation
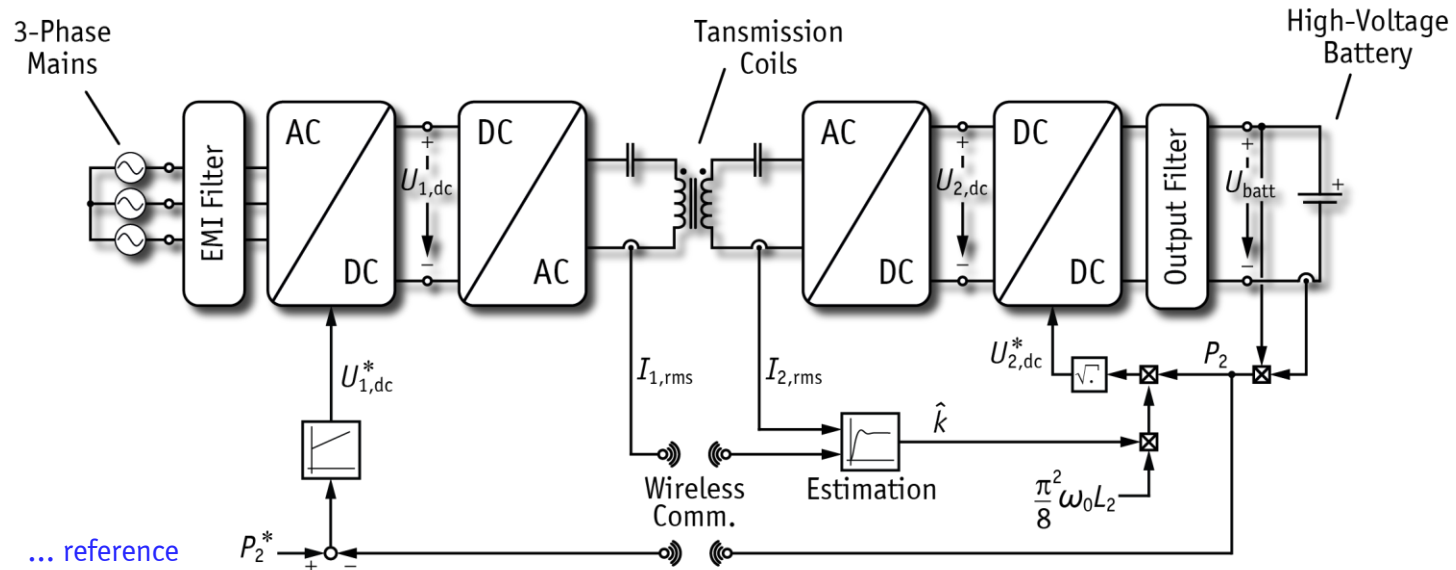


$P_2^*$ ... reference
$\omega_0$ ... selected
$U_{batt}$ ... given
$k$ ... estimated

Controller
Input Variables

$$R_L^* \approx k\omega_0 L_2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2}\frac{U_{2,dc}^2}{P_2^*} \quad \rightarrow \quad U_{2,dc}^* = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8} P_2^* k \omega_0 L_2}$$

Maximum
Efficiency
Condition

Controller
Reference

**Voltage Step-Up or Step-Down**



**ETH** zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
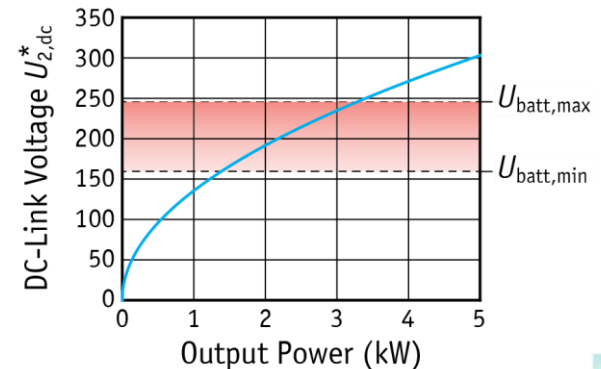
# ► Transmitter Electronics – Potential Solutions (1)

■ **Receiver Voltage $U_{2,\text{dc}}$ used for Optimal Load Matching**
  → Power Regulation by Adjustment of $U_{1,\text{dc}}$ using Characteristic $P_2 = \dfrac{8}{\pi^2} \dfrac{U_{1,\text{dc}} \cdot U_{2,\text{dc}}}{\omega_0 k \sqrt{L_1 L_2}}$

■ **1st Option:    Cascaded AC/DC, DC/DC Conversion**
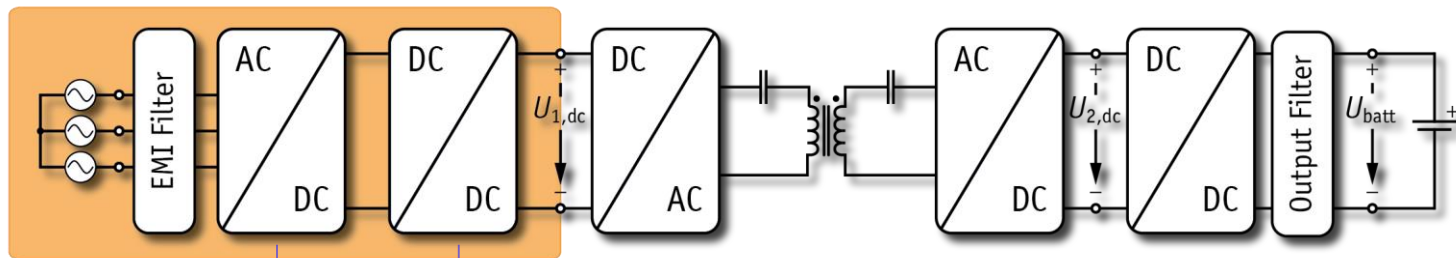


■ **Transmitter-Side DC/DC Converter**
  • No Isolation Needed
  • Identical to Receiver-Side?

■ **3-Phase Mains Interface (Boost-Type)**
  • Power Factor Correction of Phase Current
  • Standard Solutions Exist in Industry

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► 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**
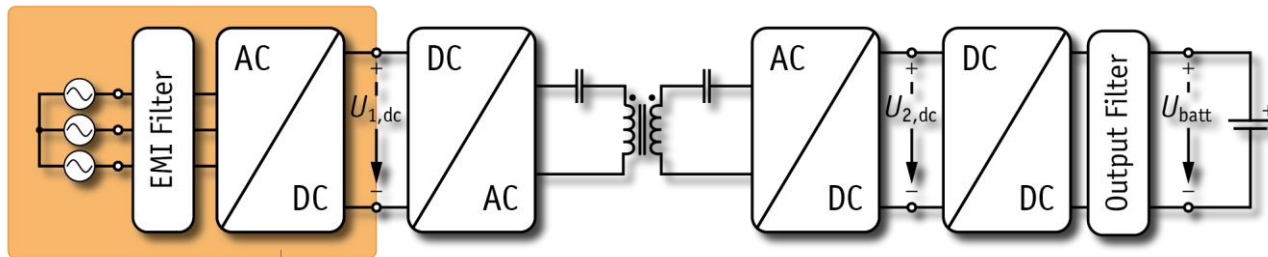


■ **3-Phase Buck-Type Mains Interface**
• Power Factor Correction of Phase Current
• Regulated Output Voltage below Mains

**Example Solution:**
**SWISS Rectifier**
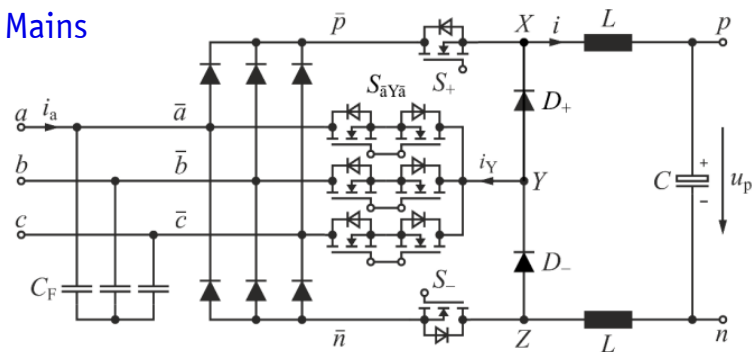


*T. B. Soeiro, T. Friedli, J. W. Kolar,* "SWISS Rectifier – A Novel 3-Phase Buck-Type PFC Topology for EV Battery Charging," in *Proc. APEC, 2014.*

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Alternative Control Concepts for Series Resonant Converters

- **Degrees-of-Freedom for the Control**
  - Inverter Switching Frequency
  - Duty Cycle of Inverter Output Voltage
  - DC-Link Voltage (with Front-End DC/DC Conv.)

- **Common Control Concepts**
  - I)   Frequency Control @ Fixed Duty Cycle
  - II)  Duty Cycle Control @ Fixed Frequency
  - III) Combined Duty Cycle & Frequency Control
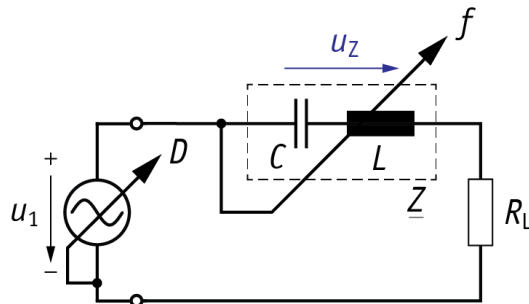


▲ **Increase of Switching Frequency Above Resonant Frequency adds Series Voltage Drop**
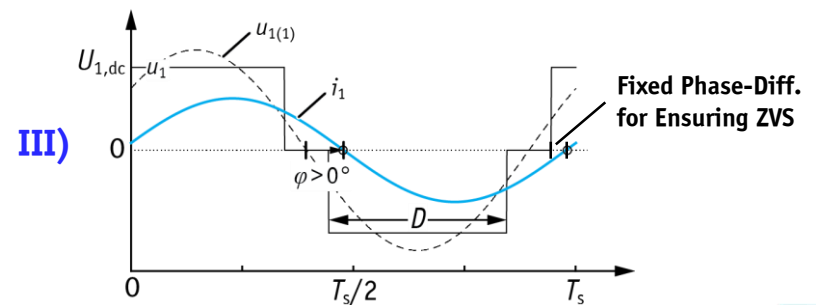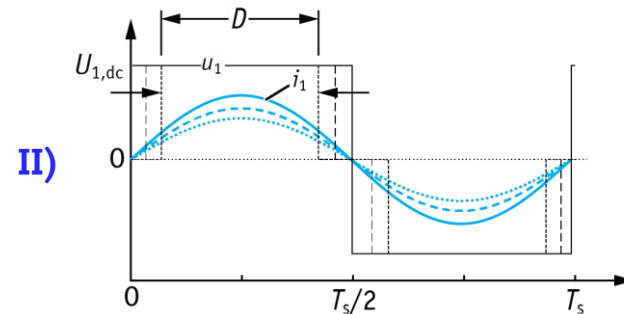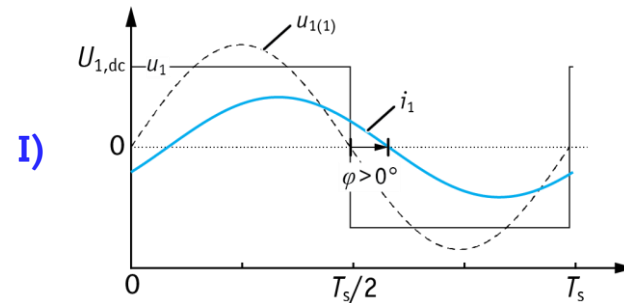
# ► Frequency Control @ Fixed Duty Cycle

■ **Control Switching Frequency of Inverter Stage to Regulate Output Power**
  - Switching above Resonant Point Reduces Transmitted Output Power

■ **Main Disadvantages:**
  - Operation Requires Reactive Power
  - Increased RMS-Current in Transmitter Coil
  - Large Frequency Variation
  - Operation at Efficiency Optimum Only at Maximum Output Power
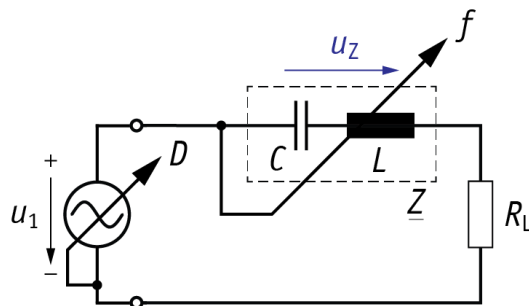


▲ **Increase of Switching Frequency Above Resonant Frequency adds Series Voltage Drop**
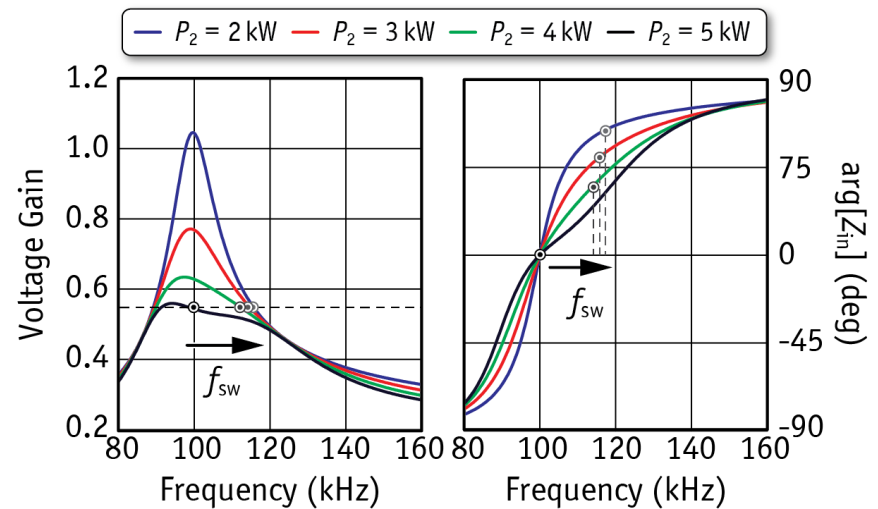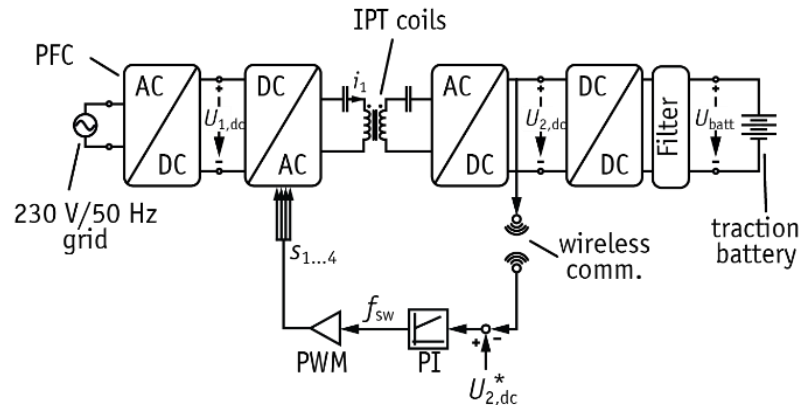
▲ **Operating Points shown on Resonant Curves**

ETH zürich

# ► Self-Oscillating (or Dual) Control Method

## ■ Dual Control of Phase-Shift and Frequency
- Reduced Amplitude of Voltage Fundamental
- Smaller Frequency Variation
- Guaranteed ZCS/ZVS-Operation with Appropriately Selected $\alpha_{ZVS}$

## ■ Main Disadvantages:
- Operation Requires Reactive Power
- Increased RMS-Current in Transmitter Coil
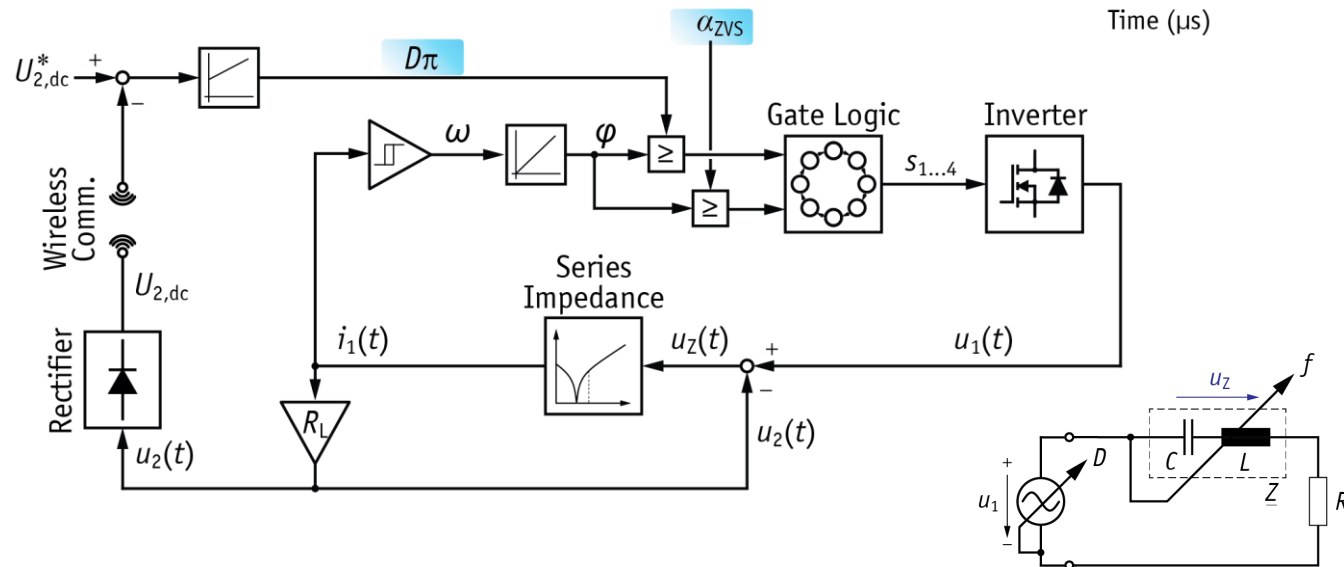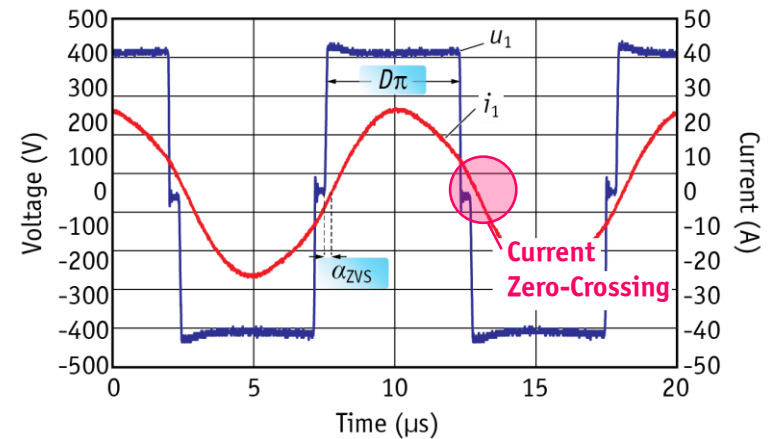
▶ **Comparison of Control Methods (1)**

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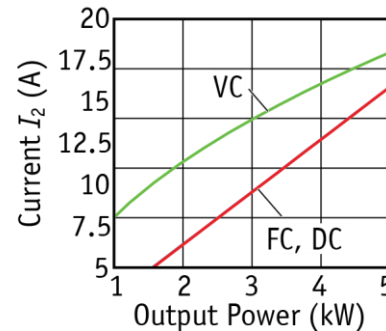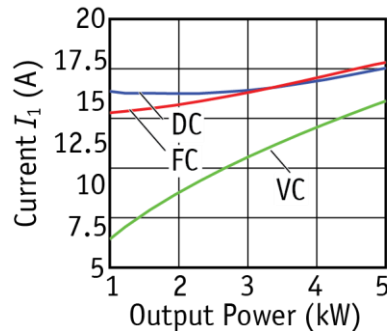


VC ... DC-Link Voltage Control
(Optimal Load Matching)
FC ... Frequency Control
DC ... Dual/Self-Osc. Control

■ **Reduction in Transmitter Current $I_1$ Leads to Over-All Loss Reduction Despite Increased $I_2$ 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 $I^2R$ Losses in Coils/Caps/Switches
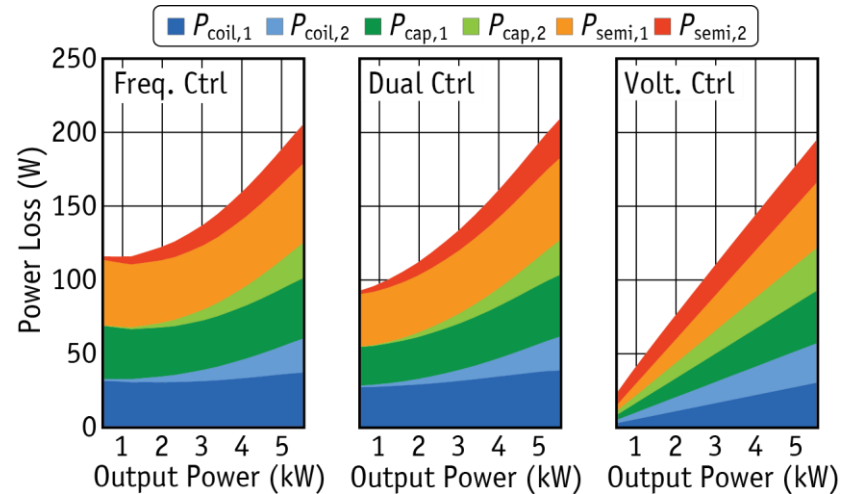


▲ **For 5 kW IPT Prototype Presented Later**

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► Comparison of Control Methods (2)

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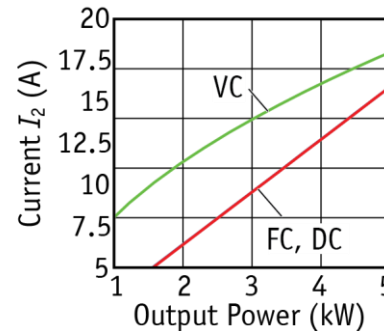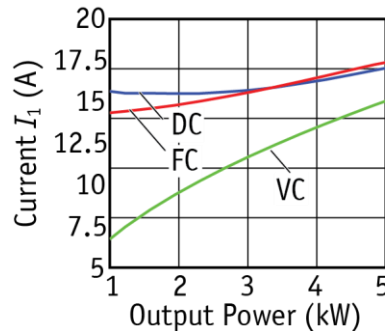


VC ... DC-Link Voltage Control
FC ... Frequency Control
DC ... Dual/Self-Osc. Control

■ **Large Reduction of Power Losses in Partial-Load Condition with VC**
• Reduced Transmitter-Coil RMS-Current
• Decreasing instead of Constant $I^2R$ Losses in Coils/Caps/Switches

■ **Extremely Flat Efficiency Curve even at Low Output Power for Voltage Control Method with Optimum Load Matching**
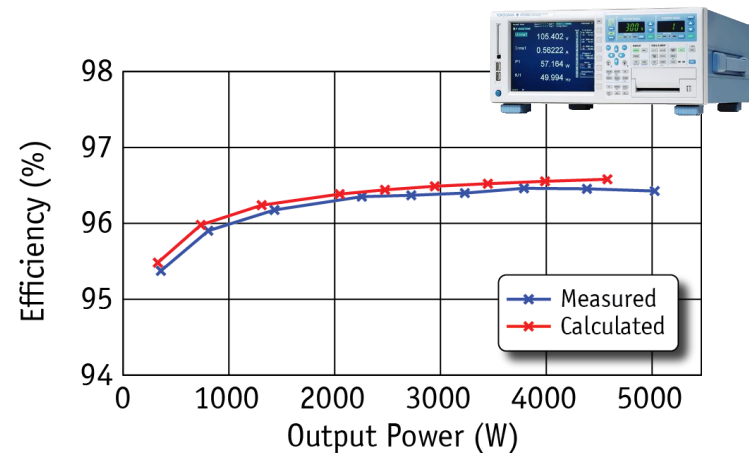


▲ **For 5 kW IPT Prototype (Shown in Later Sections)**

**ETH** *zürich*

# Components Modeling & Multi-Objective System Optimization

# ► Multi-Objective System Optimization (2)

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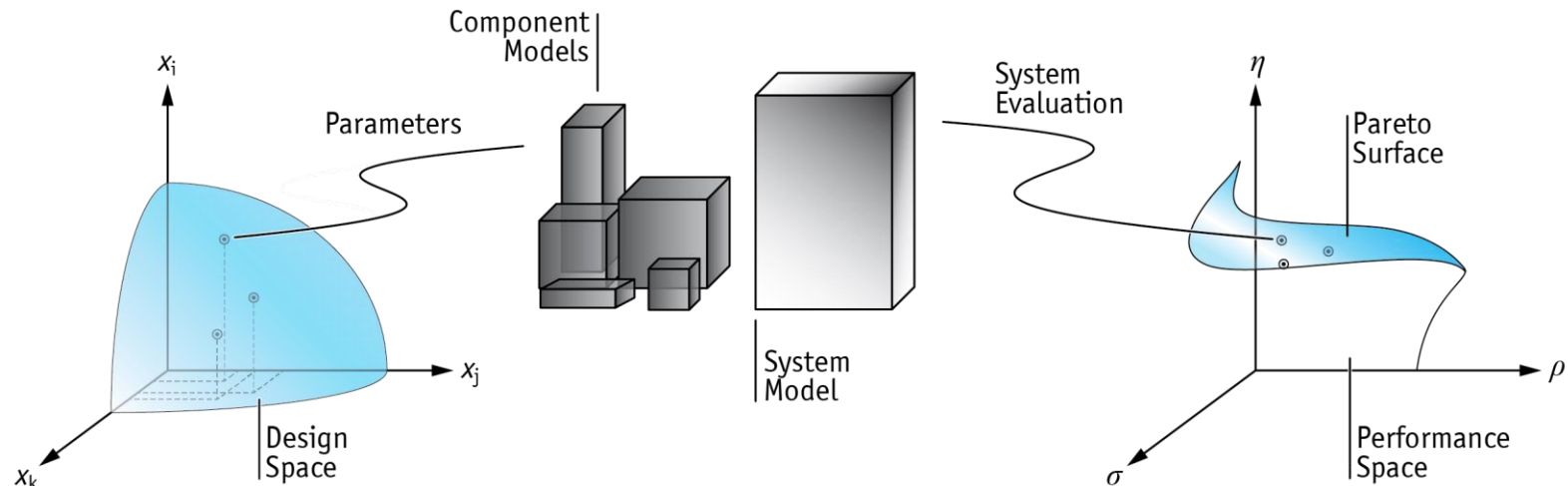


- Coil Dimensions
- Winding Scheme
- Number of Turns
- Litz Wire Design
- Core Design
- Core Material

- AC-Losses
- Magnetic Fields
- Capacitor Losses
- Converter Losses
- Component Cost
- Component Size

- Efficiency    $\eta = P_{out}/P_{in}$    [%]
- Power Density    $\rho = P_{out}/V_{tot}$    [kW/dm$^3$]
- Stray Field    $\beta = B_{max}/B_{norm}$    [%]
- Tolerace    $\delta = \Delta x/D_{coil}$    [%]
- Specific Cost    $\gamma = C_{tot}/P_{out}$    [$/kW]
- Material Effort $\sigma = kg_{Cu/Fe}/P_{out}$ [kg/kW]

**ETH** zürich

► **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
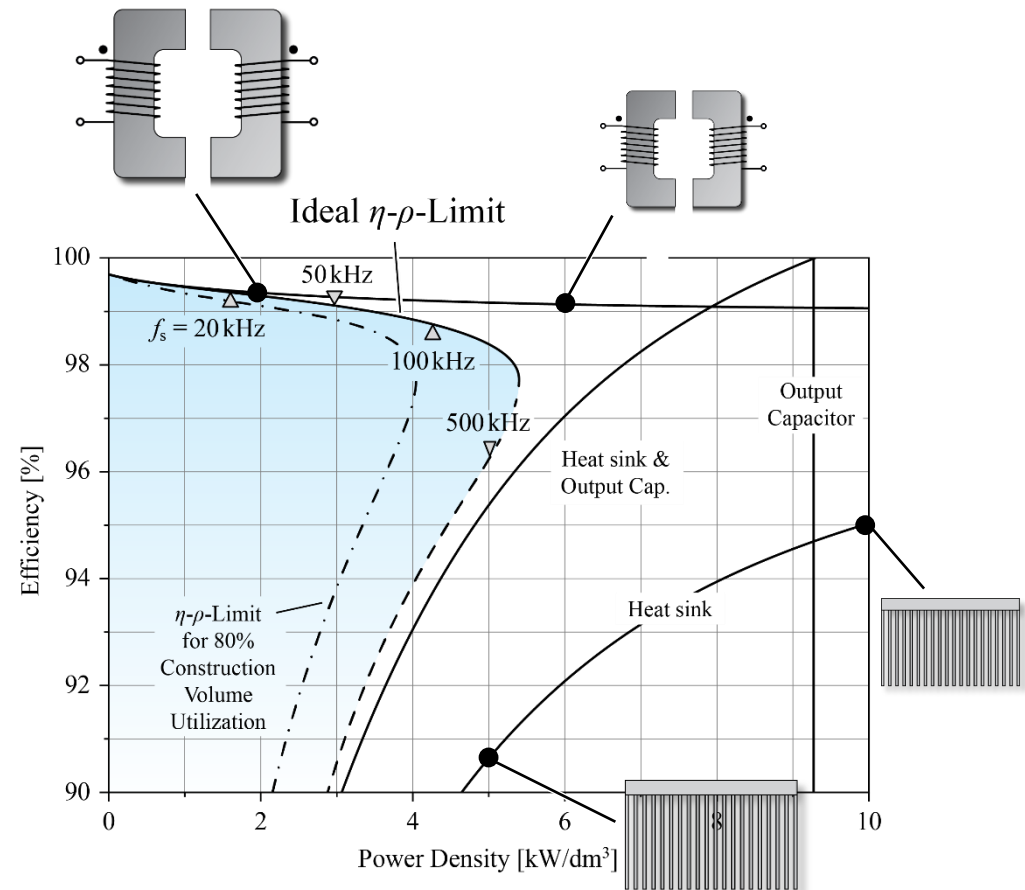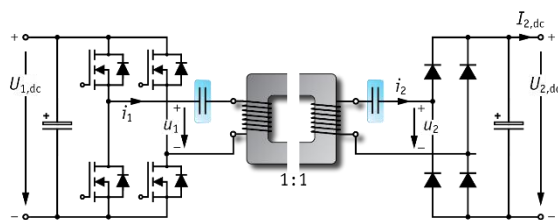
# System Components and Design Considerations

*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
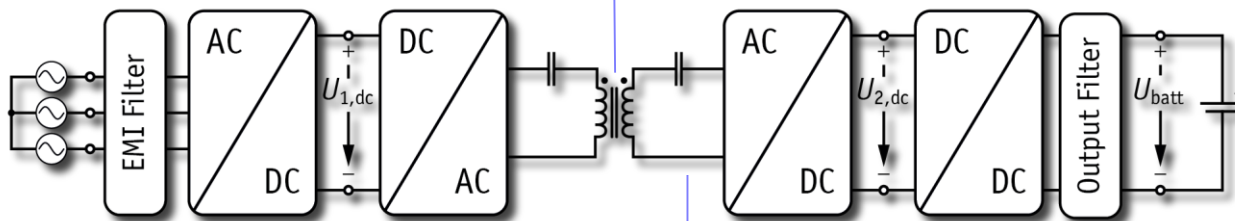
■ **Transmitter-Side Power Electronics**
  • 1/3-Φ Mains Interface
  • High-Frequency Inverter Stage

■ **Resonant Compensation**
  • Requirements for Capacitor
  • Optimal Component Selection

# ▶ Main System Components (2)



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

**■ Receiver-Side Power Electronics**
- (Synchronous) Rectification
- Battery Current Regulation
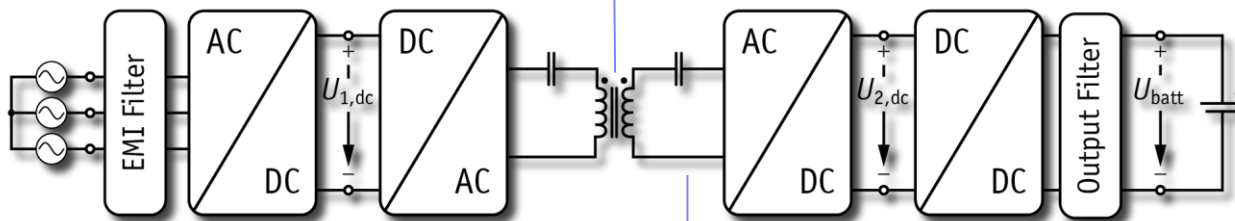
**■ Transmitter-Side Power Electronics**
- 1/3-Φ Mains Interface
- High-Frequency Inverter Stage

**■ Resonant Compensation**
- Requirements for Capacitor
- Optimal Component Selection

# Transmission Coil:
# Coil Geometry Options

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► 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).
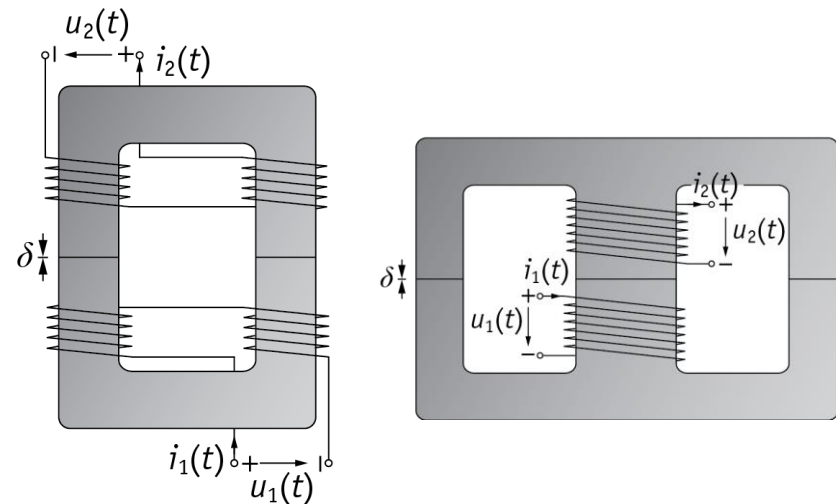
▲ **Common Transformer Structures**

**ETH** *zürich*

# ► Classification of IPT Coil Geometries (1)

## E-Type IPT Coils
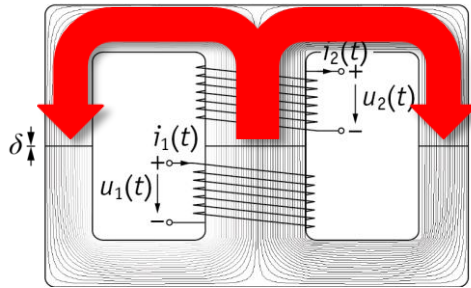


- **E-Core Transformer**
  - Flux Divided to Two Equal Loops
  - 2x Thickness for Central Leg
- **E-Type IPT Coil**
  - Flux Divided to Two Equal Loops
  - Max. Coupling for Certain Ratio of Core Size Compared to Winding Diam.
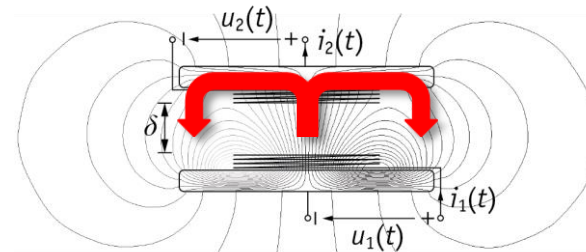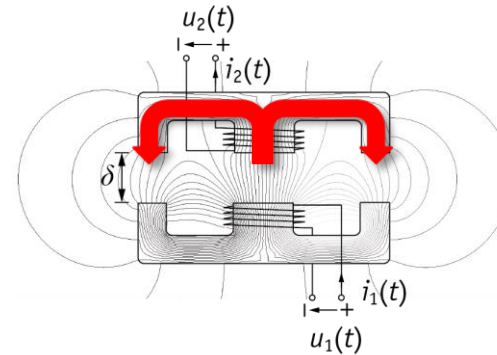
► **Classification of IPT Coil Geometries (2)**

**U-Type IPT Coils**
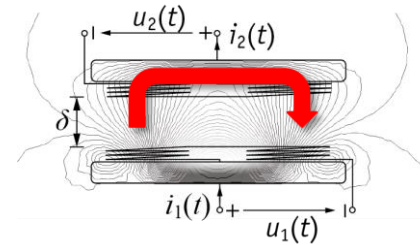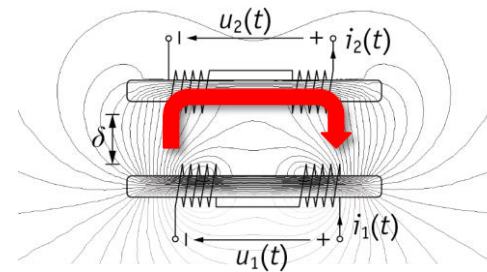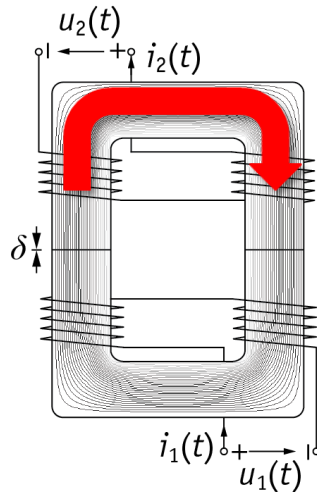


- ■ **U-Core Transformer**
  - • Flux on Single Loop
- ■ **U-Type IPT Coil**
  - • Single Loop formed by two Windings

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Literature: Realized Example Prototypes

■ **E-Type IPT Coils**



*J. Kim* et al. (KAIST), 2014.

Ferrite
$\mu_r = 3200$
$\tan\delta = 0.001 @ 30$ kHz

Aluminum Shielding
$\sigma = 3.82 \times 10^7$ S/m
Thickness : 5 mm

15 mm
50 mm
45 mm
400 mm
510 mm
200 mm
310 mm
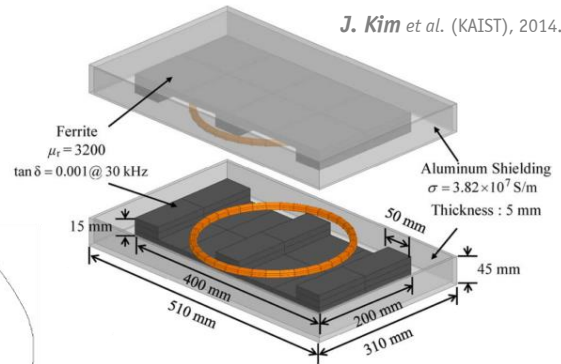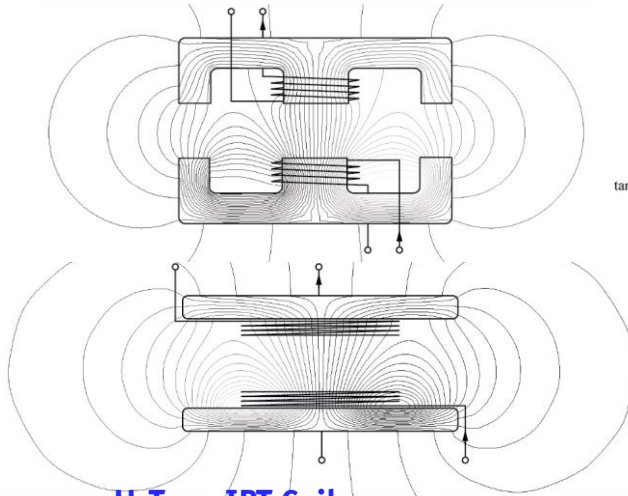
*S. Reichert* et al. (Fraunhofer ISE), 2013.
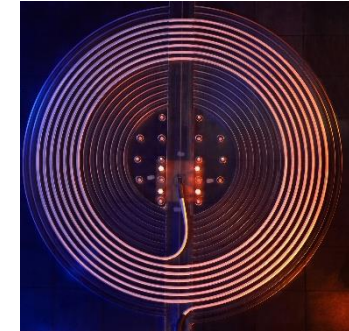
■ **U-Type IPT Coils**
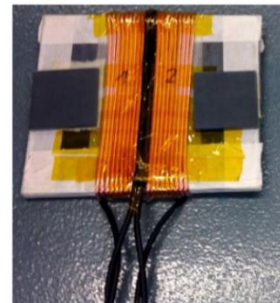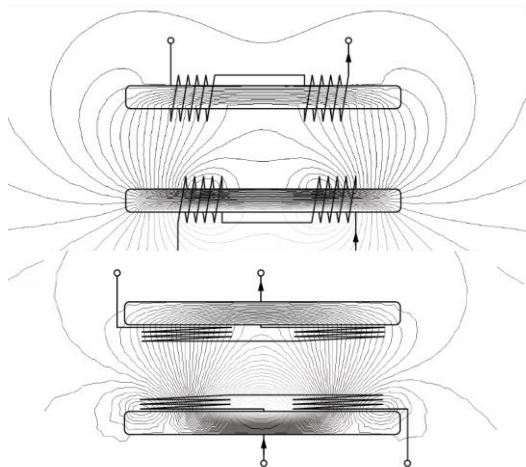


*F. Turki et al.,* PCIM Europe, 2014.
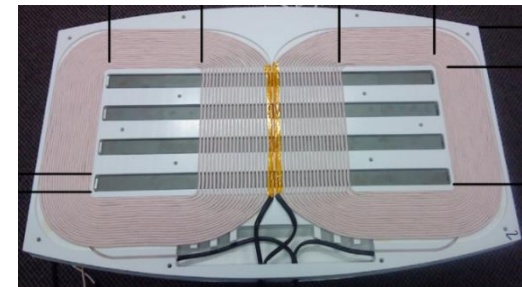
*C.-Y. Huang, M. Budhia, G. Covic, T. Boys*, 2011-2013.

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Coil Geometry Optimization (1)

■ **Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model**



*J. Kim* et al. (KAIST), 2014.
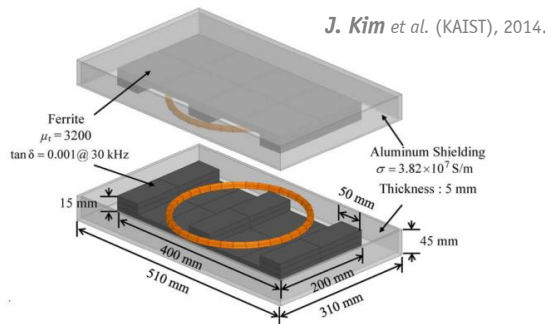


■ **Maximize Figure-of-Merit *kQ*:**

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

■ **Approximations:**
• Core Reluctance Small (high Permeability)
• Only Air Gap in Central Leg Considered,
  Side Legs have small Reluctance (large Area)
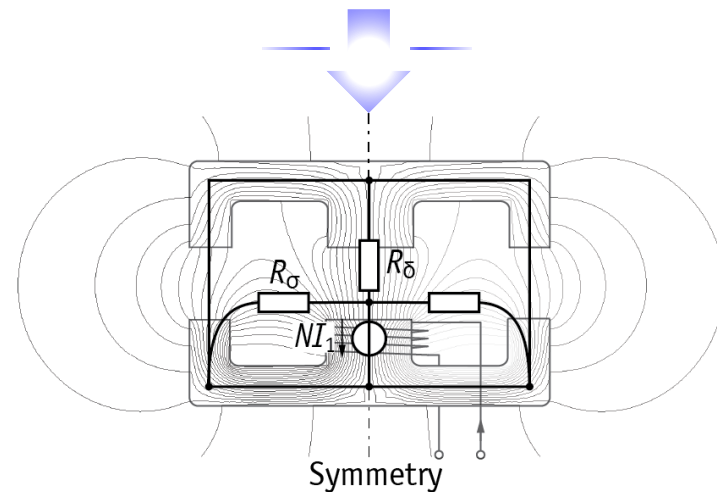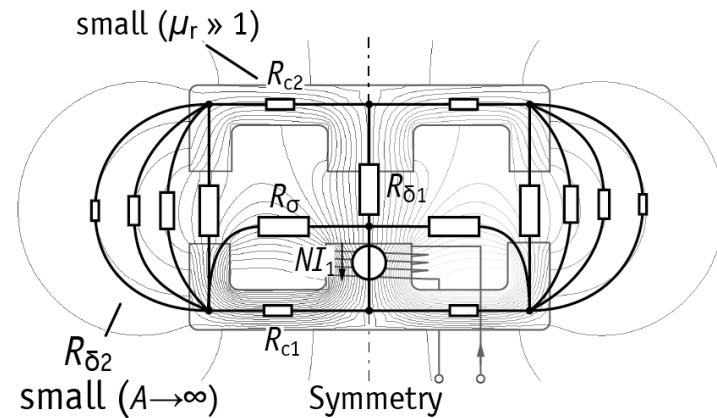
# ► Coil Geometry Optimization (2)

■ **Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model**
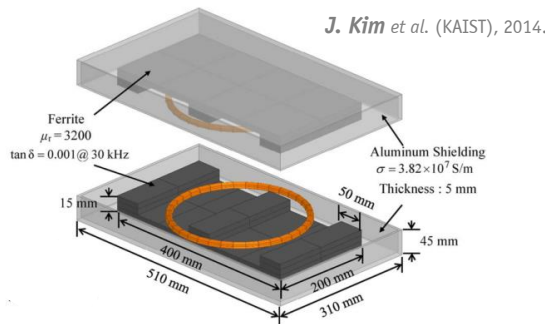


*J. Kim* et al. (KAIST), 2014.

Ferrite
$\mu_r = 3200$
$\tan \delta = 0.001 @ 30 \text{ kHz}$

Aluminum Shielding
$\sigma = 3.82 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$
Thickness : 5 mm

15 mm

50 mm

45 mm

400 mm
510 mm
200 mm
310 mm



■ **Maximize Figure-of-Merit** *kQ:*

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

■ **Reluctance: Approximate Scaling Law**

$$R_\sigma \approx \frac{\bar{r}}{\mu_0 \cdot 2\pi \bar{r} h} \approx \text{const.}$$

$$R_\delta \approx \frac{\delta}{\mu_0 A_c} \propto \frac{\delta}{\mu_0 \bar{r}^2}$$



Symmetry

**ETH** *zürich*
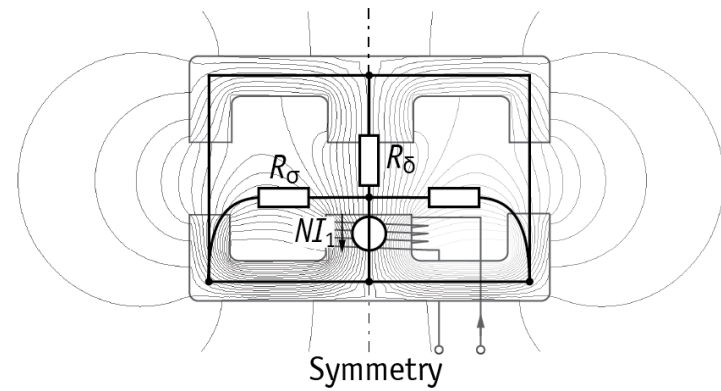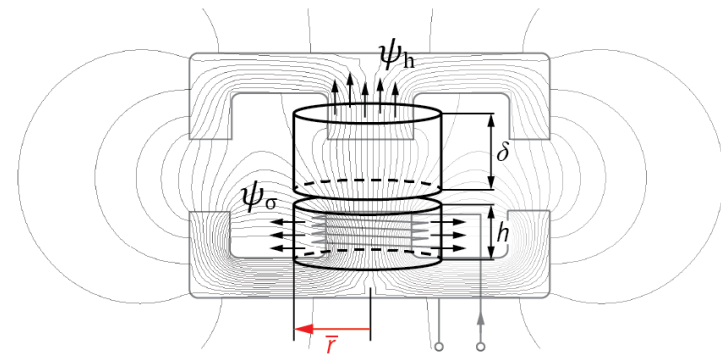
# ► Coil Geometry Optimization (3)

■ **Conceptual Analysis with Reluctance Model**
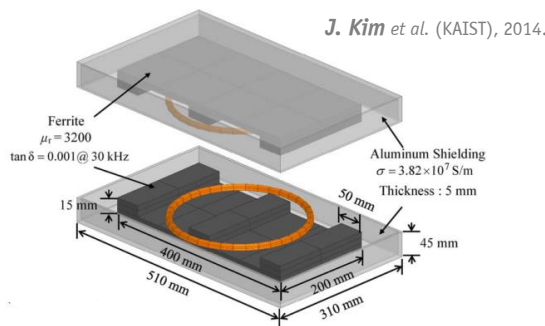
*J. Kim* et al. (KAIST), 2014.
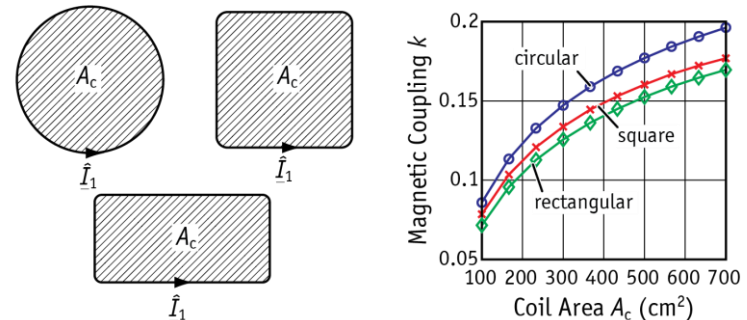




▲ **FEM-Calculated Coupling for Three Exemplary Coil Geometries**

■ **Maximize Figure-of-Merit *kQ:***

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

■ **Reluctance: Approximate Scaling Law**

$$R_\sigma \approx \frac{\bar{r}}{\mu_0 \cdot 2\pi\bar{r}h} \approx \text{const.}$$

$$R_\delta \approx \frac{\delta}{\mu_0 A_c} \propto \frac{\delta}{\mu_0 \bar{r}^2}$$
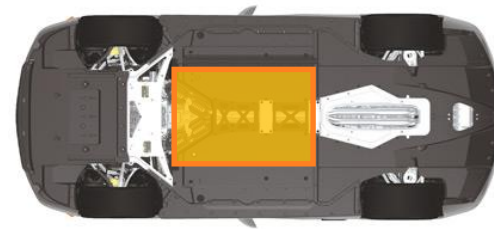


→ **Maximize Coil Area for High Coupling!**

→ Fully Utilize Available Construction Volume

→ Best Choice for Geometry is Application Specific!

**ETH**zürich

# ► <u>Fair</u> Comparison of IPT Coil Geometries

■ **Performance Indicators for IPT Coils**
- Efficiency $\quad \eta = P_{out}/P_{in} \quad$ [%]
- Power Density $\quad \alpha = P_{out}/A_{coil} \quad$ [kW/dm²]
- Stray Field $\quad \beta = B_{max}/B_{norm} \quad$ [%]
- Tolerance $\quad \delta = \Delta x/D_{coil} \quad$ [%]
- Specific Cost $\quad \gamma = C_{tot}/P_{out} \quad$ [\$/kW]
- Material Effort $\quad \sigma = kg_{Cu/Fe}/P_{out} \quad$ [kg/kW]

<u>Note:</u> Coupling is Indicative for Efficiency, but does not cover all Loss Components, e.g. Core Losses or Eddy Current Losses.
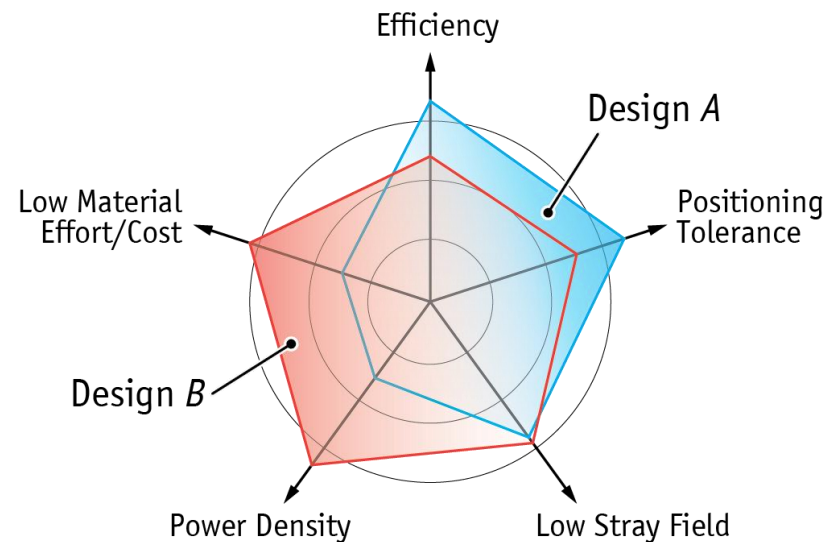
■ **Aspects for a Fair Comparison**
- Consider all, not just single Criteria
- Equal Electrical Interfaces
- Designs Optimized for Same Goals with Equal Boundary Conditions



▲ **Performance Comparison of two IPT Coil Designs**

# Designed IPT
# Demonstrator Systems

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

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

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

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



Windings
(Litz Wire)

Coil Former
(PVC)

Ferrite Core
(K2004)

Core Carrier
(PVC)

*R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic,
B. Wunsch, F. Canales,* "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-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.

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
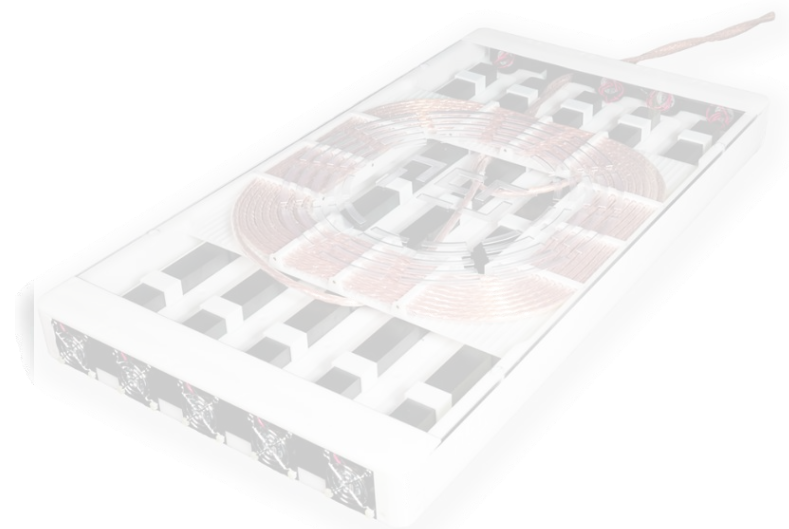
# ▶ Demonstrator Systems: 5 and 50 kW Output Power (2)

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



Windings
(Litz Wire)

Coil Former
(PVC)

Ferrite Core
(K2004)

Core Carrier
(PVC)

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



*R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic,*
*B. Wunsch, F. Canales,* "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-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.

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► Comparison: Rectangular vs. DD Coil

*Lexus,* www.lexus.com

■ **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

**VS.**
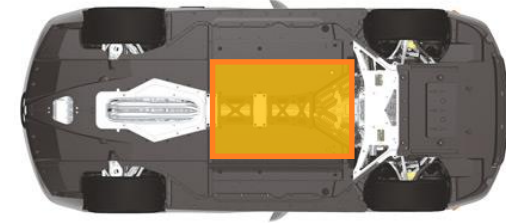
▲ **Realized 50 kW Prototype IPT Coil**

▲ **50 kW DD-Prototype Optimized for same Footprint**

**ETH**zürich

# ► Rectangular vs. DD Coil – Coupling

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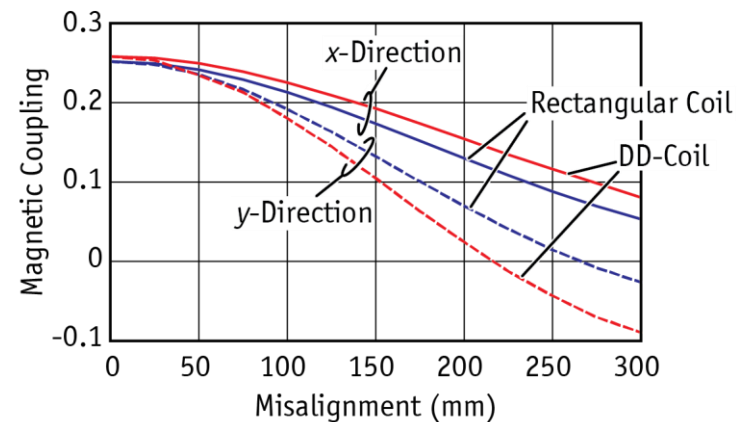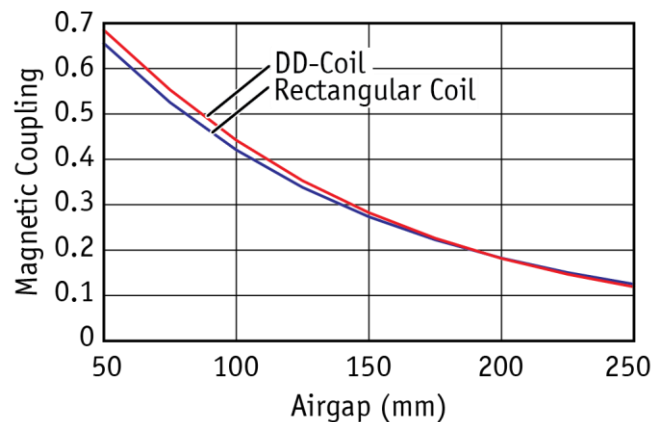


■ **Rectangular and DD Coil Achieve
Equal Coupling at Ideal Positioning**

■ **Coil Positioning Tolerance:**
• DD-Coil    Better in *x*-Direction
• Rect.-Coil Better in *y*-Direction
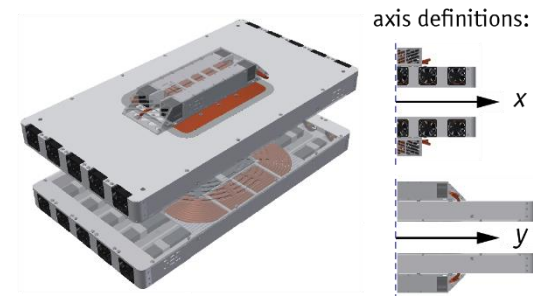
# ► Rectangular vs. DD Coil – Core Losses

**■ DD 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



**2x Ampère-Turns in Coil Center**



$B$ (mT)

200
175
150
125
100
75
50
25
0

**Additional Cores are Needed**

$P_{core,tot} = 442\,W$ → $-22\%$ → $P_{core,tot} = 346\,W$
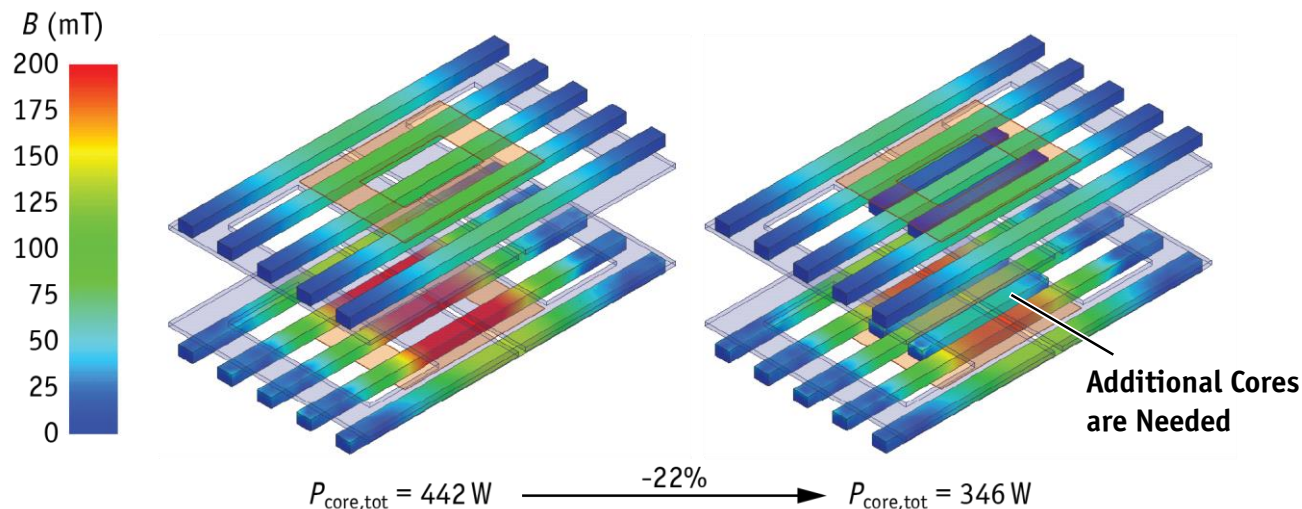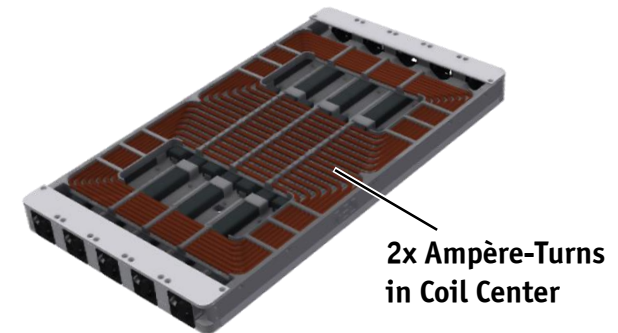
▲ FEM Simulation Results without (left) and with (right) additional cores
for flux density / core loss reduction in coil center

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Rectangular vs. DD Coil – Total Losses

■ **DD 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

→ **Efficiency of Rectangular and DD Coil is very Similar**
→ **Additional Cores were needed for DD, Higher Weight: +1.2 kg / +5%**



**Rectangular Coil Design**
Total Losses: 1384 W
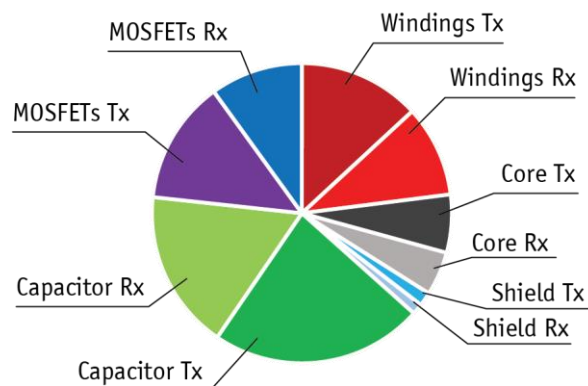
**Double-D Coil Design**
Total Losses: 1511 W

ETH zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
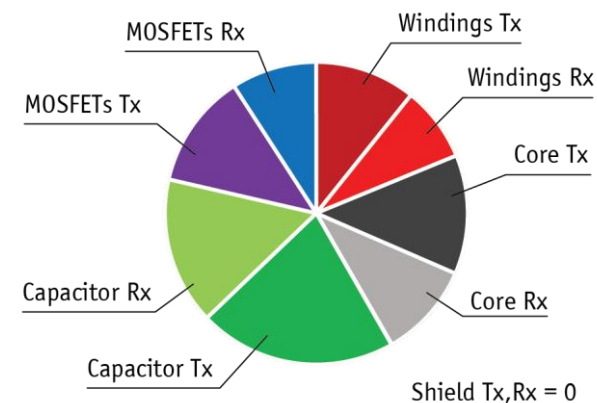
## ► Rectangular vs. DD Coil – Stray Field

■ **Magnetic Stray Field in at Given Reference Position (1 m Distance)**
  • Note: Coils are Designed for Same Operating Frequency
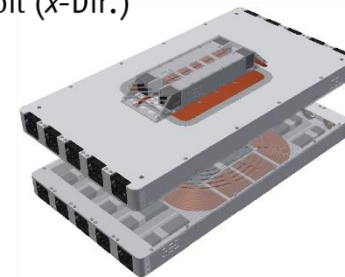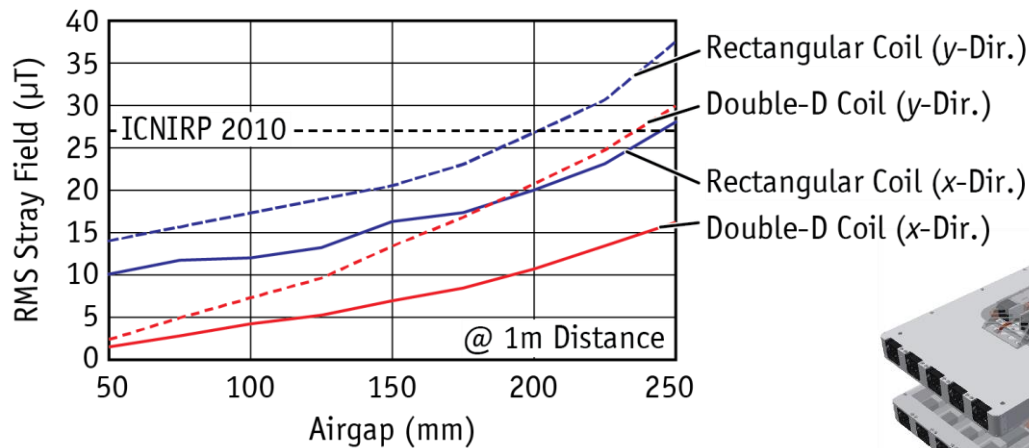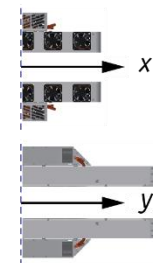


■ **Intuitive Explanation:**
  • Structural Integration of Return Path for Flux



**ETH**zürich
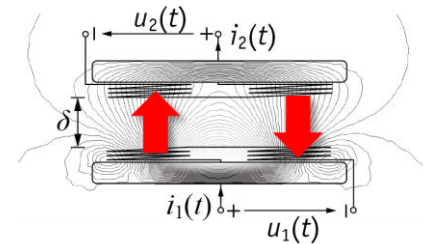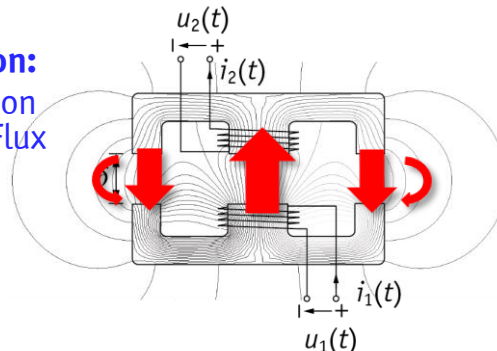
# ► Summary of Comparison Results

- ■ **Magnetic Coupling for Equal Coil Size**
  - Double-D and Rectangular Coil Reach Equal Coupling
  - Decrease of Coupling at Misalignment shows no Clear Winner
    (DD better in $x$-Direction, Rect. Better in $y$-Direction)

- ■ **Power Losses and Efficiency**
  - Power Losses in DD are higher due to Core Losses
  - Remaining Loss Components are Similar

- ■ **Material Effort/Cost**
  - Additional Cores were Required for DD
  - Eddy Current Shield needed for Rect.

- ■ **Stray Field**
  - Double-D has Lower Stray Field
    than Rectangular Coil

→ Will be Experimentally Verified!

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
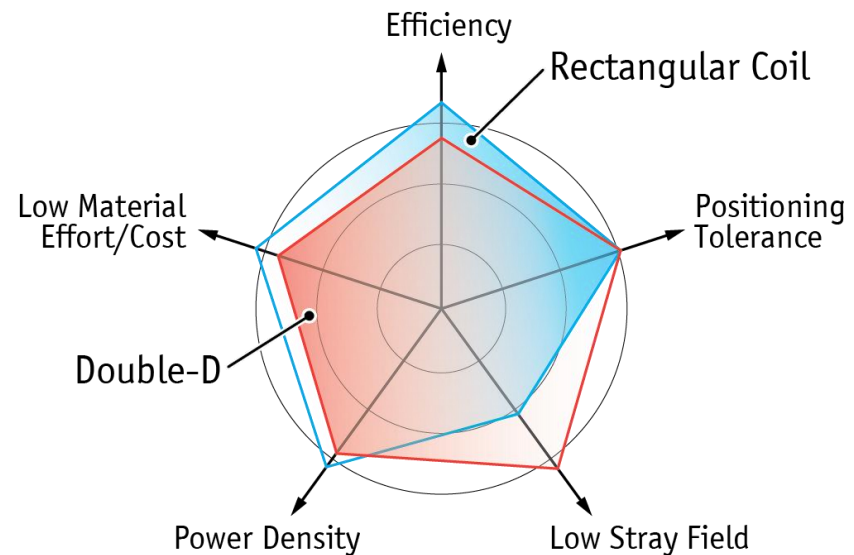
# Coil Modeling:
# High-Frequency Winding Losses

# ► Winding Loss Calculation – Skin Effect

■ **Frequency Dependent Current Distribution in Single Solid Conductor**



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

**ETH**zürich
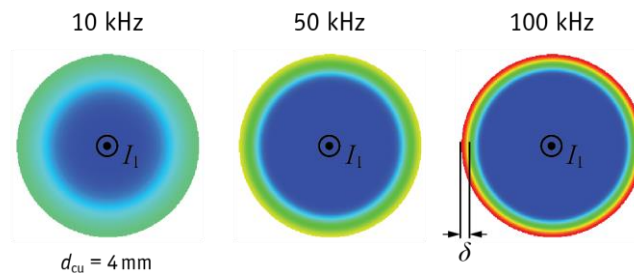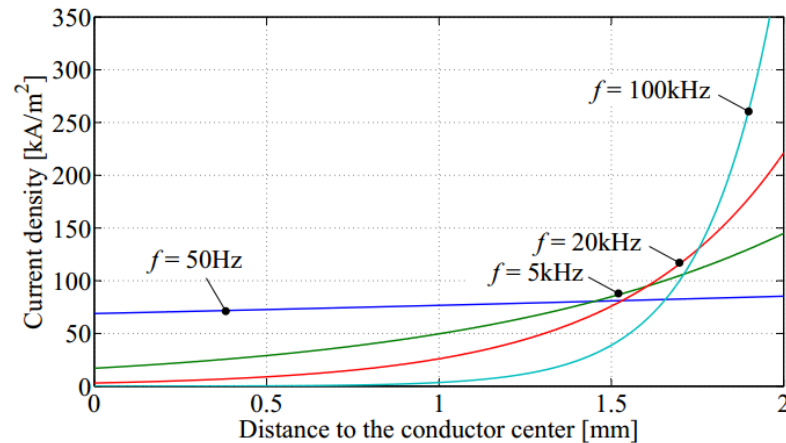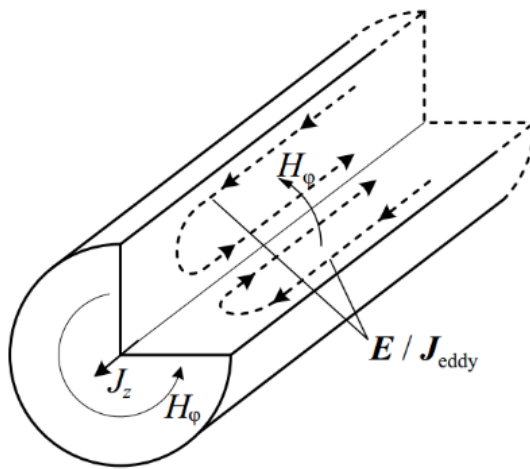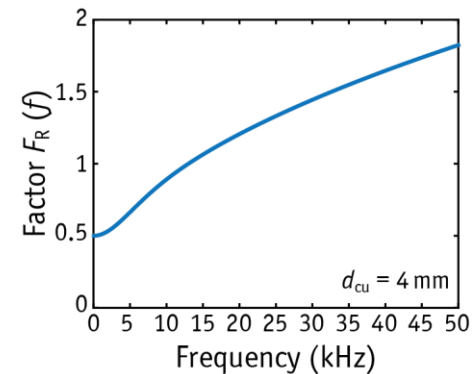
# ▶ Winding Loss Calculation – Proximity Effect

■ **Frequency Dependent Current Distribution in Neighboring Solid Conductors**



$$P_{\text{prox}} = G_R(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \hat{H}_e^2$$



**ETH** *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Winding Loss Calculation in Litz Wires

■ **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

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

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

■ **For Proximity-Effect Bundle-Level Effects must be Included**
  • Internal Proximity ... Effect of Currents in other Strands
  • External Proximity ... Effect of External Magnetic Field (e.g. due to Air Gap)

$$P_{\text{prox}} = n \cdot G_R(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \hat{H}_e^2 + n \cdot G_R(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{I}}{\sqrt{2}\pi d_a}\right)^2$$

External Proximity        Internal Proximity
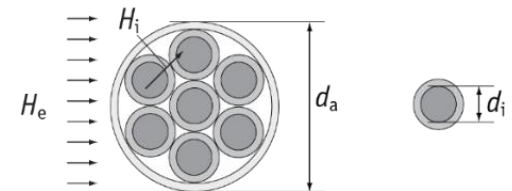
# ► Comparison: Solid Wire vs. Litz Wire

■ **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)



Litz Wire (204 × 0.35 mm)

Solid Wire ($d_{cu}$ = 5 mm)

Litz Wire (625 × 0.2 mm)

Litz Wire (2500 × 0.1 mm)

Power Loss (mW) vs. Frequency (kHz)

■ **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**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Example 1: Transformer Winding Losses

■ **Power Loss Calculation for Transformer with Litz Wire Windings**
• External Magnetic Field (Simplified):

$$\oint H_e \mathrm{d}l = NI$$

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

• AC-Resistance of Single Turn of Primary Winding:

$$R_{\mathrm{AC,turn}}(k) = \frac{R_{\mathrm{DC}}}{N} \cdot \left[ 2F_R + 2G_R \cdot \left( \frac{N}{b_c} \cdot \frac{2k-1}{2k_{\mathrm{max}}} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$R_{\mathrm{DC}} \approx \frac{4N l_{\mathrm{avg}}}{\sigma \pi d_{\mathrm{Cu}}^2}$$

• 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.

$H_x$  $h_p$  $h_s$  $b_c$  $y$

$y_{p0}$ $y_{p1}$ $y_{p2}$ $y_{p3}$ $y_{s2}$ $y_{s1}$ $y_{s0}$

ETHzürich

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory
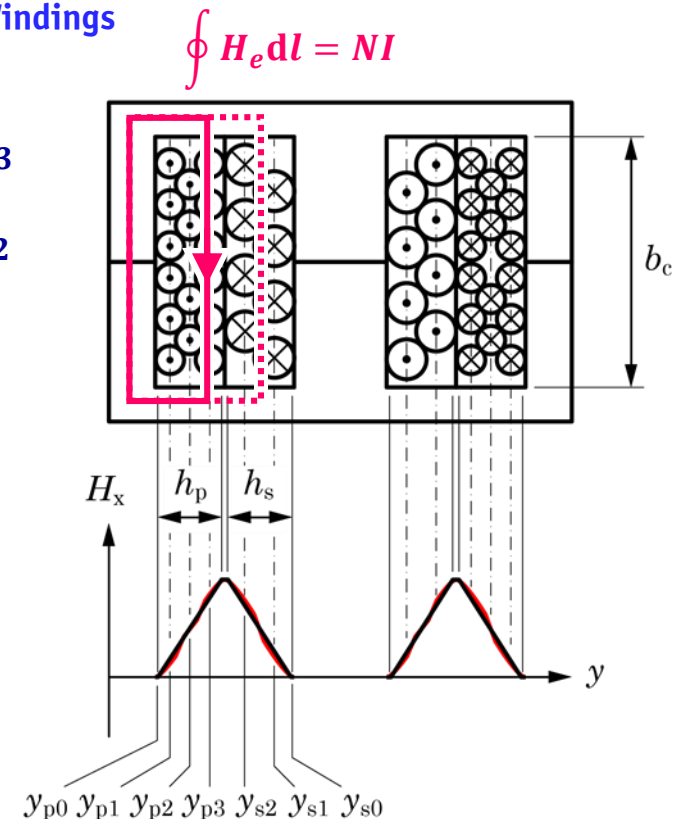
# ► Example 2: FEM-Based Loss Model of *5 kW* Prototype

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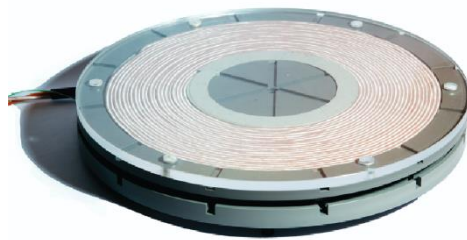


**▲ 5 kW Prototype IPT Coil**
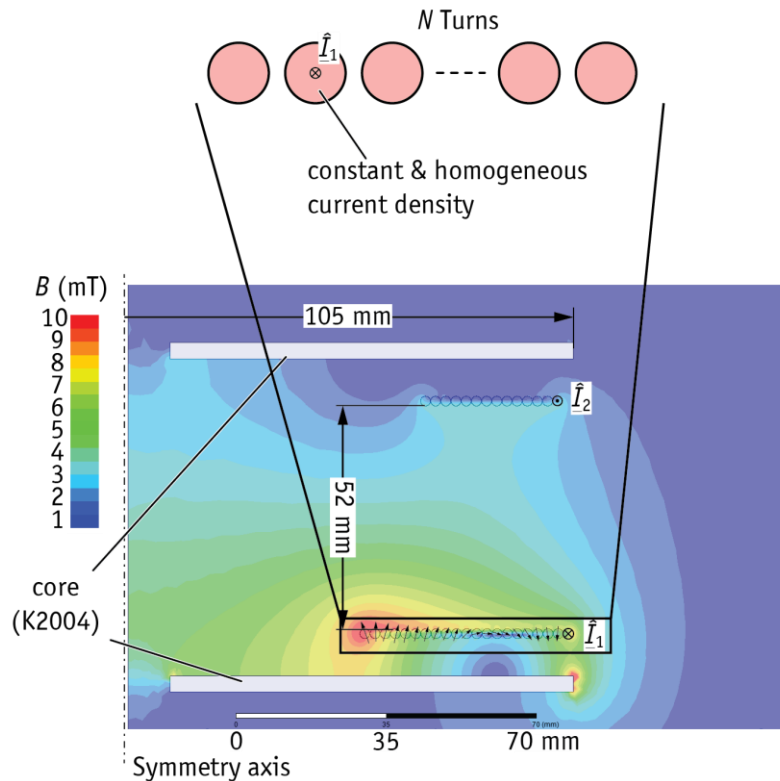
*R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic, B. Wunsch, F. Canales,* "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto optimization of inductive power transfer coils for electric vehicles," *IEEE J. Emerg. Sel. Topics Power Electron.,* vol. 3, no. 1., pp.50-64, March 2015.



*N* Turns

constant & homogeneous current density

$B$ (mT)

105 mm

52 mm

core (K2004)

0    35    70 mm

Symmetry axis

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

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

# ► Fundamental Frequency Model

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

■ **Fundamental Frequency Model Sufficient**
  • Frequency Domain FEM
  • Simplified Analytical Calculations
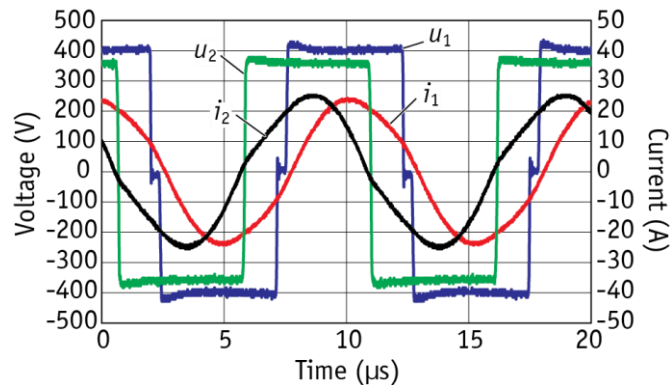


▲ **Measured voltage and current waveforms at 5 kW**

▲ **Calculated spectra of the coil currents**

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
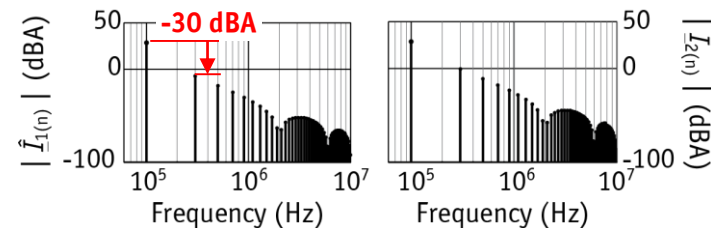
# ► High-Frequency Copper Losses in Litz Wire

■ **Skin-Effect Calculated Analytically (as for Transformer)**
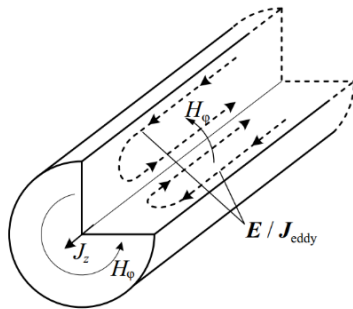


$$P_{skin} = n \cdot F_R(f) \cdot R_{DC} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{I}}{n}\right)^2$$

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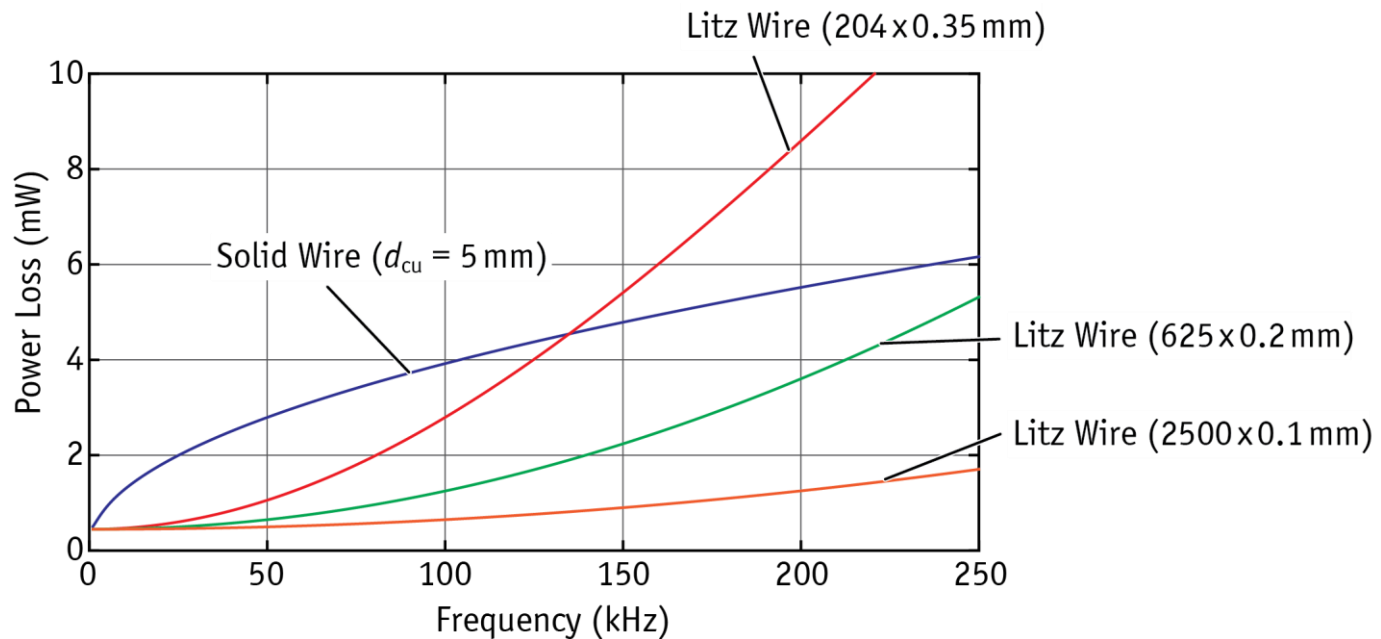$d_a$ ... Outer Wire Diameter

■ **Proximity-Effect Calculation with External Magnetic Field from FEM Results**
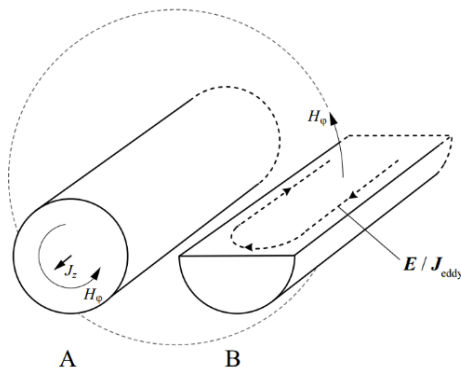


■ **Extracted from FEM Results**
• Evaluation in Center-Point of Each Turn to Isolate External Field

$$P_{prox} = n \cdot G_R(f) \cdot R_{DC} \cdot \widehat{H}_e^2 + n \cdot G_R(f) \cdot R_{DC} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{I}}{\sqrt{2}\pi d_a}\right)^2$$

External Proximity          Internal Proximity

**ETH** *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

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

■ **3D Coil Design w/o Symmetry**
- Resolution of Winding Details requires Long Simulation Time
- Winding Modeled as Box for accurate Field Calculation on Outside (Core Loss, Stray)
- Magnetic Field inside Box Incorrect

$N x \hat{I}_1$

Box with Equal Outer Dimensions as *N* Turns

constant & homogeneous current density

▲ 50 kW Prototype IPT Coil

▲ 3D-FEM Model of Tx and Rx Coil

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
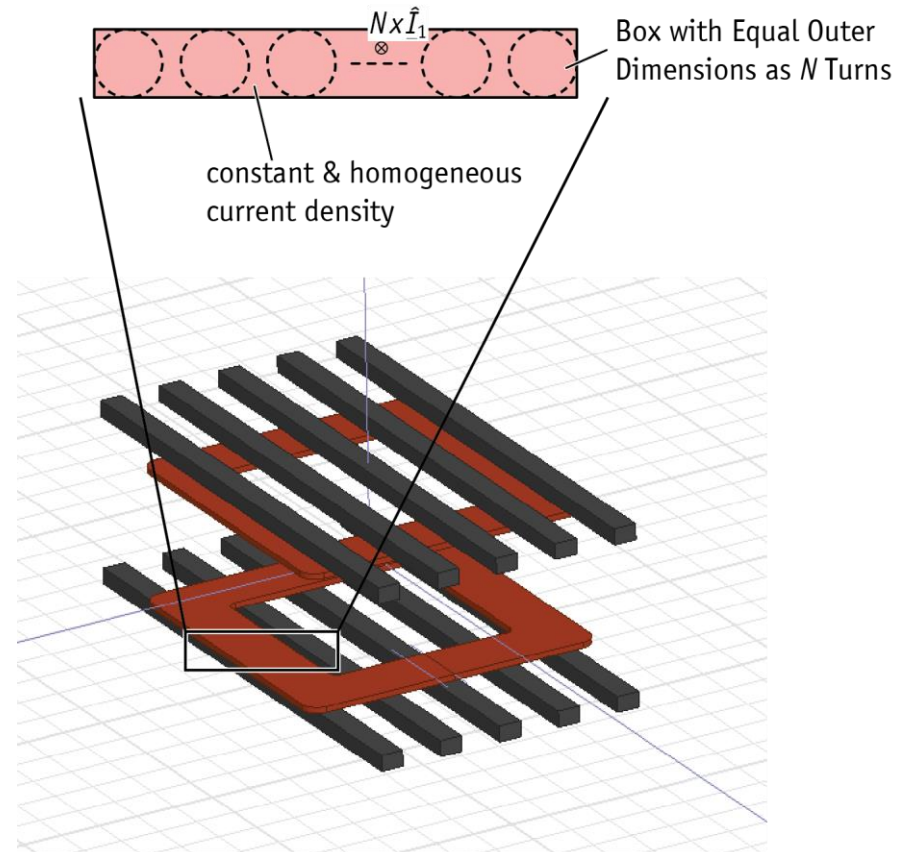
# ► Measurement of Inductance & Coupling

■ **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 uH, $k$ = 0.233

→ **High Accuracy Despite Simplifications!**



▲ **Yokogawa WT3000**



▲ **50 kW Prototype IPT Coil**



▲ **3D-FEM Model of Tx and Rx Coil**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
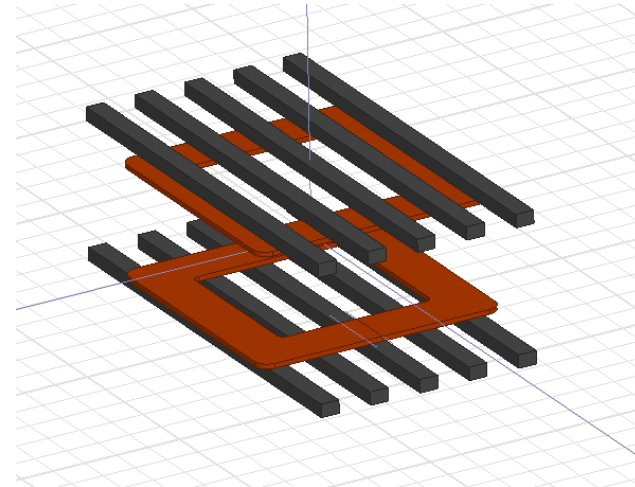
# ► Estimation of Proximity Effect (1)

- **_H_-Field Inside Conductors is Needed to Estimate Proximity Effect**
  - Not Available if Winding Modeled as "Box"

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

**Unknown!**
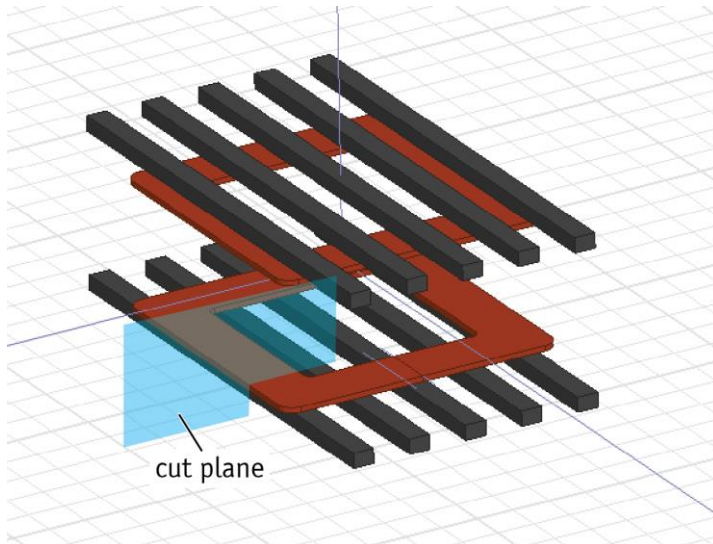


cut plane

- **Approximation with 2D-Cut Plane**



$H$ (kA/m)
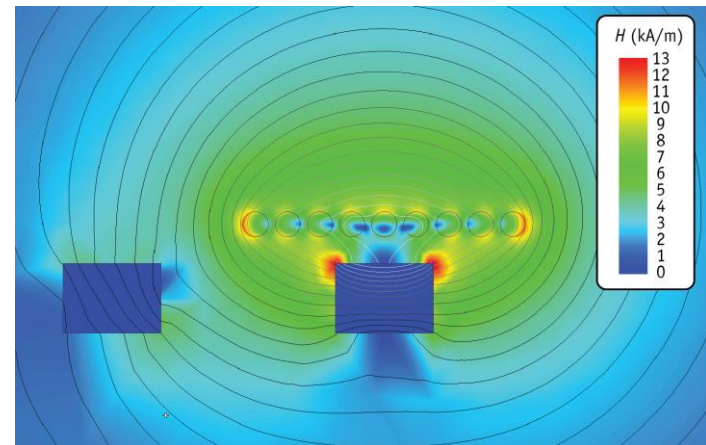
▲ **2D-FE Simulation of Field in Cut Plane**

**ETH**_zürich_

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Estimation of Proximity Effect (2)

■ **Approximation: Analytical Calculation of *H*-Field in Conductors**
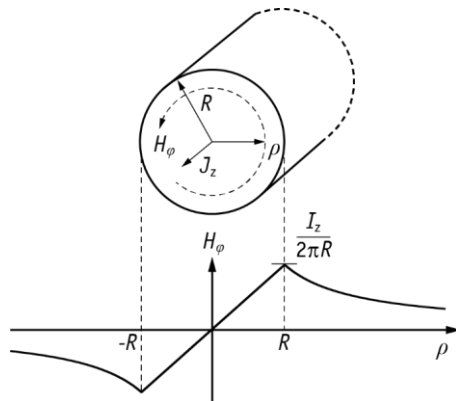


$$
H_\varphi(\rho) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{I}{2\pi R^2}\,\rho, & \text{if } |\rho| \le R \\[2mm] \dfrac{I}{2\pi\rho}, & \text{if } |\rho| > R \end{cases}
$$

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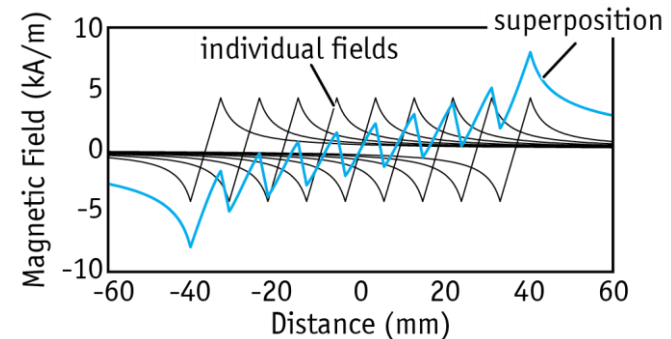


▲ **Analytically calculation for 9 conductors**
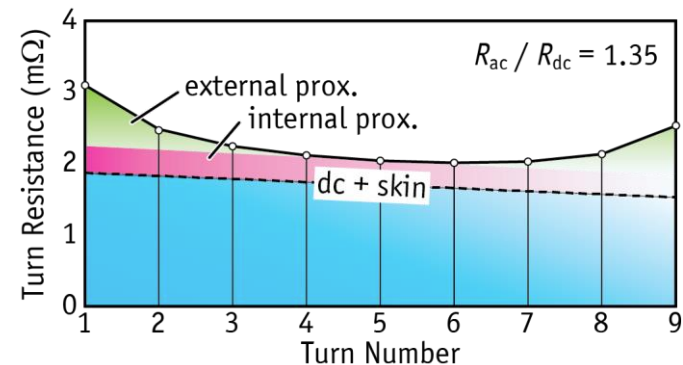


▲ **Calculated AC resistance for each turn**

**ETH**zürich



ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Estimation of Proximity Effect (3)

- **Comparison to 2D-FEM Simulation Including Core**
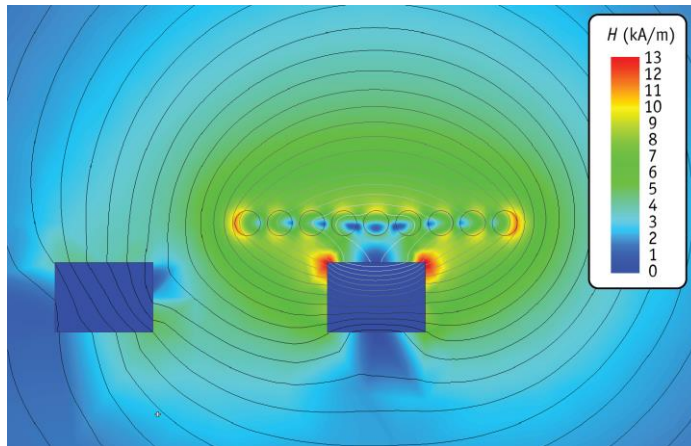


▲ 2D-FE Simulation with Core Rods for Comparison
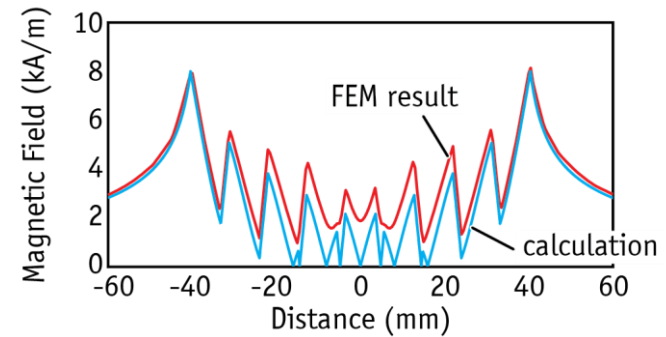


▲ Comparison of analytical calculation and FEM Simulation

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

$$P_{\text{prox,ext}} = n \cdot G_R(f) \cdot R_{\text{DC}} \cdot \widehat{H}_e^2$$

Calculated!

**ETH** *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ▶ Verification of FEM Field Calculations (1)



120 mm

▲ **Field probe ELT-400**



10 mm

2 mm
30 mm
30 mm
5 mm
winding area
grove for winding
connection to support
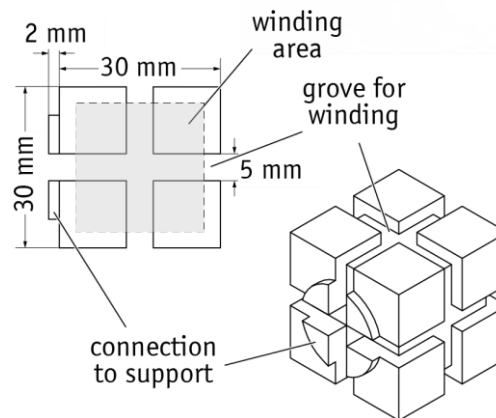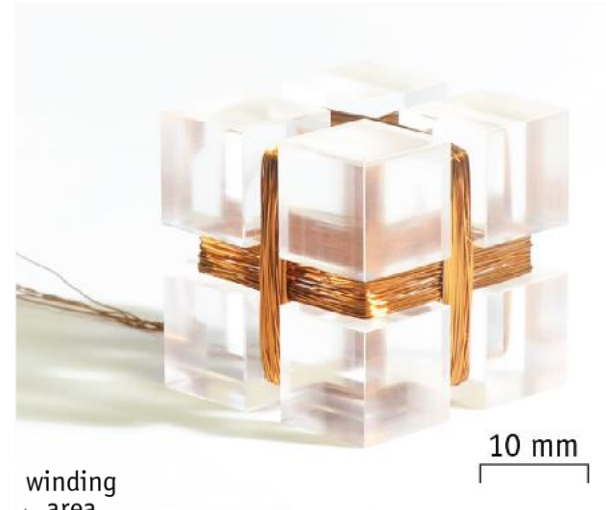
Number of Turns    ...   40
Number of Layers   ...    2
Wire Diameter   ... 0.2 mm
Design Freq. ...     100 kHz
Sensitivity    ...   15 mV/uT

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

**ETH**zürich

► **Verification of FEM Field Calculations (2)**

▲ **Comparison to Commercial Product**



▲ **Equivalent Circuit and Transfer-Function with Measured Parameters**

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ▶ Verification of FEM Field Calculations (3)
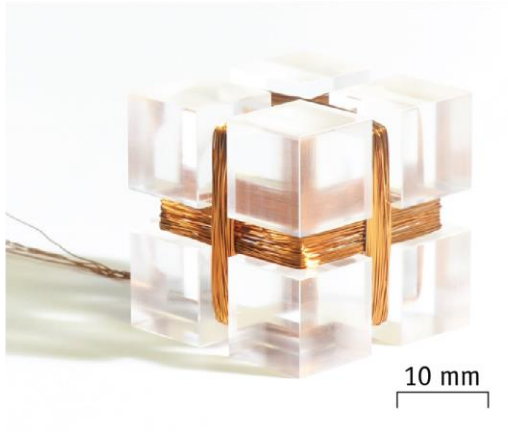


▲ **Custom field probe for verification**
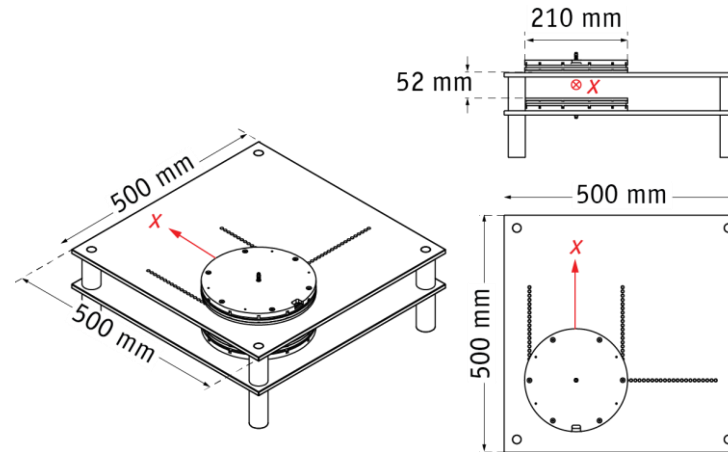


■ **Probe for Magnetic Field Measurements**
- Optimized for 100 kHz, High Accuracy
- Sensitivity: 14.5 mV/µT @ 100 kHz
- Accuracy: < 5% Error (Comp. to ELT-400)
- Size: 30x30x30 mm
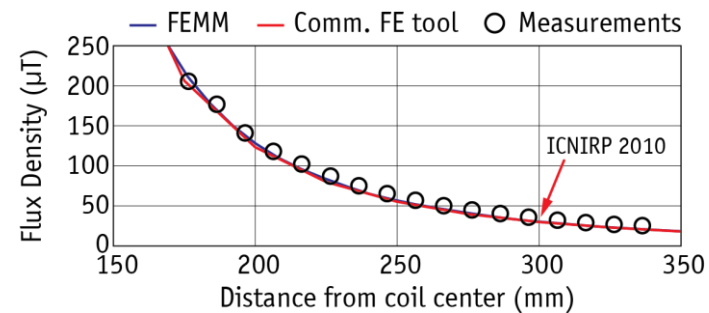


▲ **Measured stray field @ 5 kW**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# Frequency Effects
# in Non-Ideal Litz Wire

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

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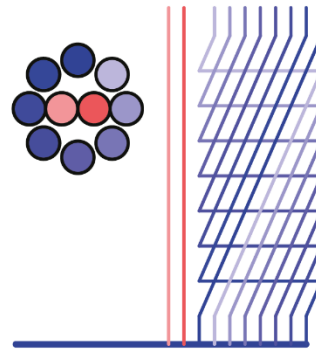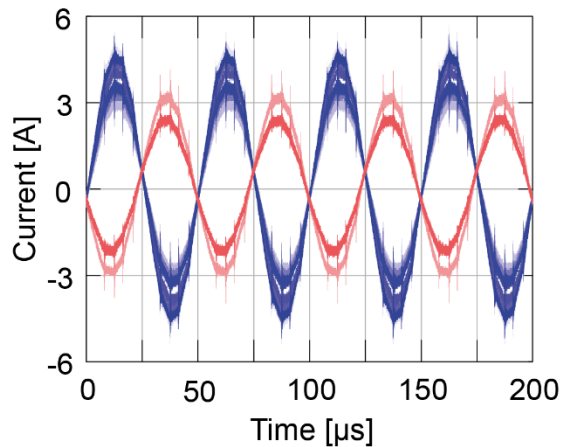
*G. Ortiz, M. Leibl, J. W. Kolar,*
"Medium Frequency Transformers
for Solid-State Transformer
Applications — Design and
Experimental Verification", 2013.



- **Total copper losses for 10 bundles:      438W**

▲ **166 kW/20 kHz Transformer**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

ETH *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

## ► Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Asymmetric Twisting (2)

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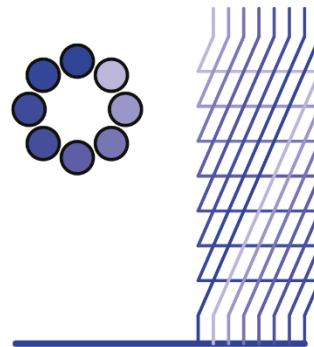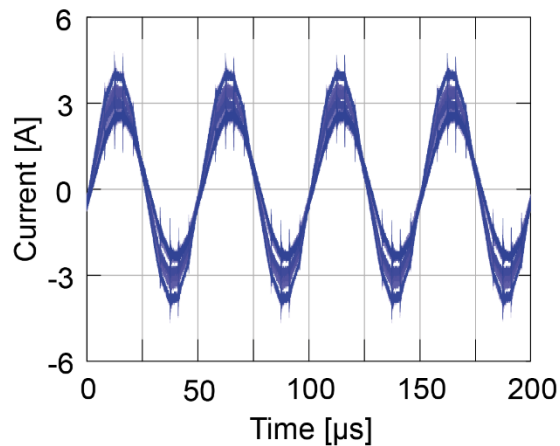
*G. Ortiz, M. Leibl, J. W. Kolar,*
"Medium Frequency Transformers
for Solid-State Transformer
Applications — Design and
Experimental Verification", 2013.
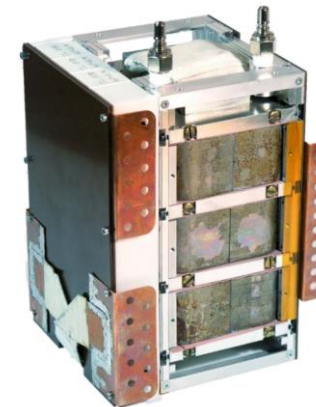


■ **Total copper losses for 10 bundles:**  **438W**
■ **Total copper losses for 8 bundles:**  **353W**

▲ **166 kW/20 kHz Transformer**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Copper Losses in Litz Wire – Termination
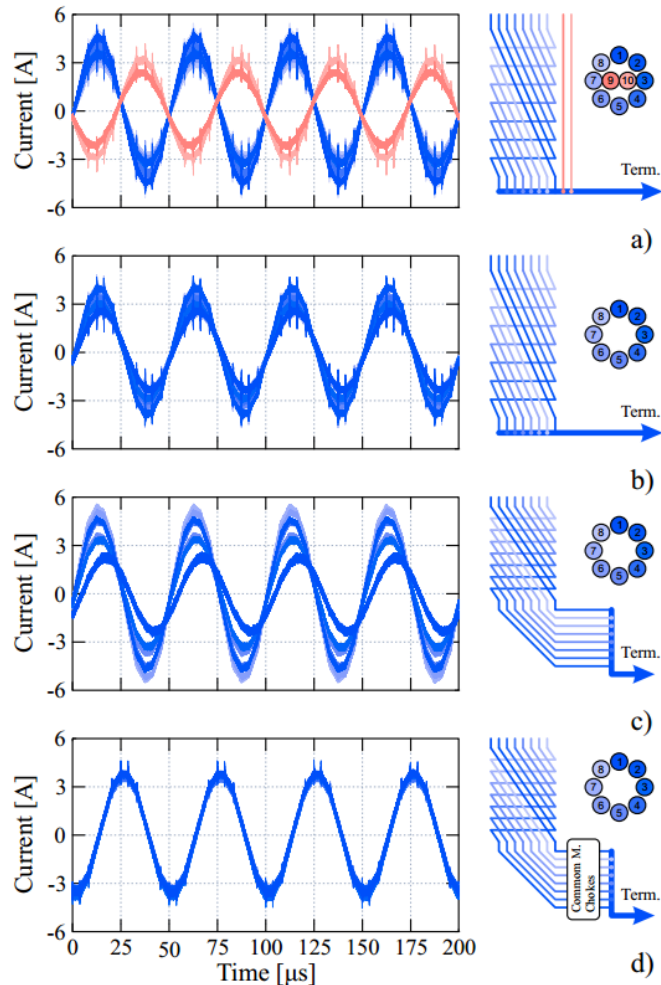


*G. Ortiz, M. Leibl, J. W. Kolar,*
"Medium Frequency Transformers
for Solid-State Transformer
Applications — Design and
Experimental Verification", 2013.

**Best Option**

▲ **Termination of Litz Wire Bundels
with Common-Mode Chokes**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► 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)
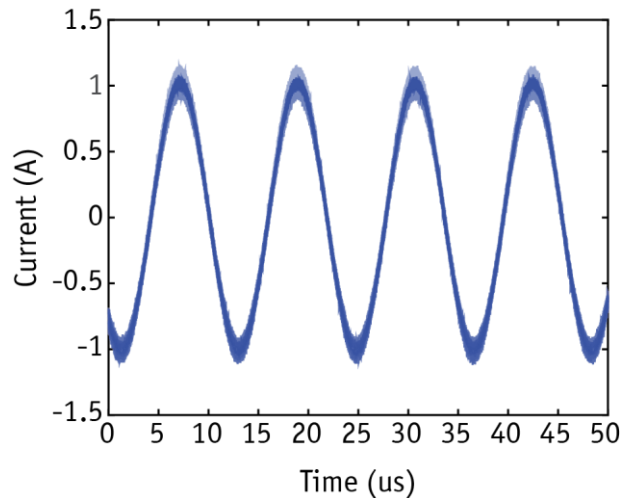


▲ **Equal Current Distribution at 85 kHz**
  **Measured in Actual Coil Arrangement**

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# Coil Modeling:
# High-Frequency Core Losses

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► 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/cm$^3$
  • Sintering / Tooling: Arbitrary Shape
  • Isotropic Material: Flux in any Direction
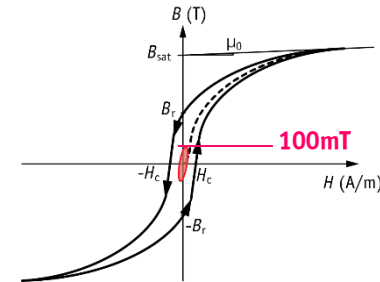


▲ **Schematic drawing of BH-loop**



*CMI Ferrite,* www.cmi-ferrite.com, (6.11.2014).

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► 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/cm$^3$
- Anisotropic: Orthogonal Flux Causes Losses
  (Similarly: Litz-Wire and no Foil-Windings!)



Winding
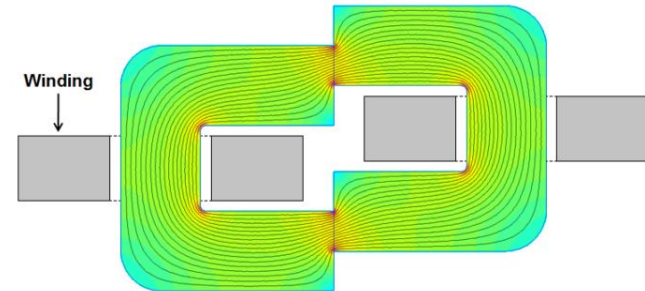
Tape wound core



Ferrite core
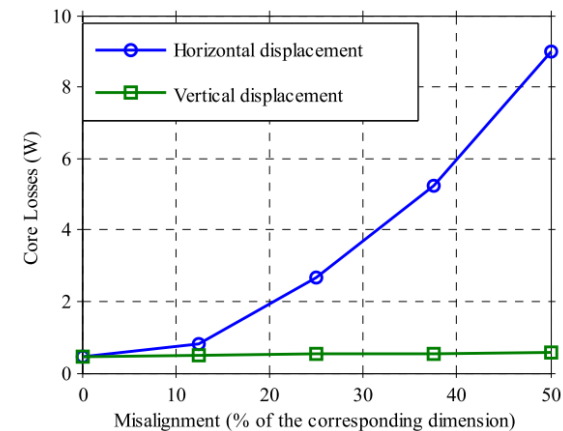


*B. Cougo, J. Mühlethaler, J. W. Kolar,* "Increase of Tape Wound Core Losses due to Interlamination Short Circuits and Orthogonal Flux Components", 2011.

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Core Segments for Circular Spiral Coil

■ **5 kW Prototype IPT Coil – Core Construction**
- MnZn Power Ferrite (K2004: 300 mW/cm$^3$, $B_{sat}$ = 455 mT, 4.8 g/cm$^3$)
- Off-the-Shelf 90°-Ferrite Segments
- Typical Application: Induction Cooking



core carrier
(PVC)
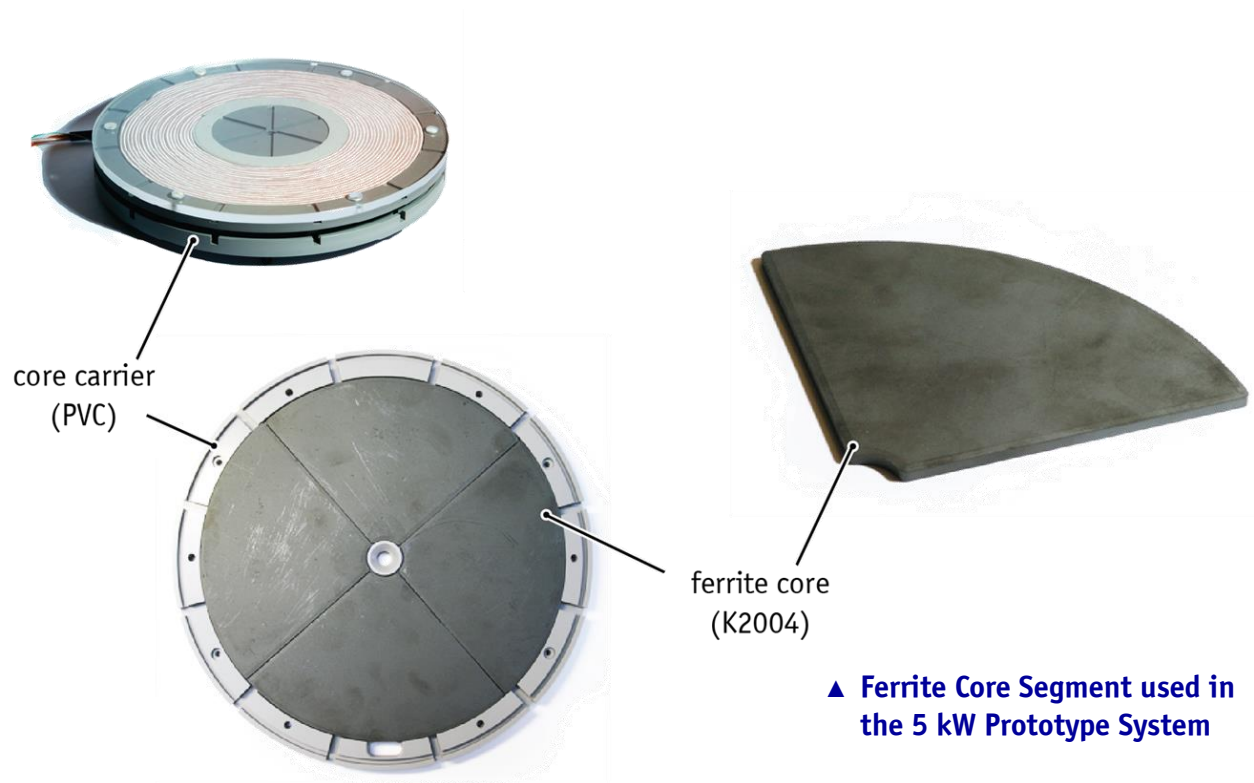
ferrite core
(K2004)

▲ **Ferrite Core Segment used in
the 5 kW Prototype System**

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Core Loss Calculation – General

■ **Calculation of Core-Loss Density According to Current Waveform**

**Sinusoidal**
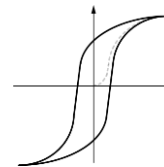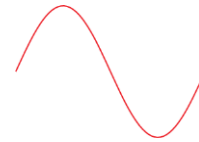
**Steinmetz Equation**
→ Sinusoidal w/o DC-Offset

**DC Current + HF Ripple**
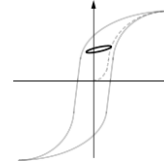
**Generalized Versions of the Steinmetz Equation (iGSE, i²GSE)**
→ Arbitrary Waveform & DC-Offset
→ Relaxation Effects

**Non-Sinusoidal AC Current**
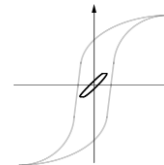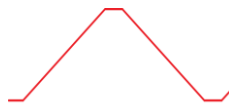
Minor Loop

**Sinusoidal Current + HF Ripple**
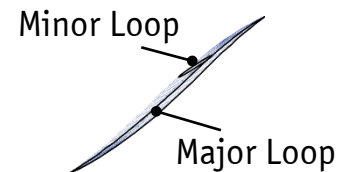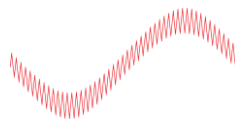
Major Loop

**Superposition of Losses due to Minor and Major Loops**

ETH *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Core Loss Calculation for Sinusoidal Excitation

■ **Requirements for Steinmetz Equation**
- Sinusoidal Current Excitation
- Parameters Only Valid in Limited Frequency / Flux Density Range!
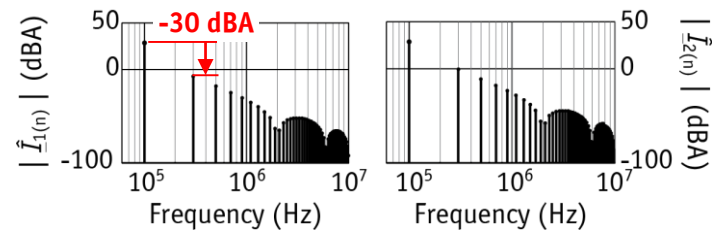


▲ **Calculated spectra of the coil currents**

■ **Core Loss Calculation with FEM Possible**
- Integration of Steinmetz Equation over Core Volume Directly within FEM Tool

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# Thermal Modeling

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory
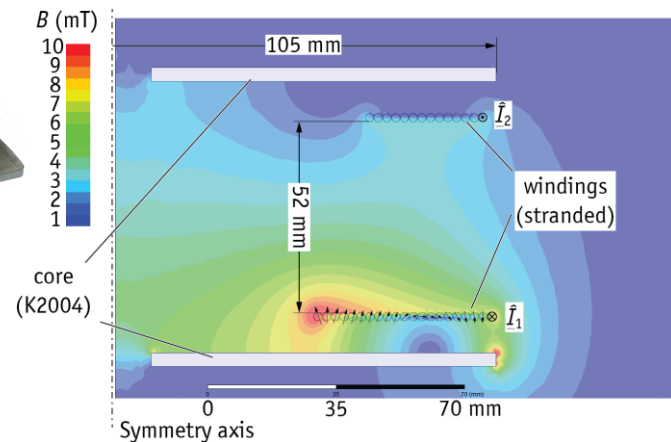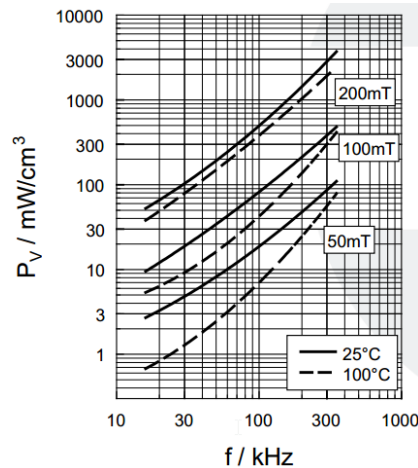
# ▶ Thermal Modeling

■ **Include Thermal Feedback to Model Temperature Effects on Losses**



cover (PMMA)
surface convection
winding (litz wire)
core (K2004)
heat conduction
coil former (PVC)
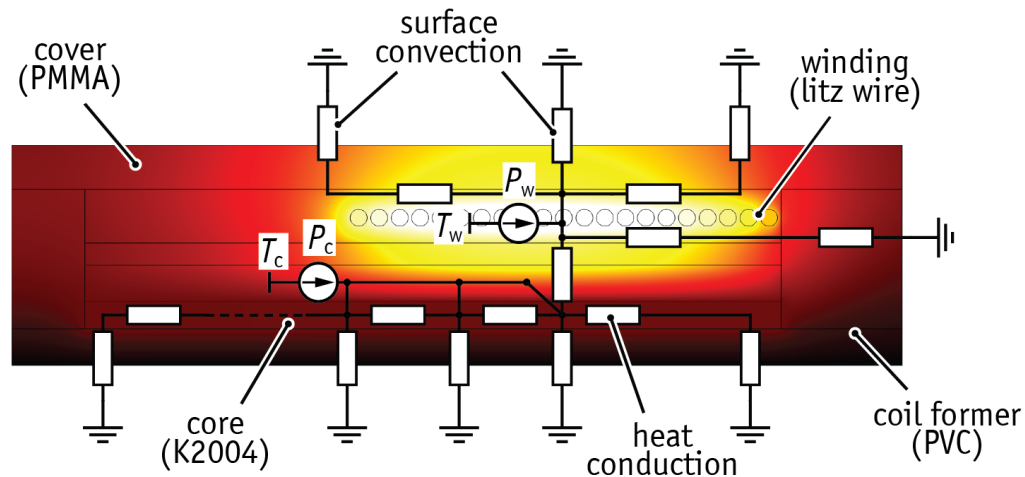
■ **Modeling Options:**
- Detailed Thermal Network incl. Heat Conduction, Convection at Surfaces
- Simplified Calculations using Surface Heat Transfer Coefficients from Literature
- Thermal Simulations with Thermal FEM Tools

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Experimental Verification for *5 kW* Prototype
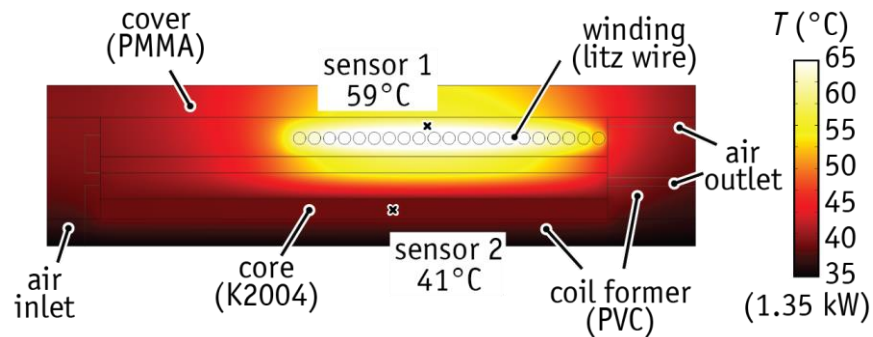


▲ **Thermal Simulation of 5 kW Prototype Coil**

■ **Temperature Measurements for Verification of Thermal FEM Results**

• Accuracy: < 5% Error of Steady-State Temperature

• Surface-Related Power Losses of up to $0.2\,W/cm^2$ with Forced Air Cooling
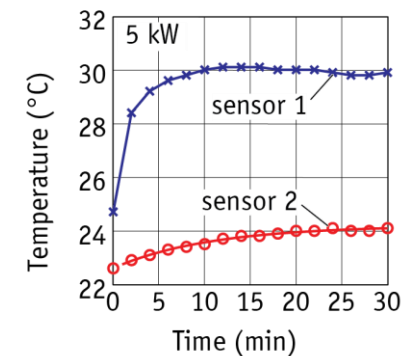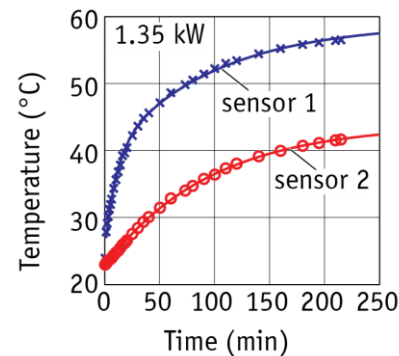


▲ **Thermal Measurements with Thermocouples (with/without Forced Air Cooling)**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

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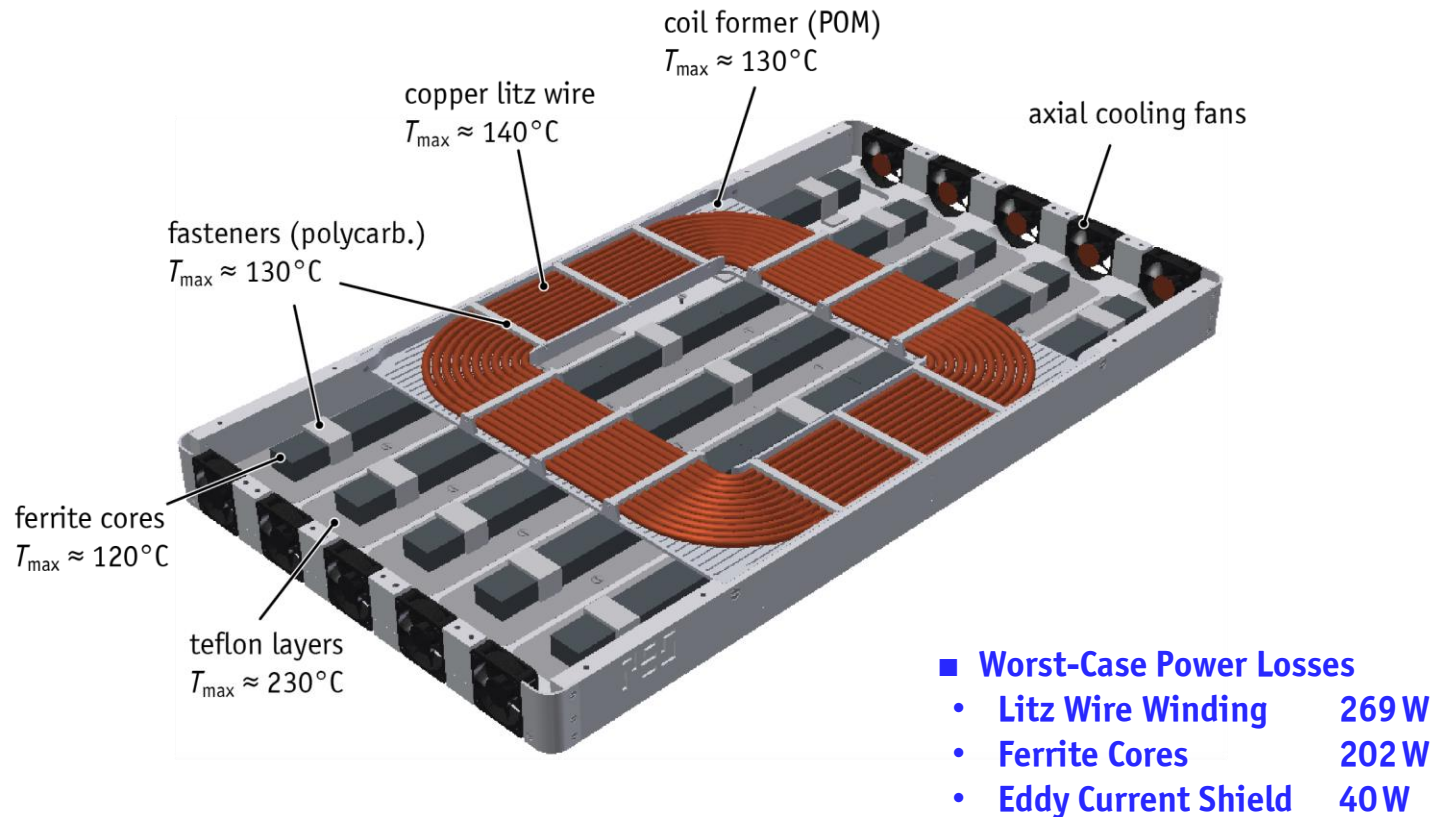


copper litz wire
$T_{max} \approx 140°C$

coil former (POM)
$T_{max} \approx 130°C$

axial cooling fans

fasteners (polycarb.)
$T_{max} \approx 130°C$

ferrite cores
$T_{max} \approx 120°C$

teflon layers
$T_{max} \approx 230°C$

■ **Worst-Case Power Losses**
- **Litz Wire Winding**      269 W
- **Ferrite Cores**       202 W
- **Eddy Current Shield**    40 W

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Estimation of Heat Transfer Coefficient

**10x**

▲ **Axial cooling fan for active cooling of the windings and core elements**

■ **Emprical Equation for Surface Heat Transfer Coefficient:**

$$h_v \approx C \frac{\lambda_f}{d} \left( \frac{u_\infty d}{v_f} \right)^n Pr_f^{1/3}$$

$\lambda_f, v_f, Pr_f$ ... conductivity, viscosity, Prantl number
$u_\infty$      ... fluid velocity
$d$      ... component height
$C, n$      ... empirical geometry parameters
        ($C$ = 0.102, $n$ = 0.675)
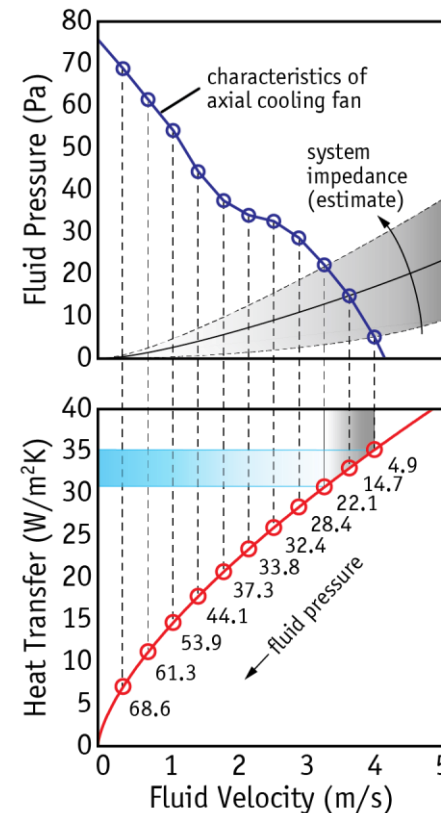
▲ **Heat Transfer Coefficient Estimated from Fan Characteristics of AUB0524VHD**

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Thermal Design with 3D-FEM

■ **Heat Transfer in Solids with Estimated Coeff.**
- 30  W/m²K ... active cooled surfaces
- 7.5 W/m²K ... convective cooled surfaces

■ **Parameter Sweep in FEM Tool**
- Heat Transfer Coefficient
- Loss Safety Factor: $P_{sim} = m_{safety} \cdot P_{calc}$

→ **Design is Feasible at Surface-Related
   Power Loss 0.2 W/cm² with Active Cooling**



$T_{amb} = 40°C$

$T$ (°C)
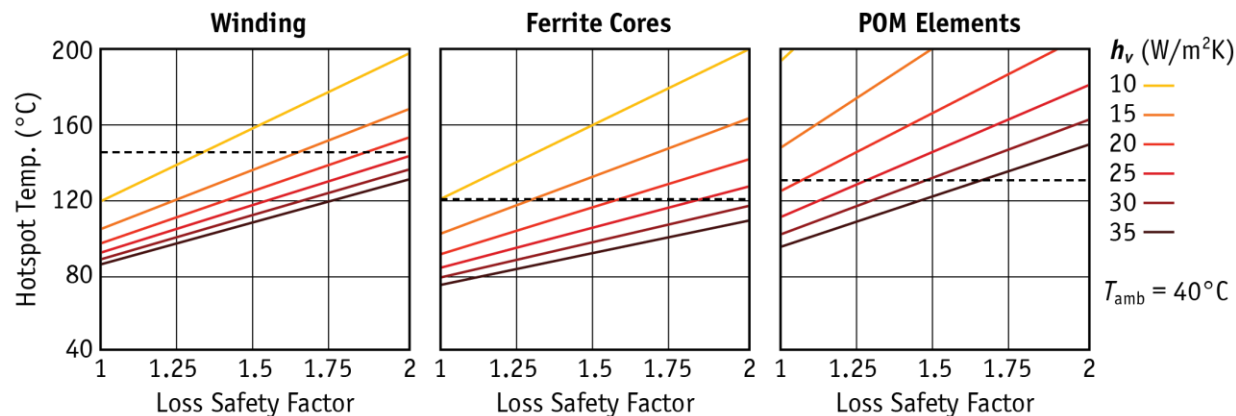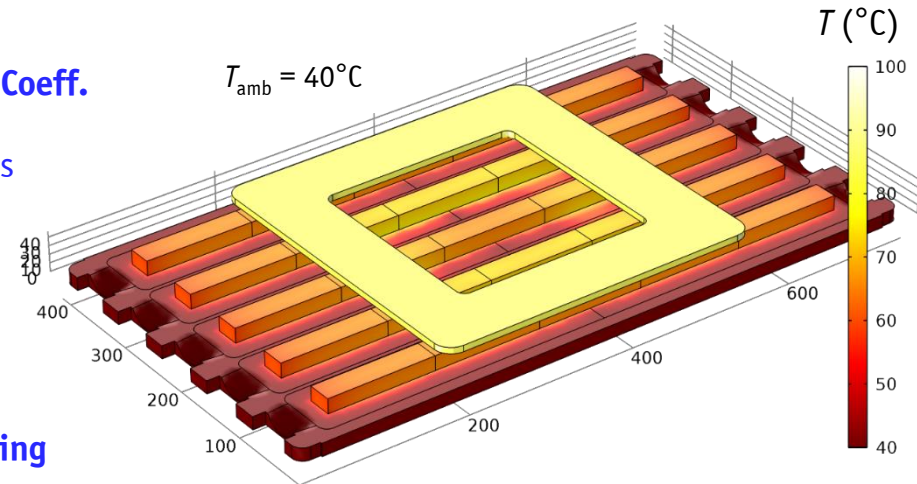


▲ **3D-FEM Thermal Simulation: Results of Parameter Sweep**

$h_v$ (W/m²K)
10
15
20
25
30
35

$T_{amb} = 40°C$

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# Resonant Capacitors

**ETH**zürich

# ► Resonant Capacitors: Component Selection (1)

■ **Polypropylene Film Capacitors for Resonant Applications**
- Low $\tan(\delta)$ → Low High-Frequency Losses
- Low Parasitic Inductance and *ESR*
- Least Affected by Temperature/Frequency/Humidity

*MK/F* \* ... Metallized Plastic Film / Metal Foil
\*\**T*    ... Polyester
\*\**P*    ... Polypropylene
\*\**N*    ... Polyethylene Naphthalate



Electrodes (metallization)
Dielectric (plastic film)
KMK0110-V-E

KMK0327-3

KMK0682-N

MKT, MFT
MKN
MKP, MFP
**Polypropylene**
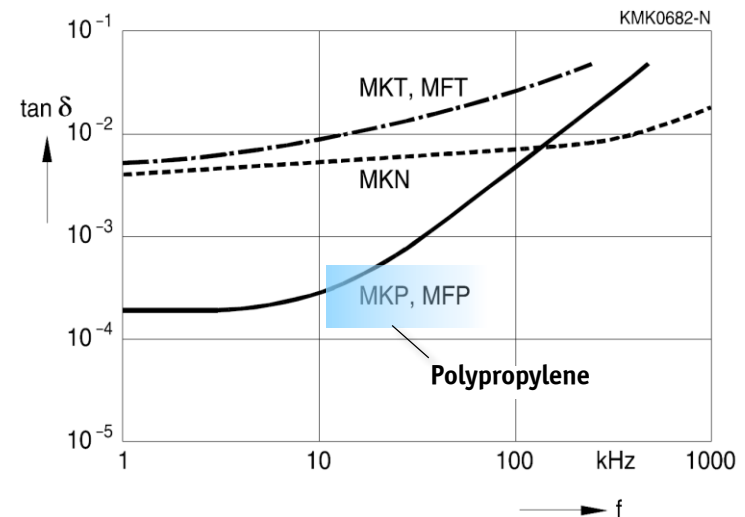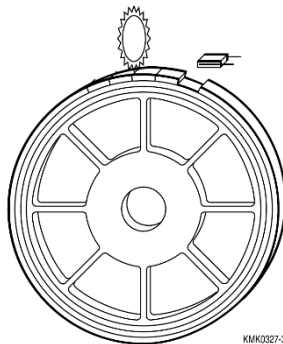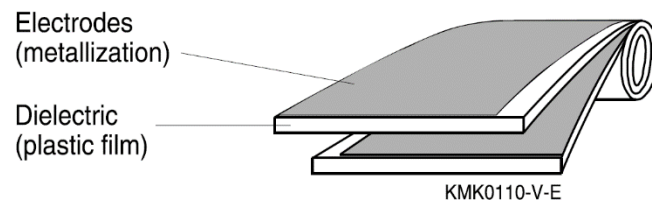
▲ **Datasheet Values of $\tan(\delta)$ in Funciton of Frequency for EPCOS Film Capacitors**

*EPCOS,* Film Capacitors Data Handbook, 2009.

ETH*zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Resonant Capacitors: Component Selection (2)

■ **Polypropylene Film Capacitors for Resonant Applications**
- Low $\tan(\delta)$ → Low High-Frequency Losses
- Low Parasitic Inductance and *ESR*
- Least Affected by Temperature/Frequency/Humidity
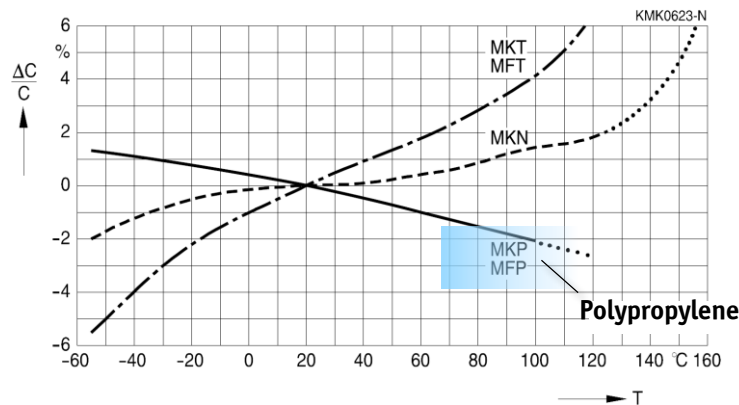


▲ **Typical Material Characteristics for Film Capacitors (EPCOS)**

*EPCOS,* Film Capacitors
Data Handbook, 2009.

ETH *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**
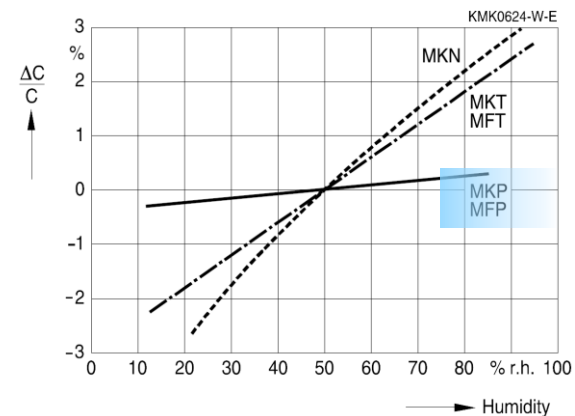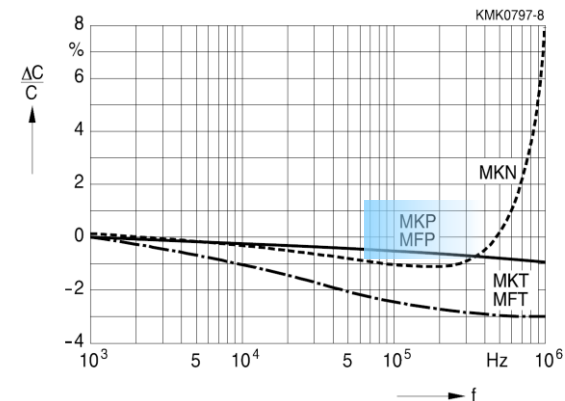
# ► Capacitor Service Life vs. Temperature & Voltage

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

$$t_{life}(T, V) = t_{life,0} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi_T} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi_V}$$

| T (°C) | $\pi_T$ | V / $V_R$ | $\pi_V$ |
|--------|---------|-----------|---------|
| ≤ 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.)**
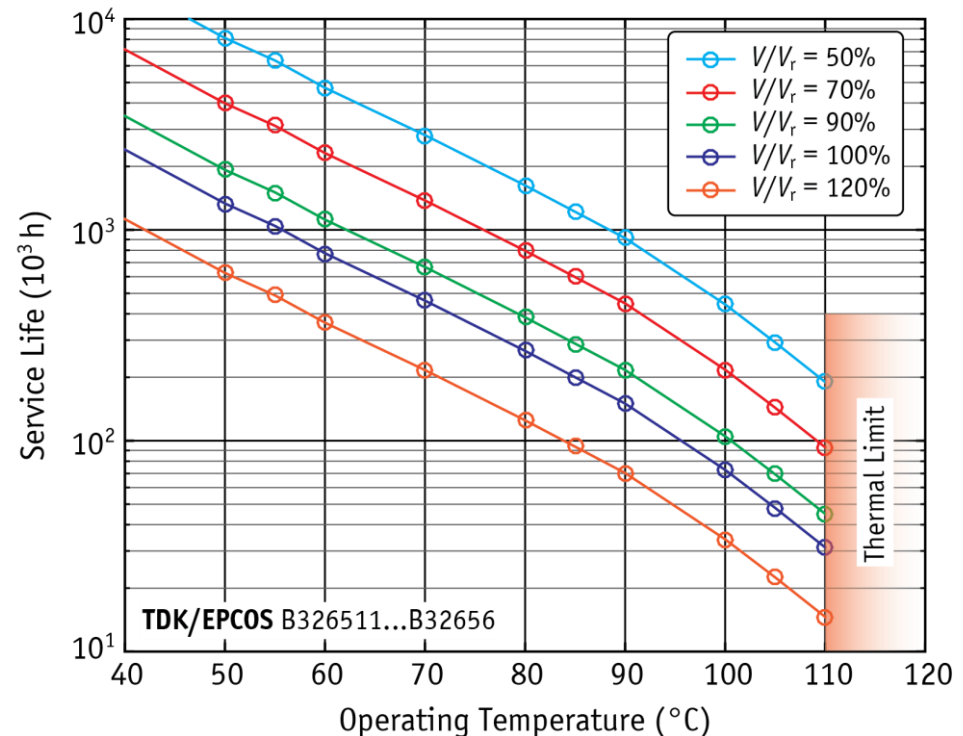
*TDK/EPCOS Product Profile,*
Film Capacitors for Industrial Applications, 2012.



TDK/EPCOS B326511...B32656

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

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

## ► 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)**



▲ **Induction Heating System** (www.celem.com)

- **Tangent-Delta:** 1/1000 - 1/700
- **High Power Density:** 5.95 kVAr/cm$^3$
- **Active Cooling:** Water / Air @ 35% Power
- **Typical Application:** Induction Heating

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► Resonant Capacitor Module for 50 kW



10 W/40 mm fan

5 x CSP 120-200

3D-printed
air duct

◄ **Capacitor Module: 5 Devices in Series, Forced-Air Cooling System**

base-plate
(POM)

protective cover
(polycarbonate)

- **Rated Current**     $100\,A_{rms}$
- **Operating Frequency**     **85 kHz**
- **Physical Dimensions**     **5x12x38 cm, 2.6 kg**
- **Power Density**     **22 kW/l, 19 kW/kg**
- **Efficiency @ 50 kW**     **98.9%**

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
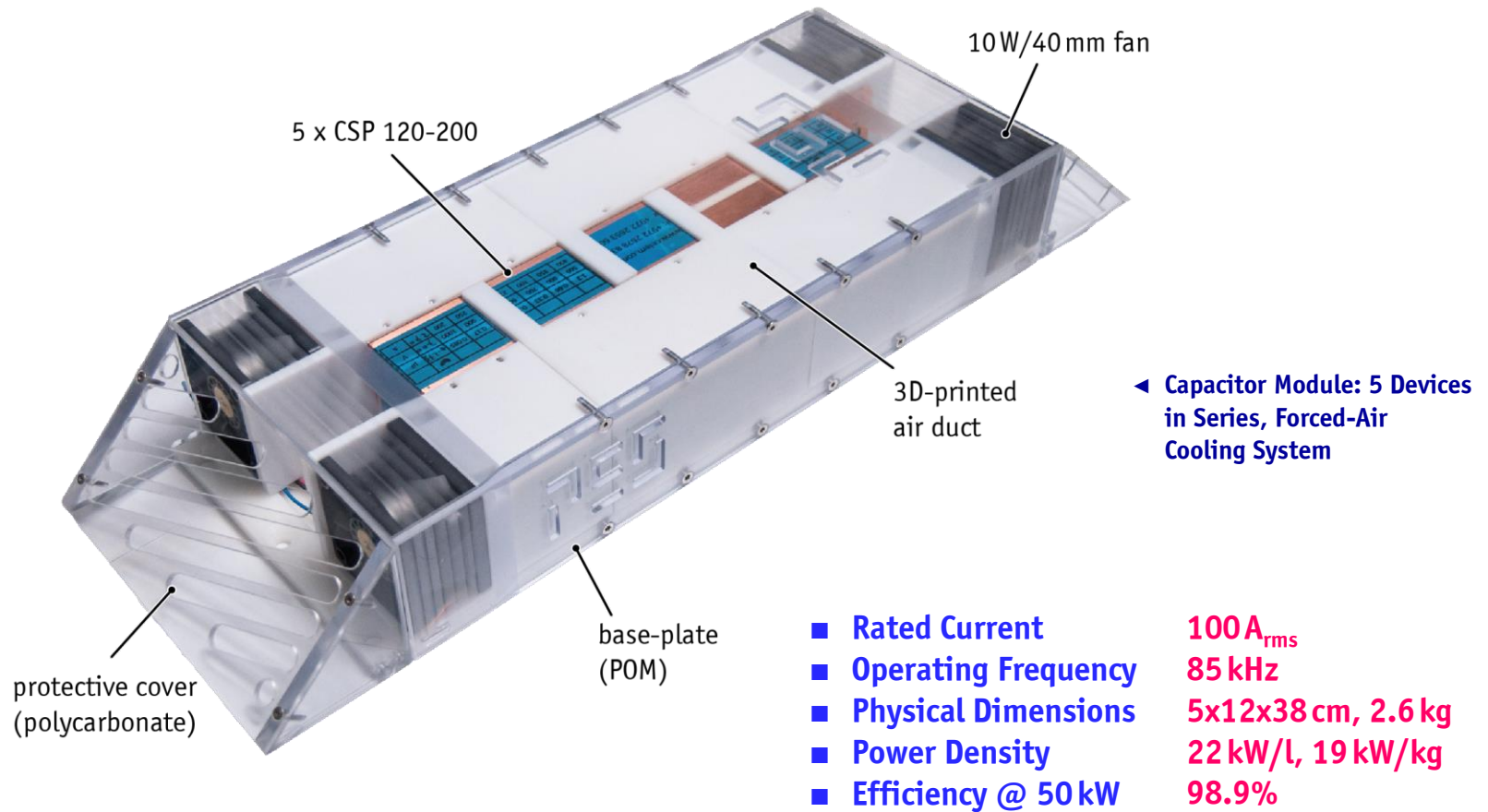
# ▶ Capacitor Module Cooling System

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



Heatsink    Celem C120

5 x CSP 120-200

10 W/40 mm fan

extruded fin heatsink (Al)
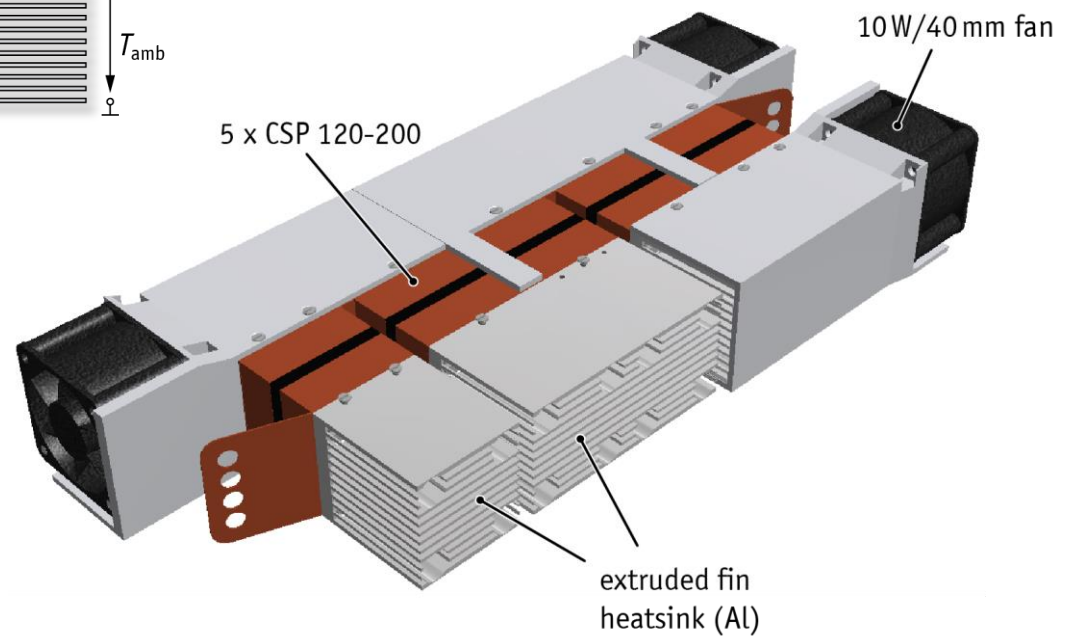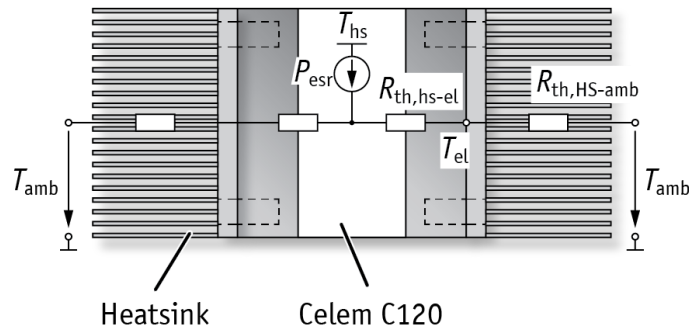
| | |
|---|---|
| ■ **Rated Current** | **100 A$_{rms}$** |
| ■ **Operating Frequency** | **85 kHz** |
| ■ **Tangent-Delta** | **1.5‰** |
| ■ **Power Losses** | **314 W** |

**ETH**zürich

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Mounting of Capacitor Module on IPT Coil



resonant
capacitor

backside of
IPT coil

eddy-current
shield
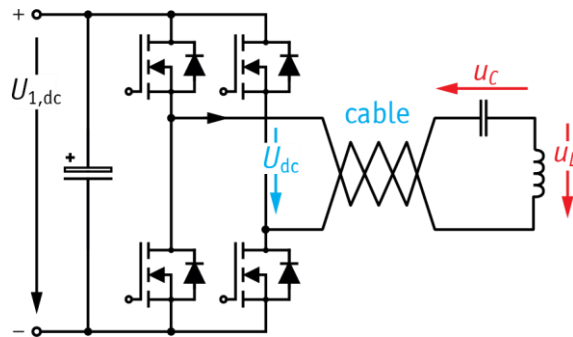
- **Compact Realization as Integrated IPT Coil & Capacitor Module**
- **Close Placement of Components to Limit EMI due to HF-Coil Current**

ETH zürich
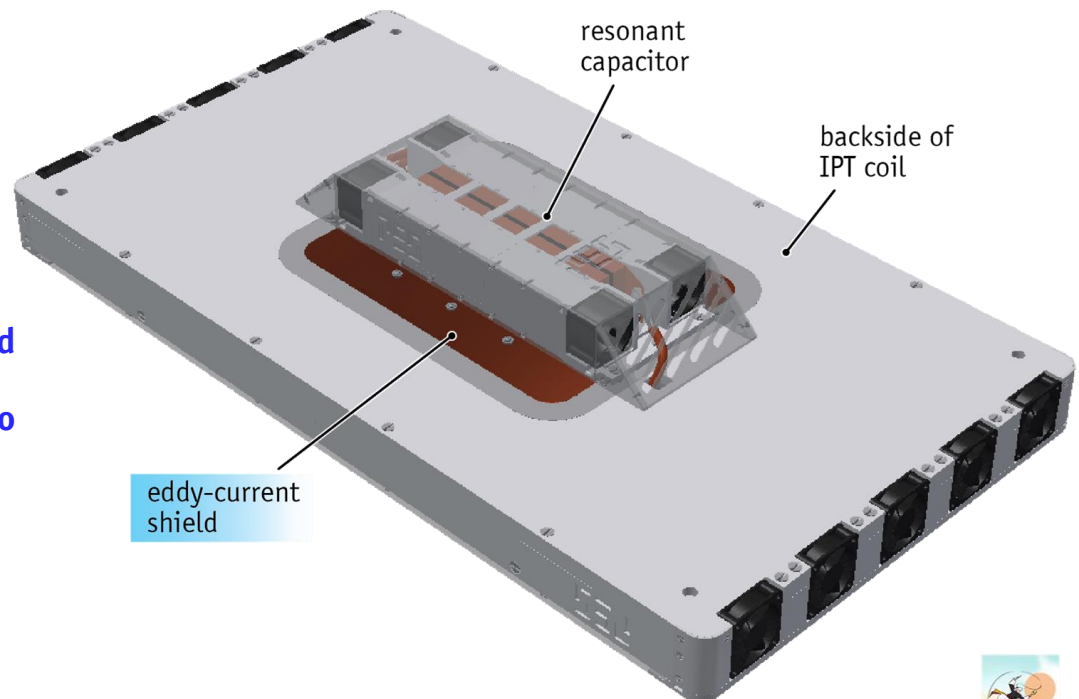
# Magnetic Shielding

# ► 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



Symmetry
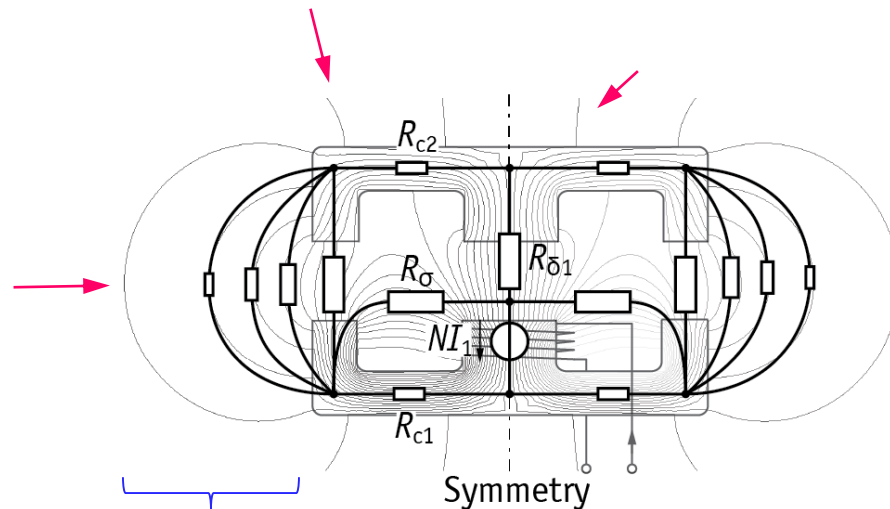
**Magnetic Flux Follows Low Reluctance Path:**

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

■ **MMF Across Air Gap is not influenced by the core**
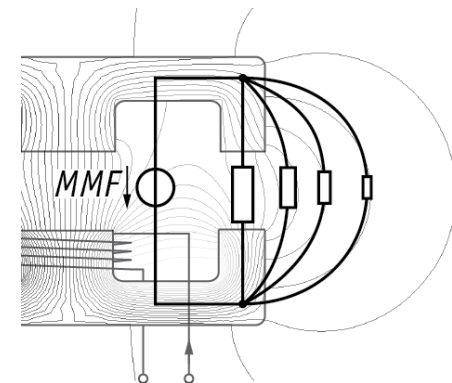
→ **Core has no Effect on Stray Field Horizontally Outside the Coil Area**

# ► 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



**Operating Frequency**
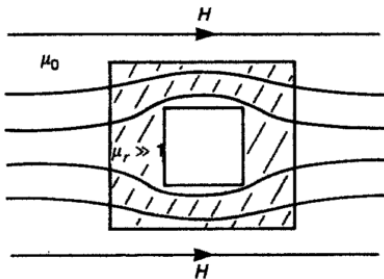
▲ **High-Permeability Material Attracts Magnetic Field**

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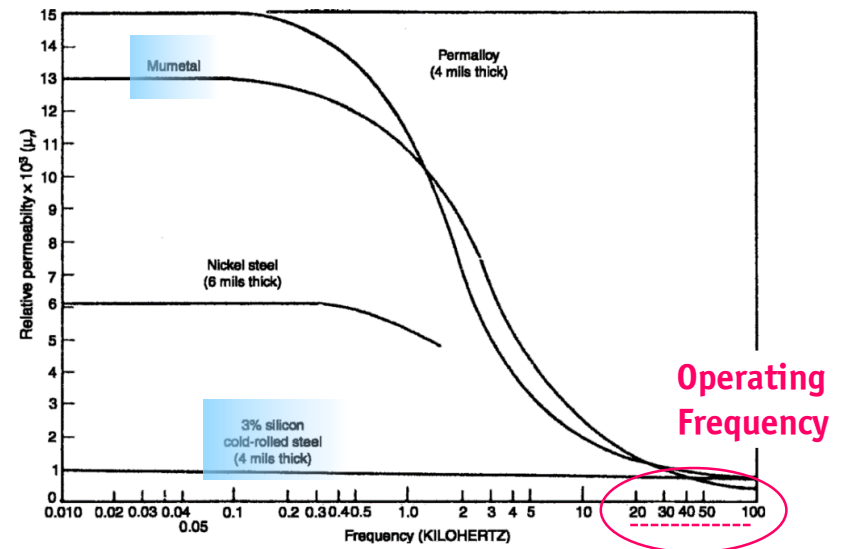
▲ **Frequency dependency of ferromagnetic materials**

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

# ▶ Magnetic Shielding with *Conductive* Materials (1)

■ **Magnetic Flux Diversion with Eddy Current Shield**
  • Circulating Eddy Current Produces Opposing Magnetic Field

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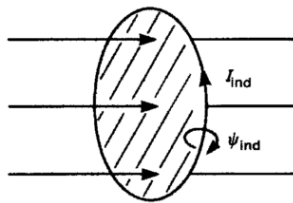


◀ **Current in Conductor Produces Opposing Magnetic Field**



resonant capacitor

backside of IPT coil

eddy-current shield
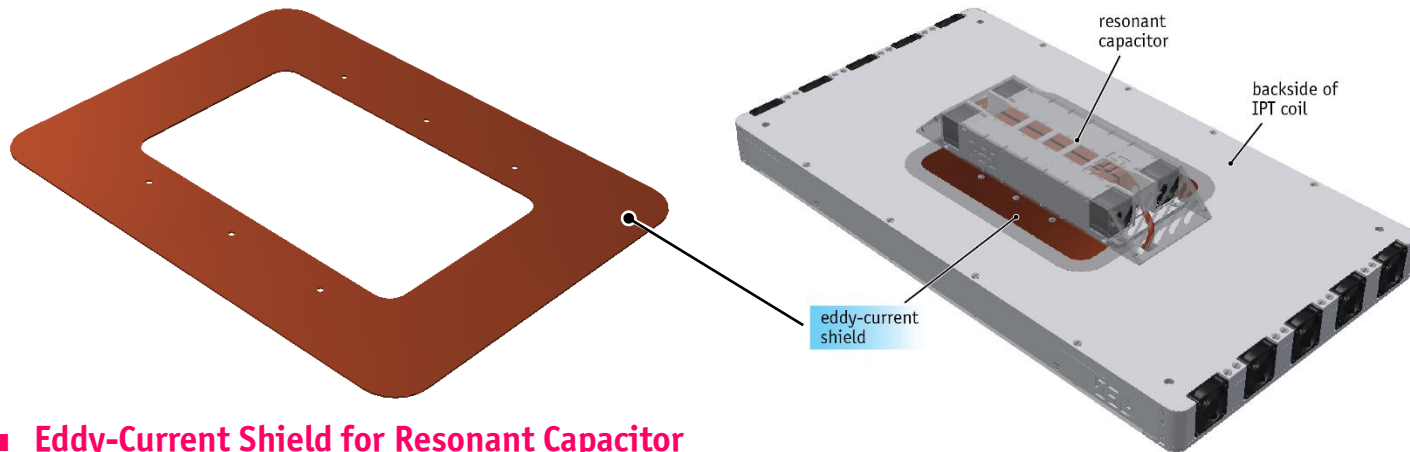
■ **Eddy-Current Shield for Resonant Capacitor Module incl. Heatsink & Fans**

▲ **Passive shielding of resonant capacitor module with a copper shielding ring**

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► Magnetic Shielding with *Conductive* Materials (2)

■ **Magnetic Flux Diversion with Eddy Current Shield**
  • Create a Field-Free Space Around Capacitor Module
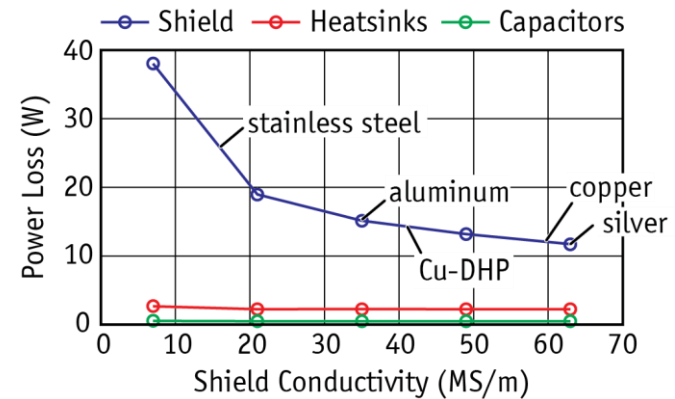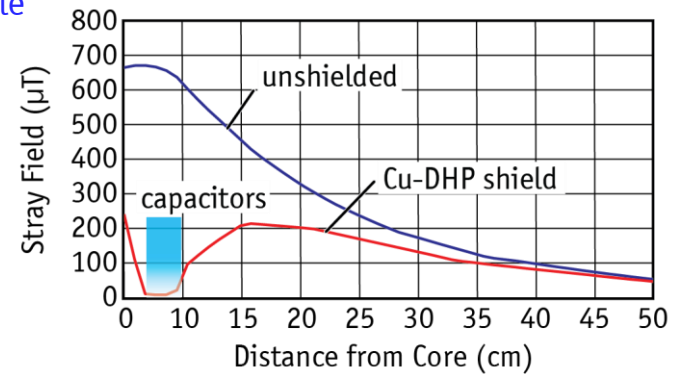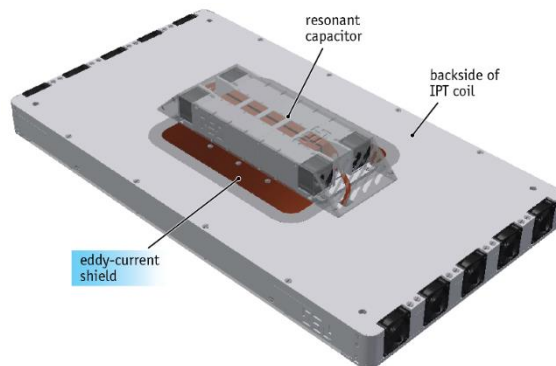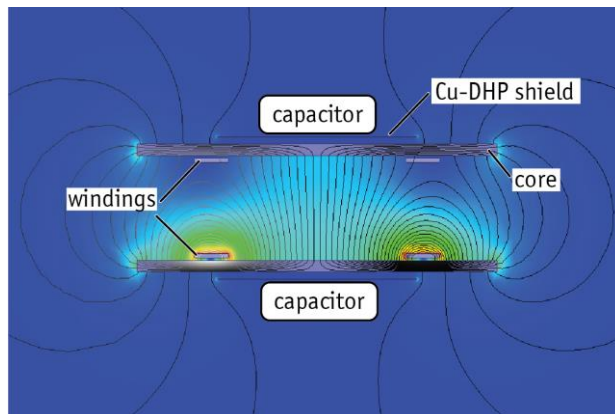


▲ **FE-Calculated Field and Power Loss at 50 kW**

**ETH** *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# Multi-Objective Optimization of High-Power IPT Systems

*Requirements & Limits*
*Optimization Method*
*Trade-Off Analysis*

**ETH***zürich*

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ▶ 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
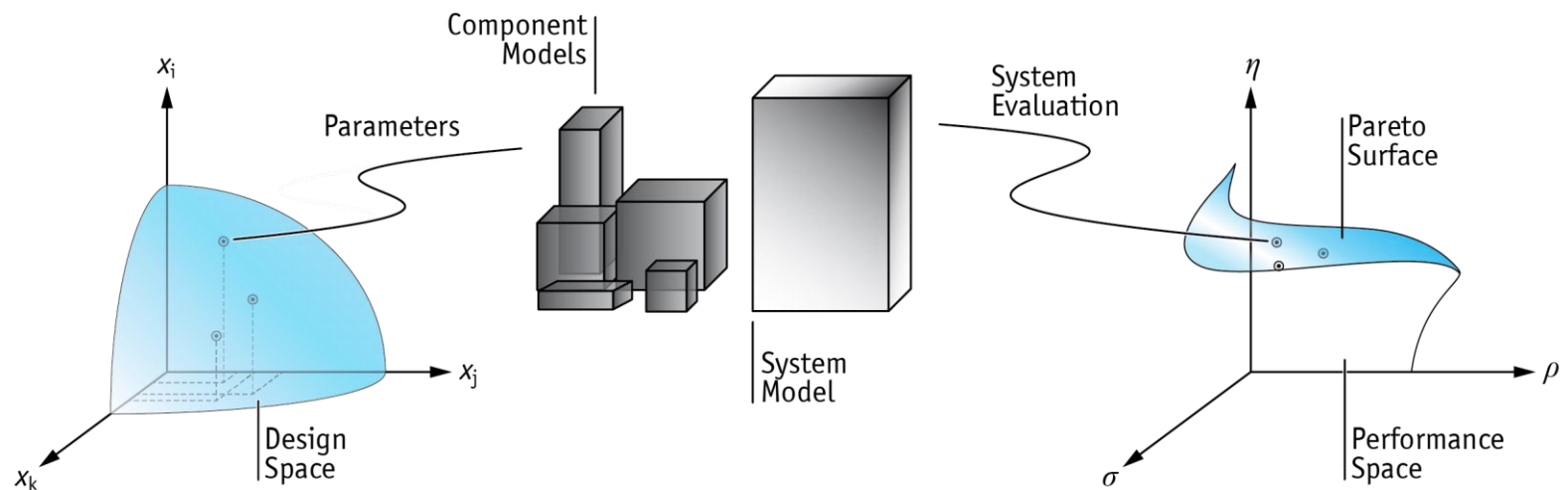


- Coil Dimensions
- Winding Scheme
- Number of Turns
- Litz Wire Design
- Core Design
- Core Material

- AC-Losses
- Magnetic Fields
- Capacitor Losses
- Converter Losses
- Component Cost
- Component Size

- Efficiency $\eta = P_{out}/P_{in}$ [%]
- Power Density $\rho = P_{out}/V_{tot}$ [kW/dm$^3$]
- Stray Field $\beta = B_{max}/B_{norm}$ [%]
- Tolerace $\delta = \Delta x/D_{coil}$ [%]
- Specific Cost $\gamma = C_{tot}/P_{out}$ [$/kW]
- Material Effort $\sigma = kg_{Cu/Fe}/P_{out}$ [kg/kW]

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Multi-Objective Optimization of 5 kW Prototype (2)

■ **Design Process Taking All Performance Aspects into Account**

■ **System Specification**
- Input Voltage          400 V
- Battery Voltage      350 V
- Output Power          5 kW
- Air Gap                   50 mm

■ **Constraints / Side Conditions**
- Thermal Limitations        [°C]
- Stray Field Limitations     [µT]
- Max. Construction Vol.     [m$^3$]
- Switching Frequency        [kHz]

Windings
(Litz Wire)

Coil Former
(PVC)

Ferrite Core
(K2004)

Core Carrier
(PVC)

*R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic, B. Wunsch, F. Canales,* "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-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.
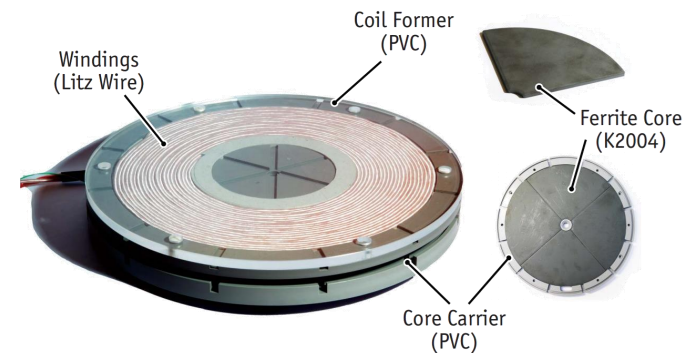
■ **System Performance**
- Efficiency          $\eta = P_{out}/P_{in}$          [%]
- Power Density  $\alpha = P_{out}/A_{coil}$       [kW/dm$^2$]
- Stray Field       $\beta = B_{max}/B_{norm}$    [%]

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto Optimization

**ETH** *zürich*

# ► $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto Optimization − Results (1)

- **Evaluation of Design Options in an Iterative Procedure**
  - Evaluation of FEM/Analytical Models for Power Losses, Thermal Constraints, Stray Fields, etc.
  - Iterative Parameter / Grid Search for a Given Design Space

- **Degrees-of-Freedom:**
  - Coil Dimensions
  - Litz Wire Dimensions
  - Number of Turns
  - Operating Frequency

**Design Space**

**Component Models**

**System Model**

**Performance**
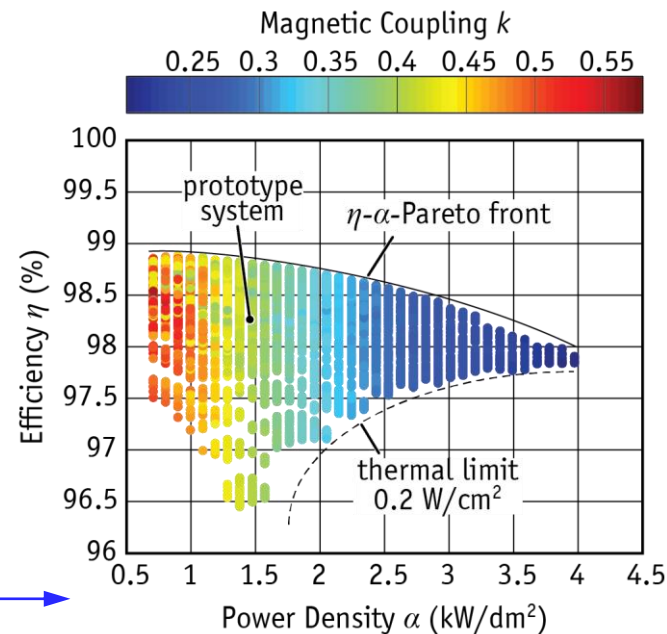


▲ **Efficiency vs. Power Density of >12k IPT Coils with 5 kW Output Power**

# ► $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto Optimization – Results (2)

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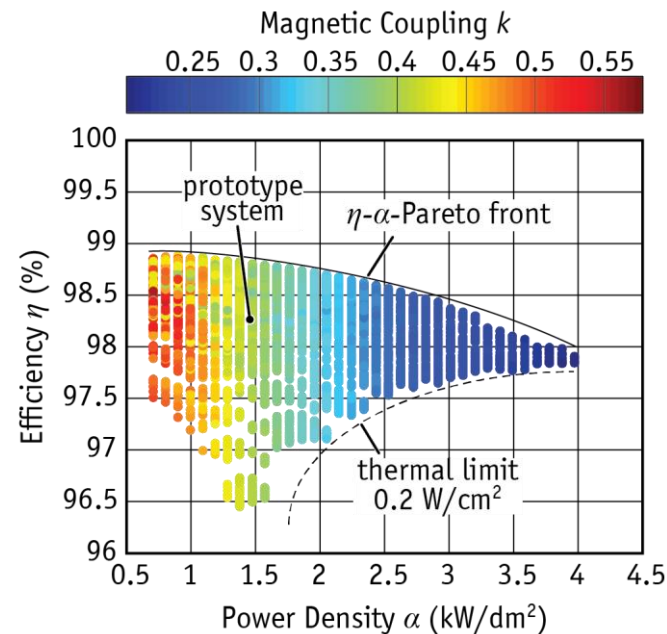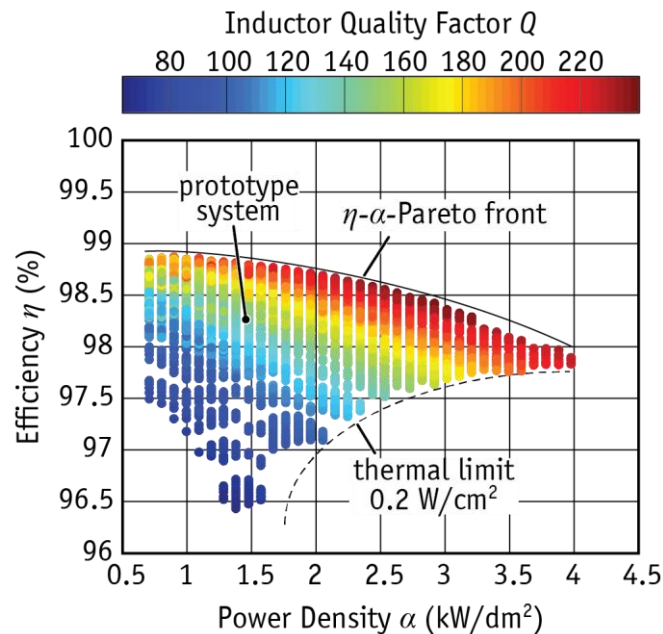


▲ **Trade-Off Analysis with Result Data: Effect of Quality Factor and Magnetic Coupling**

**ETH**zürich

# ► $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto Optimization – Results (3)

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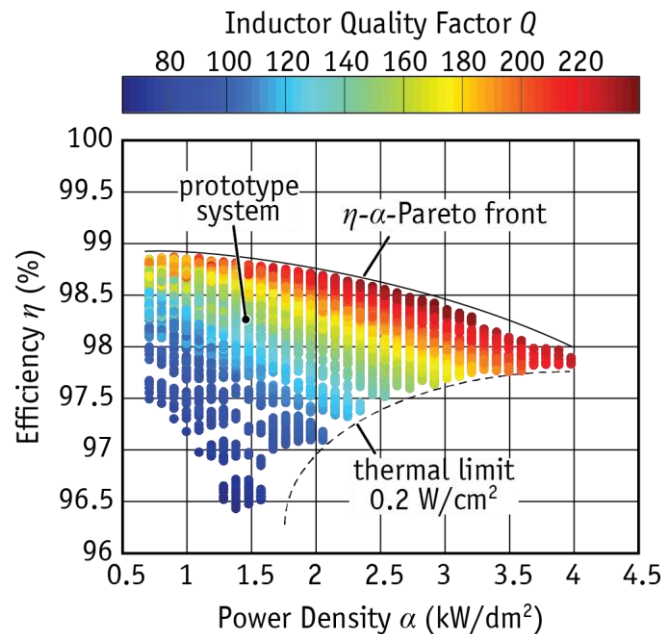


▲ Calculated efficiency vs. power density, colored by Inductor Quality Factor
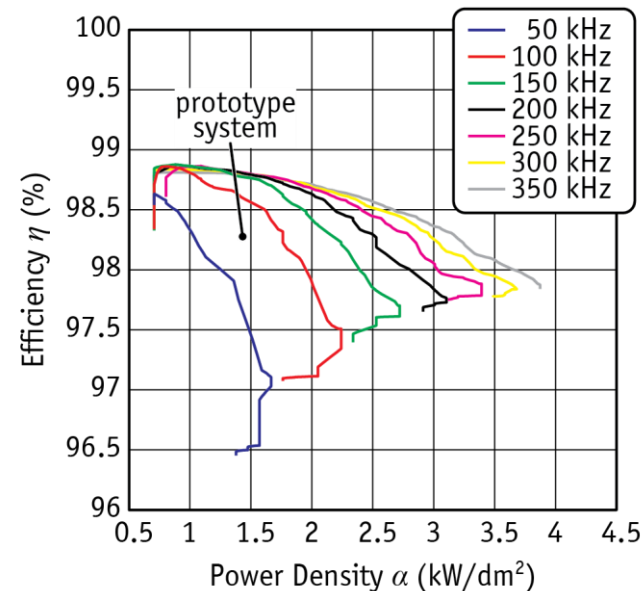
▲ Calculated Efficiency vs. Power Density, divided by Transmission Frequency

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► Efficiency at High-Frequency Transmission

■ **Reduced Winding Losses due to Lower Number of Turns in Transmission Coils**
- Matching Condition allows Lower Inductance at Higher Frequency
- Reduction of Flux leads to Slower Increase of Core Losses
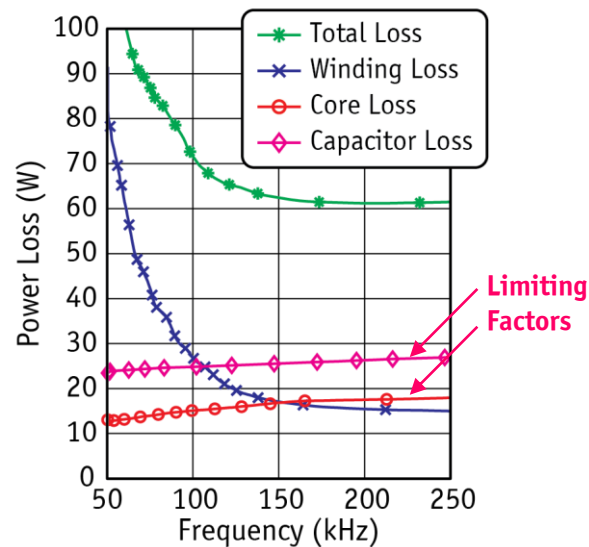


▲ **Power Loss Breakdown at 1.47 kW/dm²**
(Power Density of 5 kW Prototype)

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

**ETH**zürich
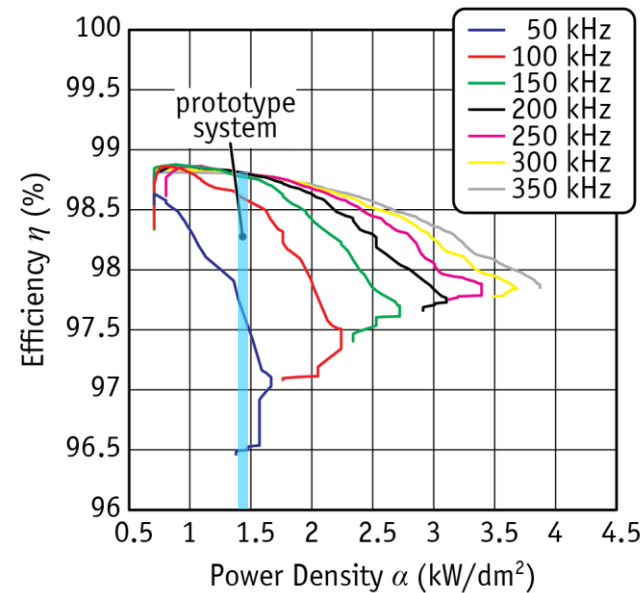
# ► Selected Design for 5 kW Prototype System

■ **Selection of Transmission Frequency**
- Significant Improvements up to 100 kHz
- Standard Power Electronics Design (5 kW)
- Litz Wire (630 x 71 µm) is Standard Product



▲ **Power Loss Breakdown at 1.47 kW/dm²**
**(Power Density of 5 kW Prototype)**



Windings (Litz Wire)
Coil Former (PVC)
Ferrite Core (K2004)
Core Carrier (PVC)
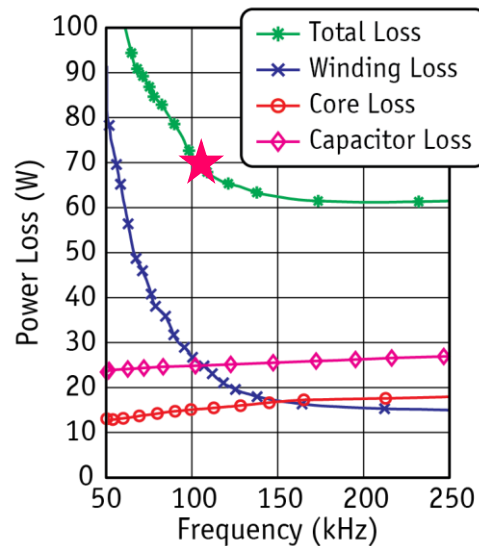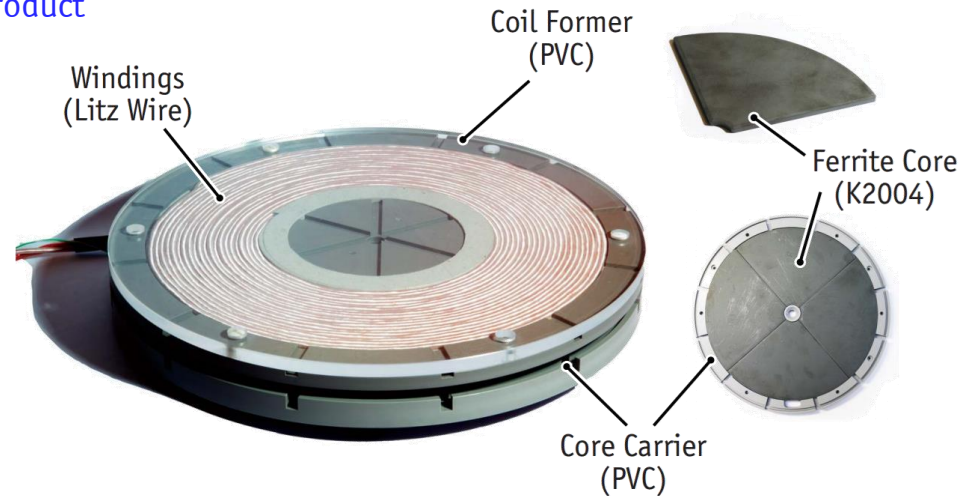
■ **5 kW Prototype IPT System**
- **Coil Diameter**        **210 mm**
- **Trans. Frequency**     **100 kHz**
- **Trans. Efficiency**    **98.25% @ 52 mm Air Gap**
- **Power Density**        **1.47 kW/dm²**
- **Stray Field**          **26.16 µT**

# ► Resonant Converter for 5 kW Testing
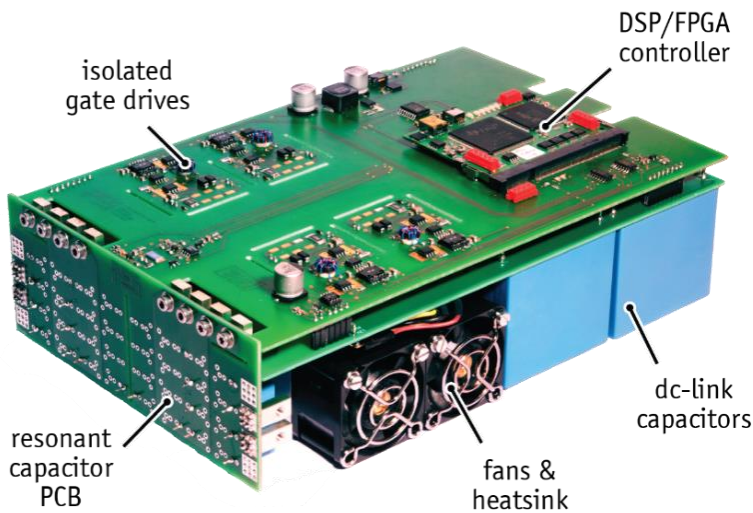


▲ **5 kW Prototype Power Converter**



▲ **Measured Waveforms at 5 kW / 400 V**

■ **Full-Bridge Test-Inverter 5 kW @ 400-800 V**
• Cree 1.2 kV SiC MOSFETs (42 A, 100 kHz)
• DSP/FPGA-based Control
• Film Capacitors for DC-Link

**ETH**zürich

# ▶ 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
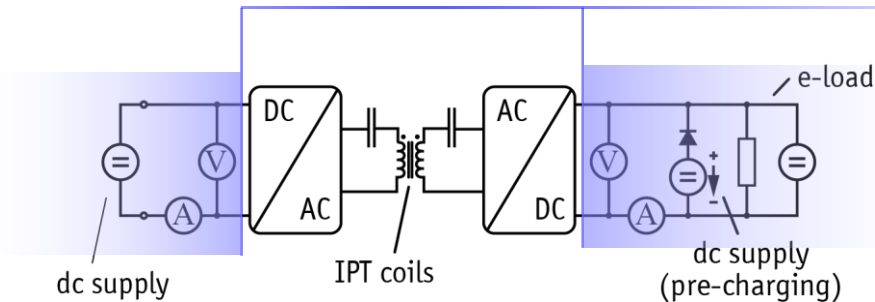


▲ **Yokogawa WT3000**



▲ **Efficiency Measurement Setup**

■ **Efficiency Measurement**
- Maximum Efficiency of 96.5%
- Higher than 96% down to 1 kW
- Flat Efficiency-Curve because of DC-Link Voltage Control



**ETH**zürich
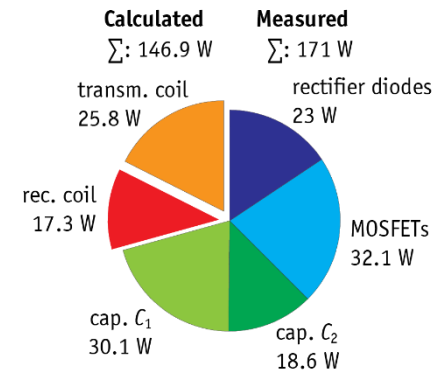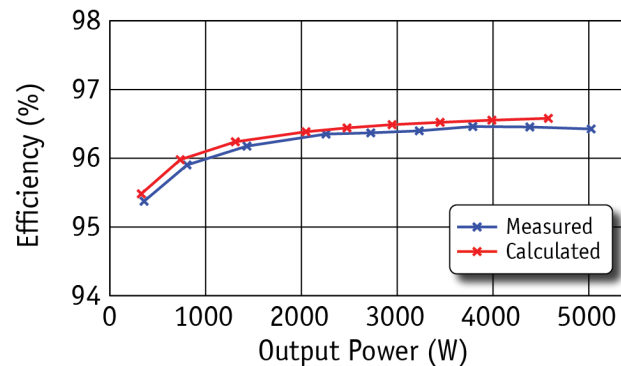
# ► High-Frequency Transmission & Stray Field

- **Higher Transmission Frequency Leads to Lower Stray Field**
  - Higher Frequency → Lower Energy per Cycle

  - Scaling Law: $U_\mathrm{L} = N \dfrac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}t} = N\omega\hat{\phi} \propto \omega\hat{B}$

  → **Trade-Off: Frequency vs. Stray Field**

- **Alternatives for Lower Stray Field:**
  - Smaller Coils: "Shielding by Distance" (but: Losses, Misalignment)
  - Shielding of Coils & of Objects/People in Environment of Transmission System
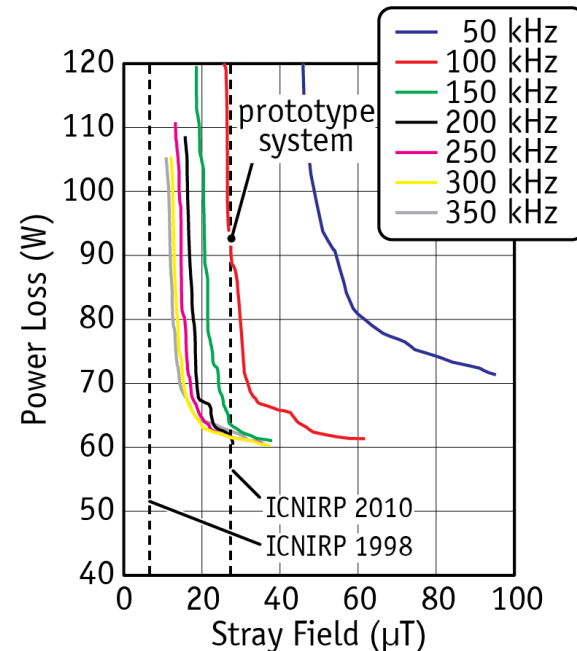


▲ **Calculated efficiency vs. stray field at 30 cm distance from coil center**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ► Limiting Factors for 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

■ **Power Electronics**
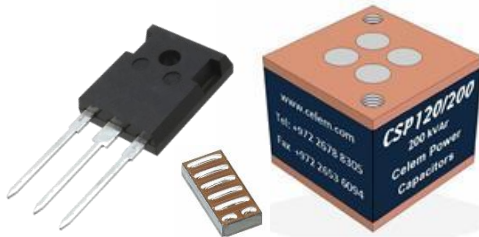


— Low-*ESR* / High-Power Resonant Capacitors
— Low-Loss (Wide Bandgap) Semiconductors
— Fast Switching for Low (ZVS) Losses

■ **Converter & Coil Parasitics**
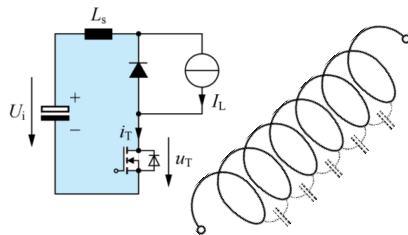


— Stray Inductance of Layout & Device Packages
— Coil Self-Capacitance (→ Include in Models)
— Sensitive Tuning of Resonant Circuit

**ETH**zürich

# Application to Design
# of 50 kW Prototype System

# ► Demonstrator Systems: 5 and 50 kW Output Power

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



Windings (Litz Wire)

Coil Former (PVC)

Ferrite Core (K2004)

Core Carrier (PVC)

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



*R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic, B. Wunsch, F. Canales,* "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-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.

ETHzürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# ► Optimization of the *50 kW* Prototype System

■ **Selection of Coil Geometry**
- Rectangular Coil Shape given by EV Application
- Size Chosen to Fully Utilize Available Coil Area
- E-Type Coil Geometry for Low Stray Field

■ **Optimization Problem:**
  **3D-FEM Simulations take 10x Longer than 2D-FEM**
- Simulation Time up to 30mins (96GB RAM, 16 CPUs)
- «Brute-Force» Parameter Sweeps no Longer Useful

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
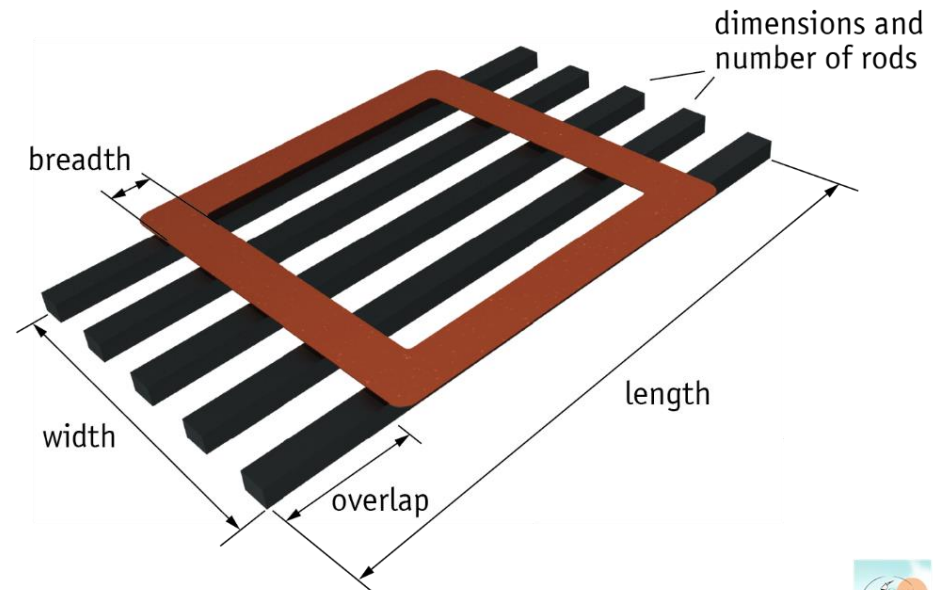
## ▶ Iterative IPT Coil Optimization

- **Iterative Procedure with Reduced Number of Evaluated Design Configurations**
  - Change only one Parameter at a Time (Instead of all Possible Combinations)

- **Exploit Condition for Pareto-Optimal Designs:**

$$R_L^* = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{U_{2,\text{dc}}^2}{P_2} \approx k\omega_0 L_2$$

Maximum
Efficiency
Condition



ETH zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
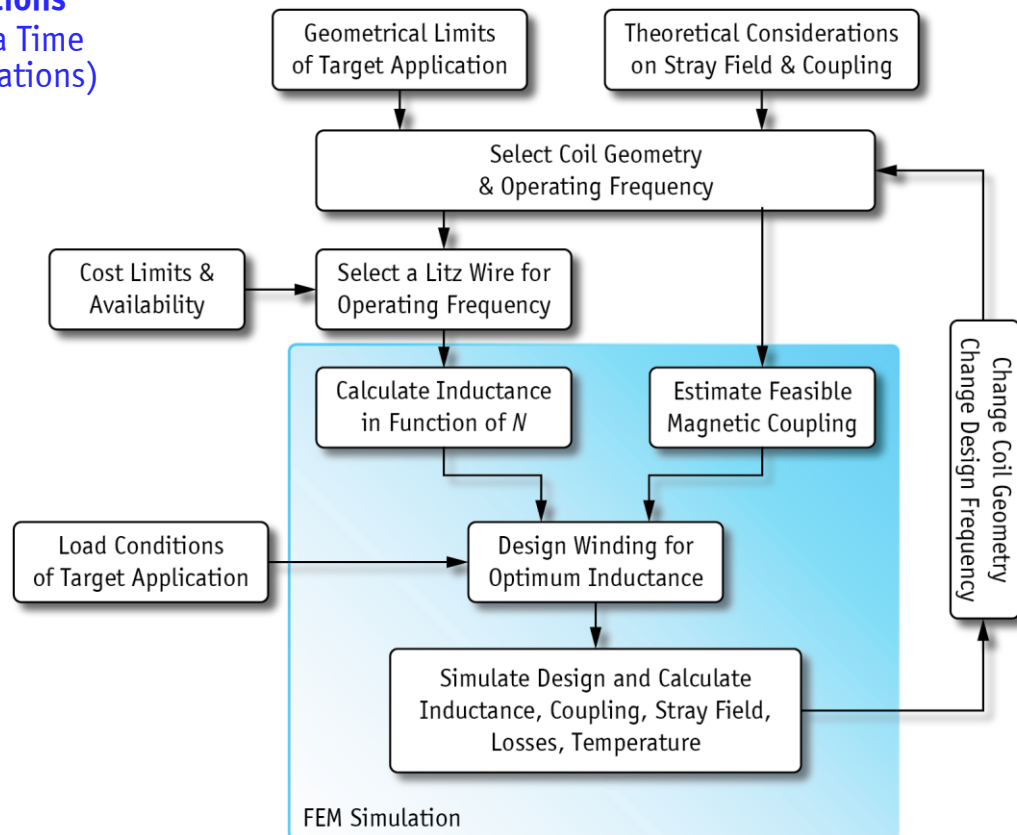
## ▶ Parameter Optimization

- **List of Parameter Variations**
  - Coil Dimensions
  - Type of I-Cores
  - Etc.

**Software Interfaces**

- **Fully Parameterized 3D-FEM Model**
  - All Geometry Variables can be Accessed and Changed via Software Interface
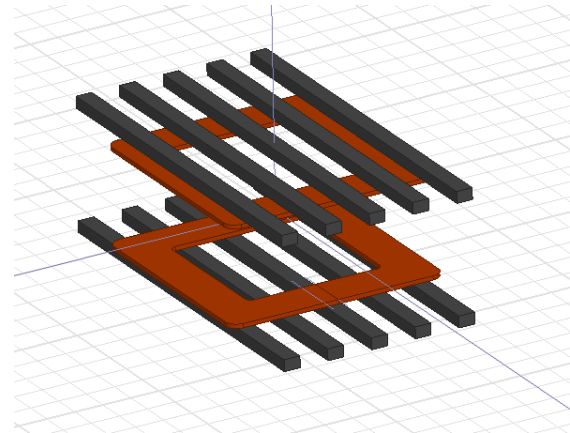


- **Calculation of Actual Coil Currents & Number of Turns for 50 kW @ 800 V and 85 kHz**

- **Calculation of Coupling & Inductance** (Simulation with prelim. Test Currents)

- **Calculation Fields and Power Losses at Actual Operating Point**

**ETH**zürich

# ► Effect of the Transmission Frequency (1)

■ **Parameter Sweep Over Transmission Frequency**
- Decreasing Power Losses in the Transmission Coils
- Reasons: Lower Inductance & Flux, Fewer Turns/Shorter Wires
- Significant Improvements up to approx. 50 kHz
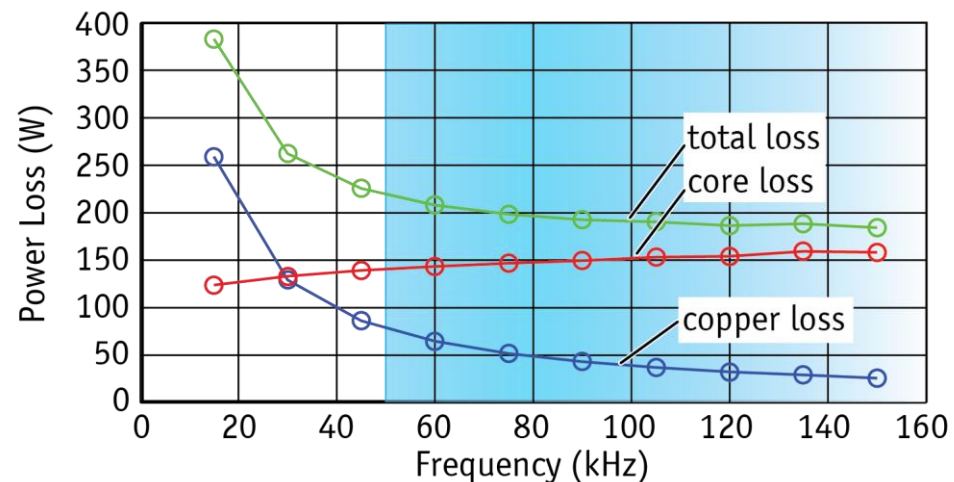


▲ **Calculated Coil Losses in Function of the Transmission Frequency of the Designs**

# ► Effect of the Transmission Frequency (2)

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



axis definitions:
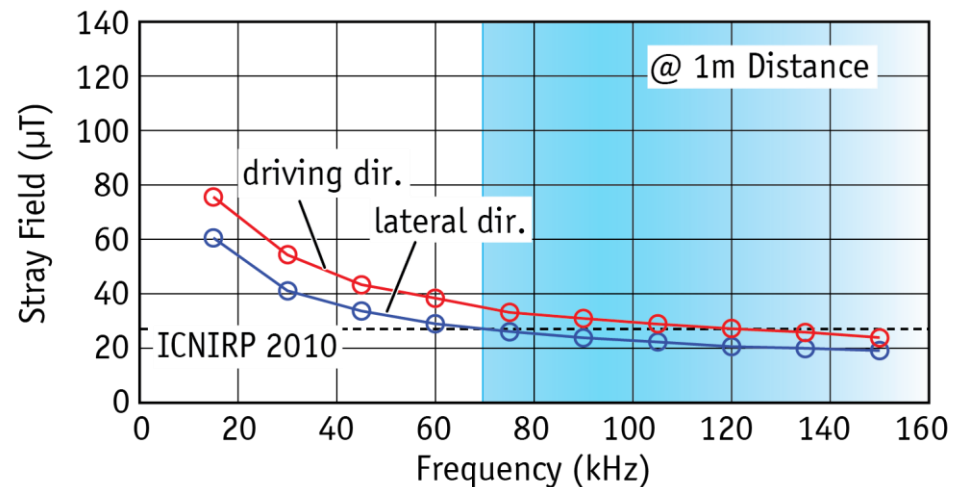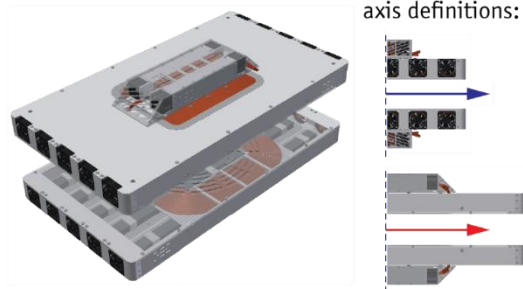
▲ **Calculated Stray Field in Function of the Transmission Frequency of the Designs**

# ► Selected Transmission Frequency

- **Decreasing Losses (Significant up to 50 kHz)**
- **Stray Field Norm met above 70 kHz**
- **Up-Coming SAE Standard J2954 Suggests 85 kHz**

  → **Selected Frequency: 85 kHz**



- **Immediate Implication:**
  - Use Latest SiC-MOSFET Technology for the Inverter-Stage
  - Design and Layout of Power Electronics is Crucial for the IPT System
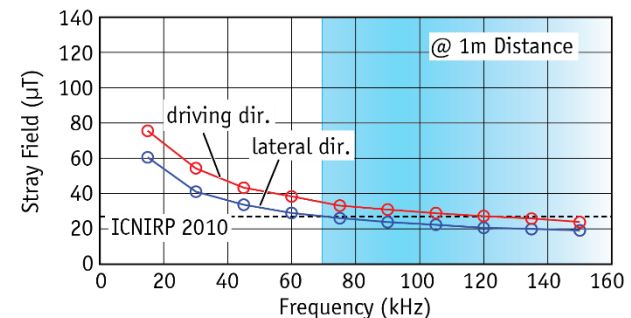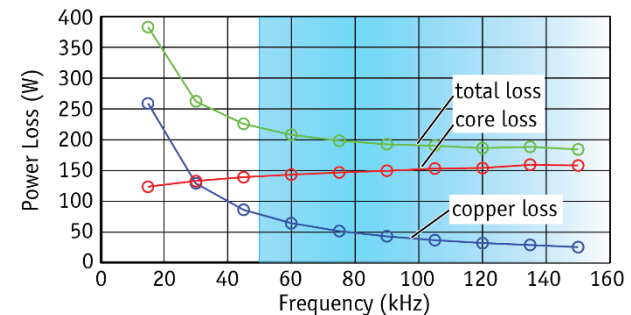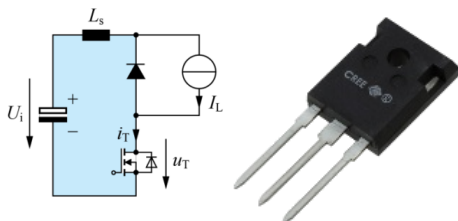




▲ **FEM Calculation Results**

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

## ▶ 50 kW IPT: Prototype Hardware



Litz Wire Winding

*I*-Core Rods (Ferrite K2004)

Core Carrier (Teflon)

Axial Cooling Fans

Core Fasters (Polycarb.)

Containment (POM)

Coil Former (POM)
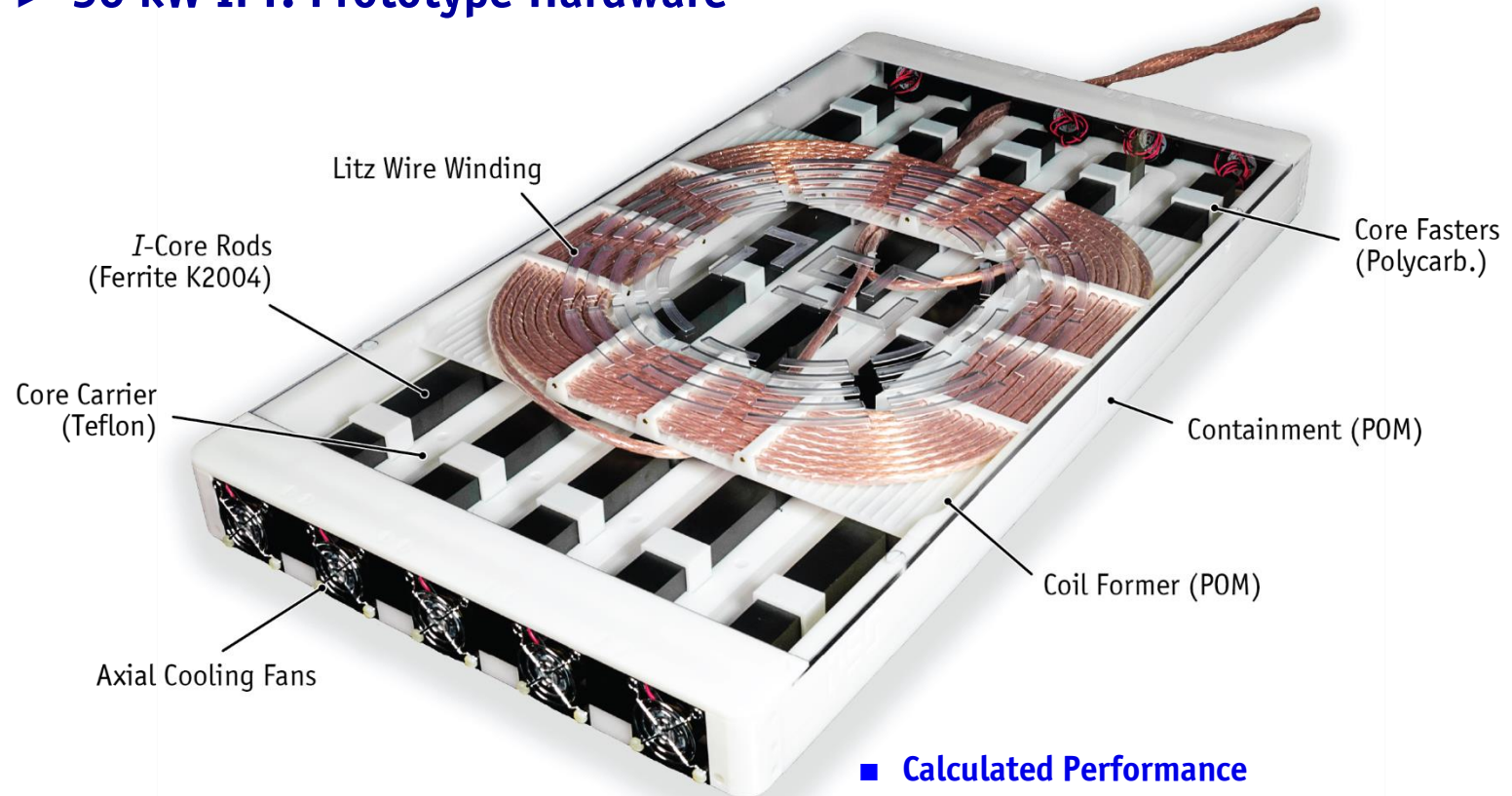
■ **Calculated Performance**
- Output Power — 50 kW @ 800 V, 85 kHz
- Max. DC/DC-Efficiency — 96.5%
- Coil Dimensions — 41 x 76 x 6 cm
- Coil + Cap. Weight — 24.6 kg

**ETH**zürich

# ▶ Estimated DC-to-DC Performance

**Nominal Position**
Total Losses: 1384 W
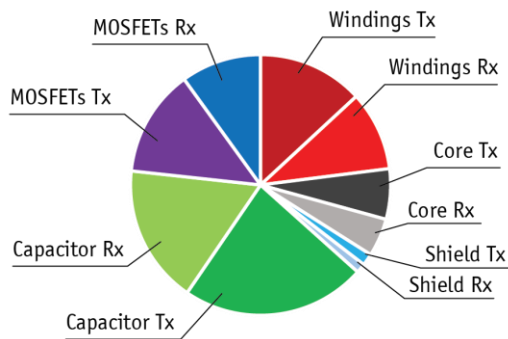


**10 cm Misalignment**
Total Losses: 2254 W
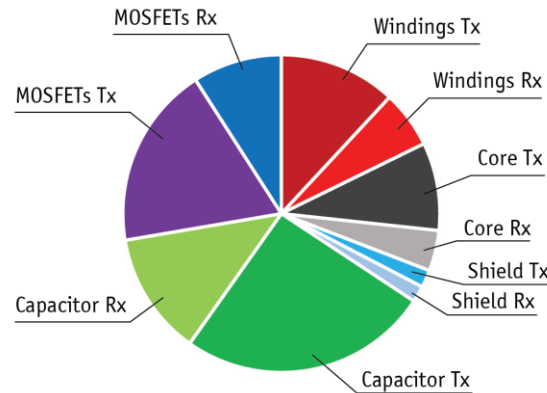


■ **Calculated Performance**
- Output Power        50 kW
- Maximum Efficiency   95.2 % … 96.5 %
- Coil Dimensions      41x76x6 cm
- Weight (Coil + Cap)  25.7 kg
- Power Density        2.7 kW/l, 1.9 kW/kg
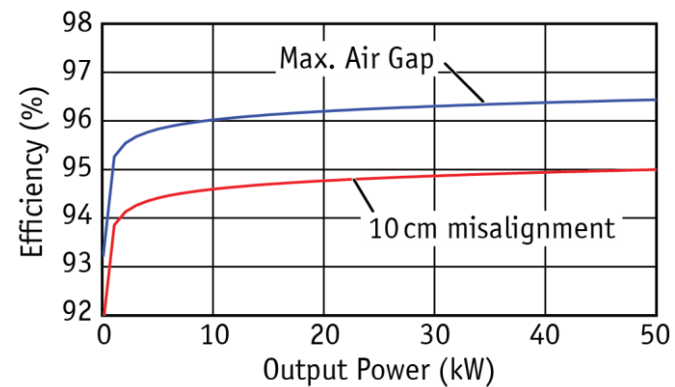


▲ Calculated efficiency over output power for
control with variable DC-link voltage

**ETH** *zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# Power Electronics Concept for 50 kW

*System Topology*
*IPT Coil Interface*
*3-Φ PFC Rectifiers*

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# ▶ Main System Components

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

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



■ **Transmitter-Side Power Electronics**
- 1/3-Φ Mains Interface
- High-Frequency Inverter Stage

■ **Resonant Compensation**
- Requirements for Capacitor
- Optimal Component Selection

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**
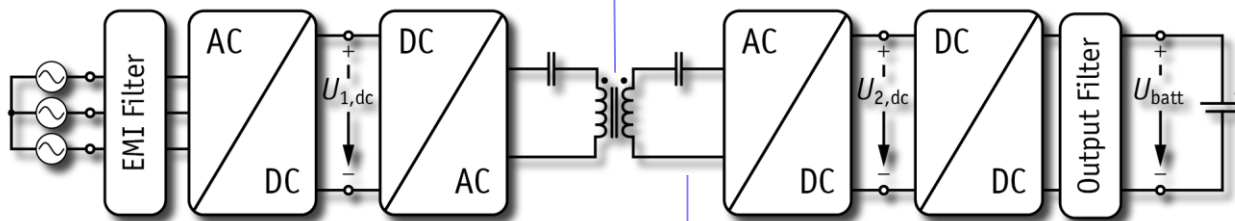
# ► Back-to-Back IPT Test Bench

■ **Test Setup for High-Power Back-to-Back 50 kW Operation**
- Direct DC-to-DC Power Loss Measurements at DC Power-Supply
- Experimental Evaluation of Different Control Options
- Design & Evaluation of Different Coil Designs



**ETH**zürich
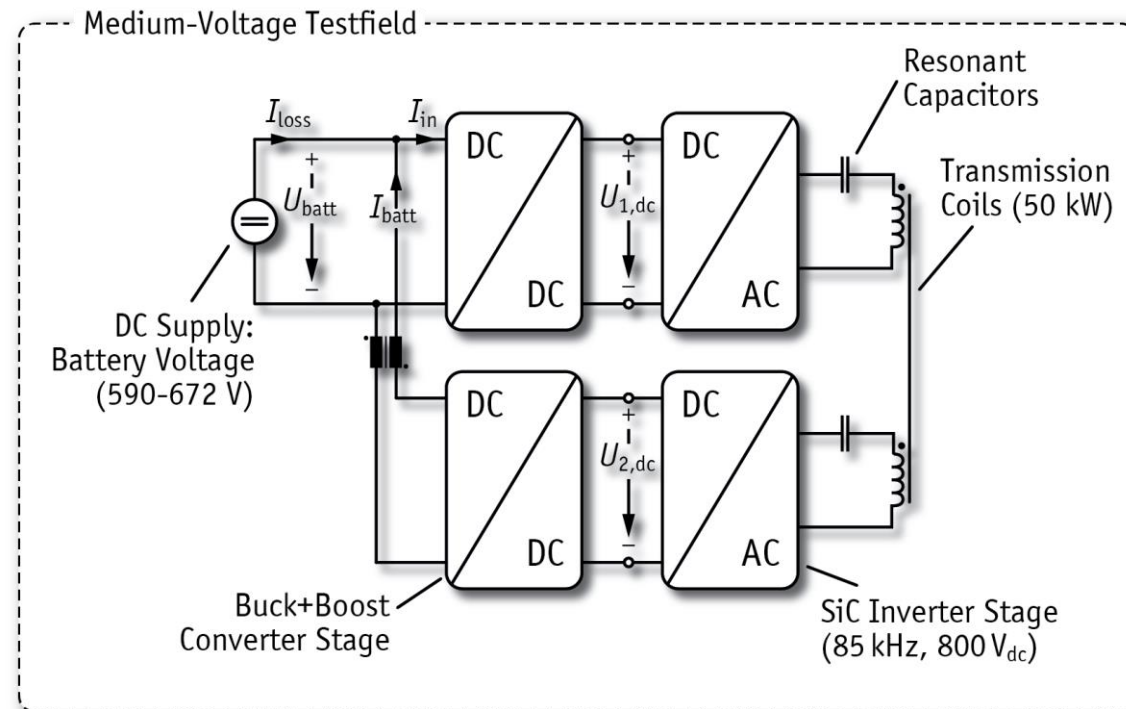
# ► Design Concept for 50 kW Prototype System



Buck+Boost DC/DC Modules — Inverse & Direct Coupled Inductor — Parallel-Interleaved SiC Bridges — Resonant Cap. & IPT Coil — SiC Full-Bridge Inverter (3 Parallel)

$U_{batt}$

$U_{1,dc}$
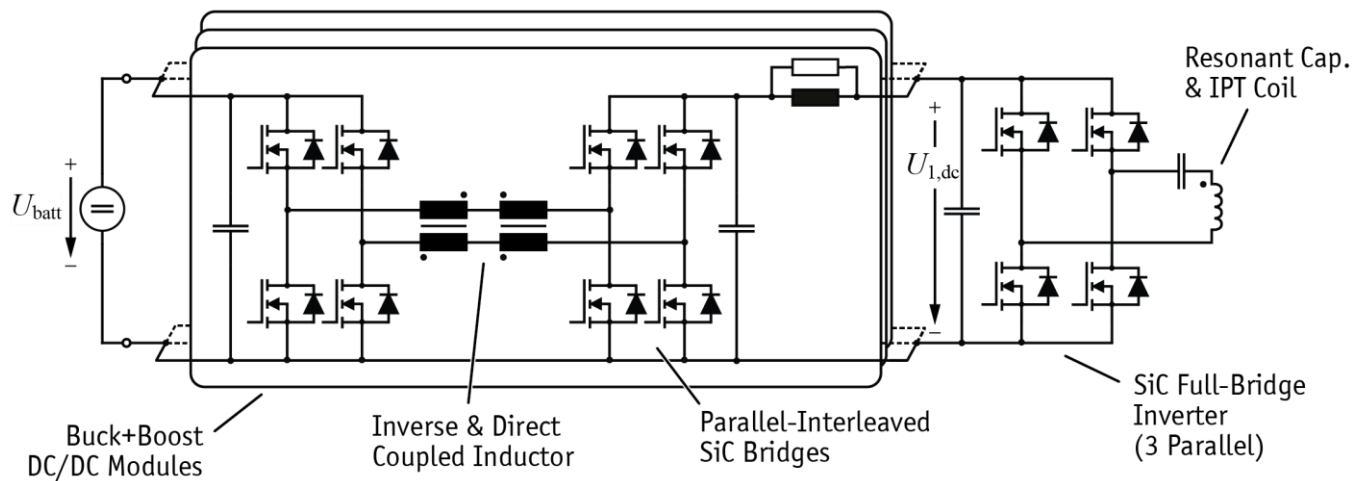
■ **Ripple Cancellation by Parallel Interleaving**
- 3 x 20 kW DC/DC-Converter Modules
- Each Module has 2 Interleaved and Magnetically Coupled Stages

■ **Modular Design allows Disabling Stages at Low Output Power**
  → Fully Benefit from High Partial-Load Efficient IPT Concept
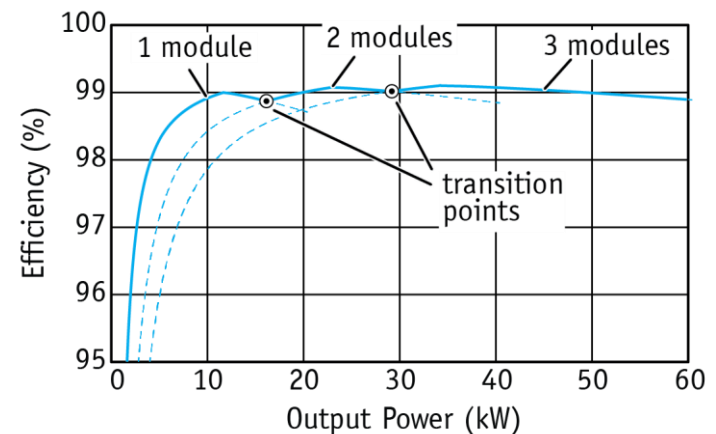
# ► Interleaved DC/DC-Converter with Coupled Inductors

■ **180°-Interleaved Switching (shown for Buck-Mode)**
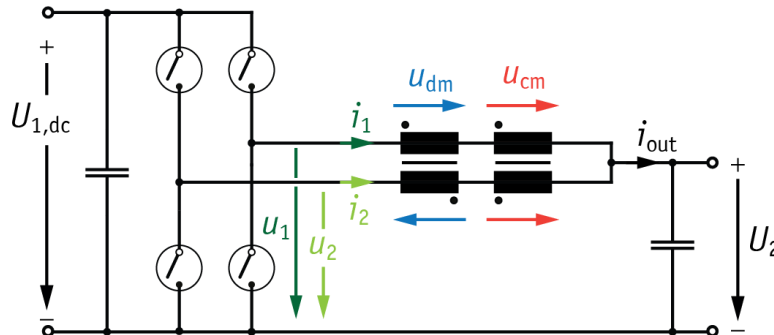


■ **Direct Coupled Inductor**
- Flux due to Common-Mode Voltage
- DC-Flux → Energy Storage
- Reduction of Current-Ripple Requires More Stored Magnetic Energy

■ **Inverse Coupled Inductor**
- Flux due to Differential-Mode Voltage
- No DC-Flux → No Stored Energy
- Reduction of Current-Ripple does not Require Net Energy Storage
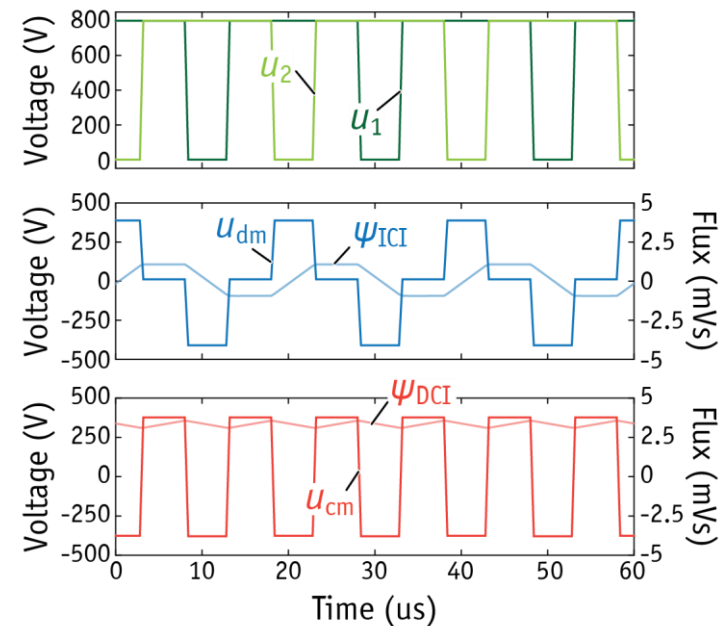


▲ **Simulated Voltage and Flux Waveforms**

# ► Separation of CM/DM Current Ripples

■ **Common-/Differential-Mode Equivalent Circuits**
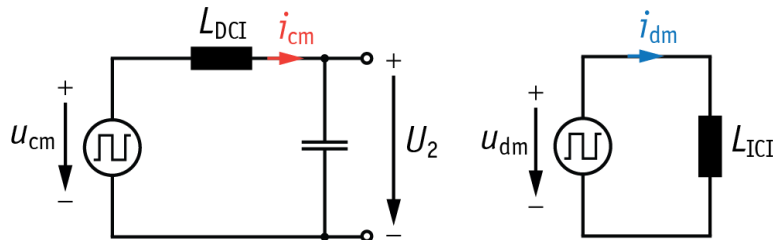


■ **Separate Design of CM/DM Current Ripples using Dedicated Magnetic Devices**



▲ Simulated Inductor/Output Current
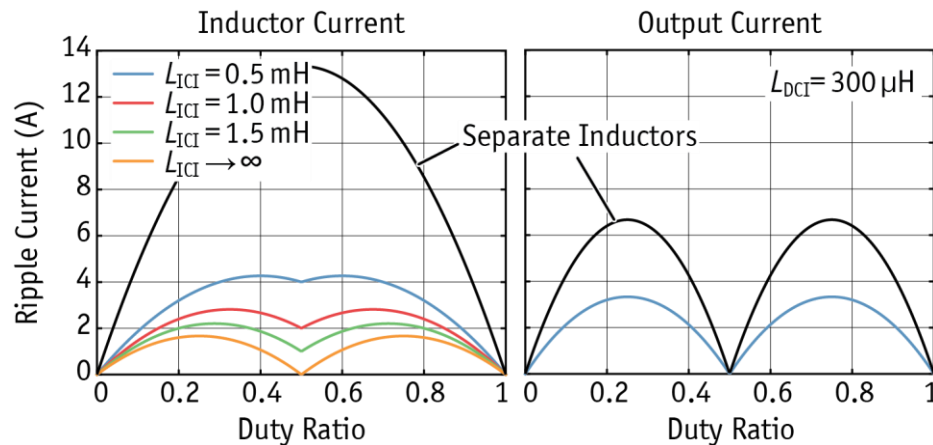
▲ Calculated Inductor/Output Current Ripple

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**
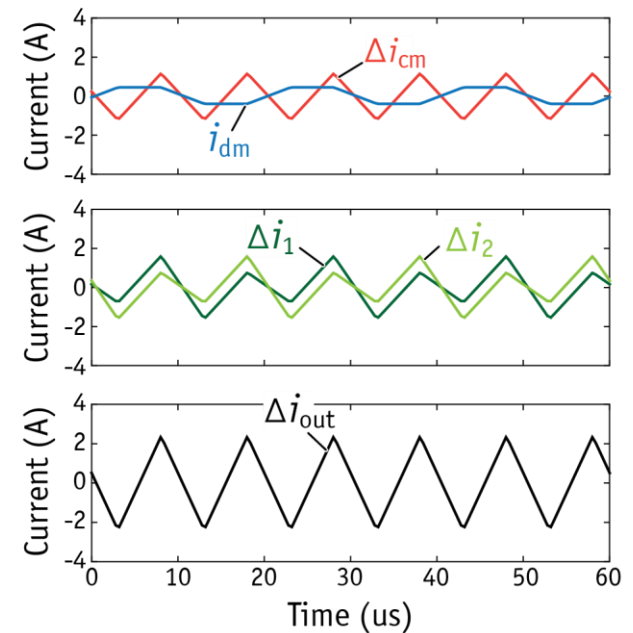
# ► Component Volume and Power Losses

■ **Compact Design of the Inductors**
- Helical Winding for High Filling Factor
- Amorphous Iron Core with Gap for DCI
- Nano-Crystalline Core w/o Gap for ICI
- Switching Frequency 50 kHz,
  10% Output Current Ripple
  → 300 µH vs. 600 µH

■ **Significantly Reduced Total Magnetics Volume (DCI+ICI) in Comparison to Two Separate, Uncoupled Inductors**





ETHzürich
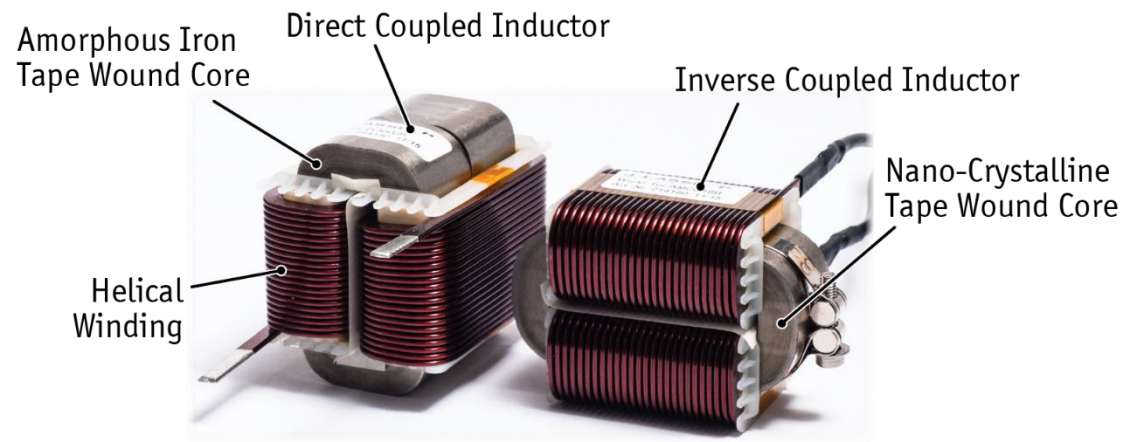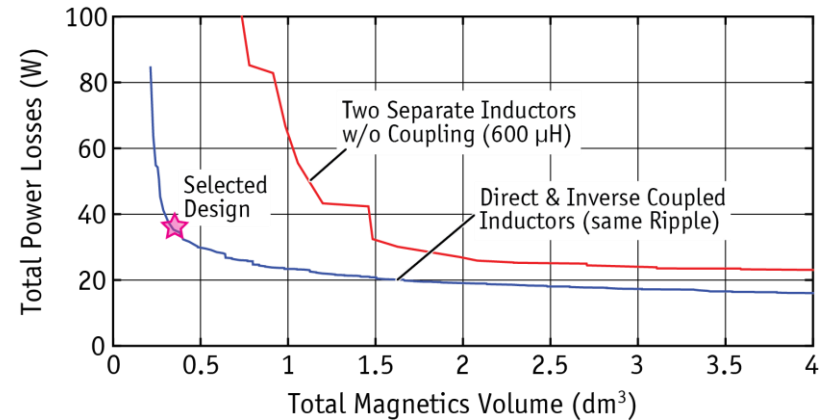
## ▶ Inverter-Stage Using Parallel-Connected SiC-Devices

■ **Mainly Conduction Losses in Inverter Stage due to ZVS**
- Multiple SiC-Devices in Parallel for $R_{ds(on)}$-Reduction
- Single Gate-Drive for all Devices for Minimum Complexity

■ **Test-Bench for Evaluation of**
- Switching Performance of Paralleled Devices
- HF-Design of Power PCB and Device-Current Sharing
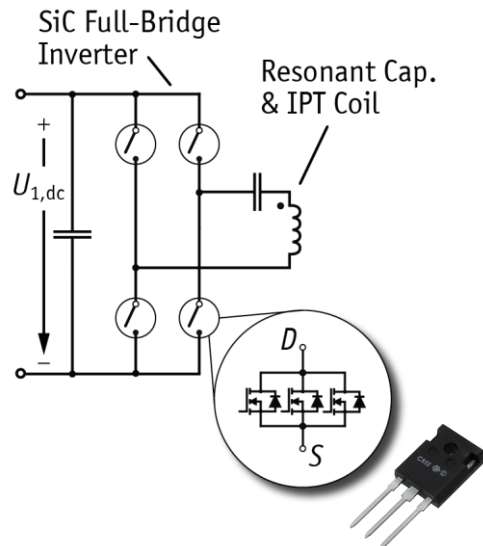


▲ **Bridge Topology with 3 SiC MOSFET Devices Connected in Parallel**
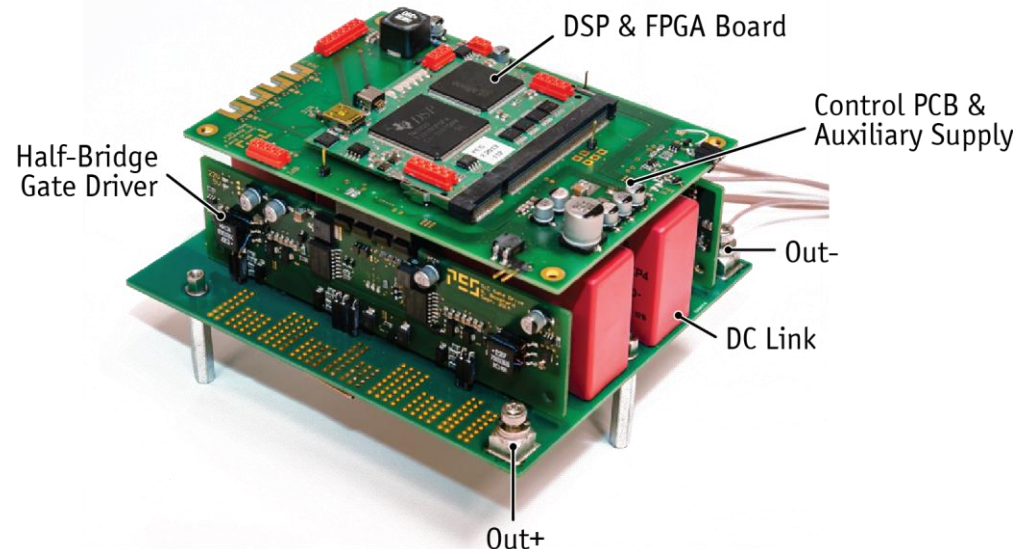
▲ **85 kHz Switching Test Bench (SiC Full-Bridge)**

# ► Gate-Drive Concept for 3 Parallel-Connected Devices

■ **Half-Bridge SiC-Driver PCB**
  • One Driver IC for all 3 Parallel Devices, Separate Gate Resistors for each Device
  • Synchronous Turn-On w/o Gate-Oscillation
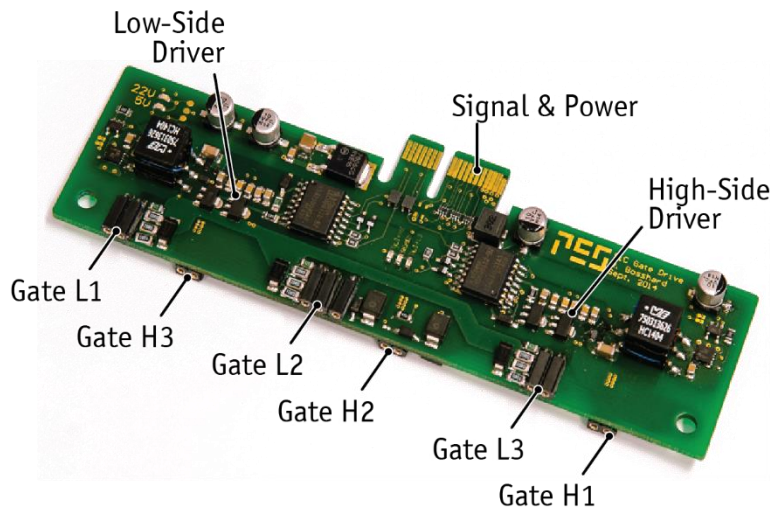


▲ **Half-Bridge Gate Driver PCB for 3 Parallel MOSFETs on each Gate**
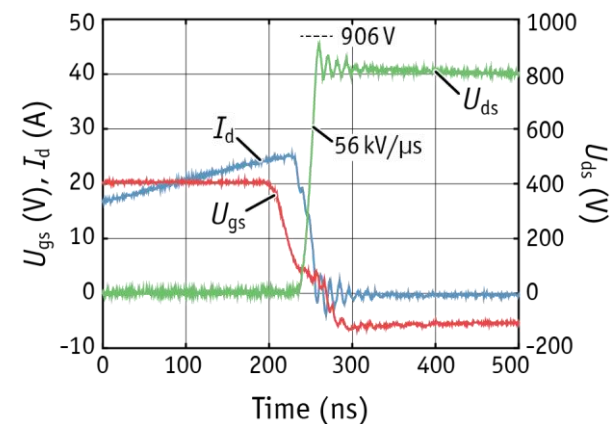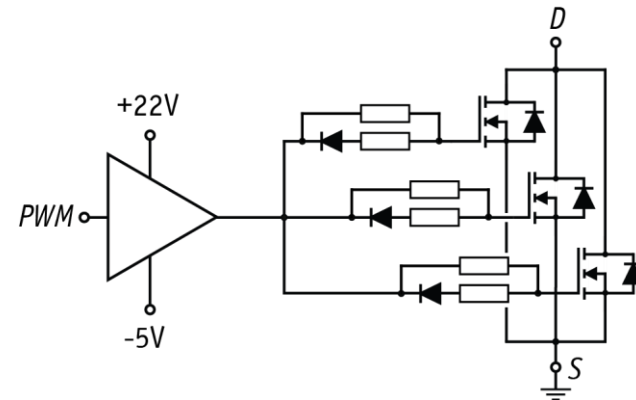


▲ **Zero-Voltage Turn-Off Transition**

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

## ► 60 kW SiC Power Converter

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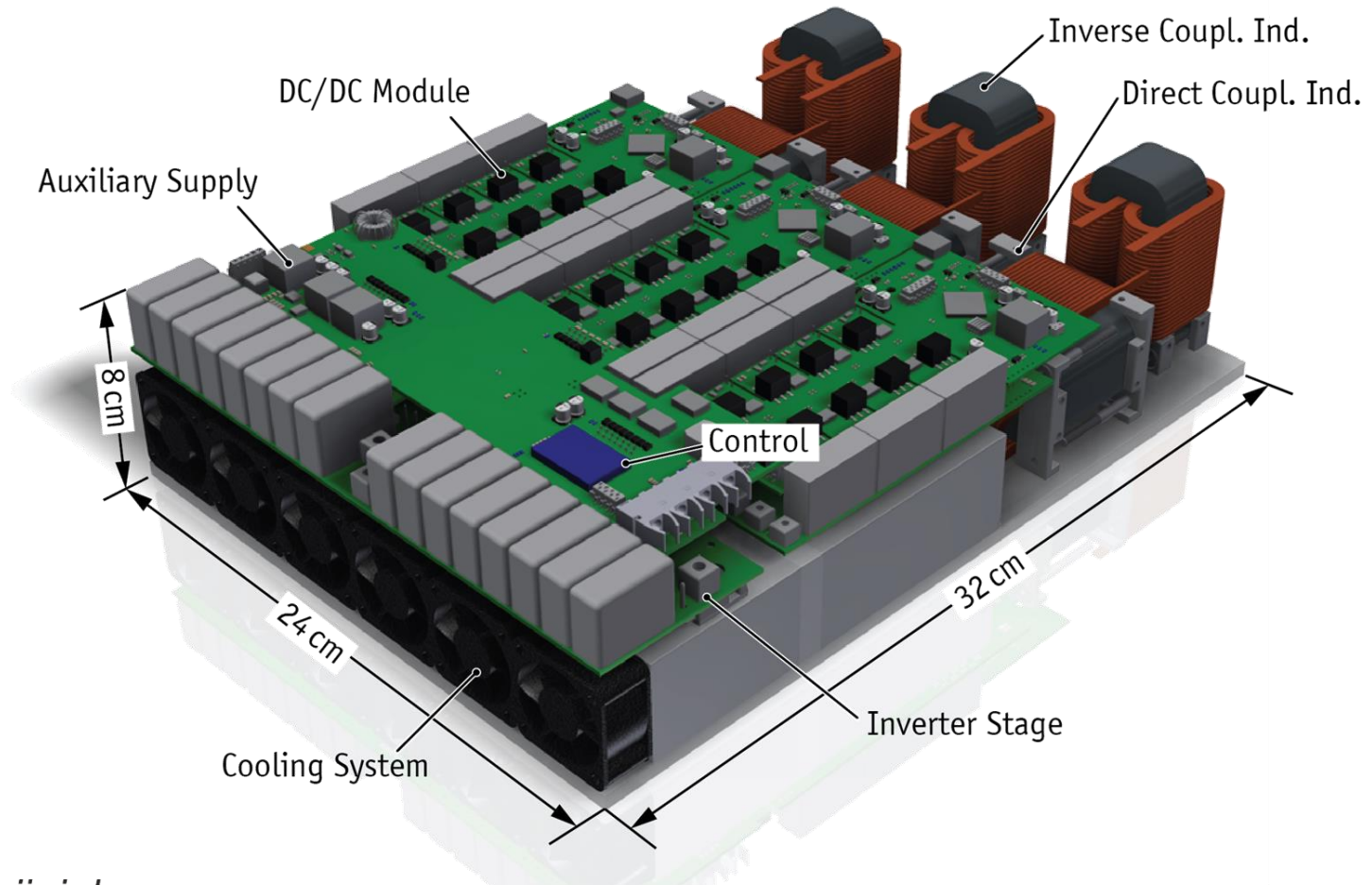


ETH*zürich*

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# 3-Φ PFC Rectifier Systems

**J. W. Kolar, T. Friedli,** *The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part I*, IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, Vol. 28, No. 1, pp. 176-198, January 2013.

**T. Friedli, M. Hartmann, J. W. Kolar,** *The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part II*, IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, Vol. 29, No. 2, February 2014.

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# 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**

● **Boost Type**
● **Buck Type**

$V_B$ ........... **Output Voltage**
$V_{N,ll,rms}$ ... **RMS Value of Mains Line-to-Line Voltage**



**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia
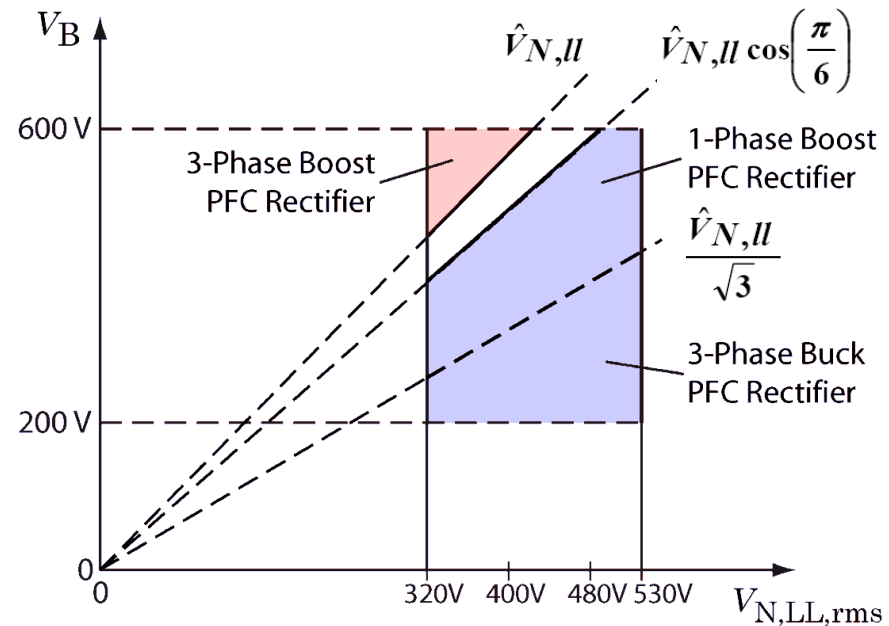
# ► Classification of General Unidirectional 3-Φ Rectifier Systems
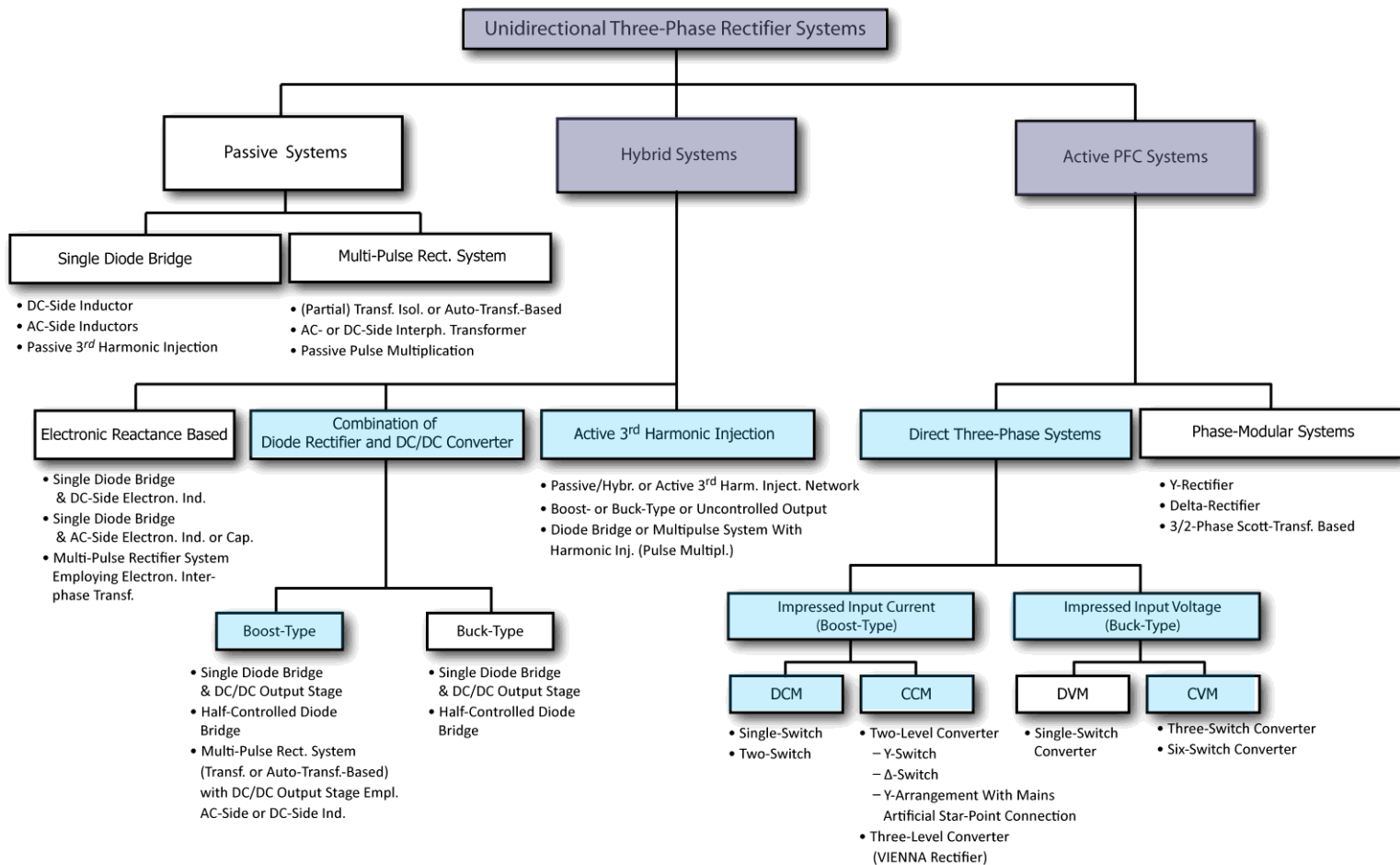
# ► Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems

- **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

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# Evaluation of
# Boost-Type Systems

ETH *zürich*

# Boost-Type PFC Rectifiers

- **3rd Harmonic Inj. Type**
- **Diode Bridge Conduction Modulation**
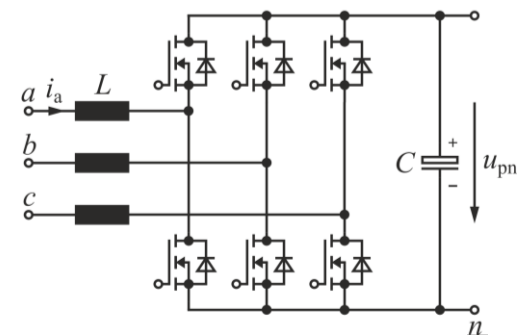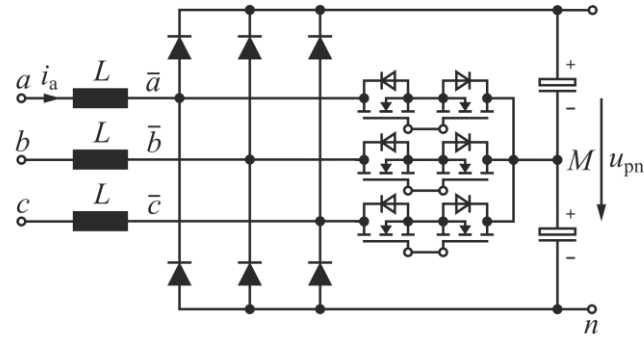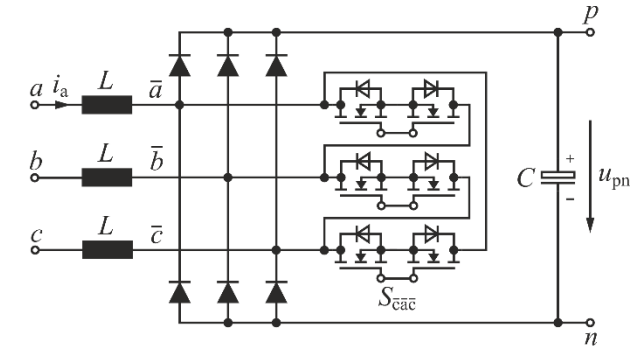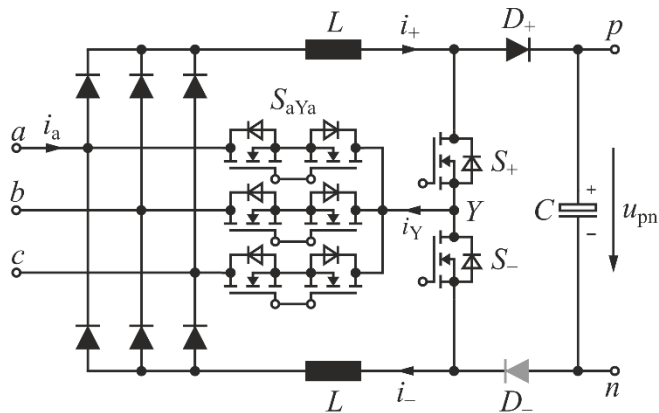
# Vienna Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory
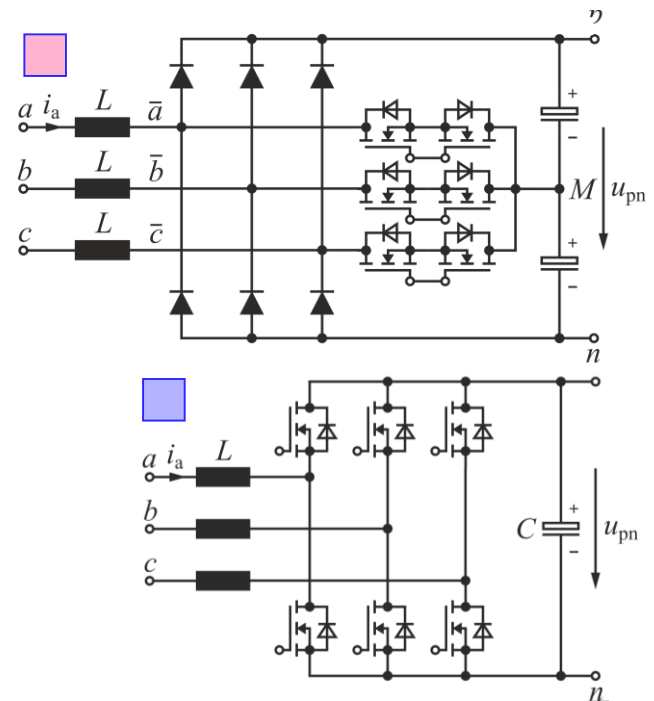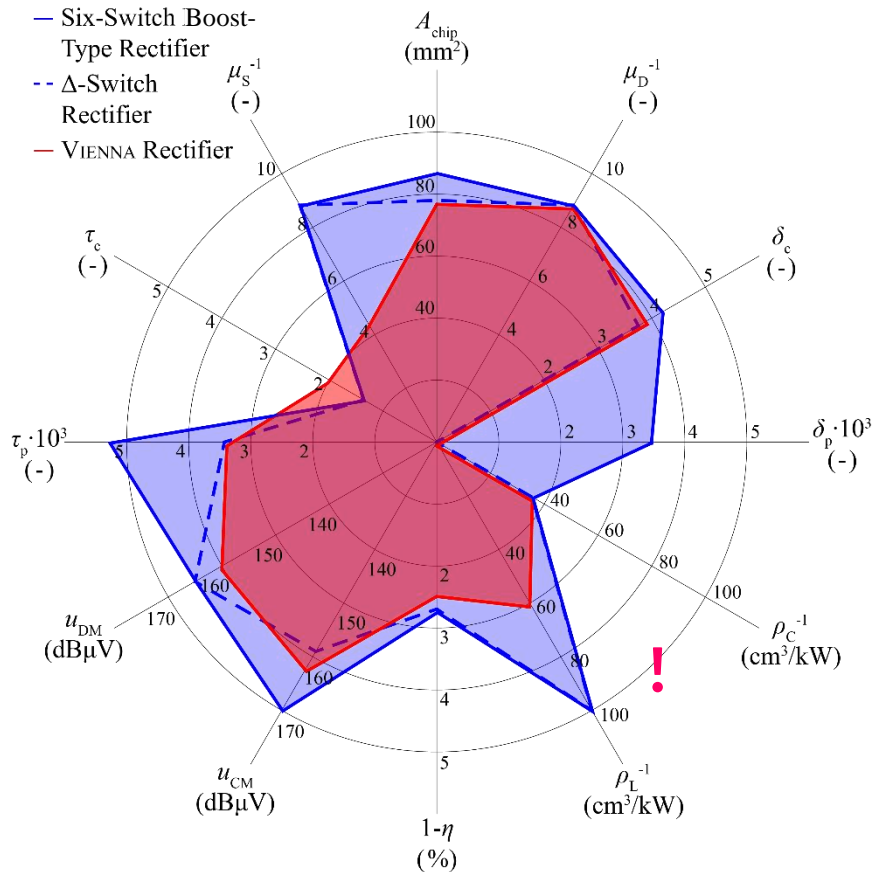
# Comparison of
# Buck-Type Systems

ETH zürich

# Buck-Type PFC Rectifiers
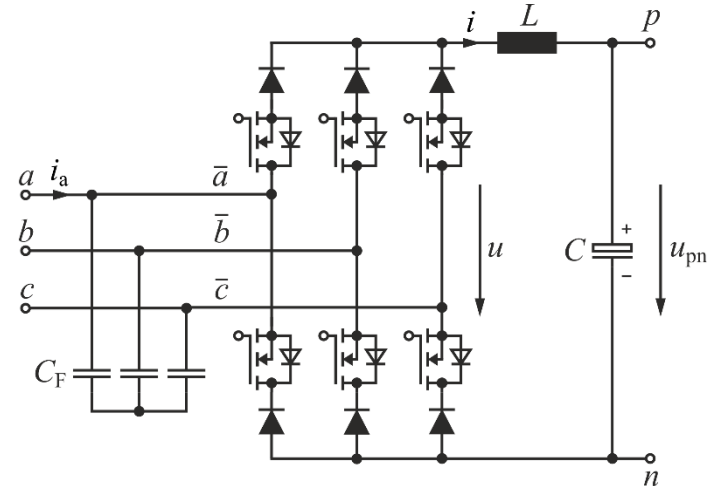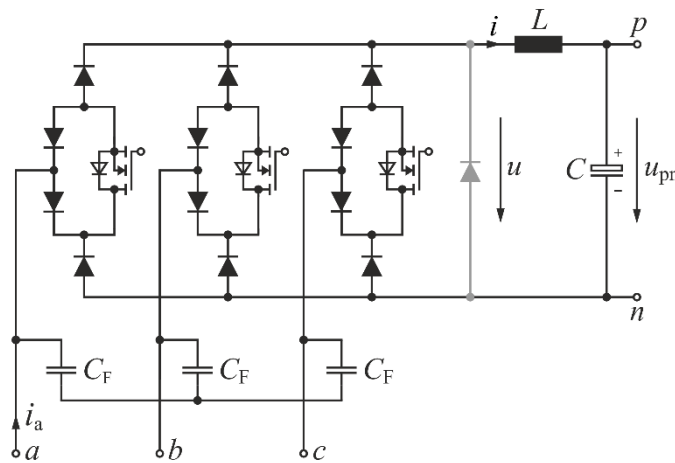


- **3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Inj. Type**
- **Diode Bridge Cond. Modulation**
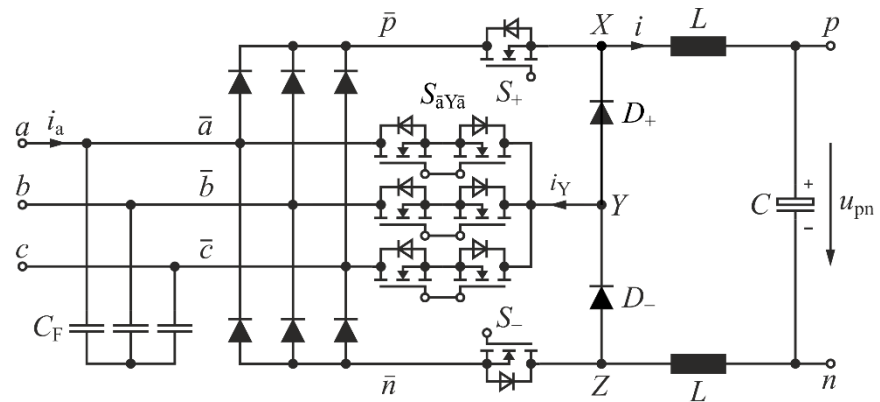
# SWISS Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier
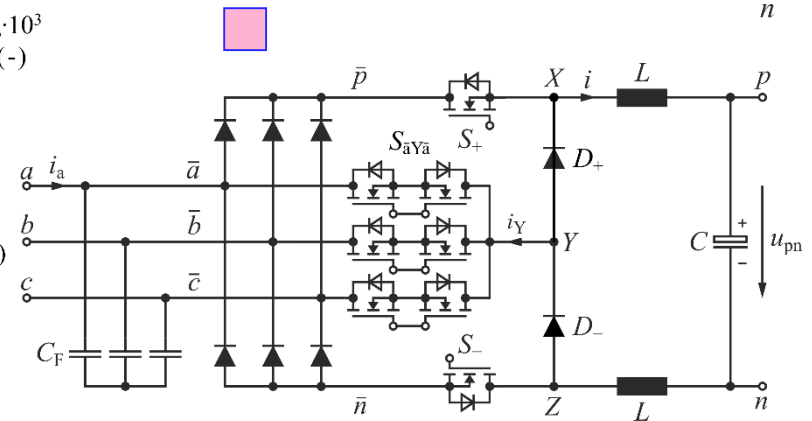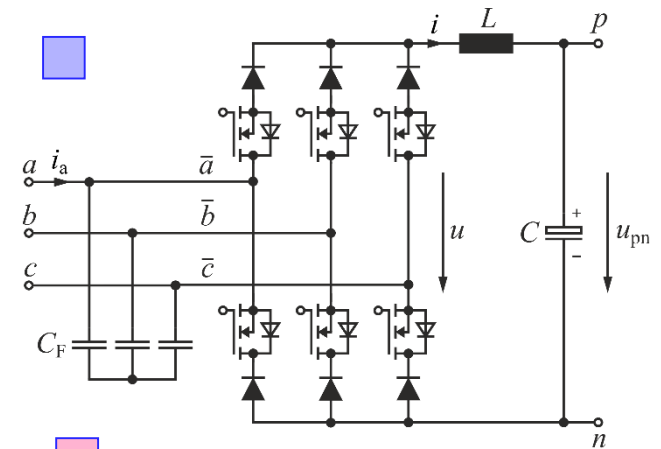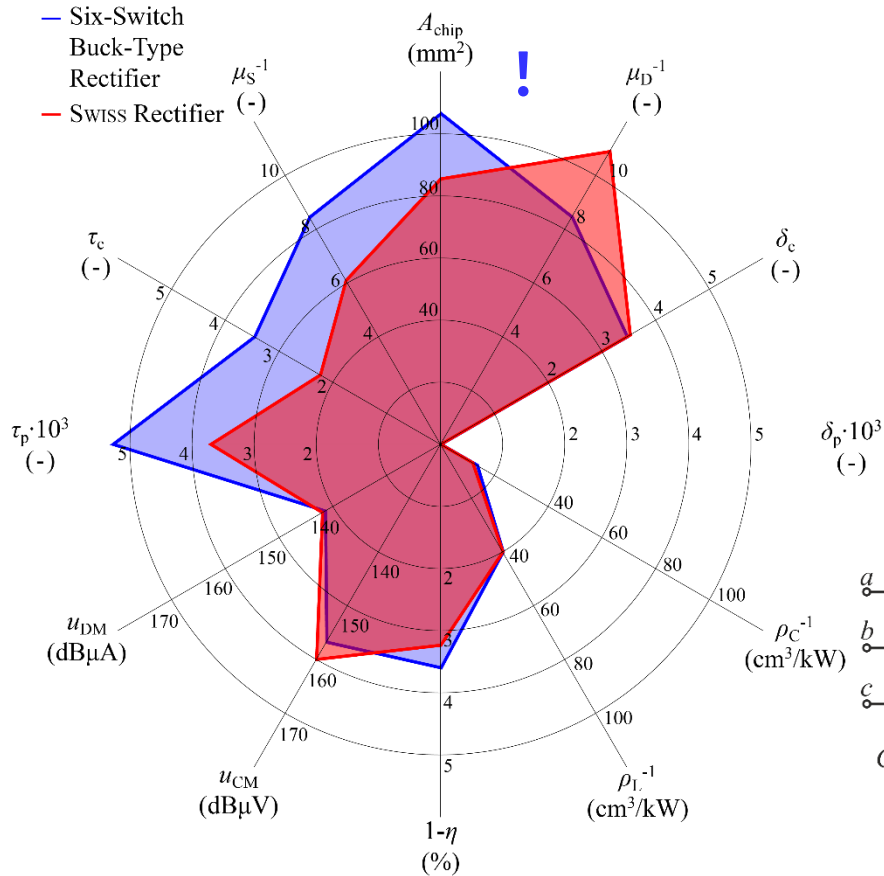
# Summary: Unidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

► **Block Shaped Input Current Rectifier Systems**

+ **Controlled Output Voltage**
+ **Low Complexity**
+ **High Semicond. Utilization**
+ **Total Power Factor** $\lambda \approx 0.95$
− **THD$_I$ ≈ 30%**

**Boost-Type**

$U > \sqrt{3}\ \hat{U}$

**Buck-Type**

$0 \leq U < 3/2\ \hat{U}$

**Buck+Boost-Type**

$U \geq 0$



**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**
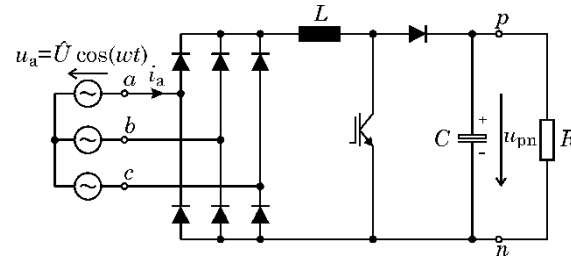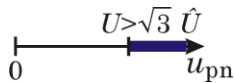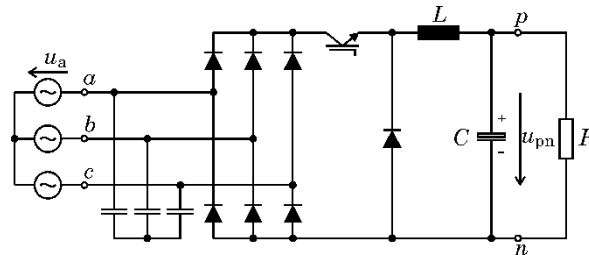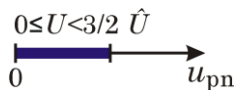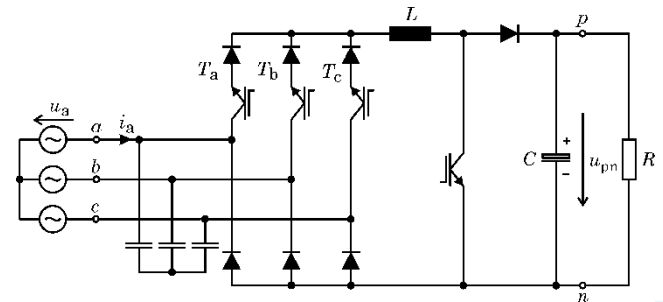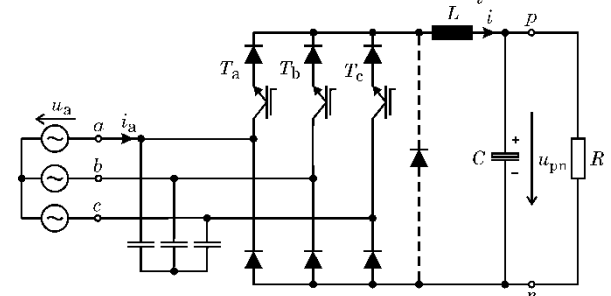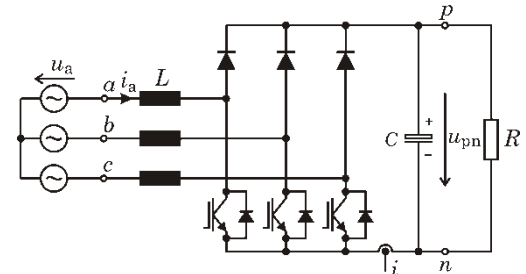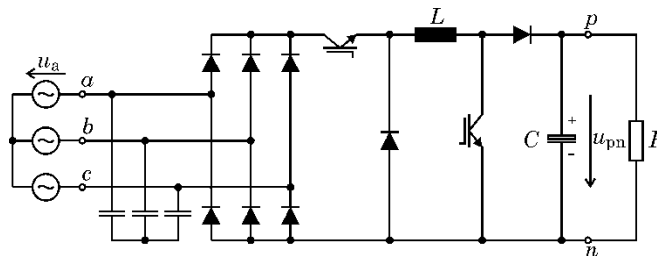
# ▶ Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (1)

**+ Controlled Output Voltage**
**+ Relatively Low Control Complexity**
**+ Tolerates Mains Phase Loss**

**− 2-Level Characteristic**
**− Power Semiconductors Stressed with Full Output Voltage**

**Boost-Type**

$U > \sqrt{3}\ \hat{U}$

$u_{pn}$

$u_a = \hat{U}\cos(wt)$

**+ Controlled Output Voltage**
**+ 3-Level Characteristic**
**+ Tolerates Mains Phase Loss**
**+ Power Semicond. Stressed with Half Output Voltage**

**− Higher Control Complexity**

**Boost-Type**

$U > \sqrt{3}\ \hat{U}$

$u_{pn}$

**+ Low Current Stress on Power Semicond.**
**+ In Principal No DC-Link Cap. Required**
**+ Control Shows Low Complexity**

**− Sinusoidal Mains Current Only for Const. Power Load**
**− Power Semicond. Stressed with Full Output Voltage**
**− Does Not Tolerate Loss of a Mains Phase**
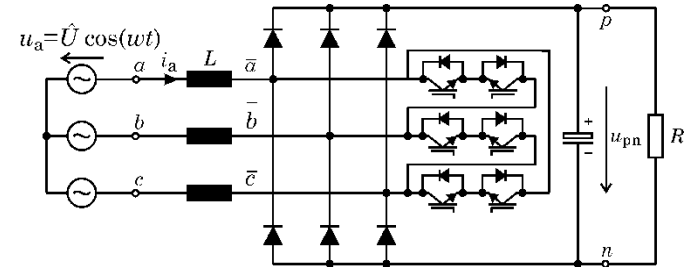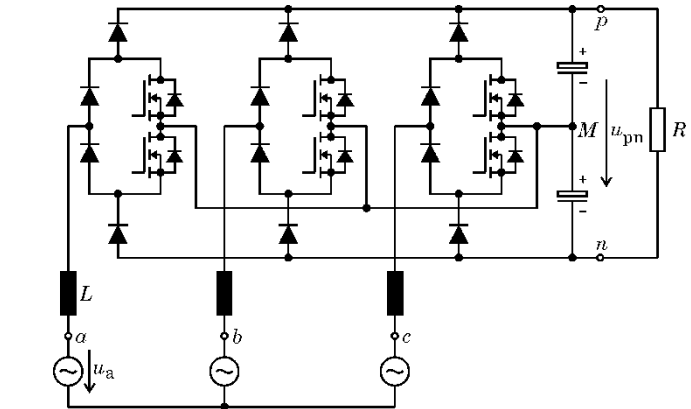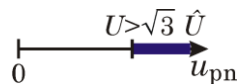
**Unregulated Output**

$\sqrt{3}\ \hat{U}$

$3/2\ \hat{U}$

$u_{p1}$

**ETH** zürich
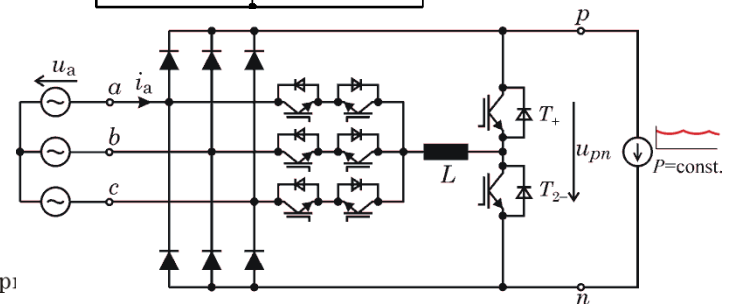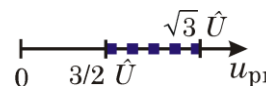
► **Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (2)**

**Buck-Type**

$0 \leq U < 3/2\ \hat{U}$

$u_{\mathrm{pn}}$
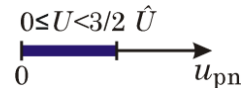
+ **Allows to Generate Low Output Voltages**
+ **Short Circuit Current Limiting Capability**

− **Power Semicond. Stressed with LL-Voltages**
− **AC-Side Filter Capacitors / Fundamental Reactive Power Consumption**



**Buck+Boost-Type**

$U \geq 0$

$u_{\mathrm{pn}}$
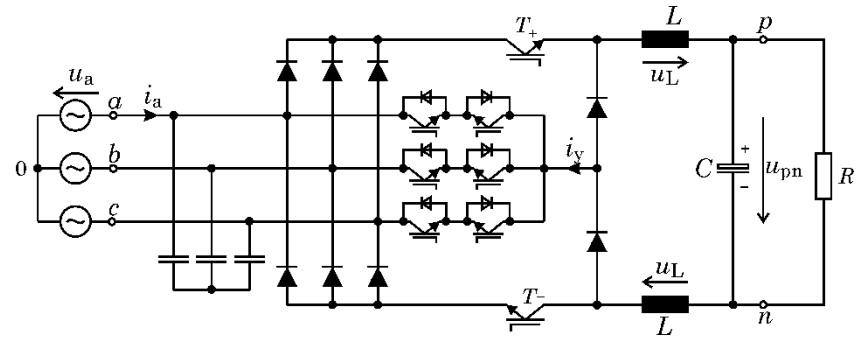
+ **See Buck-Type Converter**
+ **Wide Output Voltage Range**
+ **Tolerates Mains Phase Loss, i.e. Sinusoidal Mains Current also for 2-Phase Operation**

− **See Buck-Type Converter (6-Switch Version of Buck Stage Enables Compensation of AC-Side Filter Cap. Reactive Power)**
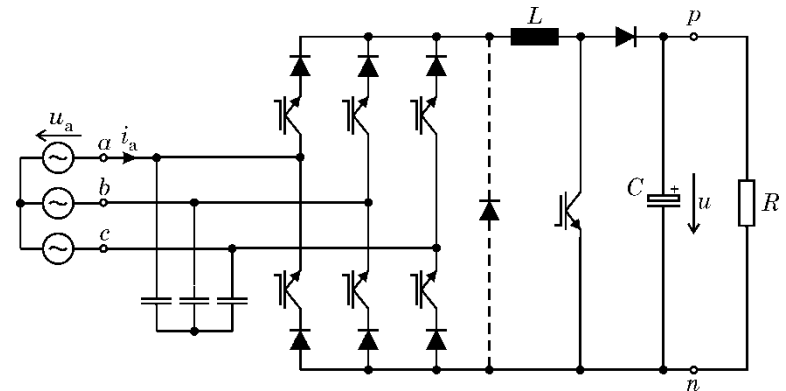
# Conclusions & Outlook

*Summary of Key Results*
*Advantageous Applications*
*Key Challenge*

# ► Key Figures of Designed Transmission Systems

## ■ 5 kW Prototype System



- Output Power          5 kW @ 400 V, 100 kHz
- DC/DC-Efficiency      96.5% @ 52 mm (measured)
- Coil Dimensions       210 mm x 30 mm
- Weight Coil + Cap.     2.3 kg

- Spec. Weight           2.2  kW/kg
- Area-Rel. Power Dens.  1.47  kW/dm²
- Power Density          4.8  kW/dm³
- Spec. Copper Weight     43  g/kW
- Spec. Ferrite Weight   112  g/kW

## ■ 50 kW Prototype System



- Output Power          50 kW @ 800 V, 85 kHz
- DC/DC-Efficiency      96.5% (calculated)
- Coil Dimensions       41 x 76 x 6 cm
- Weight Coil + Cap.    24.6  kg

- Spec. Weight           2.0  kW/kg
- Area-Rel. Power Dens.  1.6  kW/dm²
- Power Density          2.7  kW/dm³
- Spec. Copper Weight     52  g/kW
- Spec. Ferrite Weight   160  g/kW
- Spec. SiC-Chip Area     9.4  mm²/kW

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

$\Sigma$
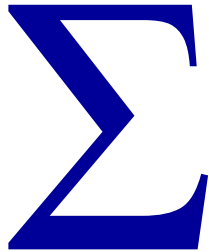
**Inductive Power Transfer
for EV Charging**

■ **Coil Design & Optimization**
  • Magnetic Modeling & Design
  • Multi-Objective Optimization

■ **Resonant Circuit Design**
  • Compensation Topology
  • Impedance Matching
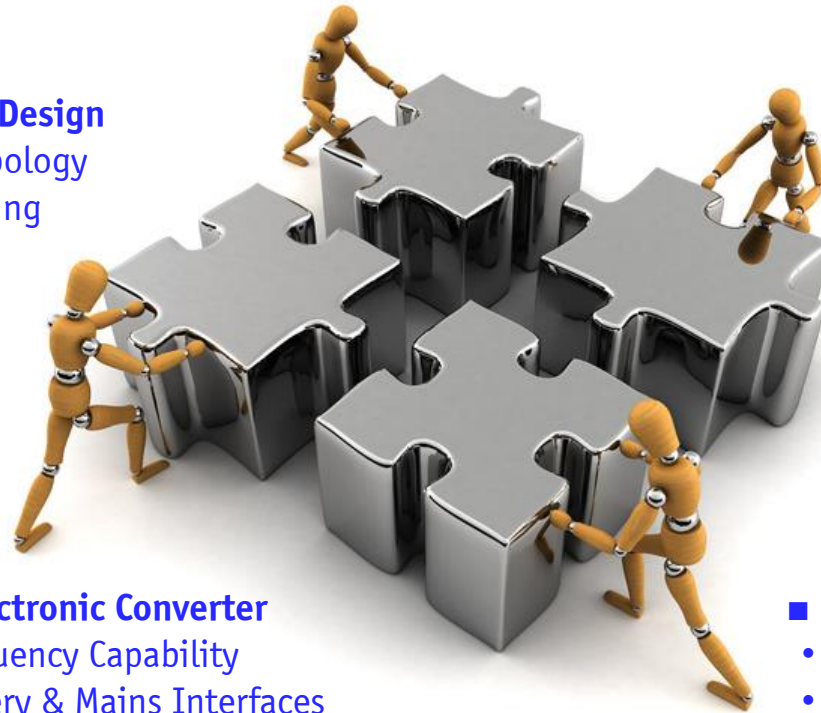


■ **Power Electronic Converter**
  • High Frequency Capability
  • Coil, Battery & Mains Interfaces

■ **Modulation & Control Scheme**
  • Active Load Matching
  • High Partial-Load Efficiency

**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Inductive Power Transfer**

# Potential Application Areas

- **Industrial Environments with Power < 50 kW**
  - Conveyor Vehicles at Industrial Sites / Airports / Hospitals
  - Controlled Environment / Autonomous Vehicles
  - Reduced Battery Volume & Weight → Lower Cost

- **Power Supply with High Insulation**
  - Auxiliary Supply with High Insulation Strength,
    e.g. for Gate Drives, Modular Multi-Level, …
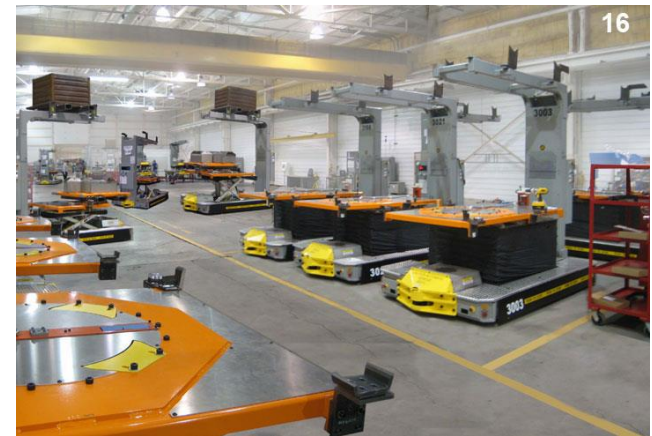
## Inductive Power Transfer for
# Stationary EV Charging

■ **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!**
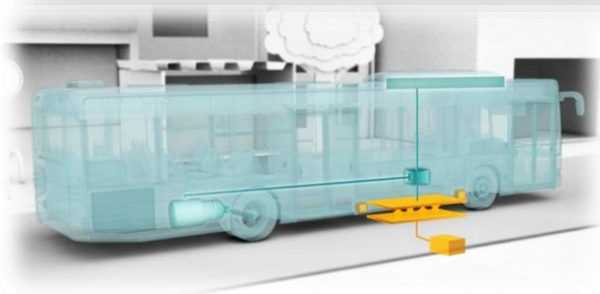


*Evatran PLUGLESS,* http://pluglesspower.com (6.11.2014).
*Bombardier PRIMOVE,* http://primove.bombardier.com.

ETHzürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

## Inductive Power Transfer
# Key Challenge

■ **Compliance with Field-Exposure Standards at High Power Levels**
- High Frequency for High Power Transfer → Where is the Limit?
- Include Modifications on Vehicle Chassis?
- Positioning of the Coil: On the Floor / the Roof?
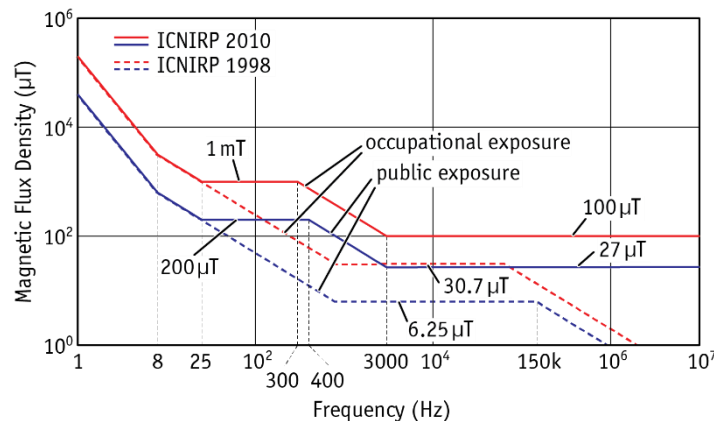


▲ **Field Values are Limiting Factor at High Power**



▲ **Include Chassis Modifications in Design
& Re-Consider Coil Positioning**

**ETH**zürich

## Inductive Power Transfer
# Applications ... the Hype Cycle

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# Thank You!

*Questions?*



**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**
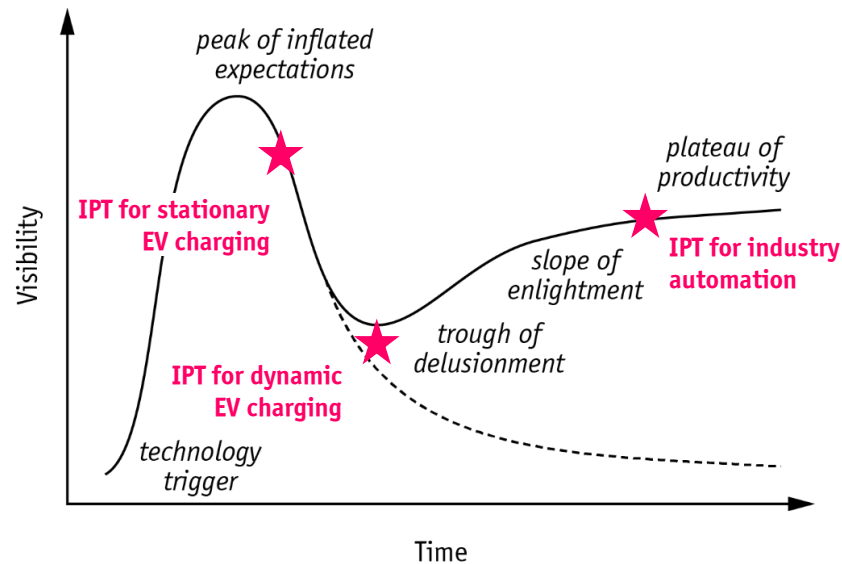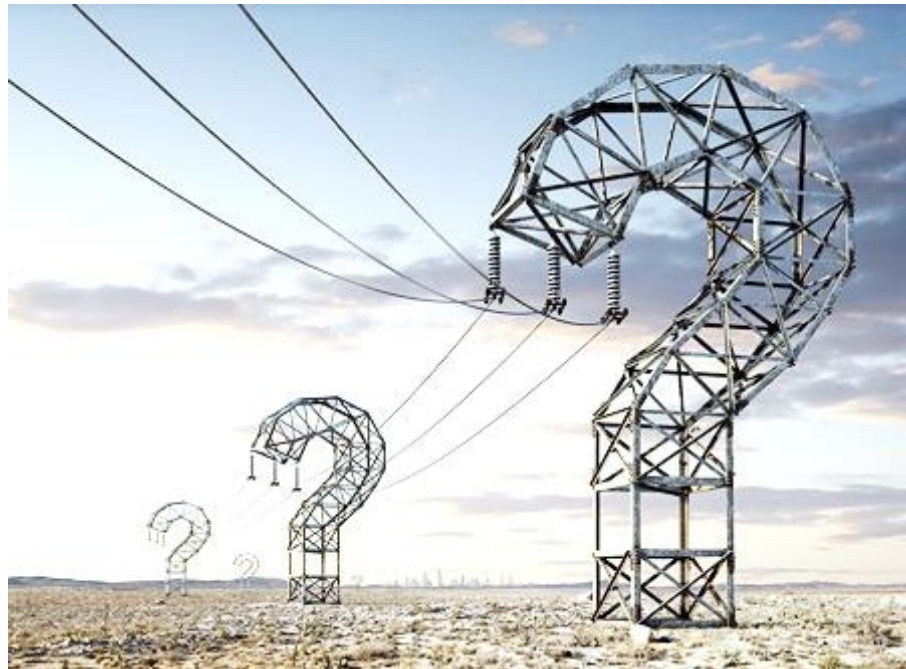
# ► Further Information

- **Appendix 1:**   Comments on Dynamic IPT Charging
- **Appendix 2:**   3-Φ PFC Rectifier Systems

- **List of Key Publications** (click title to view online)

- **R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, J. W. Mühlethaler, I. Stevanovic, B. Wunsch, F. Canales,** "Modeling and $\eta$-$\alpha$-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.
- **R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, B. Wunsch,** "Control Method for Inductive Power Transfer with High Partial-Load Efficiency and Resonance Tracking," Proc. Int. Power Electron. Conf. - ECCE Asia (IPEC 2014), May 2014.
- **R. Bosshard, J. W. Kolar, B. Wunsch,** "Accurate Finite-Element Modeling and Experimental Verification of Inductive Power Transfer Coil Design," Proc. 29th Appl. Power Electron. Conf. and Expo. (APEC 2014), March 2014.
- **R. Bosshard, J. Mühlethaler, J. W. Kolar, I. Stevanovic,** "Optimized Magnetic Design for Inductive Power Transfer Coils," Proc. 28th Appl. Power Electron. Conf. and Expo. (APEC 2013), March 2013.
- **R. Bosshard, U. Badstübner, J. W. Kolar, I. Stevanovic,** "Comparative Evaluation of Control Methods for Inductive Power Transfer," Proc. Int. Conf. on Renewable Energy Research and Appl. (ICRERA 2012), November 2012.
- **R. Bosshard, J. Mühlethaler, J. W. Kolar, I. Stevanovic,** "The $\eta$-$\alpha$-Pareto Front of Inductive Power Transfer Coils," Proc. Annu. Conf. IEEE Ind. Electron. Soc. (IECON 2012), October 2012.

- **J. W. Kolar, T. Friedli,** "The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part I," *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 176-198, January 2013.
- **T. Friedli, M. Hartmann, J. W. Kolar,** "The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part II", *IEEE Trans. Power Electron.*, vol. 29, no. 2, February 2014.

- **Contact Information**
- Roman Bosshard: bosshard@lem.ee.ethz.ch
- Johann W. Kolar: kolar@lem.ee.ethz.ch

**ETH**zürich

**ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia**

**Appendix 1:**
# Comments on
# Dynamic IPT Charging

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

## Inductive Power Transfer for
# Dynamic EV Charging

*James Provost* for IEEE Spectrum



### Simplified Calculation

- **20 km of Highway @ avg. 25 kW[1], 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 x 1 MW = 167 kWh → 6.6 h Driving!**

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

**ETH** *zürich*

**ICPE 2015 ECCE Asia**

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

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:**
  - Electrification @ Traffic Lights, Bus Stops, …
  - Transportation Vehicles @ Industrial Sites



**ETH**zürich

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# Appendix 2:
# 3-Φ PFC Rectifier Systems

**J. W. Kolar, T. Friedli,**
*The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part I*, IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, Vol. 28, No. 1, pp. 176-198, January 2013.

**T. Friedli, M. Hartmann, J. W. Kolar,**
*The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems - Part II*, IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, Vol. 29, No. 2, February 2014.

# Hybrid 3-Φ Boost-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

### *3rd Harmonic Injection Rectifier*

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

## ► Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems
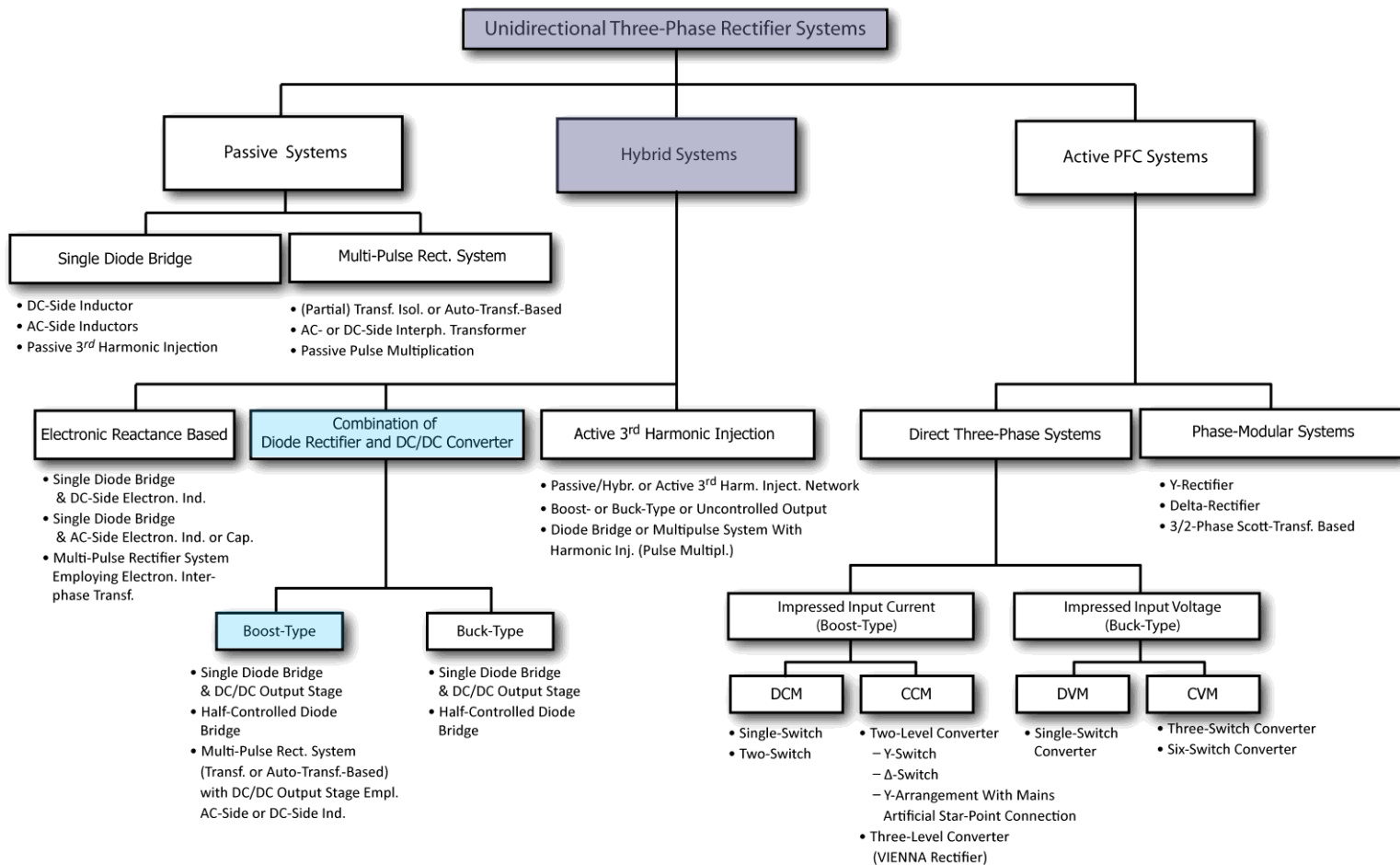
# Diode Bridge + DC/DC Boost Converter

► **Controllable Output Voltage**
► **Low-Frequency Mains Current Distortion**
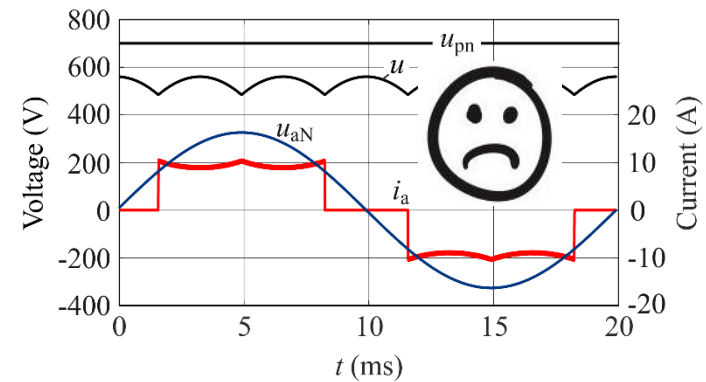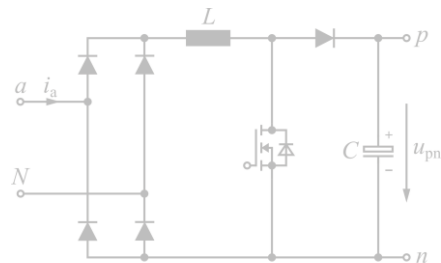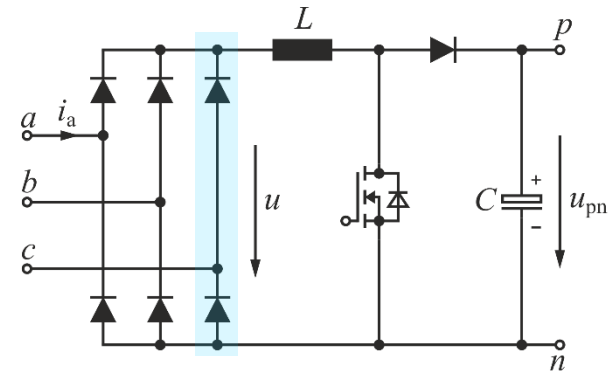
# 3-Φ DCM (PFC) Boost Rectifier

► **Controllable Output Voltage**
► **Low-Frequency Mains Current Distortion**
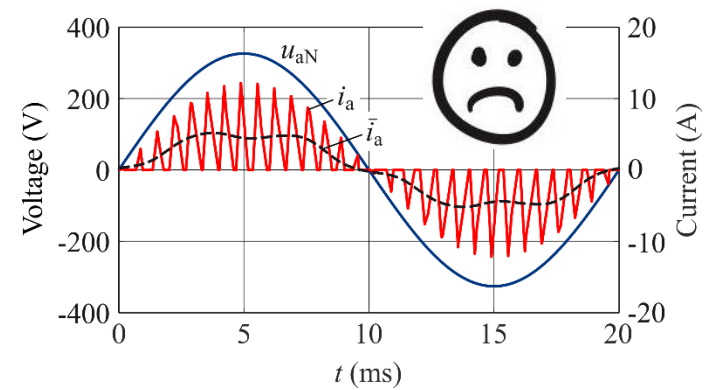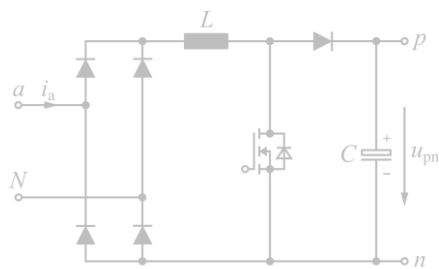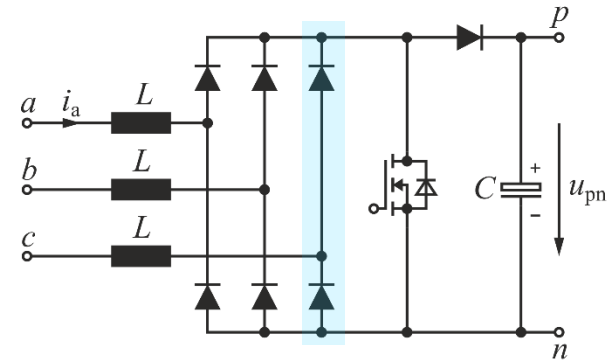
## ► Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems
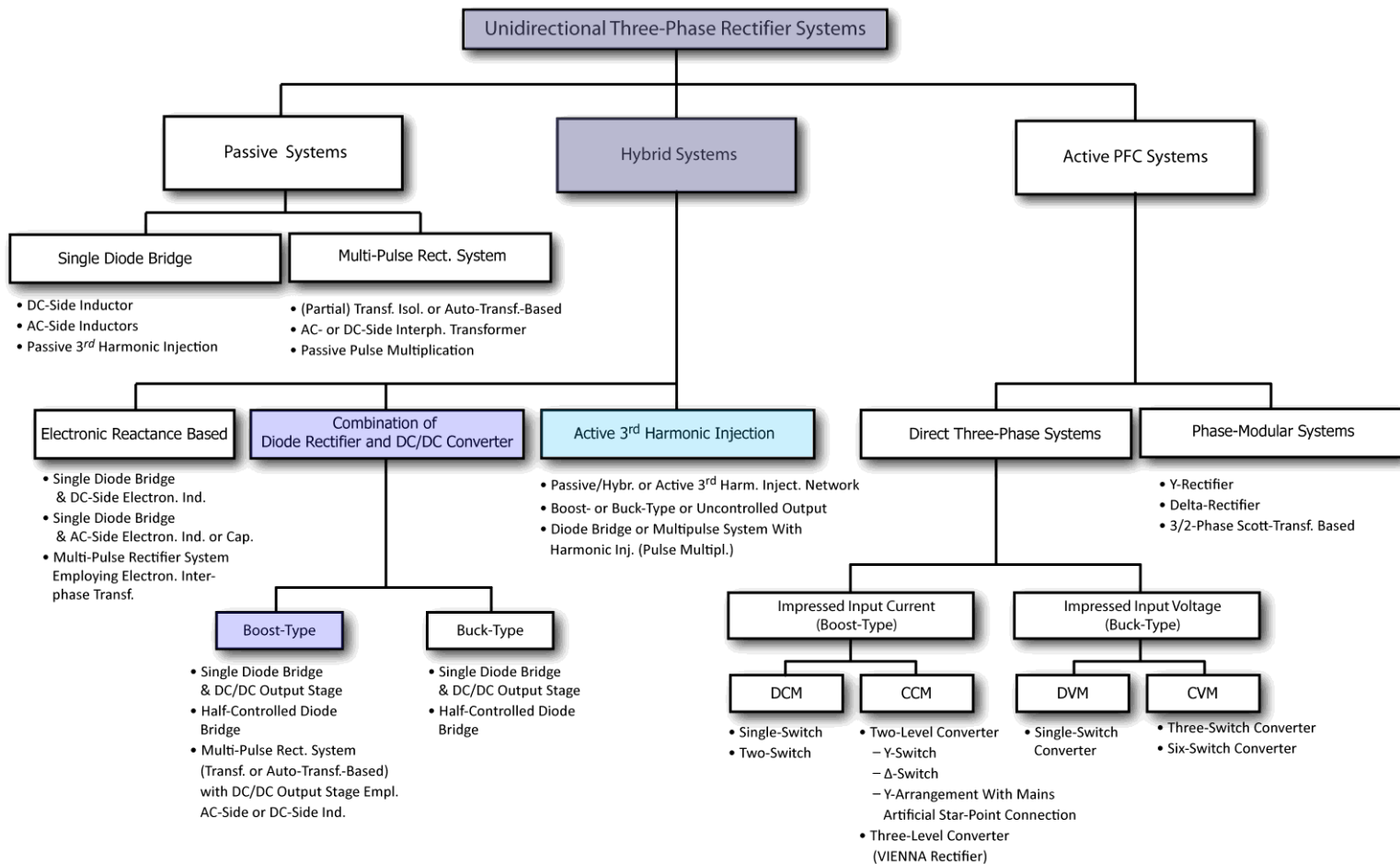
# 3-Φ Hybrid 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Inj. PFC Boost-Rectifier
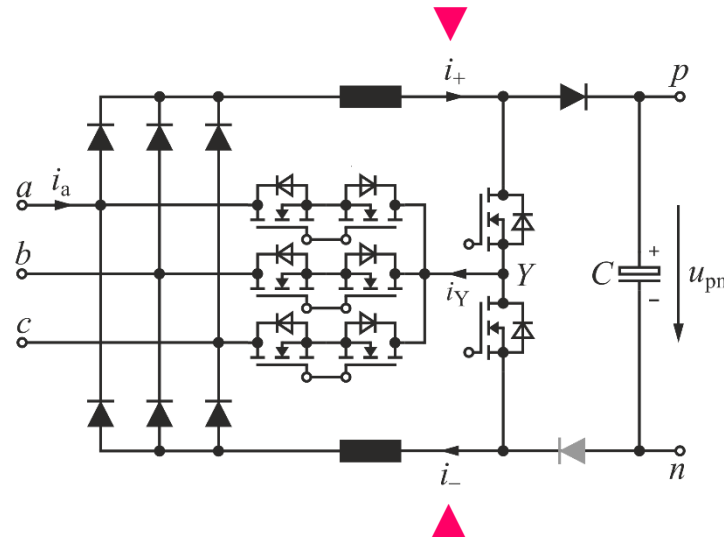


■ **Independent Control of $i+$ and $i-$**

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



$$i_+ = G \cdot u_a$$

$$i_- = G \cdot u_c$$

$$i_b = -G(u_a + u_c) = G \cdot u_b$$
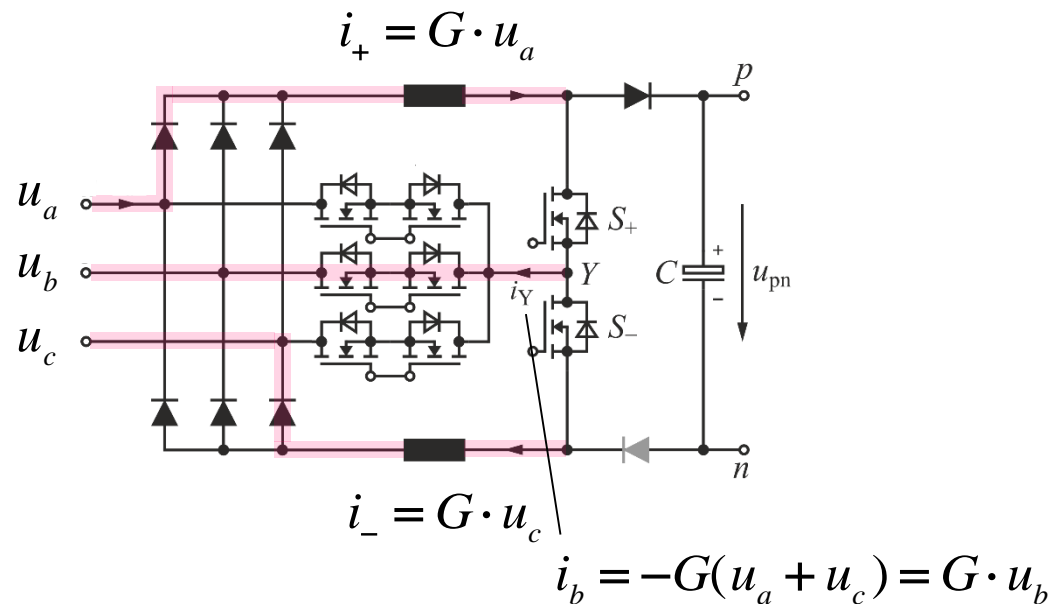
- **Sinusoidal Control of $i_+$ and $i_-$ and $i_Y$**
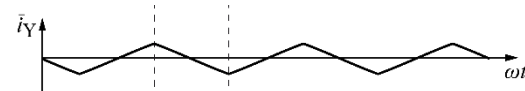
# 3-Φ Hybrid 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. PFC Boost-Rectifier
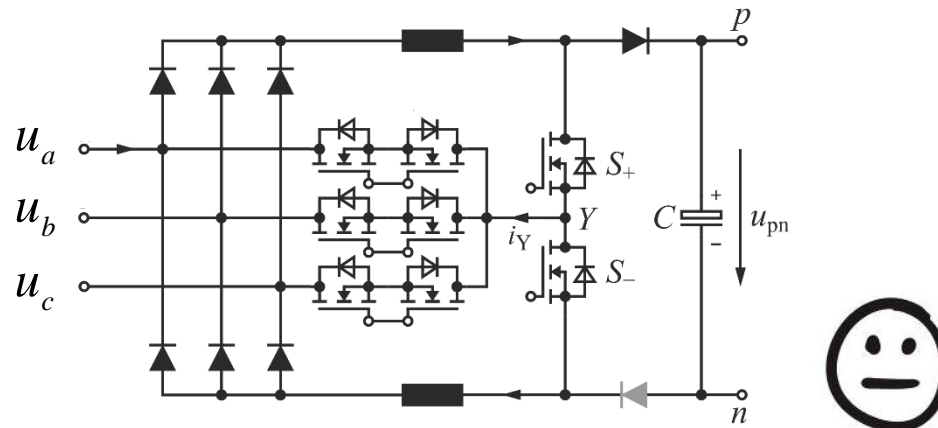


- **Sinusoidal Mains Current Control**
- **Output Voltage Control**

→ **Limited to Ohmic Mains Behavior**
→ **High Minimum Output Voltage Level**

# 3-Φ Active Filter Type PFC Rectifier



$u_{pn}$

$t$

$p$

$C$   $u_{pn}$   $P_o$

$n$
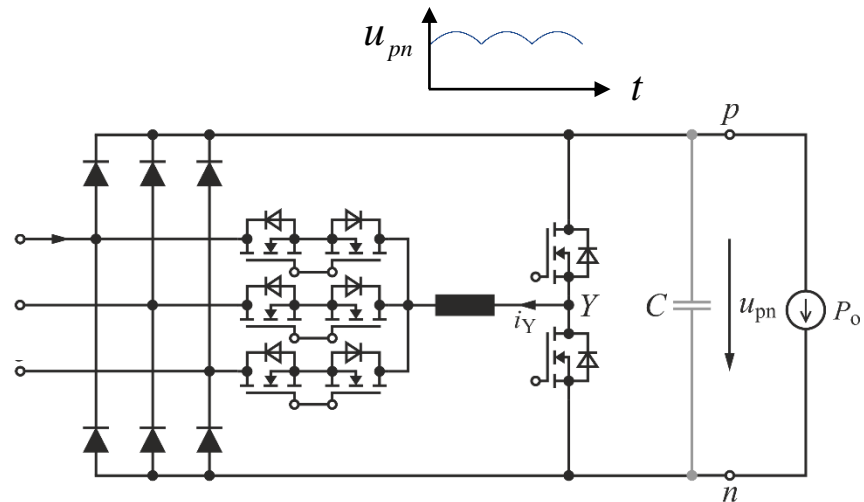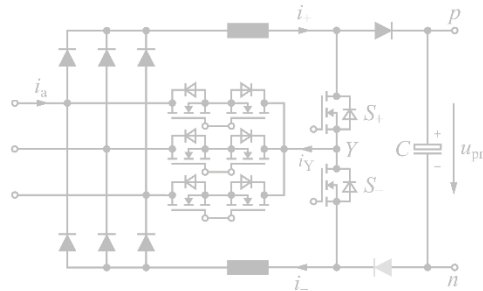
■ **Sinusoidal Mains Current**

→ **Requires Constant Power Load**   $P_0$**= const.**
→ *NO (!) Output Voltage Control*

# Active 3-Φ Boost-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

### Δ-Switch Rectifier
### Vienna-Rectifier
### Six-Switch Rectifier

## Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

# ► Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems



**Unidirectional Three-Phase Rectifier Systems**

**Passive Systems**
**Hybrid Systems**
**Active PFC Systems**

**Single Diode Bridge**
**Multi-Pulse Rect. System**

• DC-Side Inductor
• AC-Side Inductors
• Passive 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection

• (Partial) Transf. Isol. or Auto-Transf.-Based
• AC- or DC-Side Interph. Transformer
• Passive Pulse Multiplication

**Electronic Reactance Based**
**Combination of Diode Rectifier and DC/DC Converter**
**Active 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection**
**Direct Three-Phase Systems**
**Phase-Modular Systems**

• Single Diode Bridge
  & DC-Side Electron. Ind.
• Single Diode Bridge
  & AC-Side Electron. Ind. or Cap.
• Multi-Pulse Rectifier System
  Employing Electron. Inter-
  phase Transf.

• Passive/Hybr. or Active 3$^{rd}$ Harm. Inject. Network
• Boost- or Buck-Type or Uncontrolled Output
• Diode Bridge or Multipulse System With
  Harmonic Inj. (Pulse Multipl.)

• Y-Rectifier
• Delta-Rectifier
• 3/2-Phase Scott-Transf. Based

**Boost-Type**
**Buck-Type**

• Single Diode Bridge
  & DC/DC Output Stage
• Half-Controlled Diode
  Bridge
• Multi-Pulse Rect. System
  (Transf. or Auto-Transf.-Based)
  with DC/DC Output Stage Empl.
  AC-Side or DC-Side Ind.

• Single Diode Bridge
  & DC/DC Output Stage
• Half-Controlled Diode
  Bridge

**Impressed Input Current (Boost-Type)**
**Impressed Input Voltage (Buck-Type)**

**DCM**
**CCM**
**DVM**
**CVM**

• Single-Switch
• Two-Switch

• Two-Level Converter
  – Y-Switch
  – Δ-Switch
  – Y-Arrangement With Mains
    Artificial Star-Point Connection
• Three-Level Converter
  (VIENNA Rectifier)

• Single-Switch
  Converter

• Three-Switch Converter
• Six-Switch Converter

**ETH**zürich

# Δ-Switch Rectifier



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

# Δ-Switch Rectifier
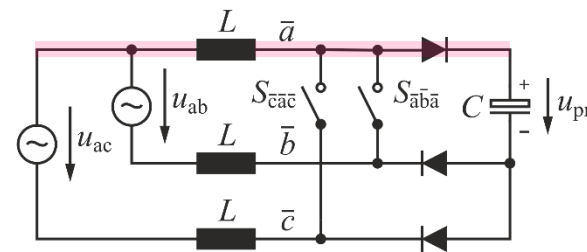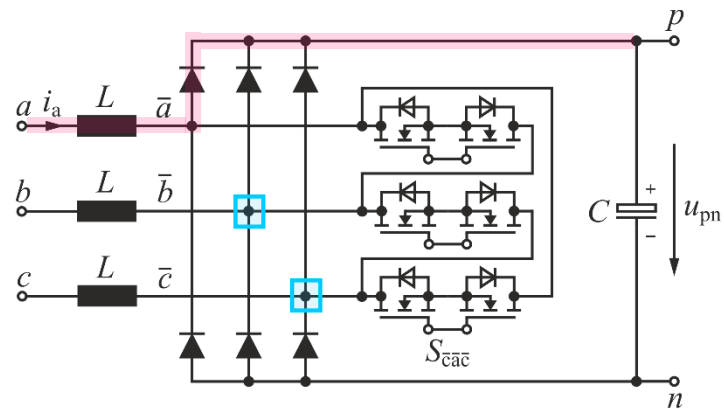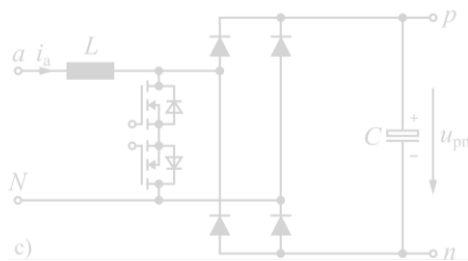


- **Output Voltage Control**
- **Sinusoidal Mains Current Control**
- Φ = (-30°,+30°)
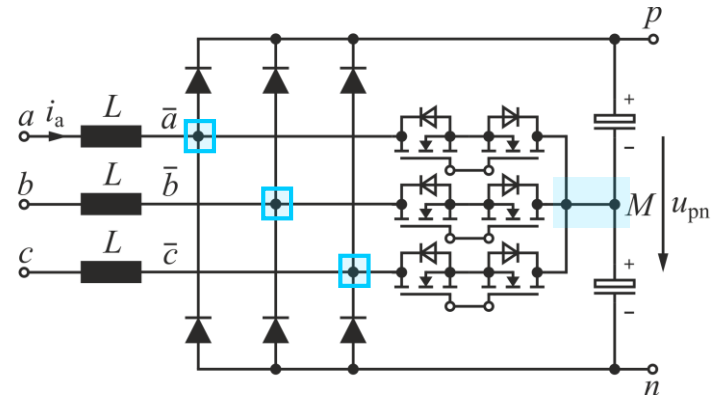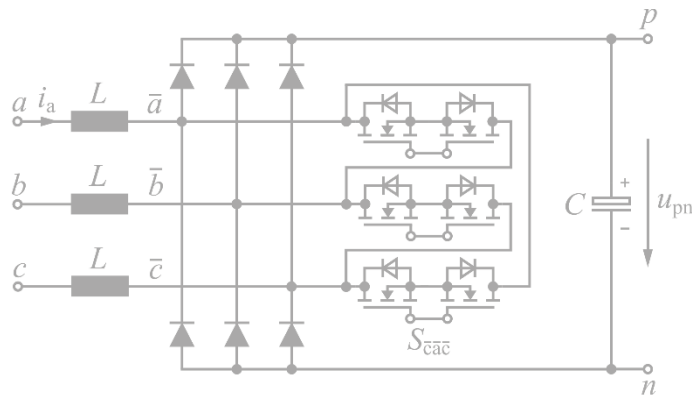
# Vienna Rectifier



- Replace Δ-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**
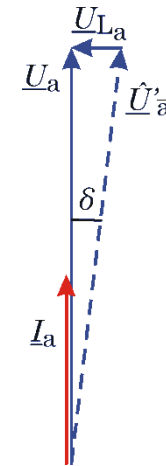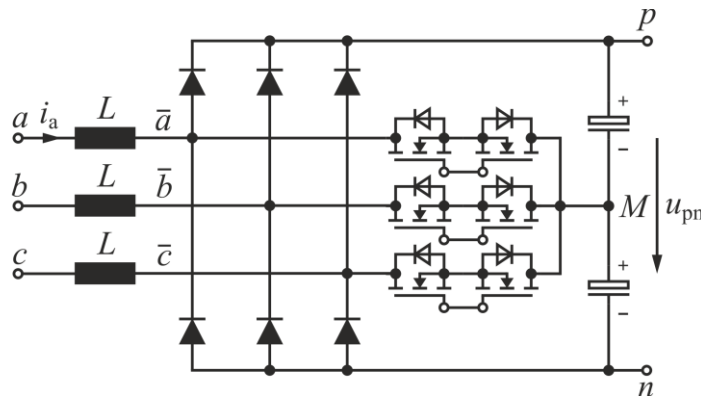


+ **Low Input Inductance Requ.**
+ **Low Switching Losses,**
+ **Low EMI**

− **Higher Circuit Complexity**
− **Control of Output Voltage Center Point Required**

$\delta$ typ. 0,1°... 0,3°

▶ **Difference of Mains Voltage (e.g.** $u_a$**) and Mains Frequency Comp. of Voltage Formed at Rectifier Bridge Input (e.g.** $\overline{u}'_{\overline{a}}$ **) Impresses Mains Current (e.g.** $i_a$**)**

**ETH**zürich
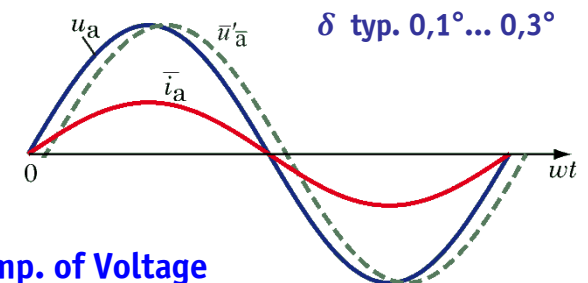
# Control Structure
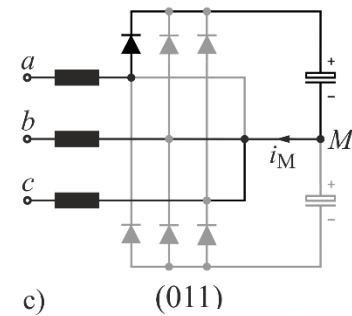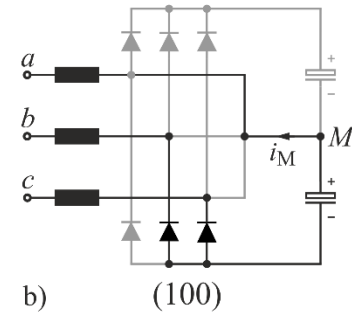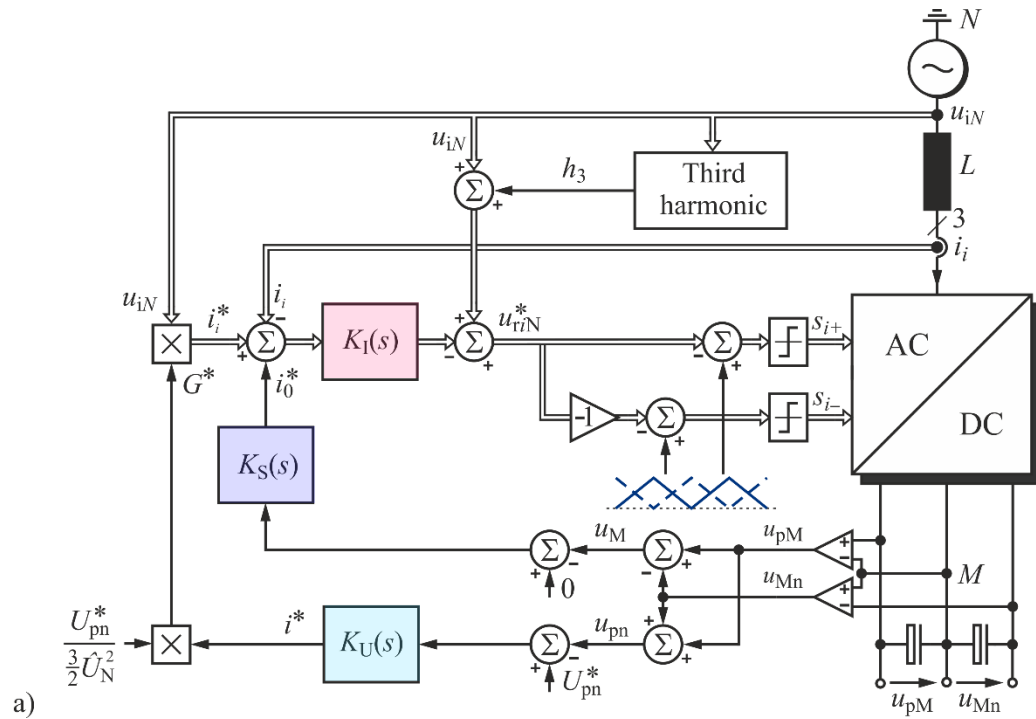


■ **Output Voltage Control & Inner Mains Current Control  &  *NPP* Control**

# Experimental Results

$P_0$ = 10kW
$U_N$ = 230V
$f_N$ = 800Hz
$U_0$ = 800V
$THD_i$ = 1.6%

★ 10kW/dm³
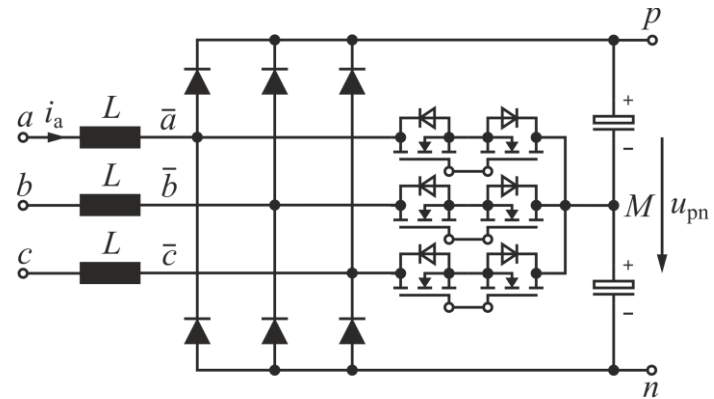


10A/Div
200V/Div
0.5ms/Div
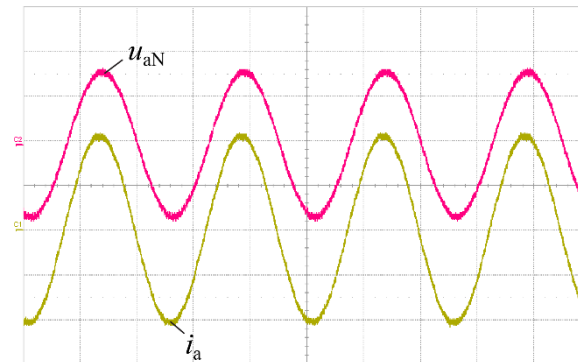
# Fully-Controlled (Six-Switch) Bridge Rectifier
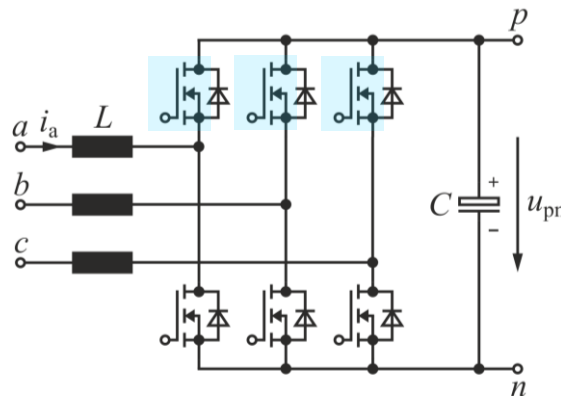


■ **Output Voltage Control**

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

Power Electronic Systems
Laboratory

# 3-Φ Buck-Type
# PFC Rectifier Systems

**– Unidirectional**
**– Bidirectional**

**ETH**zürich

► **Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems**



Unidirectional Three-Phase Rectifier Systems

**Passive Systems**
- DC-Side Inductor
- AC-Side Inductors
- Passive 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection

Single Diode Bridge

Multi-Pulse Rect. System
- (Partial) Transf. Isol. or Auto-Transf.-Based
- AC- or DC-Side Interph. Transformer
- Passive Pulse Multiplication

Electronic Reactance Based
- Single Diode Bridge & DC-Side Electron. Ind.
- Single Diode Bridge & AC-Side Electron. Ind. or Cap.
- Multi-Pulse Rectifier System Employing Electron. Inter-phase Transf.

Combination of Diode Rectifier and DC/DC Converter

Boost-Type
- Single Diode Bridge & DC/DC Output Stage
- Half-Controlled Diode Bridge
- Multi-Pulse Rect. System (Transf. or Auto-Transf.-Based) with DC/DC Output Stage Empl. AC-Side or DC-Side Ind.

Buck-Type
- Single Diode Bridge & DC/DC Output Stage
- Half-Controlled Diode Bridge

**Hybrid Systems**

Active 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection
- Passive/Hybr. or Active 3$^{rd}$ Harm. Inject. Network
- Boost- or Buck-Type or Uncontrolled Output
- Diode Bridge or Multipulse System With Harmonic Inj. (Pulse Multipl.)

**Active PFC Systems**

Direct Three-Phase Systems

Phase-Modular Systems
- Y-Rectifier
- Delta-Rectifier
- 3/2-Phase Scott-Transf. Based

Impressed Input Current (Boost-Type)

Impressed Input Voltage (Buck-Type)

DCM
- Single-Switch
- Two-Switch

CCM
- Two-Level Converter
  − Y-Switch
  − Δ-Switch
  − Y-Arrangement With Mains Artificial Star-Point Connection
- Three-Level Converter (VIENNA Rectifier)

DVM
- Single-Switch Converter

CVM
- Three-Switch Converter
- Six-Switch Converter

# Active 3-Φ Buck-Type
# PFC Rectifier Systems

*Three-Switch Rectifier*
*Six-Switch Rectifier*

# Three-Switch PFC Rectifier
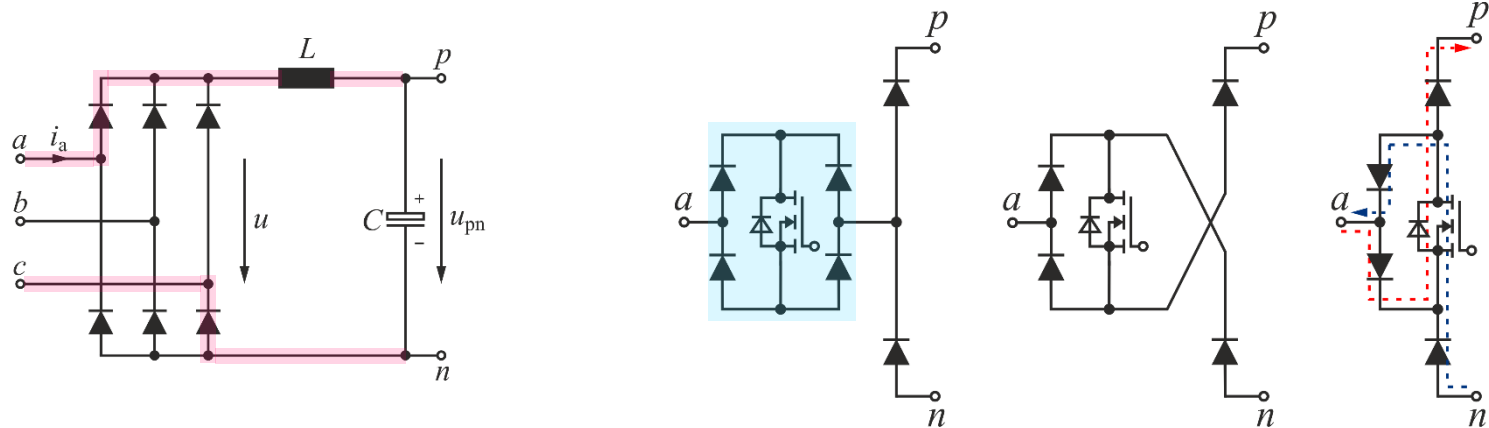


■ **Derivation of Rectifier Topology**

→ **Controllability of Conduction State**
→ **Phase-Symmetry / Bridge-Symmetry**

# Three-Switch PFC Rectifier
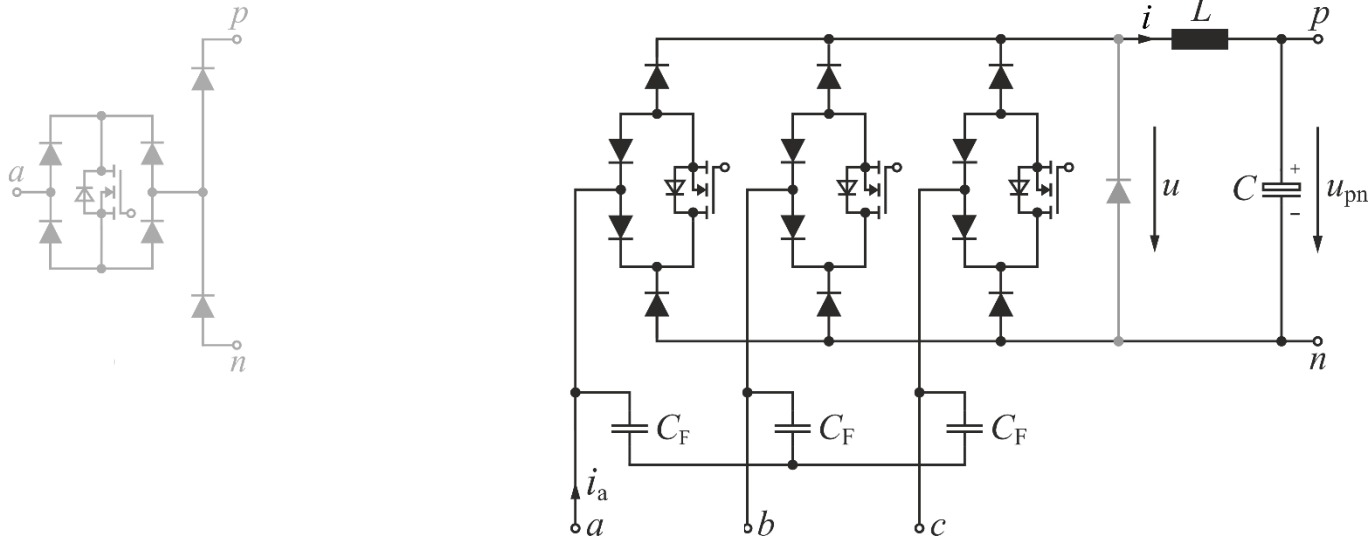


- **Output Voltage Control**
- **Sinusoidal Mains Current Control**
- $\Phi = (-30°, +30°)$

→ **Relatively High Conduction Losses**

# Six-Switch PFC Rectifier
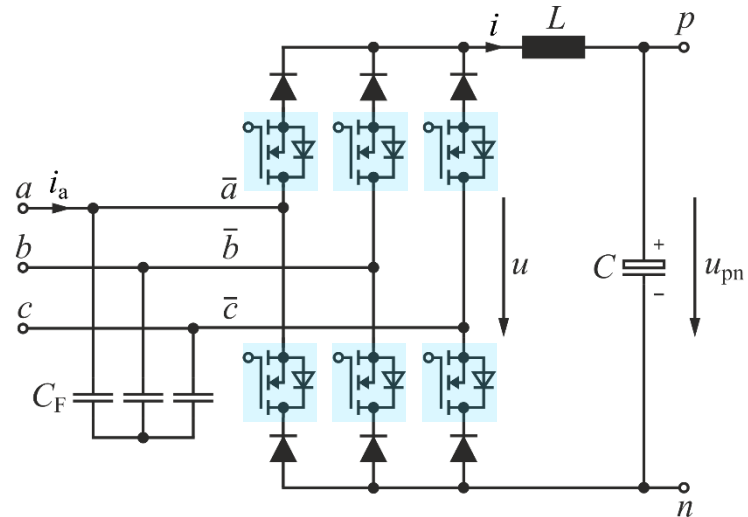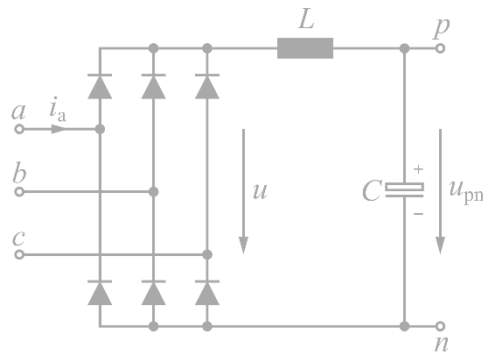


→ **Controllability of Conduction State**
→ **Phase-Symmetry / Bridge-Symmetry**

■ **Output Voltage Control**
■ **Sinusoidal Mains Current Control**
■ **Φ = (-90°,+90°)**

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

# ► 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** $\omega t \in \left(-\dfrac{\pi}{6}, +\dfrac{\pi}{6}\right)$,

- **Phase $c$ for** $\omega t \in \left(+\dfrac{\pi}{6}, +\dfrac{\pi}{2}\right)$ **etc.**

- **Assumption:** $\omega t \in \left(0, +\dfrac{\pi}{6}\right)$



$u_a > u_b > u_c$

(111)  (110)  (100)

(101)  (011)  also: (010)  (011)

(100) (110) (111) (110) (100)
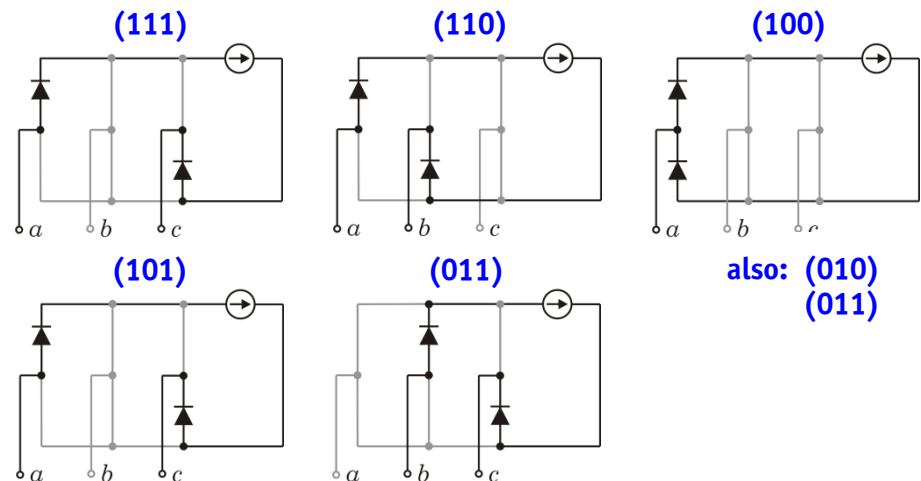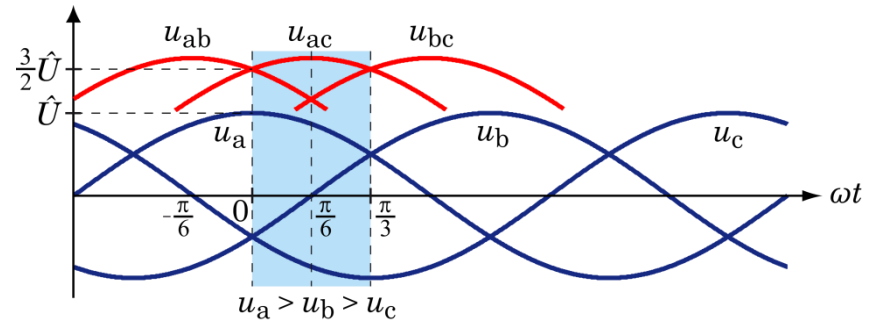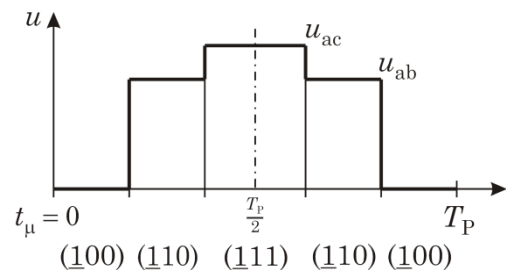
- **Clamping and "Staircase-Shaped" Link Voltage in Order to Minimize the Switching Losses**

**ETH**zürich

**Power Electronic Systems Laboratory**

## ► Input Current and Output Voltage Formation

**- Assumption:** $\omega t \in \left(0, +\dfrac{\pi}{6}\right)$
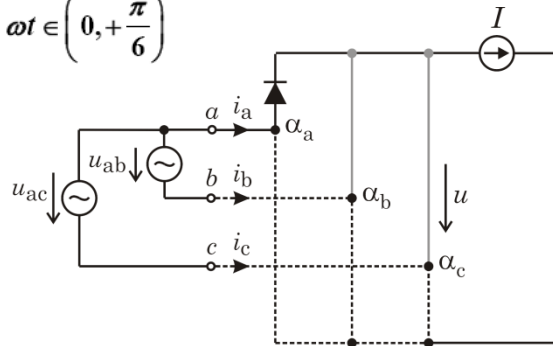


**- Output Voltage Formation:**

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

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

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

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

- **Output Voltage is Formed by Segments of the Input Line-to-Line Voltages**

- **Output Voltage Shows Const. Local Average Value**



**ETH** *zürich*
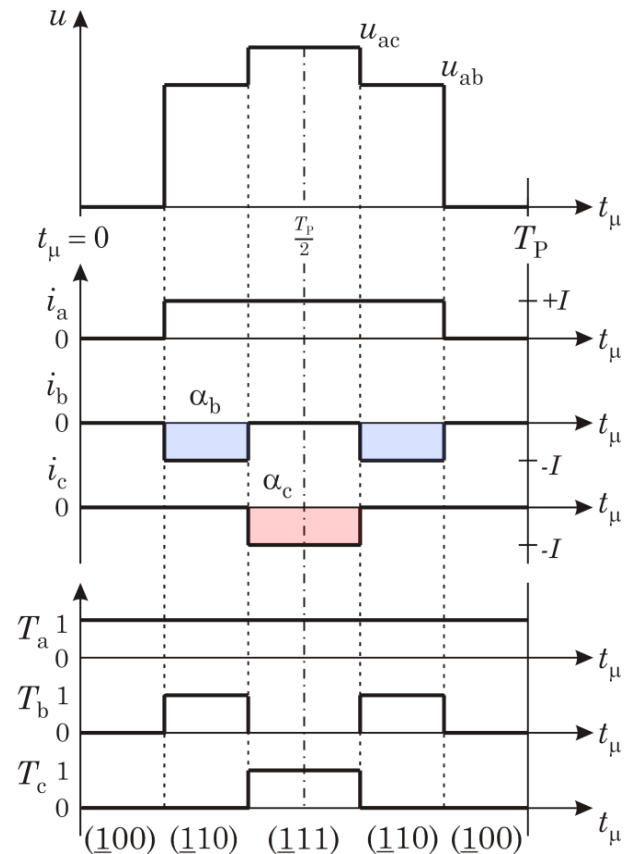
# Control Structure
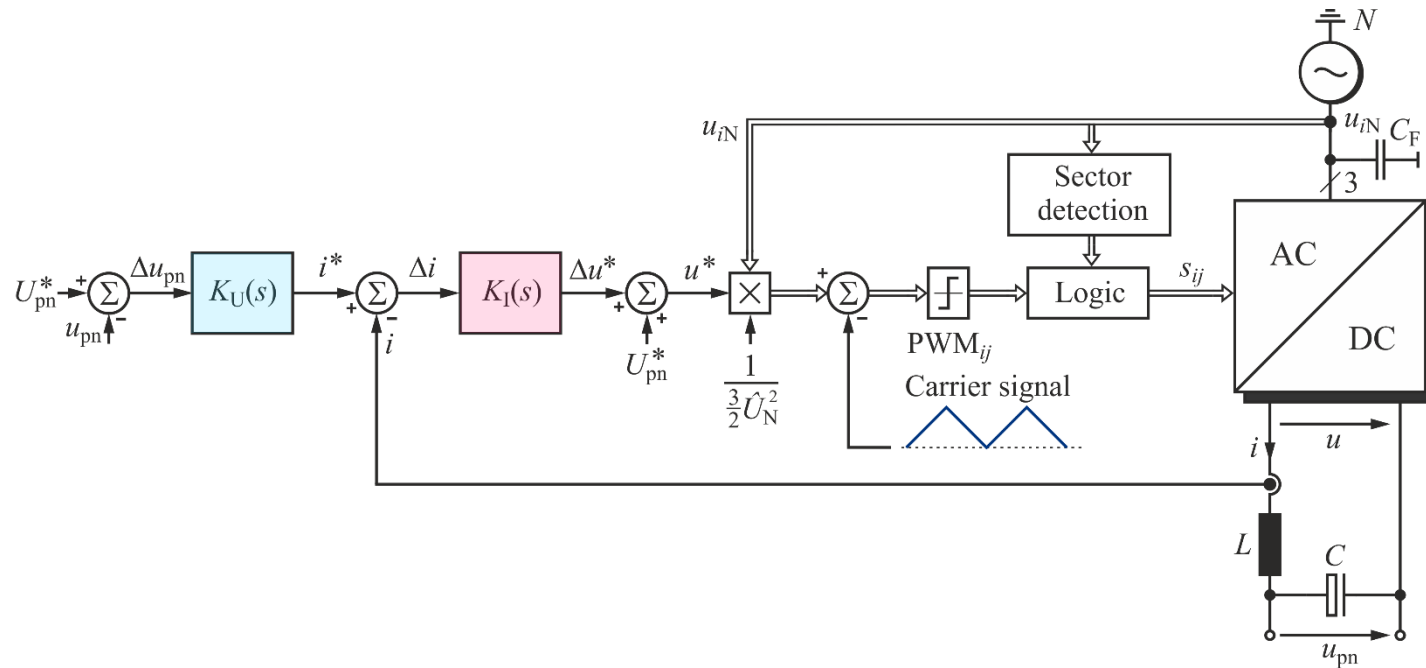


■ **Output Voltage Control & Inner Output Current Control**

# ► Experimental Results

## ■ Ultra-Efficient Demonstrator System

$U_{LL}$ = 3 x 400 V (50 Hz)
$P_o$ = 5 kW
$U_o$ = 400 V
$f_s$ = 18 kHz
$L$ = 2 x 0.65 mH

$\eta$ = 98.8% (Calorimetric Measurement)
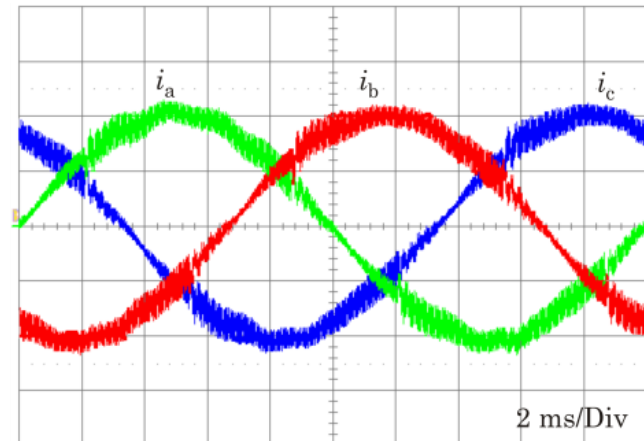
# 3rd Harmonic Inj. Buck-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

*SWISS Rectifier*

## ► Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems



**Unidirectional Three-Phase Rectifier Systems**

**Passive Systems**
- Single Diode Bridge
  - DC-Side Inductor
  - AC-Side Inductors
  - Passive 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection
- Multi-Pulse Rect. System
  - (Partial) Transf. Isol. or Auto-Transf.-Based
  - AC- or DC-Side Interph. Transformer
  - Passive Pulse Multiplication

- Electronic Reactance Based
  - Single Diode Bridge & DC-Side Electron. Ind.
  - Single Diode Bridge & AC-Side Electron. Ind. or Cap.
  - Multi-Pulse Rectifier System Employing Electron. Interphase Transf.
- Combination of Diode Rectifier and DC/DC Converter
  - Boost-Type
    - Single Diode Bridge & DC/DC Output Stage
    - Half-Controlled Diode Bridge
    - Multi-Pulse Rect. System (Transf. or Auto-Transf.-Based) with DC/DC Output Stage Empl. AC-Side or DC-Side Ind.
  - Buck-Type
    - Single Diode Bridge & DC/DC Output Stage
    - Half-Controlled Diode Bridge

**Hybrid Systems**
- Active 3$^{rd}$ Harmonic Injection
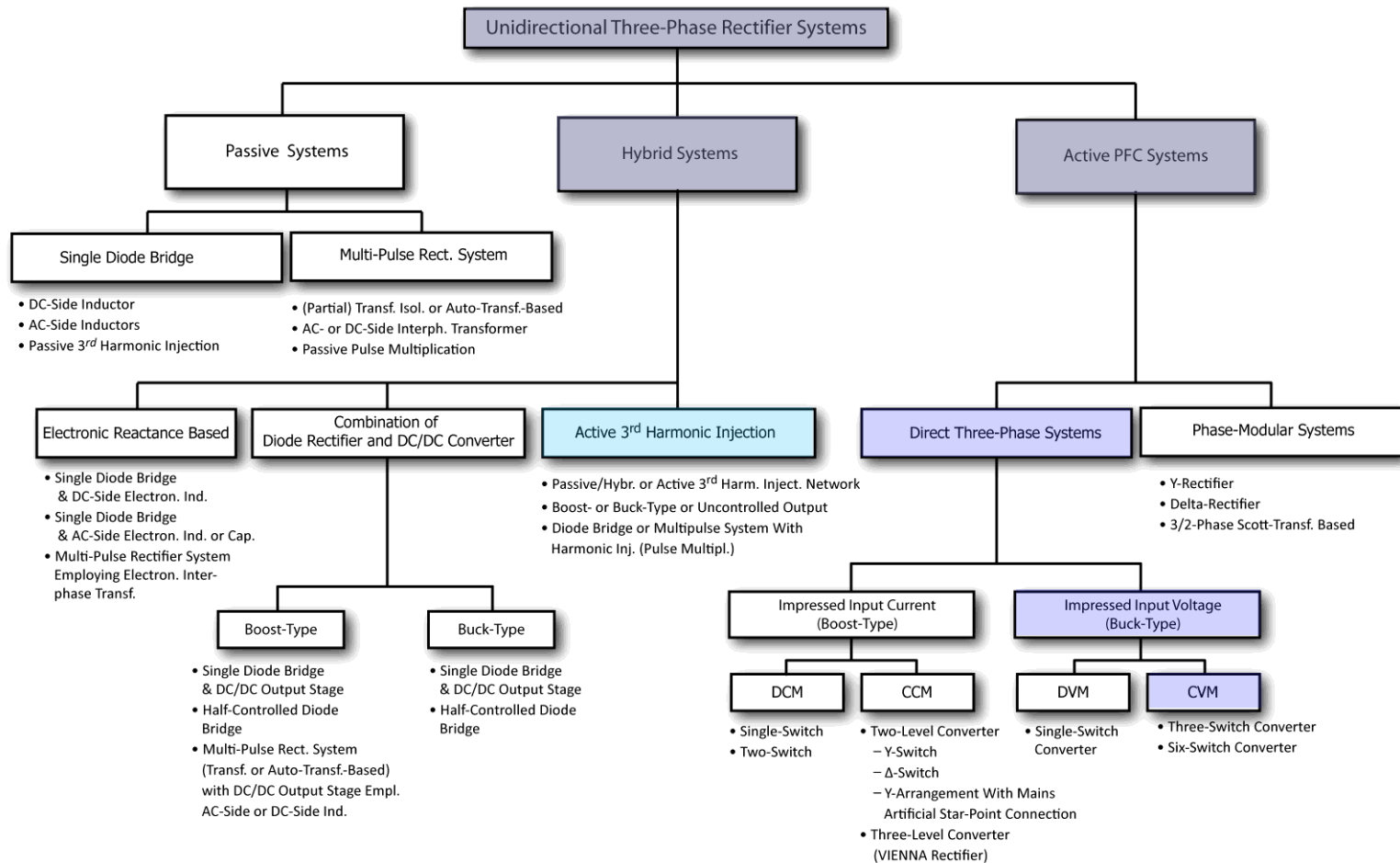  - Passive/Hybr. or Active 3$^{rd}$ Harm. Inject. Network
  - Boost- or Buck-Type or Uncontrolled Output
  - Diode Bridge or Multipulse System With Harmonic Inj. (Pulse Multipl.)

**Active PFC Systems**
- Direct Three-Phase Systems
  - Impressed Input Current (Boost-Type)
    - DCM
      - Single-Switch
      - Two-Switch
    - CCM
      - Two-Level Converter
        - Y-Switch
        - Δ-Switch
        - Y-Arrangement With Mains Artificial Star-Point Connection
      - Three-Level Converter (VIENNA Rectifier)
  - Impressed Input Voltage (Buck-Type)
    - DVM
      - Single-Switch Converter
    - CVM
      - Three-Switch Converter
      - Six-Switch Converter
- Phase-Modular Systems
  - Y-Rectifier
  - Delta-Rectifier
  - 3/2-Phase Scott-Transf. Based

# SWISS Rectifier



- **3rd Harmonic Inj. Concept**
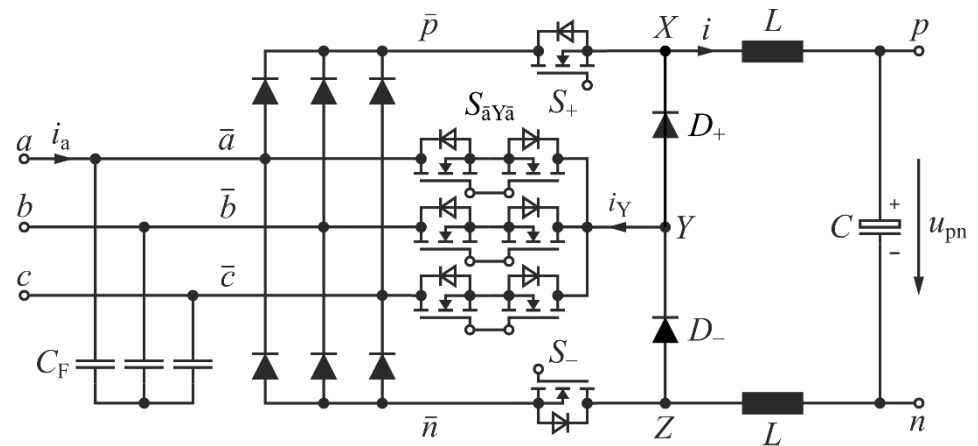
# SWISS Rectifier



- **Output Voltage Control**
- **Sinusoidal Current Control**

# SWISS Rectifier

- **Output Voltage Control**
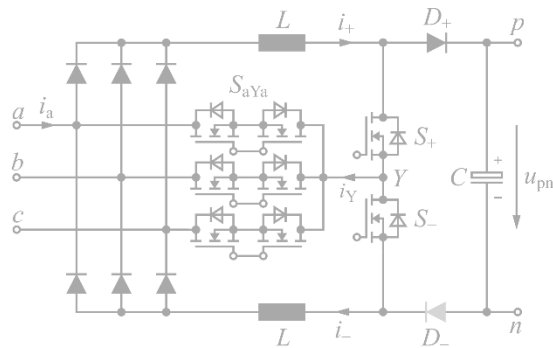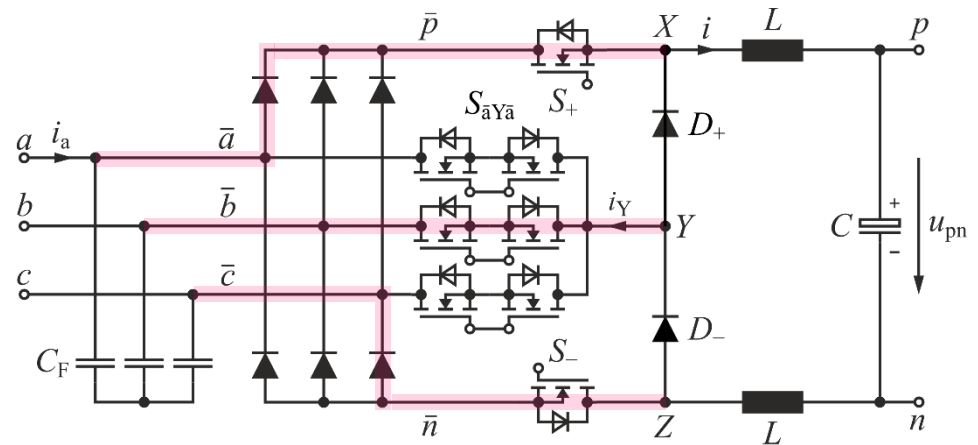- **Sinusoidal Current Control**

→ **Low Complexity**
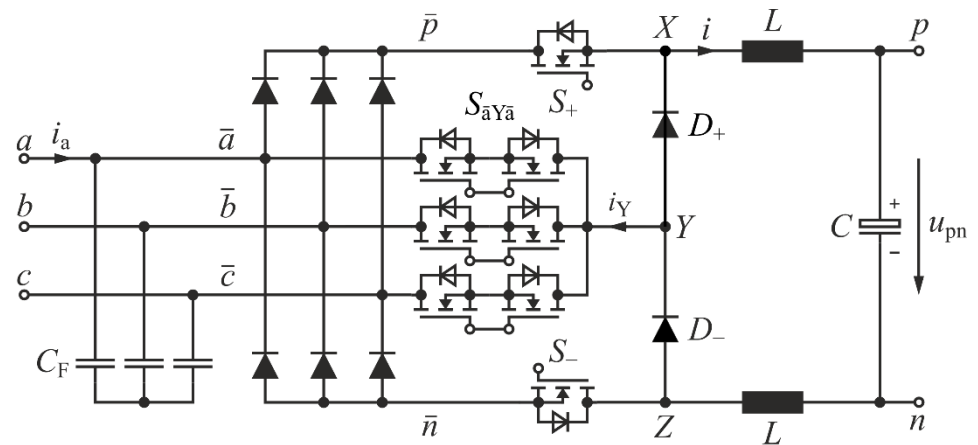
# Bidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems

- *Boost-Type Topologies*
- *Buck-Type Topologies*

# Boost-Type Topologies

# ► Classification of Bidirectional Boost-Type Rectifier Systems

► **Derivation of Two-Level Boost-Type Topologies**

● **Output Operating Range**

# ► Derivation of Three-Level Boost-Type Topologies
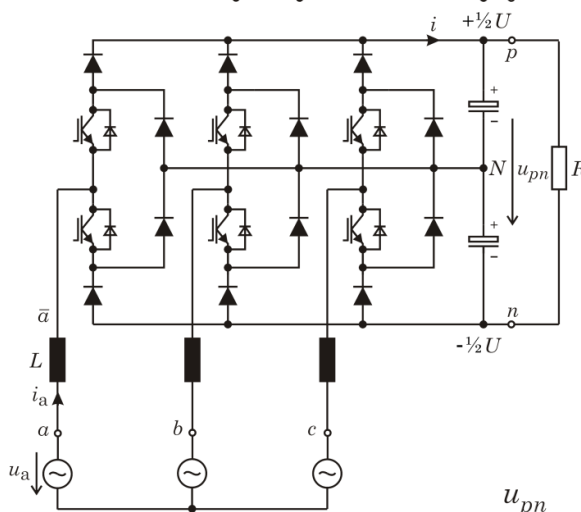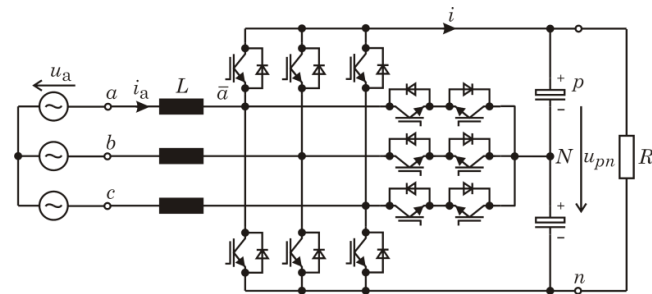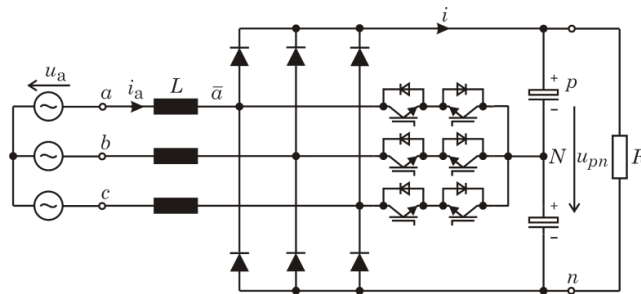


- **Output Operating Range**

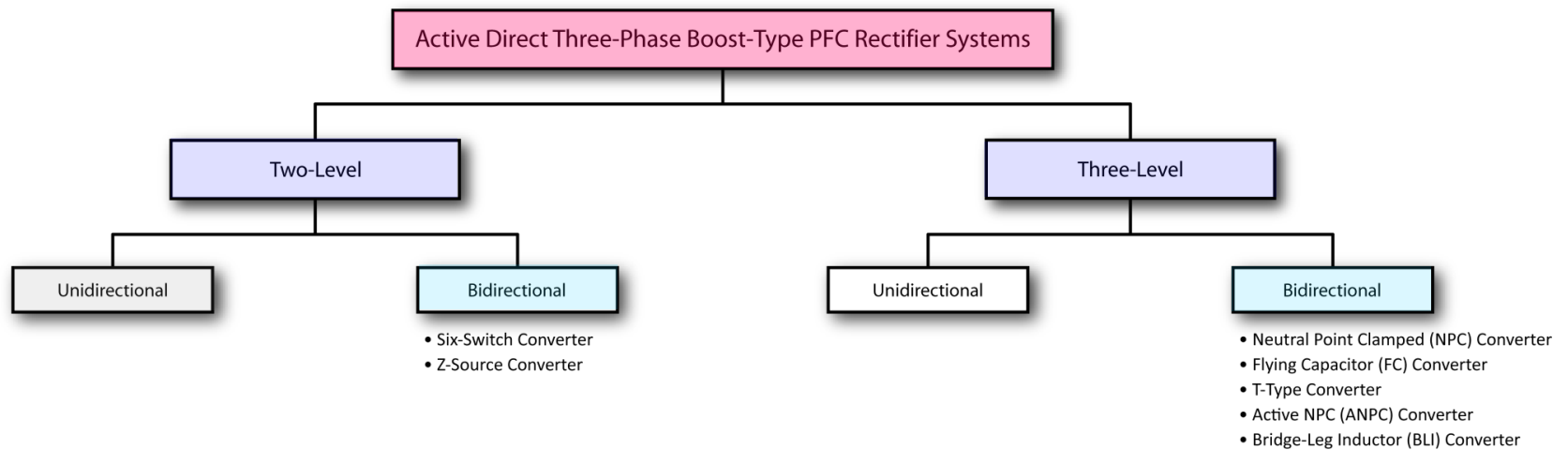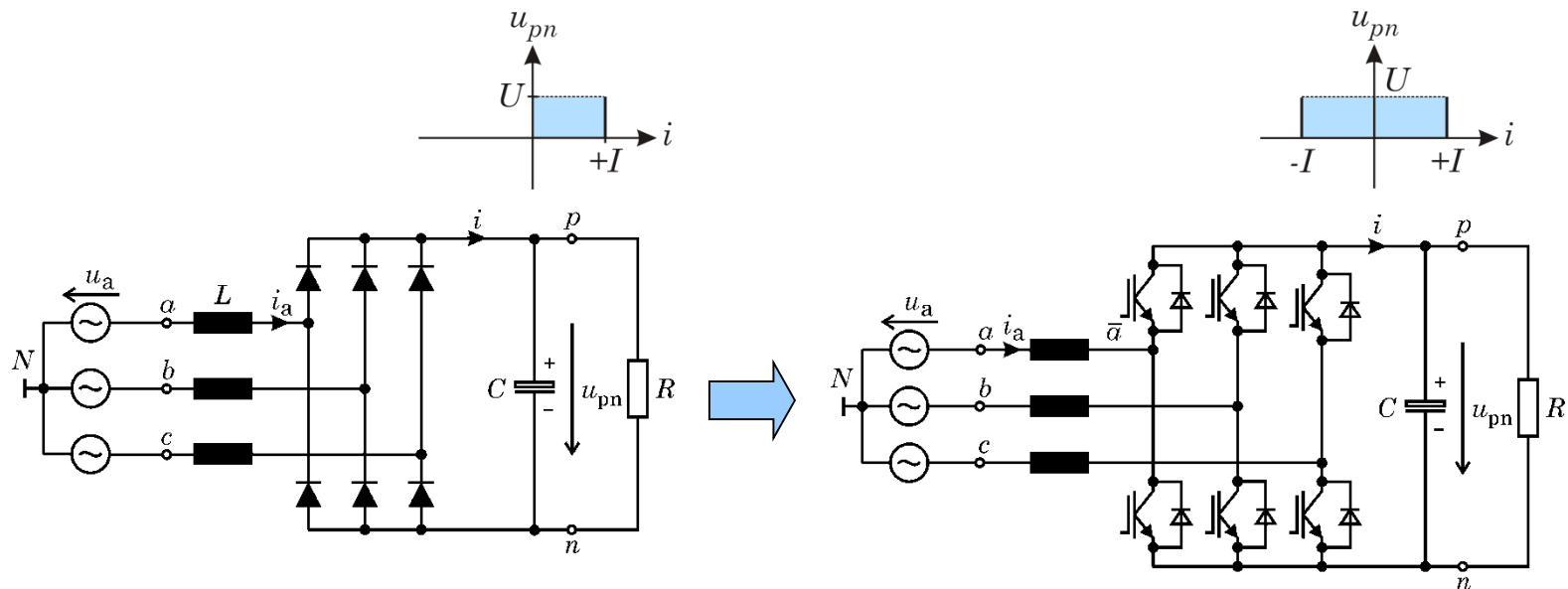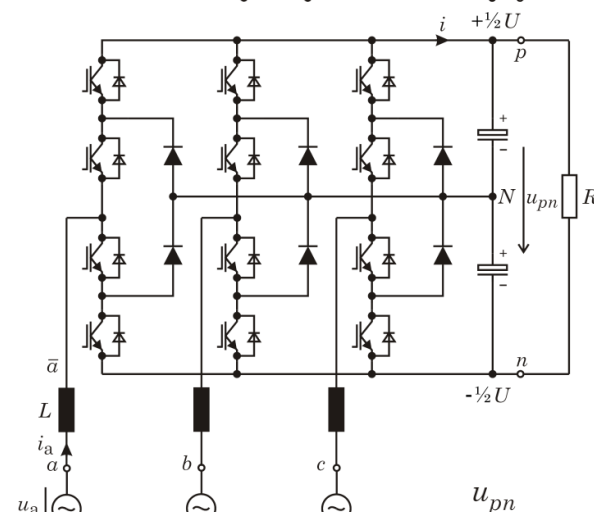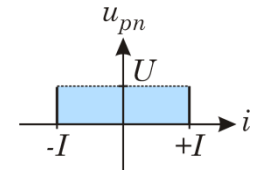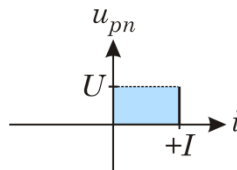► **Comparison of Two-Level/Three-Level NPC Boost-Type Rectifier Systems**
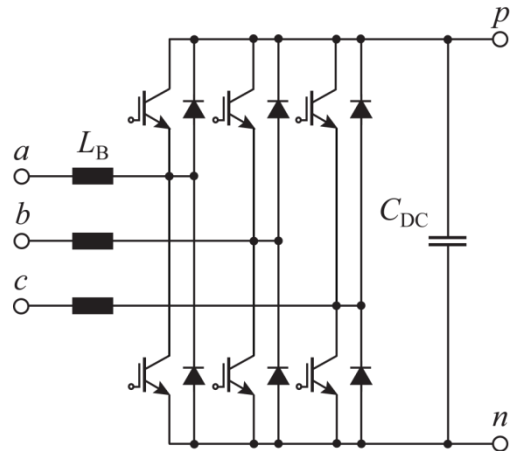


- **Two-Level Converter Systems**

+ **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**
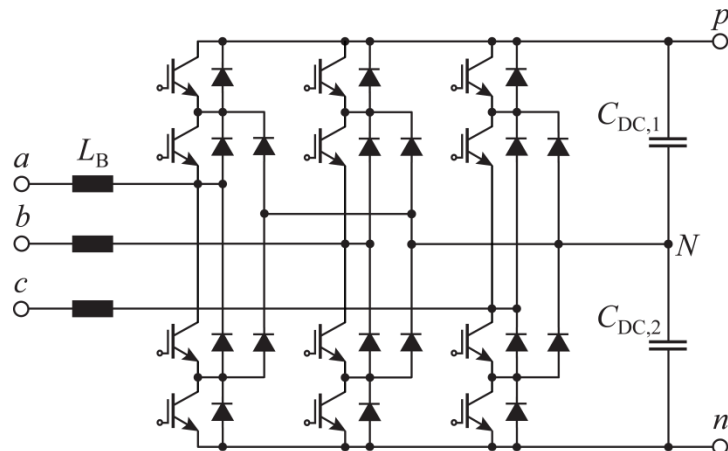
- **Two-Level → Three-Level Converter Systems**

+ **Reduction of Device Blocking Voltage Stress**
+ **Lower Switching Losses**
+ **Reduction of Passive Component Volume**

− **Higher Conduction Losses**
− **Increased Complexity and Implementation Effort**

► **T-Type Three-Level Boost-Type Rectifier System**
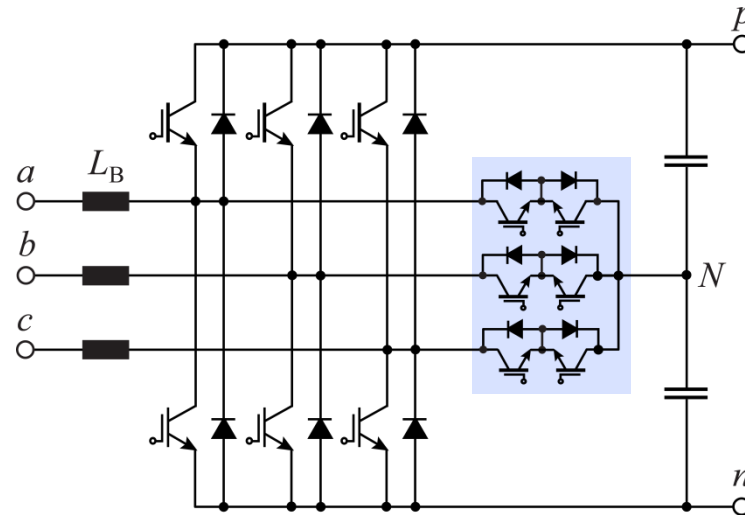


+ **Semiconductor Losses for Low Switching Frequencies Lower than for NPC Topologies**
+ **Can be Implemented with Standard Six-Pack Module**

− **Requires Switches for 2 Different Blocking Voltage Levels**

Power Electronic Systems Laboratory

## ► 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**

**● Moderate Increase of the Component Count with the T-Type Topology**



■ 3-lvl NPC    ■ 3-lvl T-type    ■ 2-level
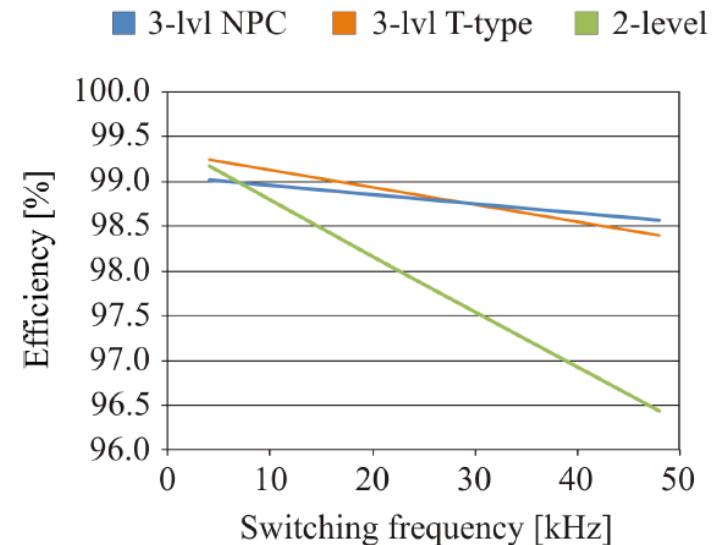
**Consideration for 10kVA/400V$_{AC}$ Rectifier Operation; Min. Chip Area, $T_{j,max}$= 125°C**

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

ETH*zürich*

ICPE 2015
ECCE Asia

# Buck-Type Topologies

# ▶ Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies

● **Output Operating Range**
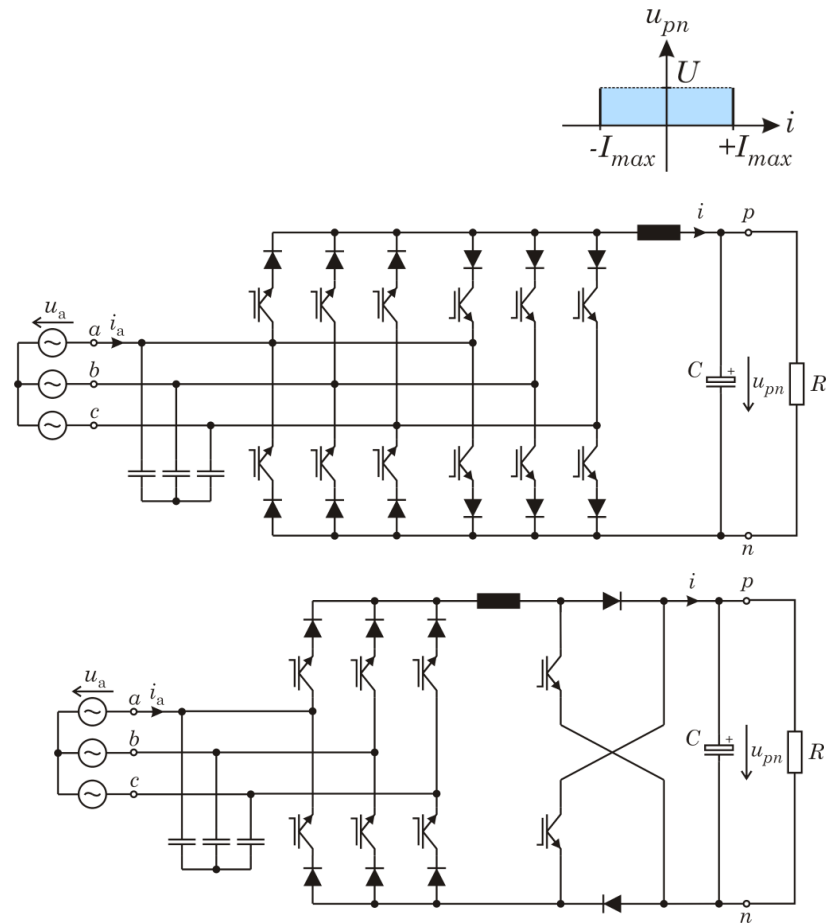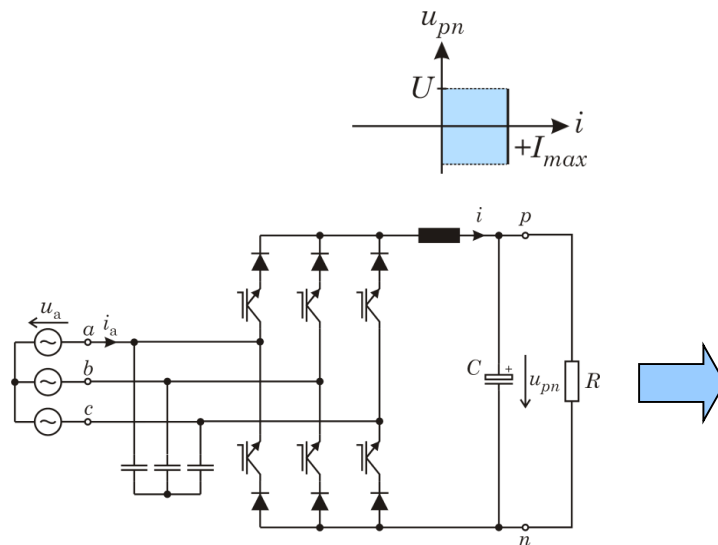


● System also Features Boost-Type Operation

# ▶ Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies
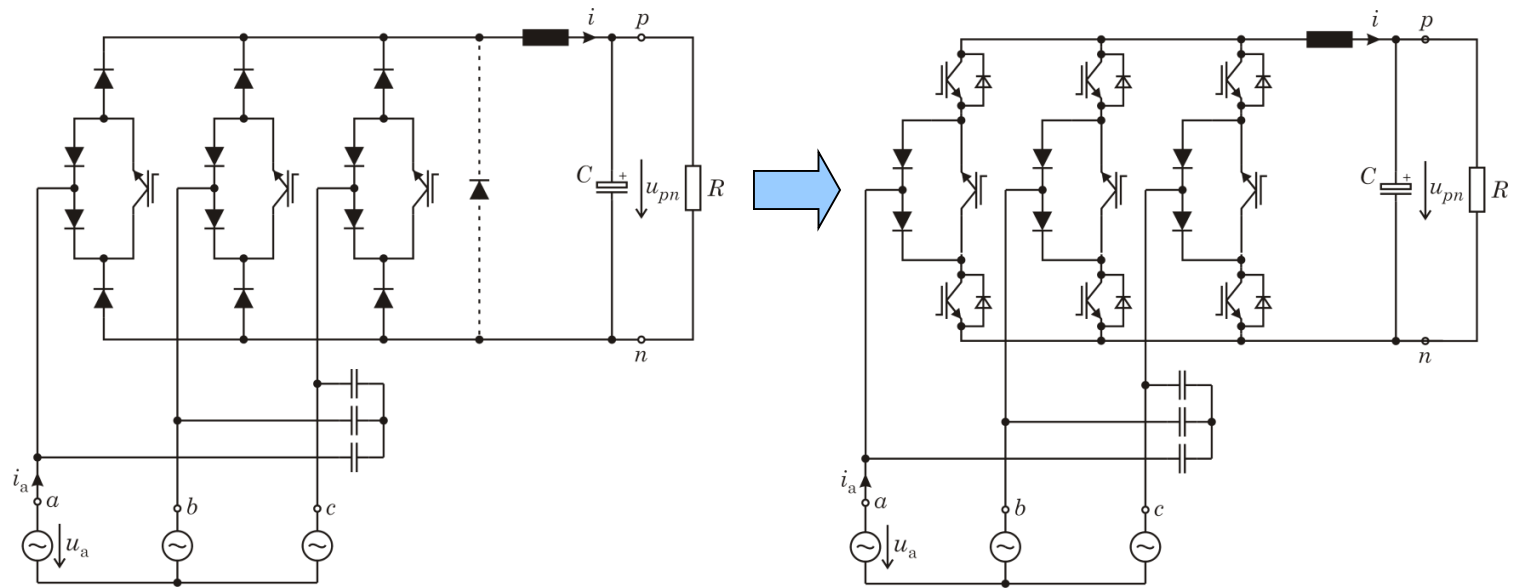


- **Output Operating Range**
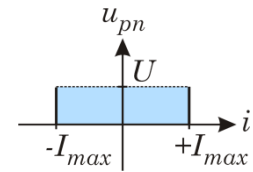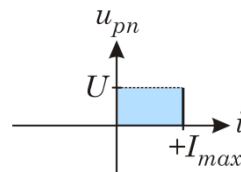
**Thank you!**

# About

*Johann W. Kolar (F'10)*

received his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree (summa cum laude / promotio sub auspiciis praesidentis rei publicae) from the University of Technology Vienna, Austria. Since 1984 he has been working as an independent international consultant in close collaboration with the University of Technology Vienna, in the fields of power electronics, industrial electronics and high performance drives. He has proposed numerous novel converter topologies and modulation/control concepts, e.g., the VIENNA Rectifier, the SWISS Rectifier, the Delta-Switch Rectifier, the isolated Y-Matrix AC/DC Converter and the three-phase AC-AC Sparse Matrix Converter. Dr. Kolar has published over 450 scientific papers at main international conferences, over 180 papers in international journals, and 2 book chapters. Furthermore, he has filed more than 110 patents. He was appointed Assoc. Professor and Head of the Power Electronic Systems Laboratory at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich on Feb. 1, 2001, and was promoted to the rank of Full Prof. in 2004. Since 2001 he has supervised over 60 Ph.D. students and PostDocs.

The focus of his current research is on AC-AC and AC-DC converter topologies with low effects on the mains, e.g. for data centers, More-Electric-Aircraft and distributed renewable energy systems, and on Solid-State Transformers for Smart Microgrid Systems. Further main research areas are the realization of ultra-compact and ultra-efficient converter modules employing latest power semiconductor technology (SiC and GaN), micro power electronics and/or Power Supplies on Chip, multi-domain/scale modeling/simulation and multi-objective optimization, physical model-based lifetime prediction, pulsed power, and ultra-high speed and bearingless motors. He has been appointed an IEEE Distinguished Lecturer by the IEEE Power Electronics Society in 2011.

He received 9 IEEE Transactions Prize Paper Awards, 8 IEEE Conference Prize Paper Awards, the PCIM Europe Conference Prize Paper Award 2013 and the SEMIKRON Innovation Award 2014. Furthermore, he received the ETH Zurich Golden Owl Award 2011 for Excellence in Teaching and an Erskine Fellowship from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, in 2003.

He initiated and/or is the founder/co-founder of 4 spin-off companies targeting ultra-high speed drives, multi-domain/level simulation, ultra-compact/efficient converter systems and pulsed power/electronic energy processing. In 2006, the European Power Supplies Manufacturers Association (EPSMA) awarded the Power Electronics Systems Laboratory of ETH Zurich as the leading academic research institution in Power Electronics in Europe.

Dr. Kolar is a Fellow of the IEEE and a Member of the IEEJ and of International Steering Committees and Technical Program Committees of numerous international conferences in the field (e.g. Director of the Power Quality Branch of the International Conference on Power Conversion and Intelligent Motion). He is the founding Chairman of the IEEE PELS Austria and Switzerland Chapter and Chairman of the Education Chapter of the EPE Association. From 1997 through 2000 he has been serving as an Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics and from 2001 through 2013 as an Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics. Since 2002 he also is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Power Electronics of the Korean Institute of Power Electronics and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the IEEJ Transactions on Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

**ETH**zürich

# About

*Roman Bosshard (S'10)*



received the M.Sc. degree from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Switzerland, in 2011. During his studies, he focused on power electronics, electrical drive systems, and control of mechatronic systems. As part of his M.Sc. degree, he participated in a development project at ABB Switzerland as an intern, working on a motor controller for traction converters in urban transportation applications. In his Master Thesis, he developed a sensorless current and speed controller for a ultrahigh-speed electrical drive system with CELEROTON, an ETH Spin-off founded by former Ph.D. students of the Power Electronic Systems Laboratory at ETH Zurich.

In 2011, he joined the Power Electronic Systems Laboratory at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, where he is currently pursuing the Ph.D. degree. His main research area is inductive power transfer systems for electric vehicle battery charging, where he published five papers at international IEEE conferences and one paper in the IEEE Journal of Emerging and Selected Topics in Power Electronics.

ETH zürich