

# Inductive EV Battery Charging Systems

Requirements, Basics, Limitations, Future Research

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## Introduction



*E-Mobility  
Motivation for Wireless Charging  
Requirements*

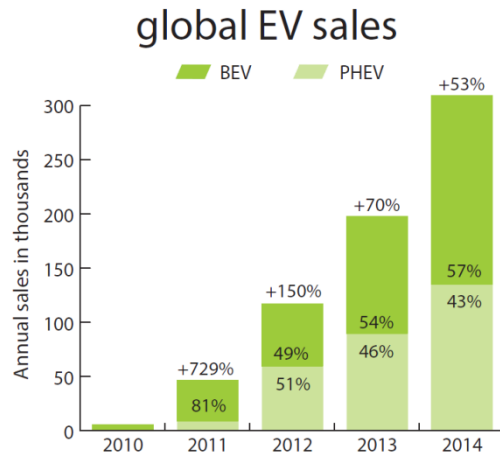
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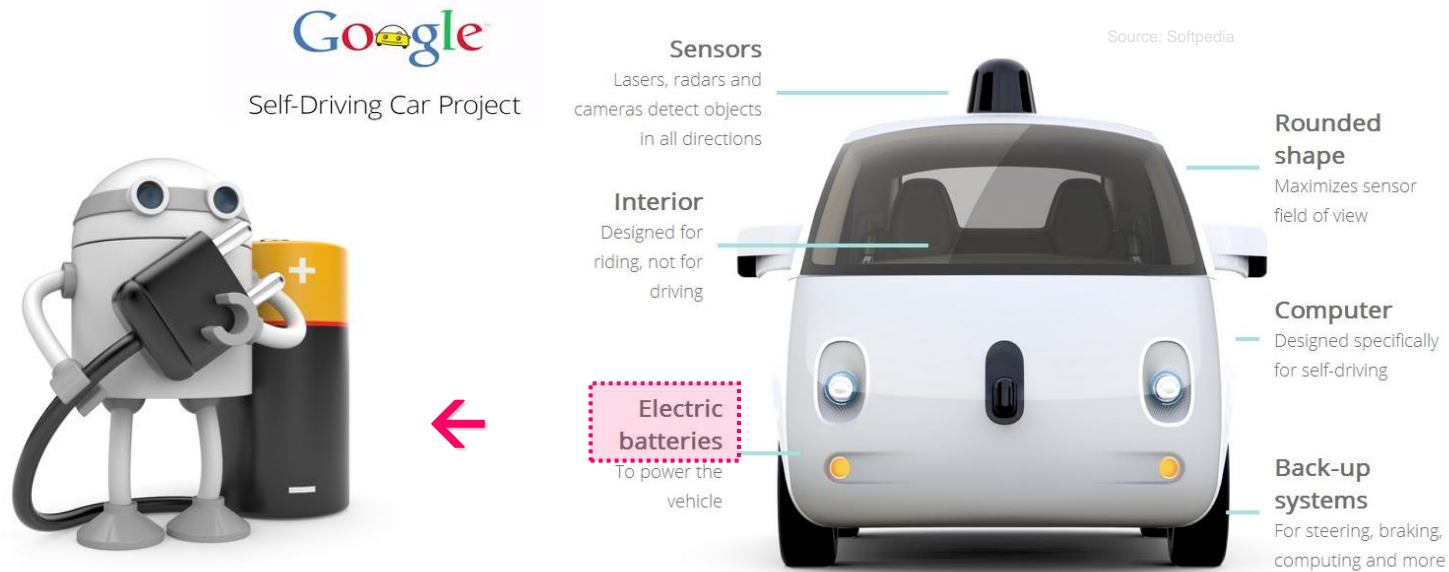
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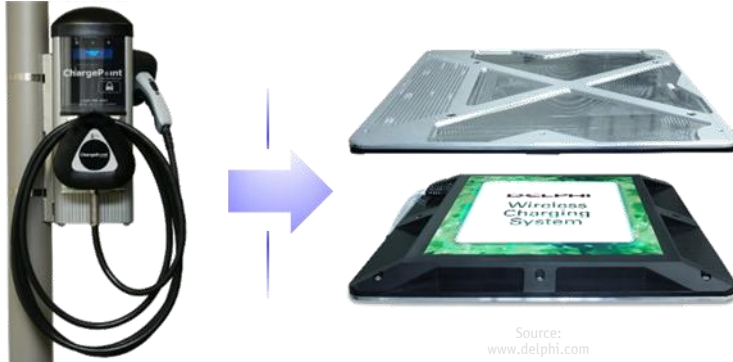
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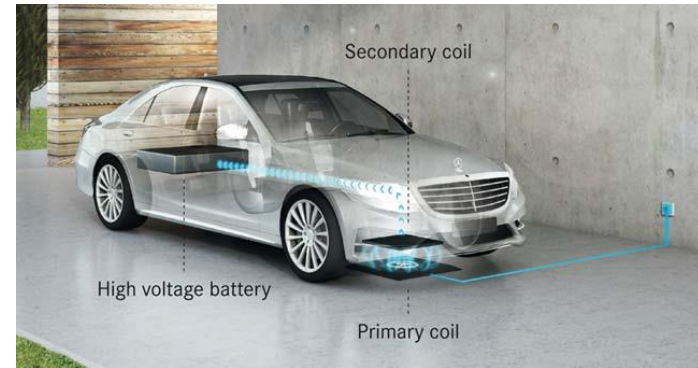
- Self-Driving will be **THE** Main Feature of Future Cars → Requires Compatible Refueling Concept (!)

## ► Inductive EV Battery Charging – Advantages



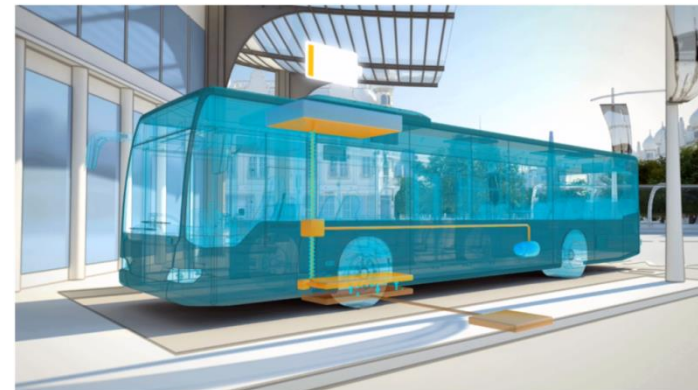
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- **Higher Convenience & Usability**
  - No Plug Required
  - Charging @ Traffic Lights, Bus Stops
- **More Frequent Recharging**
  - Longer Battery Lifetime
  - Smaller Battery Volume & Weight
- **Reduced Fleet in Public Transportation**
  - Shorter Depot Recharging Time



Source: Bombardier

## ► Inductive EV Battery Charging – Research/Demonstration

### ■ High Interest in Industry & Academia

- Power Range: several kW ... 200kW
- Private Cars & Public Transport

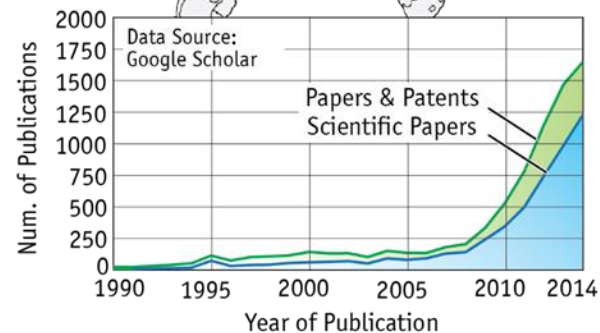


### ■ Only Consideration of Single Elements

- Coil Designs with High Magnetic Coupling
- Resonant Compensation Techniques
- Control for Low Positioning Sensitivity

### ■ Comprehensive Analysis Missing

- Multi-Objective Optimization
- Comparative System Evaluation



## ▶ Inductive EV Battery Charging – Standards

### ■ SAE J2954 Wireless Charging Standard (under Development, April 2015)

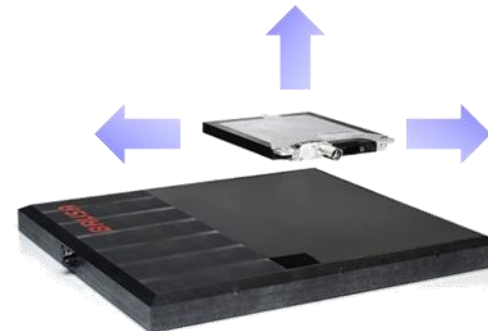


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- Charging Levels
  - 3.7 kW (WPT1: Private Low Power)
  - 7.7 kW (WPT2: Private/Public Parking)
  - 22 kW (WPT3: Fast Charging)
- Operating Frequency
  - 85 kHz
- Charging Efficiency
  - >90 % (Matched Coils)
  - >85 % for Interoperable Systems
- Interoperability
  - Air Gap, Coil Dimensions
  - xyz-Misalignment Tolerance
  - Communication & Interfaces
- Safety Features
  - Foreign Object Detection
  - Electromagnetic Stray Field
- Validation
  - Performance, Safety

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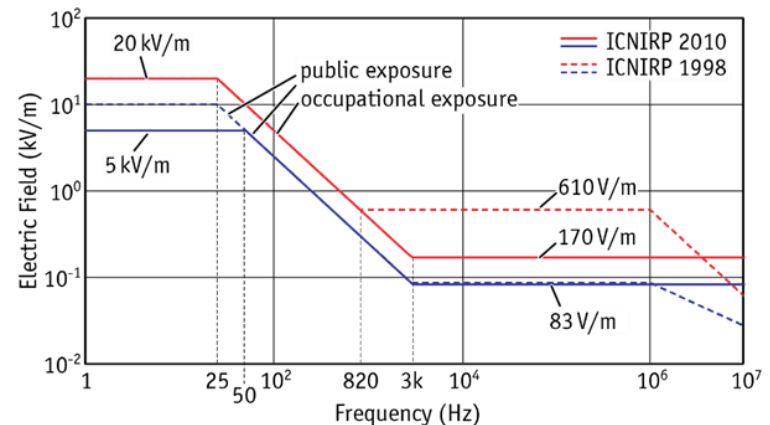
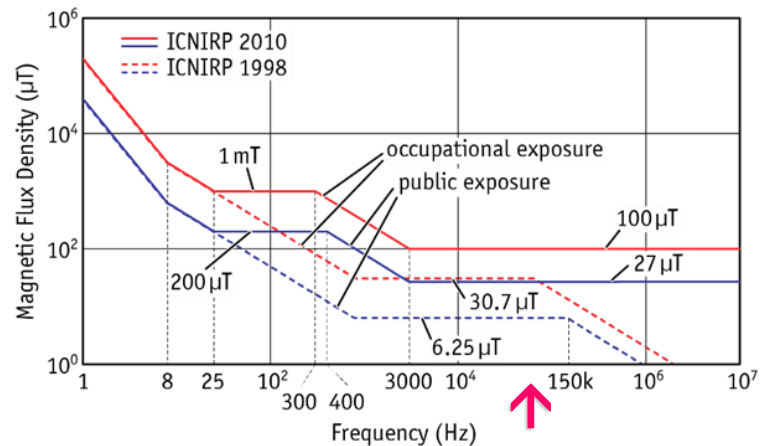
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## ► Inductive EV Battery Charging – Regulations

### ■ ICNIRP 1998/2010: Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying EM Fields

- Living Tissue is Affected by Power Dissipation Caused by EM Fields
- Limitation of Human Body SAR (=Specific Absorption Rate, [W/kg]) by *Limiting H- & E-Field*
- Poynting Vector  $\underline{S} = \underline{E} \times \underline{H}$  shows that *H-* and *E-Field* are Required for Power Transfer

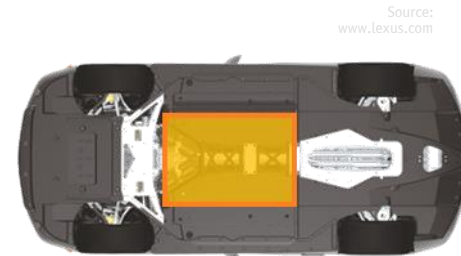


### ■ Reference Values for Max. RMS *Magnetic Flux Density* AND *Electric Field* (!)

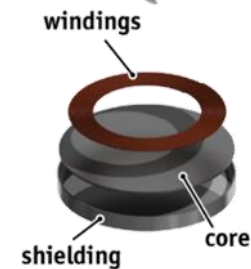
## ► Resulting Engineering Challenges

- **High Power Density (kW/dm<sup>2</sup>, kW/kg)**
  - High Ratio of Coil Diameter / Air Gap Needed
  - Heavy Shielding & Core Materials Necessary
- **High Efficiency  $\eta$** 
  - Efficiency Limited by Magnetic Coupling
  - Sensitivity to Coil Misalignment
- **Low Magnetic Stray Field  $B_s < B_{lim}$** 
  - Limited by Standards (e.g. ICNIRP or Lower)
  - Eddy Currents in Surrounding Metal Parts
- **High Reliability of Components**
  - Potentially High Mech. Stress for Transmitter (1-10t)
  - Receiver fully Exposed to Environment
- **Low System & Installation Costs**
  - Material Effort for On-Board Components
  - Installation of Transmitter into Road Surface

→ *Multi-Objective Design / Optimization Problem*



*Physical Size of a Conductive Charger*

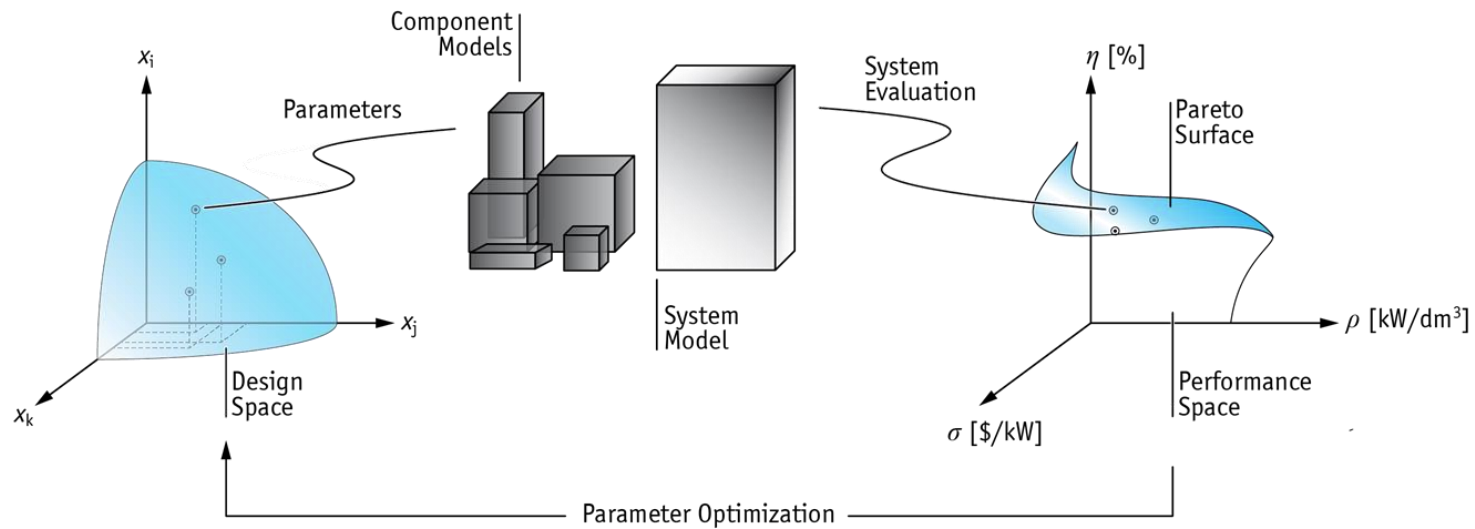


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## ► Multi-Objective System Optimization

### ■ Mapping of “Design Space” into System “Performance Space”

- Requires Accurate Models for the Main System Components
- Allows Sensitivity & Trade-Off Analysis



### ■ Density Space

- Coil Geometry & Dimensions
- Litz Wire Properties
- Core Material / Arrangement
- Power Electronics Topology
- Control & Modulation

### ■ Performance Space

- Efficiency
- Power Density
- Material Effort / Costs
- Electromagnetic Stray Field
- Misalignment Tolerance

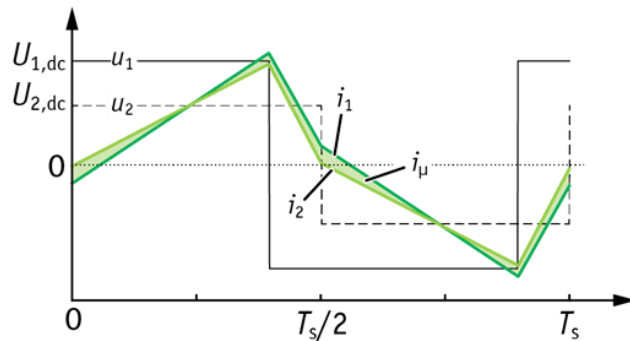
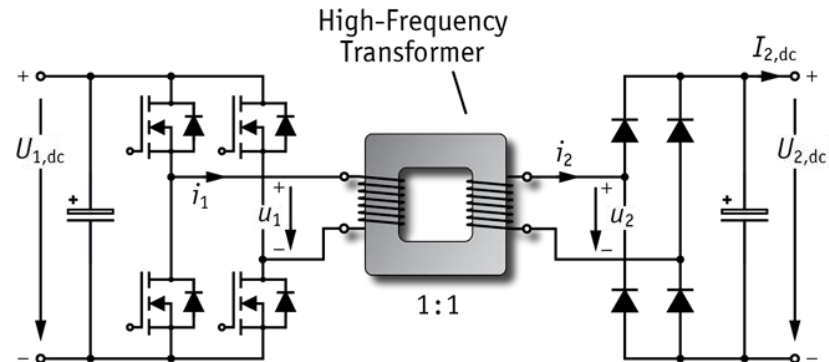
# Inductive Power Transfer Fundamentals



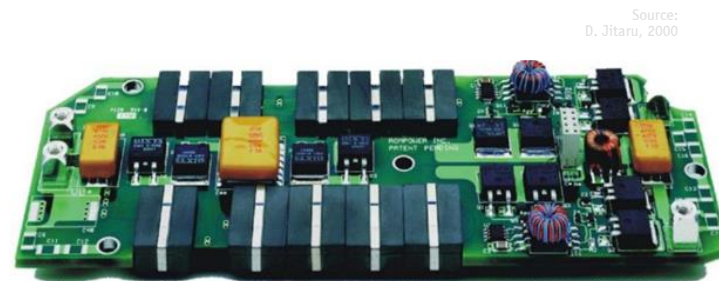
*Resonant Compensation  
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## ► Isolated DC/DC-Converter for Conductive EV Charging

- **Soft-Switching DC/DC Converter without Output Inductor**
  - Galvanic Isolation
  - Minimum Number of Components
  - Clamped Voltage across Rectifier
- **Constant Switching Frequency of Primary-Side Full Bridge Converter**
  - $di/dt$  defined by Voltage Levels & Transformer Stray & Magn. Ind.



■ Schematic Converter Waveforms

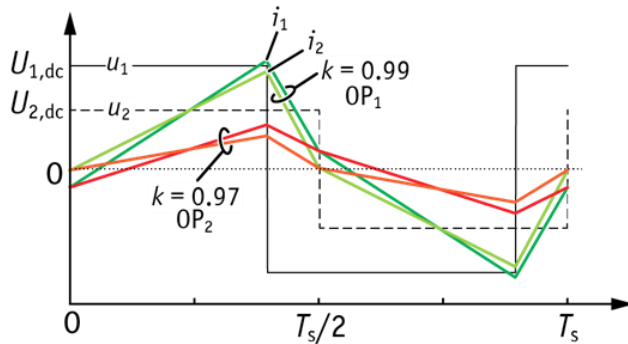


■ Realization Example

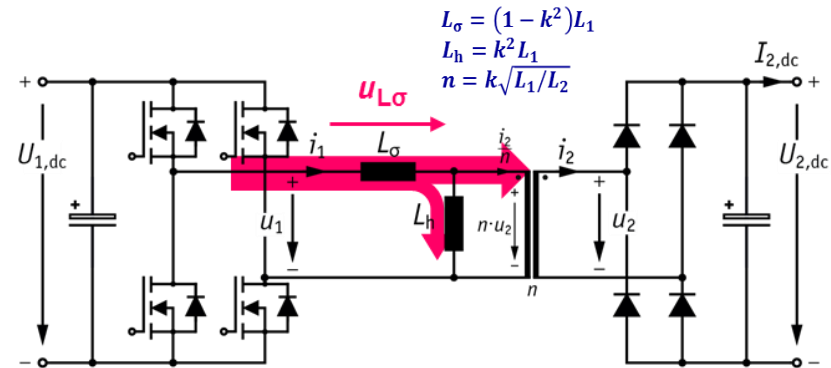
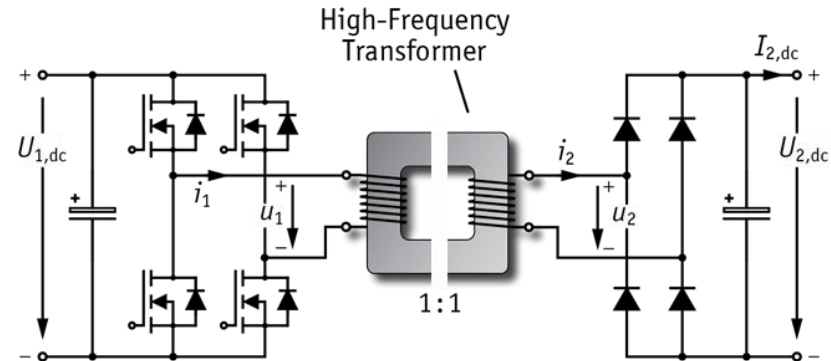
## ► Transition to Inductive Power Transfer (IPT) System (1)

### ■ Air Gap in the Magnetic Path

- Reduced Primary & Secondary Ind.
- Higher Magnetizing Current
- Reduced Magnetic Coupling  $k$
- Load Dependence of Output Voltage



### ■ Schematic Converter Waveforms



$$L_\sigma = (1 - k^2)L_1$$

$$L_h = k^2 L_1$$

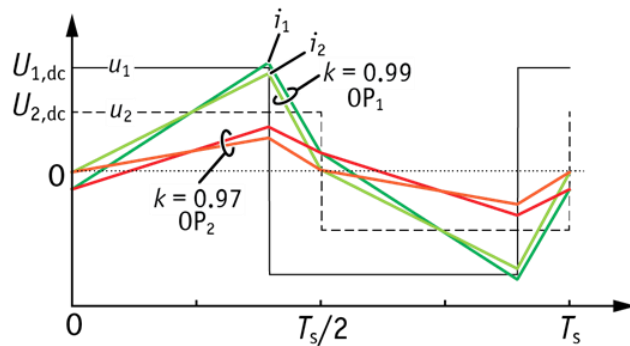
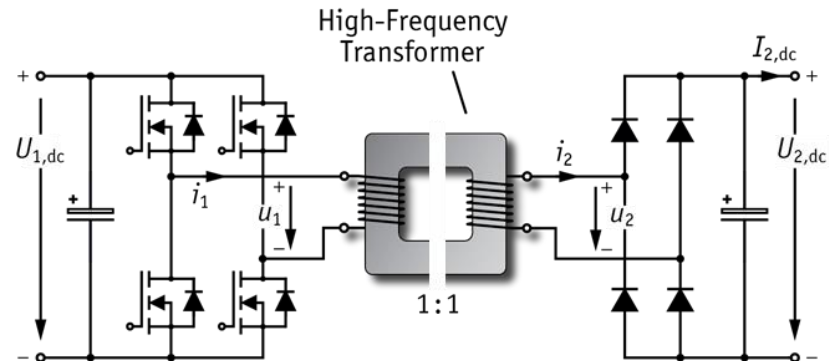
$$n = k\sqrt{L_1/L_2}$$

### ■ Effects of an Air Gap in the Transformer Core

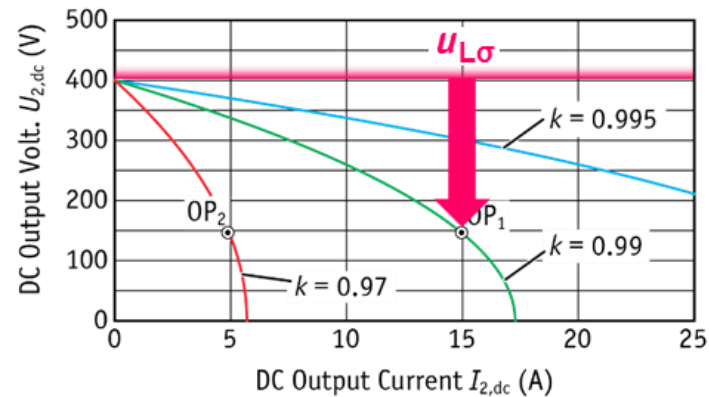
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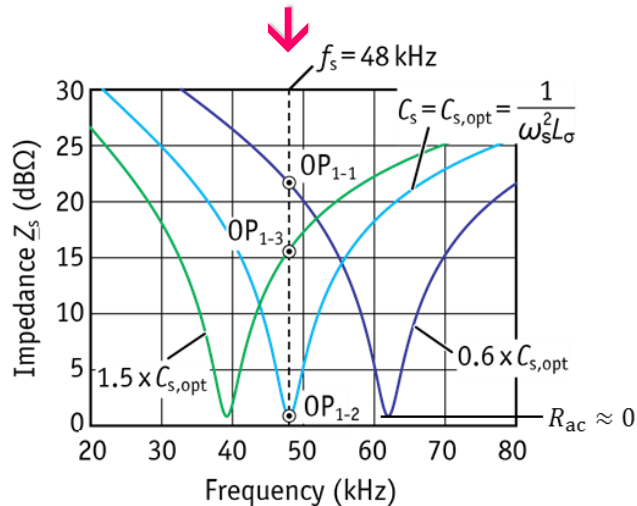
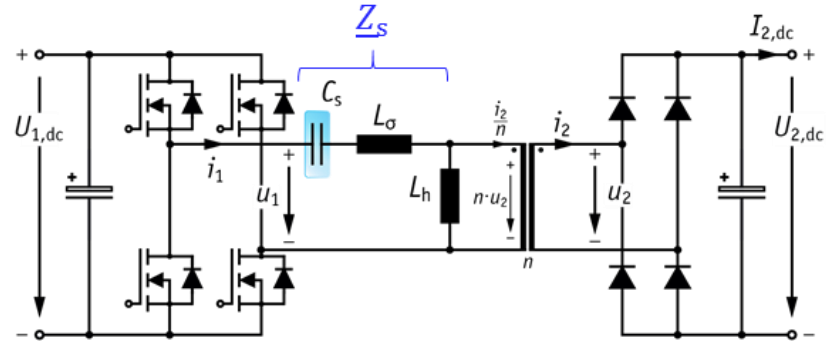
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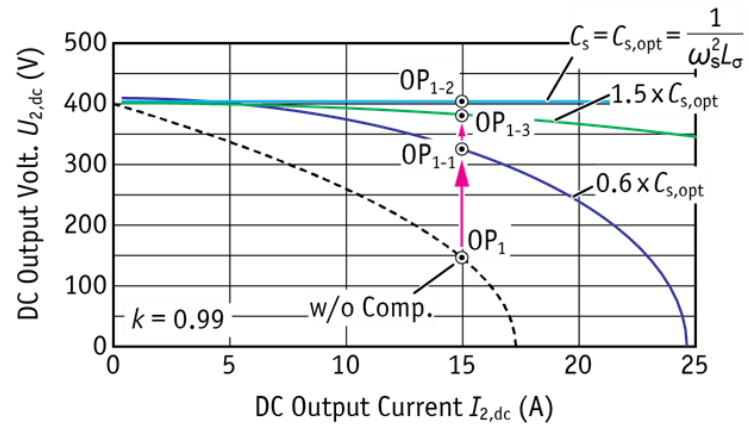
### ■ Converter Output Characteristic

## ► Resonant Compensation of Stray Inductance

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



- Bode Diagram of  $Z_s$  for Different Values  $C_s$



- Converter Output Characteristics



## ► Alternative Compensation Concepts

### ■ Limitations of Series-Compensation

- High Voltage across Resonant Elements
- Limited to Step-Down Conversion
- No-Load Control Problem (for Freq. Control)

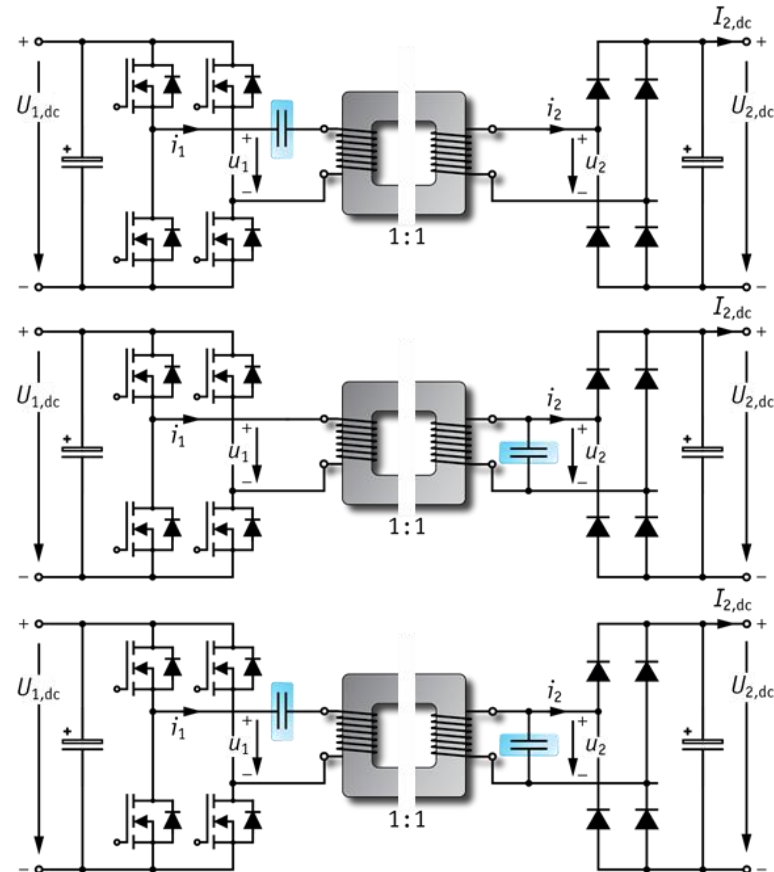
### ■ Parallel-Compensation (LLC)

- Circulation Reactive Current at Light Load
- Potentially Series Inductor Required

### ■ Series/Parallel Res. Converter (LCC)

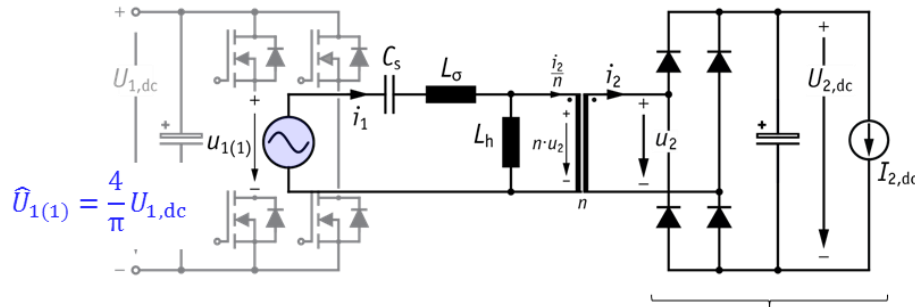
#### ■ General Matching Networks

- Complex Design Process ( $C_s$ ,  $C_p$ )
- Higher Realization Effort

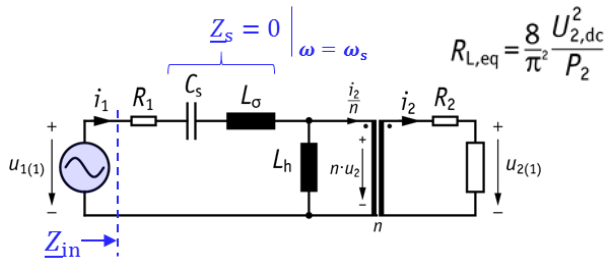


## ► Series-Resonant Compensated Converter Transfer Characteristic (1)

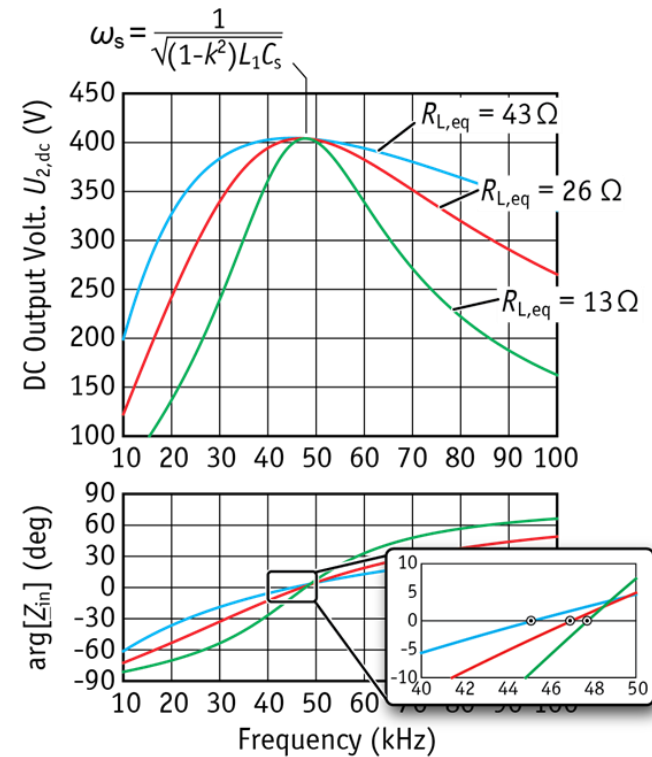
- **Load-Independent Output Voltage** due to Cap. Compensation of Stray Ind. Voltage Drop
- **Only Small Shift of Res. Frequency** with Load at Constant Coupling  $k$ 
  - Fixed Frequency Operation Possible



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



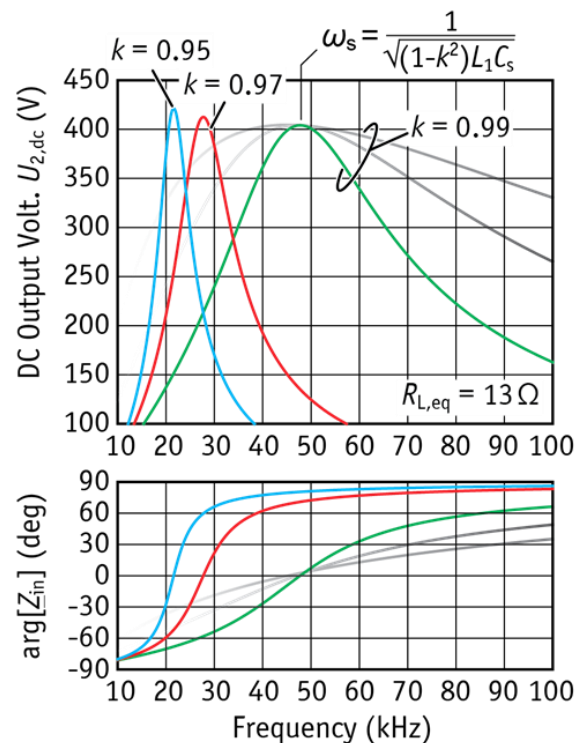
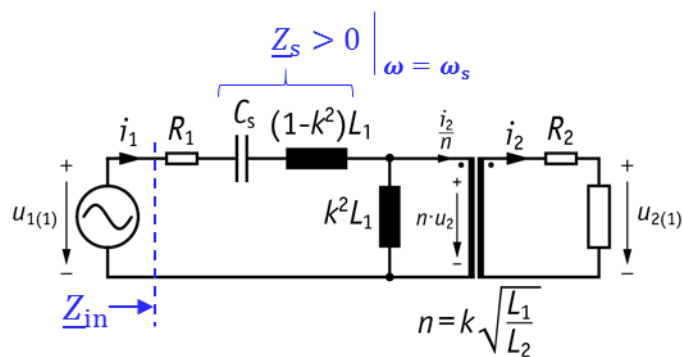
- **Fundamental Frequency Approximation**



- **Voltage Transf. Ratio for  $k=0.99$**

## ► Series-Resonant Compensated Converter Transfer Characteristic (2)

- Large Variation of Resonant Frequency with Changing Magn. Coupling  $k$
- Coupling-Dependent Output Voltage due to Changing Series Impedance
  - Fixed Frequency Operation Not Possible

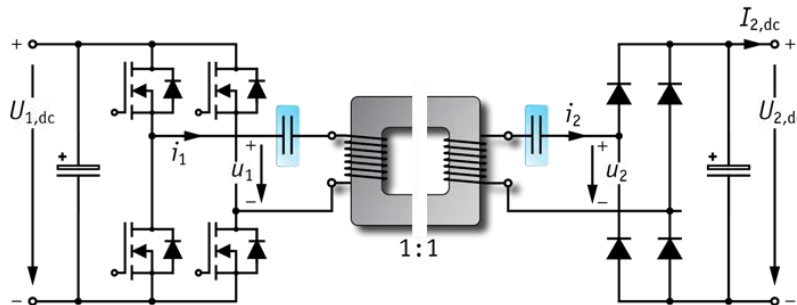


- Different Compensation Concept Necessary as Coupling is Variable in the Target Application

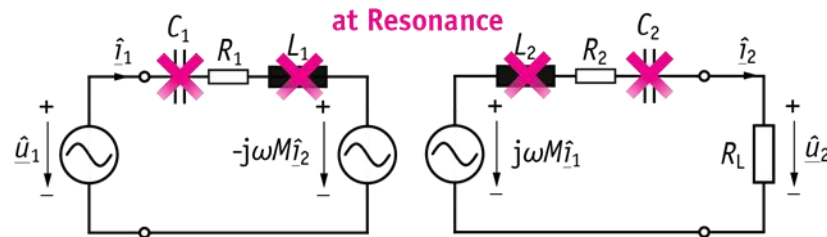
- Voltage Transf. Ratio for  $R_{L,eq} = const.$

## ► Series-Series Compensated IPT System (1)

- Add Second Series Capacitor to Ensure Fixed Res. Frequency for any Value of Magnetic Coupling  $k$

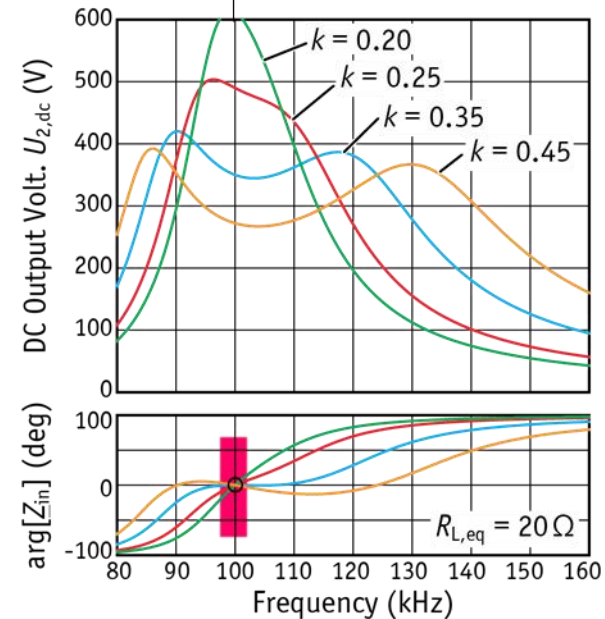


- Complete Cancellation of Self-Inductance @  $\omega_0$
- $\varphi_{Zin}=0$  @  $\omega_0$  Independent of  $k$  and  $R_{L,eq}$



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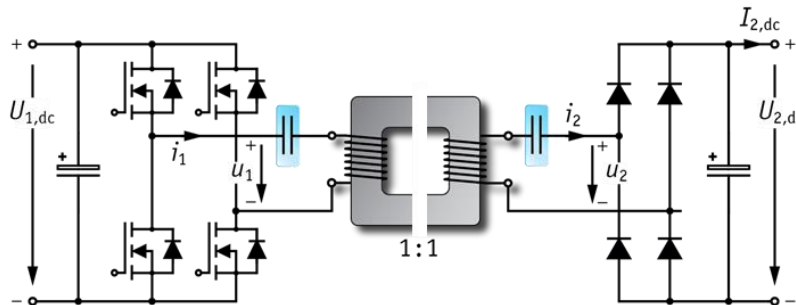
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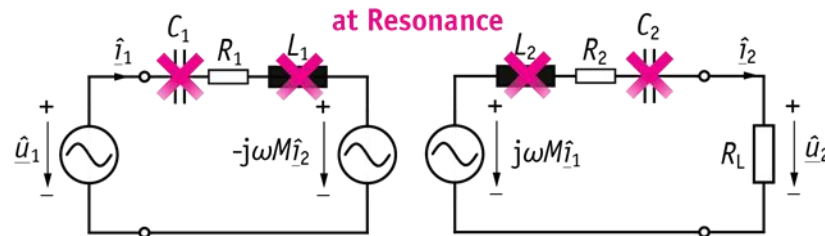
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## ► Series-Series Compensated IPT System (2)

- Resonant Frequency ( $\varphi_{Zin} = 0$ ) Independent of Magnetic Coupling  $k$  and Load  $R_{L,eq}$
- Fulfills Necessary Condition for Minimum Input Current  $\rightarrow$  Maximum Efficiency!

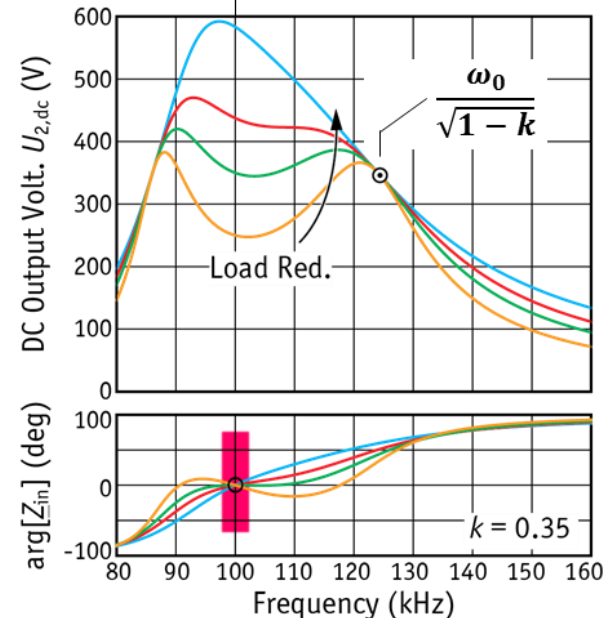


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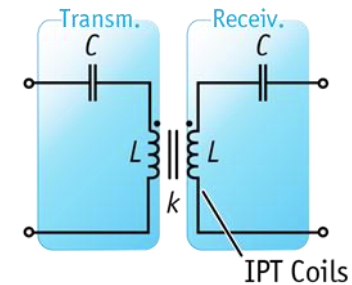
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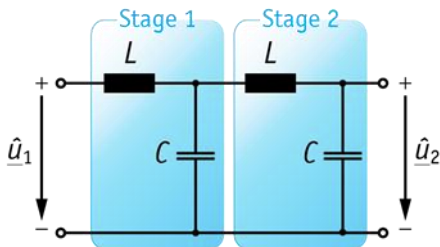
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## ► Explanation of “Pole-Splitting”

- Interaction of Coupled Res. Circuits Tuned to Same Frequency
- Magnetic Coupling Determines the Strength of the Interaction
  - Could Result in Non-Monotonic Phase Behavior
  - Has to Be Considered for Soft-Switching Inverters

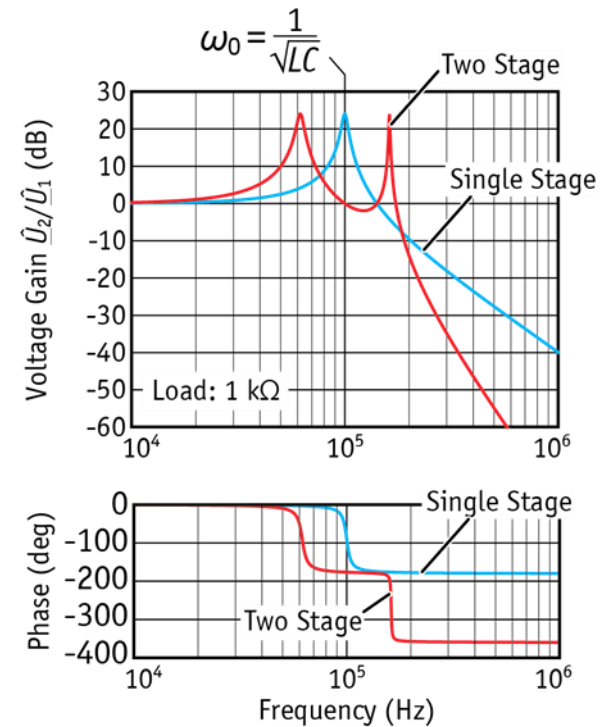


### ■ Example of a Two-Stage LC-Filter



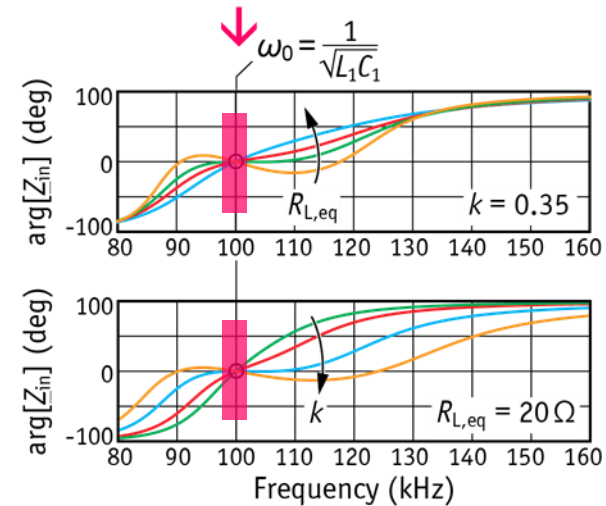
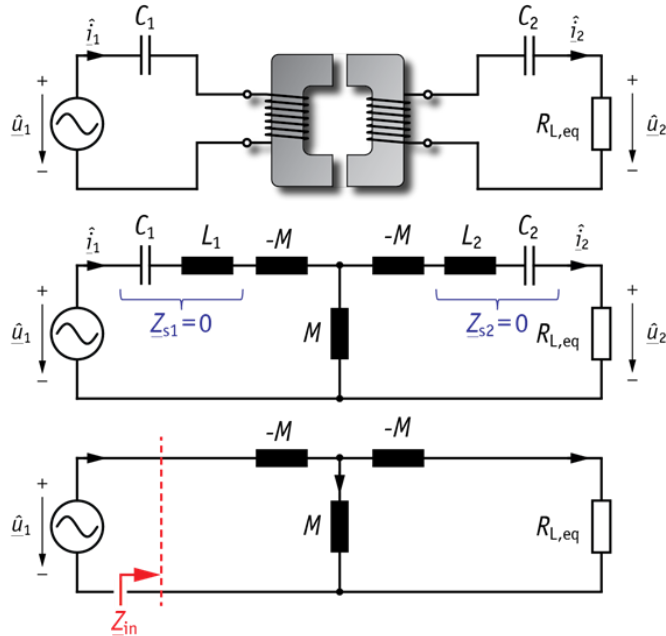
$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \omega_0$$

- Both Stages Tuned to Same Frequency (100kHz)
- Two Res. Peaks of Voltage Transfer Characteristic



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

- Operation at Resonant Frequency  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$



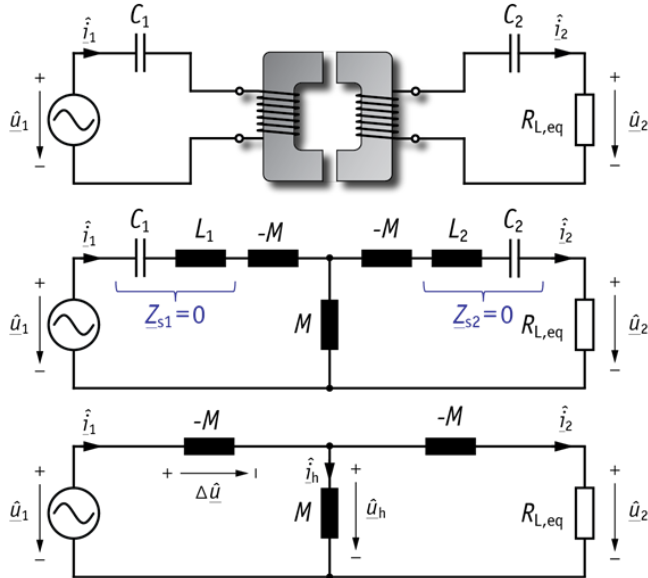
$$\underline{Z}_{in} = -j\omega_0 M + \frac{j\omega_0 M \cdot (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)}{j\omega_0 M + R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M} \rightarrow \underline{Z}_{in} = \frac{\omega_0^2 M^2}{R_{L,eq}} \rightarrow \arg[\underline{Z}_{in}] = 0$$

$k = 0 \rightarrow \underline{Z}_{in} = 0$   
 $R_{L,eq} = 0 \rightarrow \underline{Z}_{in} = \infty$

- Purely Ohmic Input Impedance for Any Load & Coupling @  $\omega_0$

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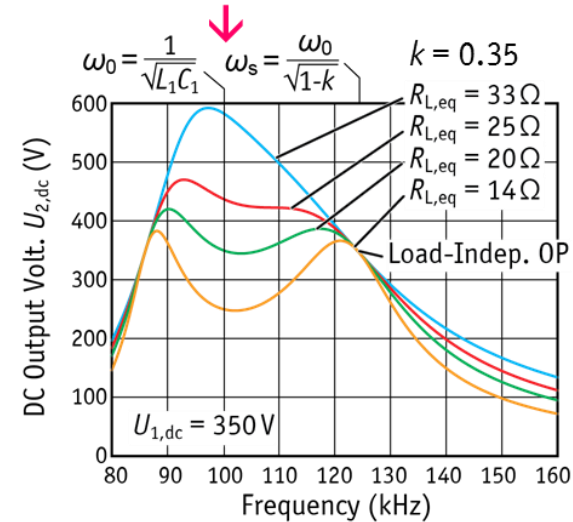


$$\hat{u}_h = \hat{i}_2 (R_{L,eq} - j\omega_0 M)$$

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

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

- Output Current @  $\omega_0$  Independent of Load Resistance  $R_{L,eq}$ !  $\rightarrow \hat{i}_2 = j \frac{\hat{u}_1}{\omega_0 M}$



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

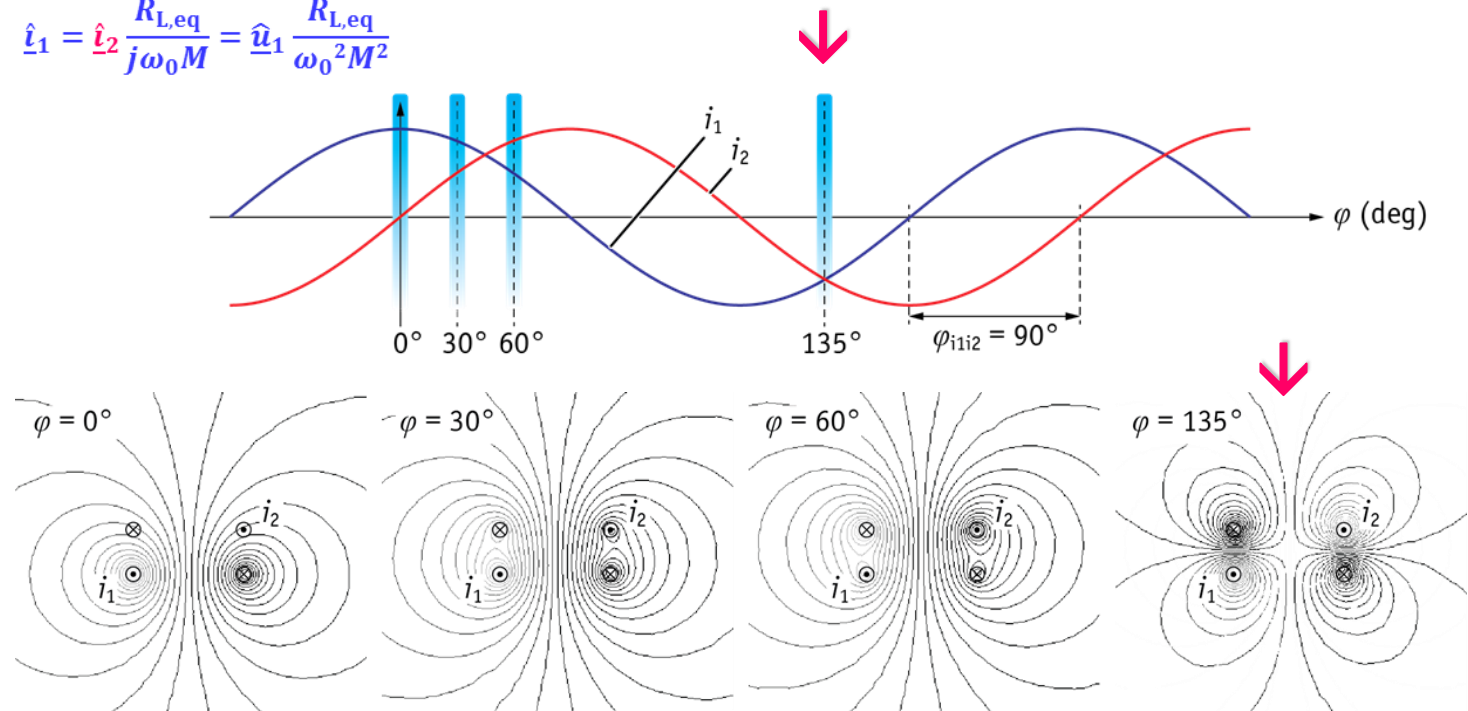


## ► Interesting Properties of Series-Series Compensation (3)

### ■ Coupling and Leakage Inductance are Not Immediately Evident from FEM Field Images !

- Field Distribution Depends on Time Instant and Phase Displacement of the Winding Currents
- For Series-Series Compensation  $\hat{i}_1$  and  $\hat{i}_2$  are Displaced by  $90^\circ$

$$\hat{i}_1 = \hat{i}_2 \frac{R_{L,eq}}{j\omega_0 M} = \hat{u}_1 \frac{R_{L,eq}}{\omega_0^2 M^2}$$



- For  $\varphi=135^\circ$  a Poynting Vector Analysis Confirms Power Transfer Despite Decoupled Field Lines

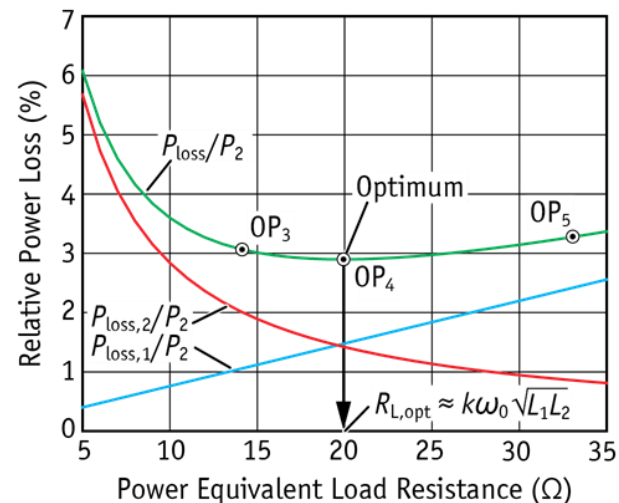
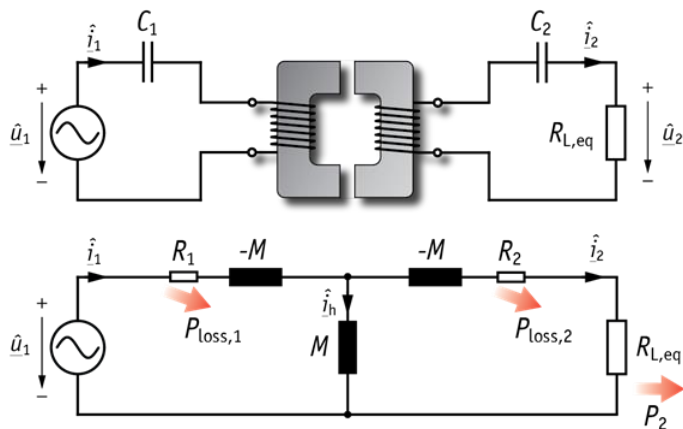
## Maximum Efficiency of the Resonant System

- *Load Matching*
- *Figure-of-Merit*



## ► Power Losses of Series-Series Compensation - "Load Matching"

- Operation at Resonant Frequency  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_2 C_2}}$



- Total Power Losses - Core Loss Neglected (!)

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

- Min. Relative Losses - Min. Loss Factor  $\lambda$

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

- Load Resistance for Max. Efficiency

$$R_{L,\text{opt}} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 M^2 + \underbrace{R_{\text{ac}}^2}_{R_1 \approx R_2 = R_{\text{ac}} @ \omega_0}} \approx k\omega_0 \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$$

## ► Efficiency Limit & “Figure-of-Merit” (FOM)

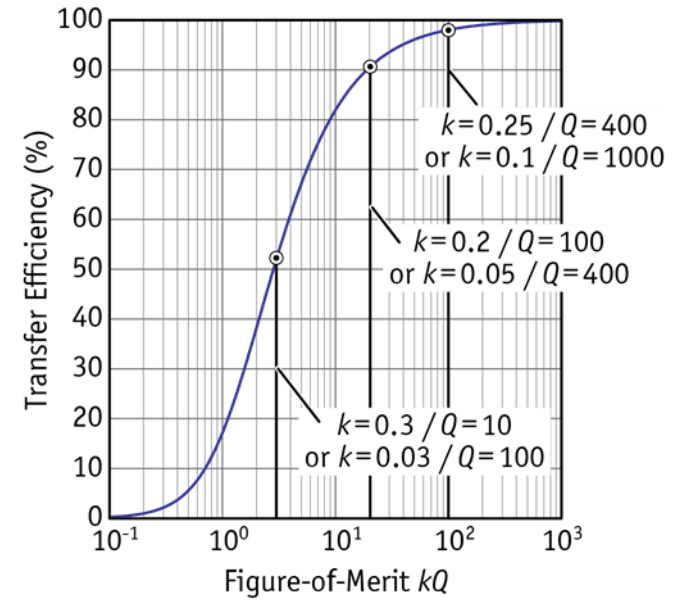
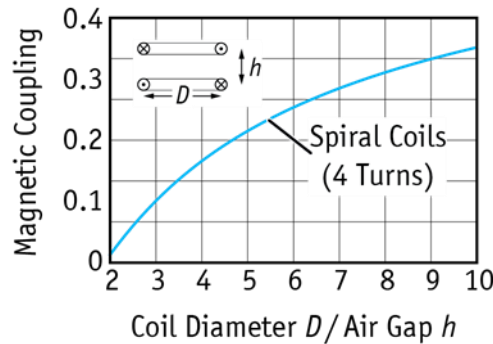
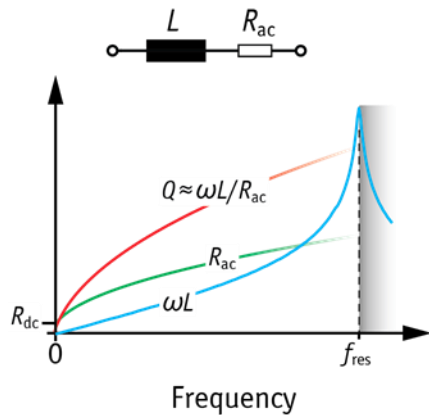
### ■ Maximum Efficiency for Opt. Load Resistance

$$R_{L,opt} \approx k\omega_0\sqrt{L_1L_2}$$

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

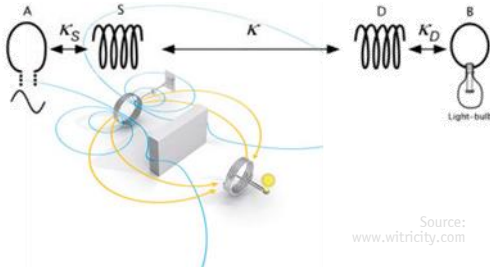
$$\rightarrow \text{Figure-of-Merit} = k\sqrt{Q_1 Q_2} = kQ$$

$k = L_h / \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$  ... Magnetic Coupling  
 $Q = \omega L / R_{ac}$  ... Coil Quality Factor



## ► Maximizing $FOM = Quality\ Factor \times Magnetic\ Coupling$

- «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 (MHz)



- Intelligent Parking Assistant for EVs
  - Camera-Assisted Positioning Guide
  - Maximize  $k$  by Perfect Positioning
  - Achieve up to 5cm Parking Accuracy

Source:  
www.toyota.com



**Efficiency Optimal  
Control of the System**  
– *Load Matching*



## ► “Load Matching” - Emulation of Opt. Load Resistance $R_{L,opt}$

### ■ Output Voltage $U_{2,dc}$ Adjusted according to Power Level $P_2^*$

- Given Resonant Circuit
- Given Operating Frequency
- Given Magnetic Coupling
- Given Input and Battery Voltage

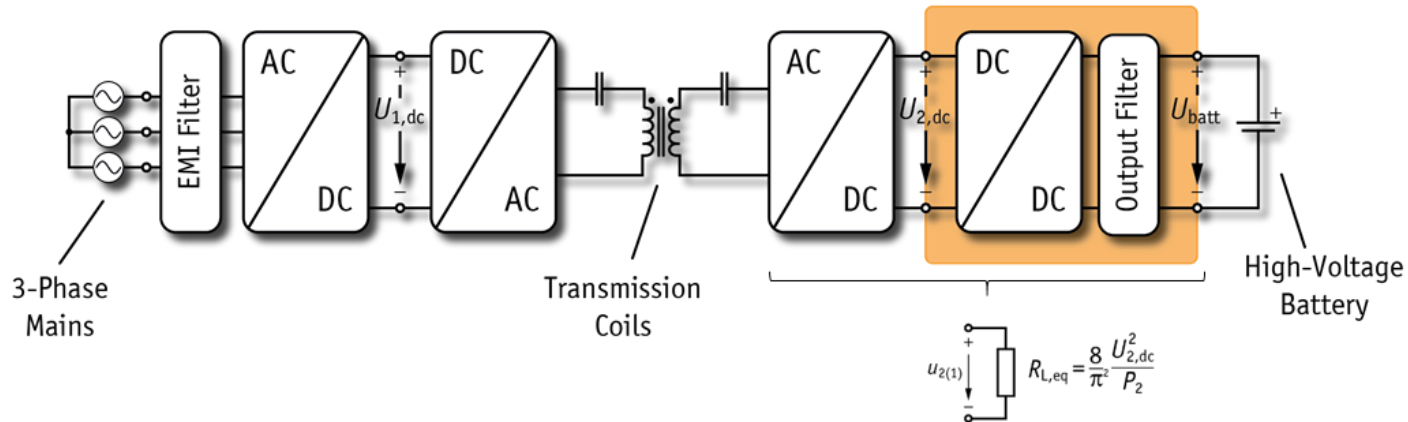
$P_2^*$  ... reference  
 $\omega_0$  ... selected  
 $U_{batt}$  ... given  
 $k$  ... estimated

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

Controller  
Input Variables

Maximum  
Efficiency Condition

Controller  
Reference

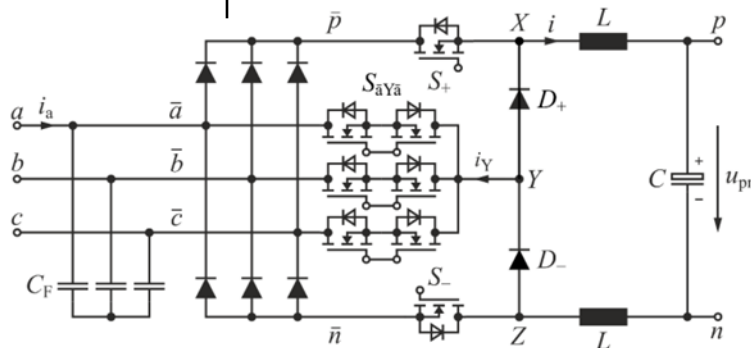
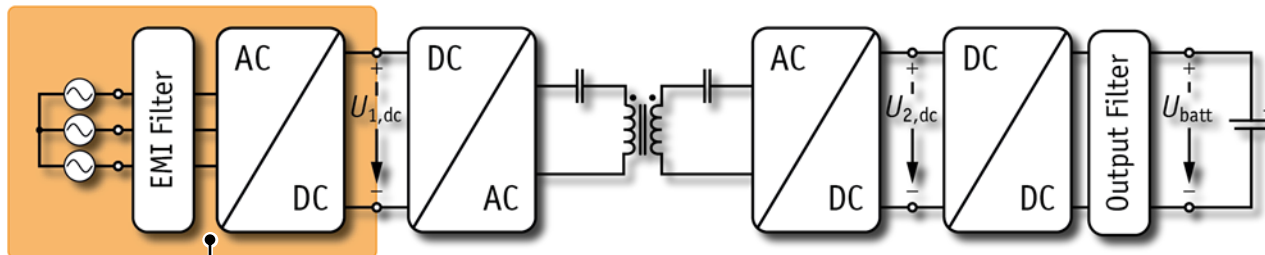


## ► Control of the Transferred Power

- Receiver Voltage  $U_{2,dc}$  used for Optimal Load Matching
- Power Regulation by Adjustment of  $U_{1,dc}$  using Characteristic

$$P_2 = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{U_{1,dc} \cdot U_{2,dc}}{\omega_0 k \sqrt{L_1 L_2}}$$

- Three-Phase AC/DC Converter with Controllable Output
  - Boost-Type PFC Rectifier and DC/DC Converter
  - Integrated Buck-Type PFC Rectification and Voltage Control



... Example Solution: SWISS Rectifier



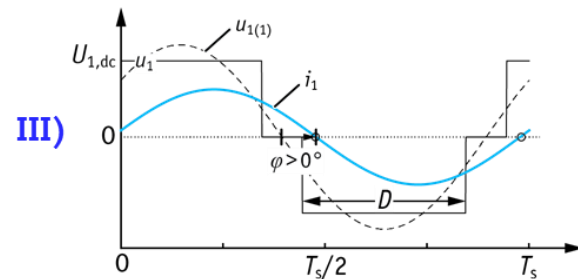
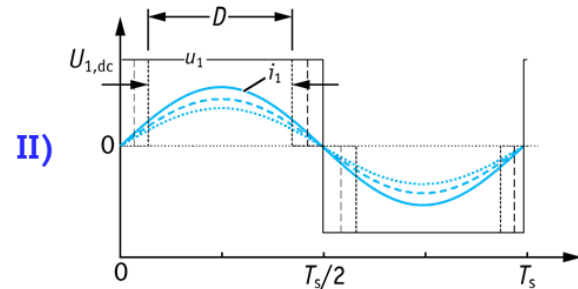
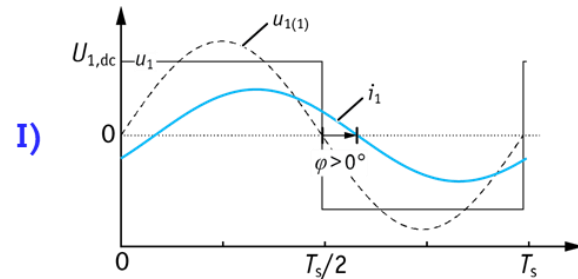
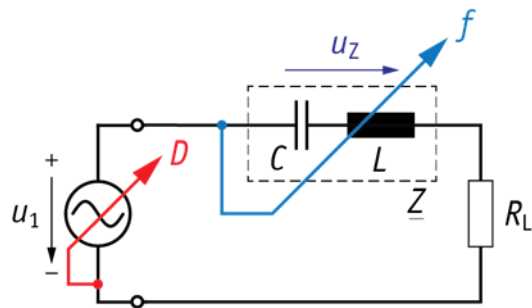
## ► Alternative Control Concepts for Series-Resonant Converters

### ■ Degrees of Freedom for Control

- Inverter Sw. Frequency (Cntrl of Series Impedance)
- Duty Cycle of Inverter Output Voltage
- DC-Link Voltage (with Front-End DC/DC Conv.)

### ■ Standard Control Concepts

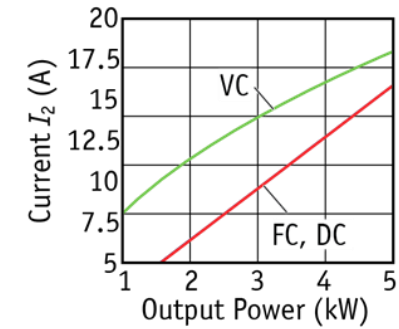
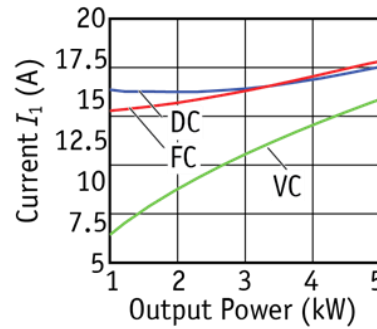
- I) Frequency Control @ Fixed Duty Cycle
- II) Duty Cycle Control @ Fixed Frequency
- III) Self-Oscillating/Dual Cntrl  
(Comb. Duty Cycle & Frequ. Cntrl)



## ► Comparison of Control Methods

### ■ Frequency Control Methods Show (almost) Load-Independent Transmitter Current

VC ... DC-Link Voltage Cntrl ("Load Matchg")  
 FC ... Frequency Control  
 DC ... Dual / Self-Oscillating Cntrl

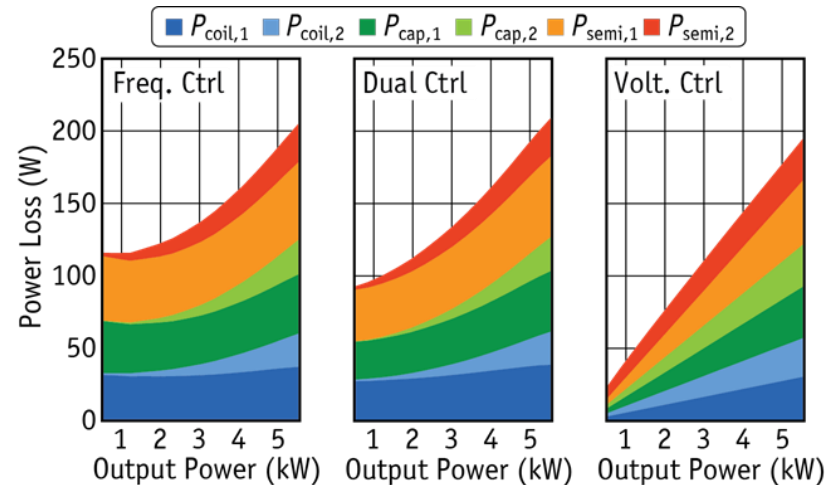


### ■ Low Transmitter Current $I_1$ for "Load Matching"

- Over-All Loss Reduction Despite Higher  $I_2$  due to Lower  $U_{2,dc}$

### ■ Large Reduction of Power Losses in Partial Load Condition

- Reduced Transmitter Coil RMS-Current  
 - Decreasing instead of Constant  $I^2R$  Losses in Coils/ Caps/ Switches



## Maximum Efficiency Operation of the Inverter

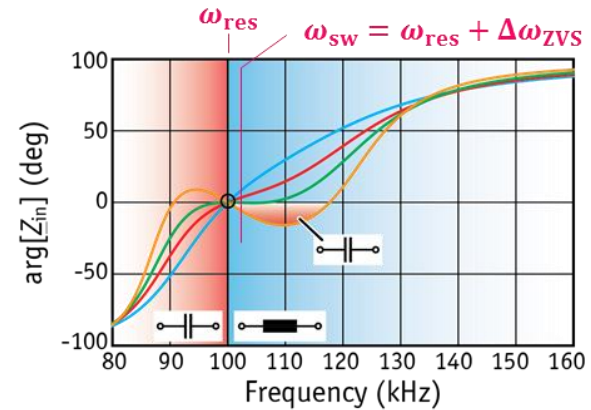
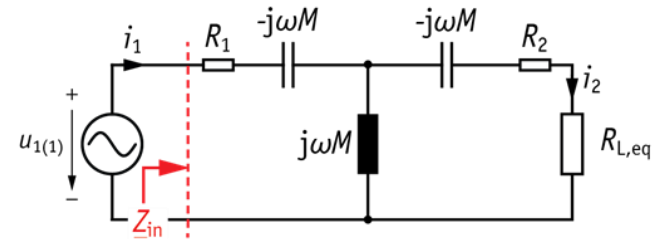
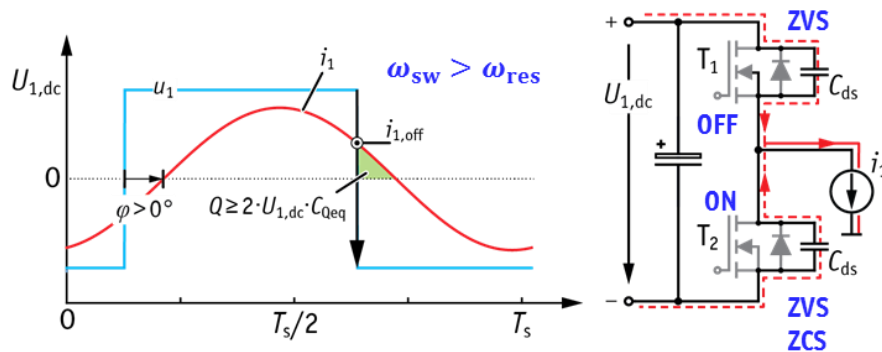
– *Soft-Switching* →

## ► Power MOSFETs - Zero Voltage Switching

### ■ Operation Slightly Above Resonance $\omega_{sw} > \omega_0$

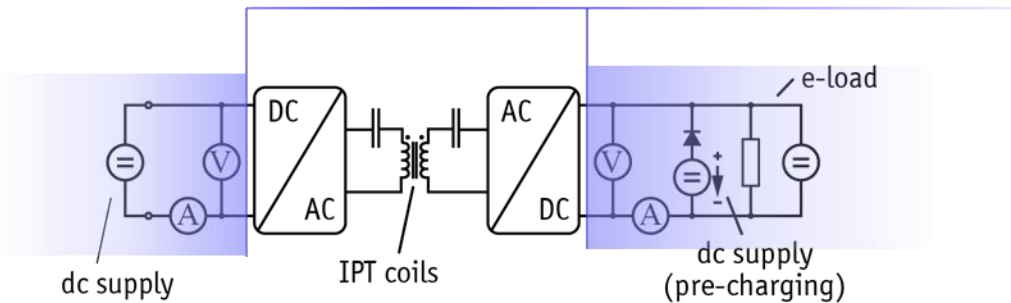
- Sufficient Inductive Load Current to Charge/Discharge the Charge-Equivalent MOSFET Output Capacitance

- Pole Splitting / Non-Monotonic Phase Behavior Could Result in Hard Switching



## ► Measurement Results for Optimal Control (VC)

- **“Load Matching”** allows Large Reduction of Power Losses especially in Partial-Load Condition

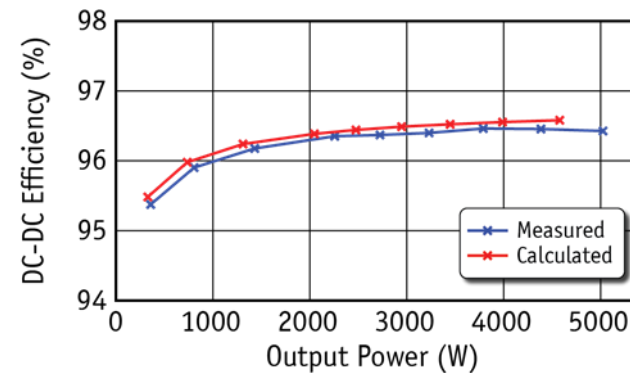


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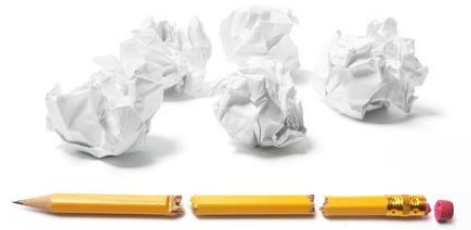
- Power Analyzer

- **Extremely Flat Efficiency Characteristic** Even at Low Output Power thanks to Constantly Operating at Optimal Conditions

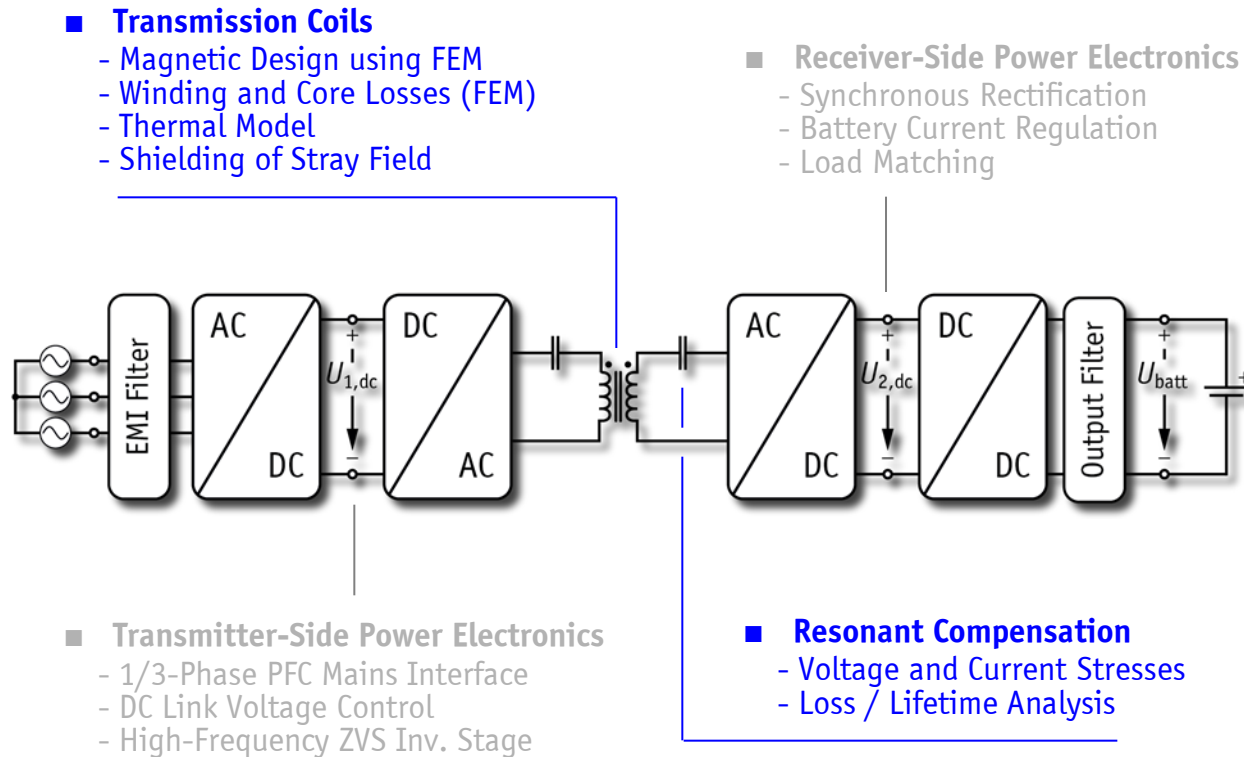


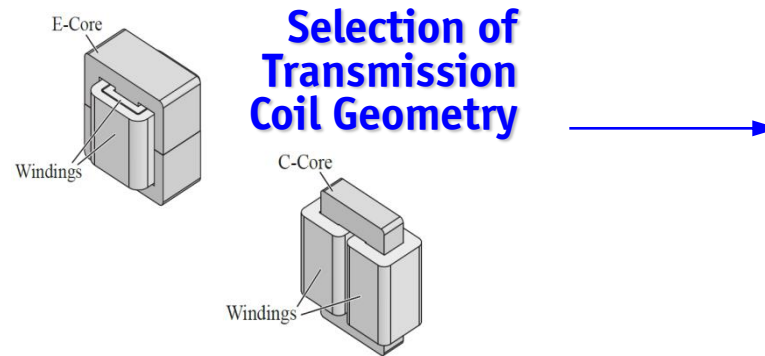
## Design Considerations

*Coil Arrangements*  
*Component Models*



## ► System Overview



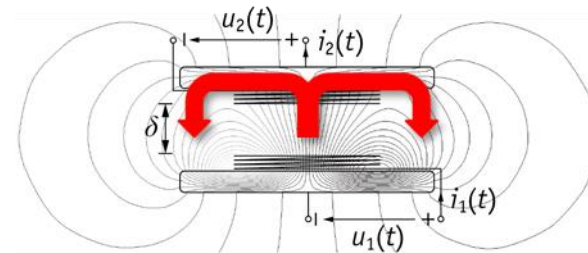
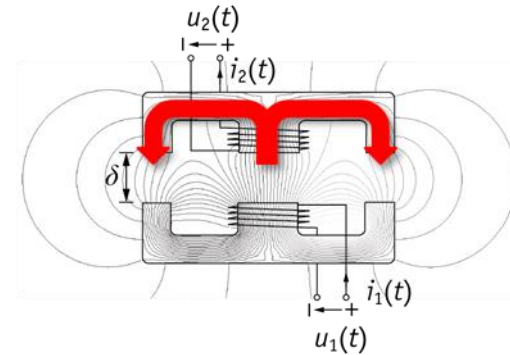
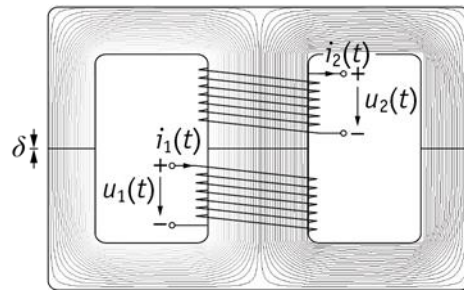




## ► Coil Geometry Option #1

### ■ E-Core Transformer

- Flux Divided into Two Equal Loops



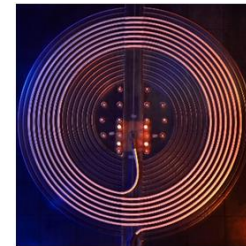
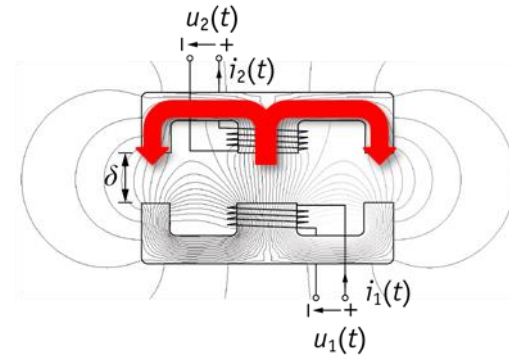
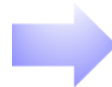
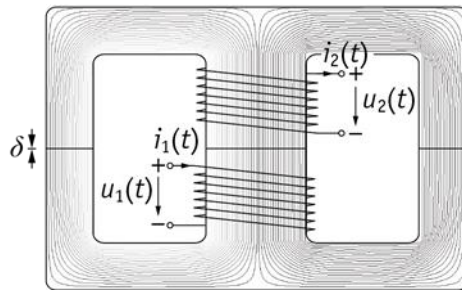
### ■ E-Type Transmission Coils

- Flux Divided into Two Equal Loops
- Relatively Large Stray Field
- Coupling Strongly Dependent on Diameter/Airgap Ratio
- Max. Coupling for Certain Core Overlap

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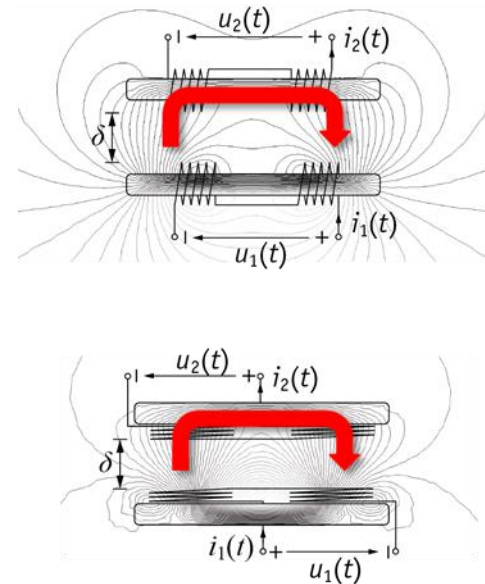
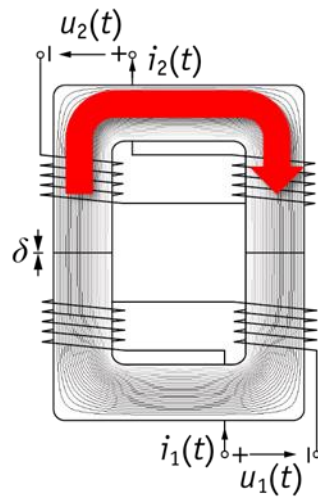
### ■ E-Type Transmission Coils

- Coil Geometry does Not Guide Return of Flux
- Relatively Large Stray Field
- Coupling Strongly Dependent on Diameter/Airgap Ratio
- Max. Coupling for Certain Core Overlap

## ► Coil Geometry Option #2

### ■ U-Core Transformer

- Low Stray Ind. for Windings on Both Legs



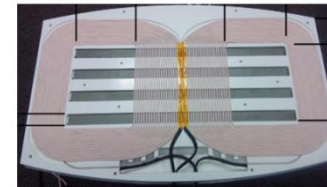
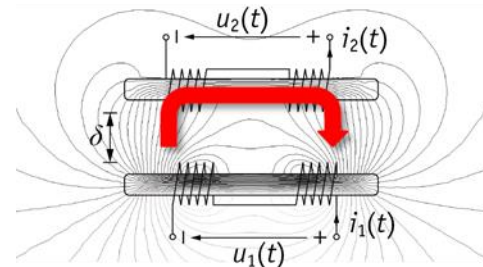
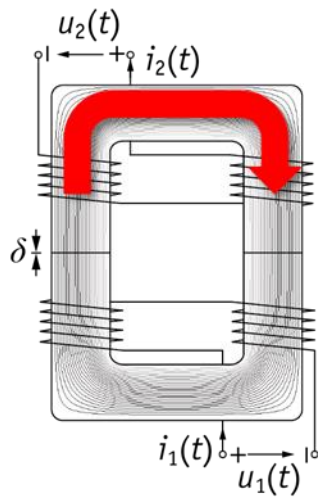
### ■ E-Type Transmission Coils

- Coil Geometry Guides Return of the Flux
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## Design of a 5kW Demonstrator System



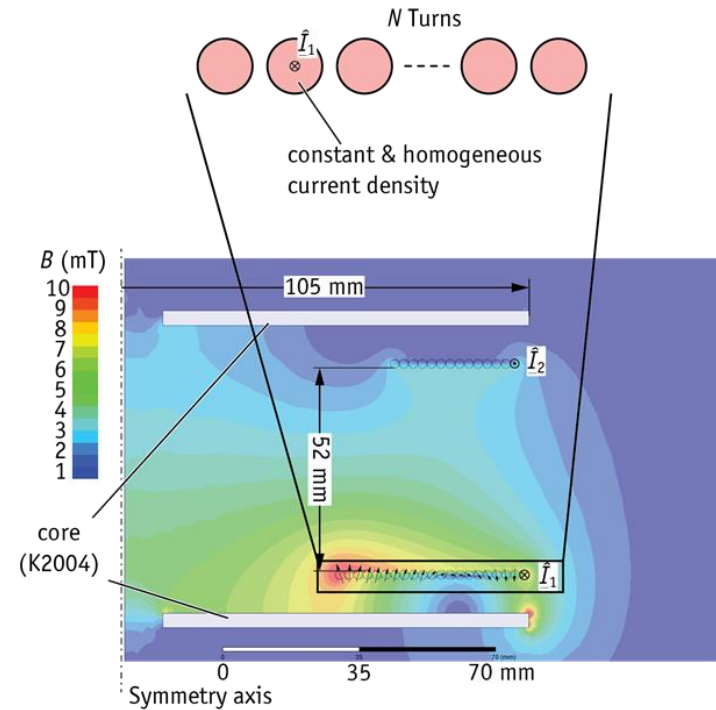
5kW @ 400V  
Forced Air Cooled  
210mm/50mm Diameter/Airgap  
E-Type Coil Geometry

## ► Calculation of High-Frequency Winding Losses

- **Consideration of Skin- and Proximity Effect**
  - Based on Fundamental Frequency Model
  - Asymmetric Geometry
  - Analytical Field-Calculation Not Possible
- **Field Calculation w. Finite Element Method**
  - Based on Fund. Frequency Model
  - Extraction of  $H$ -Field for Proximity Loss Calculation in Litz Wire Winding



■ 5kW Transmitter Coil Prototype

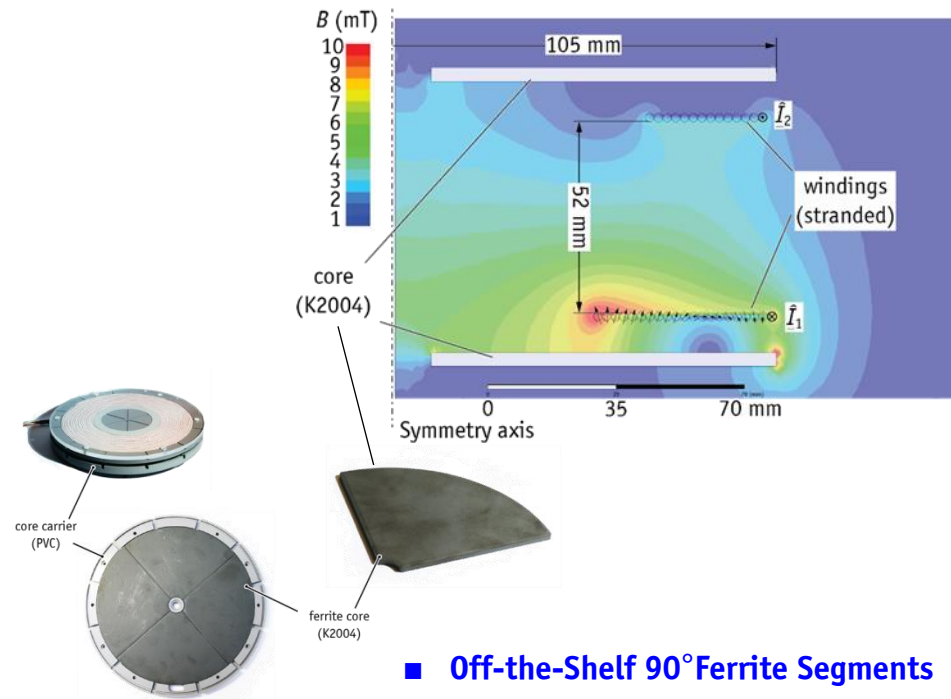
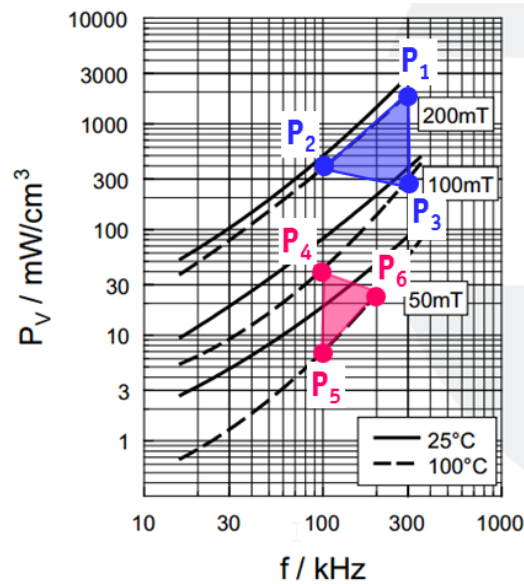


■ 2D-FEM Proximity Effect Calculation

## ► Calculation of High-Frequency Core Losses

### ■ Core Loss Calculation with FEM & Steinmetz Equation

- Approx. Sinusoidal Magnetic Excitation
- Integration of Steinmetz Eq. over Core Volume using FEM
- Steinmetz Parameters must be Iteratively Extracted for Flux Density, Frequency, Temperature Values similar to those of the Final Design!

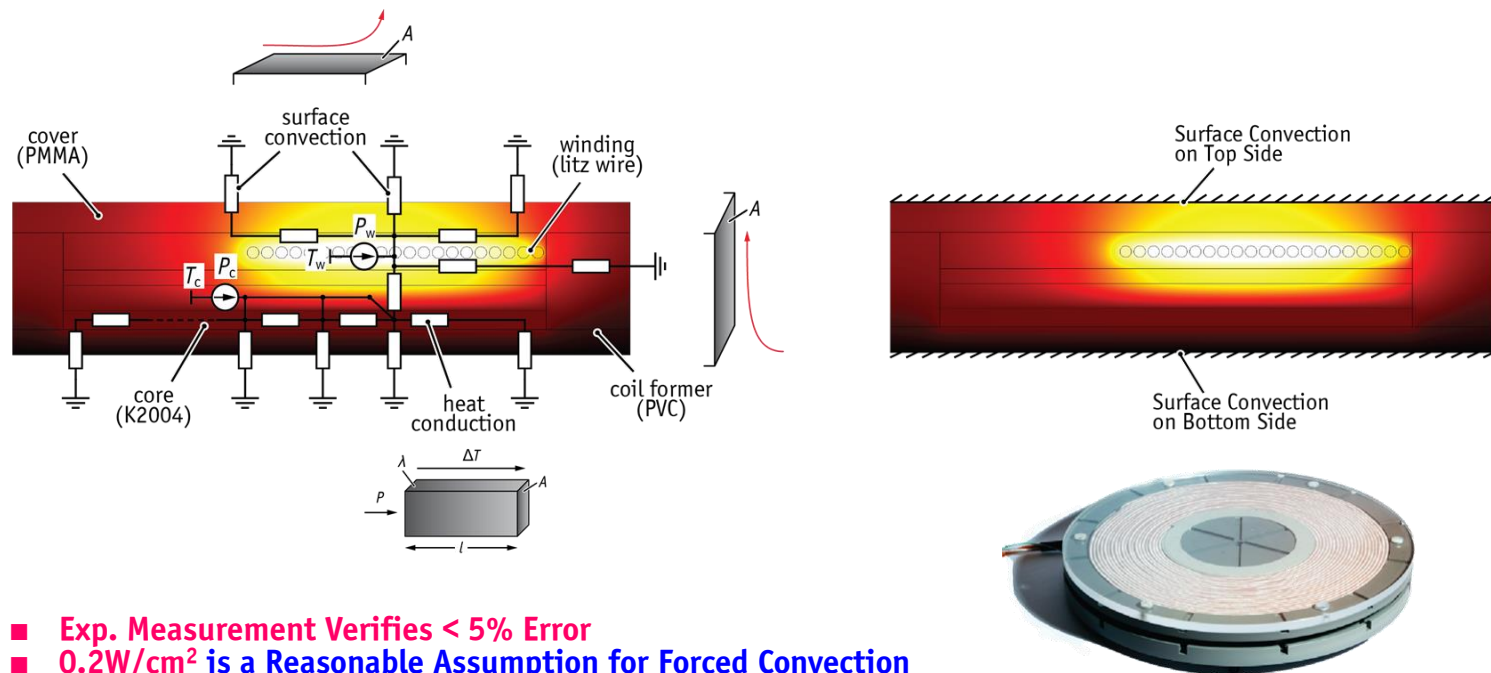


### ■ MnZn Ferrite K2004 Datasheet

### ■ Off-the-Shelf 90° Ferrite Segments

## ► Thermal Modeling of the Coils

- Detailed Thermal Network incl. Heat Cond. & Convection at Surfaces is Complex
- Iterative FEM-Based Loss Calculation w. Thermal Feedback results in Long Calculation Time
  - No Thermal Feedback but Assumption of Elevated Temp. (80-100°C)
  - Assumption of Uniform Loss Distribution over the Coil Volume
  - Thermal Limit in Coil Optimization based on Typ. Values for Forced-Air and Nat. Conv. Heat Transfer ( $50W/(K \cdot m^2)$  and  $10W/(K \cdot m^2)$ )



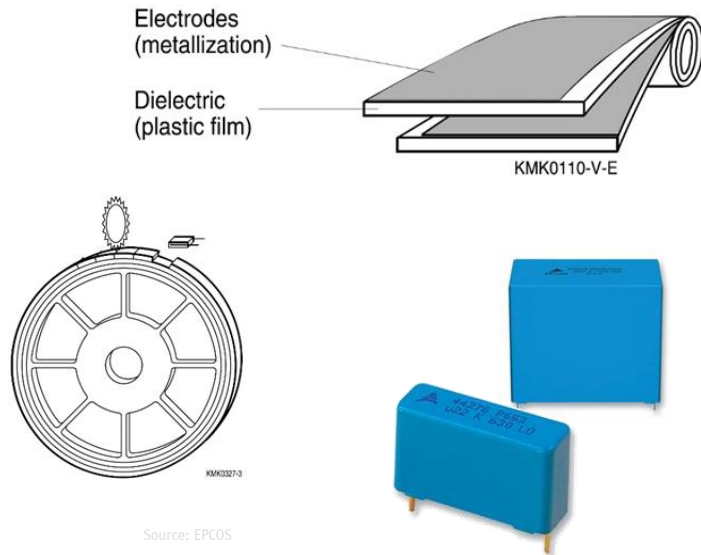
- Exp. Measurement Verifies < 5% Error
- $0.2W/cm^2$  is a Reasonable Assumption for Forced Convection



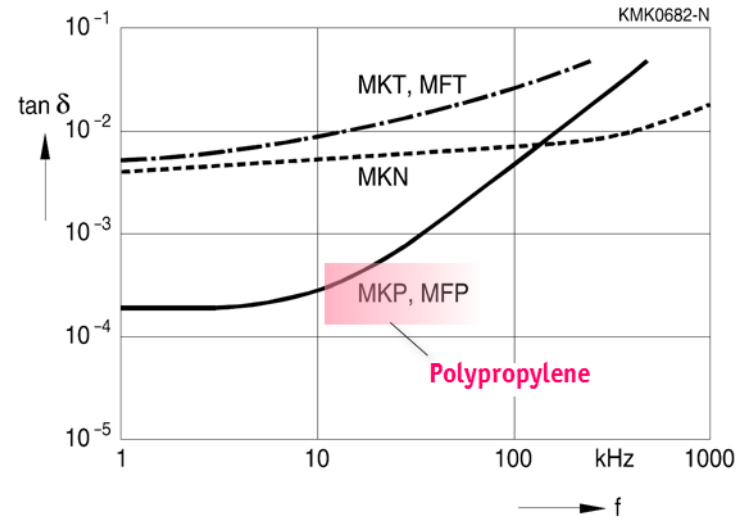
## ► Selection of the Resonant Capacitors (1)

### ■ Polypropylene Film Capacitors for Resonant Applications

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



Polyester ... T  
Polypropylene ... P  
Polyethylene Naphthalate ... N  
Metalized Plastic Film / Metal Foil ... MK/F



### ■ Frequency Dependency of $\tan(\delta)$

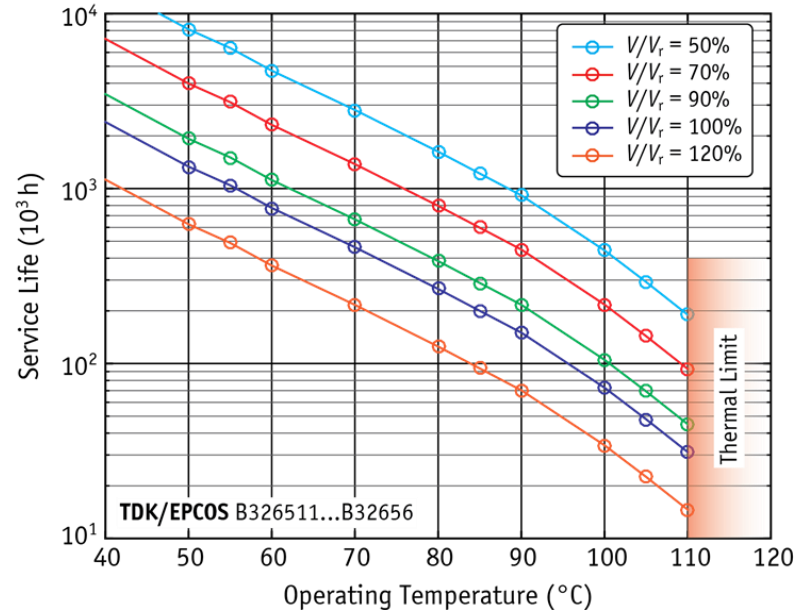
## ► Selection of the Resonant Capacitors (2)

### ■ Service-Life of Film Capacitors Strongly Depends on Operating Temperature and Voltage Utilization (!)

- Temp. Dependency acc. to Arrhenius Law (Exp. Funct.)
- Change of 10°C Reduces  $t_{life}$  by Factor of 2 !

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

T (°C)	$\pi_T$	V / V <sub>R</sub>	$\pi_V$
≤ 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



### ■ Service Life vs. Operating Temp. for Diff. Levels of Voltage Utilization

# Multi-Objective Optimization

*Specifications / Constraints*  
*Optimization Procedure*  
*Trade-Off Analysis*



## ► Multi-Objective Optimization of a 5kW Prototype

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

#### ■ System Specification

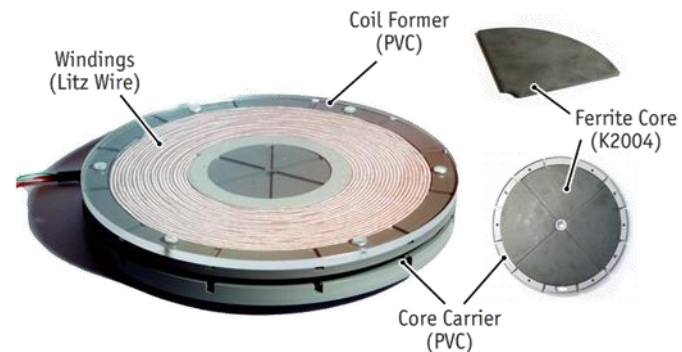
- Input Voltage      400V
- Battery Voltage    350V
- Output Power      5kW
- Air Gap            50mm

#### ■ Constraints / Side Conditions

- Thermal Limitations    [°C]
- Stray Field Limits      [μT]
- Max. Constr. Vol.        [m<sup>3</sup>]
- Switching Frequency    [kHz]

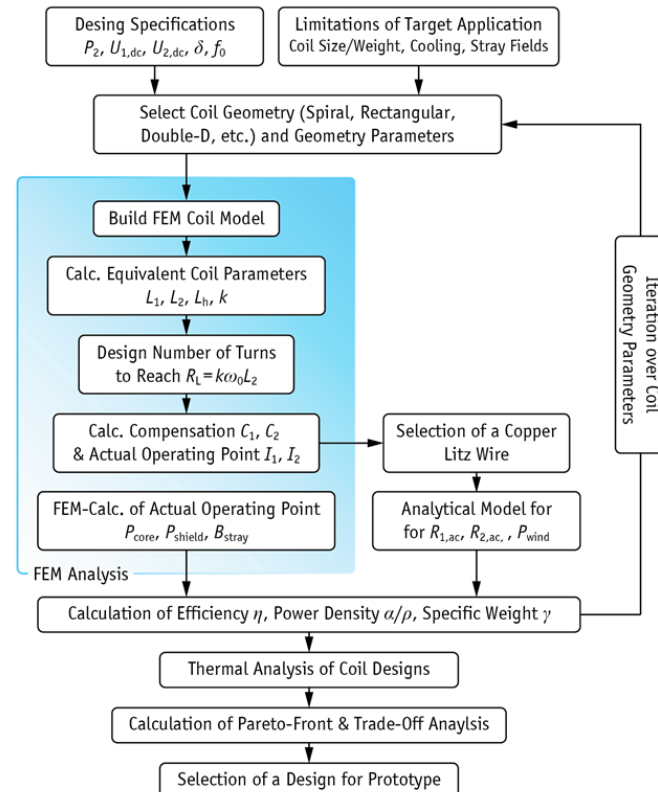
#### ■ System Performance

- Efficiency             $\eta = P_{out}/P_{in}$     [%]
- Power Density       $\alpha = P_{out}/A_{coil}$     [kW/dm<sup>2</sup>]
- Stray Field          $\beta = B_{max}/B_{normi}$  [%]

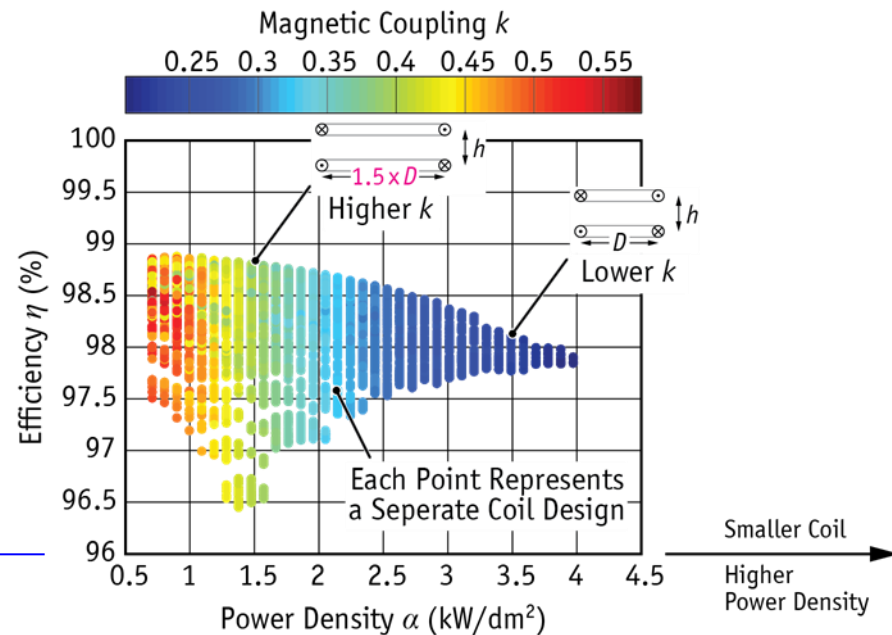
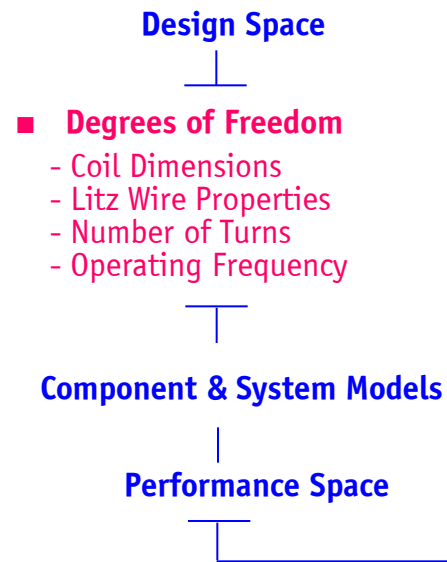


## ► $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -Pareto Coil Optimization (1)

- **Determine the Physical Performance Limit**
  - Select Best Design for Defined Trade-Off
- **Analysis of the Mapping of the "Design Space" into the "Performance Space"**
  - Influence of Constraints & Side Conditions
  - Influence of Component Technologies
  - Analyze Design Space Diversity
- **Degrees of Freedom**
  - Coil Dimensions
  - Litz Wire Properties
  - Number of Turns
  - Operating Frequency



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



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

### ■ Degrees of Freedom

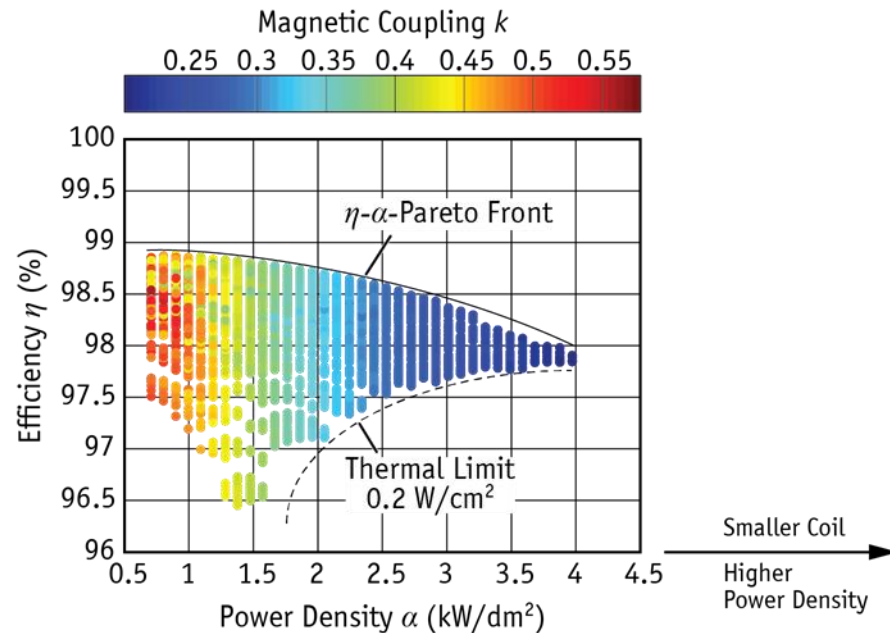
- Coil Dimensions
- Litz Wire Properties
- Number of Turns
- Operating Frequency

### ■ $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -Pareto Front

- Physical Performance Limit
- Clarifies Trade-Off of Coil Size vs. Efficiency

### ■ Thermal Limit

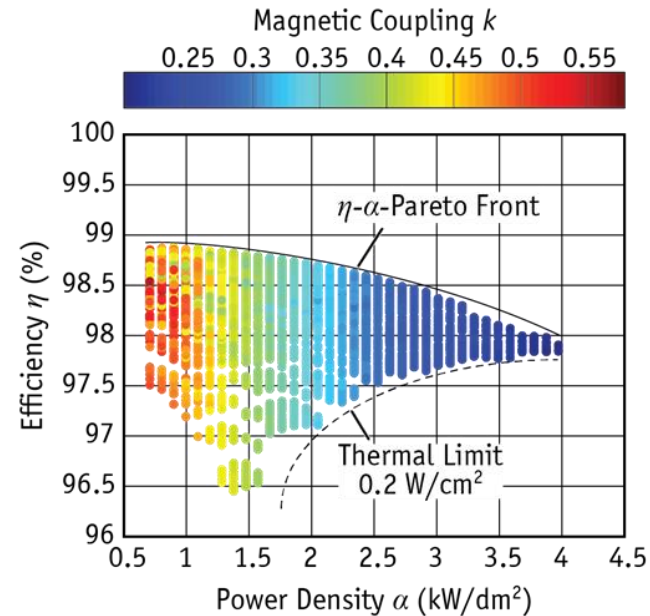
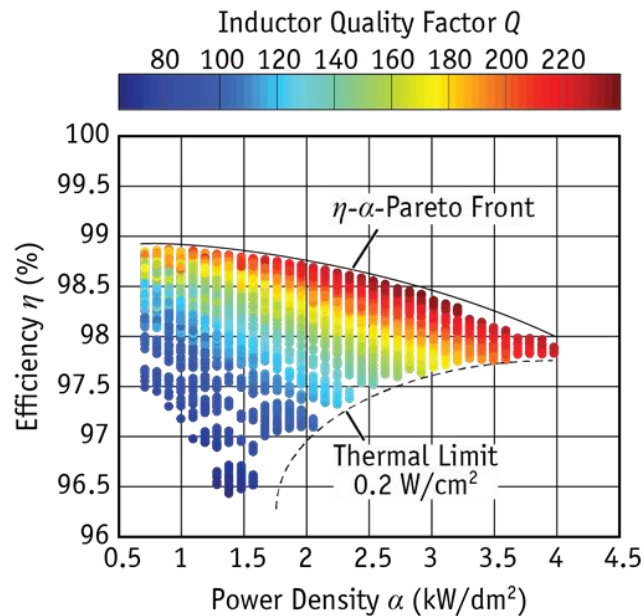
- Limited Power Dissipation Capability for Given Coil Size
- Lower Limit on Efficiency



## ► $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -Pareto Coil Optimization: Key Results (1)

### ■ Analysis of the Mapping of Key Design Parameters into the Performance Space

- Confirms Analytical Analysis of the Fundamentals (Figure-of-Merit =  $k \cdot Q$ )
- Identify Key Design Parameters that Impact the System Performance



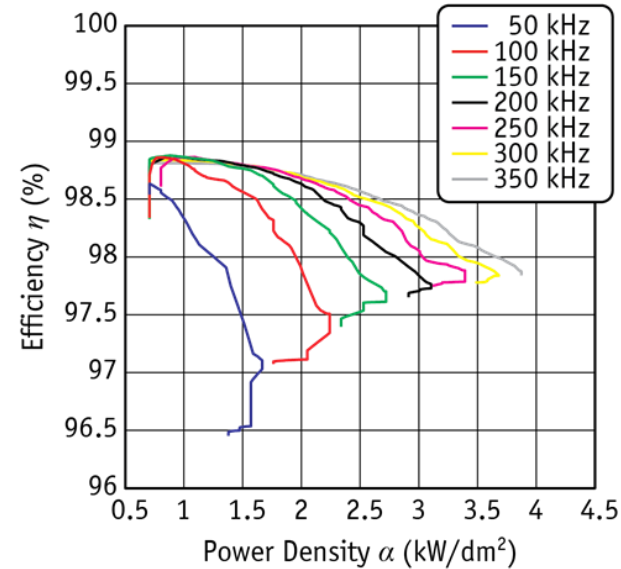
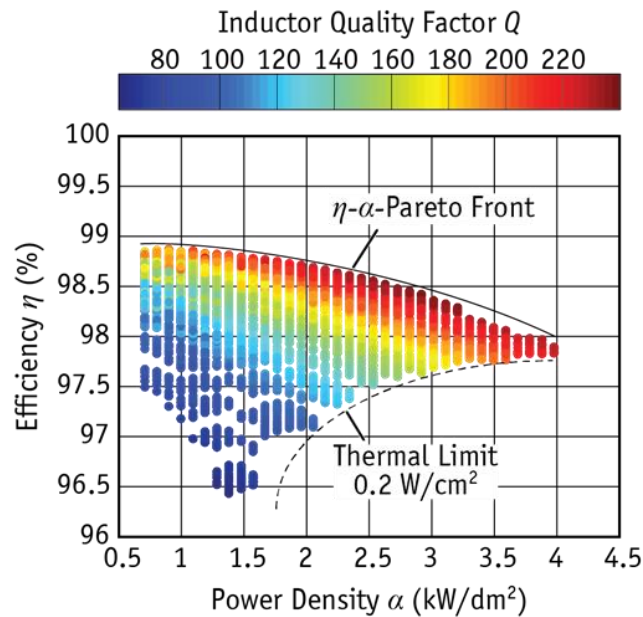
→ Efficiency depends on  $FOM = k \cdot Q$ : Can be High for Low  $k$ , if  $Q$  is High Enough (!)



## ► $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -Pareto Coil Optimization: Key Results (2)

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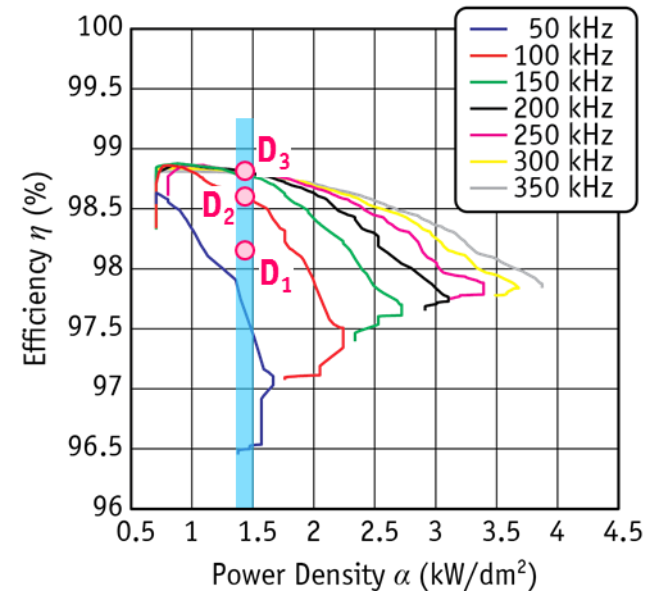
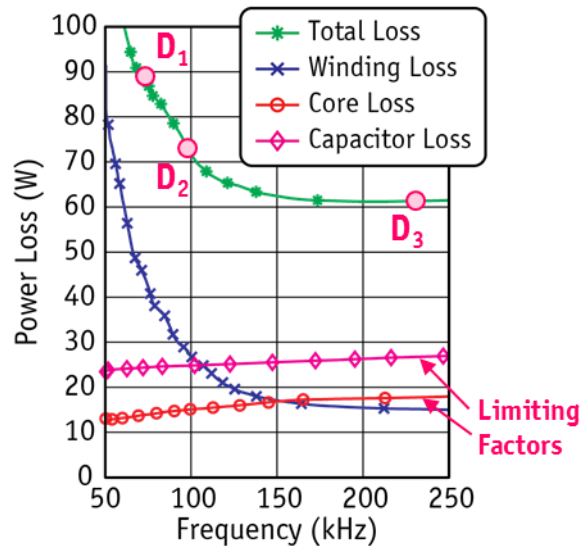


→ High Transmission Frequency results in High  $Q = \omega L/R_{ac}$  - High Efficiency

## ► Efficiency for High-Frequency Transmission

### ■ Reduced Winding Losses due to Lower Number of Turns

- Design Condition  $R_{L,opt} \approx k\omega_0\sqrt{L_1L_2}$  allows Lower  $L_1, L_2$  at higher  $\omega_0$
- Reduction of Flux Limits Increase of Core Losses
- Core and Capacitor Losses are Limiting Factors for High-Frequency Operation



### ■ Power Loss Breakdown @ 1.47 kW/dm<sup>2</sup>

### ■ $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -Pareto Limits for Const. Sw. Frequency

## ► High-Frequency Transmission & Stray Field

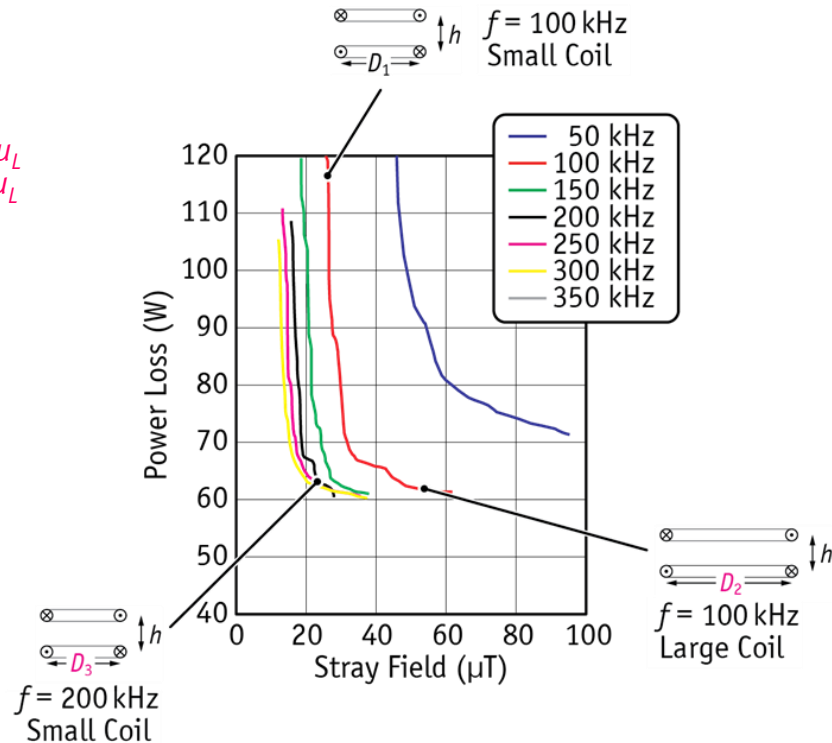
### ■ Effects of High Transmission Frequency

- Smaller Coil Area Possible for Same Voltage  $u_L$
- Lower Flux Density Possible for Same Voltage  $u_L$

$$u_L = N \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \propto \omega_0 \hat{B} A_{\text{coil}}$$

### ■ Encountered Design Trade-Offs

- Coil Size vs. Efficiency
- Coil Size vs. Stray Field
- Frequency vs. Stray Field

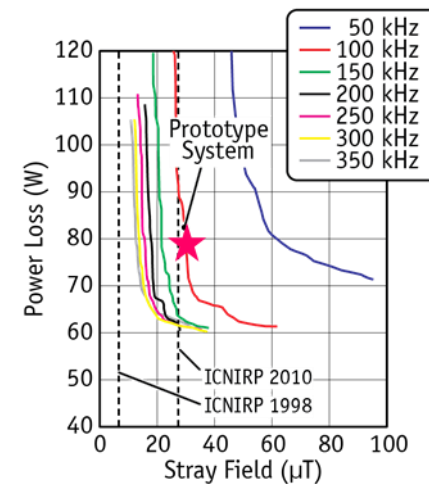
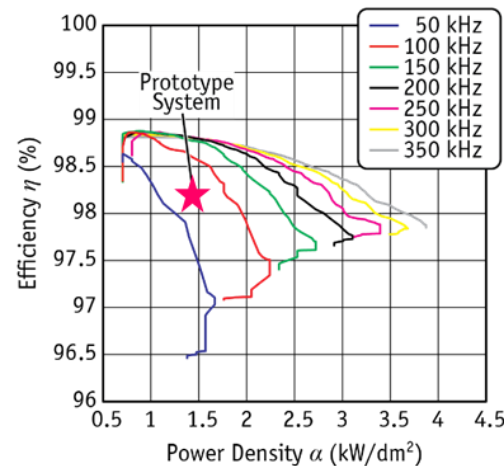
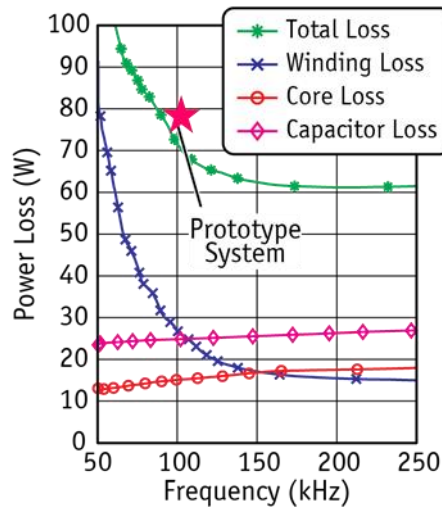


→ Pareto-Optimization allows to Select of a Coil Design Taking All Aspects into Account

## ► Selected Design for 5kW Prototype

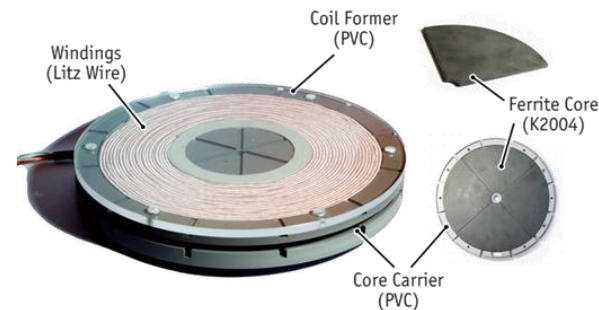
### ■ Selection of Transmission Frequency for Prototype System

- Significant Improvement of Sum of Coil/Core/Cap Losses Only up to 100kHz
- Lower Frequency for Standard Litz Wire (630x71 $\mu$ m) & Low Inverter Losses



### ■ System Specification

- Coil Diameter **210mm**
- Frequency **100kHz**
- Efficiency **98.25% @ 52mm Air Gap**
- Power Density **1.5 kW/dm<sup>2</sup>**
- Stray Field **26.2  $\mu$ T**
- Cooling System **Forced-Air**



**50kW** Optimization of a  
Demonstrator System 

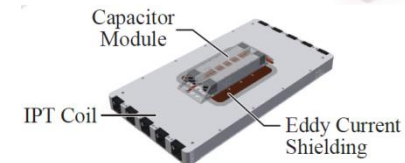
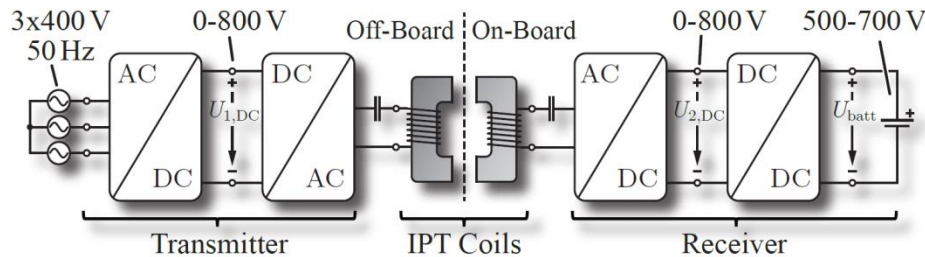
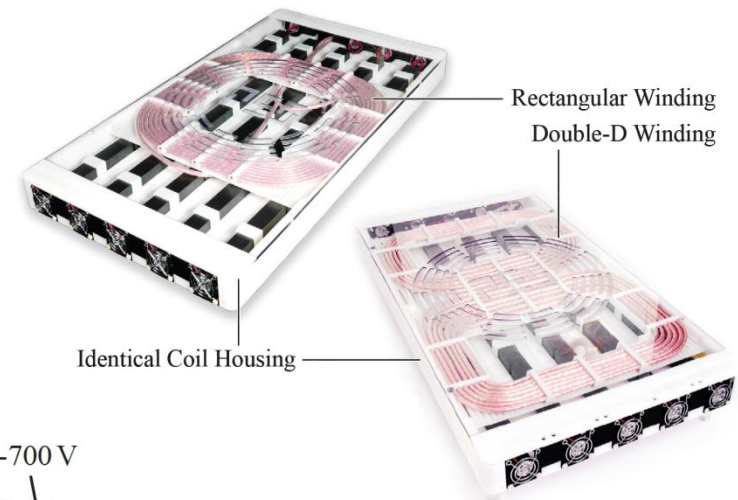
## ► Multi-Objective Optimization of a 50kW Prototype (2)

- Pareto-Optimal Design – Efficiency / Power Density / Stray Field
- Comp. Evaluation of Rectangular & Double-D Coil Geometry

### ■ System Specification

- Output Power 50kW
- Battery Voltage 500...700V
- Transmitter Voltage 0...800V
- Receiver Voltage 0...800V
- Air Gap 100...200mm
- Pos. Tolerance  $\pm 150$ mm
- Operating Frequency 85kHz

- Power Density Target 1.6 kW/dm<sup>2</sup>



## Multi-Objective Optimization of a 50kW Prototype (2)

- Pareto-Optimal Design – Efficiency / Power Density / Stray Field
- Comp. Evaluation of Rectangular & Double-D Coil Geometry

### Simplifications

- Identical Transmitter & Receiver Coils
- Vehicle Chassis Not Considered

### Fixed Parameters

- Litz Wire 2500 x 0.1mm
- Core Material Ferrite K2004

### Degrees of Freedom

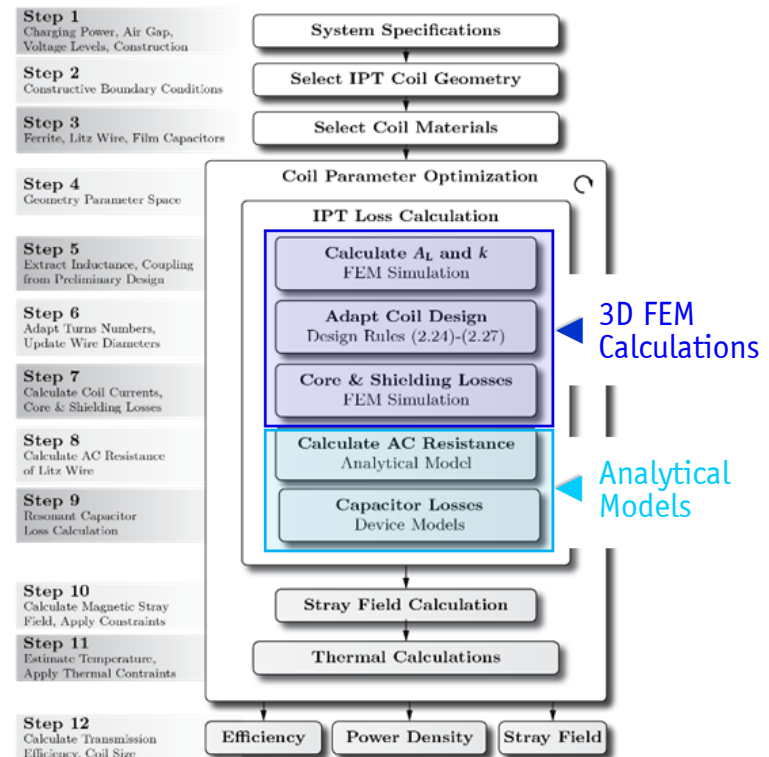
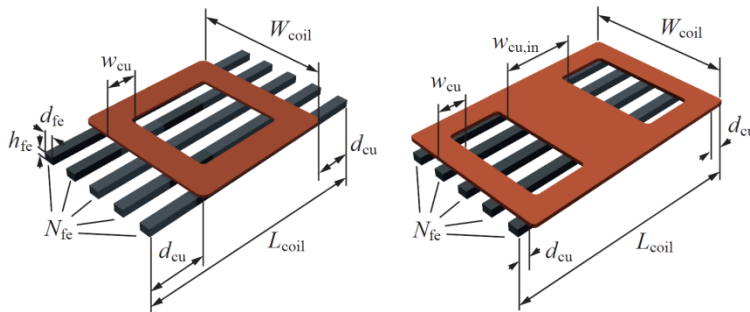
- Number of Core Rods
- Width of Copper Winding
- Overlap of Core Rods
- Outer Coil Dimensions

$$N_{fe}$$

$$w_{cu}$$

$$d_{cu}$$

$$(W_{coil} \cdot L_{coil})$$



## ► Magnetic Coupling for Rectangular & Double-D Coils

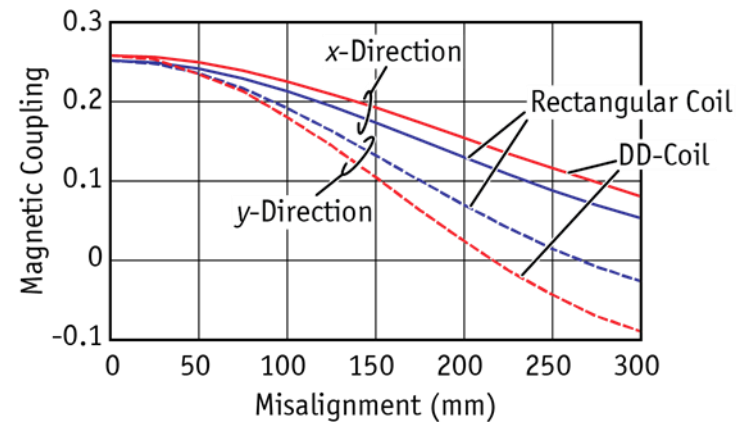
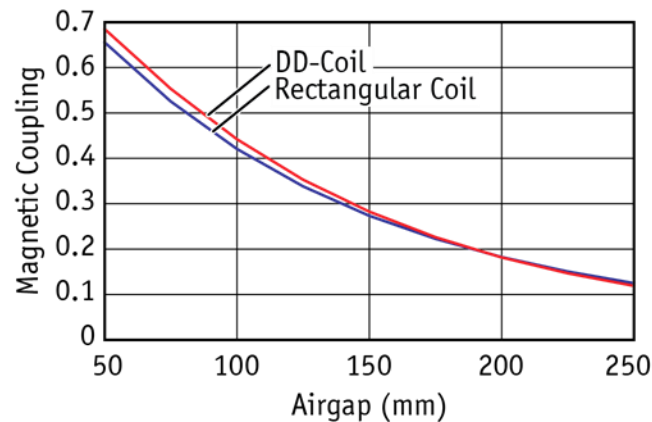
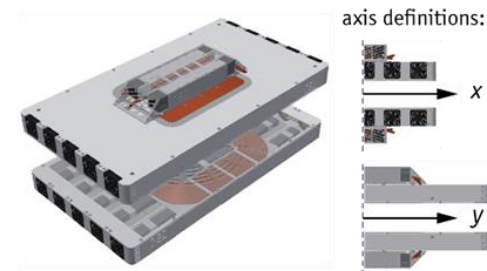
### ■ Evaluation of Magnetic Coupling for Ideal and Misaligned Coil Positions

- 3D-FEM Simulation Results in Frequency Domain

### ■ Rectangular and Double-D Coil Achieve Equal Coupling for Ideal Positioning

### ■ Performance Concerning Misalignment

- Double-D Coil → Less Sensitive in x-Direction
- Rectangular Coil → Less Sensitive y-Direction

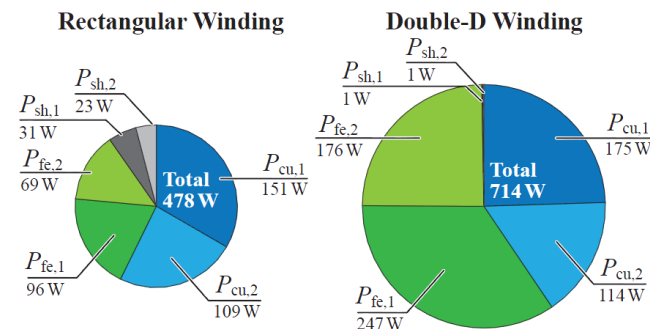
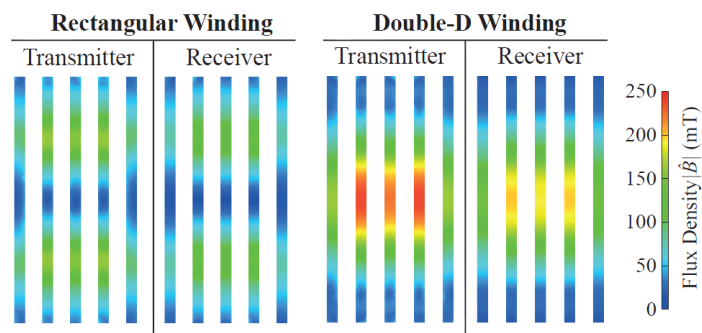
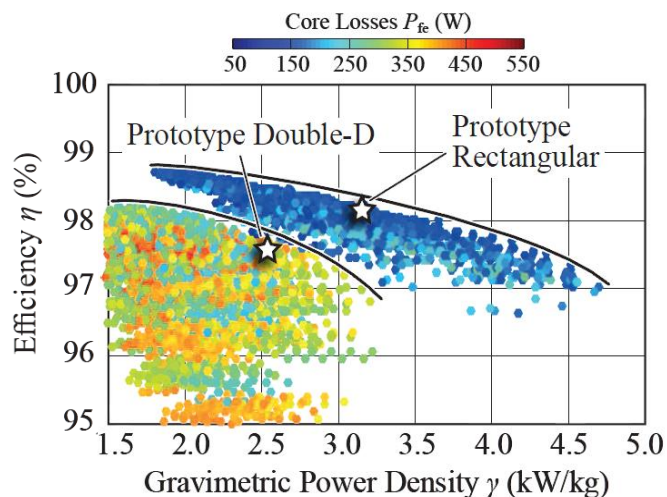




## Pareto Fronts for Rectangular & Double-D Coils (1)

- Rectangular Coil Designs are Lighter & Allow to Reach Higher Efficiencies
- Higher Losses Result from High Flux Density in the Central Region of the Double-D Cores

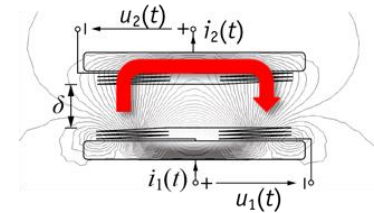
@ 50kW Output  
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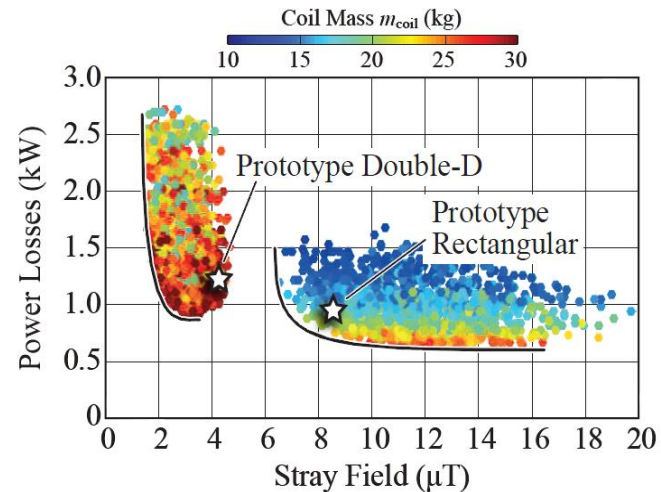
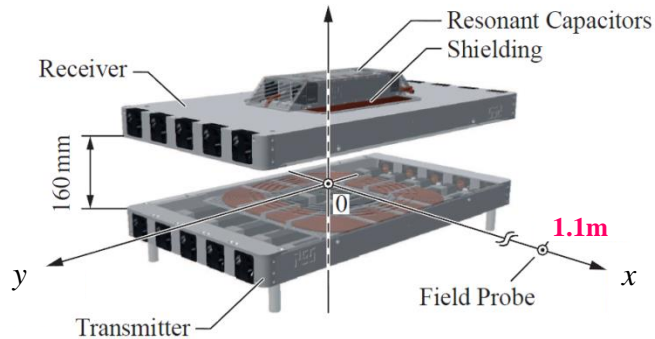
## ► Pareto Fronts for Rectangular & Double-D Coils (2)

### ■ Double-D Coils show Significantly Lower Stray Field

- Integration of Main Flux Return Path into the Main Coil Structure
- Lower Losses in Eddy Current Shielding



@ 1.1m Distance  
from Coil Center



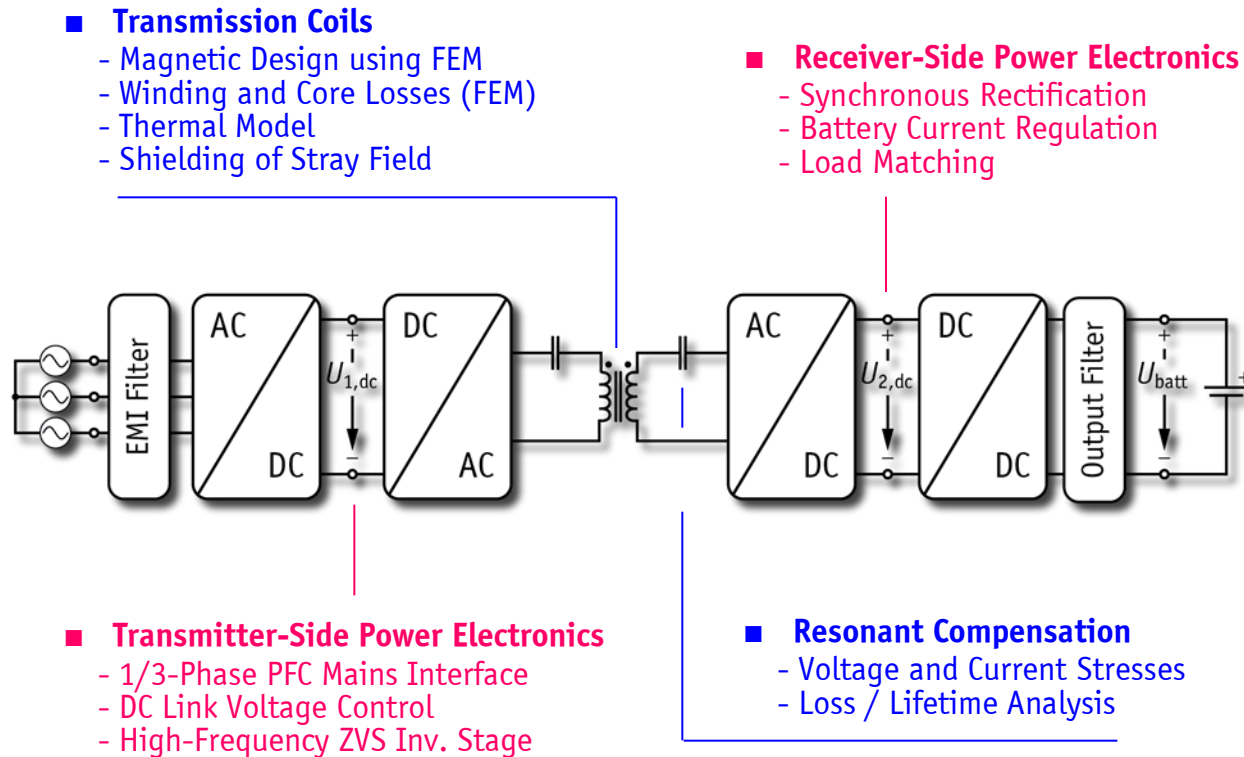
## Experimental Results of 50kW Demonstrator System

*Power Electronics*  
*Efficiency Measurements*  
*Stray Field Measurements*



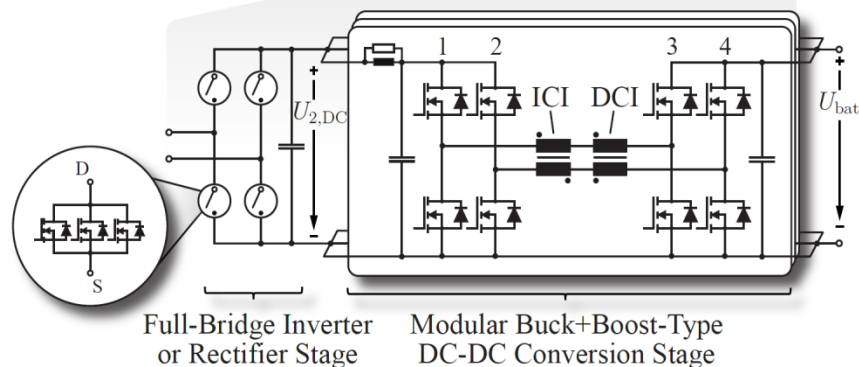
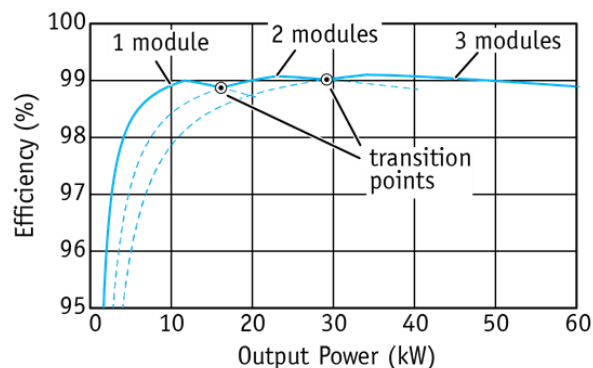
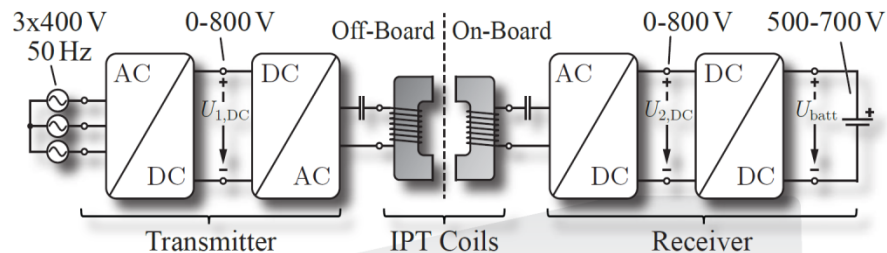
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## ► System Overview



## ► Concept of the 50kW Demonstrator System

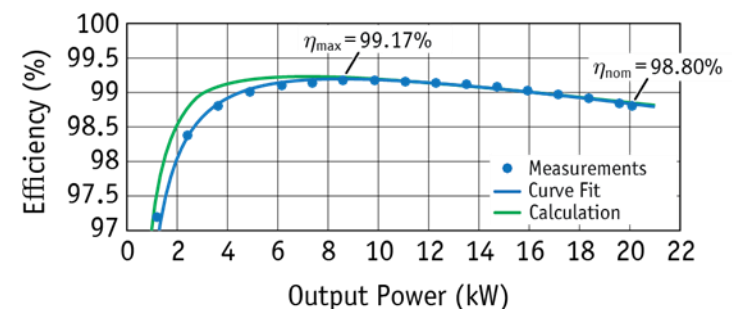
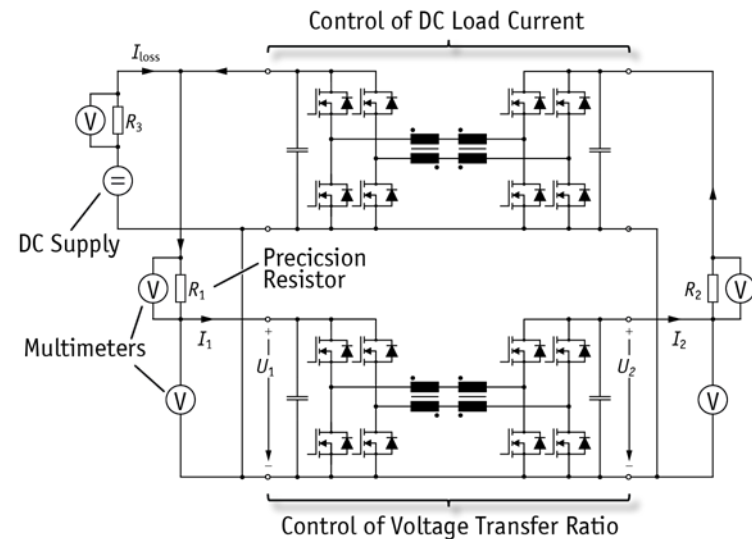
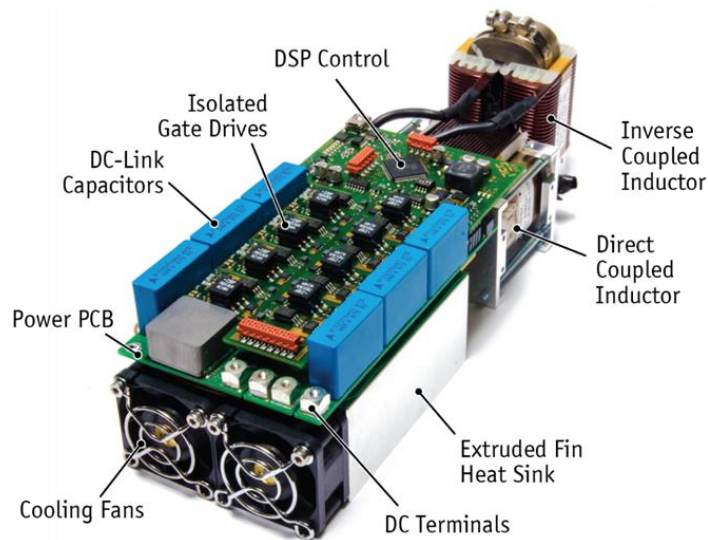
- Single ZVS SiC MOSFET Inverter Stage
- Modular SiC MOSFET DC/DC Converter
  - 3x20kW - Ripple Cancel. by Parallel Interleaving
  - 2 Interleaved Magn. Coupl. Stages per Module
  - Disabling of Stages Ensures High Part-Load Efficiency
  - Ideally Complements High Part Load Efficiency of Coil System achieved by "Load Matching"



## ► SiC MOSFET Buck+Boost DC/DC Converter Module

- **Output Power** 20kW / 600...800V
- **Power Density** 12.7kW/dm<sup>3</sup>
- **DC/DC Efficiency** 98.8% @ Rated Load
- **Sw. Frequency** 50kHz (hard)

- **Efficiency Measurement by Back-to-Back Operation of Two DC/DC Conv. Modules**
  - Allows Direct Power Loss Measurement

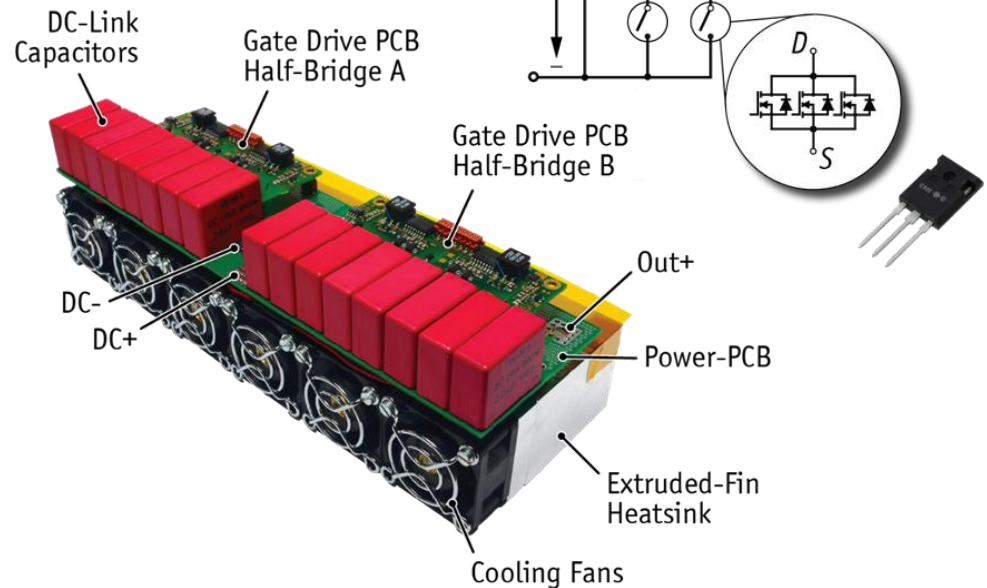
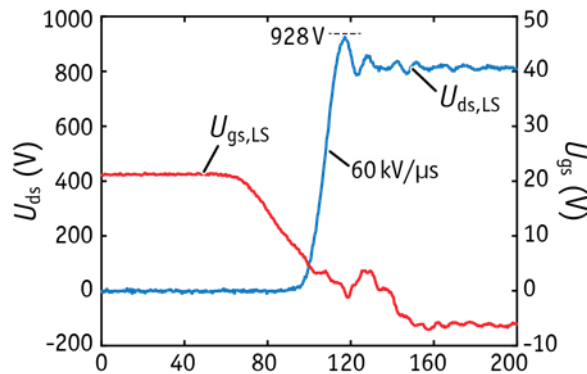
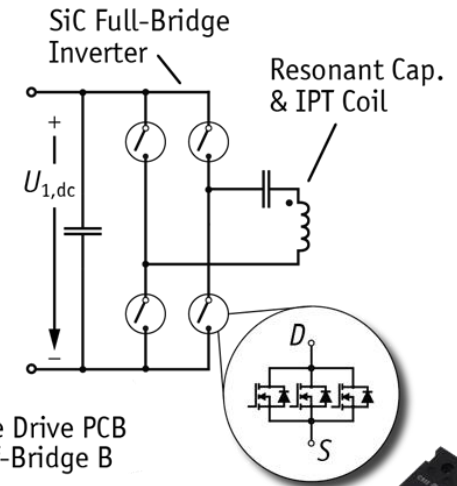


## ► SiC MOSFET ZVS Full-Bridge 60kW Inverter Stage

- **Output Power**      60kW @ 800V, 100A<sub>rms</sub>
- **Power Density**    40kW/dm<sup>3</sup>
- **Sw. Frequency**    85kHz

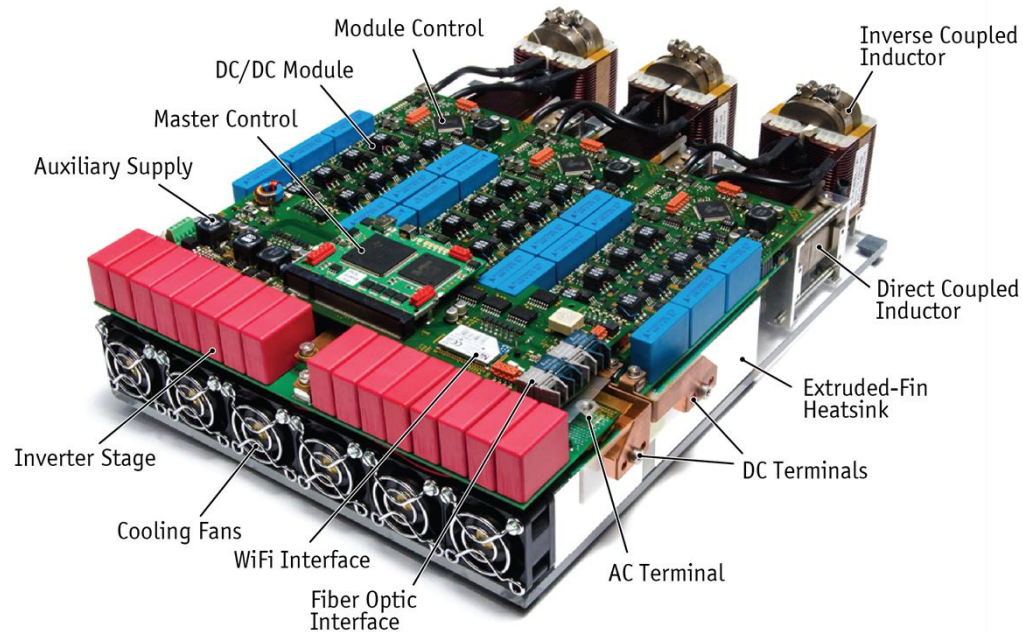
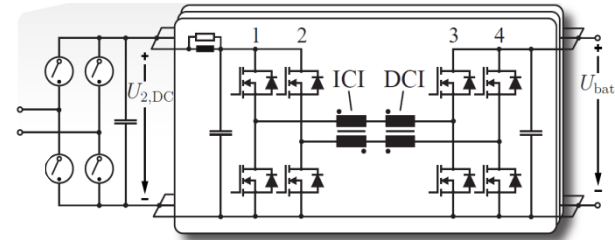
### ■ Realization of Switches / Gate Drive / Circuit Layout

- 3x25mΩ 1200V SiC MOSFETs in Parallel
- Single Gate Driver (3xR<sub>gate</sub>) for Min. Complexity
- Power PCB Layout Highly Critical for Symm. Current Distribution



## ► 60kW SiC Inverter & DC/DC Converter

- AC/DC/DC Efficiency 98.6% (calcul.)
- Volum. Power Density 9.5kW/dm<sup>3</sup>
- Gravim. Power Density 6.8kW/kg
- Forced-Air Cooling
- Wireless Communication Link





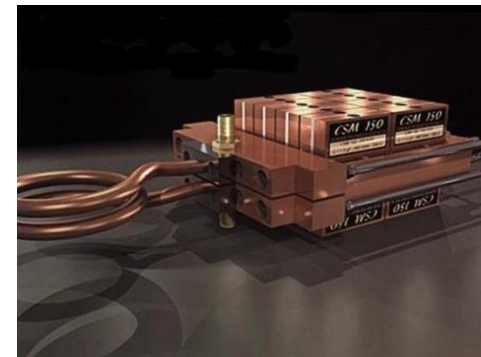
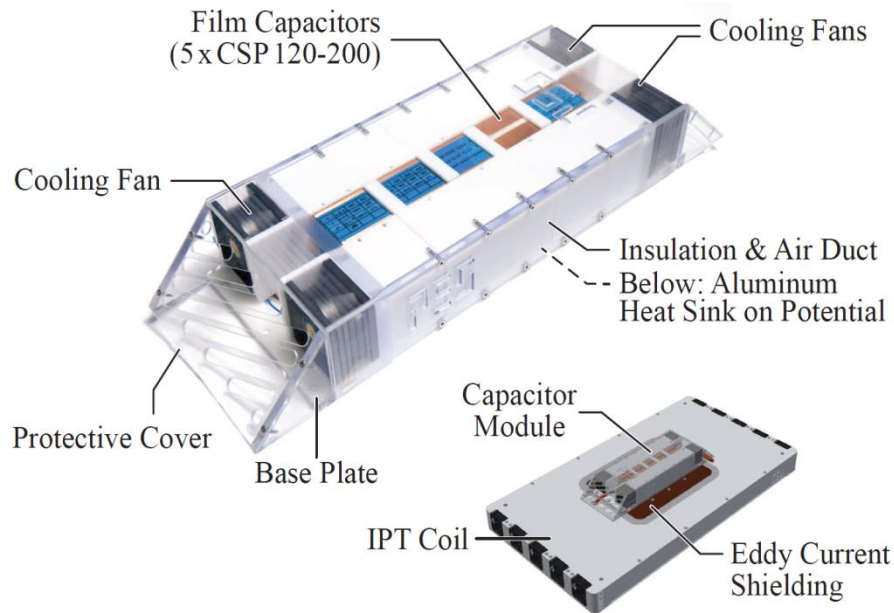
## ► Resonant Capacitor Module for 50kW System

- Capacitor Requirements
- Capacitor Module

- 5 x 12 x 38 cm<sup>3</sup> / 2.6kg
- 22kW/dm<sup>3</sup>, 19kW/kg
- 98.9% Efficiency @ 50kW

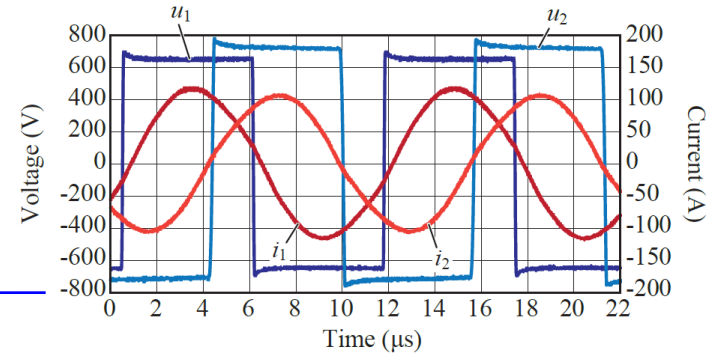
100A @ 85kHz / 3...4 kV<sub>rms</sub>  
5 x CSP 120-200 in Series

CSP 120-200  
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1MHz @ Full Power  
6 kVA<sub>v</sub>/cm<sup>3</sup>

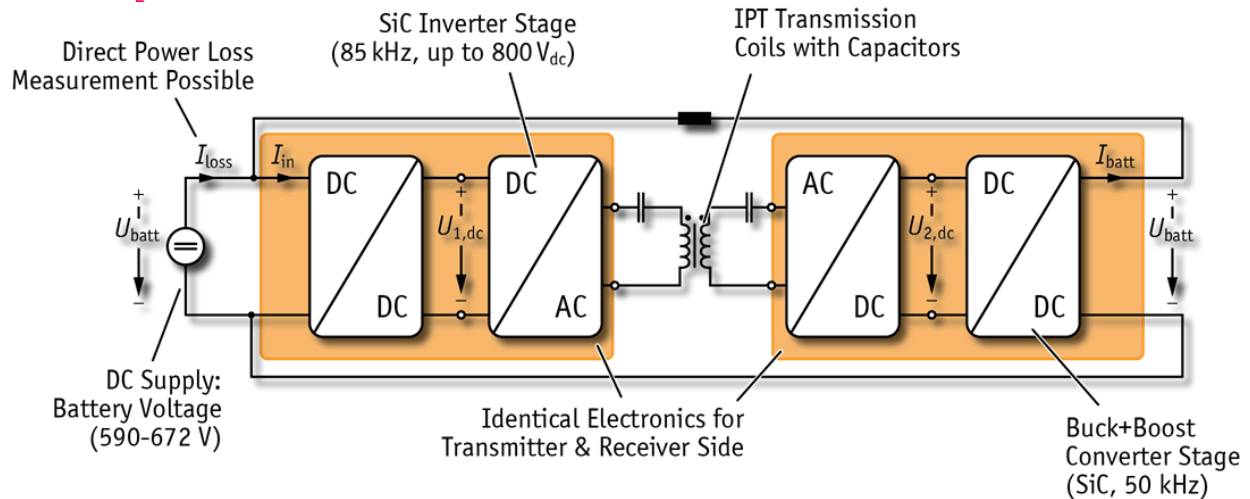


## ▶ Testing of 50kW System with Energy Circulation

- Direct Power Loss Measurement @ DC Supply Input
- Identical Conv. Stages @ Transmitter & Receiver
- Experim. Evaluation of Different Coil Designs



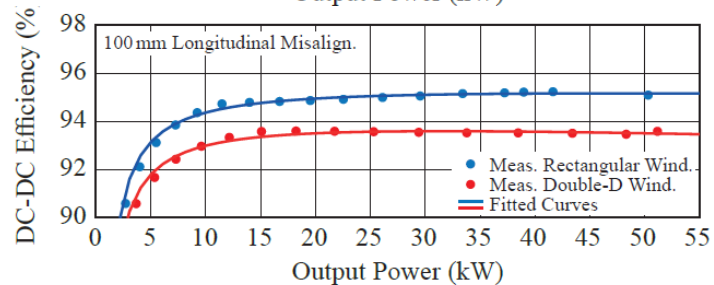
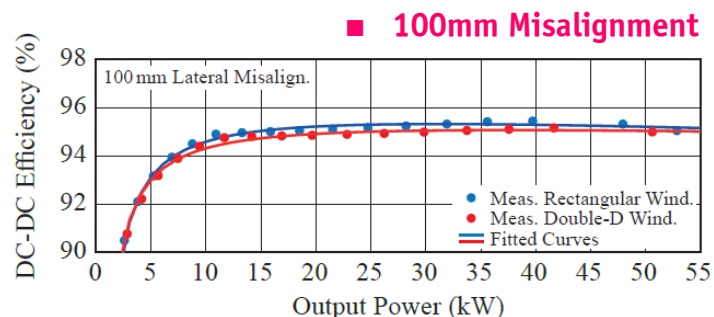
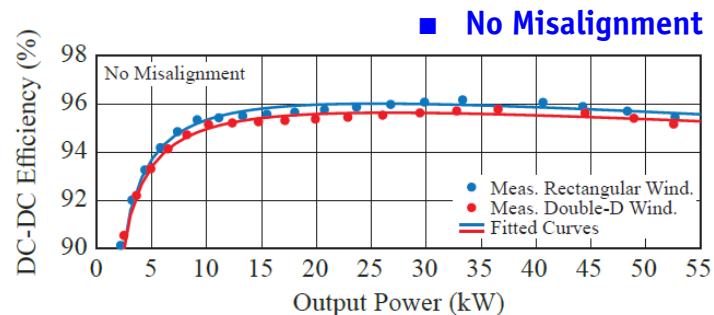
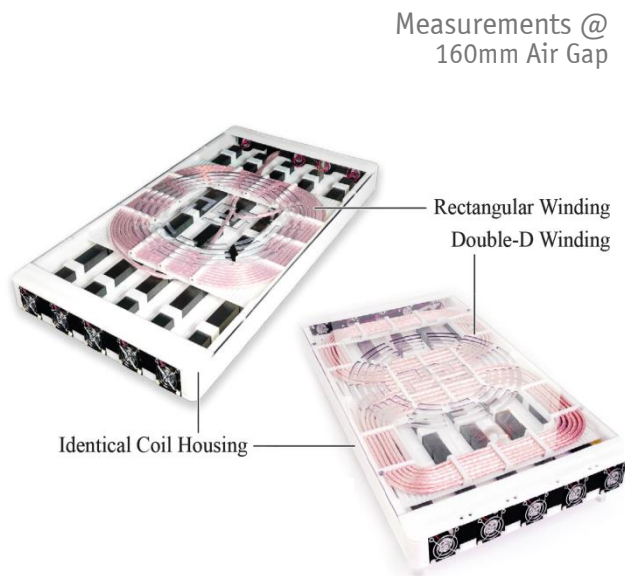
- Transm. Full-Bridge Volt.  $u_1$  — @  $50\text{kW}/U_{\text{batt}}=600\text{V}$  —
- Transmitter Coil Current  $i_1$
- Receiver Rect. Inp. Volt.  $u_2$
- Receiver Coil Current  $i_2$



## ► Results of DC/DC Efficiency Measurements

- Misalignment Results in Lower Efficiency
- Lower Eff. of Double-D for Lateral Misalignment

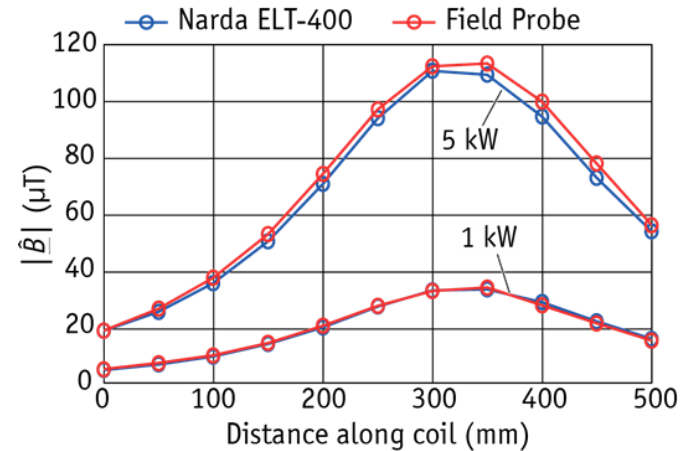
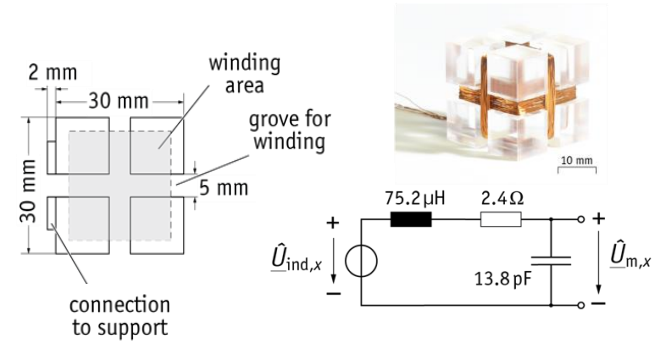
- Flat Eff. Curve Due to "Load Matching"
- Misalignment Results in Lower Coupling
- Lower Efficiency Figure-of-Merit= $kQ$



## ► Magnetic Stray Field Measurement

- Commercial Field Probe ELT-400  
Replaced by Inexpensive Compact  
Laboratory Field Probe

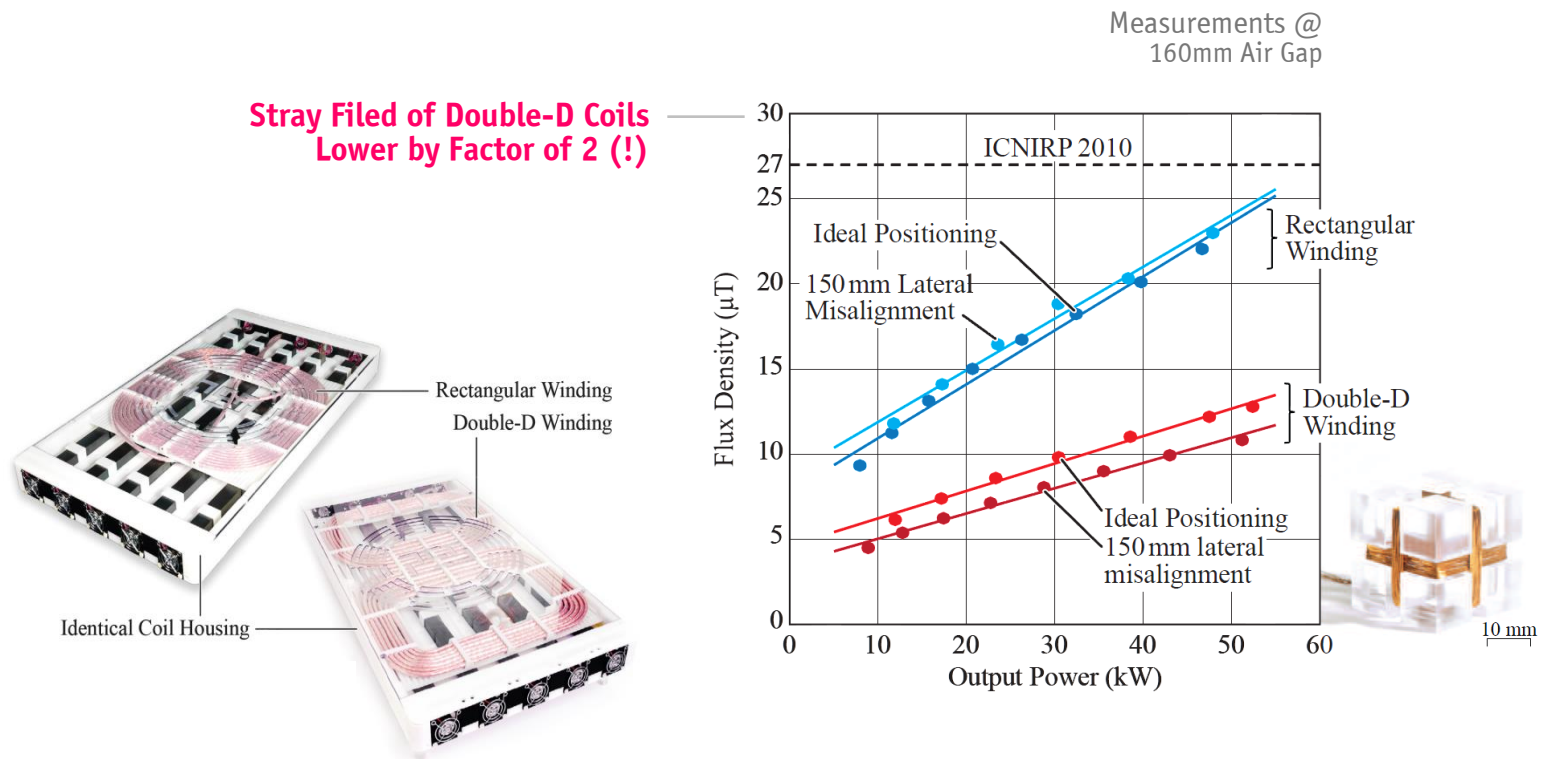
- 15mV/μT @ 100kHz
- Allows Precise Point Measurement



## ► Results of Magnetic Stray Field Measurement

### ■ Measurement @ 800 mm (Lateral) Distance from Air Gap Center Point

- No Misalignment & 150mm Lateral Misalignment
- Rectangular Coils Still Fulfill ICNRP 2010



## ► Realized 50kW Hardware Demonstrator - Summary

### ■ All-SiC Power Electronics

- Rated Power            50kW
- Battery Voltage        600...800V
- Power Density         9.5kW/dm<sup>3</sup>
- Sw. Frequency        50kHz/85kHz

### ■ Inductive Power Transfer Coils

- Air Gap                 150...220mm
- Power Density        1.6kW/dm<sup>2</sup>
- Frequency             85kHz



★  $\eta_{\text{DCDC}} = 95.8\% @ 50\text{kW} / \text{ICNIRP} @ 800\text{mm}$

## Technological Limitations

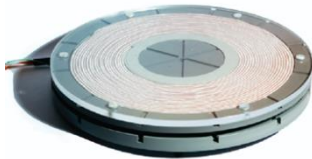
*Limiting Factors*  
*Competing Technologies*



Source: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

## ► Key Figures of Designed Demonstrator Systems

### ■ 5 kW Prototype System



• Output Power	<b>5 kW@400V, 100kHz</b>
• DC/DC Efficiency	<b>96.5%@53mm (meas.)</b>
• Coil Dimensions	<b>210 mm x 30 mm</b>
• Weight Coil+Cap.	<b>2.3 kg</b>
• Spec. Weight	<b>2.2 kW/kg</b>
• Area-Rel. Power Dens.	<b>1.5 kW/dm<sup>2</sup></b>
• Power Density	<b>4.8 kW/dm<sup>3</sup></b>
• Spec. Copper Weight	<b>43 g/kW</b>
• Spec. Ferrite Weight	<b>112 g/kW</b>

### ■ 50 kW Prototype System



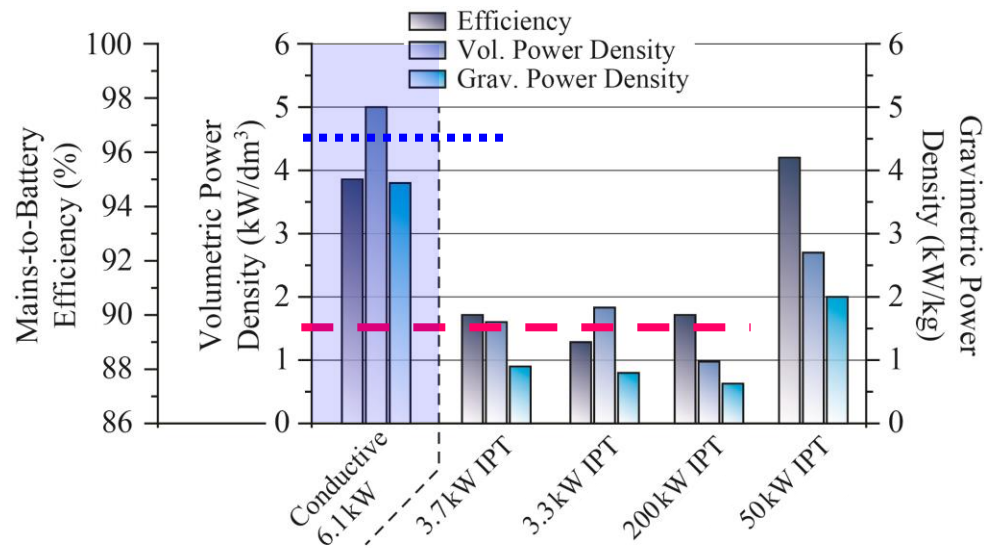
• Output Power	<b>50kW@800V, 85kHz</b>
• DC/DC Efficiency	<b>95.8%@160mm (meas.)</b>
• Coil Dimensions	<b>41 cm x 76 cm x 6 cm</b>
• Weight Coil+Cap.	<b>24.6 kg</b>
• Spec. Weight	<b>2.0 kW/kg</b>
• Area-Rel. Power Dens.	<b>1.6 kW/dm<sup>2</sup></b>
• Power Density	<b>2.7 kW/dm<sup>3</sup></b>
• Spec. Copper Weight	<b>52 g/kW</b>
• Spec. Ferrite Weight	<b>160 g/kW</b>
• Spec. SiC-Cip Area	<b>9.4 mm<sup>2</sup>/kW</b>

■ DC/DC Efficiency  $\approx$  96% (No Misalignment) @ Power Density  $\approx$  1.5kW/dm<sup>2</sup>



## ► Comparative Evaluation of IPT vs. Conductive Chargers

- 3...5% Lower Efficiency → 90% (incl. Misalignment) vs. 95...97% of Cond. Chargers
- Factor 2...3 Lower Power Density → Not incl. Constructional Parts for Mounting



- Infrastructure Costs & Vehicle Integration Costs → Significantly Higher than for Cond. Charging

## ► Limitations of Inductive Power Transfer

### ■ Lower Efficiency of Compact Systems

- Smaller IPT Coils / Large Air Gap of Interoperability / Lower Coupling / Lower  $FOM=kQ$  → **Physical Limitation (!)**

### ■ Lower Misalignment Tolerance of Compact Systems

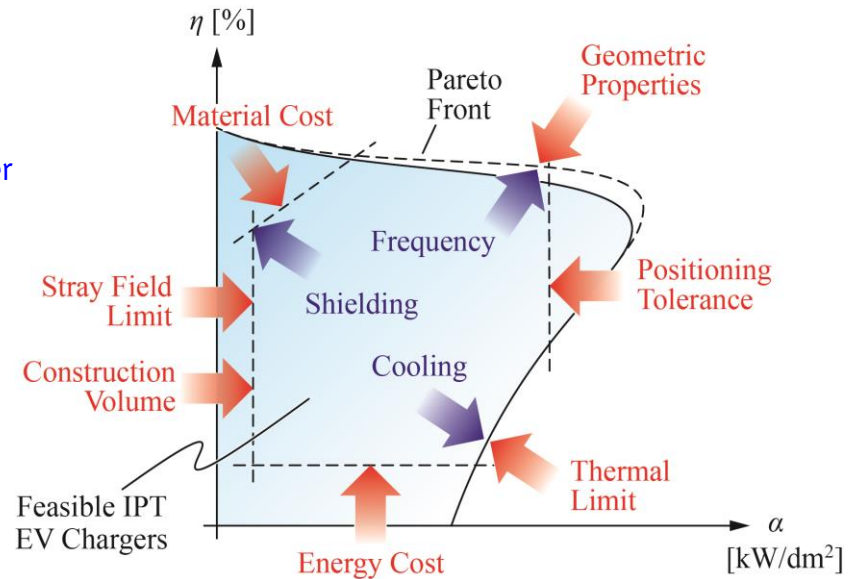
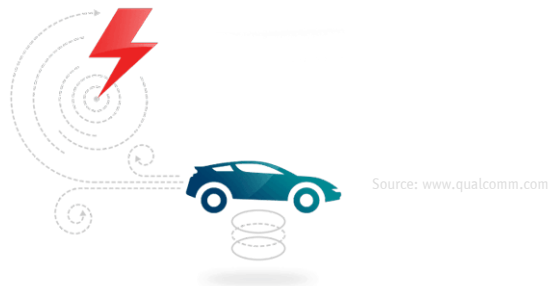
- Influence of Misalignment def. by IPT Coil Diameter / Larger Red. of Coupl. for Smaller IPT Coils → **Physical Limitation (!)**

### ■ Lower Power Capability of Compact Systems

- Limited Convection Cooling w/o Metal Heatsinks / Limited Power Transfer per Area → **Physical Limitation (!)**

### ■ Magnetic & Electric Stray Fields

- Emissions limited by Standards / Limits Power and Voltage Levels / Min. System Size or Distance Required → **Power Limit (!)**



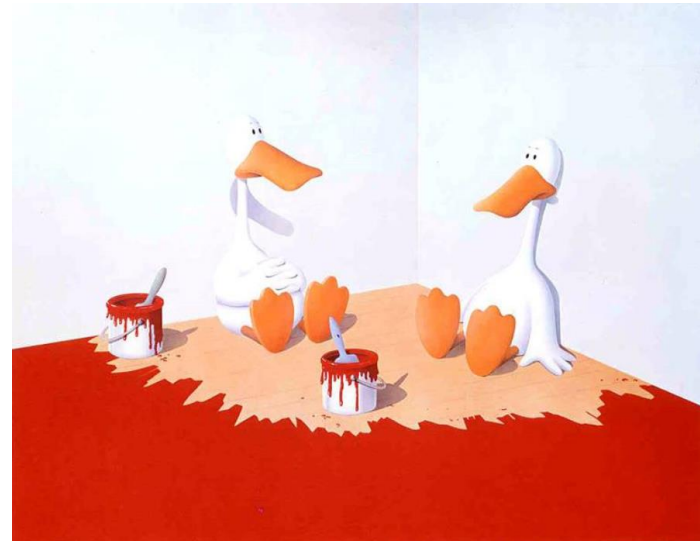
## ► Limitations of Inductive Power Transfer

- Ind. Power Transfer →
  - *More Convenient*
  - *More Expensive*
  - *Less Efficient*
- *Improvement Blocked* by Physical Limits / Material Properties / Interoperability Requirements
- **Standard** Restricts Key Design Parameters
  - $f = 85 \text{ kHz}$
  - 10...30cm Air Gap etc.

Source: M. Bedard, 1989



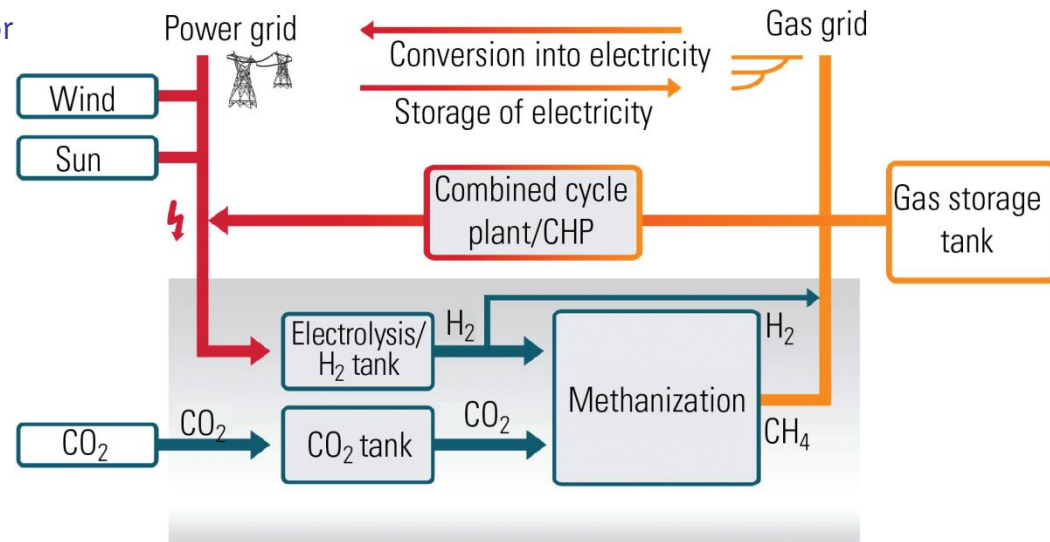
Source: www.qualcomm.com



## ► Future: $H_2$ / Fuel Cells Instead of Batteries ? (Power-to-Gas)

- Electrolysis for Conversion of Excess Wind/Solar Electric Energy into
  - Hydrogen
  - Fuel-Cell Powered Cars
  - Heating

– Hydrogenics 100 kW  $H_2$ -Generator



Source: www.r-e-a.net

- Future Public Transport could Adopt  $H_2$  partly Utilizing Existing Petrol Station Infrastructure

## Future Research



*Technology Advancements &  
Vehicle Integration*

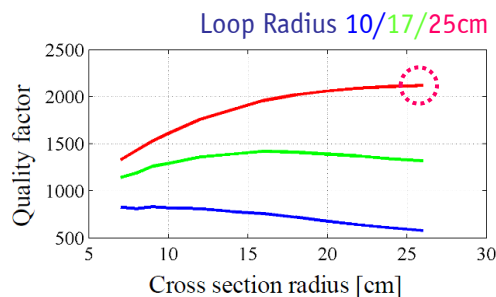
*Comp. Full-System Evaluation  
of Cond./Ind./Cap. Charging incl.  
Infrastructure Costs*

## ► MHz-Frequency Multi-kW Inductive Power Transfer

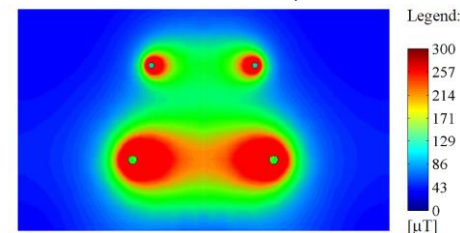
- Research on (Very)-High Sw. Frequ. Systems → Aiming for Lower Physical Size
- Up to Now Limited by Low Efficiency → IPT Coils ≈95% (Res. Cap. Not incl.)
- Inverter ≈96% (Rectifier Not incl.)

– B. Lorenz (2011)

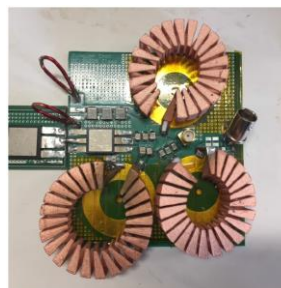
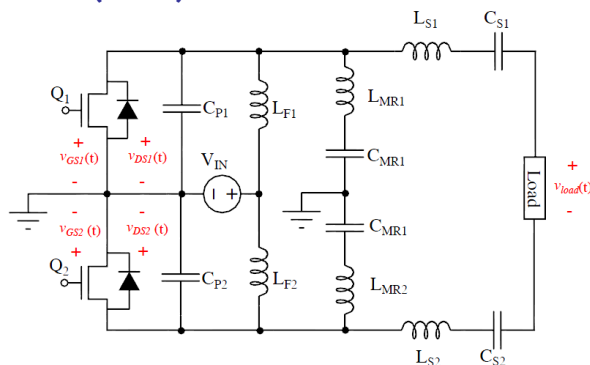
$\eta = 95\%$   
3kW @ 3.7MHz  
46cm Coil Diam.  
30cm Air Gap



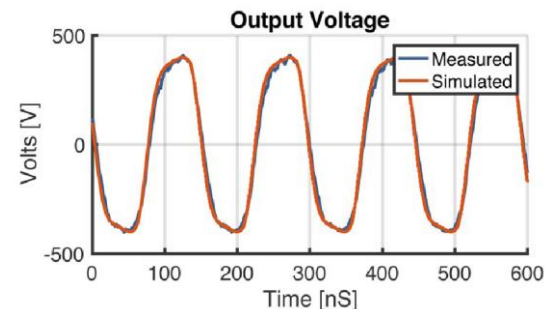
Surface-Spiral Coil



– J. Rivas (2016)



$\eta = 96\%$   
 $V_{DC} = 200V$   
650V eGaN FETs  
2kW @ 6.78MHz

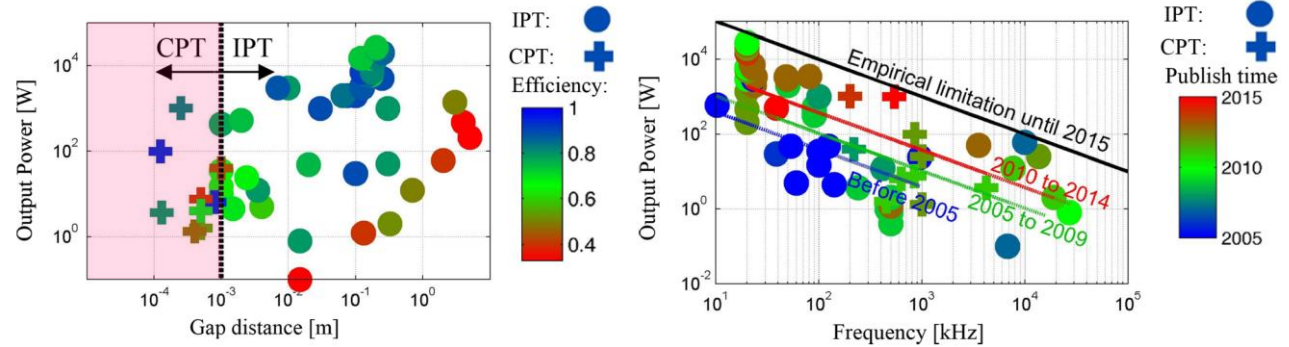


- Next Step – Full-System Design & Pareto-Optimiz. incl. EMI Filter & Shielding (incl. Meta-Materials)

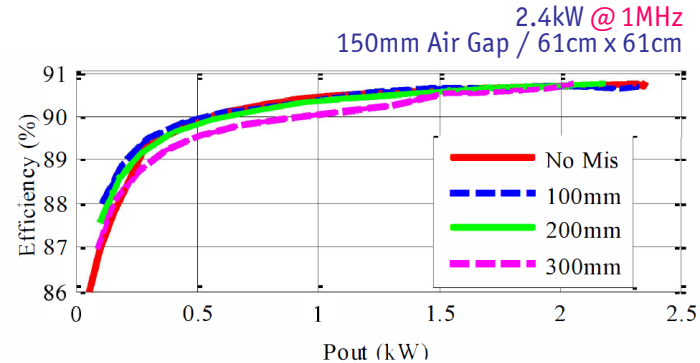
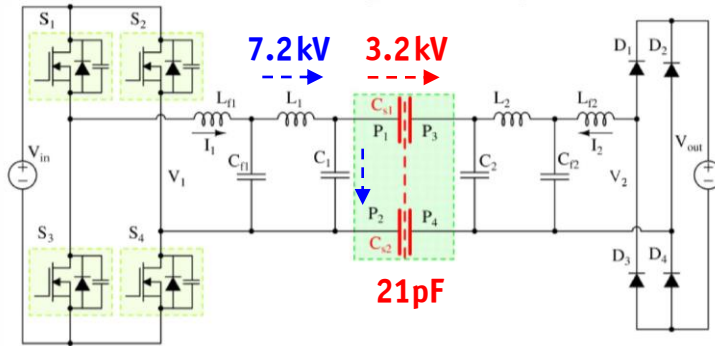
# ► Large Gap High-Power Capacitive Power Transfer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Demonstrated by N. Tesla in 1891
- Renewed Interest within Last Decade → Recently Demonstrations for Large Gaps

- D. Ludois (2015)



- C. Mi (2015)



- Next Step - Full-Syst. Pareto-Optimiz. incl. Stray Field & Safety / Comparison to IPT



**Thank You !** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Questions*

