Wireless power transfer system design for electric vehicle dynamic charging application

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1. INTRODUCTION

Today, problem of environmental pollution is increasing seriously, and fossil resources are exhausting. Using electric vehicles (EV) helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The current charger for EV is mainly plugged-in, usually located at home, at work, or centralized charging stations. However, plugged-in chargers make inconvenience, easy to electric leakage. Wireless charging is based on wireless power transfer (WPT) technology, which makes using EVs more convenient and safer [1]. Wireless charging has two categories, that is static wireless charging (SWC) and dynamic wireless charging. In the SWC system, when charging, electric vehicles must be parked in alignment with the transmitter to receive power from the transmitter. However, the capacity and energy density of batteries limit the development of the SWC [2]. In the DWC system, EVs can charge while it is moving. Therefore, EVs can move longer, battery capacity and weight may be smaller, and transportation efficiency improves [3]. Therefore, DWC system research and development can promote the development of EV in the future. However, the movement of EV creates many challenges for the design and control system [4].

The design of the magnetic coupler is considered one of the most important factors in the DWC system [5]. In the DWC system, the magnetic components are composed of a transmitter lane, which is usually under the road and a receiver coils, which is mounted under an EV. The transmitter lanes in the DWC systems can be classified into two main types, either long-track transmitters or short-track transmitters. The long-track transmitter structures have high inductance, low coupling coefficients, and low resonant frequency [6].

Therefore, these transmitter lanes have low efficiency and high electromagnetic interference (EMI) [7]. Shorttrack transmitters used to reduce EMI and increase efficiency [8]. Each short-track transmitter can be the same size as a pad in the SWC. The transmitter lane is formed by arranging multiple short-track transmitters together. Each transmitter coil has a separate compensation circuit, so it is very flexible to design and expand the transmitter line. Besides, each short-track transmitter can be switched ON/OFF according to the EV position. Therefore, the efficiency and EMI of this transmitter lane are higher [9]. However, this system is complexity, as it requires a large number of compensation circuits, power converters, EV position detection circuits [10]. Furthermore, the coupling coefficient is variation when EV is moving along the transmitter lane. Therefore, the output power is pulsation and significantly reduced when the EVs move misalignment direction, which affects battery life [11]. Several studies on the solution to reduce the output pulsation have been realized. In [12], the distance between adjacent transmitters adjusted to reduce the power pulsation. This reduces the overall length of the transmitter lane. In [13], the receiver length has optimized for a three-phase dynamic IPT system with dual pick-up coil that has used to reduce the variation of output power. In [14] proposed solutions to reduce the pulsation of output power by placing the transmitter coils close to each other and coils size is optimized by FEA simulation. These papers perform optimizing the size of the transmitters and receivers to reduce pulsation power. However, the survey results are only performed in case EV moves in a straight direction. The characteristics of coupling coefficients according to positions when EVs moves in the misalignment direction have not been reported. It is an important feature for the design and control of a DWC system. Furthermore, the design of compensation circuits does not consider the impedance matching problem then the maximum efficiency is difficult to obtain.

In this paper, the magnetic coupler design is also optimized by FEA simulation to reduce the coupling coefficients variation during the dynamic charging process. And then, when EV moves misalignment, the characteristics of the coupling coefficients are analyzed to provide a basis for advanced controls, such as output power control in [15], impedance control in [16]. The compensation circuit is designed based on the impedance matching condition to obtain maximum transfer efficiency.

In the DWC systems, energy transfers through the air, so large leakage inductance. Therefore, reactive power is high, and transfer efficiency is low. Compensation circuits are necessary to adjust the system resonant frequency, reduce the reactive power of the power electronics converter, improve transfer efficiency. At the frequency of kHz, capacitors are connected to the coil to compensate for the leakage inductance. There are four basic compensation circuits, which are series-series (SS), series-parallel (SP), parallel-series (PS) and parallel-parallel (PP) [17, 18]. These compensation circuits are simple and easy to design. However, the limitation is sensitive to the parameter variation [19]. Transfer power and efficiency characteristics are separated when the load changes [20, 21]. The SP, PS, PP compensation circuits have resonant frequency depending on the coupling coefficient [22]. Therefore, these compensation circuits are not suitable for dynamic charging systems, in which the coupling coefficient changes according to the EVs position. The LCC compensation circuit has proposed in [23] overcomes these disadvantages. The resonant frequency is independent of the coupling coefficient as well as the load impedance and the soft-switching condition for the MOSFET reaches. These feature of the LCC compensation circuit is similar to the SS compensation circuit. However, with the same design power, the size of elements in the LCC compensation circuit is smaller than the SS compensation circuit. It has practical significance when designing high power systems. In [14], LCC compensation circuits have designed for dynamic wireless charging, which primary compensation inductances have designed to be two times larger than the secondary compensation inductance. As a result, transfer efficiency does not reach the maximum value at the design point. This paper proposed a method for calculating compensation circuit parameters according to the optimum load value to maximize transfer efficiency. Therefore, if the load impedance is always kept equal to the optimum load value as in [16], the transfer efficiency reaches the maximum value over a wide frequency range. Furthermore, the frequency can be controlled around 85kHz to improve inverter efficiency, such as zero phase angle tracking control as in [24].

A dynamic charging system prototype with a power of 1.5 kW is constructed. The average value of efficiency during dynamic charging is 89.5%. The variation of the output power is 9.5%. Section 2 gives the system structure and magnetic coupler design. Section 3 presents the method of the LCC compensation circuit design to maximum efficiency. Section 4 presents simulation and experimental results. Finally, the conclusions are given in Section 5.

2. SYSTEM STRUCTURE AND MAGNETIC COUPLER DESIGN

2.1. System structure

Figure 1 shows the basic structure diagram of the DWC system, which consists of the primary side and the secondary side. At the primary side, multiple DWC transmitter modules include three coils are powered by a single inverter to reduce the number of the inverter. Each transmitter coil is compensated by a separate LCC compensation circuit. The transmitter coils are arranged in arrays to create a dynamic wireless charging lane. The transmitter is designed modular, which has many advantages. Firstly, it is possible to control ON/OFF the modules according to the position of the EV that the system efficiency increases and electromagnetic interference (EMI) reduce. Second, it is easy to expand the transmitter lane without changing the system design. At the secondary side, the receiver is installed beneath the EV chassis. The power is transferred from the primary side to the secondary side through the magnetic coupler. By resonating with the secondary LCC compensation circuit, the transferred power and efficiency are significantly improved. Then, the obtained AC voltage is rectified to charge the battery.



Figure 1. Structure diagram of the dynamic wireless charging



Figure 2. The 3-D maxwell magnetic coupler model of a DWC module

2.2. Magnetic coupler design

The 3-D maxwell magnetic coupler model of the DWC module is shown in Figure 2. The structure of a magnetic coupler consists of three layers. The top layer is the coil that is built by Stranded wire. The second layer is ferrite bars that used to increase the magnetic coupling. The bottom layer is the aluminum sheets that used to reduce magnetic field leakage. In this paper, the coil's design method is referenced in [14]. At the primary side, each DWC module has three unipolar transmitter coils which are arranged closely. The dimensions of each designed transmitter coil are 400 mm x 400 mm x 42 mm. Each coil has 10 turns, the air gap distance is 150 mm. The receiver displacement in the x-direction is defined as dr. When the center of the

R receiver is straight with the center of the T1 transmitter, dr is zero. The distance between the center of T1 transmitter and the center of T3 transmitter equal to 800 mm. Therefore, dr is surveyed from 0 mm to 800 mm. The lateral misalignment in the y-direction is defined as lm. When the center of the receiver is straight with the center of transmitters, lm is zero.

In the WPT system, the output power is proportional to the coupling coefficient. Furthermore, in the DWC system, the coupling coefficient changes during charging. This design target is to reduce the coupling coefficient variation to reduce the output power pulsation in the dynamic charging process.



Figure 3. FEA simulation the total coupling coefficient k_r when lm is zero



Figure 4. FEA simulation and experiment result of coupling coefficients





Table 1. Parameter of transmitter and receiver				
Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value	
L _i (i =1,2,3)	102 µH	M_1	11.937 µH	
L _r	120 µH	M_2	20.903 µH	
k _r	0.14	M_3	12.474 µH	

Initially, the receiver dimension is designed to same the transmitter dimension. Then, receiver dimension is analyzed and designed by EFA simulation. The coupling coefficients of each transmitter coil with the receiver coil are defined as k_{1r} , k_{2r} , k_{3r} , respectively. The total coupling coefficient is determined as follows:

$$k_r = k_{1r} + k_{2r} + k_{3r}$$

(1)

Figure 3 shows the total coupling coefficient FAE simulation results in three cases. In these cases, the receiver and transmitter coil width is chosen the same ($w_r = w_t = 400$ mm). The receiver coil length is varied during the analysis and design process. Where, l_r , l_t , w_r , w_t is defined as length, width of the transmitter, receiver coil, respectively. In case 1: $l_r = l_t = 400$ mm, the average total coupling coefficient is 0.128, the variation is 9.9%. In case 2: $l_t = 500$ mm, the average total coupling coefficient increase to 0.14, the variation decreases to 6%. In case 3: $l_t = 600$ mm, the average total coupling continues to increases and equal to 0.165. However, the variation also increases and is equal to 9.6%. Thus, if the size of the receiver increases, the average total coupling coefficient also increases. However, the total coupling coefficient variation is not monotonic with the receiver size. In case 2, the variation is the lowest. Therefore, this value is chosen for the receiver design. The FAE simulation results of coupling coefficients in the case of the design is shown in Figure 4 (dot lines). The results show that the coupling coefficient ki increases when the receiver comes close to the Ti transmitter and decreases when the receiver moves away from the Ti transmitter (i=1,2,3). The measurement results of the total coupling coefficient are shown in Figure 4 (kr.exp - solid black line). The results show that the measured and simulated properties closely match. The parameters of the transmitters and receiver are summarized in Table 1. Sefl-inductance of transmitter and receiver coils are defined as L_i , L_r . The total mutual inductance of transmitter L_i with other transmitters is defined as M_i (i=1,2,3).

When the lateral misalignment increases from 0 to \pm 80mm, the 3-D FEA simulation result of total coupling coefficients are shown in Figure 5. The average total coupling coefficient decreases from 0.14 to 0.044, which is the highest when the lm is zero. These results show that the total coupling coefficient varies when the receiver moves and decreases sharply when lateral misalignment increases.

3. LCC COMPENSATION CIRCUIT DESIGN FOR MAXIMUM TRANSFER EFFICIENCY

In this paper, the LCC compensation curcuit is designed for both side in the dynamic wireless charging system. At the primary side, the compensation circuit is designed to reduce the volt-ampere rating of the power converter and help achieve soft switching of the power electronics devices. At the secondary side, the compensation circuit is designed to maximize transfer efficiency. In this system, transmitter coils have self-coupling that indicates in Table 1. The compensation circuit parameter design should consider all the self-coupling. The resonant frequency is designed to be the switching frequency (f_{sw}) which is 85 kHz according to J2954 standard.

3.1. Resonance circuit analysis

The fundamental harmonics approximation is used to analyze the working principle of the resonance circuit. The inverter output voltage and rectifier input voltage were approximated as sinusoidal sources as shown in Figure 6a. The magnetic coupling between the coils is represented by current controlled voltage sources. Assuming that power losses of the elements in the circuit are negligible. Refer to the method of analyzing the resonant circuit in [14] to draw the following expressions.

The transmitter coils L1, L2, L3 are designed the same, so the self-inductance and mutual inductance are shown below.

The receiver side compensation circuit parameters have the following relationship:

$$C_{fr} = \frac{1}{\omega^2 L_{fr}} \tag{3}$$

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$$C_r = \frac{1}{\omega^2 [L_r - L_{fr}]} \tag{4}$$

$$U_{Mi} = \sum_{k=1,k\neq i}^{3} j\omega M_{ik} I_{Lk}; i = 1,2,3$$
(5)

The transmitter side compensation circuit parameters have the following relationship:

$$C_{fi} = \frac{1}{\omega^2 L_{fi}}$$
(6)
$$C_i = \frac{1}{\omega^2 (L_i - L_{fi} + M_i)}$$
(7)





Figure 6. Equivalent resonant circuit

$$\begin{cases} L_{f1} = L_{f2} = L_{f3} = L_{fi} \\ C_{f1} = C_{f2} = C_{f3} = C_{fi} \end{cases}$$
(8)

At resonant condition, the resonant current of transmitter coils is expressed as

$$I_{L1} = I_{L2} = I_{L3} = I_{Li} = -j\omega C_{fi} U_{AB}$$
(9)

Therefore, the coupled voltage of receiver coil with transmitter coils are

$$U_{Mr} = j\omega M_{1r}I_{L1} + j\omega M_{2r}I_{L2} + j\omega M_{3r}I_{L3}$$

= $\sum_{i=1}^{3} j\omega M_{ir}I_{Li} = j\omega M_{r}I_{Li}$; with M_{r}
= $\sum_{i=1}^{3} M_{ir}$ (10)

Where ω is the resonant angular frequency, $\omega = 2\pi f_{sw}$; i (i = 1, 2, 3) is the index of the transmitter side parameters; M_{ir} is mutual inductance of transmitters with the receiver.

3.2. Optimal load conditions for maximum transfer efficiency

The equivalent circuit when considering the resistance of the transmitters and receiver is given in Figure 6b. Where, R_i , R_r is transmitters resistance and receiver resistance, respectively. In the dynamic wireless charging, the battery is usually connected to the coil through a diode bridge rectifier. The battery could be equivalent to a resistance $R_b = U_b/I_b$, where U_b and I_b is the battery voltage and current, respectively. The equivalent ac side resistance could be calculated by $R_L = 8R_b/\pi^2$. Assuming that the power losses in components of the compensation circuit are negligible, at the secondary side, Kirchhoff 2 equations are for loop 1 and loop 2 as

$$\begin{cases} \left(R_L + j\omega L_{fr}\right)I_r + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{fr}}(I_r - I_{Lr}) = 0\\ \left(\frac{1}{j\omega C_r} + R_r + j\omega L_r\right)I_{Lr} + j\omega M_r I_{Li} - \frac{1}{j\omega C_{fr}}(I_r - I_{Lr}) = 0 \end{cases}$$
(11)

The transfer efficiency can be expressed as:

$$\eta = \frac{R_L l_r^2}{R_L l_r^2 + R_r l_{Lr}^2 + R_1 l_{L1}^2 + R_2 l_{L2}^2 + R_3 l_{L3}^2} = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_r \left(\frac{l_L r}{l_r}\right)^2 + 3R_i \left(\frac{l_L i}{l_r}\right)^2}$$
(12)

The ratio of the root-mean-square currents I_{Lr}/I_r and I_{Li}/I_r can be obtained by **Error! Reference source not found.** and combine with **Error! Reference source not found.**, **Error! Reference source not found.** The transfer efficiency can be determined as follows.

$$\eta = \frac{R_L}{R_L^2 \frac{R_r}{\omega^2 L_{fr}^2} \left(1 + \frac{3}{k_r^2 Q_l Q_r}\right) + R_L \left(1 + \frac{6}{k_r^2 Q_l Q_r}\right) + \frac{3\omega^2 L_{fr-1}^2}{R_r - k_r^2 Q_l Q_r}} = f(R_L, k_r, Q_l, Q_r, f, L_{fr})$$
(13)

Where $Q_i = \omega L_i/R_i$, $Q_r = \omega L_r/R_r$ is transmitter coils quality factor, receiver coil quality factor, respectively. Equation **Error! Reference source not found.** show that transfer efficiency depends on parameters as ω , Q_i , Q_r , L_{fr} , k_r , and R_L . In the WPT system, the frequency usually kept constant. Quality factors are fixed to the designated transmitter and receiver. The equivalent resistance value R_L change according to the state of charge of the battery. Therefore, the maximum transfer efficiency is found by solving the equations:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial R_L} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial \eta^2}{\partial R_L^2} < 0$$
 (14)

The maximum transfer efficiency:

$$\eta_{max} = \frac{k_r^2 Q_i Q_r}{\left(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3 + k_r^2 Q_i Q_r}\right)^2}$$
(15)

is achieved at:

$$R_{L.opt} = \frac{\omega^2 L_{fr}^2}{R_r} \sqrt{\frac{3}{3 + k_r^2 Q_i Q_r}}$$
(16)

Where $R_{L.opt}$ is called the optimal impedance value. From **Error! Reference source not found.**, **Error! Reference source not found.** show that transfer efficiency reaches a maximum value when the equivalent resistance value is optimal. Impedance matching network can be used to make equivalent resistance to its optimal value [16], [25]. The maximum theoretical transfer efficiency characteristic is shown in Figure 7. If quality factor $Q_i = 419$, $Q_r = 458$, and $k_r = 0.14$, maximum theoretical transfer efficiency is about 94.6%.

3.3. Calculate parameter for LCC compensation circuit

In this paper, a dynamic wireless charging system with a power of 1.5 kW is designed. And other required parameters are as the DC input voltage (UDC) is 310V, the output voltage on load (Uab) is 400V, the resonant frequency is 85 kHz. The output power can be calculated

$$P_{out} = I_r^2 R_L \tag{17}$$

The output power can be obtained by Error! Reference source not found. and combine with Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found.:

$$P_{out} = \frac{k_r \sqrt{L_1 L_r} |U_{AB}| |U_{ab}|}{\omega L_f L_{fr}} - \frac{R_r}{\omega^2 L_{fr}^2} U_{ab}^2$$
(18)

The compensation circuit parameters are designed to satisfy the resonant conditions **Error! Reference source not found.**, the optimal load conditions for maximum transfer efficiency **Error! Reference source not found.** and output power required **Error! Reference source not found.**. Therefore, the system and compensation circuit parameter values are shown in Table 2.



Figure 7. The maximum theoretical transfer efficiency characteristic with coupling coefficient is 0.14

Table 2. System and compensation circuit parameters				
Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value	
Li	102 µH	C_1	93 nF	
R _i	0.13 Ω	C_2	123 nF	
L_r	120 µH	C_3	95 nF	
R _r	0.115 Ω	$L_{\rm fr}$	29 µH	
C_{fi}	66.5 nF	C_{fr}	120 nF	

52.6 µH

Cr

38.5 nH

0.14

4. SIMULATION AND EXPERIMENT RESULT

 L_{fi}

4.1. Simulation result

High-order systems have multiple resonances frequency beyond the design frequency. This may significantly affect system efficiency when parameters change. Therefore, input impedance characteristics should be analyzed and considered. Figure 8, 9 is the simulation result of ANSYS Electromagnetics software. Figure 8 shows the simulation results of input impedance characteristics under different conditions. Figure 8a shows input impedance characteristics when dr is 0 mm, R_L varies from 10 Ω to 140 Ω . The result shows that the system has multiple resonant frequencies in which a resonant frequency of 85 kHz with any value of the load. Figure 8(b) shows input impedance characteristics when R_L is $R_{L.opt}$, dr varies from 0 mm to 500 mm. The result shows that characteristic lines are nearly overlapping. There is a resonant frequency of 85 kHz that is regardless of the receiver position. In high-frequency converters, MOSFET should be switched under ZVS (Zero Voltage Switching) conditions to reduce switching losses. Figure 8a shows that the ZVS region changes according to the load. Figure 8(b) shows that when the load impedance value is optimal, the ZVS region is constant with all positions of the receiver.

Figure 9 shows the simulation results of transfer efficiency characteristics under different conditions. Figure 9a shows the transfer efficiency characteristics when the load R_L varies from 10 Ω to 140 Ω and dr is 0 mm. The results show that the transfer efficiency is the maximum value at the optimum load value. For other load values, transfer efficiency is reduced and drastically reduced at adjacent frequencies of 85kHz. Figure 9b shows the transfer efficiency characteristics when dr varies from 0 mm to 500 mm and R_L is $R_{L.opt}$. The results show that the transfer efficiency characteristics are almost overlapping. High transfer efficiency is achieved in the frequency range of 83 kHz to 89 kHz. The highest transfer efficiency reached 94.6%.



Figure 8. Frequency characteristics of input impedance (a) dr = 0mm and R_L is variation (b) $R_L = R_{L.opt}$ and dr is variation



Figure 9. Frequency characteristics of the transfer efficiency (a) dr = 0mm and R_L is variation (b) $R_L = R_{L.opt}$ and dr is variation



Figure 10. Simulation waveforms of voltage/current in LTspice



Figure 11. Simulation and experimental results of the output power and system efficiency



Figure 12. Simulation and experimental results of the output power and system efficiency at different U_{DC} levels

A model was built in LTspice to simulate the efficiency from the DC input of the inverter to the output optimal load. Spice-model of MOSFET CMF20120D is used to build simulation models. Figure 10 shows the waveform simulation results of inverter output voltage/current when the receiver position dr is 0mm. This result shows that the MOSFET has achieved ZVS condition. When the receiver moves straight along the dynamic wireless charging lane, the simulation results of the output power and system efficiency are shown in Figure 11 (solid line). The average output power is 1.4 kW with a variation of $\pm 10\%$. This result shows that the output power pulsation is improved. The average system efficiency reaches 91.8%, of which the average transfer efficiency is 94.6%, and the average inverter efficiency is 97%. This result conforms with the theoretical analysis of the maximum transfer efficiency in section 3.2. When the receiver position is at Im = 0 mm, the input voltage U_{DC} varies from 100V to 310V, the simulation results of the output power and system efficiency are shown in Figure 12 (solid line). The result shows that the output power varies from 0.14kW to 1.4kW which is consistent with the calculation formula **Error! Reference source not found.** The average system efficiency is high at different transfer power levels.

4.2. Experiment result

Figure 13 is an experimental setup in the laboratory environment. CMF20120D SICs have used to the full-bridge inverter. The polypropylene film capacitors are chosen for their low losses and high current bearing capability at high frequency.



Figure 13. Experimental setup



Figure 14. Experimental waveforms of voltage/current, (a) Output voltage/ current of the inverter, (b) The output voltage of the optimal load

The output voltage/current experimental waveform of the inverter is shown in Figure 14a, which is similar to the simulation results in Figure 10. The results show that the MOSFETs can achieve ZVS condition, the peak voltage stress is 328V, the peak current is 12.8A, I_{off} is 9.2A, the inverter's output frequency is 85kHz equal to the design frequency. Figure 14b shows the experimental waveform of the optimal load (measuring ratio is 3/4). The results show that the frequency of voltage on the load is 85 kHz. This means that the designed LCC compensation circuit has a resonant frequency equal to the design frequency suitable for input impedance analysis in Figure 8.

When the receiver straight moves along the dynamic wireless charging lane, the experimental results of the output power and system efficiency are shown in Figure 11 (dot line). The average output power is 1.38kW, the variation is \pm 9.5%. The average efficiency reaches 89.5%. The experimental results show that it is consistent with the simulation results as well as theoretical analysis. When the inverter input voltage varies from 100V to 310V, the experimental results of the output power, system efficiency shows in Figure 12 (dot line). The experimental results are quite close to the simulation results (solid lines). The output power varies from 0.129kW to 1.33kW. The average system efficiency reaches 89.3%.

5. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes and demonstrates a wireless power transfer system design for EV in DWC applications. The magnetic coupler design is optimized by FEA simulation to minimize the coupling coefficients variation during the charging process. The LCC compensation circuit parameters are calculated according to the optimum load value to maximize transfer efficiency. The results prove the feasibility of the proposed design method. The results indicate that the designed LCC compensation circuit has a resonance frequency of 85 kHz, independent of the coupling coefficients and load. The ZVS region for MOSFET is given. The maximum transfer efficiency simulation result reaches 94.6% that is consistent with the theoretical

analysis. Experimental results indicate that the average output power is 1.38 kW, the variation is \pm 9.5%, the average efficiency reaches 89.5%.

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