Design and Optimization of Megahertz Wireless Power Transfer Systems

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Initial Efforts Starting from 2010





System-level Design, Optimization, and Control



- Optimal load analysis and tracking
- Optimal and robust designs of system parameters
- Design and power flow control in multi-receiver systems





- More obvious nonlinearities of the devices and thus non-neglectable reactance
- Potentially higher switching loss and thus lower system <u>Efficiency</u>
- More challenging Electromagnetic interference (<u>EMI</u>) problem
- <u>Robustness</u> again varying operation condition (i.e., coupling and load)

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Conventional Design





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- Input reactance of the full-bridge rectifier is completely neglected;
- The compensation capacitors are designed to resonant with coupling coils;
- The Class E PA is optimized based on the input impedance of coupling coils.

Problems

- Large switching loss on the full-bridge rectifier at MHz;
- Difficult to analytical derive the input reactance of the rectifier ;
- Non-zero rectifier input reactance detunes the coupling coils from resonance;
- It also cause the PA to deviate from its ideal ZVS operation.



- Select a high-efficiency rectifying circuit;
- Derive an analytical expression of the input impedance of the rectifier;
- Design parameters based on the derived input impedance of the rectifier.





 The analytically derived input impedance of the Class E rectifier and the relationship between C_r and D.





System-Level Optimization



- Rectifier: C_r that enables a 0.5 duty cycle, D;
- <u>Receiving coil</u>: C_{rx} that makes the coupling coils truly resonant;
- <u>PA</u>: C_S that follows the Raab's equations and the load of PA.



Optimized Parameter Design





Results (6.78MHz, *k*=0.1327, 84%)







- Analytically derived characteristics of the circuits, particularly the input impedance of the rectifier;
- A system-level approach starting from rectifier and being extended to optimize the coupling coils and PA.
- A very high dc-to-dc system efficiency, 84%, is achieved with loosely coupled coils, *k*=0.1327 (40mm).

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- EMI improvement through optimized design of circuits in a MHz WPT system;
- Reduction of THD of the input/output voltage of coupling coils;
- A high system efficiency at the same time.



Due to the series-series compensation, the input and output currents of the coupling coils are sinusoidal. Thus the THDs of their input/output voltages are criteria to verify the improvement on EMI.

Class-E Full-Wave Rectifier



- A promising candidate because of its sinusoidal input voltage and current.
- A 0.49 duty cycle of the rectifying diodes that avoids the overlapping and maximizes the power output capability of the rectifier.





- The other parameters are designed following the procedures previously explained.
- The THDs are compared with those of the conventional full-bridge rectifier.



Results-Power Losses







Loss breakdown (10 W, 30 Ω R_L)

Loss	Full-wave Rec.	Full-bridge Rec.
P_{sw}	0.26 W	0.61 W
P_{cd}	0.29 W	0.60 W
P_L	0.03 W	-

$$\begin{split} P_{cd} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_{0}^{2\pi D} \left[V_{F} i_{D_{1}}(\omega t) + r_{D} i_{D_{1}}^{2}(\omega t) \right] d\omega t \\ &+ \int_{2\pi(1-D)}^{2\pi} \left[V_{F} i_{D_{2}}(\omega t) + r_{D} i_{D_{2}}^{2}(\omega t) \right] d\omega t \right\}, \end{split} \qquad P_{L} = 2 \left(\frac{I_{o}}{2} \right)^{2} r_{L} \qquad P_{sw} = P_{rec} - P_{o} - P_{L} - P_{cd}, \end{split}$$

Loss breakdown (10 W system input power, 30 Ω R_L)

Loss	WPT system	WPT system	
	(Full-wave Rec.)	(Full-bridge Rec.)	
Rectifier	0.55 W	1.06 W	
Coupling Coils	0.33 W	0.55 W	
PA	0.42 W	0.65 W	
Total	1.30 W	2.26 W	

Power losses from the rectifiers significantly influence the overall efficiencies (42.48%↓).







- The Class-E full-wave rectifier is proposed to improve the EMI problem;
- A systematic design approach is developed to design the rectifier, coupling coils, and PA;
- Significant THD reduction, 76.49%, in input voltage of the rectifier is achieved comparing with that in the conventional full-bridge rectifier.

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- Most of existing designs target on a single fixed operating condition, i.e., fixed coil relative position and load.
- However, in real applications changes in the coil relative position and final dc load are common.
- A design methodology, active or passive, is required to optimize the performance over the possible ranges of the coil relative position and load.







Optimal Load for High Efficiency





Improved Charging Efficiency



Wireless charging efficiency improvement with a fixed coil relative position.



Batteries charging improvement using the cascaded boost-buck DC-DC converter. Ultracapacitors charging improvement using the cascaded boost-buck DC-DC converter.

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Experiment Setup





(a)



The experimental WPT system. (a) Overall system. (b) Relative position of coils. (c) Power sensor. (d) I/V sampling board. (e) Cascaded DC/DC converter.

Hill-climbing Tracking of Optimal Load





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Again, the system efficiency of the MHz Class E² WPT system is analytically derived.





Original Class E PA matching network has poor robustness.



Robustness Index

$$\alpha_x = \max \left| \frac{\eta_x(k, R_L) - \eta_x(0.203, 30)}{\eta_x(0.203, 30)} \right|$$

α_{pa}	$lpha_{coil}$	α_{rec}	α_{sys}
47.0%	5.3%	4.2%	47.6%

Note: A smaller α corresponds to improved robustness.

Modified MN and Design Problem





Robust Optimization

Definitions of Parameters

Vector	Components
X	$[C_S, C_0, C_1, C_{rx}, C_r]_{1 \times 5}$
Pvar	$[k, R_L]_{1 \times 2}$
p_{var}^{nom}	$[k^{nom}, R_L^{nom}]_{1 \times 2}$
p _{var}	$[k^{min}, R_L^{min}]_{1 \times 2}$
Pvar	$[k^{max}, R_L^{max}]_{1 \times 2}$
Pcon	$[\omega, C_{tx}, L_0, L_{tx}, L_{rx}, r_Q, r_{L_f}, r_{L_0}, r_{tx}, r_{rx}, r_{L_r}, r_{D_r}]_{1 \times 12}$

Optimization Problem

$$\begin{split} \max_{\mathbf{x}} & \eta_{sys}^{nom}(\mathbf{x}) \\ s.t. & \alpha_{sys}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \alpha_{sys}^{max}, \\ & \max_{\mathbf{p}_{var}} |D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_{con}, \mathbf{p}_{var}) - 0.5| \leq \beta_D^{max} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{sys}(\mathbf{x}) &= \max_{\mathbf{p}_{var}} \left| \frac{\eta_{sys}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_{var}) - \eta_{sys}^{nom}(\mathbf{x})}{\eta_{sys}^{nom}(\mathbf{x})} \right| \\ &= \max_{\mathbf{p}_{var}} \left| \frac{f(x, p_{con}, p_{var}) - f(x, p_{con}, p_{var}^{nom})}{f(x, p_{con}, p_{var}^{nom})} \right| \end{split}$$

Results







- A new circuit design methodology is developed that optimizes the performance over ranges rather than single fixed operating condition.
- The PA matching network is modified to enhance the robustness of the load-sensitive Class E PA.
- The potential of the circuits is maximized through the optimization-based parameter design, i.e., a multi-disciplinary approach.

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- Further reduction of harmonic contents in the input voltage of coupling coils;
- A stable performance under variations in coupling and final load;
- A robust multiple-receiver system driven by a constant-current-mode PA;
- Circuit design methodology to achieve 1) low EMI, 2) high efficiency, and 3) high output power.



 MN is included to transform and thus provide desired impedances as the PA load.



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A common region for both high efficiency and high output power.



THD Analysis



 The high THD of the input voltage of the coupling coils is mostly caused by the 2nd-oder harmonic.



Matching Network Design



Harmonics Suppression

$$V_{Z_{in},m}^{(1)} = \left| Z_{in}^{(1)} \right| I_{Z_{in},m}^{(1)}$$

$$\frac{I_{0,m}^{(1)2}}{2} R_{0}^{(1)} = \frac{I_{Z_{in},m}^{(1)2}}{2} R_{Z_{in}}^{(1)}$$

$$V_{Z_{in},m}^{(1)} = \left| Z_{in}^{(1)} \right| I_{0,m}^{(1)} \sqrt{\frac{R_{0}^{(1)}}{R_{Z_{in}}^{(1)}}}.$$

$$V_{Z_{in},m}^{(2)} = \left| Z_{in}^{(2)} \right| I_{0,m}^{(2)} \sqrt{\frac{R_{0}^{(2)}}{R_{Z_{in}}^{(2)}}},$$

$$\frac{V_{Z_{in},m}^{(2)}}{V_{Z_{in},m}^{(1)}} = \frac{\left| Z_{in}^{(2)} \right| I_{0,m}^{(2)} \sqrt{R_{Z_{in}}^{(1)}}}{\left| Z_{in}^{(1)} \right| I_{0,m}^{(1)} \sqrt{R_{Z_{in}}^{(2)}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R_{0}^{(2)}}{R_{0}^{(1)}}}$$

A smaller ratio of $R_0^{(2)}$ to $R_0^{(1)}$ results in a lower second-order harmonic.

Design Procedure

Define the feasible ranges of C_L and C_R : $C_L \in (C_L^{lower}, C_L^{upper})$ $C_R \in (C_R^{lower}, C_R^{upper})$ Define a target region as a constraint:

$$R_0^{lower} \le R_0^{(1)}(k, C_L, C_R) \le R_0^{upper}$$
$$X_0^{lower} \le X_0^{(1)}(k, C_L, C_R) \le X_0^{upper}$$

Add the 2nd-order harmonic suppression as another constraint:

$$R_0^{(2)}(k, C_L, C_R) \le \lambda \cdot R_0^{(1)}(k, C_L, C_R)$$

where λ is an index. A smaller λ leads to a smaller 2nd-order harmonic.

The candidate combinations of the two capacitors can be obtained by simply sweeping C_L and C_R within their feasible ranges if the calculated $R_0^{(1)}$, $X_0^{(1)}$, $R_0^{(2)}$ meet the two constraints under the varying k.

Results



- The efficiency and output power of both the PA and system are significantly improved over a wide range of k;
- The second-order harmonic and THD of the input voltage of coupling coils are obviously reduced, 81.9%.





- The reduction of harmonic contents in the input voltage of the coupling coils is discussed.
- A matching network is proposed, designed, and implemented.
- A design methodology is developed to perform the parameter design of the circuits at a system level.
- The effort helps to design robust multiple-receiver WPT systems.

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Ongoing Activities





Compensation and power distribution in multiple-receiver WPT systems

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MHz wireless battery charger

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