

EE-365 - W4 MAGNETICS INDUCTOR DESIGN TRANSFORMER DESIGN

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MAGNETIC COMPONENTS

Essential element of every power electronics converter...

MAGNETIC COMPONENTS IN POWER ELECTRONICS

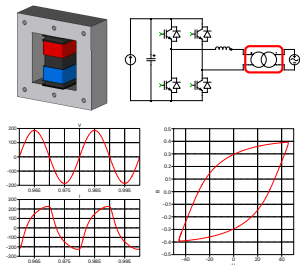


Figure 1 Line frequency transformer interfacing VSI and power grid

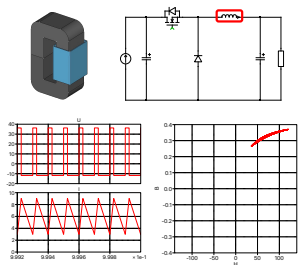


Figure 2 Filter inductor in Buck converter with DC-bias

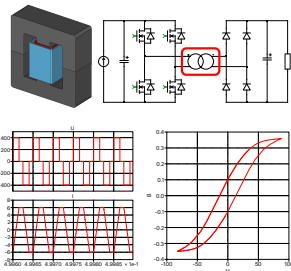


Figure 3 Isolation transformer in DCDC converter with phase-shift modulation

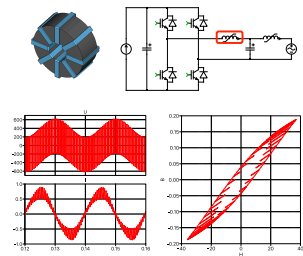
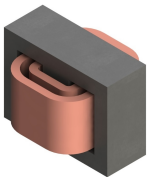


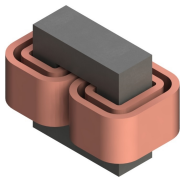
Figure 4 Filter inductor in VSI with both sinusoidal and PWM excitation

Construction Choices:

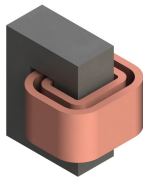
► Core-Winding Arrangement



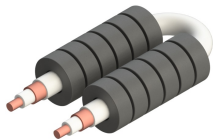
Shell Type



Core Type



C-Type



Coaxial Type

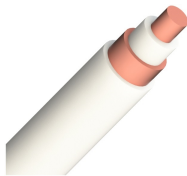
► Winding Types



Litz Wire



Foil



Coaxial



Hollow

Materials:

► Magnetic Materials

- Silicon Steel
- Amorphous
- Nanocrystalline
- Ferrites

► Windings

- Copper
- Aluminum

► Insulation

- Air
- Solid
- Oil

► Cooling

- Air natural/forced
- Oil natural/forced
- Water

MAGNETIC MATERIALS - SILICON STEEL

Ferromagnetic - Silicon Steel (SiFe)

- ▶ Iron based alloy of Silicon provided as isolated laminations
- ▶ Mostly used for line frequency transformers

Advantages

- ▶ Wide initial permeability range
- ▶ High saturation flux density
- ▶ High Curie-temperature
- ▶ Relatively low cost
- ▶ Mechanically robust
- ▶ Various core shapes available (easy to form)

Disadvantages

- ▶ High hysteresis loss (irreversible magnetisation)
- ▶ High eddy current loss (high electric conductivity)
- ▶ Acoustic noise (magnetostriction)

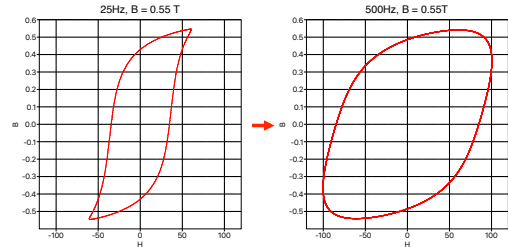
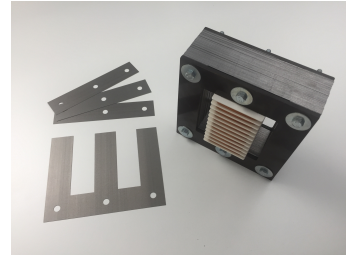


Figure 5 Example: Measured B-H curve of M330-35 laminate

MAGNETIC MATERIALS - AMORPHOUS ALLOY

Ferromagnetic - Amorphous Alloy

- ▶ Iron based alloy of Silicon as thin tape without crystal structure
- ▶ For both line frequency and switching frequency applications

Advantages

- ▶ High saturation flux density
- ▶ Low hysteresis loss
- ▶ Low eddy current loss (low electric conductivity)
- ▶ High Curie-temperature
- ▶ Mechanically robust

Disadvantages

- ▶ Relatively narrow initial permeability range
- ▶ Very high acoustic noise (magnetostriction)
- ▶ Limited core shapes available (difficult to form)
- ▶ Relatively expensive

Saturation B	Init. permeability	Core loss (10kHz, 0.5T)	Conductivity
0.5 ~ 1.6 T	$0.8 \cdot 10^3 \sim 50 \cdot 10^3$	2 ~ 20 W/kg	$< 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ S/m

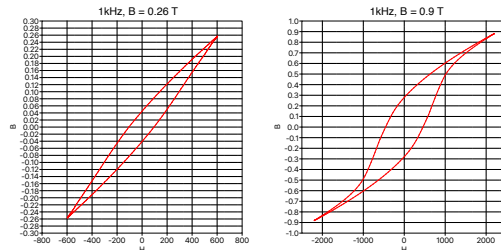


Figure 6 Example: Measured B-H curve of Metglas 2605SA

MAGNETIC MATERIALS - NANOCRYSTALLINE ALLOY

Ferromagnetic - Nanocrystalline Alloy

- ▶ Iron based alloy of silicon as thin tape with minor portion of crystal structure
- ▶ For both line frequency and switching frequency applications

Advantages

- ▶ Relatively narrow initial permeability range
- ▶ High saturation flux density
- ▶ Low hysteresis loss
- ▶ High Curie-temperature
- ▶ Low acoustic noise

Disadvantages

- ▶ Eddy current loss (compensated thanks to the thin tape)
- ▶ Mechanically fragile
- ▶ Limited core shapes available (difficult to form)
- ▶ Relatively expensive



Saturation B	Init. permeability	Core loss (10kHz, 0.5T)	Conductivity
1 ~ 1.2 T	$0.5 \cdot 10^3 \sim 100 \cdot 10^3$	< 50 W/kg	$3 \cdot 10^3 \sim 5 \cdot 10^4$ S/m

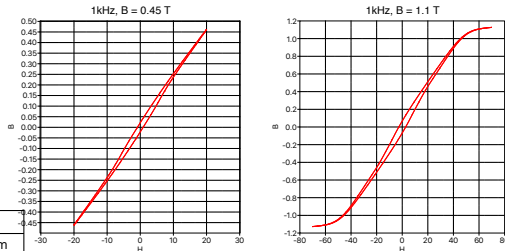


Figure 7 Example: Measured B-H curve of VITROPERM 500F

MAGNETIC MATERIALS - FERRITES

Ferrimagnetic - Ferrites

- ▶ Ceramic material made from powder of different oxides and carbons
- ▶ For both line frequency and switching frequency applications

Advantages

- ▶ Relatively narrow initial permeability range
- ▶ Low hysteresis loss
- ▶ Very low eddy current loss
- ▶ Low acoustic noise
- ▶ Relatively low cost
- ▶ Various core shapes available

Disadvantages

- ▶ Low saturation flux density
- ▶ Narrow range of initial permeability
- ▶ Magnetic properties deteriorate with temperature increase
- ▶ Mechanically fragile

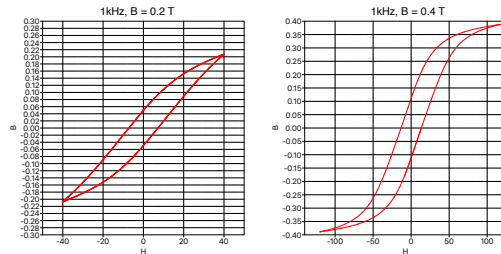
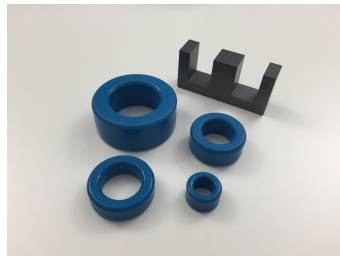


Figure 8 Example: Measured B-H curve of Ferrite N87

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0.3 ~ 0.5 T	$0.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \sim 20 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5 ~ 100 W/kg	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ S/m

WINDING MATERIALS

Copper winding

- ▶ Flat wire - low frequency, easy to use
- ▶ Litz wire - high frequency, limited bending
- ▶ Foil - provide flat windings
- ▶ Hollow tubes - provide cooling efficiency
- ▶ Better conductor
- ▶ More expensive
- ▶ Better mechanical properties

Copper Parameters

Electrical conductivity	$58.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ S/m}$
Electrical resistivity	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$
Thermal conductivity	401 W/mK
TEC (from 0° to 100° C)	$17 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$
Density	8.9 g/cm^3
Melting point	1083°C

Aluminium winding

- ▶ Flat wire
- ▶ Foil - skin effect differences compared to Copper
- ▶ Hollow tubes
- ▶ Difficult to interface with copper
- ▶ Offer some weight savings
- ▶ Cheaper
- ▶ Somewhat difficult mechanical manipulations

Aluminum Parameters

Electrical conductivity	$36.9 \cdot 10^6 \text{ S/m}$
Electrical resistivity	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$
Thermal conductivity	237 W/mK
TEC (from 0° to 100° C)	$23.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$
Density	2.7 g/cm^3
Melting point	660°C

INSULATING MATERIALS

Multiple influencing factors

- ▶ Operating voltage levels
- ▶ Over-voltage category
- ▶ Environment - IP class
- ▶ Temperature
- ▶ Moisture
- ▶ Cooling implications
- ▶ Ageing (self-healing?)
- ▶ Manufacturing complexity
- ▶ Partial Discharge
- ▶ BIL
- ▶ Cost

Dielectric properties

- ▶ Breakdown voltage (dielectric strength)
- ▶ Permittivity
- ▶ Conductivity
- ▶ Loss angle
- ▶ ...

Dielectric material	Dielectric strength (kV/mm)	Dielectric constant
Air	3	1
Oil	5 - 20	2 - 5
Mica tape	60 - 230	5 - 9
NOMEX 410	18 - 27	1.6 - 3.7
PTFE	60 - 170	2.1
Mylar	80 - 600	3.1
Paper	16	3.85
PE	35 - 50	2.3
XLPE	35 - 50	2.3
KAPTON	118 - 236	3.9



Figure 9 Variety of choices available...

DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

Electrical¹

- ▶ Inductance
- ▶ $B < B_{sat}$
- ▶ Turns ratio
- ▶ Duty cycle
- ▶ Frequency
- ▶ $DCR < DCR_{max}$
- ▶ $J < J_{max}$
- ▶ Leakage inductance
- ▶ Self capacitance
- ▶ Self resonance
- ▶ Skin and Proximity effects
- ▶ EMI, EMC
- ▶ Shielding
- ▶ Efficiency
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Isolation

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Mechanical

- ▶ $A_{wdg} > A_{wdg-min}$
- ▶ Size (L, W, H)
- ▶ Volume
- ▶ Surface area
- ▶ Weight
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Creepage distances
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Thermal

- ▶ $T < T_{max}$
- ▶ $P_{wdq} < P_{wdg-max}$
- ▶ $P_{core} < P_{core-max}$
- ▶ Environmental

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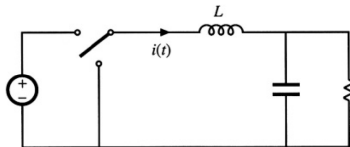
INDUCTOR DESIGN

Single winding structure design using K_g method...

INDUCTOR DESIGN - INTRO

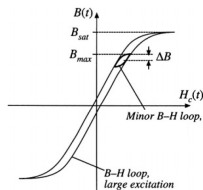
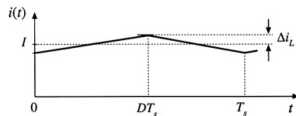
Typical DC inductor application (Buck converter)

- ▶ It is a part of the LC output filter
- ▶ Designed to match the reference L



Inductor current and B-H loop

- ▶ Nonzero DC current component $I_{dc} > 0$
- ▶ Nonzero AC current components $\Delta I > 0$

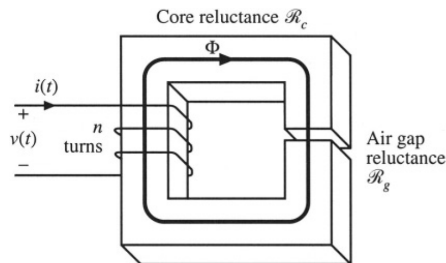


Assumptions

- ▶ Core and proximity losses are negligible
- ▶ Low frequency copper losses are dominant

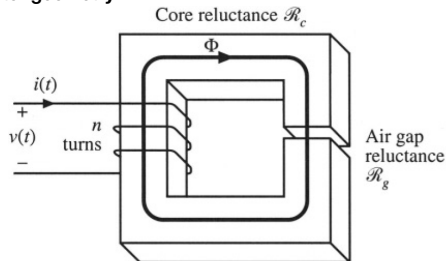
Design constraints

- ▶ Maximum flux density should not be exceeded
- ▶ Target inductance value should be matched
- ▶ Sufficient winding area of the core
- ▶ Winding resistance - current density - losses

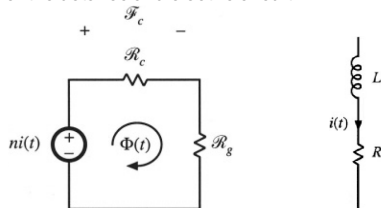


INDUCTOR DESIGN - MAXIMUM FLUX DENSITY CONSTRAINT

Inductor geometry



Equivalent reluctance and electric circuit



Design constraints

- ▶ Based on the geometry equivalent reluctance circuit is derived
- ▶ It is assumed that the core and the air gap have the same cross sections (fringe flux is neglected)
- ▶ The core and air gap reluctance can be calculated as:

$$\mathcal{R}_c = \frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}_g = \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_c}$$

- ▶ Solution of the reluctance circuit yields:

$$ni = \Phi(\mathcal{R}_c + \mathcal{R}_g)$$

- ▶ Where it can be assumed that $\mathcal{R}_c \ll \mathcal{R}_g$ due to $\mu_0 \ll \mu_r$

$$ni = \Phi \mathcal{R}_g$$

- ▶ Maximum operation flux density B_{max} must be less than the saturation flux density of the given core material B_{sat}

- ▶ B_{max} should be achieved at the maximum current point I_{max}

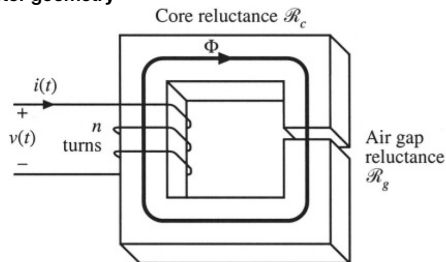
$$nI_{max} = B_{max} A_c \mathcal{R}_g$$

- ▶ The B_{max} constraint can be expressed as:

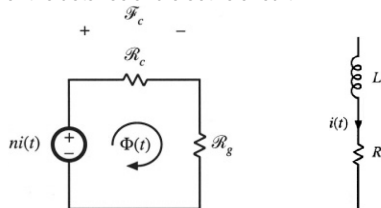
$$nI_{max} = B_{max} \frac{l_g}{\mu_0}$$

INDUCTOR DESIGN - REFERENCE INDUCTANCE AND RESISTANCE CONSTRAINT

Inductor geometry



Equivalent reluctance and electric circuit



Reference magnetizing inductance derivation

- ▶ The reference inductance value must be obtained
- ▶ The inductance is equal to

$$L = \frac{n^2}{\mathfrak{R}_g} = \frac{\mu_0 A_c n^2}{l_g}$$

Reference resistance derivation

- ▶ The reference resistance value must be obtained
- ▶ The resistance is equal to

$$R = \rho \frac{l_b}{A_w}$$

- ▶ A_w is the bare conductor cross section

- ▶ l_b is the total length of the winding wire

$$l_b = n(MLT')$$

- ▶ (MLT') is the mean-length-per-turn of the winding

- ▶ R can be expressed as

$$R = \rho \frac{n(MLT')}{A_w}$$

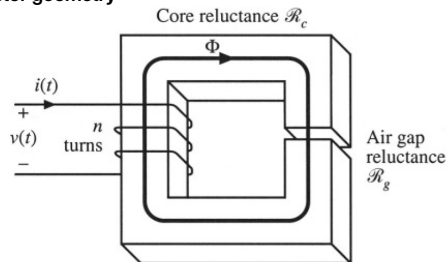
- ▶ R must not be too high due to thermal considerations

- ▶ Current density should typically be bounded (cooling!)

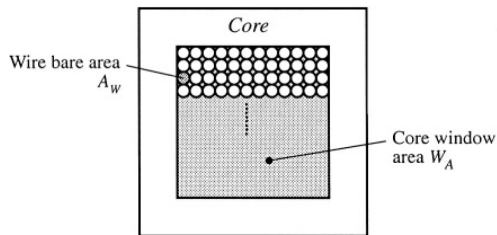
$$J_{rms} = \frac{I_{rms}}{A_w} \leq [3 - 6] \frac{A}{mm^2}$$

INDUCTOR DESIGN - WINDING AREA CONSTRAINT

Inductor geometry



Core window area utilization



Core window area sizing

- ▶ The winding must fit through the core window
- ▶ The total bare wire cross section can be expressed as:

$$nA_w$$

- ▶ Conductors are not perfectly packed, e.g. round wire
- ▶ Additional insulation material/spacing may be needed
- ▶ The relation between the core window area W_A and total bare wire cross section can be expressed as:

$$W_A K_u \geq nA_w$$

- ▶ K_u is the window utilization factor, or fill factor
- ▶ K_u is in $[0.7 - 0.55]$ range for round wire
- ▶ Additional multiplicative coefficient in range $[0.95 - 0.65]$ for insulated wire

INDUCTOR DESIGN - THE CORE GEOMETRICAL CONSTANT

We have identified four constraints:

- ▶ Core should not saturate

$$nI_{max} = B_{max} \frac{l_g}{\mu_0}$$

- ▶ Target inductance should be achieved

$$L = \frac{n^2}{\Re_g} = \frac{\mu_0 A_c n^2}{l_g}$$

- ▶ Winding should fit into available core window area

$$W_A K_u \geq n A_w$$

- ▶ Winding resistance should be less or equal than desired (Losses!)

$$R = \rho \frac{n(MLT)}{A_w}$$

- ▶ Core geometry related parameters: A_c, W_A, MLT

- ▶ Design specifications: $I_{max}, B_{max}, \mu_0, L, K_u, R, \rho$

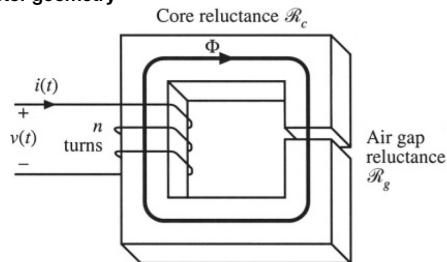
- ▶ Unknown variables: n, l_g, A_w

- ▶ Eliminating unknown variables leads to the following inequality:

$$\frac{A_c^2 W_A}{(MLT)} \geq \frac{\rho L^2 I_{max}^2}{B_{max}^2 R K_u}$$

INDUCTOR DESIGN - THE CORE GEOMETRICAL CONSTANT - K_g

Inductor geometry



Merged constraints

- Combining the presented constraints leads to

$$\frac{A_c^2 W_A}{(MLT')} \geq \frac{\rho L^2 I_{max}^2}{B_{max}^2 R K_u}$$

- The **right side** of this inequality are specifications or other known quantities
- The **left side** of the inequality is a function of the core geometry alone

The core geometrical constant - K_g

- It is necessary to choose a core whose geometry satisfies the given inequality
- The Core Geometrical Constant is defined as

$$K_g = \frac{A_c^2 W_A}{(MLT')}$$

- It describes the effective electrical size of magnetic cores in applications where copper loss and maximum flux density are specified
- It can be computed for any core based on its geometry
- The core selection boils down to selecting a core with high enough K_g

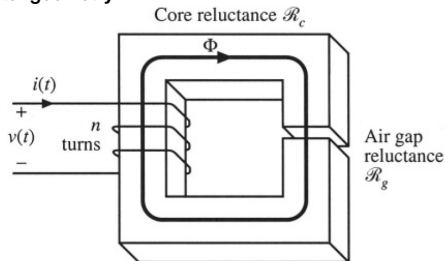
$$K_g \geq \frac{\rho L^2 I_{max}^2}{B_{max}^2 R K_u}$$

Conclusions

- Different electric parameters affect the core size
- Different geometries can satisfy the K_g constraint, showing the trade-off between utilized conductor (W_A) and core material (A_c)

INDUCTOR DESIGN - A STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE

Inductor geometry



Specified units and constants:

- ▶ Electrical: $\rho [\Omega - cm]$, $I_{max} [A]$, $L [H]$, $R [\Omega]$, $K_u [p.u.]$, $R [\Omega]$, $B_{max} [T]$
- ▶ Geometrical: $A_c [cm^2]$, $W_A [cm^2]$, $(MLT) [cm]$
- ▶ Constants: $\rho = 1.724 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega - cm$, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} H/m$

Step-by-step design:

- ▶ Determine the core size:

$$K_g \geq \frac{\rho L^2 I_{max}^2}{B_{max}^2 R K_u} \cdot 10^8 [cm^5]$$

- ▶ Determine the air gap length:

$$l_g = \frac{\mu_0 L I_{max}^2}{B_{max}^2 A_c} \cdot 10^4 [m]$$

- ▶ Determine the number of turns:

$$n = \frac{L I_{max}}{B_{max} A_c} \cdot 10^4$$

- ▶ Determine the wire size:

$$A_w \leq \frac{K_u W_A}{n} [cm^2]$$

Control check:

- ▶ Check current density:

$$J_{rms} = \frac{I_{rms}}{A_w} \leq 3 \frac{A}{mm^2}$$

- ▶ Resistance can be computed for verification:

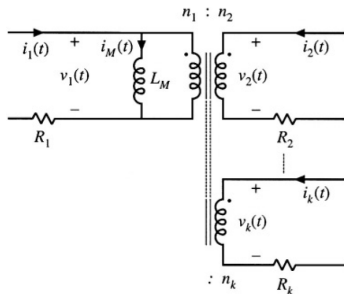
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TRANSFORMER DESIGN

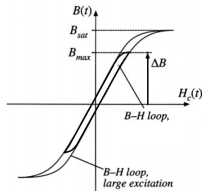
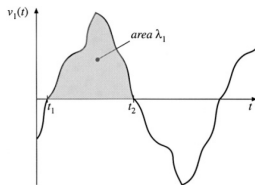
Multiple windings structure...

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - INTRO

A k-winding transformer



Inductor Current and BH Loop



Assumptions

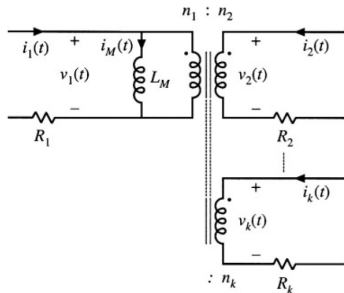
- ▶ High frequency Skin losses are negligible
- ▶ Proximity losses are negligible
- ▶ Both Winding and Core losses are considered
- ▶ B_{max} is limited by core losses rather than saturation due to large BH loop

Design constraints

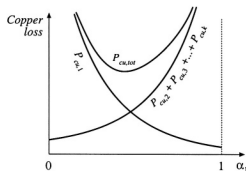
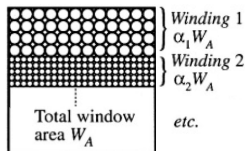
- ▶ Optimal core window area allocation
- ▶ Core losses
- ▶ Flux density
- ▶ Copper losses
- ▶ Total losses
- ▶ Optimal flux density

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - OPTIMAL CORE WINDOW AREA ALLOCATION

A k-winding transformer



Winding allocation



Problem statement

- ▶ A portion of the core window area needs to be allocated for each winding
- ▶ Increasing the allocated area of 1-th ($R_1 \searrow$) winding decreases the available area for the rest ($R_i \nearrow$)
- ▶ Overall winding losses ($P_{cu,tot}$) should be minimized

Optimal core window area allocation

- ▶ There exists an optimal winding space allocation for each winding α_i that minimizes $P_{cu,tot}$
- ▶ It can be expressed as a function of the apparent power of each winding

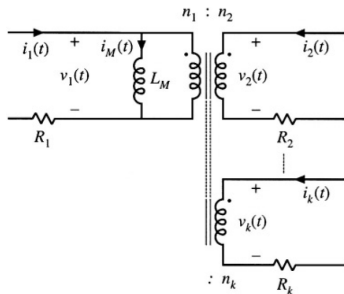
$$\alpha_i = \frac{V_i I_i}{\sum_{j=1}^k V_j I_j}$$

- ▶ Each winding will get a portion of core window area proportional to its apparent power

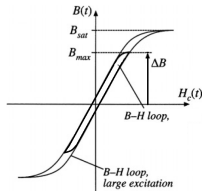
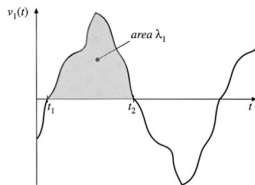
$$A_{wi} = \frac{\alpha_i K_u W_A}{n_i}$$

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - CORE LOSSES & FLUX DENSITY

A k-winding transformer



Volt-second and B-H loop



Core losses

- ▶ Core losses cannot be neglected due to large BH loop
- ▶ For sinusoidal excitation they can be expressed with Steinmetz equation

$$P_{fe} = K_{fe} (\Delta B)^\beta A_c l_m$$

- ▶ l_m is the core mean magnetic path length, hence $A_c l_m$ is the core volume
- ▶ K_{fe} and β is the Steinmetz parameters defined for the chosen core material
- ▶ Core losses P_{fe} increase with the increase of max flux density ΔB

Flux density

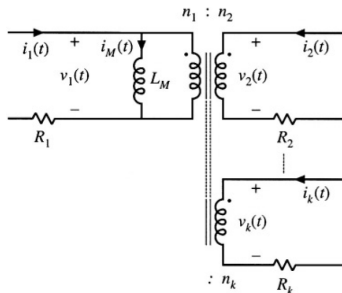
- ▶ For a given applied voltage waveform with λ_1 volt-seconds, the maximum flux density can be expressed as

$$\Delta B = \frac{\lambda_1}{2n_1 A_c}$$

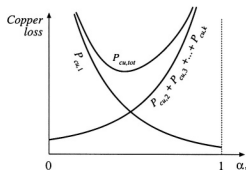
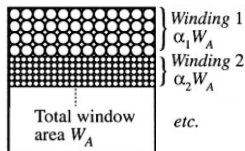
- ▶ ΔB and core losses can be decreased by increasing n_1
- ▶ However increase of n_1 increases copper losses, since it results in more turns of smaller wire
- ▶ Therefore there exists a ΔB that optimizes the total losses

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - COPPER LOSSES

A k-winding transformer



Winding allocation (e.g. primary and secondary)



Total copper losses:

- When the core window area is allocated to the various windings according to their relative apparent powers (optimal allocation), the total copper loss is then

$$P_{cu} = \frac{\rho(MLT)n_1^2 I_{tot}^2}{W_A K_u}$$

- I_{tot} is the sum of the rms winding currents, referred to winding 1.

$$I_{tot} = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{n_j}{n_1} I_j$$

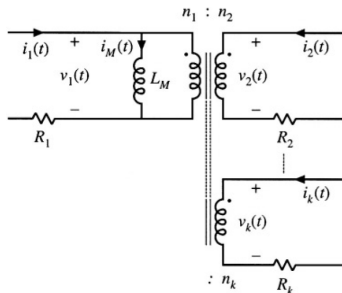
- Expression for flux density can be used to eliminate n_1 resulting in

$$P_{cu} = \left(\frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2}{4 K_u} \right) \left(\frac{(MLT)}{W_A A_c^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Delta B} \right)^2$$

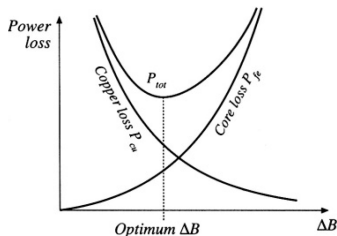
- Given expression is grouped into three terms: specifications, core geometry and ΔB influence

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - TOTAL LOSSES & OPTIMAL FLUX DENSITY

A k-winding transformer



Optimal flux density



Optimal flux density derivation:

- Both P_{fe} and P_{cu} are expressed as explicit functions of ΔB

$$P_{fe} = K_{fe}(\Delta B)^\beta A_c l_m$$

$$P_{cu} = \left(\frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2}{4K_u} \right) \left(\frac{MLT}{W_A A_c^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Delta B} \right)^2$$

- It is possible to find the optimal ΔB that minimizes the total losses P_{tot}

$$P_{tot} = P_{fe} + P_{cu}$$

- Optimal ΔB yields

$$\frac{dP_{tot}}{d(\Delta B)} = 0$$

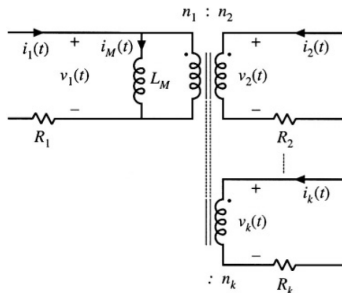
- Solution of this equation providing the optimal ΔB is given as

$$\Delta B = \left[\frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2}{2K_u} \frac{(MLT)}{W_A A_c^3 l_m} \frac{1}{\beta K_{fe}} \right]^{\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2} \right)}$$

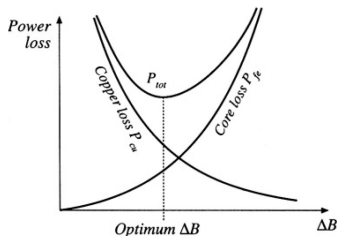
- It is important to check if this value exceeds the B_{sat} of the given material

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - THE CORE GEOMETRICAL CONSTANT

A k-winding transformer



Optimal flux density



Merged constraints:

- Combining the previously derived equations leads to

$$\frac{W_A A_c^{(2(\beta-1)/\beta)}}{(MLT) l_m^{(2/\beta)}} \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2} \right)} + \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2} \right)} \right]^{-\left(\frac{\beta+2}{\beta} \right)} = \frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2 K_{fe}^{(2/\beta)}}{4 K_u P_{tot}^{((\beta+2)/\beta)}}$$

- The terms on the left side depend on the core geometry
- The terms on the right side depend on application specifications and the desired core material characteristics
- The core geometrical constant K_{gfe} is defined as:

$$K_{gfe} = \frac{W_A A_c^{(2(\beta-1)/\beta)}}{(MLT) l_m^{(2/\beta)}} \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2} \right)} + \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2} \right)} \right]^{-\left(\frac{\beta+2}{\beta} \right)}$$

- The core selection boils down to selecting a core with high enough K_{gfe}

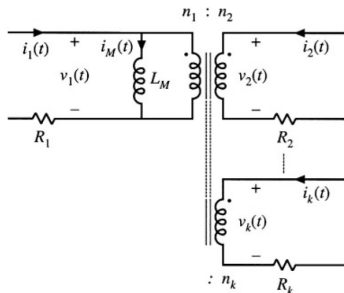
$$K_{gfe} \geq \frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2 K_{fe}^{(2/\beta)}}{4 K_u P_{tot}^{((\beta+2)/\beta)}}$$

Conclusions

- K_{gfe} is a measure of the magnetic size of a core for applications in which core loss is significant
- It depends on selected core material characteristics

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - A STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE (1/2)

A k-winding transformer



Specified units and constants:

- Electrical: $\rho [\Omega - cm]$, $I_{tot} [A]$, $\frac{n_j}{n_1} [p.u.]$, $\lambda_1 [V - sec]$, $P_{tot} [W]$, $K_u [p.u.]$, $\beta []$, $K_{fe} []$, $\Delta B [T]$
- Geometrical: $A_c [cm^2]$, $W_A [cm^2]$, $(MLT) [cm]$, $l_m [cm]$, $A_{wi} [cm^2]$
- Constants: $\rho = 1.724 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega - cm$, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} H/m$

Step-by-step design:

- Determine the core size:

$$K_{gfe} \geq \frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2 K_{fe}^{(2/\beta)}}{4 K_u P_{tot}^{((\beta+2)/\beta)}} \cdot 10^8 [cm^5]$$

- Evaluate peak ac flux density

$$\Delta B = \left[\frac{\rho \lambda_1^2 I_{tot}^2}{2 K_u} \frac{(MLT)}{W_A A_c^3 l_m} \frac{1}{\beta K_{fe}} \right]^{(\frac{1}{\beta+2})}$$

- Evaluate primary number of turns

$$n_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{2 \Delta B A_c} \cdot 10^4$$

- Choose numbers of turns for other windings based on desired transformation ratios

$$\frac{n_j}{n_1} [p.u.]$$

- Evaluate fraction of window area allocated to each winding

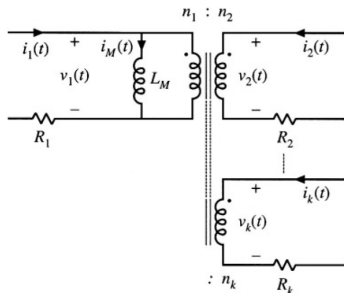
$$\alpha_j = \frac{n_j I_j}{n_1 I_{tot}}$$

- Evaluate the wire size

$$A_{wj} \leq \frac{\alpha_j K_u W_A}{n_1}$$

TRANSFORMER DESIGN - A STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE (2/2)

A k-winding transformer



Specified units and constants:

- Electrical: ρ [$\Omega - cm$], I_{tot} [A], $\frac{n_j}{n_1}$ [$p.u.$], λ_1 [$V - sec$], P_{tot} [W], K_u [$p.u.$], β [$]$, K_{fe} [$]$, ΔB [T]
- Geometrical: A_c [cm^2], W_A [cm^2], (MLT) [cm], l_m [cm], A_{wi} [cm^2]
- Constants: $\rho = 1.724 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega - cm$, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} H/m$

Control check:

- Optimal ΔB does not saturate the core:

$$\Delta B \leq B_{sat}$$

- Magnetizing inductance, referred to primary winding:

$$L_m = \frac{\mu n_1^2 A_c}{l_m}$$

- Peak AC magnetizing current, referred to primary winding:

$$i_{M,pk} = \frac{\lambda_1}{2L_m}$$

- Winding resistances:

$$R_j = \frac{\rho n_j (MLT)}{A_{wj}}$$

EXAMPLES OF HIGH-POWER MEDIUM FREQUENCY TRANSFORMERS

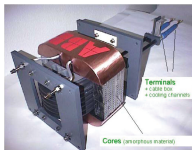


ABB: 350kW, 10kHz

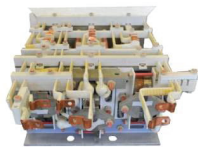
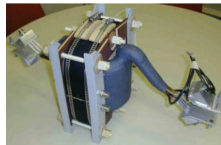
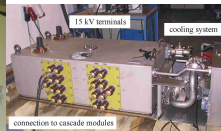


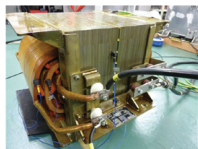
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IKERLAN: 400kW, 6kHz



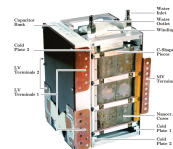
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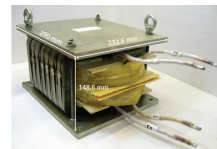
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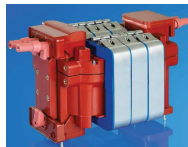
CHALMERS: 50kW, 5kHz



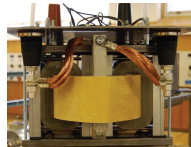
ETHZ: 166kW, 20kHz



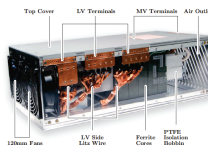
EPFL: 300kW, 2kHz



STS: 450kW, 8kHz



KTH: 170kW, 4kHz



ETHZ: 166kW, 20kHz



EPFL: 100kW, 10kHz

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ACME: ???kW, ???kHz