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### Abstract

We cannot imagine the world without electric power. Generally the power is transmitted through wires. This project describes an original idea to eradicate the hazardous usage of electrical wires which involve lot of confusion in particularly organizing them. Imagine a future in which wireless power transfer is feasible: cell phones, household robots, mp3 players, laptop computers and other portable electronics capable of charging themselves without ever being plugged in, freeing us from that final, ubiquitous power wire. Some of these devices might not even need their bulky batteries to operate. This project includes the techniques of transmitting power without using wires with an efficiency of about 95% with non-radiative methods. Due to which it does not affect the environment surrounding. These techniques Includes resonating inductive coupling in sustainable moderate range. The coupling consists of an inductor along with a capacitor with its own resonating frequency. In any system of coupled resonators there often exists a so-called "strongly coupled" regime of operation. If one ensures to operate in that regime in a given system, the energy transfer can be very efficient. Another technique includes transfer of power through microwaves using rectennas. This is particularly suitable for long range distances ranging kilometers. With this we can avoid the confusion and danger of having long, hazardous and tangled wiring. This project as a whole gives an effective, high performance techniques which can efficiently transmit the power to the required area varying in distances. .

### **Chapter 1 Introduction to WiTricity**

High power moving objects can be supplied economically if appropriate wireless power transfer (WiTricity) sources exist. A maglev system, with a linear synchronous motor, for instance, requires primary windings distributed along the track, resulting in substantial increase in the construction and maintenance cost. Placing windings on the mover plus a proper WiTricity system considerably reduces the cost. A suitable structure for high power WiTricity systems should be designed to satisfy the best performance and meet the requirement of the application. The simplicity of the implementation is also essential in selecting the WiTricity structure.

In WiTricity for high power moving applications, the apparatus usually includes a small air gap along the main flux path that links two coils. A primary coil is located on the stationary base unit while a secondary coil is located on the vehicle. The latter coil effectively receives the power from the primary side through the air gap and delivers it to the vehicle. The power can be used immediately by a traction motors or can be stored for later use. Also, a WiTricity structure can be constructed in conjunction with a magnetic levitation system using Hallbach arrays, permanent magnets (PMs), passive and self-controlled systems. Although the required power for a levitation system is usually lower than the power needed by a propulsion system, the combined system causes a reduction in total weight of vehicle and improves its performance.

Different WiTricity structures for transferring high power form long primary tracks to moving objects are considered. In particular, two types of WiTricity systems, i.e., with long bus bars and with long magnetic material cores are proposed. Also, WiTricity structures for monorail systems with U, S, E, Z and  $\lambda$  shapes are introduced. Two WiTricity structures are presented and analyzed for the linear servo motors. A WiTricity system consisting of a U shape pickup on the vehicle and three wires as primary winding is proposed for supplying movable vehicles. The mentioned works not thoroughly discuss the system analysis and design, considering practical limitations such as operating frequency when both high power transfer and high efficiency are desirable. In order to attain high performances in WiTricity systems, capacitive compensations in both primary and secondary sides are recommended to provide resonance conditions. Resonance based WiTricity systems save weight, space and cost of the system. However, some special applications can be supplied by non-resonance based WiTricity systems with proper designs.

Coaxial WiTricity systems including a straight primary wire passing through the center of a cylindrical secondary core with an air gap have already been recognized. It can be used in Maglev as well as in wireless EV charging systems and power delivery system for mining applications. Also, a high power coaxial inductive power transfer pickup is presented. A partial design of the system is reported recently. However, a systematic modeling, analysis and design procedure is not reported in the literature.

In this work, a coaxial WiTricity system as in Fig. 1 is considered. A mathematical model is used for the system analysis including the compensating capacitors. The analysis includes the calculation of transferred power, efficiency, coupling coefficient, etc.. Then, a design procedure is proposed to achieve high efficiency and high transferred power. The work extends the application of low power resonance based inductive magnetic coupling to high power applications like Maglev. The system parameters are obtained to meet the design specifications. Analytical results are verified by 3D FEM simulations to confirm the design.



Figure 1. A schematic view of the gapped coaxial WPT system.



Figure 2. Cross section of the gapped coaxial WPT system.

#### 1.1 What is WiTricity?

WiTricity (wireless power transmission) is nothing but wireless electricity. Transmission of electrical energy from one object to another without the use of wires is called as WiTricity. WiTricity will ensure that the cell phones, laptops, iPods and other power hungry devices get charged on their own, eliminating the need of plugging them in. WiTricity technology is transferring electric energy or power over distance without wires. With the basics of electricity and magnetism, and work our way up to the WiTricity technology. Even better, because of WiTricity some of the devices won't enquire batteries to operate. No, this concept of wireless electricity is not new. In fact it dates back to the 19th century, when Nikola Tesla used conduction- based systems instead of resonance magnetic fields to transfer wireless power. Further, in 2005, Dave Gerding coined the term WiTricity which is being used by the MIT researchers today. Moreover, we all are aware of the use of electromagnetic radiation (radio waves) which is quite well known for wireless transfer of information. In addition, lasers have also been used to transmit energy without wires. However, radio waves are not feasible for power transmissions because the nature of the radiation is such that it spreads across the place, resulting into a large amount of radiations being wasted. And in the case of lasers, apart from requirement of uninterrupted line of sight (obstacles hinders the transmission process), it is also very dangerous.

#### 1.2 Why do we need WiTricity?

There are so many places where a power source is needed for many appliances to work, but batteries cannot be there. Examples of such situations include remote underwater locations for temperature and tide sensors, concrete reinforcements for corrosion detectors, or even inside our own body for diagnostic endoscopes, etc. In such instances, ability to deliver power wirelessly where it is needed becomes an enabler to a much larger impact from countless electrical devices. Wireless Power Transmission (WiTricity) is the transmission of electrical energy from a power source to an electrical load without a conductive physical connection or interconnecting wires. Transmission of power wirelessly is very different from data communication wirelessly. Radio waves are used to send and receive cell phone, TV, radio, and WiFi data. The radio waves spread in all directions until they reach the antenna that is tuned to the right frequency. Spreading power in a similar way would be not only inefficient but also dangerous. Therefore, WiTricity is done utilizing technologies like inductive coupling. WiTricity is increasingly being used to make everyday products like cell phones, laptop computers, mobile robots, and electric vehicles, capable of re-charging themselves without ever being plugged in. WiTricity enables flat screen TVs hang on the wall without any wires to power source. Medical devices and implants no longer need wires or batteries. Pacemakers do not have to be surgically replenished with batteries every few years. WT technologies

continue to evolve, so they can be safely and efficiently over larger and larger distances and deliver large amount of power.

#### 1.3 What Can We Do with WiTricity?

Wireless energy transmission applications by WiTricity technologies will enable a new tether less truly mobile connected world:

- Eliminate cords for everything from lamps and laptops to kitchen appliances
- Eliminate the need for surgery to replace batteries for pacemakers inside human bodies
- Eliminate chargers for mobile cell phone and cameras chargers
- Eliminate extra installations needed for new power outlets when installing electrical devices
- Eliminate restrictions of distance and need to place electrical product within a limited cord range to the wall outlet
- Eliminate dangers of tripping posed by dangling power cord
- Electrically powered devices will no longer need recharging
- Highways would continuously recharge electric cars that drive on them

#### **1.4 How Does WiTricity Work?**

Wireless energy transfer (WiTricity) is an emerging technology that can wirelessly provide perpetual energy supply to wireless networks and wireless devices. WET is achieved by either the "near-field" electromagnetic (EM) induction technology or the "far-field" EM radiation (such as radio) for short- or long-range applications, respectively. There are many ways to transfer low levels of energy including:

- WiTricity using EM induction
- WiTricity using EM induction with resonance
- WiTricity using EM radiation with radio waves
- WiTricity using EM radiation with Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (laser)

#### 2.1 Nikola Tesla

Nikola Tesla (Serbian Cyrillic: Никола Тесла; 10 July 1856 – 7 January 1943) was a Serbian American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system.

Tesla gained experience in telephony and electrical engineering before immigrating to the United States in 1884 to work for Thomas Edison in New York City. He soon struck out on his own with financial backers, setting up laboratories and companies to develop a range of electrical devices. His patented AC induction motor and transformer were licensed by George Westinghouse, who also hired Tesla for a short time as a consultant. His work in the formative years of electric power development was involved in a corporate alternating current/direct current "War of Currents" as well as various patent battles. Tesla went on to pursue his ideas of wireless lighting and electricity distribution in his high-voltage, high-frequency power experiments in New York and Colorado Springs and made early (1893) pronouncements on the possibility of wireless communication with his devices. He tried to put these ideas to practical use in his ill-fated attempt at intercontinental wireless transmission, which was his unfinished Wardenclyffe Tower project. In his lab he also conducted a range of experiments with mechanical oscillators/generators, electrical discharge tubes, and early X-ray imaging. He also built a wireless controlled boat, one of the first ever exhibited.

#### 2.2 Tesla contribution

The idea of transmitting power through the air has been around for over a century, with Nikola Tesla's pioneering ideas and experiments perhaps being the most well-known early attempts to do so. He had a vision of wirelessly distributing power over large distances using the earth's ionosphere. Most approaches to wireless power transfer use an electromagnetic (EM) field of some frequency as the means by which the energy is sent. At the high frequency end of the spectrum are optical techniques that use lasers to send power via a collimated beam of light to a remote detector where the received photons are converted to electrical energy. Efficient transmission over large distances is possible with this approach; however, complicated pointing and tracking mechanisms are needed to maintain proper alignment between moving transmitters and/or receivers. In addition, objects that get between the transmitter and receiver can block the beam, interrupting the power transmission and, depending on the power level, possibly causing harm. At microwave frequencies, a similar approach can be used to efficiently transmit power over large distances using the radiated EM field from appropriate antennas. However, similar caveats about safety and system complexity apply for these radiative approaches.

It is also possible to transmit power using non-radiative fields. As an example, the operation of a transformer can be considered a form of wireless power transfer since it uses the principle of magnetic induction to transfer energy from a primary coil to a secondary coil without a direct electrical connection. Inductive chargers, such as those found commonly in electric toothbrushes, operate on this same principle. However, for these systems to operate efficiently, the primary coil (source) and secondary coil (device) must be located in close proximity and carefully positioned with respect to one another. From a technical point of view, this means the magnetic coupling between the source and device coils must be large for proper operation.

But what about going over somewhat larger distances or having more freedom in positioning the source and device relative to each other? That's the question that a group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asked themselves. They explored many techniques for transmitting power over "mid-range" distances and arrived at a non-radiative approach that uses resonance to enhance the efficiency of the energy transfer (see Physics of Highly Resonant Power Transfer for details). High quality factor resonators enable efficient energy transfer at lower coupling rates, i.e., at greater distances and/or with more positional freedom than is otherwise possible (and therefore, this approach is sometimes referred to as "highly resonant" wireless energy transfer or "highly resonant" wireless power transfer (HR-WiTricity)). The MIT team demonstrated the highly resonant technique using a magnetic field to transfer energy over a mid-range distance of 2 meters, and an industry was born. In some instances, this technology is also referred to as "magnetic resonance", and it is often contrasted to "induction" for its ability to efficiently transfer power over a range of distances and with positional and

orientational offsets. Since that initial demonstration, the use of HR-WiTricity, or magnetic resonance, has enabled efficient wireless energy transfer in a wide range of applications that was not possible before.

### **Chapter 3 How to WiTricity**

#### 3.1 Wireless energy transmission technology

In general, effective wireless energy transmission concepts need to comply with a range of fundamental constraints:

- possibility to transfer the energy though an atmosphere; transparency of the atmosphere to the used wavelength;
- possibility for directional emission;
- possibility to convert the energy from the form of its source (solar, electric, heat) to a transmittable form (e.g. microwave, laser, acoustic);
- Possibility to convert the transmittable energy form back into a useful form of energy (e.g. electricity, hydrogen).

It is useful to compare its performances and parameters with microwave energy transmission with LASER energy transmission, the most widely studied wireless energy transmission technology. In principle, laser energy transmission systems are very similar to energy transmission via microwave technology: the power source (solar, electricity) is converted into an emitter or an emitter array that generates the directional electromagnetic radiation, which is subsequently absorbed in a receiver, which transforms the energy back into a more useful, transportable form, e.g. electricity, heat, hydrogen.

The key difference, the wavelengths used, implies the major other differences between the laser and microwave-based concepts: While most wireless power transmission rely on microwave frequencies of either 2.45 or 5.8 GHz (0.12-0.05 m; both in the industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) frequency band), laser energy transmission takes advantage of the atmospheric transparency window in the visible or near infrared frequency spectrum. (Fig. 1)



Figure 3: Transmission and absorption in Earth atmosphere. (Source: NASA)

The five orders of magnitude frequency difference determine the sizing of the emitters and receiving devices as well as the energy density of the transmission beam according to standard optics principles. Similar to the higher data rate achievable with optical data links (Fig. 2), laser energy transmission allows much higher energy densities, a narrower focus of the beam and smaller emission and receiver diameters.



Figure 4: Classification of satellite communication systems by beam divergence and data

rate.

#### **3.2** Wireless power transmission experiments

The principles of wireless power transmission as considered for SPS and other applications has already been demonstrated for both technologies: RF and laser systems.

#### 3.2.1 Microwave-based experiments

Microwave-based experiments have demonstrated so far the possibility to supply power to e.g. helicopters, balloon-based platforms, experimental airplanes, experimental cars, rovers and cell phones. The first experiment was conducted by W. Brown in 1964, when also the first "rectenna" and invented and used.

The longest distances between emitting and receiving points achieved so far is in the order to hundred kilometers. The largest amount of energy transmitted so far was during an experiment by the US Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1975, when 30 kW were transmitted from a 26 m diameter parabolic dish to a 1.54 km distant rectenna with 85% efficiency.

The first energy transmission in space between two objects was achieved by N. Kaya et al. in 1983. The first airplane powered by a ground based microwave emitter was launched in Canada in 1987 with the aim to test a wireless power transmission technology to be used for powering high altitude, quasistationary platforms. Similar experiments were performed in Japan in 1993 and 1995, powering from the ground a small airplane and a balloon respectively. The electronic beam steering by phase control of a microwave beam from space to Earth using a pilot signal has been demonstrated in a sounding rocket experiment in 2006 by Kaya et al.

In a completely different power range and for completely different applications, also the power supply to RFID chips are to be considered an application of wireless power transmission by microwaves. Furthermore, these generally use the same ISM frequency band.

#### **3.2.2 Laser-based experiments**

While over the years, several laser-based wireless power transmission experiments and applications have been suggested and described, only relatively few actual experiments have been carried out compared to the number and diversity of microwave-based experiments described in the previous section. Classified experiments involving laser power transmission technology demonstration have been reported to have taken place in the 1980s during the US Strategic Defence Initiative. These seem to have been conducted building on a heritage from the Apollo programme that used ground-based lasers with reflectors on the Moon to measure the Earth-Moon distance. Once of the observatories involved has been the Air Force Maui Optical Station (AMOS) located on top of mount Haleaki in Hawaii, US. The SDI concepts would use ground based eximer lasers with adaptive optics and a roughly 5 m mirror in GEO and another mirror in a polar orbit at roughly 1000 km altitude.

In 2002 and 2003, Steinsiek and Schafer demon-" started ground to ground wireless power transmission via laser to a small, otherwise fully independent rover vehicle equipped with photovoltaic cells as a first step towards the use of this technology for powering airships and further in the future lunar surface rovers. The experiment was based on a green, frequency-doubled Nd:YAG laser at only a few Watts. It included the initiation and supply of the rover including a micro-camera as payload as well as the pointing and tracking of the moving rover over a distance up to 280 m by applying active control loops. (Fig. 3)

Recently, similar experiments, however focusing less on the beam control and beam steering aspects but rather on the total transmitted power levels have been carried out in the frame of a context related to space elevators, organized and co-funded by NASA. Ground-based lasers have been used to power small PV-covered "climbers" attached to a tether with the objective to achieve maximum climbing speeds.

One of the advantages of microwave power transmission over the use of laser has been the possibility to avoid moving parts in space by using an electronic beam steering system based on the control of the phase of a matrix of emitters. Recently, Schafer<sup>--</sup> and Kaya have however demonstrated that a similar system is in principle also possible for laser based systems by presenting a new concept for a retro directive tracking system.

In the proposed concept, the power transmitter utilizes a receiver's pilot signal to obtain information about its direction by conjugating the signal's phase inside a nonlinear medium. The emitted power therefore transmitted back to the direction of the receiver by the phaseconjugated signal beam. In this way, power can be concentrated by an array of phase conjugators, which offer the possibility to provide a large aperture in order to increase the intensity at the receiver's photovoltaic panels. The control of the phase and the direction of the readout beams provides control over the interference pattern, its position, and its size, offering new possibilities for the design of space based power stations.



Figure 5: EADS developed, fully laser powered autonomous rover. (source: EADS)

#### **3.3 Laser power transmission**

Lasers generate phase-coherent electromagnetic radiation at optical and infrared frequencies from external energy sources by preferentially pumping excited states of a "lasant" to create an inversion in the normal distribution of energy states. Photons of specific frequency emitted by stimulated emission enter and are amplified as standing waves in a resonant optical cavity. The most efficient DC-to-laser converters are solid-state laser diodes commercially employed in fiber optic and free-space laser communication. Alternatively, direct solar-pumping laser generation has a major advantage over conventional solid state or gas lasers, which rely on the use of electrical energy to generate laser oscillation since the generation of electricity in space implies automatically a system level efficiency loss of roughly 60%. To generate a laser beam by direct solar pumping, solar energy needs to be concentrated before being injected into the laser medium. The required concentration ratio is

dependent on the size of the laser medium, the energy absorption ratio and the thermal shock parameter (weakness of the material to internal stress caused by a thermal gradient).

#### 3.3.1 Laser selection

In principle, all lasers can be used for transmitting power. Using the general conditions as described in section 3 specifically applied for the selection of lasers, these imply in addition constraints related to the

• Efficiency of the laser generation process, and the Efficiency of the absorption and laser-to-electric conversion processes.

Specifically for direct solar pumped lasers, there are several types of materials suitable as laser medium: From the standpoint of resistance to thermal stress, sapphire seems the optimal material for the laser medium. Since large sapphire crystals are very difficult to produce, most concepts rely on YAG (yttrium aluminum garnet) laser crystals. Concerning the required energy densities, solar energy compression ratios of a few hundred times are required for YAG lasers.

Applications in space or from space to Earth add additional constraints regarding:

- Laser generation system mass.
- Laser generation temperature requirements (preference for very high temperature operations in order to allow for a low radiative heat rejection system mass and small size).
- Absence of "consumables" and other potential waste products.
- High laser beam quality to avoid the use of lenses and achieve small receiving surfaces.
- Control of the phase (arrays of matrices of different laser, possibly used in order to form virtual, large apertures).



Figure 6: Spectral output of several types of lasers.

Scholars on terrestrial solar pumped lasers generally differentiate between two types of "solar pumped lasers": direct and indirect solar pumped versions. In this classification, the "solar pumped" description relates to the sun as origin of the power source, with indirect solar pumped lasers first converting it via e.g. PV panels into electricity which is then used for population inversion inside the gain medium. Direct solar pumped lasers use the solar irradiation directly as energy source injected into the laser gain medium.

Under this classification, practically all space based lasers would fall under the category of "solar pumped lasers". Therefore, literature related to space applications usually makes the distinction between standard lasers (in the terrestrial laser power community called indirect solar pumped lasers) and solar pumped lasers (called direct solar pumped lasers in the standard literature on lasers).

#### a. Standard indirectly pumped lasers

An analysis of the suitability of different laser types has shown that for the visible frequency range, solid state lasers are in general considered as the most suitable candidates for (space) solar power applications, including diode lasers and diode-pumped thin disk lasers. Especially the later ones have achieved very high power levels of up to kW and overcoming some of the limitations of high power diode lasers, like thermal lensing by reducing the thermal gradients in the material.

In general, these lasers rely e.g. on a laser diode or on materials like Nd:YAG. Currently, the laser diode is the most efficient laser, with an up to 80% plug-in efficiency and an emitted wavelength in the range of 795-850 nm. The most important development effort seems to be made for diodes emitting in the range of 950 nm (pumping of 1.55  $\mu$ m fiber laser). For larger scale space applications for wireless power transmission, large area emitting system with thousands of individual diodes could be realized. In this case, the main limitation is the thermal control of such diode panels to maintain optical coherence.

Most of the solid state lasers are based on crystal technology (Nd: YAG, Nd:Y2O3, Ruby, etc). These lasers are optically pumped in the visible range. The Nd:YAG laser (1.064  $\mu$ m) is the most widely used; it can be efficiently pumped by laser diodes or solar radiation, emitting visible radiation at 0.532  $\mu$ m. The overall system efficiency for the laser diode pumped concept is reported at about 15%.

#### b. Direct solar pumped lasers

Direct pumping uses sunlight as the source of the pumping light in order to generate the laser beam. In order to achieve the required power densities for the inversion process, sunlight at 1 a.u. needs to be concentrated from its natural 1387 W/m2 to concentration values between 200 and a few thousands depending on the lasing medium. In order to avoid very large collecting and concentrating surfaces (reflectors or lenses), direct solar pumped lasers add additional constraints to the selection process described above:

- Low energy densities for the population inversion in order to allow for practically achievable solar energy concentration ratios;
- High temperature lasing rods able to be combined in series;
- Highly efficient hear removal systems.

The laser rods can be made of a variety of materials; many recent studies have focused on using semiconductor materials. The power output of direct solar pumped lasers depends fundamentally on the overlapping between the standard solar emission spectrum and the laser absorption one. The speculated slope efficiency of this type of pumping is up to 2-3%. The components of this system are a solar collector, laser medium and on the receiving end either photovoltaic panels or a heat-based conversion system for the conversion of the laser beam back to electricity. Alternatively, as for standard lasers, lasers in the infrared wavelength region might be used to via further concentrations to directly generate hydrogen via the molecular dissociation process. One of the most critical technical challenges is the design of an efficient heat removal system from the laser medium. Even with the reported very high conversion efficiencies only part of the injected solar energy will appear as laser output. The remaining energy will generate heat. This energy increases the internal energy of the laser medium but does not appear as laser output. It is therefore important to design the system so that those parts of the solar spectrum that do not contribute to the laser output are filtered and don't reach the laser medium in the first place. One options could be polymer films with a wavelength-dependent reflectance ratio.

Direct solar pumped lasers present some considerable advantages for space applications, making this technology in principle more attractive for use in space than on Earth:

- Since in space, the energy for laser pumping needs to come from solar radiation the efficiency of the photovoltaic solar to electric conversion system needs to be included in a laser technology system analysis. Space PV system efficiencies in the order of 30 to possibly 40% are assumed to be achievable within the next 5 years. Therefore 15% efficient direct solar pumped lasers would compete with laser systems with a 50% laser generation efficiency, not accounting for other aspects.
- The elimination of the intermediate conversion process from solar into electricity in space, which eliminates the need for most of the electronics. Eliminating the electricity intermediate step also solves one of the potentially limiting factors of "traditional" solar power satellite concepts, namely problems due to high voltages (e.g. arching,).

A fiber laser with optimized sun collector could be an interesting alternative, but only a very small number of theoretical studies have been carried out to date and it is difficult to currently quantify the application of this technique for direct solar pumped lasers.

#### 3.3.2 Recent and ongoing research

Most of the very early solar power satellite systems were based on microwave power transmission. But since the very early phases, laser power transmission was considered as an alternative. Studies included already in the late 1970s laser based SPS, their economic rationale, their integration into a hydrogen economy and their potential interactions between high power laser beams and the environment, including the investigation of potential

mitigation techniques to minimize the environment effect by a judicious choice of laser operating parameters.

The use of laser based wireless power transmission was revisited in the early 1990s by Landis. Since several years, the Japanese space agency JAXA is pursuing a solid and targeted R&D program towards the development of space based solar power stations, including as the two main technical options the microwave and laser based concepts. New designs and laser system options have been proposed.

The JAXA proposed laser based system is based on direct solar pumped lasers using a Nd:YAG crystal. A reference system has been designed, delivering in its full configuration 1 GW. The entire system would be built in a highly modular way, with individual modules of  $(100 \text{ m} \times 200 \text{ m})$  primary mirrors and an equally large radiator system as base unit delivering 10 MW each and stacked to a total length of 10 km in orbit. (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6)

In 2004, JAXA and the Osaka based Institute for Laser Technology have reported an experiment with direct solar pumped laser beam (using simulated solar light and a fiber laser medium made from a neodymium-chrome doped YAG (Nd-Cr:YAG) crystal and disc type bulk crystal) with conversion efficiencies from the input power to the output laser power with 37%.



Figure 7: JAXA L-SPS 100x200 m reference unit delivering 10 MW via direct solar pumped lasers. (Source: JAXA)



Figure 8: JAXA L-SPS fully deployed reference system delivering 1 GW via direct solar pumped lasers. (Source: JAXA)



Figure 9: JAXA L-SPS system diagram. (Source: JAXA)

In Europe, the European Space Agency (ESA) has federated European research communities and industry in 2002 into the European SPS Network. A multiphase program plan provided the frame for several studies related to laser based SPS.

As part of the first phase, together with EADS Atrium the use of laser power transmission for space to space applications were studied, including powering surface elements on the Moon and Mars, Earth orbiting satellites and deep space missions. The lunar surface application has been identified as the most promising application.

The relatively conservative and compact design incorporated four parallel laser systems, connected to a 1.5 m diameter telescope capable of emitting 6 kW power. The lasers are based on solid state diode pumped technology. In order to allow the system in lunar orbit to provide power to small lunar surface elements, the system design required a pointing accuracy of only 86.2 nard. Going into some details on the overall system aspects, a rover acquisition process had been defined, which would reply on a small laser beacon or corner cube implemented on the rover and receiver optics on the orbiting SPS. Each telescope would have to be actively controlled to achieve fine pointing accuracy. The rover(s) receiver surface is to be equipped with wavelength optimized solar PV cells. The spot size dimensions at rover level measure 14.4 m in diameter and would thus be substantially larger than the rover receiver area, but on the other hand assure sufficient power during moving of the rover and margins on the pointing accuracy. The total power the rover was estimated to receive from such a system was approximately 650 W.

A satellite would be located in Earth-Moon Lagrange point L1-L2 at a distance of about 58,000 km. The system could provide a permanent illumination of any spot of roughly half the moon. The system would use four Nd-YAG lasers, each with a 10 kW rating and a 1 m diameter telescope. The SPS would include one power system, one deployable radiator (about 120 m2) per laser module and a receiver system that measures 100 m2 of PV cells.

Subsequent more recent work refined further the detailed options on the choice of the positioning of the laser based SPS in lunar orbits, confirming the large advantage of laser based systems over microwave based systems for such lunar surface applications.

As part of the same first phase of the European SPS Program plan, two studies were performed assessing among other aspects the optimal way to integrate space based with terrestrial solar power plants, assessing the microwave as well as laser options.

To date, a number of laboratory-based experiments have taken place, which have shown the promise that this type of power transmission holds for the future. An optical fiber design has been proposed by G. Philipps, in which an optical fiber to deliver the solar radiation to a lens or to a lens system constructed at the end of the crystal. This lens or lens system will concentrate the radiation and will direct it onto the laser medium. In the case of Nd:Cr:GSGG, the output power is 3.2 W with a collecting area of 0.41 m2 from the input power of 200 W. The slope efficiency of that system was found to be 1.6%.

An experiment to illustrate the difference between two laser types: Nd:YAG and Nd:Cr:GSGG was carried out by U. Brauch et al. These laser types were selected because of their physical properties. This comparison indicated that solar pumped solid state lasers, especially the Nd:Cr:GSGG laser, are the best choice for space-power transmission. Their experiments with direct solar pumped Nd:Cr:GSGG and Nd:YAG lasers at 77 K and 300 K showed that cooling the laser crystals to temperatures much lower than 300 K reduces thermal problems, increases efficiency and improves beam quality. They have also shown that the overall system efficiency can be increased by splitting the solar spectrum into different parts for conversion to laser power and to electrical power. The estimated values were 17% for a laser/photovoltaic system and 27% for a laser/solar dynamic system.

A two stage collector test was completed by P. Gleckman, in which it was demonstrated that the laser types Nd:YAG and Nd:Cr:GSGG, when end pumped in a two-stage solar concentrator consisting of 40.6 cm diameter primary which forms a 0.98 cm diameter image, could produce 55 W of sunlight was squeezed into a spot 1.27 mm in diameter with a 55% efficiency. With this efficiency, two-stage end pumping of solid state laser rods had the potential for an improvement on the previous direct pumped solar laser.

#### 3.3.3 Other applications of LASER-Based Wireless Power Transmission

#### a. Planetary and lunar surface applications

Apart from the above presented large scale solar power satellites for providing power to Earth or their orders of magnitude smaller versions for space-to space energy transmission, relatively large-distance laser power transmission are also considered to avoid the complexity and mass of cables for planetary or lunar installations in combination with a surface power plant. Such a plant could either be solar powered (e.g. small solar powered stations installed on spots of permanent sunshine very close to lunar pole) or be a small lunar surface nuclear reactor.

#### b. Powering tether "climbers" for a space elevator

In the frame of the ongoing studies related to space elevators, the power supply for the tether construction and payload carrying "climbers" represents a substantial challenge. Wireless power transmission via lasers is currently the best option. In order to advance the related technology, NASA is organizing and co-funding since several years competitions with the aim to supply sufficient power from the ground for "climbers" to reach a minimum speed.

#### c. Wireless power driven propulsion

Laser or microwave-driven acceleration by photon reflection has been proposed for propelling spacecraft for science missions to the outer solar system and even to nearby stars. In principle, such wireless beam driven probes have the advantage that energy is used for the acceleration of only the payload (and the receiving/reflecting structure usually called a "sail") but not the propelling beam generator.

#### 3.4 Highly Resonant Wireless Power Transfer

#### **3.4.1 System Description**

Across an application space that spans power levels from less than a watt to multiple kilowatts, a wireless energy transfer system based on HR-WiTricity often has a common set of functional blocks. A general diagram of such a system is shown in Figure 10.



#### Source Electronics

Figure 10: Block diagram of a wireless energy transfer system.

Progressing from left to right on the top line of the diagram, the input power to the system is usually either wall power (AC mains) which is converted to DC in an AC/DC rectifier block, or alternatively, a DC voltage directly from a battery or other DC supply. In high power applications a power factor correction stage may also be included in this block. A high efficiency switching amplifier converts the DC voltage into an RF voltage waveform used to drive the source resonator. Often an impedance matching network (IMN) is used to efficiently couple the amplifier output to the source resonator while enabling efficient switching-amplifier operation. Class D or E switching amplifiers are suitable in many applications and generally require an inductive load impedance for highest efficiency. The IMN serves to transform the source resonator impedance, loaded by the coupling to the device resonator and output load, into such an impedance for the source amplifier. The magnetic field generated by the source resonator couples to the device resonator, exciting the resonator and causing energy to build up in it. This energy is coupled out of the device resonator to do useful work, for example, directly powering a load or charging a battery. A second IMN may be used here to efficiently couple energy from the resonator to the load. It may transform the actual load impedance into an effective load impedance seen by the device resonator which more closely matches the loading for optimum efficiency. For loads requiring a DC voltage, a rectifier converts the received AC power back into DC.

In the earliest work at MIT, the impedance matching was accomplished by inductively coupling into the source resonator and out of the device resonator. This approach provides a way to tune the input coupling, and therefore the input impedance, by adjusting the alignment between the source input coupling coil and the source resonator, and similarly, a way to tune the output coupling, and therefore the output impedance, by adjusting the alignment between the device output coupling coil and the device resonator. With proper adjustment of the coupling values, it was possible to achieve power transfer efficiencies approaching the optimum possible efficiency. Figure 11 shows a schematic representation of an inductive coupling approach to impedance matching. In this circuit Mg is adjusted to properly load the source resonator with the generator's output resistance. The device resonator is similarly loaded by adjusting ML, the mutual coupling to the load. Series capacitors may be needed in the input

and output coupling coils to improve efficiency unless the reactances of the coupling inductors are much less than the generator and load resistances.



Figure 11: Schematic representation of inductively coupling into and out of the resonators.

It is also possible to directly connect the generator and load to the respective resonators with a variety of IMNs. These generally comprise components (capacitors and inductors) that are arranged in "T" and/or "pi" configurations. The values of these components may be chosen for optimum efficiency at a particular source-to-device coupling and load condition ("fixed tuned" impedance matching) or they may be adjustable to provide higher performance over a range of source-to-device positions and load conditions ("tunable" impedance matching). The requirements of the particular application will determine which approach is most appropriate from a performance and cost perspective.

A common question about wireless charging is: How efficient is it? The end-to-end efficiency of a wireless energy transfer system is the product of the wireless efficiency (see Physics of Highly Resonant Power Transfer for an explanation) and the efficiency of the electronics (RF amplifier, rectifier and any other power conversion stages, if needed). In high power applications, such as charging of plug-in hybrid vehicles, end-to-end efficiencies (AC input to DC output) greater than 90% have been demonstrated. Such efficiencies require that each stage in the system have an efficiency at 97-98% or greater. Careful design in each stage is required to minimize losses in order to achieve such performance.

In mobile electronic devices, space is usually of utmost importance, so incorporating resonators into them generally involves some tradeoffs in resonator size and system efficiency to accommodate the space restrictions. Also, the application use-case may involve a wider range of magnetic coupling between source and device which can also present a challenge for the design of the impedance matching networks. However, coil-to-coil efficiencies of 90% or more and end-to-end efficiencies over 80% are achievable in these lower power applications.

#### 3.4.2 Physics of Highly Resonant Wireless Power Transfer

#### a. Resonance

Resonance is a phenomenon that occurs in nature in many different forms. In general, resonance involves energy oscillating between two modes, a familiar example being a mechanical pendulum in which energy oscillates between potential and kinetic forms. In a system at resonance, it is possible to have a large buildup of stored energy while having only a weak excitation to the system. The build-up occurs if the rate of energy injection into the system is greater than the rate of energy loss by the system.

The behavior of an isolated resonator can be described by two fundamental parameters, its resonant frequency w0 and its intrinsic loss rate,  $\Gamma$ . The ratio of these two parameters defines the quality factor or Q of the resonator ( $Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\Gamma}$ ) a measure of how well it stores energy.

An example of an electromagnetic resonator is the circuit shown in Figure 12, containing an inductor, a capacitor and a resistor.



Figure 12: Example of a resonator.

In this circuit, energy oscillates at the resonant frequency between the inductor (energy stored in the magnetic field) and the capacitor (energy stored in the electric field) and is dissipated in the resistor. The resonant frequency and the quality factor for this resonator are:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{L \cdot C}} \dots \dots (1)$$
$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\Gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{R}} = \frac{\omega_0}{R} \dots \dots (2)$$

The expression for Q (2) shows that decreasing the loss in the circuit, i.e., reducing R, increases the quality factor of the system.

In highly-resonant wireless power transfer systems, the system resonators must be high-Q in order to efficiently transfer energy. High-Q electromagnetic resonators are typically made from conductors and components with low absorptive (also sometimes referred to as ohmic, resistive, series resistive, etc.) losses and low radiative losses, and have relatively narrow resonant frequency widths. Also, the resonators may be designed to reduce their interactions with extraneous objects.

#### **b.** Coupled Resonators

If two resonators are placed in proximity to one another such that there is coupling between them, it becomes possible for the resonators to exchange energy. The efficiency of the energy exchange depends on the characteristic parameters for each resonator and the energy coupling rate,  $\kappa$ , between them. The dynamics of the two resonator system can be described using coupled-mode theory, or from an analysis of a circuit equivalent of the coupled system of resonators.

One equivalent circuit for coupled resonators is the series resonant circuit shown in Figure 13.



Figure 13: Equivalent circuit for the coupled resonator system.

Here the generator is a sinusoidal voltage source with amplitude  $V_g$  at frequency  $\omega$  with generator resistance  $R_g$ . The source and device resonator coils are represented by the inductors  $L_s$  and  $L_d$ , which are coupled through the mutual inductance M, where  $M = k\sqrt{L_d L_s}$ . Each coil has a series capacitor to form a resonator. The resistances  $R_s$  and  $R_d$ are the parasitic resistances (including both ohmic and radiative losses) of the coil and resonant capacitor for the respective resonators. The load is represented by an equivalent AC resistance  $R_L$ .

Analysis of this circuit gives the power delivered to the load resistor, divided by the maximum power available from the source when both the source and device are resonant at  $\omega$ ,

$$\frac{P_L}{P_{g,max}} = \frac{4 \cdot U^2 \frac{R_g}{R_s} \frac{R_L}{R_d}}{\left(\left(1 + \frac{R_g}{R_s}\right)\left(1 + \frac{R_L}{R_d}\right) + U^2\right)^2} \quad \dots \dots (3)$$

Where

$$U = \frac{\omega M}{\sqrt{R_s R_d}} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{\Gamma_s \Gamma_d}} = k \sqrt{Q_s Q_d} \dots \dots \quad (4)$$

is the figure-of-merit for this system.

We have the ability to choose the generator and load resistances which give the best system performance (or use an impedance transformation network to match to other resistance values). If we choose

$$\frac{R_g}{R_s} = \frac{R_L}{R_d} = \sqrt{1 + U^2} \dots \dots \quad (5)$$

then the efficiency of the power transmission is maximized and is given by

$$\eta_{opt} = \frac{U^2}{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 + U^2}\right)^2} \dots \dots (6)$$

and shown in Figure 14. Here one can see that highly efficient energy transfer is possible in systems with large values of U. Note that the impedance matching described above is equivalent to the coupled mode theory treatment that shows that work extracted from a device can be modeled as a circuit resistance that has the effect of contributing an additional

term,  $\Gamma_{\omega}$ , to an unloaded device object's energy loss rate  $\Gamma_d$ , so that the overall energy loss rate is given by

$$\Gamma'_d = \Gamma_d + \Gamma_W \dots \dots (7)$$

and that the efficiency of the power transmission is maximized when

$$\frac{\Gamma_W}{\Gamma_d} = \sqrt{\left[1 + \left(\frac{k^2}{\Gamma_s \Gamma_d}\right)\right]} = \sqrt{1 + k^2 Q_s Q_d} = \sqrt{1 + U^2} \dots \dots (8)$$



Figure 14: Optimum efficiency of energy transfer as a function of the figure-of-merit, U.

Note that the best possible efficiency of a wireless power transmission system only depends on the system figure-of-merit, which can also be written in terms of the magnetic coupling coefficient between the resonators, k, and the unloaded resonator quality factors,  $Q_s$  and  $Q_d$ .

$$U = \frac{\omega M}{\sqrt{R_s R_d}} = k \sqrt{Q_s Q_d} \dots \dots$$
(9)

Knowing the resonator quality factors and the range of magnetic coupling between them for a specific application, one can use Equations (6) and (9) to determine the best efficiency possible for the system.

The wide range of applications capable of being supported by wireless power transfer systems using HR-WiTricity can be estimated by examining Equations (6) and (9) that show the importance of coupling factor and quality factor. The magnetic coupling coefficient is a dimensionless parameter representing the fraction of magnetic flux that is coupled between the source and device resonators, and has a magnitude between zero (no coupling) and 1 (all flux is coupled). Wireless power transmission systems based on traditional induction (i.e., cordless toothbrush) typically are designed for larger values of coupling and as a result require close spacing and precise alignment between source and device. Equations (6) and (9) show that using high-quality resonators makes traditional induction systems even more efficient, but perhaps more importantly, makes very efficient operation at lower coupling values possible, eliminating the need for precise positioning between source and device and providing for a greater freedom of movement.

#### 3.4.3 Technology Benefits and Applications

The interest in highly resonant wireless power transfer comes from many markets and application sectors. There are several motivations for using such technology, and these often fall into one or more of the following categories:

- 1. Make devices more convenient and thus more desirable to purchasers, by eliminating the need for a power cord or battery replacement.
- 2. Make devices more reliable by eliminating the most failure prone component in most electronic systems—the cords and connectors.
- 3. Make devices more environmentally sound by eliminating the need for disposable batteries. Using grid power is much less expensive and more environmentally sound than manufacturing, transporting, and using batteries based on traditional electrochemistries.
- 4. Make devices safer by eliminating the sparking hazard associated with conductive interconnections, and by making them watertight and explosion proof by eliminating connector headers and wires that run through roofs, walls or other barriers (even skin tissue).

5. Reduce system cost by leveraging the ability to power multiple devices from a single source resonator.

The high degree of scalability of power level and distance range in solutions based on highly resonant wireless power transfer enables a very diverse array of configurations. Applications range from very low power levels for wireless sensor and electronic devices needing less than 1 watt, to very high power levels for industrial systems and electric vehicles requiring in excess of 3 kilowatts. Furthermore, systems can be implemented for either or both a) "Wireless Direct Powering" of a device, in which the captured energy is directly connected to a load (e.g., LED lights) and any existing battery or energy storage component in the device is not providing power or is providing back-up power; or b)"Wireless Charging", in which a battery or super capacitor is charged with the received energy. Examples of each are illustrated in Figure 15.



Figure 15: Photographs of highly resonant wireless power transfer systems used to wirelessly power and operate an LCD TV (~250 W supplied wirelessly) (left) and to wirelessly charge a battery in a smart phone (~5 W supplied wirelessly) (right).

There are four (4) major functional benefits of using highly resonant wireless power transfer systems as compared to systems based on traditional magnetic induction. The first is the flexibility in the relative orientations of the source and device during operation. This flexibility opens the application space as well as makes systems easier and more convenient to use. Second, a single source can be used to transfer energy to more than one device, even when the devices have different power requirements. For example, instead of having a separate charger for each mobile phone in your family, you can have a charging surface that handles all of them at once. Third, because of the ability to operate at lower magnetic coupling values, the

sizes of the source and device resonators are not constrained to be similar. Finally, the distance range of efficient energy transfer can be extended significantly through the use of resonant repeaters that enable energy to "hop" between them. These four functional benefits are illustrated in Figure 16.



Figure 16: Schematic representation of the functional benefits of wireless energy transfer based on HR-WiTricity.

Wireless energy transfer systems based on HR-WiTricity are being developed for numerous applications. We show examples from a few of these application areas.

a. Consumer Electronics





Figure 17: Photographs of a wirelessly powered laptop computer (left) and a D-Cell form-factor battery with wireless charging built in (right).

The laptop PC shown in the left photo in Figure 5 is being powered directly by a wireless power source deployed behind the cork board, delivering over 20 watts of power over a 40 cm distance. The source and device resonators are oriented perpendicular to each other. In the photo on the right in Figure 17, the D cell form factor battery shown charging is enabled for wireless energy capture, and can charge at a distance of over 10 cm from the wireless charging source. Analysts expect that the benefits of charging over distance and with spatial freedom will result in highly resonant wireless power transfer capturing over 80% market share of all wireless charging systems by 2020.

#### b. Medical Devices





Figure 18: Pictures showing two examples of HR-WiTricity charging applications in medical devices: Left ventricular assist device (LVAD) (left) and pacemakers (right).

Wireless charging systems are being developed for implanted medical devices including LVAD heart assist pumps, pacemakers, and infusion pumps. Using highly resonant wireless power transfer, such devices can be efficiently powered through the skin and over distances much greater than the thickness of the skin, so that power can be supplied to devices deeply implanted within the human body. The HR-WiTricity technique eliminates the need for drive lines that penetrate the human body, and for surgical replacement of primary batteries.

#### c. Electric Vehicles



Figure 19: Photograph showing an application of HR-WiTricity for charging full electric and hybrid vehicles.

Wireless charging systems are being developed for rechargeable hybrid and battery electric vehicles. These systems already deliver 3.3 kW at high efficiency over a distance of 10 cm -20 cm (typical vehicle ground clearances). Figure 19 shows the Audi Urban Concept Vehicle, demonstrated by Audi in April, 2012. It is expected that wireless charging will vastly improve the charging experience for EV owners, making such vehicles even more attractive to consumers.

#### d. LED Lighting



Figure 20: Photographs showing LED lights directly powered by highly resonant wireless energy transfer systems.

LED (light emitting diode) lights can be directly powered with wireless electricity, eliminating the need for batteries in under-cabinet task lighting, and enabling architectural lighting designers to create products that seemingly float in mid-air, with no power cord. The LED fixture shown in the left photo in Figure 20 is powered by a 10 W source mounted above

the ceiling, and using two resonant repeaters (the white disks) to improve the efficiency of the energy transfer.

#### e. Defense Systems

*Figure 21: Photographs showing several military applications for highly resonant wireless charging systems: military robots (left) and soldier electronics (right).* 

Designers of defense systems are able to utilize wireless charging to improve the reliability, ergonomics, and safety of electronic devices. The Talon tele-operated robot shown in

Figure 21 is being equipped with wireless charging so that it can be recharged while it is being transported by truck from site to site. Helmet mounted electronics, including night vision and radio devices can be powered wirelessly from a battery pack carried in the soldier's vest, eliminating the need for disposable batteries or a power cord connecting the helmet to the vest mounted battery pack.

Over the past few years a number of standards development organizations and industrial consortia have initiated activities to develop specifications and standards relating to the application and commercialization of wireless power. The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has a committee developing recommendations and ultimately a standard for wireless charging of electric and hybrid electric vehicles (cars and buses). Outside of North America, other international (International Electro technical Commission, or IEC) and national organizations (e.g., DKE German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies and the Japanese Automobile Research Institute, among others) are doing the same. The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) is active in developing a standard for the deployment of wireless power technologies in consumer applications. Also, several industry consortia have been established to develop specifications for components and systems (e.g.,

Wireless Power Consortium (WPC), Power Matters Alliance (PMA), and Alliance for Wireless Power (A4WP)). These efforts should help speed the adoption of wireless power technology across a varied application space.

## **Chapter 4 Practical application of WiTricity**

#### 4.1 Components:

Туре	Name	Quantity	Value
Transistor	IRFZ44N	2	
Capacitor 1	WIMA FKP 1	6	6.8 nF (1000 V)
Capacitor 2		1	100 nF (63V)
Capacitor 3	PHILIPS metal	1	47 nF
Inductor		2	100 µH (3A)
Diode	1N4148	2	
Heat Sink	SK129	2	
Resistance 1		2	100 Ω (1W)
Resistance 2		2	10 kΩ (1/4 W)
Resistance 3		2	1kΩ (1/4 W)
LED		2	
Copper Tube		2	6.6 μΗ
Board			

Table 1: Components required

#### 4.2 Concept of working

We was working on a concept design which has a bunch of electronics in a board that communicates together to create a high resonance circuit. First thing we needed to do was to power the electronics so we looked for a wireless power transmitter design and we found one which is simple, at least in terms of construction, and works really well.

This is a wireless transmitter and receiver project. The transmitter is based on the "Witricity" series.



Figure 22: The schematic of the transmitter circuit

#### 4.3 Steps:

- 1- Print and itch the board.
- 2- Gather the components on the board. (as it is shown in appendix B)
- 3- Test the board connectivity.
- 4- Test the board and see the frequency differences.
- 5- According to Step 4, build the receiver circuit.
- 6- Test the transmission between the transmitter and the receiver.
- 7- Get the results, efficiency and losses.

#### 4.4 Building the receiver:

According to step 4, we got almost (57 KHz) of frequency from the receiver, so we can easily calculate the resonance circuit of the receiver.

We have a copper tube with a diameter of 6mm, shaped as horseshoe, and has a reactance of  $(0.208 \ \mu H)$ .

By connecting the copper tube in parallel with an appropriate capacitor we can get a resonance circuit that fits with the transmitter frequency.

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C}}$$

$$57 \times 10^3 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{0.208 \times 10^{-6} \cdot C}}$$

 $\Rightarrow C = 37.48 \,\mu F$ 



Figure 23: The illustration of gathering and preparing the circuit

#### 4.5 Results:

#### 4.5.1 Test 1:

After testing the board connectivity and gathering the components and solder them, we applied a DC current with a voltage of (12V), we measured the frequency on the terminals of the capacitors, we got about (57KHz) of frequency, which is different from the calculated frequency as shown below.

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C}}$$
$$f = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{0.172 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 40.8 \times 10^{-9}}} \approx 60 \ \text{KHz}$$

#### 4.5.2 Test 2:

When we started a test, we faced a failure in the transmitter circuit (a short circuit on the capacitors terminals), we found that the problem was from the copper tube, as it is behaving as a conductor more than an inductor because of its low reactance which was (208nH), so we had to replace it with a copper coil with an inductance of  $(6.6\mu$ H). Also we fixed the receiver coil with the same value of the transmitter's coil.

After changing all the parameters of the two circuits, we need to measure the frequency and recalculate the capacitance needed for the receiver circuit.

We have a frequency of (285 KHz) and an inductance of ( $6.6\mu$ H) in the receiver circuit, then we can easily calculate the capacitor needed as following:

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{6.6 \times 10^{-6} \cdot C}} \approx 285 \text{ KHz}$$
$$\Rightarrow C = 47.1 \text{ nF}$$

After applying the previous results on the circuit, we tested it, and we got the results: The output voltage of the transmitter was about (28V), with a current flow of (250mA), and after measuring the input of the receiver we got about (18V) with a distance from the transmitter of (5cm). And the current flow of (350mA).

$$\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \times 100\% = \frac{18 \times 350 \times 10^{-3}}{28 \times 250 \times 10^{-3}} \times 100 = 90\%$$



Figure 24: Range Distance of (5cm)

There was a lot of losses in a high distance according to our circuit. We could measure a voltage of (6V) and a current about (100mA) in a distance range of (15cm).

$$\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \times 100\% = \frac{6 \times 100 \times 10^{-3}}{28 \times 250 \times 10^{-3}} \times 100 = 8.57\%$$



Figure 25: Range Distance of (15cm)

### **Chapter 5 Human Safety Considerations**

A common question about wireless energy transfer systems using HR-WiTricity is: Are they safe?

Perhaps because these systems can efficiently exchange energy over mid-range distances, people may assume that they are being exposed to large and potentially dangerous electromagnetic fields when using these systems. Early popular press descriptions of the technology as "electricity-in-the-air" have done little to calm people's potential fears.

Of course, WiTricity's technology is NOT "electricity-in-the-air", but rather a technology that uses oscillating magnetic fields to mediate the wireless energy exchange. With proper design the stray electric and magnetic fields can be kept below the well-established and long-standing human safety limits that regulate all electro-magnetic consumer devices including cell phones, wireless routers, Bluetooth headphones, radio transmitters, etc. The high quality factor resonators used in WiTricity systems have very low loss rates, and so can efficiently store energy and transfer power efficiently over distance, even when the magnitude of the magnetic fields is very low.

In this section, we will discuss what the human safety limits are, where they come from, and how it is established that wireless power systems conform to these safety limits.

The safety limits for human exposure to electromagnetic fields are determined by ongoing reviews of scientific evidence of the impact of electromagnetic fields on human health. The World Health Organization (WHO) is expected to release a harmonized set of human exposure guidelines in the near future. In the meantime, most national regulations reference, and the WHO recommends, the human exposure guidelines determined by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

The purposes of the IEEE and ICNIRP guidelines are similar:

"The main objective of this publication is to establish guidelines for limiting EMF (electromagnetic field) exposure that will provide protection against known adverse health effects. An adverse health effect causes a detectable impairment of the health of the exposed individual or of his or her offspring; a biological effect on the other hand, may or may not result in an adverse health effect". [ICNIRP]

"The purpose of this standard is to provide exposure limits to protect against established adverse health effects to human health induced by exposure to RF (radio frequency) electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields over the frequency range of 3 kHz to 300 GHz."[IEEE]

In their most recent reviews of the accumulated scientific literature, both the IEEE and ICNIRP groups have concluded that there is no established evidence showing that human exposure to radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic fields causes cancer, but that there is established evidence showing that RF electromagnetic fields may increase a person's body temperature or may heat body tissues and may stimulate nerve and muscle tissues. The ICNIRP group also concludes that the induction of retinal phosphenes may be considered in determining human exposure limits. Both groups recommend limiting human exposure to electromagnetic field strengths that are well below those that cause the adverse effects described above. In the case of tissue heating, the IEEE and ICNIRP recommend limiting the specific absorption rate or SAR, a measure of the amount of electromagnetic energy absorbed by the human body and turned into heat. In the case of electro-stimulation of nerve and muscle tissues and the induction of retinal phosphenes, the groups recommend limiting the internal electric field.

The SAR and internal E-field limits are referred to as basic restrictions (BRs) because they are "based on the physical quantity or quantities directly related to the established health effects."[ICNIRP]

#### **5.1 Tissue Heating**

For the case of tissue heating and/or body temperature increases, both the IEEE and ICNIRP have determined that even the most sensitive human tissues are not adversely affected when the whole-body averaged (WBA) SAR levels are less than 4 W/kg, corresponding to a maximum body temperature rise of 1 °C, under normal environmental conditions. However, neither group recommends setting the WBA SAR at 4 W/kg. Rather, both groups recommend including a so-called "safety factor" or "reduction factor" meant as a cautionary step to compensate for incomplete scientific data and also public perception. The IEEE and ICNIRP recommend a whole body average SAR limit of 0.4 W/kg, for workers in controlled environments (also called occupational exposure), and a SAR limit of 0.08 W/kg for the general public.

Note that the 0.08 W/kg limit is the whole body average or WBA SAR, and corresponds to effects when a person's whole body is exposed to an electromagnetic field. However, under conditions of non-uniform or localized exposure, it is possible that the temperature of certain areas of the body may be raised by more than 1 °C, even though the average field does not exceed the whole body SAR limit. To accommodate these circumstances, recommendations are also made for limiting the localized field exposure.

In general, these limits are larger because temperature rises induced by localized electromagnetic fields may be dissipated by conduction to cooler surrounding regions of the body and by cooling mechanisms associated with blood flow. Therefore, the localized SAR values are volume-averaged and are chosen to be small enough to avoid excessive temperature gradients over the extent of the volume but large enough to obtain an average SAR that corresponds well to the actual temperature increase throughout the volume. The IEEE and ICNIRP recommend a localized general public SAR limit of 4 W/kg for limbs and 2 W/kg for the head and trunk in 10 g of tissue. We note that for the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted a more stringent SAR limit of 1.6 W/kg averaged over 1 g of tissue.

	SAR [W/kg] (Whole Body Average)	SAR [W/kg] (Head/Trunk)	SAR [W/kg] (Limbs)	<b>Induced E</b> [V/m] (All Tissue)	Induced J [mA/m2] (Central Nervous System)
FCC	0.08	1.6 (1 g)	4 (10 g)		
ICNIRP 2010	0.08	2.0 (10 g)	4 (10 g)	1.35 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> f (f in Hz)	
ICNIRP 1998	0.08	2.0 (10 g)	4 (10 g)		<i>f</i> /500 ( <i>f</i> in Hz)

Table 2. Recommended SAR, induced electric field, and induced current (in the central nervous system) levels by ICNIRP, and the FCC regulations for those same quantities.

#### **5.2 Nerve and Muscle Stimulation**

For the case of muscle and nerve stimulation, both the IEEE and ICNIRP have identified field levels that stimulate very minor and short-lived effects on the central nervous system, such as the production of visual phosphenes in the eyes, which may cause a faint flickering visual sensation, as the effect to be avoided. While both groups acknowledge that these minor effects are not associated with any adverse health effects, they have at least temporarily decided to set recommended field limits at very conservative values, with the intention of refining the recommended limits as data continues to emerge.

The general population internal electric field limits recommended by ICNIRP are similar but slightly lower than IEEE. ICNIRP recommends an internal E-field limit of 1.35 x 10-4 \*f V/m, where f is the frequency of the electromagnetic field in Hertz. The IEEE recommends internal E-field limits that range from  $2.1 \times 10^{-4} \times f(v/m)$  to  $6.3 \times 10^{-4} \times f(v/m)$  depending on which part of the body is exposed.

Note that both the IEEE and ICNIRP acknowledge that it may be difficult to determine the basic restrictions because they require either sophisticated measurement techniques and/or computational capabilities, so more conservative but easier to determine reference levels (ICNIRP) or maximum permissible exposures (IEEE) are also provided to help determine compliance with the limits:

"Because of the difficulty in determining whether an exposure complies with the basic restrictions (BRs), derived limits (MPEs) to protect against adverse health effects associated with heating are provided below for convenience in exposure assessment." [IEEE]

"The internal electric field is difficult to assess. Therefore, of practical exposure assessment purposes, reference levels of exposure are provided." [ICNIRP]

Oddly enough, despite the agreement between the IEEE and ICNIRP groups on what the basic restrictions should be, the two groups used very different estimation and scaling techniques to develop the MPE's/Reference Levels.

The MPE's and Reference Levels are often referred to in the literature as the limits recommended by the IEEE and ICNIRP, but they are not. They are simply easily measureable electric and magnetic field levels in free space, that guarantee the BRs are met if measured field levels are below these levels. Both the IEEE and ICNIRP guidelines are quite clear that

the MPEs/Reference Levels are for convenience, and that it is quite possible that systems whose field levels exceed these MPE's/Reference Levels may still comply with the ultimate limits, the basic restrictions.

#### **5.3 Electromagnetic simulations**

At WiTricity, we have developed the sophisticated modeling tools necessary to assess compliance with the basic restrictions recommended by the IEEE and ICNIRP. Our electromagnetic simulations are performed using the finite-element method (FEM) in the frequency domain. Although it is common to utilize finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) methods for these types of studies, FEM holds several advantages and is also being used. First, in an FDTD simulation the maximum time step must be chosen to meet the Courant-Friedrichs-Levy stability condition, which means the number of time steps required for an FDTD simulation scales as the free space wavelength of light (1,200 m for a 250 kHz operating frequency) over the size of the computational cell (~1 cm in the present case). The low frequencies used for wireless power transfer would translate to very long simulation times. As our FEM simulations are performed directly in the frequency domain rather than propagated in the time domain, they do not suffer from this poor low-frequency scaling. Second, in a FDTD simulation, voxel-based models of the human body must be used. In this case, the rectangular voxel grids may not line up with the curved boundaries between different body tissues. The actual simulations will therefore use stair-cased representations of the tissue boundaries, which can have the effect of introducing large inaccuracies in the electromagnetic fields at these boundaries. One approach to circumvent these problems is to simply discard the upper 1% of field values before performing the various field averages, but this procedure is entirely uncontrolled and can result in significant inaccuracies. For FEM simulations, the mesh can be forced to conform to the boundaries between different tissues, removing these stair-casing effects.

#### 5.4 Human body models

In order to create anatomically accurate finite-element mesh models of the human body, we started with the Virtual Family dataset, which consists of high-resolution CAD models obtained from MRI scan data. We then created a voxel grid from this dataset, and generated the FEM mesh from the voxel grid. Electromagnetic properties of the various tissues involved (muscle, bone, skin, etc.) are frequency dependent; we use values taken from studies in the literature.

As one example of the simulation process using the human body models, consider the case of a person standing next to a vehicle being wirelessly charged. Figure 19 shows a WiTricity wireless vehicle charging system similar to that used in this simulation. The simulation was performed with the system operating at 145 kHz and transferring 3.3 kW to the load. For this case the leg closest to the vehicle (at approximately 65 cm from the wireless charging system) will experience the highest fields and is the relevant portion of the human body to include in the simulation. The car is modeled as a block of aluminum. The calculated electric field in the leg is shown on the left side of the figure while the calculated peak SAR is shown on the right. In both cases, the values are displayed relative to the most stringent basic restriction levels (ICNIRP for electric field and FCC for SAR). Both measures are well below the guidelines; the largest electric field is -19 dB and the peak SAR value is -36 dB relative to the guidelines. Thus, the highly resonant vehicle charging system shown in Figure 19 is completely safe, as the SAR and internal E-field levels for people standing directly against a vehicle are well below the established guideline limits. Note that Figure 26 (right) shows the peak SAR values in the FEM simulation grid which are larger than what would be obtained by averaging over the 1 gram volume of tissue as the FCC regulations state. However, even these over-estimated SAR values are significantly below the limits set by the FCC.



Figure 26: Calculated electric field (left) and specific absorption rate (right) for a leg next to a vehicle being wirelessly charged at 3.3 kW. The values are normalized to the most stringent basic restriction levels (ICNIRP electric field and FCC SAR).

A second example is a cell phone being wirelessly charged on a pad, similar to the photo in Figure 15. In this use case, the system is operating at 6.78 MHz and the phone is receiving 5 W from the wireless system. The geometry is a phone located on a source pad, with a hand placed on top of the phone while charging is taking place. The fields are largest on the palm of the hand, and the top plots in Figure 26 show the computed electric field and peak SAR values for this portion of the hand. The bottom plots show the computed electric field and peak SAR values for the top portion (back) of the hand. In general, as the frequency of operation is increased, the SAR values become larger and the electric field value is -20 dB relative to the guideline, while the SAR value is closer to the guideline limit. The same use case was simulated with a system operating at 250 kHz and the results (not shown here) are basically reversed from those in Figure 26, i.e., the electric field is closer to the guidelines while the SAR results are far below. Note that these results show that a highly resonant cell phone charging system, is completely safe, as the SAR and internal E-field levels for people holding phones while they

are charging are well below the established guideline limits. As in Figure 26, Figure 27 (right) shows the peak SAR values in the FEM simulation grid which are larger than what would be obtained by averaging over the 1 gram volume of tissue as the FCC regulations state. However, even these over-estimated SAR values are significantly below the limits set by the FCC.



Figure 27: Calculated electric field (left) and specific absorption rate (right) in a hand resting on a phone being wirelessly charged at 5 W. The values are normalized to the most stringent basic restriction levels ((ICNIRP electric field and FCC SAR).

### Appendix A

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- Advanced Process Technology
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#### Absolute Maximum Ratings

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	Parameter	Max.	Units
I <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C	Continuous Drain Current, V <sub>GS</sub> @ 10V	49	
I <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>C</sub> = 100°C	Continuous Drain Current, V <sub>GS</sub> @ 10V	35	A
IDM	Pulsed Drain Current ①	160	
P <sub>D</sub> @T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C	Power Dissipation	94	W
	Linear Derating Factor	0.63	W/°C
V <sub>GS</sub>	Gate-to-Source Voltage	± 20	V
I <sub>AR</sub>	Avalanche Current①	25	A
E <sub>AR</sub>	Repetitive Avalanche Energy①	9.4	mJ
dv/dt	Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt 3	5.0	V/ns
TJ	Operating Junction and	-55 to + 175	
T <sub>STG</sub>	Storage Temperature Range		°C
	Soldering Temperature, for 10 seconds	300 (1.6mm from case )	
	Mounting torque, 6-32 or M3 srew	10 lbf•in (1.1N•m)	

#### Thermal Resistance

	Parameter	Тур.	Max.	Units
R <sub>eJC</sub>	Junction-to-Case		1.5	
Recs	Case-to-Sink, Flat, Greased Surface	0.50		°C/W
R <sub>8JA</sub>	Junction-to-Ambient		62	

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#### Electrical Characteristics @ T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C (unless otherwise specified)

	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions
V(BR)DSS	Drain-to-Source Breakdown Voltage	55	—		V	V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V, I <sub>D</sub> = 250µA
ΔV <sub>(BR)DSS</sub> /ΔT <sub>J</sub>	Breakdown Voltage Temp. Coefficient		0.058		V/°C	Reference to 25°C, I <sub>D</sub> = 1mA
R <sub>DS(on)</sub>	Static Drain-to-Source On-Resistance		—	17.5	mΩ	V <sub>GS</sub> = 10V, I <sub>D</sub> = 25A ④
V <sub>GS(th)</sub>	Gate Threshold Voltage	2.0	—	4.0	V	$V_{DS} = V_{GS}$ , $I_D = 250 \mu A$
9 <sub>fs</sub>	Forward Transconductance	19	—		S	V <sub>DS</sub> = 25V, I <sub>D</sub> = 25A@
Inco	Drain-to-Source Leakage Current	—	—	25	пΔ	V <sub>DS</sub> = 55V, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V
1055	Brain to obtree Leakage outlent		—	250	μA	V <sub>DS</sub> = 44V, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V, T <sub>J</sub> = 150°C
less	Gate-to-Source Forward Leakage		_	100	n۵	V <sub>GS</sub> = 20V
IGSS	Gate-to-Source Reverse Leakage		—	-100		V <sub>GS</sub> = -20V
Qg	Total Gate Charge	_	—	63		I <sub>D</sub> = 25A
Q <sub>gs</sub>	Gate-to-Source Charge			14	nC	V <sub>DS</sub> = 44V
Q <sub>gd</sub>	Gate-to-Drain ("Miller") Charge		—	23		V <sub>GS</sub> = 10V, See Fig. 6 and 13
t <sub>d(on)</sub>	Turn-On Delay Time	_	12			V <sub>DD</sub> = 28V
t <sub>r</sub>	Rise Time		60	_	ne	I <sub>D</sub> = 25A
t <sub>d(off)</sub>	Turn-Off Delay Time		44		115	$R_G = 12\Omega$
t <sub>f</sub>	Fall Time		45			V <sub>GS</sub> = 10V, See Fig. 10 ④
1	Internal Drain Inductance		4.5			Between lead,
LD			4.0		nLl	6mm (0.25in.)
	Internal Course Industance		7.5			from package 식구날
LS	Internal Source Inductance		1.5			and center of die contact
Ciss	Input Capacitance		1470			V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V
Coss	Output Capacitance		360			V <sub>DS</sub> = 25V
Crss	Reverse Transfer Capacitance		88		pF	f = 1.0MHz, See Fig. 5
E <sub>AS</sub>	Single Pulse Avalanche Energy <sup>2</sup>		530©	1506	mJ	I <sub>AS</sub> = 25A, L = 0.47mH

#### Source-Drain Ratings and Characteristics

	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Conditions										
Is	Continuous Source Current			49		MOSFET symbol										
	(Body Diode)				A	snowing the										
I <sub>SM</sub>	Pulsed Source Current			160		integral reverse										
	(Body Diode)①											_		100		p-n junction diode.
V <sub>SD</sub>	Diode Forward Voltage			1.3	V	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, I <sub>S</sub> = 25A, V <sub>GS</sub> = 0V ④										
t <sub>rr</sub>	Reverse Recovery Time		63	95	ns	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, I <sub>F</sub> = 25A										
Qrr	Reverse Recovery Charge	_	170	260	nC	di/dt = 100A/µs ④										
t <sub>on</sub>	Forward Turn-On Time	Intrinsic tum-on time is negligible (tum-on is dominated by L <sub>S</sub> +L <sub>D</sub> )														

#### Notes:

- ① Repetitive rating; pulse width limited by max. junction temperature. (See fig. 11)
- <sup>(2)</sup> Starting  $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , L = 0.48mH R<sub>G</sub> = 25 $\Omega$ , I<sub>AS</sub> = 25A. (See Figure 12)
- ③  $I_{SD} \le 25A$ , di/dt  $\le 230A/\mu s$ ,  $V_{DD} \le V_{(BR)DSS}$ ,  $T_J \le 175$ °C
- (d) Pulse width  $\leq$  400µs; duty cycle  $\leq$  2%.
- ⑤ This is a typical value at device destruction and represents operation outside rated limits.
- $\textcircled{\sc b}$  This is a calculated value limited to  $T_J$  = 175°C .

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Fig 1. Typical Output Characteristics



Fig 2. Typical Output Characteristics



Fig 3. Typical Transfer Characteristics





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Fig 6. Typical Gate Charge Vs. Gate-to-Source Voltage





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Fig 10a. Switching Time Test Circuit



Fig 10b. Switching Time Waveforms



Fig 11. Maximum Effective Transient Thermal Impedance, Junction-to-Case

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Fig 12a. Unclamped Inductive Test Circuit



Fig 12b. Unclamped Inductive Waveforms



Fig 13a. Basic Gate Charge Waveform



Fig 12c. Maximum Avalanche Energy Vs. Drain Current



Fig 13b. Gate Charge Test Circuit

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### Peak Diode Recovery dv/dt Test Circuit

\*\*\* V<sub>GS</sub> = 5.0V for Logic Level and 3V Drive Devices

#### Fig 14. For N-channel HEXFET® power MOSFETs

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