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# 1 A Critical Review on Wireless Charging for Electric Vehicles

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### 9 Abstract

10 Electric vehicles (EVs) have recently been significantly developed in terms of both performance and drive range. There already are various models commercially available, and the number of EVs on road 11 12 increases rapidly. Although most existing EVs are charged by electric cables, companies like Tesla, 13 BMW and Nissan have started to develop wireless charged EVs that don't require bulky cables. 14 Rather than physical cable connection, the wireless (inductive) link effectively avoids sparking over plugging/unplugging. Furthermore, wireless charging opens new possibilities for dynamic charging -15 charging while driving. Once realised, EVs will no longer be limited by their electric drive range and 16 17 the requirement for battery capacity will be greatly reduced. This has been prioritised and promoted 18 worldwide, particularly in UK, Germany and Korea. This paper presents a thorough literature review 19 on the wireless charging technology for EVs. The key technical components of wireless charging are 20 summarised and compared, such as compensation topologies, coil design and communication. To 21 enhance the charging power, an innovative approach towards the use of superconducting material in 22 coil designs is investigated and their potential impact on wireless charging is discussed. In addition, 23 health and safety concerns about wireless charging are addressed, as well as their relevant standards. 24 Economically, the costs of a wide range of wireless charging systems has also been summarised and 25 compared.

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- Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)
- Electric Vehicle (EV)
  - Wireless charging of Electric Vehicles
- 30 Word count: 17596
- 31 List of Abbreviations
- 32 A4WP Alliance for Wireless Power Transfer
- 33 AIMD active implantable medical
- 34 BMS battery management system
- 35 CPT capacitive power transfer
- 36 DSRC designated short-range communication
- 37 DWPT dynamic wireless power transfer
- 38 EVs electric vehicles

1 2	FABRIC	Feasibility analysis and development of on-road charging solutions for future electric vehicles
3	FOD	foreign object detection
4	FRP	fibre reinforced plastics
5	G2V	grid to vehicle
6	GA	ground assembly
7	H&S	health and safety
8	HTS	high temperature superconductors
9	HWFET	Highway Fuel Economy Test
10	ICE	internal combustion engine
11	ICNIRP	International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection
12	IGBT	insulated gate bipolar transistors
13	IPT	inductive power transfer
14	ISO	International Organization for Standardization
15	KAIST	Korean Institute of Advanced Technology
16	LOD	living object detection
17	MOSFETs	metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistors
18	OLEV	on-line electric vehicle
19	ORNL	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
20	PAS	Publicly Available Specification
21	PFC	power factor correction
22	REBCO	rare-earth barium copper oxide
23	RFID	radio-frequency identification
24	RSU	roadside unit
25	Rx	receiving coil
26	SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
27	SoC	state of charge
28	TRL	Technology Readiness Level
29	Tx	transmitting coil
30	UDDS	Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule
31	UoA	University of Auckland
32	V2G	vehicle to grid
33	VA	vehicle assembly
34	WHO	World Health Organization

1	WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
2	WPC	Wireless Power Consortium
3	WPT	wireless power transfer
4	ZCS	zero current switching
5	ZVS	zero voltage switching
6	Nomenclature	
7	η	efficiency
8	ω	angular frequency [rad/s]
9	С	capacitance [F]
10	Ι	current [A]
11	k	coupling coefficient
12	L	inductance [H]
13	М	mutual inductance [H]
14	V	voltage [V]
15	Р	real power [W]
16	R	resistance [ $\Omega$ ]
17	Q	quality factor
18	Z	impedance [Ω]
19	Subscript	
20	0	resonance
21	1,2	primary, secondary
22	ac	alternating current
23	crit	critical
24	in	input
25	L	load
26	out	output
27	pc	primary compensation
28	r	reflected
29	sc	secondary compensation
30	tot	total
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## 1 1 Introduction

2 The transportation sector is one of the main contributors towards global climate change and  $CO_2$ 3 emissions [1]. With about 60 % of the global oil consumption in transportation in 2017, the need for a 4 clean alternative is urgent [2]. Electric vehicles (EVs) are an important pillar of this transition towards 5 a clean energy society [3]. EVs have recently been significantly developed in terms of both 6 performance and drive range. On the current vehicle market, various models are commercially 7 available. Along with the increasing number of EVs on road, how to charge them effectively and 8 efficiently is still challenging, which has a significant impact on power networks [4], [5]. Electric 9 cables charge almost all of the existing EVs. No matter at home or on a highway, cables need to be 10 physically connected to the EVs for charging. These solid connections could be very dangerous, 11 particularly in bad weather conditions. Besides, they may cause sparking over plugging and unplugging, which significantly limits the application of EVs under certain circumstances, such as 12 near gas stations and in airports. A more flexible and convenient charging method attracted broad 13 14 attention, which is wireless charging. Several companies, such as Tesla, BMW and Nissan, have 15 already started to develop wirelessly charged EVs that do not require bulky cables. Rather than 16 physical cable connection, the wireless (inductive) link effectively avoids sparking. Furthermore, wireless charging opens new possibilities for dynamic charging – charging while driving. 17

The idea of wireless power transfer (WPT) can be traced back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, when Nicola 18 19 Tesla designed the first wireless device, a wireless lightning bulb [6]. Tesla powered the bulb through 20 high-frequency AC potentials between two closely located but separated metal plates. This application 21 initiated new opportunities in wireless charging. However, unsolved technical challenges, such as 22 very limited power density and low transfer efficiencies as the distances increase, made this WPT 23 technology develop very slowly. After two centuries, recent advances in WPT technology enable 24 wireless charging over distances longer than 2 meters by using 'strongly coupled' coils [7]. There are 25 two major WPT technologies, inductive power transfer (IPT) and capacitive power transfer (CPT). In 26 the strongly coupled regime, magnetic resonance couples transmitting and receiving coils and realises 27 IPT, while CPT is realised through electric field interaction between coupled capacitors [8]. The 28 coupling capacitance of such capacitors is determined by the available area of the devices [9]. 29 Therefore, CPT is only applicable to low power applications with very short air gaps between  $10^{-4}$  and 30 10<sup>-3</sup> metre as shown in Figure 1. IPT can be used for large air gaps around several metres, and its 31 output power is much higher than CPT, which could reach beyond 10 kW.



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Figure 1 Comparison of output power and air gap length for CPT and IPT [10]

WPT, including both CPT and IPT enable power transfer without solid connections. This advantage ensures inherent safety and convenience due to a clear separation between the subsystems, especially for daily applications such as TVs [11], phone chargers [12], and induction heating [13], [14]. Also in medicine, WPT is used to charge active implantable medical devices (AIMD) [15], i.e. pacemakers [16] and other medical equipment [17]. Additional applications include radio-frequency identification (RFID) [18], [19], Sensors [20], [21], and robotics [22].

Wireless charging for EV is categorised in stationary, semi/quasi-dynamic, and dynamic charging 1 2 systems. Stationary systems are similar to current plug-in chargers but provide some unique 3 advantages such as "park and charge". An on-board receiving pad and an external charging pad in the pavement substitute the conductive charging system. Quasi-dynamic systems can be installed at bus 4 5 stops, taxi stops, and traffic lights to provide short term charging in a dynamic environment. Dynamic wireless power transfer (DWPT) systems charge while vehicles are on the move. Hence, DWPT 6 7 provides energy to the battery and increases the driving range, which consequently overcomes the 'range anxiety' [23]. It has been reported that the required battery capacity can be reduced by up to 8 20 %, which lowers the initial investment into a new EV [24]. WPT is therefore highly compelling for 9 10 EVs and can help increase the EV uptake.

11 Over the past years, multiple reviews on WPT in general and on wireless charging for vehicles in 12 specific have been published, covering a wide range of topics. Vaka and Keshri reported on the 13 fundamentals of WPT for EV charging [25]. Key components such as the coil sub-system and compensation topologies were investigated. However, it lacks current research topics and 14 15 implementation in a real-world context. Kalwar et al. presented a review of stationary charging for EVs focussing on the technical characteristics of the WPT systems and the effects of various 16 17 parameters on the transfer efficiency [26]. Nevertheless, DWPT and auxiliary topics e.g. health and safety, emerging standards and costs are not covered. Ahmad *et al.* gave an overview of main research 18 areas of WPT, which lacks the latest research work, e.g. control systems, foreign object detection 19 20 (FOD) and grid impact [27]. Patil et al. neatly addressed the design of the coupler structure and 21 compensation networks, but didn't report on the emerging technologies like superconductors [28]. 22 Besides, health and safety of WPT-systems, communication, economics and grid impact is not 23 covered.

24 Our methodology to review wireless charging for EVs is three-fold: technology, health and safety, 25 and economic impact. All of these aspects will be covered and discussed in great detail. In specific 26 this article aims at filling these gaps and reviews the status of main areas of a wireless charging 27 system for EVs as well as aspects of implementing this technology into our daily lives. It presents 28 recent technical progress in many key areas of WPT, introduces important research centres, evaluates 29 risks associate with WPT and standards put into place, and explores grid impact and cost 30 competitiveness of dynamic wireless charging. The remainder of the article is structured as follows: 31 chapter 2 reviews the key components of a WPT-system including power converter, compensation 32 topology and coils as well as important auxiliary features like foreign object detection and 33 communication. In addition, high temperature superconductors (HTS), an emerging coil material, and 34 related changes to the charging systems in order to accommodate HTS are presented. Chapter 3 35 presents the leading research institutes and their contributions towards wireless charging of EVs. 36 Chapter 4 addresses arising concerns regarding to safe operation and the impact on the health of operators and bystanders. Evolving standards for WPT systems are summarised in chapter 5. 37 38 Chapter 6 investigates the impact of the transition from fossil fuelled vehicles to EVs as well as the 39 wireless charging systems in distribution networks. Finally, chapter 7 presents operation of 40 preliminary cost analysis to show the cost incurred by introducing WPT systems, various stretches of 41 road, and potential savings due to battery capacity reduction.

# 42 2 Current technology for WPT

43 By adopting a wireless charging system, the charging process can be simplified and safer. In addition, 44 dynamic charging systems create a unique opportunity to overcome 'range anxiety' while decreasing 45 the upfront costs of EVs. The main components of a WPT system for EV charging are depicted in 46 Figure 2. It consists of two main sub-systems, one of which is located underneath the road surface 47 (ground assembly, GA) and the other one is built into the vehicle underbody (vehicle assembly, VA) [29]. The GA comprises the grid connection, rectifier and high frequency inverter, primary 48 49 compensation network and the primary/ transmitter coil (Tx). In the VA, the secondary/ receiving coil 50 (Rx) and secondary compensation network forms a resonance circuit that feeds into a high frequency rectifier, a filter network and the battery system. The sub-systems are separated by an air gap. The distance between the two systems depends on the type of vehicle and its ground clearance as well as road conditions such as pavement thickness. Conventionally the air gap is smaller than 0.4 m. In additional, both sub-systems share information via a communication link. A more in-depth discussion of their key features is presented below.



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Figure 2 Main components of WPT-systems for EVs

#### 8 2.1 Power Source and Converter

9 On the transmitting side, the GA is connected to the distribution network of the electricity grid and it 10 is fed by low-frequency AC power. The supply frequency is too low to link both coils and transfer power. Therefore, the power is converted in either a single step or a two-step process. Even though a 11 direct conversion from low-frequency AC grid power to a high-frequency input into the primary coil 12 13 is possible, most charging systems employ two-stage AC/DC/AC conversion [30]. At the first stage, 14 a rectifier converts the AC power to DC followed by power factor correction (PFC) to ensure a high-15 power factor and low harmonic content. It is also possible to use a BUCK converter after the PFC to modify the DC voltage and ensure 'soft' starting and stopping of the charger [31], [32]. The high-16 frequency inverter converts the DC power to high frequency AC and powers the primary pad. On the 17 18 secondary side, the high-frequency output of the receiving pad is rectified to DC power and filtered to 19 produce a ripple free current that can charge the on-board battery. A diode-bridge rectifier is 20 commonly used [24]. To maximise the power transfer, the load impedance has to be matched to the 21 source impedance. The resonant frequency of the compensation topologies and coils determine the 22 required switching frequency of the inverters. Commonly used resonance frequencies for WPT EV-23 chargers are within a range of 20 kHz to 100 kHz [33]. At higher frequencies, effects such as 24 increased electromagnetic radiation and higher resistances due to skin and proximity effect occur. 25 Converter losses increase along switching frequency [34]. This is particularly true for switching losses. Zero-voltage/zero-current switching (ZVS/ZCS) reduces switching losses. This means that the 26 27 switching between on and off states should occur at either zero voltage or zero current. An additional 28 benefit is reduced voltage stress in the components.

29 Power converters, especially high-frequency converters, are essential for WPT charging systems and 30 can be categorised into single [35], [36] and three-phase topologies [37]. Power converters commonly 31 comprise multiple devices, such as metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistors (MOSFETs) 32 and insulated gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs) connected in parallel to form full or half-bridge 33 configurations. A lot of research is going into the field of high-frequency converters and their key 34 features including circuit simplicity, uncomplicated control strategies, high efficiency at high 35 switching frequency and high power levels, as well as robustness against high voltage and current stress [38]. For the unidirectional power transfer from grid to vehicle (G2V), H-bridge converters are 36 37 the most commonly used method [39]. A high-power DC/AC converter with a WPT capability of

1 22 kW has been proposed in [40]. The converter comprises four switches, each of which is connected 2 with an IGBT and SiC-MOSFET in parallel, known as hybrid switch [41]. The system can use soft 3 and hard switching modes and achieves 98 % efficiency at 5 kW. However, experimental results in a DWPT system with loss analysis are not available. Other converter layouts include multi-level 4 5 converters [42], [43], [44], cascaded multi-level converters [45] [46], [47], and matrix converters [48], [49]. Multi-level converters are particularly interesting for medium and high voltage applications that 6 7 can reduce the required voltage rating and component stress of single switches by using a modular 8 approach [42]. However, such architectures require complex control schemes and deal with high 9 circulating currents between capacitors. The complexity reduces if the circulating currents can be 10 minimised [50]. A cascaded multilevel converter uses multiple converters (modules) connected in 11 series to increase the power capacity. Therefore, it provides a high degree of scalability and a simpler 12 control scheme [47]. One drawback of such system is the need of multiple power sources and 13 therefore system costs are high, as each converter requires its own power supply. Furthermore, 14 depending on the number of modules, the conduction loss can be larger than that of a conventional Hbridge converter if the same number of switching devices is used [46]. Matrix converter might be 15 16 employed to reduce the total number of conversion stages, as it is possible to convert the AC grid supply directly into high-frequency AC power, but the power capacity is limited. 17

A unique approach of DWPT is to use a super-capacitor in tandem with the secondary power rectifier, 18 19 in order to enable power transfer and energy storage in a single device [51]. Super-capacitors can 20 provide an additional energy buffer before the on-board battery pack in a conventional EV due to their 21 high-power density [52]. Nevertheless, this topology increases the current stress in the secondary 22 converter and introduces harmonics into the voltage waveform. To allow bidirectional power transfer, 23 i.e. G2V and vehicle to grid (V2G), bidirectional converters on transmitting and receiving side are 24 required [53]. With the aid of bidirectional power transfer EVs can act as energy storage with high 25 renewable energy penetration. While renewable energy sources feed into the grid, the energy can be used to charge EV batteries, which reduces the load on the grid [54]. In addition, to prevent 26 27 intermittency issues within the grid network, EV batteries are discharged to balance the demand [55].

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#### 29 2.2 Compensation topologies

30 Magnetically coupled coils act like a transformer, but with higher leakage inductance due to a larger 31 air gap between the coils. Hence, the fraction of magnetic coupling that links both coils is much 32 smaller compared to traditional transformers, making them loosely coupled. To be able to transfer 33 sufficient power over long distances, the system operates at resonance frequency with zero phase 34 angle between input current and voltage. In order to achieve a resonant circuit, multiple reactive 35 elements, like inductors and capacitors, are linked together in series and/or parallel. As shown in 36 Figure 2, these compensation networks are located between the high-frequency inverter and the 37 primary coil in the GA, while between the secondary coil and the rectifier in the VA. Capacitors 38 resonate with the transmitting and receiving coils to supply reactive power [56]. The main purpose of 39 the primary compensation network is to reduce the reactive power rating (VAr) of the power supply 40 by cancelling out the reactive component of the primary coil [57]. In addition, the compensation 41 network helps to achieve soft switching in the primary power converter. Compensation networks are 42 also used on the secondary side to improve the power transfer capability of the system by nullifying 43 the receiver inductance [58]. Figure 3 depicts the most basic compensation topologies currently used 44 in WPT systems, each consisting of a single capacitor in either series (S) or parallel (P) to the coil 45 inductance, where SS stands for a series capacitor on the primary side and a series capacitor on the 46 secondary side.





Figure 3 Basic compensation topologies for primary and secondary resonant circuits a) SS b) SP c) PS d) PP

The primary and load current, as well as power transfer efficiency are derived for an SS-compensation topology. Using Kirchhoff's Law, by defining the loop-currents for the circuit shown in Figure 3a) the circuit can be solved using (1).

$$6 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} V_{ac} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + j(L_1 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_1 * \omega}) & -j\omega M \\ -j\omega M & R_2 + R_L + j(L_2 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_2 * \omega}) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_L \end{bmatrix}$$
(1)

Equivalent total impedance of the circuit with SS-compensation is the sum of primary circuit
 impedance and secondary reflected impedance (2). The secondary reflected impedance is the ratio of

9 reflected voltage and primary current.

10 
$$Z_{\text{tot}} = Z_1 + Z_r = \left( R_1 + j \left( L_1 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_1 * \omega} \right) \right) + \frac{(\omega * M)^2}{\left( R_2 + R_L + j \left( L_2 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_2 * \omega} \right) \right)}$$
(2)

11 The current drawn from the power supply can be evaluated with (3).

12 
$$I_{1} = \frac{V_{ac}}{Z_{tot}} = \frac{V_{ac} \ast \left(R_{2} + R_{L} + j\left(L_{2} \ast \omega - \frac{1}{C_{2} \ast \omega}\right)\right)}{\left(R_{1} + j\left(L_{1} \ast \omega - \frac{1}{C_{1} \ast \omega}\right)\right) \ast \left(R_{2} + R_{L} + j\left(L_{2} \ast \omega - \frac{1}{C_{2} \ast \omega}\right)\right) + (\omega \ast M)^{2}}$$
(3)

13 According to (1) and (3), the current that supplies the load is:

14 
$$I_{\rm L} = \frac{-V_{\rm ac} * j\omega M}{\left(R_1 + j\left(L_1 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_1 * \omega}\right)\right) * \left(R_2 + R_{\rm L} + j\left(L_2 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_2 * \omega}\right)\right) + (\omega * M)^2}.$$
 (4)

15 Input power, output power and efficiency of the power transfer are calculated using (5)-(7). It is 16 assumed that the power is supplied with unity power factor into the primary compensation network.

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$$P_{\rm in} = V_{\rm ac} * I_1 = \frac{V_{\rm ac}^2 * \left(R_2 + R_{\rm L} + j\left(L_2 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_2 * \omega}\right)\right)}{\left(R_1 + j\left(L_1 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_1 * \omega}\right)\right) * \left(R_2 + R_{\rm L} + j\left(L_2 * \omega - \frac{1}{C_2 * \omega}\right)\right) + (\omega * M)^2}$$
(5)

1 
$$P_{\text{out}} = R_{\text{L}} * |I_{\text{L}}|^{2} = R_{\text{L}} * \left| \frac{-V_{\text{ac}} * j\omega M}{\left( R_{1} + j \left( L_{1} * \omega - \frac{1}{C_{1} * \omega} \right) \right) * \left( R_{2} + R_{\text{L}} + j \left( L_{2} * \omega - \frac{1}{C_{2} * \omega} \right) \right) + (\omega * M)^{2}} \right|^{2}$$
(6)

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$$\eta = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} = \frac{R_{\text{L}}}{\left(R_{2} + R_{\text{L}} + j\left(L_{2}*\omega - \frac{1}{C_{2}*\omega}\right)\right) + \left(R_{1} + j\left(L_{1}*\omega - \frac{1}{C_{1}*\omega}\right)\right) * \left(\frac{R_{2} + R_{\text{L}} + j\left(L_{2}*\omega - \frac{1}{C_{2}*\omega}\right)}{\omega M}\right)^{2}}$$
(7)

At the frequency with a zero phase angle, there is no reactive power flow. To form a resonance circuit with maximum power transfer capability, this frequency must be equal to the resonance frequency  $\omega_0$ , where the reactive parts in (3)-(7) cancel out. Assuming identical coils in the primary and secondary circuit, the resonance frequency can be calculated using (8).

7 
$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_1 C_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_2 C_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$
 (8)

8 The efficiency at resonance frequency is expressed by (9) with the quality factors Q for each coil in (10).

10 
$$\eta(\omega_0) = \frac{R_{\rm L}}{(R_2 + R_{\rm L}) + R_1 * \left(\frac{R_2 + R_{\rm L}}{\omega M}\right)^2} = \frac{R_{\rm L} k^2 Q_1 Q_2}{R_2 \left[ \left(\frac{R_2 + R_{\rm L}}{R_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{R_2 + R_{\rm L}}{R_2}\right) * k^2 Q_1 Q_2 \right]}$$
(9)

11 
$$Q_{1/2} = \frac{\omega_0 * L_{1/2}}{R_{1/2}}$$
(10)

12 The same approach can be used for SP, PS, and PP-compensation networks. Table A-1 in the 13 appendix summarises the total impedance, power transfer efficiency under resonance and the primary 14 capacitance of the basic compensation topologies.

Figure 4 shows the power transfer efficiency and output power characteristics under varying mutual 15 inductance for all four compensation topologies. Under perfectly aligned conditions, the mutual 16 17 inductance is high and it depends on the length of the air gap. Mutual inductance reduces with 18 increasing air gap length and misalignment. The SS-compensated system reaches high and stable 19 transfer efficiency at low mutual inductances. Furthermore, compared with the other systems, it 20 transmits the highest output power for a fixed input power. A PS-compensated system has the same 21 power transfer efficiency as the SS-compensated system. However, it transfers less power to the load. 22 While the SP-topology transfers slightly less power to the load, the input power required is much 23 higher, resulting in a lower efficiency overall. The lowest power is transferred by a PP-compensated 24 system, making it an unsuitable topology for EV chargers.

25 Using an SS-compensation network is beneficial for application with variable load conditions, i.e. DWPT charging, as the primary compensation capacitance  $C_1$  is independent of the load. The 26 27 opposite is true for the remaining topologies, where C<sub>1</sub> changes with varying load and coupling 28 conditions that potentially compromises the resonance frequency and transfer efficiency [59]. As 29 shown in (2), the total impedance of the SS-compensated system drops along with decreasing mutual 30 inductance. This leads to an increase in primary current and therefore to a higher secondary current that supplies the load [60]. While running an EV, it is not always guaranteed to be in perfect 31 32 alignment with the primary pad or track particularly during DWPT, which causes weak mutual coupling. If the misalignment is pronounced, the switching components experience high current 33 34 peaks and can be damaged. Using a parallel primary can prevent this behaviour, as the primary 35 current reduces under misalignment.

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Figure 4 Power transfer efficiency and output power vs varying mutual inductance M for the basic compensation topologies
 SS, SP, PS, and PP

An optimal selection process of the compensation topology based on the economics of the system is suggested in [61]. It concludes that SS and SP-compensation networks are the most suitable topologies for high-power WPT systems. Additionally, SS compensation requires less copper than the other compensation networks. However, this study does not consider soft switching or bifurcation. Bifurcation or frequency splitting results in multiple frequencies in which a zero-phase angle is possible. It can be avoided by adopting the criteria given in [57]. A specific design guideline for SScompensated systems is presented in [62].

11 All basic compensation topologies have disadvantages. It is, therefore, required to investigate other 12 arrangements that alleviate these problems. Proposed extensions to the conventional SS compensation 13 are the so-called S/SP and SP/S topologies. Systems with S/SP topology use an additional parallel 14 capacitance on the secondary side compared to the SS networks [63]. It provides a higher tolerance 15 on varying air gap lengths. Using an SP compensation on the primary side instead and an S network 16 on the secondary side improves the misalignment tolerance of the system, as the additional parallel 17 capacitor allows transition between maximum power and maximum allowable misalignment [60]. 18 However, there is a trade-off between power source rating and achievable misalignment tolerance. To 19 increase the tolerance from 40 % to 75 %, the power source has to supply five times as high as the 20 rated output. Furthermore, load fluctuations, caused by a varying state of charge (SoC) of the battery 21 load, have an impact on the resonant state of the system due to the parallel capacitor. This results in 22 non-zero phase angle operation when the load changes [64].

Samanta & Rathore proposed a WPT system with a CCL-compensated transmitter side and an LCcompensated receiver side [65]. The design uses an additional capacitor connected in series to the conventional parallel-compensated primary and a series compensated secondary side. By using the additional capacitor, the voltage stress on the inverter switches is reduced, which was a major drawback of conventional current-fed systems. One issue with this topology is reduced efficiency in comparison to other compensation networks.

An LCL-compensated receiving coil was developed in [66] and [67]. It uses a parallel capacitor and an additional inductor in series to the receiving coil. By adopting this compensation, the switching loss of the rectifier is reduced. One advantage of LCL-compensated coils is that it produces a constant current output, which is required for supplying multiple receiving coils. If LCL compensation is used on both sides of the WPT system, it enables bidirectional power transfer [68]. However, it requires a complex control scheme with an external coil for synchronous switching [69].

One of the most investigated compensation topologies in more recent years is the LCC compensation shown in Figure 5 [64], [70], [71]. It combines a conventional series-parallel (SP) compensation on one side with a series inductor. This additional inductor can be integrated with the receiving or transmitting coil, hence no additional space is required [72]. By using a bipolar compensation coil, the coupling between main coil and series inductor can be minimised [73], [74]. The resonance frequency is independent on load and coupling conditions, while the current through the primary coil and the output current are constant [75]. Generally, the power transfer efficiency is lower as more components are connected, but the stress on the capacitors and coils is lower [76]. Zhu *et al.* compared the LCC compensation with a conventional SS topology [77]. A critical load resistance  $R_{L,crit}$  is determined to compare the transfer efficiency and mutual inductance characteristics and it is shown in (11).

7 
$$R_{\rm L,crit} = \sqrt{\frac{L_{\rm sc}}{C_{\rm sc,2}}}$$
(11)

8 Secondary compensation inductor and secondary parallel compensation capacitor are denoted by  $L_{\rm sc}$ and  $C_{\rm sc,2}$  respectively. If  $R_{\rm L,crit}$  is bigger than  $\sqrt{\frac{L_{\rm sc}}{C_{\rm sc,2}}}$  then the efficiency of the LCC compensation is 9 more robust to variations in mutual inductance, but with a lower efficiency under perfect alignment. 10 11 The opposite is also true when  $R_{L,crit}$  is smaller. Under these conditions, the SS compensation is less 12 susceptible to changes in mutual inductance, but it offers lower efficiency under no misalignment. SS 13 and LCC compensations offer the same performance for the condition shown in (11). Due to the 14 parallel capacitance, the total impedance of the LCC system increases similarly to the parallel primary 15 compensation. Thus, it guarantees safe operation under high misalignment. Furthermore, LCC 16 compensation offers lower magnetic field radiation [70].

LCL and LCC topologies can also be combined, where LCL is used on the primary side and LCC onthe secondary [78].



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Figure 5 LCC-compensation network on primary and secondary side of a WPT-system, not showing primary side inverter and secondary side rectifier and filter

#### 22 2.3 Coil designs

23 The main components of the WPT system are two coupled coils that allow power transfer via 24 magnetic field. Electric current flows through the primary coil and generates a time-varying magnetic 25 field around it. In the vicinity of the primary coil, the secondary coil intercepts the magnetic field, 26 which induces a voltage. The amount of induced voltage depends on the air gap length between these 27 coils, the number of turns and the derivative of the magnetic field over time. Due to this voltage, an 28 induced current flows in the secondary coil. The set of coils forms a loosely coupled transformer 29 linked by the main flux path including leakage that does not contribute towards the power transfer. 30 By connecting each coil to the compensation network, the current flowing in the coils is maximised 31 due to resonance. The main parameters that should be maximised during the design process of the 32 primary and secondary pads are coil quality factor Q and the coupling coefficient k with a high 33 tolerance for increasing air gap lengths and lateral/longitudinal displacements.

In order to strengthen the coupling between coils, ferromagnetic materials, so called cores, can be used to guide magnetic flux. Prevalent losses within the coil system arise from the core losses of the ferrite material and ohmic losses of the coils, including proximity and skin effect losses. Skin effect losses are reduced by using Litz wire, whereas core losses depend on the core material. To reduce core losses the flux density should be below the saturation flux density of the material. However, the available design options are limited by both power and space requirements. After reduction of the

1 potential losses, the efficiency of the power transfer can be improved by three design parameters, 2 which ultimately affect the product kQ [79], [80]. As shown in (9), these parameters include the 3 mutual inductance M or coupling coefficient k, the self-inductance of the coils L and the frequency  $\omega$ . A rise in frequency will increase the induced voltage in the secondary coil, while also increase 4 5 frequency-dependent losses such as switching losses, joule losses in the coil, and core losses. Besides. high frequency inverters are more expensive than 'slower' power electronics [79]. It is therefore 6 7 important to choose the design frequency carefully. The self-inductance of coils increases with increasing coil dimensions and number of turns. In practice, the maximum size of the coil is limited 8 by the size of the underbody of the vehicle. Increasing the number of turns is possible but constrained 9 10 by the available space. In addition, the area enclosed by the windings is important, as it affects the 11 coupling efficiency. The larger the area enclosed by the winding becomes, the higher the coupling is 12 [81]. Another way to increase the coupling is to decrease the air gap length or increase the coil 13 dimension. Again, the air gap length is pre-determined by the application i.e. EV-charging and the 14 size of the coils is limited. The coupling can be maximised by using equally sized coils as shown in Figure 6. Having equally sized coils also reduces eddy currents induced in the vehicle chassis and 15 leakage magnetic field surrounding the coils [80]. Reducing the size of the receiving coil is 16 convenient, as it would be easier to incorporate in the vehicle. However, it would weaken the 17 18 magnetic coupling and reduce efficiency, as less magnetic flux is intercepted by the receiving coil.





Figure 6 Mutual inductance vs ratio of receiving Rx and transmitting Tx coil radius at an air gap length of 0.1 m

21 With these dependencies in mind, the coils can be designed appropriately. At the beginning, circular 22 coil designs were popular due to their simplicity. This design originated from pot cores, where the 23 magnetic field is guided within a small volume as the core material encloses the coil [82], [83], [84]. 24 As the secondary circuit must be installed on vehicles, a reduction in size and weight is advantageous. 25 In addition, using less ferrite reduces the price of each pad. Therefore, pot structures were converted 26 to plates, disks or rods that are evenly spaced out above the coil [85]. A pad structure designed by 27 Budhia et al., shown in Figure 7, minimizes the amount of ferrite, while maintaining a critical 28 coupling between the primary and the secondary circuits [86].





Figure 7 Circular primary/secondary pad design using minimal amount of ferrite to achieve critical coupling [86]

3 The magnetic field produced by circular coils reaches its maximum at the centre of the coil. It drops 4 significantly with offset, resulting in a low non-directional misalignment tolerance. At a lateral offset 5 of circa 40 % of the diameter, circular pads have a null in their power distribution, as equal amounts 6 of magnetic flux enter the coil from either side. Consequently, this makes a circular coil unsuitable for 7 DWPT. Another disadvantage of circular coils is the limited achievable flux height. The coupling 8 height depends on the diameter of the coil and is within one quarter of the diameter limited. 9 Nevertheless, circular coils exhibit the highest magnetic coupling amongst similar sized coil geometries like square and rectangular designs [81]. Therefore, circular coils are still popular for 10 11 stationary WPT-systems where the coil performance is maximised using multi-objective optimisation 12 algorithms. These algorithms range from parametric sweeps [87] to genetic [88] and evolutionary algorithms [89]. In contrast, rectangular pads are the most common design for DWPT due to their 13 14 high tolerance against longitudinal misalignment and efficient use of space on the vehicle [90], [91]. According to [92], rectangular pads are the most cost-effective option in comparison to circular and 15 hexagonal design. This means that rectangular pads transfer the highest power over a specific area 16 with a given material allowance. 17

To increase the flux path produced by the transmitting pad and the misalignment tolerance, a new 18 19 design approach was proposed as shown in Figure 8. By winding the coil around a ferrite bar, a so-20 called flux pipe, flat solenoid or H-core pad is created [93], [94], [95]. Due to the increased flux path, 21 the coupling between transmitter and receiver side is higher. In comparison to the circular design, the flux pipe has a better lateral misalignment tolerance. The windings must be carefully designed, to 22 23 reduce the overall amount of material used. Budhia et al. split the windings and used two separate 24 coils connected in series per pad [93]. Whereas [94] used split cores to reduce the weight and cost of 25 the pads. One major problem of these designs is the double-sided nature of the magnetic flux. Because the windings are on both sides, a leakage flux is produced on the backside of the pad, which lowers 26 27 the coupling and reduces the transfer efficiency. It is possible to use an aluminium shield on the 28 backside. However, there will be losses associated with the eddy currents produced in the shield and 29 the interactions between the shield and coil.



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Figure 8 Flux pipe/ flat solenoid coil configuration a) flux pipe by [93] b) flat solenoid by [94]

As shown, the tolerance against lateral misalignment is a key factor in designing the coil structures in WPT systems. Commonly there is a null in the power distribution as the lateral offset increases regardless of the coil design. Elliott *et al.* designed a multiphase pickup coil (quadrature coil) that uses two windings, combining a horizontal winding and a vertical winding, wound on top of each other around a ferrite E-core [96], [97]. Using these two windings, one is compensating the power null of the other and vice versa, alleviating the problem, while achieving similar power levels as conventional coil structures. However, it uses twice the amount of copper wires.

8 The feature of producing a single sided flux sparked new research on advanced coil structures. 9 Popular examples are the DD and DDQ pads [98], [99], the bipolar pad [100], [101], tripolar pad [102], [103], and a novel design called ZigZag [104]. A DD-pad uses a similar approach as the flux 10 pipe design, but instead of winding the coil around the core material, it is wound like a circular spiral 11 12 coil on top of the core material, which channels the magnetic flux and re-directs it to the front. 13 Therefore, this design does not produce flux on the coil backside. As shown in Figure 9 a) the flux that links the transmitting and receiving pad is produced by the coupling between both coils in one 14 pad. In order to maximise the coupling effect, the 'flux pipe' length has to be optimised. One 15 drawback of the DD design is that it only couples the horizontal flux. By adding the quadrature coil 16 17 designed in [96], the vertical components can be utilised and a DDQ structure is created as shown in Figure 9 b). The DDQ pad uses more wires as it combines two windings and creates twice the flux 18 19 height of a circular coil. Bosshard et al. compared the performance of rectangular and DD charging 20 systems [105]. A rectangular WPT system has a slightly higher mass and surface area related power 21 density than the DD system, but the DD pads create a lower magnetic leakage field. Recently, new 22 adaptations of the DD pads have emerged including an overlapped DD array [106] and a crossed DD 23 coil [107]. The crossed DD coil setup uses two rectangular coils next to each other similar to the 24 conventional DD coil. In contrast, one of the coils is shifted by half a coil length in longitudinal 25 direction. The system improves misalignment tolerance if multiple coils are placed next to each other. To guarantee minimal changes in mutual inductance two coil pairs have to be excited at the same 26 27 time. As multiple coils are energised, the magnetic field of the uncovered coils needs to be shielded. 28 An overlapped DD array uses multiple stacks of DD coils on top of each other with an offset between 29 the different layers [106]. It optimises the transfer efficiency and aims at very low-speed dynamic 30 power transfer.



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Figure 9 Single-sided flux coil designs a) DD- and b) DDQ-pad [99]

The bipolar pad design is similar to the DD pad, but the individual coils overlap. It has similar power transfer capabilities but uses approximately 25 % less wire material [101]. Furthermore, both coils

35 require an independent converter, which are synchronised [106].





Figure 10 Three-coil design pads a) circular-shaped tripolar pad [103] b) ZigZag pad [104]

3 In contrast to the two coils used in a DD pad, the tripolar design uses three coils similar to the DDQ 4 coil [102]. The three oval-shaped coils are decoupled from each other and overlap at the centre of the 5 coil as shown in Figure 10 a). Decoupling is achieved by adjusting the overlapping area to minimise 6 the induced field in the adjacent coils [109]. By adopting multiple coils, the pad provides a high non-7 directional misalignment tolerance and therefore a larger effective area to transfer rated power [110]. 8 In addition, the leakage field is significantly reduced in comparison to a circular pad. One 9 disadvantage is the complex control scheme required. Furthermore, each coil is driven independently 10 by an individual inverter, leading to increased costs. Figure 10 b) shows another design that uses three coils per pad, one large coil wound as a rectangle enclosing two smaller rectangular coils [104]. It has 11 a uniform magnetic flux distribution in the smaller coils. The output power provided to the load 12 13 changes only slightly over a wide range of misalignment. Again, a large amount of wire material is 14 used. It is also possible to use intermediate coils between the main transmitting and receiving coils to 15 further increase the transmission distance [111]. However, intermediate coils were not addressed in 16 this review. Table 1 summarises the differences in achievable misalignment tolerance and if the 17 design is subject to a null in the power distribution, as well as flux path height for different coil 18 designs.

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#### Table 1 Comparison of different coil design approaches

Coil design	Misalignment tolerance	Flux path height	Reference
Circular	Null at 40 % of diameter	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of coil diameter	[86]
Flux pipe/ flat solenoid	Good tolerance in one direction	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of coil length	[93], [94]
DD	Null at 34 % of length of pad (in x- direction)	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of coil length	[99]
DDQ	Null at ca. 95 % of length (in x- direction)	Twice of circular	[99], [101]
Bipolar	Null at ca. 95 % of length (in x- direction)	Twice of circular	[101]
Tripolar	Non-symmetric tolerance	N/A	[110]
Zigzag	No null	1/(2.5) of coil length	[104]

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#### 2.3.1 High temperature superconductors (HTS) as coil material

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2 So far, coils have been conventionally made of copper wire as it has high conductivity, while still low in cost and easy to manufacture. To reduce the impact of proximity and skin effects at higher 3 frequencies, Litz copper wires are used. While copper has a good balance between performance and 4 5 cost/availability, new materials emerge to improve the system performance of WPT systems. One of these new materials is high temperature superconductor (HTS) [112]. Even though HTS is more 6 7 expensive than copper, it has already been used as coil material, e.g. for power generators of wind turbines [113], [114] and fault current limiters [115], [116]. But HTS is not as prevalent in WPT. In 8 9 addition, HTS capacitors for WPT are proposed [117]. HTS provides virtually no resistance and high 10 current densities in critical state. Incorporating HTS in a WPT system can increase the system 11 efficiency due to smaller resistance. Furthermore, higher current densities lead to smaller dimensions 12 of the system, while maintaining the power level. Another positive effect is the increase in possible 13 transmission distance as the magnetic field density is higher. The critical state is dictated by the 14 temperature, current density and magnetic field. All these critical values depend on the type of HTS 15 used. Beyond this critical state, HTS 'quenches' and converts back to a normal conductor. Additionally, HTS lose their superconductivity if bent too far [118], [119]. 16

One requirement of HTS material is an additional cooling system that cools the coils below their critical temperatures. The coolant depends on their critical temperatures. Conventionally, rare-earth barium copper oxide (REBCO) superconductors are used, which are cooled with liquid nitrogen to 77 K. An additional component increases the size and cost of the system and handling cryogenic material can cause safety concerns. This is particularly true for HTS in receiving coils mounted underneath a vehicle. If HTS is used in transmitting coils, special training is required for the installation of the transmitting pads/ rails.

24 Compared to conventional copper, HTS material has interesting AC loss characteristics [120], [121], 25 [122]. Operating at higher frequencies causes increased AC losses in HTS, which has direct influence 26 on the power transfer efficiency. AC losses in HTS contain transport losses, hysteresis losses, and 27 eddy-current losses [123]. It is important to quantify and minimise these losses, as heat is dissipated 28 proportionally to the losses, which puts an additional burden onto the cooling system. Because of the 29 lower resistance, HTS coils have a higher Q-value compared to conventional copper coils and 30 therefore support higher transfer efficiency. Like a typical coil system, HTS-WPT systems require 31 resonance to achieve maximum power transfer efficiency. Therefore, bifurcation can occur as well 32 and must be considered by the controller [123].

In general, using HTS as coil material on both sides can increase the power transfer capabilities as shown in Figure 11 a). The transfer efficiency for conventional copper systems increases when the coils are cooled, as the resistance decreases [124]. HTS coils on both sides require cooling, which might not be possible due to space constraints and cost. Chung *et al.* and Kim *et al.* stated that a receiver coil with high Q-values and low impedance is advantageous over a transmitting coil with high Q-values [124], [125]. Conversely, as shown in Figure 11b), the influence of using HTS in the

39 transmitting coil is greater than for HTS in the receiving coil.



Figure 11 Power transfer efficiency for different coil materials at a resonance frequency of 3 kHz a) same material is used for receiving and transmitting coil b) different materials for receiving and transmitting coil [123]

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4 Traditional WPT-charging systems use single coil sub-systems. Some DWPT systems, particularly the chargers using power supply rails, can supply multiple receiving coils with a single transmitting coil. 5 6 Multi-coil systems are investigated, where one copper coil is substituted with an HTS-coil [126]. 7 Kim *et al.* proposed a system with four coils, two of which were made from HTS [127]. It has a power 8 coil connected to the power supply and a transmitting coil, which is coupled to the power coil, on the 9 transmitting side. Both made of copper wire and operated at room temperature. The receiving system 10 contains an HTS receiving coil and an HTS load coil that is connected to the load. Power and load 11 coil have one turn and have an air gap length of 3 cm to the transmitting and receiving coil, 12 respectively. At an air gap length of 0.3 m, a current transfer efficiency of 50 % was achieved. A key 13 aspect of the experiments was the impedance matching between the load and the transmitting coil 14 pair. The experiments conducted in this study used a resonance frequency of 13.56 MHz, which is not 15 viable for charging EV. However, it shows a general principle of using multiple HTS and copper coils 16 within one system

17 Chung et al. suggested to use a resonator coil between transmitting and receiving coil [128]. Three 18 different arrangements were tested and are shown in Figure 12. At the frequency of 370 kHz, the 19 system using two HTS coils in the transmitting sub-system had the highest transfer efficiency of 20 79 % compared to 67 % achieved by the three-coil system with cooled coils. A total of 4 litres of 21 liquid nitrogen per hour during testing is consumed by the copper coil system, whereas just under 22 2 litres were consumed by the HTS system while supplying 400 W to the transmitting coil. This 23 consumption can be reduced by adopting and optimising different cooling systems, instead of using a 24 batch approach without covering the cooling vessel. One issue of using an additional resonator coil is 25 the varying air gap length between resonator and receiving coil. As the gap length varies, the 26 resonance coupling between the coils changes, which introduces power losses and therefore thermal 27 losses to be compensated by the cooling system. An higher transfer efficiency, when using HTS 28 resonator coils compared to copper coils, was reported in [129].



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Figure 12 Different coil arrangements for a three coil WPT-systems incorporating HTS a) conventional system with copper
 coils at room temperature, b) copper coil resonator in conventional system, c) three-coil system with cooled transmitting and
 resonator coil (77 K), d) HTS-three-coil system with HTS transmitting and resonator coil cooled to 77 K [128]

A study conducted by Inoue *et al.* investigated the impact of low-frequency operation on the power transfer efficiency [130]. It has been shown that at low resonance frequencies, the HTS-system has much higher transfer efficiency due to the higher quality factor of HTS coils compared to traditional copper systems. Furthermore, the HTS system presents a higher robustness against frequency variation compared to copper systems. This allows more leeway in the frequency control. A summary of experiments conducted with HTS systems is presented in Table 2.

11 While losses in the pavement material are negligible [131], the material of the cooling vessel has 12 great impact on the coil-to-coil efficiency. Jeong et al. compared multiple vessel materials under 13 various air gap lengths [132]. The system comprised copper source, load coils and two YBCO coils 14 (Yttrium barium copper oxide) in the transmitting sub-system. The tested vessel materials were fibre 15 reinforced plastics (FRP), Bakelite, polystyrene, aluminium, and iron. While FRP, Bakelite and other 16 plastics have high wave penetration characteristics, aluminium and iron have high electrical 17 conductivity and are used as shielding and core materials. While the air gap length increases, the 18 reflection parameter was measured and compared. The plastic materials have only minor impact on 19 power transfer, with FRP achieving the highest unaffected transmission distance of 2 m. Hence, FRP 20 is the most favourable cooling vessel material amongst the tested ones. Instead of absorbing or 21 reflecting incident magnetic waves, it does not affect them. In addition, its durability is very high, and 22 it has a very low thermal conductivity of 0.5 W/( $m^{\circ C}$ ) [133]. On the other hand, iron and aluminium 23 are the least favourable materials as they absorb magnetic flux and cause losses. Other investigated 24 plastics have good properties regarding to power transfer efficiency, but the exhibit low durability and 25 therefore are not suitable for WPT systems. Kang *et al.*, investigated the effect of steel and Styrofoam 26 material as cooling vessel material for the HTS receiving coil [134]. Styrofoam has a similar magnetic 27 permeability to air and liquid nitrogen, and therefore does not affect the magnetic field. Whereas steel 28 channels the magnetic field inside the cooling vessel and lowers the incident magnetic field on the 29 HTS coil. Hence, metallic materials should not be used as cooling vessel materials for WPT systems, 30 as they severely affect the magnetic field and cause losses. While experiments investigated the effect 31 of vessel materials on the power transfer, they did not outline practical solutions for real world 32 systems and did not consider safety regulations. The effect of rain or water between the charging pads 33 was investigated in [135]. Different containers, surrounding the coils, were filled with fresh water or 34 salt water with a salinity of 3.4 %. The results show that fresh water reduces the transmission 35 efficiency by up to 5 %, even when only one coil is surrounded. If salt water is used, the efficiency 36 decreases significantly with a maximum efficiency decrease of 30 % when both containers are filled. 37 This is due to the shielding effect of the salt element in the water.

Table 2 Summary of experiments using HTS coils

Power level [W]	Separation distance [m]	Frequency [kHz]	Coil specifications, diameter [m]	Reference
500	0.3	370	HTS Tx: 0.3m Copper Rx: 0.3m	[124]
200	0.5-1.5	13560	Copper Tx: 0.28m HTS Rx: 0.28m	[125]
11	0.05-0.22	3	HTS Tx: 0.29m Copper Rx 0.29m	[123]
N/A	0.03-0.18	63.1	HTS Tx: 0.3m Copper Rx: 0.2-0.3m	[118]
<10	0.02	10	HTS-system: 0.09m Copper-system: 0.09m	[130]
N/A	0.3	370	Copper Tx: 0.3m HTS Rx: 0.3m	[134]
60	0.4	370	HTS Tx: 0.3m Copper Rx: 0.3m	[136]

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#### 2.3.2 Track layout

4 Not only has the geometry of the charging pads impact on the system performance but also the 5 system layout, particularly on the primary side. While the layout for stationary system is straight 6 forward, there are different options available for DWPT mostly related to the dynamic nature of the 7 charging process. A main challenge associated with DWPT is the short time period in which the 8 transmitting and receiving pad can interact with each other and transfer power. As vehicles approach 9 transmitting pads and move across them, magnetic flux is intercepted by receiving coils and 10 therefore magnetic coupling changes. This causes power and transfer efficiency fluctuation and increases stress on the power electronic devices. To reduce the impact on the charging system and 11 12 grid connection, charging pads must have a high degree of misalignment tolerance. Depending on the layout of the transmitting coil and power supply, two designs can be distinguished and are shown in 13 14 Figure 13.



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Figure 13 Different track layout options for DWPT

1 While stationary charging uses a single power supply to power one or multiple separate transmitting 2 pads, another option is considered for DWPT charging. Instead of using multiple segmented 3 transmitting pads for DWPT, a long transmitter rail is widely used [137], [138]. Both designs have advantages over the other approaches, while having their own disadvantages. Using a long transmitter 4 5 track minimises the amount of system components and reduces control complexity, as it produces a constant power output and current once the receiving pad is located above the track. However, it 6 7 increases the ratings of all components supplied by a single power source. And if a fault occurs, the whole system must be switched off, decreasing the system reliability. In addition, the efficiency is low 8 9 during part load operation, as the whole track needs to be energised at all times. And coupling is low 10 as well, as the receiving coil is small. The electromagnetic field produced by the parts that are not in 11 use must be supressed to reduce harmful radiation. Furthermore, the consumption of coolant is higher if HTS coils are used [139]. On the other hand, if the transmitting sub-system contains multiple 12 13 segmented pads [140], [141], it requires a multitude of components like power sources and highfrequency inverters, as every pad has to be connected separately. By using multiple inverter-pad sub-14 systems, the reliability of the system increases through redundancy. The charging system is still 15 16 functional, when faults occur within one segment. It is also possible to connect multiple pads together instead of using several inverters, with one high power inverter connected via switches to the 17 transmitter pads [142]. Each of the pads switches off as soon as a vehicle passes over it, reducing the 18 19 electromagnetic field radiation and alleviating the reduced coupling. In addition, each transmitter pad 20 has a compact low weight structure, which simplifies deployment. Disadvantages of this layout are 21 increased cost and control complexity to increase efficiency and lower its grid impact due to power fluctuations. The inter-pad spacing needs to be optimised as it affects the system 22 23 performance [143], [144]. If the pads are too close, coupling between transmitting pads will occur, 24 which produces negative current stress and increases the number of pads per given length. The 25 coupling between the transmitting coils can be reduced by placing them farther apart, but this will 26 eventually result in discontinuous power transfer and has negative effects on the grid network.

#### 27 2.4 Control methods

28 For controlling the power throughput and output of the system, multiple control methods can be used. 29 The most fundamental methods are primary side control [145], [146], secondary side 30 control [147], [148] and both combined [24], [149]. A primary control method cannot be used for power supply with multiple pickup coils. It is necessary that one supply is connected to only one 31 receiver [150]. The primary current and the frequency are controlled to regulate the power output on 32 the secondary side. This strategy provides higher efficiencies at lower loads compared to the 33 secondary control [151]. One requirement for primary control strategies is a communication link 34 35 between transmitting and receiving pad. The battery management system (BMS) is transmitting information about the battery, e.g. SoC etc., to the primary pad. By controlling the transmitting pad, 36 the secondary electronics can be simplified, thus reducing complexity and cost. 37

38 Two important strategies are considered for inverter control, namely phase shift control and frequency 39 control. When phase shift control is used, the phase difference at constant switching frequency 40 between inverter legs varies [152]. While varying the phase shift, the pulse width of the voltage 41 output signal changes. This causes the amplitude of the voltage fundamental to change accordingly 42 and controls the power output. However, it compromises soft switching as bifurcation during 43 operation close to resonance can occur, which can lead to non-inductive conditions and high 44 switching and conduction losses. Phase shift control does not require any communication link 45 between transmitting and receiving pad, but it is only usable for full-bridge inverter [153]. During 46 frequency control, the phase shift between inverter legs is constant and the switching frequency 47 varies [154]. This affects the DC output voltage feeding into the battery on the receiver side. The 48 controller constantly monitors the switching conditions and updates the inverter frequency and 49 switching signals. A range of possible switching conditions needs to be pre-defined so that the controller can limit the frequency to achieve ZVS. To reduce losses, the WPT system has to operate 50 51 under inductive conditions and the actual resonance frequency must be measured in real time.

1 Secondary side controllers keep the supply current and the frequency constant and each receiving 2 system adjusts the power it draws according to their load [155]. If multiple receiving pads are 3 connected to the primary, an active rectifier in each secondary system is required. The power drawn by the secondary system can be controlled by varying the Q-value. As the whole supply rail must be 4 5 powered, efficiency under part load is low. A combination of control methods on both sides can vary current and power demand according to load on the secondary side. Hence, it requires the same 6 7 power electronics as the primary and the secondary control. Highest efficiency is achieved by controlling current and Q-values, to match primary side losses and secondary side losses [156]. 8 9 Advantages of primary and secondary side control can be combined. Diekhans & De Doncker 10 proposed a dual-side controlled WPT system with a full-bridge inverter on the primary side and an 11 active rectifier on the secondary side [157]. The lower half of the rectifier consists of switches instead 12 of diodes. By varying the pulse width of the secondary voltage, the fundamental output voltage to the battery can be adjusted. At the same time, the inverter is phase shift controlled. The primary current is 13 controlled by the secondary rectifier pulse width, while the primary inverter pulse width affects the 14 secondary current. A control strategy is developed that uses this additional degree of freedom to 15 maximise the overall efficiency by adjusting the point of operation. While the frequency is limited to 16 35 kHz, it is not clear to what extend the system behaviour changes when a higher switching 17 18 frequency of 85 kHz is used. A bidirectional frequency control is proposed in [149]. It uses the system 19 frequency to control the supplied power. A new controller is demonstrated in [158], which uses active 20 and reactive power, measured at the resonant circuit of the secondary side, to regulate the bi-21 directional power flow. The new controller does not require a dedicated communication link between 22 primary and secondary side. However, the system has lower efficiency in the part load regime.

#### 23 2.5 Communication in WPT-systems

24 Equally important to the power transfer system is the communication link between GA and VA. This also includes the communication to the GA grid connection to manage demand upon grid status. 25 Communication between sub-systems is required throughout the charging process in a stationary 26 27 environment as well as under dynamic charging conditions. VA needs to detect and request charging 28 from GA. At the same time, GA must approve or deny the request. In addition, GA must detect any 29 foreign objects on the road, which might affect the charging process. Once a charging request has 30 been approved, VA transmits its charging requirements. These include SoC, power level, 31 misalignment and ground clearance. To ensure optimal charging conditions, VA has an alignment assistance to maximise transfer efficiency. During the charging process, SoC and position of the 32 vehicle are monitored [159]. After the charging process, the method of payment must be 33 34 communicated between the parties. Wireless communication for stationary charging systems is 35 possible, particularly for smart charging purposes [160], [161]. Key technologies for communication systems under review for stationary WPT include Zigbee, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and cellular [162]. 36 However, conventional off-the-shelf communication systems, i.e. Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, are not well 37 38 suited for wireless communication in WPT systems, as one of the key requirements is a two-way link 39 with simultaneous data transfer (duplex) [163].

40 For DWPT there are additional requirements caused by the speed of the vehicle and the potential to 41 charge multiple vehicle at the same time. Problems like priority charging and queuing, as well as the 42 potential of speed limitations on the stretch of road arise. Therefore, commonly used technologies in 43 stationary wireless charging cannot be used for DWPT systems. Special requirements for the dynamic 44 system include low latency to ensure stable real-time communication at higher velocities, an 45 increased communication range to reduce roaming between charging zones and the potential to 46 support multiple vehicles [164]. The SAE J2954 guideline outlines Wi-Fi, Dedicated Short Range 47 Communication (DSRC) or RFID as potential communication technology for WPT systems. RFID 48 communication is suitable for stationary charging, but not usable under dynamic conditions due to 49 latency issues. Furthermore, the signal strength after propagating through concrete to reach the transmitting coil might not be sufficient enough [165]. A study conducted by Gil, et al. compared 50 51 DSRC, radio communication, cellular communication, satellite communication and WiMAX [164]. It concluded that DSRC and cellular communication are the most favourable options. DSRC has a very 52 53 low latency while maintaining a reasonable high data rate. However, the effective maximum coverage is limited to around 300 m, which might not be enough depending on the length of the charging lane.
Cellular communication has a very high coverage area, in which it can transfer with high data rates
but with higher latency than DSRC. An additional benefit of DSRC is its current utilisation in safety
applications, hence providing a secure communication link [166].

5 Echols, et al. proposed a hybrid communication system based on wireless and wired communication [167]. The infrastructure uses a wireless communication link (cellular and DSRC) 6 7 between VA and GA to process the detection of the approaching vehicle, and the charging request. 8 After the charging request has been approved the information are transmitted to a roadside unit (RSU) 9 and the vehicle is tracked by GPS. The communication between RSU and GA is realised via optical cables to provide low latency, real-time exchange of information. So far, the communication with a 10 11 single EV has been tested but the impact of multiple vehicles charging at the same time has not been 12 investigated. Another hybrid system based on two different wireless communication links is suggested in [168]. It uses DSRC for the communication between VA and GA, providing a low latency and low 13 jitter link. A Fog management system manages and supervises the DSRC-system. Information 14 15 gathered during the VA-GA communication are stored in a cloud network and can be accessed by users without disturbing time-sensitive communication. Hybrid systems provide a valuable alternative 16 17 to single technology communication. However, increased complexity of the communication link could raise additional problems like user accessibility. Another technology that might be viable for 18 future wireless communication in DWPT is 5G, as it provides fast data transfer between multiple 19 20 parties with low latency [169], [170]. Currently, 5G technology is still in the early stage of 21 deployment [171].

### 22 2.6 Foreign object detection and EV detection

Foreign object detection (FOD) is a key auxiliary system required to enable widespread application of wireless charging. It covers the detection of living objects (LOD) and non-living objects, e.g. conductive objects and approaching EVs. If the system detects objects between the charging pads, it immediately shuts down and prevents any power transfer. By doing so, it prevents heating of conductive objects, which can cause safety hazards. Furthermore, it prevents living matter, e.g. people and animals, subject to magnetic and electric fields. On the technical side, it also prevents system losses and switches off power transfer when receiving coils are not near transmitting pads.

30 Multiple methods are known to date that mostly rely on sensors, i.e. inductive or capacitive, optical, 31 and mechanical [172]. A simple and low cost way is the comparison of power losses with and without 32 the presence of a conductive object between the pads [173]. Unfortunately, as WPT systems transfer 33 high power, the losses generated are small and difficult to detect [172]. Another approach is to use 34 the quality factor Q of the secondary pad [174]. This method is viable for stationary systems that 35 include alignment mechanisms. If pads are misaligned, quality factor of the receiving system changes disguising the change due to an object. It is also true for DWPT systems as the receiving coils 36 37 are constantly moving, causing a changing quality factor. Jang et al. proposed an FOD-system based on the change of the magnetic field [175]. It uses multiple non-overlapping coils in the transmitting 38 39 pad to detect an object and the voltage difference in the sensing coils across the pad area. The 40 detection of living objects uses similar technologies. By using the capacitive coupling between the transmitting pad and the ground, an approaching living object can be detected [176]. The presence of 41 42 the living object alters the coupling, but changes are minimal and require careful tuning of the 43 sensors.

Vehicle detection is a special form of metal object detection and is mainly used for switching the transmitting pad on and off depending on the presence of the receiving pads. It is possible to incorporate the vehicle detection into the FOD-system [177]. Figure 14 shows the detection coils of a combined system for stationary charging. It comprises two sets of coils, one for lateral direction and the other one for longitudinal direction. The system uses the difference in induced voltage in each of

49 the detection coils to locate an object, while the impact on the power loss characteristic is widely 50 minimized. Due to the additional poils, the material usage of the system is high

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Figure 14 Detection coils for a) longitudinal direction b) lateral direction and c) combined [177]

Vehicle detection for DWPT systems is a main research area within wireless charging systems. A 3 4 wide range of detection systems exist. A multi-coil system is used in [165]. The transmitting pad 5 includes two coils with an offset in the direction of travel, and a single detection coil is incorporated 6 in the receiving pad. The detection coil in the receiving coil is energised, which induces a voltage in 7 the detection coil in the transmitting pad as EVs approach the charger. Due to the longitudinal offset 8 of the coils, the voltage profile is different, and the phase difference can be used to detect vehicles. 9 One drawback of this method is that only vehicles approaching along the direction of travel are 10 detected. In general, neighbouring transmitting pads should be decoupled to reduce the negative impact on the transfer efficiency. However, there is a small and almost negligible coupling between 11 12 the pads depending on the pad spacing. Here, this coupling is used to detect approaching vehicles 13 [178]. As EVs approach the transmitting pads, the ferrite in the receiving coils affects the coupling 14 and allows a voltage to be induced in the latter transmitting coil. If the primary pad resonates with its 15 tuning capacitor, a current flows that is measured and utilised to detect the vehicles. While the current 16 sensor is already part of the transmitting pad, the system is only applicable to segmented DWPT systems that use closely spaced transmitters. Other approaches include phase differences between 17 18 voltage and current in transmitting pads [179] or RFID [180]. These systems are limited to a single 19 vehicle per pad and by vehicle speed.

# 20 3 Research on WPT for EV

Research in the field of WPT has increased over the past decade and early research has been conducted in the following research institutes. Based on the fundamental concept proven by these institutes, large-scale research projects are funded and realised in collaboration between academia and industry. The aim of this chapter is not to provide a complete list of research institutes, projects and consortia, rather, we summarise the work done by key institutes and recent projects.

#### 26 3.1 Korean Institute of Advanced Technology (KAIST)

Since 2009, KAIST has been researching on WPT, with their focus on DWPT. Over the years, multiple systems, called "generations" of the On-Line Electric Vehicle (OLEV), based on the improvements of the previous designs, have been proposed. OLEV is the first commercialised DWPT system for electric busses. It started with a small golf cart (1<sup>st</sup> Generation) that was powered by an Etype supply rail instead of multiple charging pads [181]. Over an air gap of 1 cm, 3 kW could be transferred, achieving a system efficiency of 80 % while operating at a frequency of 10 kHz. The vehicle was mechanically aligned to ensure a maximum lateral misalignment of 3 mm.

Later that year, KAIST announced their 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation based on an E-Bus. Main improvement to the first generation was an increase in air gap length to a maximum of 17 cm [182]. To power the bus, ten I-type pickup coils were installed underneath the bus. Each of these pickup coils could receive 6 kW.

37 The maximum efficiency of the system was 72 % while transferring 60 kW. Instead of using an E-

38 type supply rail, the design was reworked, and a U-type rail was used. Another key improvement was

the increase in lateral misalignment tolerance to 23 cm, while achieving 70 % of the maximum power output. In addition, the operating frequency was increased to 20 kHz.

3 Just two months later, in August 2009, an SUV was fitted with the wireless charging system, forming 4 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation [183]. The power supply rail design was changed to a W-type structure and the 5 pickup coils consisted of overlapping E-type windings to reduce the produced magnetic field. Due to the reduction in magnetic field, no shielding was required, while the system was still satisfying the 6 7 guidelines on magnetic field emissions. The system transferred 17 kW per pickup coil over an air gap 8 of 17 cm with an efficiency of 71 % [184]. After revision of these results, smaller changes to the 9 system improved the efficiency to 80 % with an air gap length of 20 cm. The width of the supply rail 10 was halved, which reduced the manufacture and deployment costs of the system. In addition, a bone 11 structure was patented that can reduce the mechanical stress onto the rail [185].

In 2010, a new charging system (4<sup>th</sup> generation) was developed to charge both buses and EVs. It is 12 based on an I-type supply rail with a width of 10 cm [186]. With an air gap length of 20 cm and a 13 lateral tolerance of 24 cm, the system has similar properties to the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. The maximum 14 output power is 27 kW for a double pickup coil at 74 % efficiency [186]. To reduce the voltage stress 15 16 in the rail structure an SS compensation network was used. By using a constant-current source 17 inverter, the output voltage of the charging system can be held constant and independent from the 18 load, providing an inherent robustness against load changes [187]. Like previous systems, the 19 magnetic field emissions fulfilled the ICNIRP guidelines. In addition to the system design, the cost for 20 the infrastructure was stated with \$0.4m/km for a one-way lane including inverters.

21 Further improvements were made in the past few years, leading to a new S-type power supply rail. 22 With only 4 cm in width, it has been the smallest supply rail structure so far [188]. Due to the small 23 width, the construction cost of the coils as well as the installation time was reduced. Even though the 24 width was reduced significantly, the tolerance to lateral offset between the GA and VA was further 25 increased to 30 cm over an air gap length of 20 cm. The maximum efficiency (without power inverter) 26 of 91 % was achieved at 9.5 kW, whereas the maximum power of 22 kW was transferred with an 27 efficiency of 71 % [189]. One downside of the new rail design was the increase in self-inductance, 28 which causes higher voltage stresses in the rails [190].

The latest design, the 6<sup>th</sup> Generation, includes a power supply rail with similar shape to the W-type rail used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation, but without a core plate in the rail [190]. The system is designed to not only supply driving vehicles, but also stationary EVs. In previous designs, the operating frequency was limited due to voltage stress in the components. By adopting the new coreless design, the inductance in the power supply rail is reduced, lowering the voltage stresses. Therefore, the operating frequency can be increased to the recommended 85 kHz [191].

35 3.2 Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

ORNL, based in the USA, started researching on WPT in 2011. Instead of using a long supply rail, 36 37 their research focusses on multiple segmented coils for transmitting power to moving vehicles [192]. 38 Due to their simplicity, circular coils were used for transmitting and receiving. To enable continuous power transfer to a moving vehicle, multiple coils were placed behind each other. As the tolerance of 39 40 circular coils against lateral misalignment is low, the separation distance between the coils was small. 41 The research conducted by ORNL focusses on coil and pad design, vehicle integration, power flow 42 control, and the interaction between grid and charging system [193], [194], [195], [146], [196]. In 43 2013, a VA of a stationary charging system (6 kW) was integrated into a Toyota Prius [197]. As part 44 of this, the effect of concrete and asphalt material onto the power transfer was investigated. Three 45 years later, a similar system with a capacity of 12 kW was installed in a Toyota RAV4 [198]. It 46 achieved a DC-to-DC efficiency of 95 % over an air gap length of 16 cm. Later, wireless charging for heavy-duty vehicles was investigated as well [199]. The system fitted onto the Toyota RAV4 was 47 48 further improved and is now able to transfer 20 kW at 95 % efficiency [200]

### 1 3.3 University of Auckland (UoA)

2 Research on WPT started in the early 1990s with its main aim to provide charging for material 3 handling via EVs [201]. Since then, a multitude of systems has been designed, that initially adopted 4 circular coils, with ferrite bars to guide magnetic flux and reduce electromagnetic radiation [86]. Due 5 to their lack of lateral misalignment tolerance, the overall coil structure was revised. In 2010, a socalled flux pipe was proposed that provided the system with an increased tolerance against lateral 6 7 offset between receiving and transmitting coils and a focussed magnetic flux in the air gap [93]. One 8 key aspect in designing coil structures is the limitation or guiding of magnetic flux in a way that it 9 only exits the transmitting coil on one side. These designs are referred to as single sided polarised 10 coils and are part of the research conducted at UoA [202], [100], [98], [101]. Furthermore, UoA is 11 investigating DWPT and possible layouts for future charging systems and their control [203], [204], 12 [205].

#### 13 3.4 Commercial and Non-commercial WPT projects

14 Consortia of universities, vehicle manufacturers and energy operators conducted multiple projects on wireless power transfer for EVs around the world. One early adopter was PATH (Partners for 15 16 Advanced Transit and Highways). It is a programme founded in 1986 and led by the University of 17 California, Berkeley. One research project run by PATH focussed on dynamic charging for EVs. In 18 1994, it developed the first prototype of such system [206]. It transferred 60 kW over a two inch air gap and achieved 60 % transfer efficiency [207]. The project showed that a practical approach 19 20 towards commercialisation is achievable. However, it was terminated, as it was impossible to design 21 an economically feasible system at that time.

Two recent European projects were FABRIC and UNPLUGGED. FABRIC (Feasibility analysis and development of on-road charging solutions for future EVs) is a project that started in 2014 and ran until the end of 2017. It was mostly funded by the European Commission and comprised 24 members [208]. Its main objective was to investigate the feasibility of DWPT technologies for EV range extension as well as efficiency of DWPT. Deliveries include analysis of existing solutions for DWPT and their technical feasibility [209], [210], [211]. DWPT systems of Qualcomm Halo and PoliTo as well as Seat were tested in three different test sites, France, Italy and Sweden [212].

The second project called UNPLUGGED, ran from 2012 until 2015. It examined the impact of WPT of EVs on customers in urban areas and the feasibility of DWPT for range extension [213]. As the FABRIC project, it was funded by the European Commission and was conducted by a consortium of partners [214]. Technical and economic feasibility analysis of the DWPT project have been published in 2013 and 2015 [215], [216]. As part of the project two prototypes of a wireless charging system were built.

In tandem with international projects, national governments and highway operator investigate the possibility to adopt WPT. For example, Highways England performed a feasibility study on DWPT on major English roads in 2015 [217]. Main aims of the study were the identification of key technologies, their technology readiness level (TRL), important stakeholders and early adopters, and system requirement and economic feasibility. After the study, off-road trials were scheduled but were delayed until "at least 2018" [218].

41 Besides consortia-run projects, there are also a wide range of companies using WPT. The majority are 42 using this technology for low-power appliances. However, a few companies offer products for EVs. 43 The main companies include WiTricity and HaloIPT. Both companies are based on research 44 conducted at universities and were later formed by researching staff of Massachusetts Institute of 45 Technology (MIT) and UoA, respectively. WiTricity is focussing its production on stationary 46 charging system of EV. It offers a wide range of different power levels up to 11 kW with efficiencies 47 of up to 94 % [219]. HaloIPT was acquired by Qualcomm in 2011 and is now part of the wireless charging solution offered by Oualcomm. Oualcomm Halo offers stationary charging pads in power 48 49 levels of 3.3 kW, 6.6 kW, and 7 kW with efficiencies higher than 90 % [220].

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# 1 4 Health and Safety concerns

2 The use of time-varying currents and voltages, particularly at higher power levels, brings certain risks 3 and concerns to health and safety (H&S). However, these risks are well known due to their usage in 4 other fields and can therefore be addressed. They include electromagnetic field exposure, electrical 5 shock, and fire hazards [221]. Hence, the bigger challenge with H&S in WPT is the public perception 6 of the safe employment rather than any actual challenge for the system [222]. The high-frequency 7 currents in the system produce varying magnetic and electric fields. Due to the low coupling between 8 coils, the share of leakage field is high. It causes undesirable electromagnetic interference and field 9 exposure, which not only lowers the system efficiency, but also leads to safety risks. To limit the 10 impact of magnetic and electric fields on employees and for the public in general, the International 11 Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) proposed a guideline for field 12 limitations [223], [224]. The reference levels of electric and magnetic fields for public and 13 occupational exposure are shown in Figure 15.





Figure 15 ICNIRP reference levels on magnetic and electric fields for occupational and public exposure [223]

In the late 2000s, the World Health Organization (WHO) presented a report that stated there was a 16 lack of scientific evidence for health risks caused by fields with a frequency below 100 kHz [225]. 17 18 Since then, the amount of research on low-frequency magnetic and electric fields has increased but it 19 is difficult to study the long-term effects of magnetic radiation. Short-term effects and biological 20 response can be studied by using experiments on animals, mainly mice [226]. A study conducted by 21 Nishimura, et al. could not observe any changes in reproductive organs of rats during and after 22 magnetic field exposure with frequencies of 20 kHz and 60 kHz [227]. The investigated magnetic 23 fields had a higher field intensity but a lower frequency than currently present in WPT. It is therefore 24 difficult to gauge possible impacts on the human body.

25 With the aid of anatomical models of humans, it is possible to assess the impact of external magnetic 26 field exposure on humans [228], [229], [230]. These models are based on MRI-scanned human bodies 27 and include properties of multiple different tissues, organs, and body fluids [31]. By coupling the anatomical model and the magnetic field generated by the WPT system, a tool is obtained to 28 29 investigate the impact of magnetic field exposure. A person can interact with the wireless charging 30 system and its most delicate areas in multiple ways. Due to the proximity to the transmitting coil, the 31 area underneath the vehicle has the highest magnetic field strengths and is most likely to exceed the 32 reference levels of the guidelines [232]. Other areas that need further investigation include the space 33 surrounding and inside vehicles. The inside is particularly important for future DWPT systems.

1 A study conducted by Shimamoto, et al. investigated the effect of a 7 kW WPT system operated 2 at 85 kHz on a human body [233]. The magnetic field distribution around the vehicle, generated by a 3 two-coil system under misalignment (0.2 m later and 0.1 m front-to-back), is modelled using ANSYS HFSS. To mimic the field incident to the human MRI-model, the results are extracted and the 4 5 magnetic vector potential that would vield the same magnetic field is calculated. This is done to ensure that the resolution of the incident field distribution is equal to the MRI-model. After that, four 6 7 cases are investigated. A kneeling person touching the vehicle chassis, a person lying next to the vehicle with his right arm stretched towards the coils, a person standing on the transmitting coil 8 9 (neglecting receiving coil) and a person sitting on the driver's seat were simulated. The induced 10 electric field distribution for the person sitting on the driver's seat is shown in Figure 16.





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Figure 16 Induced electric field distribution of the human model sitting on driver's seat [233]

13 The maximum induced electric field for all scenarios are shown in Table 3. The highest values are obtained when the person is lying on the ground, next to the vehicle where the magnetic field is the 14 strongest. ICNIRP limits the maximum internal electric field in the frequency range of 3 kHz-10 MHz 15 to 1.35\*f\*10<sup>-4</sup>, which limits the electric field to 11.39 V/m at 85 kHz [223]. All the investigated 16 17 scenarios are within the guideline. It has been shown that the system complies with current guidelines 18 even under misaligned conditions. However, only a single pair of primary and receiving pad is investigated, neglecting the effect of supply rails and the increased magnetic field due to lower 19 20 coupling and greater area coverage. In addition, power during the absence of the receiving pad was 21 reduced to 5 W, ignoring the cases when rated power is transferred during open circuit operation.

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#### Table 3 Maximum induced electric fields for each scenario after [233]

Posture and position	99.9 <sup>th</sup> percentile <i>in-</i> <i>situ</i> E-field (V/m)	Site of maximum E-Field	Tissue types of the highest E-field
Stand next to the vehicle	0.4	Ankle	Fat (71 %), bone (26 %), other (3 %)
Crouch toward the vehicle	0.92	Thigh	Fat (78 %), bone (21 %), other (1 %)
Lie on the ground	2.3	Chest	Fat (67 %), bone (26 %), muscle (7 %)
Lie on the ground (arm stretched)	5.95	Hand/forearm	Fat (41 %), bone (21 %), muscle (38 %)
Sit on driver's seat	0.024	Buttocks	Fat (90 %), bone (8 %), other (2 %)
Stand on transmitting coil	0.55	Foot	Fat (76 %), bone (12 %), muscle (12 %)

Park used a 3.3 kW WPT system that operates at 85 kHz, to evaluate the electromagnetic
exposure [234]. A two-stage process to solve the bio-electromagnetic problem in human model
proposed in [235] was used. The equivalent currents radiated by the WPT system are resolved. With

the known incident fields, the internal electric fields in the human body are calculated by the quasi-

1 static finite-difference time-domain method. Three different positions of the human model relative to 2 the WPT system were considered. A person standing next to the WPT system (case 3 foot), one lying 3 in front of it with the head pointing towards the system (case 3 head), and the WPT system is 4 positioned at half the height of the human model (case 3). In addition, the system is covered with a 5 1.5 m x 1.5 m x 1 mm metal plate to mimic the vehicle floor panel, while a person is standing next to 6 it (case 3 metal). The lateral distance between the system and the human was constantly 0.1 m. As the 7 magnetic field changes with the relative position of the coils to each other, the perfectly aligned case 8 as well as the misaligned one were investigated. Figure 17 shows the normalised results for the 9 misaligned case, which is the worst-case scenario. By simulating the vehicle chassis, the induced field 10 is much smaller than in the other case. The induced current in the head is the largest, as the 11 conductivity of the tissue was the largest. Nonetheless, all results were below the ICNIRP guidelines. 12 The cases at rated output during absence of the receiving coil, as well as a receiving pad supplied by 13 a power rail were not investigated. Similar models were built with human models of children and the 14 induced electric field was smaller, due to the smaller cross-sectional area of the body [231].



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Figure 17 Internal electric field normalised to basic restrictions from ICNIRP guidelines of 1998 (J) and 2010 (E99) for the cases where the WPT-system is placed in the middle of the human model (case 3), next to the feet (case 3 foot), next to the head (case 3 head) and covered by metal plate (case 3 metal) [234]

Campi *et al.* investigated the magnetic field produced by a 22 kW WPT system operated at 85 kHz [236]. 3D FEA-modelling was used to calculate the magnetic flux inside a vehicle and its surroundings. The WPT system was compliant with ICNIRP reference levels for the fully aligned cases. However, under large misalignments small areas around the vehicle were reported in which the magnetic field exceeded the limits. Passengers located within the vehicle were not subject to increased magnetic fields.

25 These studies were conducted for light-duty EVs and their power requirements. In contrast to the 26 research conducted for light-duty vehicles, the early adopters for WPT also include electric buses for 27 public or freight transport [237]. This is particularly true for DWPT [217]. Research on higher power 28 systems for charging buses is limited. Tell *et al.* measured the magnetic and electric field emitted by a 29 WPT system designed for charging buses with 60 kW at 20 kHz [238]. With a maximum magnetic 30 field of 7.98  $\mu$ T and maximum electric field of 1.17 V/m inside the bus, the exposure levels were 31 similar to the magnetic field generated by a video display terminal. Again, the ICNIRP guidelines 32 were not exceeded.

In general, the use of pacemakers and other AIMDs is not considered in these studies. The leakage field can interfere with the medical equipment of the operator or people nearby and negatively affect its operation. In addition, implants can contain metallic parts and wires, which are affected by induced currents and can form local temperature 'hot spots' [239], [240]. To make WPT systems accessible to everybody, including people using AIMDs, the system must be in accordance with the ISO 14117:2012 standard that limits fields even further [241]. These limits are used in the standards 1 regarding to WPT for vehicle charging purposes to limit the fields inside vehicles and above the 2 ground clearance.

3 In recent research, only stationary charging was investigated. Due to the constant change in coupling 4 and the higher power levels of DWPT systems, magnetic leakage field can be significantly high. The 5 influence of dynamic behaviour needs to be investigated to allow safe operation of such systems. Nevertheless, there is no immediate threat to the health of the persons operating or using a WPT 6 7 system based on the electromagnetic emission. Nevertheless, conducting objects, i.e. cans, between 8 the coils can be a safety concern due to the increase in temperature caused by eddy currents [242]. 9 Consequently, such charging systems require foreign object detection as presented in Chapter 2.6 to 10 interrupt power transfer immediately in the event of a foreign object entering into the space between 11 the charging pads.

12 To reduce the radiated fields and losses, shielding and magnetic field cancellation methods can be employed [243], [244]. Such shielding systems can be categorised into passive and active methods 13 14 [245]. In passive shielding, ferromagnetic materials are used to guide the magnetic flux. By redirecting the magnetic flux, the systems performance can be improved while the leakage field is 15 16 limited. However, there are limits depending on the material used, as hysteresis losses occur with 17 increasing frequency. Ferrites with high permeability should be employed to reduce the negative 18 impact on the system performance. Passive shielding is an effective way to reduce leakage field 19 [246], [247]. Passive cancellation methods use conducting materials like aluminium sheets to 20 establish a magnetic field that opposes the original field. The incident magnetic field induces eddy 21 currents within the material, which produce magnetic fields in opposite directions. These fields cancel 22 incoming fields and reduce the net magnetic field overall. Furthermore, active methods for field 23 cancellation have been introduced in the past years. These rely on the same principles as passive methods, as they create a magnetic field with opposite direction but provide a more effective way to 24 25 reduce the leakage field. At higher power levels, an additional power source for the cancellation coil 26 is required, which increases the weight, size, and overall complexity of the sub-system [248]. Kim et 27 al. and Moon et al. designed a reactive resonant current loop that generates an opposing magnetic 28 field from the original magnetic field [249], [250]. The resonant circuit consists of a capacitor in 29 series with a shield coil. By adjusting the capacitor, the coil current can be tuned to generate a 30 magnetic field that is equal in magnitude but opposite in direction to the incident field, which hence 31 reduces the overall leakage field [251]. The impact of the cancellation coil on the transfer efficiency 32 depends on the coupling between the shielding coil and the receiving coil. With increasing coupling, 33 the transfer efficiency decreases, so the shielding coil has to be decoupled from the transfer system. 34 Zhu et al. proposed a similar shielding mechanism relying on the null in the mutual inductance profile 35 of two coupled coils [252]. By shifting the shielding coil in the transmitting pad to the null position of 36 the receiving coil, it is uncoupled from the receiving coil. Therefore, it can shield the transmitting 37 pad's leakage field. One advantage is the applicability of this approach as it can be used in both pads. 38 The adverse effect on the transfer efficiency is reduced, compared to that of an aluminium shield.

A different approach is used in [253], where a handheld stationary charging system is proposed. It uses the same approach as plug-in chargers, but it has two separated sub-systems. The transmitting coil is inserted into the receiving coil. Therefore, it supports a safe way of operation in any weather conditions and lower magnetic field exposure. However, this approach is only applicable to stationary charging.

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# 45 5 Standards for EV WPT

46 Since the first appearance of WPT for charging purposes, there was a need for standardization. Low-47 power appliances like mobile phones, toothbrushes and laptops were at the forefront of the adoption 48 of WPT, and standardization of these power ranges emerged first. Currently there is a multitude of 49 standards for these applications, mainly formed through consortia between industrial partners. The QI standard was defined by the Wireless Power Consortium (WPC) for applications in the power range of 5-15 W [254]. It limits the maximum air gap length for power delivery to 4 cm and the operating frequency range to 87-205 kHz. Another standard is the Rezence standard designed by the Alliance 4 Wireless Power Transfer (A4WP) [255]. It is designed for power delivery of up to 50 W at a frequency of 6.78MHz.

6 As the power transfer, levels required for vehicular applications are much higher than for small scale 7 applications, and therefore these standards cannot be used. However, consumers and manufacturers 8 require standards for a commercialisation and rapid market uptake. Until 2016, there was no standard 9 for wireless charging of EVs. This hindered large-scale deployment of WPT technology within the automobile industry, as vehicle manufacturers saw it as risks to invest into non-market-ready 10 technologies. Standards ensure a minimum quality of the charging system, safe operational conditions 11 12 and allow comparison between multiple systems from different manufacturers. With the introduction 13 of the SAE J2954-2016 'Wireless Power Transfer for Light-Duty Plug-In/ Electric Vehicles and Alignment Methodology' guideline in May 2016, a first attempt was made towards standardisation of 14 15 WPT for EVs [29]. The usage of this guideline is not mandatory but provides a thorough overview of possible targets in a wide range of properties. Criteria mentioned in the guideline include 16 17 interoperability, electromagnetic compatibility, minimum requirements on performance and safety, communication, as well as testing of charging systems for light-duty EVs. 18

19 Currently the guideline is limited to stationary charging systems within the three power levels 20 of 3.3 kVA, 7.7 kVA, and 11.1 kVA. DWPT and stationary WPT with higher power levels for heavyduty vehicles and buses will be part of future guidelines. It classifies multiple ground clearances 21 22 between 100 and 250 mm as well as maximum misalignment tolerances a proposed system should comply with. The maximum lateral offset a system can transfer rated power at is  $\pm 100$  mm, whereas 23 24 the allowable longitudinal offset is ±75 mm. Additional performance parameters are shown in Table 25 4. Electromagnetic compatibility and EMI levels are defined as in the ICNIRP guideline presented in 26 chapter 4. Furthermore, it outlines interoperability between different modules. The efficient coupling 27 between any type of transmitting and receiving system, regardless of manufacturer and home/office 28 applications, within a certain power class and ground clearance must be guaranteed. In addition, 29 systems must be able to charge various battery systems for a whole range of EVs. On one hand, 30 private systems, i.e. home chargers and garage chargers, can be surface mounted. On the other hand, publicly available systems and DWPT systems should be embedded in the road surface to allow safe 31 32 operation and protect the systems from mechanical impacts. A feature that is not covered by the guideline is the bi-directional power transfer between EVs and grids. 33

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Power Classes	Maximum input [kVA]	Minimum transfer efficiency [%]	Minimum transfer efficiency with offset [%]	Frequency [kHz]
WPT1	3.7	>85	>80	
WPT2	7.7	>85	>80	Nominal 85
WPT3	11.1	>85	>80	81.38-90
WPT4	22	TBA	TBA	

At the beginning of 2017, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has published a Publicly Available Specification (PAS) in response to the increasing interest in WPT for EVs. ISO/PAS 19363:2017 'Electrically propelled road vehicles – Magnetic field wireless power transfer – Safety and interoperability requirements' defines criteria for safety requirements and initial classification of charging systems for light-duty vehicles and passenger vehicles [256]. It is structured in the same way as the SAE guideline. But due to the nature of the PAS, it is less detailed. Once technical experience with WPT for EV is acquired, the PAS will be converted into a fully operational 1 and binding ISO standard. A list of key standards applicable for WPT systems for EV charging is 2 summarised in Table 5.

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Table 5 Important standards for WPT-systems

Standard	Description	Ref.
SAE J2954	Wireless Power Transfer for Light-Duty Plug-In/ Electric Vehicles and Alignment Methodology	[29]
SAE J2894/1	Power Quality Requirements for Plug-In Electric Vehicle Chargers	[257]
SAE J2847/6	Communication between Wireless Charged Vehicles and Wireless EV Chargers	[258]
SAE J2931/6	Signaling Communication for Wirelessly Charged Electric Vehicles	[259]
ICNIRP 2010	ICNIRP Guidelines for limiting exposure to time-varying electric and magnetic fields (1 Hz-100 kHz)	[223]
ISO 14117:2012	Active implantable medical devices – Electromagnetic compatibility – EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization devices	[241]
ISO/PAS 19363:2017	Electrically propelled road vehicles – Magnetic field wireless power transfer – Safety and interoperability requirements	[256]
ISO 15118	Road vehicles – Vehicle to grid communication interface	[260]
IEC 61980-1	Electric vehicle wireless power transfer (WPT) systems – Part 1: General requirements	[261]

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# 6 6 Grid impact of WPT

7 With the potential large-scale deployment of EVs, a new way to introduce renewable energy sources into our daily lives is possible. However, the change from conventional ICE relying on fossil fuels to 8 9 EVs that use electricity as 'fuel' puts additional burden on the electricity networks. Due to the 10 increasing number of EVs and the current lack of public charging infrastructure, most EV-user will charge their vehicles at home. EVs are active loads that, once connected to the grid, increase the 11 12 demand on the grids. An increase in demand load influences the line voltage, network frequency, 13 harmonic content, and losses of the distribution grids. By increasing the demand on a particular line, 14 the network approaches its maximum load capability, which causes voltage drops and can ultimately 15 lead to failures within the network. The same is true for the frequency and its effect on the network. 16 Network operators coordinate the power distribution from large power stations towards consumers and try to mitigate negative impacts on the network. Even though, the additional load due to EV 17 18 charging is somewhat deterministic. It is difficult to predict as the decision to charge an EV is based 19 on the driving pattern of individual users, initial charge of the vehicle, and potential short-term 20 charging. The mode of charging has an additional impact on the grid. Slow charging processes have a 21 small impact on the grid as a small current is used to charge the vehicle. On the other hand, fast 22 chargers use high currents, and have a bigger impact on the grid [262]. Conventionally, home systems 23 use plug-in chargers, but stationary WPT systems are commercially available. Stationary WPT 24 systems provide safer charging with the same grid impact compared to conventional plug-in chargers 25 if they use the same charging power level. Most EV-users charge their vehicles at home, usually after 26 work. This increases the already high demand during the evening peak. Current distribution networks 27 are not capable of allowing large numbers of EV-chargers to draw power at the same time, especially

1 during the peak hours [263]. Smart charging methods can reduce or prevent such impacts [264]. 2 Shifting the charging process from evening to night can help reducing the impact by a significant 3 margin, as the base demand during night-hours is very low, compared to peak hours. Therefore, the load on the grid network still follows the conventional two-peak curve, but the trough in the early 4 5 morning hours is increased and the loading on each line is kept below the maximum loading [265]. Zhang et al. used the IEEE radial distribution network with 13 nodes and investigated the impact of 6 7 shifting the charging process to the night-hours [266]. At 30 % EV penetration, the grid losses were reduced from 3.7 % to 3.1 %. Additionally, EVs provide frequency control and help regulating the 8 9 network frequency [267]. The impact analysis shows positive results for a small network but relies on 10 the installation of smart meters and the possibility to control the EVs directly. While smart meters 11 gain popularity, a widespread deployment is yet to be achieved.

12 In comparison to conventional stationary (wireless) charging, DWPT systems introduce highly variable load profiles. Due to the nature of charging that depends on the vehicle speeds, the charging 13 process consists of a series of very short (in the range of few to several milliseconds), high power 14 15 charging pulses. This characteristic directly transfers to the electricity network, if no intermediate power storage is used. Currently there is a high demand for information on the grid impact of these 16 17 systems, driving research in recent years [268], [269]. The impact of DWPT and fast stationary chargers on the distribution network in a Greek city has been investigated [270]. Two approaches for 18 19 stationary charging were used: a conventional home charger at power levels of 3.6 kW or 11 kW, and 20 a fast-inductive charger with a power level of 30 kW. Using real data from implemented fast chargers, the probability distribution of a charging event occurring within a one-hour period and its charging 21 22 time was calculated. DWPT systems were used for emergency charging during the day, and the 23 possibility of a charging event occurring on a DWPT system depends on the amount of EVs on the 24 street and the probability of a charging event. A total of four scenarios were investigated and are 25 outlined in Table 6.

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#### Table 6 Scenarios for grid network impact analysis in [270]

Scenario	Charging at home	EVs using fast chargers	DWPT
А	0	0	No
В	1000	0	No
C-I	1000	100	No
C-II	1000	300	No
D-I	1000	100	Yes
D-II	1000	300	Yes

In scenario C-I, 6 additional fast chargers are required, whereas in C-II 19 chargers are used. The 27 same number of stationary chargers is required for D-I and D-II, with an additional 68 and 61 28 29 dynamic chargers. The maximum number of operating chargers is determined based on the likelihood 30 of a charging event and the number of vehicles currently on the roads. Figure 18 a) shows the power 31 demand profiles of these different scenarios. An increase of approximately 28 % in evening peak 32 demand is caused by the home charging of 1000 EVs. This additional demand is present in the rest of 33 the scenarios. Using fast chargers increases the demand in the morning and mid-day hours, causing an increase of 10 % when 300 vehicles use the chargers. However, the impact of fast chargers on the 34 35 evening peak is minor compared to the increase of the morning peak demand. Figure 18 b) depicts the demand increase due to DWPT systems. DWPT introduces high demands over the course of the day 36 37 and creates an additional peak before the evening peak in scenario B, as these systems are used more 38 frequently during the evening rush hours. This rush hour peak coincides with the beginning of home 39 charging and both combined cause an increase of 44 % in a very short period of time between 18:45 40 and 19:00. While investigating the additional demand, the impact of the EV usage on the network

41 frequency and voltage was not included.



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Figure 18 Demand power curves for different cases of EV penetration a) scenarios C-I and C-II, b) D-I and D-II [270]

3 Garcia-Vazquez et al. examined the effect of DWPT systems in Spain. Real traffic data from an 4 11.3 km long stretch along a highway with a speed limit of 100 km/h, a 75.3 km long motorway with 5 a speed limit of 120 km/h and an urban road with a length of 2.4 km and a speed limit of 50 km/h 6 were used [271]. The DWPT system comprised multiple transmitter pads of 8 m length and 5 m inter-7 pad spacing. Three transmitter pads are connected to one power source and form one segment of the 8 DWPT system. Each segment can transfer up to 40 kW to a single EV. A Nissan Leaf is used with 9 a 24 kWh Li-Ion battery. The vehicle uses regenerative braking and uses air conditioning (AC) for 10 94 % of the time its driving. It is assumed that 25 % of the vehicles driving on these roads are EVs. While driving at 100 km/h on the highway, the SoC of the battery increases by 1 %. Whereas, the SoC 11 12 would decrease by up to 10 % without DWPT charging. The load profile shows morning and evening 13 peaks depending on the direction the vehicles are travelling as illustrated in Figure 19 a). On the 14 motorway, the DWPT system cannot increase the SoC of the battery, but still has a positive effect on 15 the maximum driving distance. The annual average power drawn from the grid is shown in Figure 19 b). While driving in the urban area, the highest increase in SoC is realised with up to 12.7 %. This is 16 17 due to the reduced speed of the vehicle and the longer charging times per pad. Without the DWPT 18 system, the SoC would decrease by approximately 2 %. As shown in the previous study and Figure 19 19 c), the power demand profile within a city follows the daily demand curve.



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Figure 19 Annual average load profiles on DWPT-system during weekdays/ weekends for a) highways: right: from Cadiz, left: from San Fernando b) motorways: right: from Las Cabezas de San Juan, left: from Jerez and c) urban road [271]

1 It has been shown that any form of WPT-system puts an additional burden onto the electricity 2 network. While stationary charging can be controlled in such a manner that there is no increase in 3 peak demand, DWPT-system will most likely follow the daily demand curve.

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# 5 7 Costs of WPT

6 As presented in chapter 3.4, commercial solutions are available for stationary WPT systems. Stationary wireless chargers are more expensive than conventional conductive chargers, as they 7 8 include the cost of charging pads and inverters to produce the high-frequency coupling between 9 transmitting and receiving coils. However, due to the novelty of dynamic wireless charging 10 technology, the economic feasibility has not been fully investigated and the literature is scarce. 11 Available literature and cost analysis mainly comes from research projects. Currently EVs are more 12 expensive than conventional ICE-vehicles due to the large on-board battery packs. While using 13 stationary wireless charging, the conventional plug-in charging system is substituted with a charging 14 pad installed in the ground. Compared to a conventional charging system, this means that the vehicle battery pack must have the same size and capacity. One advantage of DWPT is that the vehicle can be 15 charged while it is driving. Hence, the change in SoC of the battery pack while driving is reduced, and 16 the total on-board battery capacity can be reduced [272], [273]. This leads to a significant reduction in 17 initial cost of EVs [274], [275]. On the other hand, to support the reduced storage capacity DWPT 18 19 systems need to be deployed at a large scale. However, construction and maintenance of the transmitter structure result in high capital costs. Recent global trends show that a large portion of 20 21 driven mileage is located on a small number of roads, i.e. highways and motorways. For example, 22 between 2016 and 2017, 65 % (212 billion miles) of the driven miles in the UK were located on 13 % 23 (~32,000 miles) of the road length [276]. This means that much of the daily driven mileage can be covered by installing DWPT on these key roads. In general, the economic feasibility of a DWPT 24 25 system depends on road coverage, power level, EV penetration rate, and battery size [277].

26 From the few DWPT systems built and tested so far, costs of some system components can be 27 estimated. The third generation OLEV used a W-type transmitter rail to transmit 100 kW, and the 28 system cost were 1.069M\$/km [182]. In the following fourth generation (I-type rail), the total costs 29 were reduced by about 21 % to 0.85M\$/km. Shin et al. estimated the cost of the power supply system 30 to be 0.235M\$/km [278]. Based on these costs, multiple case studies have investigated the economic 31 feasibility of DWPT. Shekhar et al. used a set of linear equations to estimate the SoC of an on-board 32 battery pack depending on the mass, frontal area, auxiliary power demand of a vehicle, and road coverage and charging power level of a DWPT-system [279]. With the aid of this model, a case study 33 based on a bus service in North Holland was investigated. The bus service included 25 buses, five of 34 35 which were kept as redundancy. Each bus was equipped with a 500 kWh battery pack and was expected to drive 400 km/day, split into ten 40 km long services with six minute breaks. Along the 36 37 service, there were 24 stops of 20 s each. The Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule (UDDS) 38 standard driving cycle was utilised and a climate model predicted the auxiliary power consumption of 39 each bus to be 25 kW. Under these conditions the SoC dropped to 68.66 % after the first 40 km. The 40 required SoC of the on-board battery to achieve a total of 400 km was calculated to be 87 %. A 41 combination of stationary charging and dynamic charging was used to remove the discrepancy between actual and required SoC. Figure 20 depicts the variation in the final SoC and achievable 42 43 driving range of the bus depending on the stationary charging power on each stop. The SoC can be increased to 77.7 % when a 200 kW stationary system is used. As this is still below the required SoC, 44 45 an additional DWPT system must be deployed.



2 Figure 20 a) SoC and b) achievable driving range variation depending on stationary wireless charging power [279]

3 The required length of transmitter coils and therefore the cost of the DWPT system depends on the 4 charging power level of the system. As shown in Figure 21, the required road coverage decreases with 5 increasing power level. This is because a higher amount of power can be transferred in a shorter time period, which therefore means that less road needs to be covered by the charging system. On one 6 7 hand, the system cost of the charger increases with increasing power level. On the other hand, as the construction and infrastructure cost are very high, a reduction in road coverage can lower the total 8 9 cost. An urban environment with low vehicle speeds and frequent stops was assumed for this study. 10 The effect of other driving cycles e.g. Highway Fuel Economy Test (HWFET) or hybrid cycles with 11 higher speeds intermitted by stops was not investigated.





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Figure 21 Cost estimates and road coverage for various DWPT power levels [279]

Currently there are two OLEV buses in use within the public transport system of Gumi City. The buses are powered via DWPT and travel about 34.5 km per service. To date the buses use a 100 kWh battery pack and the authors in [280] have investigated the economic impact of DWPT compared to stationary charging in terms of how much the battery capacity can be reduced, when DWPT is used. An economic model is built, based on the SoC of the battery pack and the real driving cycle of the buses. The model evaluates the cost of the charging system when 18 buses with 50 kWh battery packs are running on the route. It would require seven charging pads with a maximum length of 372 m and a

21 charging power level of 80 kW to maintain a SoC above 50 %. Figure 22 shows the total cost of the

1 DWPT system over a ten-year period. The total cost of the DWPT system is approximately 20 % 2 lower than the system cost of a stationary charging system. Due to the lack of charging possibilities 3 for the stationary charging system a higher on-board battery capacity is required. In this case study, the battery capacity is assumed to be 100 kWh. After the battery has reached the end of its life, it must 4 5 be replaced. By employing DWPT and reducing the battery capacity, the life of the battery can be extended as the depth of discharge is limited and shallow charge-discharge cycles are used [281]. In 6 7 future research, the authors will focus on including a stochastic approach to the driving cycle including traffic and driving uncertainties. Bi et al. conducted a life cycle cost assessment between 8 9 ICE-, plug-in, hybrid, and wirelessly charged busses [282]. The wireless system has the lowest 10 cumulative cost over its lifetime, confirming previous findings. Key uncertainties influencing the total 11 cost of wireless charging are battery price, price of electricity and installation cost of charging pads.



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Figure 22 Total cost comparison over 10 years between stationary and dynamic charging systems [280]

14 Battery swapping and DWPT targets a similar market, i.e. electric taxis [283]. Chen et al. conducted a cost-competitiveness analysis of dynamic charging lanes, charging stations and battery swapping 15 stations [284]. An empirical analysis using real world data from a bus rapid transit corridor in Los 16 Angeles, USA was used to evaluate the total cost of each infrastructure. The transit corridor is 17 18 35.2 miles long, with a service frequency of 16 busses per hour and an average vehicle speed of 19 19.9 mph. Battery swapping stations are the most cost competitive, followed by the dynamic charging 20 lane. DWPT has the highest infrastructure cost but the lowest fleet cost. As there is no recharging 21 delay for DWPT, busses do not experience any downtime and less busses are required. In comparison, 22 battery swapping has better balanced costs. While additional batteries are required, the infrastructure 23 cost is lower due to smaller construction space. Furthermore, swapping batteries only introduces little 24 downtime to the service. The same design model is used for a large number of transit corridors from 25 all over the world and the majority of the proposed infrastructures are DWPT systems. Driving distance, vehicle speed and service frequency are the key factors determining the cost 26 competitiveness. High service frequency and low vehicle speeds favour DWPT due to reduced 27 28 specific infrastructure cost. While high vehicle speeds, medium driving distance, and service 29 frequency aid battery swapping stations.

30 Another important factor that affects the feasibility of DWPT systems is the EV fleet penetration. 31 Limb et al. and Quinn et al. investigated the societal payback time for two different DWPT systems 32 and their large-scale deployment on primary and secondary roads in the USA [285], [286], [287]. 33 Societal payback time is the time required for savings associated with WPT-EV usage to break even 34 with the initial deployment cost of the charging infrastructure. Vehicles drive following the Highway 35 Fuel Economy Test (HWFET) when they use motorways and UDDS for urban roadways. As a large 36 portion of total mileage is being driven on a fraction of the roads, a total of 83.5 % of the motorways 37 and 2.6 % of the urban roadways need to be covered with 25 kW charging pads to maintain the SoC. 38 Figure 23 depicts the societal payback time for a deployment cost of 2.4 M\$/(mile\*lane) and an

1 electricity price of 0.127 \$/kWh. Battery replacement cost is not considered, and the maintenance cost

2 of DWPT system is assumed to be similar to conventional road maintenance cost.



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Figure 23 Societal payback time for different fleet penetrations [286]

5 Fuller et al. estimated the cost for installing 626 miles of roadways in California with 40 kW DWPT 6 system to be \$2.5 billion [288]. This would be sufficient to allow a 200-mile EV to reach destinations 7 within California on a single battery charge. Aiming at a payback time of 20 years, with a total 8 number of EVs of 300,000, the costs per vehicle and year would be \$512. An increase to 1 million 9 EVs would further reduce the costs to \$168 a year per vehicle. Moreover, DWPT would still be more 10 cost effective for extending driving range than increasing the battery capacity even at very 11 competitive battery prices of \$100 per kWh. It has been demonstrated that WPT and particularly DWPT systems require a large upfront investment due to high construction and instalment costs. 12 13 However, the costs across the society are comparably small and can be further reduced by a higher 14 adoption of EVs. The cost-effectiveness of DWPT depends greatly on multiple factors and therefore 15 has significant uncertainties associated with it. However, the fast development and recent improvements can drastically reduce these. Furthermore, conductive chargers have been in mass 16 production for an extended period, whereas WPT is at the beginning of its market readiness. Mass 17 18 production will positively affect the cost of WPT-technology.

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## 20 8 Conclusion

21 This paper presents an in-depth review of the key topics related to WPT systems for EV charging. It gives an overview of the components used in WPT systems and the major research interests and 22 23 findings within each component. The coil structure and compensation topology are the most studied 24 parts within a wireless charging system and research focusses on transfer efficiency, misalignment 25 tolerance, and component stress. While copper is conventionally used as coil material, new materials 26 like HTS with advantageous properties are proposed. However, HTS coils introduce additional design 27 criteria for cooling below its critical temperature. Auxiliary topics such as communication and foreign object detection are reviewed. While stationary charging can draw on communication technologies 28 29 from conventional plug-in chargers, DWPT systems cannot employ these technologies. DSRC 30 communication is a viable way of allowing wireless communication between GA and VA in a 31 dynamic environment. A summary of key research institutes and their contributions towards commercial WPT for EV applications is given. KAIST is driving research on DWPT and OLEV 32 buses are currently operating under real world conditions. As EVs are a key pillar of the transition 33 34 towards a clean and low-carbon society, it is necessary to present that WPT charging has no negative 35 impact on its users and surroundings. All currently used WPT systems have electromagnetic

1 emissions below the limits determined by ICNIRP. Tougher limits have been introduced for vehicular 2 applications to protect AIMD user. Since 2016, a voluntary guideline for design and testing of EV 3 WPT chargers has been in circulation and a PAC has formed the beginning of a binding standard for stationary chargers. Further standards covering dynamic wireless charging will be added. While 4 5 shifting towards electricity 'fuelled' vehicles brings the advantage of reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the application, its effect on the distribution network needs to be addressed. Stationary wireless 6 7 chargers have a similar impact on the network as conventional conductive chargers, with demand peaks in the evening. They also provide the option to shift demand to avoid peak hours. On the other 8 9 hand, the demand of dynamic chargers follows the conventional daily load profile. Wireless charging 10 requires substantial upfront investment into the infrastructure. However, due to the novelty of the 11 technology, the economic feasibility of such a system is difficult to evaluate and is mostly based on KAIST's commercial site. Research on WPT for EVs is becoming increasingly popular, resulting in a 12 rapidly growing community of academia and industry. To achieve market readiness, several 13 challenges have to be overcome, while exploring potential prospects. Table 7 summarises challenges 14 15 and opportunities of WPT-charging for EVs.

Table 7 Summary of challenges and opportunities of WPT-technology for EV charging

Challenges	Opportunities
Misalignment tolerance of the charger	Application for HTS and other new materials
Timing of power transfer at high speed	Range and battery life extension of current EVs
Charging multiple vehicles per transmitter	Driverless vehicles
Lifespan of charger, durability under real conditions	Energy storage for renewable energy sources
Grid impact	Frequency control at grid connection
Expensive infrastructure & large-scale deployment	Cost reduction of EVs
Interoperability between multiple manufacturers	Environmental benefits if electricity is renewable
Policies for WF	T introduction
Fast ch	arging
Universal	standards

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Comp. topology	Total impedance Z <sub>tot</sub>	Power transfer efficiency at resonance $\eta$	Primary Capacitance C <sub>1</sub>
SS	$R_1 + j\left(L_1\omega - \frac{1}{C_1\omega}\right) + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{\left(R_2 + R_{\rm L} + j\left(L_2\omega - \frac{1}{C_2\omega}\right)\right)}$	$\frac{R_{\rm L}}{R_2 + R_{\rm L} + R_1 \left(\frac{R_2 + R_{\rm L}}{\omega M}\right)^2}$	$\frac{L_2C_2}{L_1}$
SP	$R_1 + j\left(L_1\omega + \frac{1}{C_1\omega}\right) + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{\left(R_2 + jL_2\omega + \frac{R_L}{1 + jR_LC_2\omega}\right)}$	$\frac{R_{\rm L}}{R_2 + R_{\rm L} + \frac{R_2 R_{\rm L}{}^2}{(\omega L_2)^2} + \frac{R_1 R_2{}^2}{(\omega M)^2} + \frac{R_1 R_2 }{(\omega M)^2}}$	$\frac{L_2^2 C_2}{L_1 L_2 - M^2}$
Sd	$\frac{1}{R_{1} + j\omega(L_{1} + C_{1}) + \frac{(\omega M)^{2}}{\left(R_{2} + R_{L} + j\left(L_{2}\omega - \frac{1}{C_{2}\omega}\right)\right)}}$	$\frac{R_{\rm L}}{R_2 + R_{\rm L} + R_1 \left(\frac{R_2 + R_{\rm L}}{\omega M}\right)^2}$	$\frac{L_1(C_2L_2R_L)^2}{M^4 + L_1L_2R_L^2}$
dd	$\frac{1}{R_1 + jL_1\omega + \frac{1}{\left(R_L + (R_2 + jL_2\omega)(1 + jR_LC_2\omega)\right)}} + jC_1\omega}$	$\frac{R_{\rm L}}{R_2 + R_{\rm L} + \frac{R_2 R_{\rm L}^2}{(\omega L_2)^2} + \frac{R_1 R_2^2}{(\omega M)^2} + \frac{R_1 R_2^2}{(\omega M)^2} + \frac{R_1 R_2}{(\omega M)^2}$	$\frac{L_2^2(L_1L_2 - M^2)C_2}{(L_1L_2 - M^2)^2 + M^4R_L^2L_2C_2}$



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