

# Achieving the Constant Output Power and Transfer Efficiency of a Magnetic Coupling Resonance Wireless Power Transfer System Based on the Magnetic Field Superposition Principle

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**Abstract**—The output power of a magnetic coupling resonance wireless power transfer (MCR-WPT) system attains the maximum value at two frequencies splitting in an over-coupled region. To achieve suitable transfer characteristics, impedance compensation methods have been used in MCR-WPT domain. In securing the constant output power and transfer efficiency in a constant frequency mode, a topology of the MCR-WPT system with two transmitting coils is employed. First, the circuit model is designed while evaluating the transmission characteristics. Second, when the two transmitting coils are placed into the transmitting loop, the main transmitter and sub-transmitter loops are created by sharing the same transmitter. The use of two transmitting coils to achieve a magnetic field superposition is investigated. Constant output power and transfer efficiency are then investigated in a constant frequency mode. Finally, the experimental equipment is designed. Experimental results confirm the effectiveness and robustness of the topology. Such a topology can be optimized for the transfer performance by itself and can achieve constant output power and transfer efficiency. If the distance between the two transmitting coils is appropriate and the receiving coil moves between the two transmitting coils, the fluctuation of the output power and transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system is less than 5%.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Nikola Tesla is known as the first researcher who conducted wireless power transfer experiment in the early 20th century [1]. From then on, considerable progress has been made in the field of wireless power transfer. The technologies include inductive power transfer [2, 3], electrical-field coupled wireless power transfer [4, 5], magnetic coupling resonance wireless power transfer (MCR-WPT) [6, 7], microwave wireless power transfer [8], etc. MCR-WPT technology was introduced in 2007 [9], and it has attracted much attention in conducting several studies and developing different applications [10].

In an over-coupled region, frequency splitting occurs in MCR-WPT systems [7]. Also, the vibration phenomena of receiving and relay coils are found in a three-coil MCR-WPT system, respectively [11, 12]. Thus, MCR-WPT system is quite sensitive to both alignment and distance changes between coils. Any change in the coil position from the initial optimal location leads to declining transfer efficiency [13]. As noted, the output power and transfer efficiency are maximized if the system satisfies the optimal impedance matching condition [14–17]. In [18], uncertainty usually exists in MCR-WPT systems for moving objects. To enhance the robustness of the uncertain parameter variations, a modified MCR-WPT system structure and an interval-based uncertain optimization method are suggested. However, two tuning and impedance matching circuits are used to compensate the reactive power in the MCR-WPT system. The optimization method has become more complicated. In [19], the mechanism of the

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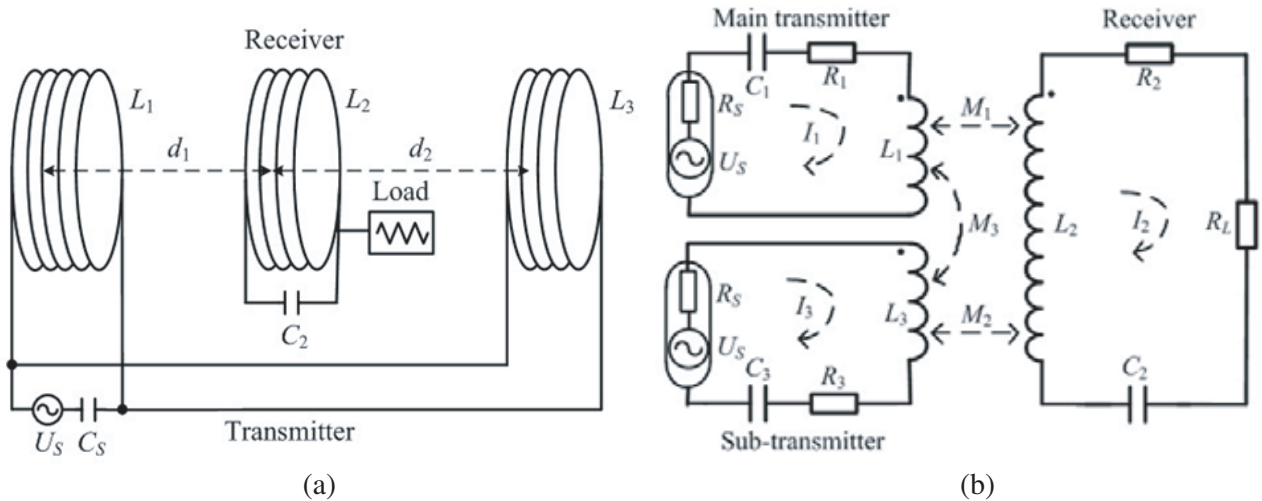
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impedance compensation evaluated in an MCR-WPT system which includes two compensation coils. This paper uses impedance compensation to adjust the magnetic field and further modify the reactive and active powers of the MCR-WPT system. However, it is difficult to employ this topology in any application because the transfer distance of the two compensation coils is adjusted manually. In [18], a mechanism of the dynamic impedance compensation for MCR-WPT is recommended by employing a compensator. Simultaneously, it attains the maximum output power and transfer efficiency in constant frequency mode. The scheme of the dynamic compensation for MCR-WPT using a compensator is convenient to attain the dynamic impedance compensation. This can be done by adding or eliminating capacitances or inductances from the compensator. However, adding or getting rid of capacitances or inductances from the compensator will bring a transient impact of the MCR-WPT system. Therefore, the initial methods used have drawbacks in practical applications.

In this study, an efficient topology is recommended. Also, this study focuses on two transmitting coils to achieve magnetic field superposition and ultimately, attain constant output power and transfer efficiency. First, the circuit model is established, and transmission characteristics are analyzed. Second, output power and transfer efficiency are simulated using the Biot-Savart law [21] and MATLAB software. Third, the experimental equipment of a MCR-WPT system is created. By comparing the simulated and experimental results, the topology can be optimized in the transmission performance by itself. By doing so, the constant output power and transfer efficiency are achieved in constant frequency mode.

## 2. THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

Figure 1 presents the MCR-WPT system model with the two transmitting coils to obtain the constant output power and transfer efficiency. Figure 1(a) shows a sketch that involves the two transmitting coils  $L_1$  and  $L_3$ . The two transmitting coils are placed into a transmitting loop. The main transmitter and sub-transmitter loops are then designed by sharing the same circuit of the transmitter, as shown in Figure 1(b).  $U_S$  is the high-frequency power supply;  $R_S$  is the internal resistance;  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are the equivalent resistances;  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$  are the self-inductances of the coils;  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$  are the resonant capacitors;  $R_L$  is the equivalent load resistance. Meanwhile,  $d_1$  is the transfer distance between the main transmitting and receiving coils;  $d_2$  is the transfer distance between the sub-transmitting and receiving coils; and  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$  is the transfer distance between the main transmitting and sub-



**Figure 1.** The MCR-WPT system model with two transmitting coils to obtain constant output power and transfer efficiency. (a) The sketch of the MCR-WPT system with two transmitting coils  $L_1$  and  $L_3$ . (b) The equivalent circuit of the MCR-WPT system that involves the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver loops. When the two transmitting coils are placed into the transmitting loop, the main transmitter and sub-transmitter loops are created by sharing the same circuit of the transmitter.

transmitting coils.  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $M_3$  are mutual inductances. At the  $L_1$  coil side,  $M_1 > M_2 > M_3$ ; at the  $L_3$  coil side,  $M_2 > M_1 > M_3$ ; at the middle of the  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  coils,  $M_1 \approx M_2 > M_3$ . For the analysis,  $M_3$  is neglected because  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are much larger.

In general, it is assumed that  $C_S = C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = C$ ,  $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = L$ ,  $R_2 + R_L = R$ ,  $R_L = \beta R$ ,  $R_1 + R_S = R_3 + R_S = \sigma R$  (where  $\sigma$  is the ratio of the resistances of the main transmitting or sub-transmitting and receiving coils,  $\sigma > 0$ ); the frequency detuning factor of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver is  $\xi = Q_0(\omega/\omega_0 - \omega_0/\omega)$ ; the quality factor of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver is  $Q_0 = \omega_0 L/R = 1/(\omega_0 < CR)$ ; the resonance angular frequencies of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver are  $\omega_0 = 1/(LC)^{0.5}$ ; and the resonance frequencies of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver are  $f_0 = \omega_0/(2\pi)$ .

Figure 1 shows the MCR-WPT system with a driving source of angular frequency  $\omega$ , where Kirchhoff's voltage law is applied to determine the currents in each resonant circuit as shown in Equation (1), where the self-impedance of the main transmitter  $Z_1$ , sub-transmitter  $Z_3$ , and receiver  $Z_2$  is expressed as Equation (2) [19].

$$\begin{cases} Z_1 I_1 - j\omega M_1 I_2 = U_S \\ Z_2 I_2 - j\omega M_1 I_1 - j\omega M_2 I_3 = 0 \\ Z_3 I_3 - j\omega M_2 I_2 = U_S \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} Z_1 = Z_3 = R_1 + R_S + j\omega L_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \\ = \left( \sigma + \frac{j\omega_0 L}{R} \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} + \frac{1}{j\omega_0 C R} \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} \right) R = (\sigma + j\xi)R \\ Z_2 = R_2 + R_L + j\omega L_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} \\ = \left( 1 + \frac{j\omega_0 L}{R} \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} + \frac{1}{j\omega_0 C R} \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} \right) R = (1 + j\xi)R \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Based on [20], the impedance coupling factors  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  can be shown as Equation (3), which indicates the ability of the impedance coupling.

$$\begin{cases} \tau_1 = \frac{\omega M_1}{\sqrt{(R_1 + R_S)(R_2 + R_L)}} = \frac{\omega M_1}{\sqrt{\sigma} R}, \quad \tau_1 \geq 0 \\ \tau_2 = \frac{\omega M_2}{\sqrt{(R_1 + R_S)(R_2 + R_L)}} = \frac{\omega M_2}{\sqrt{\sigma} R}, \quad \tau_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

In Equations (1), (2), and (3), the currents of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver coils are

$$\begin{cases} I_1 = \frac{(1 + j\xi)(\sigma + j\xi) + \sigma\tau_2^2 - \sigma\tau_1\tau_2}{(1 + j\xi)(\sigma + j\xi)^2 + \sigma(\sigma + j\xi)(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2)} \frac{U_S}{R} \\ I_2 = j \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}(\sigma + j\xi)(\tau_1 + \tau_2)}{(1 + j\xi)(\sigma + j\xi)^2 + \sigma(\sigma + j\xi)(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2)} \frac{U_S}{R} \\ I_3 = \frac{(1 + j\xi)(\sigma + j\xi) + \sigma\tau_1^2 - \sigma\tau_1\tau_2}{(1 + j\xi)(\sigma + j\xi)^2 + \sigma(\sigma + j\xi)(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2)} \frac{U_S}{R} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

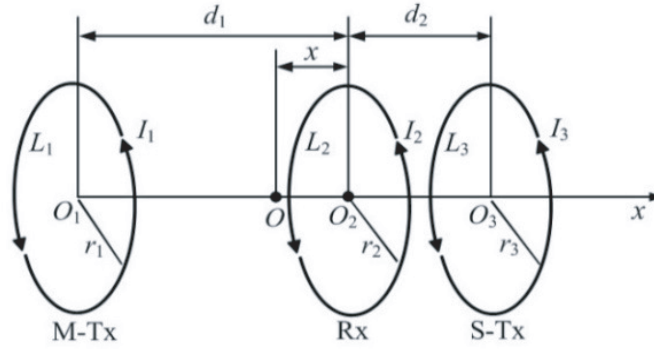
According to the root mean square (RMS) current  $I_2$  of the receiving coil, the output power is  $P_{out} = |I_2|^2 R_L$ . Letting  $\partial P_{out}/\partial \xi = 0$ , we obtain three roots:  $\xi_1 = 0$ ,  $\xi_2 = -(2\sigma + \sigma^2 + \sigma\tau_1^2 + \sigma\tau_2^2)^{0.5}$ , and  $\xi_3 = (2\sigma + \sigma^2 + \sigma\tau_1^2 + \sigma\tau_2^2)^{0.5}$ . If  $\xi = 0$ ,  $\tau_1 = 1$ , and  $\tau_2 \approx 0$ , namely, at the critical coupled point [19], the maximum output power is  $P_{out \max} = (\beta U_S^2)/(4\sigma R)$ . Thus, the normalized output power can be expressed as Equation (5). The transfer efficiency can be seen in Equation (6).

$$\psi = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{out \max}} = \frac{4\sigma^2(\sigma^2 + \xi^2)(\tau_1 + \tau_2)^2}{[\sigma^2(1 + \tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2) - (1 + 2\sigma)\xi^2]^2 + \xi^2[2\sigma + \sigma^2 + \sigma(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2) - \xi^2]^2} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = \frac{|I_2|^2 R_L}{|I_1|^2 R_1 + |I_2|^2 (R_2 + R_L) + |I_3|^2 R_1} \\ &= \frac{\beta(\tau_1 + \tau_2)^2 (\sigma^2 + \xi^2)}{(\sigma + \sigma\tau_1^2 - \sigma\tau_1\tau_2 - \xi^2)^2 + (\sigma + \sigma\tau_2^2 - \sigma\tau_1\tau_2 - \xi^2)^2 + (\tau_1 + \tau_2)^2 (\sigma^2 + \xi^2) + 2(1 + \sigma)^2 \xi^2}\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

### 3. SIMULATION ANALYSIS

In physics, the Biot-Savart law relates the magnetic field to the magnitude, direction, length, and proximity of the electric current. This law is fundamental to magnetostatics and plays a similar role to Coulomb's law in electrostatics. The law is valid in the magnetostatic approximation and is consistent with both Ampere's circuital law and Gauss's law for magnetism [21]. Figure 2 shows a sketch of the mutual inductance of the MCR-WPT system with two transmitting coils, which achieves a magnetic field superposition and then achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency.



**Figure 2.** The sketch of the mutual inductance of the MCR-WPT system including two transmitting coils to obtain the magnetic field superposition and then achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency. The sketch includes the main transmitting coil (M-Tx)  $L_1$ , sub-transmitting coil (S-Tx)  $L_2$ , and receiving coil (Rx)  $L_3$ .

Based on the Biot-Savart law, the induction intensity of the circular coil  $L_1$  at the position of the coil  $L_2$  is equal to  $B_1 = \mu_0(n_1 n_2)^{0.5} r_1^2 I_1 / (2(r_1^2 + d_1^2)^{3/2})$ ; the induction intensity of the circular coil  $L_3$  at the position of the coil  $L_2$  equals  $B_2 = \mu_0(n_2 n_3)^{0.5} r_3^2 I_3 / (2(r_3^2 + d_2^2)^{3/2})$ , where  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  H/m is the permeability of vacuum;  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , and  $r_3$  are the radii of the M-Tx, S-Tx, and Rx coils, respectively.  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ , and  $n_3$  are the turn numbers of the M-Tx, S-Tx, and Rx coils, respectively;  $O$  is the central point between the M-Tx and S-Tx coils;  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $O_3$  are the geometric centers of the M-Tx, S-Tx, and Rx coils, respectively;  $x$  is the distance between points  $O_2$  and  $O$ ; this is a variable value.  $\Phi_1$  represents the magnetic flux of the magnetic field excited by the coil  $L_1$  through the coil  $L_2$ ;  $\Phi_2$  represents the magnetic flux of the magnetic field excited by the coil  $L_3$  through the coil  $L_2$ ; and the other parameters were defined previously and are shown in Figure 1. Thus,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  can be written as

$$\begin{cases} M_1 = \frac{\Phi_1}{I_1} = \frac{\pi r_2^2 B_1}{I_1} = \frac{\pi \mu_0 (n_1 n_2)^{0.5} (r_1 r_2)^2}{2(r_1^2 + d_1^2)^{3/2}} \\ M_2 = \frac{\Phi_2}{I_3} = \frac{\pi r_2^2 B_2}{I_3} = \frac{\pi \mu_0 (n_2 n_3)^{0.5} (r_2 r_3)^2}{2(r_3^2 + d_2^2)^{3/2}} \end{cases}\quad (7)$$

According to Equations (3) and (7), the impedance coupling factors  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  in Equation (3) can also be written as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tau_1 = \frac{\pi\omega\mu_0(n_1n_2)^{0.5}(r_1r_2)^2}{2\sqrt{\sigma}R(r_1^2 + d_1^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\pi\omega\mu_0(n_1n_2)^{0.5}(r_1r_2)^2}{2\sqrt{\sigma}R(r_1^2 + \left(\frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} + x\right)^2)^{3/2}}, \quad \tau_1 > 0 \\ \tau_2 = \frac{\pi\omega\mu_0(n_2n_3)^{0.5}(r_2r_3)^2}{2\sqrt{\sigma}R(r_3^2 + d_2^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\pi\omega\mu_0(n_2n_3)^{0.5}(r_2r_3)^2}{2\sqrt{\sigma}R(r_3^2 + \left(\frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} - x\right)^2)^{3/2}}, \quad \tau_2 > 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (8)$$

Based on Figures 1 and 2, the transfer distances,  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , are assumed constant with the values being 32 mm and 45 mm, respectively. When the receiving coil  $L_2$  shifts from the main transmitting coil  $L_1$  to the sub-transmitting coil  $L_3$ , the transfer distances,  $d_2 = d_3 - d_1$ , are the variables. Thus, in Equations (5), (6), and (8), including the simulation parameters in Table 1, the output power and transfer efficiency are plotted in Figure 3. In addition, cited in Equations (5), (6), and Table 1, with the given  $\tau_2 = 0$ , the MCR-WPT system is converted into a two-coil MCR-WPT system as the energy exchange mainly occurs at  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  but not at  $L_2$  and  $L_3$ . The normalized output power is seen in Figure 4(a), and the transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system is shown in Figure 4(b). Coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are symmetrical in space, where the transfer characteristics of the MCR-WPT system can be obtained through the superposition principle [19, 20].

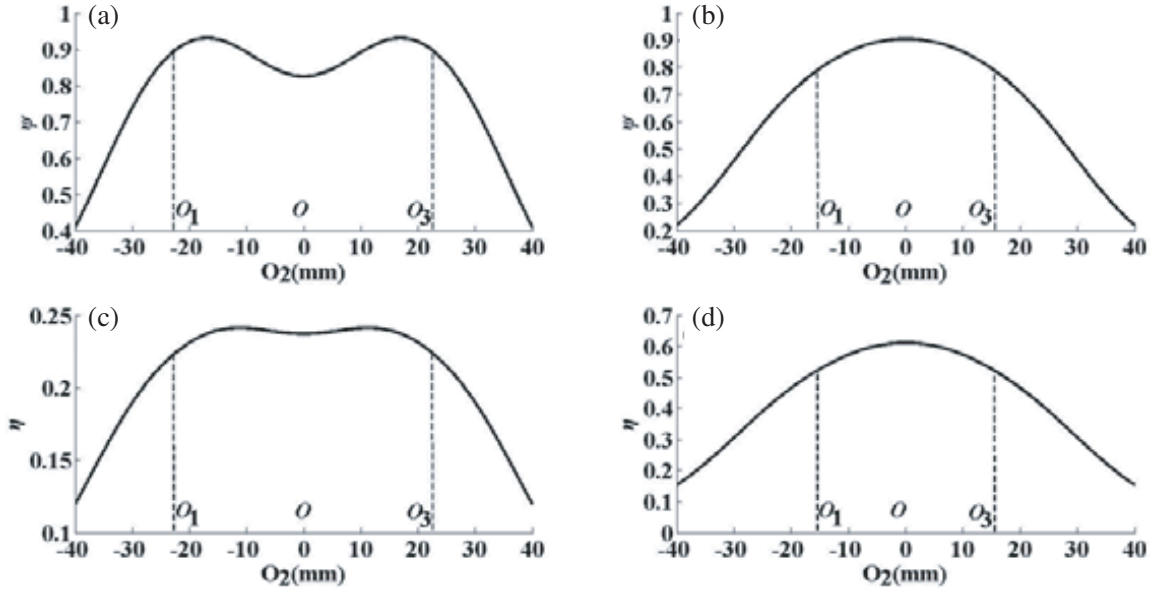
**Table 1.** The simulation parameters of the output power and transfer efficiency.

Parameter	M-Tx	S-Tx	Rx
Frequency $f_0$ /kHz	140	140	140
Inductance $L$ /μH	29.25	29.25	29.25
Capacitance $C$ /nF	44.18	44.18	44.18
Radius $r$ /m	$23 \times 10^{-3}$	$23 \times 10^{-3}$	$23 \times 10^{-3}$
Number of turns $n$	20	20	20
Distance $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ /m	$32 \times 10^{-3}$ or $45 \times 10^{-3}$		
Material	Copper	Copper	Copper
Impedance scaling factor $\sigma$	0.5	0.5	
Frequency detuning factor $\xi$		0.262 or 0.36	
Load $R_L/\Omega$			1

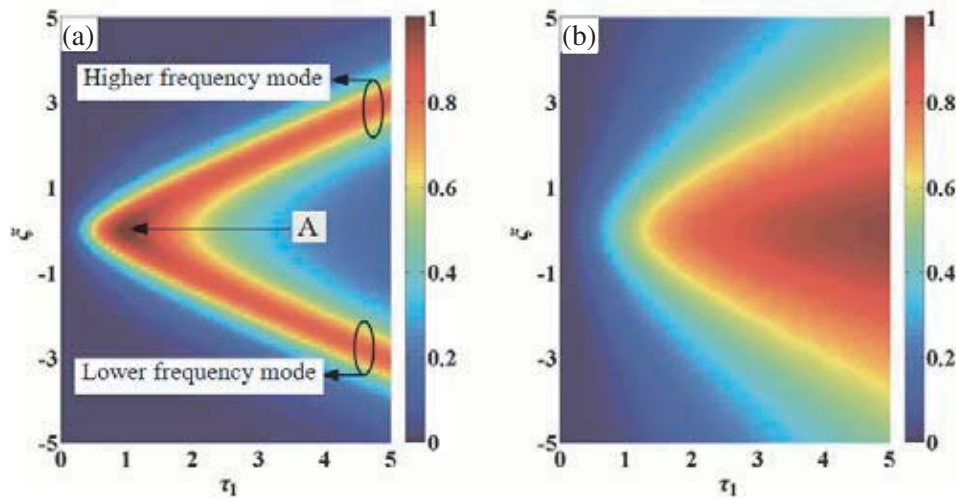
In Figures 3(a) and 3(b), in the parallel mode, the output power of point  $O_2$  can be obtained by adding up the output power of the points  $O_1$  and  $O_3$  and should be superimposed in the parallel mode because the main transmitting and sub-transmitting coils are connected in parallel. The output power of point  $O_2$  is then obtained. Between points  $O_1$  and  $O_3$ , the output power of point  $O$  increases from the minimum to the maximum value as transfer distance  $d_3$  decreases. Outside points  $O_1$  and  $O_3$ , the output power dramatically declines. Similarly, in Figures 3(c) and 3(d), the trends in the transfer efficiency are similar to those of the output power of the MCR-WPT system.

In Figure 4(a), the normalized output power relates to parameters  $\sigma$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $\tau_1$ . There are three states: (1) under coupling region, (2) critical coupling point, and (3) over-coupling region. At the under coupling region ( $\tau_1 < 1$ ), the normalized output power decreases right away. In the critical coupling region ( $\tau_1 = 1$ ), the normalized output power achieves the maximum value. Meanwhile, in the over-coupling region ( $\tau_1 > 1$ ), the normalized output power highlights the frequency splitting. Based on the frequency detuning factor  $\xi = Q_0(\omega/\omega_0 - \omega_0/\omega)$ , the maximum output power is attained at the two splitting angular frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , which belong to a lower frequency mode (LFM) and a higher frequency mode (HFM), respectively.

Similarly, in Figure 4(b), the maximum of the transfer efficiency is obtained at the resonance angular frequency. The transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system gradually increases as the parameter  $\tau_1$  increases.



**Figure 3.** The normalized output power and transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system using the magnetic field superposition principle. (a)  $\xi = 0.262$ ,  $d_3 = 45$  mm, (b)  $\xi = 0.36$ ,  $d_3 = 32$  mm, (c)  $\xi = 0.262$ ,  $d_3 = 45$  mm, (d)  $\xi = 0.36$ ,  $d_3 = 32$  mm.



**Figure 4.** The normalized output power and transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system. (a) Normalized output power of the system when  $\sigma = 0.5$ ,  $\tau_2 = 0$ ; (b) Transfer efficiency of the system when  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\tau_2 = 0$ .

In the above analysis, the following analyses can be made. At point  $O_1$  or  $O_3$ , characteristics of the MCR-WPT system mainly depend on characteristics of the two-coil system. At the central point  $O$ , characteristics of the MCR-WPT system are obtained by using the synthetic characteristics of points  $O_1$  and  $O_3$ . In general, in Figures 3(a) and 3(b), on the  $x$ -axis (transfer distance  $d_3$ ), the output power and transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system exhibit characteristics of the superposition. However, in Figures 3(c) and 3(d), on the  $\xi$ -axis, the output power of the MCR-WPT system showcases the two peaks in the over coupled region while the transfer efficiency obtains the maximum value at a resonance angular frequency.

Based on [19] and [20], in the over coupled region, the maximum output power of the two-coil

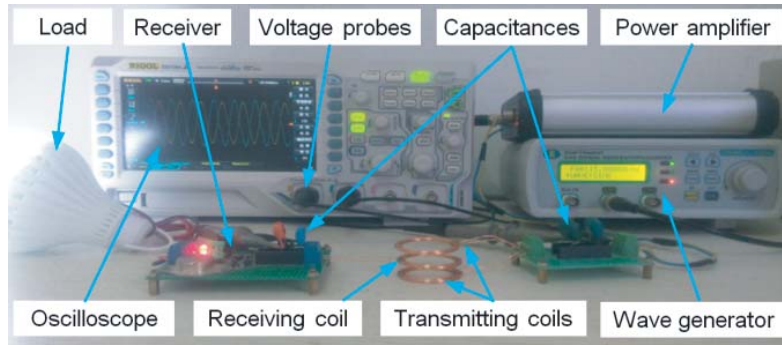
system is achieved at the two angular frequency splitting  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , which belong to an LFM and an HFM, respectively (see Figure 4(a)).

According to the theory and simulation analysis, in the LFM or HFM, when the receiving coil randomly moves between the main transmitting and sub-transmitting coils, the system will always have constant output power and transfer efficiency at a constant angular frequency  $\omega_L$  or  $\omega_H$  using the two transmitting coils. In turn, this achieves the magnetic field superposition and further achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency. Next, the following results are verified in detail in the experiments.

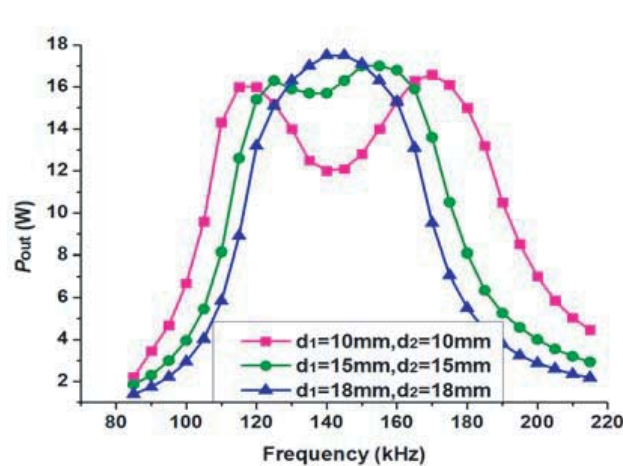
#### 4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Figure 5 shows the MCR-WPT experimental equipment, including power amplifier, wave generator, oscilloscope, voltage probes, capacitances, transmitter, receiver, load, and main transmitting, sub-transmitting, and receiving coils. Table 1 identifies parameters of the main transmitter, sub-transmitter, and receiver. Then, experimental research is carried out.

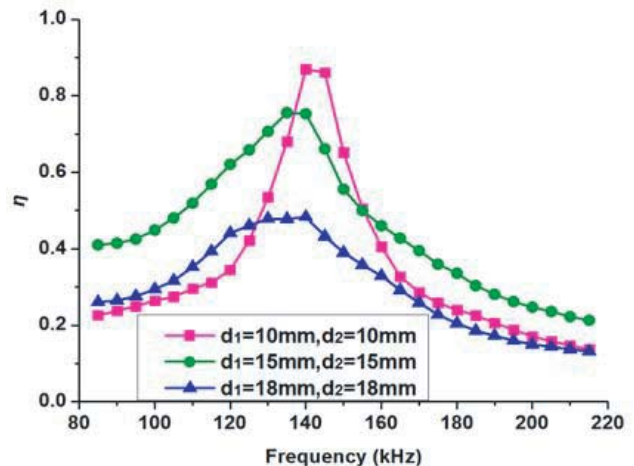
In the experiments, the transfer distance between the main transmitting and sub-transmitting coils is assigned, where  $d_3$  is constant, and the values are 20 mm, 30 mm, and 36 mm, respectively. The transfer distance between the main transmitting and receiving coils  $d_1$  is also constant, and the values are 10 mm, 15 mm, and 18 mm. Subsequently, the input voltage and output voltage are measured at different driving frequencies. Similarly, the input and output currents are also measured. Figures 6 and 7 are obtained using these data. In Figure 6, in transferring the distance of the main transmitting



**Figure 5.** The experimental equipment that use the two transmitting coils to achieve the magnetic field superposition and the constant output power and transfer efficiency.



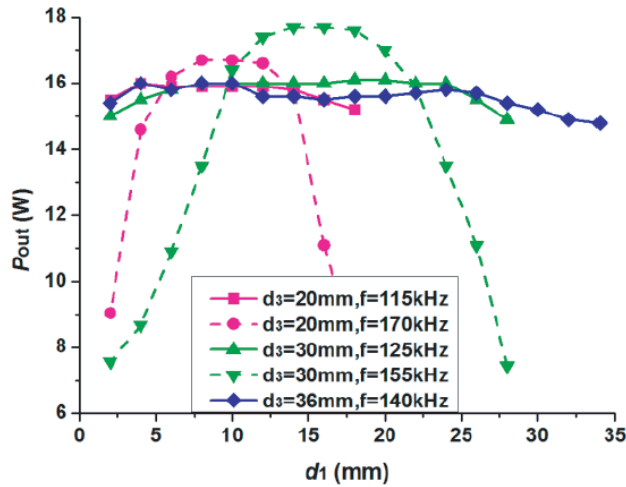
**Figure 6.** The output power of the system with different driving frequencies.



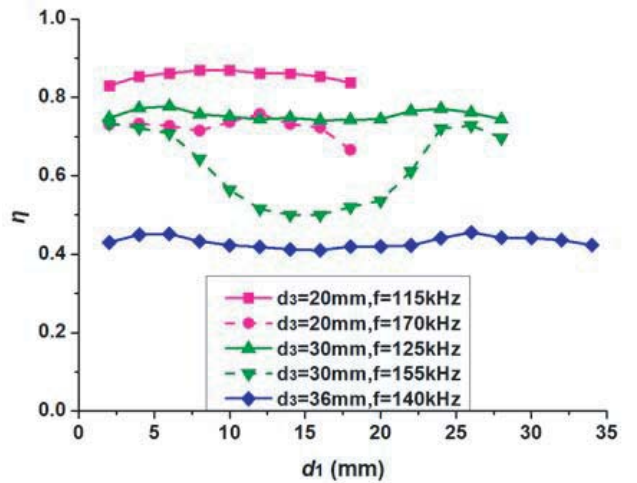
**Figure 7.** The transfer efficiency of the system with different driving frequencies.

and sub-transmitting coils  $d_3$  is equal to 20 mm, while the output power peaks of the MCR-WPT system appear at the frequencies of 115 kHz and 170 kHz, respectively. When transfer distance  $d_3$  is equal to 30 mm, the output power peaks of the MCR-WPT system appear at the frequencies of 125 kHz and 155 kHz. When transfer distance  $d_3$  is equal to 36 mm, the MCR-WPT system shows the output power peak at the frequency of 140 kHz. In Figure 7, when transfer distance  $d_3$  is equal to 20 mm, 30 mm, and 36 mm, respectively, the system attains the maximum transfer efficiency at the frequency of 140 kHz. When transfer distance  $d_3$  decreases, the transfer efficiency increases. The transfer efficiency curves shift to the higher frequency direction.

Based on the experimental results, when  $d_3 = 20$  mm, the output power of the MCR-WPT system takes the maximum values at the frequencies of 115 kHz and 170 kHz. When  $d_3 = 30$  mm, the output power obtains the maximum values at the frequencies of 125 kHz and 155 kHz; when  $d_3 = 36$  mm, the output power obtains the maximum value at the frequency 140 kHz. The driving source of frequency is moved to these frequencies, then these frequencies keep constant values when the system works. When transfer distance  $d_3$  is constant, the input and output voltages are measured at a different transfer distance  $d_1$  (namely, the receiving coil moves from the main transmitting coil to the sub-transmitting coils). The input and output currents are also evaluated. These are shown in Figures 8 and 9. In the LFM (namely,  $d_3 = 20$  mm,  $f = 115$  kHz;  $d_3 = 30$  mm,  $f = 125$  kHz;  $d_3 = 36$  mm,  $f = 140$  kHz), it is seen that the output power and transfer efficiency achieve a nearly constant value as transfer distance  $d_1$  increases; the fluctuation of the output power and transfer efficiency is less than 5%. However, in higher frequency mode (namely,  $d_3 = 20$  mm,  $f = 170$  kHz;  $d_3 = 30$  mm,  $f = 155$  kHz), when transfer distance  $d_1$  increases, the output power dramatically decreases, and the transfer efficiency achieves the minimum value at point  $O$ . The experimental results show that different reasons are identified: the power of the transmitter side achieves the maximum value at point  $O$ ; near the point of maximum output power, anti-phase currents occur in the main transmitting and receiving coils [7]; when the receiving coil moves away a certain distance from the central point  $O$ , the phase between the main transmitting and receiving coils is suddenly reversed and changes from anti-phase to in-phase. The power superposition mechanism is described in [19]. This has the effect where reactive powers of the transmitter and receiver sides cause an increase in the reactive power and a decrease in the active power. Thus, phase inversion leads to a sharp decline in performance.



**Figure 8.** The output power of the system with different transfer distances.



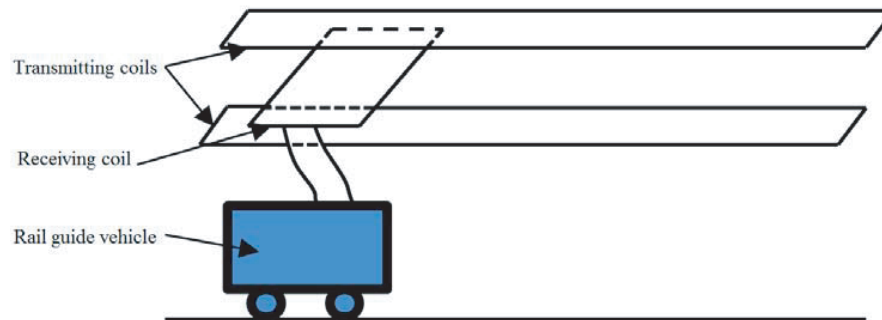
**Figure 9.** The transfer efficiency of the system with different transfer distances.

In summary, the experimental results are consistent with the simulated ones. In the LFM, when transfer distance  $d_3$  is constant and transfer distance  $d_1$  changes, the MCR-WPT system achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency in the constant frequency mode due to the mechanism of the magnetic field superposition to attain the uniform magnetic field [22].



## 5. DISCUSSION

When a receiving coil is placed between the two transmitting coils, there are space limits. The receiving coil only shifts between the two transmitting coils. However, in Figure 10, the rail guide vehicle may achieve constant output power and transfer efficiency when it moves on the rail guide. So this topology may provide a practical solution. In any case, using the two transmitting coils to achieve a uniform magnetic field and then to achieve the constant output power of the MCR-WPT system is a good idea. The results of this study may help researchers to find an approach that achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency in open areas, such as charging pads. It is believed that this study will accelerate the practical adaptations of wireless power transfer.



**Figure 10.** The rail guide vehicle achieves constant output power and transfer efficiency when it moves on the rail guide.

## 6. CONCLUSION

This paper provides an analysis and simulation of the transfer characteristics of MCR-WPT system by applying the magnetic field superposition principle. In the LFM, the MCR-WPT system with two transmitting coils achieves magnetic field superposition and further attains constant output power and transfer efficiency in constant frequency mode. If the distance between the two transmitting coils is appropriate and the receiving coil moves between the two transmitting coils, the fluctuation of the output power and transfer efficiency of the MCR-WPT system is less than 5%. In the HFM, when the receiving coil moves a certain distance away from the central point, the phase between the main transmitting and receiving coils is suddenly reversed. This phase inversion leads to a sharp decline in performance.

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