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INTRODUCTION

In this project, we are asked to design a high frequency, high voltage transformer for an X-Ray generator. X-ray devices are commonly used by radiographers to acquire an x-ray image of the inside of an object (as in medicine or non-destructive testing) but they are also used in sterilization or fluorescence [1]. An x-ray generator is composed of a main circuit and a filament circuit [2,3]. The main circuit is responsible for supplying power to the x-ray tube.

For the ionisation in the x-ray tube, high voltage is required. The voltage boost operation is achieved via a high frequency transformer (along with a DC/AC converter in the front and an AC/DC converter at the end). A high frequency transformer is preferred to reduce the size. In this project, design of a high frequency (100 kHz) transformer for a 30 kW X-ray generator is achieved.

This report is composed of the following sections:

1. Project specifications are given
2. Core type and material selection is done
3. Operating conditions (flux density etc.) are selected
4. For two sets of cores, basic design is achieved for comparison
5. The core is selected and the design for the selected core is achieved
6. The following results are obtained: Turn numbers, Transformer geometry and fill factor, Corrected flux density, Losses and efficiency, Mass and insulation, Temperature rise and cooling, Parasitic effects, Resultant equivalent circuit,
7. The design is evaluated and the design work is concluded
8. References are provided

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The x-ray generator transformer to be designed has the following specifications:

Single-phase, high frequency, high voltage

Primary Winding Voltage ± 417 V (peak to peak 834 V for pulsing)

Secondary Winding Voltage ± 12.5 kV (peak to peak 25 kV for pulsing)

Rated Power 30 kW (for maximum 100 millisecond)

Switching Frequency Minimum 100 kHz

Ambient Temperature 0-40 °C

DESIGN INPUTS

```
Vin_peak = 417; % volts
Vpri_peak = Vin_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vpri_rms = Vpri_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Vout_peak = 12500; % volts
Vsec_peak = Vout_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vsec_rms = Vsec_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Pout = 30000; % watts
Ipri_rms = Pout/Vpri_rms; % amps
Isec_rms = Pout/Vsec_rms; % amps
```

CORE TYE AND MATERIAL SELECTION

Usually, there are two types of transformers: Core type and Shell type. In high frequency applications as the flux is divided in the outer limbs so that core loss is reduced. Commonly double E (or EE) type cores are preferred. In this project, the first design is based on this type of cores.

As the core material, ferrite core is a common choice for high frequency applications, as they offer very low coercivity and hence hysteresis loss (and core loss) is low. Moreover, they do not need a laminated structure as their eddy current loss is relatively low [4].

For frequencies between 10 kHz and 3 MHz, manganese-zinc ferrite cores are suggested whereas for frequencies between above 3 MHz, nickel-zinc ferrites are commonly used. The disadvantage of using a ferrite core is basically low saturation flux density (usually 500 mT max), however they offer a cheaper solution with relatively low core losses. Another candidate for a high frequency transformer is nanocrystalline core. They have high saturation flux density (usually above 2 Tesla), low core loss (comparable to ferrite cores). On the other hand, they are relatively expensive [5]. Properties of several cores are shown in the Figure below [6]:

```
I = imread('core_properties.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Types of cores and their properties','FontSize',18,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

Types of cores and their properties

Material	alloy composition	losses (20kHz, 200mT) [W/kg]	saturation B_{sat} [mT]	magnetostriction λ_s [10^{-6}]	permeability (50Hz) $\mu_4 - \mu_{max}$	max. working temp. [°C]
grain oriented Silicon steel	Fe ₉₇ Si ₃	> 1.000	2.000	9	2.000-35.000	appx.120
standard crystalline permalloy I	Ni ₄₅ Fe ₅₅	> 150	1.550	25	12.000 – 80.000	130
standard crystalline permalloy II	Ni ₅₄ Fe ₄₆	> 100	1.500	25	60.000-125.000	130
advanced Silicon steel	Fe _{93,5} Si _{6,5}	40	1.300	0,1	16.000	130
Fe- amorphous alloy	Fe ₇₆ (Si,B) ₂₄	18	1.560	27	6.500 – 8.000	150
high performance ferrite	MnZn	17	500	21	1.500 – 15.000	100/120
advanced crystalline permalloy	Ni ₈₀ Fe ₂₀	> 15	800	1	150.000-300.000	130
Co-amorphous alloys a	Co ₇₃ (Si,B) ₂₇	5,0	550	< 0,2	100.000-150.000	90/120
Co-amorphous alloys b	Co ₇₇ (Si,B) ₂₃	5,5	820	< 0,2	2.000 – 4.500	120
Co-amorphous alloys c	Co ₈₀ (Si,B) ₂₀	6,5	1.000	< 0,2	1.000 – 2.500	120
nanocrystalline alloys I	FeCuNbSiB	4,0	1.230	0,1	20.000-200.000	120/180
nanocrystalline alloys II	FeCuNbSiB	4,5	1.350	2,3	20.000-200.000	120/180
nanocrystalline alloys III	FeCuNbSiB	8,0	1.450	5,5	~ 100.000	120/180

In this project, nickel-zinc ferrite core is selected from MAGNETICS with EE geometry [7]. U type cores are also included in the iterative core design procedure.

As the core material (apart from being ferrite), Magnetics offer several types [7,8]: J, W, F, L, P, R and T material. In common mode chokes, J and W materials are suggested whereas in power transformers for converters and inverters, F,L, P, R, T materials are suggested. The basic properties are higher permeability, lower loss at high temperatures etc. The P material is selected due to its higher permeability and higher saturation flux density.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

First of all, the selectec core material has the following properties:

Initial permeability (relative): 2500 Saturation flux density: 480 mT Curie temperature: 210 0C

The selected operating conditions are:

Efficiency at rated conditions: % 98

Operating maximum flux density: 0.3 Tesla

Operating frequency: 100 kHz

Fill factor (max): 0.5

Operating temperat#re (max): 60 0C

DESIGN PROCEDURE

This part of the report describes how the design procedure is followed by using several different cores among which the most suitable will be selected.

Core Data-1

The first set of the cores is composed of E cores data of which are shown below [7]:

```
elements = 17;  
core = 1:17;  
core_length = [76.7,98.4,97,67.1,97,145,77,88.9,124,123,107,110,147,149,137,184,27  
core_area = [127,107,178,177,233,236,149,234,353,420,337,248,540,683,368,392,738];  
core_volume = [9780,10500,17300,11900,22700,34200,11500,20800,44000,52000,36000,27  
area_product = [1.26,1.65,3.55,1.36,4.22,6.36,1.88,3.3,9.78,12.1,6.98,5.74,23.5,23  
core_weight = [49,52,87,60,114,164,57,103,212,255,179,135,410,495,250,357,980]; %g  
window_area = area_product./core_area; % mm^2
```

Operating point

```
flux_density = 0.3; % Tesla  
flux = flux_density*core_area/1e6; % Weber  
frequency = 100e3; % Hz
```

Number of Turns

Calculation of number of turns from induced voltage

```
Npri = round(Vpri_rms./(4.44*frequency*flux));  
Nsec = round(Vsec_rms./(4.44*frequency*flux));
```

Selection of wire

From the AWG wire table, the most suitable conductor is selected by the frequency limitation due to skin effect. The table is shown in the following figure [9].

```
I = imread('awg_wire.png');  
figure;  
imshow(I);  
title('AWG Wire Table','FontSize',18,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

AWG Wire Table

AWG gauge	Conductor Diameter Inches	Conductor Diameter mm	Ohms per 1000 ft.	Ohms per km	Maximum amps for chassis wiring	Maximum amps for power transmission	Maximum frequency for 100% skin depth for solid conductor copper	Breaking force Soft Annealed Cu 37000 PSI
15	0.0571	1.45034	3.184	10.44352	28	4.7	8250 Hz	94 lbs
16	0.0508	1.29032	4.016	13.17248	22	3.7	11 k Hz	75 lbs
17	0.0453	1.15062	5.064	16.60992	19	2.9	13 k Hz	59 lbs
18	0.0403	1.02362	6.385	20.9428	16	2.3	17 kHz	47 lbs
19	0.0359	0.91186	8.051	26.40728	14	1.8	21 kHz	37 lbs
20	0.032	0.8128	10.15	33.292	11	1.5	27 kHz	29 lbs
21	0.0285	0.7239	12.8	41.984	9	1.2	33 kHz	23 lbs
22	0.0254	0.64516	16.14	52.9392	7	0.92	42 kHz	18 lbs
23	0.0226	0.57404	20.36	66.7808	4.7	0.729	53 kHz	14.5 lbs
24	0.0201	0.51054	25.67	84.1976	3.5	0.577	68 kHz	11.5 lbs
25	0.0179	0.45466	32.37	106.1736	2.7	0.457	85 kHz	9 lbs
26	0.0159	0.40386	40.81	133.8568	2.2	0.361	107 kHz	7.2 lbs
27	0.0142	0.36068	51.47	168.8216	1.7	0.288	130 kHz	5.5 lbs
28	0.0126	0.32004	64.9	212.872	1.4	0.226	170 kHz	4.5 lbs
29	0.0113	0.28702	81.83	268.4024	1.2	0.182	210 kHz	3.6 lbs
30	0.01	0.254	103.2	338.496	0.86	0.142	270 kHz	2.75 lbs
31	0.0089	0.22606	130.1	426.728	0.7	0.113	340 kHz	2.25 lbs
32	0.008	0.2032	164.1	538.248	0.53	0.091	430 kHz	1.8 lbs

The selected conductor properties are given as folloing:

```
conductor_diameter = 0.40386; % mm
conductor_area = (conductor_diameter/2)^2*pi; % mm^2
ohms_per_km = 133.8568; % ohm/km
current_rating = 0.361; % Amps
```

By using the required current information, the required number of strands on each side are calculated by:

```
strand_primary = ceil(Ipri_rms/current_rating);
strand_secondary = ceil(Isec_rms/current_rating);
```

Fill Factor

Fill factor is calculated without considering the insulation of wires

```
area_pri_winding = Npri*strand_primary*conductor_area; % mm^2
area_sec_winding = Nsec*strand_secondary*conductor_area; % mm^2
fill_factor = (area_pri_winding + area_sec_winding)./window_area;
```

Windings Resistances

Mean length per turn is approximately calculated assuming the core is square shaped as:

```
mean_length_turn = 4*sqrt(core_area)*1.2/10; % cm
% The total length and resiatance of each winding:
length_pri = Npri.*mean_length_turn; % cm
ohms_km_pri = ohms_per_km/strand_primary;
resistance_pri = ohms_km_pri*length_pri/1000; % ohms
length_sec = Nsec.*mean_length_turn; % cm
ohms_km_sec = ohms_per_km/strand_secondary;
resistance_sec = ohms_km_sec*length_sec/1000; % ohms
```

Copper Loss

```
copper_loss_pri = Ipri_rms^2*resistance_pri;
copper_loss_sec = Isec_rms^2*resistance_sec;
copper_loss = copper_loss_pri+copper_loss_sec;
```

Core Loss

Core loss is calculated by using the curve fitting equation provided by Magnetics catalog as (P material @80 Cdegrees)[10]:

```
a = 0.0434;
c = 1.63;
d = 2.62;
f = 100; % kHz
```

Core loss is calculated for the harmonic components up to 31st along with the fundamantal (100 kHz) component.

```
harmonic = 1:2:31;
```

```
total = numel(harmonic);
```

The RMS voltage at each harmonic component is calculated by using the harmonic spectrum of a square wave:

```
voltage_rms = (4/pi)*(1/sqrt(2))*Vin_peak./harmonic;
```

For each core in the set, each harmonic component of core loss is calculated and then summed. Flux density is found by using the RMS voltage and turn number information.

```
core_harmonic_loss = zeros(elements,total);  
core_loss = zeros(1,elements);  
for l = 1:elements  
    for k = 1:total  
        flux_density_harmonic = voltage_rms(k)/(4.44*Npri(l)*frequency*harmonic(k)  
        PL_h = a*(f*harmonic(k))^c*(flux_density_harmonic*10)^d;  
        core_harmonic_loss(l,k) = PL_h*core_volume(l)/1e6;  
    end  
    core_loss(1,l) = sum(core_harmonic_loss(l,:));  
end
```

Total Loss

```
total_loss = copper_loss + core_loss;
```

Efficiency

```
efficiency = Pout./(total_loss+Pout);
```

The efficiency data is stored for further comparison

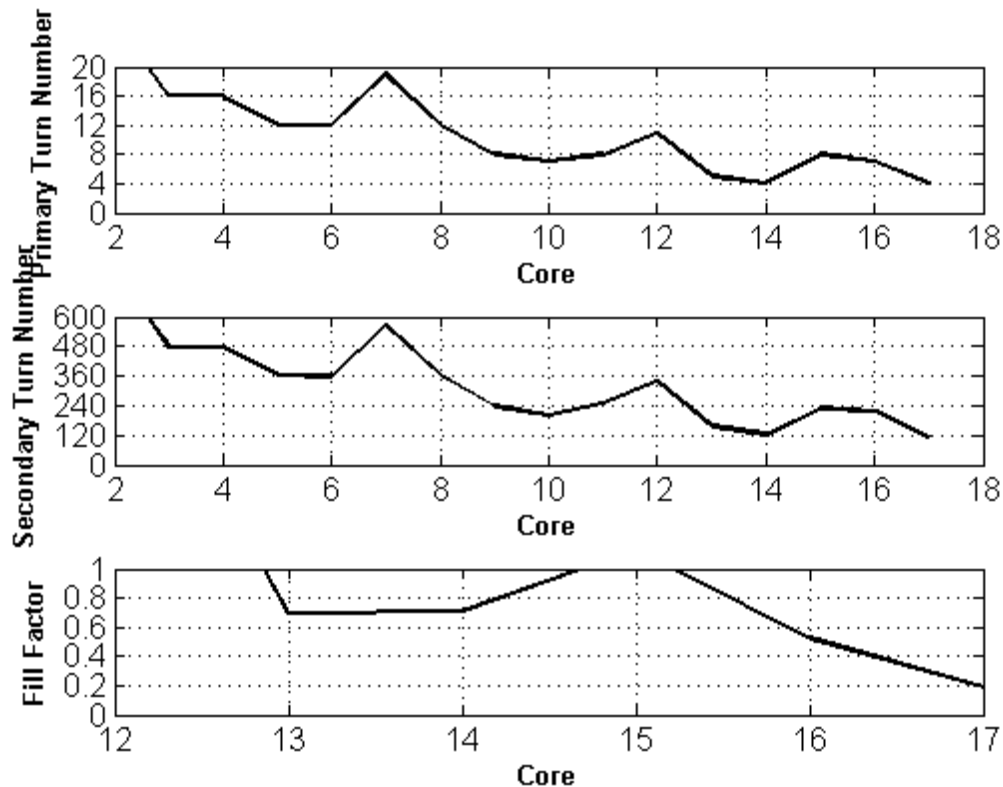
```
efficiency1 = efficiency;
```

Results for the 1st Set of Cores

Primary turn number, secondary turn number and fill factor

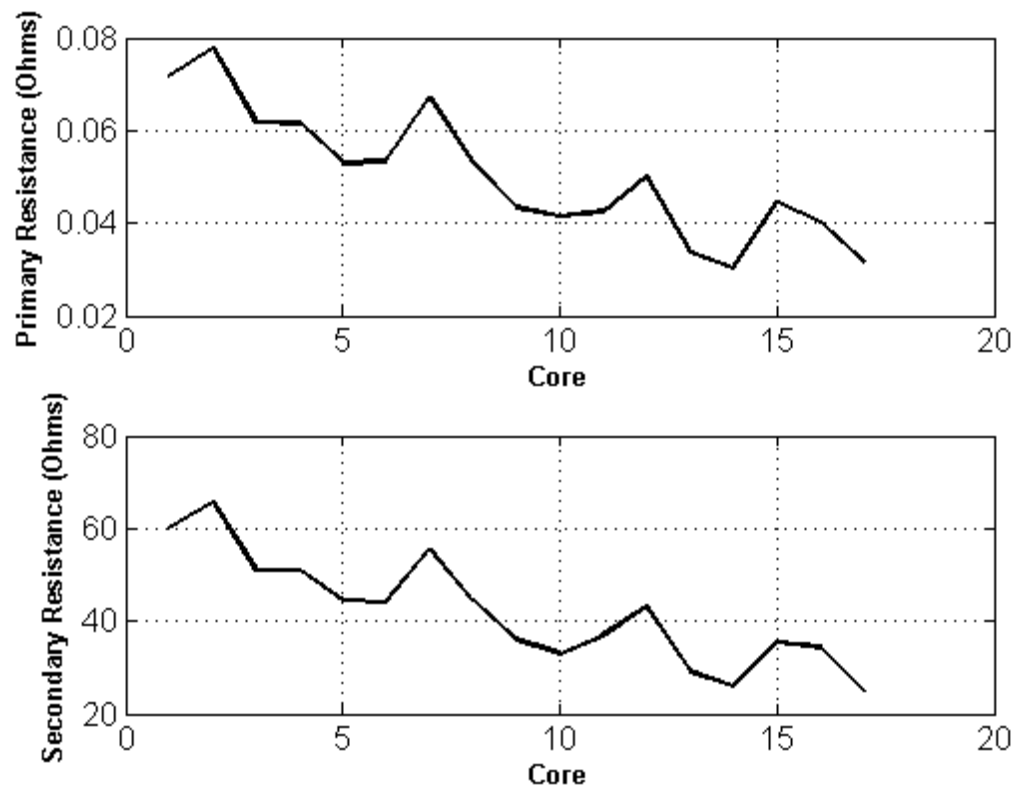
```
figure;  
subplot(3,1,1);  
plot(core,Npri,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Primary Turn Number','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylim([0 20]);  
set(gca,'YTick',0:4:20);  
subplot(3,1,2);  
plot(core,Nsec,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Secondary Turn Number','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

```
ylim([0 600]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:120:600);
subplot(3,1,3);
plot(core,fill_factor,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Fill Factor','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([0 1]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:0.2:1);
```



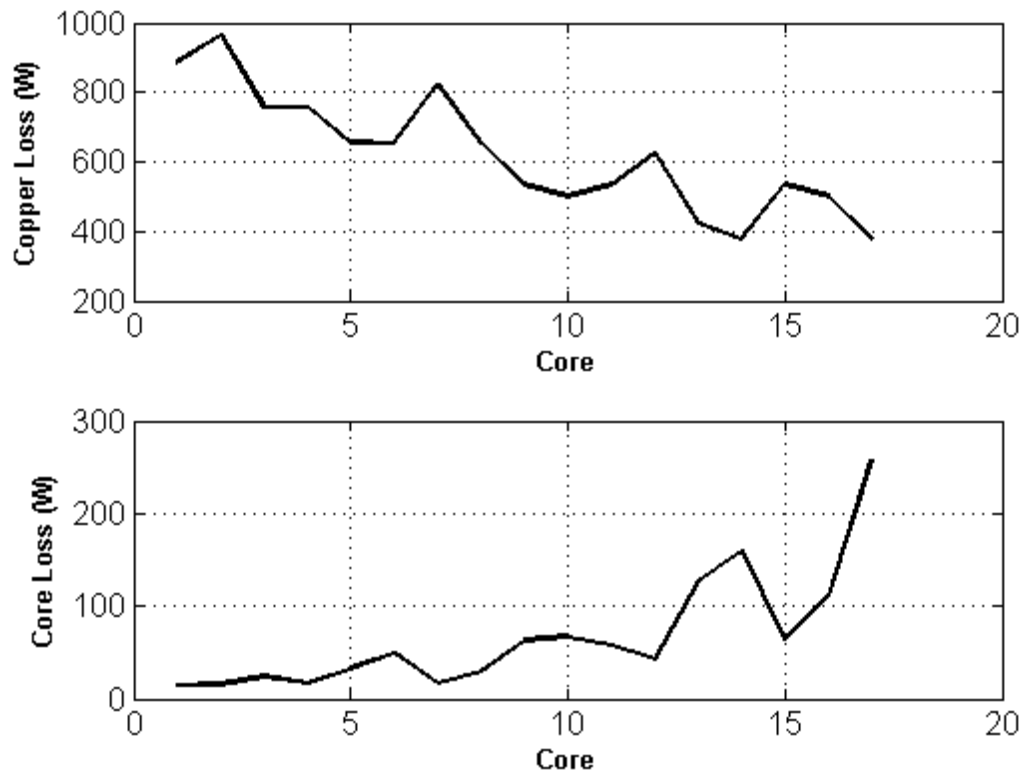
Primary resistance, secondary resistance

```
figure;
subplot(2,1,1);
plot(core,resistance_pri,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Primary Resistance (Ohms)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
subplot(2,1,2);
plot(core,resistance_sec,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Secondary Resistance (Ohms)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

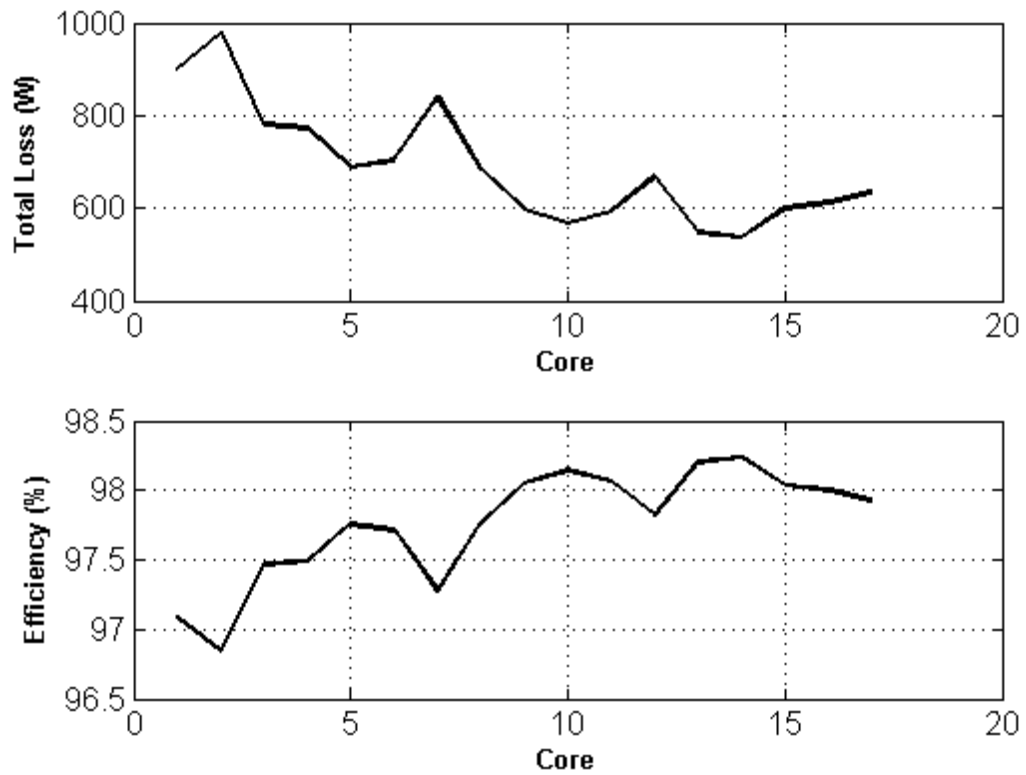
Copper loss, core loss

```
figure;  
subplot(2,1,1);  
plot(core,copper_loss,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Copper Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
subplot(2,1,2);  
plot(core,core_loss,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Core Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```



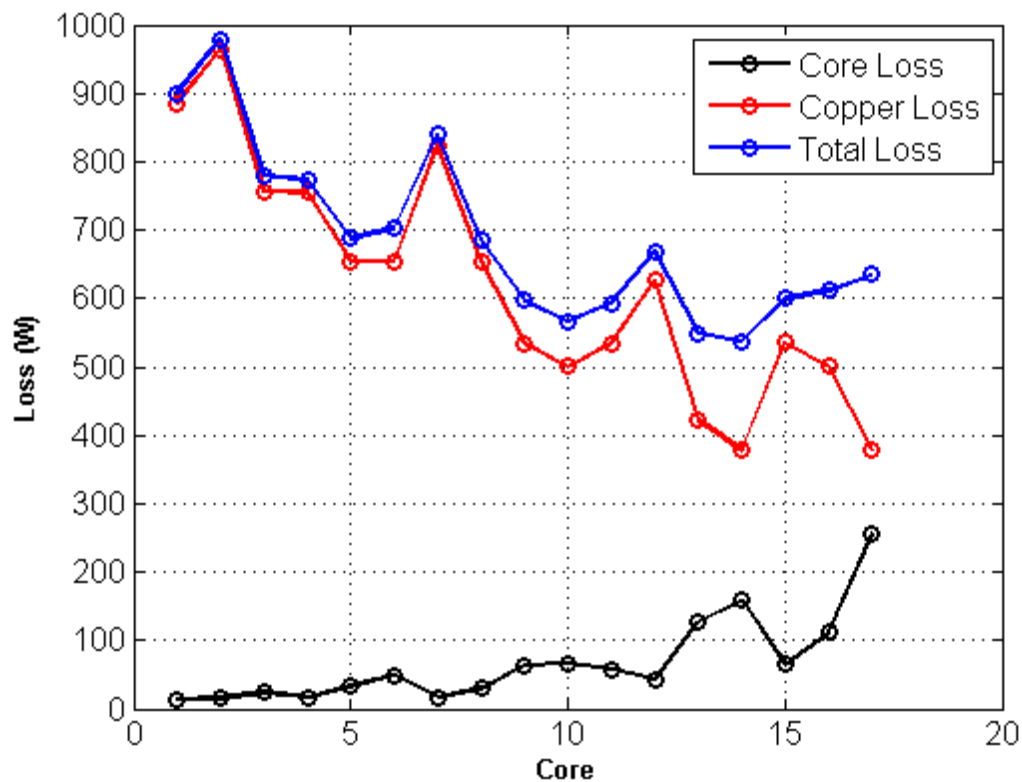
Total loss, efficiency

```
figure;  
subplot(2,1,1);  
plot(core,total_loss,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Total Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
subplot(2,1,2);  
plot(core,100*efficiency,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Efficiency (%)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```



Losses alltogether

```
figure;  
plot(core,core_loss,'k-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(core,copper_loss,'r-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(core,total_loss,'b-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold off;  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
legend('Core Loss','Copper Loss','Total Loss');
```



Observations From the Results of the 1st Core Set (EE)

First of all, a fill factor above 50% is not feasible since the insulation of wires have not been considered yet. This requires relatively low number of turns and wider core window. In other words, a core with a larger area and window area at the same time. Among the alternatives, 16th and 17th cores are suitable. In terms of efficiency, the selected 98% limit is obtained for cores 9th to 17th among which 13th and 14th has the best performance. However, efficiency is not as an important constraint as fill factor as the transformer is to be operated in short times, core number 17 is selected among the first set.

```
clearvars -EXCEPT efficiency1
```

Core Data-2

The second set of the cores is composed of 14 cores data of which are shown below [7]:

```
elements = 14;
core = 1:elements;
core_length = [29.2,24.6,95.8,68.9,83.4,64.3,83.4,353,257,354,353,480,308,245]; %mm
core_area = [12,11.5,39.7,80,40.4,40.3,80.8,452,450,840,905,560,645,645]; %mm^2
core_volume = [350,283,4130,4170,3370,2590,6740,160000,115000,297000,319000,268800,268800,268800]; %mm^3
area_product = [0.02,0.01,0.63,0.78,0.57,0.32,1.13,91.4,45.8,173,185,286,121,60.7]; %mm^3
core_weight = [1.8,1.5,19,29,17,13,34,800,600,1490,1600,1360,988,784]; %grams
window_area = area_product./core_area;
```

Reassignment of known variables

Inputs

```
Vin_peak = 417; % volts
Vpri_peak = Vin_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vpri_rms = Vpri_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Vout_peak = 12500; % volts
Vsec_peak = Vout_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vsec_rms = Vsec_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Pout = 30000; % watts
Ipri_rms = Pout/Vpri_rms; % amps
Isec_rms = Pout/Vsec_rms; % amps
```

Operating point

```
flux_density = 0.3; % Tesla
flux = flux_density*core_area/1e6; % Weber
frequency = 100e3; % Hz
```

Number of Turns

Calculation of number of turns from induced voltage

```
Npri = round(Vpri_rms/(4.44*frequency*flux));
Nsec = round(Vsec_rms/(4.44*frequency*flux));
```

Conductor

```
conductor_diameter = 0.40386; % mm
conductor_area = (conductor_diameter/2)^2*pi; % mm^2
ohms_per_km = 133.8568; % ohm/km
current_rating = 0.361; % Amps
```

By using the required current information, the required number of strands on each side are calculated by:

```
strand_primary = ceil(Ipri_rms/current_rating);
strand_secondary = ceil(Isec_rms/current_rating);
```

Fill Factor

```
area_pri_winding = Npri*strand_primary*conductor_area; % mm^2
area_sec_winding = Nsec*strand_secondary*conductor_area; % mm^2
fill_factor = (area_pri_winding + area_sec_winding)/window_area;
```

Windings Resistances

```
mean_length_turn = 4*sqrt(core_area)*1.2/10; % cm
length_pri = Npri.*mean_length_turn; % cm
ohms_km_pri = ohms_per_km/strand_primary;
resistance_pri = ohms_km_pri*length_pri/1000; % ohms
length_sec = Nsec.*mean_length_turn; % cm
ohms_km_sec = ohms_per_km/strand_secondary;
resistance_sec = ohms_km_sec*length_sec/1000; % ohms
```

Copper Loss

```
copper_loss_pri = Ipri_rms^2*resistance_pri;  
copper_loss_sec = Isec_rms^2*resistance_sec;  
copper_loss = copper_loss_pri+copper_loss_sec;
```

Core Loss

```
a = 0.0434;  
c = 1.63;  
d = 2.62;  
f = 100; % kHz  
harmonic = 1:2:31;  
total = numel(harmonic);  
voltage_rms = (4/pi)*(1/sqrt(2))*Vin_peak./harmonic;  
core_harmonic_loss = zeros(elements,total);  
core_loss = zeros(1,elements);  
for l = 1:elements  
    for k = 1:total  
        flux_density_harmonic = voltage_rms(k)/(4.44*Npri(l)*frequency*harmonic(k);  
        PL_h = a*(f*harmonic(k))^c*(flux_density_harmonic*10)^d;  
        core_harmonic_loss(l,k) = PL_h*core_volume(l)/1e6;  
    end  
    core_loss(l) = sum(core_harmonic_loss(l,:));  
end
```

Total Loss

```
total_loss = copper_loss + core_loss;
```

Efficiency

```
efficiency = Pout./(total_loss+Pout);
```

The efficiency data is stored for further comparison

```
efficiency2 = efficiency;  
efficiency2(15:17) = 0;
```

Results for the 2nd Set of Cores

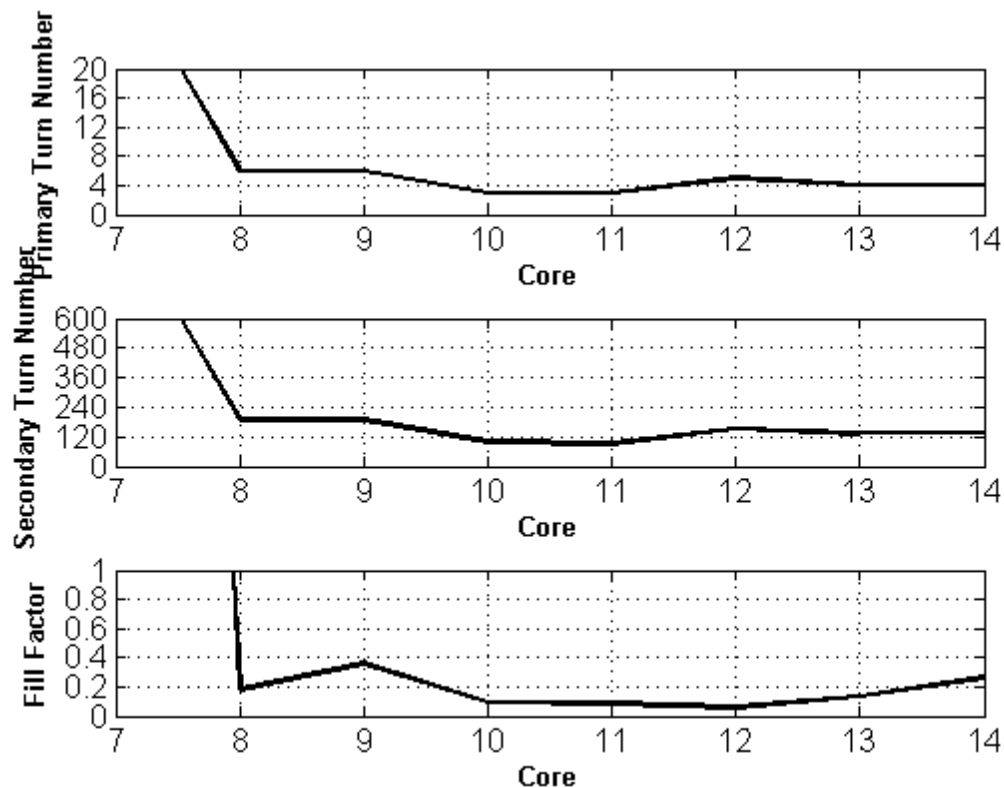
Primary turn number, secondary turn number and fill factor

```
figure;  
subplot(3,1,1);  
plot(core,Npri,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Primary Turn Number','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylim([0 20]);
```

```

set(gca,'YTick',0:4:20);
subplot(3,1,2);
plot(core,Nsec,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Secondary Turn Number','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([0 600]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:120:600);
subplot(3,1,3);
plot(core,fill_factor,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Fill Factor','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([0 1]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:0.2:1);

```



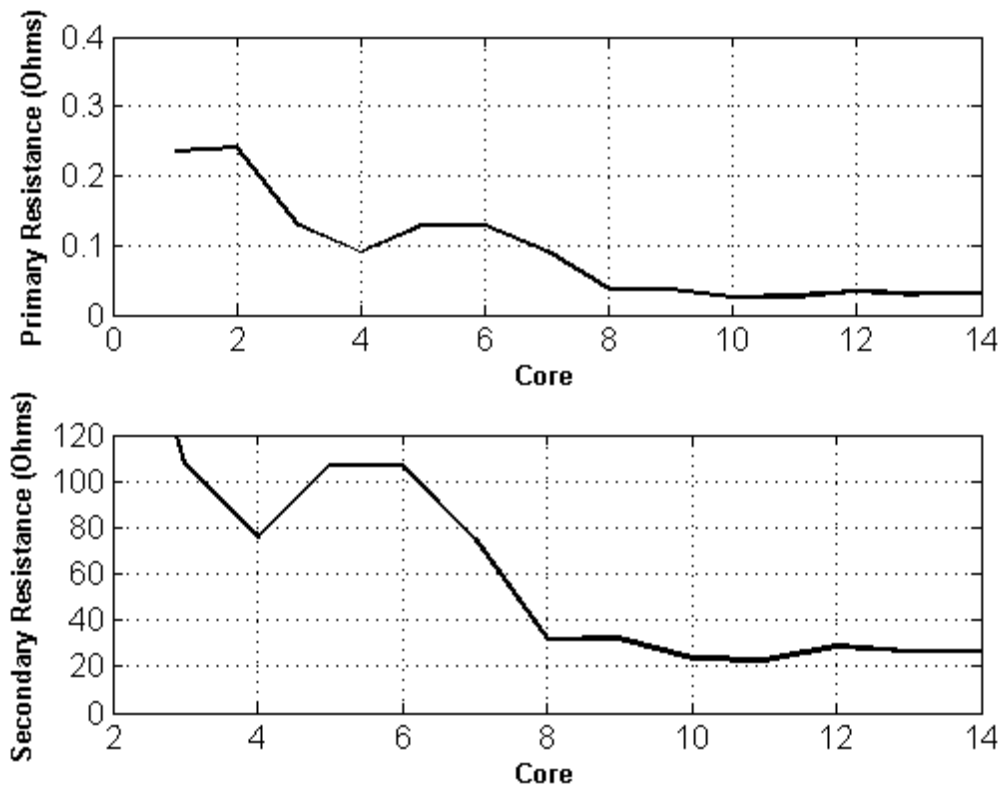
Primary resistance, secondary resistance

```

figure;
subplot(2,1,1);
plot(core,resistance_pri,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Primary Resistance (Ohms)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');

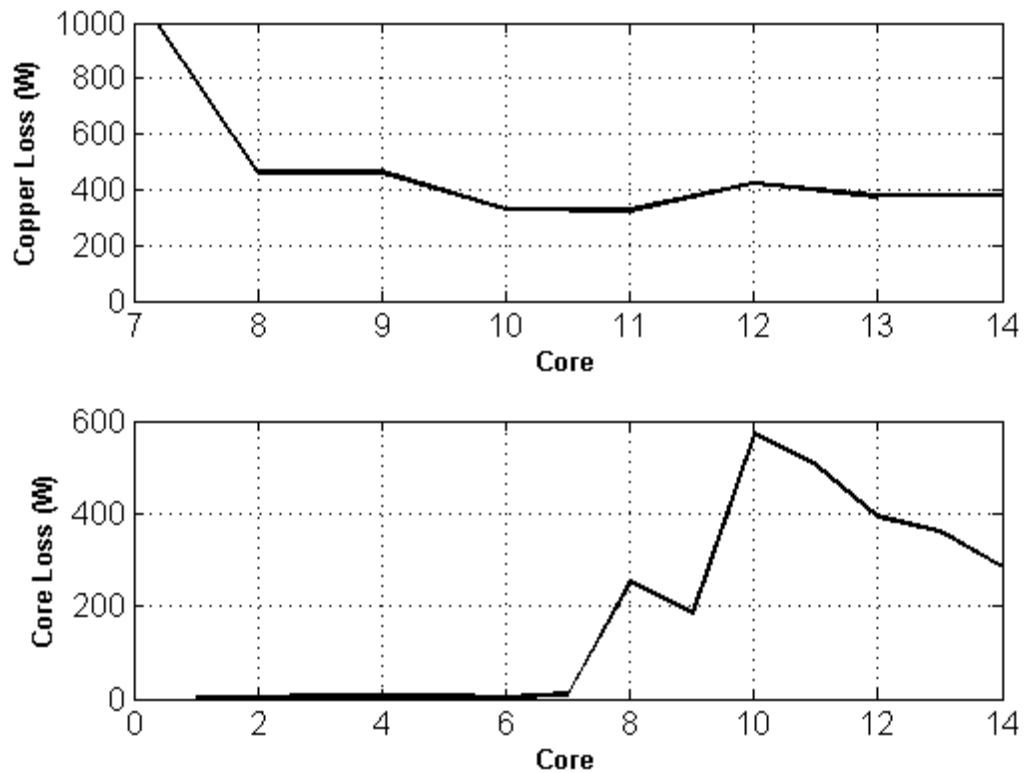
```

```
subplot(2,1,2);
plot(core,resistance_sec,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Secondary Resistance (Ohms)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([0 120]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:20:120);
```



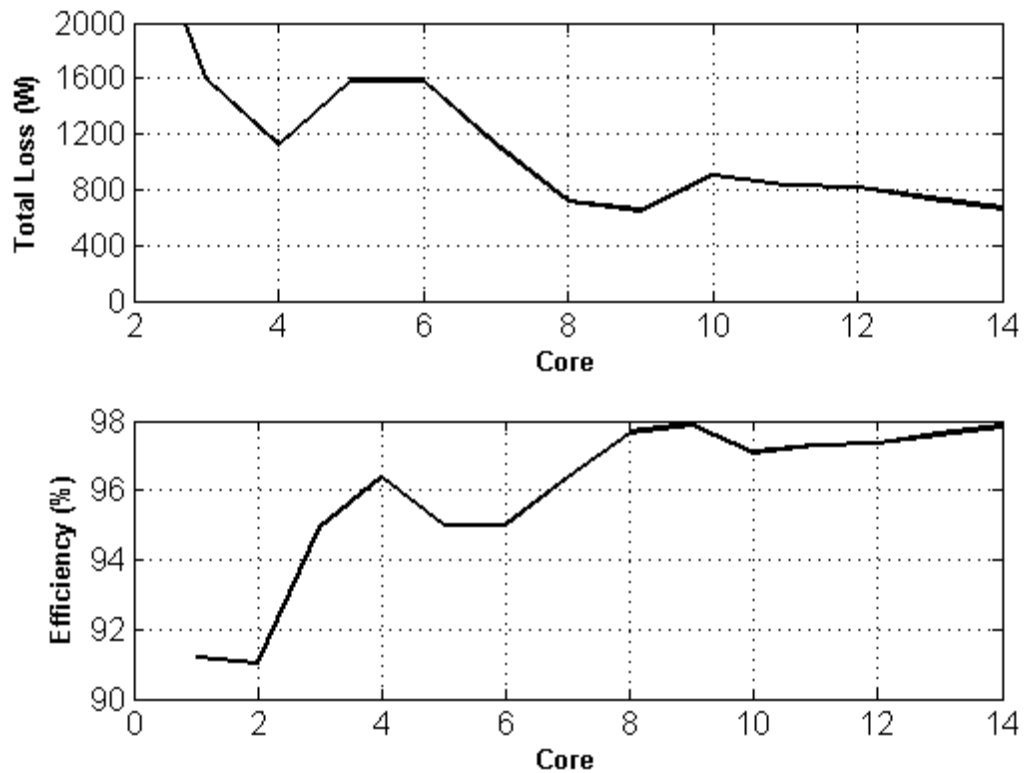
Copper loss, core loss

```
figure;
subplot(2,1,1);
plot(core,copper_loss,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Copper Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([0 1000]);
set(gca,'YTick',0:200:1000);
subplot(2,1,2);
plot(core,core_loss,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Core Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

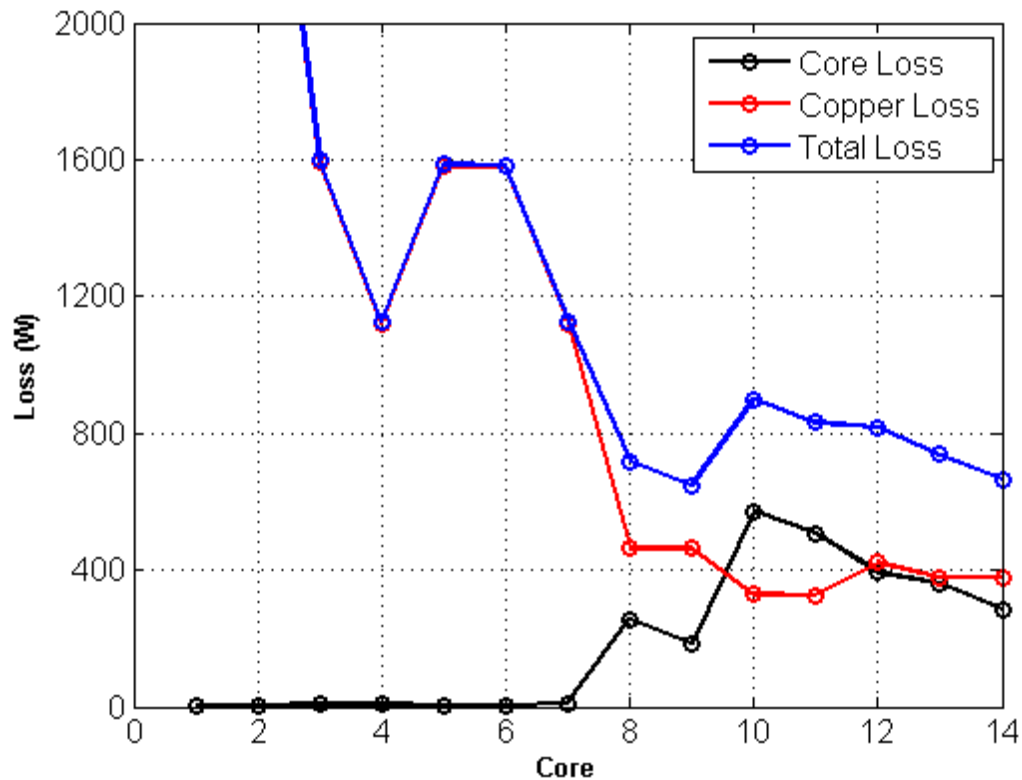
Total loss, efficiency

```
figure;  
subplot(2,1,1);  
plot(core,total_loss,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Total Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylim([0 2000]);  
set(gca,'YTick',0:400:2000);  
subplot(2,1,2);  
plot(core,100*efficiency,'k-','Linewidth',1.5);  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Efficiency (%)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
```



Losses altogether

```
figure;  
plot(core,core_loss,'k-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(core,copper_loss,'r-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(core,total_loss,'b-o','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold off;  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
ylabel('Loss (W)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');  
legend('Core Loss','Copper Loss','Total Loss');  
ylim([0 2000]);  
set(gca,'YTick',0:400:2000);
```

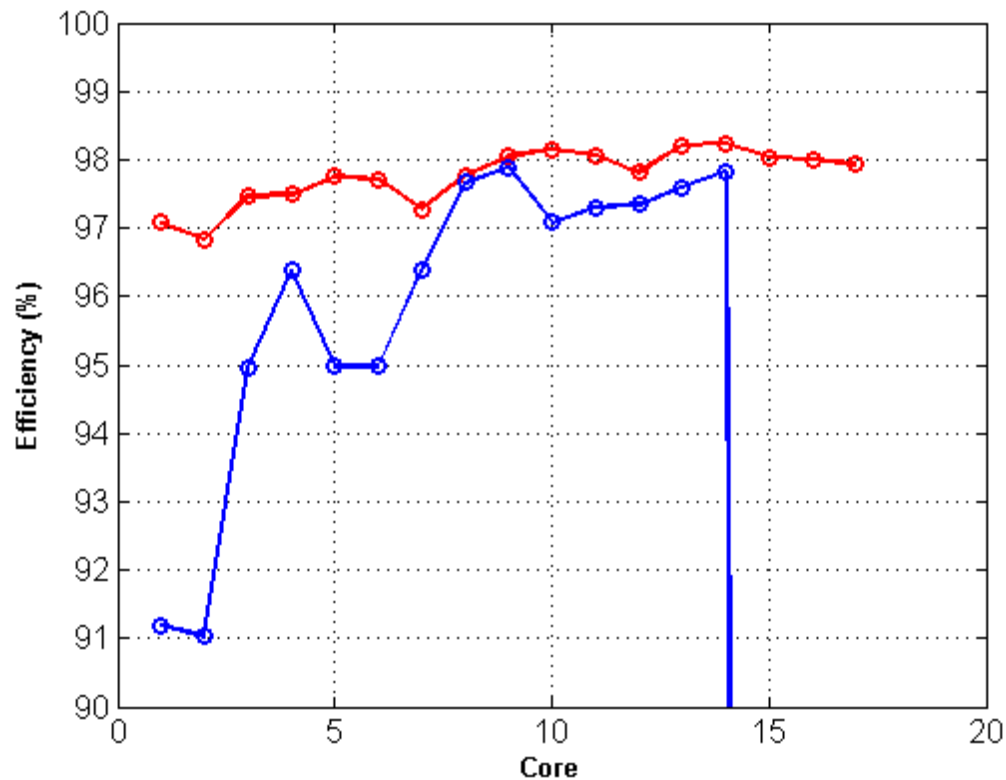


Observations From the Results of the 1st Core Set (EE)

In terms of fill factor, cores from 8th to 14th are suitable. This was expected since this core set is composed of U shaped cores. This gives a variety of candidates. In terms of efficiency, cores from 8th to 14th has copper and core losses close to each other which yields the highest efficiency as expected. Among the alternatives, core 9 and core 14 are the most suitable in terms of efficiency.

Efficiency Comparison Between the Two Sets of Cores

```
figure;
core = 1:17;
plot(core,100*efficiency1,'r-o','Linewidth',1.5);
hold on;
plot(core,100*efficiency2,'b-o','Linewidth',1.5);
hold off;
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Core','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylabel('Efficiency (%)','FontSize',10,'FontWeight','Bold');
ylim([90 100]);
```



CORE SELECTION

The efficiency comparison and the fill factors suggest that, core number 17th of the first set (EE cores) is suitable. In this selection, the amount of copper to be used is also tried to be minimized. When EE cores and U cores are compared, it is also observed that similar performance is obtained with less amount of core material (core mass) with double E cores. Transformer cost is therefore minimized in terms of both copper and core.

SELECTED CORE PROPERTIES

EE Ferrite core from magnetics

49928E-C

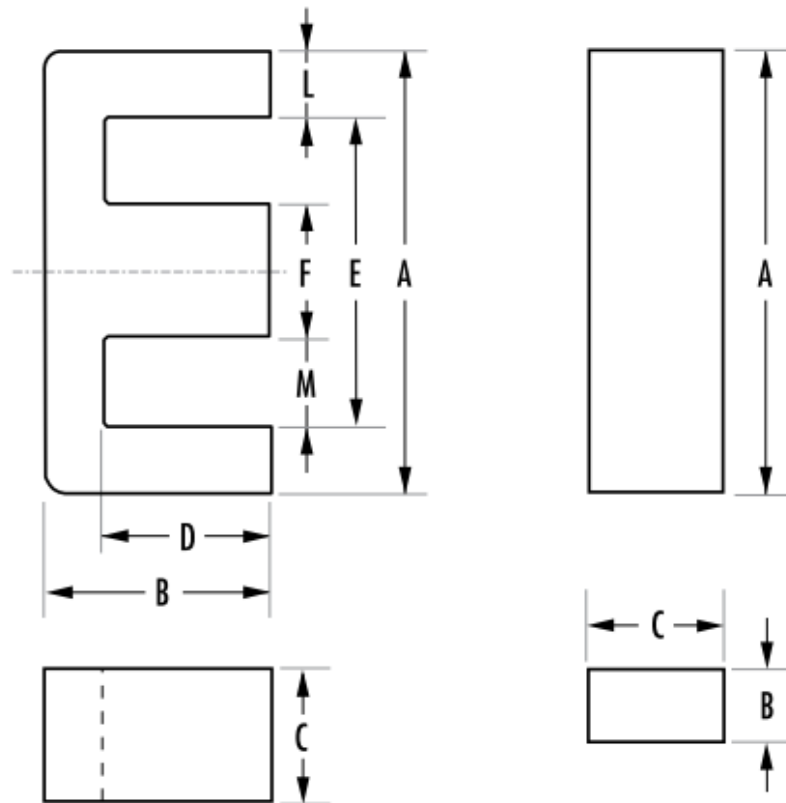
material: P-type ferrite

```
clear all;
I = imread('selected_core.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Selected Core','FontSize',18,'FontWeight','Bold');
I = imread('selected_core_geo.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Selected Core Geometry and Dimensions','FontSize',18,'FontWeight','Bold');
```

Selected Core



Selected Core Geometry and Dimensions



Core Dimensions (all in mm)

dimA = 100.3;
dimB = 59.4;
dimC = 27.5;
dimD = 46.85;
dimE = 72;
dimF = 27.5;
dimL = 13.75;
dimM = 22.65;

Selected Core Data

```
AL = 6773; % nH/turn
core_length = 274; % mm
core_area = 738; % mm^2
core_volume = 202e3; % mm^3
area_product = 90.6; % cm^4
window_area = area_product*1e4/core_area; % mm^2
fprintf('Window area is %g mm^2\n',window_area);
```

Window area is 1227.64 mm^2

DESIGN WITH THE SELECTED CORE

Inputs

```
Vin_peak = 417; % volts
Vpri_peak = Vin_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vpri_rms = Vpri_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Vout_peak = 12500; % volts
Vsec_peak = Vout_peak*4/pi; % volts
Vsec_rms = Vsec_peak/sqrt(2); % volts
Pout = 30000; % watts
Ipri_rms = Pout/Vpri_rms; % amps
Isec_rms = Pout/Vsec_rms; % amps
```

Turn number calculation

```
flux_density = 0.3; % Tesla
flux = flux_density*core_area/1e6; % Weber
fprintf('The peak flux is %g Wb\n',flux);
frequency = 100e3;
Npri = round(Vpri_rms/(4.44*frequency*flux));
Nsec = round(Vsec_rms/(4.44*frequency*flux));
fprintf('Primary turn number is %g turns\n',Npri);
fprintf('Secondary turn number is %g turns\n',Nsec);
```

*The peak flux is 0.0002214 Wb
Primary turn number is 4 turns
Secondary turn number is 114 turns*

Corrected flux density

```
flux_density = Vpri_rms/(4.44*Npri*frequency*core_area/1e6); % Tesla
fprintf('Actual peak flux density is %g Tesla\n',flux_density);
```

Actual peak flux density is 0.286439 Tesla

Skin Effect [11]

```
copper_resistivity = 1.7e-8; % Ohm*m
copper_permeability = 1.256629e-6; % H/m
```

```
angular_frequency = 2*pi*frequency; % rad/sec
skin_depth = sqrt(copper_resistivity*2/(angular_frequency*copper_permeability));
fprintf('Skin depth of Copper @ %g Hz is %g mm\n',frequency,skin_depth*1000);
```

Skin depth of Copper @ 100000 Hz is 0.207513 mm

Conductor

Conductor properties AWG#26

```
conductor_diameter = 0.40386; % mm
conductor_area = (conductor_diameter/2)^2*pi; % mm^2
ohms_per_km = 133.8568; % ohm/km
current_rating = 0.361; % Amps
fprintf('Each conductor has the capability of %g Amps\n',current_rating);
```

Each conductor has the capability of 0.361 Amps

The wire selection is based on the so-called AWG wire tables, and the design is validated using skin depth calculation. As the skin depth is larger than the conductor radius, no skin effect will be observed.

Fill factor

```
strand_primary = ceil(Ipri_rms/current_rating);
fprintf('There should be %g strands at the primary turns to be able to supply %g a
strand_secondary = ceil(Isec_rms/current_rating);
fprintf('There should be %g strands at the secondary turns to be able to supply %g
area_pri_winding = Npri*strand_primary*conductor_area; % mm^2
area_sec_winding = Nsec*strand_secondary*conductor_area; % mm^2
fill_factor = 2*(area_pri_winding + area_sec_winding)/window_area;
fprintf('Resultant fill factor is %g \n',fill_factor);
```

*There should be 222 strands at the primary turns to be able to supply 79.9
There should be 8 strands at the secondary turns to be able to supply 2.66
Resultant fill factor is 0.375649*

Winding geometry

Wire insulation

```
pri_vpt = Vin_peak/Npri;
fprintf('Voltage difference between each turn at primary is %g \n',pri_vpt);
```

Voltage difference between each turn at primary is 104.25

Primary is 4 turns, 1 layer, therefore no extra insulation is required.

The length of the primary winding calculation

```
primary_layer = 1;
primary_one_turn = conductor_diameter*ceil(sqrt(strand_primary))*sqrt(2); % mm
fprintf('Length of the one turn of the primary winding (crosssectional) is %g mm\n
primary_length1 = primary_one_turn*Npri/primary_layer; % mm
primary_length2 = primary_one_turn*primary_layer; % mm
fprintf('Vertical length of primary winding is %g mm\n',primary_length1);
fprintf('Horizontal length of primary winding is %g mm\n',primary_length2);
```

Length of the one turn of the primary winding (crosssectional) is 8.56716
Vertical length of primary winding is 34.2687 mm
Horizontal length of primary winding is 8.56716 mm

For the secondary (high voltage side), a more detailed design is required. In this design, layer number candidates between 1 and 10 are considered. Not only insulation, but also winding lengths will be calculated for the selected core.

A triple insulated wire will be used with the same AWG size (#26) for skin effect issues and with 7000V breakdown voltage. The diameter of one strand of wire will increase [12].

```
sec_vpt = Vout_peak/Nsec;
fprintf('Voltage difference between each turn at secondary is %g \n',sec_vpt);
layer = 1:10;
turn_per_layer = zeros(1,10);
max_volt_diff = zeros(1,10);
diameter_with_insulation = 0.632; % mm
secondary_one_turn = diameter_with_insulation*ceil(sqrt(strand_secondary))*sqrt(2);
fprintf('Length of the one turn of the secondary winding (crosssectional) is %g mm\n',secondary_one_turn);
secondary_length1 = zeros(1,10);
secondary_length2 = zeros(1,10);
```

Voltage difference between each turn at secondary is 109.649
Length of the one turn of the secondary winding (crosssectional) is 2.6813

Core window dimensions:

```
core_length1 = 2*dimD; % mm
fprintf('Vertical length of core is %g mm\n',core_length1);
core_length2 = dimM; % mm
fprintf('Horizontal length of core is %g mm\n',core_length2);
```

Vertical length of core is 93.7 mm
Horizontal length of core is 22.65 mm

Iteration of secondary layer number. This design is based on the:

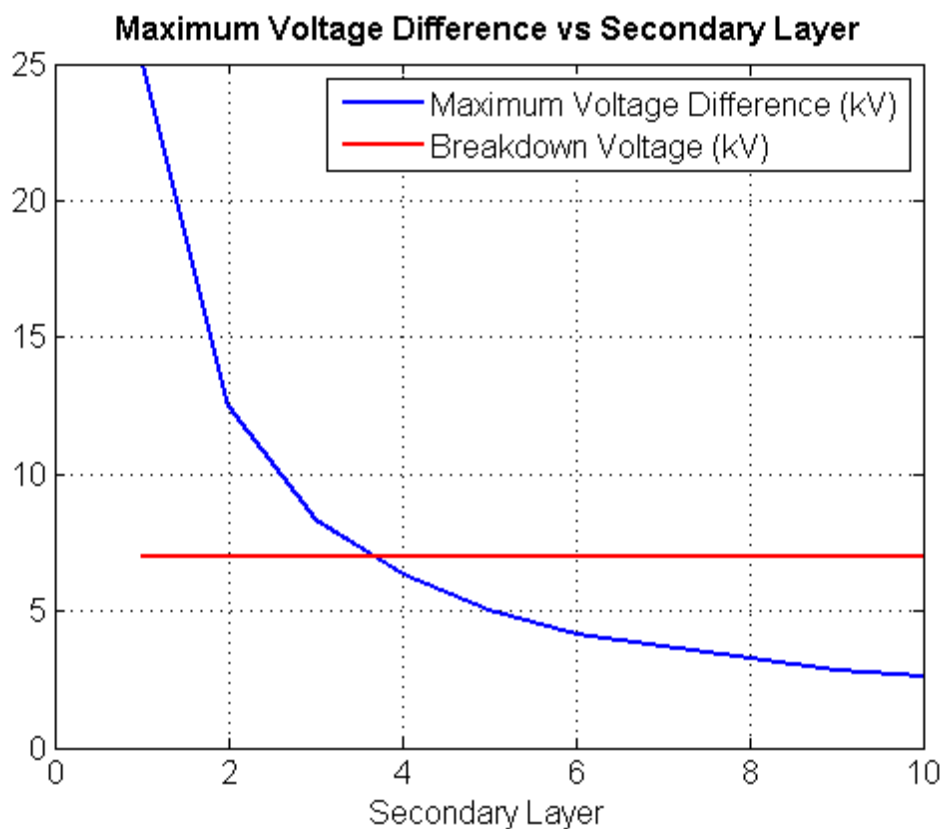
1. Is maximum voltage difference between turns lower than the isolation breakdown voltage?
2. Is the horizontal length of the core window enough for primary and secondary windings?
2. Is the vertical length of the core window enough for primary and secondary windings?

```
total_length1 = zeros(1,10);
max_length2 = zeros(1,10);
core_length1 = core_length1*ones(1,10);
core_length2 = core_length2*ones(1,10);
design_evaluation = zeros(1,10);
for l = 1:10
    turn_per_layer(l) = ceil(Nsec/layer(l));
    max_volt_diff(l) = 2*turn_per_layer(l)*sec_vpt;
    secondary_length1(l) = secondary_one_turn*round(Nsec/layer(l)); % mm
    secondary_length2(l) = secondary_one_turn*layer(l); % mm
    total_length1(l) = secondary_length1(l)+primary_length1;
    max_length2(l) = max(secondary_length2(l),primary_length2);
    if total_length1(l) < core_length1(l) && max_length2(l) < core_length2(l) && m
        design_evaluation(l) = 1;
end
```

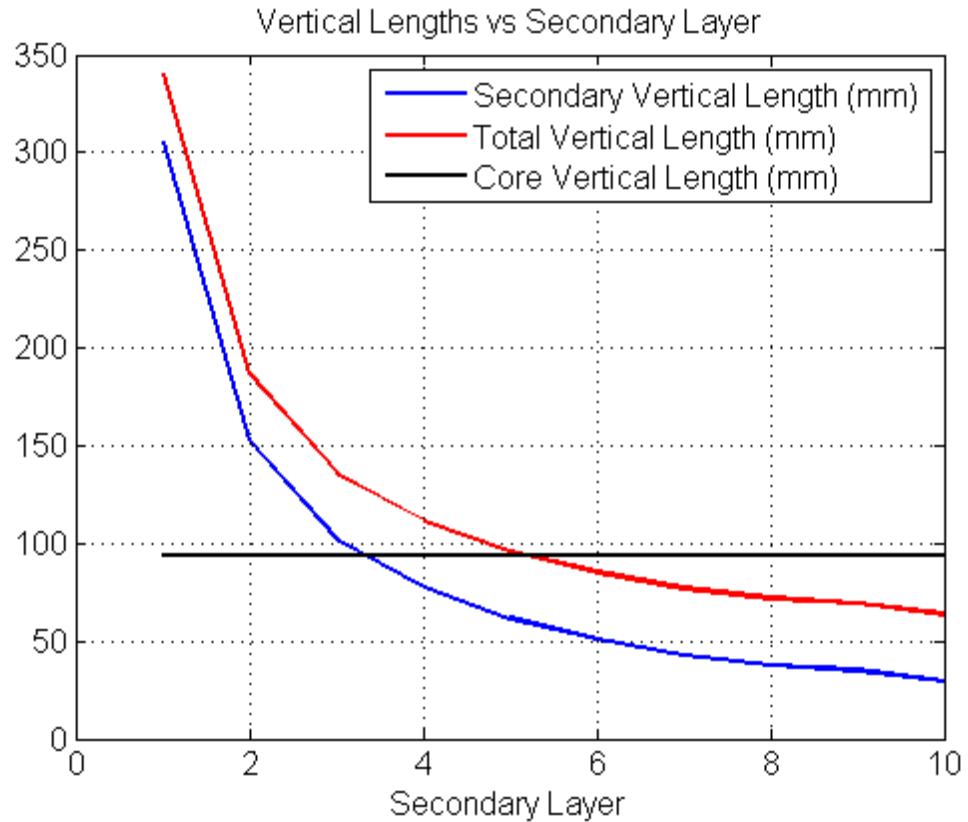

end

According to the design evaluation, 6, 7 and 8 layers are usable.

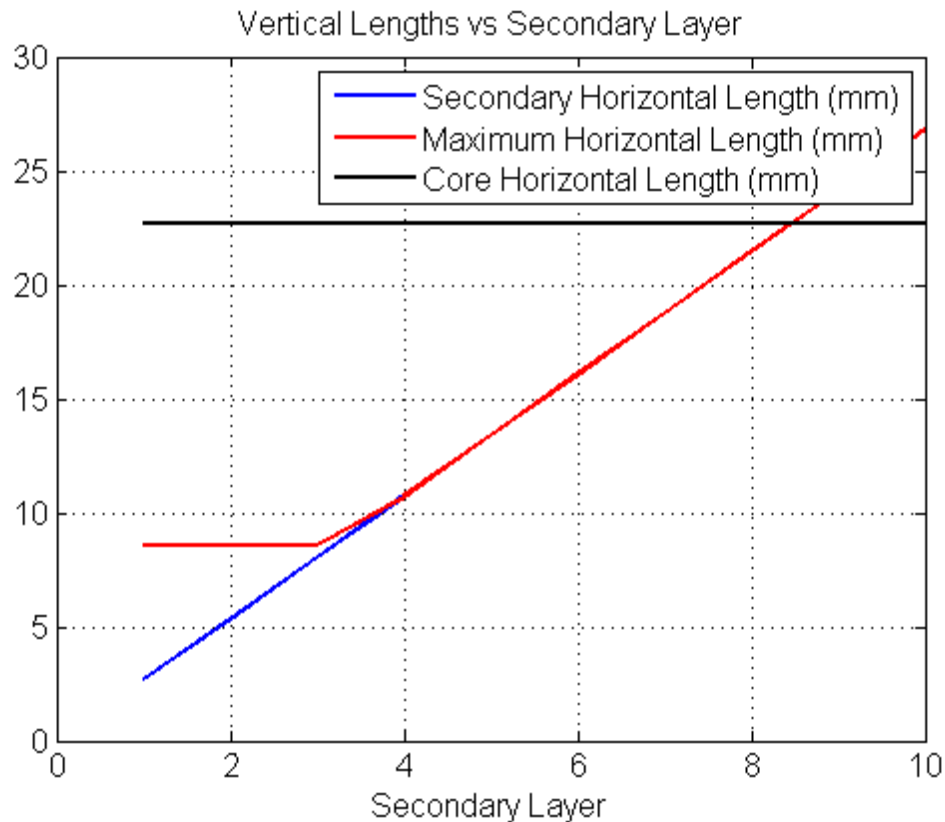
```
breakdown_voltage = 7*ones(1,10); % kV
figure;
plot(layer,max_volt_diff/1000,'b- ','Linewidth',1.5);
hold on;
plot(layer,breakdown_voltage,'r- ','Linewidth',1.5);
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
title('Maximum Voltage Difference vs Secondary Layer','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold');
xlabel('Secondary Layer');
legend('Maximum Voltage Difference (kV)','Breakdown Voltage (kV)');
```



```
figure;
plot(layer,secondary_length1,'b- ','Linewidth',1.5);
hold on;
plot(layer,total_length1,'r- ','Linewidth',1.5);
hold on;
plot(layer,core_length1,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);
hold off;
grid on;
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
title('Vertical Lengths vs Secondary Layer');
xlabel('Secondary Layer');
legend('Secondary Vertical Length (mm)','Total Vertical Length (mm)','Core Vertical Length (mm)');
```



```
figure;  
plot(layer,secondary_length2,'b- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(layer,max_length2,'r- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold on;  
plot(layer,core_length2,'k- ','Linewidth',1.5);  
hold off;  
grid on;  
set(gca,'FontSize',12);  
title('Vertical Lengths vs Secondary Layer');  
xlabel('Secondary Layer');  
legend('Secondary Horizontal Length (mm)','Maximum Horizontal Length (mm)','Core H
```



Geometry Decision

When considering leakage flux minimization, the vertical length of the coils should be maximized whereas the horizontal length of the coils should be minimized [13]. It has already been established that the primary should be single layer. For the secondary, the selectable layer numbers are 6, 7 and 8 minimum of which (6 layers) is selected.

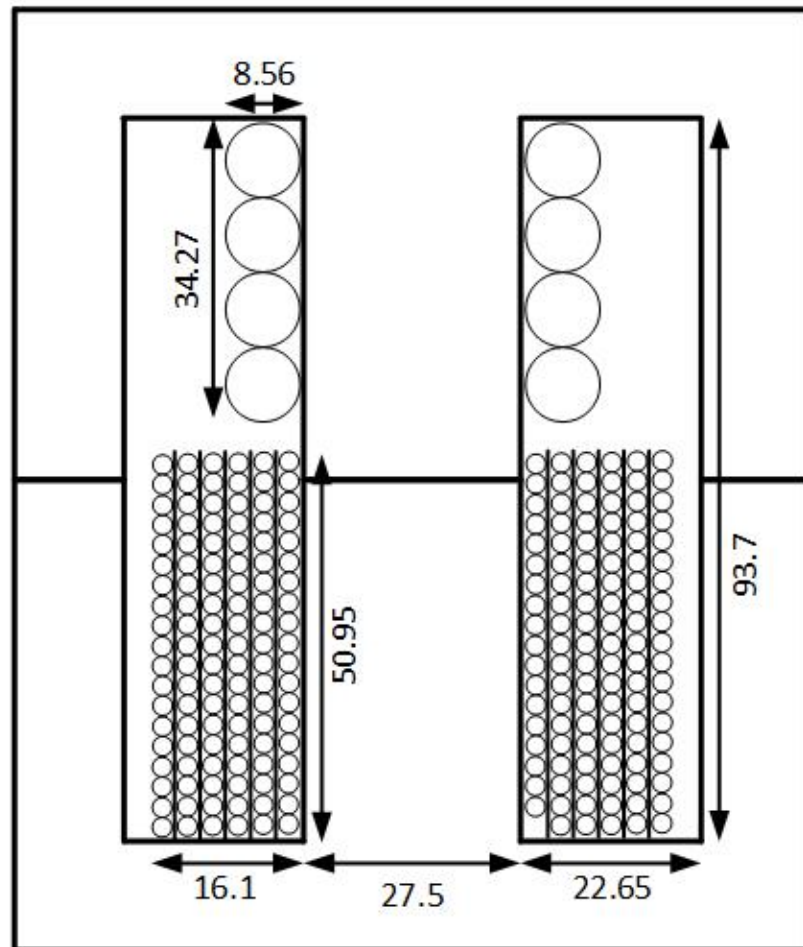
```
secondary_layer = 6;
clear secondary_length1;
clear secondary_length2;
clear total_length1;
clear max_length2;
secondary_length1 = secondary_one_turn*round(Nsec/secondary_layer); % mm
secondary_length2 = secondary_one_turn*secondary_layer; % mm
total_length1 = secondary_length1+primary_length1;
max_length2 = max(secondary_length2,primary_length2);
fprintf('Primary Layer number is %g\n',primary_layer);
fprintf('Secondary Layer number is %g\n',secondary_layer);
fprintf('Total vertical winding length is %g\n',total_length1);
fprintf('Maximum horizontal winding length is %g\n',max_length2);
```

```
Primary Layer number is 1
Secondary Layer number is 6
Total vertical winding length is 85.2143
Maximum horizontal winding length is 16.0881
```

The drawing of the transformer geometry is shown in the figure below:

```
I = imread('trafo_cizim.jpg');  
figure;  
imshow(I);
```

All dimensions are in mm



Fill Factor (Corrected)

```
diameter_with_insulation = 0.632; % mm  
wire_area_pri = (conductor_diameter/2)^2*pi; % mm^2  
wire_area_sec = (diameter_with_insulation/2)^2*pi; % mm^2  
area_pri_wire = Npri*strand_primary*wire_area_pri; % mm^2  
area_sec_wire = Nsec*strand_secondary*wire_area_sec; % mm^2  
fill_factor_corrected = 2*(area_pri_wire + area_sec_wire)/window_area;
```

```
fprintf('Corrected fill factor (with insulation) is %.2g\n',fill_factor_corrected)
```

Corrected fill factor (with insulation) is 0.65

copper loss

```
mean_length_turn_pri = pi*(primary_layer*primary_one_turn+sqrt(core_area))/10; % cm
fprintf('Mean Length turn for Primary is %g cm\n',mean_length_turn_pri);
length_pri = Npri*mean_length_turn_pri; % cm
ohms_km_pri = ohms_per_km/strand_primary;
resistance_pri = ohms_km_pri*length_pri/1000; % ohms
fprintf('Primary winding resistance is %g Ohms\n',resistance_pri);
mean_length_turn_sec = pi*(secondary_layer*secondary_one_turn+sqrt(core_area))/10;
fprintf('Mean Length turn for Secondary is %g cm\n',mean_length_turn_sec);
length_sec = Nsec*mean_length_turn_sec; % cm
ohms_km_sec = ohms_per_km/strand_secondary;
resistance_sec = ohms_km_sec*length_sec/1000; % ohms
fprintf('Secondary winding resistance is %g Ohms\n',resistance_sec);
copper_loss_pri = Ipri_rms^2*resistance_pri; % Watts
copper_loss_sec = Isec_rms^2*resistance_sec; % Watts
copper_loss = copper_loss_pri+copper_loss_sec; % Watts
fprintf('Total copper loss of the transformer is %g Watts\n',copper_loss);
```

*Mean Length turn for Primary is 11.226 cm
Primary winding resistance is 0.0270751 Ohms
Mean Length turn for Secondary is 13.5887 cm
Secondary winding resistance is 25.9199 Ohms
Total copper loss of the transformer is 357.072 Watts*

Core loss

Using curve fitting P material @80 Cdegrees

```
a = 0.0434;
c = 1.63;
d = 2.62;
f = 100; % kHz
harmonic = 1:2:31;
total = numel(harmonic);
voltage_rms = (4/pi)*(1/sqrt(2))*Vin_peak./harmonic;
for k = 1:total
    flux_density_harmonic = voltage_rms(k)/(4.44*Npri*frequency*harmonic(k)*core_a
    PL_h = a*(f*harmonic(k))^c*(flux_density_harmonic*10)^d; % Watts/cm^3
    core_harmonic_loss(k) = PL_h*core_volume/1e6; % Watts
end
core_loss = sum(core_harmonic_loss(:)); % Watts
fprintf('Total core loss of the transformer is %g Watts\n',core_loss);
```

Total core loss of the transformer is 257.282 Watts

Total Loss

```
total_loss = copper_loss + core_loss; % Watts
```

```
fprintf('Total loss of the transformer is %g Watts\n',total_loss);
```

Total loss of the transformer is 614.355 Watts

Efficiency

```
efficiency = 100*Pout/(total_loss+Pout); % percent
```

```
fprintf('Rated efficieny of the transformer is %.2g %%\n',efficiency);
```

Rated efficieny of the transformer is 98 %

Mass calculation

Core density information is used for validation.

```
core_mass = 980; % grams // from catalogue
core_density = 4.8; % g/cm^3
core_mass2 = core_volume*core_density; % grams
copper_volume_pri = length_pri*strand_primary*conductor_area*1e-2; % cm^3
copper_volume_sec = length_sec*strand_secondary*conductor_area*1e-2; % cm^3
copper_density = 8.96; % g/cm^3
copper_mass_pri = copper_volume_pri*copper_density; % grams
copper_mass_sec = copper_volume_sec*copper_density; % grams
copper_mass = copper_mass_pri + copper_mass_sec; % grams
total_mass = (core_mass+copper_mass)/1e3; % kg
fprintf('Core mass is %g grams\n',core_mass);
fprintf('Total copper mass is %g grams\n',copper_mass);
fprintf('Total mass of the transformer is %.2g kg\n',total_mass);
```

Core mass is 980 grams

Total copper mass is 256.662 grams

Total mass of the transformer is 1.2 kg

Temperature rise and Cooling

It is known that the transformer is to be operated 100 miliseconds at max. Although it is obvious that there will be no cooling problem, an evaluation has been done for the temperate rise and cooling requirements.

Windings

```
copper_specific_heat = 0.385; % J/g0C
energy = (copper_loss_pri)*(1e-1); % Joules
temp_rise_pri = energy/(copper_specific_heat*copper_mass_pri); % 0C
energy = (copper_loss_sec)*(1e-1); % Joules
temp_rise_sec = energy/(copper_specific_heat*copper_mass_sec); % 0C
fprintf('Temperature rise for primary winding is %g C\n',temp_rise_pri);
fprintf('Temperature rise for secondary winding is %g C\n',temp_rise_sec);
```

Temperature rise for primary winding is 0.392459 C

Temperature rise for secondary winding is 0.336335 C

Core

Temperature rise data is not provided by Magnetics Inc. The calculation is based on specific heat of ferrite material [14].

```
energy = (core_loss)*(1e-1); % Joules
ferrite_specific_heat = 1.046; % J/g0C
temp_rise_core = energy/(ferrite_specific_heat*core_mass); % 0C
fprintf('Temperature rise for core is %g C\n',temp_rise_core);
fprintf('No significant temperature rise, hence no requirement for cooling');
```

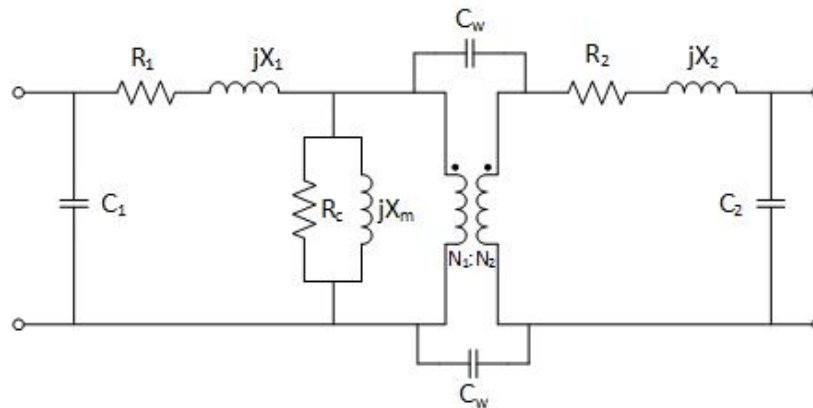
Temperature rise for core is 0.0250988 C

No significant temperature rise, hence no requirement for cooling

Equivalent Circuit Parameters

```
I = imread('trafo_esdeger.jpg');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Equivalent Circuit of a High Frequency Transformer');
```

Equivalent Circuit of a High Frequency Transformer



On a classical (low frequency) transformer, the equivalent circuit components are; primary and secondary winding resistances (R_1 , R_2), primary and secondary leakage inductances (L_1 , L_2), core loss resistance (R_c), magnetizing inductance (L_m) and an ideal transformer ($N_1:N_2$). For high frequency operations, paracitic capacitances (C_1 , C_2 and C_w) becomes important components as shown in the Figure.

```
turns_ratio = Npri/Nsec;
fprintf('Turns ratio of the transformer (N1:N2) is %g \n',turns_ratio);
```

Turns ratio of the transformer (N1:N2) is 0.0350877

Skin effect is eliminated so that the resistances are same as DC resiatances

```
R1 = resistance_pri; % Ohms
R2 = resistance_sec; % Ohms
```

```
R2ref = R2*turns_ratio^2; % Ohms
fprintf('Primary resistance of the transformer (R1) is %g Ohms\n',R1);
fprintf('Secondary resistance of the transformer (R2) is %g Ohms\n',R2);
Rc = Vpri_peak^2/core_loss; % Ohms
fprintf('Core loss resistance of the transformer (Rc) is %g Ohms\n',Rc);
```

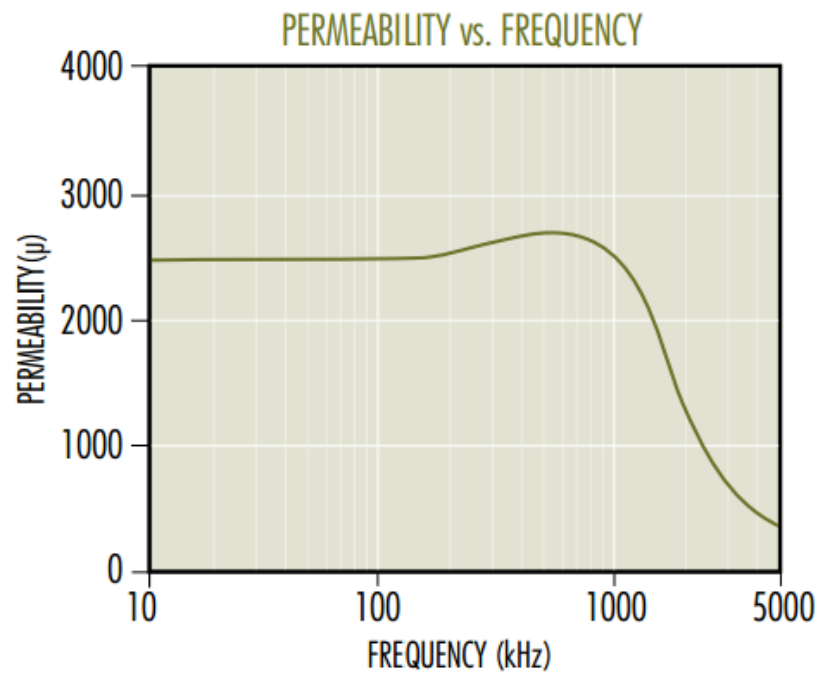
```
Primary resistance of the transformer (R1) is 0.0270751 Ohms
Secondary resistance of the transformer (R2) is 25.9199 Ohms
Core loss resistance of the transformer (Rc) is 1095.68 Ohms
```

To determine the magnetizing inductance, magnetic field intensity is calculated first. The initial relative permeability of the core is 2500. To determine the actual relative permeability, the data provided by the catalogue is used as shown in the Figures below. At 100 kHz, the permeability is the same as initial permeability. The deviation due to flux density and temperature is calculated by the figure shown below.

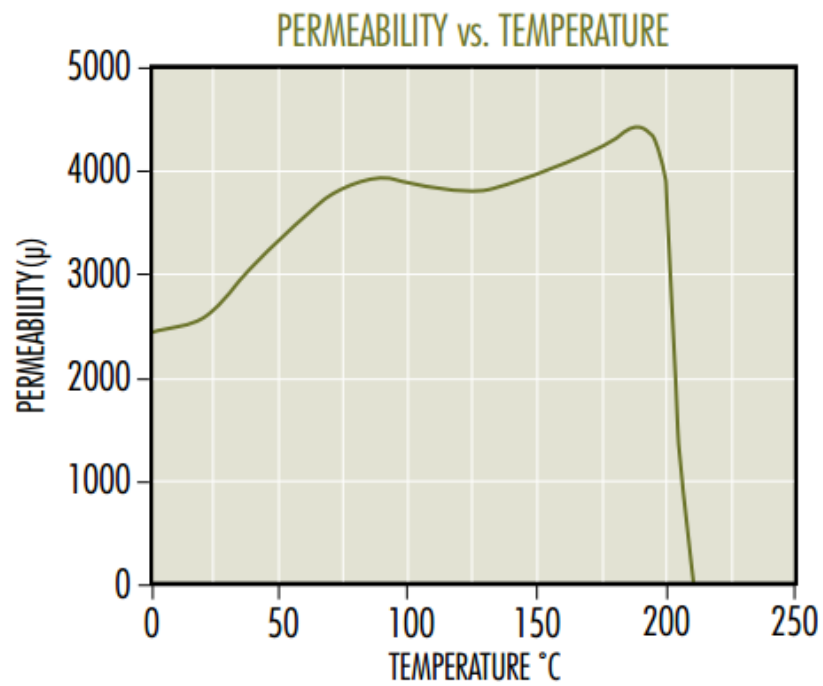
```
I = imread('perm_vs_freq.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Relative Permeability vs Frequency');
I = imread('perm_vs_temp.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Relative Permeability vs Temperature');
I = imread('perm_vs_B.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Relative Permeability vs Flux Density');
mur = 4000;
mu0 = 4*pi*1e-7;
mu = mur*mu0; % H/m
H = flux_density/mu; % A/m
fprintf('Relative Permeability of the Core is %g \n',mur);
fprintf('Permeability of the Core is %g H/m\n',mu);
fprintf('Peak magnetic field intensity is %g A/m\n',H);
```

```
Relative Permeability of the Core is 4000
Permeability of the Core is 0.00502655 H/m
Peak magnetic field intensity is 56.9852 A/m
```

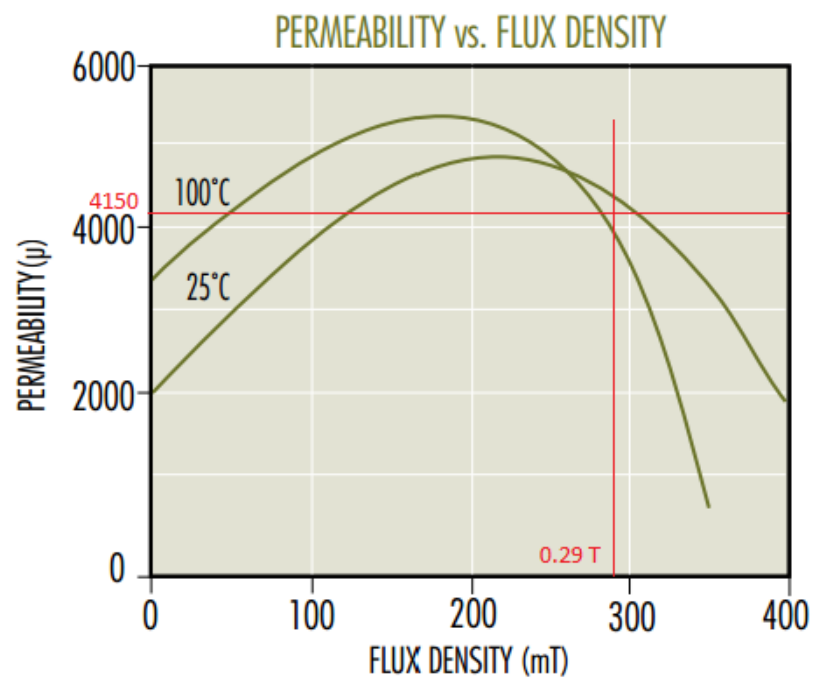

Relative Permeability vs Frequency



Relative Permeability vs Temperature



Relative Permeability vs Flux Density



When the secondary is open circuited, all the MMF is used to magnetize the core.

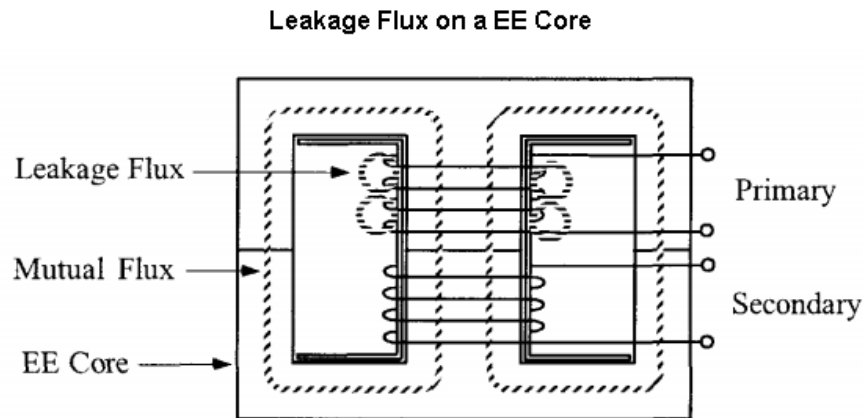
```
mmf_drop = H*core_length/1000; % Amps
magnetizing_current = mmf_drop/Npri; % Amps
magnetizing_reactance = Vpri_rms/magnetizing_current; % Ohms
Xm = magnetizing_reactance; % Ohms
Lm = magnetizing_reactance/(2*pi*frequency); % Henry
fprintf('Magnetizing current is %.2g Amps\n',magnetizing_current);
fprintf('Magnetizing inductance of the transformer (Lm) is %g uH\n',Lm*1e6);
```

```
Magnetizing current is 3.9 Amps
Magnetizing inductance of the transformer (Lm) is 153.073 uH
```

The leakage inductance is highly dependent to the winding geometry and the core window. The winding configuration has already been shown in the figure above.

Minimization of leakage inductance is critical for high frequency pulse transformers as reactance is much higher compared to classical transformers which will cause more voltage drop and poor voltage regulation performance. Another disadvantage is the voltage spikes due to switching at high frequencies. The leakage flux on a EE core can be seen in Figure. [15-17]

```
I = imread('leakage.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Leakage Flux on a EE Core','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','Bold');
```



To minimize the leakage inductance, for a double E configuration, the winding vertical length should be maximized whereas horizontal length should be minimized. This is the reason why the minimum number of secondary layers possible has been selected.

The calculation of the leakage inductance for this design is shown in the Figure. The sectionalized transformer configuration is used to decrease the leakage inductance. [15]

```
I = imread('leakage3.png');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Leakage Inductance Calculation on a EE Core','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','Bo
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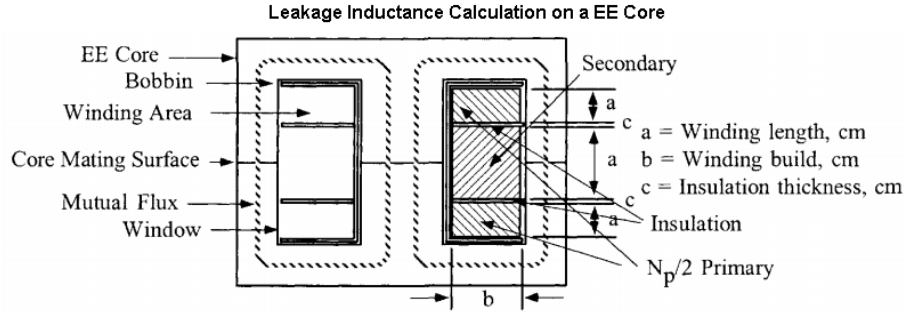


Figure 17-9. Modified, Pot Core Sectionalized, Transformer Configuration.

$$L_p = \frac{\pi (MLT) N_p^2}{b} \left(\Sigma c + \frac{\Sigma a}{3} \right) (10^{-9}), \text{ [henrys]} \quad [17-6]$$

According to this, the leakage inductance is calculated as follows:

```
MLT = mean_length_turn_pri; % cm
L1 = (pi*1e-9*MLT*Npri^2)*((primary_length1+secondary_length1)/3)/...
    (secondary_length2); % Henries
MLT = mean_length_turn_sec; % cm
L2 = (pi*1e-9*MLT*Nsec^2)*((primary_length1+secondary_length1)/3)/...
    (secondary_length2); % Henries
L2ref = L2*turns_ratio^2; % Ohms
fprintf('Primary Leakage inductance (L1) is %guH\n',L1*1e6);
fprintf('Secondary Leakage inductance (L2) is %guH\n',L2*1e6);
fprintf('Primary Referred Secondary Leakage inductance (L2ref) is %guH\n',L2ref*1e6)

Primary Leakage inductance (L1) is 0.996276uH
Secondary Leakage inductance (L2) is 979.546uH
Primary Referred Secondary Leakage inductance (L2ref) is 1.20597uH
```

The parasitic capacitances should also be taken into account for high frequency magnetics design, especially for square wave operation. At normal frequency, these capacitive components which occur between turns, windings, insulation etc. do not have that much of effect; however, as the frequency increases, the impedance decreases and the leakage currents start to emerge. One other effect of these capacitances are spikes on the current with high frequency square wave operation. Premature resonance and electrostatic coupling with other circuits are also some adverse effects. there are some methods which are based on some tests and empirical formulas to determine the leakage capacitances [16]. In the scope of this work, equivalent capacitance calculation is not included.

Another important effect for wire selection, proximity effect should also be considered for high frequency transformer design. Proximity effect can be defined as the emergence of eddy currents on nearby conductors when several strans of conductors (as in this design) carry the same current at high frequencies resulting in an increase on the wire resistances. It can be eliminated by conductor bundling as the direction of magnetic fields is reversed throughout the winding and the net effect is near zero. Litz wires can be used to deal with the proximity effect as shown in the Figure.

```
I = imread('litz-wire-img.jpg');
figure;
imshow(I);
title('Litz Wire to Eliminate the Proximity Effect','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','Bold');
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Litz Wire to Eliminate the Proximity Effect



CONCLUSIONS

In this project, a high frequency, high voltage transformer is designed for an X-ray generator application. High frequency transformers in power electronics converters offer a significant reduction on the size of the converter; on the other hand, they need more attention than the classical low frequency transformers as parasitic effects start to emerge, core losses (both eddy current and hysteresis) start to increase, copper losses tend to increase due to skin and proximity effects, parasitic (leakage) inductances and capacitances become more crucial.

Core materials such as ferrites, amorphous and nanocrystalline have been suggested and used in high frequency magnetics designs. In this project, ferrite core is selected for its relatively low core losses and low cost although it has a smaller saturation flux density. Designs with a nanocrystalline core would yield a further reduction in core size, mass and loss as the peak flux density could be selected larger. Alternatively, turn number could be selected smaller resulting in an improvement in the overall efficiency. Nevertheless, cost of the design would increase significantly.

A design procedure is suggested in which, by using the design specifications and selected core data, required number of turns on both sides, resultant fill factor, winding resistances, copper, core and total losses and efficiency are determined. This design procedure is applied to two different sets of cores (one with EE type and one with U type) and they are compared in terms of several constraints. To eliminate the skin effect, AWG#26 wire is selected to be used with several strands in parallel to carry the rated currents of the transformer.

Turn number calculation is based on the induced EMF formula for a specified core area, frequency and peak flux density. Windings resistances and copper losses are calculated based on the number of turns the selected wire. Core loss calculation is based on the empirical formulas provided by the catalogue. Since the operation is square wave, harmonic orders up to 31 have been considered for core loss.

After the selection of the core material, type, dimensions etc which belongs to the Magnetics Inc., the actual design is achieved with the calculation of finalised parameters listed above. For the high voltage side which has a high number of turns, an iterative design to determine the most suitable number of layers which turned out to be 6. A winding geometry is proposed to minimize the leakage inductances. Leakage inductances

are more problematic in this kind of project (compared to lower frequency designs) due to not only the voltage regulation, but also voltage spikes created by the square wave operation at high frequencies.

Temperature rise is calculated and it is understood that no cooling is required as expected. The transformer mass has also been calculated (for both copper and core material) to be used in cost determination.

For proximity effect which is effective especially for high frequency transformers, bundled conductors (such as litz wires) have been proposed.

Finally, equivalent circuit parameters of the designed transformer are calculated including resistances representing copper losses and core loss, leakage inductances on both sides and magnetizing inductance.

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