EE564 First Project: Transformer Design a for X-Ray Device

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function []=meka_mutlu_XRAY()

Specifications

- Single Phase, High Frequency High Voltage Transformer
- **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

```
Prated = 30e3; % Rated power [W]
fs = 100e3; % switching frequency [Hz]

Vp_peak = 417; % Primary side peak voltage [V]

Vp_fund_peak= Vp_peak*4/pi; % Peak of fundamental of primary voltage [V]

Vp_f_rms = Vp_fund_peak/sqrt(2); % RMS value of fundamental [V]

Vs_peak = 12.5e3; % Secondary side peak voltage [V]

Vs_fund_peak= Vs_peak*4/pi; % Peak of fundamental of secondary voltage [V]
```

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```
Vs_f_rms = Vs_fund_peak/sqrt(2); % RMS value of fundamental [V]
Ip_rms = Prated/Vp_f_rms % Primary side RMS current [A]
Is_rms = Prated/Vs_f_rms % Secondary side RMS current [A]

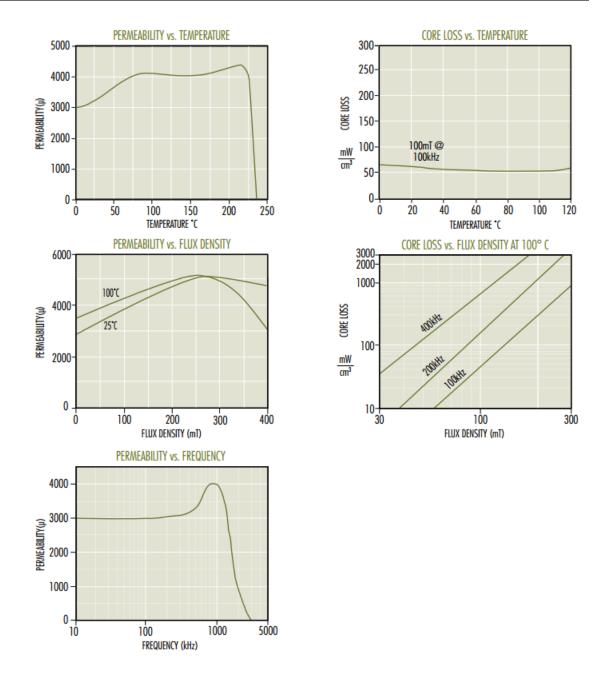
Ip_rms =
79.9080

Is_rms =
2.6657
```

Choosing Initial Material

First step of transformer design is selecting an appropriate core material. After some researches on internet and company application guides, it is decided to use a ferrite material for XRAY transformer application at 100kHz switching frequency.

After this decision, Magnetics' ferrite catalog is read and different types of materials are compared. In that comprasion, power losses of materials at 25°C and 100kHz is used as basic elimination parameter and it is decided to use T material. It is possible to find its parameters below:



Choosing Operation Flux Density

For the second phase of design, it is going to be choosen operation flux density. T material's saturation flux density is 470mT for this project's defined temperature range. Our value should be smaller than saturation point. But how much? Let's consider over the formula below:

$$e = -\frac{2*\pi}{\sqrt{2}}N2\pi f B_{peak} * A$$

If only selectable parameters are considered, it is possible to see the trade-off between number of turns, flux density and area. Selecting high number of turns come with difficulties of cabling and copper losses. Cable size is decided over current values so it is constant in this discussion. Area is important for transformer's

size and weight values. It also effects cable length and core loss (over weight). Flux density is directly related with core losses.

As B is increased, core loss is increased (nonlinearly). If we take BxA value constant, then increasing B will decrease A and therefore volume and weight will be less and it means less core loss. So here, by assuming area and weight are proportional, an optimization will be made over core loss.

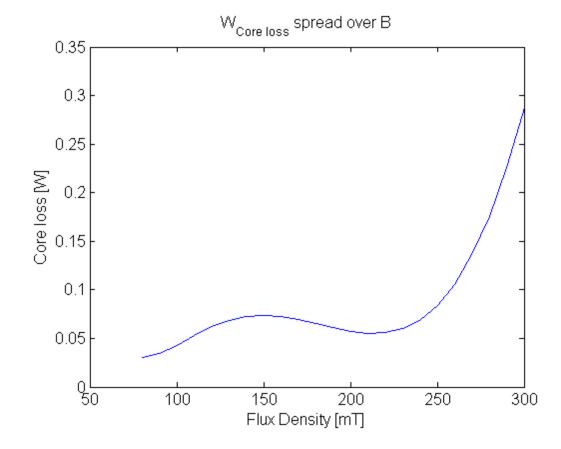
```
B_opr = optimize_B() %[mT]

B_opr =

0.0800
```

Flux density vs core loss graphic has some missing points due to its nonlinearity. To be able to find required missing points Lagrange polynomial method is used (Function used in this project was written by me during my 3rd class undergraduate studies). After completion is done, assuming area effects weight proportionally, a basic multiplication is made. In coreloss plot unit and magnitude aren't considered but result shows how core loss changes as operation point of flux density is increased.

```
plot(B_req, Coreloss);
set(gca,'FontSize',12);
xlabel('Flux Density [mT]');
ylabel('Core loss [W]');
title('W_{Core loss} spread over B');
```



This plot shows us selecting an arbitrary operation point may result bad efficiency. Selecting the 2nd minimum point 210mT may be an advantage to not have a bigger transformer and still have less core lose. But if the absolute minimum point is considered and 80mT is selected, than core loss will be 85% smaller. It may mean having 2.5 times bigger transformer but it is going to be possible to compansate this value by changing number of turns. Also here, it is needed to be asked: "Should it be really small?". Perhaps this XRAY machine will be put in somewhere and stay there until someone needs to clean under it. A small research is done about "portable" XRAY machines. Here is the smallest result:



This XRAY machine is for dentists and just 60W. So our transformer is used for something bigger:



This one's specs are given and when maximum points of voltage and current are multiplied result is 24kW and still smaller than our application. In such big machines, size of transformer may be ignored, its weight is also not so dominant. To be able to operate in a condition with less core loss 80mT is selected as operation flux density.

Determination of Core Dimensions & Number of turns

Independetly from core dimensions and number of turns, diameter of cable might be determined. Because of skin effect, ac current tends to flow on the outside of a conductor. On a wire the current density looks like a hollow tube. Since the inside isn't used for AC current flow, it makes sense to eliminate as much of the hollow part as possible.

 $Here \quad is \quad a \quad practical \quad AWG \quad calculator \quad : \quad \underline{http://daycounter.com/Calculators/SkinEffect/Skin-Effect-Calculator.phtml}$

It suggests "AWG 25" for our application at 100 kHz but because it isn't so easy to find odd AWG numbered cables, AWG 24 will be used.

But how many parallel cables? For this purpose, Adiabatic equation will be used. Detailed derivations about this process may be used at http://www.openelectrical.org/wiki/index.php? title=Adiabatic_Short_Circuit_Temperature_Rise The resultant formula is given below:

$$A = \frac{\sqrt{i^2t}}{k}$$

In this formula, A is the minimum cross-sectional area of conductor in mm^2 and k is the Adiabatic constant that might be calculated by formula below.

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{c_p \rho_d \delta T}{\rho_r}}$$

Luckily, at the same website another formula is exist for Adiabatic constant for only copper conductors:

$$k = 226\sqrt{ln(1 + \frac{T_f - T_i}{234.5 + T_i})}$$

Here, only required part is initial and final temperatures. If we take initial value as 25 and let it rise 5 degrees, than Adiabatic constant will be:

$$k_adb = 226*sqrt(log(1+(30-25)/(234.5+25)));$$

 $A_cbl = (sqrt((Ip_rms^2)*0.1)/k_adb)*(10^-6);$

From calculated cross-section area of cable we understand that how many parallel cables need to be used for desired temperature rise:

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If we parallel 4 AWG 24 copper wires, it will be enough for our application. Normally AWG 24 has much less current capability but for 100 miliseconds of operation, it will be fine.

Here, using induced voltage formula, it is needed to decide number of turns and core dimensions together considering the minimum loss. For this purpose 5 different cores are selected as candidates. Core material was already seleted as T material from Magnetics' ferrite catalog. Following that decision and considering different types of cores, 5 types of core geometries are selected as candidates. Best one for total of copper and core losses will be selected as the final one. Candidates are:

- OT44022EC
- OT45724EC
- OT45528EC
- OT45530EC
- OT46527EC

Their cross-section area and core volume parameters are as follow and will be used for coreloss calculations. Volumes are multiplied by 2 because it is planned to use two cores as a couple without airgap.

Now we have possible values for cross-section are and from here it is possible to jump corresponding number of turns values. Following "Fundamentals of Power Electronics, Chapter:14" from University of Colorado fill factor is taken as 0.5 for our application. http://ecee.colorado.edu/~ecen5797/course_material/Ch14slides.pdf

```
Ku = 0.5;
```

By considering all parameters, core geometry will be choosen to have the minimum copper lose.

```
Selected_core = Core_selection()
N_turn_p = N_turns(Selected_core)
Cu_loss = Cu_loss(Selected_core)
Core_loss = Corelosses(Selected_core)

Selected_core =

1

N_turn_p =

8

Cu_loss =
```

```
1.0706

Core_loss =

1.3620
```

Determination of mass, cost, efficiency

```
Eff = (Prated)/(Prated+Cu_loss+Core_loss)*100
        Eff =
           99.9919
Comments
    function [output] = optimize_B()
        B_given = [80 \ 90 \ 100 \ 200 \ 300]; % [mT]
        Coreloss_coef = [25 32 45 120 900]*1.2*10^-3; % [W/cm^3]
% 1.2 multiplier is added due to difference between 100 degree and room
% temperature.
        B req = 80:10:300; %[mT]
        for i=1:length(B_req)
            Coreloss_coef2(i)=lagrange(B_given, Coreloss_coef, B_req(i));
            Coreloss(i) = Coreloss_coef2(i)*B_req(1)/B_req(i);
        end;
        output = B req(find(Coreloss==min(Coreloss)))*10^-3; % [T]
    end
    function L=lagrange(x,y,k)
        n=length(x);
        1=1;
        L=0;
        for i=1:n
            for j=1:n
                if i~=j
                    l=l*(k-x(j))/(x(i)-x(j));
                end;
            end;
            L=L+l*y(i);
            1=1;
        end;
    end;
    function [output] = Core_selection()
        error = 0;
        Corelosses = Ve_T.*10^6*25*1.2*10^-3; % [W]
        for i=1:length(Ae_T)
```

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