



## EMI DEBUGGING DESIGNING YOUR IDEAL FILTER

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**WÜRTH ELEKTRONIK** MORE THAN YOU EXPECT

# Agenda

- Reducing EMI
- Filter basics
- Inductive EMC solutions
  - Material properties
  - Common mode chokes
  - Cable ferrites
- Capacitive EMC solutions
  - Safety capacitors
- Design your filter
  - Common mode
  - Differential mode

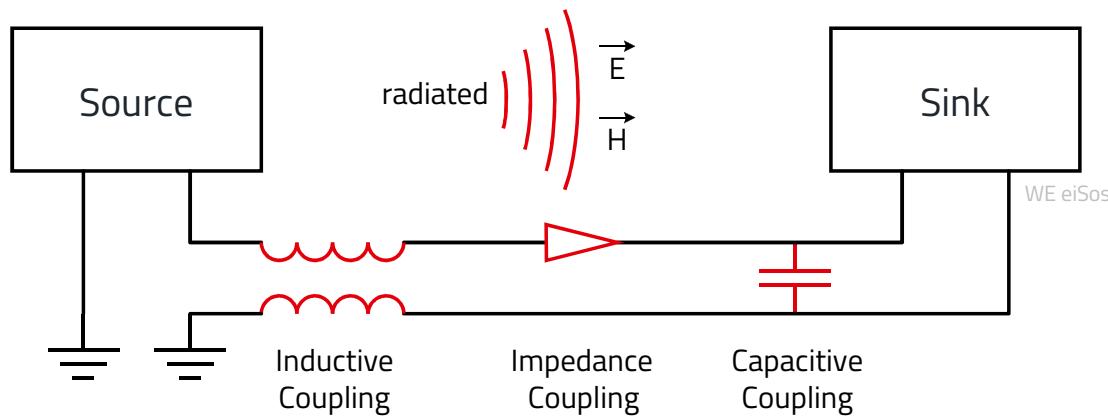


# WHAT CAN I DO TO PASS THE EMC TEST?

## Reducing EMI

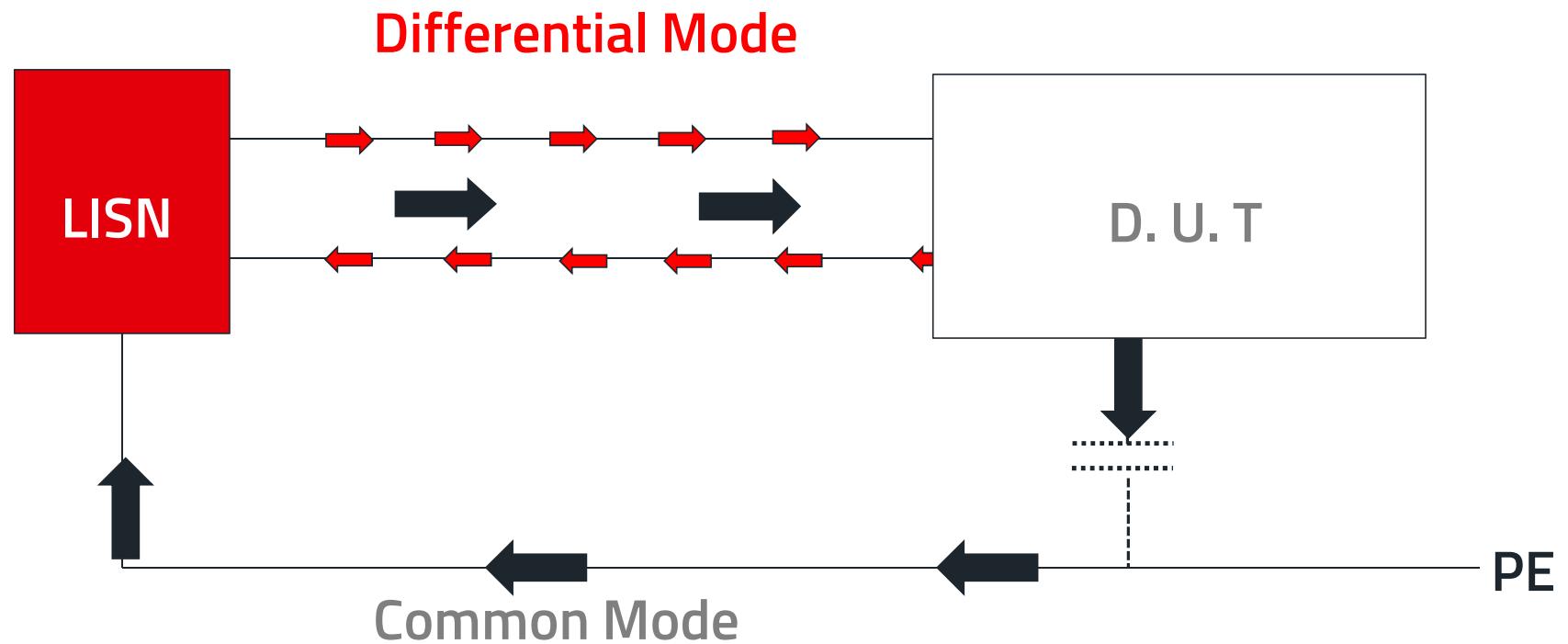
Measures to take & coupling paths

- Sufficient EMC can be achieved by suited measures at the noise source, coupling path or sink.
  - **Primary Measure** Reduce emission from noise source
  - **Secondary Measure** Break coupling paths
  - **Tertiary Measure** Increase immunity of the sink



## Reducing EMI

Common versus Differential mode



# Reducing EMI

Common versus Differential mode

- **Differential mode currents**

- Current path as in circuit diagram
- Easy to follow paths
- Return current path very close
- Relatively large currents
- Conducted EMI problem

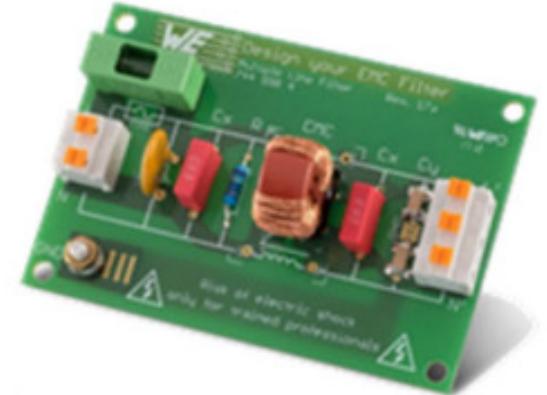
- **Common mode currents**

- Current path unexpected
- Current via parasitic paths
- Return current path very large
- Relatively small currents ( $\mu\text{A}$ )
- Radiated & conducted EMI problem



## Reducing EMI

- Line filters
  - High broadband attenuation for common & differential mode
  - Chassis mount
  - Certified solution
- Cable ferrites
  - Cable mount
  - Voltage & current depend on cable
  - Lower attenuation
  - Mainly common mode noise
- Design your own EMC filter
  - Tailor made solution
  - Design to be done during PCB design
  - Certificaton might be needed

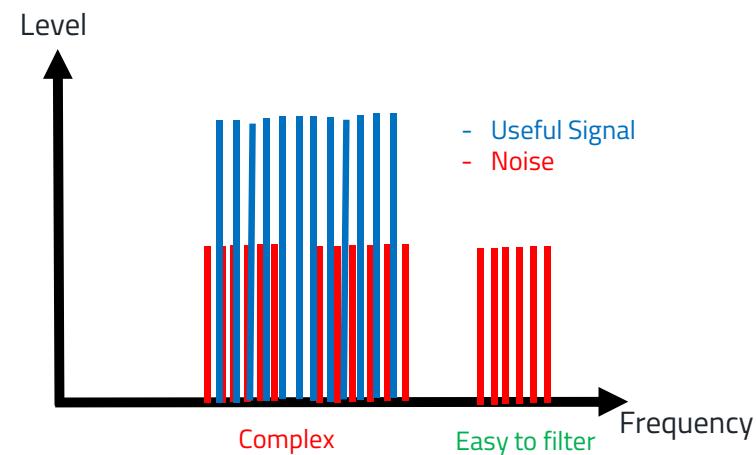


# FILTER BASICS

# Filter

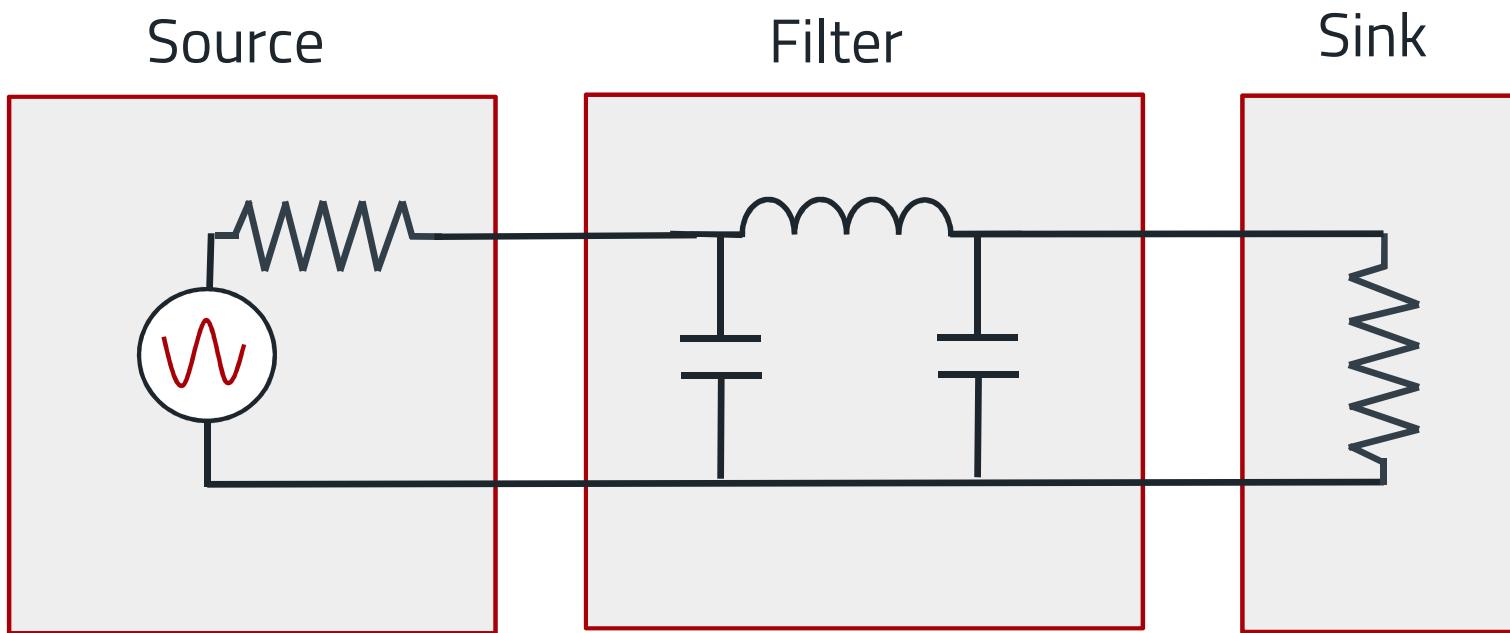
## Function of a filter

- Reduction of the coupling of interferences between two points
- Lowering the emission of disturbances
- Increasing the immunity against disturbances
  
- Energy can not disappear. It will just be transformed in another energy form
  - → energy conservation law
  - e.g. ferrite cores transform noise energy into thermal energy
  
- Filter design depends on the “spectral distance”
  
- So we look at the filter characteristics in spectral domain.
  - Filtering can be **complex** if the spectral distance is **short**.
  - If the spectral distance is **large** enough,  
the design of a filter becomes **simple**.

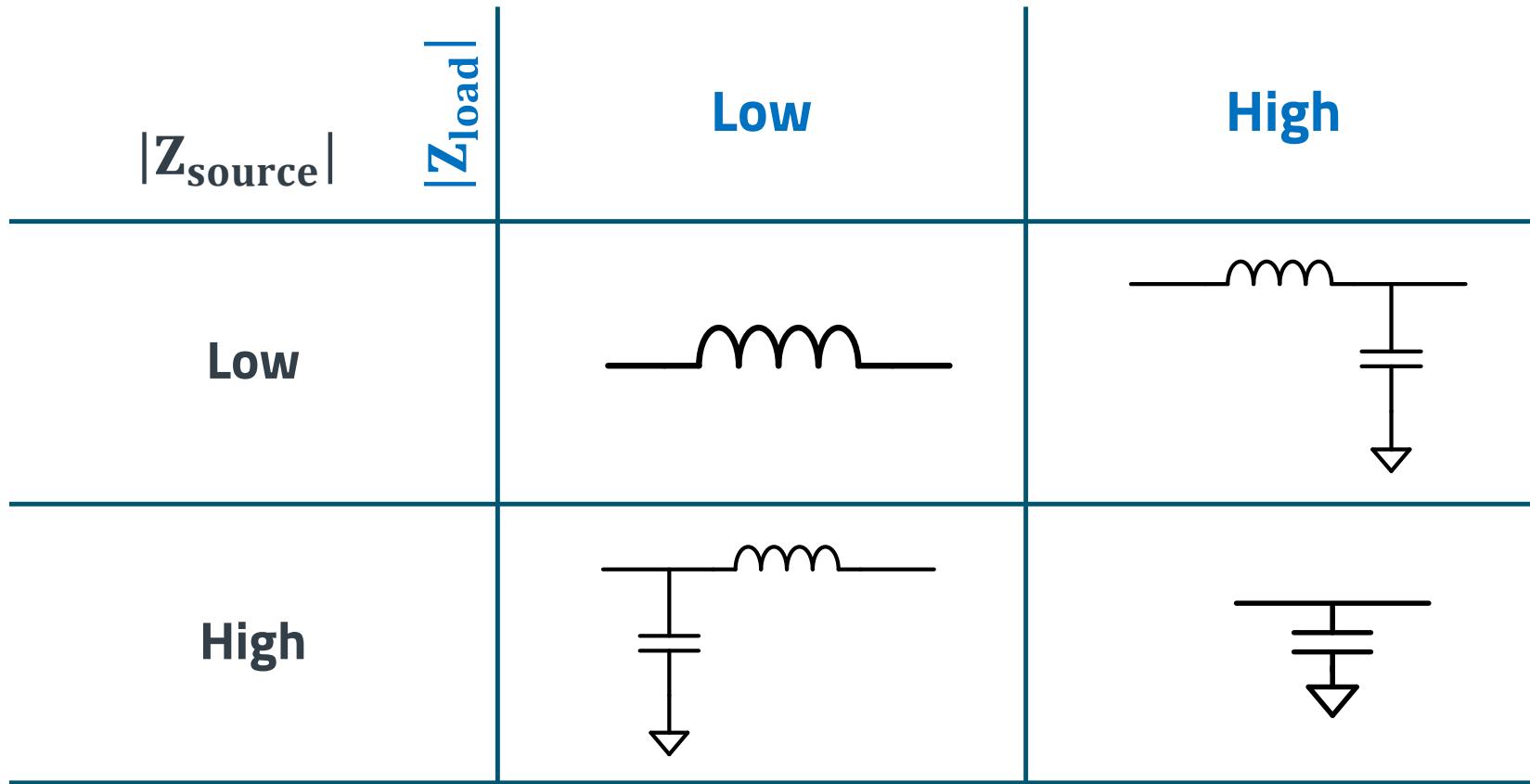


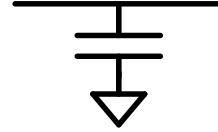
## Filter topologies

System impedance

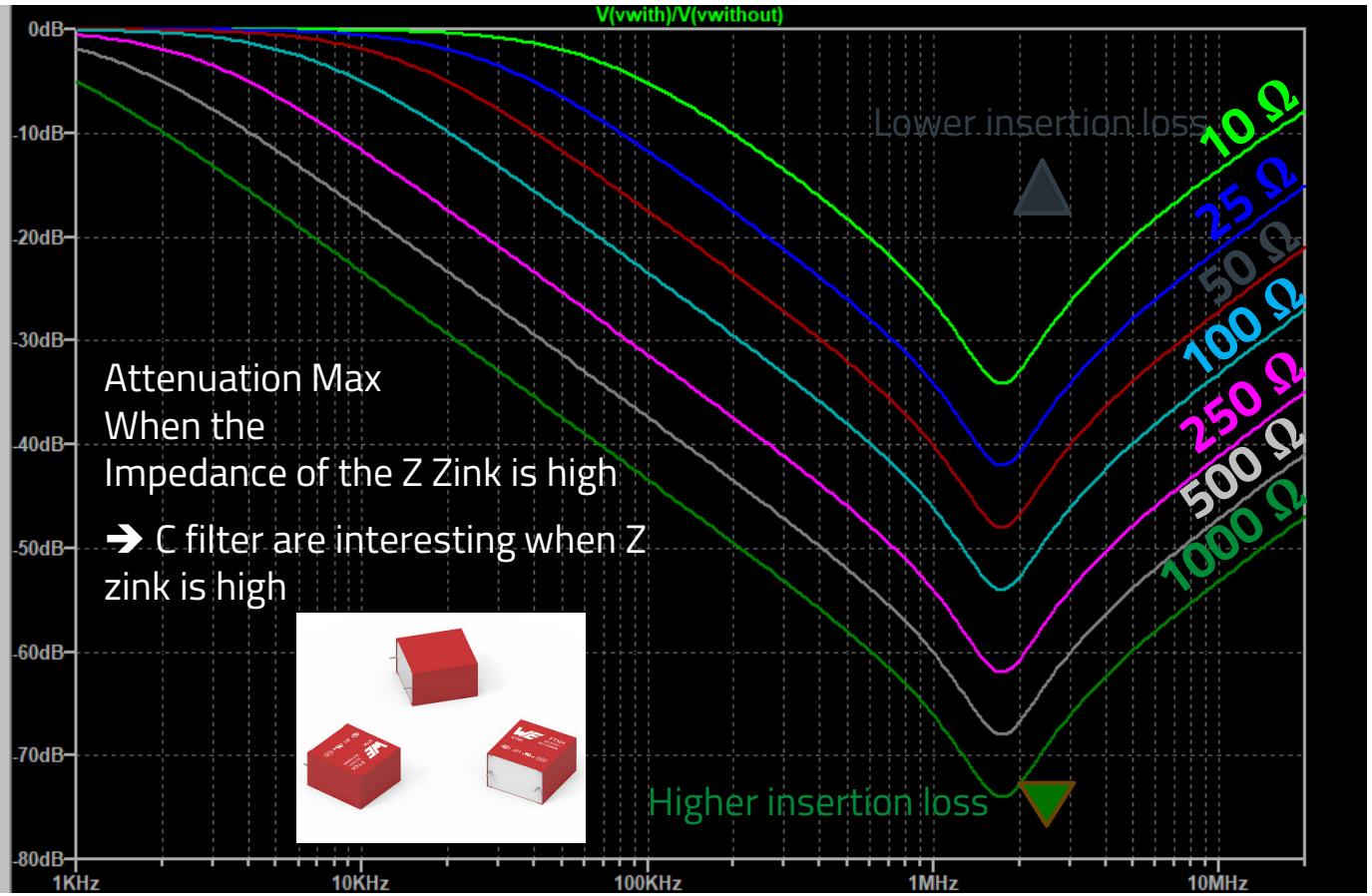
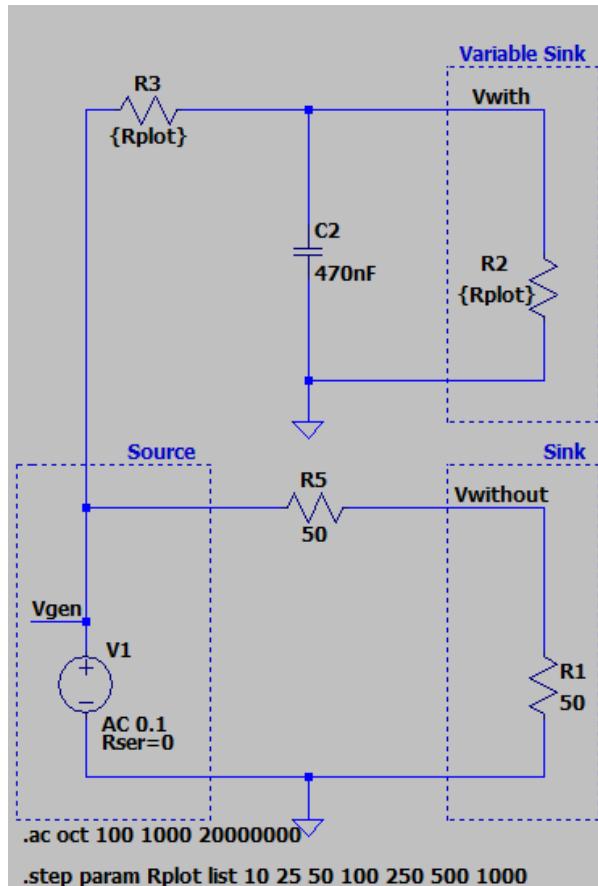


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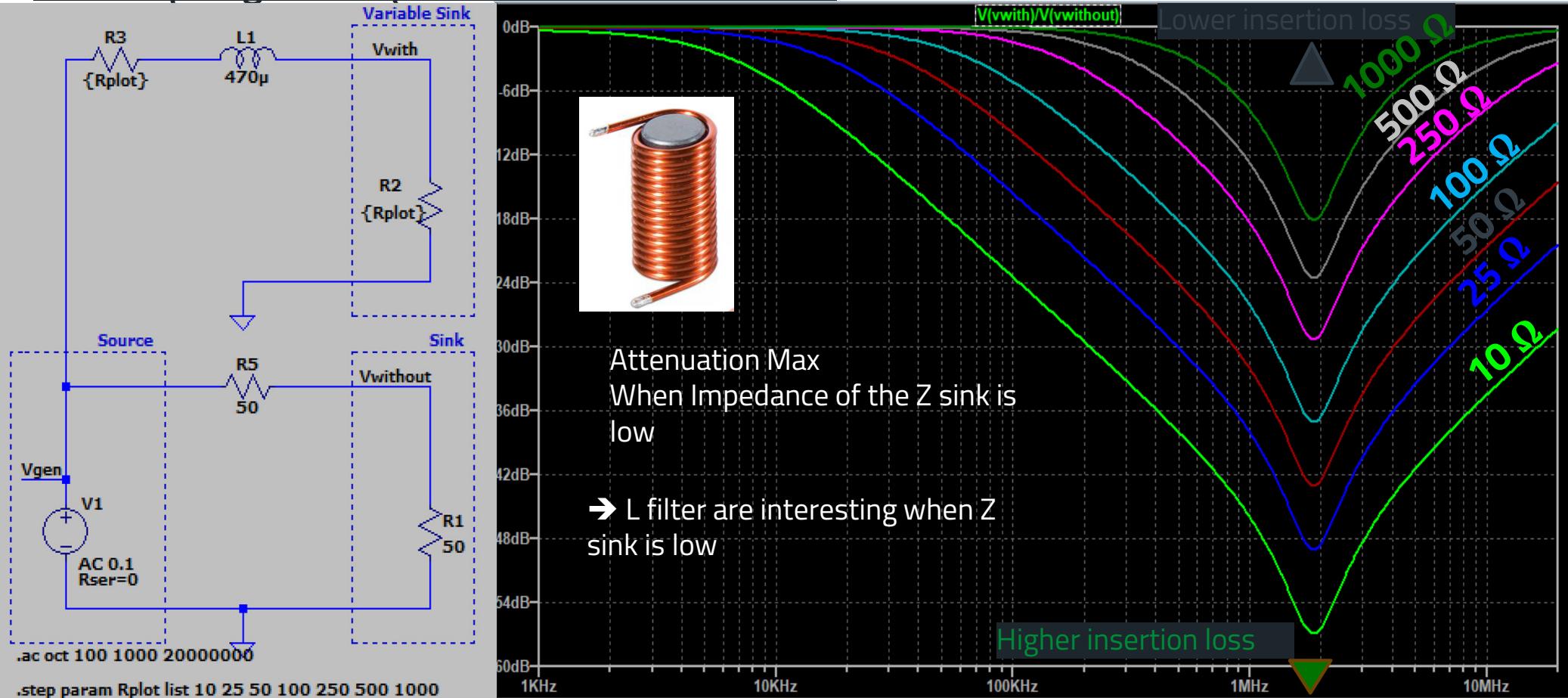


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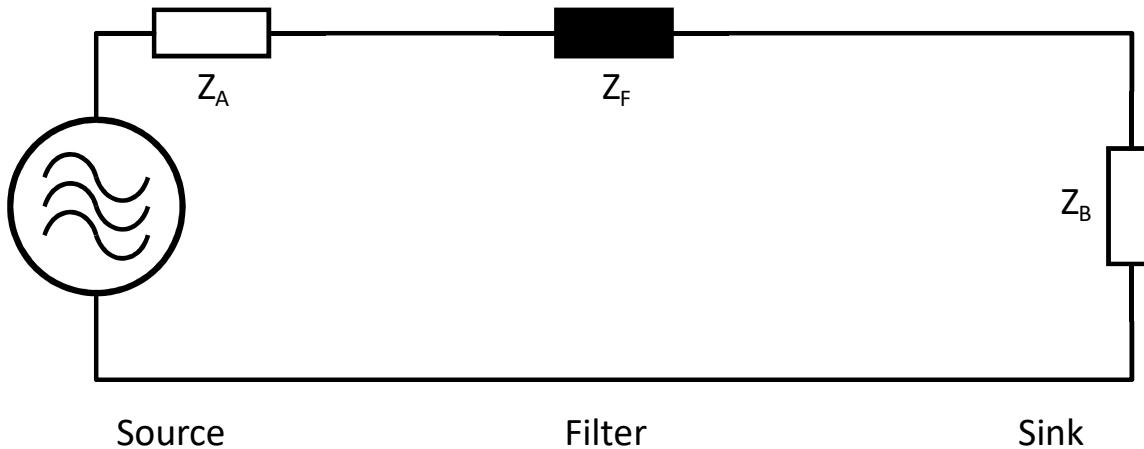


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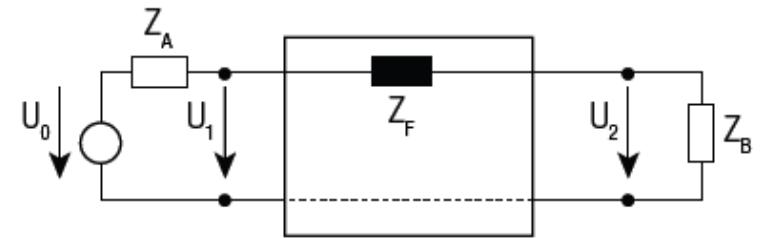
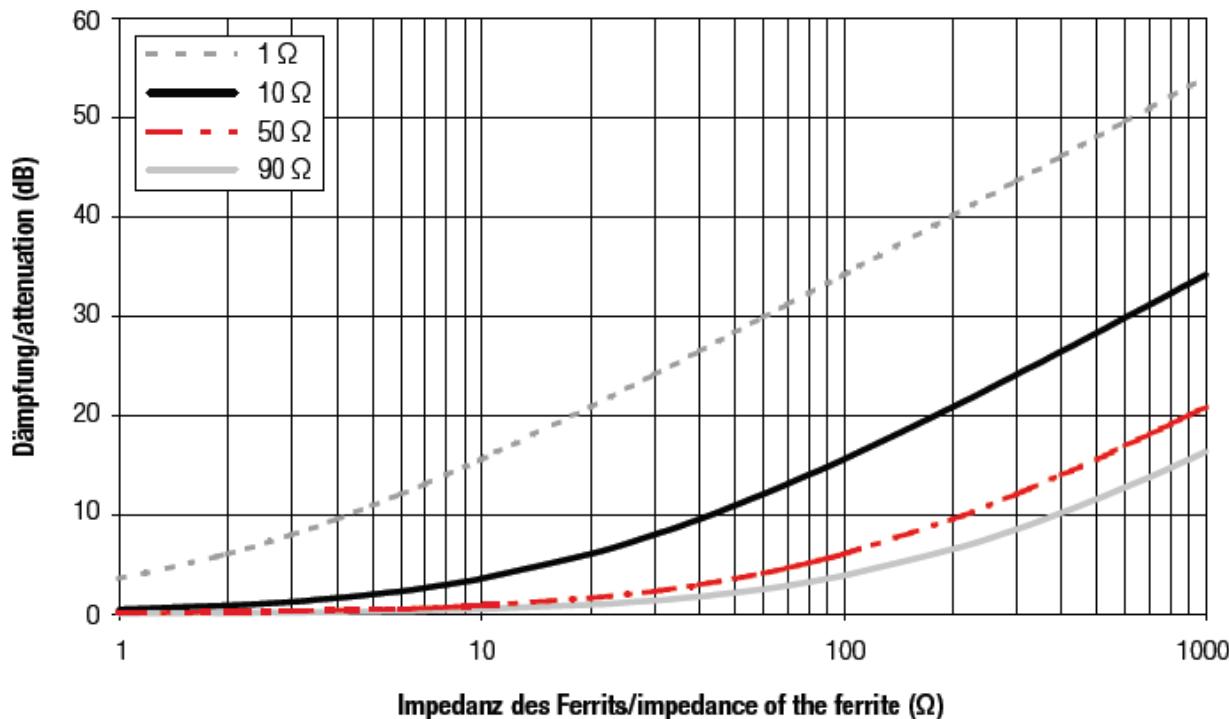
Attenuation of a filter component



- Empirical Values for system impedances (= Source and Sink)
  - Ground                     $1 \Omega$
  - Power Supply             $10 \Omega$
  - Clock-, Datalines       $50...90 \Omega$
  - Long Datalines           $90...150 \Omega$

## Attenuation versus impedance

dB versus  $\Omega$

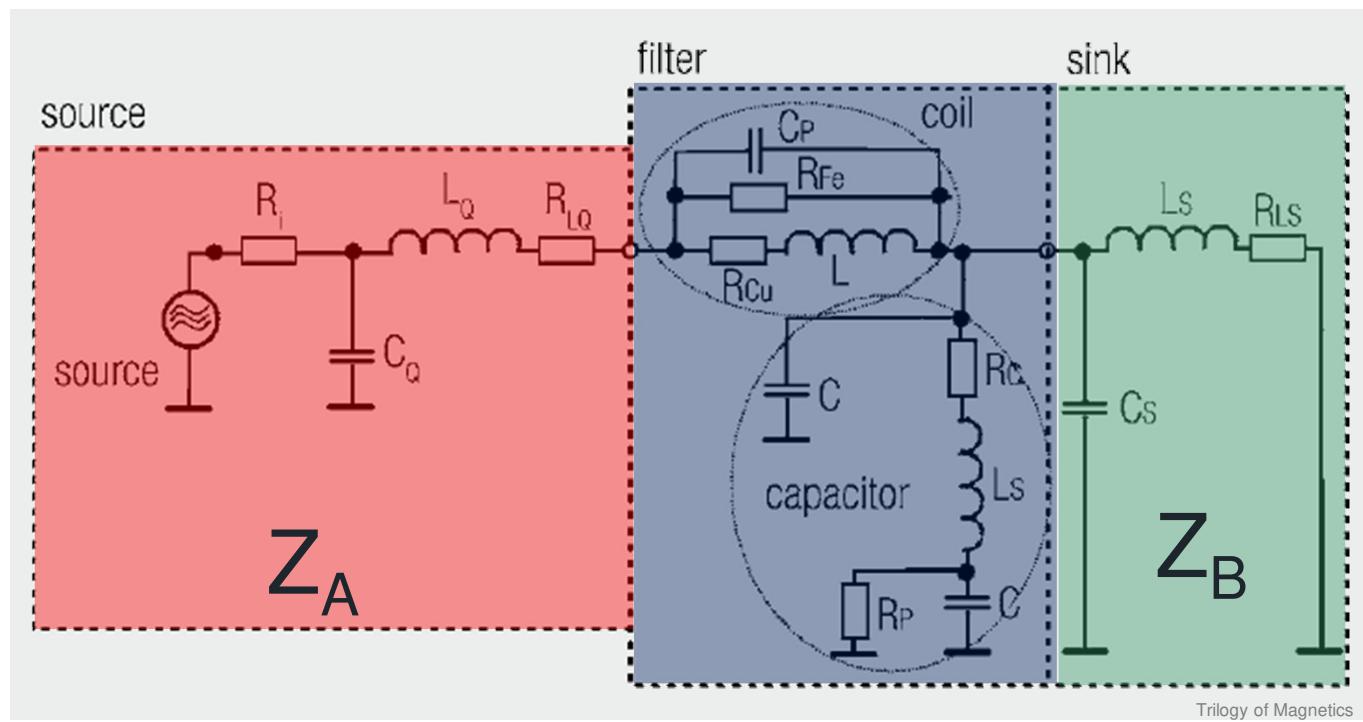


$$|A|_{dB} = 20 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{Z_A + Z_F + Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B} \right)$$

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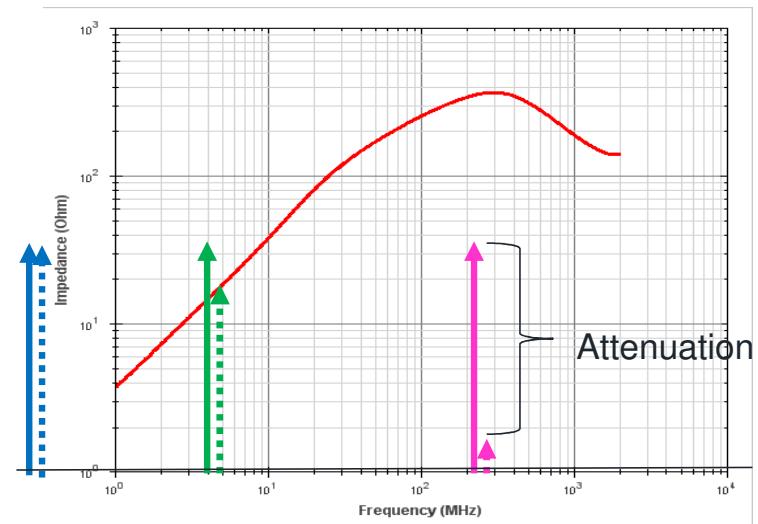
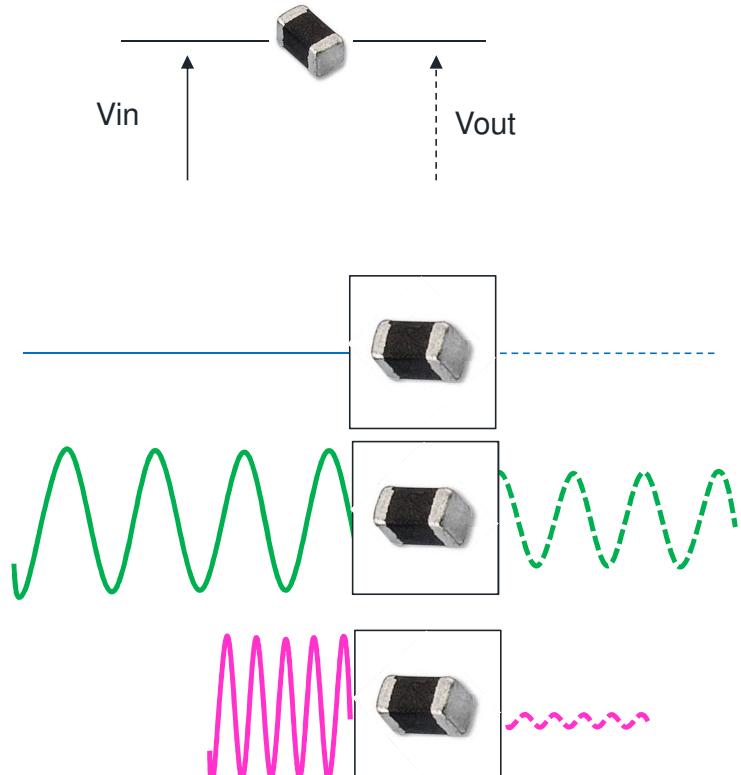
## Impedance of the system

Realistic situation



# INDUCTIVE EMC SOLUTIONS

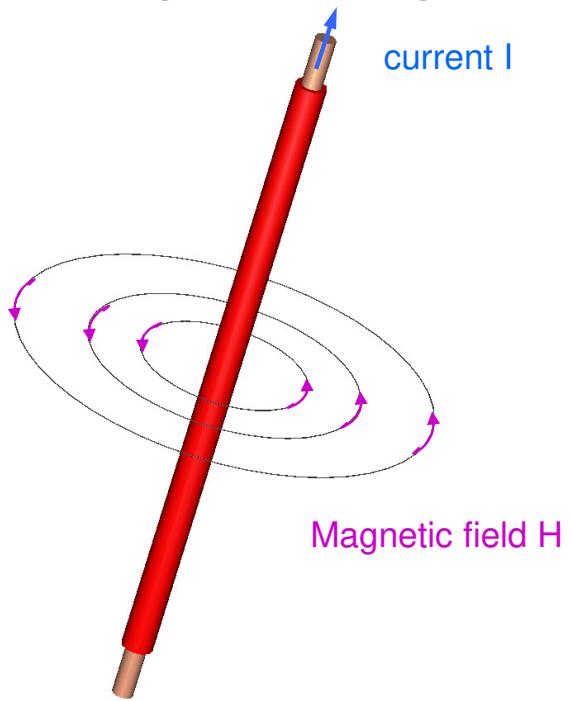
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### Magnetic field

- Each electric powered wire generates a magnetic field



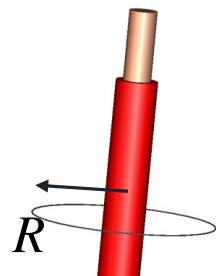
Field model



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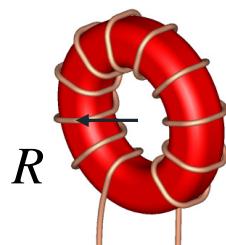
Magnetic field and flux density

Straight wire



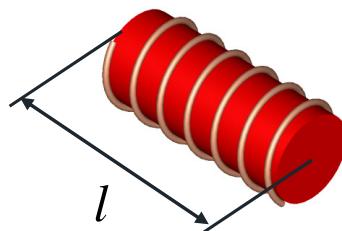
$$H = \frac{I}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R}$$

Toroidal



$$H = \frac{N \cdot I}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R}$$

solenoid



$$H = \frac{N \cdot I}{l}$$

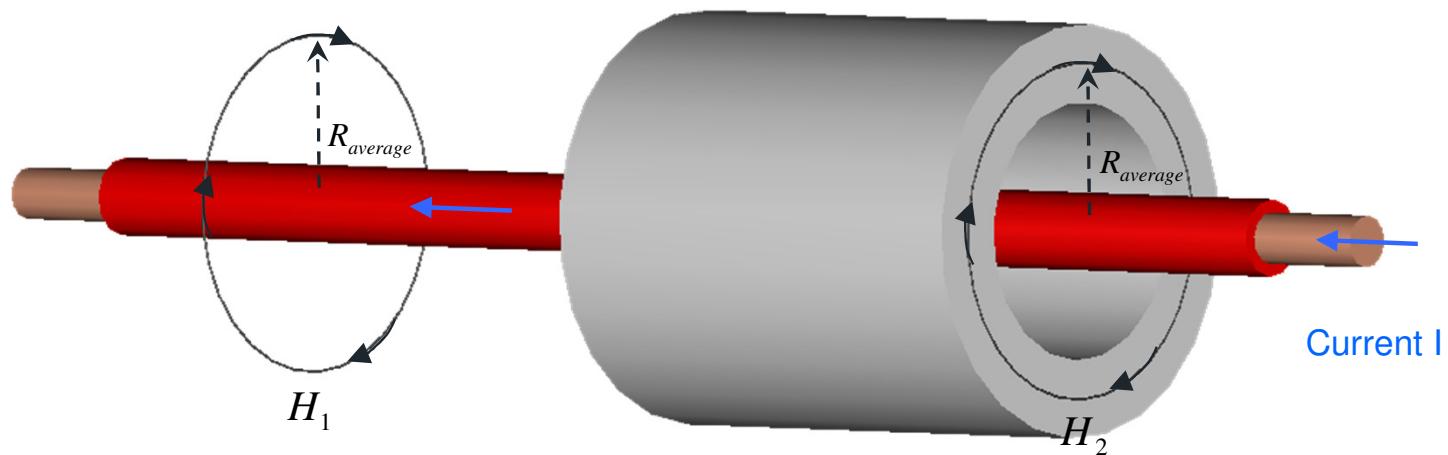
- The magnetic field strength is dependent on:
- geometries
- number of turns
- current

BUT

- **NOT ON MATERIAL**

## Inductive EMC solutions

Magnetic field and flux density

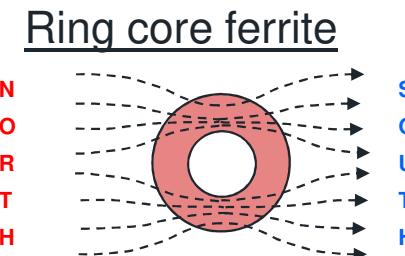
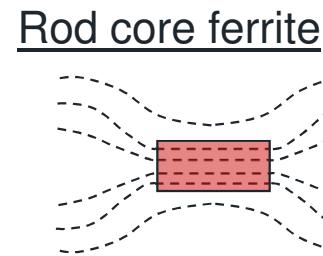
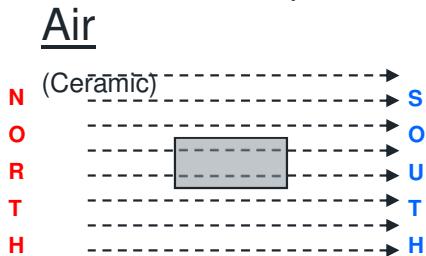


$$H_1 = H_2 = H = \frac{I}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{average}}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \neq \\ ? \\ = \end{array}} B_1 B_2$$

## Inductive EMC solutions

Magnetic field and flux density



Induction in air:

$$B = \mu_0 \cdot H$$

linear function, because  $\mu_r = 1 = \text{constant!}$

The relative permeability is a:

material-  
frequency-  
temperature-  
current-  
pressure-

Induction in a ferrite:

$$B = \mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot H$$

-dependent parameter

## Inductive EMC solutions

### Permeability

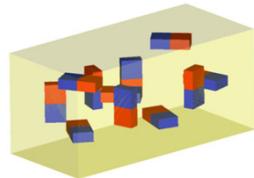
- Relative permeability
  - describes the capacity of concentration of the magnetic flux in the material

$$\mu_r = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\Delta B}{\Delta H}$$

- Typical permeability  $\mu_r$ :
- Iron Powder/ Superflux: 50 ~ 150
- Nickel Zinc (NiZn): 40 ~ 1500
- Manganese Zinc (MnZn): 300 ~ 20000

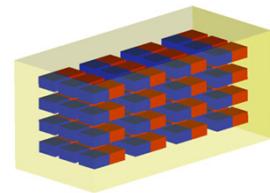
### Ferrite material

- unordered (random position)
- soft magnetic



### Permanent magnet

- ordered
- hard magnetic



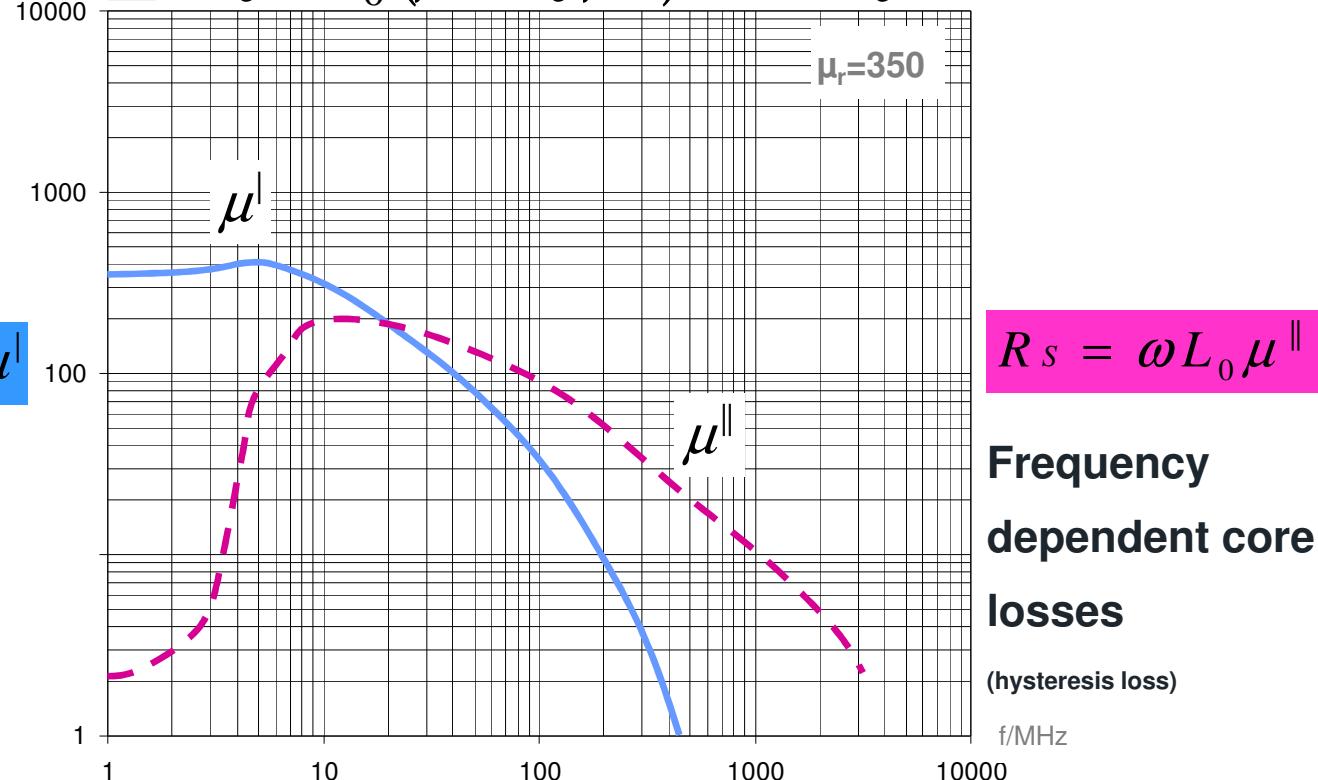
## Permeability

Complex permeability

$$\underline{Z} = j\omega L_0 (\mu^{\parallel} - j\mu^{\perp}) = R + jX$$

$$X_{LS} = \omega L_0 \mu^{\perp}$$

**Inductance  
reactance  
(Magnetize ability)**



## Inductive EMC solutions

Impedance of a Coil: Air Coil + Ferrite Core

- Model for the **impedance** below the self resonance point of a coil with a ferrite core:



Air coil impedance  $Z_0$



Ferrite permeability  $\mu_r$



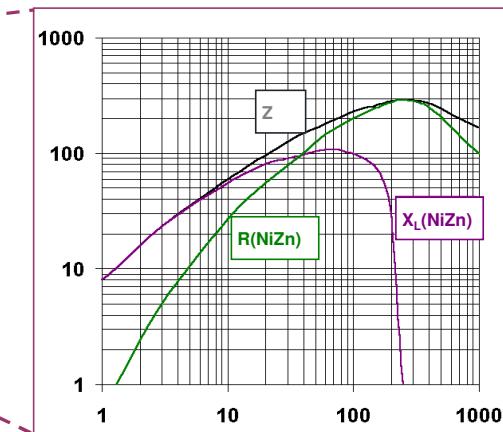
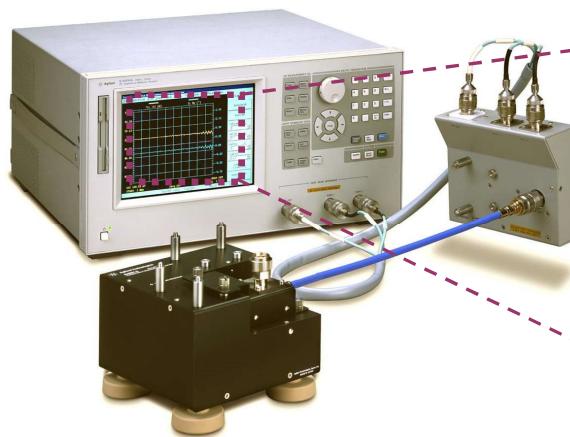
$$\begin{aligned} Z(f) &= Z_0(f) \cdot \underline{\mu}_r(f) \\ &= j \cdot 2\pi \cdot f \cdot L_0 \cdot [\mu'_r(f) - j \cdot \mu''_r(f)] \\ &= j \cdot X_L(f) + R(f) \end{aligned}$$

## Inductive EMC solutions

Permeability - Impedance

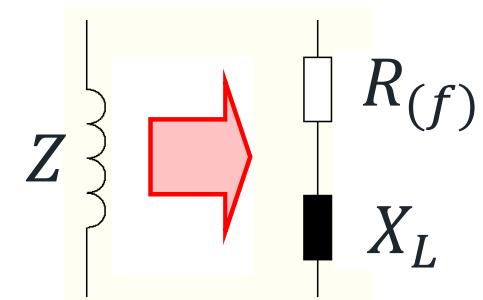


=1 turn



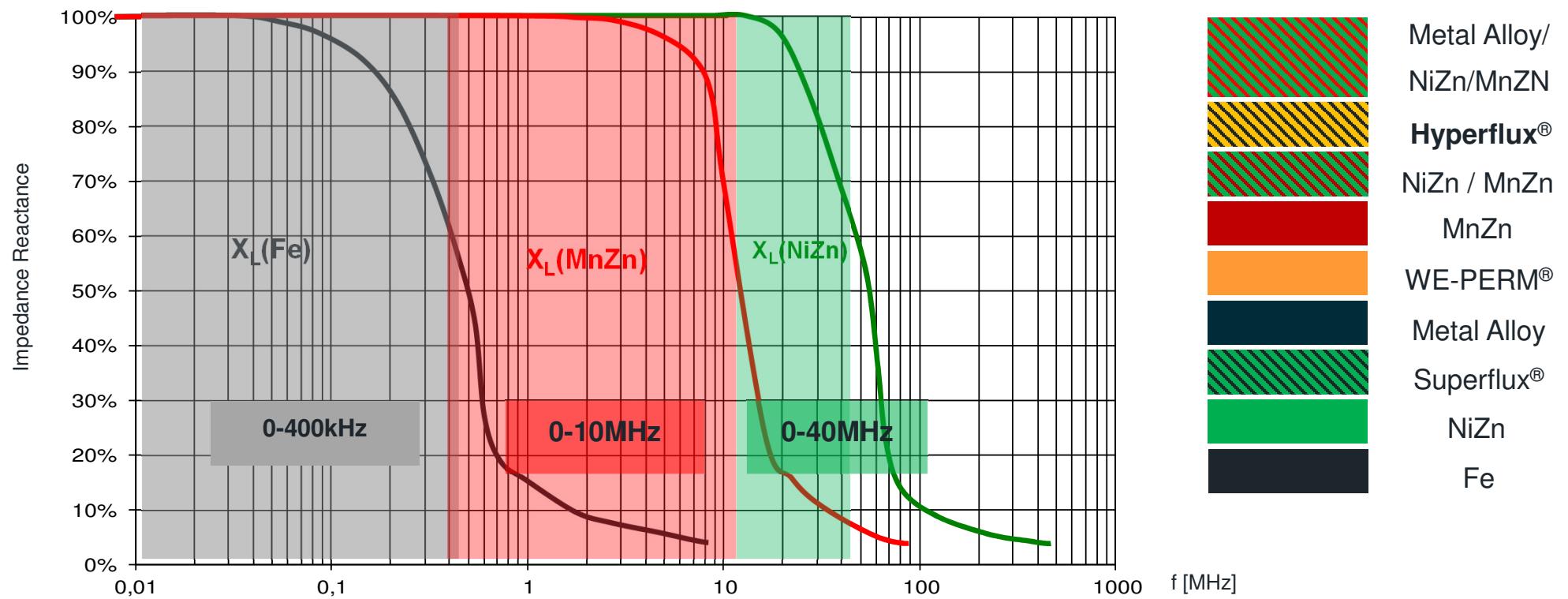
**Core material-Parameter  
Replacement circuit**

$$Z = \sqrt{R_{(f)}^2 + X_L^2}$$



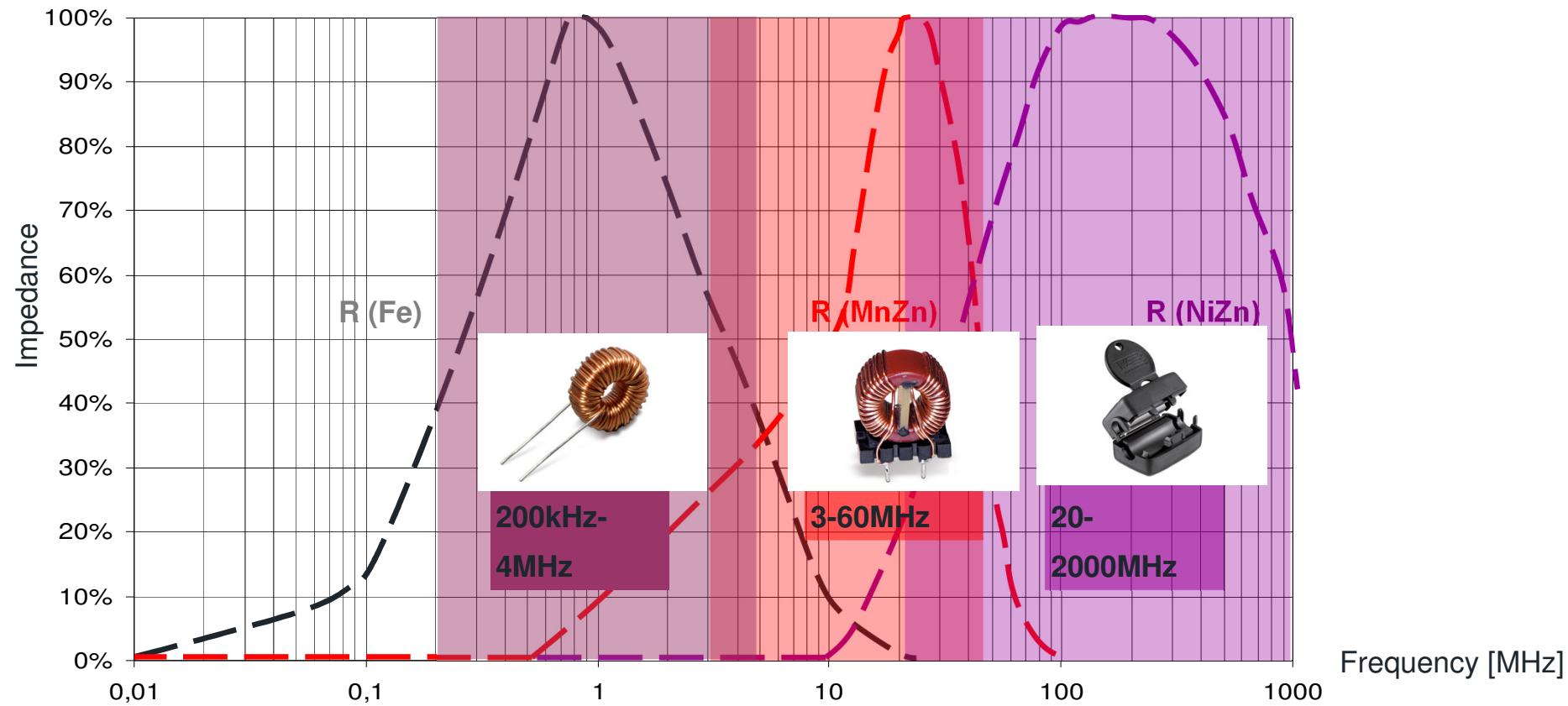
## Core material – Inductors (storage)

Permeability vs Frequency vs material ( $X_{LS} = \omega L_0 \mu'$ )



## Core material – Choke (filter)

Permeability vs Frequency vs material ( $R_S = \omega L_0 \mu''$ )



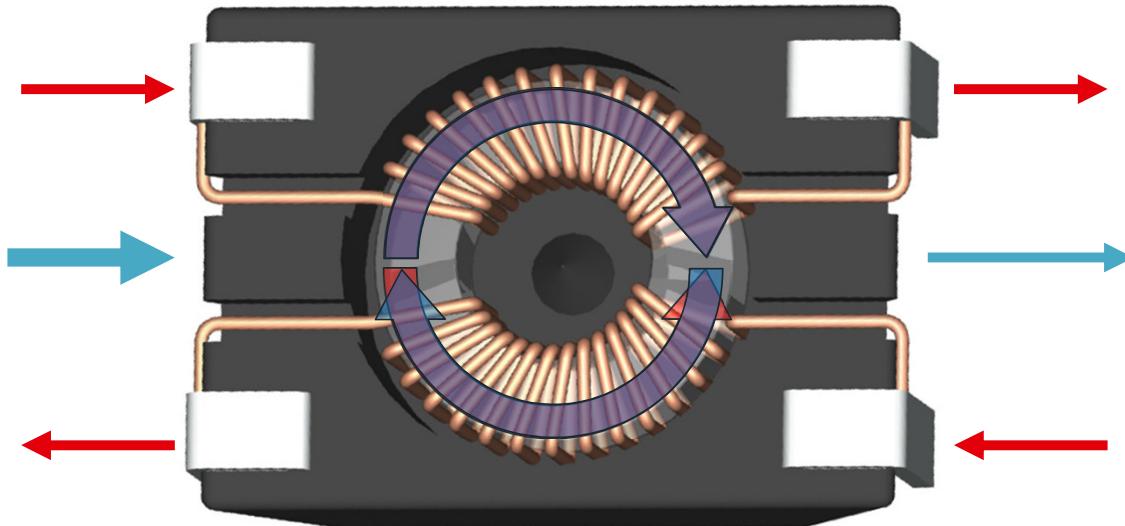
# COMMON MODE CHOKES

## Common mode chokes

Differential mode versus common mode



$$H = \frac{N \cdot I}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R}$$

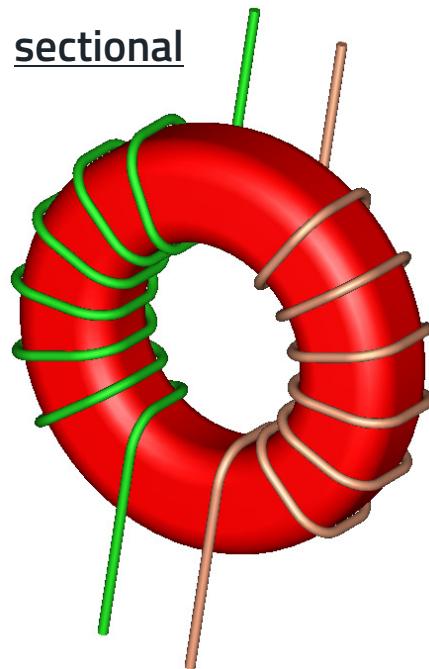


- **Compensation** of the **main magnetic flux** due to the differential-mode useful signal
- **Attenuation** of a **common-mode noise signal** by reflection and absorption

## Common mode chokes

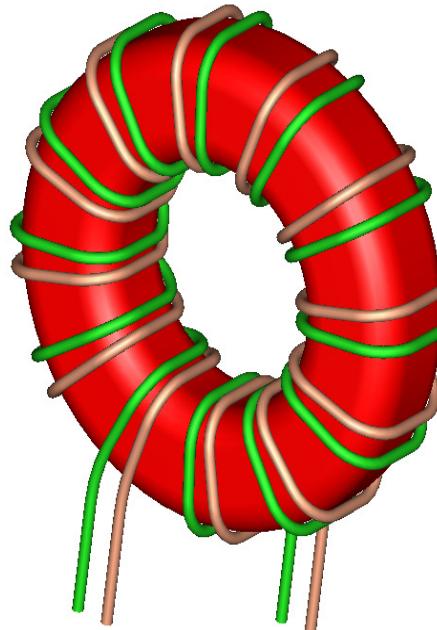
Winding style

sectional



$$L_{\text{leak}} \sim 0,5 \dots 2\% * L_R$$

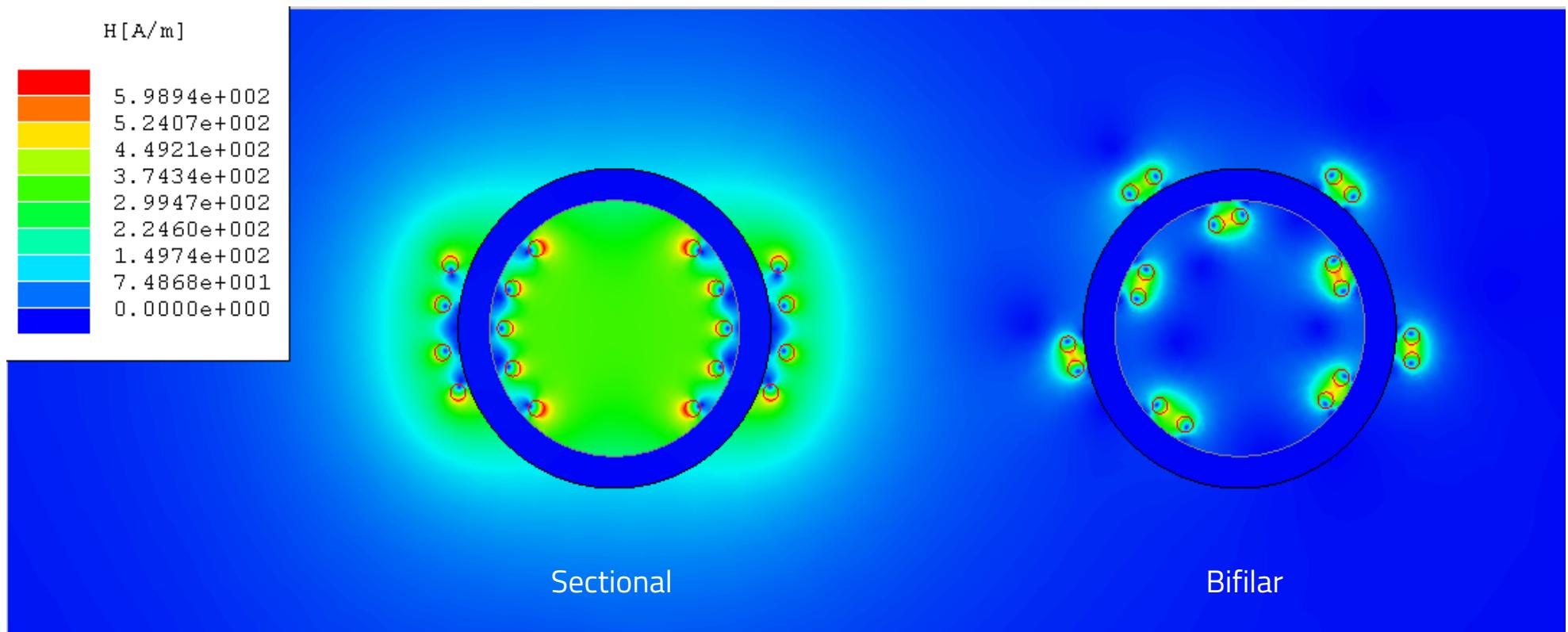
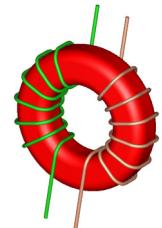
bifilar



$$L_{\text{leak}} \sim 0,01 \dots 0,1 \% * L_R$$

## Common mode chokes

Leakage inductance – Winding style



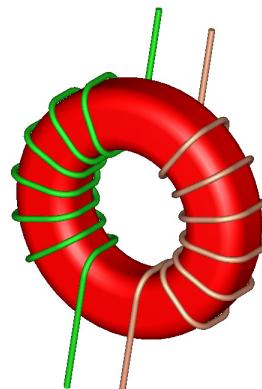
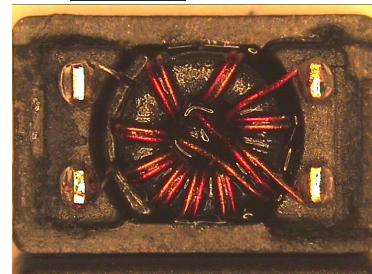
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## Common mode chokes

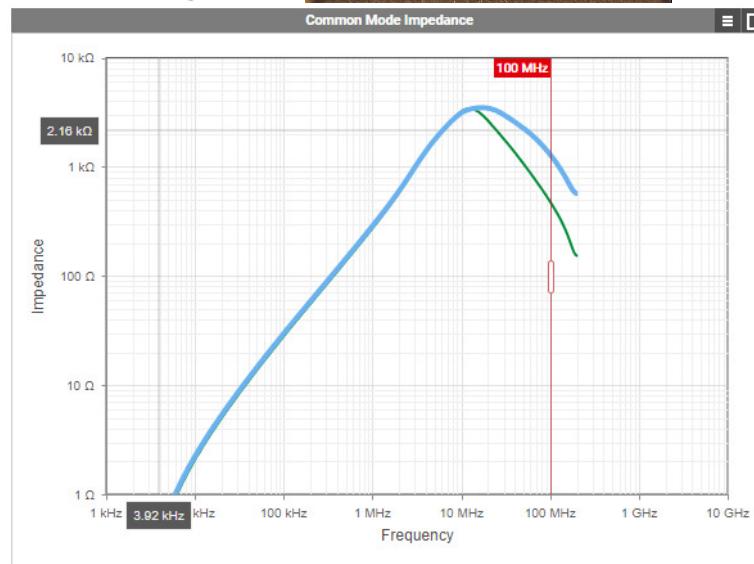
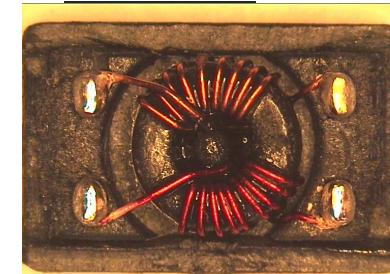
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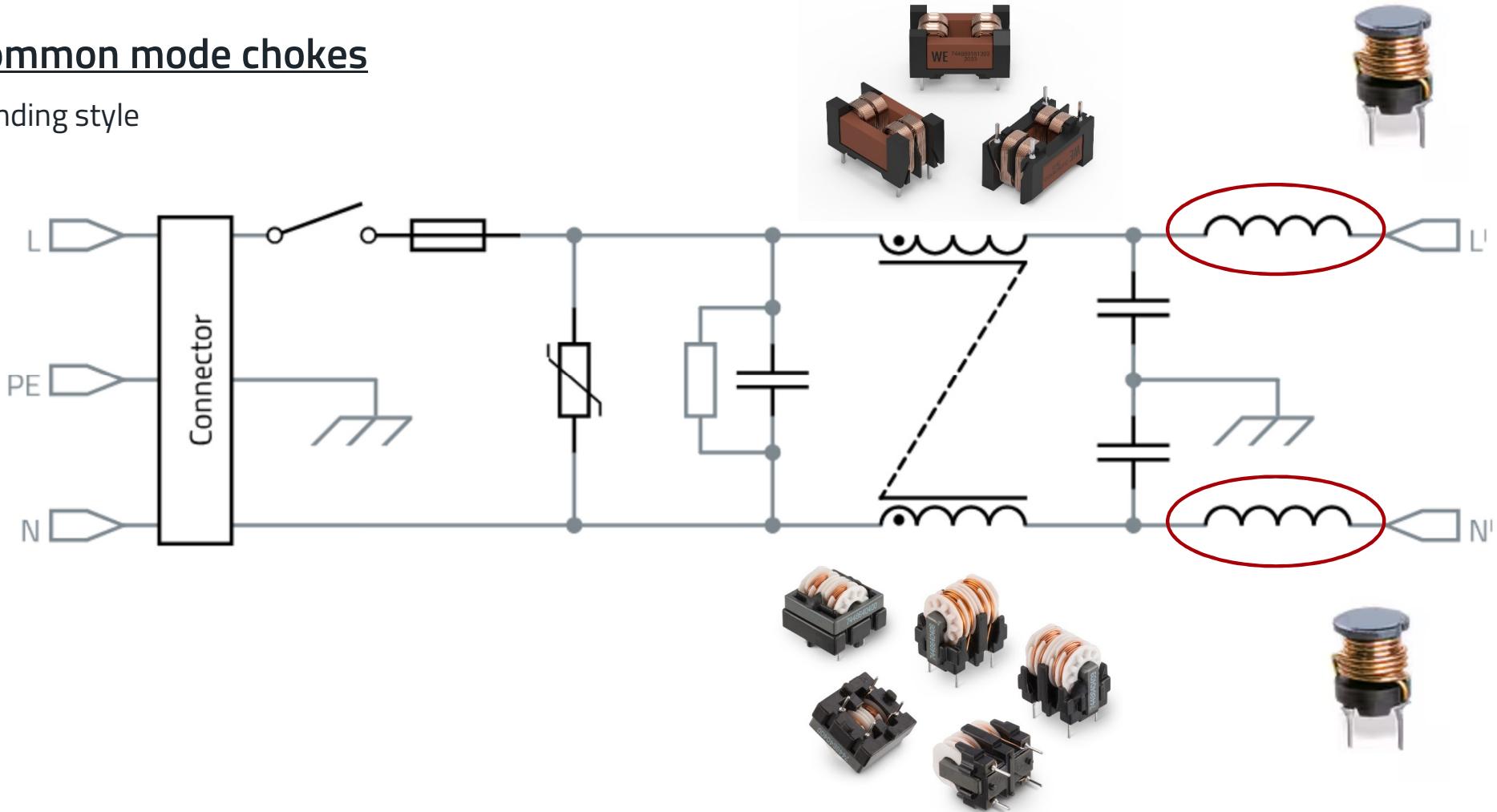


sectional



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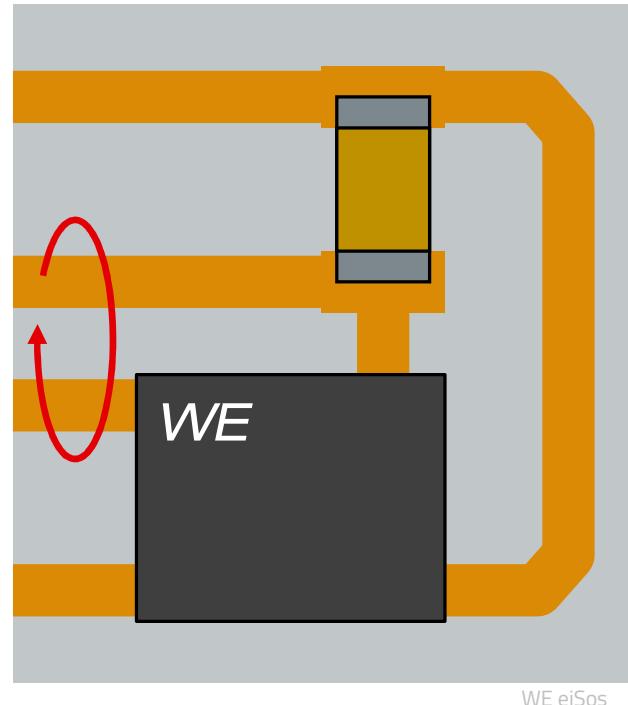
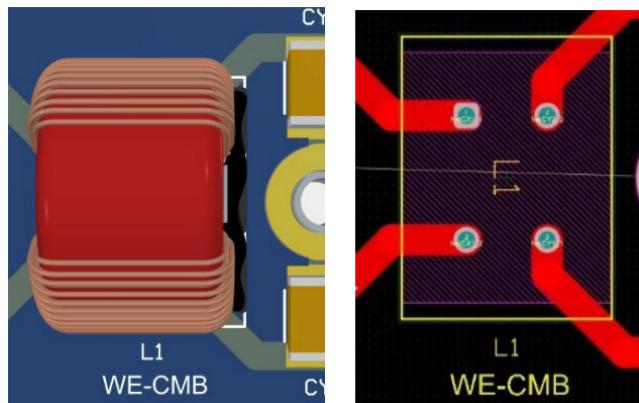
Winding style



## Common mode chokes

Filter Placement - Coupling Paths in Common Mode Filters

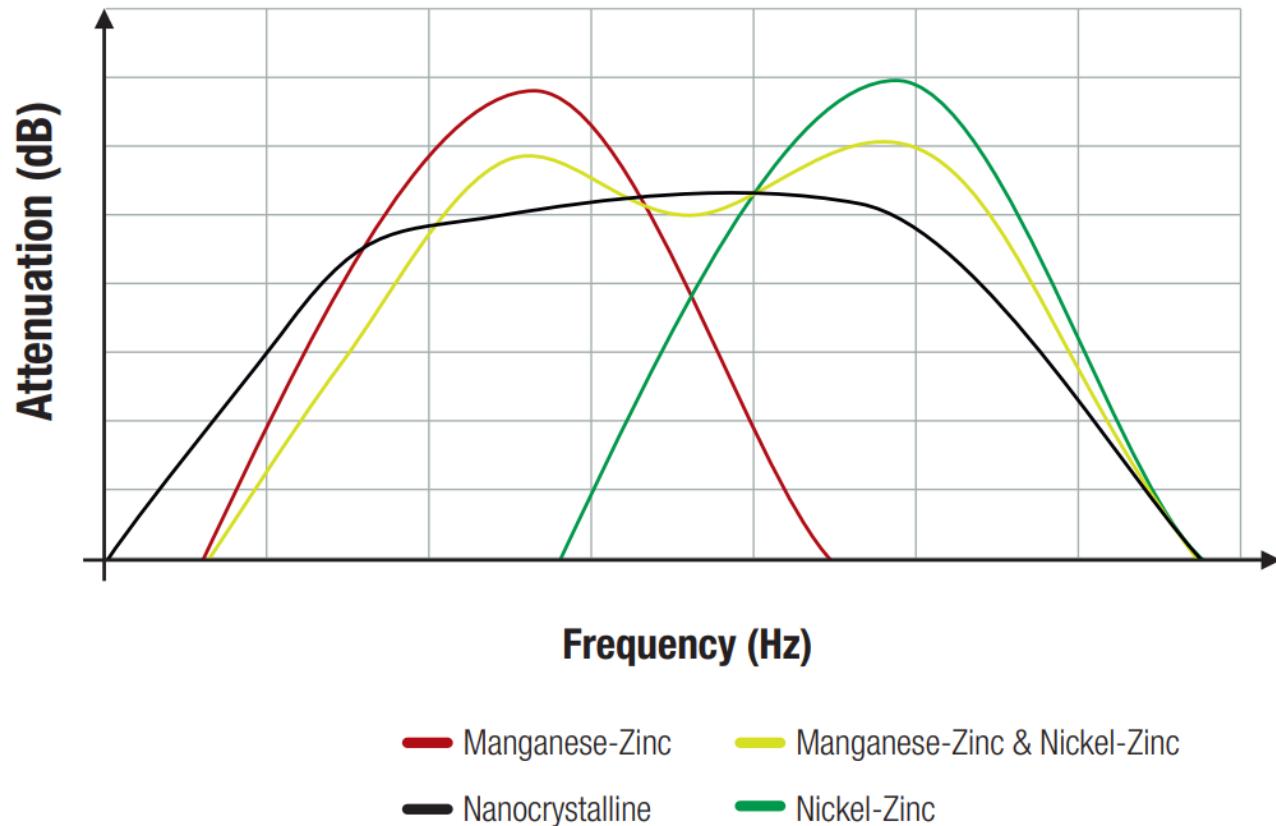
- CM-Filter as close to the connector as possible
  - Overvoltage is also running in CM!
- Avoid GND Plane beneath Choke
  - Possible coupling path / mode conversion
- Keep an eye on noise feedback from filter output to input



Inductive Coupling from CMC Output to Input

## Common mode chokes

Comparison core materials

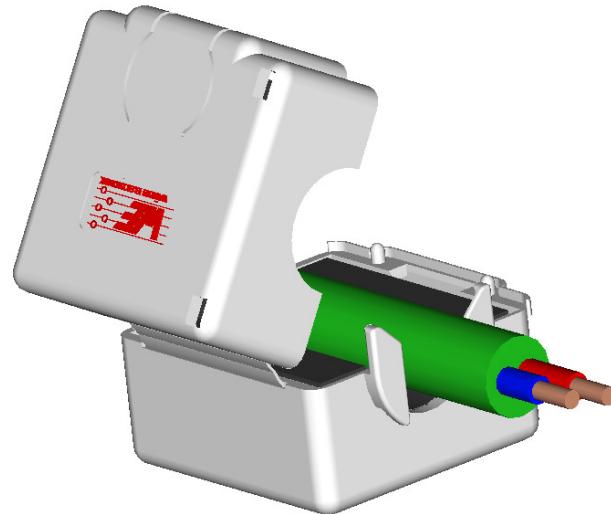


# CABLE FERRITES

## Cable ferrites

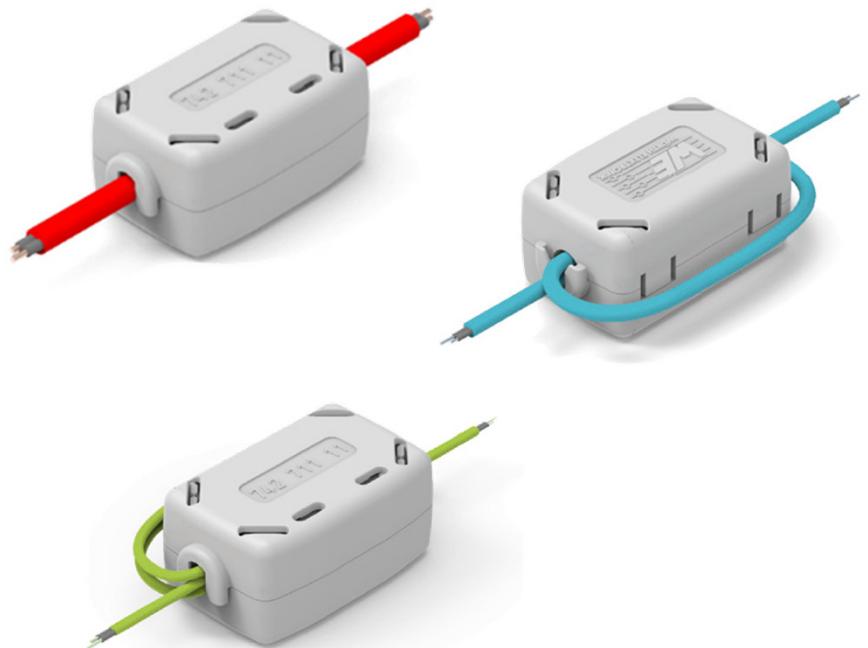
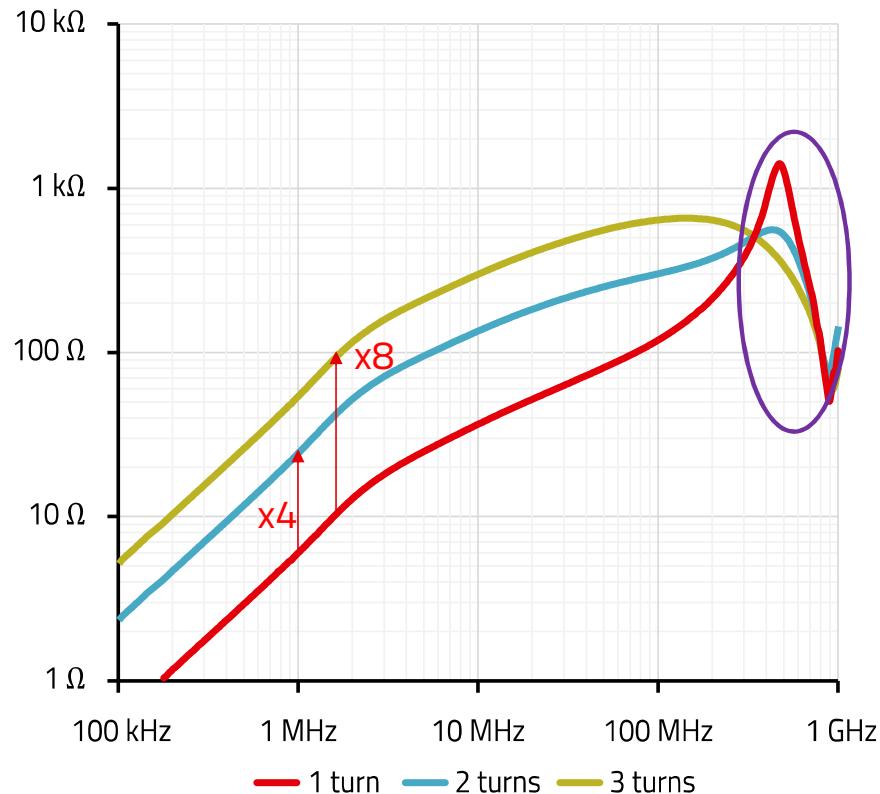
Is it a common mode choke?

- Yes, Common Mode Choke with 1 turn
- Comparable with bifilar winding style
- Both absorb common mode interferences



## Cable ferrites

Increasing Impedance with multiple Turns



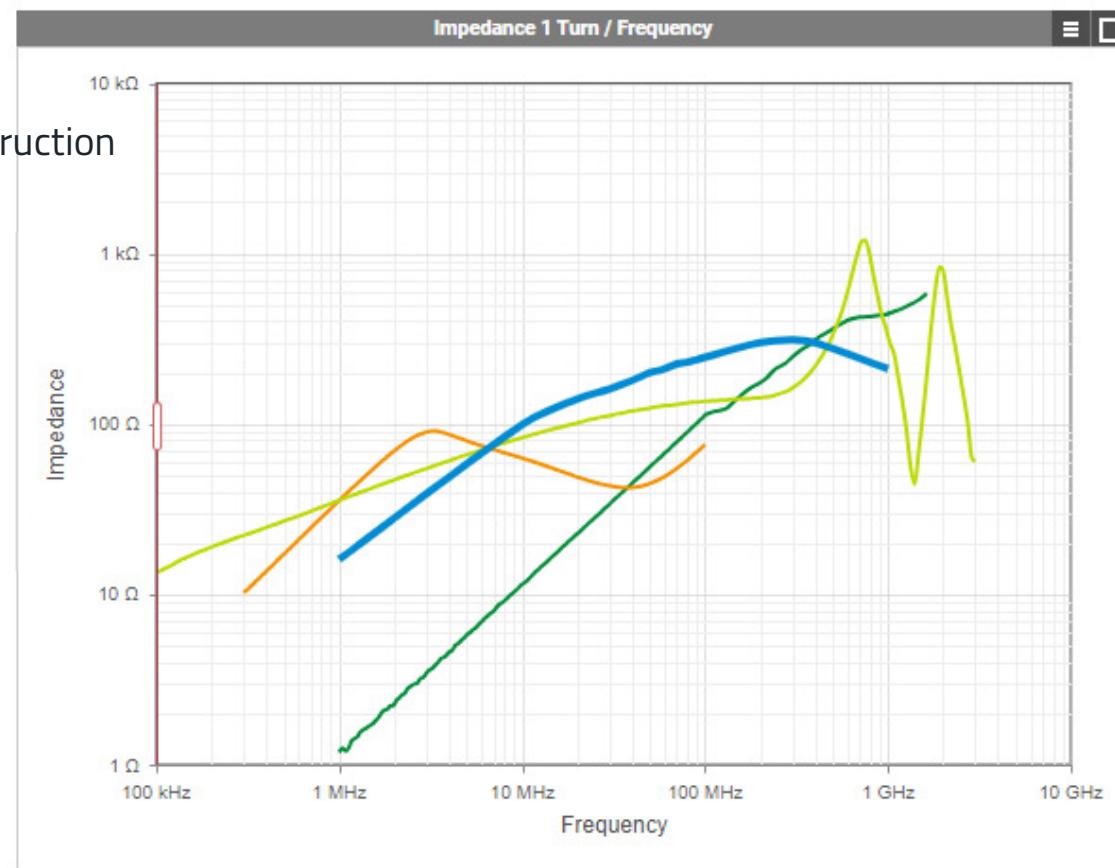
## Cable ferrites

Core Materials and Construction



742 721 32  
**STAR-TEC**  
NiZn Ferrite

742 711 32  
**STAR-TEC LFS**  
MnZn Ferrite



742 716 33  
**STAR-GAP**  
NiZn + Air Gap



742 716 33  
**AENA**  
Nanocrystalline

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## Cable ferrites

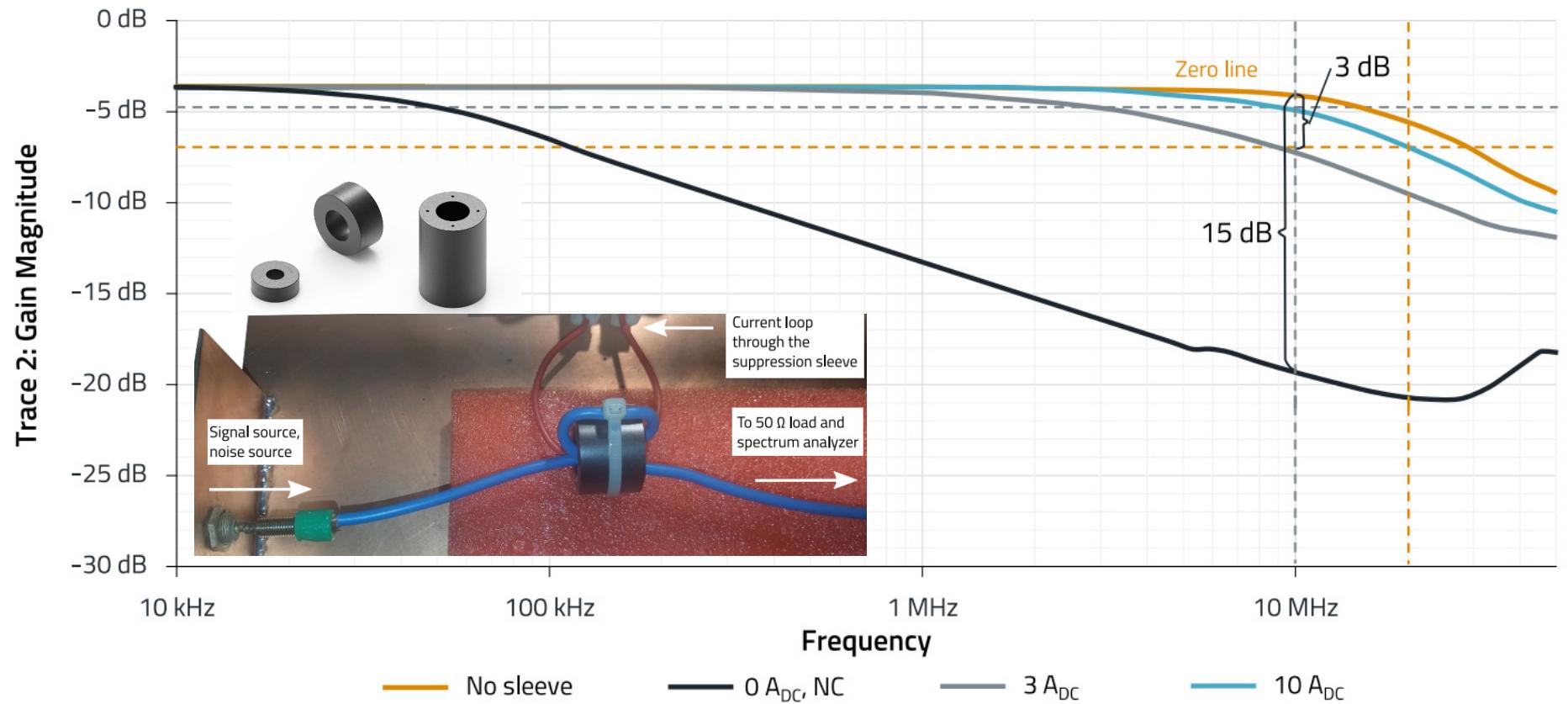
Common Mode or Differential Mode



- Single wire:
  - Attenuation of the common-mode and differential-mode current
  - Risk of **saturation** of the ferrite material
- Wire pair:
  - Attenuation of the common-mode current
  - Effect on the intended signal is cancelled
  - Saturation occurs only with high common-mode current magnitudes and small cross-section area of the core

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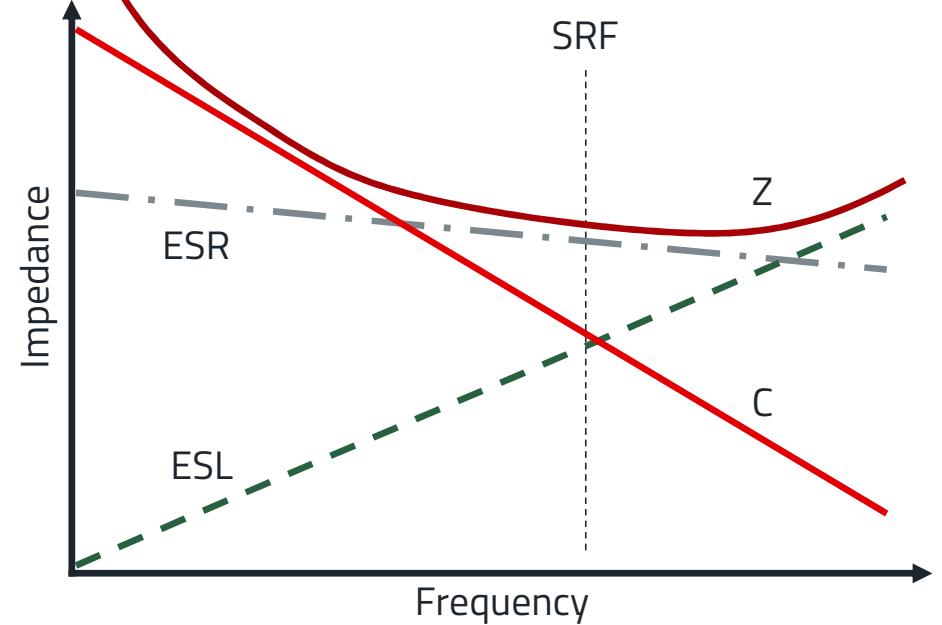
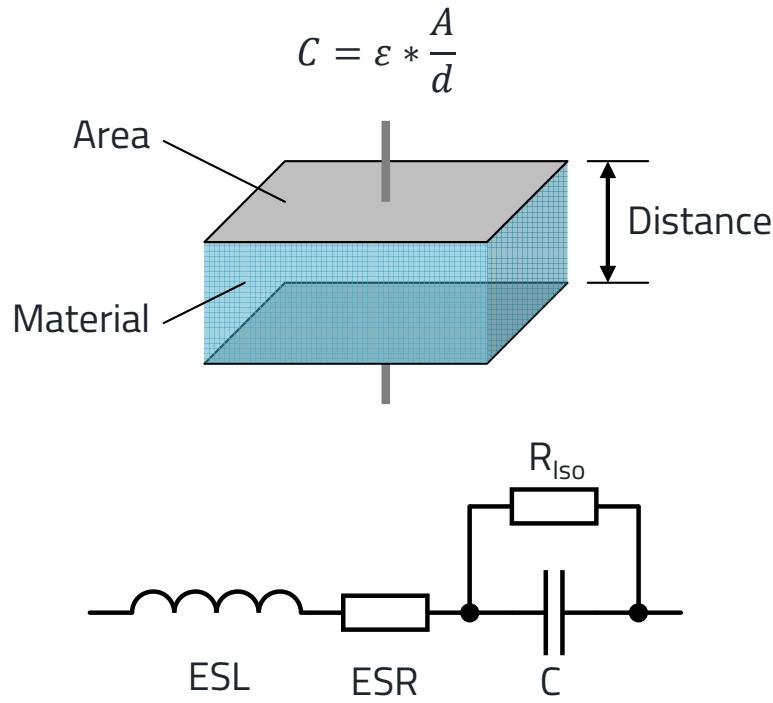
Saturation effect nanocrystalline cable ferrite - 782063151200



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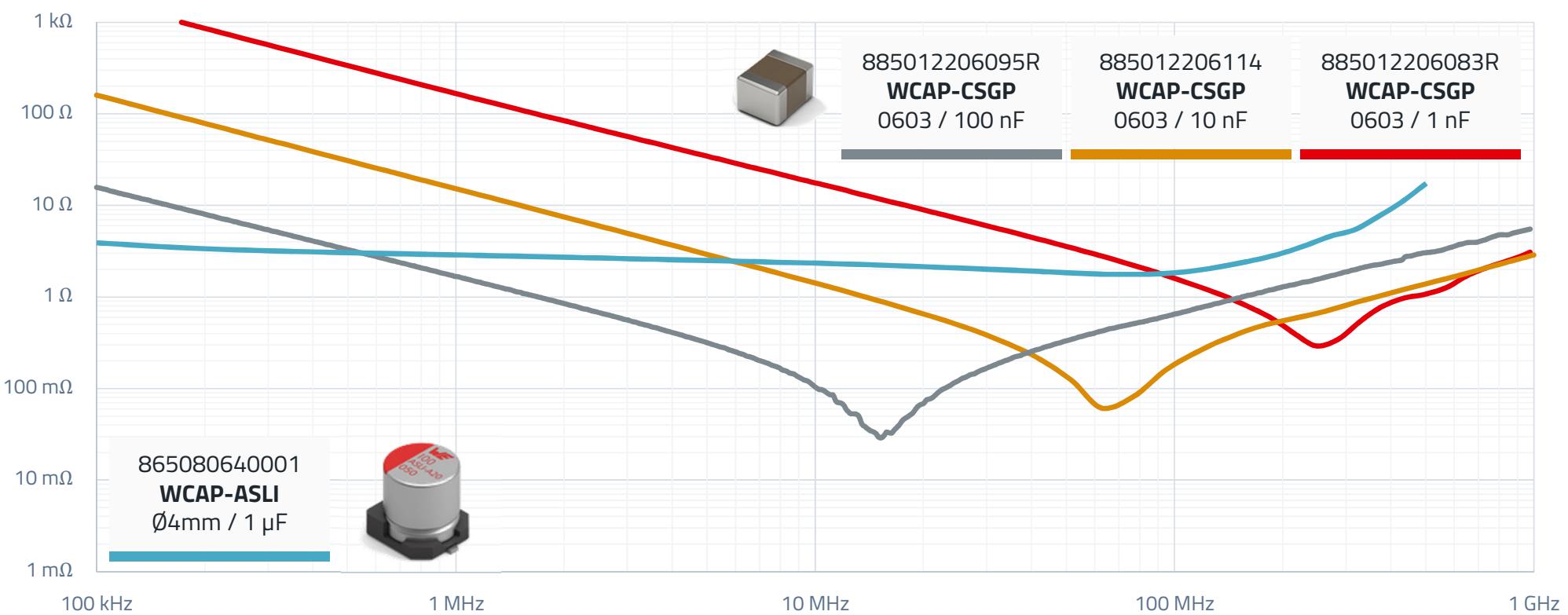
## Capacitive EMC solutions

Basic Model



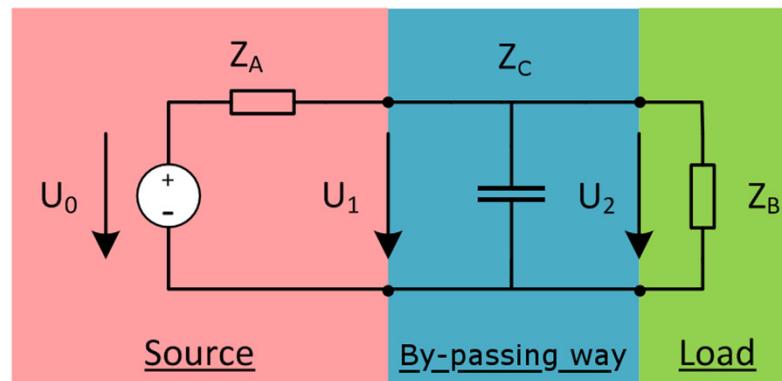
## Capacitive EMC solutions

Impedance Curves for different Capacitors



## Capacitive EMC solutions

Insertion Loss of a capacitor



- System attenuation  $in (dB)$

$$A = 20 \cdot \log \left( \frac{Z_B // Z_C}{Z_A + (Z_B // Z_C)} \right) = 20 \cdot \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + (Z_A / Z_B) + (Z_A \times jC\omega)} \right)$$

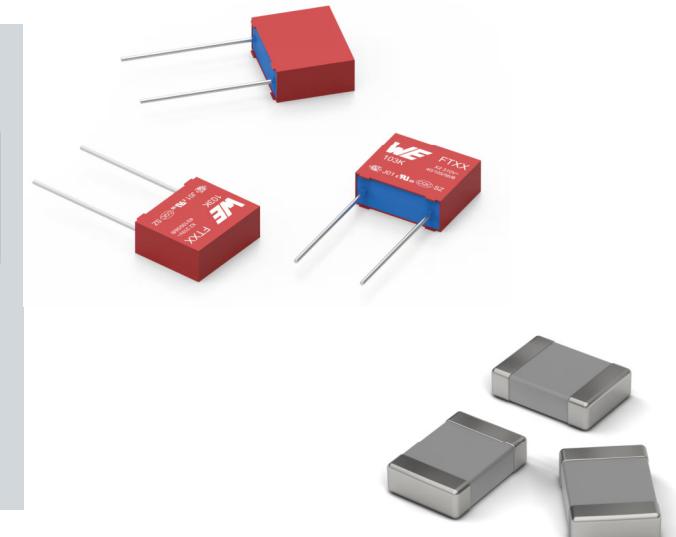
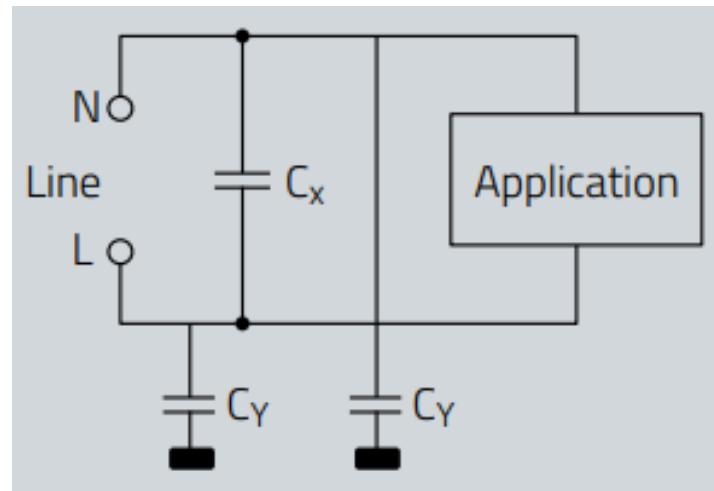
- Impedance of capacitor

$$|Z| = \frac{1}{|jC\omega|} \quad in (\Omega) \quad \omega = 2\pi f$$

C = capacitance in Farad

## Safety capacitors

X versus Y



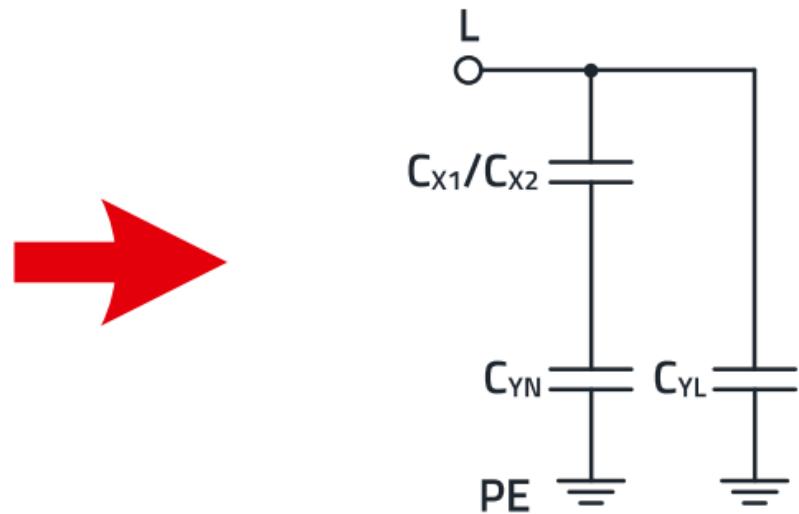
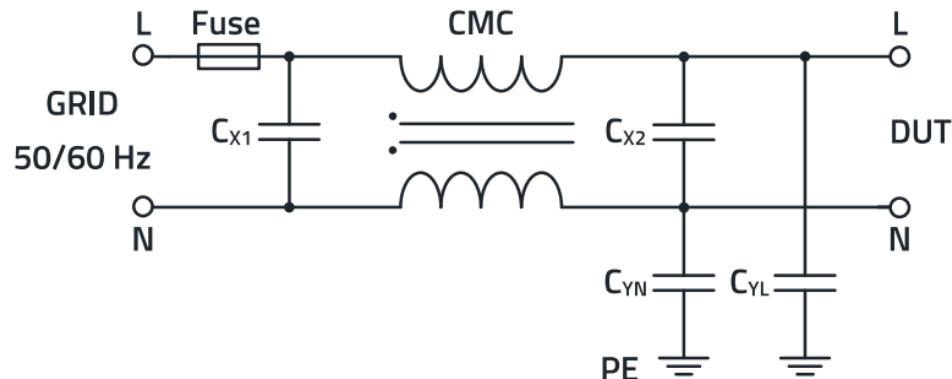
### Classification according to IEC 60384-14: 2013

Safety Class	Peak impulse voltage in use	Application	Peak impulse voltage applied before endurance test
X1	> 2.5 kV ≤ 4 kV	High pulse application	4 kV ( $C \leq 1 \mu F$ ), $U_p = \frac{4 \text{ kV}}{\sqrt{\frac{C_N(C)}{10^{-6} F}}}$
X2	≤ 2.5 kV	General Purpose	2.5 kV ( $C \leq 1 \mu F$ ), $U_p = \frac{2.5 \text{ kV}}{\sqrt{\frac{C_N(C)}{10^{-6} F}}}$

Safety Class	Type of bridged insulation	Range of rated voltages	Peak impulse voltage applied before endurance test
Y1	Double or reinforced	≤ 500 V	8 kV
Y2	Basic or supplemental	≥ 150 V ≤ 500 V	5 kV ( $C \leq 1 \mu F$ ), $U_p = \frac{5 \text{ kV}}{\sqrt{\frac{C_N(C)}{10^{-6} F}}}$

## Safety capacitors

Y capacitors - Leakage current



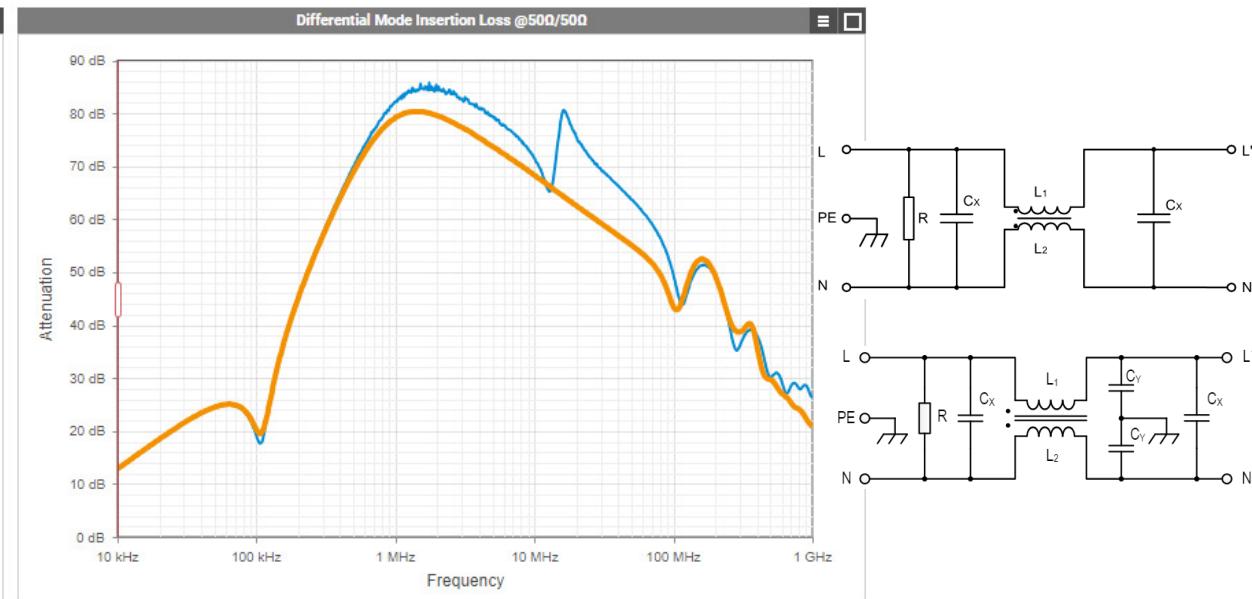
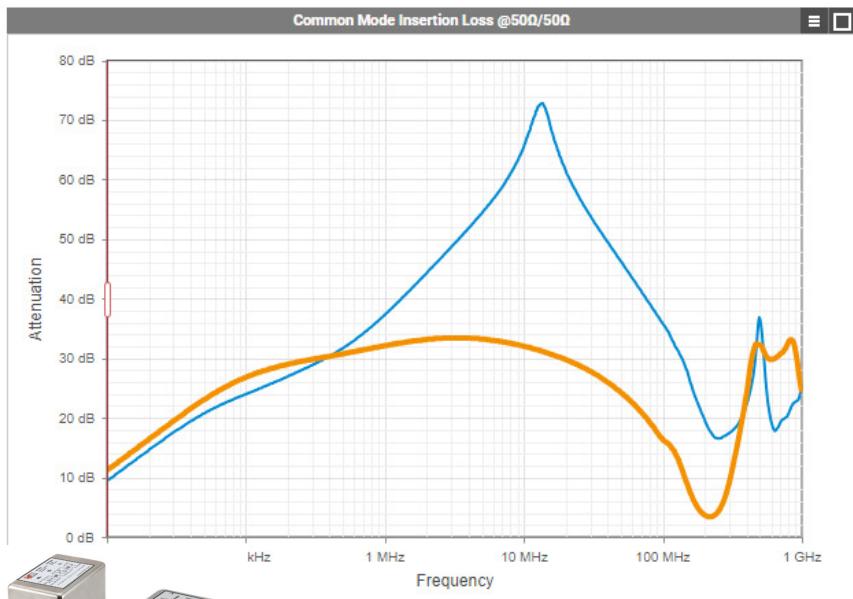
$$I_{LEAK} = V_{GRID} \cdot 2\pi \cdot f_{GRID} \cdot \left( C_{YL} + \frac{C_{XG} \cdot C_{YN}}{C_{XG} + C_{YN}} \right)$$

$$C_{XG} = C_{X1} + C_{X2}$$

## Safety capacitors

Leakage current – impact of Y capacitors

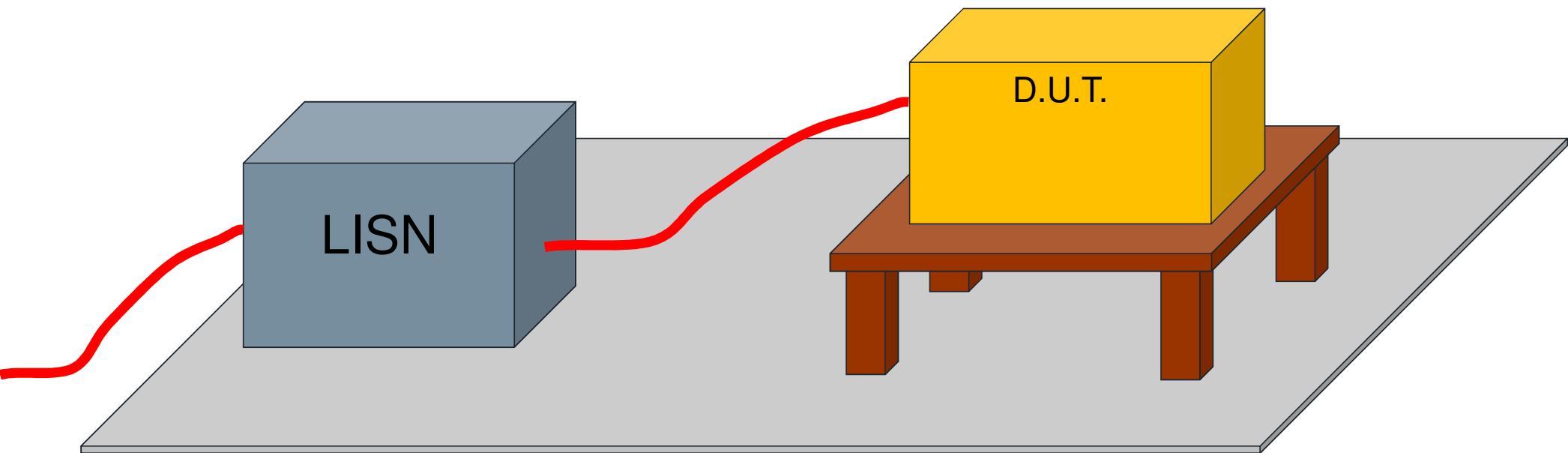
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✓	810912014	WE-CLFS	Single-Stage Advanced	<a href="#">PDF</a>	250 V	14.0 A	534 µA	2.20 mH	680 nF	6.80 nF	470 kΩ	2.00 kV	1.075 kV	137g	75.0 mm	51.8 mm	29.0 mm	2	100°C	Chassis	
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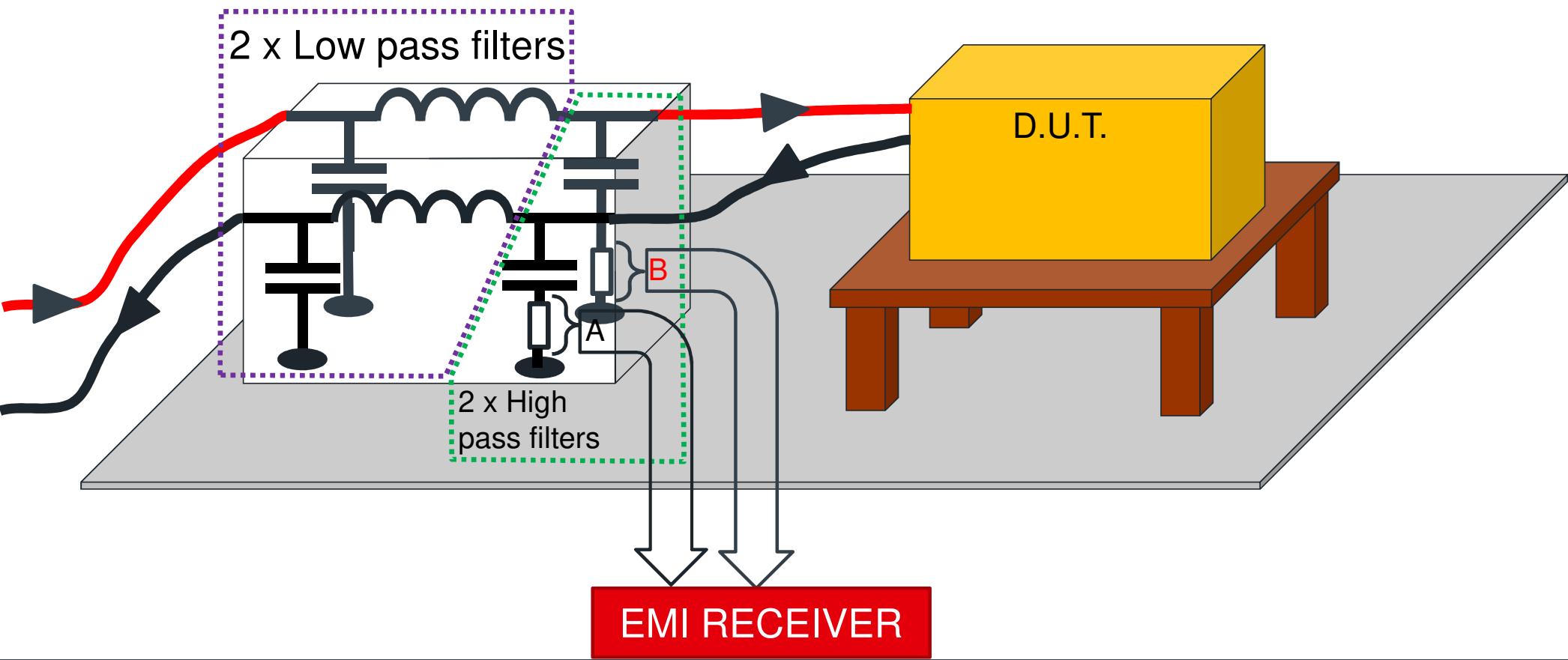
## Measurement set-up

Conducted emissions



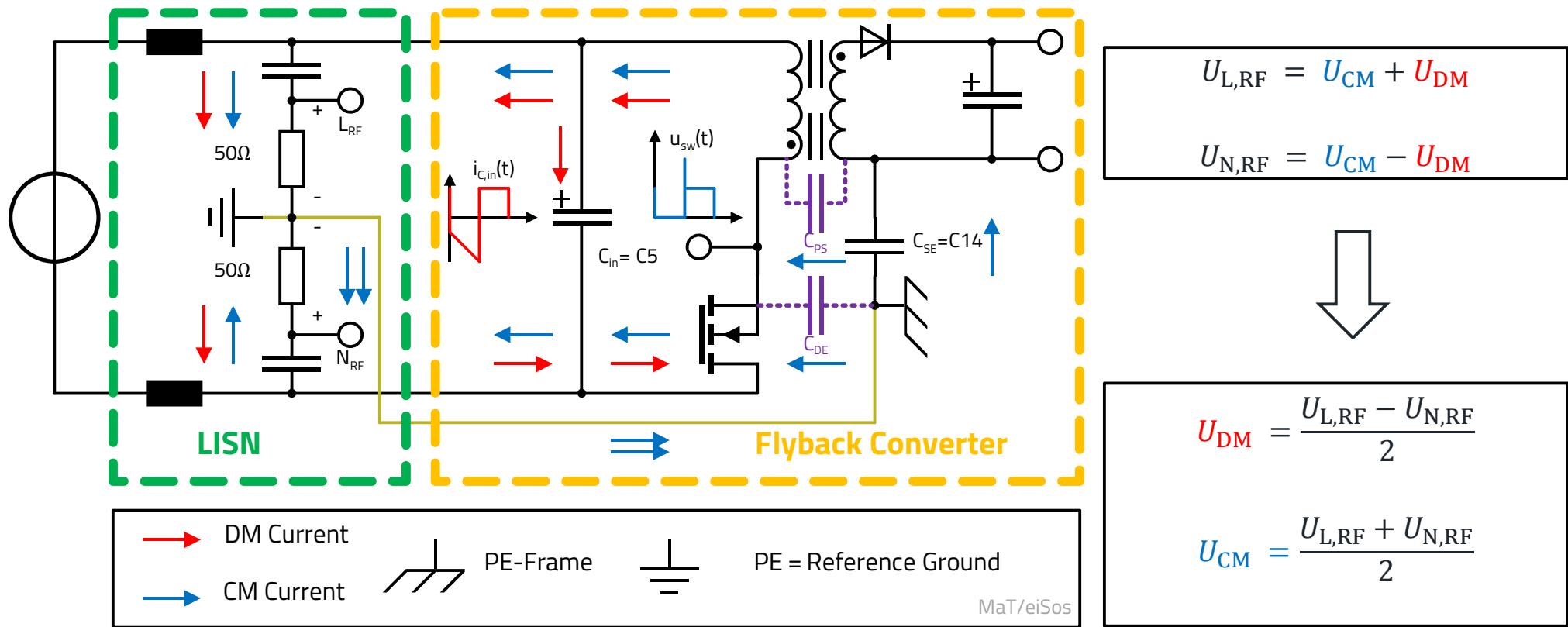
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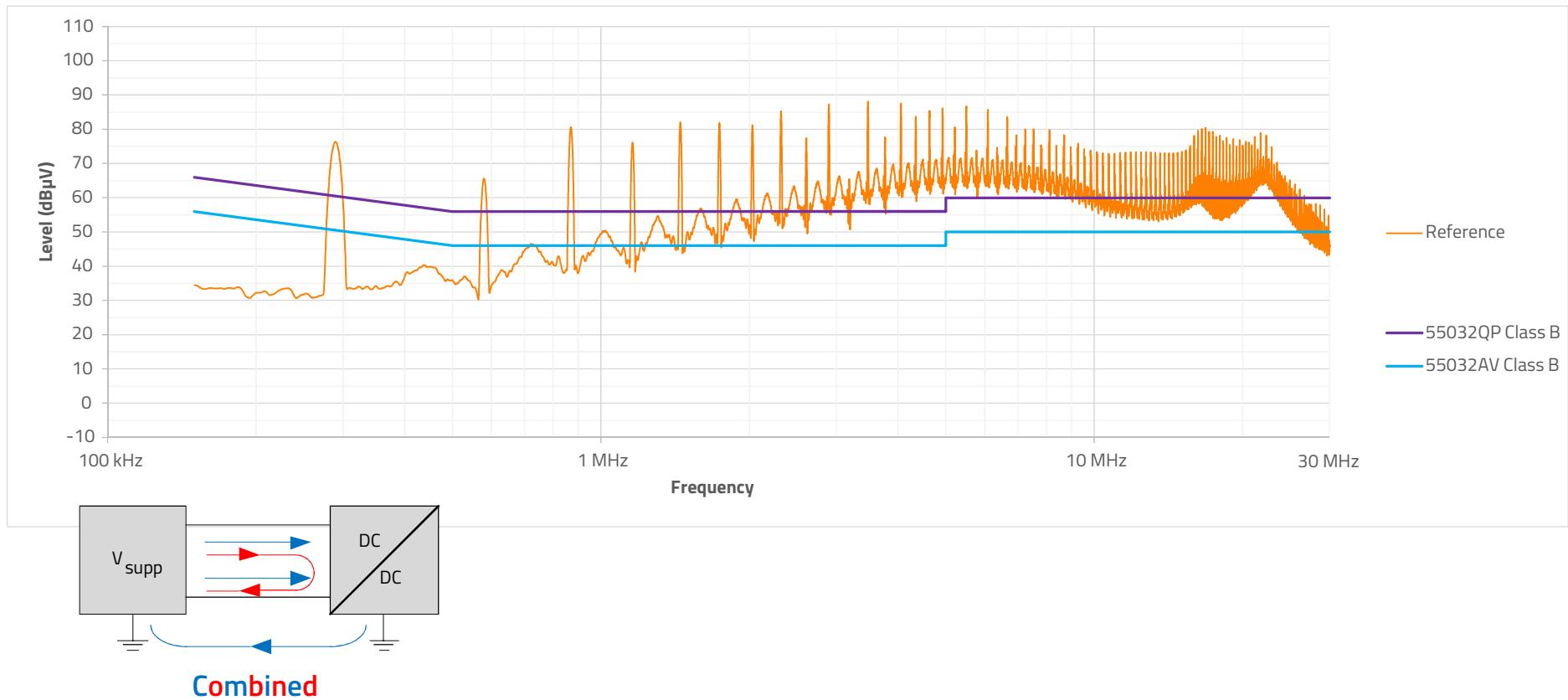
## Noise in flyback converter

DM and CM noise path in a flyback converter



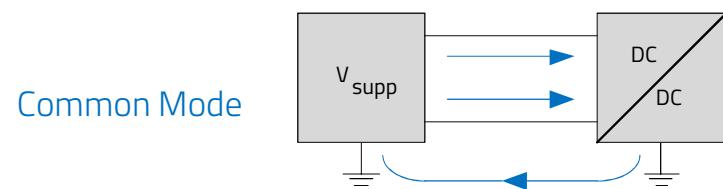
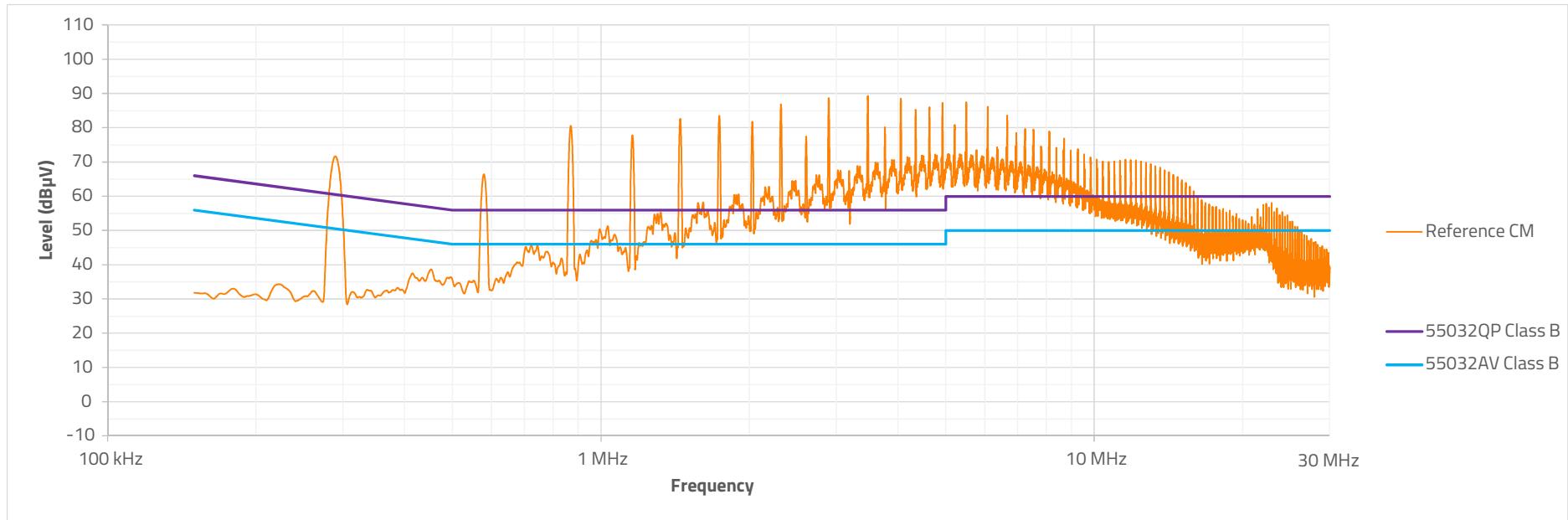
## Noise in flyback converter

Total conducted emissions - Line



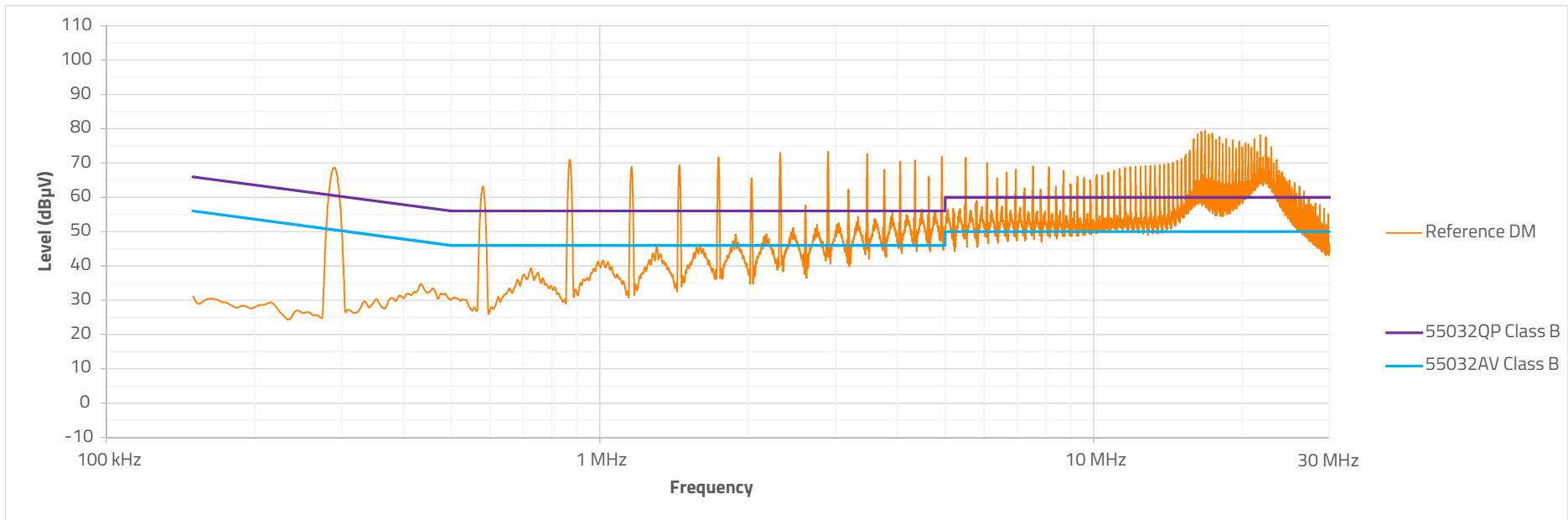
## Noise in flyback converter

Common mode noise

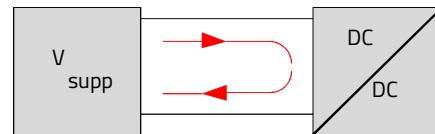


## Noise in flyback converter

Differential mode noise



Differential Mode



## Common mode filter calculation

Step 1 – cut-off frequency

- Simplified block diagram with effective CM components

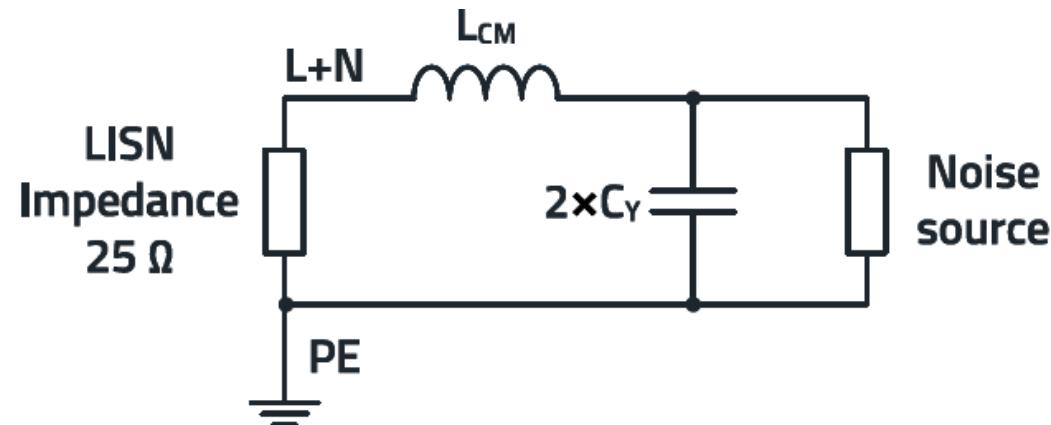
- Attenuation & cut-off frequency:

$$A_{fsw} = \log\left(\frac{f_{sw}}{f_{CO}}\right) \times 40dB$$

$$f_{CO} = \frac{f_{sw}}{10^{\frac{A_{fsw} (dB)}{40 dB}}}$$

- 30dB of common mode attenuation
- Fsw = 300kHz

$$f_{CO} = \frac{300kHz}{10^{\frac{30 dB}{40 dB}}} = 53kHz$$



## Common mode filter calculation

### Step 2 – Y capacitor selection

- 2x 8853522140011 – 4,7nF 2220 Y2 capacitor

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Filters: Class = Y2 / X1

Order Code	Series	Spec	Class	Type	Pitch/Size	C	Tol	V <sub>ex</sub>	V <sub>ry</sub>	Df...	Df...	Df...	R <sub>iso</sub>	dV/dt	T <sub>min</sub>	T <sub>max</sub>	Length	Width	Height	L <sub>s</sub>	Pin ...	Pin Ø	Rs
8853522140011	WCAP-CSSA	4.70 nF ±10% 2220	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	2220	4.70 nF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	5.70 mm	5.00 mm	2.50 mm	500 pH			35.5	
8853522130151	WCAP-CSSA	2.20 nF ±10% 2211	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	2211	2.20 nF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	5.70 mm	2.80 mm	2.50 mm	1.05 nH			100 nH	
8853522100131	WCAP-CSSA	1.00 nF ±10% 1808	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	1808	1.00 nF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	4.50 mm	2.03 mm	2.00 mm	800 pH			191 nH	
8853522110031	WCAP-CSSA	1.00 nF ±10% 1812	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	1812	1.00 nF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	4.50 mm	3.20 mm	2.50 mm	810 pH			170 nH	
8853522130111	WCAP-CSSA	1.00 nF ±10% 2211	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	2211	1.00 nF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	5.70 mm	2.80 mm	2.50 mm	1.08 nH			150 nH	
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8853522110011	WCAP-CSSA	470 pF ±10% 1812	Y2 / X1	MLCC - X7R	1812	470 pF	±10%	250 V	250 V	< 2.5 %			> 10.0 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	4.50 mm	3.20 mm	1.60 mm	505 pH			235 nH	
8853520100071	WCAP-CSSA	33.0 pF ±5% 1808	Y2 / X1	MLCC - NP0	1808	33.0 pF	±5%	250 V	250 V				> 100 GΩ	-55.0°C	125°C	4.50 mm	2.03 mm	1.40 mm	950 pH			132 nH	

Click and type or drop an Order Code here

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## Common mode filter calculation

Step 3 – Calculation of inductance – common mode choke selection

- Common mode inductance  $f_{0,cm} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \rightarrow L_{cm} = \frac{1}{(2\pi f)^2 \cdot C_{E,total}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi \cdot 53kHz)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4,7nF} = 1mH$
- Take into account the tolerance!

### **Electrical Properties:**

Properties		Test conditions	Value	Unit	Tol.
Number of windings	N		2		
Inductance	L	10 kHz / 0.1 mA	1	mH	±30%
Rated Current	I <sub>R</sub>	@ 70 °C	2	A	max.
DC Resistance	R <sub>DC</sub>	@ 20 °C	45	mΩ	max.

- 1,5mH – 2,5mH is used for selection

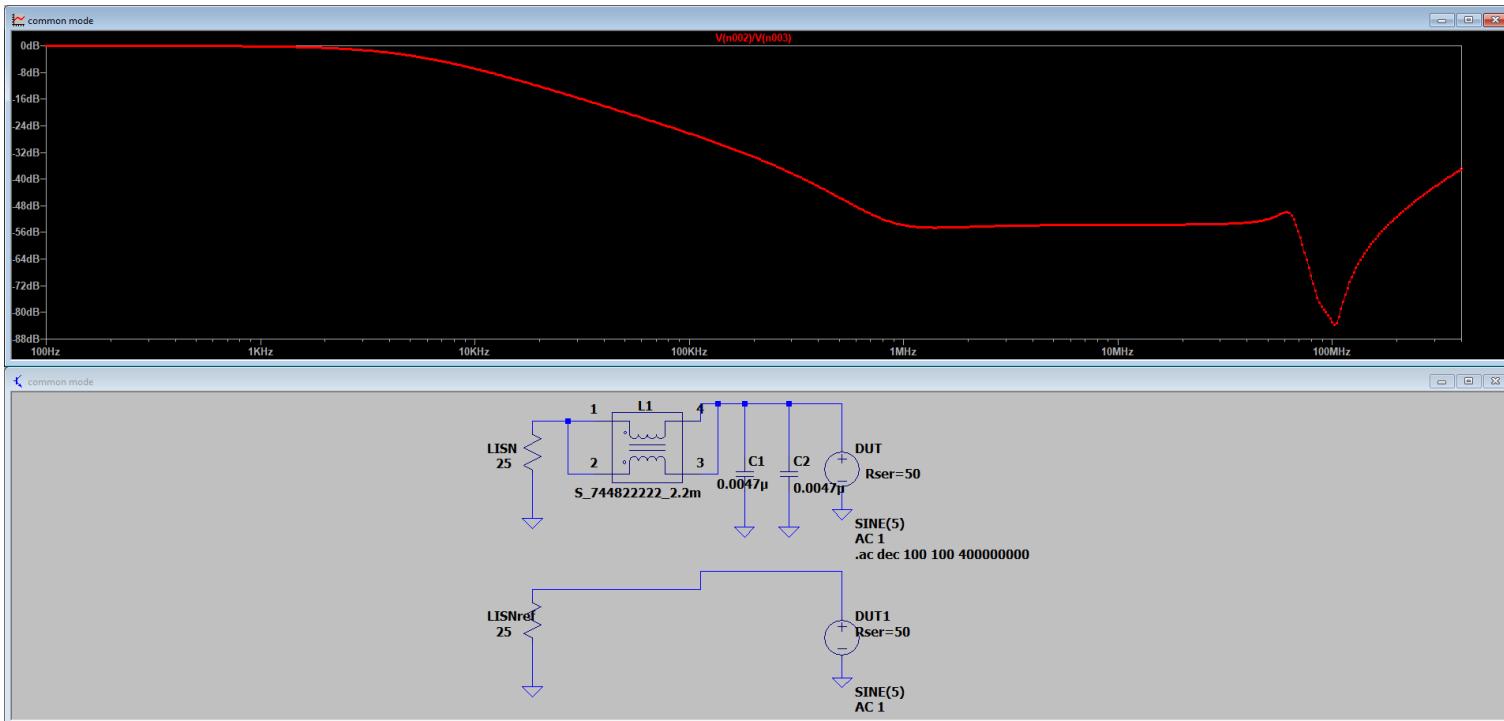
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- 744822222 is selected as common mode choke – SRF @ 3th harmonic



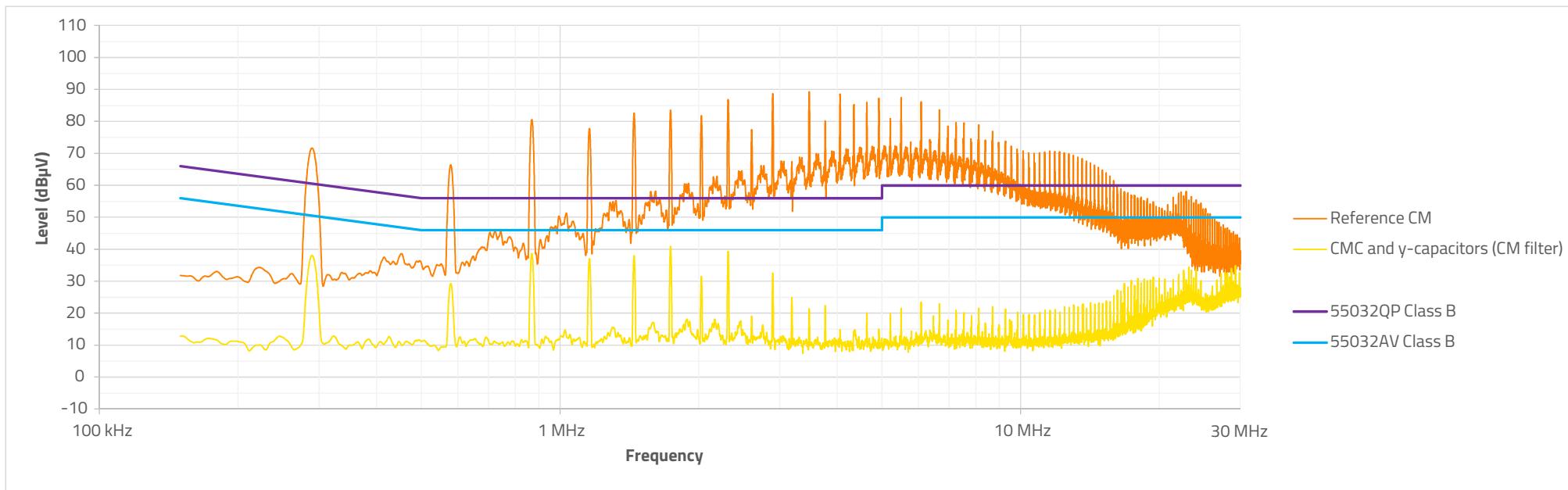
## Common mode filter calculation

Step 4 – Simulate with LTSpice

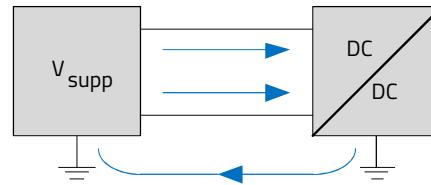


## Common mode filter

Step 5 – measurement on common mode noise

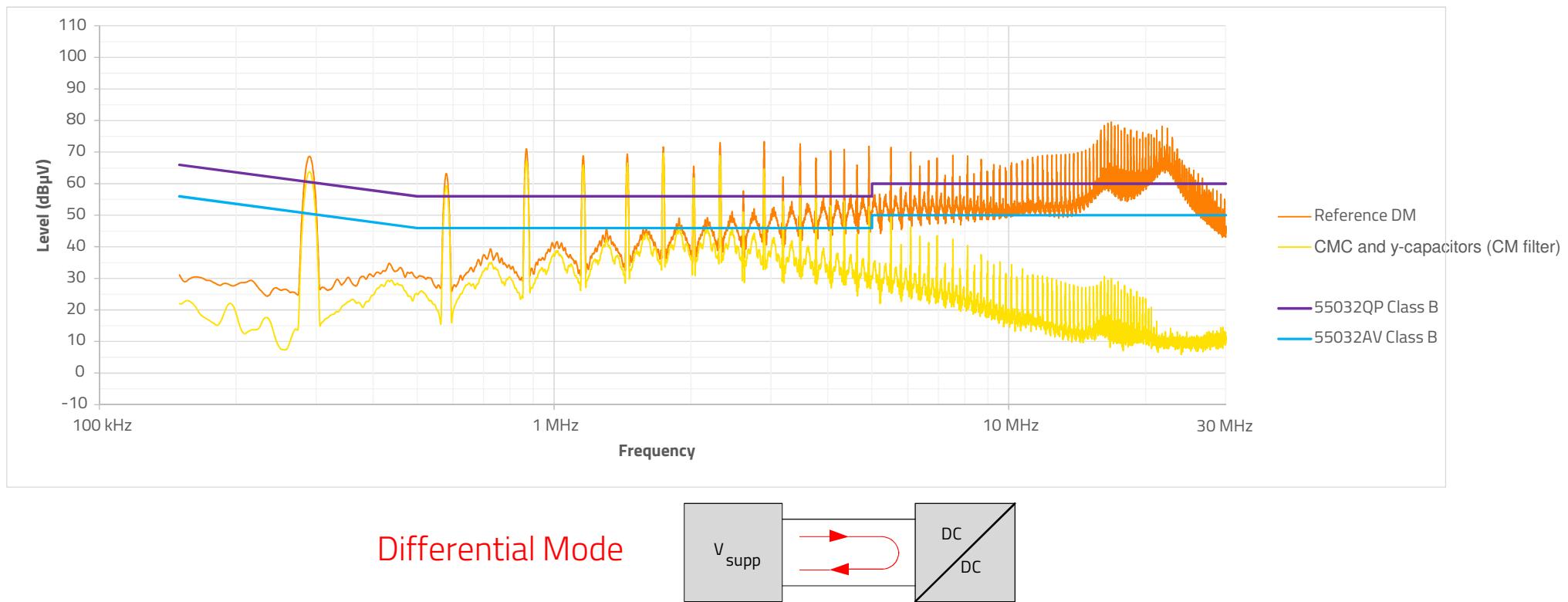


Common Mode



## Common mode filter

Step 5 – measurement on differential mode noise



## Differential mode filter calculation

Step 1 – cut-off frequency

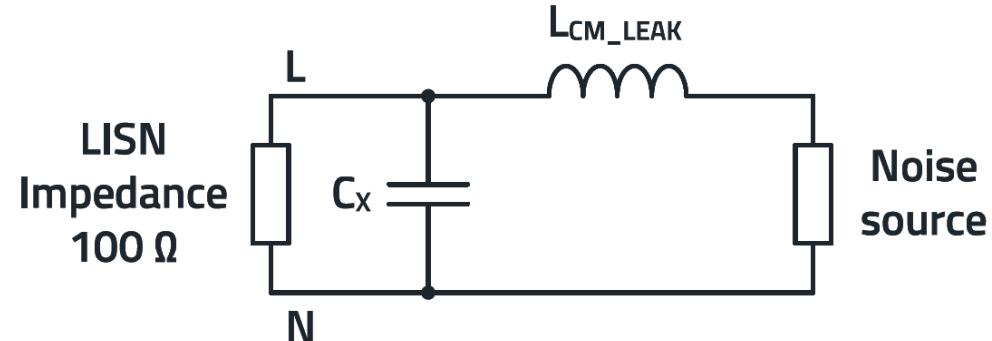
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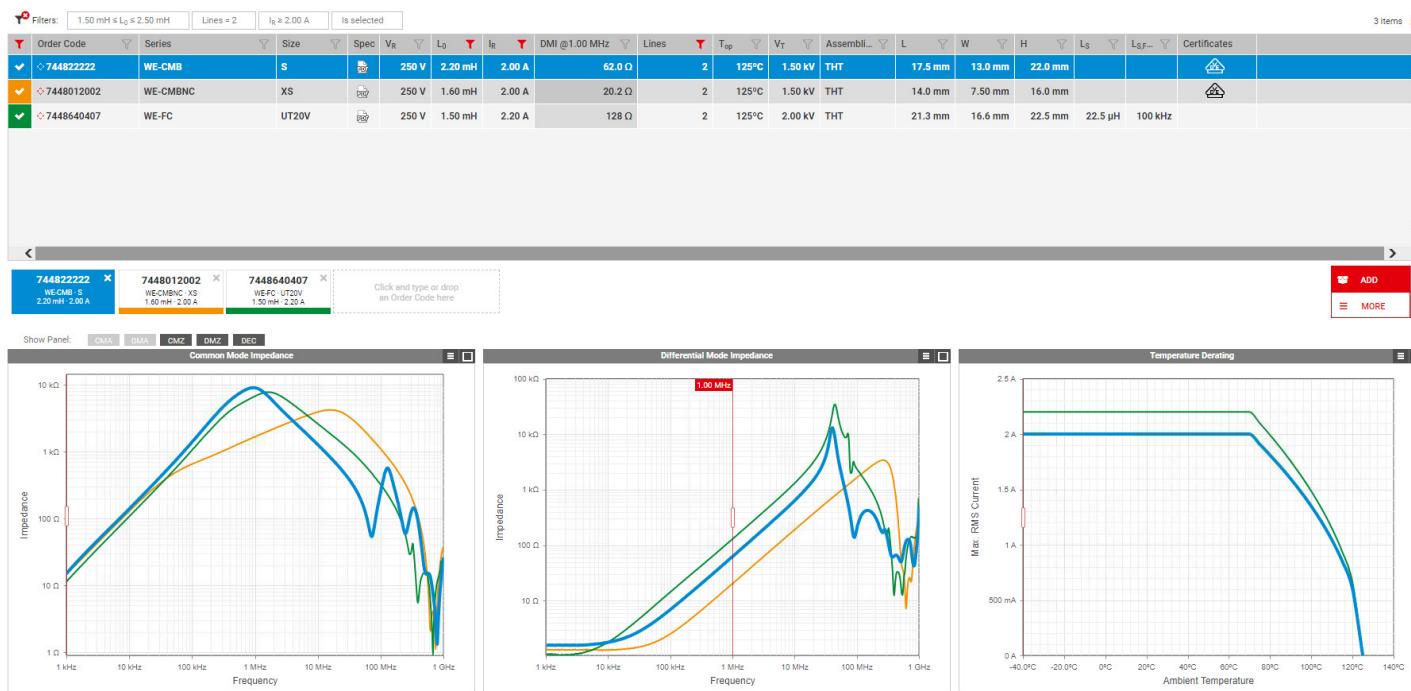


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## Differential mode filter calculation

Step 2 – leakage inductance of common mode choke

$$\blacksquare L_{DM} = \frac{Z}{2\pi \times f_{DM}} = \frac{62\Omega}{2\pi \times 1MHz} = 9,9\mu H$$



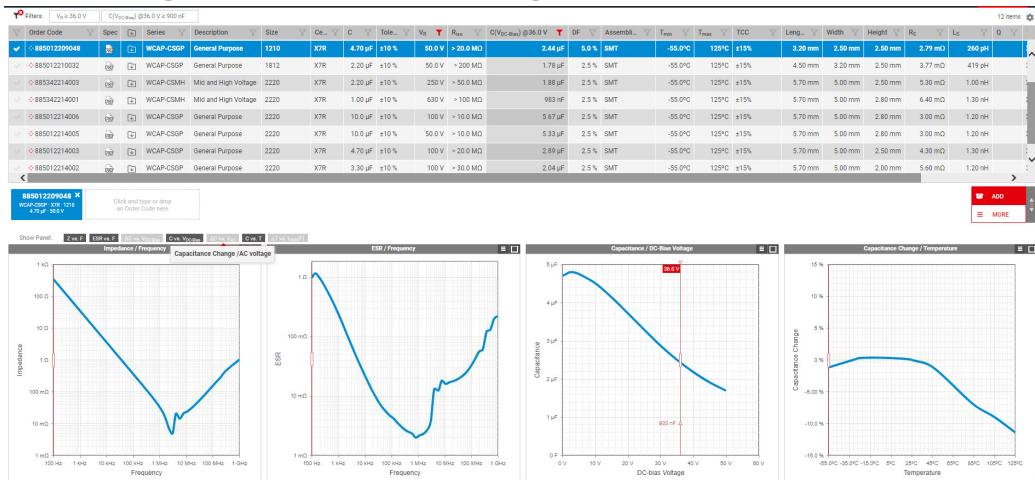
## Differential mode filter calculation

Step 3 – calculate & select (X) capacitor

- Capacitor calculation

$$f_{0,\text{dm}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \rightarrow C_x = \frac{1}{(2\pi \cdot f)^2 \cdot L_{S,\text{cm}}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi \cdot 53\text{kHz})^2 \cdot 9,9\mu\text{H}} = 900\text{nF}$$

- Assuming a 36V DC input voltage as an example

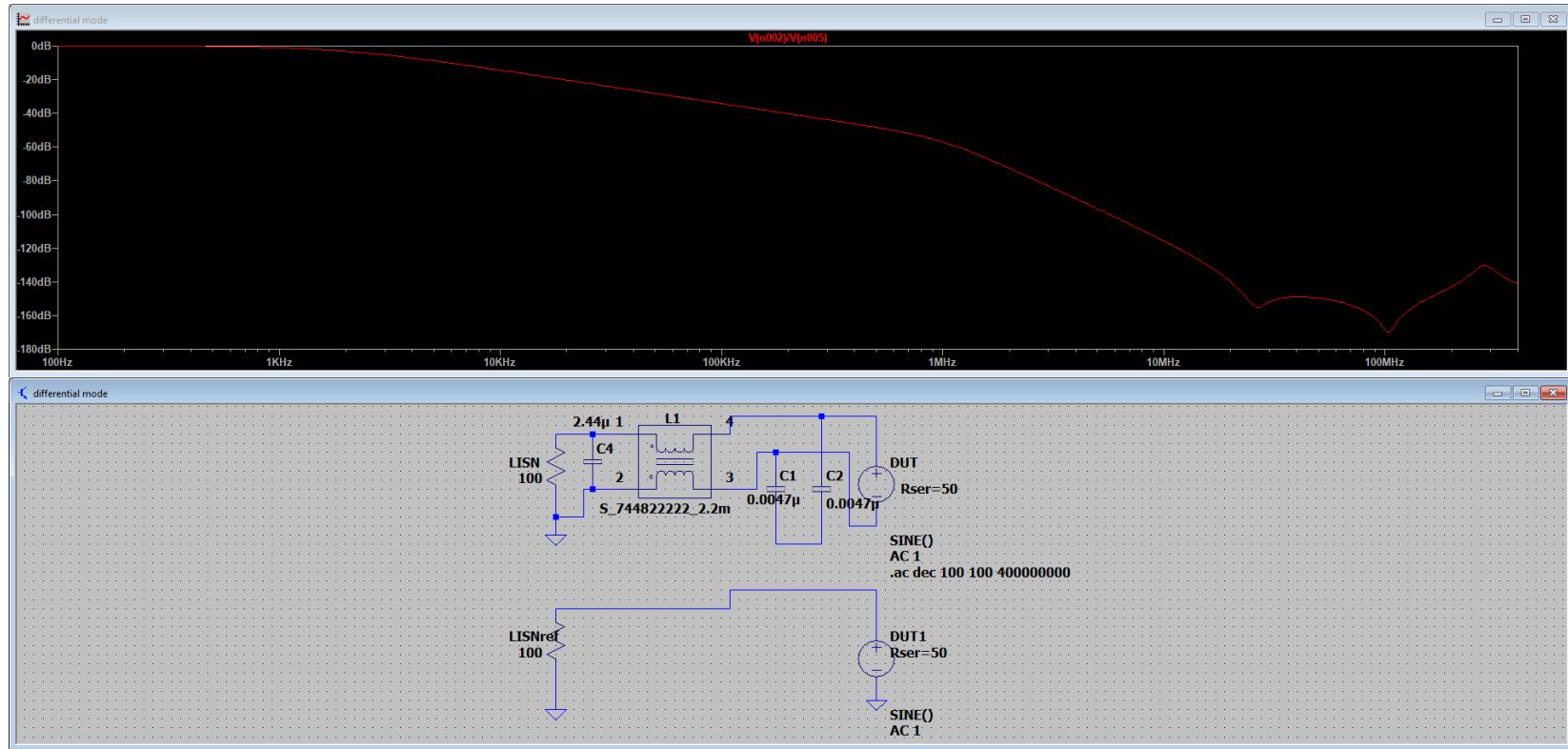


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- 885012209048 (4,7µF/50V1210), Tolerance reserve and DC bias!

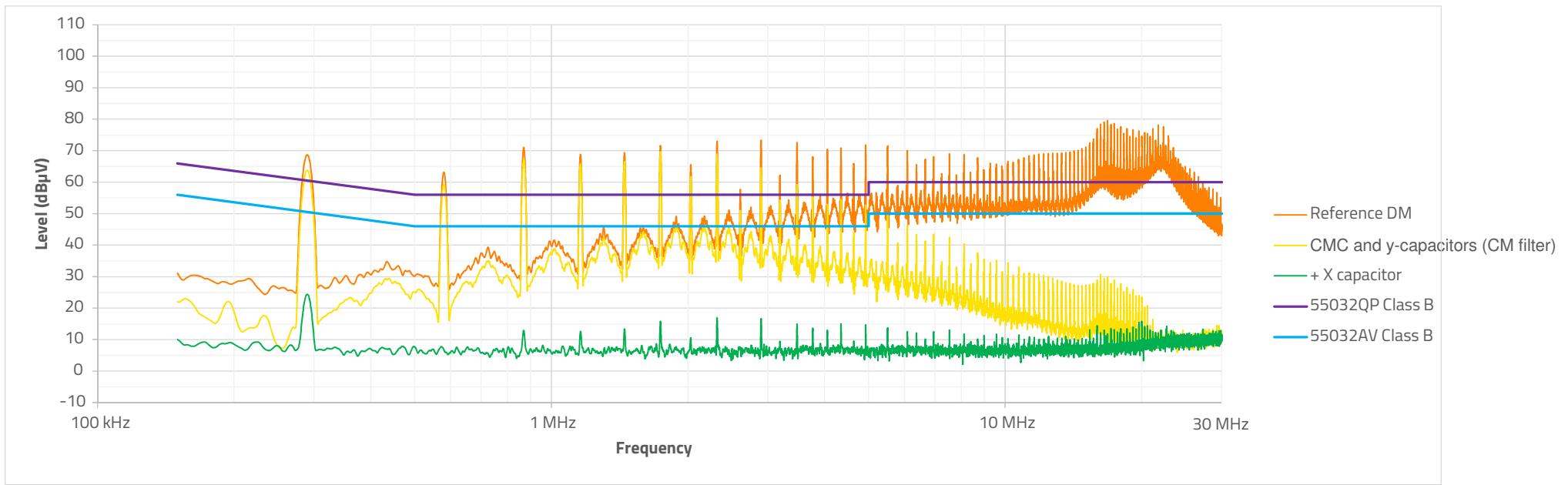
## Differential mode filter calculation

Step 4 – Simulate with LTSpice

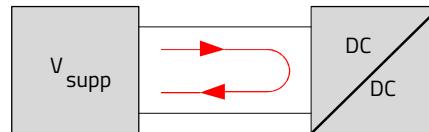


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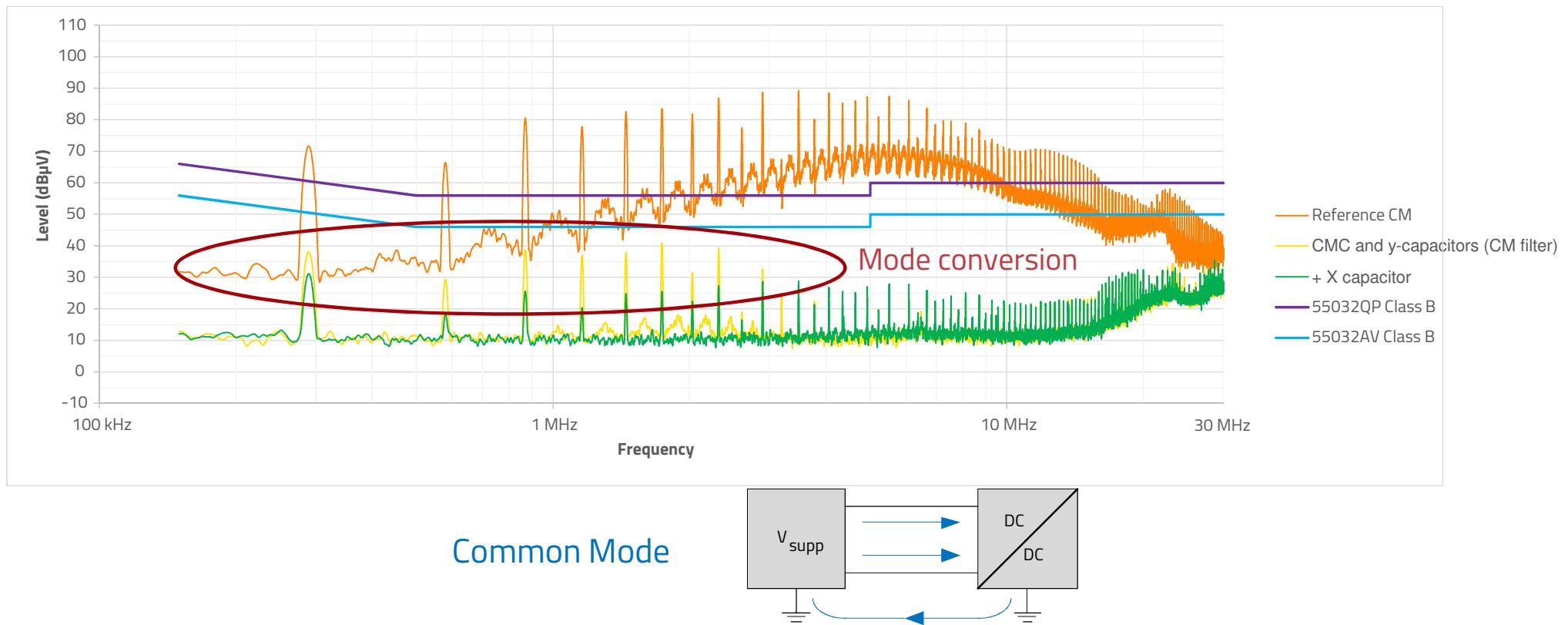
Step 5 – Measurement on differential mode noise



Differential Mode



## Common mode result



## Total conducted emissions - Line

