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A Comparative Study of S-S and LCCL-S Compensation Topologies in Inductive Power Transfer Systems for Electric Vehicles

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Abstract: In inductive power transfer (IPT) systems, series-series (S-S) and double capacitances and inductances-series (LCCL-S) compensation topologies are widely utilized. In this study, the basic characteristics of S-S and LCCL-S are analyzed and compared in the tuning state. In addition, considering the universality of detuning, and because the two topologies have the same secondary structures, the voltage and current stress on components, input impedances, voltage gains, and output powers of S-S and LCCL-S are mainly analyzed and compared in the detuning state, which is caused by variations in the secondary compensation capacitance. To compare the efficiency of the two topologies and verify the comparative analysis, comparative experiments based on a 2.4-kW IPT experimental prototype are conducted. The comparative result shows that the S-S compensation topology is more sensitive to load variations and less sensitive to secondary compensation capacitance variations than LCCL-S. Both in the tuning and detuning states, the efficiency of the S-S topology is higher in high-power electric vehicle (EV) applications, and the efficiency of LCCL-S is higher in low-power.

Keywords: inductive power transfer (IPT); series-series (S-S) compensation topology; double capacitances and inductances-series (LCCL-S) compensation topology; detuning state; electric vehicle (EV)

1. Introduction

To solve the environmental pollution problems and ensure the continuous reduction of traditional energy usage, new energy industries have emerged, and are being developed rapidly, especially in the electric vehicle (EV) industry [1–3]. As the core technology of EVs, there have been constant breakthroughs in inductive power transfer (IPT) technology [4]. IPT technology can be employed to realize power transmission from a power source to load devices in a non-contact way via the coupling magnetic field between the primary and secondary coils [5]. A typical IPT system diagram is shown in Figure 1. Without the need for direct electrical contact between the primary and secondary sides, IPT technology has the advantages of good environmental adaptability, safety, convenience, and smaller size [6,7]. Thus, it largely compensates for the shortcomings associated with conventional cable charging [8].

In IPT systems, resonance compensation topology is a key component that directly affects the system performance and charging quality [9,10]. Conventional basic resonance compensation topologies include series-series (S-S), series-parallel (S-P), parallel-parallel (P-P), and parallel-series (P-S) [11]. Recently, there have been several studies and analyses on these four resonance topologies, and researchers have begun to try some new topological combinations and analyze some high-order resonance topologies.

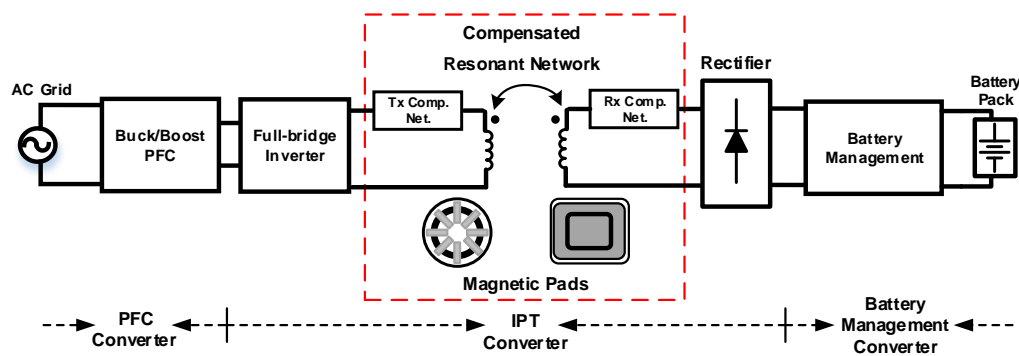


Figure 1. Schematic of the IPT system for EVs.

In [12], a new resonant topology called S-CLC are proposed, which has advantages, such as constant output voltage, ease of implementation of zero phase angle (ZPA) [13], and zero voltage switching (ZVS). In [14], the design procedure of an optimized parameter for LCCL-S resonant topology is reported. Using the optimized design, high efficiency ZVS operation over an entire load range can be achieved. Meanwhile, comparative studies of different resonance topologies have been reported in some literature. In [15], under the condition of mutual inductance variations that are caused by misalignment, the S-S and double-sided LCC topologies are compared in terms of output power, efficiency, voltage, and current stress. Based on the analysis and experiments, although the conclusion is that S-S has a higher sensitivity and component stress than double-sided LCC as mutual inductance varies, only double-sided LCC experiments are performed. In [16], using a varying coupling coefficient k (0.18–0.26), the design methods, volumes, costs, complexities, and efficiencies of series LC (SLC) and hybrid series parallel (LCL) topologies are compared, and the results prove that the LCL topology has higher efficiency, lower capacitance stress, and control complexity than the SLC topology.

During the application of IPT technology, detuning is a universal issue [17,18]. Although an ideal charging efficiency can be obtained near the ZPA frequency, the resonance state can easily be broken because of detuning. In both detuning and tuning states, the characteristics and performances of the topology vary significantly [19]. Detuning is mainly caused by two factors. First, owing to the improper parking of EVs, there are usually misalignments between transmitting and receiving coils, leading to a large drop in the mutual inductance (coupling coefficient) and minor variations in the self-inductances. Secondly, during actual operation, because of high temperatures, oscillations, device manufacturing errors, and some other physical factors, actual parameters (compensation capacitances and inductances) may differ from designed parameters. Both detuning reasons may cause ZPA frequency deviations. Although the compensation topologies may be under the same detuning condition, there are often differences in the actual impacts caused by detuning on different compensation topologies. Therefore, the analysis and comparison of the characteristics of different topologies in the case of detuning not only has practical significances, but can also help to optimize the parameter design of compensation topologies.

In terms of the detuning studies, most of the studies are concerned with detuning that is caused by misalignment between primary and secondary coils. However, there are few studies on detuning that is caused by deviations in compensation components. Therefore, in this study, because S-S and LCCL-S have the same series structures in a secondary loop, the characteristics of S-S and LCCL-S are not only compared in the tuning state, but also compared in the detuning state, which is caused by variations in the secondary compensation capacitances. The deviation factor of the secondary compensation capacitance is defined. The related equations of S-S and LCCL-S in the detuning state are then derived. Next, similarities and differences between the two topologies are compared and summarized based on the excel calculation results. In addition, because it is difficult to compare the efficiencies of S-S and LCCL-S by performing calculations and simulations, a 2.4-kW experimental prototype is configured to compare the efficiencies of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies.

2. Theoretical Analysis of Compensation Topologies

2.1. Basic Characteristics and Analysis of the S-S Topology

Figure 2 illustrates the circuit analysis topology model of the S-S compensation topology. U_s is the equivalent AC input voltage (output voltage of the Full-bridge (FB) inverter) of the compensation topology, and according to Fourier theory, the relational expression between U_s and U_{DC} (DC-link voltage of IPT system) can be defined as:

$$U_s = \frac{4U_{DC}}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5\dots} \frac{\sin(n\phi)}{n} \quad (1)$$

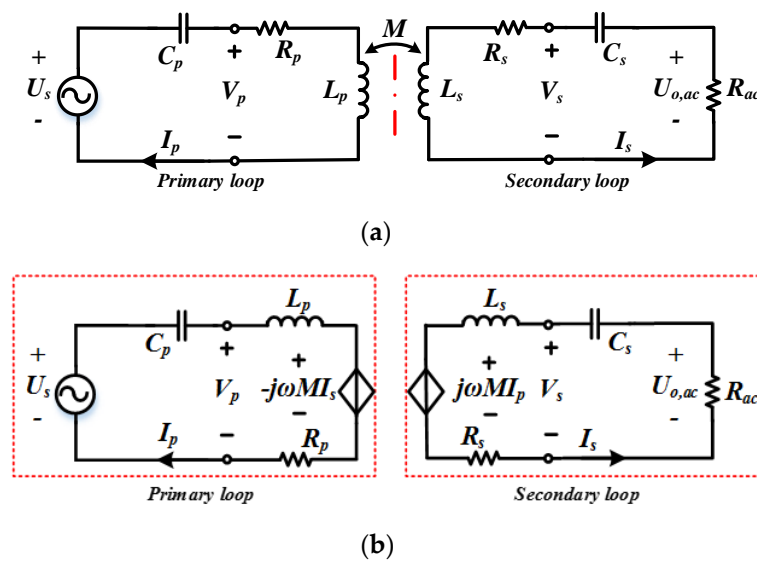


Figure 2. Circuit analysis model of S-S. (a) Mutual inductive topology model; (b) Decoupling independent voltage source model.

In (1), n is the label of the odd harmonic, and ϕ is the frequency corresponding angle of U_s . During the analysis of this study, only the fundamental harmonic ($n = 1$) is considered. R_{ac} is the equivalent AC load resistance. According to [20], when the output low-pass filter only consists of capacitors, the relationship between R_{ac} and the rectifier output resistance (R_L) can be defined as:

$$R_{ac} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} R_L \quad (2)$$

For the primary and secondary coils, R_p and R_s are the equivalent AC loop resistances, and their values are not constants owing to the skin and proximity effect of the coils [21]. L_p and L_s are self-inductances of the coils, and may generate a slight change when misalignment occurs [22]. V_p and V_s are the voltages of the coils. To enhance the power transfer capacity and decrease the VA rating of the AC grid [8], the compensation capacitances C_p and C_s are added to the primary and secondary loops respectively. The equivalent impedances Z_p and Z_s in both loops can be defined as $Z_p = j\omega L_p + \frac{1}{j\omega C_p} + R_p$ and $Z_s = j\omega L_s + \frac{1}{j\omega C_s} + R_s + R_{ac}$. In Figure 2b, according to Kirchhoff's law, the following equations can be obtained simply:

$$Z_r = -j\omega M I_s = \frac{(\omega M)^2}{Z_s} \quad (3)$$

$$I_p = \frac{U_s}{Z_p + Z_r} = \frac{Z_s U_s}{Z_p Z_s + (\omega M)^2} \tag{4}$$

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$$U_{o,ac} = I_s R_{ac} = \frac{j\omega M U_s R_{ac}}{Z_p Z_s + (\omega M)^2} \tag{6}$$

When the operation frequency ω of the FB inverter is equal to the ZPA frequency ω_o , which is $\omega = \omega_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_p C_p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_s C_s}}$ [23]. If the equivalent resistances R_p and R_s are very small, (4)–(6) can be changed as follows:

$$I_p = \frac{U_s(R_s + R_{ac})}{R_p(R_s + R_{ac}) + (\omega_o M)^2} \approx \frac{U_s R_{ac}}{(\omega_o M)^2} \tag{7}$$

$$I_s = \frac{j\omega_o M U_s}{R_p(R_s + R_{ac}) + (\omega_o M)^2} \approx j \frac{U_s}{\omega_o M} \tag{8}$$

$$U_{o,ac} = \frac{j\omega_o M U_s R_{ac}}{R_p(R_s + R_{ac}) + (\omega_o M)^2} \approx \frac{jR_{ac} U_s}{\omega_o M} \tag{9}$$

When the S-S topology operates in the tuning state ($\omega = \omega_o$), from (7)–(9), it can be found that the secondary current I_s is nearly a constant that is not affected by load variations, and S-S presents a constant-current source characteristic to the load. Further, the primary loop current I_p and AC output voltage $U_{o,ac}$ is directly proportional to the AC load R_{ac} and input voltage U_s , and they are inversely proportional to the ZPA frequency ω_o and mutual inductance M . Thus, the output characteristic of the S-S compensation topology is sensitive to the load variation and coil misalignment.

2.2. Basic Characteristics and Analysis of the LCCL-S Topology

Figure 3 shows the circuit analysis topology model of the LCCL-S compensation topology. Because the secondary topology structure of LCCL-S is the same as S-S, the resonance conditions of the secondary loop have no differences with respect to the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies.

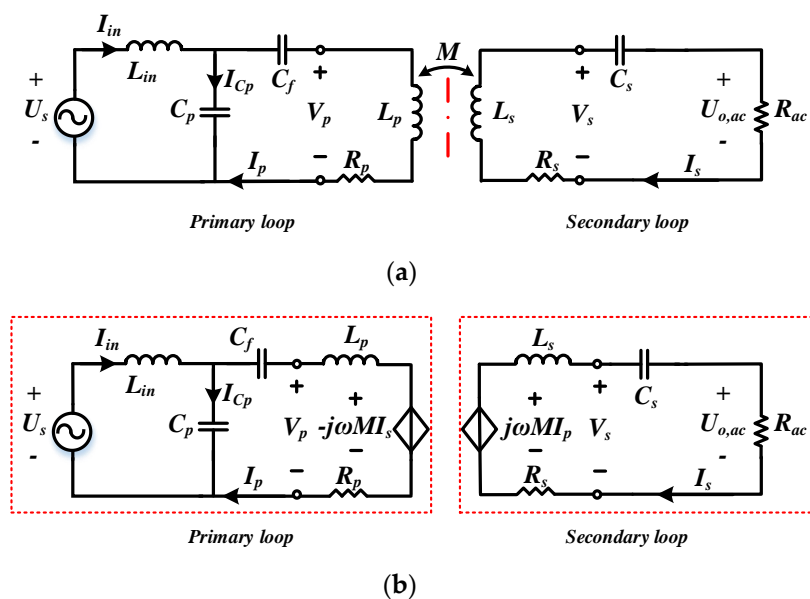


Figure 3. Circuit analysis model of LCCL-S. (a) Mutual inductive topology model; (b) Decoupling independent voltage source model.

However, in the primary loop of the LCCL-S topology, a series inductance and a shunt capacitance are supplied. The resonance conditions of the primary loop can be given as:

$$\begin{cases} \omega = \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_{in}C_p}} \\ L_{in} = \left(\frac{C_f}{C_f + C_p}\right)L_p \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Using the mutual inductive topology model as shown in Figure 3b, and combining it with (3), the input impedance and coil currents of LCCL-S can be modified from the equations in [24]:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{in} = \frac{1}{1/(j\omega L_p + 1/j\omega C_f + \mathbf{Z}_r + R_p) + j\omega C_p} + j\omega L_{in} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_p = \mathbf{I}_{in} - \mathbf{I}_{C_p} = \frac{\mathbf{U}_s}{\mathbf{Z}_{in}[1 + j\omega C_p(j\omega L_p + 1/j\omega C_f + \mathbf{Z}_r + R_p)]} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_s = \frac{j\omega M \mathbf{I}_p}{\mathbf{Z}_s} = \frac{j\omega M \mathbf{U}_s}{\mathbf{Z}_s \mathbf{Z}_{in}[1 + j\omega C_p(j\omega L_p + 1/j\omega C_f + \mathbf{Z}_r + R_p)]} \quad (13)$$

Considering C_p , L_p , and \mathbf{Z}_r as an overall equivalent impedance \mathbf{Z}_x , there is $\mathbf{Z}_x = j\omega L_p + \frac{1}{j\omega C_f} + \mathbf{Z}_r + R_p$, and the primary loop circuit of LCCL-S, as shown in Figure 3b, can be converted to Figure 4.

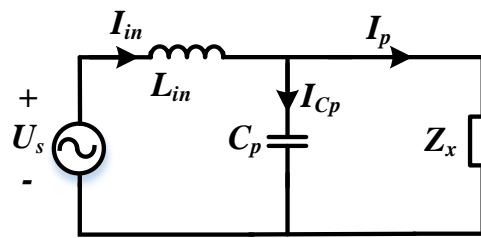


Figure 4. Equivalent circuit of primary loop in LCCL-S.

Based on Kirchhoff's law, the voltage and current equations of the circuit can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{U}_s = j\omega L_{in} \mathbf{I}_{in} + \mathbf{Z}_x \mathbf{I}_p \\ \mathbf{I}_{in} = (j\omega C_p \mathbf{Z}_x + 1) \mathbf{I}_p \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

By solving (14), the expression of \mathbf{I}_p , which is derived in (12), can be changed to:

$$\mathbf{I}_p = \frac{\mathbf{U}_s}{j\omega L_{in}} \quad (15)$$

From (15), the primary current of the LCCL-S compensation topology is always a constant, and \mathbf{I}_p is not affected by the load variation, and is only associated with the AC input voltage \mathbf{U}_s , operation frequency ω , and compensation inductance L_{in} . Even if the resonance condition is not met ($\omega \neq \omega_0$), (15) is established. On the contrary, when $\omega = \omega_0$ and the equivalent resistance R_s is very small, to substitute (15) into (13), the AC output voltage of LCCL-S can be derived as:

$$\mathbf{U}_{o,ac} = \mathbf{I}_s R_{ac} = \frac{M \mathbf{U}_s R_{ac}}{(R_s + R_{ac}) L_{in}} \approx \frac{M \mathbf{U}_s}{L_{in}} \quad (16)$$

From (16), it can be clearly seen that the LCCS-S compensation topology has the characteristics of a constant output voltage, and is independent of load variations. In addition, the output voltage of LCCL-S can be adjusted independently via compensation inductance L_{in} . This feature allows the

battery management (BM) converter to be saved during the practical battery charging process, and it can help to reduce the system cost and volume as well as to improve the charging efficiency.

2.3. Frequency Variation Characteristics of S-S and LCCL-S Compensation Topologies

In IPT systems, the frequency is a crucial parameter that influences the system characteristics to a large extent, this influence is mainly reflected in the voltage gain and input phase angle. In terms of the voltage gain, because the DC-link voltage is almost unchanged during operation, a relatively stable output voltage is related to the safety of the charging process and battery life. In addition, the implementation of ZVS can reduce the switching loss of the FB inverter and ensure safe operation, and the input impedance angle can directly reflect the ZVS region. Therefore, frequency control is the primary means of adjusting the voltage ratio and ZVS region in IPT systems. According to the previous mathematical analysis, the following equations can be derived:

$$G_{v_SS} = \left| \frac{\mathbf{U}_{o,ac}}{\mathbf{U}_s} \right| = \left| \frac{j\omega MR_{ac}}{\mathbf{Z}_p \mathbf{Z}_s + (\omega M)^2} \right| \quad (17)$$

$$G_{v_LCCL} = \left| \frac{\mathbf{U}_{o,ac}}{\mathbf{U}_s} \right| = \left| \frac{j\omega MR_{ac}}{\mathbf{Z}_s \mathbf{Z}_{in} [1 + j\omega C_p (j\omega L_p + 1/j\omega C_f + \mathbf{Z}_r)]} \right| \quad (18)$$

$$\theta_{in_SS(LCCL)} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{Im(\mathbf{Z}_{in_SS(LCCL)})}{Re(\mathbf{Z}_{in_SS(LCCL)})} \quad (19)$$

In the above equations, the LCCL-S input impedance \mathbf{Z}_{in_LCCL} is defined in (11), and the S-S input impedance \mathbf{Z}_{in_SS} can be easily obtained based on previous analyses, where $\mathbf{Z}_{in_SS} = j\omega L_p + 1/j\omega C_p + R_p + \mathbf{Z}_r$. G_{v_SS} and G_{v_LCCL} are the voltage gains, and θ_{in_SS} and θ_{in_LCCL} are the input impedance angles of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies, respectively. The parameters that are shared between S-S and LCCL-S are shown in Table 1. Figure 5 shows the voltage gains and input impedance angles of the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies with frequency variation under different load conditions.

Table 1. Specifications and parameters of the IPT system.

Note	Symbol	Value
DC-link voltage	U_{DC}	380 V
ZPA frequency	f_o	85 kHz
Coupling coefficient	k	0.0916 ¹
Primary coil self-inductance	L_p	595.37 μH ¹
Secondary coil self-inductance	L_s	226.22 μH ¹
Primary coil resistance	R_p	0.13 Ω ¹
Secondary coil resistance	R_s	0.18 Ω ¹
Primary loop compensation inductance	L_{in}	77.42 μH ¹
Primary loop series compensation capacitance (S-S)	C_p	5.89 nF ¹
Primary loop shunt compensation capacitance (LCCL-S)	C_p	45.33 nF ¹
Primary loop series compensation capacitance	C_f	6.78 nF ¹
Secondary loop series compensation capacitance	C_s	15.51 nF ¹

¹ Actually measured parameter values.

From Figure 5, it can be seen that both in the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies, the ZPA frequency bifurcation occurs in the case of small loads ($R_L = 1 \Omega$), and except for f_o , two additional ZPA frequencies f_L and f_H are generated on both sides of f_o . Bifurcation often occurs in the condition of high coupling coefficient or small load [24]. In the S-S compensation topology, when the system operation frequency $f < f_{L_SS}$ or $f > f_{H_SS}$, although the load R_L varies significantly, the voltage gain G_{v_SS} is almost a constant. The G_{v_SS} significantly increases as R_L increases near f_o , and the maximum G_{v_SS} is obtained at f_o . The input impedance angle θ_{in_SS} is negative (capacitive) when $f < f_o$ and

positive (inductive) when $f > f_0$. In LCCL-S, G_{v_LCC} increases as the frequency increases when R_L is large. However, when R_L is small, G_{v_LCC} first rises and then falls as the frequency increases. G_{v_LCC} is the constant at f_0 regardless of the load variations, which is consistent with the constant-voltage source characteristics obtained from the previous analysis. The θ_{in_LCC} is positive (inductive) when $f < f_0$, and negative (capacitive) when $f > f_0$.

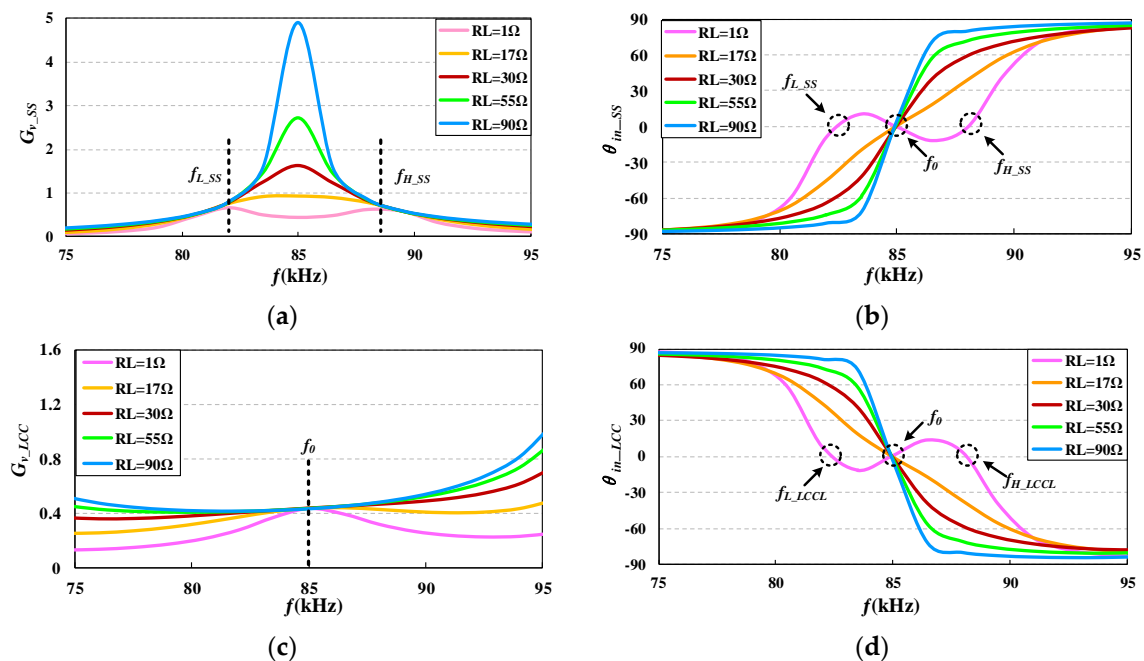


Figure 5. Bode diagrams of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies. (a) Amplitude-frequency characteristic of S-S; (b) Phase-frequency characteristic of S-S; (c) Amplitude-frequency characteristic of LCCL-S; (d) Phase-frequency characteristic of LCCL-S.

3. Comparative Analysis between the S-S and LCCL-S Compensation Topologies

3.1. Comparison between the S-S and LCCL-S Compensation Topologies in the Tuning Situation

According to the previous analysis and comparisons, it can be found that because the secondary loop has the same resonance compensation topology in S-S and LCCL-S, both topologies are similar in some respects, and these similarities are mainly reflected in two ways. The first one is that both topologies have the same resonant frequency ($\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_s C_s}}$) in the secondary loop. Although the resonance conditions of the primary loop are different, the resonant frequencies of the two topologies are not affected by parameters such as the load and coupling coefficient, and they are only determined by the compensation topology itself. Another similarity is that ZPA frequency bifurcation occurs under the condition of small load both in the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies.

However, because of the difference in the primary loop compensation topology, there are more differences between S-S and LCCL-S. First, when the system operates at ZPA frequency ω_0 , the secondary loop current of S-S does not change with load variations, presents constant-current source characteristics, and the output power increases dramatically as the load increases. However, in LCCL-S, the primary current remains constant even if $\omega \neq \omega_0$, the output voltage is a constant at the ZPA frequency, presents constant voltage source characteristics, and the output power gradually decreases as the load increases. With respect to the output characteristic, S-S is more sensitive to load variations than LCCL-S. Secondly, because the ZPA frequency bifurcation occurs under the condition of small load both in S-S and LCCL-S, it is difficult for S-S to achieve low output power and for LCCL-S to achieve high output power without frequency control. Thirdly, the input impedance of S-S is inductive when $f > f_0$; however, the input impedance of LCCL-S is inductive when $f < f_0$. Although an inductive

input impedance can guarantee the ZVS operation, operating in a deep inductive region may generate a large reactive current, which decreases the system efficiency. Thus, in order to ensure that the system operates safely and without significantly compromising the efficiency, the operating frequency of S-S should be slightly higher than f_o , and the operating frequency of LCCL-S should be slightly less than f_o . Finally, during the process of designing the compensation network, for the S-S topology, the output voltage cannot be adjusted by selecting the compensation parameters, and the compensation parameters are only determined by the designed ZPA frequency and the self-inductances of coils. However, in LCCL-S, the desired output voltage can be obtained by designing the compensation inductance L_{in} ; in this way, the DC-DC converter that adjusts the battery charging voltage can be saved.

3.2. Comparison between the S-S and LCCL-S Compensation Topologies in the Detuning Situation

3.2.1. Basic Characteristic Analysis of the Detuning Secondary Loop Circuit Model in S-S and LCCL-S

From the previous comparative analysis, it is already possible to recognize the characteristics of S-S and LCCL-S in a tuning situation. However, during the actual charging process, the system often does not operate in the tuning state because of misalignment or deviations in the compensation parameter. Therefore, the comparisons between S-S and LCCL-S topologies in a detuning situation have a greater practical significance. When compared with the compensation parameters of the primary loop, the LCCL-S topology is more sensitive to the compensation parameter variations of the secondary loop [25]. In addition, because S-S and LCCL-S have the same secondary loop structures, for fairness of comparison, only variations in the secondary loop compensation capacitance C_s are considered in this paper.

Figure 6 shows the equivalent circuit model of the secondary loop in S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies in a detuning situation. In Figure 6, $j\omega_o M I_p$ is the equivalent controlled voltage source from the primary loop to the secondary loop. Because the primary loop operates at the ZPA frequency ω_o , and the mutual inductance M is nearly constant under the alignment condition, the amplitude of the controlled voltage source is only proportional to the primary current I_p , and the phase is 90° ahead of I_p . L_s is the self-inductance of the secondary coil, and C_s is the resonant compensation capacitance that matches L_s . The relationship can be shown as follows:

$$j\omega_o L_s + \frac{1}{j\omega_o C_s} = 0 \quad (20)$$

ΔC_s represents the deviation of C_s , and C_0 is the equivalent resonant compensation capacitance of the secondary loop under the detuning situation. C_0 , C_s , and ΔC_s satisfy the following relationship:

$$C_0 = C_s + \Delta C_s \quad (21)$$

In order to concisely express the effect of the C_s variation on the topology characteristics, a definition is introduced here:

$$\delta = \frac{\Delta C_s}{C_s} \quad (22)$$

Here, δ indicates the degree to which C_s deviates from its original value. If C_0 is larger than the standard value C_s , δ is positive. Conversely, if C_0 is less than the standard value C_s , δ is negative. In Figure 6, R_s and R_{ac} are the secondary coil resistance and equivalent AC load resistance, respectively, and $R_0 = R_s + R_{ac}$. From (20)–(22), the equivalent impedance of the secondary loop under the detuning situation can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= j\omega_o L_s + \frac{1}{j\omega_o C_0} + R_s + R_{ac} \\ &= \frac{j\delta}{\omega_o C_s (1+\delta)} + R_0 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Meanwhile, if substituting (23) into (3), the reflection impedance from the primary loop to the secondary loop under the detuning situation can be derived as follows:

$$Z_{r0} = \frac{(\omega_0 M)^2}{Z_0} = \frac{\omega_0^3 M^2 C_s (1 + \delta)}{j\delta + \omega_0 C_s R_0 (1 + \delta)} \quad (24)$$

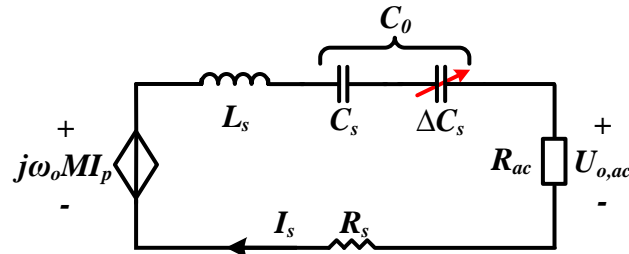


Figure 6. Equivalent detuning circuit model of secondary loop in S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies.

3.2.2. Voltage and Current Stresses on Components

In IPT systems, the voltage and current stress on system components is an important index [15]. Excessive stress may cause power losses and affect safe operation. It is difficult to comprehensively compare the stresses of all devices in S-S and LCCL-S because of the different primary circuit structure. However, in this study, the coil parameters of S-S and LCCL-S topologies are identical, furthermore, among the system power losses, the loss caused by the voltage and current stress on the primary and secondary coils is dominant. Thus, a comparison and analysis of the voltage and current stress of coils in S-S and LCCL-S is a reasonable choice under the detuning situation.

Although the system operates under the detuning situation based on the analysis in Section 2, the primary coil current of LCCL-S also remains the same ($I_{p_LCCL} = U_s / j\omega_0 L_{in}$). The primary coil current of S-S can be obtained by substituting (24) into (4):

$$I_{p_SS} = \frac{U_s}{R_p + Z_{r0}} = \frac{Z_0 U_s}{R_p Z_0 + (\omega_0 M)^2} \quad (25)$$

Similarly, by substituting (23) into (5) and (13), respectively, the secondary coil currents of S-S and LCCL-S can be derived as follows:

$$I_{s_SS} = \frac{j\omega_0 M I_{p_SS}}{Z_0} = \frac{j\omega_0 M U_s}{R_p Z_0 + (\omega_0 M)^2} \quad (26)$$

$$I_{s_LCCL} = \frac{j\omega_0 M I_{p_LCCL}}{Z_0} = \frac{M U_s}{Z_0 L_{in}} \quad (27)$$

According to the analyses in Section 2, using Kirchhoff's law and in combination with the above current equations, the voltage of the primary and secondary coils in S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies can be derived as follows:

$$V_{p_SS} = j\omega_0 (L_p I_{p_SS} - M I_{s_SS}) = \frac{\omega_0 U_s (jZ_0 L_p + \omega_0 M^2)}{R_p Z_0 + (\omega_0 M)^2} \quad (28)$$

$$V_{s_SS} = j\omega_0 (M I_{p_SS} - L_s I_{s_SS}) = \frac{\omega_0 M U_s (jZ_0 + \omega_0 M L_s)}{R_p Z_0 + (\omega_0 M)^2} \quad (29)$$

$$V_{p_LCCL} = j\omega_0(L_p I_{p_LCCL} - M I_{s_LCCL}) = \frac{U_s(Z_0 L_p - j\omega_0 M^2)}{Z_0 L_{in}} \quad (30)$$

$$V_{s_LCCL} = j\omega_0(M I_{p_LCCL} - L_s I_{s_LCCL}) = \frac{M U_s(Z_0 - j\omega_0 L_s)}{Z_0 L_{in}} \quad (31)$$

The parameters listed in Table 1 are incorporated into the above voltage and current equations for the calculations. To keep the output power constant (2 kW) when δ varies from -0.04 to 0.04 , the calculation results are as shown in Figure 7.

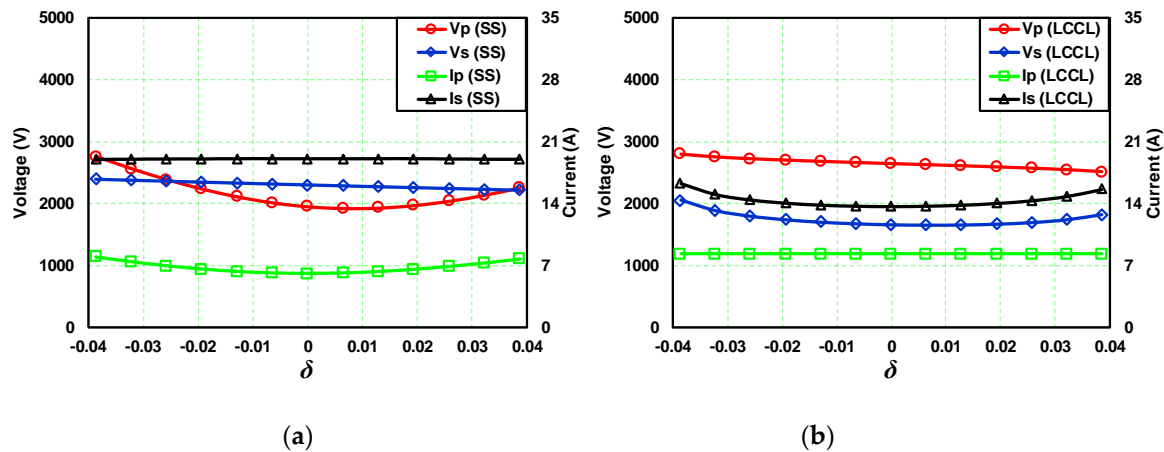


Figure 7. Under the condition of δ variations, the voltage and current stresses (RMS values) on both coils in S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies when output power is fixed at 2 kW. (a) In S-S topology; (b) In LCCL-S topology.

From Figure 7, it can be clearly seen that when the output power is 2 kW under tuning conditions ($\delta = 0$), the values of V_p and I_p of the S-S topology are less than those for the LCCL-S topology. However, the values of V_s and I_s of the S-S topology are higher than those for LCCL-S, hence, it is difficult to know which topology incurs a smaller loss in loosely coupled transformers (coils and magnetic pads), and the efficiency comparison of the resonance point requires more analysis and experimental verifications. When δ varies from -0.04 to 0.04 and the output power is fixed at 2 kW, in the primary loop of the S-S topology, V_p and I_p both increase as δ varies. In particular, V_p rises rapidly when δ decreases. However, in the secondary loop, V_s and I_s are almost constants, and are independent of δ , and present a constant-power output characteristic. In the LCCL-S topology, according to the previous analysis, I_p remains the same, regardless of variations in δ . V_p shows a slight rise as δ decreases, and decreases slightly as δ increases; these variations are not obvious. However, in the secondary loop, both V_s and I_s increase as δ varies, and the growth is approximately symmetrical on both sides of $\delta = 0$. It can be concluded that the voltage and current stress on the primary loop of the LCCL-S topology is more insensitive to variations in δ ; however, in the secondary loop, the S-S topology is more stable than the LCCL-S topology under the detuning situation.

3.2.3. Voltage Gains

As analyzed in Section 2, in IPT systems, a relatively stable output voltage can help to increase efficiency, save cost, and decrease control difficulty. Under tuning conditions, the voltage gains of S-S and LCCL-S are mainly affected by frequency when the system load remains the same. However, under the detuning condition caused by C_s , the operation frequency is fixed at the ZPA frequency, and remains the same. In this section, the influences of the variation in C_s on the voltage gain are analyzed

and compared. The voltage gain of S-S topology under the detuning condition can be calculated by substituting (23) into (17):

$$G_{v0_SS} = \left| \frac{U_{o,ac_SS}}{U_s} \right| = \left| \frac{j\omega MR_{ac}}{R_p Z_0 + (\omega_o M)^2} \right| \quad (32)$$

$$= \left| \frac{j\omega_o^2 C_s MR_{ac} (1 + \delta)}{j\delta R_p + \omega_o C_s (1 + \delta) [R_p R_0 + (\omega_o M)^2]} \right|$$

The voltage gain of the LCCL-S topology under the detuning condition can be calculated by employing (27):

$$G_{v0_LCCL} = \left| \frac{I_s LCCL R_{ac}}{U_s} \right| = \left| \frac{MR_{ac}}{Z_0 L_{in}} \right| = \left| \frac{\omega_o MR_{ac} C_s (1 + \delta)}{j\delta L_{in} + \omega_o R_0 C_s L_{in} (1 + \delta)} \right| \quad (33)$$

Using the parameters listed in Table 1, the voltage gains of the S-S and LCCL-S topologies can be calculated by using (32) and (33) when δ changes from -0.04 to 0.04; the calculation results are as shown in Figure 8.

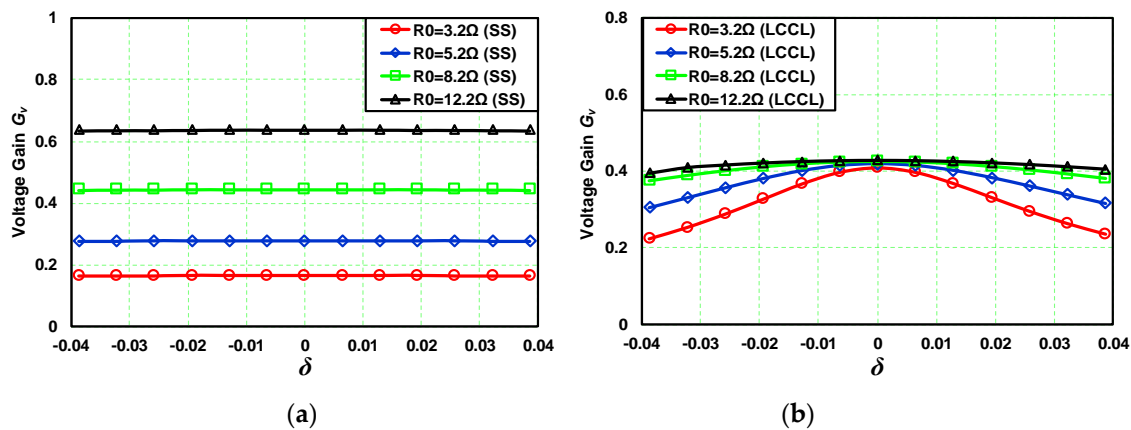


Figure 8. Graph showing variations in δ , the voltage gains of the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies in the case of load variations. (a) In the S-S topology; (b) In the LCCL-S topology.

Figure 8 clearly shows that under the premise that the input voltage is fixed at 380 V, in the S-S compensation topology, under the tuning condition ($\delta = 0$), G_{v0_SS} varies significantly with even small changes in load; this confirms the constant-current source output characteristics of S-S, which is analyzed in Section 2. However, if the loads remain the same, G_{v0_SS} is a constant that is independent of δ changes. With respect to the voltage gain in the LCCL-S topology, under tuning conditions, G_{v0_LCCL} is a constant regardless of the load variations. This also confirms the constant-voltage source output characteristics of LCCL-S, which is previously analyzed. However, under the constant-load condition, on both sides of the $\delta = 0$ point, G_{v0_LCCL} decreases gradually with an increasing deviation of δ . Furthermore, when the load is relatively large, G_{v0_LCCL} is almost unchanged. As shown in Figure 8b, when $R_0 = 12.2 \Omega$, G_{v0_LCCL} decreased only by 4% in comparison with the tuning point ($\delta = 0$), thus, the LCCL-S topology exhibits an almost constant-voltage source output characteristic under large load conditions. Summarizing the above analysis, under the detuning condition caused by C_s variations, if the load remains the same, the output voltage of the S-S topology is always insensitive to C_s variations in the entire load range. However, with respect to the LCCL-S topology, the output voltage is insensitive to C_s variations, only in the case of large loads.

3.2.4. Input Impedances

Similar to the voltage and current stress, the input impedance is closely related to the efficiency and safe operation. As discussed in Section 2, operating under a capacitive input impedance may result

in a large switching loss, and may even damage the switch components. Although operating under an inductive input impedance can avoid these problems, an excessive inductive impedance may increase the reactive current and decrease the efficiency. Generally, near the ZPA frequency point, operating under a light inductive impedance can help to obtain the desired efficiency. Under the detuning condition, even if the frequencies, loads, and other parameters remain the same, the variations in C_s may cause the input impedance to be changed.

In the S-S compensation topology, when the primary loop operates at the ZPA frequency and the secondary loop operates in the detuning state caused by C_s variations, according to the previously derived equations, and together with (24), the input impedance of the S-S compensation topology under the detuning condition can be derived as:

$$Z_{in_SS} = Z_{r0} + R_p = \frac{j\delta R_p + \omega_o C_s (R_p R_0 + \omega_o^2 M^2)(1 + \delta)}{j\delta + \omega_o C_s R_0(1 + \delta)} \quad (34)$$

By substituting (24) into (11), the input impedance of the LCCL-S compensation topology under the detuning condition can also be derived as:

$$Z_{in_LCCL} = \frac{\omega_o^2 L_{in}^2}{Z_{r0} + R_p} = \frac{j\delta(\omega_o L_{in})^2 + \omega_o^3 L_{in}^2 C_s R_0(1 + \delta)}{j\delta R_p + \omega_o C_s (R_p R_0 + \omega_o^2 M^2)(1 + \delta)} \quad (35)$$

When δ changes from -0.04 to 0.04 , with the parameters listed in Table 1, after substituting (34) and (35) into (19), the phase angle of the input impedances in the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies with different loads are as shown in Figure 9.

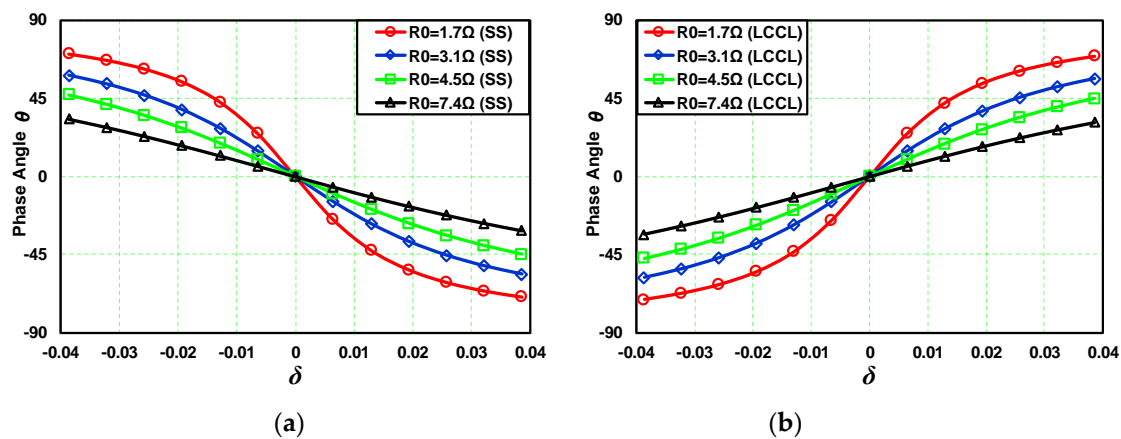


Figure 9. Under the condition of varying δ , the phase angle of the input impedances in S-S and the LCCL-S compensation topologies in the case of load variations. (a) In S-S topology; (b) In LCCL-S topology.

From Figure 9, it can be clearly seen that, in the S-S compensation topology, when δ is negative ($\Delta C_s < 0$), the input impedance from the resistive impedance in $\delta = 0$ to an inductive impedance, when δ is positive ($\Delta C_s > 0$), the input impedance from the resistive impedance in $\delta = 0$ to a capacitive impedance. The farther δ deviates from the standard value, the larger is the phase angle. However, this trend is reversed in the LCCL-S compensation topology. The input impedance becomes a capacitive impedance when δ is negative, and becomes an inductive impedance when δ is positive. Similarly, the phase angle increases with the degree of deviation of δ .

According to the previous analysis, during the process of wireless power transfer, a light inductive input impedance can implement ZVS operation; in this way, the switching loss can be reduced and the device safety can be protected. Thus, under the premise of ensuring fairness and for a reasonable comparison, in order to make the following assumptions in subsequent analyses and experiments, in

the S-S topology, C_s only varies within the margin for which $\delta < 0$. In the LCCL-S topology, C_s only varies within the margin for which $\delta > 0$. $|\delta|$ is used to uniformly indicate the deviation of C_s both in the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies.

3.2.5. Output Powers

As analyzed in Section 2, under the tuning condition, when the resonance topology parameters of S-S and LCCL-S remain the same, the output power is related only to the loads. The output power of the S-S topology increases as the load increases, but in the LCCL-S topology, the output power increases as the load decreases. According to (26) and (27), under the detuning condition discussed in this paper, the AC output power equations of S-S and LCCL-S can be easily derived as follows:

$$P_{o_SS} = |I_{s_SS}|^2 R_{ac} = \frac{\omega_o^2 M^2 U_s^2 R_{ac}}{|R_p Z_0 + (\omega_o M)^2|} \quad (36)$$

$$P_{o_LCCL} = |I_{s_LCCL}|^2 R_{ac} = \frac{M^2 U_s^2 R_{ac}}{|Z_0|^2 L_{in}^2} \quad (37)$$

According to the earlier analysis in this section, it can be seen that in the case of constant loads, the output voltage of the S-S topology remains the same, so the output power of the S-S topology is also a constant. However, in the LCCL-S topology, the output voltage decreases as the deviation of C_s increases when the load is small; only under the premise of a large load, the output voltage almost does not vary with variations in C_s . Thus, it can be concluded that for the S-S topology, within the entire power range, the output power does not change with variations in C_s . However, for the LCCL-S topology, the output power decreases with variations in C_s at high-power applications, and is almost unaffected by variations in C_s only in low-power applications.

4. Comparative Experiments

4.1. Experimental Setup

In IPT systems, the efficiency is the most important index, and the focus of most related studies has been on improving the efficiency of IPT systems [7,10]. However, owing to the equivalent series resistance (ESR) of the capacitances, iron loss and copper loss of compensation inductances and transmission coils, switching loss, and rectifier loss [15], the efficiency analysis is a complicated task. Furthermore, it is difficult to estimate the efficiency theoretically, and the use of experiments is an effective way of acquiring accurate efficiency data.

In order to compare and analyze the efficiencies of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies, a 2.4-kW IPT experimental prototype is configured, and the experimental parameters of the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies are the same as the parameters listed in Table 1, The relevant parameters of other experimental equipment are as shown in Table 2, and the 2.4-kW IPT experimental prototype is as shown in Figure 10.

Table 2. Specifications of the experimental setup.

Parameter	Description
Digital signal processor	TMS320F28335
MOSFETs of FB inverter(S ₁ –S ₄)	IPW60R075CP (650 V/39 A)
Diodes of rectifier (D ₁ –D ₄)	IDW20G120C5B(1200 V/20 A)
DC power supply	KEYSIGHT N8955A (15,000 W)
Power analyzer	HIOKI PW6001(1500 V/50 kA)
DC electronic load	Chroma 63205A-600-350 (5 kW)

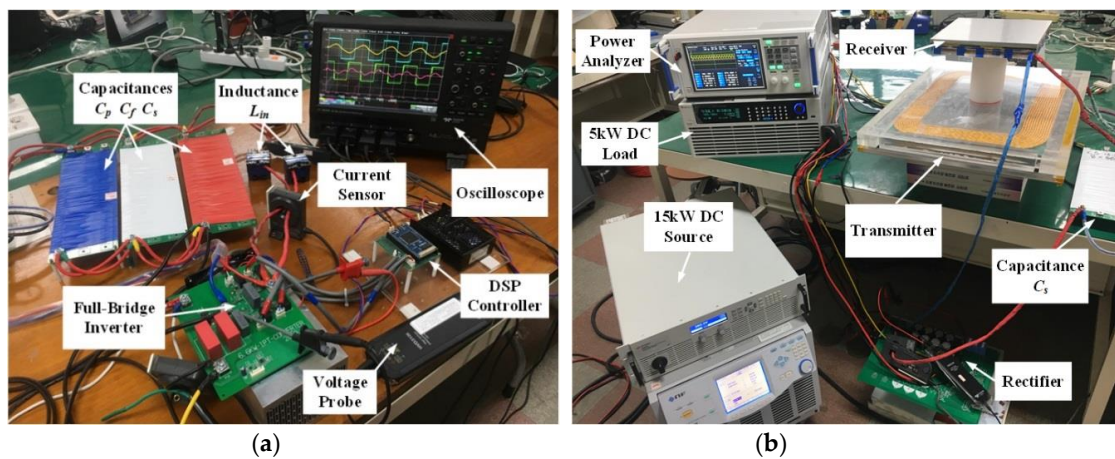


Figure 10. 2.4-kW IPT experimental prototype. (a) Compensation devices; (b) Main instruments.

4.2. Comparative Experiment under Tuning Conditions

In order to compare and analyze the efficiency of the S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies, using the experimental parameters shown in Table 1, comparative experiments under tuning conditions are performed. The input DC-link voltage is set to 300 V, and the ZPA frequency is designed as 85 kHz. In order to achieve ZVS operation, the operating frequency is set to 85.3 kHz (in S-S) and 84.8 kHz (in LCCL-S). According to the previous analysis, it can be known that the characteristics of the topologies at these frequency points are almost the same as the characteristics of the ZPA frequency points.

Figure 11a shows the comparative experiment results of S-S and LCCL-S under the condition of similar load variations. As the DC load R_L increases from 6 Ω to 16 Ω , the output power of S-S (P_{o_SS}) increases and the output power of LCCL-S (P_{o_LCCL}) decreases continuously; the output powers of S-S and LCCL-S are the same (1519 W) at the $R_L = 8.9 \Omega$ point. Within this load variation range, the efficiency of S-S is always a little higher than the efficiency of LCCL-S; both efficiencies first increase and then decline, and they are almost the same when $R_L = 16 \Omega$.

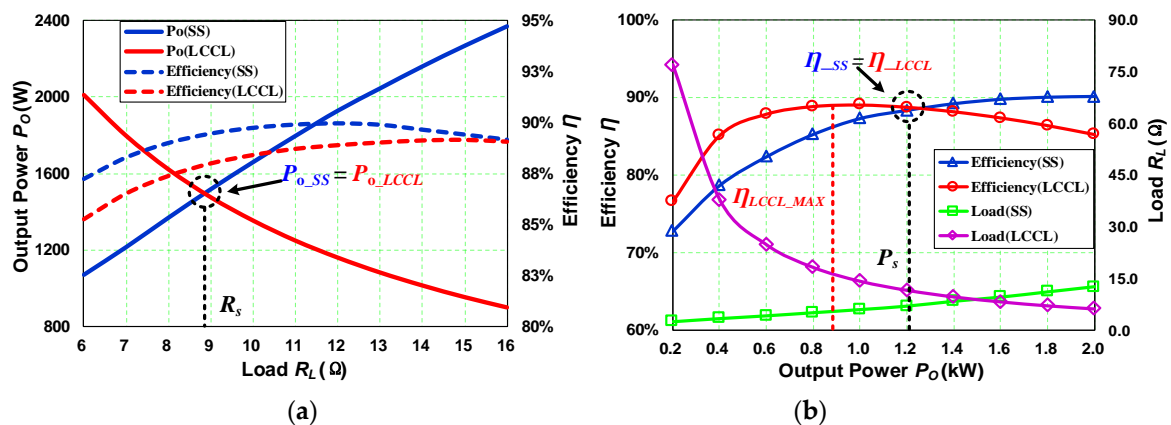


Figure 11. Comparative experiment results of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies under tuning condition. (a) Load variation experiment; (b) Output power variation experiment.

Figure 11b shows the comparative experimental results of S-S and LCCL-S in the case involving similar power variations. When the output powers of S-S and LCCL-S increase from 200 W to 2000 W, the efficiency of LCCL-S (η_{LCCL}) increases first and then declines; it reaches a maximum (89.24%) when the output power is 910 W. However, within the same range of output power variations, the efficiency of S-S (η_{SS}) increases continuously, and it increases rapidly in the low-power range. The rate of increase of the efficiency dropped significantly after 1400 W, and the maximum efficiency is 91.34%

when $P_o = 2000$ W. At the point of $P_s = 1278$ W, there is $\eta_{LCCL} = \eta_{SS}$ (88.58%). The efficiency of LCCL-S is higher when $P_o < P_s$, and the efficiency of S-S is higher when $P_o > P_s$. It can also be seen from Figure 11b that as P_o varies from 200 W to 2000 W, the load variation range of LCCL-S is 6.07Ω – 77Ω . However, the load variation range of S-S is only 2.4Ω – 12.5Ω , the output power of S-S is more sensitive to the load variation than LCCL-S under tuning conditions.

4.3. Comparative Experiment under Detuning Conditions

In order to compare and analyze the efficiencies of S-S and LCCL-S under detuning conditions, a comparative experiment is performed with variations in C_s . The experimental parameters are consistent with Table 1, and the standard C_s value that corresponds to $|\delta| = 0$ is 15.51 nF. According to the instructions in Section 3.2.4, the C_s value of S-S is decreased from 15.51 nF, and that of LCCL-S is increased from 15.51 nF, giving the same deviation of C_s to make the two topologies operate at the ZVS region. It also uses $|\delta|$ to indicate the same deviation of C_s in S-S and LCCL-S. As $|\delta|$ changes from 0–0.39, comparative experiments are performed when the output power values are 0.5 kW, 1 kW, 1.5 kW, and 2 kW. In each set of comparative experiments, the output power is kept constant by slightly adjusting the loads. The efficiency variations in each set were measured.

Figure 12 shows the efficiencies of S-S and LCCL-S when $|\delta|$ varies from 0–0.39. It can be seen from Figure 12a that at different output power levels (0.5 kW–2 kW), the efficiencies of the S-S topology all continuously decrease with the increase of $|\delta|$. However, in the S-S topology, as the output power increases, there is a slower decreasing trend of the efficiencies. As $|\delta|$ increases from 0–0.39, the total efficiency decreases by 1.61% when the output power is 0.5 kW, and it decreased by 1.26% when the output power is 2 kW. Figure 13a,c,e show the input and output AC voltage and current waveforms of the S-S topology at different values of $|\delta|$ when the output power is 2 kW; when other parameters and the output power remain the same, with the increase in $|\delta|$, the phase angle of the input impedance increases rapidly; thus, the power factor (PF) of the input voltage and current decreases. The output voltage and current are almost unchanged, and the power loss of the secondary loop in the S-S topology is therefore constant, and is independent with the increase of $|\delta|$. Although the input current shows a slight increase, the increase in the loss is not obvious in the primary loop of the S-S topology with fewer power devices. Hence, as the power increases, the ratio of the power increase is much greater than the increase in the loss, even if the deviation $|\delta|$ is obvious. S-S still has a high efficiency in high-power applications.

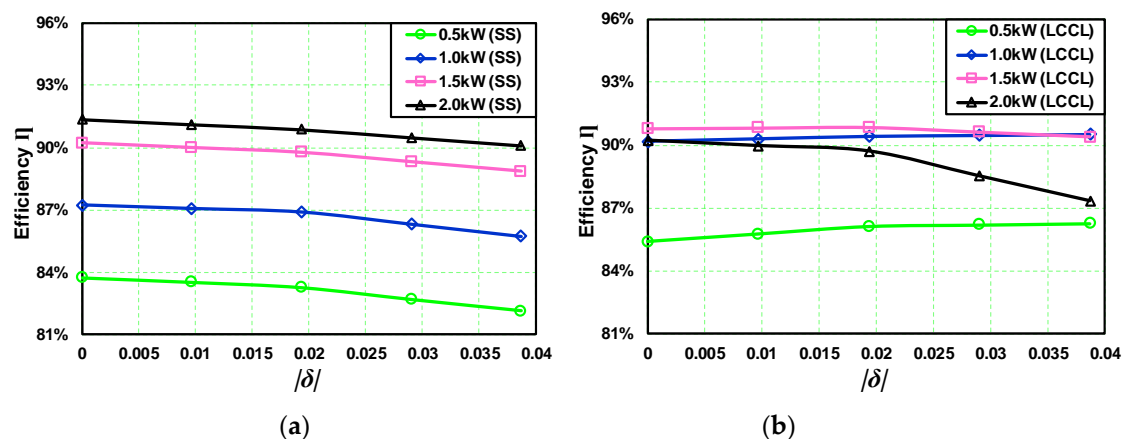


Figure 12. Comparative experiment results of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies under detuning condition. (a) Efficiency of S-S topology; (b) Efficiency of LCCL-S topology.

From Figure 12b, it can be found that for the LCCL-S topology, in the case of a low output power, such as 0.5-kW and 1-kW curves shown in Figure 12b, although the efficiencies increase as $|\delta|$ increases, the increase trend is not obvious. When $|\delta|$ increases from 0–0.39, the total efficiency increased by

0.868% when the output power is 0.5 kW, and it increased by 0.343% when the output power is 1 kW. However, in the case of a high output power, similar to the S-S topology, the efficiencies of LCCL-S decrease as the $|\delta|$ increase. Although the efficiency only decreased by 0.4% at the 1.5-kW point, when the output power is 2 kW, the efficiency suddenly decreased by 2.9%. As the output power increases, the decreasing trend of the efficiency may continue to increase. The result waveforms of LCCL-S under the condition of $|\delta|$ variations when the output power is 2 kW are as shown in Figure 13b,d,f.

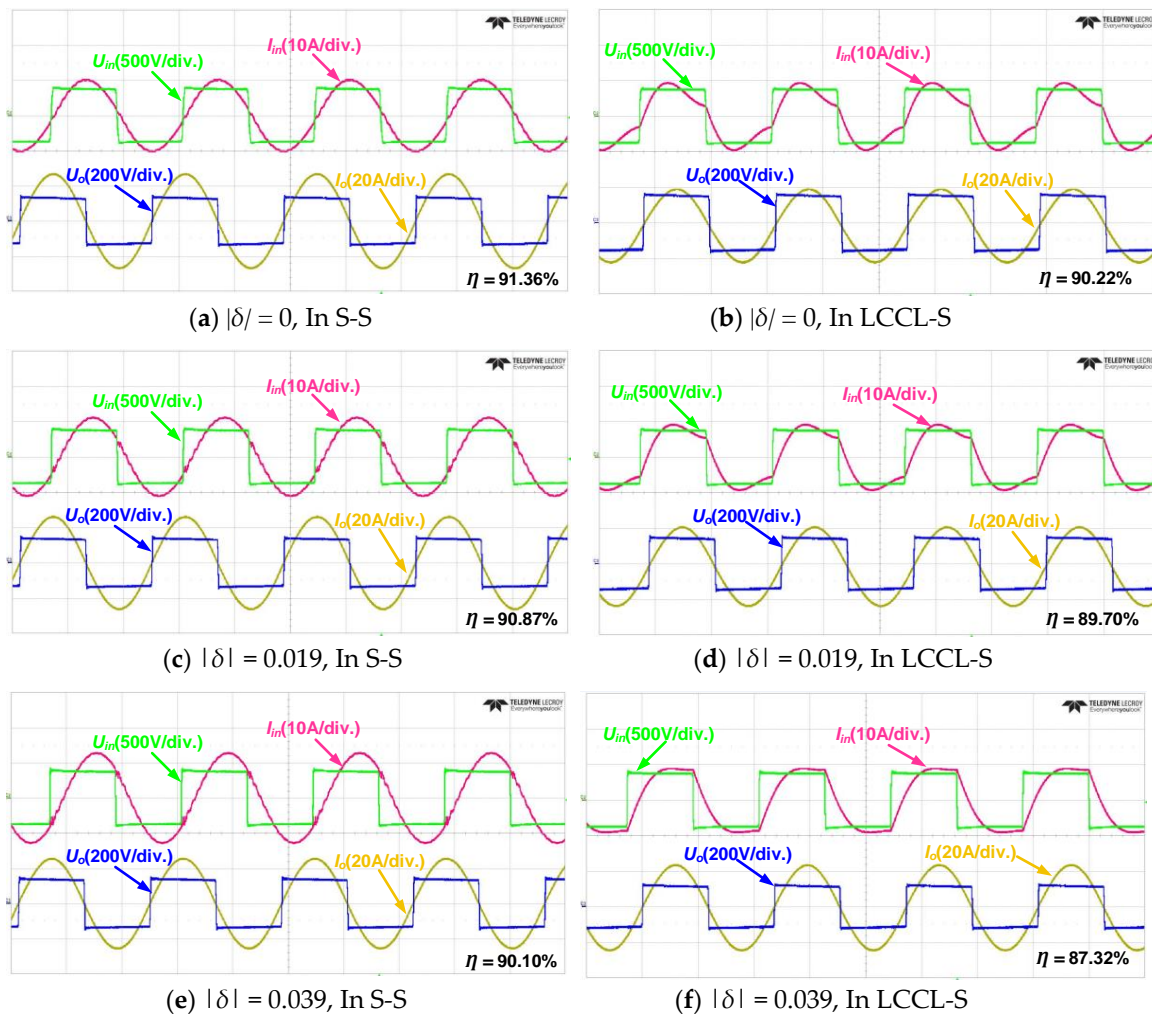


Figure 13. Experimental waveforms of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies under detuning condition when output power is 2 kW.

With the increase of $|\delta|$, the phase angle of the input impedance also increased rapidly, and the PF decreases. The input current increases slightly, but the waveforms fluctuate significantly. According to the previous analysis that the current of the primary coil is constant, the loss of the primary loop in LCCL-S is relatively stable. However, in the secondary loop, the output voltage drops dramatically with the increase of $|\delta|$. Therefore, under the premise of keeping the same output power, the output current needs to be significantly improved, so the loss of the secondary loop in LCCL-S is increased as the $|\delta|$ increase, especially in high-power applications.

5. Conclusions

In this study, the electrical characteristics of S-S and LCCL-S compensation topologies are analyzed and compared in both tuning and detuning states. In particular, under the detuning conditions caused by C_s variations, the voltage and current stresses on components, input impedances, voltage gains, and

output powers are analyzed and compared using δ . A 2.4-kW experimental prototype is configured to obtain an efficiency comparison between S-S and LCCL-S topologies. According to the comparative results, it can be concluded that in the tuning state, S-S presents a constant-current source characteristic to the load, and the maximum efficiency is achieved under the high-output-power condition. However, LCCL-S presents a constant-voltage source characteristic to the load, and the maximum efficiency is achieved under the low-output-power condition. The output characteristic of S-S is more sensitive to load variations than LCCL-S. In the detuning state, under the premise that the remaining parameters are the same and that only C_s , changes, the output characteristic of S-S is almost not affected by the variations of C_s within the entire load range. Although the efficiency of S-S decreases with the deviation of C_s , the downtrend is not obvious in high-power situations. However, in the LCCL-S topology, the output characteristic of LCCL-S is not affected by the variations of C_s only in low-output-power (light load) situations. The efficiency of LCCL-S decreases rapidly in high-power situations. S-S is less sensitive to C_s variations than LCCL-S in high-power applications. In conclusion, S-S is more suitable in high-power EV applications and LCCL-S is more suitable in low-power EV applications. The presented analysis method in this study also can be adopted to other applications such as mobile phones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

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Nomenclature

U_s	Equivalent AC input voltage of the IPT system
U_{DC}	DC-link voltage of IPT system
n	The Fourier odd harmonic label of U_s
φ	Frequency corresponding angle of U_s
R_{ac}	Equivalent AC load resistance
R_p	Equivalent resistance of the primary loop
R_s	Equivalent resistance of the secondary loop
L_p	Self-inductance of the primary coil
L_s	Self-inductance of the secondary coil
Z_p	Equivalent impedance of the primary loop
Z_s	Equivalent impedance of the secondary loop
Z_{in}	Equivalent input impedance of the IPT system
Z_r	Reflection impedance of the secondary loop
ω	Operation frequency of the IPT system
ω_o	Zero phase angle frequency of the IPT system
k	Coupling coefficient
M	Mutual inductance of the coils
$U_{o,ac}$	Equivalent AC output voltage of the IPT system
G_v	Voltage gain of the IPT system
θ_{in}	Input impedance angles of the IPT system
C_0	Equivalent resonant compensation capacitance of the secondary loop under the detuning situation
ΔC_s	Deviation of the secondary compensation capacitance
δ	Index of secondary compensation capacitance deviation

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