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1 9,490,652	11/8/2016	SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
2 10,193,392	1/29/2019	SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
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1 9,490,652	11/8/2016	SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LTD.
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DOCKET NO. 6:21-cv-00902-ADA	DATE FILED 8/30/2021	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Western District of Texas
PLAINTIFF SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED		DEFENDANT SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.; and SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.
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1 9,490,652	11/8/2016	Scramoge Technology Limited
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Row 1: 12/271.023, 11/02/2010, 7825537, 7162-0448US0, 3269

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/271,023	11/14/2008	Benjamin Freer	7162-0448US0	3269

TITLE OF INVENTION: INDUCTIVE POWER TRANSFER SYSTEM AND METHOD

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
RILEY, SHAWN	2838	323-247000

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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Benjamin Freer			
Filer:	Robert Joseph Sacco/Joyce Dougherty			
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for inductively transferring power from a base unit providing input power, to a target unit providing output power, where the base unit and the target unit are electrically isolated, comprising:

positioning a second inductive element of said target unit within a predetermined distance of a first inductive element of said base unit;

applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field induces an electric current in said second inductive element;

monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit;

automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying electric current by switching a DC voltage source using an electronically controlled switch element.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising communicating said time varying electric current to a load in said base unit, and selecting said parameter to be a measured current or voltage associated with said load.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, further comprising wherein said selectively controlling step further comprises comparing said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying magnetic field with a DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.
7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising utilizing said first inductive element as a primary energy storage component in a said DC to DC conversion process of said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said automatically adjusting step further comprises automatically adjusting said characteristic to induce an oscillation in said second inductive element at a frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element.
9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to a second position, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said first inductive element primary inductor.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element to produce a DC output.

12. (Currently Amended) An inductive power transfer system, comprising:
a base unit comprising a first inductive element configured for providing input power to a second inductive element of a target unit providing output power, said base unit electrically isolated from said target unit;

a positioning structure provided on at least one of said base unit and said target unit for removably positioning said second inductive element at a predetermined orientation and distance relative to said first inductive element;

a switch element configured for selectively applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in said second inductive element; and

a control circuit configured for monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit, and automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said switch element is electronically controlled, and wherein said switch element is configured for coupling and decoupling a DC voltage source to said first inductive element to produce said time varying current.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a load circuit coupled to said first inductive element, and where said parameter comprises a current or voltage associated with said load.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said control circuit automatically selectively adjusts said characteristic based on a comparison of said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said base unit further comprises a DC to DC type switching mode power supply, said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit producing said time varying magnetic field.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17[[15]], wherein said first inductive element comprises a primary energy storage component of said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said automatically selectively adjusting for automatically selectively adjusting a[[said]] frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said automatically selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjusting a said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to a ca second position, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said first inductive element ~~primary inductor~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said automatically selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjusting a said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit[[,]].

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein said target unit further comprises a rectifying element configured to produce a DC output by rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element.

23. (Currently Amended) A DC-DC converter, comprising:

an input circuit for receiving a DC input voltage;

an output circuit electrically coupled to said input circuit, said output circuit comprising a load sub-circuit electrically coupled to a converter sub-circuit, said converter sub-circuit comprising at least a first inductive element and at least one switch element having a switch control node, said switch control node responsive to a first control voltage for selectively alternating said switch element between an open state and a closed state; and

a control circuit having an input node electrically coupled to a node within said load sub-circuit and an output node electrically coupled to said switch control node, said control circuit generating at said output node a periodic voltage signal adjustable to one or more operating frequencies based on a difference between a second control voltage at said input node and a reference voltage;

wherein an inductance and a physical arrangement of said first inductive element is selected for said first inductive element to generate a permeating magnetic field that at least partially permeates a second inductive element electrically isolated from said first inductive element, wherein said permeating magnetic field induces a substantially self-resonant oscillation in said second inductive element for at least one of said operating frequencies, and wherein said control circuit is further configured to adjust said periodic voltage signal to adjust a ~~an internal~~ voltage level at said input ~~internal~~ node to minimize said difference.

24. (Currently Amended) The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said first or second inductive element comprises at least a first inductor.

25. (Currently Amended) The DC-DC converter of claim 24, wherein a first directional vector defining a first inductor coil axis of said first inductive element ~~inductor~~ and a second directional vector defining a second inductor coil axis of said second inductive element are substantially parallel.

26. (Currently Amended) The DC-DC converter of claim 23[[24]], wherein ~~an said one of said~~ operating frequency of said converter sub-circuit ~~frequencies~~ is at least 1 MHz, and wherein said first inductive element ~~inductor~~ has an inductance of at least 100nH.

27. (Original) The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said first inductive element and said switch element are electrically coupled in series between said input circuit and said load sub-circuit, and wherein said converter sub-circuit further comprises a rectifier element electrically coupled to a common node between said first inductive element and said switch element.

28. (New) A method for inductively transferring power from a base unit providing input power, to a target unit providing output power, where the base unit and the target unit are electrically isolated from each other, comprising:

 positioning a second inductive element of said target unit within a predetermined distance of a first inductive element of said base unit;

 applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field having an operating frequency, said time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in said second inductive element;

 monitoring at least one parameter of an electronic component of said base unit that is indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit; and

 automatically adjusting said operating frequency based on a value of said parameter to maximize said efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2010 ("Office Action"). This reply is timely filed. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-27 were pending in the application.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 5, 7, 9, 12, and 20-26 have been amended. No new subject matter has been introduced by the claim amendments. Claim 28 has been added.

Claim 21 has been objected to under 35 C.F.R. §1.75(a). Claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The objection and rejections are set forth in detail below.

II. Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for discussing the present application with its representative on July 1, 2010. During said discussion, features of the present invention were discussed which Applicant believes are distinguishable from a cited reference, namely U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,600 to Ross. The Examiner was unwilling to make a decision that the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 23 distinguish over the cited reference. In this regard, the Examiner indicated that further review of the cited reference is needed in view of our discussion. As such, we have included arguments herein discussing how independent claims 1, 12 and 23 distinguish over the cited reference.

III. Claim Objection

In the Office Action, claim 21 was objected to under 35 C.F.R. §1.75(a) because of a typographical error. Claim 21 has been amended to correct said error.

IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,421,600 to Ross ("Ross"). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Claims 1-22

Ross generally discloses a vehicle **12** comprising a power meter **34** and an onboard power module **20** mounted on an assembly **44**.¹ The onboard power module **20** comprises a coil **42** for facilitating the coupling of power from a roadway power module **24**.² The roadway power module **24** also comprises a coil **40** coupled to a power conditioner **28**.³ The power conditioner **28** applies an AC electrical current to the coil **40** operating at a coupling frequency **f1**.⁴ The coupling frequency **f1** has a value between 1 kHz and 10 kHz.⁵ As a result of the current flowing through the coil **40**, a magnetic field is generated that varies at the coupling frequency **f1**.⁶ Such varying magnetic field cuts through the coil **42** and induces a voltage therein.⁷ The power received at the vehicle **12** through coil **42** is monitored by the power meter **34**.⁸ The power meter **34** provides a means for a power utility company to monitor power usage, and thus collect payment for the electrical power provided to the vehicle **12**.⁹

Notably, power can be coupled to the vehicle **12** when it is traveling and/or stopped.¹⁰ In the traveling scenario, an air gap is provided between the coils **40** and **42**.¹¹ In the stopped scenario, the

¹ See FIG. 2 and col. 11, line 54 through col. 12, line 24 of Ross.

² See FIG. 2 of Ross.

³ See FIG. 2 of Ross.

⁴ See col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 7 of Ross.

⁵ See col. 14, lines 5-7 of Ross.

⁶ See col. 11, line 66 through col. 12, line 2 of Ross.

⁷ See col. 12, lines 2-4 of Ross.

⁸ See col. 10, lines 41-45 and col. 14, lines 39-42 of Ross.

⁹ See col. 10, lines 41-45 and col. 14, lines 39-65 of Ross.

¹⁰ See col. 12, line 48 through col. 13, line 5 of Ross.

¹¹ See col. 12, lines 60-64 of Ross.

air gap between the coils **40** and **42** is reduced to zero or near zero.¹² The reduction of the air gap is facilitated by the assembly **44** which can move horizontally and vertically.¹³ In effect, the coil **40** can be moved to an optimal position over coil **42** for power transfer when the vehicle is traveling or comes to its stopped location.¹⁴

In the stopped scenario, the batteries of the vehicle **12** can be re-charged using a charge pad **24'** that is disposed in the ground (e.g., the floor of a garage). The charge pad **24'** and associated power conditioner **28** collectively operate in two modes. In the first mode, low levels of continuous energy flow (e.g., 200 watts to 500 watts) is provided. The rate of the energy flow is thermostatically controlled based on the interior temperature of the vehicle **12**.¹⁵ In the second mode, a high level of continuous energy flow (e.g., 6 Kilo-Watts to 10 Killo-Watts) is provided for a particular duration (e.g., 1-2 hours).¹⁶

However, Ross fails to disclose the method recited in independent claim 1. More particularly, Ross fails to disclose and/or suggest automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of a time varying electric current applied to an inductive element of a base unit in response to a parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to a target unit, wherein the parameter is a measured parameter that is indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit. Rather, Ross discloses and/or suggests automatically adjusting a magnitude of a magnetic field responsive to a parameter that is indicative of an interior temperature of a vehicle **12**.¹⁷ Notably, the magnitude of the magnetic field is not adjusted to maximize the efficiency of power transfer from the base unit **28, 24** to the target unit **12** as recited in claim 1. Instead, the magnitude of the magnetic field is adjusted to regulate the interior temperature of the target unit **12**.¹⁸

¹² See col. 12, lines 48-56 of Ross.

¹³ See col. 12, lines 43-56 of Ross.

¹⁴ See col. 12, line 43 through col. 13, line 5 of Ross.

¹⁵ See col. 22, lines 19-26 of Ross.

¹⁶ See col. 22, lines 36-41 of Ross.

¹⁷ See col. 22, lines 13-35 of Ross.

¹⁸ See col. 22, lines 13-35 of Ross.

Ross also discloses and/or suggests measuring an electrical power received at the vehicle 12.¹⁹ However, the measurement is not used in Ross to automatically maximize efficiency by adjusting at least one characteristic of a time varying electric current applied to an inductive element 40 of a base unit 28, 24 as recited in independent claim 1. Instead, the measured electrical power of Ross is used by a power utility company to bill the appropriate owner of the vehicle 12 for the electrical power that has been used.²⁰

Notably, Ross does disclose a solution for maximizing the coupling efficiency of power transfer from a base unit 28, 24 to a target unit 12.²¹ However, this solution involves changing the distance and alignment between the primary and secondary coils 40, 42,²² rather than varying a characteristic of a time varying electric current applied to the coil 40 of a base unit 28, 24 as recited in independent claim 1. One can appreciate that the solution of Ross is more complex, costly and prone to mechanical breakdown as compared to the solution presented in independent claim 1.

Therefore, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Ross. As such, independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Independent claim 12 is similar to claim 1, albeit different in some ways. Thus, independent claim 12 is at least allowable for substantially the same reasons as independent claim 1, as discussed herein. Each of the dependant claims 2-11 and 13-22 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependence on a respective allowable base claim 1 or 12.

Claims 23-27

With regard to independent claim 23, Ross fails to disclose a control circuit generating at an output node a periodic voltage signal adjustable to one or more operating frequencies based on a difference between a second control voltage at an input node and a reference voltage. As such, independent claim 23 is not anticipated by Ross. Therefore, independent claim 23 is in condition

¹⁹ See col. 10, lines 41-45 of Ross.

²⁰ See col. 10, lines 41-45 and col. 14, lines 39-65 of Ross.

²¹ See col. 12, line 43 through col. 13, line 5 of Ross.

²² See col. 12, lines 15-21 of Ross.

for allowance. Each of the dependant claims 24-27 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependence on an allowable base claim 23.

V. New Claim 28

New claim 28 also distinguishes from Ross. Ross fails to disclose and/or suggest automatically adjusting an operating frequency of a time varying magnetic field to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from a base unit to a target unit. Ross also fails to disclose monitoring a measured parameter of an electronic component of a base unit that is indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit. Rather, Ross discloses and/or suggests automatically adjusting a magnitude of a magnetic field based on a parameter indicating of an interior temperature of a target unit 12.²³ Notably, the magnitude of the magnetic field is not adjusted to maximize the efficiency of power transfer from the base unit **28, 24** to the target unit **12** as recited in new claim 28. Instead, the magnitude of the magnetic field is adjusted to regulate the interior temperature of the target unit **12**.²⁴

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²³ See col. 22, lines 13-35 of Ross.

²⁴ See col. 22, lines 13-35 of Ross.

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VI. Conclusion

Applicant has made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of the forgoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims. Please charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0870.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Shawn Riley	2838	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Examiner Riley. (3)_____.
- (2) Attorney Thorstad Forsyth #56,455. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 01 July 2010.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 28.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ross (U.S. Patent 6,421,600).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

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/Shawn Riley/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2838

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

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Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

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- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
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- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
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- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 21 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(a) because of the following informalities: typo at end of paragraph. Appropriate correction is required.

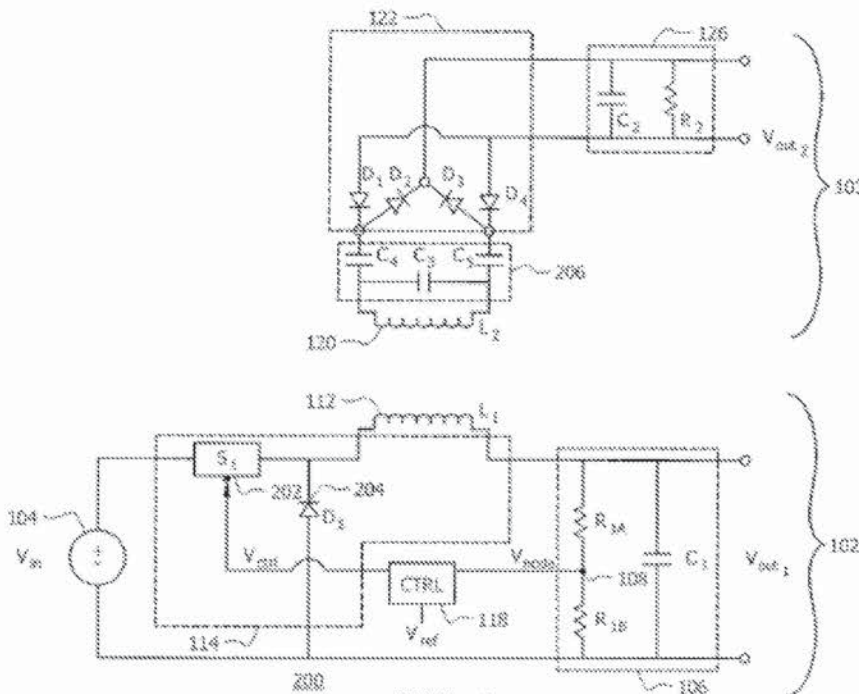


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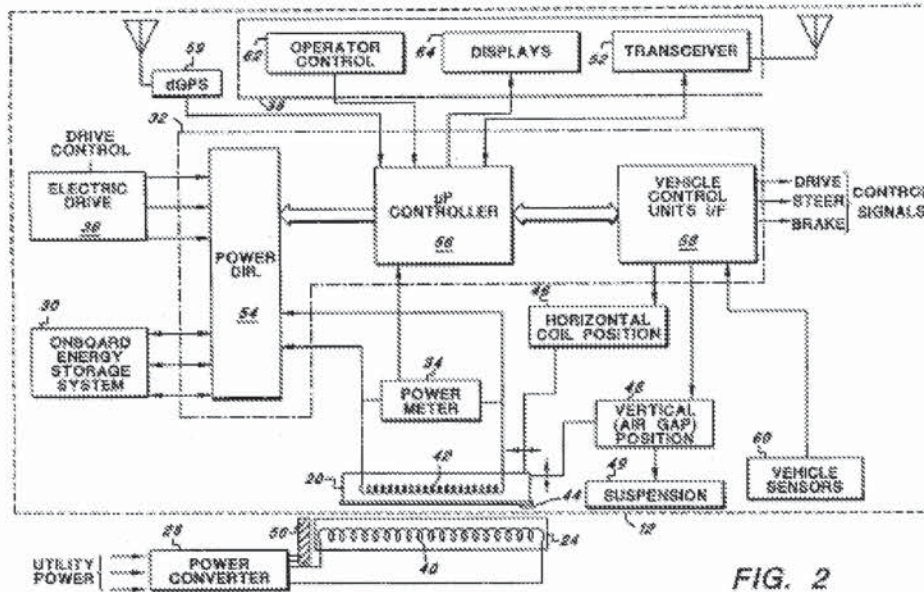


FIG. 2

U.S. Patent Jul. 16, 2002 Sheet 2 of 18 U.S. 6,421,600 B1

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that
 A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
 (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being fully anticipated by Ross (U.S. Patent 6,421,600). Ross shows,¹ (in, e.g., the(ir) figures 2, 7A, and 11 and corresponding disclosure)

¹ Note claims will be addressed individually and the material in parentheses are the examiner's annotated comments. Further unless needed for clarity reasons, recited limitation(s), will be annotated only upon their first occurrence. Claims that are not annotated are seen as having already had the invention(s) addressed previously in an annotated claim and may be repeated for convenience of the

As to claim 1. A method for inductively transferring power from a base unit (including 28/50/40/24) providing input power, to a target unit (including 20/42/34/46/48/etc.) providing output power, where the base unit and the target unit are electrically isolated (via the air gap), comprising: positioning (via 46/48) a second inductive element (20) of said target unit within a predetermined distance of a first inductive element of said base unit; applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field induces an electric current in said second inductive element (by definition); monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit (e.g., 34); automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit (via, e.g., 56).

As to claim 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency (see, e.g. figure 7a and 11) of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

As to claim 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying electric current by switching a DC voltage source (126, e.g., can be used to rectify and than inverter the power depending on the design of the power Mod/Demod as the name implies) using an electronically controlled switch element.

As to claim 4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising communicating (e.g., 124) said time varying electric current to a load in said base unit, and selecting said parameter to be a measured current or voltage associated with said load.

As to claim 5. The method according to claim 4, wherein said selectively controlling step further comprises comparing said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value (e.g., from 41 to/from 124).

applicant/examiner. Bolded words/phrases indicate rejected material based 112 paragraph rejections. Underlined words/phrases indicate objected to material. For method claims, note that under MPEP 2112.02, the principles of inherency, if a prior art device, in its normal and usual operation, would necessarily perform the method claimed, then the method claimed will be considered to be anticipated by the prior art device. When the prior art device is the same as a device described in the specification for carrying out the claimed method, it can be assumed the device will inherently perform the claimed process. In re King, 801 F.2d 1324, 231 USPQ 136 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Therefore the previous rejections based on the apparatus will not be repeated.

As to claim 6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying magnetic field with a DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit (as described in the specification).

As to claim 7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising utilizing said first inductive element as a primary energy storage component in said DC to DC conversion process of said switching mode power supply circuit (first inductor, e.g., 40).

As to claim 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said automatically adjusting step further comprises automatically adjusting said characteristic to induce an oscillation in said second inductive element at a frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element (that is describe in the specification to maximize efficiency by reducing losses).

As to claim 9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to a second position, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said primary inductor (already addressed in above rejections, see, e.g. vertical repositioning of 48 and horizontal positioning provided by 46).

As to claim 10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency (as previously stated).

As to claim 11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element to produce a DC output (this occurs at, e.g., 30).

12. An inductive power transfer system, comprising: a base unit comprising a first inductive element configured for providing input power to a second inductive element of a target unit providing output power, said base unit electrically isolated from said target unit; positioning structure provided on at least one of said base unit and said target unit for removably positioning said second inductive element at a predetermined orientation and distance relative to said first inductive element; a switch element configured for selectively applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in said second inductive element; a control circuit configured for monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit, and automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an

efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein said switch element is electronically controlled, and wherein said switch element is configured for coupling and decoupling a DC voltage source to said first inductive element to produce said time varying current.

15. The system of claim 14, further comprising a load circuit coupled to said first inductive element, and where said parameter comprises a current or voltage associated with said load.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said control circuit automatically selectively adjusts said characteristic based on a comparison of said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value.

17. The system of claim 12, wherein said base unit further comprises a DC to DC type switching mode power supply, said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit producing said time varying magnetic field.

18. The system of claim 15, where said first inductive element comprises a primary energy storage component of said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.

19. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively adjusting said frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element.

20. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjusting said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to a second position, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said primary inductor.

21. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjust said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit.

22. The system of claim 12, wherein said target unit further comprises rectifying element for to produce a DC output by rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element.

23. A DC-DC converter, comprising: a input circuit for receiving a DC input voltage; an output circuit electrically coupled to said input circuit, said output circuit comprising a load sub-circuit electrically coupled to a converter sub-circuit, said converter sub-circuit comprising at least a first inductive element and at least one switch element having a switch control node, said switch control node responsive to a first control voltage for selectively alternating said switch element between an open state and a closed state; and a control circuit having an input node electrically coupled to a node within said load sub-circuit and an output node electrically coupled to said switch control node, said control circuit generating at said output node a periodic voltage signal adjustable to one or more operating frequencies based on a difference between a second control voltage at said input node and a reference voltage; wherein an inductance and a physical arrangement of said first inductive element is selected for said first inductive element to generate a permeating magnetic field that at least partially permeates a second inductive element electrically isolated from said first

inductive element, wherein said permeating magnetic field induces a substantially self-resonant oscillation in said second inductive element for at least one of said operating frequencies, and wherein said control circuit is further configured to adjust said periodic voltage signal to adjust an internal voltage level at said internal node to minimize said difference.

24. The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said inductive element comprises at least a first inductor.

25. The DC-DC converter of claim 24, wherein a first directional vector defining a first inductor coil axis of said first inductor and a second directional vector defining a second inductor coil axis of said second inductive element are substantially parallel.

26. The DC-DC converter of claim 24, wherein said one of said operating frequencies is at least 1 MHz, and wherein said first inductor has an inductance of at least 100nH.

27. The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said first inductive element and said switch element are electrically coupled in series between said input circuit and said load sub-circuit, and wherein said converter sub-circuit further comprises a rectifier element electrically coupled to a common node between said first inductive element and said switch element.

Allowable Subject Matter

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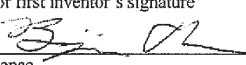
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INDUCTIVE POWER TRANSFER SYSTEM AND METHOD

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to supplying electrical power wirelessly, and more particularly to systems and method for inductively supplying electrical power.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Inductive power transfer has been proposed as one method for wirelessly providing electrical power. In such a power transfer method, mutual inductance generally results in power being wirelessly transferred from a primary coil (or simply "primary") in a power supply circuit to a secondary coil (or simply "secondary") in a secondary circuit. Typically, the secondary circuit is electrically coupled with a device, such as a lamp, a motor, a battery charger or any other device powered by electricity. The wireless connection provides a number of advantages over conventional hardwired connections. A wireless connection can reduce the chance of shock and can provide a relatively high level of electrical isolation between the power supply circuit and the secondary circuit. Inductive couplings can also make it easier for a consumer to replace limited-life components. For example, in the context of lighting devices, an inductively powered lamp assembly can be easily replaced without the need to make direct electrical connections. This not only makes the process easier to perform, but also limits the risk of exposure to electric shock.

[0003] In general, the use of inductive power has been limited to niche applications, such as for connections in wet environments, due to power transfer efficiency concerns. Several methods have been proposed to improve the efficiency of the inductive coupling, typically focused on the configuration of the primary and secondary coils. Such methods typically require

not only close proximity of the primary and the secondary coils, but also careful tuning of the coil designs to match with one another to maximize the efficiency of the inductive coupling. This has placed significant limitations on the overall design and adaptability of inductively powered devices by increasing cost and complexity of conventional designs. Furthermore, even when such complex designs are used, the amount of power that can be transferred is further limited, reducing the amount of efficiency gains.

SUMMARY

[0004] Embodiments of the present invention provide systems and methods for inductively transferring power. For example, in a first embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for inductively transferring power from a base unit providing input power to a target unit providing output power, where the base unit and the target unit are electrically isolated. The method can include positioning a second inductive element of the target unit within a predetermined distance of a first inductive element of the base unit and applying a time varying electric current to the first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, the time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in the second inductive element. The method can also include monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit and automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of the time varying electric current responsive to the parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit.

[0005] In a second embodiment of the present invention, an inductive power transfer system is provided. The system can include a base unit including a first inductive element configured for providing input power to a second inductive element of a target unit providing output power,

where the base unit is electrically isolated from the target unit. The system can also include a positioning structure provided on at least one of the base unit and the target unit for removably positioning the second inductive element at a predetermined orientation and distance relative to the first inductive element. The system can further include a switch element for selectively applying a time varying electric current to the first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, the time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in the second inductive element. The system can also include a control circuit configured for monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit and for automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of the time varying electric current responsive to the parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit.

[0006] In a third embodiment of the present invention, A DC-DC converter is provided. The converter can include a input circuit for receiving a DC input voltage and an output circuit electrically coupled to the input circuit. The output circuit can comprise a load sub-circuit electrically coupled to a converter sub-circuit including at least a first inductive element and at least one switch element having a switch control node responsive to a first control voltage for selectively alternating the switch element between an open state and a closed state. The convertor can also include a control circuit having an input node electrically coupled to a node within the load sub-circuit and an output node electrically coupled to the switch control node, the control circuit generating at the output node a periodic voltage signal adjustable to one or more operating frequencies based on a difference between a second control voltage at the input node and a reference voltage. In the converter, an inductance and a physical arrangement of the first inductive element is selected for the first inductive element to generate a permeating magnetic

field that at least partially permeates a second inductive element electrically isolated from the first inductive element, where the permeating magnetic field induces a substantially self-resonant oscillation in the second inductive element for at least one of the operating frequencies. Furthermore, the control circuit is further configured to adjust the periodic voltage signal to adjust an internal voltage level at the internal node to minimize the difference.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 shows a block diagram of a DC-DC converter circuit in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

[0008] FIG. 2 shows a schematic of a DC-DC converter circuit in FIG. 1 using a buck converter topology in the base unit and a full-waver rectifier circuit in the target unit.

[0009] FIG. 3A shows the base unit of the inductive DC-DC converter circuit in FIG. 1 arranged according to a boost convertor topology.

[0010] FIG. 3B shows the base unit of the inductive DC-DC converter circuit in FIG. 1 arranged according to a buck-boost convertor topology.

[0011] FIG. 4 is a plot showing power efficiency and power transferred as a function of input power consumed for an inductive DC-DC converter circuit having a buck converter topology in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0012] The present invention is described with reference to the attached figures, wherein like reference numerals are used throughout the figures to designate similar or equivalent elements. The figures are not drawn to scale and they are provided merely to illustrate the instant invention.

Several aspects of the invention are described below with reference to example applications for illustration. It should be understood that numerous specific details, relationships, and methods are set forth to provide a full understanding of the invention. One having ordinary skill in the relevant art, however, will readily recognize that the invention can be practiced without one or more of the specific details or with other methods. In other instances, well-known structures or operations are not shown in detail to avoid obscuring the invention. The present invention is not limited by the illustrated ordering of acts or events, as some acts may occur in different orders and/or concurrently with other acts or events. Furthermore, not all illustrated acts or events are required to implement a methodology in accordance with the present invention.

[0013] A block diagram of an inductive DC-DC converter circuit 100 for inductive power transfer in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is shown in FIG. 1. The circuit 100 can include a base unit 102 providing input power and a target unit 103 providing output power, where the base unit 102 and the target unit 103 are electrically isolated. The target unit 103 can be electrically coupled to one or more electronic devices to provide power. By way of example, and not by way of limitation, these devices can include batteries, display units, keypads, and the like. The base unit 102 can include a DC voltage supply 104 for providing an input DC voltage (V_{in}). The base unit 102 can include a load 106 having an impedance Z_1 having at least one internal node 108. In some embodiments, the load 106 can also be used to provide a wired output voltage V_{out1} . However, the invention is not limited in this regard and the load 106 can provide multiple output voltages.

[0014] As shown in FIG. 1, the DC voltage supply 104 and the load 106 are electrically coupled via a converter sub-circuit 110. The converter sub-circuit 110 includes an first inductive element 112 and a switching network 114 for directing current to or from the first inductive

element 112 at an operating frequency. In FIG. 1, first inductive element 112 comprises an inductor L1. The switching network 114 can include an input node N2 for receiving a periodic voltage signal Vctrl for adjusting an operating frequency of the converter sub-circuit based on a voltage at node 108. The input node 116 and the internal node 108 can be electrically coupled via a controller element (CTRL) 118. The CTRL 118 can be configured to monitor the voltage Vnode at node 108 and to adjust Vctrl at node 116. Vctrl can be adjusted by CTRL 118 responsive to comparing Vnode to a reference voltage Vref. In some embodiments, as shown in FIG. 1, Vref can be provided to CTRL 118. In other embodiments, Vref can be internally generated. Details of the operation of the converter sub-circuit 110 and CTRL 118 will be described in further detail below with respect to FIGs. 2, 3A, and 3B.

[0015] In operation for inductive power transfer, the first inductive element 112 is utilized as the primary coil in the base unit 102 for transferring power to the target unit 103. In particular, the power can be transferred to the target unit 103 via a secondary coil formed from a second inductive element 120 in the target unit 103. As shown in FIG. 1, the secondary coil can be a second inductor L2. The second inductive element 120 can be electrically coupled to a rectifying element 122 for generating a DC voltage signal between node 124 and node 125 of the rectifying element 122 for the time-varying signal generated by the second inductive element 120 in response to coupling with the first inductive element 112. This generated DC voltage signal can then be applied across a second load 126 with an impedance Z2 in the target unit 103 to produce an output DC voltage Vout2.

[0016] One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the amount of power transferred from the base unit 102 to the target unit 103 is dependent on the amount of magnetic coupling between the first inductive element 112 and the second inductive element 120. In conventional

designs, the amount of magnetic coupling is adjusted by matching the inductor coil design of the inductive elements 112, 120. However, this typically results in a base unit design compatible with only a particular target unit design, limiting the flexibility of the base unit to power additional target units. Furthermore, because a high degree of inductor coil matching is generally required, the operational margin for such base unit/target unit combinations is also limited.

[0017] An alternate method of efficiently transferring power between the base unit 102 and the target unit 103 is to provide operating conditions that result in a resistance of the primary coil to falls to approximately zero and an impedance of the secondary coil becoming increasingly resistive. This causes the input resistance of the primary coil to also become increasingly resistive and the amount of power transferred between the primary and secondary coils is also increased, as in a conventional power transfer, enhancing power transfer efficiency. This phenomena occurs when a least a portion of the time-varying magnetic field generated by a primary coil operated at one or more switching frequencies permeates the secondary coil and induces an oscillation in the secondary coil at its self resonant frequency, i.e., a self-resonant oscillation. Accordingly, in the various embodiments of the present invention, rather than attempting to precisely match the coil characteristics of the first inductive element 112 and the second inductive element 120, as in conventional designs, the switching network 114 is used to adjust the operating frequency of the existing first inductive element 112. The operating frequency can then be adjusted until the self-resonant oscillation is induced in the second inductive element 120. The operating frequency for the base unit for inducing the self-resonant oscillation in the second inductive element can vary depending on the separation between the first inductive element 112 and the second inductive element 120, as the separation affects the

magnetic field inducing an oscillation in the second inductive element 120. Additionally, the operating frequency for the base unit can also vary depending on the configuration of the rectifying element 122 and the second load 126.

[0018] Therefore, in the various embodiments of the present invention, a first inductive element 112 configuration can be selected such that, for at least at one operating frequency, magnetic coupling to the second inductive element 120 at a pre-determined distance occurs that transfers power proportional to a simple voltage divider of the load 106 and the input resistance of the first inductive element 112. Although inducing a self resonant oscillation provides the most efficient power transfer, the invention is not limited in this regard. In the some embodiments of the present invention, the inductive DC-DC converter 100 can be configured operate in proximity to the self-resonant frequency, albeit at a reduced efficiency. That is, if the oscillation at the second inductive element 120 does not occur at its self-resonant frequency, the input resistance of the primary coil (the first inductive element 112) is decreased. As a result, the amount of power transferred is also decreased, decreasing power transfer efficiency.

[0019] Although the first inductive element 112 can be paired with any type of switching network to adjust an operating frequency, a converter sub-circuit comprising a DC-DC switching mode power supply circuit (SMC circuit) can be used to provide both the first inductive element 112 and the switching network 114. SMC circuits are designed to convert one DC voltage to another by storing energy in a magnetic component (typically an inductor or a transformer) for a period of time. In operation, adjustment of the duty cycle (the ratio of on/off time) of a switching element within the SMC circuit adjusts the amount of power transferred to a load in the SMC circuit. More importantly, by adjusting the duty cycle, the operating frequency of the

magnetic component (the inductor) in SMC circuit can also be adjusted. Accordingly, one aspect of present invention provides for using an SMC circuit to provide the converter sub-circuit 110.

[0020] In order to provide operation of the second inductive element 120 at its self resonant frequency, the CTRL 118 can be configured to indirectly monitor the amount of power transferred to the second inductive element 120 by monitoring the voltage generated across at least a portion of the load 106. That is, as the frequency of oscillation in the second inductive element 120 approaches its self-resonant frequency, the input impedance of the first inductive element 112 becomes substantially more resistive and the amount of power transferred to the target unit 103 increases. Consequently, the voltage dropped across other portions of the base unit, including the load 106, approaches the values expected for a substantially resistive input impedance for the first inductive element 112. Accordingly, by configuring the CTRL 118 to monitor the voltage level at a node of the load 106, such as Vnode at node 108, the CTRL 118 can adjust the duty cycle for the SMC circuit to cause a particular voltage level at node 108. Therefore, the amount of power the amount of power transferred to the target unit 103 is effectively controlled and maximized. In some configurations of the inductive DC-DC converter 200, minimizing the voltage value Vnode at node 108 can result in a self-resonant oscillation in the second inductive element. However, in other configurations of the inductive DC-DC converter 200, even after such minimizing of Vnode, the second inductive element 120 may still not oscillate at its self-resonant frequency. For example, if processing variations result in variations in the first and second inductive elements 112, 120 (or any other elements), the self-resonant frequency expected for the second inductive element 120 can vary and a different voltage value for Vnode can be needed to maximize power transfer. Accordingly, in such cases, the power transfer still occur, albeit at a lower efficiency, until a new voltage value for Vnode is

selected. An inductive DC-DC converter using an SMC circuit is conceptually illustrated with respect to FIG. 2.

[0021] FIG. 2 shows a schematic of an inductive DC-DC converter circuit 200 including an SMC circuit, in particular a buck convertor topology. In FIG. 2, the circuit 200 includes a base unit 102 and a target unit 103, as previously described with respect to FIG. 1. However, in FIG. 2, the first inductive element 112 and the switching network 114 are configured as an SMC circuit having a buck converter topology. A switch element 202, a rectifying element 204, and the first inductive element 112 are arranged such that when switch element 202 is closed, the current path in circuit 200 follows a loop formed by the DC voltage supply 104, the first inductive element 112, and the load 106. When the switch element 202 is open, the current path in circuit 200 follows a loop formed by the rectifier element 204, the first inductive element 112, and the load 106. Accordingly, first inductive element 112, rectifier element 204, and switching element 202 can be referred to collectively as an SMC sub-circuit 112, 204, 202.

[0022] In some embodiments of the present invention, the switch element 202 comprises a single switch S1 having a control node N2 that responds in a control signal. The single switch S1 can comprise any type of electrically controlled switch, including, but not limited to, bipolar junction (BJT) transistors and field effect (FET) transistors. In such devices, the control node N2 can comprise the base of the BJT or the gate of the FET transistor. As shown in FIG. 2, the rectifying element 204 can comprise a diode D1. However, the invention is not limited in this regard. In some embodiments, the rectifying element 204 can also comprise any type of synchronously electrically controlled switch, including, but not limited to, bipolar junction (BJT) transistors and field effect (FET) transistors. That is, a switch that closes when switch S1 is open

and vice versa. In such embodiments, the control signal for the rectifying element 204 can be a complement or inverse of the control signal being provided to the switch element 202.

[0023] As shown in FIG. 2, the load 106 includes resistors R1A and R1B and capacitor C1. However, the invention is not limited to solely this configuration for the load 106 and any combination of resistors, capacitors, and inductors can be used to form the load 106. In FIG. 2, node 108 is the common node between resistors R1A and R1B. Additionally, as previously described, the load 106 can be used to provide an output voltage V_{out1} .

[0024] As previously described, the target unit 103 includes a second inductive element 120, a rectifier circuit 122, and a load 126. As shown in FIG. 2, the rectifier element 122 can include diodes D1-D4 in a full-wave rectification configuration for generating a DC voltage signal from the time-varying signal generated by the second inductive element 120. However, the invention is not limited in this regard. For example, any arrangement of components suitable for half-wave rectification or full-wave rectification can be used with the various embodiments of the present invention. Also as shown in FIG. 2, the load 126 in the target unit 103 includes a capacitor C2 and a resistor R2. However, the invention is not limited in this regard and any combination of resistors, capacitors, and/or inductors can be used in load 126.

[0025] In some embodiments, to improve magnetic coupling between the first and second inductive elements 112, 120, a capacitor network 206 can be used to electrically couple the second inductive element 120 to the rectifier circuit 122. Such a capacitive network 206 can include one or more capacitors (C3) in parallel with the second inductive element 120. The capacitive can also include one or more capacitors (C4, C5) to electrically couple the second inductive element 120 to the rectifier circuit 122. The capacitive network 206 can be used to reduce the imaginary component in the target unit 103, thus presenting a more resistive load

without altering the operating frequency in the base unit 102 required for inducing a self-resonant oscillation in the second inductive element 120.

[0026] In operation, circuit 200 provides an output voltage V_{out2} as follows. First, the base unit 102 and the target unit 103 are placed and aligned in relative proximity to each other. Since the fields lines of the magnetic field generated by the base unit will have a particular direction, the second inductive element 120 can be positioned in the path of the field lines of the generated magnetic field. For example in the case of hand-wired air coil inductors having inductances between 100 nH and 500 nH and an utilizing operating frequency of 1-4 MHz, the first and second inductive elements can to be positioned within a distance of 10-15 cm or less to maximize power transfer. This distance, however, can vary depending on the amount of power being transferred, the operating frequency, and the inductances of the inductor coils.

Furthermore, in the case of inductor coils, the coil axis of each of the inductor coils can be placed along a common parallel direction. That is, an arrangement can be selected such that the dot product of the directional vector for an axis of each of the inductor coils is chosen to be one or approximately one. However, precise alignment is not required in the various embodiments of the present invention and the directional vectors need only be substantially parallel. For example, the Present Inventors have found that the alignment variation to cause a 10% decrease in power transfer efficiency is > 25 degrees. In some embodiments of the present invention, a positioning structure(s) 115, such as contacting or interlocking protrusions or edges can be provided on a support and/or housing of the base unit 102 and/or the target unit 103 to facilitate alignment.

[0027] Although exemplary types of inductor coils, are described above, the invention is not limited in this regard. For example, any type of discrete inductor coils, including but not limited to cylindrical inductor coils, single or multilayer inductor coils, wire spiral inductor coils, and

toroidal inductor coils can be used in the various embodiments of the present invention. Furthermore, integrated inductor coils, such as printed circuit board (PCB) micro-strip spiral coils or spiral coils formed on an integrated circuit (IC) can also be used with the various embodiments of the present invention. Additionally, the inductance values and operating frequencies presented above are for illustrative purposes only. For example, in some other embodiments, the inductances values can be 1-100 uH and the corresponding operating frequencies can be 400-500 MHz. However, the present invention is not limited in this regard. Any combination of operating frequencies and inductance values can be used in the various embodiments of the present invention.

[0028] After the first and second inductive elements 112, 120 are positioned and aligned, an input voltage V_{in} can be provided by the DC input supply 104 and a control signal can provided at node 116 of the switching element 202 (and rectifier element 204, if applicable) by CTRL 118 based on the voltage V_{node} at node N1. As previously described, CTRL 118 is configured to provide a periodic voltage signal, where the frequency of the periodic voltage signal V_{ctrl} specifies the duty cycle for the switching element 202. Although the buck converter topology shown in FIG. 2 is typically operated using a square wave signal, the invention is not limited in this regard. Other types of periodic voltage signals, including, but not limited to sinusoidal, triangular, or sawtooth waveforms can also be generated by CTRL 118.

[0029] As a result of the periodic voltage signal V_{ctrl} , the CTRL 118 causes the switching element 202 to open and close at a frequency of V_{ctrl} . Consequently, the base unit 102 alternates between the two current paths described above. As a result of these alternating current paths, the first inductive element 112 continually charges and discharges. However, one of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the buck convertor topology provides a steady state

voltage output voltage V_{out1} across load 106. Furthermore, as a constant voltage results across load 106, a steady-state output voltage V_{node} also develops at node 108.

[0030] As noted above, the voltage dropped across the load 106 can be predicted when the second inductive element 120 is at its self-resonant frequency. Consequently, the voltage at an inner node of the load 106 (V_{ctrl}) can also be predicted. Therefore, by utilizing V_{ref} as a setpoint for V_{ctrl} , CTRL 118 can adjust the duty cycle of for the SMC sub-circuit 112, 202, 204, which adjusts the operating frequency of the first inductive element 112 and thus the amount of power transferred to the target unit 103. Accordingly, as conditions vary, whether due to changes in the placement of the base unit 102 relative to the target unit 103 or due to changes in the characteristics of components in the base unit 102 or the target unit 103, the CTRL 118 can compare V_{node} to V_{ref} and compensate V_{ctrl} appropriately. For example, if the CTRL 118 detects a difference between V_{node} and V_{ref} , the duty cycle can be adjusted until the difference is minimized.

[0031] Therefore, in the various embodiments of the present invention, the CTRL 118 can include logic for determining a value of V_{ctrl} from V_{node} and V_{ref} values. In one exemplary embodiment, the logic can comprise logic for accessing a lookup table for adjusting V_{ctrl} . In another exemplary embodiment, the logic can comprise logic that adjusts V_{ctrl} based on an actual difference between V_{ctrl} and V_{ref} , a magnitude of this actual difference, or both. These exemplary embodiments are provided by way of example and not by way of limitation. One of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize that various methods and devices for implementing CTRL 118 are available. For example, a power supply can include a circuit for automatically adjusting the frequency of operation for the pulse width modulation being used by implementing an error amplifier for obtaining a value for V_{ctrl} based on V_{ref} and V_{node} .

[0032] The present invention is not limited to a buck converter topology. In other embodiments of the invention, the arrangement of the first inductive element 112, the switch element 202, and the rectifying element 204 in the base unit can be changed to provide alternative topologies for the SMC sub-circuit 112, 202, 204 in FIG. 2. For example, in some embodiments, a boost converter topology or a buck-boost or inverting converter topology can be used.

[0033] FIG. 3A shows a first alternate base unit 300 for the circuit in FIG. 2 having a first alternate topology for the SMC sub-circuit in FIG. 2 in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. As shown in FIG. 3A, the arrangement of the first inductive element 112, the switching element 202, and the rectifying element 204 in the base unit 300 provides a boost converter topology. That is the switch element 202, the rectifying element 204, and the first inductive element 112 are arranged such that when switch element 202 is closed, the current path in base unit 300 follows a loop comprising the DC voltage supply 104, the first inductive element 112, and the closed switching element 202. When the switching element 202 is open, the current path in the base unit 300 follows a loop comprising the DC voltage supply 104, the first inductive element 112, the rectifier element 204, and the load 106.

[0034] FIG. 3B shows a second alternate base unit 350 for the circuit in FIG. 2 having a second alternate topology for the SMC sub-circuit in FIG. 2 in accordance with yet another embodiment of the present invention. As shown in FIG. 3B, the arrangement of the first inductive element 112, the switching element 202, and the rectifying element 204 in the base unit 300 provides a buck-boost or inverting converter topology. That is, the switch element 202, the rectifying element 204, and the first inductive element 112 are arranged in base unit 350 such that when switch element 202 is closed, the current path in base unit 300 follows a loop

comprising the DC voltage supply 104, and the closed switching element 202, and the first inductive element 112. In the buck-boost topology, the rectifying element 204 blocks current from reaching the load 106. When the switching element 202 is open, the current path in the base unit 300 follows a loop comprising the rectifier element 204, the first inductive element 112, and the load 106.

[0035] The exemplary SMC sub-circuit configurations in FIGs. 2, 3A, and 3B are presented by way of example and not by way of limitation. In other embodiments, other combinations and arrangements of inductive elements, switching elements, and rectifying elements can be provided. For example, in some embodiments, multiple inductive elements can be provided for transferring power to multiple target units. Regardless of how the SMC sub-circuit is configured, by continually adjusting V_{node} to V_{ref} , the SMC circuit can maintain an efficient transfer of power to the target unit. This is illustrated by the data shown in FIG. 4.

[0036] FIG. 4 is a plot showing power efficiency and power transferred versus power consumed for an inductive DC-DC converter circuit configured in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention using a buck converter topology. The base unit was implemented using a DC785 high frequency buck converter, manufactured by LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, but with the original inductor replaced with a hand-wound inductor of approximately 150 nH. The target unit was implemented using a MBR160 diode, manufactured by ON SEMICONDUCTOR, modified to include a hand-wound inductor of approximately 500 nH. A dynamic load was used to measure the output power.

[0037] As shown in FIG. 4, curve 402 shows the amount of power transferred to the target unit as a function of the amount of power consumed in the base unit. Curve 404 shows the efficiency of the power transfer versus the amount of power consumed. As shown in curves 402

and 404, as the amount of power transferred by the inventive circuit is substantially proportional to the amount of the power consumed. Furthermore, as the amount of power consumed is increased, the amount of power transferred and the efficiency of the transfer process is also increased. For example, when ~0.45 W of power is consumed, ~77% of the consumed power is being transferred. However, when ~0.7 W of power is consumed, ~92% of the consumed power is consumed. Accordingly, for higher power transfers, the SM circuit provides an increased efficiency power transfer as compared to conventional methods, such as coil driver-based, class-E amplifier-based, or error amplifier-based inductive DC-DC converters.

[0038] Although the invention has been illustrated and described with respect to one or more implementations, equivalent alterations and modifications will occur to others skilled in the art upon the reading and understanding of this specification and the annexed drawings. In particular regard to the various functions performed by the above described components (assemblies, devices, circuits, systems, etc.), the terms (including a reference to a “means”) used to describe such components are intended to correspond, unless otherwise indicated, to any component which performs the specified function of the described component (e.g., that is functionally equivalent), even though not structurally equivalent to the disclosed structure which performs the function in the herein illustrated exemplary implementations of the invention. In addition, while a particular feature of the invention may have been disclosed with respect to only one of several implementations, such feature may be combined with one or more other features of the other implementations as may be desired and advantageous for any given or particular application. Furthermore, to the extent that the terms “including”, “includes”, “having”, “has”, “with”, or variants thereof are used in either the detailed description and/or the claims, such terms are intended to be inclusive in a manner similar to the term “comprising.”

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for inductively transferring power from a base unit providing input power, to a target unit providing output power, where the base unit and the target unit are electrically isolated, comprising:

positioning a second inductive element of said target unit within a predetermined distance of a first inductive element of said base unit;

applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field induces an electric current in said second inductive element;

monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit;

automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying electric current by switching a DC voltage source using an electronically controlled switch element.

4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising communicating said time varying electric current to a load in said base unit, and selecting said parameter to be a measured current or voltage associated with said load.
5. The method according to claim 4, wherein said selectively controlling step further comprises comparing said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value.
6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing said time varying magnetic field with a DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.
7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising utilizing said first inductive element as a primary energy storage component in said DC to DC conversion process of said switching mode power supply circuit.
8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said automatically adjusting step further comprises automatically adjusting said characteristic to induce an oscillation in said second inductive element at a frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element.
9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to a second position, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said primary inductor.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit, automatically selectively re-adjusting said characteristic to maximize said efficiency.

11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element to produce a DC output.

12. An inductive power transfer system, comprising:

a base unit comprising a first inductive element configured for providing input power to a second inductive element of a target unit providing output power, said base unit electrically isolated from said target unit;

positioning structure provided on at least one of said base unit and said target unit for removably positioning said second inductive element at a predetermined orientation and distance relative to said first inductive element;

a switch element configured for selectively applying a time varying electric current to said first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field, said time varying magnetic field inducing an electric current in said second inductive element;

a control circuit configured for monitoring at least one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit, and automatically adjusting at least one characteristic of said time varying electric current responsive to said parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from said base unit to said target unit.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said characteristic comprises at least one of a frequency of said time varying current and a duty cycle of said time varying current.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein said switch element is electronically controlled, and wherein said switch element is configured for coupling and decoupling a DC voltage source to said first inductive element to produce said time varying current.

15. The system of claim 14, further comprising a load circuit coupled to said first inductive element, and where said parameter comprises a current or voltage associated with said load.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said control circuit automatically selectively adjusts said characteristic based on a comparison of said measured current or voltage to a constant reference value.

17. The system of claim 12, wherein said base unit further comprises a DC to DC type switching mode power supply, said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit producing said time varying magnetic field.

18. The system of claim 15, where said first inductive element comprises a primary energy storage component of said DC to DC type switching mode power supply circuit.

19. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively adjusting said frequency to be approximately equal to a self-resonant frequency of said second inductive element.

20. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjusting said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a re-positioning of said second inductive element from a first position to

ca second position, wherein said first position differs from said second position with regard to at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of distance and orientation relative to said primary inductor.

21. The system of claim 12, wherein said control circuit is further configured during said selectively adjusting for automatically selectively re-adjust said frequency to maximize said efficiency responsive to a substitution of a target unit with a different target unit,.

22. The system of claim 12, wherein said target unit further comprises rectifying element for to produce a DC output by rectifying an output current induced in said second inductive element.

23. A DC-DC converter, comprising:
a input circuit for receiving a DC input voltage;
an output circuit electrically coupled to said input circuit, said output circuit comprising a load sub-circuit electrically coupled to a converter sub-circuit, said converter sub-circuit comprising at least a first inductive element and at least one switch element having a switch control node, said switch control node responsive to a first control voltage for selectively alternating said switch element between an open state and a closed state; and
a control circuit having an input node electrically coupled to a node within said load sub-circuit and an output node electrically coupled to said switch control node, said control circuit generating at said output node a periodic voltage signal adjustable to one or more operating frequencies based on a difference between a second control voltage at said input node and a reference voltage;

wherein an inductance and a physical arrangement of said first inductive element is selected for said first inductive element to generate a permeating magnetic field that at least partially permeates a second inductive element electrically isolated from said first inductive element, wherein said permeating magnetic field induces a substantially self-resonant oscillation in said second inductive element for at least one of said operating frequencies, and wherein said control circuit is further configured to adjust said periodic voltage signal to adjust an internal voltage level at said internal node to minimize said difference.

24. The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said inductive element comprises at least a first inductor.

25. The DC-DC converter of claim 24, wherein a first directional vector defining a first inductor coil axis of said first inductor and a second directional vector defining a second inductor coil axis of said second inductive element are substantially parallel.

26. The DC-DC converter of claim 24, wherein said one of said operating frequencies is at least 1 MHz, and wherein said first inductor has an inductance of at least 100nH.

27. The DC-DC converter of claim 23, wherein said first inductive element and said switch element are electrically coupled in series between said input circuit and said load sub-circuit, and wherein said converter sub-circuit further comprises a rectifier element electrically coupled to a common node between said first inductive element and said switch element.

INDUCTIVE POWER TRANSFER SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT

An inductive power transfer system includes a base unit comprising a first inductive element for providing input power to a second inductive element of a target unit providing output power, a positioning structure provided on at least one of the base unit and the target unit for removably positioning the second inductive element at a predetermined orientation and distance relative to the first inductive element, a switch element configured for selectively applying a time varying electric current to the first inductive element to produce a time varying magnetic field for inducing an electric current in the second inductive element, and a control circuit for monitoring one parameter indicative of an efficiency of power transfer and automatically selectively adjusting at least one characteristic of the time varying electric current responsive to the parameter to maximize an efficiency of power transfer from the base unit to the target unit.

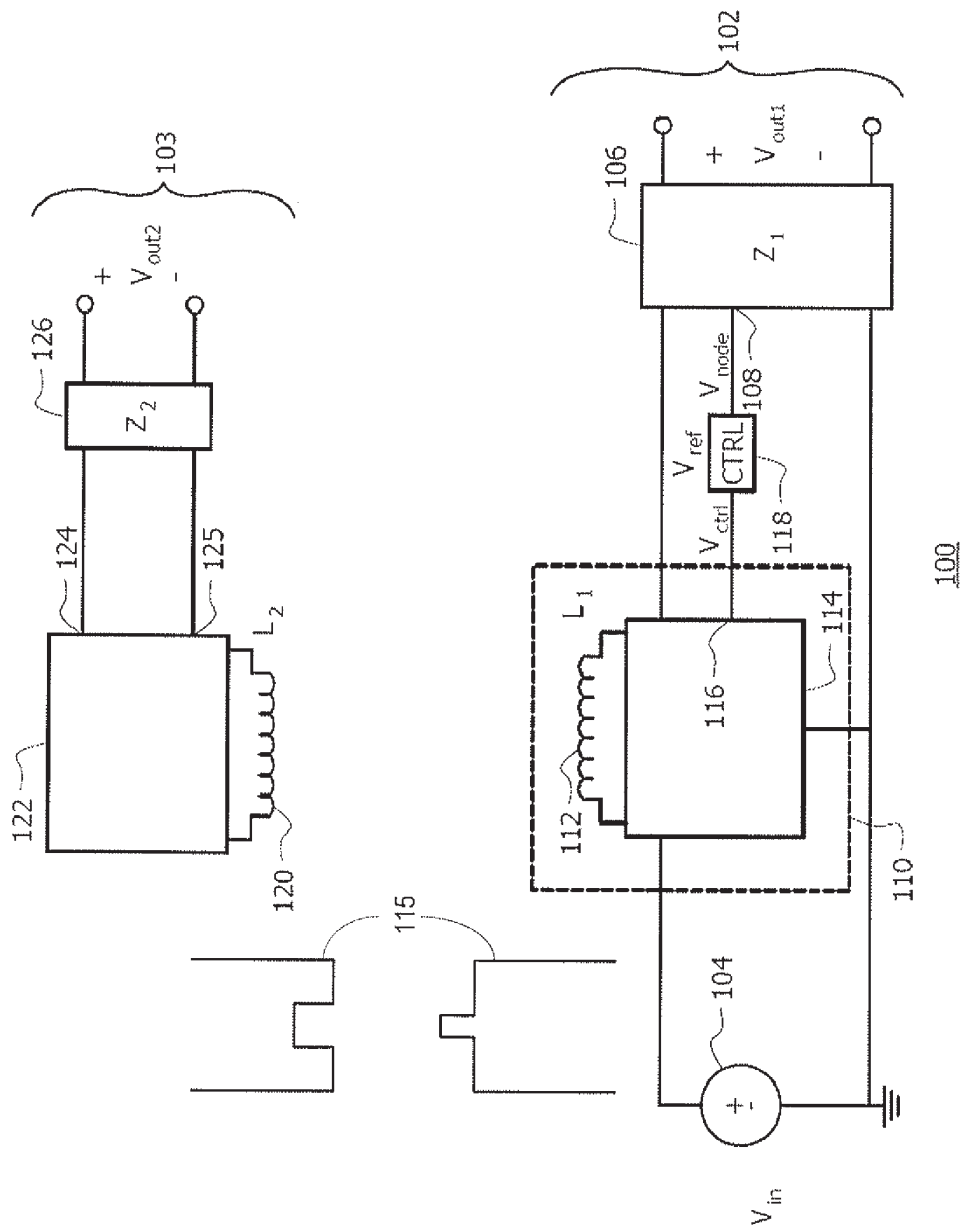


FIG. 1

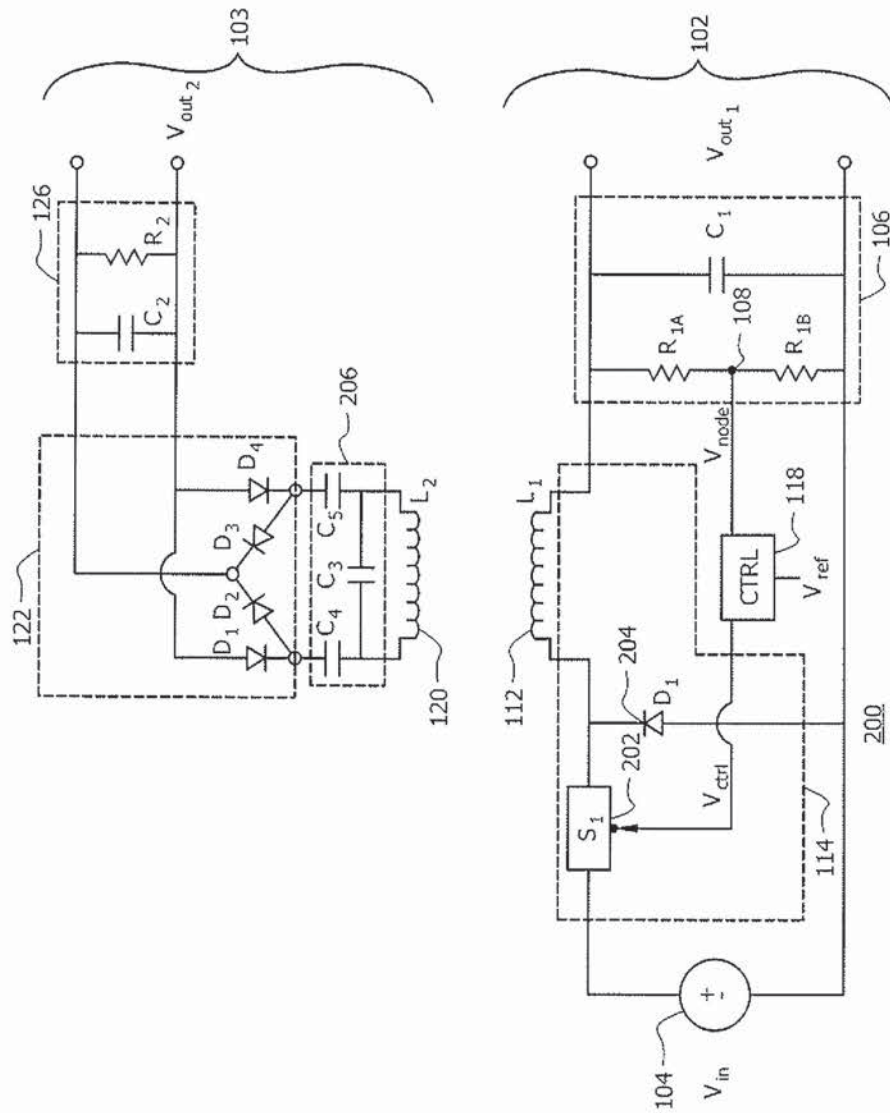


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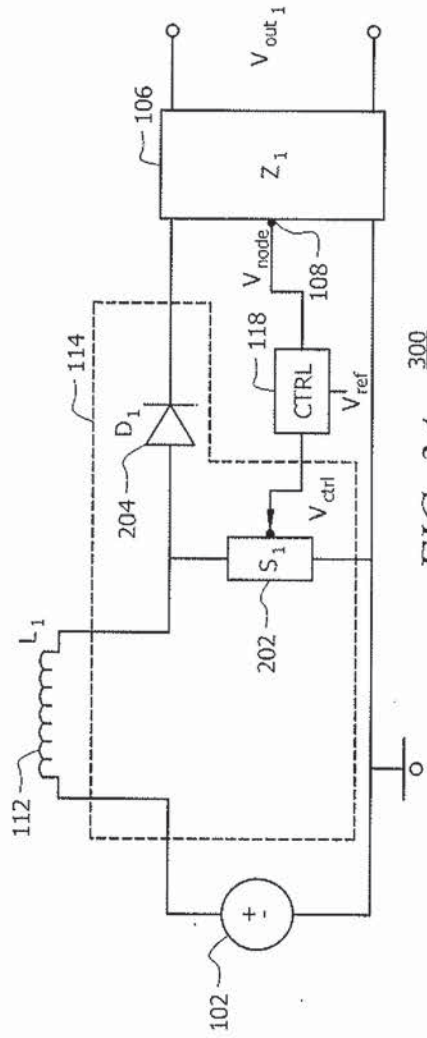


FIG. 3A 300

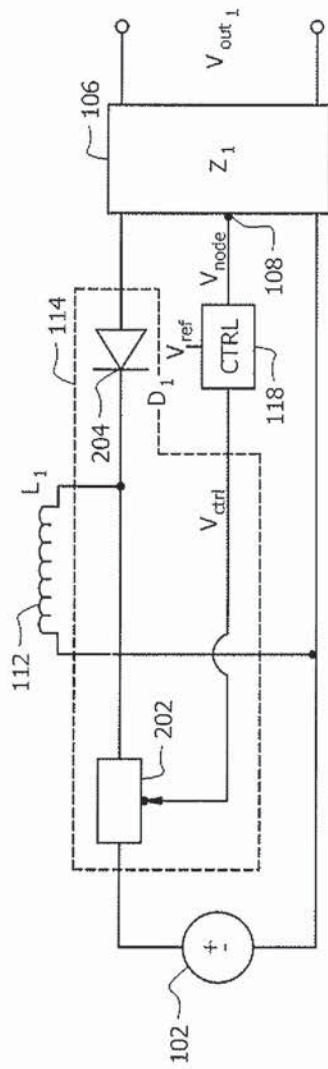


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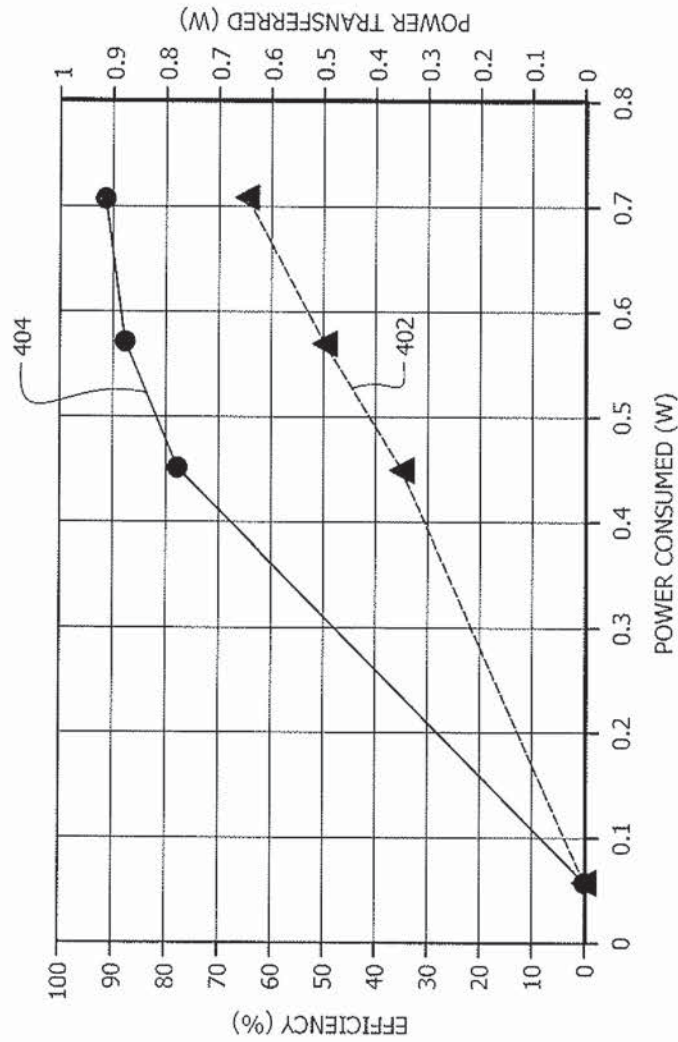


FIG. 4

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