

The Multinational Power Electronics Association

PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting

December 11TH 2024

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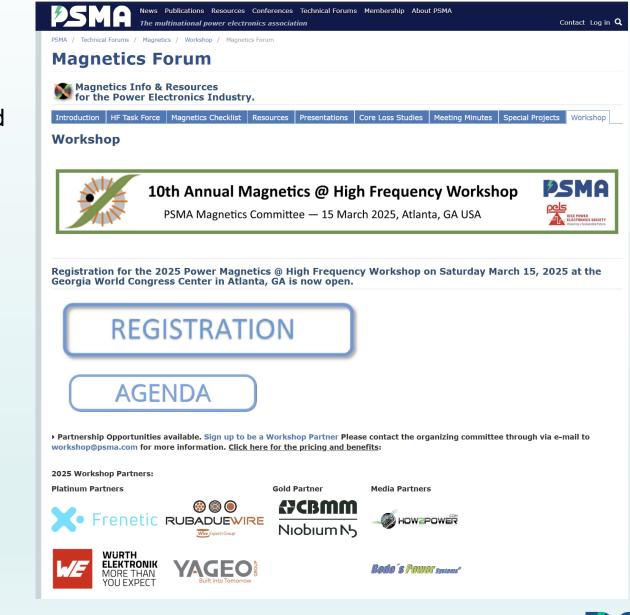
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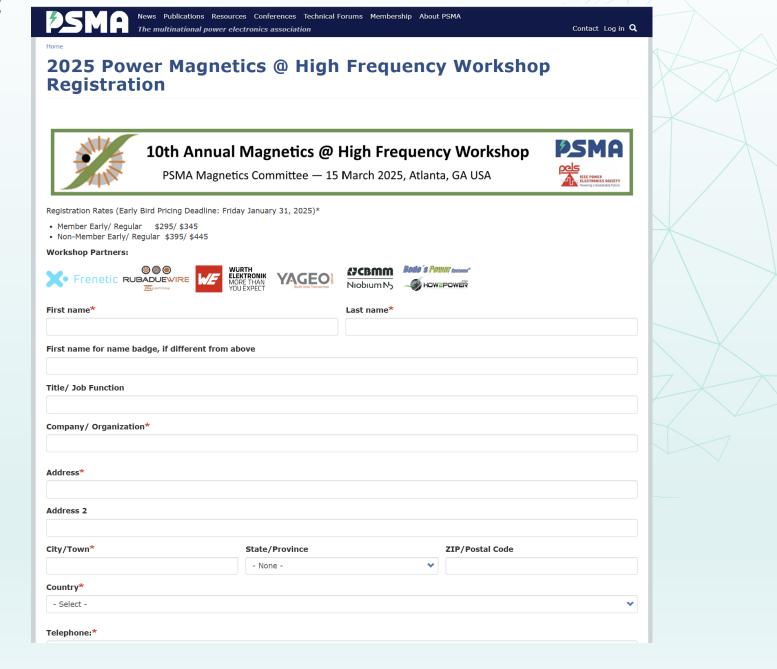
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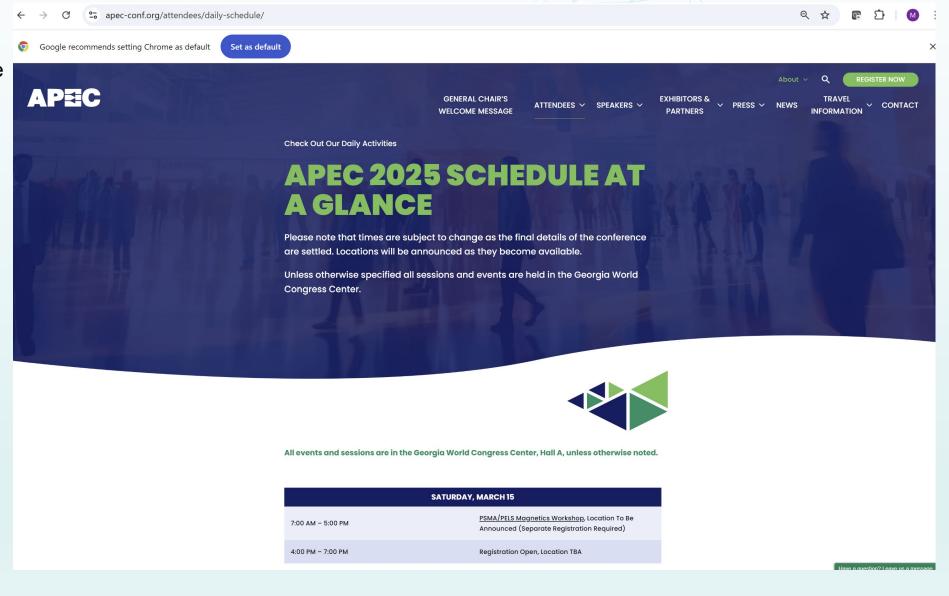
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- APEC webpage
 - Schedule at a glance





- APEC webpage
 - PSMA Magnetics Workshop





Saturday, March 15, 2025 Location: Georgia World Congress Center, Room To Be Announced

While not part of the official APEC Program the Magnetics Workshop, organized jointly by the Power Sources Manufacturers Association (PSMA) and the EIEE Power Electronics Society (PELS), held the Saturday before APEC begins, has become an established tradition. The 2025 workshop will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at [Location To Be Announced].

The 2025 Power Magnetics @ High Frequency Workshop is the 10th annual workshop held in conjunction with APEC. The purpose and focus of this workshop are to identify the latest improvements in magnetic materials, coll (winding) design, construction and fabrication, evaluation and characterization techniques and modelling and simulation tools. The theme of the 2025 workshop will be integrated magnetics, defined as magnetic structures that perform two or more functions. The workshop will address various aspects of integration nor both lateral and vertical power delivery. The planned topics include various (seve) of integration anging from magnetic components co-packaged with silicon in Power System in Package (PSiP) devices, magnetics embedded in substrates, fabricating magnetics as part of the semiconductor wafer process and traditional core structures used in unque ways. The workshop will also cover integration of magnetic functions for new circuit topiologies including coupled inductors, LLC, trans-inductor voltage regulator (TUN) and variable-inverter-rectifier-transformer (VIRT).

Registration for this workshop is separate from the registration for the APEC conference.

Registration for the workshop is limited and will open on October 25, 2024.

<u>Click here</u> for the latest information on the workshop including registration and the detailed agenda.





Power Magnetics @ High Frequency Workshop 2025 Agenda



10th Annual Magnetics @ High Frequency Workshop

PSMA Magnetics Committee — 15 March 2025, Atlanta, GA USA



Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Location: Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA

Preliminary Agenda, Subject to change

- 7:00 AM 8:00 AM Registration, Technical Demonstrations, Posters and Breakfast
- 8:00 AM 8:05 AM Opening Remarks

8:05 AM - 9:25 AM Technical Session - Physical Construction and Structure for Integration of Power Magnetic Devices Part I

• Keynote: Trends of Physical Structures of Magnetic Devices for Power Applications Over the Past Ten Years; Minjie Chen, Princeton University

• Magnetics Integrations for 2.5D and 3D Packaging; Ranajit Sai, Tyndall

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM Break

9:45 AM - 12:00 Noon Technical Session - Physical Construction and Structure for Integration of Power Magnetic Devices Part II

- Inductive Components on Silicon Substrate 300mm Wafer; Jens Kehl, Wurth Elektronik
- Ferrite Technology in Transition Process and Shaping; Sebastian Bachman, Tridelta Weichferrite
- Magnetics for Power System in Package (PSiP); John McDonald, Atlas Magnetics

Panel Discussion



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12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM Technology Demonstration and Poster Session

- Wattmeter for AC Power Loss Measurements; Gregg Schaeppi, ZES Zimmer
- Active Damping of EMI Filters Using Low Q Powder Materials; Lukas Mueller, Micrometals
- · Open Magnetics Demo; Alfonso Martinez, Open Magnetics
- Double Pulse Testing of Magnetic Components; Kevin Hermanns, PE Systems
- Core Permeability and Permittivity Measurements of Shielding Materials; Akihiko Saito, Daido Steel
- Construction of an Electromagnetic Wave Shielding Effect Measurement Method Using a Loop Antenna; Kosuke Yuasa, Daido Steel
- Integrated Magnetics, Optimization Common Mode Chokes (CMC) Integrated with Differential Mode Chokes (DMC), and Review of LLC Transformer with Integrated Inductor; Andres Arias, Risha Yu, Premier Magnetics
- Triple Pulse Testing Open-Source Project; Jun Wang, University of Bristol
- PowerBrain: AI-based Magnetic Database: Experimental and Generative Data; Wilmar Martinez, KU Leuven
- Linear Versus Non-Linear Magnetic Characteristics; JC Sun, Bs&T
- Dimensional Resonance and Fringing Mitigation Considerations for Magnetic Core Design; Mike Arasim, Fair-Rite Products Corp.
- Simple and Effective Technique to Verify Impact of High Temperature and High Voltage High Frequency Stresses on Inductor Electrical Performance; Efrain Bernal, Wurth Elektronik

Posters:

- Automated Temperature Regulated Core Loss Testing with High-Frequency Class D Amplifiers; Jacob Anderson, Nick Kirkby, Arizona State University (ASU)
- Optimization of Magnetics Design Across Broad Application Ranges; Rachel Yang, MIT
- Laminated Cores for High-power Inductive Power Transfer Application: High-efficiency Design with Fe-based Nanocrystalline Material; Yibo Wang, City University of Hong Kong
- TBD; Todd Marzec, UPITT



2:00 PM - 3:50 PM Technical Session - Electrical Parameter Integration - Part I

- Keynote: Trends of Electrical Requirements, Modelling and Simulation Over the Past Ten Years; Charles Sullivan, Dartmouth College
- Variable-Inverter-Rectifier-Transformer (VIRT) Hybrid Electronics; Mike Ranjram, Arizona State University
- Simulation Techniques for Integrated Magnetic Functions; Alfonso Martinez, Wurth Elektronik

3:50 PM - 4:10 PM Break

4:10 PM - 5:10 PM Technical Session - Electrical Parameter Integration - Part II

- Designing Soft Saturating, Low Loss TLVR's Avoiding Air Gaps for Better Coupling and Highly Efficient Nanocrystalline Power Core Material; Michael Freitag, Yageo
- Panel Discussion
- 5:10 PM 5:30 PM Closing Remarks
- 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Networking Hour
- Technology Demonstrations and Posters

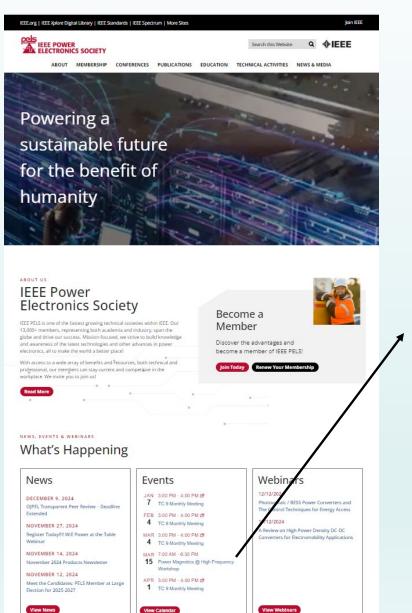


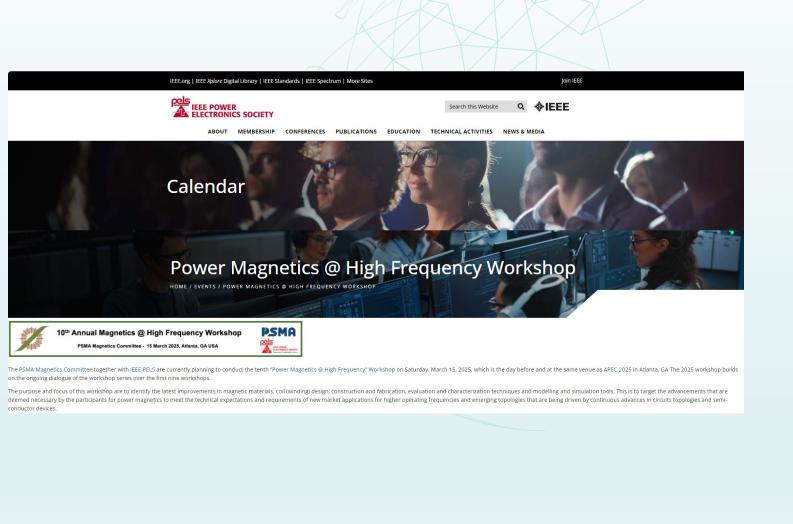
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Calendar of Events

HOW2POWER's Events Calendar lists selected conferences, tradeshows, and workshops related directly or indirectly to power conversion. This listing includes a wide range of application or market-focused events where suppliers of power components or power supplies may be exhibiting, or where technical presentations related to power conversion/power electronics may be presented.

This section also lists seminars and workshops offering instruction in power supply design, magnetics design, EMI/EMC and various power electronics and related topics.

○Virtual ○In-Person Sort by: ○Date ○Ev		USA (-	acronal a	Find:	GO 11/24	○ Clear All	Sponsored Links (Webinars)
Date	Event	City	State	Country	Industry	News		High-switching-frequency applications - Efficiency
03/03/25 - 03/06/25	Device Packaging	Phoenix	AZ	USA	Packaging			boost with OptiMOS 6 power MOSFET
03/05/25 - 03/06/25	BATTERY TECH USA	Orange County	CA	USA	Batteries, Electric Vehicles			Technology
03/10/25 - 03/13/25	Satellite	Washington	D.C.	USA	Space			Semiconductor System Offering Enabling
03/10/25 - 03/14/25	SEMI-THERM	San Jose	CA	USA	Thermal Management			Combustion to Electric Transition in Power Tools
03/11/25 - 03/13/25	Embedded World	Nuremberg		Germany	Computing			Novelties in battery- powered applications.
03/12/25 - 03/13/25	Data Centre World	London		U.К.	Data Centers			From motor control to chargers
03/15/25 - 03/15/25	PSMA Magnetics @ High Frequency Workshop	Atlanta	GA	USA	Magnetics, Power Electronics			Webinar: High- performance PCB Layout and thermal design techniques
In-Person Seminar/Workshop.						Webinar: Modular DC-DC		
Visit the event website						System Design Done Right		
How2Power is a media partner for this event.					Probing in Power			



OTHER TOP POWER NEWS

- Infineon Technologies has announced a breakthrough in handling and processing the thinnest silicon power wafers, with a thickness of only 20 micrometers and a diameter of 300 mm, in a high-scale semiconductor fab.
- Texas Instruments has announced a massive expansion of its internal GaN manufacturing, increasing capacity 4x, by adding GaN manufacturing at its facility in Aizu, Japan and using the most advanced GaN manufacturing equipment available today.
- > Wolfspeed has announced a total of \$2.5 billion in funding from various sources, which will aid its investments in nextgeneration 200-mm technology.



- Early bird registration is now open for the conference and professional education seminars at APEC 2025.
- Advanced Energy Industries has launched its 2025 2026 STEM Scholarship Program, which offers a \$20,000 grant toward payment of tuition fees. In addition, selected recipients will receive professional mentoring and internship opportunities.
- > For a technical facelift and renovation of its North Area, CERN has selected the DM1200 zero-flux dc current transducer (DCCT) from Danisense for use in the CERN-designed POLARIS power converters.

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2024 December Bodo Newsletter

Early Bird Registration Now Open for the 40th Annual APEC 2025 in Atlanta

Early bird registration is now open for the 40th Annual Applied Pow- and students from all over the world to learn about the latest reer Electronics Conference (APEC), running March 16-20 at the Geor-search, technologies and products. Early bird registration ends Jan. gia World Convention Center in Atlanta. The APEC 2025 conference 13, 2025. Full registration includes access to the APEC Technical and exposition gathers power electronics engineers, academics



Program. Comprising nearly 800 paper presentations, sessions and seminars, the conference offers a broad scope of content: APEC Plenary Session (visionary talks by distinguished speakers), Technical Sessions (lecture sessions and dialogue sessions based on peer-reviewed papers), Industry Sessions (presentations showcasing work in all areas of power electronics), Professional Education eminars (in-depth seminars on practical aspects of power elec tronics), Debate - formerly RAP - Sessions (expert panelists identify three hot topics for friendly debate) as well as Exhibitor Presentations (exhibitor companies highlight new products and technologies). Also included in the full registration package is admission to the APEC 2025 Exposition and Special Events. The 2025 exposition will gather nearly 300 exhibitors to the sold-out exhibit floor. With its lively, interactive trade show environment, APEC 2025 offers participation in such events as the MicroMouse contest, the FIRST Robotics demonstration and the Wednesday evening Social Event celebrating APEC's 40th anniversary. www.apec-conf.org

3D Power Design and Manufacturing Symposium (3D-PEIM) 2025

The PSMA Packaging and Manufacturing Committee announce its Fifth International Symposium on 3D Power Electronics Integration and Manufacturing (3D-PEIM-20235). 3D-PEIM will take place July 8-10, 2025 at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado. The symposium is designed for any engineer or manager involved in the design and manufacturing of high-density power sources using 3D technology. It will feature key speakers and technical sessions focused on increasing the power density nian lyer, University of California Los Angeles. Attendees are also and performance of power solutions. Plenary presentations will invited to tour the power electronics facilities of the National Reinclude: "Beyond 2030: Powering the E-Powertrain with High-Value newable Energy Laboratory. and High-Efficiency Power Conversion Systems - A BorgWarner Per-

3D-PEIM

vanced Packaging to System Integration - Trends and Challenges", presented by Devan Iyer, IPC and "The Power Delivery and Energy Storage Challenge in Advanced Packaging", presented by Subramawww.3d-peim.org



Power Magnetics @ High Frequency Workshop

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025		
8:30 AM – 11:55 AM ET	IS07 - The Transformer in the Solid-State Transformer Industry Session Chair: George Slama – Wurth Elektronik Industry Session Chair: Ed Herbert, BEEE – None PSMA Session	^
8:30 AM – 8:55 AM ET	IS07.1 - Recommended Practices for Solid State Transformer Design and Testing Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Paul Ohodnicki – University of Pittsburgh	*
8:55 AM – 9:20 AM ET	IS07.2 - Addressing Insualtion and Isolation Issues in the Solid State Transformer Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Zhicheng Guo – Arizona State University	*
9:20 AM – 9:45 AM ET	IS07.3 - Enabling High Power Transformer Design With Advanced Magnetic Mmaterials Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Veda Duppalli – CorePower Magnetics	*
9:45 AM – 10:10 AM ET	IS07.4 - Thermal Design and Limits of the Transformer in the Solid State Transformer Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Subhashish Bhattacharya, PhD – North Carolina State University	*
10:40 AM – 11:05 AM ET	IS07.5 - Managing Trade-Offs in Design of High-Power Medium Frequency Transformers for Solid-State Transformers Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Drazen Dujic – PEL EPFL	*
11:05 AM – 11:30 AM ET	IS07.6 - Medium Frequency Transformers for Data Centers Location: A412 Industry Session Presenter: Isaac Wong – North Carolina State University	*
11:30 AM – 11:55 AM ET	IS07.7 - Evolution of the Solid State Transformer for Different Applications Location: A412	*

IS Committee		IS072: "The Transformer in the Solid State Transformer"						
REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED		
8:30 AM	8:55 AM	Recommended Practices for Solid State Transformer Design and Testing	Paul	Ohodnicki	PRO8@pitt.edu	University of Pittsburg		
8:55 AM		Addressing Insualtion and Isolation Issues in the Solid State Transformer	Zhicheng	Guo	7hicheng Guo@asu edi	Arizona State University		
9:20 AM	9:45 AM	Impact of Standards on Design Choices and Material Options	Veda	Duppalli	veda.duppalli@corepo	CorePower Magnetics		
9:45 AM	10:10 AM	Thermal Design and Limits of the Transformer in the Solid State Transformer	Subhashish	Bhattacharya	shhatta4@ncsu.edu	North Carolina State University		
10:40 AM	11:05 AM	Managing Trade-Offs in Design of High- Power Medium Frequency Transformers for Solid-State Transformers	Drazen	Dujic	<u>drazen.dujic@epfl.ch</u>	EPFL		
11:05 AM	11·30 AM	Medium Frequency Transformers for Data Centers	lsaac	Wong	twong3@ncsu.edu	North Carolina State University		
11:30 AM	11·55 ΔM	Evolution of the Solid State Transformer for Different Applications	Rafal	Wojda	wordarn@ornl.gov	Oak Ridge National Laboratory		



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8:00 AM – 9:40 AM ET	IS24 - Core Loss - Making the Data Reliable and Relevant	
	Industry Session Chair: Matt Wilkowski, MSEE – Wurth Elektronik Industry Session Chair: Ed Herbert, BEEE – None	~
	PSMA Session	
8:00 AM – 8:25 AM ET	IS24.1 - Core Evaluation Kit Initiative for the comparison of core loss measurement Location: A404-405	*
	Industry Session Presenter: Jens Freibe – University of Kassel	
	Co-Author: Wilmar Martinez, PhD – KU Leuven - EnergyVille	
8:25 AM – 8:50 AM ET	IS24.2 - HFEMAG European Metrology Labs Correlation Project Location: A404-405	*
	Industry Session Presenter: Massimo Pasquale – Istituto Nazional Di Ricerca Metrologica	
8:50 AM – 9:15 AM ET	IS24.3 - Triple Pulse Core Loss testing Location: A404-405	*
	Industry Session Presenter: Jun Wang, PhD – University of Bristol	
9:15 AM – 9:40 AM ET	IS24.4 - PSMA Core Loss Data Base Location: A404-405	*
	Industry Session Presenter: George Slama – Wurth Elektronik	

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IS24: "Core Loss - Making the Data Reliable and Relevant"

REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
8:00 AM	0.23 AN	Core Evaluation Kit Initiative for the comparison of core loss measurement	Jens	Freibe	<u>Friebe@uni-kassel.de</u>	University of Kassel
8:25 AM	8:50 AM	core loss measurement HFEMAG European Metrology Labs Correlation Project	Massimo	Pasquale	<u>m.pasquale@inrim.it</u>	Istituto Nazional Di Ricerca Metrologica
8:50 AM		Triple Pulse Core Loss testing	Jun	Wang	jun.wang@bristol.ac.uk	University of Bristol
9:15 AM	9:40 AM	PSMA Core Loss Data Base	George	Slama	george.slama@we-online.c	Wurth Elektronik



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- What's next?
 - Review drafts that are due in January





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- Special Projects
 - In Process
 - Electrical parameters of magnetic materials interim activities since September 2024
 - Core Loss Database active
 - Pending
 - Steinmetz Like Approximation
 - Electrical parameters of magnetic materials
 - Propagation in magnetic materials
 - Current driven core loss testing
 - Spice model





- Permittivity measurements with a saturating magnetic field
 - Background Info
 - We have a new student for the fall semester, Fabrice Locher. He is an undergraduate and will work under the supervision of Jonas Mühlethaler
 - Jonas has tailored the work under the project to the abilities of the student, the time and equipment available and the budget. Briefly, the work will continue the work started by Frédéric Mathieu, verifying it and extending the measurements to a higher frequency
 - Activities since September by Fabrice Lacher and Jonas Mühlethaler
 - Work on publication for APEC (The paper has been accepted for the Poster Session)
 - Re-did permeability measurements with DC field through extra wire, rather than through electromagnet (so we have a DC field in the same orientation as main flux
 - "4-wire" measurements with Bode 100 (so far the results were almost the same, so we have a high confidence in the results)
 - Prepared toroid for permittivity / conductivity measurements
 - Ed started making sense of the results with a literature review (still ongoing, needs time, and cannot be outsourced to student)



- Permittivity measurements with a saturating magnetic field
 - Activities going forward
 - 4 November, 2024
 - Permittivity measurements on toroid, see whether we have same results and can go to higher frequencies
 - Work on APEC publication / Literature study by Jonas
 - 11 November, 2024
 - Work on APEC publication / Literature study by Jonas
 - Try to observe dimensional resonance with new measurement setup (4-wire, toroids)
 - Try to make sense on the abrupt changes of permittivity under DC bias at higher frequency (see Frédéric's work)
 - 18 November, 2024
 - \circ APEC Deadline publication
 - Work on new PCBs for permittivity measurements (reduce skin effect) / see E. H. Email with some suggestions; Include study of skin effect here (a comment: skin effect is a well understood problem, and can be simulated with FEM; in other words: I suggest to do a FEM study of the PCB.Try to make sense on the abrupt changes of permittivity under DC bias at higher frequency (see Frédéric's work)
 - $\circ~$ FEM is not good in non-linear core materials, but good in linear copper



- Permittivity measurements with a saturating magnetic field
 - Activities going forward
 - 25 November, 2024
 - FEM/Skin effect study by Fabrice (Fabrice will most likely not find time to go into the flux propagation study)
 - Here and in the following weeks Jonas can start thinking about flux propagation and 4-wire with scope, until here Jonas have to focus on the APEC paper which is related to the project as well
 - o 2 December, 2024
 - FEM/Skin effect study by Fabrice (Fabrice will most likely not find time to go into the flux propagation study)
 - 9 December, 2024
 - $\circ~$ Flux propagation and 4-wire with scope by Jonas
 - 16 December, 2024
 - $\circ~$ Flux propagation and 4-wire with scope by Jonas
 - Christmas break/Next year
 - We will work out a plan in detail, maybe with a graduate student. But keep in mind, the USD 10k is a limited budget and we did a lot already...



- Core Loss Database
 - Database should be on its own website
 - · Link to the website on a tab in the PSMA Magnetics Forum
 - Project meetings separate from monthly magnetics committee meeting
 - Initial meeting during last week of September
 - September 25 10:00 AM CDT
 - Regular monthly project updates starting in November
 - November 13 10:00 AM CST (noting standard time begins on November 3)



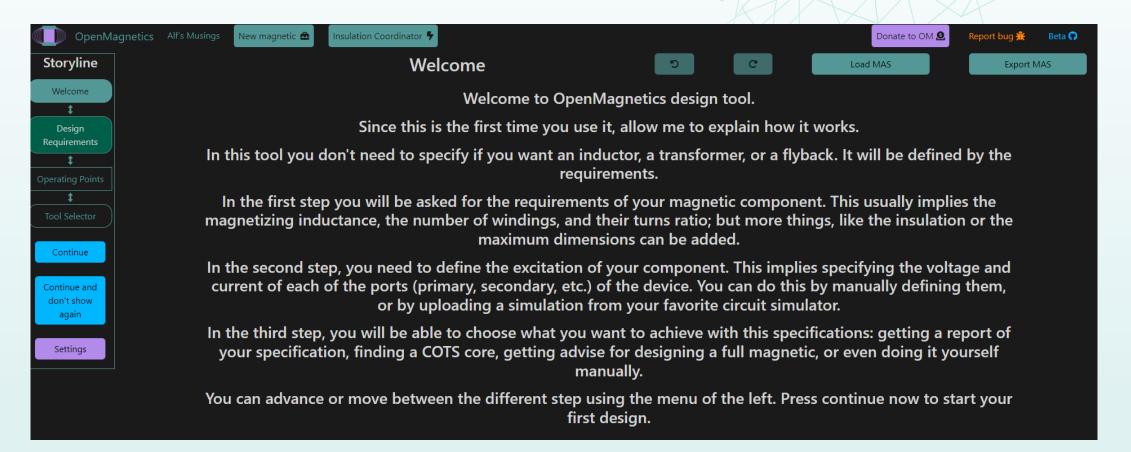
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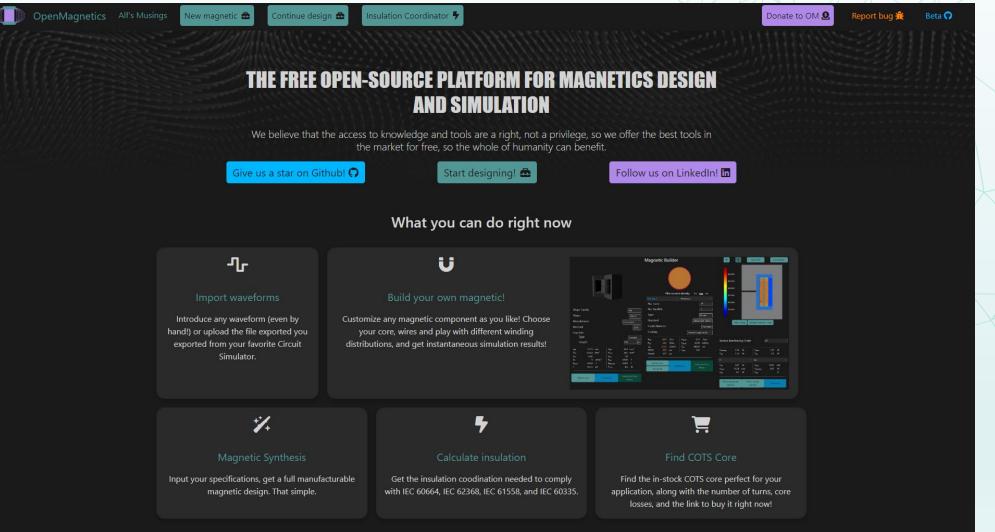


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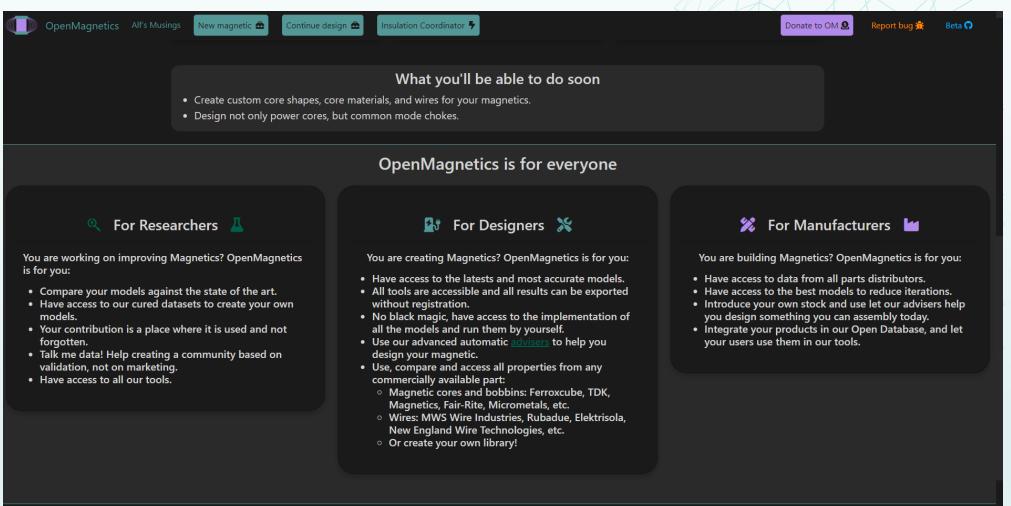


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Tools and Roadmap

OpenMagnetics is maintained and developed by volunteers, and we do it because we believe in what Open Source brings to the world. Each one of us makes their living by some other meaning and works on these in our free time, so there won't be any deadlines. Despite of that, we will do our best to make this tool as good as we are capable.

If you want to support this project, consider joining our <u>Discord server</u> and let us know what you enjoy doing the most!.



- What's next?
 - Distribute Nov 6 presentation to the PSMA Magnetics Committee
 - Decide to proceed then integrate into PSMA webpage -
 - need final decision
 - need to discuss with PSMA webmaster





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2025 Edition PSMA Power Technology Roadmap Magnetics Section

- 2022 Topics (Published)
 - Energy Harvestings
 - Integrated Voltage Regulators (IVR)
 - Fully Integrated Voltage Regulators (FIVR)
 - Hybrid Integrated Voltage Regulators (HIVR)
 - Isolated Signal and Low Power Transformers
 - Power Supply on Chip (PwrSoC)
 - Power Management Integrated Circuits (PMIC)
 - Power Systems in Package (PSiP)
 - Mother Board Voltage Regulators (MBVR)
 - Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)
 - Solid State Transformers (SST)

- 2025 Topics (Proposed)
 - Embedded Magnetics
 - Integrated Voltage Regulators (IVR)
 - Fully Integrated Voltage Regulators (FIVR)
 - Hybrid Integrated Voltage Regulators (HIVR)
 - Isolated Signal and Low Power Transformers
 - PwrSoC (Power Supply on Chip)
 - Power Systems in Package (PSiP)
 - Solid State Transformers (SST)
 - Trans-Inductor Voltage Regulators (TLVR)
 - Mother Board Voltage Regulators (MBVR)
 - Lateral Power Delivery (LPD)
 - Vertical Power Delivery (VPD)
 - Dual Phase Power Block (DPPB)
 - Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)
 - EV Charging
 - Core Loss Measurement Methods & Databases
 - Magnetic Material Alternatives Opportunities and Limitations



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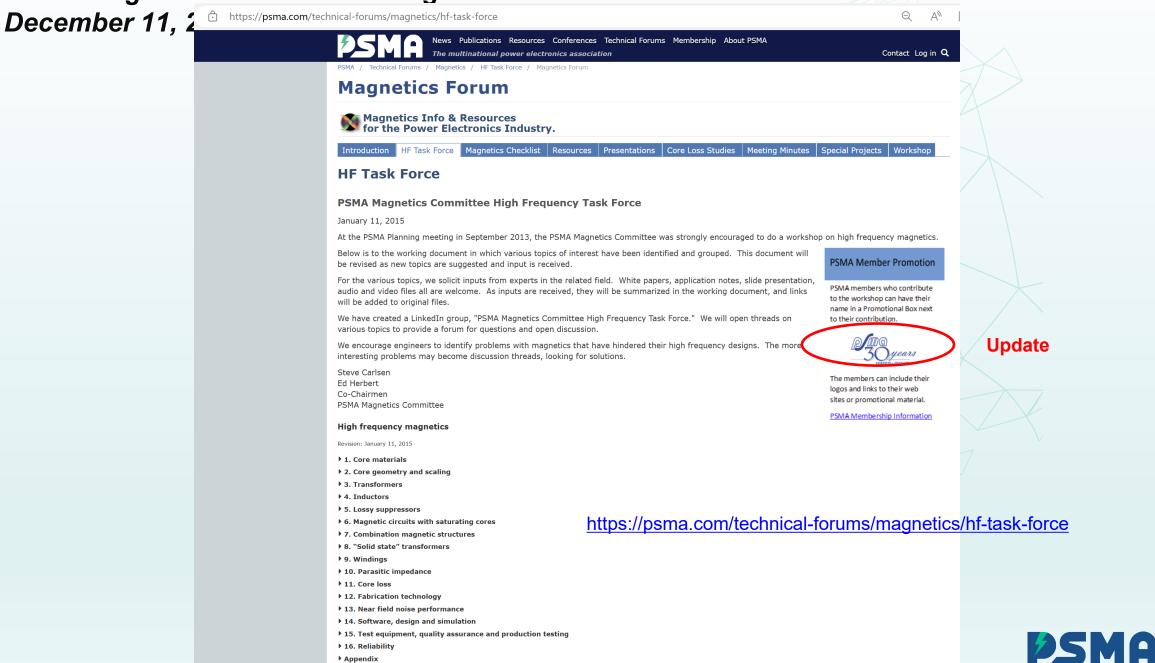
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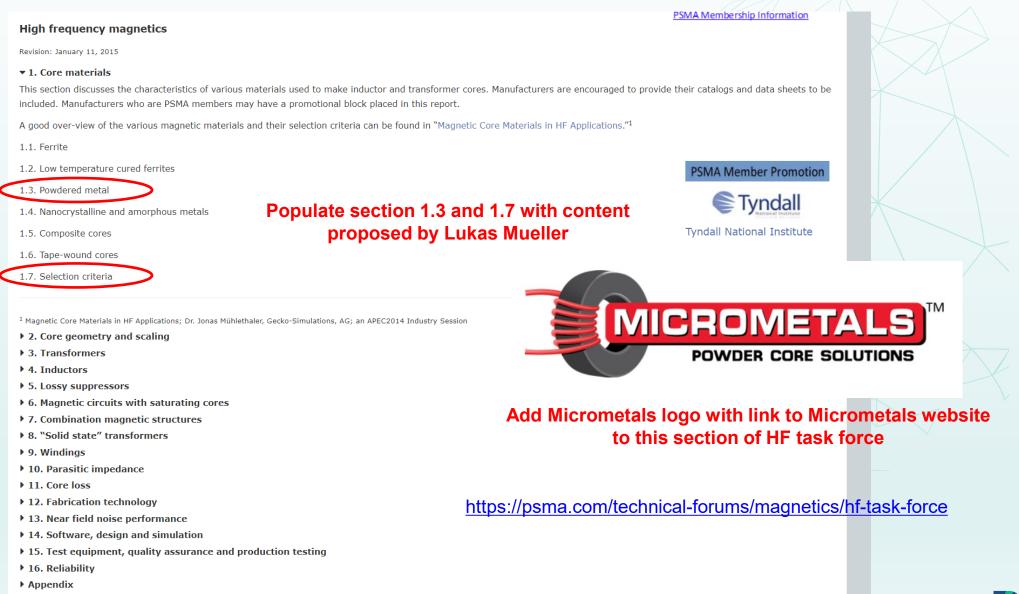


- In process
 - Section 1.3 Powdered metal
 - Proposal by Lukas Mueller has been accepted
 - Need to add to HF task force tab under magnetics Technical Forum on PSMA website
- Proposed additions/updates
 - Section 1 Core Materials
 - Sputtered (addition)
 - Electroplated (addition)
 - Section 1.4 Nanocrystalline and amorphous metals (populate)
 - Section 4 Inductors
 - TLVR inductors (addition)
 - Section 8 "Solid state" transformers (populate)
 - Section 12 Fabrication Technology
 - Section 12.3.2 Substrate embedded (populate)
 - Section 12.6 PSiP (populate)
 - Section 12.7 PwrSoc (populate)





Appendix





Proposal By Lukas Mueller on June 28, 2024

Section 1.3 Powder Materials

Powdered metal-based cores are made from small particles of magnetic material that are insulated, mixed with a binder and pressed into a solid core shape. The defining characteristic of powder cores is their low starting permeability ranging from 4 to 550 and soft-saturation characteristic. Unlike a gapped high permeability material, a powder material will gradually lose its permeability with increasing magnetization force. Coupled with powder materials with high saturation flux density, these materials can store higher amounts of energy per unit volume than ferrite. Core loss is generally higher for powder materials than ferrite.

There are three broad subtypes of powder metal cores depending on the base raw material used: iron, carbonyl iron and alloy.

1.3.1 Powder iron cores are made from reduced iron. The main advantage of powder iron is the materials high saturation flux density, high amplitude permeability, high damping and low cost. The main disadvantage of powder iron is its high core loss compared to other materials, making it more suitable for low frequency power conversion, line reactor or EMI filtering applications

1.3.2 Carbonyl iron-based cores feature low eddy current losses due its unique magnetic particle structure. This gives these types of materials a stable permeability over a wide frequency range. The main application for carbonyl iron-based cores is in high Q resonant inductors and broadband transformers at frequencies above 1MHz.

1.3.3 Alloy powder cores feature lower hysteresis losses than powder iron cores. The stability of these materials' permeability versus magnetization force is also significantly better. Alloy powder cores excel in DC inductors in filtering and power conversion applications. There is a large variety of alloy cores including but not limited to: Sendust, Permalloy, Mollypermalloy and Silicon Steel.



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1.3.1 Powder iron cores are made from reduced iron. The main advantage of powder iron is the materials high saturation flux density, high amplitude permeability, high damping and low cost. The main disadvantage of powder iron is its high core loss compared to other materials, making it more suitable for low frequency power conversion, line reactor or EMI filtering applications

1.3.2 Carbonyl iron-based cores feature low eddy current losses due its unique magnetic particle structure. This gives these types of materials a stable permeability over a wide frequency range. The main application for carbonyl iron-based cores is in high Q resonant inductors and broadband transformers at frequencies above 1MHz.

1.3.3 Alloy powder cores feature lower hysteresis losses than powder iron cores. The stability of these materials' permeability versus magnetization force is also significantly better. Alloy powder cores excel in DC inductors in filtering and power conversion applications. There is a large variety of alloy cores including but not limited to: Sendust, Permalloy, Mollypermalloy and Silicon Steel.



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Section 1.7 Selection criteria

The defining selection criteria for magnetic materials are: core loss, saturation flux density, inductance stability, temperature range and mechanical ruggedness.

For AC applications like high Q resonant inductors or transformers low core loss at the intended switching frequency is the primary concern. The performance factor of different material grades can be used to identify the material with the lowest core loss at a certain frequency.

For DC switching inductors, like PFC inductors, a mixture of inductance stability and core loss is desirable.

For EMI filter inductors, high damping is beneficial to limit parasitic resonances in the filter. In addition, a high impedance over the desired filtering frequency range is crucial. For DC filter inductors, a high DC bias stability is desired. The material saturation constant can be used to evaluate different materials in this regard. For AC line filter inductors, a high saturation flux density and high amplitude permeability are beneficial.



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Section 1.7 Selection criteria (Continued)

Application	Material 1	Material 2	Material 3	Note
Common Mode Choke	MnZn Ferrite	Nanocrystalline	NiZn Ferrite	Carbonyl iron above 500MHz an option as well
DC Filter Choke	Powder Alloy	MnZn Ferrite	Powder Iron	
AC Line Choke	Power Iron	Powder Alloy	Fe-Si (laminated)	
AC Filter Choke	Carbonyl iron	Powder Alloy	MnZn Ferrute	
CCM Switching inductor	Powder Alloy	MnZn Ferrite	Nanocrystalline	Evaluate DC bias stability vs. core loss
DCM Switching Inductor	MnZn Ferrite	NiZn Ferrite	Carbonyl Iron	Carbonyl iron has higher core loss but lower AC copper loss due to distributed air gap
Tuned RF inductor	Carbonyl Iron	NiZn Ferrite	Air	
Transformer	MnZn Ferrite	Nanocrystalline	NiZn Ferrite	



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