



*The Multinational Power Electronics Association*

# PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting

May 14<sup>TH</sup> 2024

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**Committee Chairs**

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## ***May 14, 2024***

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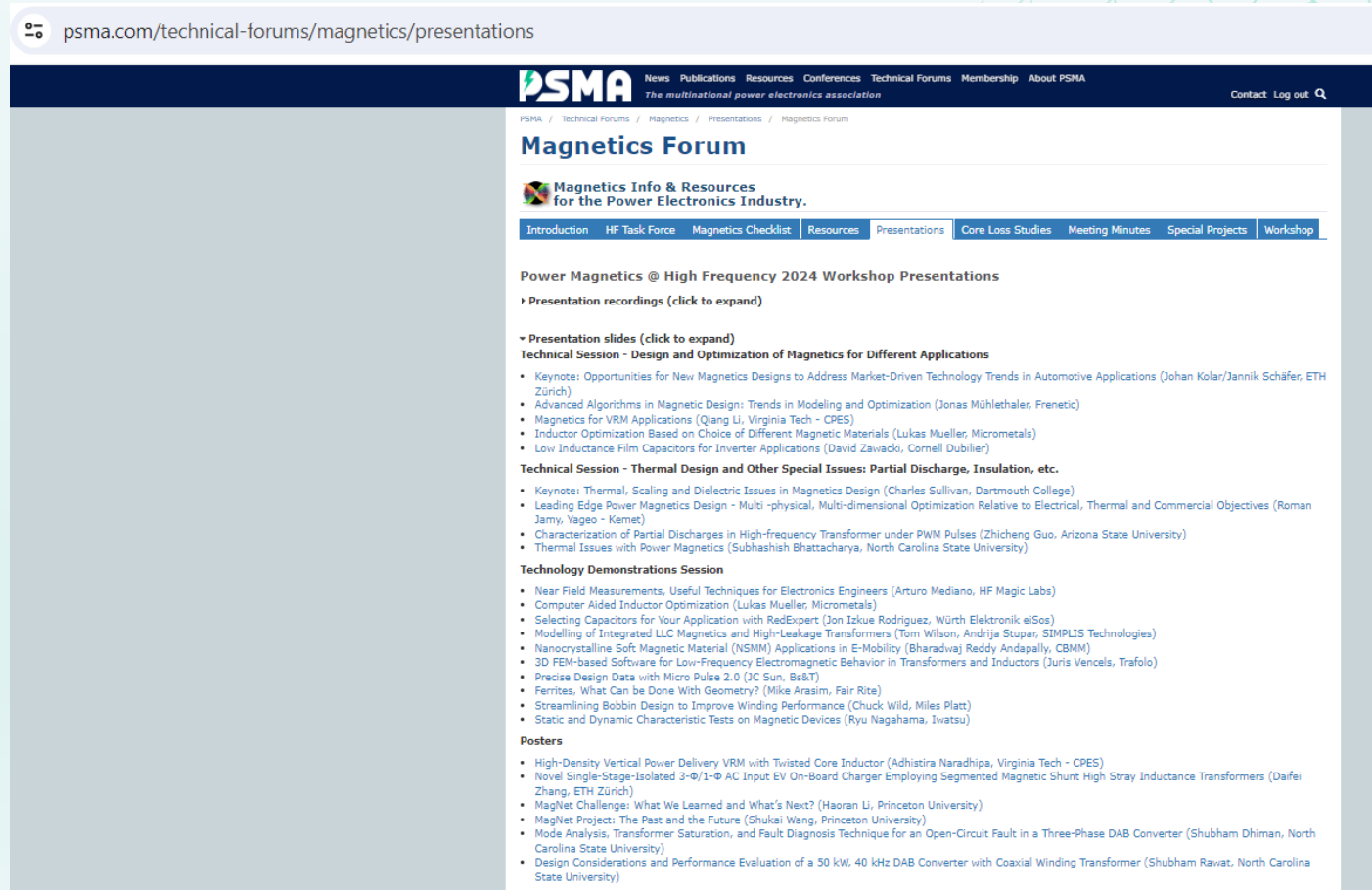
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# PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting Agenda Workshop Planning Notes

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- Workshop Tab
  - Needs to be updated to reflect date for 2025 workshop
  - Workshop presentations available to 2024 attendees
    - Available on Presentations tab if logged in



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- Integrated Magnetics

- Physical Integration Types

- Heterogeneous Integration
  - 2.5D Vs 3D
  - Lateral Vs Vertical
- Embedded magnetics
  - PCB windings about a magnetic core

- Power System in Package

- Silicon + Discrete Magnetics in semiconductor packaging

- Wafer level (on silicon) magnetics

- Sputtered
- Electroplated

- Issues

- Thermal Limitations
- Assembly methods

- Wurth – Martin Sittner
- Tyndall
- Frenetic
- Bryce – Utah State
- Jose Cobos –
- Roshen, Waseem
- Rico, TriDelta

Afternoon  
Session

Agreement of  
highlighted topics

- Lukas – LLC design
- Open magnetics – simulation, design
- Cuk – LLC, circuit concept
- Virginia Tech –
- Understanding core Ae/Le
- Dan Jitaru
- Premo Power – 3D magnetics

- Integrated Magnetics

- Electrical Characteristic Integration

- LLC
- Coupled Inductors
- TLVR
- VERT

Morning  
Session

Integration  
has different meaning  
for different audiences  
Need definition for  
workshop audience

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- Plenary Speakers
  - Presenters from first workshop
    - Candidates to pursue
      - David Perreault
      - Charlie Sullivan
    - Topics
      - Advances in magnetics over the past ten years



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- Tech Demos
  - Core Loss Database project
    - Demonstration of the website database
      - Visualization of core loss data
  - Our other project – core permittivity and permeability characteristics
    - Frederic either a tech demo or a poster
  - Zimmer wattmeter
  - JC Sun – integrated instrument to measure losses with Zimmer
  - Fair-Rite – dimensional resonance
  - PE System – dual pulse test
  - Open magnetics demo
  - MicroMetals – complex perm powder materials
  - Partial Discharge system (Chroma, Hipotronics, Hubbel, ...)
  - Capacitor with magnetics (Alan) LLC – capacitor voltage rating
  - Build an integrated device
  - Component manufacturers of Integrated Magnetics
    - Premier Magnetics
    - Payton Magnetics



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- Posters
  - HLSU - Frederic
    - Core permittivity and permeability characteristics





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- All aspects of fabricating a Solid-State Transformer (SST)
  - Conductor design
  - Insulation/Isolation Issues
    - *Paul Ohodnicki – UPITT – P3105 Subgroup 2 Isolation Issues for SST*
  - AC Power Loss
  - Magnetic Core materials
  - Thermal Design
  - Environmental Design
  - Capacitance
  - Coupling and Leakage Inductance
    - *Drazen Dujic – EPFL – Inductance and Leakage Inductance Measurements for MFT*
  - Other? SMART transformer?
- **Focus on the transformer of Solid-State Transformer**
  - Too many APEC and ECCE session on SST focus on topology rather than the transformer

What is definition of SST?  
Per Kolar (1kHz to 20 kHz)

Jonathon Kimball – Missouri

North Carolina State

Coolmag – thermal potting (demo too)  
url: <https://coolmag.net/>

Charlie Sullivan – heat pipes

Jun Wang Univ. of Bristol – Core loss measurements

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- Additional four-presentation industry session
  - Core Loss Testing & Modelling
    - Scientific Network of Magnetics – Jens Friebe – Kassel
    - European Metrology Labs Correlation Project – Massimo Pasquale - HEFMAG
    - Impact of machine learning to predict core loss – Minjie Chen - Princeton
    - PSMA – Core Loss Database website – George Slama – Würth Elektronik
    - ETTC P393 Core Loss measurement proposal – Matt Wilkowski – Würth Elektronik

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# 2022/2023/2024 PSMA PTR Webinar Series

## Potential Contributions from the Magnetics Committee

- Tyndall – Ranajit Sai
  - Core Loss Mechanisms
  - Presentation delivered November 30 ✓
- Utah State University – Reebal Nimri
  - High Power (1 MW) Charging
  - 2024 Q2/Q3
  - Confirmed 8/16/23
- Fraunhofer – Florian Ziegler
  - PowderMEMS – a novel technology for fabrication of functionalized MEMS structures
  - Spring 2024
  - Confirmed 1/16/24 – e-mail of introduction sent March 5, 2024
  - *Follow up sent on April 12 and May 9 2024*
- CBMM - Bharadwaj Reddy Andapally
  - Technology Roadmap for Nanocrystalline Cores
  - Spring 2024
  - Confirmed: 9/1/23 – reconfirmed during the 2024 workshop
  - *Need to send follow up*



Potential Source of Additional Presentations  
Intermag Japan  
Presentations  
Measurement Techniques  
New Materials

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# ***PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting Agenda – Special project***

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



# ***PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting Agenda – Special Projects***

## ***May 14, 2024***

- Electrical parameters of magnetic materials
  - Proposal approved during PSMA BOD meeting on November 17
  - Preliminary results shared with PSMA Magnetics Committee during December 18 meeting
  - Draft report distributed by e-mail to attendees of January 24 PSMA Magnetics committee meeting
  - Final report approved for placement on a tab on the Magnetics Forum during meeting on Feb 28

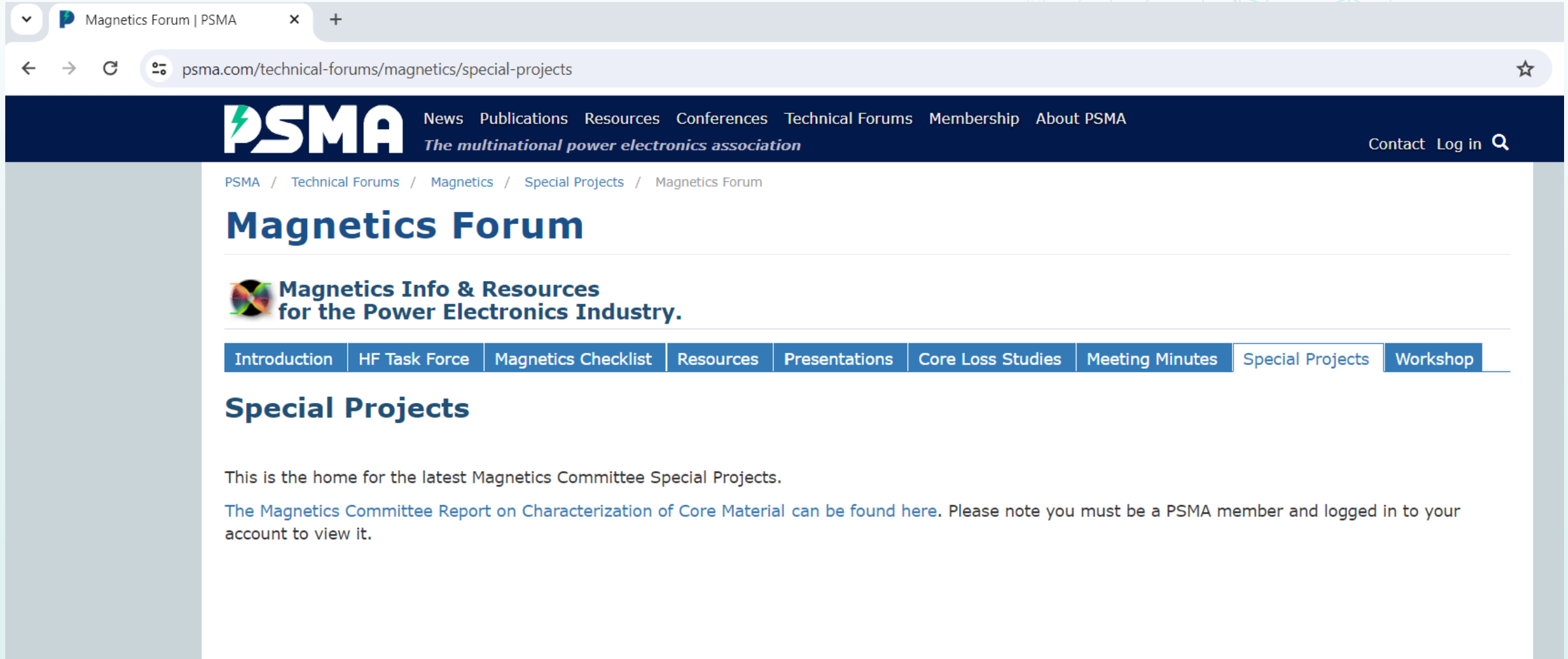
### **Discussion Decisions**

- Draft dated January 22, 2024 is ready to be placed in the Special projects Tab on Magnetics Forum
    - Confirmed by Ed Herbert and Jonas Muhlethaler
    - This report should be behind a members only firewall
    - Reference Ed Herbert e-mail of February 25, 2024
  - Maintain Core Loss Studies as a Separate Tab
  - Create a new Special Projects tab for all this and all future special projects
  - In the future Core Loss Data Base may be a separate tab from Core Loss Studies
- Special Projects Tab  
Has Been Created  
Need to Populate with Report  
“Characterization of Core  
Material” by Frederic Mathieu  
dated January 22, 2024  
Need to resolve access issue  
Completed*



# PSMA Magnetics Committee Meeting Agenda – Special Projects

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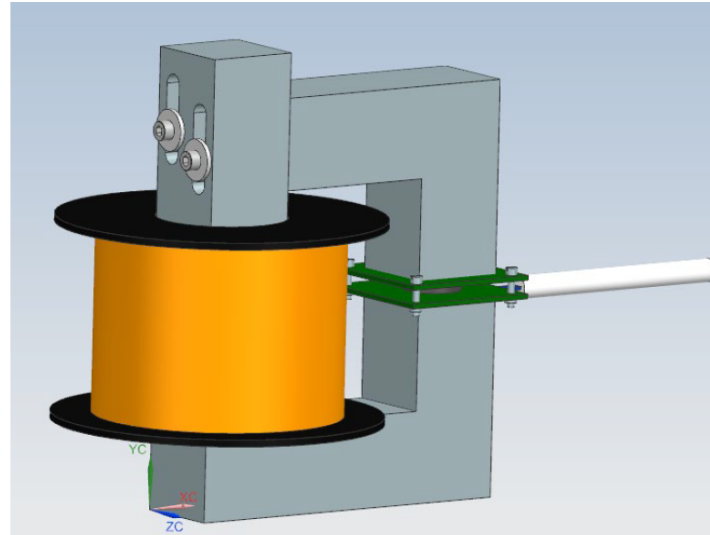
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Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

Lucerne School of Engineering and Architecture



## Characterization of Core Material

Author: Frédéric Mathieu

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jonas Mühlethaler

Expert: Dr. Severin Nowak

Industrial partner: Power Sources Manufactures Association (PSMA)

January 22, 2024

Confidentiality level: Public

JC Sun will provide existing standards that can be used to test material as well for comparison

Lukas Mueller will contact a university that is about to publish a paper on the same topic to try get an early copy

IEC 62631 – measure permittivity (to 10 MHz)

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- Core Loss Database
  - Database should be on its own website
    - Link to the website on a tab in the PSMA Magnetics Forum



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- Ongoing discussion to create a Short Videos Tab on Magnetics Forum to address specific topics of general interest
  - This could be the home of a “Magnetics Are Everywhere” introductory video
  - These can be simple redirects to URLs already established by PSMA members
    - Helps traffic to magnetics forum
    - Increases audience access for PSMA member companies
- **Action item for members to review HF task force page for whether to keep, it update it, add to it – could be used to organize information**

<https://www.pdma.com/technical-forums/magnetics/hf-task-force>

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For the various topics, we solicit inputs from experts in the related field. White papers, application notes, slide presentation, audio and video files all are welcome. As inputs are received, they will be summarized in the working document, and links will be added to original files.

We have created a LinkedIn group, "PSMA Magnetics Committee High Frequency Task Force." We will open threads on various topics to provide a forum for questions and open discussion.

We encourage engineers to identify problems with magnetics that have hindered their high frequency designs. The more interesting problems may become discussion threads, looking for solutions.

Steve Carlsen  
Ed Herbert  
Co-Chairmen  
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#### High frequency magnetics

Revision: January 11, 2015

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## ▼ 1. Core materials

This section discusses the characteristics of various materials used to make inductor and transformer cores. Manufacturers are encouraged to provide their catalogs and data sheets to be included. Manufacturers who are PSMA members may have a promotional block placed in this report.

A good over-view of the various magnetic materials and their selection criteria can be found in "[Magnetic Core Materials in HF Applications](#)."<sup>1</sup>

- 1.1. Ferrite
- 1.2. Low temperature cured ferrites
- 1.3. Powdered metal
- 1.4. Nanocrystalline and amorphous metals
- 1.5. Composite cores
- 1.6. Tape-wound cores
- 1.7. Selection criteria

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Tyndall National Institute



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<sup>1</sup>Magnetic Core Materials in HF Applications; Dr. Jonas Mühlethaler, Gecko-Simulations, AG; an APEC2014 Industry Session.

## ▼ 12. Fabrication technology

12.1. Wire wound

12.1.1. Bobbin

12.1.2. Bobbin less

12.1.3. Litz wire

12.2. Foil wound

12.3. Planar: Planar transformers and inductors are low profile, with a two-part core. The windings usually are printed wiring boards or stamped copper. An aluminum shell may provide heat-sinking.

See "How SiC & GaN catching up to Planar Magnetics,"<sup>1</sup> a slide presentation prepared for an Industry Session at APEC2014 but not presented.

See also "Payton Technical Video,"<sup>2</sup> a movie on Payton planar transformers with technical content.

12.3.1. Discrete

12.3.2. Substrate embedded

12.4. Matrix transformers: The "Matrix Transformer," later called "Flat Transformer," is a transformer having many cores. Usually the secondary winding is a single turn, which may be bonded to the core. An early (1990) tutorial shows the theory and examples. "Design and Application of Matrix Transformers and Symmetrical Converters."<sup>3</sup>

12.4.1. Matrix coaxial

12.5. Coaxial

12.6. Psip

12.7. Pwrsoc

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Payton American Group



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## ▼ 14. Software, design and simulation

### 14.1. Design aids

14.1.1. Ask Jonas to supply material for his design software.

14.1.2. Nomographs, caution.

### 14.2. Core loss

14.2.1. Composite waveform hypothesis

The Pilot Project core loss study sponsored by PSMA at Dartmouth analyzed the **composite waveform hypothesis** and determined that: "Despite the minor discrepancies, the loss prediction method yields higher accuracy, and is easier to use, than other methods for non-sinusoidal waveforms."<sup>1</sup> See ["Composite Waveform Hypothesis."](#)<sup>2</sup>

14.2.2. Steinmetz-like equations

Chris Oliver derived a very good set of equations to characterize powdered metal cores: ["Measurement and Modeling of Core Loss in Powder Core Materials,"](#)<sup>3</sup> Micrometals has also provided a spreadsheet, ["Micrometals, Inc. Curve Fit Coefficients, Rev. September 18, 2014."](#)<sup>4</sup>

Dr. Charles Sullivan derived a Steinmetz-like equation for square wave and rectangular wave excitation: ["Steinmetz Curve Fits."](#)<sup>5</sup>

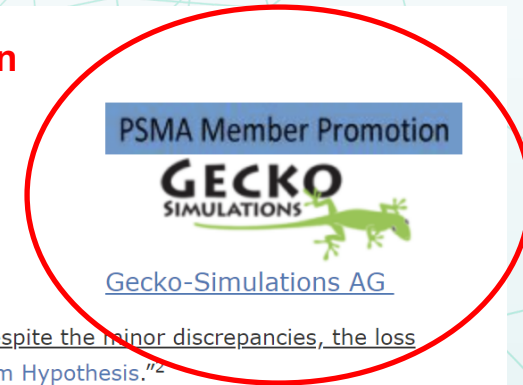
Edward Herbert derived a Steinmetz-like equation for square wave excitation: [""Steinmetz-like" Equation for Ferrites."](#)<sup>6</sup> The derivation of the equation is explained, with a number of examples of manipulating log-log curves for graphical analysis.

### 14.3. Spice models

A very simple but surprisingly good SPICE model for core loss is described in ["Proposed SPICE model for core loss."](#)<sup>7</sup> The SPICE model is shown, with an extensive explanation of how it was derived and tested.

### 14.4. Finite element analysis

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### ▼ Appendix

#### A1. Application notes

A1.1. CWS app notes: "How to choose Iron Powder, Sendust, Koolmu, High Flux and MPP Cores as output inductor and chokes."

A1.2. CWS app note: "How Transformers, Chokes and Inductors Work, and Properties of Magnetics."

#### A2. Formulae

A2.1. Equations showing electrical units, and case for

A2.2. "Matrix" conversion

#### A3. Glossary

A3.1. Definitions

A3.2. Units

#### A4. References

A4.1. A spreadsheet summarizes the references "Workshop References."



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- Attendance (11)
  - John Horzepa
  - Mike Arasim
  - Alan Cooper
  - Doug Eaton
  - Ed Herbert
  - Alfonso Martinez
  - Lukas Mueller
  - Rodney Rogers
  - George Slama
  - Mark Swihart
  - Matt Wilkowski



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**Thank You**

