

# CORE DESIGN

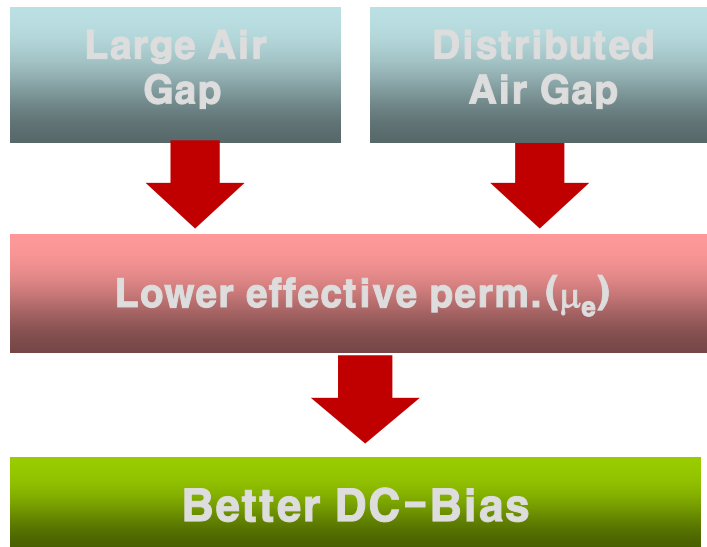
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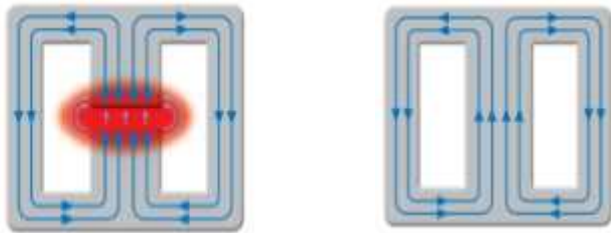
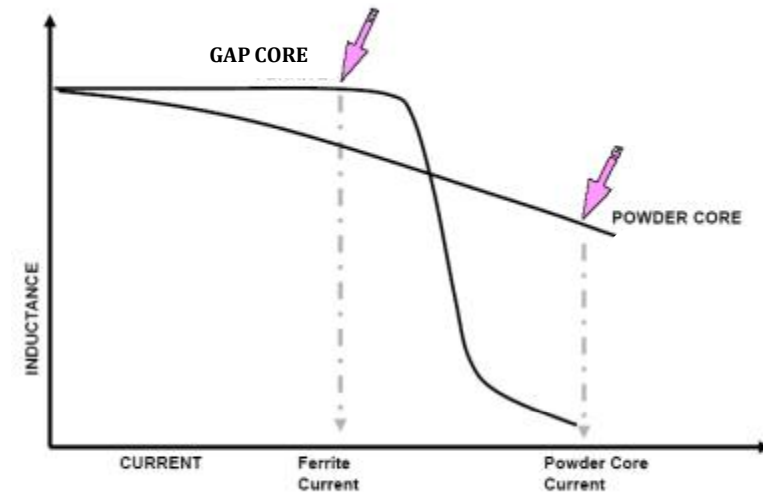
# 1. DC Bias Fit Formula

## Powder Core DC Bias Characteristics

### • Air Gap



### • Soft Saturation



- Higher Inductance at Large Current
- Low Core Loss
- Minimized Audible Noise
- Free from Leakage Flux
  - Less Heat Generation, EMI Noise

# 1. DC Bias Fit Formula

## (1) DC Bias Fit Formula Example1 : Sendust 26 $\mu$

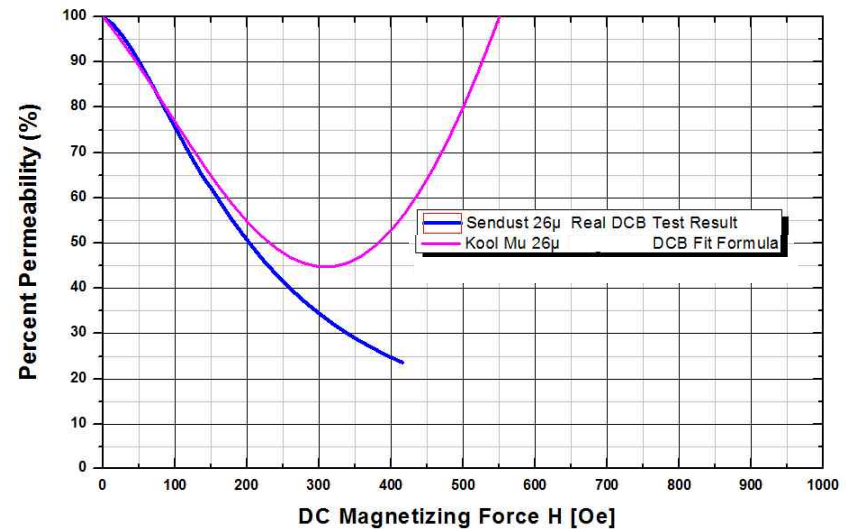
Permeability versus  
DC Bias Curves

Fit Formula (refer to curves for units)

$$\mu \text{ (per unit)} = a + bT + cT^2 + dT^3 + eT^4$$

where:

		a	b	c	d	e
MPP	14 $\mu$	1	-6.00E-05	-7.00E-06	1.00E-08	-5.00E-12
	26 $\mu$	1	-5.00E-04	-2.00E-05	6.00E-08	-5.00E-11
	60 $\mu$	1	-3.00E-04	-2.00E-04	1.00E-06	-3.00E-09
	125 $\mu$	1	-1.00E-03	-5.00E-04	8.00E-06	-3.00E-08
	147 $\mu$	1	-3.20E-03	-6.00E-04	8.00E-06	-3.00E-08
	160 $\mu$	1	-1.90E-03	-8.00E-04	2.00E-05	-8.00E-08
	173 $\mu$	1	-7.00E-04	-1.20E-03	3.00E-05	-2.00E-07
	200 $\mu$	1	6.70E-03	-2.40E-03	6.00E-05	-5.00E-07
	300 $\mu$	1	-3.40E-03	-3.00E-03	1.00E-04	-1.00E-06
High Flux	550 $\mu$	0.95	-3.77E-02	-3.22E-02	4.40E-03	-2.00E-04
	14 $\mu$	1	6.00E-04	-1.00E-05	4.00E-08	-5.00E-11
	26 $\mu$	1	8.00E-04	-3.00E-05	9.00E-08	-1.00E-10
	60 $\mu$	1	-5.00E-04	-6.00E-05	4.00E-07	-6.00E-10
	125 $\mu$	1	1.10E-03	-3.00E-04	3.00E-06	-9.00E-09
	147 $\mu$	1	1.30E-03	-4.00E-04	4.00E-06	-1.00E-08
Kool Mu	160 $\mu$	1	1.40E-03	-5.00E-04	6.00E-06	-3.00E-08
	26 $\mu$	1	-1.90E-03	-7.00E-06	3.00E-08	-2.00E-11
	40 $\mu$	1	-2.80E-03	-3.00E-05	2.00E-07	-3.00E-10
	60 $\mu$	1	-6.80E-03	-1.00E-05	2.00E-07	-5.00E-10
	75 $\mu$	1	-8.60E-03	-6.00E-05	1.00E-06	-3.00E-09
XFlux	90 $\mu$	1	-1.26E-02	-3.00E-06	8.00E-07	-3.00E-09
	125 $\mu$	1	-1.60E-02	-7.00E-05	3.00E-06	-2.00E-08
	60 $\mu$	1	-1.20E-03	-3.00E-05	1.00E-07	-1.00E-10



- 0~200 Oe : DCB Fit Formula Graph is similar to Real test result.
- 200 Oe ~ : There are big difference between Real and Fit Formula Graph.

# 1. DC Bias Fit Formula

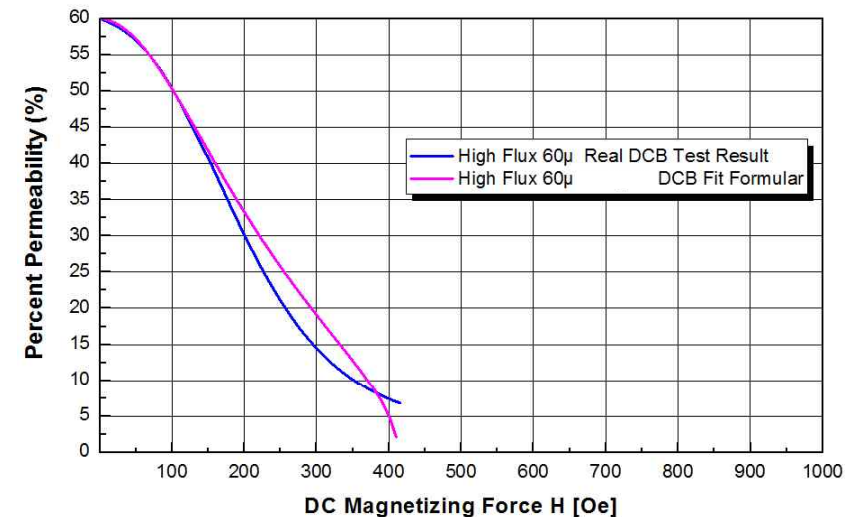
## (2) DC Bias Fit Formula Example2 : High Flux 60 $\mu$

### Factors of Permeability vs. DC bias Fit Formula

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0^2 + a\mu_0^3 H + b\mu_0^4 H^2}{1 + c\mu_0 H + d\mu_0^2 H^2}}$$

► High Flux

$\mu_0$	a	b	c	d
14	-7.6531E-06	-3.2799E-09	1.4286E-06	5.1020E-09
26	-2.4556E-05	-1.7069E-09	1.1538E-05	5.9172E-09
60	-2.8972E-05	-4.6296E-10	-2.5000E-05	8.3333E-09
125	-3.4861E-05	3.0720E-10	-3.5200E-05	6.4000E-09
147	-4.5981E-05	5.6666E-10	-4.5578E-05	9.2554E-09
160	-4.9000E-05	6.1035E-10	-4.1250E-05	1.1719E-08



- 0~150 Oe : DCB Fit Formula Graph is similar to Real test result.
- 150 ~410 Oe ~ : There are some difference between Real and Fit Formula Graph.
- 410 ~ : With the above Fit formula, it is not possible to predict permeability.

→ For the punctual prediction of permeability at high current , new Fit formula is required.

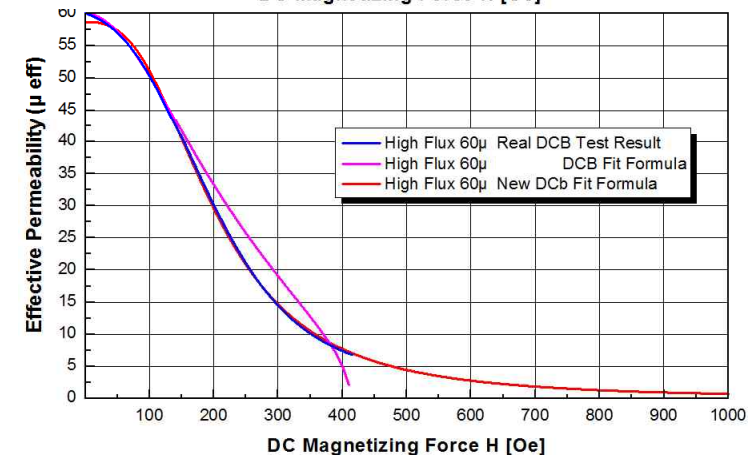
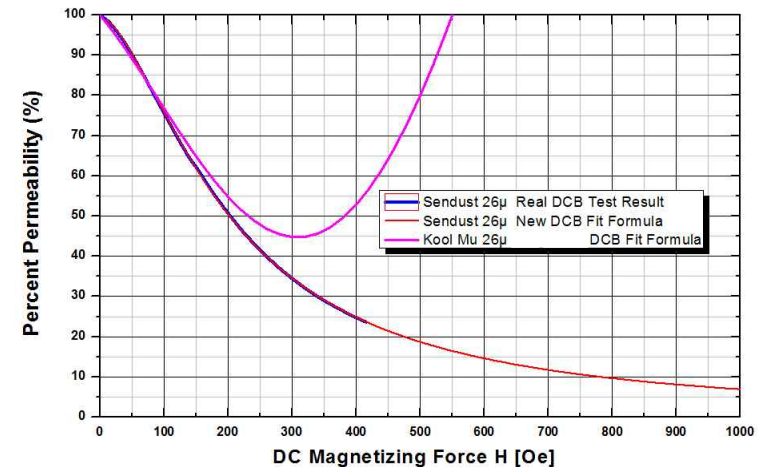
# 1. DC Bias Fit Formula

## (3) New DC Bias Fit Formula (%Perm.)

$$\%Perm. = \frac{1}{a + bH^c}$$

H : DC Magnetizing Force [Oe]

a, b, c : coefficients



- 0~400 Oe : Real test result and new DC Bias Fit Formula match up very well.
- 400 Oe ~ : New DC Bias Fit Formula coefficients are determined based on real test result from 0 to 400 Oe, it is possible to predict permeability using that formula.

→ New DC Bias Fit Formula coefficients a, b and c as a function of  $\%Perm. = \frac{1}{a + bH^c}$  are used in CSC catalog 2012 version

# 1. DC Bias Fit Formula

## (4) New DC Bias Fit Formula Coefficients (Effective Perm.)

$$\mu_{eff} = \frac{1}{a + bH^c}$$

H : DC Magnetizing Force [Oe]

a, b, c : coefficients

Material	ui	a	b	c
MPP	026	0.0385	4.04E-07	2.081
	060	0.0167	1.70E-07	2.454
	125	0.0080	1.71E-07	2.663
	147	0.0068	2.76E-07	2.612
	160	0.0062	2.67E-07	2.645
	173	0.0058	3.09E-07	2.667
	200	0.0050	1.73E-07	2.820
High Flux	026	0.0385	6.84E-08	2.196
	060	0.0167	5.39E-08	2.419
	125	0.0080	8.30E-08	2.523
	147	0.0068	3.12E-08	2.808
	160	0.0062	6.92E-08	2.641
Sendust	026	0.0385	4.16E-06	1.709
	060	0.0167	4.70E-06	1.797
	075	0.0133	6.19E-06	1.758
	090	0.0111	9.07E-06	1.739
	125	0.0080	1.60E-05	1.681
Mega Flux®	019	0.0527	6.37E-09	2.424
	026	0.0385	2.66E-07	1.944
	050	0.0195	1.01E-06	1.859
	060	0.0167	6.43E-07	1.955
	075	0.0133	1.82E-06	1.804
	090	0.0111	2.47E-06	1.809
HS	019	0.0523	2.10E-07	2.090
	026	0.0396	8.91E-09	2.668
	060	0.0170	3.28E-07	2.145
	075	0.0138	5.06E-07	2.083
	090	0.0114	2.05E-06	1.853

## 2. Core Loss Fit Formula

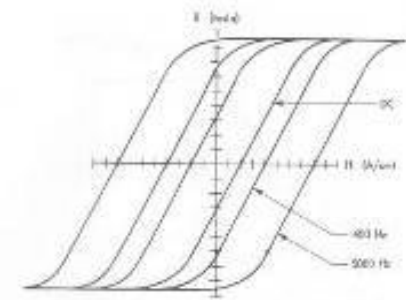
### Core Loss

- Core loss (or iron loss) is a form of energy loss that occurs in electrical transformers and other inductors. The loss is due to a variety of mechanisms related to the fluctuating magnetic field, such as eddy currents and hysteresis.

#### 1)Hysteresis loss :

Equal to area of Hysteresis curve

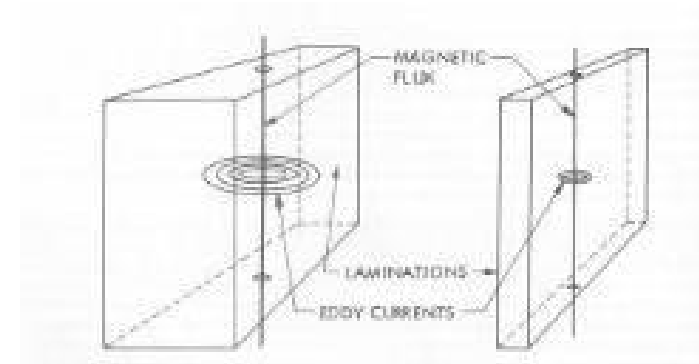
$$P_h = \frac{k H_c B_m}{\pi} \propto f$$



#### 2)Eddy current loss :

Induced eddy current in material  
(Joule' heat)

$$P_e = W_e f = \frac{\pi^2 d^2 B^2 f^2}{c \rho} \propto \frac{f^2}{\rho}$$





## 2. Core Loss Fit Formula

### (1) Steinmetz Equation

#### I. INTRODUCTION

**T**HE CALCULATION of core losses in inductive components is difficult and has not yet been entirely solved. Particularly, the influence of a dc bias on the losses is not entirely clarified. The most used equation that characterizes core losses is the power equation [1]<sup>1</sup>

$$P_v = k f^\alpha \hat{B}^\beta \quad (1)$$

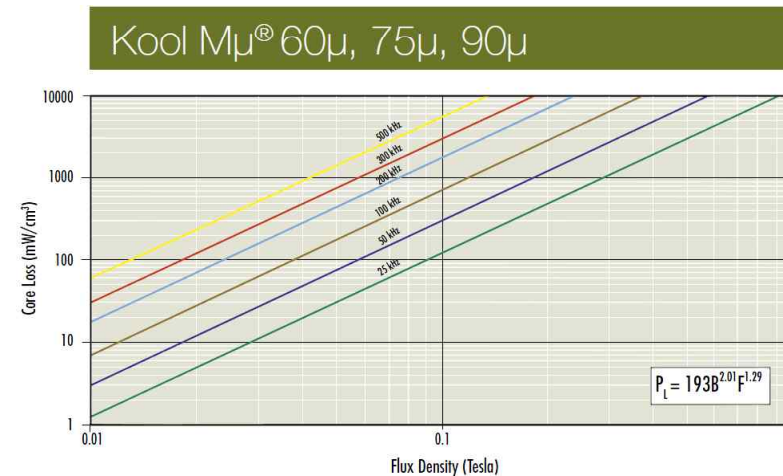
where  $\hat{B}$  is the peak induction of a sinusoidal excitation with frequency  $f$ ,  $P_v$  is the time-average power loss per unit volume, and  $k$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are material parameters. The equation is often referred to as the Steinmetz equation, named after Charles P. Steinmetz, who proposed a similar equation, without the frequency dependence, in 1892 [2]. The material parameters  $k$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are accordingly referred to as the Steinmetz parameters. They are valid for a limited frequency and the flux density range. Unfortunately, the Steinmetz equation is only valid for sinusoidal excitation. This is a huge drawback, because in power electronics applications, the material is mostly exposed to non-sinusoidal flux waveforms.

Different approaches have been developed to overcome this limitation and determine losses for a wider variety of waveforms.

#### Core Losses Under the DC Bias Condition Based on Steinmetz Parameters

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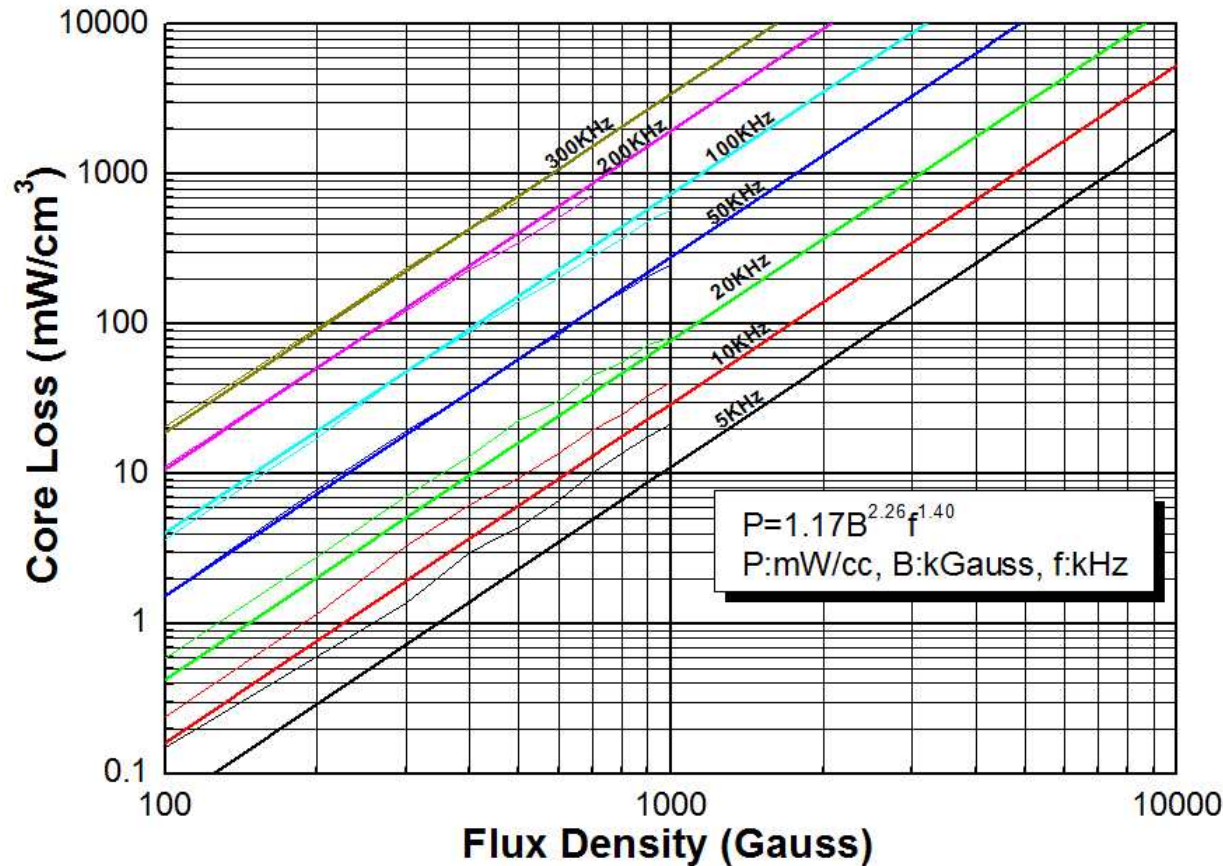


$$CL(mW / cm^3) = \frac{f}{\frac{a}{B^3} + \frac{b}{B^{2.3}} + \frac{c}{B^{1.65}}} + d \cdot B^2 \cdot f^2$$



## 2. Core Loss Fit Formula

### (2) Steinmetz Equation vs Real Core Loss Test Result (Sendust 60 $\mu$ )



- $f = 50\text{kHz} \sim 300\text{kHz}$   
: Real test results are similar to Core Loss Fit Formula lines.

- $f = 5 \sim 20\text{kHz}$   
: Core Loss Fit Formula lines are much lower than Real test results lines.

→ For calculating Core Losses at lower Frequency, new Fit formula is required.

※ Core Loss Test Equipment : SY-8217 B-H Analyzer  
Steinmetz Equation is based on real test result.

## 2. Core Loss Fit Formula

### (3) New Core Loss Fit Formula

$$P = B^a (bf + cf^d)$$

P : Core Loss [mW/cc]

B : Flux Density [kGauss]

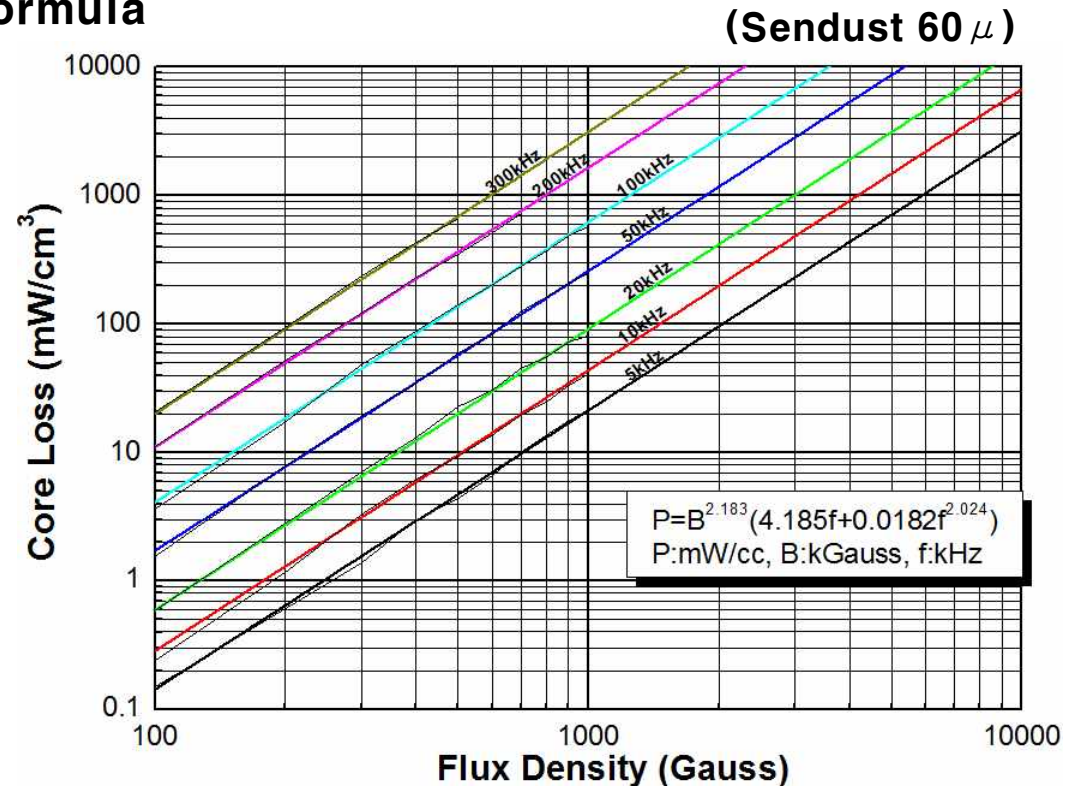
f : Frequency [kHz]

a, b, c, d : coefficients

• f = 5~300 kHz

: Real Core Loss test results at all frequencies and new Core Loss Fit Formula prediction match up very well.

※ Core Loss Test Equipment : SY-8217 B-H Analyzer



## 2. Core Loss Fit Formula

### (4) New Core Loss Fit Formula coefficients

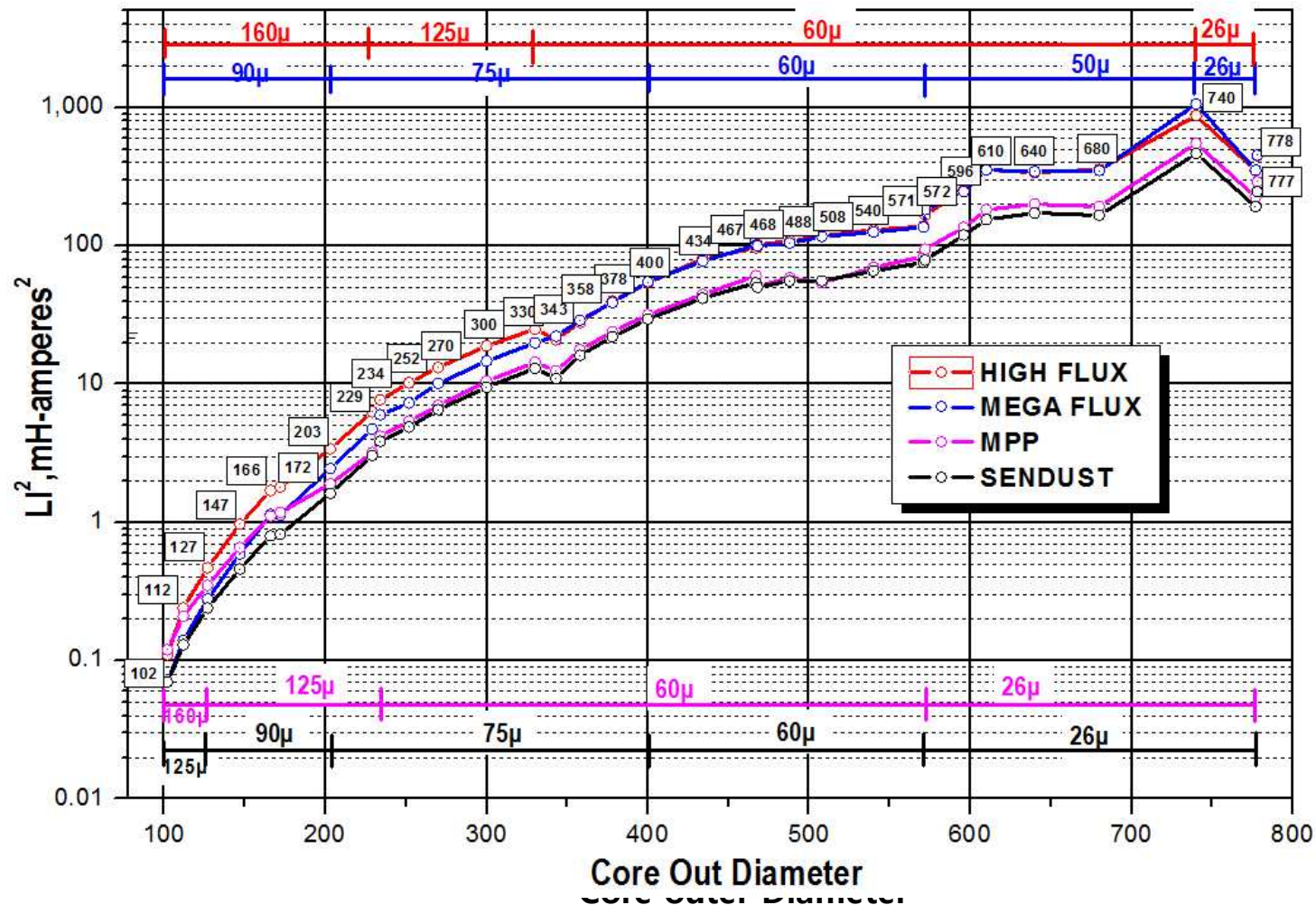
$$P = B^a (bf + cf^d)$$

Material	ui	a	b	c	d
MPP	026	2.285	3.379	0.0032	2.390
	060	2.183	2.485	0.0125	2.099
	125	2.028	1.197	0.1865	1.750
	147	2.026	0.865	0.2634	1.712
	160	2.026	0.865	0.2634	1.712
	173	2.026	0.865	0.2634	1.712
	200	2.045	0.848	0.3513	1.716
High Flux	026	2.252	4.081	0.0006	2.736
	060	2.284	3.050	0.0023	2.397
	125	2.165	1.736	0.1793	1.780
	147	2.104	2.117	0.1131	1.899
	160	2.104	2.117	0.1131	1.899
Sendust	026	2.048	4.245	0.0215	1.990
	060	2.183	4.185	0.0182	2.024
	075	2.207	4.518	0.0244	1.967
	090	2.207	4.518	0.0244	1.967
	125	2.207	4.518	0.0244	1.967
Mega Flux®	019	2.166	9.918	0.0519	2.061
	026	2.166	9.918	0.0519	2.061
	050	2.145	8.874	0.0632	1.980
	060	2.145	8.874	0.0632	1.980
	075	2.145	8.874	0.0632	1.980
	090	2.145	8.874	0.0632	1.980
HS	019	1.878	2.277	0.0053	2.135
	026	1.878	2.277	0.0053	2.135
	060	2.275	2.830	0.0312	1.953
	075	2.269	3.677	0.0411	1.930
	090	2.269	3.677	0.0411	1.930

### 3. Core Selection Chart

#### (1) Core Selection Chart(Toroidal)

- Energy Storage Capacity :  $LI^2$  [ $L$ =Inductance(mH),  $I$ =Current(A)]





## 4. Core Design Tool

## (1) Core Design Tool(Toroidal)

Inductor Design																	
<div>Material</div> <div>HS(HS)</div> <div>STACKING</div> <div>2</div>		Core Dimension						Path length(cm)		14.37							
		Before coating(mm)		OD(max)	ID(min)	HT(max)	Stack HT	Cross Section Area(㎠)	5.88								
				After coating(mm)		62	32.6	20	40	Window Area(㎠)	7.73						
						63.1	31.37	21.27	42.54	Volume(cc)	84.496						
								Surface Area(㎠)		173.3							
										Total Loss & Delta T							
Design Parameter										Perm.	Total Loss(W)		Delta T				
										DC	AC	DC	AC				
Turns		27	Winding Factor(%)		44	DCR(mΩ) @ 20℃		4.7	019	21.8	31.9	56	77				
Wire Eff. Area(㎠)		12.56	RMS Current (A)		55.0	Temp of Wire(℃)		88	026	21.8	31.9	56	77				
Wire length/T(cm)		12.85	Peak Current (A)		65.0	DCR(mΩ) @ T(℃)		6.0	060	22.1	37.6	57	88				
Wire Material		Copper	Frequency (kHz)		100.00	Wire loss @Irms(W)		18.0	075	23.1	42.5	59	98				
Current Density		4.38 A/㎠	Ripple Current (ΔI)		10.0 A	Wire loss @Ipeak(W)		25.1	090	23.1	42.5	59	98				
Wire Dia(mm)		Φ 4.00	Required L (μH) @ Ipeak		110.0	Wire Weight(g)		390									
Multi Ply Wire Dia(mm)		Φ 2.00	Ply	4 P	1Layer= 21 turns	2Layer= 16 turns	3Layer= 10 turns										
			12.57		Graph range	0A	~	78.0 A									
DC Bias Characteristics										Core Loss							
Curr.	Perm.	019	026	060	075	090											
	H(Oe)\AL		132 mH	306 mH													
0.0 A	-	#N/A	96.2 μH	223.1 μH	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	Perm.	ΔI	L@ Ipeak	Flux Density(G)		Core Loss(mW/cc)		Core Loss(W)	
18.3 A	43	70.9	94.1	206.5	247.2	275.3	#N/A	#N/A	DC(ΔB/2)	AC(ΔB)		DC	AC	DC	AC		
36.7 A	87	68.6	91.5	172.1	193.6	193.1	#N/A	#N/A	019	17.6	63	346	693	45	164	3.8	13.8
55.0 A	130	65.0	86.1	132.5	140.6	132.1	#N/A	#N/A	026	13.4	82	346	693	45	164	3.8	13.8
65.0 A	153	62.5 μH	82.0 μH	113.2 μH	117.2 μH	108.5 μH	#N/A	#N/A	060	9.7	113	346	693	48	232	4.0	19.6
78.0 A	184	59.0	75.7	91.9	92.9	85.5	#N/A	#N/A	075	9.4	117	346	693	60	289	5.1	24.5
Lrated / Linitial			85.2%	50.7%					090	10.1	109	346	693	60	289	5.1	24.5
														#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
														#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A

## 5. Core Design Example

### Toroidal Core Design

#### \* Information

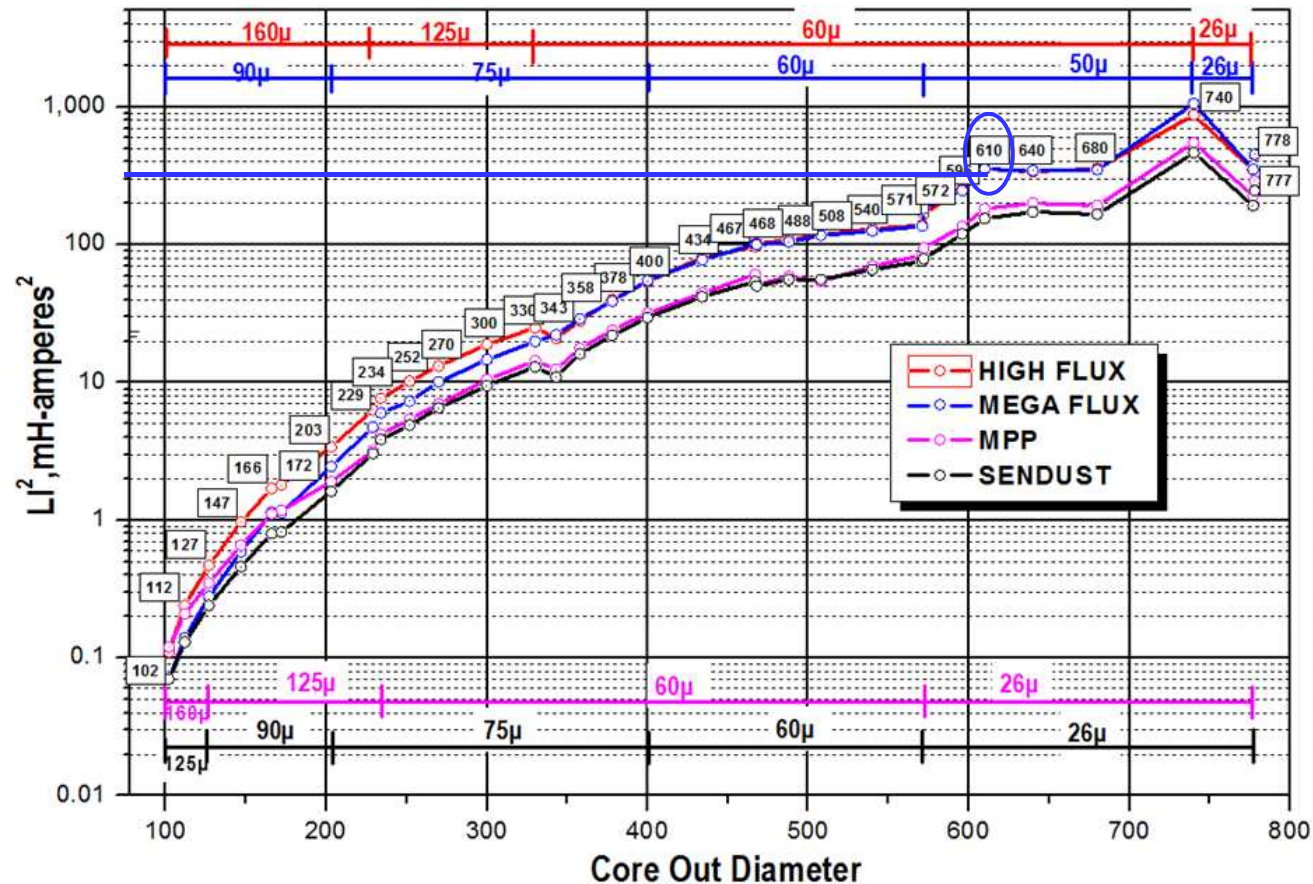
- Application : 9kW Solar Inverter AC Filter Inductor
- Switching Frequency : 17kHz
- $I_{rms}$  : 13A
- $I_{peak}$  : 21A
- $\Delta I$  : 6.3A
- Inductance :  $700 \mu H$  @21A

# 5. Core Design Example

## Core Selection

$$L(21A)=700\ \mu\text{H}$$

- Energy Storage Capacity :  $LI^2$  [ $L$ =Inductance(mH),  $I$ =Current(A)]= $0.7 \times 21^2=308$



Inductance	700.0 μH
Current	21.0 A
$LI^2$	308.7

→ Material = Mega Flux, Size = OD61.0mm Size



# 5. Core Design Example

## Core Design

1. Material & Size Input : Material = Mega Flux, OD = 610
2. Design Data Input : RMS Current=13A, Peak Current=21A, Frequency=17kHz  
Ripple Current=6.3A, Required L=700  $\mu$  H
3. Wire : Wire Material  $\rightarrow$  Current Density  $\rightarrow$  Turns changing to meet the target L  
(Winding Factor should be lower than 45%)

Inductor Design											
				Core Dimension							
Material	OD	1			OD(max)	ID(min)	HT(max)	Stack HT	Path length(cm)	14.37	
CK(MegaFlux)	610			Before coating(mm)	62	32.6	25	25	Cross Section Area(mm²)	3.675	
STACKING	1			After coating(mm)	63.1	31.37	26.27	26.27	Window Area(mm²)	7.73	
									Volume(cc)	52.810	
									Surface Area(mm²)	125.1	
</											

## Data Read

1. **Select Perm. & Read L**– Red color means that perm. meet the target L
2. **Read Core Loss:** Wave shape is DC → Read DC Loss, AC→ Read AC Loss
3. **Read Total Loss & Delta T :** Total Loss=Core Loss + Wire Loss

Inductor Design

Material

OD

CK(MegaFlux)

610

STACKING

1

Core Dimension

OD(max)

ID(min)

HT(max)

Stack HT

Before coating(mm)

62

32.6

25

25

After coating(mm)

63.1

31.37

26.27

26.27

Path length(cm)

14.37

Cross Section Area( $\text{cm}^2$ )

3.675

Window Area( $\text{cm}^2$ )

7.73

Volume(cc)

52.810

Surface Area( $\text{cm}^2$ )

125.1

Design Parameter

Turns

77

Winding Factor(%)

38

DCR( $\text{m}\Omega$ ) @ 20°C

31.9

Wire Eff. Area( $\text{mm}^2$ )

3.80

RMS Current (A)

13.0

Temp of Wire(°C)

20

Wire length/T(cm)

9.27

Peak Current (A)

21.0

DCR( $\text{m}\Omega$ ) @ T(°C)

31.9

Wire Material

Copper

Frequency (kHz)

17.00

Wire loss @Irms(W)

5.4

Current Density

3.42 A/ $\text{mm}^2$

Ripple Current ( $\Delta I$ )

6.3 A

Wire loss @Ipeak(W)

14.1

Wire Dia(mm)

$\Phi$  2.20

Required L ( $\mu\text{H}$ ) @ Ipeak

700.0

Wire Weight(g)

243

Multi Ply Wire Dia(mm)

$\Phi$  1.00

Ply

5 P

1Layer= 41 turns

2Layer= 36 turns

3Layer= 30 turns

Graph range

0A

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25.2 A

DC Bias Characteristics

Curr.

Perm.

026

050

060

075

090

H(Oe)\AL

83 mH

160 mH

192 mH

240 mH

288 mH

0.0 A

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492.1  $\mu\text{H}$

948.6  $\mu\text{H}$

1,138.4  $\mu\text{H}$

1,423.0  $\mu\text{H}$

1,707.6  $\mu\text{H}$

#N/A

#N/A

4.3 A

29

489.5

950.6

1,121.5

1,368.9

1,572.8

#N/A

#N/A

8.7 A

58

482.9

888.2

1,038.8

1,197.6

1,280.3

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13.0 A

88

472.5

806.2

927.2

1,007.2

999.0

#N/A

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21.0 A

141

445.5  $\mu\text{H}$

644.3  $\mu\text{H}$

711.1  $\mu\text{H}$

708.5  $\mu\text{H}$

630.7  $\mu\text{H}$

#N/A

#N/A

25.2 A

170

428.4

566.5

610.8

590.7

505.2

#N/A

#N/A

Lrated / Linitial

90.5%

67.9%

62.5%

49.8%

36.9%

Core Loss

Perm.

$\Delta I$

L@ Ipeak

Flux Density(G)

Core Loss(mW/cc)

Core Loss(W)

DC( $\Delta B/2$ )

AC( $\Delta B$ )

DC

AC

DC

AC

026

9.9

446

779

1,558

109

487

5.7

25.7

050

6.8

644

779

1,558

98

435

5.2

23.0

060

6.2

711

779

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## 6. High Efficiency Core Design

### Core Loss

#### (1) Core Loss

1)  $P=f(B, f)$

:  $P$ =Core Loss[mW/cc],  $B$ =Flux Density[kGauss],  $f$ =Switching Frequency[kHz]

#### 2) Core Loss Curve fit Equation

$$P = B^a (bf + cf^d) \quad (a, b, c, d = \text{constants})$$

#### (2) Flux Density

1)  $B=f(L, I, N, Ae)$

$$\rightarrow B = (L_{DC} \times \Delta I \times 100) / (2 \times N \times Ae)$$

:  $B$ =Flux Density[kGauss],  $L_{DC}$ =Biased Inductance [ $\mu$  H],

$\Delta I$ =Ripple Current [A],  $N$ =No. of Turns,  $Ae$ =Core Cross Section Area [cm<sup>2</sup>]

#### (3) Low Core Loss Design with same Material : Fixed Frequency, Inductance

Categories	Method	Remarks	Disadvantage
Ripple Current	↓	Control Program	
No. of Turns	↑	Low Perm. Core	Wire Loss ↑ Wire Cost ↑
Cross Section Area	↑	Taller Height	Core Cost ↑

## 6. High Efficiency Core Design

### Core Loss

#### (4) Design Example

1) RMS Current = 8A

Peak Current = 12A

Frequency = 100kHz

Ripple Current = 5A

$L(12A)=160\ \mu\text{H}$

※ Core Loss Comparison (@50kHz, 1,000G)

Materials	Core Loss
MPP 60 $\mu$	170mW/cc
High Flux 60 $\mu$	180mW/cc
Sendust 60 $\mu$	260mW/c
Mega Flux 60 $\mu$	590mW/cc

#### 2) High Flux OD 33mm Design Result (Original Design=CH330125)

Core	Wire			Inductance [ $\mu\text{H}$ ]		B [Gauss]	Loss [W]		
	Size	Turns	Weight	L(0A)	L(12A)		Core Loss	Copper Loss	Total Loss
<b>CH330125</b>	$\phi 1.5$	<b>50</b>	<b>33g</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>
CH330060		58	38g	205	161	1,026	2.6	1.5	4.1
CH330026		82	54g	188	161	726	1.6	2.1	3.7
CH330026E14		71	55g	181	163	639	1.6	2.2	3.7

## 6. High Efficiency Core Design

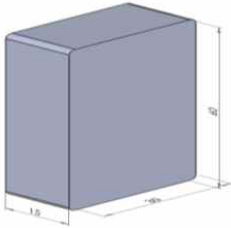
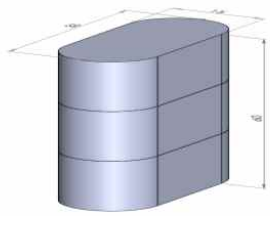
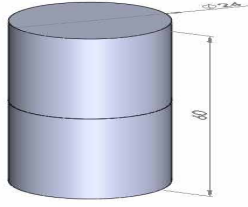
### Wire Loss

#### (1) Wire Loss

$$\text{Wire Loss} = I^2 \cdot R \quad (I : \text{Rated Current [A]}, R : \text{Resistance of Wire}[\Omega])$$

#### (2) Low Wire Loss Core Design

##### 1) Wire Length / Turn should be Smaller

Core Shape			
	<b>Block Cores</b>	<b>Ellipse Cores</b>	<b>Cylinder Cores</b>
Cross sectional Area(cm <sup>2</sup> )	4.5	4.5	4.5
Size	30mm x 15mm	33mm x 15mm (Corner 7.5R)	φ 24mm
Wire length / turn(cm)	9	8.31	7.53

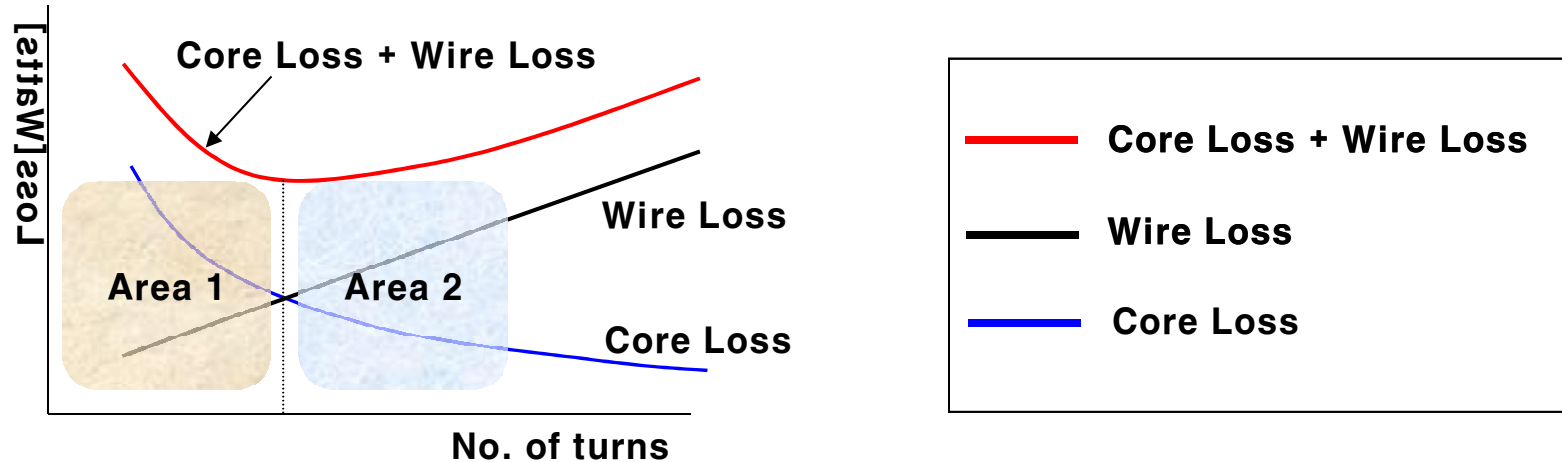
##### 2) No. of Turns should be Smaller

→ High Perm. Core

## 6. High Efficiency Core Design

### Total Loss

#### (1) Total Loss vs Turns



❖ **Total Loss = Core Loss + Wire Loss**

❖ **No. of Turns  $\uparrow \rightarrow$  Wire Loss  $\uparrow$ , Core Loss  $\downarrow$**

#### (2) Low Total Loss Core Design

Design Area	No. of Turns	Core Perm. (Same Material)	DCB Characteristics (Different Material)
Area 1	Increase	Lower	Lower
Area 2	Decrease	Higher	Higher



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