

Wireless Charging Of Electric Vehicles

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Abstract

Electric vehicle (EVs) drives offer a number of advantages over conventional internal combustion engines, especially in terms of lower local emissions, higher energy efficiency, and decreased dependency upon oil. Electric Vehicles are popular for their zero-pollution emission. Wireless Power Transmission (WPT) is popular and gaining technology in EV that can overcome the limitations of plug-in method. The power is transferred from a source to an electrical load without the need of interconnections. Sufficient power for the battery can be transferred to secondary section. A non-board receiving pad in chassis of vehicle and an external charging pad is placed in the pavement of charging station constitute the wireless charging system. Wireless Power Transfer provides energy to the battery, increasing the driving range and overcoming 'range anxiety' depending on the transmission power level. The losses can be reduced by using series-series compensation topology. The maximum power transfer can be obtained by using Resonant inductive power transfer method. The Wireless Electric Vehicle Charging System, solution for future automation can also reduce the problems associated with range and cost of EVs

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I. INTRODUCTION

A Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) is one of the promising technologies used to transfer electric energy from a transmitter to a receiver wirelessly. WPT is an attractive solution for many industrial applications due to its enormous benefits over wired connections. The advantages include the no hassle of carrying wires, easy charging, and smooth power transmission even in unfavorable environmental circumstances. The idea of wireless power transfer (WPT) was first introduced at the end of the 19th century by Nicola Tesla. He manufactured a wireless lighting bulb that was used to receive electrical charge wirelessly [1]. Tesla used two metal plates that were closely placed to each other. A high-frequency Alternating Current (AC) potentials were passed between these two plates, and the bulb powered ON. Wireless Charging Systems (WCS) have been proposed in high-power applications, including EVs and plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) in stationary applications. In comparison with plug-in charging systems, WCS can bring more advantages in the form of simplicity, reliability, and user friendliness. The problem or limitation associated with WCS is that they can only be utilized when the car is parked or in stationary modes, such as in car parks, garages, or at traffic signals. There are two main categories to the technology, which are static and dynamic charging. As the name suggests, static charging is available when the vehicle is stationary and dynamic charging is the process of supplying power to an EV while it is moving. Early systems for WPT for EVs focused more on dynamic charging. The work is one of the earliest proposals of Roadway Powered EVs (RPEVs). RPEVs are EVs that derive all their energy from a primary inductor implanted into the driving surface received by a secondary inductor in the vehicle, thus limiting the journey range to the length of the powered driving surface.

In addition, stationary WCS has some challenges, such as Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) issues, limited power transfer, bulky structures, shorter range, and higher efficiency. In order to improve the two areas of range and sufficient volume of battery storage, dynamic mode of operation of the WCS for EVs has been researched. This method allows charging of battery storage devices while the vehicle is in motion. The vehicle requires less volume of expensive battery storage and the range of transportation is increased. However, Aligning the optimal driving position on the transmitter coil can be performed easily because the car is driven automatically in the

dynamic mode. In addition, different compensation methods, such as series and parallel combinations, are employed on both the transmitting and receiving sides to reduce parasitic losses and improve system efficiency. The fundamental operation of WCS for EVs, including methods of power transfer, is analyzed and in addition, a variety of wireless transformer structures are explained in order to improve power transfer efficiency. The wireless power transfer (WPT) technology, which can eliminate all the charging troublesome, is desirable by the EV owners. By wirelessly transferring energy to the EV, the charging becomes the easiest task. For a stationary WPT system, the drivers just need to park their car and leave. For a dynamic WPT system, which means the EV could be powered while driving; the EV is possible to run forever without a stop. Also, the battery capacity of EVs with wireless charging could be reduced to 20 percentage or less compared to EVs with conductive charging.

1.1 Objective

The objective of this project is to study basic WPT theory and to give brief overview of the main parts in a WPT system. It also includes the study and design of magnetic coupler, compensation network, power electronics converter, and its control. The design should be of fixed air gap and low losses. Efficiency can be improved by increasing the value of coupling coefficient. Also, to design an adaptive inductive resonant WPT charging prototype for charging electric vehicle

II. METHODOLOGY

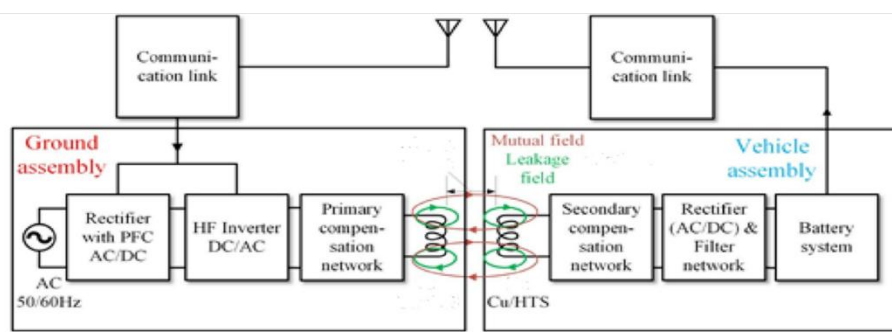


Figure 1: Basic block diagram of WPT system

Basic operating principle the basic block diagram of the static WCS for EVs is illustrated. To enable power transfer from the transmission coil to the receiving coil, AC mains from the grid is converted into high frequency (HF) AC through AC/DC and DC/AC converters. In order to improve overall system efficiency, series combinations-based compensation topology is included on both the transmitting and receiving sides. The receiving coil, typically mounted underneath the vehicle, converts the oscillating magnetic flux field to HF AC. The HF AC is then converted to a stable DC supply, which is used by the on-board batteries. The power control, communications, and battery management system (BMS) are also included to avoid any health and safety issues and to ensure stable operation. Magnetic planar ferrite plates can be employed at both transmitter and receiver sides, to reduce any harmful leakage fluxes and to improve magnetic flux distribution. In wireless charging there are transmitter and receiver, 220V 50Hz AC supply is converted into High frequency alternating current and this high frequency AC is supplied to transmitter coil, then it creates alternating magnetic field that cuts the receiver coil and causes the production of AC power output in receiver coil. But the important thing for efficient wireless charging is to maintain the resonance frequency between transmitter and receiver. To maintain the resonant frequencies, compensation networks are added at both sides. Then finally, this AC power at receiver side is rectified to DC and fed to the battery through Battery Management System (BMS) and can be monitored through our phone using Wi-Fi module.

III. WIRELESS POWER TRANSFER

Wireless charging consists in transferring energy from the source to the load without physical contact. This technology can be applied to EV battery charging for which daily recharge is mandatory. The tedious and inconvenient aspects of connecting the power cable hinder some users and may hinder the development of the EVs. A user-friendly solution consists in using a system of power transmission without contact. This solution provides ease of use and a good robustness to vandalism. With the introduction of Wireless charging technology, no more waiting at charging stations for hours, now get your vehicle charged by just

parking it on parking spot or by parking at your garage or even while driving you can charge your electric vehicle. As of now, we are very much familiar with wireless transmission of data, audio and video signals so why can't we transfer power over the Air. A general block diagram for the contactless charger for EV battery

3.1 Wireless Power Transfer Methods

A generic WPT consists of a transmitter supplied with high frequency alternating current (AC), which is generated by a high frequency power converter. The transmitter is coupled with a receiver either through an electric, magnetic or electromagnetic field and induces a voltage in the receiver.[1] The voltage induced at the receiver is fed to the load through a power converter to match the voltage according to the load specifications.

3.1.1 Capacitive Wireless Power Transfer

The low cost and simplicity of CWPT technology, using advanced geometric and mechanical structures of the coupling capacitors, is very useful for low-power applications, such as portable electronics devices, cellular phone chargers and rotating machines. In the CWPT, coupling capacitors are utilized to transfer power from the source to the receiver instead of using coils or magnets. The main AC voltage is applied to an H-bridge converter though power factor correction circuitry. High-frequency AC generated by the H-bridge passes through coupling capacitors at the receiver side. The use the car's bumper bar as a receiver, to reduce the air gap between the two coupling plates. A stationary laboratory prototype >1 kW was demonstrated with approximately 83 % efficiency from the DC source to the battery bank at the 540 kHz operating frequency.in transmitter and receiver sides at the resonant arrangement, additional inductors are added in series with the coupling capacitors.

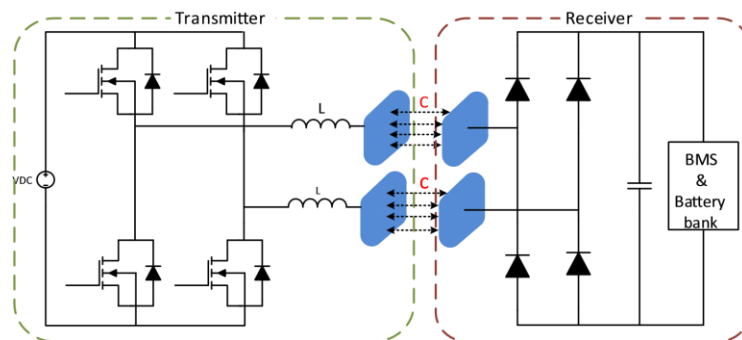


Figure 2: Capacitive Power Transfer

3.1.2 Inductive Wireless Power Transfer

Traditional IPT was developed by Nikola Tesla in 1914 to transfer power wirelessly. The basic block diagram of the traditional IPT is presented in Fig. 3.7. It is based on several EV charging structures. IPT has been tested and utilized in a wide variety of areas ranging from milliwatt to kilowatt to transfer contactless power from the source to the receiver. In 1996, General Motors (GM) introduced the Chevrolet S10 EV, which was charged by the magnet-charge IPT (J1773) system to provide level 2 (6.6 kW) slow and level 3 (50 kW) fast charges [3]. The primary coil, known as a charging paddle (inductive coupler) of the magnet-charge, was inserted into the vehicle charging port where the secondary coil received power and allowed to charge the EV

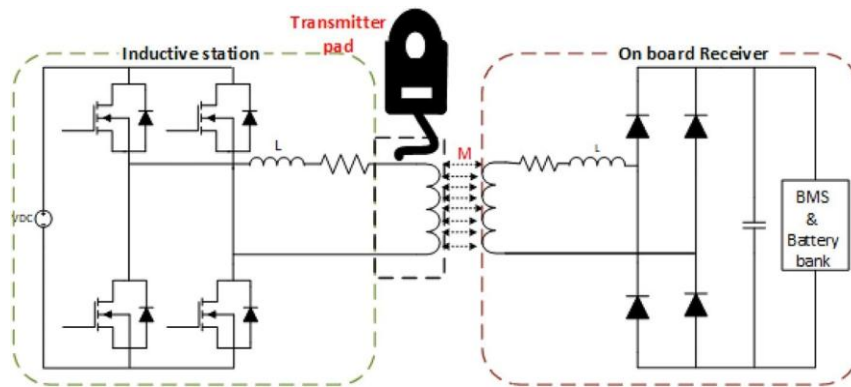


Figure 3: Inductive Power Transfer

3.1.3 Resonant Inductive Wireless Power Transfer

Resonant inductive power transfer (RIPT) is one of the most well-known and advanced versions of the traditional IPT, in terms of designing power electronics and wireless transformer coils. Fig. 3.8 shows the schematic diagram of the RIPT for EVs. Like other WPTs, the main AC voltage is converted into the HF AC source and supplied to the transmitter or primary winding. The receiver or secondary coil receives power via varying magnetic fields. The received power is converted to DC for the battery bank of the EVs through additional power electronics and filter circuitry. In comparison to the traditional IPT, additional compensation networks in the series and/or parallel configurations are added to both the primary and secondary windings. where f_r is the resonant frequency of the primary and secondary coils, and L and C are the self-inductance and resonant capacitor values of the transmitter and receiver coils, respectively. When the resonant frequencies of the primary and secondary coils are matched together, efficient power transfer is possible. The operating frequency of the RIPT ranges from tens of kilohertz to several hundred kilohertz. The magnetic flux generated at this frequency range, without any magnetic core, has a significantly adverse effect on the mutual inductance and hence the reduction of the coupling coefficient (k). The value of the coupling coefficient in the RIPT varies from 0.2 to 0.3 due to the minimum height clearance requirement of the EVs, which is 150–300 mm can be applied to calculate the coupling coefficient. L_p and L_s are the self-inductance of the transmitter and receiver coils, respectively. L_m is the mutual inductance between the two coils. If the primary and secondary coils are strongly coupled, the mutual inductance value would be higher. Since maximum power transfer can be obtained in Resonant Inductive Power Transfer, this method is opted for this project.

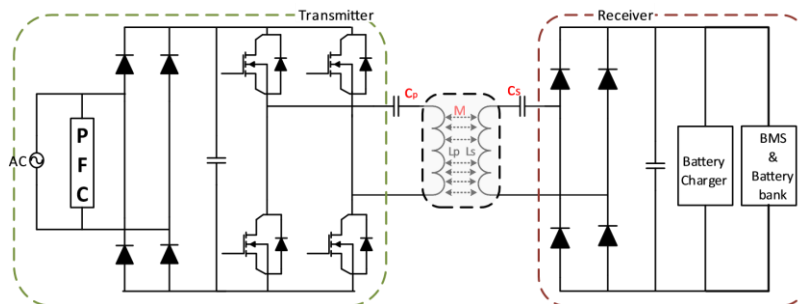


Figure 4: Resonant Inductive Power Transfer

3.2 Compensation Topologies

It is required to use a compensation network to reduce the VA rating in the coil and power supply. In early inductive charging designs, the compensation is set on primary or secondary side only. When the coupling coefficient is reduced to less than 0.3 in the EV WPT, compensation at both the primary and secondary side is recommended to have a more flexible and advanced characteristics. To compensate a leakage inductance the simplest way is to add a capacitor at each side. Depending on how the capacitors are connected to the coils, there are four basic compensation topologies, which are Series-Series, Parallel-Series, Series-Parallel, and Series-Series. S-S compensation is selected as the value of the capacitor in the source and receiver sides is independent from the load conditions and mutual inductance. As a result, the resonant frequencies of the source and receiver sides are not reliant upon the mutual inductance and loads but depend on self-inductance of the primary and secondary coils. The second advantage is that such systems maintain a unity power factor by drawing active

power at the resonant frequency as the reflected impedance from the receiver coil does not add an imaginary part in the transmitter coil [2]. This SStopology based WCS can offer a better battery charging option because it may offer a constant voltage and current for the battery.

3.3 Coil Geometry

The coupling coefficient value K changes with the change in air gap. Efficiency increases with increased k value. After a certain point it will be constant. The change in K also depends up on the coil alignment and its specification. The value of k will be maximum when the two coils are aligned axially with same air gap for two loops.

$$\text{Mutual Inductance, } M = \frac{k}{\sqrt{L_1 L_2}} \tag{1}$$

$$\text{Number of Primary turns } (N_1) = 100 \tag{2}$$

$$\text{Number of Secondary turns } (N_2) = 150 \tag{3}$$

$$\text{Primary Inductance, } L_1 = N_1^2 \mu_0 \left(\ln \left(\frac{8a}{r_1} - 2 \right) \right) \tag{4}$$

$$\text{Secondary Inductance, } L_2 = N_2^2 \mu_0 \left(\ln \left(\frac{8a}{r_2} - 2 \right) \right) \tag{5}$$

$$M = N_1 N_2 \mu_0 \sqrt{abm^3 C(m)} \tag{6}$$

Table 1: Coil parameter and specifications

Primary Turns	100
Secondary Turns	150
Primary Inductance	10.43 μ H
Secondary Inductance	60.86 μ H
Resistance	0.121 ohm
Mutual Inductance	10.43 μ H
Coupling Coefficient	0.48

IV. SIMULATION

The simulation was carried out using the MATLAB. The various parameters used for simulation are given. The input is given by a constant dc supply. The output waveform is taken across the load resistor connected in receiver circuit.

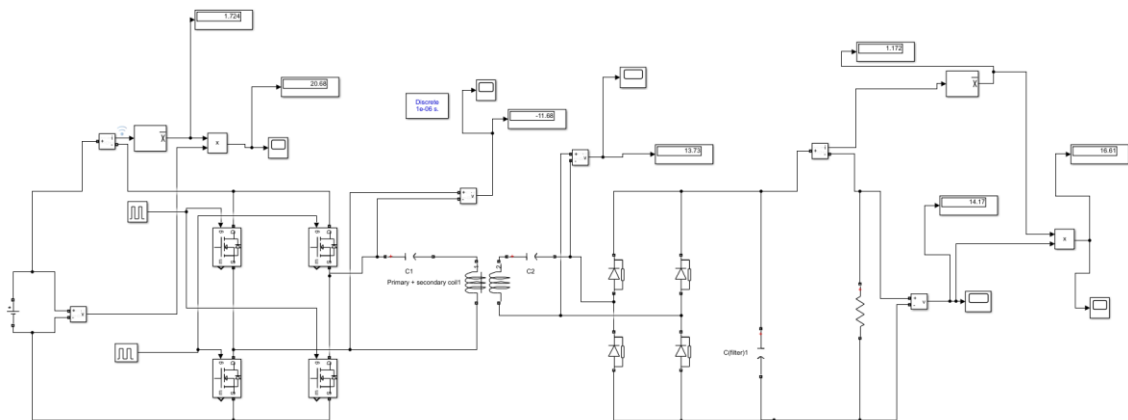


Figure 5: Simulink Model

Table 2: Simulink parameter and specifications

Input Voltage	12V
Input Power	20.71 W
Output Power	16.87 W
Filter Capacitor	1000 μ F
Resistor	10 Ohm

The input power of the simulation is given by fig 6 and the output parameter from graph is given by fig. 7

From the graph it is clear that

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Output power} * 100}{\text{Input power}} \tag{7}$$

which is approximately about 82%

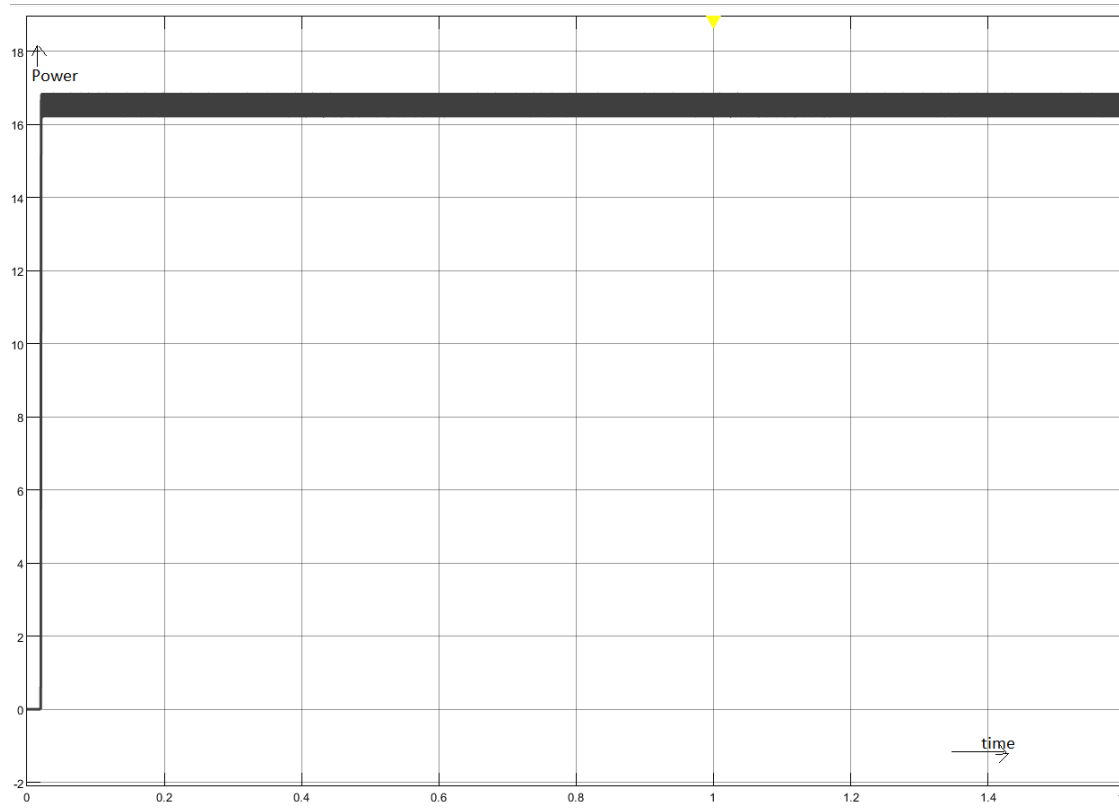


Figure 6: Input Power Graph

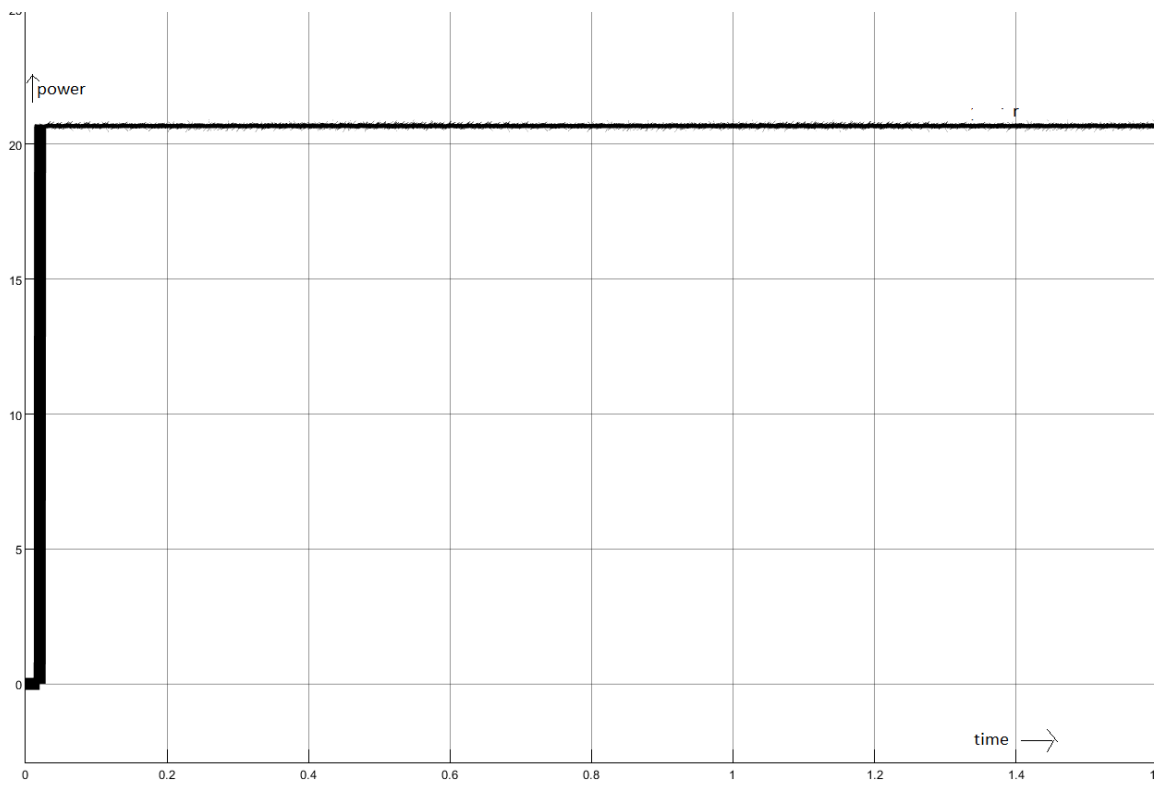


Figure 7: Output Power Graph

V. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

Transmitter section in fig 8 consists of Arduino UNO as controller, RFID module to read vehicle tag, IR transmitting and receiving sensor to sense the presence of charging vehicles, DC/AC converter to convert input DC to AC for producing magnetic flux in primary coil, motor to control the working of gate, and lcd display to display real time status of prototype

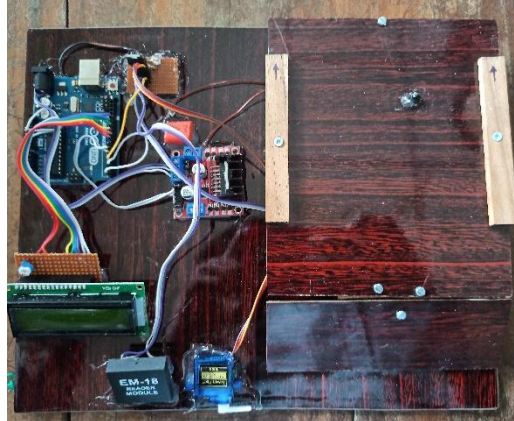


Figure 8: Transmitter Section

Receiver section in Fig 9 consists of receiving coil, AC/DC converter to convert induced AC to DC to charge the battery. Voltage controller and BMS provides protection for battery by control the voltage and current input for battery. Also, with the aid of Wi-Fi module [3] BMS provides real time charging status of battery through IoT

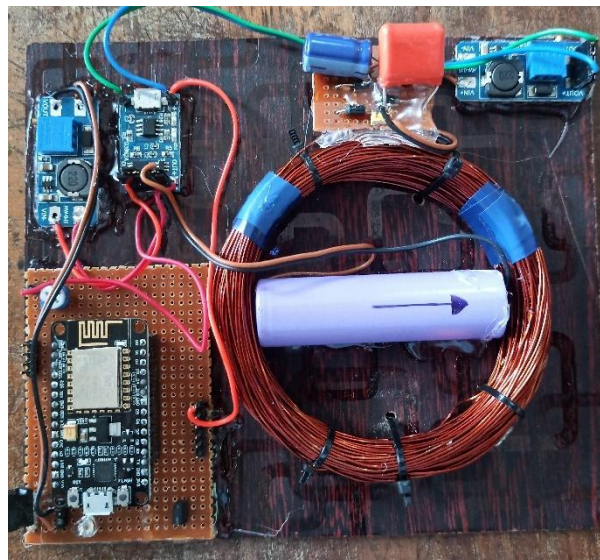


Figure 9: Receiver Section

Arduino UNO is supplied by 12V DC and which is used to run other components - RFID module, object sensor, H-Bridge inverter, servo motor and lcd display. The given 12V is step down to 5V by voltage regulator for the safe working of components. Arduino have in-built voltage step down converter which step down 12V input to 5V.

A DC voltage of 12V is converted to 12V AC through H-Bridge inverter. This 12V AC is transferred to the primary coil of 100 turns. A rotating magnetic flux is produced in primary coil. RFID module is placed in order to check whether it is an authorized or an unauthorized user. Lcd displays "waiting for ID" until RFID reads a vehicle tag. When RFID read the vehicle tag, if the vehicle is registered then the gate opens for 5 sec otherwise it remains closed. Lcd shows "authorised" when registered tag reads and "unauthorised" when non-registered tag reads. The time period for gate opening can be adjusted. When the secondary coil is placed on top of the primary coil with an air gap of 3cm, and is aligned to have maximum power transfer. An emf is induced in the secondary coil of 150 turns and an alternating current flows

through the secondary coil. This AC is converted to DC with the help of a rectifier circuit. The DC output is boosted to 5V by voltage boost regulator. BMS input voltage must be limited to 5V. From BMS, the voltage is controlled to recharge the battery. Battery draws 600mA current. Also, BMS output connects with Wi-Fi module to monitor real-time charging status of vehicle in user's mobile phone through IoT.



Figure 10: Battery Status

VI. CONCLUSION

In this project, wireless charging of Electric Vehicles is proposed. The prototype developed is to charge a 2200 mAh battery through the wireless charging method with an air gap of 3cm. The battery draws 600 mA current and the discharge rate is 1.1A per hour. Registered users could access wireless charging technology to recharge their vehicle's battery while parking and non-registered vehicles will be restricted from using this technology. Voltage regulators are used to regulate the output voltage amplitude to a safe and necessary level. Users can also monitor vehicle's real-time charging status through their mobile phones. The proposed system can be established commercially to develop further by increasing the rating of the components used. Even though it requires a huge investment, it is a better alternative to overcome the limitations facing in EV charging.

This system also helps to overcome the problem of different probes having different adapter shapes

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