

# Field Orientation Based on Current Amplitude and Phase Angle Control for Wireless Power Transfer

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Abstract—The low coupling coefficient between the transmitter and receiver is the major constraint of a wireless power transfer (WPT) system. Although some approaches, such as increasing the quality factor and achieving precise impedance matching, can reduce the adverse impacts of the low coupling coefficient and improve the system performance, high leakage magnetic flux between the transmitter and receiver remains a problem. With the increase in transfer distance and the misalignment between the transmitter and receiver, the increasing leakage magnetic flux of nondirectional fields degrades the WPT system performance. This paper proposes an active field orientation method to shape the magnetic flux so as to minimize the leakage flux. The amplitude and phase angle of the magnetizing current are controlled, and a coil structure for minimizing the coupling among the transmitters and generating a three-dimensional magnetic field is proposed. This method realizes three-dimension full-range field orientation with adjustable magnitude and direction of B-field at an arbitrary point, and as a result the B-field is concentrated with reduced leakage magnetic flux. The proposed field orientation shaping technique is verified by theoretical analysis. simulation, and experimental results.

*Index Terms*—Current amplitude and phase angle control, field orientation shaping, leakage magnetic field, wireless power transfer (WPT).

## I. INTRODUCTION

W IRELESS power transfer (WPT) has attracted much attention due to the convenience, simplicity, and safety. But when it is used for home appliances, implementable biomedical devices, and electric vehicles, the demand for a large transfer

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distance and efficiency still needs to be satisfied. Hence, the main issues the recent studies are focusing on include the tradeoff between transfer efficiency and distance, and the spatial freedom between the transmitter and receiver. In order to increase the transfer distance, several studies introduced magnetic resonant coupling to realize the transmission distance beyond the range of near field [1]-[5]. Based on the previous studies, the transfer distance has been increased by adding repeaters between the transmission and receiver coils [6], [7]. To improve the energy transfer efficiency, devices along with new antenna materials and structure have been exploited, such as power amplifiers and dc-dc converters [8]. Meanwhile, if the spatial freedom of WPT has been improved, the electric equipment powered by WPT will have higher mobility. Adjustable impedance matching and multiple transmitter resonant coil topologies have been introduced to expand the spatial freedom of the WPT system [9–12]. However, even with state-of-the-art technologies, improvements in transfer efficiency and distance, and spatial freedom have become saturated. Optimizing the control of the shape of magnetic field, as a new technique further advancing WPT, has attracted more attention [13]. Magnetic field shaping technology has been regarded as a new approach in WPT systems with the feature of the shaped magnetic field pointing to a specific direction, hence, increasing the transfer efficiency and reducing unnecessary flux leakage. Magnetic field shaping technology includes passive and active methods. In the passive methods, a magnetic core is used to provide a path with low magnetic resistance for magnetic flux, which further strengthens the magnetic flux linkage between the transmitter side and the receiver side [14]. In the active method, the magnetic field is shaped by changing the distribution of current flowing in the antenna [13], [15]. In order to satisfy both the demands of distance and spatial freedom, Lim and Park [15] have proposed a novel WPT system based on an active magnetic field shaping technique with two crossed-loop coils. The shaped magnetic field forms an energy beam directing to the receiver coil so that less leakage magnetic flux will exist in the space, the transfer distance can be further extended as compared with the conventional method. The current phase control method shapes the magnetic field in the range of two coils and the orientation of magnetic field can be controlled

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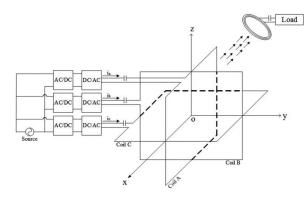


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed WPT system.

to any direction. However, the direction of shaped magnetic field is limited in a two-dimensional (2-D) transection, and the magnetic flux density at a given point in the whole 3-D space is unadjustable.

This paper proposes an active field orientation method to shape the magnetic flux so as to minimize the leakage flux; meanwhile, by controlling the amplitude and phase angle of the magnetizing current, a 3-D magnetic field for WPT with adjustable magnitude and direction is generated. The major study in this paper can be summarized as follows.

- 1) The detailed synthesis of magnetic field generated by three transmitter coils at an arbitrary point is presented.
- The 3-D magnetic field orientation is realized by current amplitude and phase angle control.
- 3) A prototype WPT system for 3-D magnetic field orientation is implementation.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section II, the coils structure choice and design are explained. In Section III, the distribution and synthesis of B-filed generated by crossed-loop coils are explained. In Section IV, the field orientation based on current amplitude and phase angle control is explained. In Section V, the hardware implementation is introduced, and the experimental results are shown. In Section VI, a conclusion is drawn, and future application of the proposed method is suggested.

### II. COILS STRUCTURE DESIGN

In order to maximize the magnetic field formed in the nearfield range of coils, the WPT coils are often in the shape of a coil or loop. The maximization of coupling between the transmitter and receiver coils and the minimization of leakage flux in the space will improve the efficiency and increase the distance; meanwhile, the minimization of the coupling among the transmitter coils that are used to shape the magnetic field is necessary. This paper introduces a 3-D full-range field orientation technique based on amplitude and phase control of three independent currents. The block diagram of the proposed WPT system is shown in Fig. 1.

This study considers the three crossed-loop transmitter coils structure to keep the coupling among transmitting coils as low as possible and avoid magnetic resonance failure when magnetic coupling occurs among transmitter coils. Fig. 2 shows the detailed structure of the proposed coils.

According to Neumann's formula, we have

$$M_{12} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint \oint \frac{\overline{dl_1} \cdot \overline{dl_2}}{d_{12}}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left( 2 \int_{-b}^{b} \int_{-a}^{a} \frac{\cos\theta dx dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy\cos\theta}} - 2 \int_{-b}^{b} \int_{-a}^{a} \frac{\cos\theta dx dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy\cos\theta} + (2c)^2} - \int_{-c}^{c} \int_{-c}^{c} \frac{dz \, dz}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)^2 + d_1^2}} - \int_{-c}^{c} \int_{-c}^{c} \frac{dz \, dz}{\sqrt{(z_3 - z_4)^2 + d_1^2}} + \int_{-c}^{c} \int_{-c}^{c} \frac{dz \, dz}{\sqrt{(z_4 - z_1)^2 + d_2^2}} \right)$$

$$(1)$$

So, all the conditions that the coupling of two wires occurs are classified into the following four groups.

1) Two equal-length wires placed in parallel at a distance d: between coils 1 and 2—contours A and E, contours A and G, contours C and E, and contours C and G; between coils 1 and 3—contours B and I, contours B and K, contours D and I, and contours D and K; between coils 2 and 3 contours H and L, contours H and J, contours F and L, and contours F and J. The mutual inductance  $M_1$  can be calculated by the following equation:

$$M_{1}(l,d) = 0.002 \cdot l \cdot \left( \ln \left( \frac{l}{d} + \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{l}{d} \right)^{2}} \right) - \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{d}{l} \right)^{2}} + \left( \frac{d}{l} \right)^{2} \right)$$
(2)

where l is the length of the contour, and d is the distance between the two contours.

2) Two wires of unequal lengths are placed with an angle  $\theta$  on the same plane: between coils 1 and 2—contours B and F, and contours D and H; between coils 1 and 3—contours A and L, and contours C and J; between coils 2 and 3—contours E and I, and contours G and K. The mutual inductance  $M_2$  can be calculated by the following equation:

$$M_{2}(l_{1}, l_{2}, d, \theta) = 0.002 \cdot \cos\theta \cdot \left[\frac{l_{1}}{2} \cdot \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{l_{2}}{2}}{d + \frac{l_{1}}{2}}\right) + \frac{l_{2}}{2} \cdot \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{l_{1}}{2}}{d + \frac{l_{2}}{2}}\right)\right]$$
(3)

where  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are the lengths of the two contours, respectively, d is the distance between the ends of the two contours, and  $\theta$  is the angle between the two crossed contours.

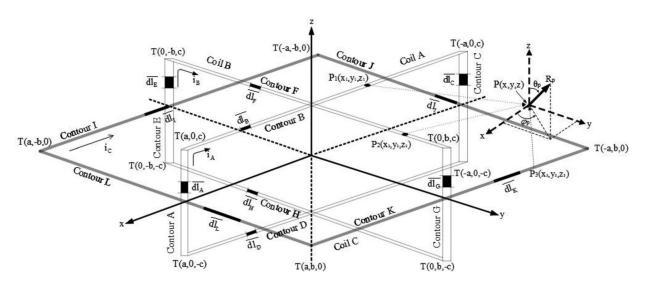


Fig. 2. Detailed structure of the proposed coils.

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3) Noncoplanar wires of unequal length were apart from each plane by 2a or 2b or 2c: between coils 1 and 2(2c)contours B and H, and contours D and F; between coils 1 and 3(2a)—contours A and J, and contours C and L; between coils 2 and 3(2b)-contours E and K, and contours G and I. The mutual inductance  $M_3$  can be calculated by the following equation:

$$M_{3}(l_{1}, l_{2}, d, l, \theta) = 0.002 \cdot \cos\theta$$

$$\cdot \left[\frac{l_{1}}{2} \cdot \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{l_{2}}{2}}{\sqrt{d^{2} + l^{2}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{l_{1}}{2}\right)^{2} + l^{2}}}\right) + \frac{l_{2}}{2}$$

$$\cdot \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{l_{1}}{2}}{\sqrt{d^{2} + l^{2}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{l_{2}}{2}\right)^{2} + l^{2}}}\right) - \frac{\Omega(l)}{\sin\theta}\right] \quad (4)$$

$$\Omega(l) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{l^{2}\cos\theta + \frac{l_{1}l_{2}}{4}\sin^{2}\theta}{l\sqrt{d^{2} + l^{2}}\sin\theta}\right)$$

$$- \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{l\cos\theta}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{l_{1}}{2}\right)^{2} + l^{2}}\sin\theta}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}\right) \quad (5)$$

where  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are the lengths of the two contours, respectively, d is the distance between the ends of the two contours projected on the same plane, l is the distance between the two planes, and  $\theta$  is the angle between the two crossed contours.

4) Two wires are perpendicular to each other, the mutual inductance of two perpendicular wires is zero: between coils 1 and 2-contours A and F, contours A and H, contours C and F, contours C and H, contours B and E, contours B and G, contours D and E, and contours D and G; between coils 1 and 3-contours A and I, contours A and K, contours C and I, contours C and K, contours B

and L, contours B and J, contours D and L, and contours D and J; between coils 2 and 3-contours E and L, contours E and J, contours G and L, contours G and J, contours F and I, contours F and I, contours F and K, contours H and I, and contours H and K.

For example, the total mutual inductance  $M_{12}$  between coils 1 and 2 can be the summation of  $M_1, M_2$ , and  $M_3$  ("+" means the same current direction, "-" means the opposite current direction)

$$M_{AE} = M_{CG} = M_1 (2c, d_2), M_{AG}$$
  

$$= M_{CE} = -M_1 (2c, d_1)$$
(6)  

$$M_{BF} = \sum M_2 (l_1, l_2, d, \theta)$$
  

$$= M_{B+F+} + M_{B+F-} + M_{B-F-} + M_{B-F+}$$
  

$$= M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta) - M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta)$$
  

$$- M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta) + M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta)$$
  

$$= 2M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta) - 2M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta)$$
(7)  

$$M_{DH} = \sum M_2 (l_1, l_2, d, \theta)$$
  

$$= M_{D+H+} + M_{D+H-} + M_{D-H-} + M_{D-H+}$$
  

$$= M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta) - M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta)$$
  

$$- M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta) - M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta)$$
(8)

$$M_{BH} = \sum M_3 (l_1, l_2, d, l, \theta)$$
  
=  $M_{B+H+} + M_{B+H-} + M_{B-H-} + M_{B-H+}$   
=  $-M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta) + M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta)$   
+  $M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta) - M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta)$   
=  $2M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta) - 2M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta)$   
(9)

$$M_{DF} = \sum M_3 (l_1, l_2, d, l, \theta)$$
  
=  $M_{D+F+} + M_{D+F-} + M_{D-F-} + M_{D-F+}$   
=  $-M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta) + M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta)$   
+  $M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta) - M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta)$   
=  $2M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta) - 2M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta)$ . (10)

Hence, according to (6)–(10),  $M_{12}$  is expressed as follow:

$$M_{12} = M_{AE} + M_{AG} + M_{CE} + M_{CG} + M_{BF}$$
  
+  $M_{DH} + M_{BH} + M_{DF}$   
=  $2 [M_1 (2c, d_2) - M_1 (2c, d_1)]$   
+  $4 [M_2 (2a, 2b, d_2, \pi - \theta) - M_2 (2a, 2b, d_1, \theta)]$   
+  $4 [M_3 (2a, 2b, d_1, 2c, \theta) - M_3 (2a, 2b, d_2, 2c, \pi - \theta)].$  (11)

From (2)–(11), when  $d_1 = d_2$  and  $\theta = \pi - \theta$ ,  $M_{12} = 0$ , the two coils should be perpendicular and have the same length (a = b). Based on the same principle, the total mutual inductance  $M_{13}$  between coils 1 and 3 and the total mutual inductance  $M_{23}$  between coils 2 and 3 can be zero when these three coils are perpendicular and have the same length (a = b = c).

The following sections are based on the three orthographically assembled coils structure, which effectively reduces the mutual inductance between the transmitter coils to avoid system performance degradation and is beneficial for the simplification of synthesis of magnetic field. If the structure has slight deformation, the mutual inductance between the transmitter coils increases and the precise impedance matching between the transmitter and receiver becomes a little more difficult, and the three vectors of magnetic field generated by three coils are not orthogonal. However, the synthesis of magnetic field can be still realized by three nonorthogonal B-field vectors, which will be more complex, and the magnetic field orientation can still work if the performance degradation caused by structure deformation is acceptable.

# III. MAGNETIC FLUX DENSITY ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS OF CROSSED-LOOP COILS

According to Fig. 2, coil A lies on the XOZ plane, coil B lies on the YOZ plane, and coil C lies on the XOY plane. The direction of the contours of each coil can be expressed in vector form

$$d\overline{l_A} = \hat{e}_z dz, \ d\overline{l_B} = \hat{e}_x dx, \ d\overline{l_C} = \hat{e}_z dz, \ d\overline{l_D} = \hat{e}_x dx, d\overline{l_E} = \hat{e}_z dz, \ d\overline{l_F} = \hat{e}_y dy, \ d\overline{l_G} = \hat{e}_z dz, \ d\overline{l_H} = \hat{e}_y dy, d\overline{l_I} = \hat{e}_x dx, \ d\overline{l_J} = \hat{e}_y dy, \ d\overline{l_K} = \hat{e}_x dx, \ d\overline{l_L} = \hat{e}_y dy.$$
(12)

Assume that a point A on the coil A  $p_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ , a point B on the coil B  $p_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ , a point C on the coil C  $p_3(x_3, y_3, z_3)$ , and an arbitrary point P p(x, y, z) in the space.

The unit vector  $\hat{r}_1$  from A to P,  $\hat{r}_2$  from B to P, and  $\hat{r}_3$  from C to P are

$$\begin{cases} \hat{r}_{1} = \frac{\overrightarrow{AP}}{\left|\overrightarrow{AP}\right|} = \frac{(x-x_{1})\hat{e}_{x} + (y-y_{1})\hat{e}_{y} + (z-z_{1})\hat{e}_{z}}{\sqrt{(x-x_{1})^{2} + (y-y_{1})^{2} + (z-z_{1})^{2}}} \\ \hat{r}_{2} = \frac{\overrightarrow{BP}}{\left|\overrightarrow{BP}\right|} = \frac{(x-x_{2})\hat{e}_{x} + (y-y_{2})\hat{e}_{y} + (z-z_{2})\hat{e}_{z}}{\sqrt{(x-x_{2})^{2} + (y-y_{2})^{2} + (z-z_{2})^{2}}} \\ \hat{r}_{3} = \frac{\overrightarrow{CP}}{\left|\overrightarrow{CP}\right|} = \frac{(x-x_{3})\hat{e}_{x} + (y-y_{3})\hat{e}_{y} + (z-z_{3})\hat{e}_{z}}{\sqrt{(x-x_{3})^{2} + (y-y_{3})^{2} + (z-z_{3})^{2}}}. \end{cases}$$
(13)

Assume that three currents through coils A, B, and C are  $I_A \cos(\omega t + \theta_A)$ ,  $I_B \cos(\omega t + \theta_B)$ , and  $I_C \cos(\omega t + \theta_C)$ , respectively. Based on the Biot–Savart law, the magnetic flux density components generated by coils A, B, and C at point P are calculated as follows (the number of turns of each coil is N):

$$\begin{split} \overline{B_{\text{Coil},A}} &= \oint \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{NI_A \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right) \overline{dl} \times \hat{r}_1}{r_1^2} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 NI_A \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \oint \frac{\overline{dl} \times \left[ (x - x_1) \, \hat{e}_x + (y - y_1) \, \hat{e}_y + (z - z_1) \, \hat{e}_z \right]}{\left( (x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 NI_A \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \left\{ \int_A \frac{1}{r_1^3} \left[ \hat{e}_y \left( x - x_1 \right) dz - \hat{e}_x \left( y - y_1 \right) dz \right] \\ &+ \int_B \frac{1}{r_1^3} \left[ \hat{e}_z \left( y - y_1 \right) dx - \hat{e}_y \left( z - z_1 \right) dx \right] \\ &+ \int_C \frac{1}{r_1^3} \left[ \hat{e}_z \left( y - y_1 \right) dx - \hat{e}_y \left( z - z_1 \right) dx \right] \\ &+ \int_D \frac{1}{r_1^3} \left[ \hat{e}_z \left( y - y_1 \right) dx - \hat{e}_y \left( z - z_1 \right) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 NI_B \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_B\right)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \oint \frac{\overline{dl} \times \left[ (x - x_2) \, \hat{e}_x + (y - y_2) \, \hat{e}_y + (z - z_2) \, \hat{e}_z \right]}{\left( (x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2 \right)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 NI_B \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_B\right)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \left\{ \int_E \frac{1}{r_2^3} \left[ \hat{e}_y \left( x - x_2 \right) dz - \hat{e}_x \left( y - y_2 \right) dz \right] \right\} \end{split}$$

+  $\int_{F} \frac{1}{r_{2}^{3}} \left[ -\hat{e}_{z} \left( x - x_{2} \right) dy - \hat{e}_{x} \left( z - z_{2} \right) dy \right]$ 

$$+ \int_{G} \frac{1}{r_{2}^{3}} \left[ \hat{e}_{y} \left( x - x_{2} \right) dz - \hat{e}_{x} \left( y - y_{2} \right) dz \right] \\ + \int_{H} \frac{1}{r_{2}^{3}} \left[ -\hat{e}_{z} \left( x - x_{2} \right) dy + \hat{e}_{x} \left( z - z_{2} \right) dy \right] \right\}$$
(15)  
$$\overline{B_{Coil} C} = \oint \frac{\mu_{0}}{r_{0}} \frac{NI_{C} \cos \left( \omega t + \theta_{C} \right) \overline{dl} \times \hat{r}_{3}}{r_{0}^{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\mu_0 N I_C \cos (\omega t + \theta_C)}{4\pi} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 N I_C \cos (\omega t + \theta_C)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \oint \frac{\overline{dl} \times [(x - x_3) \hat{e}_x + (y - y_3) \hat{e}_y + (z - z_3) \hat{e}_z]}{((x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 N I_C \cos (\omega t + \theta_C)}{4\pi} \\ &\times \left\{ \int_I \frac{1}{r_3^3} \left[ \hat{e}_z (y - y_3) \, dx - \hat{e}_y (z - z_3) \, dx \right] \right. \\ &+ \int_J \frac{1}{r_3^3} \left[ -\hat{e}_z (x - x_3) \, dy - \hat{e}_x (z - z_3) \, dy \right] \\ &+ \int_K \frac{1}{r_3^3} \left[ -\hat{e}_z (x - x_3) \, dy + \hat{e}_x (z - z_3) \, dy \right] \right\} \\ &+ \int_L \frac{1}{r_3^3} \left[ -\hat{e}_z (x - x_3) \, dy + \hat{e}_x (z - z_3) \, dy \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$
(16)

where  $\omega$  is the angular frequency of three independent currents.  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$  are the amplitudes of three independent currents, respectively.  $\theta_A$ ,  $\theta_B$ , and  $\theta_C$  are the phases of three independent currents, respectively.  $\mu_0$  is the permeability of vacuum, valued  $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{N} \cdot \text{A}^{-2}$ .

According to (14)–(16), the B-field at p(x, y, z) is the sum of the B-fields induced by coils A, B, and C as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{x} \\ B_{y} \\ B_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{x} \\ B_{y} \\ B_{z} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Coil},A} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{x} \\ B_{y} \\ B_{z} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Coil},B} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{x} \\ B_{y} \\ B_{z} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Coil},C}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} B_{x|A} + B_{x|C} + B_{x|E} + B_{x|F} + B_{x|G} + B_{x|H} \\ + B_{x|J} + B_{x|L} \\ B_{y|A} + B_{y|B} + B_{y|C} + B_{y|D} + B_{y|E} + B_{y|G} \\ + B_{x|I} + B_{y|K} \\ B_{z|B} + B_{Z|D} + B_{Z|F} + B_{z|H} + B_{Z|I} + B_{z|J} \\ + B_{x|K} + B_{z|L} \end{bmatrix}$$
(17)

where  $B_{m|n}$  is the B-field of *m*-axis component induced by contour *n*. The *x*-axis, *y*-axis, and *z*-axis components of B-field at p(x, y, z) are listed in the Appendix.

## IV. FIELD ORIENTATION BASED ON CURRENT AMPLITUDE AND PHASE CONTROL

In order to simplify the analysis of the B-field synthesis in the space, including the magnitude and direction, we have taken the geometric center of coils A, B, and C  $p_o(0,0,0)$  as the example to discuss the B-field. From the Appendix, each axis component of the B-field at  $p_o(0,0,0)$  is given as follows

$$\begin{cases} B_{x_{p_o}} = -\frac{\mu_0 N I_B \cos(\omega t + \theta_B)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4bc}{b^2 \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + \frac{4bc}{c^2 \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} \right) \\ B_{y_{p_o}} = -\frac{\mu_0 N I_A \cos(\omega t + \theta_A)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4ac}{a^2 \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} + \frac{4ac}{c^2 \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} \right) \\ B_{z_{p_o}} = -\frac{\mu_0 N I_C \cos(\omega t + \theta_C)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4ab}{a^2 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{4ab}{b^2 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right). \end{cases}$$
(18)

The magnetic flux density induced by coils A, B, and C at any arbitrary point p(x, y, z) can be expressed by using spherical coordinates

$$\begin{cases} R_p = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2} \\ \theta_p = \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2} / B_z \right) \\ \varphi_p = \tan^{-1} \left( B_y / B_x \right) \end{cases}$$
(19)

where  $R_p$  is the magnitude of the B-field at point p,  $\theta_p$  is the angle between the zenith direction and the direction of the B-field, and  $\varphi_p$  is the signed angle measured from the azimuth reference direction to the orthogonal projection of the direction of the B-field on the reference plane  $(R_p > 0, 0 \le \theta_p \le \pi, 0 \le \varphi_p \le 2\pi)$ .

Hence, according to (18) and (19), in order to simplify the analysis, the coils are assumed to be a square (a = b = c = l), and the magnetic flux density induced by coils A, B, and C at  $p_o(0,0,0)$  is given by (20), shown at the bottom of this page.

The implementation using absolute values  $\theta_A$ ,  $\theta_B$ , and  $\theta_C$  is not convenient, so, for introducing the relative value to further reduce the equations, let  $\theta_A = 0$ ,  $\theta_B - \theta_A = \Delta \theta_1$ ,  $\theta_C - \theta_A = \Delta \theta_2$ , as shown in (21) at the bottom of this page.

$$\begin{cases} R_{p_o} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu_0 N}{\pi l} \sqrt{I_A^2 \cos^2\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right) + I_B^2 \cos^2\left(\omega t + \theta_B\right) + I_C^2 \cos^2\left(\omega t + \theta_C\right)} \\ \theta_{p_o} = \tan^{-1} \left( -\sqrt{I_A^2 \cos^2\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right) + I_B^2 \cos^2\left(\omega t + \theta_B\right)} / I_C \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_C\right) \right) \\ \varphi_{p_o} = \tan^{-1} \left( I_A \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_A\right) / I_B \cos\left(\omega t + \theta_B\right) \right) \end{cases}$$
(20)

$$\begin{cases} R_{p_o} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu_0 N}{\pi l} \sqrt{I_A^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + I_B^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \Delta \theta_1) + I_C^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \Delta \theta_2)} \\ \theta_{p_o} = \tan^{-1} \left( -\sqrt{I_A^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + I_B^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \Delta \theta_1)} / I_C \cos(\omega t + \Delta \theta_2) \right) \\ \varphi_{p_o} = \tan^{-1} \left( I_A \cos(\omega t) / I_B \cos(\omega t + \Delta \theta_1) \right) \end{cases}$$
(21)

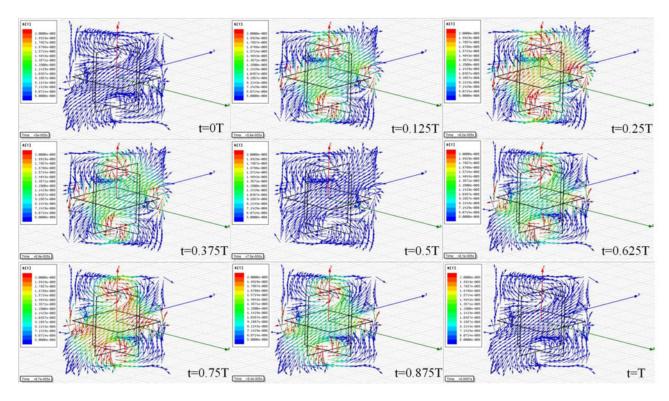


Fig. 3. Simulation results of shaped B-field at different times.

From the aforementioned equations, all the current amplitudes and phase angles  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ ,  $I_C$  and  $\theta_A$ ,  $\theta_B$ ,  $\theta_C$ , respectively, are the controllable variables. When the requirement of the B-field at point  $p_o$  is fulfilled, including the magnitude and direction of the B-field, a set of currents meeting the requirement can be solved.

For example, assume that the length of the side of each coil is 1 m, the number of turns of each coil is 10, and  $\omega = 40\,000\pi\,\mathrm{rad/s}$ , the requirements of the magnitude and direction of the B-field at  $p_o(0,0,0)$  are  $B_{(\mathrm{amplitude})} = 10\,\mu\mathrm{T}$ ,  $\theta_{p_o} = 45^\circ$ ,  $\varphi_{p_o} = 45^\circ$ . The results can be solved:  $I_A = 0.884\,\mathrm{A}$ ,  $I_B = 0.884\,\mathrm{A}$ ,  $I_C = 1.25\,\mathrm{A}$ ,  $\Delta\theta_1 = 0$ , and  $\Delta\theta_2 = 0$ . The coils are excited by three independent sources, and the sources are simulated by software "Maxwell Circuit Editor." The theoretical B-field can be simulated by using calculated values in software "Ansoft Maxwell," shown in Fig. 3, where  $T = 50\,\mu\mathrm{s}$ .

From Fig. 3, the B-field in the region of the proposed coils structure is shaped at  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$  and  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ , when t = 0.25 T and t = 0.75 T, respectively, and the magnitude of the B-field achieves the maximum. Fig. 4 shows the trend of the B-field magnitude at point  $p_o$  from 0 to 100  $\mu$ s. Within the error range allowed, the amplitude of the B-field is about 12  $\mu$ T, which is close to the reference value 10  $\mu$ T. All the simulation results agree with the theoretical results.

At the different requirements of B,  $\theta$ , and  $\varphi$ , the following four specific conditions, including all the directions in the space, verify the proposed algorithm that realizes the 3-D full-range field orientation. The calculated values of amplitude and phase angle of currents are listed in Table I, where  $B_m$  means the

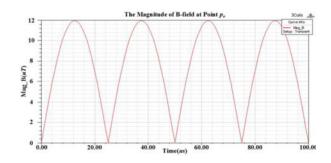


Fig. 4. Trend of B-field magnitude at point  $p_o$ .

 TABLE I

 REQUIREMENTS AND CALCULATED VALUES FOR DIFFERENT CONDITIONS

	Requirements			Calculated Values					
NO	$B_m$	θ	$\varphi$	$I_A$	$I_B$	$I_C$	$\Delta \theta_1$	$\Delta \theta_2$	
1	$10 \ \mu T$	$45^{\circ}$	$45^{\circ}$	0.884 A	0.884 A	1.25 A	0°	0°	
2	$20 \ \mu T$	$45^{\circ}$	$135^{\circ}$	$1.768 { m A}$	$1.768 { m A}$	$2.5 \mathrm{A}$	$180^{\circ}$	$0^{\circ}$	
3	$10 \ \mu T$	$135^{\circ}$	$45^{\circ}$	$0.884 \ A$	$0.884 \ A$	$1.25 \; {\rm A}$	$0^{\circ}$	$180^{\circ}$	
4	$20 \ \mu T$	$135^{\circ}$	$135^{\circ}$	$1.768 { m A}$	$1.768 { m A}$	$2.5 \mathrm{A}$	$180^{\circ}$	$180^{\circ}$	

amplitude of the B-field. The shaped B-fields under four conditions are shown in Fig. 5, when t = 0.5 T.

From above-mentioned analysis, a universal conclusion can be achieved, which will provide a criterion for further application. The whole space, taking the geometric center of the proposed coils structure as origin, can be divided into eight

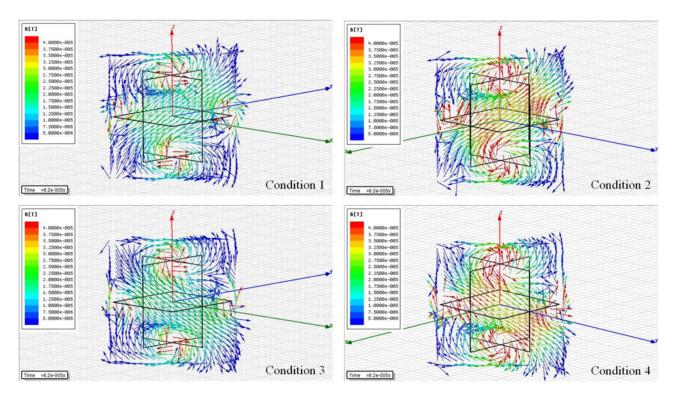


Fig. 5. Shaped B-fields under four conditions.

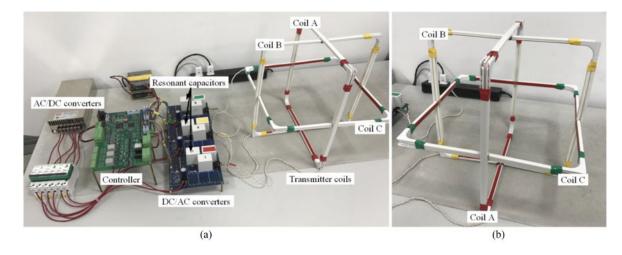


Fig. 6. 3-D field orientation WPT system. (a) Prototype of the 3-D field orientation WPT system. (b) Detailed structure of three transmitter coils.

sections. Considering the B-field is alternating, the eight sections can be further grouped into the following four regions:

- 1) x > 0, y > 0, z > 0 and x < 0, y < 0, z < 0;
- 2)  $x > 0, y \langle 0, z \rangle 0$  and  $x \langle 0, y \rangle 0, z < 0;$
- 3) x(0, y)0, z > 0 and x > 0, y < 0, z < 0;
- 4)  $x < 0, y \langle 0, z \rangle 0$  and x > 0, y > 0, z < 0.

When the receiver coil is located in region 1),  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  are given as constant,  $0 \le \theta < \pi/2$ ,  $0 \le \varphi < \pi/2$  (or  $\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $\pi \le \varphi < 3\pi/2 \pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $\pi \le \varphi < 3\pi/2$ ); only when  $\Delta \theta_1 = 0$  and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$  can the second and third equations of (21) have the effective and physically realizable solutions of  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$ . Similarly, when the receiver coil is located

in regions 2), 3), and 4),  $0 \le \theta < \pi/2$ ,  $3\pi/2 \le \varphi \le 2\pi$  (or  $\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $\pi/2 \le \varphi < \pi$ ),  $0 \le \theta < \pi/2$ ,  $\pi/2 \le \varphi < \pi$ (or  $\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $3\pi/2 \le \varphi \le 2\pi$ ) and  $0 \le \theta < \pi/2$ ,  $\pi \le \varphi < 3\pi/2$  (or  $\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $0 \le \varphi < \pi/2$ ), respectively; only when  $\Delta \theta_1$  and  $\Delta \theta_2$  are 180° and 180°, 180° and 0°, 0° and 180°, respectively, can the second and third equations of (21) have the effective and physically realizable solutions of  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$ . So, when the receiver coil(s) are located in regions 1), 2), 3), and 4), respectively,  $\Delta \theta_1$  and  $\Delta \theta_2$  are accordingly set as 0° and 0°, 180° and 180°, 180° and 0°, 0° and 180°, respectively. According to the location of receiver coil(s), the current phase angles can be first decided and a rough field orientation is completed.

 TABLE II

 Actual Coil Parameters of the 3-D Field Orientation WPT System

Coil	Frequency (kHz)	$L(\mu {\rm H})$	$C\left(\mu \mathrm{F}\right)$	$R(\mathrm{m}\Omega)$	Length of Side (mm)	Turns	Wire Radius (mm)
Coil A (red)	19.517	10.06	6.61	50.23	328	3	2.2
Coil B (yellow)	19.518	10.09	6.59	50.30	328	3	2.2
Coil C (green)	19.513	10.11	6.58	50.43	328	3	2.2
Coil	Frequency (kHz)	$L(\mu H)$	$C(\mu F)$	$R(m\Omega)$	Diameter (mm)	Turns	Wire Radius (mm)
Receiver coil	19.609	15.61	4.22	43.10	276	5	2.2

TABLE III PARAMETERS OF THREE CASES FOR SHAPED MAGNETIC FIELD MEASUREMENTS

Case	$I_{A \rm .rm s}$	$I_{B \rm \_rm s}$	$I_{C \rm .rm s}$	$\Delta \theta_1$	$\Delta \theta_2$
I. $\theta = 45^{\circ}, \varphi = 45^{\circ}$ II. $\theta = 55^{\circ}, \varphi = 45^{\circ}$ III. $\theta = 45^{\circ}, \varphi = 135^{\circ}$	8.16 A	7.07 A 8.16 A 7.07 A	8.16 A	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 180^{\circ} \end{array}$	0 0 0

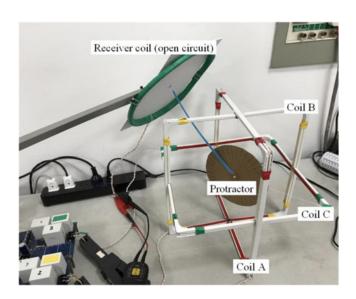


Fig. 7. Implementation of shaped magnetic field measurements.

Then, the magnitude of the B-field and further precise field orientation are realized by the current amplitude control. For example, when  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 60^{\circ}$ , the field orientation locates in region 1), and  $\Delta \theta_1$  and  $\Delta \theta_2$  are set as  $0^{\circ}$  and  $0^{\circ}$ , respectively, hence the following equations will be derived:

$$\begin{cases} (I_A^2 + I_B^2)/I_C^2 = \tan^2 (30^\circ) \\ I_A/I_B = \tan (60^\circ) . \end{cases}$$
(22)

From (22),  $I_A = I_C/2$  and  $I_B = \sqrt{3}I_C/6$ . Then, according to the reference magnitude of the B-field, the following equation is obtained:

$$B_{\rm ref} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu_0 N}{\pi l} \sqrt{I_A^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + I_B^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + I_C^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}.$$
(23)

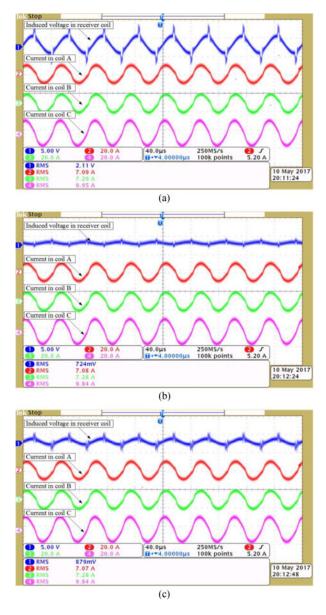


Fig. 8. Waveforms in case I. (a) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ . (b) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 135^{\circ}$ . (c) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 225^{\circ}$ .

From (23), the actual value of  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$  can be solved. The whole steps of the proposed field orientation technique are done. In practical application, the solutions  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ ,  $I_C$ ,  $\Delta\theta_1$ , and  $\Delta\theta_2$  can be applied, and the shaped Bfield will be formed.

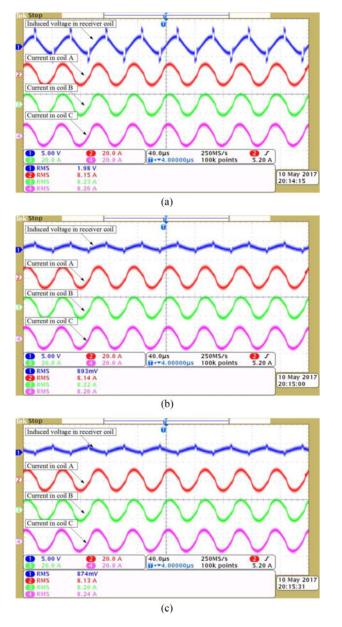


Fig. 9. Waveforms in case II. (a) Waveforms of  $\theta = 55^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ . (b) Waveforms of  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ . (c) Waveforms of  $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ .

# V. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Based on the previous theoretical analysis, a 3-D field orientation WPT system is implemented, which is shown in Fig. 6. Fig. 6(a) shows the prototype of a 3-D field orientation WPT system, which is composed of a controller equipped with a floating-point digital signal processor (DSP, TMS320F28335) and a field programmable gate array (FPGA, EP2C8J144C8N), an ac/dc converter with three independent channel 12 V output, three independent controllable dc/ac converters, three independent resonance tanks, including series resonant capacitors and transmitter coils, one receiver coil connected with series resonant capacitor and resistance load. The inductance of each

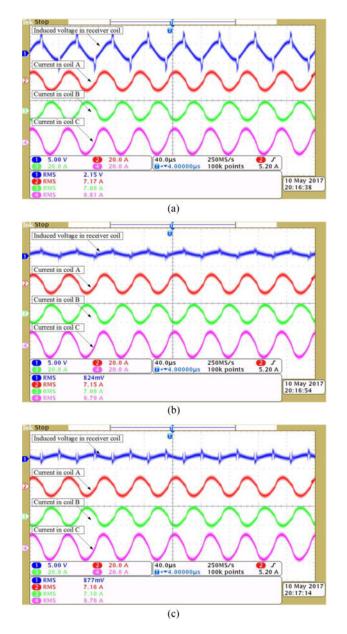
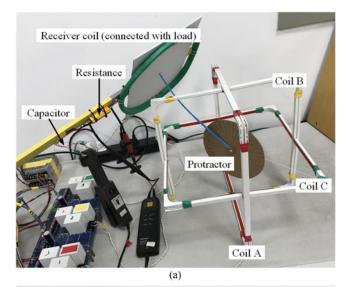


Fig. 10. Waveforms in case III. (a) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 135^{\circ}$ . (b) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 225^{\circ}$ . (c) Waveforms of  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 315^{\circ}$ .

transmitter coil is designed as 10  $\mu$ H, the inductance of the receiver coil is designed as 15.6  $\mu$ H, the capacitance of each series resonant capacitor for the transmitter is designed as 6.6  $\mu$ F, the capacitance of the series resonant capacitor for the receiver is designed as 4.23  $\mu$ F, the frequency of ac voltage generated by dc/ac converters is designed as 19.59 kHz, DSP is in charge of mathematical calculation, and FPGA is in charge of generating pulse width modulation signals for switches. Fig. 6(b) shows the detailed structure of three transmitter coils, including coil A labeled red, coil B labeled yellow, and coil C labeled green, each coil is a square with the length of side 328 mm, each coil has three turns of Litz wire with radius 2.2 mm. The actual coil parameters of the 3-D field orientation WPT system are presented in Table II.



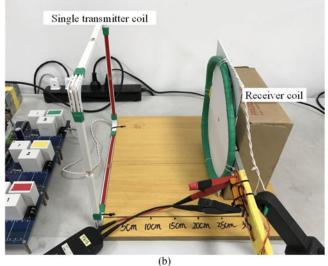


Fig. 11. Experimental setups used for measuring the energy transfer efficiency. (a) The setup for case I. (b) The setup for case II.

The experimental results of the implemented 3-D field orientation WPT system are presented below. In order to further verify the previous theoretical analysis, two sets of experiments are carried out, shaped magnetic field measurements and energy transfer efficiency measurements.

For shaped magnetic field measurements, it is not easy to directly measure the magnetic flux density; hence, we used the induced electromotive force induced in the receiver coil to indirectly measure the shaped magnetic field in the region of the receiver coil. The following cases are set to compare the magnetic field pointing to the receiver coil and the magnetic field not pointing to the receiver coil, which are presented in Table III. The distance between the center of receiver coil and the center of three transmitter coils remains constant, i.e., 30 cm. The plane of receiver coil and the center of three transmitter coils. The experimental results of each case include the induced electromotive

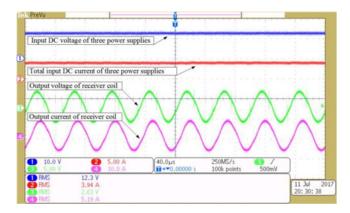


Fig. 12. Waveforms in case I.

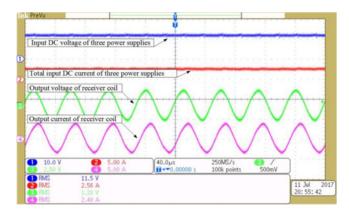


Fig. 13. Waveforms in case II.

force when the receiver coil is located in the given direction and the induced electromotive force when the receiver coil is not located in the given direction. The implementation in shaped magnetic field measurements is shown in Fig. 7.

In case I,  $I_{A_{\rm rms}} = 7.07$  A,  $I_{B_{\rm rms}} = 7.07$  A,  $I_{C_{\rm rms}} = 10$  A,  $\Delta \theta_1 = 0$ , and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$ . First, let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ , then let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 135^{\circ}$  and  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 225^{\circ}$ , respectively. As shown in Fig. 8, from top to bottom in each figure, the waveforms are the induced voltage in the receiver coil, the current in coil A, the current in coil B and, the current in coil C.

In case II,  $I_{A_{\rm rms}} = 8.16$  A,  $I_{B_{\rm rms}} = 8.16$  A,  $I_{C_{\rm rms}} = 8.16$  A,  $\Delta \theta_1 = 0$ , and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$ . First, let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 55^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ , then let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$  and  $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\varphi = 45^{\circ}$ , respectively. As shown in Fig. 9, from top to bottom in each figure, the waveforms are the induced voltage in the receiver coil, the current in coil A, the current in coil B, and the current in coil C.

In case III,  $I_{A,\text{rms}} = 7.07 \text{ A}$ ,  $I_{B,\text{rms}} = 7.07 \text{ A}$ ,  $I_{C,\text{rms}} = 10 \text{ A}$ ,  $\Delta \theta_1 = 180^\circ$ , and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$ . First, let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\varphi = 135^\circ$ , then, let the receiver coil be at  $\theta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\varphi = 225^\circ$  and  $\theta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\varphi = 315^\circ$ , respectively. As shown in Fig. 10, from top to bottom in each figure, the waveforms are

the induced voltage in the receiver coil, the current in coil A, the current in coil B, and the current in coil C.

From the aforementioned experimental results, the magnetic field is shaped according to expected direction, and the magnetic field is concentrated at a certain direction. Comparing case I with case II, when  $\Delta \theta_1$  and  $\Delta \theta_2$  remain unchanged, changing the relative values of  $I_{A,\text{rms}}$ ,  $I_{B,\text{rms}}$ , and  $I_{C,\text{rms}}$ , and keeping the sum of squares of  $I_{A,\text{rms}}$ ,  $I_{B,\text{rms}}$ , and  $I_{C,\text{rms}}$  constant, the direction of shaped magnetic field changes from  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$  to  $\theta = 55^{\circ}$ . Comparing case I with case III, when  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$  remain unchanged, changing  $\Delta \theta_1$  and  $\Delta \theta_2$ , the region of shaped magnetic field changes from region 1) to region 3).

For energy transfer efficiency measurements, the load of receiver coil is a resistance  $0.5 \Omega$ . In order to explain the improvements of energy transfer efficiency, two experiments are carried out with the following: case I-three transmitter coils and one receiver coil; case II-one transmitter coil and one receiver coil. In both cases, the initial magnitude of magnetic field at the center is equally set same for comparison, which means the currents of three transmitter coils in case I is  $\sqrt{3}/3$  of the current of the single transmitter coil in case II. The receiver coil is placed vertically with the direction of shaped magnetic field. The distance from the center of three transmitter coils to the center of receiver coil in case I is along with the direction of magnetic field in the center of three transmitter coils, the distance from the center of one transmitter coil to the center of receiver coil in case II is along with the direction of magnetic field in the center of one transmitter coil, and both the distances are set as 25 cm. The experimental setups used for measuring the energy transfer efficiency are shown in Fig. 11, where Fig. 11(a) is for case I and Fig. 11(b) is for case II.

In case I,  $I_{A_{\rm TMS}} = 10$  A,  $I_{B_{\rm TMS}} = 10$  A,  $I_{C_{\rm TMS}} = 10$  A,  $\Delta \theta_1 = 0$ , and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$ . As shown in Fig. 12, from top to bottom, the waveforms are the input dc voltage of three power supplies, the total input dc current of three power supplies, the output voltage of receiver coil, and the output current of receiver coil.

In case II,  $I_{A_{\rm TMS}} = 0$  A,  $I_{B_{\rm TMS}} = 0$  A,  $I_{C_{\rm TMS}} = 17.32$  A,  $\Delta \theta_1 = 0$ , and  $\Delta \theta_2 = 0$ . As shown in Fig. 13, from top to bottom, the waveforms are the input dc voltage of single power supply, the input dc current of single power supply, the output voltage of receiver coil, and the output current of receiver coil.

From the aforementioned results, the proposed magnetic field orientation method improves the energy transfer efficiency and offers larger effective transmission distance when the power needed in the receiver coil is given. Comparing case I and case II, when the distances and the sum of squares of  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$  remain the same in the two cases, the output voltage of receiver coil in case I is larger than the output voltage of receiver coil in case II, which means when the expected output voltage of receiver coil is given, the proposed three transmitter coils structure has longer transmission distance, the energy transfer capacity of the proposed magnetic field orientation method is better than that of the conventional method. Similarly, in this group of experiments, the efficiency is equal to the ratio of the load power and the input dc power. According to Figs. 12 and 13, the load power and efficiency of the proposed magnetic field orientation method are about 13.7 W and 28.2%, respectively, and the load power and efficiency of the conventional method are about 3.2 W and 10.8%, respectively. For the result of efficiency of the conventional method, because the calculated efficiency includes the loss of a dc/ac converter, when the required current becomes larger, the loss of a dc/ac converter will become larger. Meanwhile, because the given transfer distance 25 cm is relatively large compared with the size of transmitter coil, when just single transmitter coil works, the excited magnetic field will sharply diverge and some energy will be wasted. Hence, the single transmitter coil structure will lead to lower efficiency when the distance highly increases. However, the proposed three transmitter coils structure can reduce the requirement of current flowing in one transmitter coil and shape the magnetic field to reduce unnecessary energy waste, which will obviously improve the energy transfer efficiency compared with the conventional single transmitter coil structure. Generally, the proposed 3-D magnetic field orientation method can effectively improve the performance of a WPT system.

# VI. CONCLUSION

This paper introduced a universal algorithm to realize 3-D full-range field orientation to adjust the magnitude and direction of the B-field at an arbitrary point. The B-field is concentrated in a beam with reduced leakage magnetic flux, consequently, the power transfer efficiency and distance are effectively improved. The proposed algorithm is very useful to guide practical 3-D WPT system design with more flexible coupling tolerance. The analytical, simulation, and experimental results obtained from this research demonstrate that if the mathematic relationships between the B-filed generated by the transmitter and the power received by the receiver are established, together with orientation and power closed-loop accurate steady-state controls, the whole 3-D WPT system will be able to eliminate the steadystate error, have certain ability of anti-interference, and achieve more precise power transfer and direction orientation to targeted loads.

#### **APPENDIX**

The x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis components of the B-field at p(x, y, z) are listed in Table IV, where  $B_m$  is the B-field of the *m*-axis in the space, and  $B_m|_{\text{Coil }N}$  is the B-field of the *m*-axis component induced by coil N.

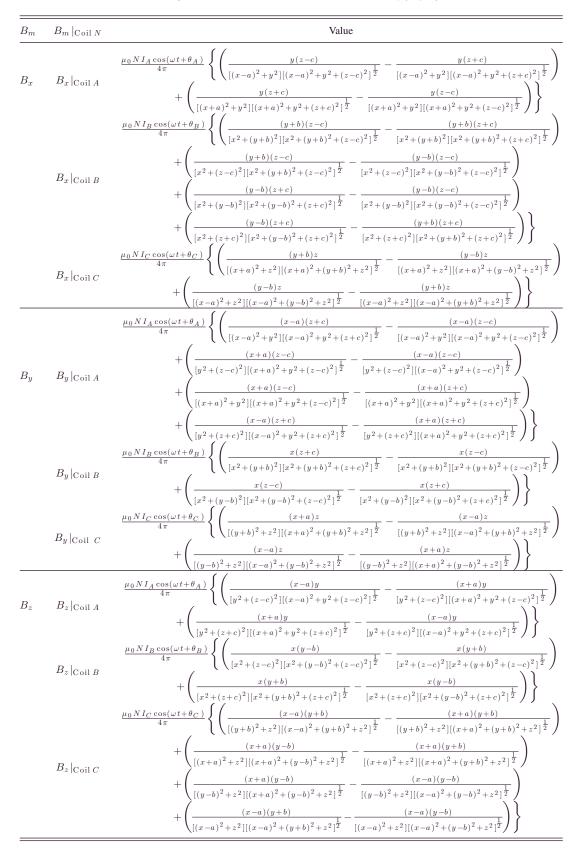


TABLE IV x-Axis, y-Axis, and z-Axis Components of B-field at p(x,y,z)

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