Investigation of Contactless Power Transmission in a Long Distance



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Research Objectives

- Analyzation of the cause of efficiency decrease and examination of the transmission performance in a long distance in seawater
- In seawater, the water temperature changes with depth. This study will clarify the effect of water temperature changes on contactless power transmission in seawater.

Contactless Power Transmission



Power efficiency and transmission distance

• The transmission efficiency is lower in seawater than in air.



Research Background



- Water temperature decreases with depth.
- Electrical conductivity also decreases.

Coil Specification



- The solenoid coil used for CPT consists of a polyvinyl chloride pipe and a coil
- In order to make the coil resonate at 85 [kHz], the self-inductance of the solenoid coil is set to 150 [μH]
- The power efficiency of the CPT system with magnetic resonance in seawater need to be measured



- AC resistance decreases with decreasing sea water temperature.
- DC resistance is also reduced.

System Overview



Salt water with a salinity of 3% was used to simulate seawater.

• The temperature of the salt water was controlled by a cooler.

• Efficiency is lower in salt water than in air.

Conclusion

- In seawater, electrical conductivity changes with changes in water temperature.
- Experiments show that as the seawater temperature decreases, AC and DC resistance also decrease.
- In contactless power transmission in seawater, the effect of water temperature is small, and there is no significant difference in power efficiency.
- In the future, we will also examine changes in salinity.

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