

# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes for Test Stand & In-Vehicle Current Monitoring

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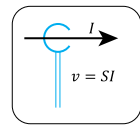
# Overview & Specifications

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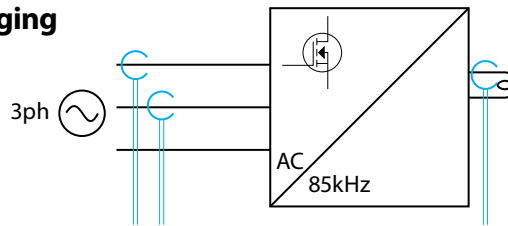
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## Potential Measurement Locations

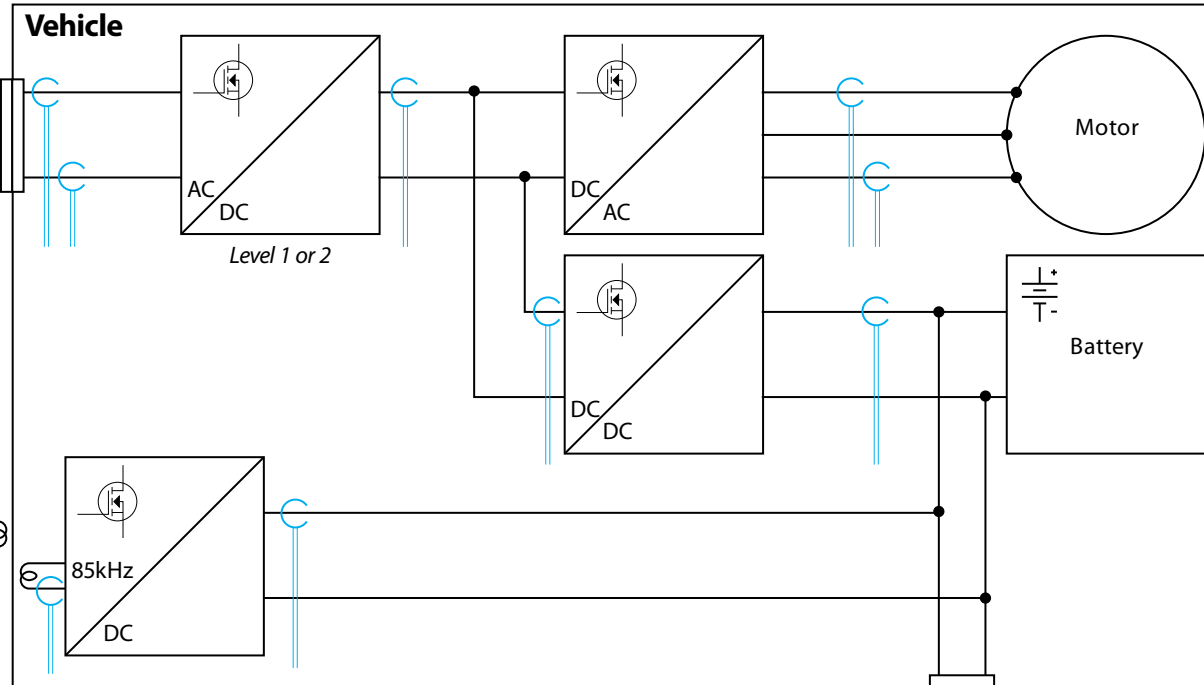
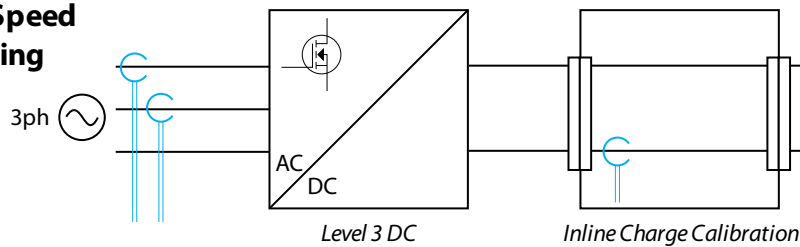


Ground Return / Shield Current is measured if enclosed

### Inductive Charging



### High Speed Charging



# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

The potential locations for current measurement in a modern electric or hybrid vehicle are difficult to access.

A Clamp-On Current Probe designed for safe, Hand-Held current measurements is typically large and will not withstand vibration, moisture/ice, or temperature cycling from  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



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## GMW CPC Clip-On DC-AC Current Probes

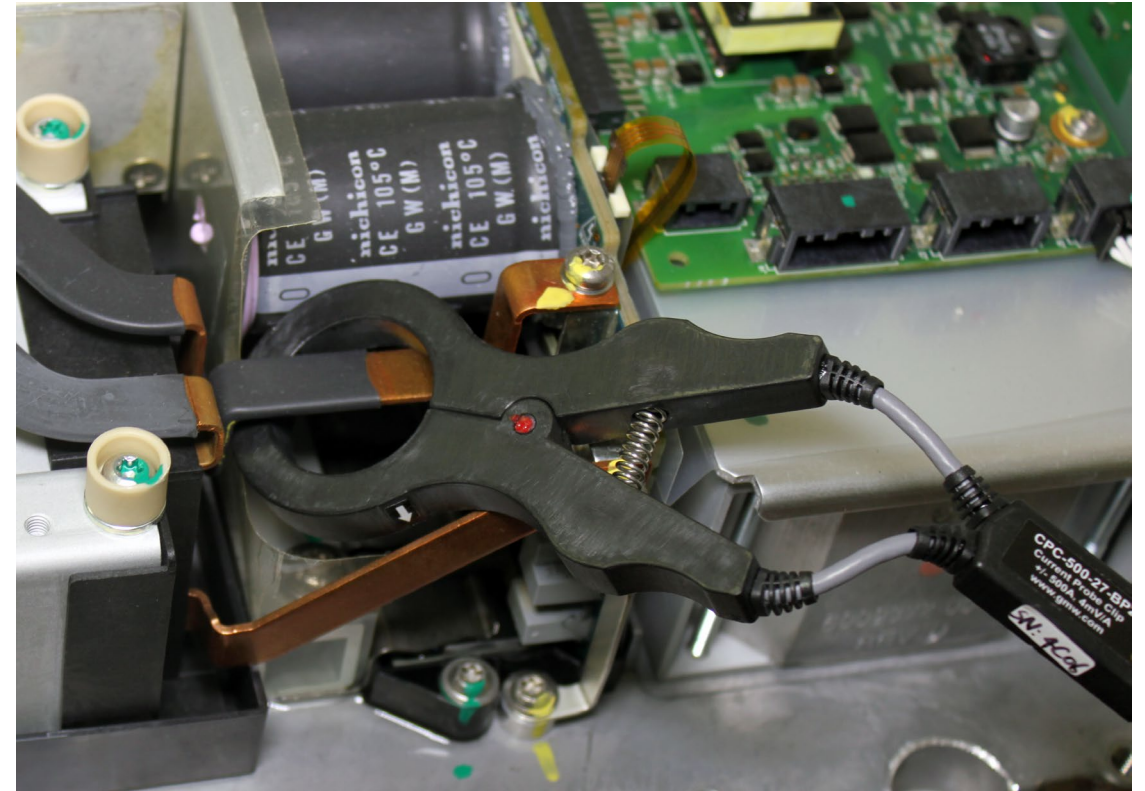
Current probes with no magnetic core and current ranges from  $\pm 250\text{A}$  to  $\pm 2000\text{A}$ .

No hysteresis, no damage from primary current overload with recovery to linear operation within  $10\ \mu\text{s}$  of primary current within range. The CPC Current Probe can be used to monitor the “low current” recovery after a high current overload.



27mm Aperture Clip-on Current Probe

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Small size enables installation in difficult locations

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# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## Specifications: GMW CPC Clip-On DC-AC Current Probes

Signal Output	0±2V
Current Sensitivity	8mV/A to 1mV/A
Current Ranges	±250A, ±500A, ±1000A, ±2000A
Frequency Range	DC to 75kHz (-3dB)
Sensitivity Error	<±1%
Output Change, Magnetic Field	<0.2% of range for 40mT <sup>(1)</sup>
Response Time	<2µs
Insertion Impedance	<1pH
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +100°C
Moisture Resistance	Sealed, NEMA 5
Aperture	27mm (1.06")
Mass	<30g (1 oz)
Power Supply	3.5V to 5.5V, <85mA, USB Port

(1) A current of 10kA generates a field of 40mT at a radius of 0.05m (~2").



# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## GMW CPCO Clamp-On DC-AC Current Probes

Large aperture Current Probes with no magnetic core and current ranges from  $\pm 500\text{A}$  to  $\pm 16\text{kA}$ . Suitable for earth moving, marine and aerospace high current applications.

77mm (3.03") or 160mm (6.3") aperture with a full 180° opening short 19mm (0.75") axial length enables installation on cables or bus bars with close spacing.

Small cross-section and sealed enclosure enables long-term, reliable operation in harsh environments.



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# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## Specifications: GMW CPCO Clamp-On DC-AC Current Probes

Signal Output Options	5V±5V, 0.5±5V, 0V±10V, 12mA±8mA, RMS 0-3V
Current Ranges	±500A, ±1kA, ±2kA, ±4kA, ±8kA, ±16kA
Frequency Range	DC to 40kHz (-3dB)
Sensitivity Error	<±1%
Output Change, Magnetic Field	<0.2% of range for 18mT to 267mT (range dependent) <sup>(1)</sup>
Response Time	<10µs
Insertion Impedance	<1pH
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Moisture Resistance	Sealed, NEMA 5
Aperture	77mm (3.03") or 160mm (6.3")
Mass	120g (0.26 lb) or 300g (0.66 lb)
Power Supply	±11V to ±31V, <0.8W

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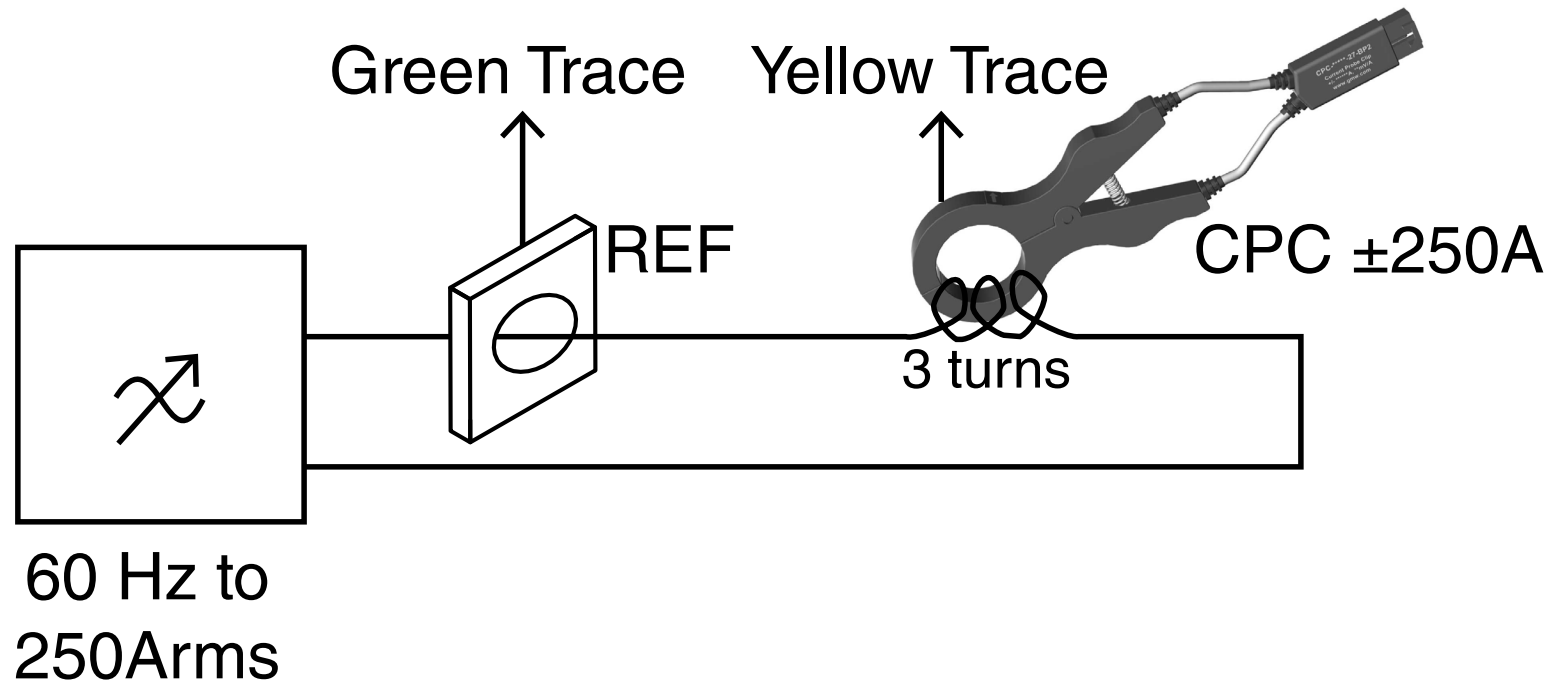
# Test Data

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# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## Recovery from Overload Current – Test Setup



# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

With 4x primary overload current the CPC shows:

- No electrical saturation and the correct sign with no overshoot
- No ringing
- No zero-crossing phase shift after overload
- No damage

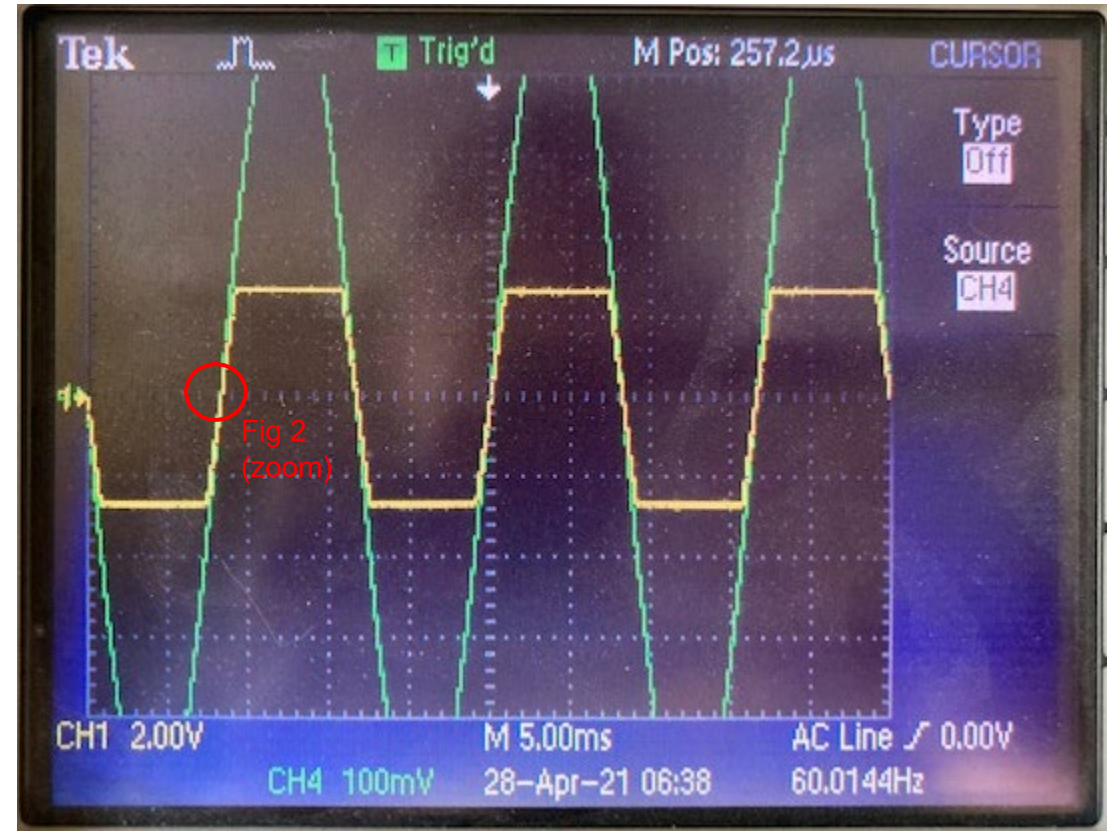


Fig 1: CPC  $\pm 250\text{A}$  fs with 750Arms Primary Current (yellow trace), or  $\pm 1060\text{A}$ . Approx. 4x full scale.

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Fig 2: CPC  $\pm 250\text{A}$  fs as in Fig 1 but with high vertical sensitivity. No measurable zero crossing shift at  $5\mu\text{s}/\text{div}$ .

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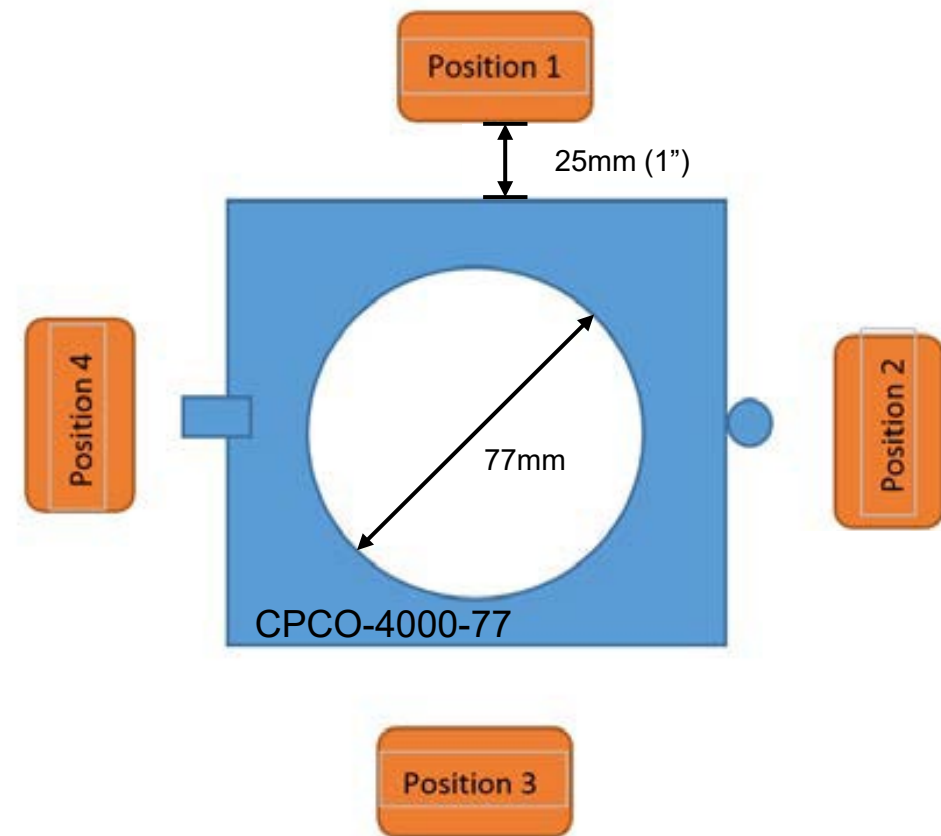
High rejection of external magnetic fields arising from external currents or steel cabinets.

Test arrangement:

- GMW CPCO-4000-77 ( $\pm 4000\text{A}$ , 77mm aperture)
- External Conductor 1000A at 25mm from surface

Change in Zero Offset:

- Position 1: 0.5% full-scale
- Position 2: 0.52% full-scale
- Position 3: 0.61% full-scale
- Position 4: 0.25% full-scale



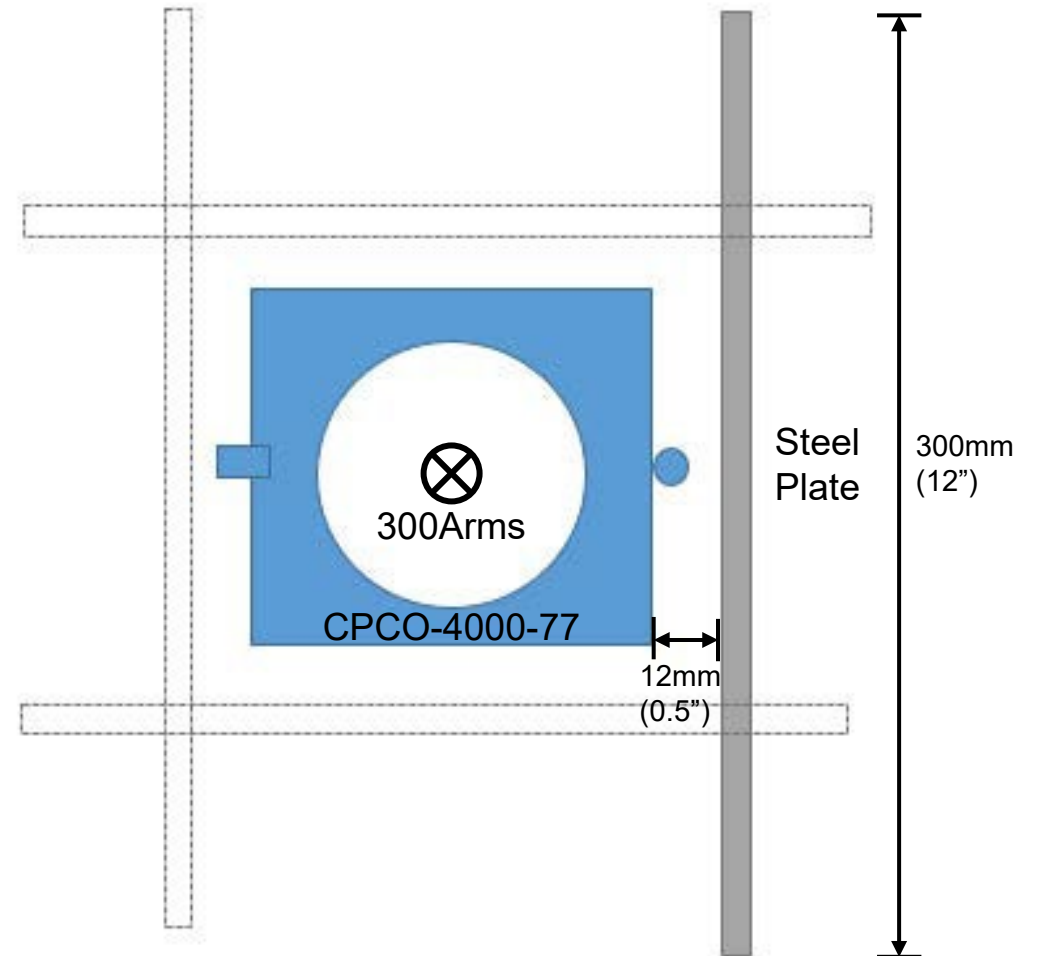
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Test arrangement:

Steel plate 100mm x 300mm x 6mm (4" x 12" x 1/4") placed about 12mm (0.5") from the outer surface of the CPCO at four positions. The output signal for a 300Arms, 60Hz was measured.

The change in the output signal was <0.1% of the signal for the steel plate in any position.






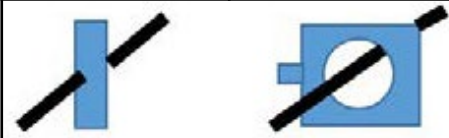




# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

Signal Output essentially independent of current position within aperture.

The output signal for a CPCO-4000-77 (77mm aperture) is measured for a 60Hz 230Arms current in a 10mm diameter conductor with variations in the measured current as shown.

Conductor Position	Measured Current (Arms)	Deviation (%)
	230	0.0%
	228	-0.9%
	228	-0.9%
	232	0.9%
	233	1.3%
	233	1.3%

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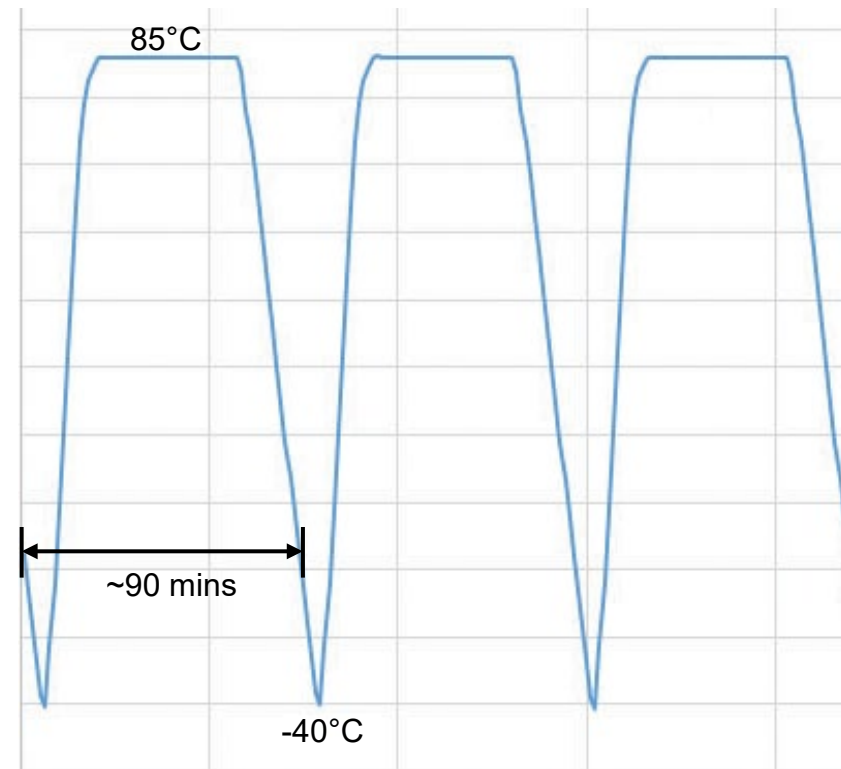
High Stability with thermal cycling.

Several different CPC and CPCO models with different current ranges have been temperature cycled for 50 cycles over 70 hours.

The maximum changes observed:

Zero Offset:  $\pm 0.2\%$  of full-scale

Sensitivity:  $\pm 0.5\%$



1 cycle ~ 90 minutes,  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
Repeated for 50 cycles.

# Operating Principle

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# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## Operating Principle: Ampere's Circuital Law

In SI units:

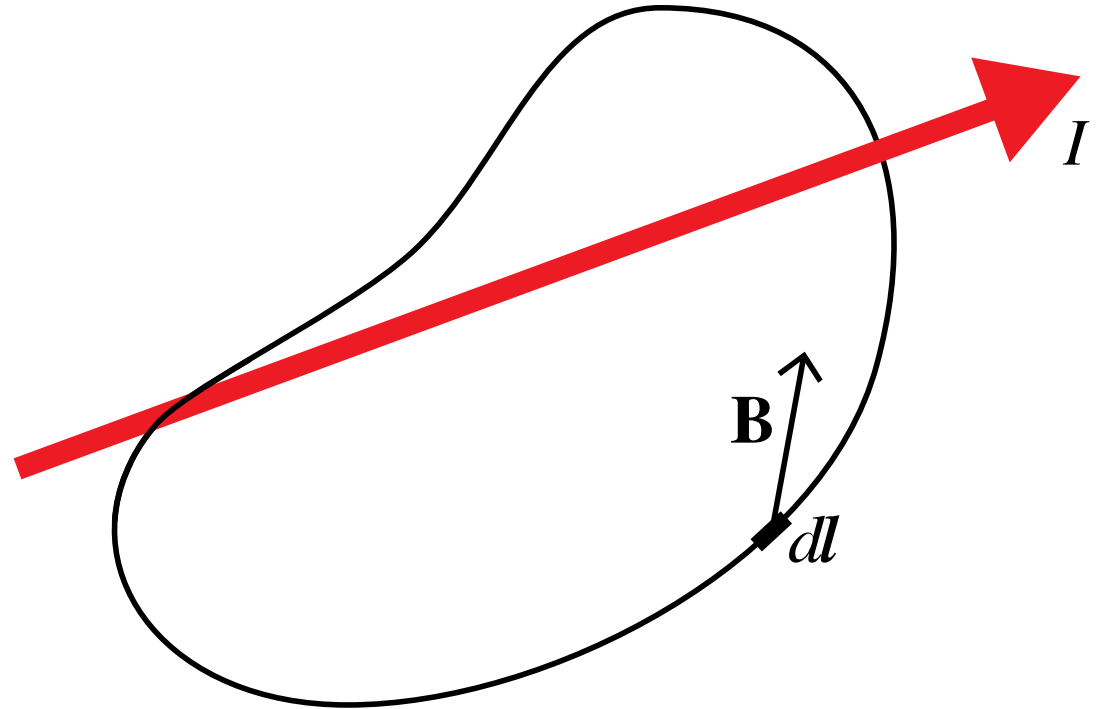
$$\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

$\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic flux density in Tesla.

$\mu_0$  is the permeability of a vacuum.

$I$  is the current enclosed in Ampere.

Note that the line integral is independent of the position of the current.



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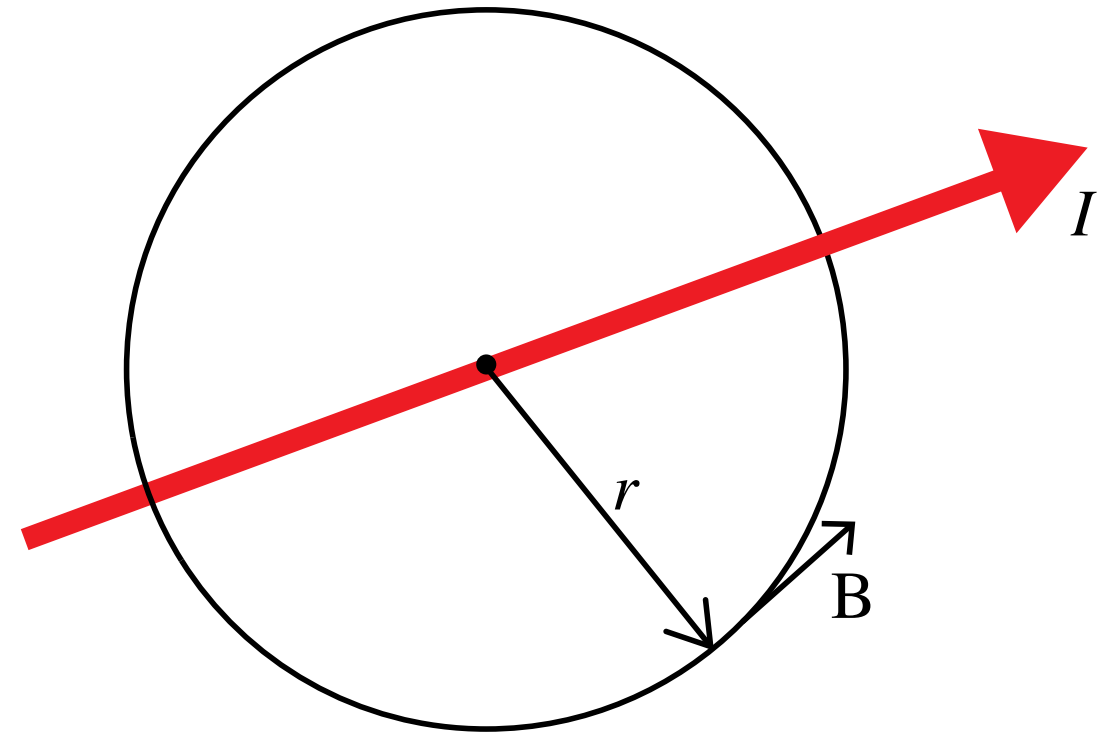
For a circle of radius  $r$  enclosing a current  $I$  with the current perpendicular to the plane of the circle,  $\mathbf{B}$  is tangential to the circle at all points on the circle and the relationship becomes:

$$B \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 I$$

or

$$I = \frac{2\pi r B}{\mu_0}$$

Only in the absence of any other currents or magnetic fields can the current be determined by measuring  $\mathbf{B}$  at one point.



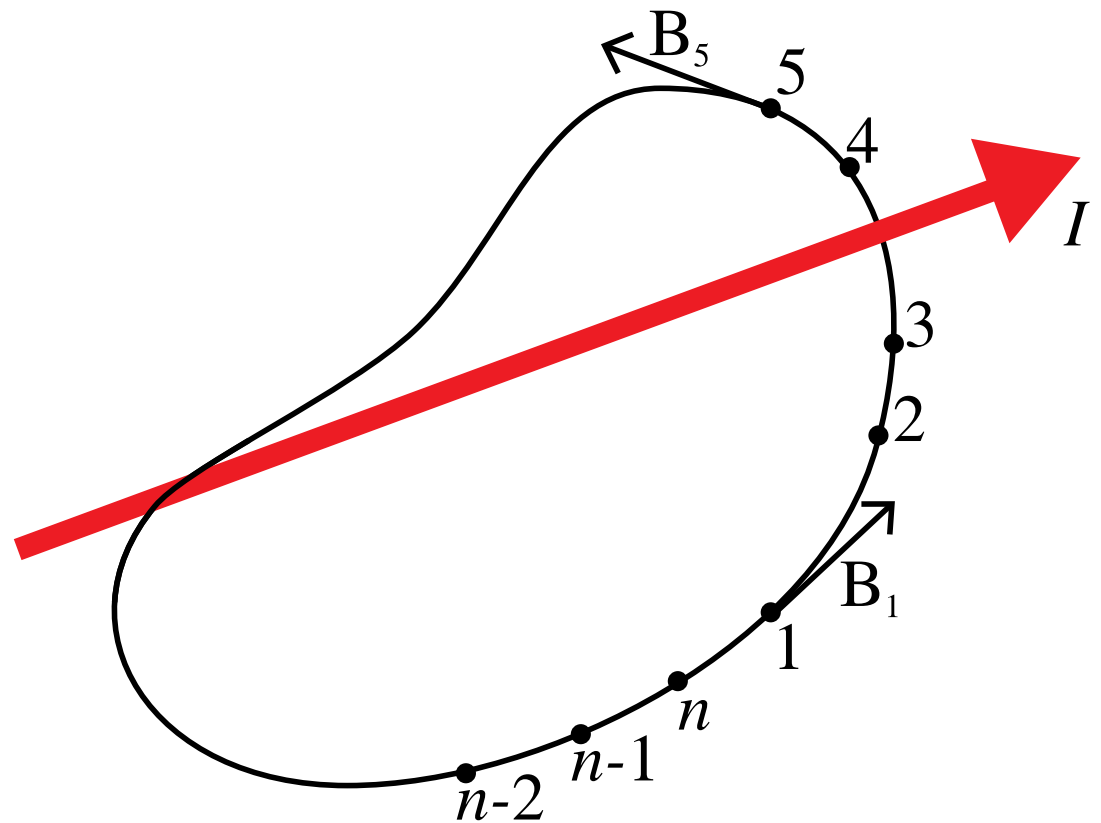
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## Approximating Ampere's Circuital Law with a Summation instead of a Line Integral

For "point" magnetic sensors providing an output signal proportional to  $\mathbf{B}$ , the Line Integral can be approximated by a summation:

$$I = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \sim \frac{1}{\mu_0} \sum_{r=1}^n C_r \cdot B_r$$

Where  $B_r$  is the field component along the tangent to the enclosing line and  $C_r$  are constants that can be determined by magnetic modeling.





# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

## Approximating Ampere's Circuital Law with a Summation instead of a Line Integral

For a current  $I'$  outside the loop:

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \mathbf{B}' \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

and

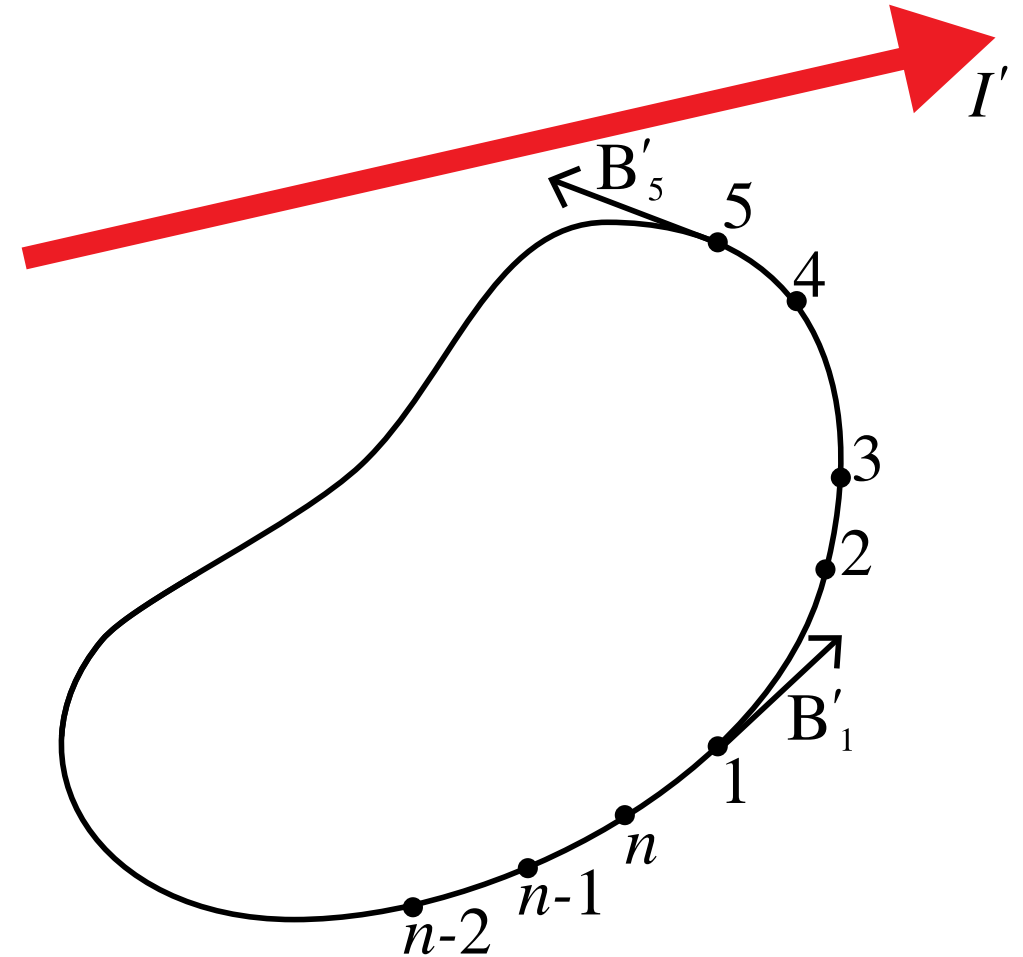
$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \sum_{r=1}^n C_r \cdot B'_r \sim 0$$

External currents and magnetic fields are rejected by the summation approximation.

US Patents: 9952257, 10690701

European Patent: 2972425

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# Coreless Clip-On & Clamp-On Current Probes

**Ampere's Circuital Law applies to any closed line.** The CSS-SO DC/AC "Slip-on" Current Probe can measure the current of any shape conductor that can fit within the open U-shape.

Signal Output	0±2V
Current Sensitivity	4mV/A to 0.166mV/A
Current Ranges	±400A, ±1kA, ±2kA, ±4kA, ±8kA, ±12kA
Frequency Range	DC to 1kHz (-3dB)
Sensitivity Error	<±1%
Response Time	<2µs
Insertion Impedance	<1pH
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Moisture Resistance	Sealed, NEMA5
Aperture, U-shape	102mm x 30.2mm (4.0" x 1.2")
Mass	<65g (2.3 oz)
Power Supply	3.5V to 5.5V, 150mA, USB Port

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A U-shape, "Slip-On" Current Sensor with a relatively narrow opening works well.



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# Thank You!



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# Current Measurement for Electric Vehicle Charger Test

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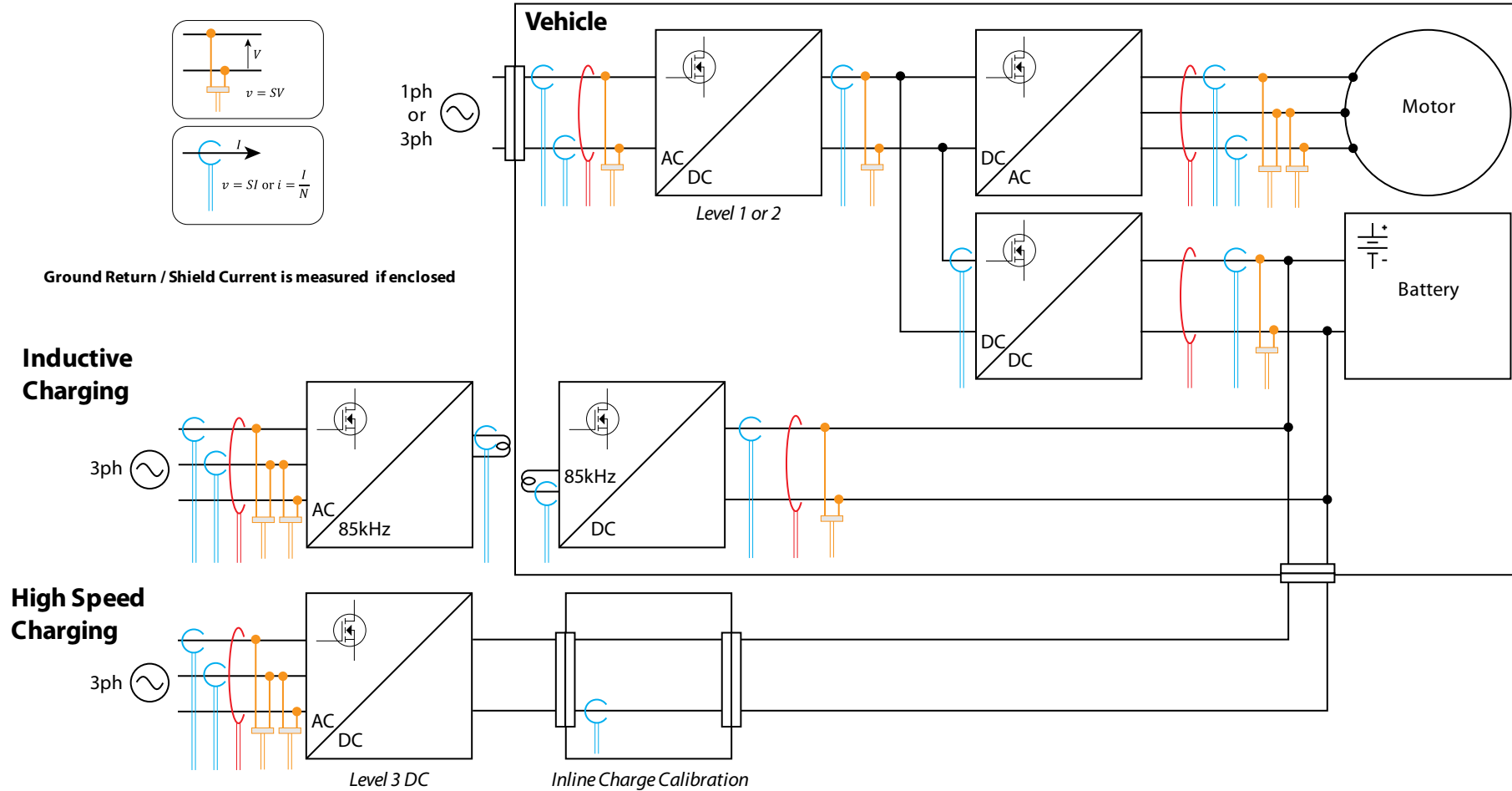
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# Overview

Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers

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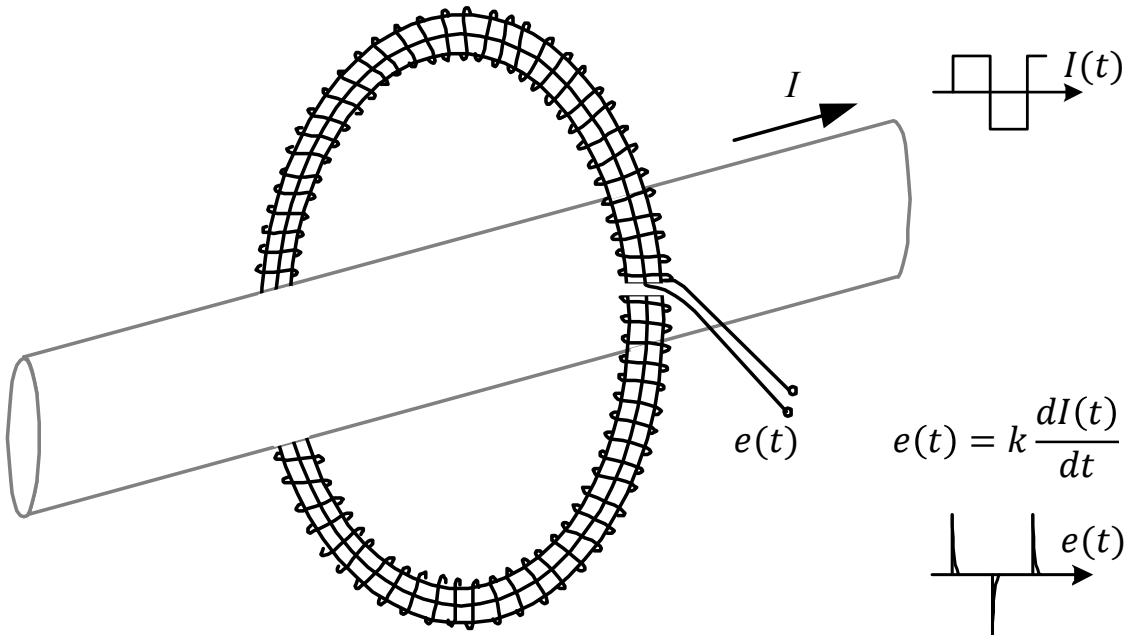


# PEM Rogowski Coils

Flexible, Clip-around AC Current Probes with Analog Integrator

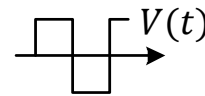
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# PEM Flexible, Clip-around AC Current Probes Rogowski Coil with Analog Integrator



Rogowski Coil with no magnetic core

After Analog Integration:  $V(t) = \int k \cdot \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \cdot dt = k \cdot k' I(t) = S \cdot I(t)$   
 $S = \text{Sensitivity}$

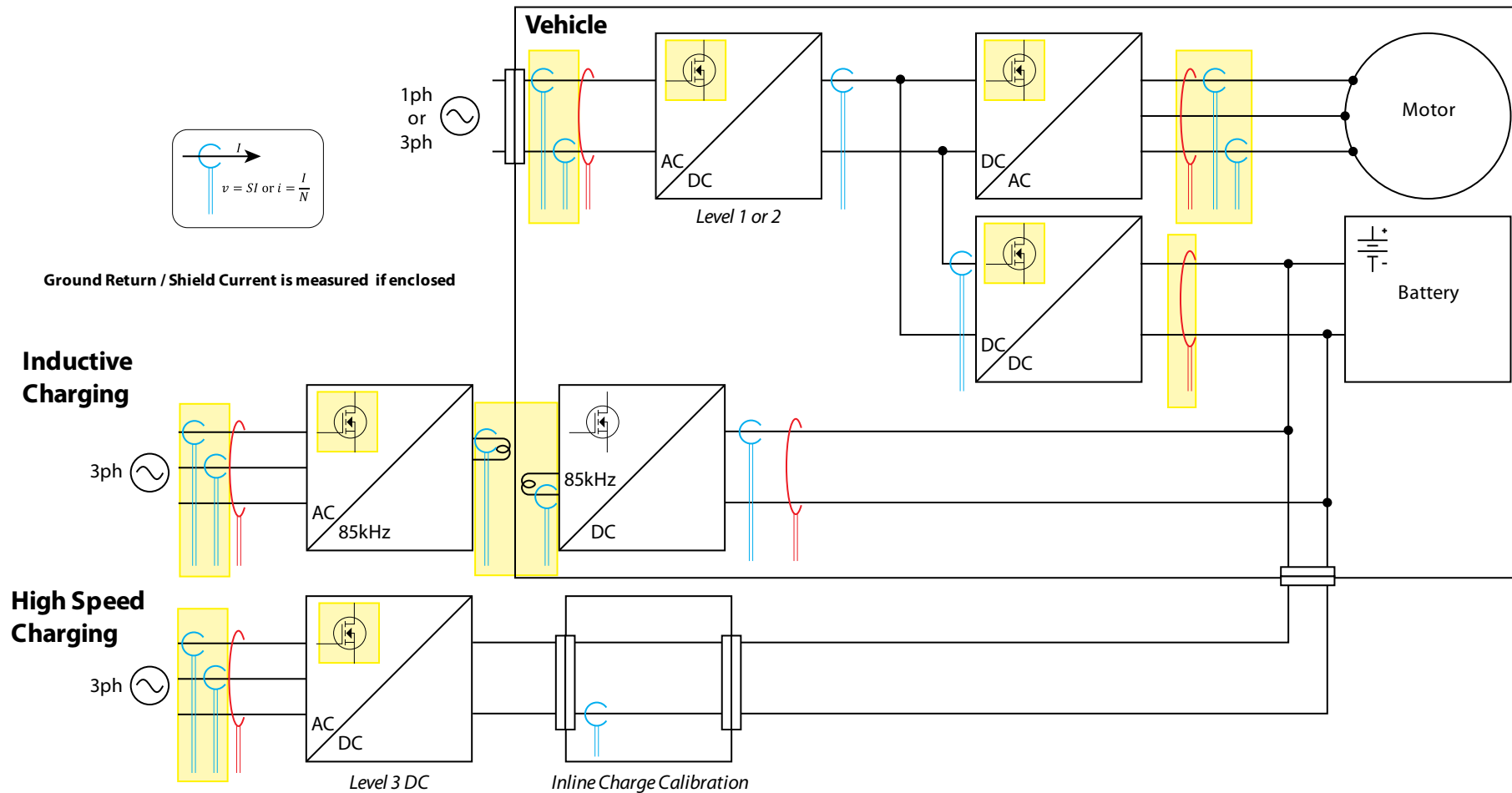


Current Sensitivity (S):	200mV/A to 0.02mV/A
Current Range:	±30A to ±300kA
Frequency Range:	0.03Hz to 50MHz
Amplitude Accuracy:	~±1%
Phase Shift:	< 1° at mid-range
Insertion Impedance:	<1pH
Operating Temp (coil):	-20°C to +100°C (can be wider range)
Sensitivity Temp Coeff:	-150ppm/°C to -200ppm/°C

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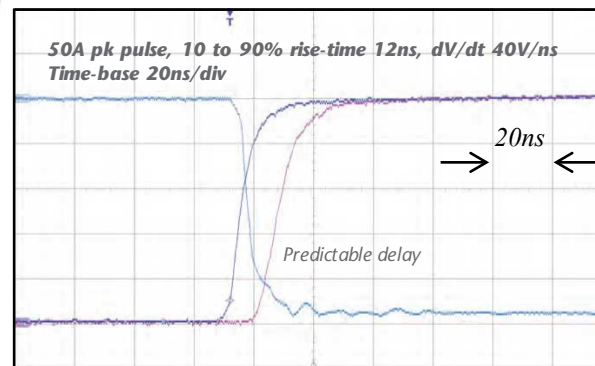
# Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers - PEM CWT Rogowski Coils



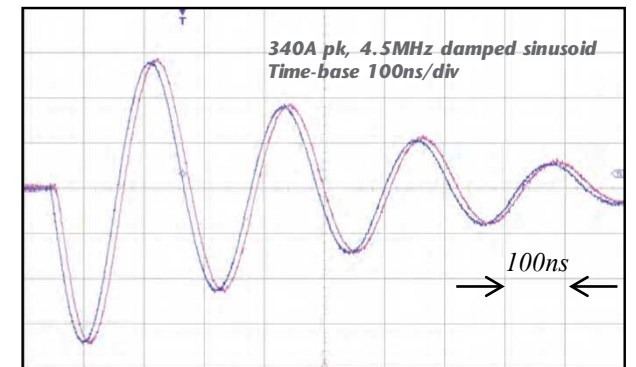
# PEM Current Probes - CWT Mini50HF



Current Sensitivity (S):	10mV/A	5mV/A
Current Range:	±0.6kA	±1.2kA
Noise (primary current):	1.5Ap-p	3Ap-p
Frequency Range (LF):	12Hz	6Hz
(HF):	50MHz	50MHz
Coil Lengths:	100mm or 200mm	
Coil Cross-section:	3.5mm	
Current Sensitivity (S):	10mV/A	5mV/A



Ch1 - (2GHz) Co-axial shunt (10A/div)  
Ch2 - CWTMini50HF/3/B/1/100/2 - 10mV/A, peak current 600A (10A/div)  
Ch3 - Voltage close to the coil - 100V/div

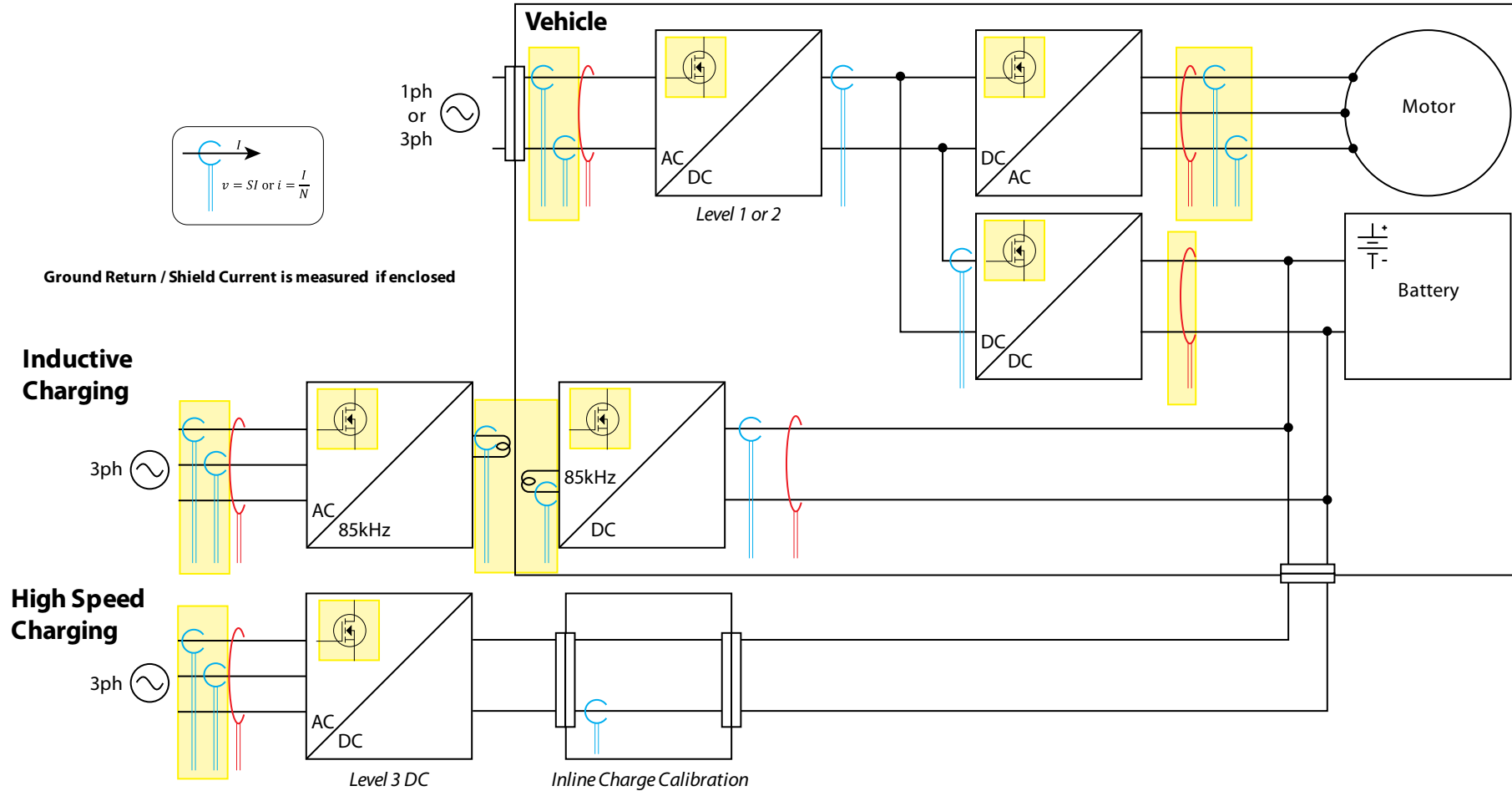


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# Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers - PEM CWT Mini50HF



# PEM Current Probes with Tailored Frequency Response

## CMC Common-Mode AC Current Probe

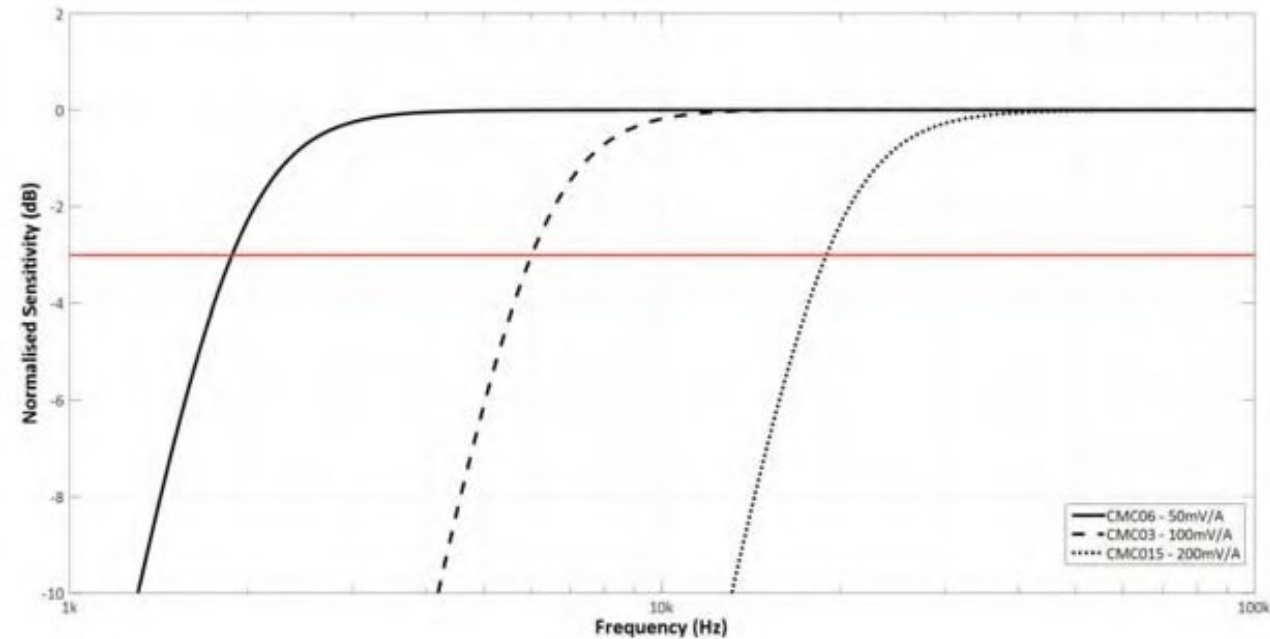
Optimized for high S/N for the high frequency current generated by the Variable Speed Drive Voltage Spikes

Current Sensitivity (S):	200mV/A	100mV/A	50mV/A
Current Range:	±37.5A	±75A	±150A
Frequency Range (LF):	19kHz	6kHz	1.9kHz
(HF):	11MHz	13MHz	14MHz

## CWT MiniHF 85kHz AC Current Probe

Optimized for 85kHz inductive power transfer measurements

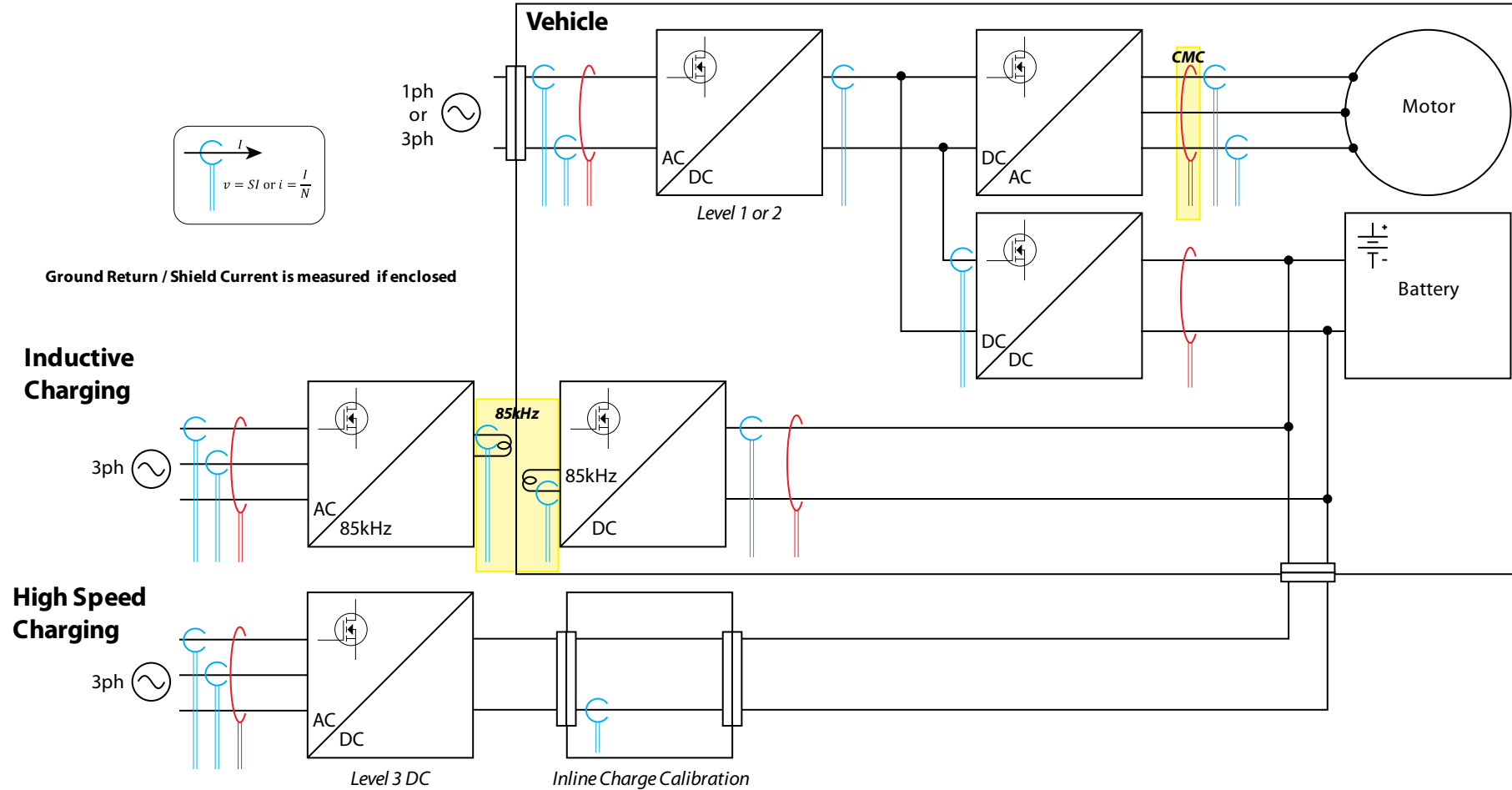
Current Sensitivity (S):	20mV/A
Current Range:	±300A
Frequency Range (LF):	530Hz
(HF):	30MHz
Amplitude Accuracy (85kHz)	±0.5%
Phase Accuracy (85kHz)	<±1°



Source: PEM

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# Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers – Tailored Frequency Response (CMC, CWT MiniHF 85kHz)





# PEM Current Probes with Tailored Frequency Response

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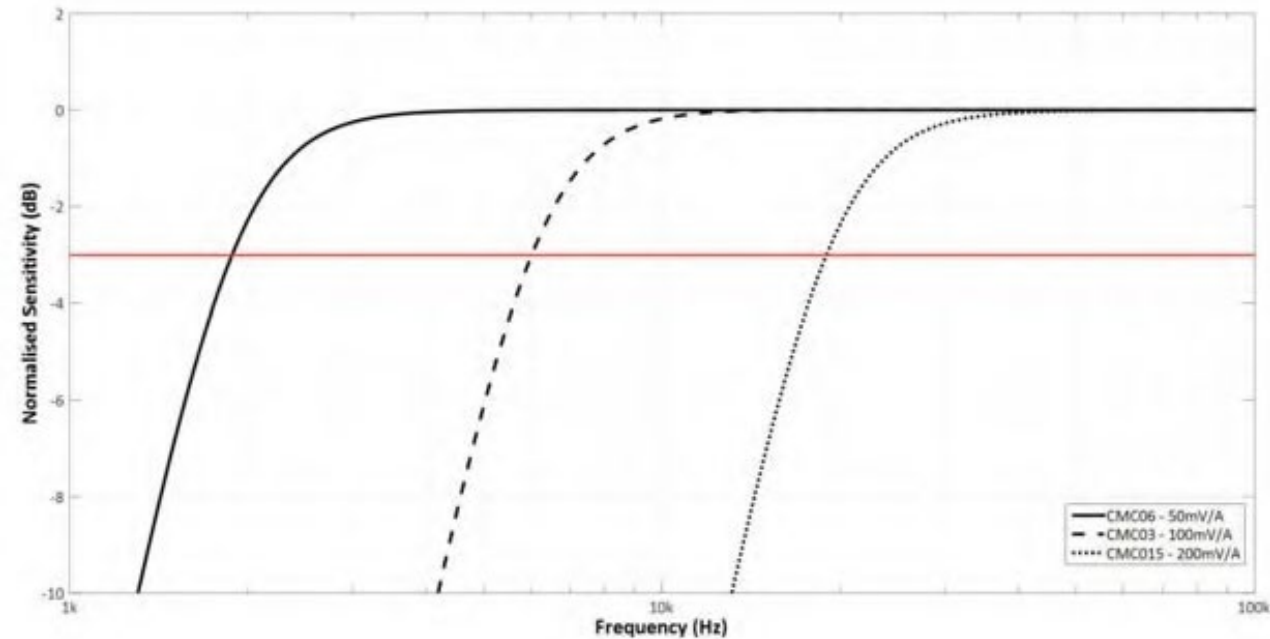
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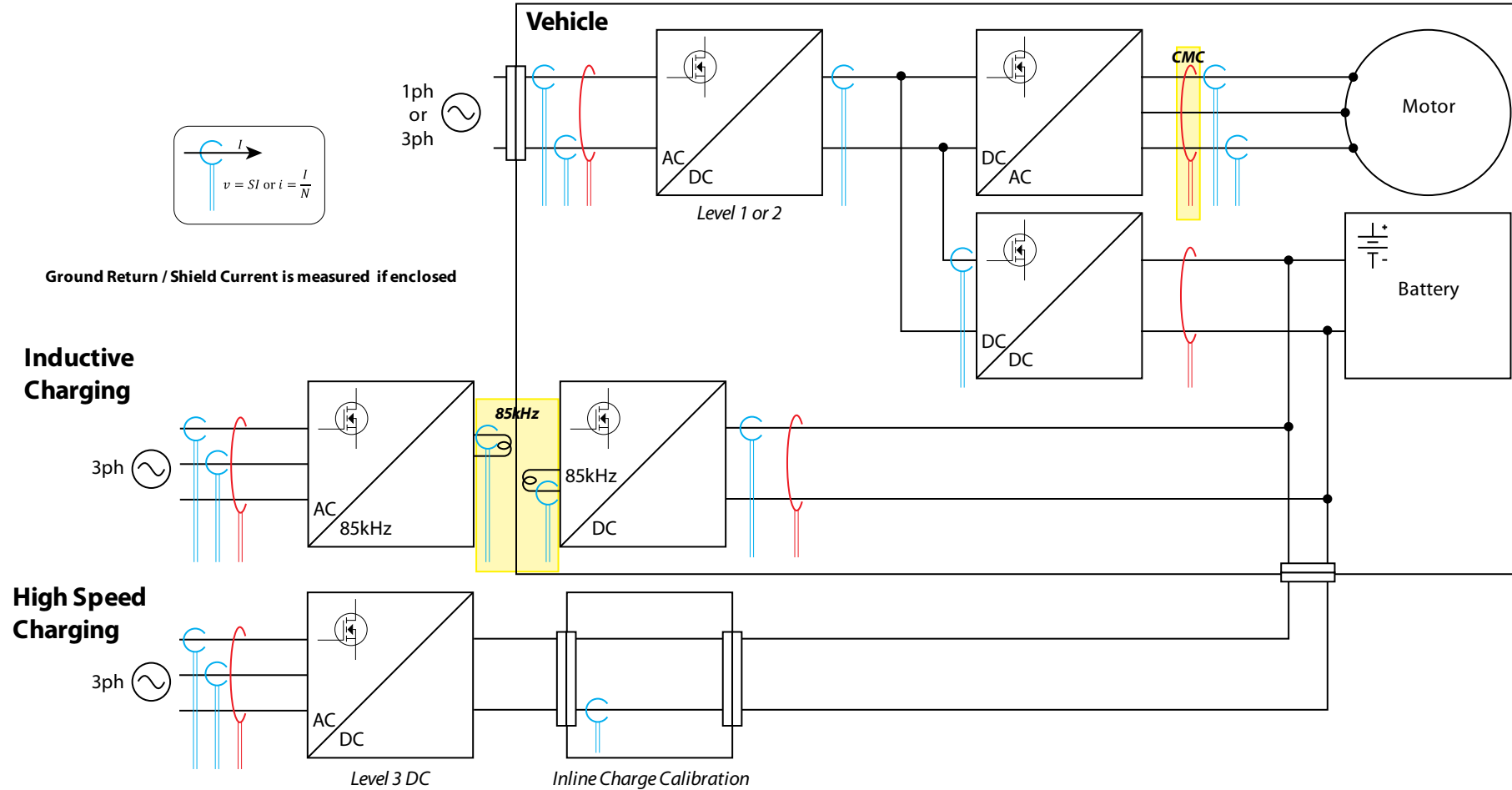
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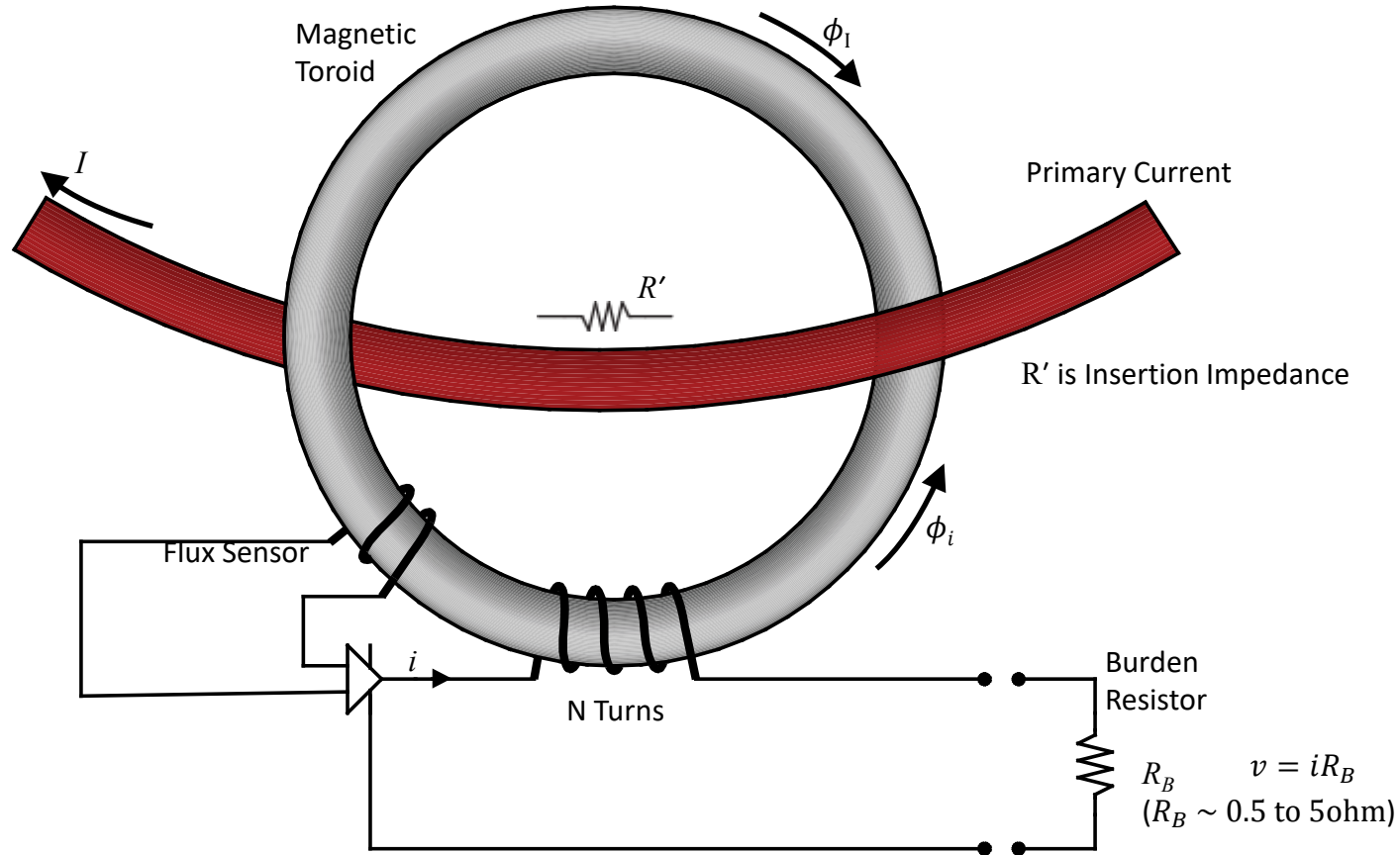


# Danisense Current Transducers

DC-AC Zero Flux, Fluxgate Current Transducers

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# Danisense Zero Flux, Fluxgate Current Transducers



If  $\phi_i = \phi_1$  (zero flux in the magnetic toroid),  
 $Ni = I$  and  $i = I/N$  ( $N \sim 200$  to  $5000$ ).

If there is no power lost in the Current Transducer,  
 $I^2 R' \sim i^2 R_B$ ,  $I^2 R' \sim \frac{I^2}{N^2} R_B$  or  $R' \sim \frac{R_B}{N^2}$

For  $R_B \sim 1\text{ohm}$ ,  $N \sim 1000$ ,  $R' \sim 1\mu\text{ohm}$ .

For  $I \sim 1000\text{A}$ ,  $N \sim 1000$ ,  $Power \sim 1\text{W}$

# Danisense Zero Flux, Fluxgate Current Transducers

## Product Range Overview

Output Type	Product Family	Primary Current (Arms)											
		50	100	200	300	400	500	600	1000	1200	2000	5000	10000
Current	DP	PCB Mount, Programmable, 12.5/25/50Arms											
	DT												
	DS												
	DQ												
	DC												
	DM												
	DL												
	DR												
Voltage	DS												
	DW												
	DM												
	DL												
	DR												



DP series



DS series



DQ series



DT series



DM series



DR series



DW series



DL series



Unpackaged



DC series



DSSIU System Interface

# Danisense Zero Flux, Fluxgate Current Transducers

## Specifications, selected models

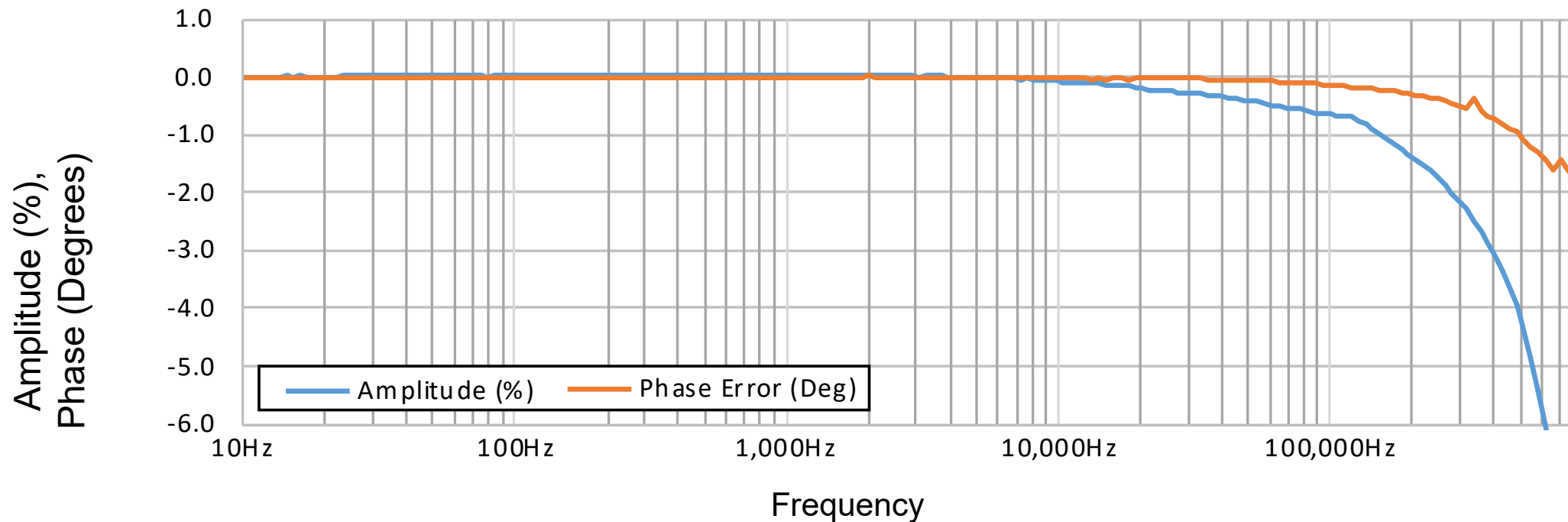
	DS200ID	DS1200ID-CD3000
Current Ratio, N	500	1500
Current Range	±370A	±1500A
Output Signal	2mA/A	0.666mA/A
Zero Offset (equiv. primary)	< ±6mA	< ±18mA
Zero Offset Stability (equiv. primary)	< ±0.06mA/month	< ±0.15mA/month
Offset Change, Magnetic Field (equiv. primary)	< ±3mA/mT <sup>(1)</sup>	< ±3mA/mT <sup>(1)</sup>
Amplitude Error, dc to 5kHz	< ±0.01%	< 0.01% <sup>(2)</sup>
Phase Error, dc to 5kHz	< ±0.1 degree	< ±0.1 degree <sup>(2)</sup>
Calibration Winding	–	3000 turns <sup>(2)</sup> 500mA · 3000t = 1500A · t
Case Type	Al (ES Shield)	Al (ES Shield)
Aperture	27.6mm (~1.1")	45mm (~1.77")

(1) A current of 500A generates a field of 1mT at a radius of 0.1m (~4").

(2) Calibration Winding Option limits AC operation to 1kHz

# Danisense Zero Flux, Fluxgate Current Transducers

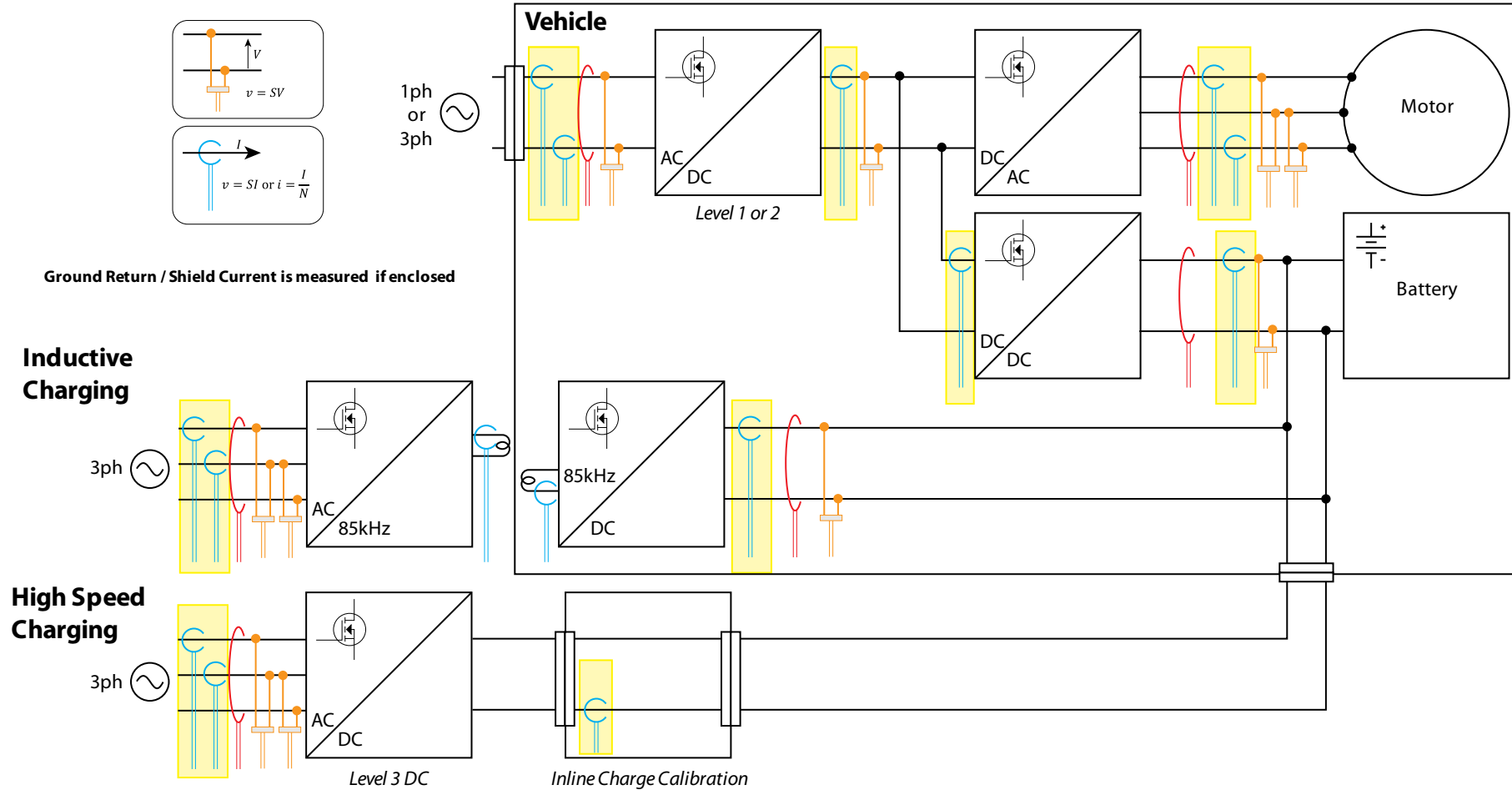
## DS200ID, Amplitude and Phase



- Excellent amplitude and phase response to 10kHz
- No resonant behavior in amplitude or phase response at high frequency



# Current and Voltage Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers – Danisense Current Transducers

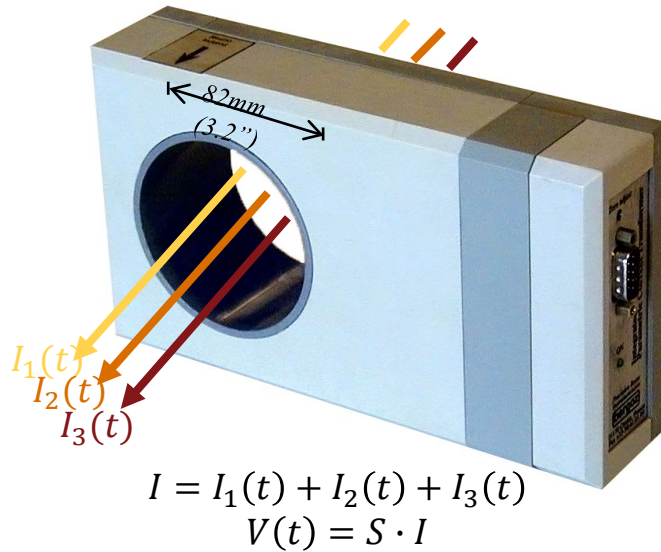


# Bergoz IPCT

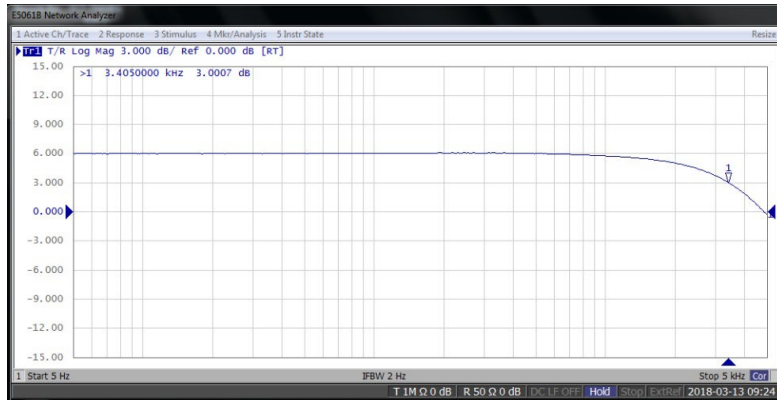
DC-AC High Resolution Current Transducer

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# Bergoz IPCT – DC-AC High Resolution Current Transducer



## IPCT-0100mA-82 Amplitude v. Frequency

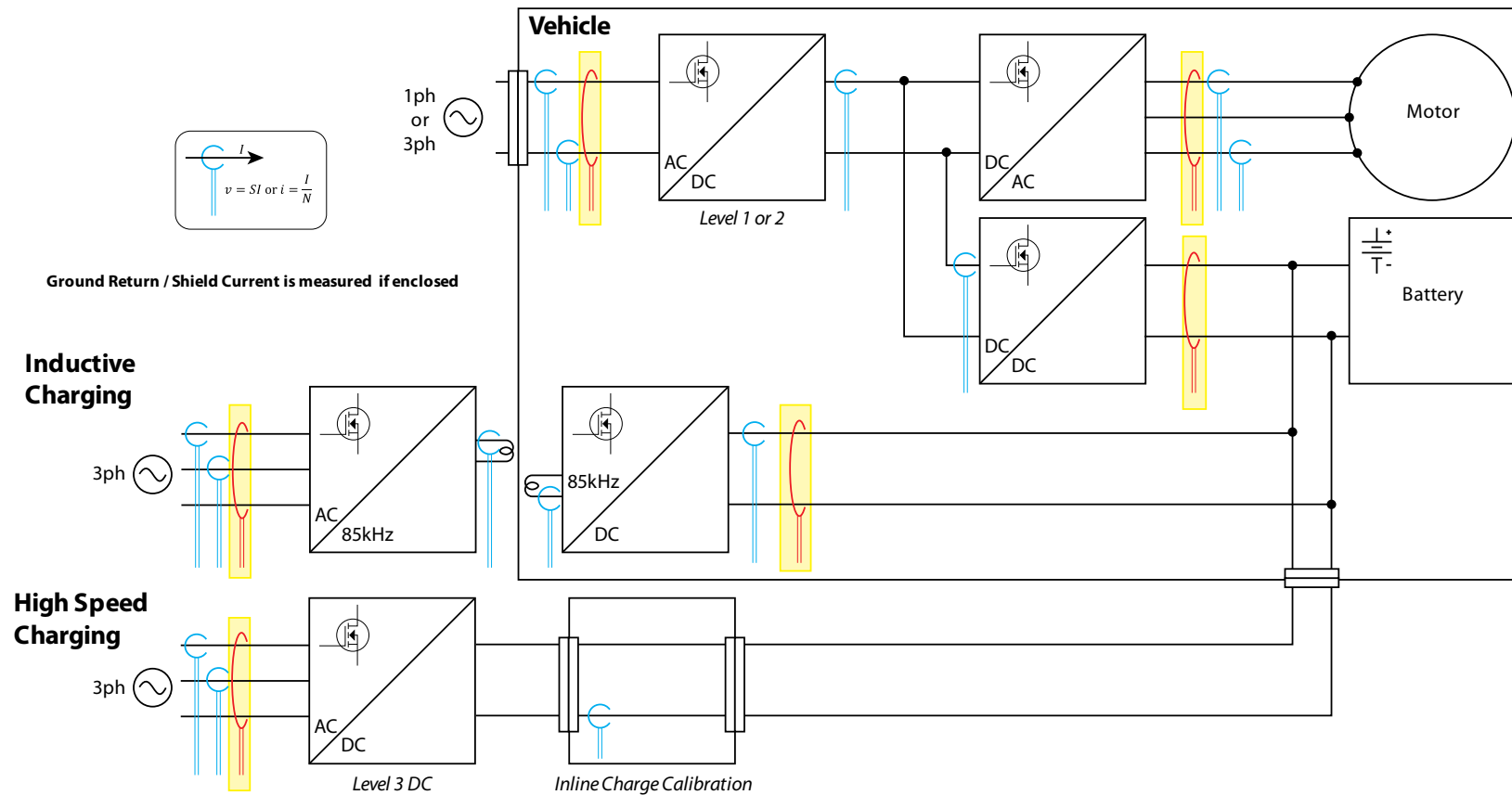


Current Measurement for Electric Vehicle Charger Test

	IPCT	LP-IPCT
Current Range	±1mA to ±20A	±1mA to ±2A
Output Signal, $V(t)$	±10V	±10V
Zero Offset	Adjustable, 20 turn pot.	Adjustable, 20 turn pot.
Frequency Response	DC to 2.5kHz (-3dB)	DC to 1kHz (-3dB)
Noise (equiv. primary)	$1\mu\text{Arms}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ to $50\mu\text{Arms}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	—
Resolution	30μA at ±2A Full-Scale	3μA at ±2A Full-Scale
Recovery after overload (1000x)	< 10ms	< 20ms
Aperture	82mm (3.2")	30mm (1.18")
Mass	0.5kg	0.2kg
Dimensions	200 x 112 x 50mm	105 x 52 x 55mm

(1) A current of 500A generates a field of 1mT at a radius of 0.1m (~4").

# Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers – Bergoz IPCT



# GMW CPC

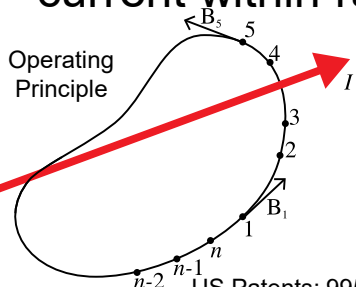
Clip-on DC-AC Coreless Current Probes

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# GMW CPC – Clip-on DC-AC Coreless Current Probes

For System diagnostics and long-term monitoring, Current Probes with no magnetic core.

No hysteresis, no damage from primary current overload with recovery to linear operation within 10  $\mu$ S of primary current within range. The CPC can be used to monitor the “low current” recovery after a high current overload.



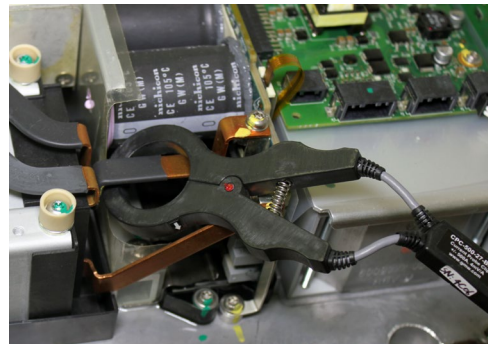
US Patents: 9952257, 10690701  
European Patent: 2972425



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CPCO – Current Probe, Clamp-on  
Probe based on same technology and  
design with larger aperture, in use at an  
electrochemical plant.

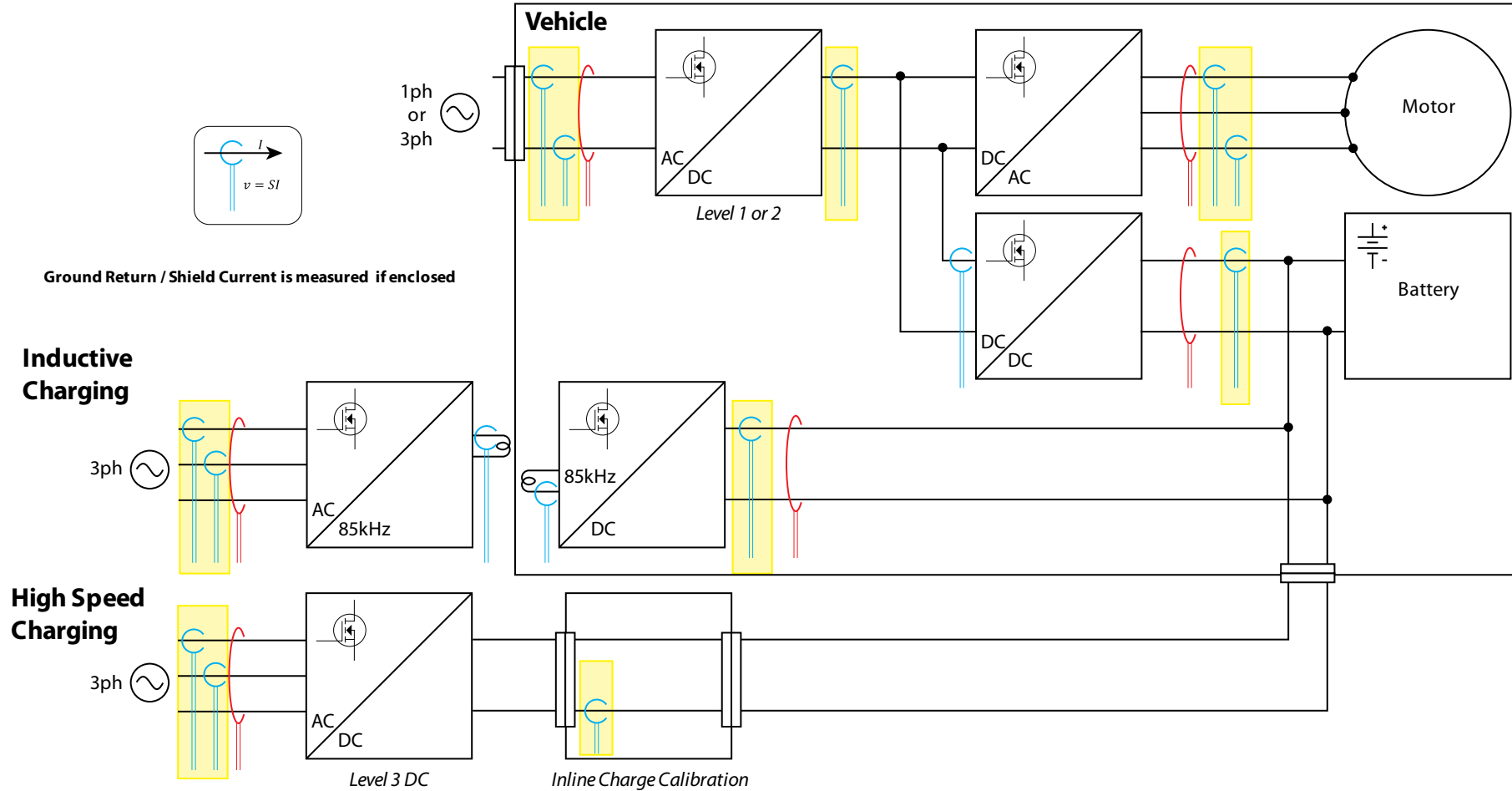


CPC – small size enables installation in  
difficult locations.

Current Sensitivity	8mV/A to 1mV/A
Current Range	$\pm$ 250A to $\pm$ 2000A
Frequency Range	dc to 75kHz (-3dB)
Amplitude Error	$< \pm$ 1%
Output Change, Magnetic Field	$< 0.2\%$ of range for 40mT <sup>(1)</sup>
Response Time	$< 2\mu$ s
Insertion Impedance	$< 1\text{pH}$
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +100°C
Moisture Resistance	Sealed, NEMA 5
Aperture	27mm (1.06")
Mass	$< 30\text{g}$ (1 oz)
Power Supply	3.5V to 5.5V, $< 85\text{mA}$ , USB Port

(1) A current of 10kA generates a field of 40mT at a radius of 0.05m (~2").

# Current Probe Connections in Electric Vehicle Chargers – GMW CPC DC-AC Current Probes





# Senis 3DACMT

Three-Component AC Magnetic Field Transducer

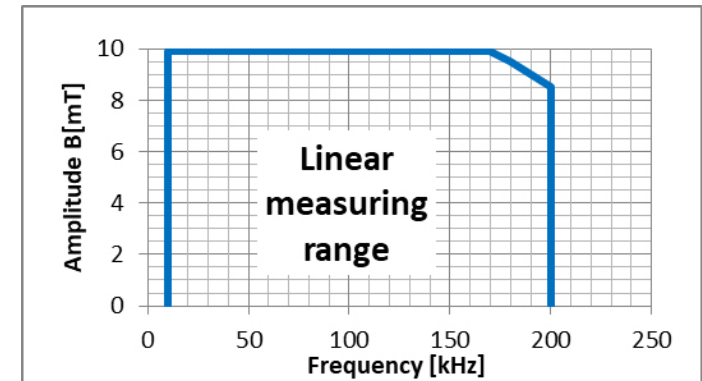
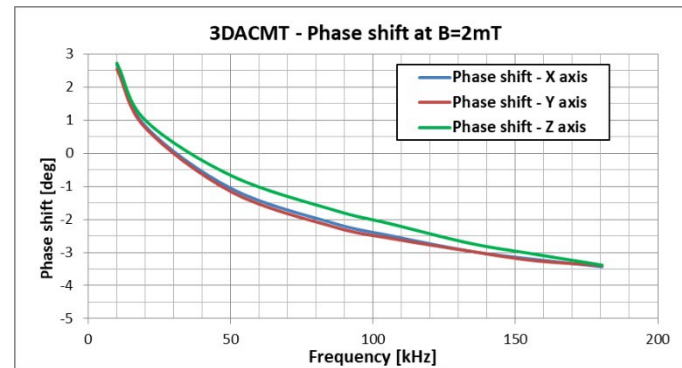
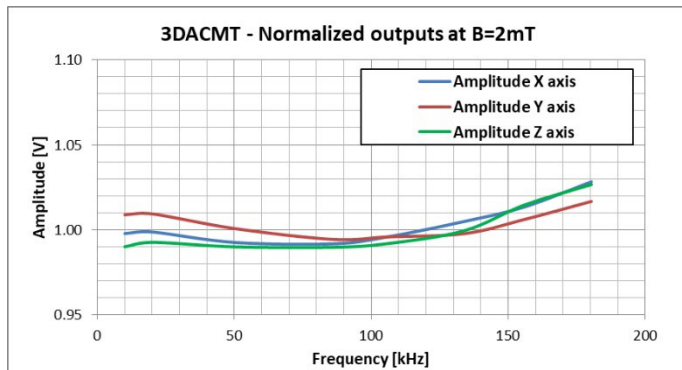
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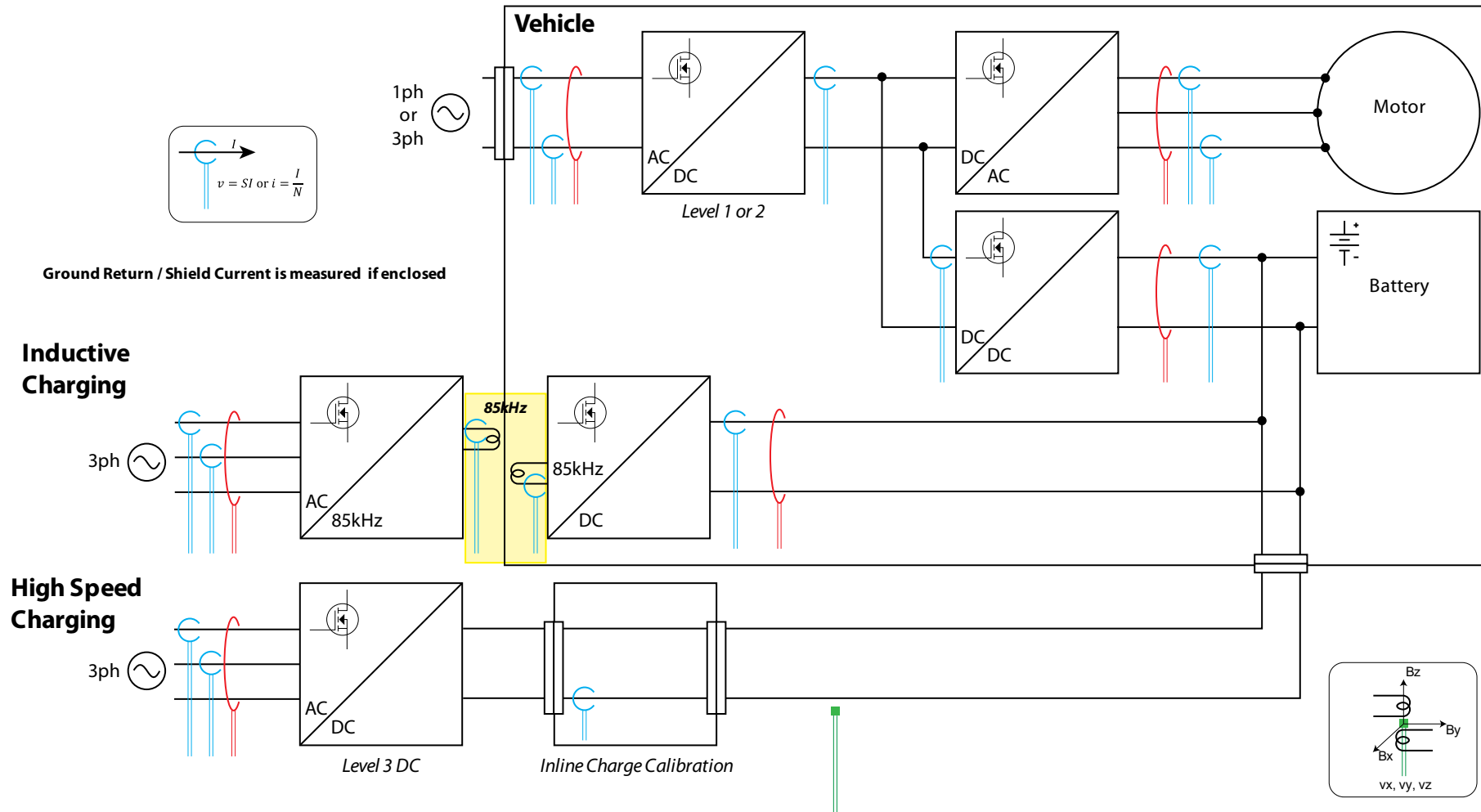
Small size enables field mapping between coils. High resolution for fringe field mapping.



Field Components	$B_x(t), B_y(t), B_z(t)$
Output Signals	$V_x(t), V_y(t), V_z(t)$
Sensitivity, $S_x, S_y, S_z$	500mV/mT
Field Range	$\pm 10$ mT
Field Resolution	$< 1.5$ $\mu$ Trms
Signal Nonlinearity	$< 1\%$ , $f < 100$ kHz
Frequency Range (LF)	10kHz
(HF)	200kHz
Phase Shift	$< 3^\circ$ at 85kHz



# Field Measurement Points in Electric Vehicle Chargers – Senis Magnetic Field Transducer

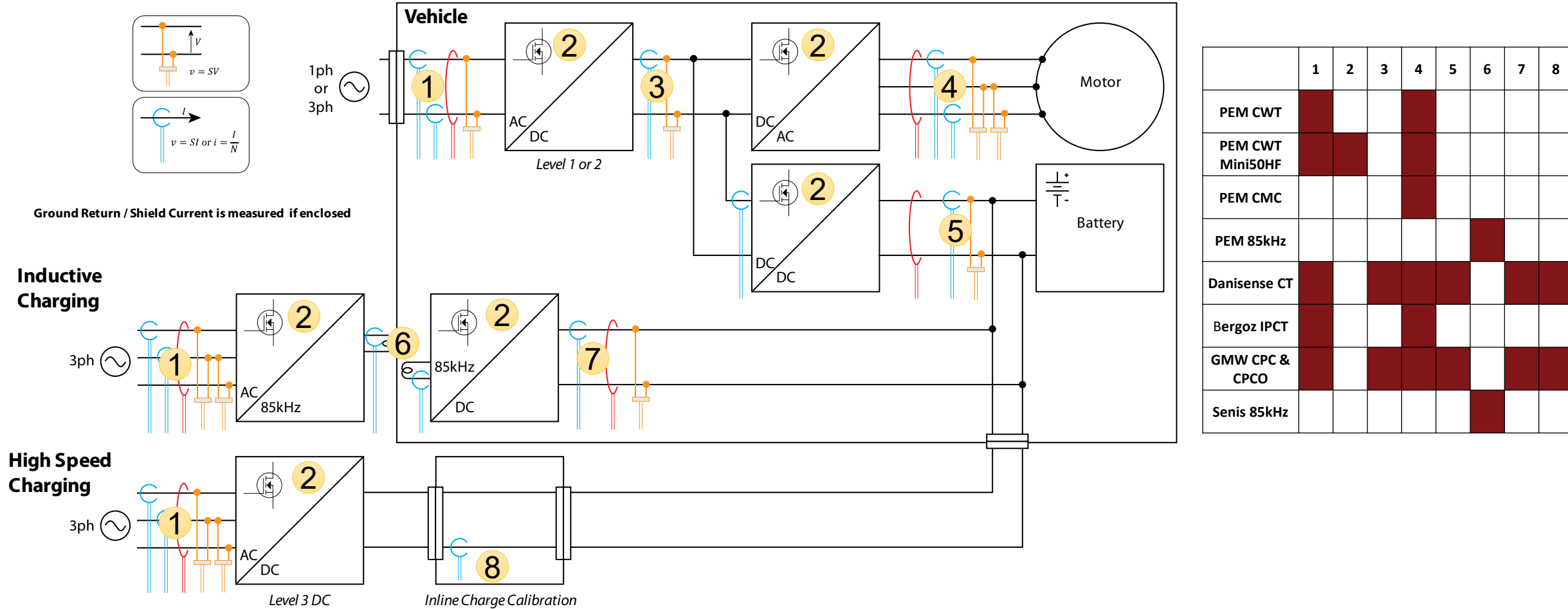


# Measurement Points

Selection Guide

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# Field Measurement Points in Electric Vehicle Chargers – Selection Guide



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