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Shaping the Future of RF Wireless Power Transmission

Cesar Johnston, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Engineering, Energous

The proliferation of handheld devices across our daily lives means we are often tethered via wires to power outlets. New, inductive-based technologies are enabling us to remove wires from the equation and eliminate the frustration of having to periodically plug in our gadgets. But, as wireless charging evolves and customers' requirements increase, a second-generation technology is needed to support multiple device charging, freedom of placement, and most important wireless power delivery at-a- distance from the wireless charger—not just at contact. Cesar Johnston, COO and EVP of Engineering at Energous and a leading authority on wireless power, will share his vision for the future of Wireless Power Transmission and the five big breakthroughs that are enabling this emerging technology to transform the way consumers and industries wirelessly charge and power electronic devices at home, in the office, in the car and beyond.

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W. Bernard Carlson, Vaughan Professor of Humanities, University of Virginia

Along with developing a practical AC motor, Nikola Tesla [1856-1943] contributed to electrical engineering by working for fifteen years on a scheme to transmit power wirelessly around the world. Inspired by the experiments of Heinrich Hertz and spurred on by a rivalry with Guglielmo Marconi, Tesla built two broadcasting stations, first in Colorado Springs [1899-1900] and then at Wardenclyffe on Long Island [1901-1905]. At these locations, Tesla pumped energy into the earth's crust in order to set up a stationary electromagnetic wave at the earth's resonant frequency. Tesla believed that people would tap into this wave for power and messages by simply grounding a receiver that "would be no bigger than a pocket watch." In this talk, I will outline the evolution of Tesla's thinking about wireless power in the 1890s and 1900s as well as his unsuccessful efforts to launch a business around this technology with funding from J.P. Morgan and others. Overall, I will suggest that Tesla was motivated to provide messages and power to millions of people and hence was among the first to recognize that the Information Revolution of the twentieth century would be about empowering individual users.

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With the demonstrations of high power static wireless charging systems, high power dynamic wireless charging is a possibility for future electrified roadways. Dynamic wireless charging feasibility has been studied at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) where it was shown that with higher than 200kW wireless power transfer, less than 10% of each mile could be electrified for charge sustaining operation. The idea is not necessarily charging the electric vehicle batteries to full state of charge but to provide enough energy to the vehicles so that the charge they use during a mile of roadway can be recovered. This potentially opens up opportunities for unlimited range for electric vehicles. A recent update on ORNL's work in this area will be covered in this presentation as well as challenges observed. Possible comparisons to extreme fast charging systems will also be discussed.

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Morris Kesler, Chief Technical Officer, WiTricity

The desire for wireless charging of electric vehicles has been around for at least a decade and is now poised to move onto mainstream electric vehicles (EVs). Interest in EVs and in electric mobility, in general, has never been greater, and automakers and other E-mobility companies are investing heavily in new platform development. Wireless charging technology is ready to make charging these platforms a simple, hassle-free experience and even enable new opportunities for mobility and autonomy. The first standard development activity for EV wireless charging recently (October 2020) culminated with the publication of the SAE J2954 standard for wireless charging of light-duty vehicles. This opens the door for broad deployment, providing a means for creating systems that are interoperable across different manufacturers and vehicle types and makes public wireless charging infrastructure possible. However, a wireless power product involves much more than just power transfer. In this presentation, we will review requirements for a practical EV wireless charging system, explore key system considerations and solutions, and look at where the technology is headed as we move into the age of E-mobility.

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Alex Lidow, CEO and Co-Founder, Efficient Power Conversion

There are hundreds of millions of people who have experienced the first generation of wireless power transfer technology based on inductive coupling and the Qi format. The promise of convenience has only partially been realized as the limitations of precise positioning and slow charging speeds have become more acute as fast charging of cell phones has become more important to the consumer. Magnetic resonance has long promised to overcome the limitations of Qi with its ability to (a) safely transfer much higher power, (b) enable spatial freedom stemming from large surfaces that can produce uniform magnetic fields, and (c) the ability to have one transmitter couple to a multitude of receivers. In this talk we will discuss the technological, financial, and emotional barriers that need to be broached before widespread consumer adoption of this next generation wireless power technology will gain traction.

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Paul Jaffe, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

Language and nomenclature affect the way we think. In recent years, the taxonomy of wireless power has grown to include technologies and modalities across a wide range. Whether it refers to short- range energy

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Addressing the Charging Problem for Every Vehicle Type: Universal Wireless Power

Andrew Daga, CEO and Co-founder, Momentum Dynamics

As the world moves forward toward electrified transportation and logistics, it has become increasingly clear that charging infrastructure is critical to the rate of adoption, and even the rate of production of electric vehicles. We recognize that not all-electric vehicles are passenger cars – in fact, they necessarily include every type of vehicle – including all classes of trucks, buses, industrial equipment, logistics handling, and even rail and marine vehicles. Each of these use cases has a set of technical, operational, and economic requirements. The common challenges in the deployment and operation of EV charging infrastructure that can meet the needs of all of these types of vehicles are: maximizing utilization of the vehicles and charging equipment; minimizing the capital expense of the infrastructure and determining who will bear it; minimizing overall operating expense (including charging costs) and simplifying operations; operating within spatially constrained areas; minimizing changes to efficient operations; and determining how operators of charging equipment can build sustainable, profitable economic models. To date, these challenges have not been adequately addressed by manually operated conductive (or plug-in) charging. The presentation will provide a status update on the commercialization of automatically operated inductive charging, and how inductive charging has proven its capacity to solve each of these problems. The case for a common automatic charging system composed of inductive charging modules that can be scaled to any type of vehicle and any power level will be made.

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Safety of RF Wireless Power Transfer Technology

James Lin, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois at Chicago

Wireless power transfer (WPT) systems are being deployed to provide needed electric power either directly or via battery-charging services using a very wide spectrum. The optimism on WPT technology is clearly driven by the ubiquity of cell phones, laptops, and other mobile communication devices. Aside from not having to plug in the mobile phone or laptop, an fascinating cause for the interest in battery charging through WPT comes from the potential for mobile communication devices to get their electrical power the same way they get their data through harvesting ambient electromagnetic radiation. The dream is a truly wireless mobility scenario with completely tether-free electric power supply for mobile phones, laptops, electric appliances, and various transportation systems. Beyond wireless communication uses, the level of transmitted electromagnetic power required for large-scale or commercial implementation of WPT would be substantial. A key facet of the system design and research effort should include consideration of biological effects and human safety, especially in the RF region of the electromagnetic spectrum. This talk will feature my perspectives

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Worldwide Standardization of Wireless Power Transfer for EVs, SAE J2954

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Electric and Plug-in Electric vehicles are just beginning to be commercialized in large scale production which are charged through conductive charging with multiple plug types. There are numerous advantages which wireless power transfer (WPT) offers, effectively charging without cables, related to improved customer acceptance of the charging and automatic charging of autonomous electric vehicles. In order to establish a worldwide standard, to ensure a smooth implementation of the WPT to 11kW related to safety, performance, interoperability vehicle alignment SAE published the J2954 standard. The standard establishes a specification for the vehicle & infrastructure EVSE coils, EMC/EMF limits and a common methodology for validation and testing WPT. An overview of the newly published Standard, SAE J2954 will be given including some background for the testing with automaker and supplier systems to validate. In addition, plans for the next phase of standardization for both light and heavy-duty electric vehicles will be given.

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