

THE DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF AN ON-SITE HIGH CURRENT MEASURING SYSTEM BASED ON ROGOWSKI COIL

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Measurement system design and presentation

- Measurement system based on Rogowski coil uses electro-optical transfer of the measured signal;
- The HV current sensor is based on patented multi-winding technique of Rogowski coil; the sensing coil consists of two wire groups wound in opposite direction on the same supporting core;
- Rogowski coil is characterized for currents up to 10 kA at frequency 50 Hz;
- Figure 1 describes the structure of complete sensor cable with sensor coil and electrical shielding coil;
- Figure 2 represents a commercial available Rogowski coil produced by Applied Precision Ltd.

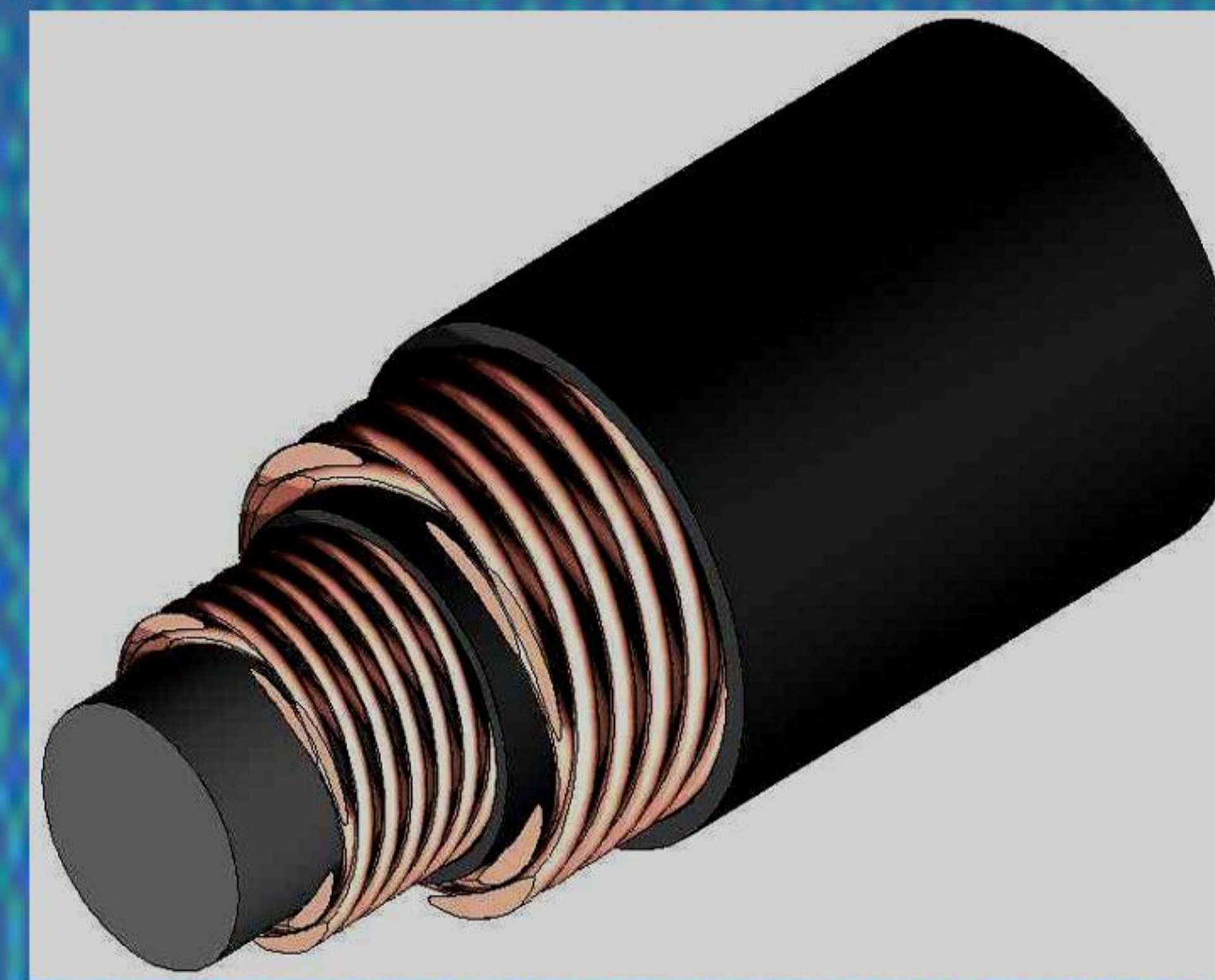


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Rogowski coil calibration on winding toroidal

- The measurement of linearity was performed in the range of current (1 –10) kA at frequency 50 Hz;
- A power source type 8120B and a standard of power and energy meter type RS2310E (products of Applied Precision Ltd), which are shown in figure 3, are used for a calibration of the Rogowski coil;
- High current for calibration of the Rogowski coil is generated in the toroidal arrangement;
- The air core toroid coil generates homogeneous circular magnetic field simulating the field of ideal infinite wire;
- Linearity characterization (ratio error) of the measurement system with the Rogowski coil is presented in figure 4.



Fig. 3

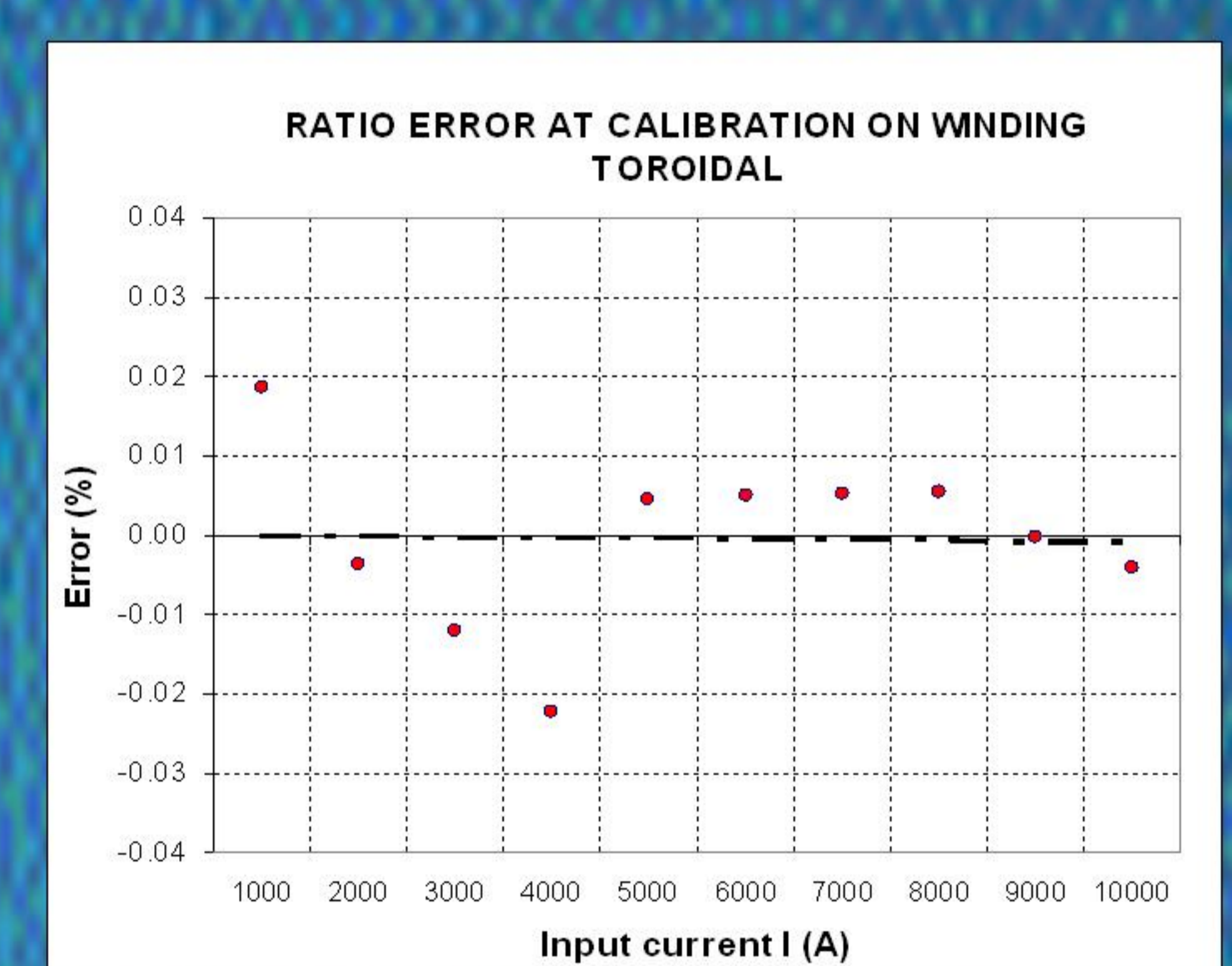


Fig. 4

Rogowski coil calibration on busbar

- The measurement of linearity was performed in the range of current (1 –10) kA at frequency 50 Hz;
- A high current source, a standard current transformer and a standard of power and energy meter type RS2310E, which are shown in figure 5, are used for a calibration of the Rogowski coil;
- High current for calibration of the Rogowski coil is generated in a linear busbar by a high current source;
- Rogowski coil accuracy is calibrated with the busbar centered in the coil window;
- Linearity characterization (ratio error) of the measurement system with the Rogowski coil is presented in figure 6.

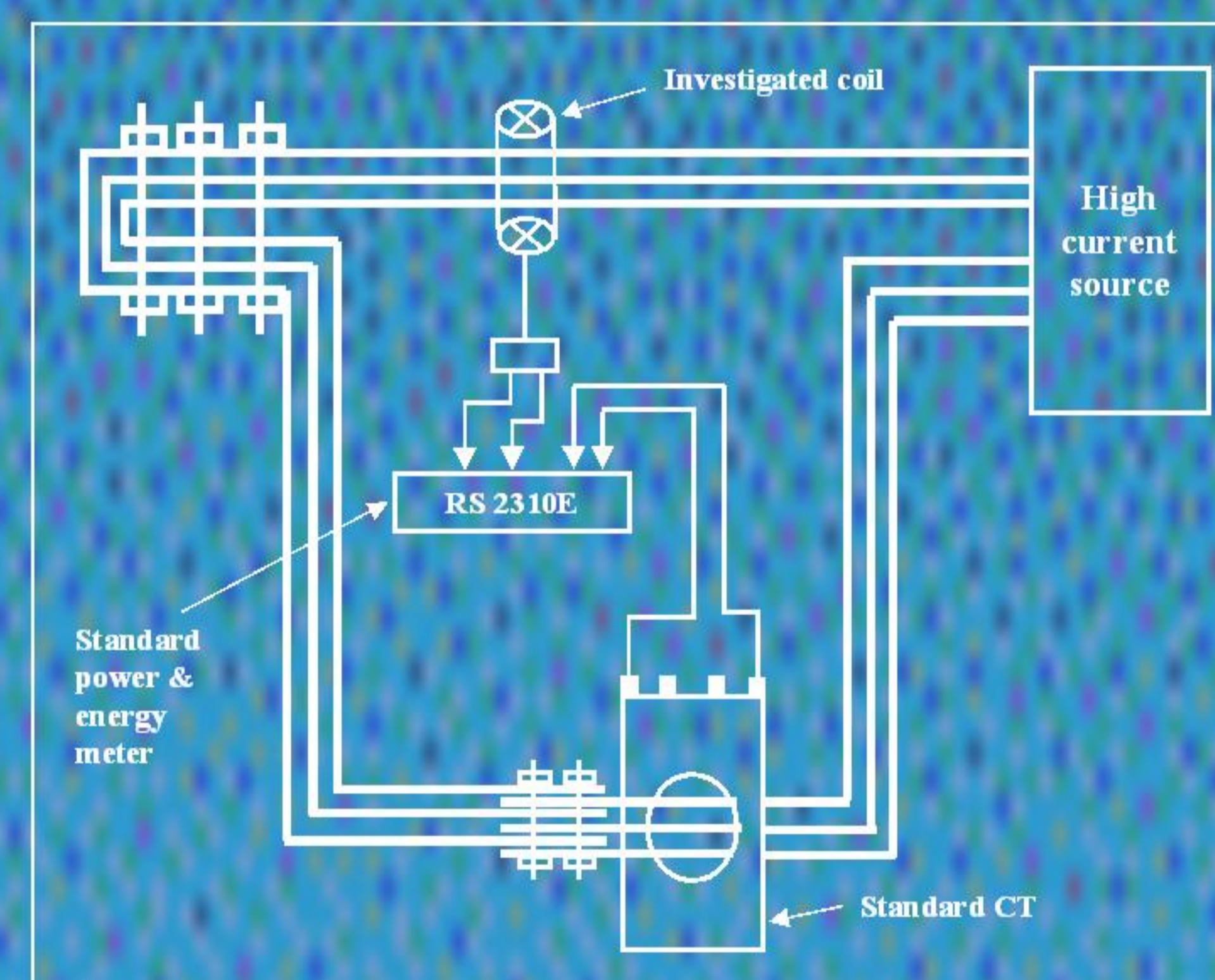


Fig. 5

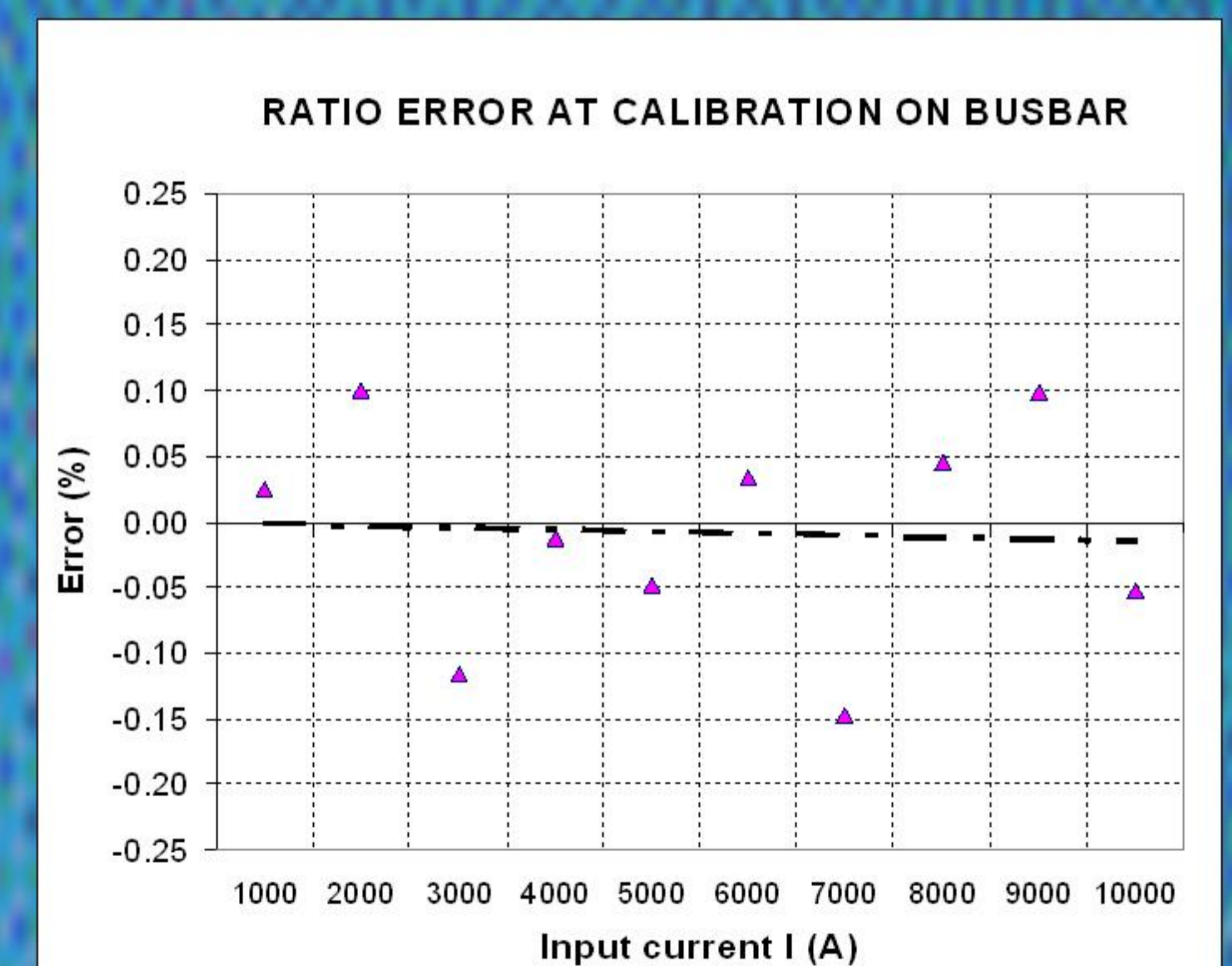


Fig. 6

Influence of a position of the coil on busbar

- In practice a Rogowski coil hangs on the busbar, as presented in figure 7, which introduces measurement errors;
- The position of the busbar in relation to the Rogowski coil connector effects the overall accuracy of the coil readings;
- A Rogowski coil accuracy was studied when the coil's connector was placed around a busbar;
- The error is greatest when the coil connector is on the busbar;
- In figure 8 is presented the errors chart due to position of coil connector on the busbar at different currents.

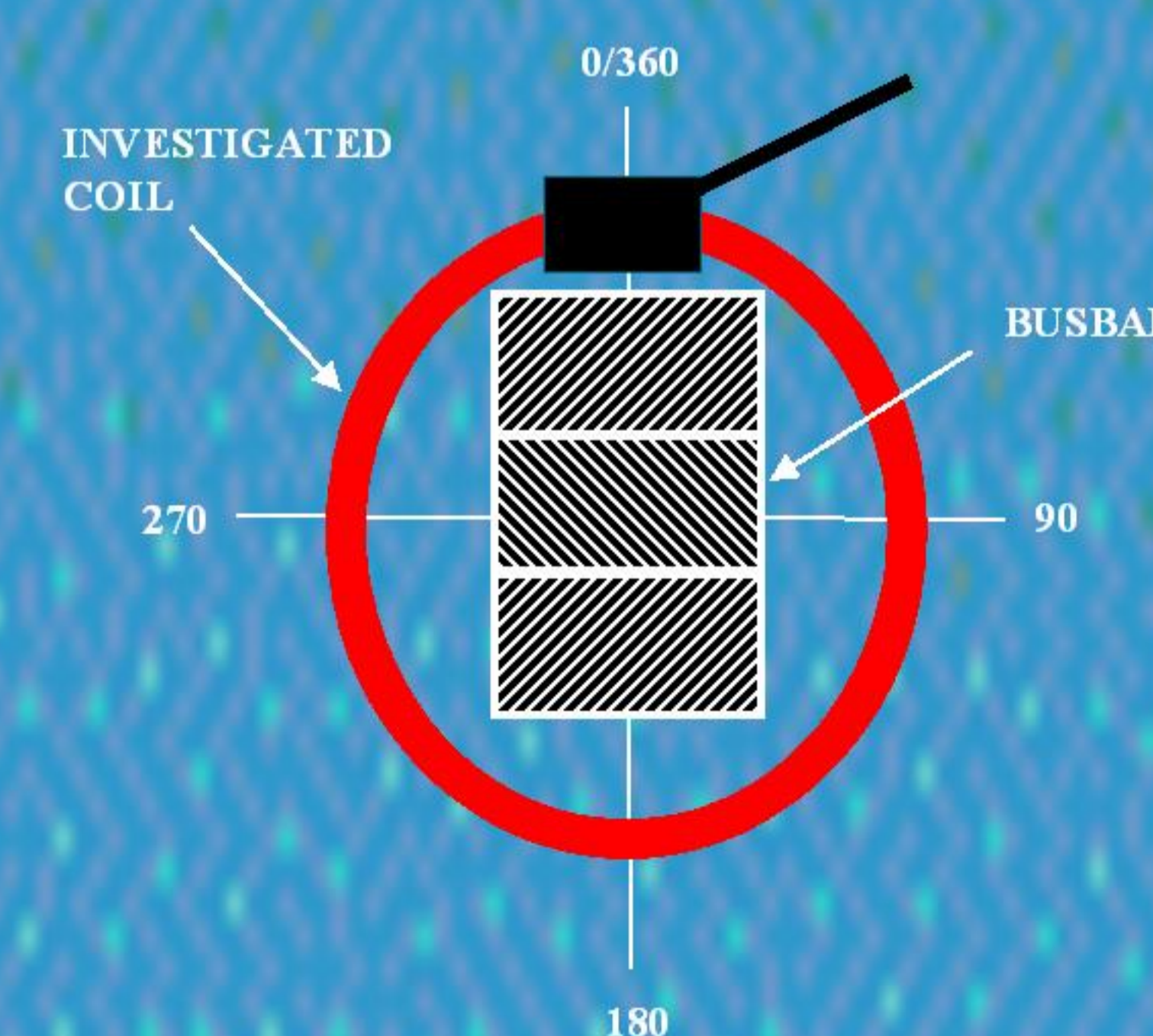


Fig. 7

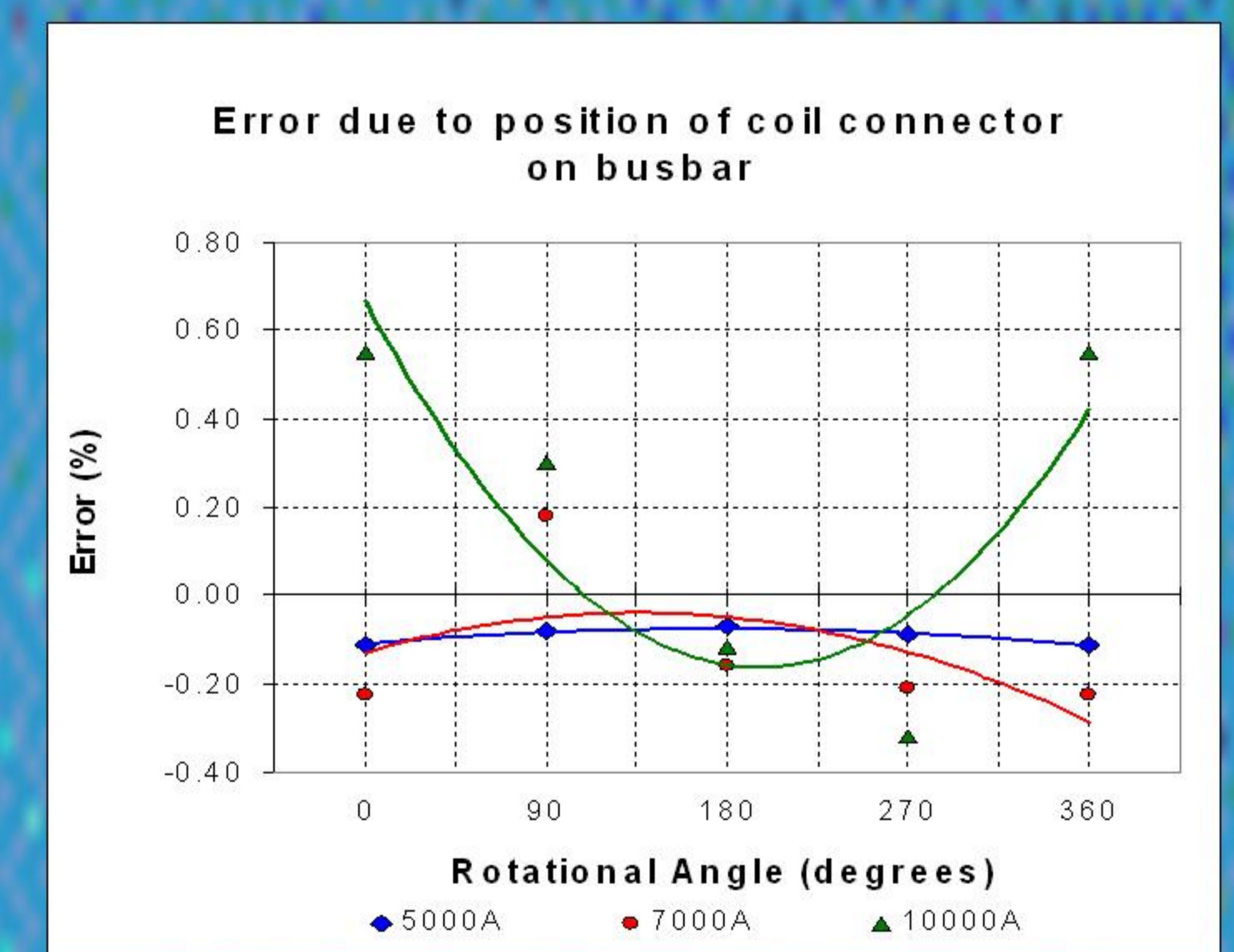


Fig. 8

Conclusions

- The high current measurement system for on-site application using Rogowski coil was designed, manufactured and calibrated;
- The Rogowski coil designed and manufactured by Applied Precision Ltd is suitable for on-site precision measurements;
- The galvanic separation of the Rogowski coil and the output unit was achieved using the optical fibers for data and power transfer;
- The system was characterized within the current range (1 – 10) kA by measurement of linearity for ratio error and phase error.