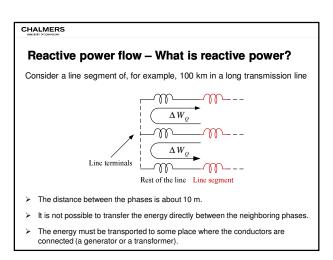


CHALMERS Reactive power flow — What is reactive power? Consider an alternating current I_{line} flowing in a line > The current causes a magnetic field around the conductor > The field strength is highest close to the conductor surface > The field energy density is proportional to the square of the field strength > The field is built up and eleminated with the double of the network frequency in each phase



Reactive power flow — What is reactive power? How much energy is involved? Consider a line segment of 100 km and a current of 1 kA (rms value); the energy at the current peak is $W_Q = \frac{1}{2} L f_{line}^2 = \frac{1}{2} 0.1 (1000 \sqrt{2})^2 = 100 kJ$ It is the same energy needed to lift a 1500 kg car up to 7 meters. This is done each 10 ms, in each phase.

