

# Iterative Schemes for Coupled Multiphysical Problems in Electrical Engineering

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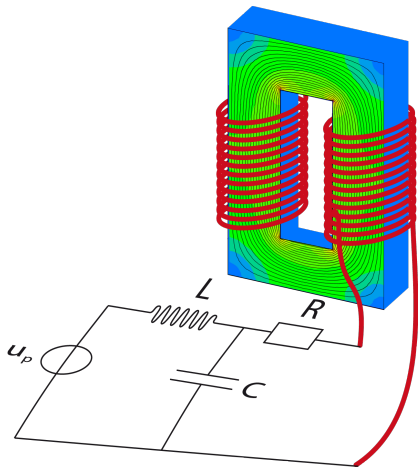


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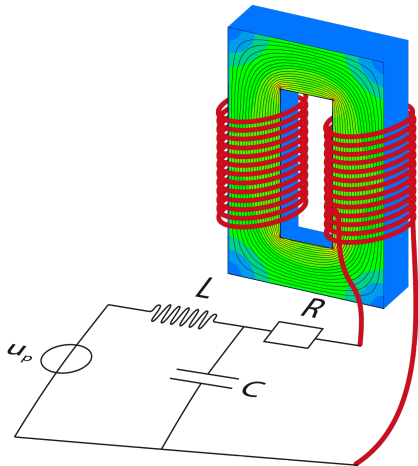
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# Motivation: Coupling

## ■ multiphysics: 'EM + X'

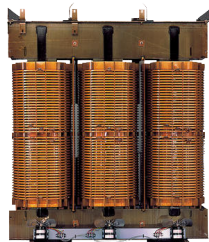
- electromagnetics
- solid-body motion
- thermodynamics
- fluid dynamics

## ■ multiscale modeling: 'EM + EM'

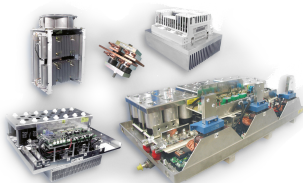
- effects on multiple scales (m to nm)
- elevated frequencies in some devices
- focus is on particular device or domain

## ■ hybrid formulations

- formulation (e.g. variables)
- discretization (e.g. FEM & FDM)
- models (e.g. network vs. spatially resolved)



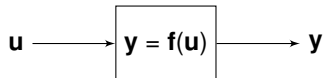
VPI dry type transformer, ABB



smart grid power semiconductors, Infineon

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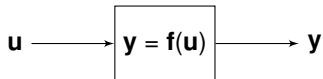
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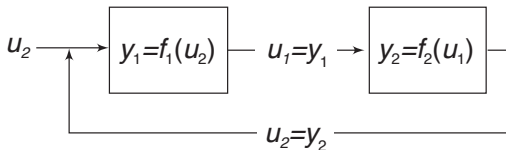
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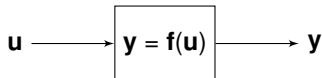
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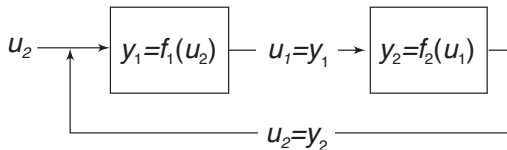
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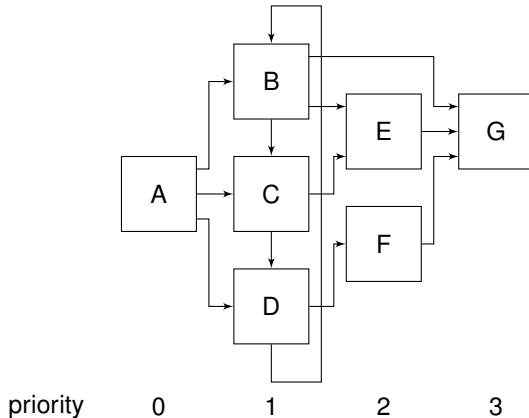
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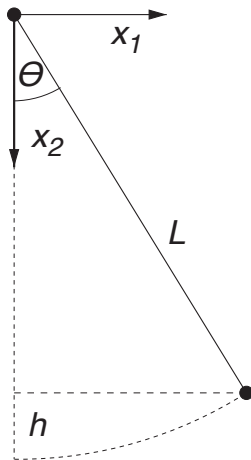
$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$



J. Bastian, C. Clauß, S. Wolf, and P. Schneider. Master for co-simulation using FMI. In C. Clauß, editor, *Proceedings of the 8th International Modelica Conference*, Dresden, Germany, 2011.



## Example: Pendulum as one Block



Each pendulum as Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L} \cdot \sin(\theta) + \dots$$

with coordinates

$$x_1 = L \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$x_2 = L \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

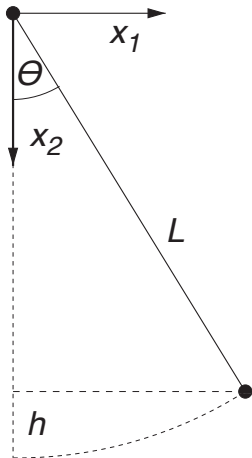
more general: Differential-Algebraic Equations (DAEs)

$$m \cdot \ddot{x}_1 + 2\lambda \cdot x_1 = \dots,$$

$$m \cdot \ddot{x}_2 + 2\lambda \cdot x_2 = \dots,$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = L^2$$

# Example: Cartesian Pendulum in Modelica



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model PendulumIndexXX "PendulumIndexXX.mo"

emph/*emph emphConstantsemph emphandemph emphParametersemph emph*/
constant Modelica.SIunits.Acceleration g=9.81;
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Length l(min=0)=1;
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Mass m=1;

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Modelica.SIunits.Position x1(start=0) ;
Modelica.SIunits.Position x2(start=-1) ;
Modelica.SIunits.Velocity v(start=1) ;
Modelica.SIunits.Velocity w(start=0) ;
Modelica.SIunits.Length lambda(start=(m*(1+l*g))/(2*1*l));

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output Modelica.Blocks.Interfaces.RealOutput xValue;
output Modelica.Blocks.Interfaces.RealOutput yValue;

equation

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der(x1) = v;
der(x2) = w;
m * der(v) = -2 * x1 * lambda;
m * der(w) = -m * g - 2 * x2 * lambda;
xValue = x1;
yValue = x2;
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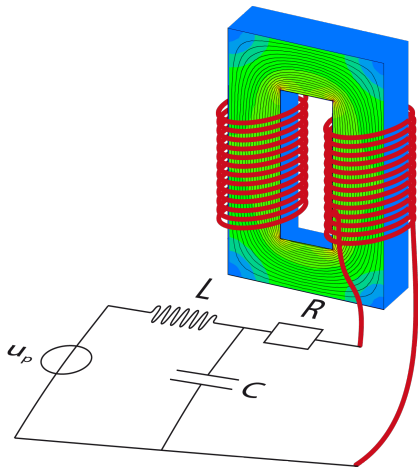
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- high index problems are **difficult to solve** because errors are amplified (integration and differentiation).

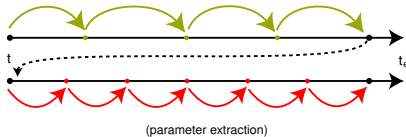
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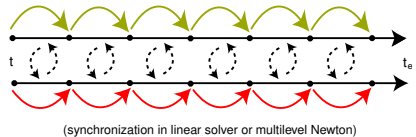


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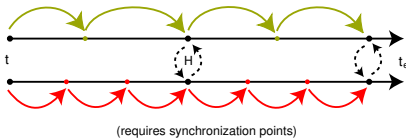
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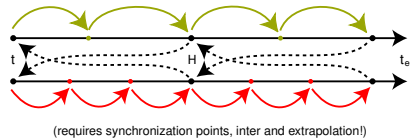
## Strong Coupling



## Weak Coupling

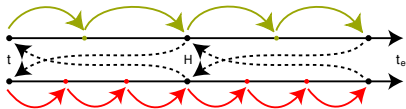


## Dynamic iteration / waveform relaxation



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(requires synchronization points, inter and extrapolation!)

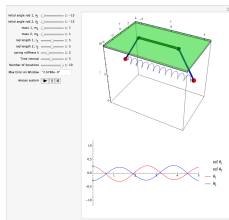


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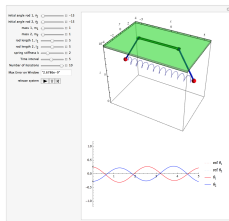
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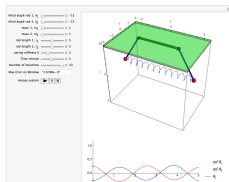
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## Convergence

Super-linear convergence for ODEs (bounded right-hand-sides  $f$ ).

# Waveform Relaxation: Playing with the loops

possible application to CUDI (Arjan Verweij's talk):

- Loop for parametric sweep
  - Iterate with different  $h_{\text{ext}}$  to calculate the Minimum Quench Energy
    - Loop through all time steps
      - ~~Iterate until the time step is small enough~~
      - Iterate until the electrical module has converged
        - Iterate until the thermal module has converged
      - Loop over all the bands of the cable
        - Loop over all the strand sections of a band
          - Iterate until the temperatures of the section and the adjacent helium have converged

**each problem gets  
it's own time step**

**move time  
Loop here**

**decouple**



## Index-1 systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}}_i = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}), \quad 0 = \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \quad \text{with} \quad \det \partial_{\mathbf{z}_i} \mathbf{g}_i \neq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

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## Theorem (Contraction)

The iteration converges if the coupling between old and new algebraic variables is

weak:  $\alpha = \left\| \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(k+1)}} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(k)}} \right\| < 1$  because „convergence rate“ = „spectral radius“  $r < 1$



The splitting error on the  $i$ -th time window is

$$\delta_{\mathbf{y},i}^k = \mathcal{O}(H^{pk})$$

where  $p$  is:

- (a) for a coupled system of 2 DAEs with only differential coupling  $p = 2$ ,
- (b) for a DAE with no algebraic-to-algebraic coupling  $p = 1$ ,
- (c) for a general DAE  $p = 0$ .

Thus the *optimal order* for the numerical time integration is:

$$q \geq p \cdot k.$$

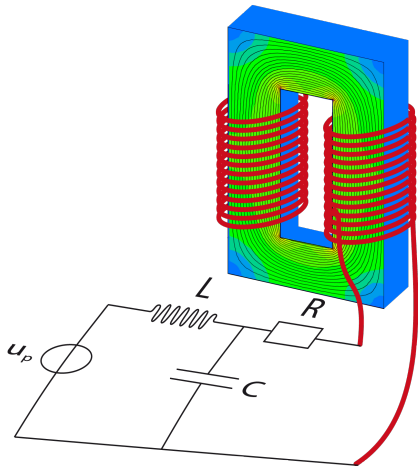
with the total error (splitting + time discretization)

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}\| = \mathcal{O}(H^{pk}) + \mathcal{O}(m \cdot h^q) = \mathcal{O}(H^{pk}).$$

where  $m < \infty$  is the number of (local) time steps.

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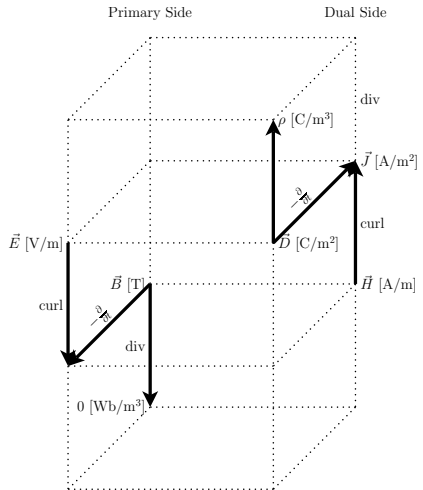
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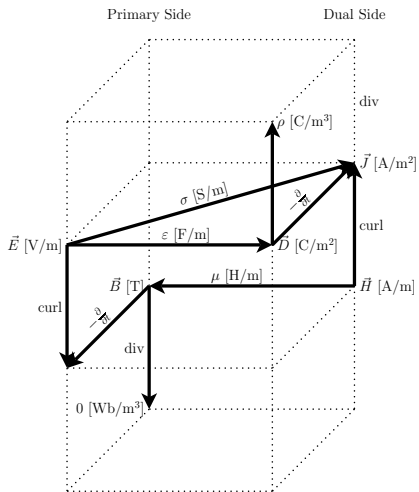
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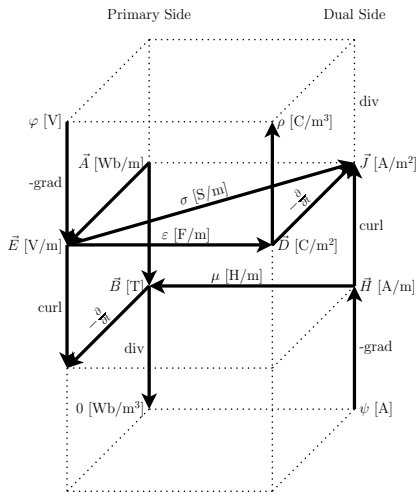
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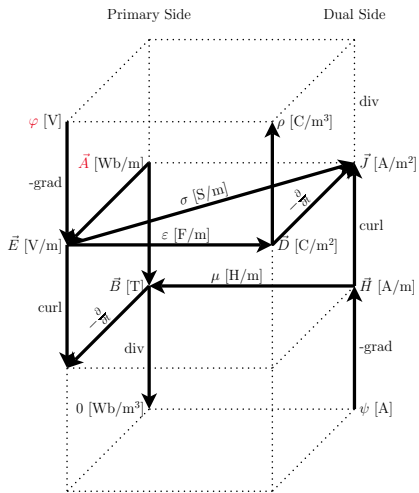
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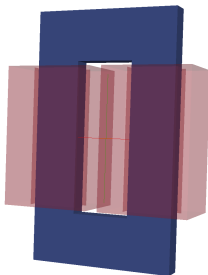
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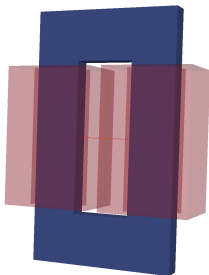


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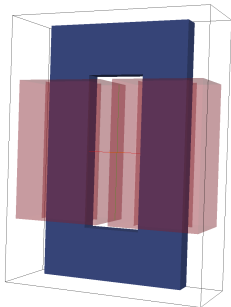
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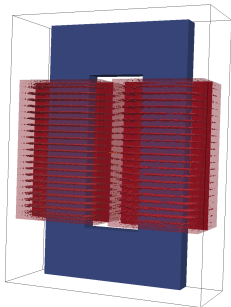


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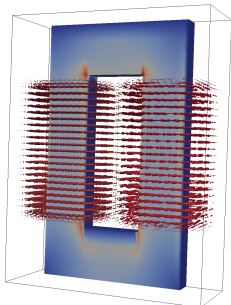


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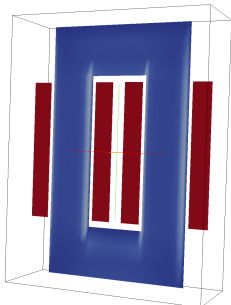
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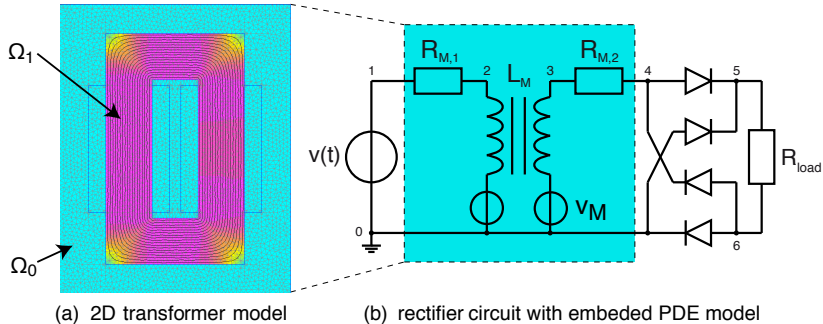
- reformulate Maxwell in terms of **magnetic vector potential  $\mathbf{A}$**  with  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$
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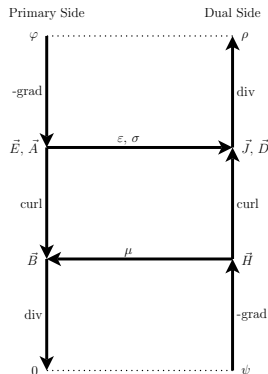
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Introduction to electric circuits from differential forms perspective



P. Bamberg and S. Sternberg, *A course in mathematics for students of physics, Volume 2.*

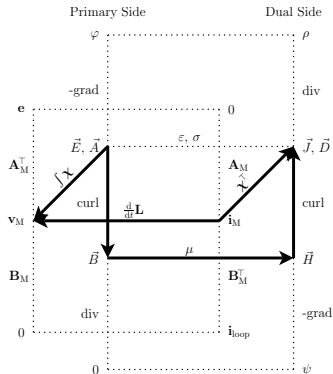
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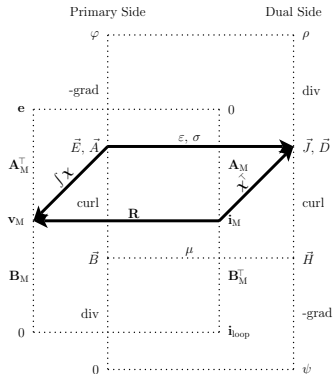
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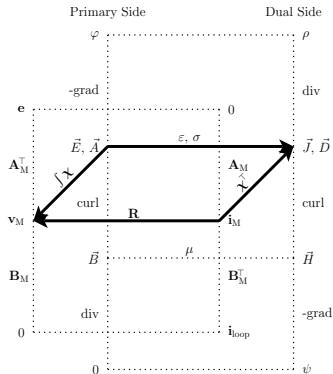
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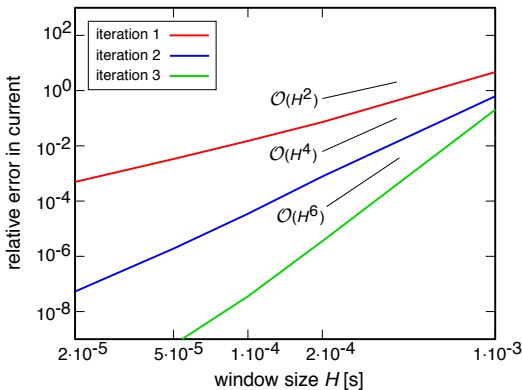
$$\mathbf{v}_M(u_1) := \int_{\Omega_0} \chi (\nabla \cdot \nu_0 \nabla)^{-1} (-\sigma^{-1} \nabla \cdot (\nu_1 (|\nabla u_1|) \nabla u_1)) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$



# Numerical Example – Rectifier

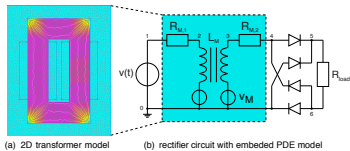
Global Convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}(H^2)$  can be achieved:

[Bartel, Brunk, Günther, S., 2013]



reference: monolithic solution with very high accuracy (RADAU5)

## Example:

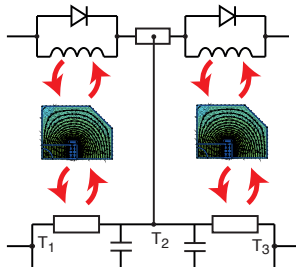


## Parameter:

- window size  $H$
- sweeps ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ )
- time integrator RADAU5
- interpolation: splines

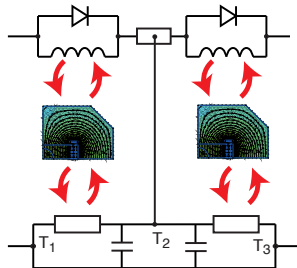
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## Final question

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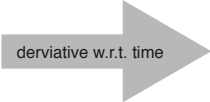
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ODE / DAE index 0

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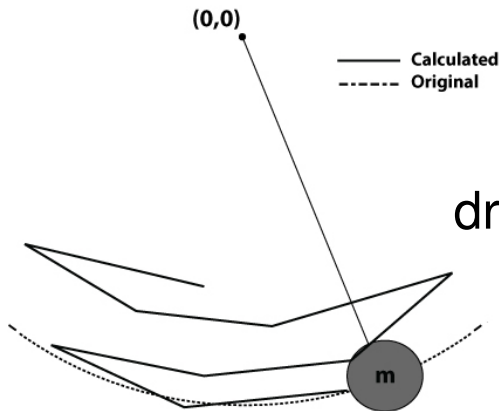
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derivative w.r.t. time

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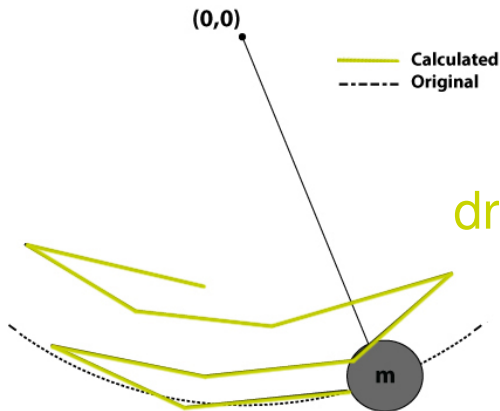
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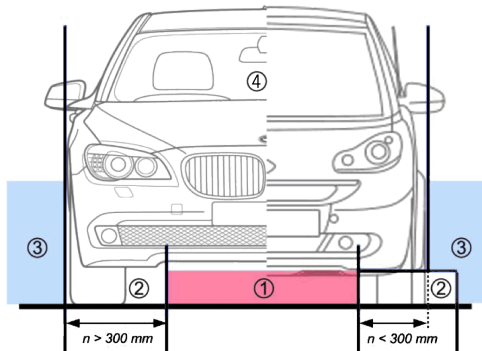


P. Alotto, F. Freschi, M. Repetto. *Multiphysics Problems via the Cell Method: The Role of Tonti Diagrams*, 2010.

# Motivation: Inductive Charging of Electric Cars

ICNIRP based recommendation

[Kaufmann et al. (with KOSTAL), 2014]



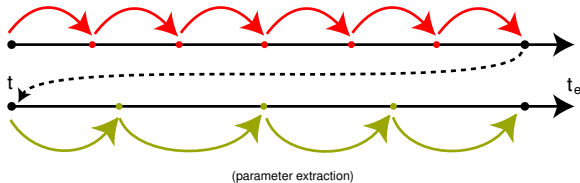
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Public area:  $|\mathbf{B}| \leq 6.25 \mu\text{T}$

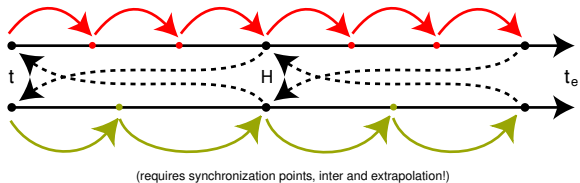
Functional area: test object must not heat up above  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .

# Coupling in time domain (2 systems)

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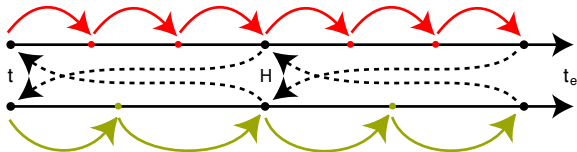


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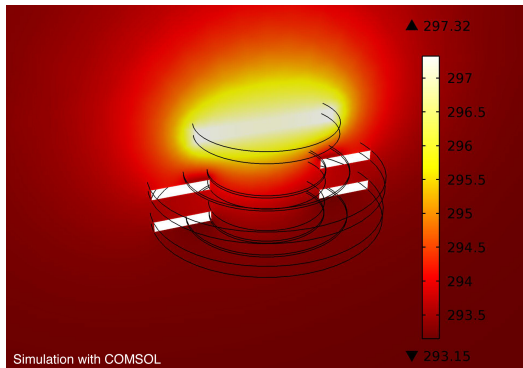
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(requires synchronization points, inter and extrapolation!)

# Numerical Example with Comsol



simulation time (20 min):

- frequency-transient model: 7 s
- purely transient model: ca. 2 years

time steps (for 20 min):

- frequency-transient model: 17
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- without window iteration:  $290^\circ\text{C}$ , i.e.,  $\leq 3\%$  error.
- when using implicit Euler: one iteration is sufficient for  $\mathcal{O}(H)$