

Time-parallel solution of the eddy current problem



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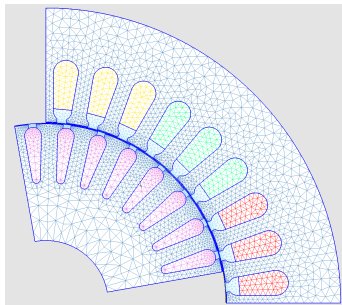


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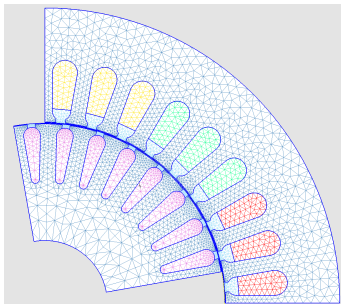


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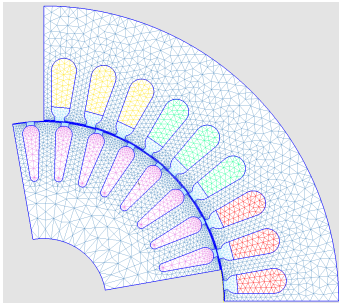
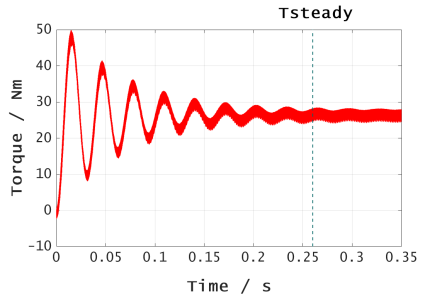


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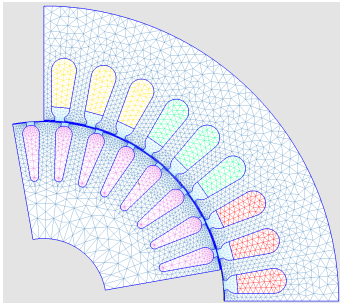
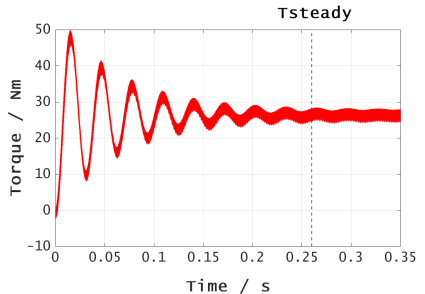


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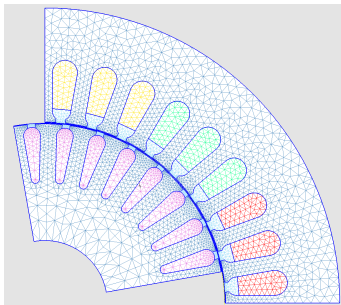
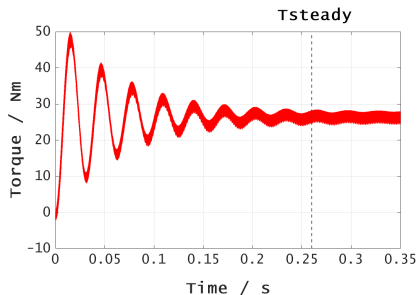


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- Many time steps \implies time-consuming computation!

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Fundamentals of electromagnetism: **Maxwell's equations.**

Assumptions:

- Quasi-static regime: $|\mathbf{J}| \gg \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right|$;
- Neglect hysteresis.

The eddy current equation:

$$\sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu(|\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}|) \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{J}_s,$$

A – unknown magnetic vector potential;

J_s – impressed current density;

σ, ν – electric conductivity and magnetic reluctivity.

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- $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}}$ – mass and stiffness matrices;
- $\mathbf{g}(t)$ – excitation (e.g., impressed current).

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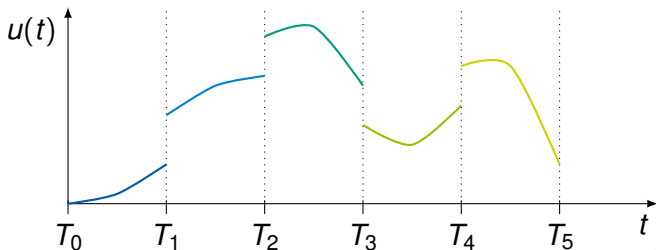
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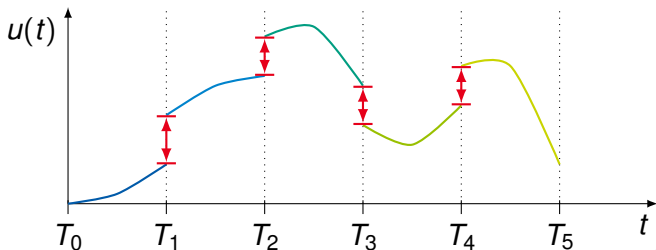
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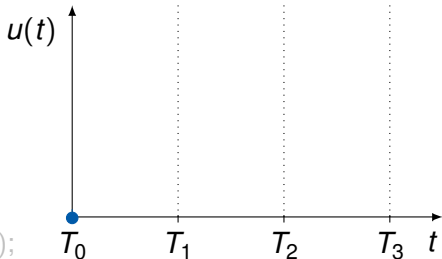
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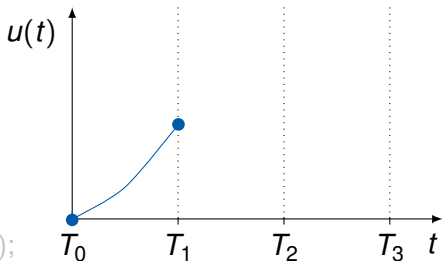
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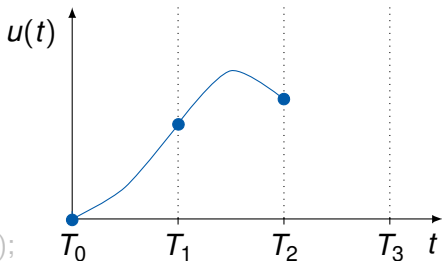
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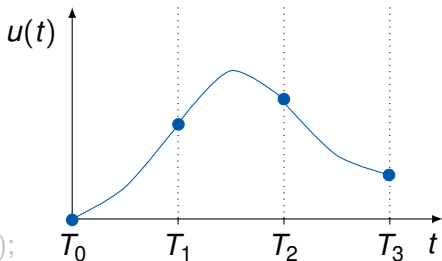
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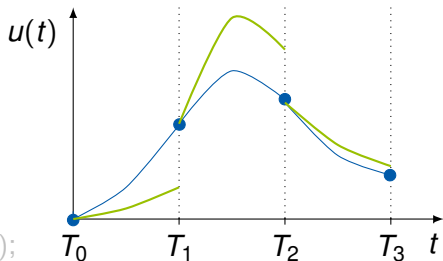
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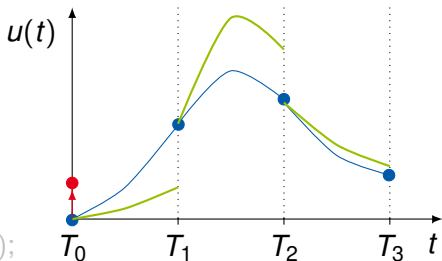
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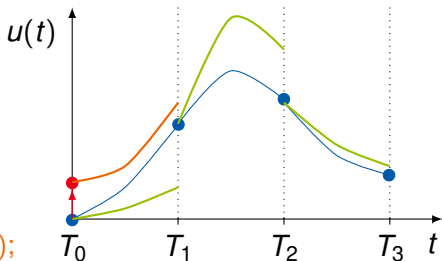
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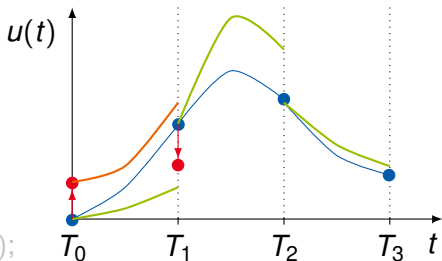
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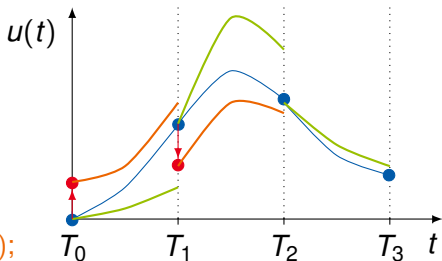
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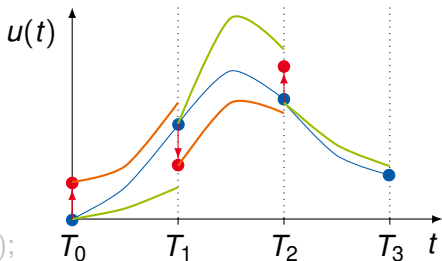
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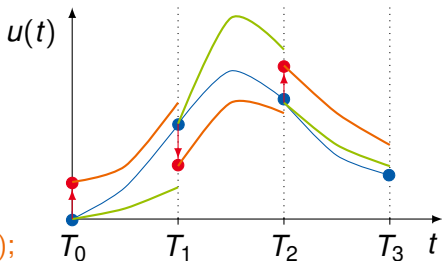
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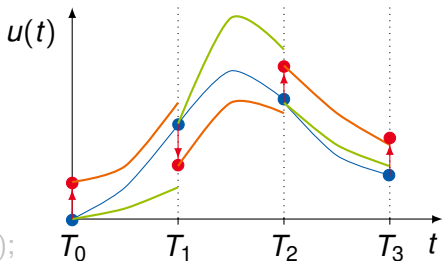
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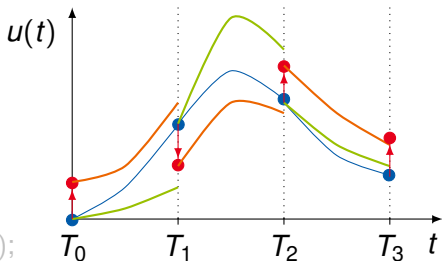
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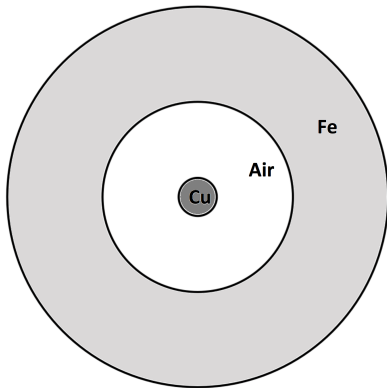


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$$T = 0.02, \omega = 2\pi/T,$$

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Dimensions: $r_{Cu} = 0.254\text{cm}$,
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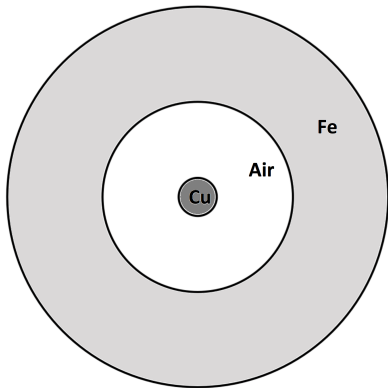


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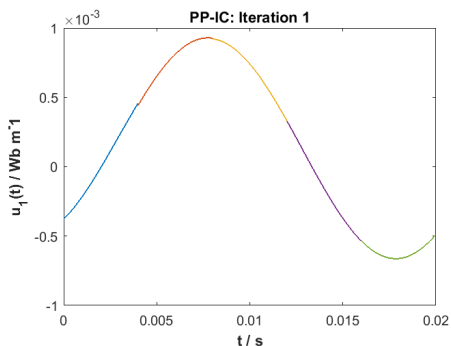
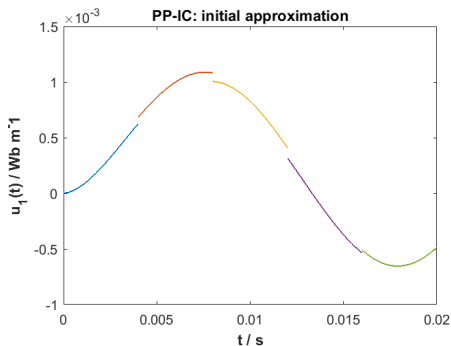


Fig.: PP-IC: initial approximation.

Fig.: Solution after the 1st iteration.

Iteration	1	50	125	200	260
Rel. error	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$8.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$6.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Coaxial cable model: speed-up PP-IC

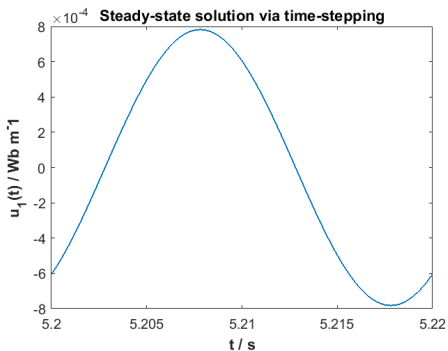
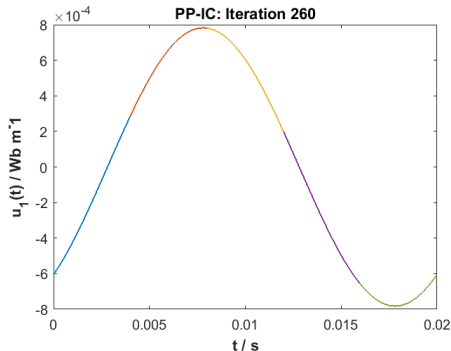


Fig.: PP-IC: solution within $tol \approx 10^{-6}$. Fig.: Sequential steady-state solution.

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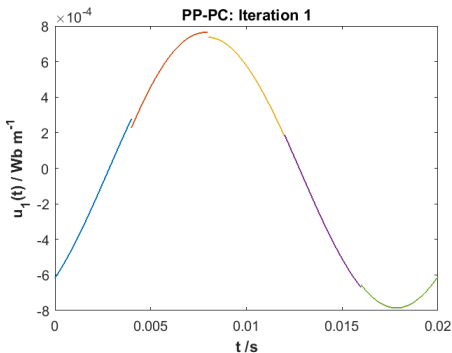


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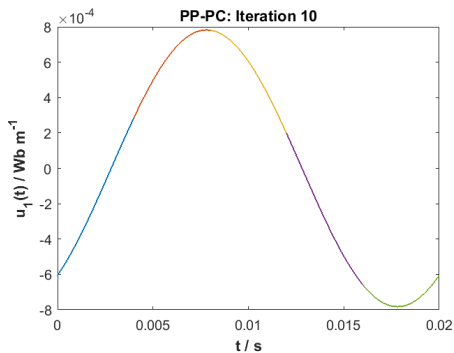
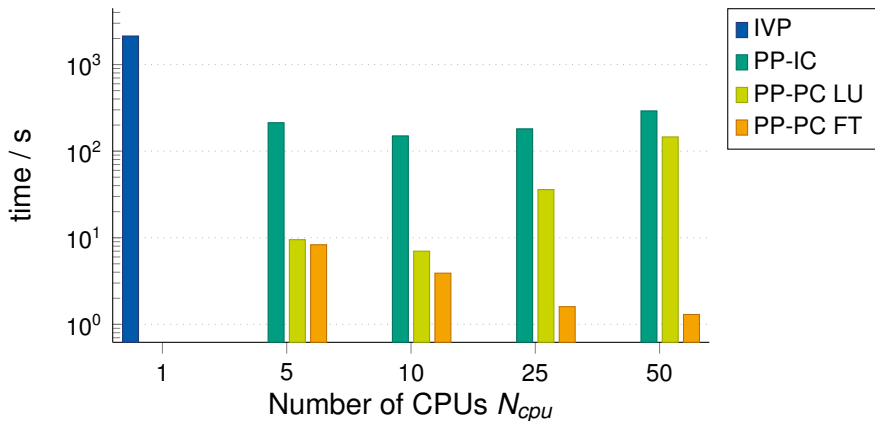


Fig.: Solution after the 10th iteration

Iteration	1	3	5	7	10
Rel. error	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$

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$$\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}(T),$$

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- $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$ piecewise continuous,
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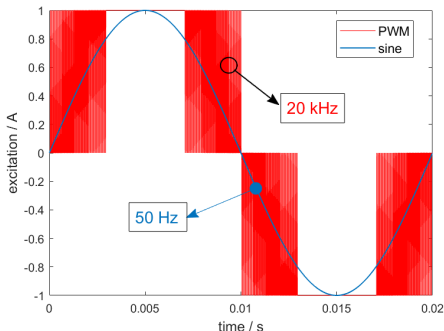
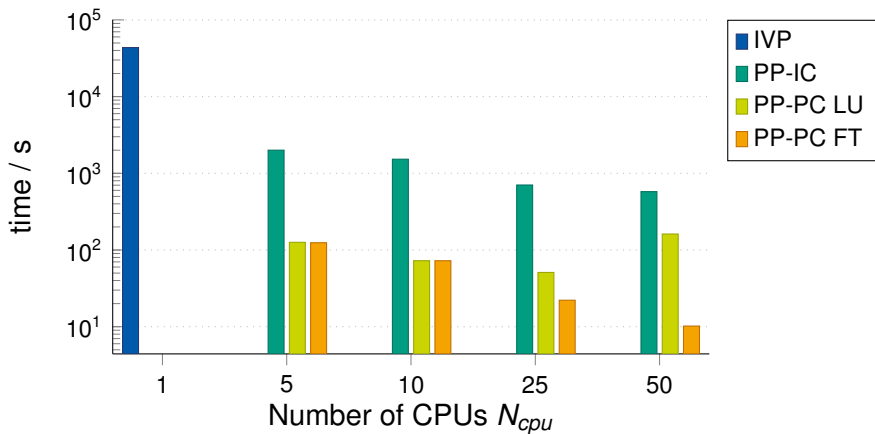


Fig.: PWM signal with a switching frequency of 20 kHz and a sine wave of 50 Hz.

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- Consider nonlinear problems;
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Thank you!

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