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Inverse Eddy Current Problems

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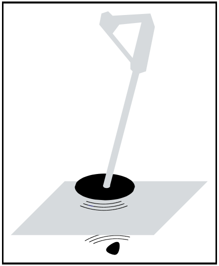
Motivation

Inverse Electromagnetics & Eddy currents

Inverse Electromagnetics

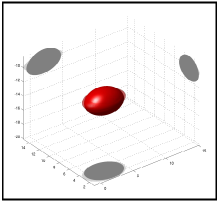
Inverse Electromagnetics:

- Generate EM field
  (drive excitation current through coil)
- Measure EM field
  (induced voltages in meas. coil)
- Gain information from measurements



Applications:

- Metal detection *(buried conductor)*
- Non-destructive testing
  (crack in metal, metal in concrete)
- ...



Maxwell's equations

Classical Electromagnetics: Maxwell's equations

$$\operatorname{curl} H = \epsilon \partial_t E + \sigma E + J \qquad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$$

$$\operatorname{curl} E = -\mu \partial_t H \qquad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$$

$E(x,t)$:	Electric field	$\epsilon(x)$:	Permittivity
$H(x,t)$:	Magnetic field	$\mu(x)$:	Permeability
$J(x,t)$:	Excitation current	$\sigma(x)$:	Conductivity

Knowing J, σ, μ, ϵ + init. cond. determines E and H.

Eddy currents

Maxwell's equations

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Eddy current approximation: Neglect displacement currents $\epsilon \partial_t E$

- Justified for low-frequency excitations
  (Alonso 1999, Ammari/Buffa/Nédélec 2000)

$$\rightsquigarrow \qquad \partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$$

Where's Eddy?

- $\sigma = 0$: (Quasi-)Magnetostatics

$$\operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J$$

Excitation $\partial_t J$ instantly generates magn. field $\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E = -\partial_t H$.

- $\sigma \neq 0$: Eddy currents

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J$$

$\partial_t J$ generates changing magn. field + currents inside conductor

Induced currents oppose what created them (Lenz law)

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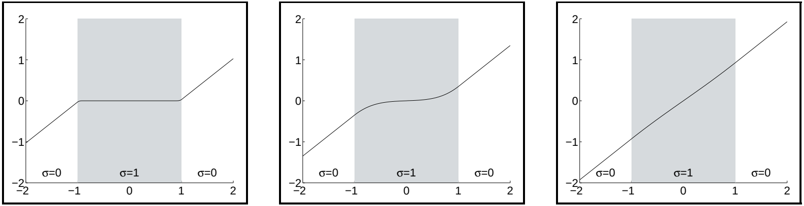
Parabolic-elliptic equations

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$$

- parabolic inside conductor $\Omega = \operatorname{supp}(\sigma)$
- elliptic outside conductor

Scalar example: $(\sigma u)_t = u_{xx},\ u(\cdot, 0) = 0,\ u_x(-2, \cdot) = u_x(2, \cdot) = 1.$



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The direct problem

Unified variational formulation
for the parabolic-elliptic eddy current problem

Standard approach

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3\times]0,T[$$

Standard approach: *Decouple elliptic and parabolic part*
(e.g. Bossavit 1999, Acevedo/Meddahi/Rodriguez 2009)

Find $(E_{\mathbb{R}^3\setminus\Omega}, E_\Omega) \in H_{\mathbb{R}^3\setminus\Omega} \times H_\Omega$ s.t.

- E_Ω solves parabolic equation + init. cond.
- $E_{\mathbb{R}^3\setminus\Omega}$ solves elliptic equation
- interface conditions are satisfied

Problem: Theory (solution spaces, coercivity constants, etc.) depends on $\Omega = \operatorname{supp}\sigma$ and on lower bounds of $\sigma|_\Omega$.

Unified approach?

Parabolic-elliptic eddy current equation

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -\partial_t J \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3\times]0,T[$$

Inverse problem: Find σ (or $\Omega = \operatorname{supp}\sigma$) from measurements of E

- requires unified solution theory

Test for unified theory: Can we linearize E w.r.t. σ?

How does the solution of an elliptic equation change
if the equation becomes a little bit parabolic?

(For scalar analogue: Frühauf/**H.**/Scherzer 2007, **H.** 2007)

Rigorous formulation

Rigorous formulation: Let $\mu \in L^\infty_+$, $\sigma \in L^\infty$, $\sigma \geq 0$,

$$J_t \in L^2(0,T,W(\mathrm{curl})') \qquad \text{with } \operatorname{div} J_t = 0$$
$$E_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)^3 \qquad \text{with } \operatorname{div}(\sigma E_0) = 0.$$

For $E \in L^2(0,T,W(\mathrm{curl}))$ the eddy current equations

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -J_t \qquad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3\times]0,T[$$
$$\sqrt{\sigma}E(x,0) = \sqrt{\sigma(x)}E_0(x) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3$$

are well-defined and (if solvable) uniquely determine $\operatorname{curl} E$, $\sqrt{\sigma E}$.

Natural variational formulation

Natural unified variational formulation ($E_0 = 0$ for simplicity):

Find $E \in L^2(0, T, W(\mathrm{curl}))$ that solves

$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\sigma E \cdot \partial_t \Phi - \frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{curl} E \cdot \operatorname{curl} \Phi \right) = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} J_t \cdot \Phi.$$

for all smooth Φ with $\Phi(\cdot, T) = 0$.

- equivalent to eddy current equation
- not coercive, does not yield existence results

Gauged formulation

Gauged unified variational formulation ($E_0 = 0$ for simplicity)

Find divergence-free $E \in L^2(0, T, W(\mathrm{curl}))$ that solves

$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\sigma E \cdot \partial_t \Phi - \frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{curl} E \cdot \operatorname{curl} \Phi \right) = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} J_t \cdot \Phi.$$

for all smooth divergence-free Φ with $\Phi(\cdot, T) = 0$.

- coercive, yields existence and continuity results
- not equivalent to eddy current equation
  ($\sigma \neq$ const. $\rightsquigarrow \operatorname{div} \sigma E \neq \sigma \operatorname{div} E$)
- does not determine true solution up to gauge (curl-free) field

Coercive unified formulation

How to obtain coercive + equivalent unified formulation?

- Ansatz $E = A + \nabla\varphi$ with divergence-free A.
  (almost the standard (A, φ)*-formulation with Coulomb gauge)*
- Consider $\nabla\varphi = \nabla\varphi_A$ as function of A by solving
  $$\operatorname{div} \sigma\nabla\varphi_A = -\operatorname{div} \sigma A.$$
  ($\rightsquigarrow \operatorname{div} \sigma E = 0$).
- Obtain coercive formulation for A
  (Lions-Lax-Milgram Theorem $\rightsquigarrow$ Solvability and continuity results)
- A determines E
  (more precisely: $\operatorname{curl} E$ and $\sqrt{\sigma} E$)

Unified variational formulation

Unified variational formulation *(Arnold/**H.**, SIAP, to appear)*

Find divergence-free $A \in L^2(0, T, W(\mathrm{curl}))$ that solves

$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\sigma(A + \nabla \varphi_A) \cdot \partial_t \Phi - \frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{curl} A \cdot \operatorname{curl} \Phi \right) = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} J_t \cdot \Phi.$$

for all smooth divergence-free Φ with $\Phi(\cdot, T) = 0$.

- coercive, uniquely solvable
- $E := A + \nabla \varphi_A$ is one solution of the eddy current equation

$\rightsquigarrow$ $\operatorname{curl} E$, $\sqrt{\sigma} E$ depend continuously on J_t (uniformly w.r.t. σ) (for all solutions of the eddy current equation)

Solved and open problems

Unified variational formulation

- allows to study inverse problems w.r.t. σ
- allows to rigorously linearize E w.r.t. σ around $\sigma_0 = 0$
  (elliptic equation becoming a little bit parabolic in some region...)

Open problem:

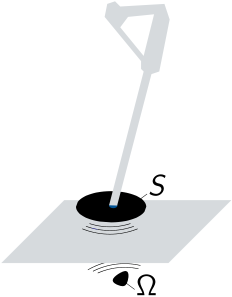
- Theory requires some regularity of $\Omega = \operatorname{supp} \sigma$ and $\sigma \in L^\infty_+(\Omega)$ in order to determine φ from A.
- Solution theory for

$$\operatorname{div} \sigma \nabla \varphi = -\operatorname{div} \sigma A$$

  for general $\sigma \in L^\infty$, $\sigma \geq 0$?

The inverse problem

Setup



Detecting conductors:

- Apply surface currents J on S
  (divergence-free, no electrostatic effects)
- Measure electric field E on S
  (tangential component, up to grad. fields)
- Measurement operator

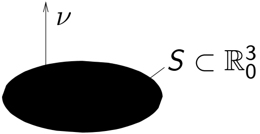
$$\Lambda_\sigma : J_t \mapsto \gamma_\tau E := (\nu \wedge E|_S) \wedge \nu$$

Locate $\Omega = \operatorname{supp} \sigma$ in

$$\partial_t(\sigma E) + \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\operatorname{curl} E\right) = -J_t \qquad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$$

(+ zero IC) from all possible surface currents and measured values.

Measurement operator



$$TL^2 := \{u \in L^2(S)^3 \mid u \cdot \nu = 0\}$$

$$TL^2_\diamond := \{u \in TL^2 \mid \int_S u \cdot \nabla\psi = 0 \quad \forall \text{ smooth } \psi\}$$

Measurement operator

$$\Lambda_\sigma : L^2(0,T,TL^2_\diamond) \to L^2(0,T,TL^{2\prime}_\diamond), \quad J_t \mapsto \gamma_\tau E,$$

where E solves eddy current eq. with $[\nu \times \operatorname{curl} E]_S = J_t$ on S.

Remark

$$TL^{2\prime}_\diamond \cong TL^2 / TL^{2\perp}_\diamond \ \rightsquigarrow \ E \text{ not unique, but } \Lambda_\sigma \text{ well-defined.}$$

Sampling methods

Working plan for the inverse problem:

- Linear Sampling Method (Colton/Kirsch 1996)
  - characterizes subset of scatterer by range test
  - allows fast numerical implementation
- Factorization Method (Kirsch 1998)
  - characterizes scatterer by range test
  - yields uniqueness under definiteness assumptions
  - allows fast numerical implementation

(FM for scalar parabolic-elliptic equ.: Frühauf/**H.**/Scherzer 2007)

- Next step?

Sampling ingredients

Ingredients for LSM and FM:

- Reference measurements: $\Lambda := \Lambda_\sigma - \Lambda_0$,
  $\Lambda_0 : J_t \mapsto \gamma_\tau F, \quad F$ solves $\operatorname{curl}\operatorname{curl} F = -J_t \quad$ in $\mathbb{R}^3 \times]0, T[$.
- Time-integration: Consider $I\Lambda$,
  with $I: \ E(\cdot,\cdot) \mapsto \int_0^T E(\cdot, t)\,\mathrm{d}t$
- Singular test functions

$$G_{z,d}(x) := \operatorname{curl} \frac{d}{4\pi|x-z|}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{z\}$$

LSM and FM

Theorem (LSM): For every z below S and direction $d \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\gamma_\tau G_{z,d} \in \mathcal{R}(I\Lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad z \in \Omega$$

Theorem ("half" FM): For every z below S and direction $d \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\gamma_\tau G_{z,d} \in \mathcal{R}(I(\Lambda + \Lambda')^{1/2}) \quad \Leftarrow \quad z \in \Omega$$

Work in progress ("other half" FM):"$\Rightarrow$" holds.

Next step?

- Next step(?): Monotony methods
- For EIT: Λ_σ NtD-operator for conductivity $\sigma = 1 + \chi_D$

  D = Union of all balls B where $\Lambda_{1+\chi_B} \leq \Lambda_\sigma$ (**H.**/Ullrich)

  (under the assumptions of the FM)
- stable test criterion (no infinity tests)
- allows fast numerical implementation
- allows extensions to indefinite cases

Conclusions

Inverse transient eddy current problems

- require unified parabolic-elliptic theory
- can be approached by sampling methods (LSM/FM)

Open problems

- Solution theory for

$$\operatorname{div} \sigma \nabla \varphi = -\operatorname{div} \sigma A$$

  for general $\sigma \in L^\infty$, $\sigma \geq 0$?
- Monotony based methods beyond EIT?
  Parabolic-elliptic problems? Inverse Scattering?