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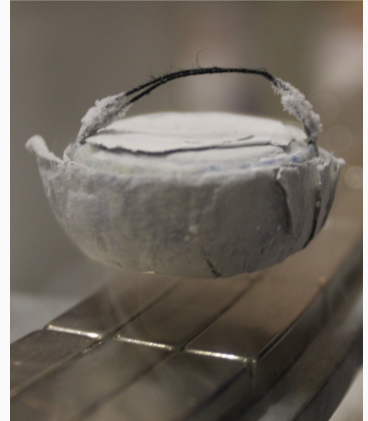
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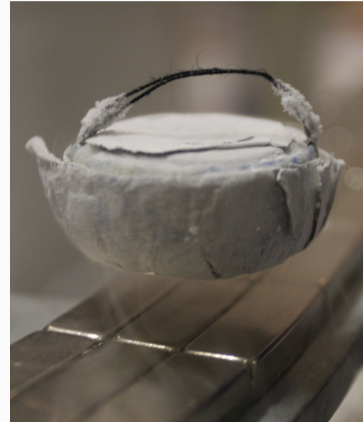


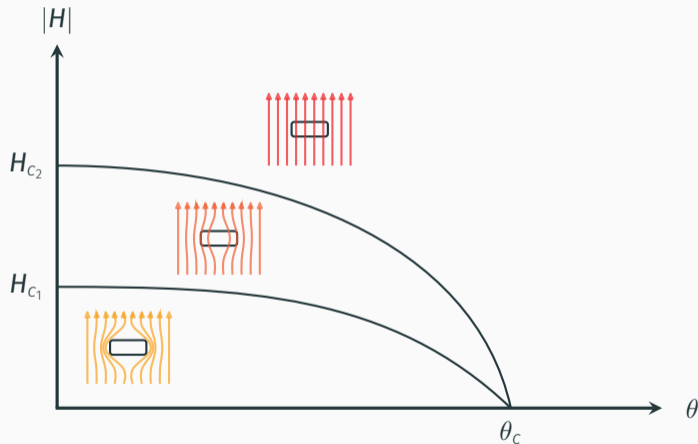
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- the superconducting state occurs below -196.2°C (high-temperature)
- the transition between the superconducting and non-superconducting state is not abrupt (type-II)





- $|H|$ the magnetic field strength
- H_{C1}, H_{C2} the critical magnetic fields strengths
- θ the temperature
- θ_c the critical temperature

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In the presence of a superconductor $\Omega_{\text{sc}} \subset \Omega$, Ohm's law needs to be replaced by a nonlinear and non-smooth constitutive relation between the electric field \mathbf{E} and the current density \mathbf{J} .

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$$j_c: \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

The generalized Bean-Kim model then formalizes to

$$\begin{cases} J(x, t) \cdot \mathbf{E}(x, t) = j_c(x, \theta(x, t), \mathbf{H}(x, t)) |\mathbf{E}(x, t)| & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega_{sc} \\ |J(x, t)| \leq j_c(x, \theta(x, t), \mathbf{H}(x, t)) & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega_{sc} \\ J(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T) \times (\Omega \setminus \Omega_{sc}). \end{cases}$$

Including the Bean-Kim model into Maxwell's equations we end up with the following nonlinear and non-smooth system

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Finally, we formulate our system in a weak sense and end up with the following hyperbolic QVI of the second kind:

Find $(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \in W^{1,\infty}((0, T), L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty((0, T), \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{curl}) \cap \mu^{-1}\mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{div}=0))$:

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Maxwell VI of the second kind

- Well-posedness in the case of a general proper, convex and lower semicontinuous nonlinearity $\psi: L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying a local boundedness assumption.
(I. Yousept. Hyperbolic Maxwell Variational Inequalities of the Second Kind. *ESAIM: COCV*, 2020)
- AFEM for the underlying L^1 -structured elliptic VI.
(M. Winckler, I. Yousept, and J. Zou. Adaptive Edge Element Approximation for H(curl)-elliptic Variational Inequalities of Second Kind. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 2020)
- Shape optimization for the underlying L^1 -structured elliptic VI.
(A. Laurain, M. Winckler, I. Yousept. Shape Optimization for Superconductors Governed by H(curl)-elliptic Variational Inequalities. *SIAM J. Control Optim.*, 2021)

Maxwell VI of the first kind

- Well-posedness for the Maxwell obstacle problem, i.e. the case $\psi = I_K$.
(I. Yousept. Well-posedness Theory for Electromagnetic Obstacle Problems. *J. Differential Equations*, 2020)
- Eddy Current approximation of the Maxwell obstacle problem.
(M. Hensel and I. Yousept. Eddy Current Approximation in Maxwell Obstacle Problems. *Interfaces Free Bound.*, 2022)
- Numerical analysis of the Maxwell obstacle problem.
(M. Hensel and I. Yousept. Numerical Analysis for Maxwell Obstacle Problems in Electric Shielding. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 2022)
- Analysis & control of an $H(\text{curl})$ -quasilinear first kind elliptic VI with bilateral **curl**-constraints.
(M. Hensel and I. Yousept. Quasilinear Variational Inequalities in Ferromagnetic Shielding: Well-posedness, Regularity, and Optimal Control. submitted, 2022)

Maxwell QVI of the second kind

- Well-posedness for the introduced QVI.
(I. Yousept. Maxwell Quasi-Variational Inequalities in Superconductivity. *ESAIM:M2AN*, 2021)
- Efficient solvers and numerical analysis for the introduced QVI.
(M. Hensel, M. Winckler and I. Yousept. Leapfrog Scheme for Hyperbolic Maxwell Quasi-variational Inequalities. In preparation)

Recent other contributions to QVIs

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- C. Christof and G. Wachsmuth. Lipschitz Stability and Hadamard Directional Differentiability for Elliptic and Parabolic Obstacle-type Quasi-variational Inequalities. 2021
- G. Wachsmuth. From Resolvents to Generalized Equations and Quasi-variational Inequalities: Existence and Differentiability. *Journal of Nonsmooth Analysis and Optimization*, 2022

Back to (QVI)

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- $\mathbf{f} \in H^1((0, T), L^2(\Omega))$
- $\theta \in H^1((0, T), L^2(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T], L^\infty(\Omega))$
- $(\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0) \in H_0(\operatorname{curl}) \times \mu^{-1} H_0(\operatorname{div}=0)$
- j_c locally bounded in the 2. variable and locally Lipschitz in the 2. variable
- j_c globally bounded in the 3. variable and globally Lipschitz in the 3. variable

Theorem (Yousept '21)

There exists a unique solution

$$(E, H) \in W^{1,\infty}((0, T), L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty((0, T), H_0(\text{curl}) \times H(\text{curl}) \cap \mu^{-1}H_0(\text{div}=0))$$

to (QVI).

Proof is based on time discretization together with fixed point techniques.

Numerical Analysis of (QVI)

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- \mathbf{ND}_h for the electric field
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Problem: Elliptic QVI pops up - no uniqueness, no efficient solve

In contrast to before:

- \mathbf{DG}_h for the electric field
- \mathbf{ND}_h for the magnetic field
- discretize the Amperé-Maxwell VI at t_n
- discretize the Faraday equation at $t_{n-\frac{1}{2}} := t_n - \frac{\tau}{2}$
- Central difference and mean value approximation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{E}(t_{n-\frac{1}{2}}) \approx \frac{\mathbf{E}(t_n) - \mathbf{E}(t_{n-1})}{\tau}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{H}(t_n) \approx \frac{\mathbf{H}(t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) - \mathbf{H}(t_{n-\frac{1}{2}})}{\tau},$$
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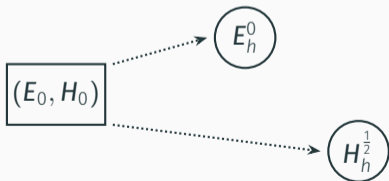
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$$\delta \mathbf{E}_h^n := \frac{\mathbf{E}_h^n - \mathbf{E}_h^{n-1}}{\tau}, \quad \delta \mathbf{H}_h^{n+\frac{1}{2}} := \frac{\mathbf{H}_h^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{H}_h^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{\tau}, \quad \mathbf{E}_h^{n-\frac{1}{2}} := \frac{\mathbf{E}_h^n + \mathbf{E}_h^{n-1}}{2}.$$

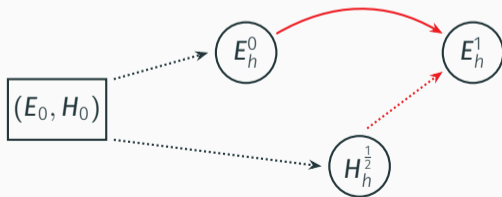
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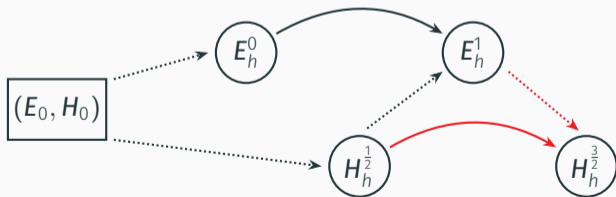
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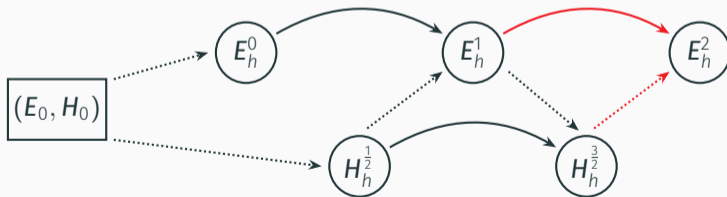
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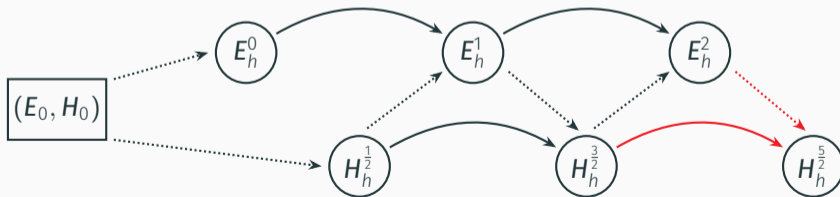
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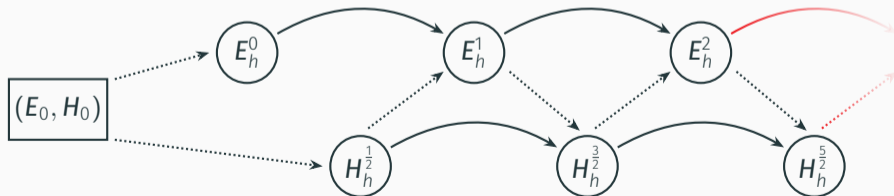
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Theorem

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$$E_h^n = 2E_h^{n-\frac{1}{2}} - E_h^{n-1} \qquad w_h^n = f_h^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \operatorname{curl} H_h^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2\epsilon}{\tau} E_h^{n-1}$$

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Benefit: Easily implementable - no iterative solver needed.

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For our numerical test, we consider

- the VI case

$$j_c(\cdot, \theta, \mathbf{H}) = (1 - \theta)^2 \chi_{\Omega_{sc}}(\cdot) \quad \text{with } \theta(t, x) = t$$

- the QVI case

$$j_c(\cdot, \theta, \mathbf{H}) = \frac{(1 - \theta)^2}{1 + |\mathbf{H}|^\beta} \chi_{\Omega_{sc}}(\cdot) \quad \text{with } \theta(t, x) = t$$

with the superconductor $\Omega_{sc} = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2} \leq 0.2\}$.

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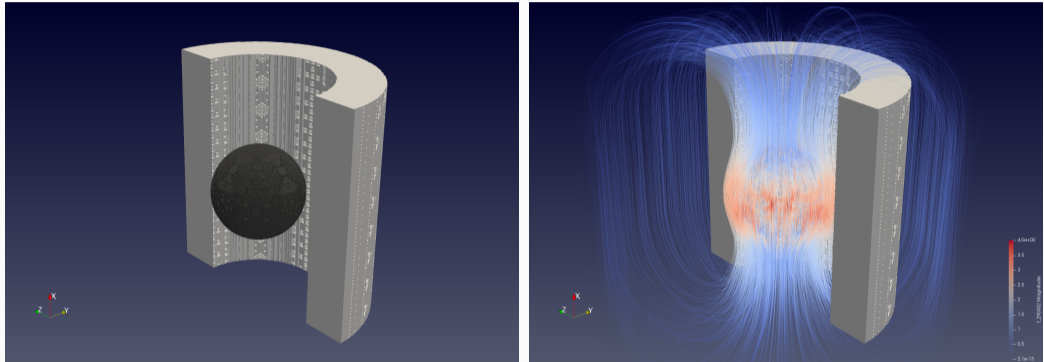


Figure 1: Source term, superconductor and the magnetic field.

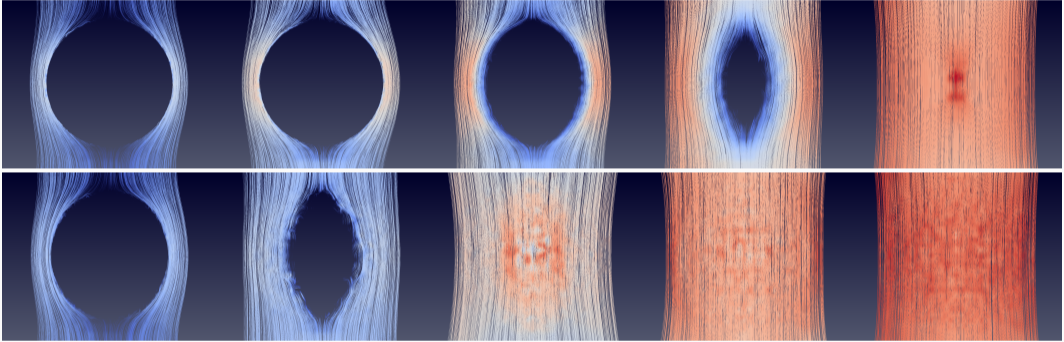


Figure 2: Top row: pure temperature dependence (VI).

Bottom row: temperature and magnetic field dependence (QVI).

Thank you for your attention!