Multiscale Finite Element Modeling of Nonlinear Quasistatic Electromagnetic Problems

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Abstract

The effective use of composite materials in the technology industry requires the development of accurate models. Typical such materials in electrotechnical applications are lamination stacks and soft magnetic composites, used in the so-called magnetoquasistatic (low frequency) regime.

Current homogenization models (e.g. the classical homogenization method, mean field homogenization, ...) fail to handle all the difficulties raised by the modeling of these materials, particularly taking into account the complexity of their microstructure and their nonlinear/hysteretic behaviour. In this thesis we develop a multiscale computational method which allows to effectively solve multiscale magnetoquasistatic problems.

The technique is inspired by the HMM (heterogeneous multiscale method), which involves the resolution of two types of problems: a macroscale problem that captures slow variations of the overall solution, and many mesoscale problems that allow to determine the constitutive laws at the macroscale and to construct accurate local fields. Macroscale and mesoscale weak, $b$-conform and $h$-conform formulations, are derived starting from the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods. We also use the asymptotic homogenization method for deriving the homogenized linear material laws and, in the end, we derive scale transitions for bridging the scales.

Numerical tests carried out in the two-dimensional case allow to validate the models. In the case of $b$-conform formulations, it is shown that the macroscale solution approximates well the average of the reference solution and that the resolution of the mesoscale problems allows to reconstruct accurate local fields and to compute accurate Joule losses and this, for materials with (non)linear and hysteretic behavior. Similar findings were obtained for the $h$-conform formulations.

In both cases, the deterioration of the accuracy for mesoscale problems located near the boundary of the computational domain could be treated by defining suitable mesoscale problems near such boundaries. The extension of the model to three-dimensional problems, to multiphysical problems and the inclusion of the mesoscale domains with a stochastic distribution of phases are also some of the possible prospects for improving this work.
Résumé

L’utilisation efficace des matériaux composites dans l’industrie nécessite le développement de modèles précis pour en caractériser le comportement. Un exemple de tels matériaux dans les applications électrotechniques inclut les empilements de tôles et les composites magnétiques doux, utilisés dans le régime magnétoquasistatique (basse fréquence).

Les modèles d’homogénéisation actuels (par exemple la méthode d’homogénéisation classique, l’homogénéisation à champ moyen, ...) ne parviennent pas à solutionner toutes les difficultés soulevées par la modélisation de ces matériaux composites, en particulier la prise en compte de la complexité de la microstructure et du comportement nonlinéaire/hystérétique de ces matériaux. Dans cette thèse, nous développons une méthode d’homogénéisation computationnelle qui permet de résoudre efficacement les problèmes multi-échelles de la magnétoquasistatique.

La technique, inspirée par la méthode HMM (heterogeneous multiscale method), fait intervenir la résolution de deux types de problèmes : un problème macroscopique qui capte les variations lentes de la solution globale, et de nombreux problèmes mésoscopiques qui permettent de déterminer les lois de comportement à l’échelle macroscopique et qui permettent de reconstruire les champs locaux précis. Les formulations faibles macro et méso de type $b$-conformes et $h$-conformes ont été dérivées à partir de la théorie de la convergence à deux échelles et de la méthode d’éclatement périodique. Nous utilisons également l’homogénéisation asymptotique pour dériver les lois de matériaux linéaires homogénéisés et dérivons à la même occasion les transitions d’échelle qui permettent de coupler les deux échelles.

Les tests numériques effectués pour le cas bidimensionnel permettent de valider les modèles développés. Dans le cas des formulations $b$-conformes, on constate que la solution macroscopique approxime au mieux la moyenne de la solution de référence et que la résolution de problèmes méso permet de reconstruire les champs locaux précis et de calculer de manière précise les pertes par effet Joule et ce pour les matériaux avec une loi constitutive (non)linéaire/hystérétique. Des résultats similaires ont été obtenus pour les formulations $h$-conformes.

Pour les deux formulations, la détérioration de la précision pour les problèmes méso situés près de la frontière du domaine computationnel pourrait être traitée par la définition des problèmes méso appropriés près de ces frontières. L’extension des modèles aux problèmes tri-dimensionnels, aux problèmes multiphysiques et la prise en compte de domaines méso avec une distribution stochastique de phases sont également quelques-unes des perspectives possibles pour améliorer ce travail.
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\(Y\) : Unit cell \(-\frac{Y_1}{2}, \frac{Y_1}{2} \times -\frac{Y_2}{2}, \frac{Y_2}{2} \times -\frac{Y_3}{2}, \frac{Y_3}{2}\) of \(\mathbb{R}^3\)

\(|Y|\) : Measure of the set \(Y\)

\(x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)\) : Point of \(\mathbb{R}^3\)

\(y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)\) : Point of \(Y\)

\(t\) : Time instant

\(T\) : Final computational time

\(U \subset\subset \Omega\) : \(U\) is compactly contained in \(\Omega\), i.e. \(\bar{U}\) is compact and \(\bar{U} \subset \Omega\)

\(\hat{u}\) : The hat is used for the mean value \(\hat{u}(x, t) := \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_Y u(x, y, t) dy\)

\(\tilde{u}\) : \(\tilde{u}(x, y, t) := u(x, y, t) - \hat{u}(x, t)\)

\(V\) : Any linear space

\(V'\) : The dual space of \(V\)

\(L^p(\Omega)\) : Space of all vector fields \(v\) defined in \(\Omega\) such that

\[ ||v||_{L^p(\Omega)} = \left( \int_\Omega \|v(x)\|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty \]

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\(L^\infty(\Omega)\) : Spaces of all functions \(v : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}\) such that

\[ ||v||_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \text{ess sup}_{x \in \Omega} |v(x)| < \infty \]

\(H^p(\Omega), H^p(\Omega)\) : \(p^{th}\) order Sobolev spaces of scalar and vector fields over \(\Omega\)

\(H(\text{curl};\Omega)\) : Stream function space \(\{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{curl} v \in L^2(\Omega)\}\)

\(H(\text{div};\Omega)\) : Flux space \(\{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{div} v \in L^2(\Omega)\}\)

\(H(\text{curl} 0; \Omega)\) : Stream function space \(\{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{curl} v = 0\}\)

\(H(\text{div} 0; \Omega)\) : Flux space \(\{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{div} v = 0\}\)

\(F(\Omega)\) : Any space of real-valued functions defined on \(\Omega\)

\(F_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\) : All real-valued functions defined on \(\mathbb{R}^n\) such that their restriction to any open bounded subset \(\Omega\) of \(\mathbb{R}^n\) belongs to \(F(\Omega)\)

\(F_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)\) : All real-valued functions \(v\) defined on \(\Omega\) such that \(v \in F(\Omega)\) for each open \(U \subset\subset \Omega\)

\(F_{\#}(Y)\) : All functions in \(F_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\) which are the periodical repetition of some function in \(F(Y)\)

\(F(\mathcal{Y})\) : All functions defined on \(\bar{Y}\) such that they belong to \(F_{\#}(\bar{Y})\)

\(F_{\ast}(\mathcal{Y})\) : Space of all functions of \(v \in F(\mathcal{Y})\) such that their mean value is zero i.e.: \(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} v(y) dy = 0\)
**LIST OF SYMBOLS**

\[ L^p(0, T; \mathcal{V}) : \text{All measurable maps } v : ]0, T[ \to \mathcal{V} \text{ such that} \]
\[ ||v||_{L^p(0, T; \mathcal{V})} = \left( \int_0^T ||v(., t)||_p^p \, dt \right)^{1/p} < \infty \]

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\[ H^m(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) : \text{All functions } v \in L^2(\Omega_T), \ldots, \partial_t^m v \in L^2(\Omega_T) \]

\[ L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}) : \text{Space of all scalar functions } v : \Omega \to \mathcal{V} \text{ such that} \]
\[ ||v||_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V})} = \left( \int_\Omega ||v(\mathbf{x},.)||_p^p \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/p} < \infty \]

\[ L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}) : \text{Space of all vector functions } v : \Omega \to \mathcal{V} \text{ such that} \]
\[ ||v||_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V})} = \left( \int_\Omega ||v(\mathbf{x},.)||_p^p \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/p} < \infty \]

\[ h : \text{Magnetic field (A/m)} \]
\[ b : \text{Magnetic flux density (T)} \]
\[ e : \text{Electric field (V/m)} \]
\[ d : \text{Electric flux density (C/m}^2) \]
\[ j : \text{Current density (A/m}^2) \]
\[ q : \text{Electric charge density (C/m}^3) \]
\[ m : \text{Magnetization (A/m)} \]
\[ p : \text{Electric polarization (C/m}^2) \]
\[ a : \text{Magnetic vector potential (Wb/m)} \]
\[ v : \text{Electric scalar potential (V)} \]

**Greek symbols**

\[ \Omega : \text{Bounded open set of } \mathbb{E}^3 \]
\[ \Omega_T : \text{The open bounded set defined by } \Omega_T := \Omega \times ]0, T[ \]
\[ \Gamma : \text{Boundary of } \Omega (= \partial \Omega) \]
\[ \phi : \text{Magnetic scalar potential (A)} \]
\[ \sigma : \text{Electric conductivity (S/m)} \]
\[ \mu : \text{Magnetic permeability (H/m)} \]
\[ \mu_0 : \text{Magnetic permeability of vacuum (= 4\pi 10^{-7} H/m)} \]
\[ \mu_r : \text{Relative magnetic permeability (= } \mu/\mu_0) \]
\[ \epsilon : \text{Electric permittivity (F/m)} \]
\[ \epsilon_0 : \text{Electric permittivity of vacuum (\simeq 8.854187817 10^{-17} F/m)} \]
\[ \epsilon_r : \text{Relative electric permittivity (= } \epsilon/\epsilon_0) \]
\[ \chi_m : \text{Magnetic susceptibility} \]
\[ \chi_e : \text{Electric susceptibility (F/m)} \]

**Abbreviations**

FEM : Finite element method
HMM : Heterogeneous multiscale method
**LIST OF SYMBOLS**

MsFEM : Multiscale Finite element method
SMC : Soft magnetic composites

**Operators**

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Introduction

1.1 Motivation

The use of numerical methods for solving electromagnetic problems is nowadays widespread. Indeed, analytical solutions to Maxwell’s equations (which govern the electromagnetic fields) are not always guaranteed to exist due to nonlinearities of the constitutive laws or the complexity of the involved geometries. One of the numerical methods frequently used in low frequency and near-field high frequency problems is the finite element (FE) method for its easiness to handle problems involving both nonlinearities and complex geometries. To this end, a mesh of the structure is generated and Maxwell’s equations are verified on average on elements of the mesh, which is ensured by integrating these equations on each element of the mesh. If the problem is well-posed, the finer the mesh, the more accurate the numerical solution.

Some problems involve multiscale materials. In the medium and high frequency domains, this is the case for soft ferrites (Figure 1.2 (c) and (d)) used in radio frequency transformers, e.g. in telecommunication technology and in power electronics [35], polymer nanocomposites used for making electromagnetic wave absorbers and shields [23, 104, 132, 179, 191, 192] and metamaterials used for making cloaking devices and high resolution lenses [113, 156, 159, 182, 207]. Low frequency applications often involve laminations whose lamellar structure helps reducing eddy current losses in electric devices such as transformers, coils, motors, etc. (Figure 1.1) and soft magnetic composites used in high speed machines and whose isotropic properties allow for the manufacturing of three-dimensional paths electric machines (Figure 1.2 (a) and (b)). For problems involving such materials, the application of classical numerical methods such as the FE method becomes prohibitive in terms of the computational time and memory storage whence the use of multiscale and homogenization methods.

The first homogenization approach used to analytically characterize homogenized properties of composites materials was based on mixing rules [122, 181]. Using this method, it is possible to determine equivalent properties with little information on the microstructure (e.g., only the percentage of the different constitutive phases). More elaborate theoretical methods such as the asymptotic expansion constitutive methods [20],
the G-convergence [139, 188, 190], the two-scale convergence [143, 196, 201] and the periodic unfolding methods [45, 47] allow to construct the homogenized problem
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and determine the associated constitutive laws. The convergence of the fields and of some functionals can also be shown using these methods. Equations resulting from these methods can be used to develop multiscale methods. A non-exhaustive list of these multiscale methods include the mean-field homogenization method [39, 49, 206], the multiscale finite element methods - MsFEM [37, 76, 77, 100, 101], the variational multiscale method - VMS [41, 102, 103, 109, 153] and the heterogeneous multiscale methods - HMM [68, 73, 152]. In most of these methods, an elementary-cell problem is solved and the solution is used for computing the homogenized constitutive laws (electric and magnetic).

In this thesis we are interested in multiscale magnetoquasistatic problems. These problems arise from Maxwell’s equations by neglecting displacements currents with respect to eddy currents. The assumption is valid when the wavelength of the exciting source term is much greater compared to the size of the structure. When solving magnetoquasistatic problems, one is interested in electric and magnetic phenomena. In our developments we will consider linear electric constitutive laws and linear, nonlinear or hysteretic magnetic constitutive laws.

The resolution of multiscale magnetoquasistatic problems can become quite cumbersome: as mentioned above the use of classical numerical methods is very expensive in terms of computational time and storage memory as a very fine mesh is needed for capturing the small fluctuations of the solution. The main idea of homogenization and multiscale methods is to replace the multiscale heterogeneous computational domain by a homogeneous domain with equivalent properties. Such methods have been developed in electromagnetism mainly for materials with linear [27, 28, 95, 124] and nonlinear [18, 96] magnetic material laws and to the best of our knowledge, none is able to accurately predict the electromagnetic behavior in the presence of materials with hysteresis.

In this thesis we develop a multiscale method that can handle magnetoquasistatic problems involving multiscale materials, which can exhibit linear, nonlinear and hysteretic behavior. The method is inspired by the HMM method [1–4, 6, 7, 43, 67–69, 71–73, 75] and based on the scale separation assumption $\varepsilon \ll 1$ where $\varepsilon = l/L$ is the ratio between the smallest scale $l$ and the scale of the material or the characteristic length of external loadings $L$.

The fine-scale problem is replaced by a macroscale problem defined on a coarse mesh covering the entire domain and many mesoscale problems that are defined on small, finely meshed areas around some points of interest of the macroscale mesh (e.g. numerical quadrature points). The transfer of information between these problems is done during the upscaling and the downscaling stages (see Figure 1.3).

During the downscaling, proper boundary conditions for the mesoscale problems are imposed stemming from the consistency of the electromagnetic fields at both scales. Source terms for the mesoscale problems are also derived from the macroscale solution. In return, the missing macroscale constitutive laws at the macroscale are computed using the mesoscale fields in the upscaling stage.

We use the two-scale convergence and the period unfolding methods to derive the governing equations (at the macroscale and the mesoscale levels) as well as
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Figure 1.3: Scale transitions between macroscale (left) and mesoscale (right) finite element problems. Downscaling (macro to meso): obtaining proper boundary conditions and the source terms for the mesoscale problem from the macroscale solution at a numerical quadrature point in the macro finite element mesh. Upscaling (meso to macro): effective quantities for the macroscale problem calculated from the mesoscale solution [148].

for deriving nonlinear homogenized magnetic laws. We also use the asymptotic homogenization method for upscaling the linear conductive law.

The approach allows not only to upscale accurate homogenized constitutive laws but also provides a good framework for recovering accurate local fields and for upscaling more accurate global quantities (eddy current losses, magnetic energy, etc.).

1.2 Scope and goals of the work

This work contributes to the development and the testing of multiscale formulations for low frequency electromagnetic problems involving composite materials with an assumed periodic microstructure. To achieve this, a three-step approach has been adopted:

1. The derivation of the differential forms of the governing equations at the macroscale and the mesoscale. The defined mesoscale problem can then be used for defining the elementary-cell problem.

The derivation is done using the asymptotic homogenization method for the div – grad, linear problems and the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods for the div – grad/ curl – curl, nonlinear problems governed by maximal monotone operators. Note that the derived theory is not guaranteed to hold for problems involving materials with hysteresis.

2. The design of multiscale formulations involving formulations for the macroscale problem, the mesoscale problem and the coupling between these
problems (scale transitions).
Starting from the partial differential equations obtained from the homogenization theory, we derive weak forms for the macroscale and the mesoscale problems both for $h$- and $b$-conform formulations. The exchange of information between both problems through scale transitions is also detailed: source fields for the mesoscale problems are downscaled from the macroscale solution. Proper boundary conditions that respect the consistency of electromagnetic fields are also defined for the mesoscale problem. Likewise, the missing constitutive laws at the macroscale level are upscaled from mesoscale solutions. Hysteresis is numerically accounted for in the time-stepping procedure.

3. Testing the formulations.
The $h$- and $b$-conform formulations are tested on a laminated core and soft magnetic composites. The tests are done for materials governed by linear, nonlinear and hysteretic constitutive laws.

1.3 Outline

The thesis is divided into four chapters:

In chapter 2 we introduce Maxwell’s equations and the constitutive laws. We then derive the magnetoquasistatic problem.

In chapter 3 we derive the homogenized problem for the magnetoquasistatic problem by applying homogenization theory. After a short review of the existing homogenization methods we choose the asymptotic homogenization for the div $- \text{grad}$, linear problem. This theory is based on an expansion of the fields and differential operators in terms of the macroscale and mesoscale coordinate systems. We also choose the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods for the nonlinear problems. The limiting macroscale and mesoscale problems are derived using the two-convergence theory.

Chapter 4 deals with the multiscale formulations for the magnetoquasistatic problem. Starting from the equations obtained from the homogenization methods we develop $h$- and $b$-conform formulations for the macroscale and the mesoscale problems. Scale transitions are also investigated thoroughly. Finally, an example of implementation for a $b$-conform formulation is given.

Chapter 5 concerns the application of the theory to two-dimensional problems. Two types of materials (a laminated magnetic core and soft magnetic composites) are used for validating the formulations.

We end up with conclusions and perspectives in chapter 6.

1.4 Original contributions

The main original contributions of this work are:

- A comparative study of homogenization and convergence methods for the
derivation of the homogenized problem for the magnetoquasistatic problem (chapter 3)

- Multiscale formulations and computations for a nonlinear \(\text{div} - \text{grad}\) type problem for application in magnetostatics (see [148], section 4.4.5 and chapter 5).

- Multiscale \(b\) - conform formulations and computations for magnetodynamic problems involving a nonlinear magnetic constitutive law. Derivation of the macroscale weak formulations, of a cell problem used for upscaling the constitutive law and of the scale transitions for bridging the scales. Definition of a mesoscale problem with eddy currents that allows to recover accurate local quantities (see [147, 149, 151, 152], section 4.3 and chapter 5). Applications of the developed multiscale method to a problem involving hysteresis.

- Application of the multiscale formulations for the computation of global quantities such as the eddy currents losses and the magnetic energy (see [150] and chapter 5).

- Multiscale \(h\)-conform formulations and computations for magnetodynamic problems involving a nonlinear magnetic mapping. Derivation of the macroscale weak formulations, of a cell problem used for upscaling the constitutive law and of the scale transitions for bridging the scales. Definition of a mesoscale problem with eddy currents that allows to recover accurate local quantities (see section 4.4 and chapter 5).

A significant part of the thesis was devoted to the implementation of the proposed formulations. For this purpose we have developed a \(c++/\text{python}\) code named \textit{hmm} in Gmsh [91, 92]. All the building block classes of the code (definition of the domain, constitutive laws, functions spaces, ...) have been built using only the mesh generated by Gmsh as input. The code has been used for the resolution of the macroscale problem and it uses GetDP [61, 62] for solving mesoscale problems.

This work has led to the publication of the following journal papers:


and the following conference proceeding papers:
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Chapter 2

Electromagnetic models

2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we derive weak formulations for the magnetoquasistatic problem, amenable to finite element discretization. The chapter is organized as follows: in section 2.2 we introduce the differential and integral forms of Maxwell’s equations. From these equations we derive interface conditions that express the continuity of electromagnetic fields across the interface between two media and appropriate boundary conditions of the problem. In section 2.3 we define the constitutive laws. In section 2.4 we define a general magnetoquasistatic problem and use it in section 2.5 for defining a proper functional setting for magnetodynamic and magnetostatic problems.

2.2 Maxwell’s equations

In the range of validity of the classical electromagnetic theory, electromagnetic phenomena are governed by the following Maxwell’s equations [98, 186]:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{curl} \; \mathbf{h} - \partial_t \mathbf{d} &= \mathbf{j}, \\
\text{curl} \; \mathbf{e} + \partial_t \mathbf{b} &= 0, \\
\text{div} \; \mathbf{d} &= \rho, \\
\text{div} \; \mathbf{b} &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

Equations (2.1)–(2.4) are Ampère’s, Faraday’s, Gauss electric and magnetic equations, respectively. The four fields \( \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{d} \) that appear in these equations are the magnetic field \( (A/m) \), the electric field \( (V/m) \), the magnetic flux density \( (T) \) and the electric flux density \( (C/m^2) \), respectively. The electric charge \( \rho \ (C/m^3) \) and the electric current density \( \mathbf{j} (A/m^2) \) are source terms of the problem. Equations (2.1)–(2.4) are solved in a bounded subdomain \( \Omega \) of the Euclidean space \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) using a cartesian coordinate system \( \mathbf{x} = (x, y, z) \).

Applying the div operator to (2.1) and using (2.3) we get the equation of con-
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Figure 2.1: Interface condition between two media $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$.

...ervation of the charge:

$$\partial_t \rho + \text{div } j = 0,$$

which governs the time evolution of the charge $\rho$ as a function of the electric current density $j$.

At the interface of two different materials, electromagnetic fields can become discontinuous and therefore non-differentiable. Figure 2.1 depicts two such materials $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$ that share the same interface $\Gamma$. The fields in $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$ are indexed 1 and 2, respectively and $n$ denotes the normal to $\Gamma$ directed from $\Omega_2$ towards $\Omega_1$. The surface densities $\rho_s$ and $j_s$ can be concentrated at the interface $\Gamma$ (e.g. in the case of a perfect conductor). For any surface $S \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with boundary $\partial S$, the integration of (2.1) and (2.2) together with the application of Stokes theorem leads to the following equations:

$$\oint_{\partial S} h \cdot dl = \int_S (\partial_t d + j) \cdot ds,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.6)

$$\oint_{\partial S} e \cdot dl = - \int_S \partial_t b \cdot ds.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.7)

Likewise, for any volume $V \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with boundary $\partial V$, the integration of (2.3) and (2.4) together with the application of Gauss theorem leads to the following equations:

$$\oint_{\partial V} b \cdot ds = 0,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.8)

$$\oint_{\partial V} d \cdot ds = \int_V \rho dV.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.9)

For a particular choice of the volume $V$ and the surface $S$ (e.g. the volume and the surface on Figure 2.1 with vanishing thickness $t$), the integral equations (2.6)-(2.9) yield the interface conditions [116]:

$$n \times (h_1 - h_2)|_{\partial S} = j_s,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.10)

$$n \times (e_1 - e_2)|_{\partial S} = 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.11)
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\[ n \cdot (b_1 - b_2)|_{\partial V} = 0, \]  
\[ n \cdot (d_1 - d_2)|_{\partial V} = \rho_s, \]  
\[ (2.12) \]
\[ (2.13) \]

relating tangential components of \( h \) or \( e \) and normal components of \( b \) or \( d \) across the interface \( \Gamma \). They express the discontinuity of the tangential component of \( h \) and the normal component of \( d \) and the continuity of the tangential component of \( e \) and the normal component of \( b \). The tangential component of \( h \) and the normal component of \( d \) across the interface \( \Sigma \) become continuous when there are no sources \( \rho_s \) and \( j_s \).

Using equation (2.10), we can deduce boundary conditions for a (theoretically) perfect magnetic material \( \Omega_{pm} \) (\( h = 0 \) in \( \Omega_{pm} \)). Likewise, we can use (2.13) in order to get the boundary condition for a (theoretically) perfect electric material \( \Omega_{pe} \) (\( e = 0 \) in \( \Omega_{pe} \)). At the interfaces with these materials, (2.10) and (2.11) become \( n \times h = 0 \) and \( n \times e = 0 \), respectively. These conditions can also be used for representing the vanishing behaviour of fields at infinity or for imposing symmetry conditions (see section 2.5).

2.3 Constitutive laws

Maxwell's system of equations (2.1)–(2.4) is undetermined and additional relationships need to be defined in order to close the problem. These relationships are the constitutive laws that relate two of the fields \( h, e, b, d \) and \( j \) to the others, thus allowing to account for the influence of the materials on the distribution of electromagnetic fields.

In the vacuum the constitutive laws read:

\[ d = \epsilon_0 e, \]  
\[ b = \mu_0 h, \]  
\[ (2.14) \]
\[ (2.15) \]

where the constant \( \mu_0 = 4\pi 10^{-7} \text{ H/m} \) is the vacuum permeability and \( \epsilon_0 = 1/(\mu_0 c_0^2) \) \( \text{F/m} \) is the vacuum permittivity. The constant \( c_0 \) denotes the speed of light in the vacuum.

In media that interact with the electromagnetic fields, the following general mesoscale/macroscale constitutive laws can be written [57, 88, 105, 107]:

\[ j = J(e, b), \]  
\[ d = D(e, b), \]  
\[ h = H(e, b), \]  
\[ (2.16) \]
\[ (2.17) \]
\[ (2.18) \]

In practice, relations (2.16)–(2.18) can be obtained either using a phenomenological approach or directly derived from mesoscale models obtained using models of physics at small scales (quantum mechanics, molecular dynamics, statistical physics, etc.) In this thesis we consider multiscale materials for which (2.16)–(2.18) are valid for each constituting phases and leave aside the mesoscale models. Relations (2.16)–(2.18)
Table 2.1: Electric conductivity $\sigma$ of some materials [87,142].

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<tr>
<th>Materials</th>
<th>$\sigma$ (S/m)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>$6.17 \times 10^4$</td>
<td>Fresh water</td>
<td>$10^{-3}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>$5.8 \times 10^7$</td>
<td>Distilled water</td>
<td>$10^{-5}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gold</td>
<td>$4.1 \times 10^7$</td>
<td>Dry soil</td>
<td>$10^{-11}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td>$3.54 \times 10^7$</td>
<td>Transformer</td>
<td>$10^{-12}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brass</td>
<td>$1.57 \times 10^7$</td>
<td>Glass</td>
<td>$2 \times 10^{-4}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bronze</td>
<td>$10^7$</td>
<td>Porcelain</td>
<td>$2 \times 10^{-13}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iron</td>
<td>$10^6$</td>
<td>Rubber</td>
<td>$10^{-15}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sea water</td>
<td>$4$</td>
<td>Fused quartz</td>
<td>$10^{-17}$</td>
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can be nonlinear and possibly depend on the history of the material (hysteresis). A special case of these material laws are linear materials with memory effect (e.g. biaxial isotropic materials) for which the constitutive laws can be written as a convolution product. In this case, the use of Fourier analysis allows to conclude the frequency-dependency of material laws. In most applications the following constitutive laws hold:

$$j = J(e) = \sigma e + j_s,$$

$$d = D(e) = \epsilon_0 e + \mathcal{P}(e),$$

$$b = H(h) = \mu_0 (h + \mathcal{M}(h)),$$

The electric polarization vector $\mathcal{P}(e) = d - \epsilon_0 e$ and the magnetization $\mathcal{M}(h) = \mu_0^{-1} b - h$ are introduced to account for the deviation of the electric displacement current and the magnetic induction of a given material with respect to the vacuum. The source current density $j_s$ is introduced to model current densities imposed by generators and considered independent of the local electromagnetic field.

### 2.3.1 Ohm’s law

Ohm’s law (2.19) relates the electric current density $j$ and the electric field $e$. It is valid in conductors where $j$ is proportional to $e$. The coefficient of proportionality is the electric conductivity $\sigma$ (S/m), which is positive in conducting regions and zero in non-conducting regions. Table 2.1 contains the values of the electric conductivity of some materials. Relation (2.19) is valid for non-moving materials. If moving domains are present, the constitutive law becomes:

$$j = \sigma (e + v \times b) + j_s,$$

where $v$ is the velocity of the moving domain. Relation (2.22) can also be used for modelling the Hall effect. Equation (2.19) remains valid in most of the materials used in engineering applications. The electric conductivity can be a tensor $[\sigma]$. This is the case for instance if we consider the macroscopic properties of a laminated
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Table 2.2: Relative permittivity $\epsilon_r$ of some materials [142].

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<tr>
<td>Air</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Polyethylene</td>
<td>2.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bakelite</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>Plystyrene</td>
<td>2.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glass</td>
<td>4 – 10</td>
<td>Porcelain</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mica</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>Rubber</td>
<td>2.3 – 4.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oil</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>Soil</td>
<td>3 – 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paper</td>
<td>2 – 4</td>
<td>Teflon</td>
<td>2.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paraffin max</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>Water</td>
<td>8.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Methanol</td>
<td>32.6</td>
<td>Sea water</td>
<td>7.2</td>
</tr>
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structure. The electric conductivity $[\sigma]$ then becomes:

$$[\sigma] = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.23)

For two-dimensional problems, we will assume anisotropic electric conductivity where the components $\sigma_{13}, \sigma_{23}, \sigma_{31}$ and $\sigma_{32}$ are zero.

2.3.2 Dielectric constitutive laws

Equation (2.20) relates the electric flux density $d$ to the electric field $e$. Compared with (2.14), an additional term that accounts for the interaction of the field with the electrons of the medium is accounted for by adding the electric polarization $P(e)$. This term establishes a relation between the electric polarization vector $P$ and the electric field $e$ as if the charges were elastically bound to the atoms of the medium with a restoring force $P(e)$. Materials with $P$ are called dielectrics. For linear dielectric materials, the electric polarization vector is a linear function of the electric field $P(e) = \epsilon_0 \chi e e + p_e$ and therefore

$$d = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi e) e + p_e = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r e + p_e = \epsilon e + p_e.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.24)

In this relation, $p_e$ is the permanent polarisation present in materials exhibiting permanent polarization such as the electrets, $\chi_e$ is the electric susceptibility (which is always positive), $\epsilon_r$ is the relative permittivity and $\epsilon$ is the electric permittivity. For a reversible medium, the electric permittivity can be represented by a symmetric, anisotropic tensor:

$$[\epsilon] = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \epsilon_{12} & \epsilon_{13} \\ \epsilon_{21} & \epsilon_{22} & \epsilon_{23} \\ \epsilon_{31} & \epsilon_{32} & \epsilon_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.25)

The symmetry can be derived using a thermodynamical approach.

Table 2.2 contains values of relative permittivity for some dielectric materials. Dielectric materials gather the paraelectric materials and the ferroelectric materials, which are characterized by nonlinear reversible and irreversible $d$-$e$ curves, respectively.
### 2.3.3 Magnetic constitutive laws

Equation (2.21) relates the magnetic flux density $b$ and the magnetic field $h$. In this equation, an additional term called the magnetization vector $M(h)$ is added as compared to the case of vacuum and it gives the reaction of the medium when submitted to an external applied magnetic field.

For linear magnetic materials, the magnetization vector becomes $M(h) = \chi_m h$ and therefore the magnetic constitutive law becomes:

$$b = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) h + \mu_0 \mu_r h + \mu_0 h_m = \mu_0 h + \mu_0 h_m,$$  

(2.26)

where $\chi_m$ is the magnetic susceptibility, $\mu_r$ is the relative permeability and $h_m$ is the permanent magnetic field used for modelling permanent magnets [115]. Unlike the dielectric case, the magnetic susceptibility can be positive and negative. Materials with negative magnetic susceptibility are called diamagnetic and their magnetization vector points in the opposite direction to that of $h$. Paramagnetic materials have positive values of magnetic susceptibility. Both diamagnetic and paramagnetic materials have small values of susceptibility (see Table 2.3). In many electromagnetic applications (electric transformers, electric machines, electromagnetic shielding, etc.), materials with high values of the magnetic permeability are desired as they allow to effectively concentrate the magnetic flux density. These are ferromagnetic materials. Ferromagnetic materials exhibit nonlinear and possibly hysteretic behaviour (see Figures 2.2 and 2.3) and possibly a hysteretic behaviour (see Figure 2.3). The hysteresis curve in Figure 2.3 shows the evolution of the magnetic flux density $b$ as a function of the magnetic field $h$. An equivalent curve relating the magnetization vector $M$ as a function of the magnetic field $h$ can be easily deduced. The portion of the curve in $(b)$ exhibits the evolution of the $bh$ curve for the first magnetization curve. When the magnetic field is increased until a maximum value, the saturation value of the magnetization is reached. When $h$ decreases, the $bh$ curve does not follow the same path as the first magnetization curve. Therefore when $h$ is set back to zero there exists a non-zero magnetic flux density called remanent induction $b_r$ and it is necessary to apply the coercive magnetic field $h_c$ in order to cancel the magnetization. The magnetic work required for increasing $b$ by the amount $db$ is derived from Poynting theorem [105,116] and given by:

$$dW_m = h \cdot db = \mu_0 h \cdot dh + \mu_0 h \cdot dM,$$  

(2.27)

and comprises two contributions: the energy required for increasing the energy in vacuum $\mu_0 h \cdot dh$ and the energy for magnetizing the material $\mu_0 h \cdot dM$. The latter

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**Table 2.3:** Relative permeability $\mu_r$ of some materials [107,142].

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nickel</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>Bismuth</td>
<td>0.99983</td>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td>1.000021</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cobalt</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>Gold</td>
<td>0.99996</td>
<td>Magnesium</td>
<td>1.00012</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iron</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>0.99998</td>
<td>Palladium</td>
<td>1.00082</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$\mu$-metal</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>0.99999</td>
<td>Titanium</td>
<td>1.00018</td>
</tr>
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contribution is associated with hysteretic losses. Indeed, the density of the magnetic energy required for increasing the magnetic field from 0 to \( h \) is given by:

\[
W_{m1} = \int_0^h dW_m = \int_0^b h \cdot db.
\]  

(2.28)

The density of energy required to get the magnetic field from \( h \) to 0 is:

\[
W_{m2} = \int_0^h dW_m = \int_b^0 h \cdot db,
\]  

(2.29)

and the sum of both integrals is the density of energy dissipated by hysteresis (see Figure 2.4).

\[
W_{m1} + W_{m2} = \int_0^b h \cdot db.
\]  

(2.30)

The total energy dissipated over one cycle \( Q \) is given by:

\[
Q = \int \oint_{\Omega \text{ cycle}} h \cdot db = \mu_0 \int \oint_{\Omega \text{ cycle}} h \cdot d\mathcal{M}.
\]  

(2.31)

where \( \Omega \) is the computational domain.

Ferromagnetic materials can be classified in two categories depending on the value of their coercive magnetic field (Figure 2.5). **Hard** magnetic materials have large coercive magnetic fields (typically \( h_c > 10^3 A/m \)). A great amount of energy
Figure 2.3: The $bh$ curve for a nonlinear irreversible magnetic material. (a) Major hysteresis loop, (b) first magnetization curve, (c) anhysteretic curve and (d) minor hysteresis loop.

Figure 2.4: (a) Energy required to change the magnetic field from 0 to $h$. (b) Energy required to get back the magnetic field from $h$ to 0. (c) Hysteresis losses.

is required to demagnetize them. Therefore they are used for making permanent magnets. Soft magnetic materials have small coercive magnetic fields and are often used in electromagnetic devices for reducing magnetic losses.
Figure 2.5: The $bh$ hysteretic curves of ferromagnetic materials (hard magnetic material on the left and soft magnetic material on the right.)
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Often the constitutive law for soft magnetic materials is approximated by the anhysteretic curve. Each point of this curve is obtained by applying a combination of a DC field with and a AC field with a decreasing amplitude. The stationary solution then converges to one point of the anhysteretic curve (see Figure 2.3).

2.4 Description of the problem

We want to solve (2.1)-(2.4) together with (2.16)-(2.18) in a bounded domain Ω. This domain can be split into two non-overlapping regions: the conducting region Ωc (with σ > 0) and the non-conducting region Ωc = Ω \ Ωc (with σ = 0). The non-conducting region is assumed to contain inductors Ωs where the current density js is imposed. This assumption is equivalent to consider a perfect stranded inductor without skin or proximity effects. The modeling of each of these inductors is done by computing a source magnetic field hs satisfying the following problems [65,105]:

\[
\begin{aligned}
\text{curl } h_s &= j_s \quad \text{in } \Omega_s \\
\text{curl } h_s &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \setminus \Omega_s.
\end{aligned}
\]  

(2.32)

A gauge condition should be imposed to ensure the uniqueness of the field hs. One possible choice is the Coulomb gauge \(\text{div } h_s = 0\). It is automatically ensured by choosing the source term from the Biot-Savart law [65,105]:

\[
h_s(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{j_s(y) \times (x - y)}{|x - y|^3} \, dy.
\]

(2.33)
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The boundary of the domain \( \Omega \) is denoted \( \Gamma \). It is the union of two other regions \( \Gamma_e \) and \( \Gamma_h \) such that
\[
\Gamma = \Gamma_e \cup \Gamma_h, \quad \Gamma_e \cap \Gamma_h = \emptyset.
\] (2.34)

The region \( \Gamma_e \) is the part of the boundary where the tangential trace of \( e \) (resp. the normal trace of \( b \)) is imposed and \( \Gamma_h \) is the part of the boundary where the tangential trace of \( h \) (resp. the normal trace of \( d \) or \( j \)) is imposed. The boundary \( \Gamma_g \subseteq \Gamma_h \) is the part of the boundary of \( \Omega \) which is crossed by an electric current.

2.5 The magnetoquasistatic approximation

In this thesis we focus on the magnetoquasistatic problem:
\[
\begin{align*}
curl h &= j, \quad \text{(2.35)} \\
curl e &= -\partial_t b, \quad \text{(2.36)} \\
\text{div } b &= 0, \quad \text{(2.37)} \\
b(x,t) &= B(h(x,t),x), \quad \text{(2.38)} \\
j(x,t) &= J(e(x,t),x). \quad \text{(2.39)}
\end{align*}
\]

This problem is derived from Maxwell’s equations by neglecting the displacement currents \( \partial_t d \) with respect to the conduction currents \( j \). The system of equations must be completed by an initial condition on the magnetic flux density \( b(x,t=0) = b^0(x) \). We also assume that the source current density \( j_s \) is divergence-free.

For the analytical and theoretical study of problem (2.35)–(2.39) in chapter 3 we will assume that the nonlinear mapping \( B : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \) is maximal monotone. Therefore it has an inverse \( B^{-1} := H : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \) and it can be derived from a convex, lower semi-continuous functional \( \varphi \) \([10, 30, 55, 83, 85, 173, 174]\) (the derivation of the magnetic material law is done in Appendix A). Note that the time-dependence in the mapping \( B \) occurs only through the magnetic field \( h(x,t) \) (resp. the magnetic induction \( b(x,t) \) for the mapping \( H \)), which excludes magnetic materials with memory effect and thus hysteresis.

The computational homogenization approach that we will propose in chapter 4 will allow us to include hysteretic effects numerically, through the use of classical hysteresis models (e.g. Preisach, Jiles-Atherton). In all cases we will still assume that the mapping \( J : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \) is maximal monotone and has an inverse \( E : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \). In practice, this assumption holds as the materials we consider in this thesis are electrically linear with the constitutive laws \( j = \sigma e \) and \( e = \sigma^{-1} j \).

In the next sections, we develop the weak formulations of the magnetoquasistatic problem (2.35)–(2.39). More details on these formulations can be found in \([59, 90, 176]\).

2.5.1 Maxwell’s house

In order to write (2.35)–(2.39) in weak form, let us introduce the domains of the differential operators \( \text{grad}, \text{curl} \) and \( \text{div} \) with appropriate boundary conditions on
\[ H_1^h(\Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{grad} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), u|_{\Gamma_h} = u_h \}, \]  
\[ H_h(\text{curl}; \Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{curl} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), n \times u|_{\Gamma_h} = u_h \}, \]  
\[ H_h(\text{div}; \Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{div} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), n \cdot u|_{\Gamma_h} = u_h \}. \]  
\[ H_1^e(\Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{grad} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), u|_{\Gamma_e} = u_e \}, \]  
\[ H_e(\text{curl}; \Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{curl} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), n \times u|_{\Gamma_e} = u_e \}, \]  
\[ H_e(\text{div}; \Omega) = \{ u \in L^2(\Omega) : \text{div} \ u \in L^2(\Omega), n \cdot u|_{\Gamma_e} = u_e \}. \]  

The spaces \( H_1^0(\Omega), H_0^h(\text{curl}; \Omega), H_0^h(\text{div}; \Omega), H_1^e(\Omega), H_0^e(\text{curl}; \Omega) \) and \( H_0^e(\text{div}; \Omega) \) denote the same spaces as the corresponding spaces in (2.40)–(2.45) with traces equal to zero.

These function spaces can be represented on the Tonti diagram of Figure 2.7, where they form two sequences denoted by the vertical arrows. Constitutive laws will link these sequences (horizontal arrows), as will be explained in the next sections.
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2.5.2 Magnetic flux density conforming formulations: dynamic case

We want to solve (2.35)–(2.39) using the so-called magnetic flux density conforming formulation [64, 169–171]. Thus, we want to satisfy the right branch of the Tonti diagram (2.8) together with the constitutive laws (2.38)-(2.39) in a strong sense. The electric field $e$ and magnetic flux density $b$ can be derived from (2.37) and (2.36):

\[
b = \text{curl} \ a \ \text{and} \ e = -\partial_t a - \text{grad} \ v,
\]

(2.46)

where $a$ is the magnetic vector potential and $v$ is the electric scalar potential. We therefore derive the following weak form of Ampère’s equation (2.35) [26, 29]: find $a \in H_e(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ such that

\[
(h, \text{curl} a')_\Omega + \langle n \times h, a' \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = (j, a')_\Omega,
\]

(2.47)

where $a'$ is a field of test functions independent of time. Using $h = \mathcal{H}(b)$ and (2.19) and introducing (2.46) in (2.47); one gets the weak form [26, 29]: find $a \in H_e(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ and $v \in H^1_e(\Omega)$ such that

\[
(\mathcal{H}(\text{curl} a), \text{curl} a')_\Omega + (\sigma \partial_t a, a')_{\Omega_c} + (\sigma \text{grad} v, a')_{\Omega_c}
\]

\[
+ \langle n \times h, a' \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = (j, a')_{\Omega_c},
\]

(2.48)

for all $a' \in H^0_e(\text{curl}; \Omega)$. The vector potential $a$ is uniquely defined in the conducting region $\Omega_c$ and a gauge condition must be defined in the non-conducting region $\Omega^C$. The boundary term in (2.48) contains the tangential component of the magnetic field which is subject to natural boundary condition on $\Gamma_h$. It can take several forms [59, 176]: homogenous Neumann boundary condition, fields associated with the global
quantities, trace defining an integral operator used to define an exterior problem, etc. In this thesis we only consider the case of homogeneous Neumann condition. In practice, such Neumann condition can be used for imposing the symmetry condition on a plane crossed by a zero electric current or for imposing homogeneous boundary conditions on a perfect magnetic material, i.e., a material with $\mu \sim \infty$ (section 2.2).

The electric scalar potential $\mathbf{v}$ is only defined in the conducting regions $\Omega_c$. Using the test functions $\mathbf{a}' = \nabla \mathbf{v}'$ in (2.48) we get the following equation:

$$(\sigma \partial_t \mathbf{a}, \nabla \mathbf{v}')_{\Omega_c} + (\sigma \nabla \mathbf{v}, \nabla \mathbf{v}')_{\Omega_c} = \langle \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{h}, \nabla \mathbf{v}' \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = \langle \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{v}' \rangle_{\Gamma_g} \quad \forall \mathbf{v}' \in H_e^0(\Omega), \quad (2.49)$$

which is also the weak form of $\text{div} \mathbf{j} = 0$. The boundary $\Gamma_g$ in (2.49) has been defined in section 2.4 as the part of $\Gamma_h$ which is crossed by an electric current.

The two-dimensional case with all currents perpendicular to the two-dimensional section is obtained by assuming the source current density $\mathbf{j}_s = j_s(x, y)\mathbf{1}_z$, where $\mathbf{1}_z$ is the unit vector aligned along the $z$ axis. If the electric conductivity tensor $\sigma$ is such that $\sigma_{13} = 0 = \sigma_{23}$, then $z$-components of the magnetic field $\mathbf{h}$ and of the magnetic flux density $\mathbf{b}$ vanish and it is possible to derive the magnetic flux density $\mathbf{b}$ from a scalar potential $a_z(x, y)$ with $\mathbf{a} = a_z \mathbf{1}_z$. In this case the $\text{curl}$ operator can be expressed in terms of the $\nabla$ operator as $\text{curl} := \mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla$ and the magnetic flux density reads $\mathbf{b} = \text{curl} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla a_z$. The weak form of (2.48) and (2.49) becomes: find $a_z \in H_e^1(\Omega)$ and $u_r$ that is constant in each connected conducting region such that

$$(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla a_z), \mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla a_z')_{\Omega} + (\sigma \partial_t a_z, a_z')_{\Omega} + (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h}, a_z')_{\Gamma_h} = (j_s, a_z')_{\Omega_c}, \quad (2.50)$$

and

$$(\sigma \partial_t a_z, u_r')_{\Omega} + (\sigma u_r, u_r')_{\Omega} = 0 \quad (2.51)$$

for all $a_z' \in H_e^1(\Omega)$ and $u_r'$ that is constant for each connected conducting region. The field $u_r$ represents a voltage per unit length.

### 2.5.3 Magnetic flux density conforming formulations: static case

The magnetostatic case can be derived as a particular case of the magnetodynamic problem where eddy currents are neglected. The following three-dimensional weak form is derived from (2.48): find $\mathbf{a} \in H_e(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ such that

$$(\mathbf{H}(\text{curl} \mathbf{a}), \text{curl} \mathbf{a}')_{\Omega} + \langle \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{a}' \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = (j_s, \mathbf{a}')_{\Omega_c}, \quad (2.52)$$

for all $\mathbf{a}' \in H_e^0(\text{curl}, \Omega)$.

Likewise, the following two-dimensional weak form is derived from (2.50): find $a_z \in H_e^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla a_z), \mathbf{1}_z \times \nabla a_z')_{\Omega} + \langle \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{h}, a_z' \mathbf{1}_z \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = (j_s, a_z')_{\Omega_c}, \quad (2.53)$$

for all $a_z' \in H_e^0(\Omega)$. 

2.5.4 Magnetic field conforming formulations: dynamic case

In this section we derive magnetic field conforming formulations for (2.35)-(2.39). We want to satisfy the left branch of Tonti diagram (see Figure 2.9) together with the constitutive laws (2.38)-(2.39) in a strong sense. We therefore derive the following weak form for Faraday’s equation \[ (\partial_t b, h')_\Omega + (e, \text{curl } h')_\Omega + \langle n \times e, h' \rangle_{\Gamma_e} = 0 \quad \forall h' \in H^0_h(\text{curl}, \Omega). \] (2.54)

Using Ampère’s equation, the magnetic constitutive law (2.21) \( b = B(h) \) and Ohm’s law in the conducting region \( e = \sigma^{-1} j = \sigma^{-1} \text{curl } h \), equation (2.54) becomes [32,33,63]:

\[
(\partial_t B(h), h')_\Omega + (\sigma^{-1} \text{curl } h, \text{curl } h')_\Omega + (e, \text{curl } h')_{\Omega_c} + \langle n \times e, h' \rangle_{\Gamma_e} = 0 \quad \forall h' \in H^0_h(\text{curl}, \Omega). \] (2.55)

The magnetic field \( h \) in \( \Omega^C_e \) can be decomposed into two components \( h = h_s + h_r \) where \( h_s \) is the source term that can be computed using (2.32) and \( h_r \) is the reaction field. In the non-conducting domain the total field \( h \) is governed by:

\[
\begin{cases}
\text{curl } h = j_s & \text{in } \Omega_s \\
\text{curl } h = 0 & \text{in } \Omega^C \setminus \Omega_s.
\end{cases} \] (2.56)

Combining (2.32) and (2.57) we can deduce the governing equation for the reaction field \( h_r \):

\[ \text{curl } h_r = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^C. \] (2.57)

This means that the reaction term \( h_r \) can be derived from a magnetic scalar potential \( \phi \) in \( \Omega^C_e \). In addition in \( \Omega^C_e \), the test functions \( h' \) must be chosen in the subspace of
\( \mathbf{H}_h^0(\text{curl}, \Omega^C) \) such that \( \text{curl} \mathbf{h}' = 0 \) in \( \Omega^C \). Using Ohm’s law in \( \Omega_c : e = \sigma^{-1}j \) the weak form (2.55) becomes:

\[
(\partial_t \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{h}), \mathbf{h}')_\Omega + (\sigma^{-1}\text{curl} \mathbf{h}, \text{curl} \mathbf{h}')_{\Omega_c} + (\sigma^{-1}j_s, \text{curl} \mathbf{h}')_{\Omega_c} + \langle \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{h}' \rangle_{\Gamma_e} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{h}' \in \mathbf{H}_h^0(\text{curl}, \Omega). \tag{2.58}
\]

Note that the electric field \( \mathbf{e} \) is not defined in the non-conducting region \( \Omega^C \) using this equation.

The boundary term contains the tangential component of the electric field which is subject to natural boundary conditions on \( \Gamma_e \). In this thesis we consider the case of homogeneous Neumann conditions. In practice, this case can be used for imposing the symmetry condition on a plane crossed by a null flux density (\( \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{e}_{|\Gamma_e} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{n} \cdot \text{div} \mathbf{b}_{|\Gamma_e} = 0 \)). It can also be used to impose homogeneous boundary condition on a perfect conducting material, i.e., a material for which \( \sigma \sim \infty \) (section 2.2).

### 2.5.5 Magnetic field conforming formulations: static case

The magnetostatic problem is derived from the magnetoquasistatic problem by neglecting the time derivatives and the eddy currents. Electric and magnetic problems can then be decoupled and problem (2.35)-(2.39) becomes:

\[
\text{curl} \mathbf{h} = j_s, \tag{2.59}
\]

\[
\text{div} \mathbf{b} = 0, \tag{2.60}
\]

\[
\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}). \tag{2.61}
\]

We want to satisfy Ampère’s equation and the constitutive law in a strong sense. Using results of section (2.5.4) we get \( \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{h}_s + \mathbf{h}_r \) where the reaction magnetic field satisfies \( \mathbf{h}_r = 0 \) in \( \Omega^C \). It can be derived from a scalar potential \( \phi \) as:

\[
\mathbf{h}_r = -\text{grad} \phi. \tag{2.62}
\]

In the case the domain \( \Omega^C \) is not simply connected, the derivation is valid after defining cuts that make it simply connected \([59, 176]\). The weak form of Gauss equation then reads: find \( \phi \in H^1_h(\Omega) \) such that

\[
(\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{h}_s - \text{grad} \phi), \text{grad} \phi')_\Omega + \langle \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \phi' \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = 0, \tag{2.63}
\]

for all test functions \( \phi' \in H^1_0(\Omega) \).
Chapter 3
Homogenization theory

3.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we apply the classical homogenization theory to derive homogenized problems for Maxwell’s equations. The theory is introduced progressively to solve more and more complex problems (i.e. problems involving complex geometries and nonlinear constitutive laws). We present results of simple effective medium theory (Maxwell–Garnett and Bruggeman models) and then develop the asymptotic homogenization method for the div – grad and curl – curl problems. We also summarize results for the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods.

Results from the asymptotic homogenization method will be used in chapter 4 for computing the homogenized material law for linear materials and those from the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods will be used for the homogenization of Maxwell’s equations as well as the computation of the homogenized material law for nonlinear materials.

The chapter is organized as follows: section 3.2 provides the state of art of homogenization methods and convergence theories. Particular attention is paid to three methods: the effective medium theory in section 3.3, the asymptotic homogenization method in section 3.4 and the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods in section 3.5.

3.2 Generalities

Homogenization theory is a mathematical formalism used for solving problems with structures on multiple scales. These problems may arise when modeling physical phenomena in mechanics, chemistry, electromagnetism, fluid dynamics, etc. The modeling process leads to defining an equation of the form:

\[ A^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon = f, \]  

where \( A^\varepsilon : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{V}' \) is an operator (linear or not) acting on the unknown fields \( u^\varepsilon \) that vary on a very small spatial scale \( \varepsilon \), from the function space \( \mathcal{V} \) into its dual
Problem (3.1) may involve differential equations (ordinary or partial) and the operator $\mathcal{A}^\varepsilon$ may possibly contain information about the initial and/or boundary conditions necessary for ensuring the well-posedness of the problem. The multiscale aspect is referred to by means of the superscript “$\varepsilon$”. Scales involved can range from the nanoscale to the macroscale (Figure 3.1). Numerically solving the multiscale problem (3.1) at the finest scale is usually extremely expensive in terms of computational time and memory storage. Homogenization theory aims at replacing this original problem by the following homogenized macroscopic problem:

$$\mathcal{A}_M u_M = f,$$

where the dependency with $\varepsilon$ has been eliminated and that can be “cheaply” solved. In (3.2), the operator $\mathcal{A}_M$ is the homogenized operator of $\mathcal{A}^\varepsilon$ and $u_M$ captures the slow component of $u^\varepsilon$. Adapted convergence theories have been developed for proving the convergence of fields across scales, including fields that result from the application of differential operators (e.g. $\nabla$, $\nabla \times$ and $\nabla \cdot$) and integral functionals (e.g. global quantities).

In this thesis we focus on problems governed by partial differential equations which involve the mesoscale and the macroscale. We are especially interested by the
magnetoquasistatic multiscale problem:

\begin{align}
\text{curl } h^\varepsilon &= j^\varepsilon, \\
\text{curl } e^\varepsilon &= -\partial_t b^\varepsilon, \\
\text{div } b^\varepsilon &= 0, \\
b^\varepsilon(x, t) &= B(h^\varepsilon(x, t), x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}), \\
j^\varepsilon(x, t) &= J(e^\varepsilon(x, t), x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}).
\end{align}

that results from the magnetoquasistatic problem of section 2.5, where \( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \) is introduced to denote possibly rapid fluctuations in the constitutive laws. Examples of application of this problem involve the computation of fields in multiscale materials such as laminated structures, soft magnetic composites and soft ferrites (see Figure 1.2).

In the next paragraphs we briefly describe the \( \Gamma \)-convergence, the \( G \)-convergence and the \( H \)-convergence methods. In the rest of the chapter we give more details about the effective medium theory (section 3.3), the asymptotic expansion method (section 3.4), the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding method (section 3.5).

\( \Gamma \)-convergence concerns the convergence of sequences of minimization problems. The sequence is indexed by \( \varepsilon \) due to the change of the geometry or of the material law. \( \Gamma \)-convergence can only be derived for problems that can be written as minimization problems of some energy functional \( \Phi^\varepsilon(v) \). Under coercivity and compactness assumptions on the functional and some additional assumptions on the structure of the space \( V \) of the solution \( u^\varepsilon \), it can be shown that:

\[
\arg \min_{v \in V} \Phi^\varepsilon(v) = u^\varepsilon \to u_M = \arg \min_{v \in V} \Phi_M(v),
\]

where the notation \( \arg \min_{v \in V} \Phi^\varepsilon(v) \) is used to denote the set of all \( u^\varepsilon \) in \( V \) for which the functional \( \Phi^\varepsilon(v) \) attains its smallest value and where \( \Phi_M(v) \) is the homogenized energy functional that may eventually include the homogenized material law obtained by solving a cell problem. \( \Gamma \)-convergence is well defined for convex functionals. In this case, the average minimal energy obtained solving the cell problem on periodicity cells \( k \mathcal{Y} \) (with \( k = 1, 2, ..., \)) is the same [121]. For non-convex functionals, Muller [136] has shown that there exists a number \( k \) (a priori unknown) of periodicity cells \( k \mathcal{Y} \) that minimizes the energy functional. In this case the homogenization depends on the size of the cell even for periodic structures.

\( G \)-convergence and \( H \)-convergence have been introduced by Spagnolo [183] and Murat [139], respectively. The letters \( G \) stands for Green (as in Green kernel) and \( H \) stands for homogenization. \( G \)-convergence concerns the convergence of operators for symmetric problems for which there exist Green kernels and \( H \)-convergence extends \( G \)-convergence to non-symmetric problems. Back to problem (3.1), we have a sequence of operators \( \mathcal{A}^\varepsilon \) that, when applied to the sequence \( u^\varepsilon \in \mathcal{V} \) gives \( f \in \mathcal{V}' \).
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If the space $V$ has an appropriate structure the sequence $u^\varepsilon$ converges to $u_M$. $G$-convergence and $H$-convergence theories allow to determine conditions under which the operator $A^\varepsilon$ converges to the operator $A_M$ such that $A_M u_M = f$ for all $f$ in $V$.

References [58, 185] contain a brief history of homogenization and convergence methods. More details can also be found in [51, 56] for the $\Gamma$-convergence and in [139, 140, 154, 157, 183, 184, 188–190] for the $G$-convergence and the $H$-convergence. In the next sections, we present the effective medium theory, the asymptotic expansion method, the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding method as results from these methods will be used in the remainder of the thesis. We use the following criteria for comparing these methods:

1. the possibility to deal with problem (3.3)–(3.7) involving \textbf{curl} operators;
2. the possibility to derive a homogenized problem that can be easily solved;
3. the possibility to handle nonlinearities. For magnetic materials, three constitutive laws are used to illustrate the complexity of deriving a homogenized problem: a linear material law, a nonlinear reversible material law and a nonlinear irreversible law;
4. the possibility to deal with materials with complex microstructures. Figure 1.2 shows some of the structures of magnetic materials that can be involved in various electromagnetic applications. The applications for these materials range from low to medium frequencies;
5. the possibility to recover local fields in critical points of interest. An example of such critical points occur in transformers where one may want to verify if the value is smaller than some breakdown value of the electric field;
6. the possibility to compute global quantities such as the eddy current or the magnetic losses.

Another desirable property is the possibility to account for the realistic random distribution of heterogeneities in multiscale materials. For our theoretical developments we consider the case of periodic media i.e. those media made of a repetitive periodic cell. This assumption is realistic for periodic structures (e.g.: laminated structures) and for points located away from the domain boundary. In the computational homogenization developed in chapter 4, we extend its use to non-periodic media (soft magnetic composites, soft ferrites, etc.) by choosing an equivalent periodic periodicity cell $\mathcal{Y}$. Note however that for the non-periodic media with a deterministic or a probabilistic distribution of heterogeneities, stochastic approaches have been developed for the asymptotic expansion method [20], the $\Gamma$-convergence method [52], the $G$-convergence and the $H$-convergence [157] and the two-scale convergence [44, 106, 144].
3.3 Effective medium theory

The theory of effective medium can be used for computing the homogenized properties of a composite with only a limited quantity of information on the microstructure. A medium with a microstructure comprises a matrix with magnetic permeability $\mu_h$ and (complex-shaped) inclusions with magnetic permeability $\mu_p$. These inclusions are replaced by simple shapes (e.g.: spheres, ellipsoids, cylinders, ...) for which the problem of inclusion in a matrix has an exact solution. The considered geometries of inclusions can allow to account for the anisotropy of the material laws. For instance, the anisotropy of the distribution of phases leads to anisotropy of material laws. Several variants of the theory can be found in the litterature. These theories include the Maxwell–Garnett model [122], the Clausius-Mossotti model [48,134], the Rayleigh model [168], the Bruggeman model [131], the coherent potential approximation model [112], etc. Herein we give details about the Maxwell-Garnett and the Bruggeman models.

3.3.1 Maxwell-Garnet model

The Maxwell-Garnett model is well suited for the case of materials with a small volume ratio of inclusion $f$. The principle of the method is described on the figure 3.2. Two phases are considered: the matrix and the inclusions with respective permeabilities $\mu_h$ and $\mu_p$. The effective magnetic permeability relates the homogenized magnetic flux density $b_M$ to the homogenized magnetic field $h_M$ by the formula:

$$b_M = \mu_{eff} h_M.$$  \hfill (3.9)

The macroscale fields $h_M$ and $b_M$ are given by:

$$h_M = fh_p + (1-f)h_h, \quad b_M = f\mu_p h_p + (1-f)\mu_h h_h,$$  \hfill (3.10)

where $h_p, h_h$ are values of the magnetic field in the inclusion and in the matrix, respectively and $f$ is the volume ratio. The solution of the problem for spherical inclusion relates the fields $h_h$ and $h_p$ as [181]:

$$h_p = \frac{3\mu_h}{\mu_p + 2\mu_p}h_h.$$  \hfill (3.11)
and therefore the following effective magnetic permeability is derived:

\[
\mu_{\text{eff}} = \mu_h + 3\mu_h \frac{\mu_p - \mu_h}{\mu_p - 2\mu_h - f(\mu_p - \mu_h)}. \tag{3.12}
\]

### 3.3.2 Bruggeman model

In the Bruggeman model, the two phases can play the same role and therefore they can be used either as the inclusion or the matrix. The model is therefore valid even at high values of volume ratio. The model then consists in replacing the external medium to each inclusion by an equivalent effective medium computed in an auto-coherent way (Figure 3.3). The idea of Bruggeman is to assume the existence of this effective medium such that the magnetic induction resulting from the magnetization of the 2 spheres cancels i.e. \(\mu_1 \mathcal{M}_1 + \mu_2 \mathcal{M}_2 = 0\). This allows to derive the formula \([181]\):

\[
(1 - f) \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_{\text{eff}}}{\mu_1 + 2\mu_{\text{eff}}} + f \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_{\text{eff}}}{\mu_2 + 2\mu_{\text{eff}}}. \tag{3.13}
\]

### 3.3.3 Advantages and limitations of the effective medium theory

The main advantage of the effective medium theory presented in this section is its ability to easily derive the effective properties. However, the approach is only adapted for linear problems with a small contrast of material properties between different phases. \([49]\)

As presented above, the method does not account for the distribution of heterogeneities in the microstructure. This means that two microstructures with the same volume ratio of inclusion but with different distribution of phases will yield the same effective quantities.

Mean field homogenization \([50,117–119]\) uses semi-analytical results from the effective medium \([21,99,133]\) at the mesoscale level for computing homogenized con-
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Substitutive laws used for numerically solving the macroscale problem. This technique initially used for linear problems has evolved over the last decade and extended to nonlinear problems. To our best knowledge, it has not yet been used in electromagnetism for problems with high nonlinearity/hysteresis. Using this method, it is possible to get more accurate effective quantities by providing additional information of the distribution of phases [50]. Extension to high frequency problems with consideration of eddy currents at the level of inclusions has been proposed [163,165,166]. The accuracy of the mesoscale solution obtained using this method may sometimes be bad. [164] [165]

3.4 Asymptotic expansion method

The asymptotic homogenization method is a constructive method that can be used for homogenizing linear problems. The idea of the method is to split the physical coordinate system \( x \) into a coarse-scale and a fine-scale coordinate system \((x, y)\) where \( y = \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \) is used for capturing the rapid fluctuations of the solution and then expand the operator \( \mathcal{A}^\varepsilon \) and the unknown field \( u^\varepsilon \) in terms of the powers of a small parameter \( \varepsilon \). We treat \( x \) and \( y \) as independent variables.

In order to construct the homogenized problem of (3.1) the following expansion for the solution is assumed:

\[
u^\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x, y) + \varepsilon u_1(x, y) + \varepsilon^2 u_2(x, y) + \ldots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^i u_i(x, y), \tag{3.14}
\]

with \( u_i(x, y) \) that are periodic in the variable \( y \) (they are said to be \( Y \)-periodic with the basic cell denoted by \( Y \)). We also use the differentiation rule:

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_i(x, y) := \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_i(x, y) + \varepsilon^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} u_i(x, y), \tag{3.15}
\]

for all the derivatives appearing in \( \mathcal{A}^\varepsilon \). The \( \text{grad} \), \( \text{curl} \) and \( \text{div} \) operators are transformed accordingly:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{grad} & \rightarrow \text{grad}_x + \varepsilon^{-1} \text{grad}_y, \\
\text{curl} & \rightarrow \text{curl}_x + \varepsilon^{-1} \text{curl}_y, \\
\text{div} & \rightarrow \text{div}_x + \varepsilon^{-1} \text{div}_y.
\end{align*}
\tag{3.16}
\tag{3.17}
\tag{3.18}
\]

Applying (3.15) to (3.14), it is then possible to gather terms with the same powers of \( \varepsilon \) and derive the homogenized macroscale equation and a cell problem that can be used to calculate the homogenized operator \( \mathcal{A}_0 \).
3.4.1 Elliptic equations

In order to illustrate the asymptotic homogenization method, we consider the following div-grad and curl-curl problems with homogeneous boundary conditions:

\[
\begin{aligned}
-\text{div} \left( a^\varepsilon \text{grad} u^\varepsilon \right) + a_0^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
u^\varepsilon &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.
\end{aligned}
\]  

(3.19)

\[
\begin{aligned}
\text{curl} \left( a^\varepsilon \text{curl} u^\varepsilon \right) + a_1^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
\mathbf{n} \times u^\varepsilon &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.
\end{aligned}
\]  

(3.20)

The extension to problems with non-homogeneous boundary conditions is straightforward [20].

The quantities \(a^\varepsilon, a_0^\varepsilon\) and \(a_1^\varepsilon\) are assumed to be \(\mathcal{Y}\)-periodic, depend only on the coordinate \(y\) (i.e. of the form \(K^\varepsilon = K(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})\)) and bounded on the periodicity cell \(\mathcal{Y}\).

It is also assumed that there exist \(c, c_0, \alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+\) such that

\[
c |\xi|^2 \leq \xi^T a(y) \xi , \quad c_0 |\xi|^2 \leq \xi^T a_1(y) \xi \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_0 \leq a_0(y),
\]  

(3.21)

for all \(\xi\) in \(\mathbb{R}^3\). The case of non-uniformly oscillating coefficients \(K(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon})\) and the case of reiterated homogenization \(K^\varepsilon = K(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2}, ..., \frac{x}{\varepsilon^n})\) can be treated using a similar approach [20, 154]. Source terms \(f\) and \(\tilde{f}\) are also assumed to be regular enough (e.g. \(f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)\) and \(\tilde{f} \in L^2(\Omega))\) and the boundary \(\Gamma\) is smooth enough (e.g. Lipschitz continuous). Conditions (3.21) allow to define a coercive, bounded bilinear form that guarantees the existence and the uniqueness of the solution by the Lax-Milgram theorem [40, 85].

3.4.1.1 The div-grad problem

Applying (3.16)–(3.18) to the div – grad operator in (3.19), we get the operator:

\[
\mathcal{A} = \varepsilon^{-2} \mathcal{A}_0 + \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2,
\]  

(3.22)

where:

\[
\mathcal{A}_0 = -\text{div}_y \left( a(y) \text{grad}_y \right),
\]  

(3.23)

\[
\mathcal{A}_1 = -\text{div}_y \left( a(y) \text{grad}_x \right) - \text{div}_x \left( a(y) \text{grad}_y \right),
\]  

(3.24)

\[
\mathcal{A}_2 = -\text{div}_x \left( a(y) \text{grad}_x \right) + a_0(y).
\]  

(3.25)

Applying this operator to the expression (3.14), we get the following system of equations after identifying terms with the same power of \(\varepsilon\):

\[
\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-2}) : \mathcal{A}_0 u_0(x, y) = 0,
\]  

(3.26)

\[
\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1}) : \mathcal{A}_0 u_1(x, y) + \mathcal{A}_1 u_0(x, y) = 0,
\]  

(3.27)

\[
\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0) : \mathcal{A}_0 u_2(x, y) + \mathcal{A}_1 u_1(x, y) + \mathcal{A}_2 u_0(x, y) = f,
\]  

(3.28)
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\[ O(\varepsilon^i) : A_0 u_{i+2}(x, y) + A_1 u_{i+1}(x, y) + A_2 u_i(x, y) = 0 ; i = 1, 2, \ldots \] (3.29)

For having a unique, \(Y\)-periodic solution (up to an additive constant) in any equation of the form \(A_0 u_i(x, y) = g\), the following condition must be fulfilled:

\[ \int_Y g \, dy = \int_Y A_0 u_i(x, y) \, dy = \int_{\partial Y} n \cdot (a(y) \text{grad}_y u_i(x, y)) \, dy = 0 \] (3.30)

for all \(x \in \Omega\). This condition results from the Gauss theorem and the \(\varepsilon\)-periodicity of \(u_i(x, y)\) and \(a(y)\). Now, let us examine equations corresponding to different powers of \(\varepsilon\).

**Order \(O(\varepsilon^{-2})\):** applying (3.30) to (3.26), we deduce that \(u_0(x, y)\) must be independent from the \(y\) coordinate i.e.:

\[ u_0(x, y) = u_0(x). \] (3.31)

**Order \(O(\varepsilon^{-1})\):** plugging (3.31) into (3.27) we get:

\[ A_0 u_1 \, dy = -\text{div}_y a(y) \text{grad}_x u_0(x). \] (3.32)

Notice that the right hand side of (3.32) can be separated in terms depending only on \(x\) and \(y\). Thanks to the linearity of the operator \(A_0\) the method of separation of variables can be used to solve (3.32). The resolution consists in solving the following cell problem [20]: find \(\chi^i \in H^1(Y)\) such that

\[ A_0 \chi_i(y) = -\text{div}_y a(y) e_i. \] (3.33)

Problem (3.33) is the so-called cell problem and the field \(\chi^i(y)\) is used to compute the homogenized quantity \(a^h\). It is obtained by applying a unit source term in the direction \(e_i\) with \(e_1 = (1, 0, 0), e_2 = (0, 1, 0)\) and \(e_3 = (0, 0, 1)\). The first order term \(u_1(x, y)\) is deduced:

\[ u_1(x, y) = \chi(y) \cdot \text{grad}_x u_0(x) + \bar{u}_1(x), \] (3.34)

with \(\chi(y) = (\chi_1(y), \chi_2(y), \chi_3(y))\).

**Order \(O(\varepsilon^0)\):** To get macroscale equations, we apply (3.30) to (3.28):

\[ \int_Y A_0 u_2(x, y) \, dy = \int_Y \left(f - A_1 u_1(x, y) - A_2 u_0(x, y)\right) \, dy = 0. \] (3.35)

Replacing \(u_1(x, y)\) by (3.34) in (3.35) we get the following macroscale equation:

\[ -\text{div}_x \left(a^h \text{grad}_x u_0(x)\right) + a_h^0 u_0(x) = f, \] (3.36)

where \(a^h\) and \(a_h^0\) are the so-called homogenized quantities given by [20]:

\[ a^h = \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_Y a(y)(\bar{1} - \text{grad}_y \chi(y)) \, dy, \] (3.37)
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\[ a^h_0 = \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_Y a_0(y) \, dy, \]  

(3.38)

where \( \mathbf{I} \) is the identity matrix. In (3.37)–(3.38), \( |Y| \) denotes the size of the periodic cell \( Y \). Equations in \( \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^i) \), \( i = 1, 2, \ldots \) can be solved to get the higher order corrector terms. More details on these developments can be found in [20].

3.4.1.2 The curl-curl problem

Applying (3.16)–(3.18) to the curl-curl problem (3.20) leads to expressions similar to (3.23)–(3.25) but with different operators:

\[ A_0 = -\text{curl}_y \left( a(y) \text{curl}_y \right), \]  

(3.39)

\[ A_1 = -\text{curl}_y \left( a(y) \text{curl}_x \right) - \text{curl}_x \left( a(y) \text{curl}_y \right), \]  

(3.40)

\[ A_2 = -\text{curl}_x \left( a(y) \text{curl}_x \right) + a_1(y), \]  

(3.41)

It is again possible to examine the equations corresponding to different powers of \( \varepsilon \). From the curl-curl equation equivalent to (3.26) and (3.27), it can be shown that:

\[ \text{curl}_y u_0(x, y) = 0, \quad \text{div}_y u_0(x, y) = 0, \]  

(3.42)

meaning that \( u_0(x, y) \) is independent from \( y \). Equation (3.27) in the curl-curl context becomes:

\[ A_0 u_1(x, y) = -\text{curl}_y a(y) \text{curl}_x u_0(x). \]  

(3.43)

Two options that lead to dual definitions of the homogenized quantities are then available [20]:

1. The first one consists in defining a div-grad cell problem: find \( \chi^i \in H^1(Y) \) such that

\[ \text{div}_y \left( a^{-1}(y) (\text{grad}_y \chi^i(y) - e_i) \right) = 0, \]  

(3.44)

and then solve the macroscale equation:

\[ \text{curl}_x \left( (a^{-1})^h \text{curl}_x u_0(x) \right) + a^h_1 u_0(x) = f, \]  

(3.45)

where the homogenized tensors \( (a^{-1})^h \) and \( a^h_1 \) are obtained by replacing \( a(y) \) by \( a^{-1}(y) \) and \( a_0(y) \) by \( a_1(y) \) in (3.37)–(3.38).

2. The second consists in defining a curl-curl cell problem: find \( \chi^i \in H(\text{div} 0, Y) \) such that

\[ \text{curl}_y \left( a(y) (\text{curl}_y \chi^i(y) - e_i) \right) = 0, \]  

(3.46)

and then solve the macroscale equation:

\[ \text{curl}_x \left( a^h \text{curl}_x u_0(x) \right) + a^h_1 u_0(x) = f, \]  

(3.47)
where the homogenized $a^h$ and $a^h_1$ are given by:

$$a^h = \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_Y a(y)(\bar{1} - \text{curl}_y \chi(y))dy,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.48)

$$a^h_1 = \frac{1}{|Y|} \left( \int_Y a_1(y)dy \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.49)

with

$$\chi(y) = (\chi^1(y), \chi^2(y), \chi^3(y)).$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.50)

Further details on these developments can be found in [20]. In this thesis, we consider a linear electric constitutive law $\mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{e}$ and therefore the results of mesoscale problems (3.37) and (3.48) can be used to calculate the electrical homogenized conductivity and resistivity.

### 3.4.2 Parabolic equations

The analysis for the parabolic case is quite similar to the analysis for elliptic equations developed in section 3.4.1. In this case, we assume the div-grad problem:

$$\partial_t u^\varepsilon - \text{div} \left( a^\varepsilon \text{grad} u^\varepsilon \right) = f \text{ in } \Omega_T,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.51)

and the curl-curl equation:

$$\partial_t u^\varepsilon + \text{curl} \left( a^\varepsilon \text{curl} u^\varepsilon \right) = f \text{ in } \Omega_T,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.52)

where $\Omega_T = \Omega \times [0, T]$.

In order to have a well-posed problem, equations (3.51) and (3.52) must be completed with appropriate initial conditions in $\Omega$ for $t = 0$ and appropriate boundary conditions on $\Gamma_T$.

For the sake of simplicity, let us consider the case of coefficients $a^\varepsilon$ that are independent of time. In addition, assume that conditions (3.21) are respected. In this case, the div-grad homogenized equation becomes:

$$\partial_t u_0 - \text{div}_x \left( a^h \text{grad}_x u_0 \right) = f,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.53)

with $a^h$ given by (3.37). The curl-curl homogenized equation reads:

$$\partial_t u_0 + \text{curl}_x \left( a^h \text{curl}_x u_0 \right) = f,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.54)

with $a^h$ given by (3.48).

The case of ( multiscale) time-dependent coefficients and reiterated homogenization $a^\varepsilon(t, x) = a(t, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2}, \ldots x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2}, \ldots)$ leads to the same equations as (3.53) and (3.54) [20, 204]. However depending on the values of k, the cell problem may be time-dependent.
3.4.3 Advantages and limitations of the asymptotic expansion method

The asymptotic homogenization method developed in this section can be used to construct the homogenized problem: equations (3.36), (3.45) and (3.47) have been derived for the elliptic case while equations (3.53) and (3.54) have been derived for the parabolic case. The method has been derived for materials with linear constitutive laws and with periodic microstructures. Local fields can also be recovered by solving the cell problem for the first (and higher) order term.

The div – grad problem (3.19) can be used for modeling the elastic behaviour of a linear material, for studying the heat conduction in a linear material, etc. The Helmholtz equation in acoustics also falls into this category with pressure as the quantity of interest. In electromagnetism, problem (3.19) can be used for linear electrostatic, electrokinetic or magnetostatic problems formulated using scalar potentials. In this case, the unknown field \( u^\varepsilon \) represents scalar potentials (either electric or magnetic) and the tensor \( a^\varepsilon \) represents the electric permittivity \( \varepsilon \), electric conductivity \( \sigma \) or magnetic permeability \( \mu \). The curl – curl problem (3.20) can be used for modeling the behaviour of electromagnetic fields in the presence of linear electrostatic, electrokinetic, magnetostatic and magnetodynamic (frequency-domain) problems in the case vector potential formulations are used. The unknown vector field \( u^\varepsilon \) represent vector potentials or the physical fields (electric or magnetic) and the tensor \( a^\varepsilon \) represents the electric permittivity, the electric conductivity or the magnetic permeability or their inverse.

The asymptotic expansion method has some limitations:

1. using the method, it is not possible to get convergence results for the field \( u^\varepsilon \), for fields involving differential operators and for functional integrals and one must resort to convergence theories (\( \Gamma \)-convergence, \( G \)-convergence, \( H \)-convergence or two-scale convergence) in order to get these results;

2. for linear problems, the method always yields good results for the div – grad problem as the solution obtained belongs to the space \( H^1(\Omega) \) (or one of its closed subspace). This space has an interesting property, the so-called compactness of the injection \( H^1(\Omega) \) in \( L^2(\Omega) \) \([40, 54, 85]\) that guarantees the possibility to extract a strong convergent sequence in \( L^2(\Omega) \) from any bounded sequence in \( H^1(\Omega) \) resulting in the zero order term of (3.14) being independent from the fine-scale variable \( y \). This result cannot be generalized for problems involving curl operators; strong convergence of bounded sequences of \( H(\text{curl}; \Omega) \) (resp. \( H(\text{div}; \Omega) \)) in \( L^2(\Omega) \) cannot be guaranteed \([201]\) meaning that the zero order term of (3.14) may depend on the fine-scale variable \( y \) for fields belonging to \( H(\text{curl}; \Omega) \) (resp. \( H(\text{div}; \Omega) \));

3. the method is not adapted for nonlinear problems and convergence theories become indispensable in this case. The homogenization of the nonlinear div – grad problem has been investigated using the classical theory of convergence \([20, 204]\). The approach was based on the compactness results that can be
obtained for the \(\text{div} - \text{grad}\) but cannot be generalized for nonlinear \(\text{curl} - \text{curl}\) problems.

For illustrating the limitations of the asymptotic expansion method for linear problems in electromagnetism, we define the following direct linear magnetostatic problem:

\[
\text{curl}\ h^\varepsilon = j_s, \quad (3.55)
\]

\[
\text{div} (\mu^\varepsilon h^\varepsilon) = 0, \quad (3.56)
\]

and the dual magnetostatic problem:

\[
\text{curl} (\nu^\varepsilon b^\varepsilon) = j_s, \quad (3.57)
\]

\[
\text{div} b^\varepsilon = 0, \quad (3.58)
\]

where \(\nu^\varepsilon = 1/\mu^\varepsilon\) and \(h^\varepsilon\) and \(b^\varepsilon\) are the magnetic field and the magnetic induction, respectively. The asymptotic homogenization method fails in this case. Indeed, from problem (3.55)–(3.56) one gets the following \(O(\varepsilon^{-1})\) equations:

\[
\text{curl}_y h_0(x, y) = 0, \quad (3.59)
\]

\[
\text{div}_y (\mu(y)h_0(x, y)) = 0, \quad (3.60)
\]

The following expression for \(h_0(x, y)\) can be deduced from (3.59):

\[
h_0(x, y) = -\text{grad}_y \varphi_0(x, y) + h_K(x). \quad (3.61)
\]

Notice that \(h_K\) is independent from the variable \(y\). Substituting (3.61) into (3.60) leads to:

\[
\text{div}_y (\mu(y)(\text{grad}_y \varphi_0(x, y))) = \text{div}_y (\mu(y)h_K(x)). \quad (3.62)
\]

The method of separation of variables can be used for solving (3.62). The solution:

\[
h_0(x, y) = (1 - \text{grad}_y \chi(y))h_K(x), \quad (3.63)
\]

is obtained, where \(\chi\) is defined from (3.33). This means that \(h_0\) depends on the variable \(y\) and that it is not possible to define the cell problem as (3.33). This could also be deduced from results of the \(\text{div} - \text{grad}\) problem obtained solving (3.55)–(3.56) using the following scalar potential formulation: find \(\phi^\varepsilon \in \mathcal{V}\) such that

\[
\text{div} \mu^\varepsilon \text{grad} \phi^\varepsilon(x) = \mathcal{F}(j_s), \quad (3.64)
\]

where \(\mathcal{F}(j_s)\) is the new source term and \(H^1_0(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{V} \subset H^1(\Omega)\). The scalar potential \(\phi^\varepsilon\) defined in (3.64) is different from the potential \(\varphi_0\) defined in (3.61). While the first order term of the expansion \(\phi_0\) is independent from \(y\) (see equation (3.31)), the same cannot be said for the magnetic field \(h_0(x, y) = -\text{grad}_x \phi_0(x) - \text{grad}_y \phi_1(x, y)\).

Convergence theory can be used to explain mathematically these two results. Indeed, using the weak compactness theorem (see Theorem 1 in the Appendix B
and the references \([40, 85]\)), it is possible to extract a converging subsequence from \(\phi^\varepsilon \in H^1_0(\Omega)\) that weakly converges in \(H^1_0(\Omega)\). The weak convergence in \(H^1_0(\Omega)\) implies strong convergence in \(L^2(\Omega)\) as a result of the Rellich-Kondrachov theorem \([40, 85]\).

The strong convergence in \(L^2(\Omega)\) is expressed as:

\[
\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \left\| \phi^\varepsilon - \phi_0 \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| \phi^\varepsilon(x, y) - \phi_0(x, y) \right|^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2} = 0 \quad (3.65)
\]

for all \(y \in Y\). This is only possible if the limit \(\phi_0\) does not depend on the variable \(y \in Y\) as the integral is carried out independent of the variable \(y\). Strong convergence cannot be generalized for sequences in any Banach space \(V\) solution to the problem (3.1). For instance, the weak convergence of the sequences \(h^\varepsilon \in H(\text{curl}; \Omega)\) in (3.55)–(3.56) (resp. \(b^\varepsilon \in H(\text{div}; \Omega)\) in (3.57)–(3.58)) does not entail strong convergence in \(L^2(\Omega)\) as \(H(\text{curl}; \Omega)\) (resp. \(H(\text{div}; \Omega)\)) is not compactly embedded in \(L^2(\Omega)\). Thus, the limits (first order terms) \(h_0\) and \(b_0\) may depend on the fine-scale variable \(y\) and therefore it is not always possible to get a slowly varying homogenized problem for the \(\text{curl} - \text{curl}\) problem using the asymptotic expansion method as developed in section 3.4. Similar conclusions can be made for the dual problem (3.57)–(3.58). We obtain the following \(O(\varepsilon^{-1})\) equations:

\[
\text{curl}_y \left( \nu(y) b_0(x, y) \right) = 0, \quad (3.66)
\]
\[
\text{div}_y b_0(x, y) = 0, \quad (3.67)
\]

and the solution:

\[
b_0(x, y) = \text{curl}_y a_0(x, y) + b_K(x) = \left( 1 - \text{curl}_y \chi(y) \right) b_K(x), \quad (3.68)
\]

with \(\chi\) defined as in (3.50) and \(b_K\) is a function independent from the variable \(y\). Here again, \(b_0\) depends on the variable \(y\) and it is not possible to define a cell problem as in equation (3.33).

In order to circumvent the limitations of the asymptotic expansion method we use the two-scale convergence theory and the periodic unfolding method. More details on this theories are given in the next section.

### 3.5 Two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding method

In this section, we use the two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding methods to overcome the limitations of the asymptotic expansion method. These methods are based on the convergence of the field \(u^\varepsilon\) and the derived fields involving the differential operators \(\text{grad}, \text{curl}\) and \(\text{div}\).

The two-scale convergence was introduced by Nguetseng [143] and further developed by Allaire [11]. It allows to capture the fine-scale oscillations of the limit of \(u^\varepsilon\) that can be lost when passing to the classical weak limit \(u_0\) in (3.14).
idea of two-scale convergence is to use test functions $\psi(\cdot, \cdot, \varepsilon)$ that are periodic in the second argument and that allow to sample rapid fluctuations that can occur at the fine-scale $y$.

The concept of two-scale convergence (Appendix C.1) may seem completely disconnected from the classical concept of convergence (Appendix B) as it involves two quantities, $u^\varepsilon \in L^p(\Omega)$ and $u_0 \in L^p(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y})$ that belong to different function spaces. However, the periodic unfolding method introduced by Cioranescu [45] allows to link these two notions. Indeed, the use of the periodic unfolding method makes it possible to express the two-scale convergence of a sequence $u^\varepsilon \in L^p(\Omega)$ as the one-scale convergence in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})$ of the sequence $T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon$ obtained by applying the periodic unfolding operator $T^\varepsilon$ to the original sequence $u^\varepsilon$ (see Appendix C for the definition of $\mathcal{Y}$ and of the periodic unfolding operator $T^\varepsilon$).

See [11, 120, 141, 143] for more details about the two-scale convergence and [31, 45, 46, 130, 197] for details about the periodic unfolding method. References [155] contains applications for Maxwell’s equations and Appendix C also contains a brief introduction of these two concepts.

Using the two-scale version of the weak compactness theorem, from any sequence of $u^\varepsilon \in L^2(\Omega)$ it is possible to extract a subsequence that two-scale weakly converges to $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega \times Y)$. The following properties link results of the classical convergence and the two-scale convergence [11, 141, 197, 205]:

1. Whenever the limit $u_0$ is independent of $y$, strong one-scale convergence is equivalent to the strong two-scale convergence:
   \[
   u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u_0 \text{ in } L^2(\Omega) \iff u^\varepsilon \rightarrow 2^{-1} u_0 \text{ in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}). \tag{3.69}
   \]
   This result is always true for the fields of $H^1(\Omega)$ thanks to the compact injection of $H^1(\Omega)$ in $L^2(\Omega)$.

2. Strong two-scale convergence implies weak two-scale convergence.

3. A sequence $u^\varepsilon$ that weakly two-scale converges to $u_0$ also converges (in the classical sense) to the mean value $u_M = \hat{u}_0$:
   \[
   u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup_2 u_0 \text{ in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}) \implies u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u_M = \hat{u}_0 = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} u_0(\cdot, y) dy \text{ in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3). \tag{3.70}
   \]

4. The two-scale limit $u_0$ has the following two-scale orthogonal decomposition:
   \[
   u_0 = u_M + u_c \quad \text{with} \quad \int_{\mathcal{Y}} u_c(\cdot, y) dy = 0, \tag{3.71}
   \]
   with $u_c$ the correction term that accounts for rapid fluctuations of the two-scale limit $u_0$. Expression (3.71) expresses a decomposition of $u_0$. This decomposition is orthogonal in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})$ or $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})$ [195].
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Results (3.69)-(3.71) lead to the following conclusion between the classical and the two-scale convergence: strong classical convergence \( \implies \) strong two-scale convergence \( \implies \) weak two-scale convergence \( \implies \) weak classical convergence.

As an illustration example, we consider bounded fields \( \phi^\varepsilon \in H^1(\Omega), \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \in H(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \) and \( \mathbf{b}^\varepsilon \in H(\mathbf{div}; \Omega) \). From the definition of these function spaces, the sequence \( \phi^\varepsilon \) is bounded in \( L^2(\Omega) \) and the sequences \( \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \) and \( \mathbf{b}^\varepsilon \) are bounded in \( L^2(\Omega) \). The function spaces \( L^2(\Omega) \) and \( L^2(\Omega) \) are appropriate for the two-scale convergence and convergence results derived in Appendix C.3 can be used. Therefore there exist \( \phi_0 \in H^1(\Omega), \mathbf{h}_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3; H(\mathbf{curl} 0; \mathcal{Y})) \) and \( \mathbf{b}_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3; H(\mathbf{div} 0; \mathcal{Y})) \) [11,143,198] such that

\[
\phi^\varepsilon \rightarrow \phi_0, \quad (3.72)
\]

\[
\mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{h}_M - \mathbf{grad} \phi_c, \quad (3.73)
\]

\[
\mathbf{b}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{b}_0 = \mathbf{b}_M + \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{a}_c, \quad (3.74)
\]

in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})) \). In addition, the following classical convergence results:

\[
\mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{h}_M, \quad (3.75)
\]

\[
\mathbf{b}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{b}_M, \quad (3.76)
\]

are obtained.

The convergence \( \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{h}_0 \) in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})) \) is the two-scale convergence as defined in Appendix C and the convergence \( \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{h}_M \) in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \) is the weak convergence as defined in Appendix B.

Results (3.72)–(3.76) are obtained using the properties of the two-scale convergence (3.69)–(3.71) with the correction terms expressed as \( \mathbf{h}_c(x, y) = -\mathbf{grad}_y \phi_c(x, y) \) and \( \mathbf{b}_c(x, y) = \mathbf{curl}_y \mathbf{a}_c(x, y) \) [157,201,208].

We are also interested in the convergence of the derived field that involves the differential operator \( \mathbf{div}, \mathbf{curl} \) and \( \mathbf{grad} \). If \( \{\phi^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence in the \( H^1(\Omega) \) (resp. \( \{\mathbf{h}^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence in \( H(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \) and \( \{\mathbf{b}^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence in \( H(\mathbf{div}; \Omega) \)), then \( \{\mathbf{grad} \phi^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence of \( L^2(\Omega) \), \( \{\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence of \( L^2(\Omega) \) and \( \{\mathbf{div} \mathbf{b}^\varepsilon\} \) is a bounded sequence of \( L^2(\Omega) \). Using results in Appendix C.3, it can be shown that for any \( \phi_M \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3), \mathbf{h}_M \in H(\mathbf{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n), \mathbf{b}_M \in H(\mathbf{div}; \mathbb{R}^n), \phi_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3; H^1(\mathcal{Y})), \mathbf{h}_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\mathbf{curl}; \mathcal{Y})) \) and \( \mathbf{b}_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\mathbf{div}; \mathcal{Y})) \), there exist sequences \( \{\phi^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \), \( \{\mathbf{h}^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H(\mathbf{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) and \( \{\mathbf{b}^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H(\mathbf{div}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) [11,143,198,202] such that

\[
\mathbf{grad} \phi^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{grad}_x \phi_M + \mathbf{grad}_y \phi_1, \quad (3.77)
\]

\[
\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{curl}_x \mathbf{h}_M + \mathbf{curl}_y \mathbf{h}_1, \quad (3.78)
\]

\[
\mathbf{div} \mathbf{b}^\varepsilon \rightarrow_2 \mathbf{div}_x \mathbf{b}_M + \mathbf{div}_y \mathbf{b}_1, \quad (3.79)
\]

where the fields \( \phi_1, \mathbf{h}_1 \) and \( \mathbf{b}_1 \) correspond to the first order terms of the expansion (3.14). An additional condition (gauge condition) must be imposed for these first
order terms to be uniquely defined and one possibility is to choose \( \text{div}_y h_1(x, y) = 0 \) and \( \text{curl}_y b_1(x, y) = 0 \) [31, 198]. The first order terms should not be confused with the correction terms (e.g. \( h_1 \neq h_c = -\text{grad}_y \phi_c \) and \( b_1 \neq b_c = \text{curl}_y a_c \)).

The results developed above still hold for \( p \neq 2 \). In section 3.6 we deal with spaces with \( p = \infty \). In that case, the two-scale star convergence and a new notation are used. For instance, if the time-domain field \( h^\varepsilon \in L^\infty(0, T; \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega)) \) then there exists \( h_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_T^3; \mathcal{H}(\text{curl 0}; \mathcal{Y})) \) such that

\[
h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup^*_2 h_0 = h_M - \text{grad} \phi_c, \tag{3.80}
\]

and

\[
h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup^*_2 h_M = \hat{h}_0. \tag{3.81}
\]

In (3.80)-(3.81) we use the weak star convergence as the field belong to the space \( L^\infty \). Note however that the sequence converges in \( L^2 \). More details about the convergence of differential operators can be found in Appendix C.3.

### 3.6 Homogenization of the magnetoquasistatic Maxwell problem

In this section, we focus on the homogenization of magnetoquasistatic problem described in section 3.1. Our first goal is to derive the convergence of the fields and of their derivatives. Then we derive the homogenized model for the quasistatic problem and convergence results for the quadratic quantities. We focus on the quasistatic problems formulated using electromagnetic fields: formulations in terms of electromagnetic potentials on non-trivial domains would require to use the theory of cohomology and definition of gauges for guaranteeing the uniqueness of the solution []. Results used in this section are based on the work of Augusto Visintin about the homogenization of nonlinear magnetodynamic problems governed by maximal monotone operators [196, 201]. Additional results can be found in [199] for the two-scale convergence of integral functionals, in [11, 141, 198] for the two-scale convergence of differential operators and in [137, 138, 189, 190, 200] for the \( \text{div} - \text{curl} \) lemma.

#### 3.6.1 Homogenization of electromagnetic fields

We look for the weak solution of problems (3.3)–(3.7). All the derivatives should be understood in the sense of distribution. If the mappings \( \mathcal{B} \) and \( \mathcal{J} \) are maximal monotone, \( \mathcal{Y} \)-periodic, coercive and bounded [196, 201], then the electromagnetic fields are bounded and they belong to appropriate function spaces for the two-scale convergence (see expressions (A.27)–(A.30) of section A.4 in Appendix A and in the references [196, 201]). Then it makes sense to talk about the so-called weak star two-scale convergence of the fields \( h^\varepsilon, b^\varepsilon, e^\varepsilon \) and the two-scale convergence of the field \( j^\varepsilon \). There exist \( h_0, e_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_T^3; \mathcal{H}(\text{curl 0}; \mathcal{Y})) \) and \( b_0, j_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_T^3; \mathcal{H}(\text{div 0}; \mathcal{Y})) \)
such that

\begin{align*}
    e^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} e_0 = e_M - \text{grad } v_c & \text{in } \mathcal{V}, \quad (3.82) \\
    h^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} h_0 = h_M - \text{grad } \phi_c & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})), \quad (3.83) \\
    b^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} b_0 = b_M + \text{curl } a_c & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y})), \quad (3.84) \\
    j^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} j_0 = j_M + \text{curl } t_c & \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}), \quad (3.85)
\end{align*}

with \( \mathcal{V} = L^2(\Omega_T \times \mathcal{Y}) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^2((\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega) \times \mathcal{Y})) \) and

\begin{align*}
    e^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} e_M & \text{in } \mathcal{W}, \quad (3.86) \\
    h^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} h_M & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad (3.87) \\
    b^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} b_M & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad (3.88) \\
    j^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} j_M & \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad (3.89)
\end{align*}

with \( \mathcal{W} = L^2(\Omega_T) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^2((\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega))) \).

Results in (3.82)–(3.85) have been obtained using properties of the two-scale convergence (3.70)–(3.71). The derived fields also belong to the suitable function spaces and Using results in Appendix C.3, it can be shown that for any \( \phi_M \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \), \( h_M \in H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \), \( b_M \in H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^n) \), \( \phi_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3; H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})) \), \( h_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y})) \) and \( b_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{div}; \mathcal{Y})) \), there exist sequences \( \{\phi^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \), \( \{h^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) and \( \{b^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) such that

\begin{align*}
    \text{curl } h^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} \text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1, \quad (3.90) \\
    \text{curl } e^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} \text{curl}_x e_M + \text{curl}_y e_1, \quad (3.91) \\
    \text{div } b^\varepsilon & \overset{\star}{\rightarrow} \text{div}_x b_M + \text{div}_y b_1. \quad (3.92)
\end{align*}

Replacing (3.82)–(3.85) and (3.90)–(3.92) in (3.3)–(3.7) we get the following two-scale problem: find \( h_0, e_0 \in L^2(\Omega_T^2; H(\text{curl}; 0; \mathcal{Y})) \) and \( b_0, j_0, h_1 \) and \( e_1 \in L^2(\Omega_T^2; H(\text{div}; 0; \mathcal{Y})) \) such that

\begin{align*}
    \text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1 & = j_0, \quad (3.93) \\
    \text{curl}_x e_M + \text{curl}_y e_1 & = -\partial_t b_0, \quad (3.94) \\
    b_0(x, y, t) & = B \left( h_0(x, y, t), x, y \right), \quad (3.95) \\
    j_0(x, y, t) & = J \left( e_0(x, y, t), x, y \right), \quad (3.96)
\end{align*}

where \( h_M = \hat{h}_0 \) and \( e_M = \hat{e}_0 \). Using test functions independent from the variable \( y \), it has been shown \([196, 201]\) that this problem can be averaged to the following one-scale problem without loss of information: find \( h_M, e_M, b_M \) and \( j_M \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3_T) \) such that

\begin{align*}
    \text{curl}_x h_M = j_M, \quad (3.97)
\end{align*}
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\[ \text{curl}_x e_M = -\partial_t b_M, \quad (3.98) \]
\[ b_M(x, t) = \mathcal{B}_M(h_M(x, t), x), \quad (3.99) \]
\[ j_M(x, t) = \mathcal{J}_M(e_M(x, t), x), \quad (3.100) \]

All the derivatives should be understood in the distribution sense. The macroscale fields \( h_M, e_M, b_M \) and \( j_M \) are given by \( h_M = \hat{h}_0, e_M = \hat{e}_0, b_M = \hat{b}_0 \) and \( b_M = \hat{b}_0 \). The mappings \( \mathcal{B}_M \) and \( \mathcal{J}_M \) are also maximal monotone, coercive and bounded and they are obtained by solving the following mesoscale problems \[201\]:

1. For the mapping \( \mathcal{B}_M \): find \( \phi_c \in H^1_*(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that
\[ \text{div}_y b_0 = 0, \quad (3.101) \]
\[ b_0(x, y, t) = \mathcal{B} \left( h_M(x, t) - \text{grad} \, \phi_c(x, y, t), x, y \right), \quad (3.102) \]
and then derive
\[ \mathcal{B}_M \left( h_M(x, t), x \right) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{B} \left( h_M(x, t) - \text{grad} \, \phi_c(x, y, t), x, y \right) dy. \quad (3.103) \]

2. For the mapping \( \mathcal{J}_M \): find \( v_c \in H^1_*(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that
\[ \text{div}_y j_0 = 0, \quad (3.104) \]
\[ j_0(x, y, t) = \mathcal{J} \left( e_M(x, t) - \text{grad} \, v_c(x, y, t), x, y \right), \quad (3.105) \]
and then derive
\[ \mathcal{J}_M \left( e_M(x, t), x \right) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{J} \left( e_M(x, t) - \text{grad} \, v_c(x, y, t), x, y \right) dy. \quad (3.106) \]

The variables \( x \) and \( t \) are considered as parameters in the mesoscale problems (3.101)–(3.102) and (3.104)–(3.105). If the mapping \( \mathcal{J} \) is linear, problem (3.104)–(3.105) is equivalent to the cell problem obtained in section 3.4.1.1 using the asymptotic method \[203\].

Problems (3.101)–(3.102) and (3.104)–(3.105) represent the magnetostatic and electrokinetic problems solved using scalar potential formulations, respectively. It is possible to use the dual approach and define the following mesoscale dual problems:

1. For the mapping \( \mathcal{B}^{-1}_M = \mathcal{H}_M \): find \( a_c \in H_*(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) such that
\[ \text{curl}_y h_0 = 0, \quad (3.107) \]
\[ h_0(x, y, t) = \mathcal{H} \left( b_M(x, t) + \text{curl} \, a_c(x, y, t), x, y \right), \quad (3.108) \]
and then derive
\[ \mathcal{H}_M \left( b_M(x, t), x \right) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{H} \left( b_M(x, t) + \text{curl} \, a_c(x, y, t), x, y \right) dy. \quad (3.109) \]
2. For the mapping \( \mathcal{J}_M^{-1} = \mathcal{E}_M \): find \( t_c \in H^*(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) such that
\[
\text{curl}_y e_0 = 0,
\]
\[
e_0(x, y, t) = \mathcal{E}\left( j_M(x, t) + \text{curl} t_c(x, y, t), x, y \right),
\]
and then derive
\[
\mathcal{E}_M(j_M(x, t), x) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{E}\left( j_M(x, t) + \text{curl} t_c(x, y, t), x, y \right) dy.
\]

Problems (3.107)–(3.108) and (3.110)–(3.111) represent the magnetostatic and electrophoretic problems solved using vector potential formulations, respectively. If the mapping \( \mathcal{J} \) is linear, problem (3.110)–(3.111) is equivalent to the cell problem obtained in section 3.4.1.2 using the asymptotic expansion approach.

### 3.6.2 Homogenization of some quadratic quantities

In addition to the two-scale convergence of electromagnetic fields we want to know which quadratic quantities converge. Indeed, for any domain \( \Omega \) (bounded or not), it is known [105, 116] that the divergence of the Poynting vector \( S = e \times h \) is equal to the rate of electromagnetic energy plus the energy dissipated by Joule effect:
\[
P = -\int_{\Omega} \text{div} S \, dx = -\int_{\Omega} \text{div} (e \times h) \, dx = -\int_{\Gamma} n \cdot (e \times h) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} (h \cdot \partial_t b) \, dx + \int_{\Omega} (e \cdot \partial_t d) \, dx + \int_{\Omega} (j \cdot e) \, dx.
\]

The last three terms of (3.113) represent the rate of change of the magnetic energy, the rate change of the electric energy and the eddy current losses, respectively.

The convergence of such quadratic quantities is not straightforward. Indeed even if \( u^\varepsilon \) and \( w^\varepsilon \) are weakly converging sequences of \( L^2(\Omega) \):
\[
u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\Omega),
\]
\[
w^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup w \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\Omega),
\]
their product \( w^\varepsilon \cdot u^\varepsilon \) is not guaranteed to converge. In order to have the convergence of the product, a stronger compactness assumption must be made (e.g. \( u^\varepsilon \) or \( w^\varepsilon \) strongly converge in \( L^2(\Omega) \)) [40, 54, 85]. This assumption is too strong in most cases and it cannot be easily guaranteed for Maxwell’s equations. The \( \text{div} - \text{curl} \) lemma allows to obtain the convergence of the sequence of type \( w^\varepsilon \cdot u^\varepsilon \) using less restrictive assumptions (regularity conditions on derivatives of \( u^\varepsilon \) and \( w^\varepsilon \)).

Using the two-scale \( \text{div} - \text{curl} \) lemma (see Appendix C.4) for time-dependent problems we get the following convergence results for the magnetic energy:
\[
\int_{B_3^T} \left( b^\varepsilon(x, t) \cdot h^\varepsilon(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dt \to \int_{B_3^T} \left( b_M(x, t) \cdot h_M(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dt
\]
\[ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_T \times \mathcal{Y}} \left( \mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \cdot \mathbf{h}_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \right) \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dy \, dt \]  

(3.116)

This result is valid for all test functions \( \theta \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^3_T) \). These functions are independent from the variable \( \mathbf{y} \) and therefore the convergence is not valid pointwise but on average. Equation (3.116) expresses the consistency of magnetic energy between the macroscale and the mesoscale. Note that the eddy current losses are not guaranteed to converge.

### 3.6.3 Advantages and limitations of the method of two-scale convergence for the magnetoquasistatic problem

Compared to the asymptotic expansion method, the two-scale convergence method provides the possibility to deal with problems involving \textbf{curl} operators. Indeed, the first order term of the expansion of the fields in this case may depend on the rapidly fluctuating variable \( \mathbf{y} \) which makes it impossible to build a homogenized problem using the asymptotic expansion method. Materials with nonlinear reversible laws and periodic microstructures can be handled. Note however that for nonlinear problems the mesoscale problems (3.101)–(3.102) and (3.107)–(3.108) should be solved for different values of the macroscale source fields in order to derive the homogenized mappings \( \mathbf{B}_M \) or \( \mathbf{H}_M \). The method also offers the possibility to recover the local fields by solving the mesoscale problem (3.93)–(3.96) and a way of computing the magnetic energy of the system.

Problems (3.101)–(3.102) and (3.107)–(3.108) are not adapted for materials with hysteresis as the constitutive laws of these materials may depend on the history. For instance, the \( \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{h} \) curve may depend on the profile of the exciting source and this is not accounted for in the mesoscale problem. Note finally that these mesoscale problems do not allow to account for the influence of eddy currents on the nonlinear/hysteretic behaviour. In order to overcome these shortcomings we develop a computational homogenization method in the next chapter.
Chapter 4
Computational multiscale methods

4.1 Introduction

In section 3.6 we have derived the homogenized problem for the magnetoquasistatic problem. This problem involves the resolution of mesoscale problems used for computing the homogenized constitutive laws: equations (3.37) and (3.48) for the homogenization of the linear electric laws (e.g. Ohm’s law) and (3.101)–(3.102) and (3.107)–(3.108) for the homogenization of the nonlinear magnetic laws, respectively.

The resolution of these problems on complex microstructures may require the use of numerical methods. In this thesis, we focus on FE based methods. Indeed, FEM is well adapted for solving problems involving complex geometries. When using the FE method the first step consists in converting the original partial differential equation into an equivalent weak formulation which is then discretized using finite dimensional polynomial functional spaces on simple-shaped elements obtained after meshing the domain. This leads to the following discrete problem:

\[ f(\mathbf{u}) = 0, \]  

(4.1)

where \( \mathbf{u} \) is the vector of discrete unknowns also known as degrees of freedom (dof). For a linear problem, (4.1) can be written as \( \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} \) and \( \mathbf{u} \) is obtained by solving the linear algebraic system. For nonlinear problems, the discrete form (4.1) can be solved using techniques such as the fixed point method, the Newton–Raphson method, the secant method, etc. In this thesis we use the Newton–Raphson method. Although a quadratic convergence can be obtained using this method, this convergence is not always guaranteed especially for problems with hysteresis. The method can also be computationally inefficient since the derivative has to be calculated at each time step.

The resolution of one mesoscale problem suffices for deriving the homogenized constitutive law for the linear electric laws. For the nonlinear constitutive laws, two approaches can be used.
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The first consists in pre-computing the nonlinear magnetic law $\mathbf{B}_M$ or $\mathbf{H}_M$ prior to any FE computations and then use the computed law in the FE resolution using equations (3.103) and (3.109). This approach is adapted for nonlinear problems e.g. involving maximal monotone operators but it is not adapted for problems with magnetic hysteresis.

The second approach, which is developed in this chapter, is inspired by the heterogeneous multiscale method – HMM and the definition of a different mesoscale problem that accounts for eddy currents at the mesoscale level. This problem is defined from the two-scale equations of the magnetoquasistatic problem (3.93)–(3.96).

The chapter is organized as follows: in section 4.2 we review multiscale methods and focus on the HMM method. In section 4.3, we develop the computational homogenization method for the magnetodynamic problems using the $a - v$ formulation. We then derive the magnetic flux density conforming multiscale formulations for the magnetostatic problem. The methodology is further applied to the $h - \phi$ formulation in section 4.4 for both the dynamic and the static cases.

4.2 Multiscale methods

Classical multiscale methods such as the multigrid methods [38], the domain decomposition method [167], the wavelet-based methods [53] and the adapted refinement method [9] allow to reduce the computational cost as compared to classical numerical methods such as the FE method. However in these methods, the fine-scale problem is still solved on the entire domain.

Modern multiscale methods most often use special features of the problem (e.g. scale separation, periodicity, ergodicity, etc.) to derive a multiscale problem that is computationally cheaper to solve. Several modern multiscale methods have been developed over the last few years. They include among others the equation-free computations methods [110, 172, 180], the upscaling methods [66], the mortar multiscale methods [14, 160, 161], the variational multiscale methods–VMS [41, 102, 103, 109, 153], the generalized finite element method–GFEM [16, 17], the fast Fourier transform–FFT-based homogenization [127, 128, 135], the multiscale finite element methods–MsFEM [76, 100, 101], the heterogeneous multiscale methods–HMM [68, 73], etc. They can be classified in two categories [76]:

1. the fine-to-coarse methods for which the macroscale equations are not formulated explicitly and representative fine-scale information is carried out throughout the simulations;

2. the coarse-to-fine methods that assume a form of macroscale equations and the macroscale parameters are computed based on the calculations in the representative cells.

In the following paragraphs we give details for two of these methods: the MsFEM for the fine-to-coarse approach and the HMM for the coarse-to-fine approach. How-
ever a comparison of all multiscale methods can help distinguish advantages and disadvantages of different approaches.

### 4.2.1 Multiscale finite element method (MsFEM)

This method has been introduced by Hou and Wu \[100\] inspired by the generalized finite element method by Babuska \[16, 17\]. The MsFEM method has later been extended by other authors such as Efendiev, Ginting, etc. \[76–82\]. The basic principle of the method is the use at the macroscale level of multiscale basis functions that contain information about the heterogeneities of the microstructure. These basis functions are computed solving fine-scale problems on the elements of the macroscale mesh and are then used for computing the discrete system of algebraic equations and/or for the post processing at the macroscale level.

To illustrate this, we use the approach in \[100, 101\] and consider the div – grad elliptic equation (3.19) where we neglect the term $a_0^\varepsilon u_0^\varepsilon(x)$. In chapter 3, we have shown that the solution $u_0^\varepsilon(x)$ has the expansion (3.14) and therefore it can be approximated by:

$$u_0^\varepsilon(x) \approx u_{app}(x, y) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon u_1(x, y) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon \chi(y) \cdot \text{grad} u_0(x). \quad (4.2)$$

The macroscale component $u_0(x)$ satisfies the same boundary conditions as $u_0^\varepsilon(x)$ on $\Gamma$, therefore $u_{app} = \varepsilon u_1$ is periodic. It is then possible to define a boundary corrector $\theta_1(x, y)$ such that \[76\]

$$z(x, y) = u_{app}(x, y) - \varepsilon \theta_1(x, y) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon(u_1(x, y) - \theta_1(x, y)) \quad (4.3)$$

converges strongly to zero even near the boundary. This first order boundary corrector $\theta_1$ is governed by the following partial differential equation:

$$-\text{div} (a(y) \text{grad} \theta_1(x, y)) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (4.4)$$

$$\theta_1(x, y) = u_1(x, y) \quad \text{on } \Gamma. \quad (4.5)$$

For this div – grad equation, the idea of MsFEM \[100, 101\] is to use an expansion similar to (4.3) for the test functions, i.e.:

$$\phi_i^\varepsilon = \phi_0^i + \varepsilon(\phi_1^i - \theta_1^i) + \ldots \quad (4.6)$$

where the basis functions $\phi_0^i, \phi_1^i$ and $\theta_1^i$ can be computed on every macroscale element $K$ of the macroscale mesh. The functions $\phi_0^i$ and $\phi_1^i$ are governed by the following equations:

$$\text{div} (a \text{grad} \phi_0^i) = 0 \quad \text{in } K, \quad (4.7)$$

$$\phi_0^i = \mu^i \quad \text{on } \partial K, \quad (4.8)$$

$$\phi_1^i = -\chi \cdot \text{grad}_x \phi_0^i \quad \text{in } K, \quad (4.9)$$

where $\chi$ is obtained solving the cell problem (3.33). The solution can be used to compute the correction term $\theta_1^i$, which is governed by:

$$\text{div} (a \text{grad} \theta_1^i) = 0 \quad \text{in } K, \quad (4.10)$$

\[ \theta_0^i = \phi_1^i \quad \text{on } \partial K. \] (4.11)

The superscript "\( i \)" in (4.7)–(4.11) denotes the node number of a given macro-element and \( \mu_i = \phi_0^i|_{\partial K} \) is the boundary condition. Details on the computation of this boundary condition can be found in [100]. From (4.7)–(4.11), it can be seen that the functions \( \phi_0^i \) form an appropriate basis for approximating the unknown \( u_0(x) \). In addition, the first order term \( u_1(x, y) \) can also be approximated using the multiscale test functions \( \phi_1^i \). Finally, the functions \( \theta_1^i \) can be used for getting the boundary corrector.

From the implementation point of view, the method exhibits some technical difficulties. Indeed, the method is not readily usable in the existing codes as new functional spaces need to be defined for the basis functions \( \phi_0^i, \phi_1^i \) and \( \theta_1^i \) at the macroscale level. For the linear case analyzed above, the complexity of the problem may also depend on the macroscale mesh. Indeed, if all the elements of the macroscale mesh are identical then the solution of one single problem on a macroscale element suffices to construct the multiscale basis functions. Otherwise, these functions must be computed for each macroscale element.

The MsFEM method has already been used in [36, 37] for solving a multiscale linear electromagnetic problem. To the best of our knowledge, this approach has never been applied to nonlinear/hysteretic magnetoquasistatic problems.

### 4.2.2 Heterogeneous multiscale methods (HMM)

Hereafter, we develop a coarse-to-fine method inspired by the HMM method, first introduced by Weinan E and Engquist [67–73,75]. Among other major contributors to the method are Abdulle Assyr, Vanden-Eijnden, etc. [1–4,6,7,74,194,194]. Note that the FE² method [89,114] popular in the computational mechanics community predates the introduction of the HMM method and is based on the same overall philosophy, albeit in a more restrictive setting.

Other methods that use the HMM approach are the non-local quasi-continuum method – QCM [187], the macro atomistic ab-initio dynamics – MAAD [8], the gap-tooth scheme [110], etc. The models used at different scales in these methods can range from quantum mechanics, molecular dynamics, all the way up to the continuum physics. A quite complete but non-exhaustive list of these methods can be found in [12,15].

The principle of the method is schematically shown in Figure (4.1). A fine-scale model \( p \) governs the evolution of the unknown \( u \) under the constraints \( c \). Solving this model on the entire domain \( (\Omega \times [0, T]) \) is computationally prohibitive. The problem is thus replaced by the macroscale model \( P(U, C) = 0 \) where \( U \) and \( C \) are the new unknowns and constraints, respectively. This macroscale model has to be chosen properly for ensuring accurate solutions.

The missing information of the macroscale model (e.g. the constitutive laws) is computed by solving the fine-scale model \( p(u, c) = 0 \) on smaller domains called representative volume elements – RVE. The scale separation assumption must hold. Other assumptions such as periodicity or ergodicity also allow to reduce the compu-
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\[ p(u, c) = 0 \quad \text{data estimation} \quad P(U, C) = 0 \quad \text{constraints} \]

\[ u \quad \text{reconstruction} \quad U \quad \text{compression} \]

**Figure 4.1:** Schematic of the HMM framework (image inspired by [5]).

...tational cost. The mesoscale problems need to be constrained so as to be consistent with the macroscale information at the local level.

As an application example, we consider the \( \text{div} - \text{grad} \) problem (3.19) treated in the previous section. Using results of chapter 3, we can derive the following governing partial differential equation for the macroscale problem:

\[
\text{div}_x \left( a^h \text{grad}_x u_0(x) \right) = f, \tag{4.12}
\]

where the homogenized quantity \( a^h \) is given by (3.37). The solution \( u_0(x) \) belongs to the space \( H^1(\Omega) \) and therefore it can be discretized using classical conformal finite element. This approach can be readily used in existing codes and it is not necessary to define new function spaces as the MsFEM method. In the case of a material with a linear law and periodic microstructure, only one mesoscale problem must be solved in order to get the homogenized quantity \( a^h \) independent of the macroscale mesh.

In the case of the magnetoquasistatic problem (3.3)–(3.7), the macroscale problem has been derived in (3.97)–(3.100). The missing magnetic constitutive law (3.99) can be computed solving the mesoscale problem (3.93)–(3.96).

If the magnetic law is a maximal monotone mapping, the homogenized magnetic law \( h_M = \mathcal{H}_M(b_M) \) or \( b_M = \mathcal{B}_M(h_M) \) can be pre-computed by solving problems (3.107)–(3.108) and (3.101)–(3.102), respectively. Let us consider the case \( h_M = \mathcal{H}_M(b_M) \). The points of the material law \( \mathcal{H}_M \) can then be computed for different values of the macroscale magnetic flux density \( b_M \) by solving the following static
mesoscale problem (3.107)-(3.108): find $a_c \in H^*(\text{curl};\mathcal{Y})$ such that

$$\text{curl}_y h_0 = 0,$$

$$h_0(x, y) = \mathcal{H}(b_M(x) + \text{curl} a_c(x, y), x, y).$$

and then derive:

$$\mathcal{H}_M(b_M(x), x) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{H}(b_M(x) + \text{curl} a_c(x, y), x, y) \, dy.$$  

(4.15)

As a result of the definition of the function space for $a_c(x, y)$, periodic boundary conditions and a zero-average value must be imposed for the tangential component of $a_c(x, y)$. The macroscale source $b_M$ can be obtained by discretizing the continuous variable $b_M \in \mathbb{R}^3$ on a subdomain of $\mathbb{R}^3$ valid for the application at hand. For instance, one can consider values of $b_M$ from the matrix of vectors $\mathbf{B}_M$ where elements of $\mathbf{B}_M$ are given by:

$$(\mathbf{B}_M)_{ijk} = (-b_M + i \Delta b_M, -b_M + k \Delta b_M, -b_M + j \Delta b_M).$$  

(4.16)

The indices $i, j, k = 0, 1, ..., N$ with $N$ the number of samples in each direction and the discretization step $\Delta b_M = 2 b_M/N$. It is then possible to solve (4.13) in order to derive the discrete mapping $\mathcal{H}_M$. Interpolation can then be used for getting the value of the $h_M = \mathcal{H}_M(b_M)$ in any point of the application range. This approach was used in [34] for computing the homogenized nonlinear magnetic law.

In this thesis we use a different approach and compute the nonlinear magnetic law using the HMM approach. This allows us to upscale on-the-fly a homogenized material law from mesoscale problems that account for eddy currents at the mesoscale level. These mesoscale problems also allow to recover exact electromagnetic fields at the mesoscale level. The approach also becomes quasi-unavoidable when dealing with problems with hysteresis and for which the pre-computation of the homogenized magnetic laws described above is not adapted as it does not account for the history of the material.

In sections 4.3 and 4.4 we use equations (3.93)-(3.96) to define mesoscale problems and equations (3.97)-(3.100) to define macroscale problems.

We consider electromagnetic fields indexed by $m$ as the restriction - on the mesoscale domain $\Omega_m$ - of their equivalent indexed 0 in equations (3.93)-(3.100) (e.g. the field $b_0(x, y, t)$) is replaced by $b_m(x, y, t)$). We also consider the spatial coordinate $x$ and the time instance $t$ as parameters in mesoscale problems.

We denote $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{Y})$ the space $\mathbf{V}(\Omega_m)$ defined with periodic boundary conditions (e.g. $H^1(\mathcal{Y})$ is the space of all functions $u \in H^1(\Omega_m)$ such that $u$ is periodic and $H(\text{curl};\mathcal{Y})$ is the space of all functions $v \in H(\text{curl};\Omega_m)$ such that $v$ has periodic tangential component).
4.3 Magnetic flux density conforming multiscale formulations: dynamic case

4.3.1 The macroscale problem

The macroscale magnetoquasistatic problem has been derived using the two-scale convergence theory:

\[ \text{curl}_x h_M = j_M, \]  
(4.17)

\[ \text{curl}_x e_M = -\partial_t b_M, \]  
(4.18)

\[ \text{div}_x b_M = 0, \]  
(4.19)

\[ h_M(x, t) = \mathcal{H}(b_M(x, t), x), \]  
(4.20)

\[ j_M(x, t) = \mathcal{J}(e_M(x, t), x). \]  
(4.21)

The unknown homogenized fields \( h_M, b_M, e_M \) and \( j_M \) exhibit slow fluctuations; they can therefore be solved on a coarse mesh. The macroscale fields satisfy the same boundary conditions as the multiscale fields in (3.3)–(3.7). Appropriate initial conditions must also be provided for (4.17)–(4.21) to be well-posed. Note however that the constitutive laws (4.20)–(4.21) are missing at the macroscale level.

In the case of a linear electric law, equation (4.21) becomes

\[ j_M(x, t) = \mathcal{J}(e_M(x, t), x) = \sigma_M(x) e_M(x, t) \]  
and only one computation suffices for extracting the homogenized conductivity \( \sigma_M \) (see details in section 3.4.1 and [20]).

In the case of maximal monotone mappings \( \mathcal{H} \) (resp \( \mathcal{B} \)) (see Appendix A.4), the nonlinear magnetic law \( \mathcal{H}(b_M) \) can be pre-computed solving the mesoscale problem (4.13). In section 4.3.2 we derive another mesoscale problem which accounts for the effects of the eddy currents at the mesoscale level. Combined with the HMM approach, this mesoscale problem allows to compute on-the-fly the constitutive homogenized magnetic law accounting for the eddy currents. It can also be used for getting accurate local mesoscale fields and for upscaling more accurate global quantities such as the eddy currents losses.

Using results of section 2.5.2 we get the following three-dimensional macroscale weak formulation of (4.17)-(4.21): find \( a_M \in H_e(\text{curl}, \Omega) \) and \( v_M \in H_e^1(\Omega_c) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}_x a_M), \text{curl}_x a'_M \right)_\Omega + \left( \sigma_M \partial_t a_M, a'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \left( \sigma_M \text{grad}_x v_M, a'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \left( n \times h_M, a'_M \right)_{\Gamma_h} = \left( j_s, a'_M \right)_{\Omega_s},
\]  
(4.22)

\[
\left( \sigma_M \partial_t a_M, \text{grad}_x v'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \left( \sigma_M \text{grad}_x v_M, \text{grad}_x v'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} = \left( n \cdot j_M, v'_M \right)_{\Gamma_g},
\]  
(4.23)

hold for all test functions \( a'_M \in H^0_e(\text{curl}, \Omega) \) and \( v'_M \in H^0_e(\Omega_c) \). The vector \( j_M \) represents the eddy currents crossing the boundary \( \Gamma_g \) of \( \Omega_c \) and \( j_s \) represents the source current density which is imposed in the inductors \( \Omega_s \). The macroscale domain \( \Omega \) (resp. \( \Omega_c \)) can be divided into the multiscale domain \( \Omega^h \) (resp. \( \Omega^h_c \)) where the
homogenization is done and a non-multiscale domain $\Omega^{\text{nh}}$ (resp. $\Omega_c^{\text{nh}}$) where classical weak formulations can be used.

For the two-dimensional case, the weak formulation reduces to: find $a_M \in H^1_e(\Omega)$ and $u_M$ piecewise constant on $\Omega_c$ such that
\[
\begin{align*}
\left( H_M(1_z \times \text{grad}_x a_{zM}), 1_z \times \text{grad}_x a'_{zM} \right)_{\Omega} + \left( \sigma_M \partial_t a_{zM}, a'_{zM} \right)_{\Omega_c} + \left( n \times h_M, a'_{zM} 1_z \right)_{\Gamma_h} = \left( j_s, a'_{zM} \right)_{\Omega_s} \quad (4.24)
& \quad \left( \sigma_M \partial_t a_{zM}, u'_M \right)_{\Omega_c} - \left( \sigma_M u_M, u'_M \right)_{\Omega_c} = 0, \quad (4.25)
\end{align*}
\]
hold for all test functions $a'_{zM} \in H^{10}_e(\Omega)$ and $u'_M$ constant piecewise on $\Omega_c$.

The homogenized magnetic law $H_M$ missing in equations (4.22) and (4.24) is computed using the mesoscale problem defined in the following section.

### 4.3.2 The mesoscale problem

In order to define a mesoscale problem which includes eddy currents and which - unlike problem (4.13)-(4.15) - can be used for recovering accurate local electromagnetic fields, we start with the following modified two-scale version of the problem (3.93)–(3.96):
\[
\begin{align*}
\text{curl} h^\varepsilon_m &= j_m, \quad (4.26) \\
\text{curl}_x e_M + \text{curl}_y e_1 &= -\partial_t b_m, \quad (4.27) \\
\text{div}_x b_M + \text{div}_y b_1 &= 0, \quad (4.28) \\
h_m(x, y, t) &= H(b_m(x, y, t), x, y), \quad (4.29) \\
j_m(x, y, t) &= J(e_m(x, y, t), x, y), \quad (4.30)
\end{align*}
\]
in which we keep Ampère’s equation (4.26). In this equation, $h^\varepsilon_m$ is the restriction of the multiscale magnetic field $h^\varepsilon$ to the representative volume element $\Omega_m$, hereafter called “mesoscale domain”. We can thus use both nonlinear reversible and irreversible (hysteretic) material laws.

Problems (4.26)–(4.30) contain macroscale fields considered constant at the mesoscale level. We want to derive a mesoscale problem that can be written in terms of mesoscale coordinates $y$.

The two-scale convergence theory allows us to express the curl of the electric field at the mesoscale in terms of the curl of the electric field at the macroscale and the curl of the mesoscale correction term such that
\[
\text{curl}_y e_m = \text{curl}_x e_M + \text{curl}_y e_1. \quad (4.31)
\]
Using the Faraday law at the macroscale together with the vector identity $\text{curl}_y (\partial_t b_M \times y) = (n - 1)\partial_t b_M$ ($n = 2, 3$ for 2D and 3D problems, respectively) we can write:
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\[ \text{curl}_y e_m = \text{curl}_y \left( e_1 + e_M + \kappa (\text{curl}_y e_M \times y) \right) \]
\[ = \text{curl}_y \left( e_1 + e_M - \kappa (\partial_t b_M \times y) \right) \]  

(4.32)

with \( \kappa = (n-1)^{-1} \), since \( \text{curl}_y e_M \equiv 0 \). Similar developments have been proposed in [124] and [84] for the electric and the magnetic fields in linear cases. Inserting the orthogonal decomposition \( b_m = b_M + \text{curl}_y a_c \) derived from (3.84) in (4.27) we get the following equation:

\[ \text{curl}_x e_M + \text{curl}_y e_1 = -\partial_t (b_M + \text{curl}_y a_c). \]  

(4.33)

We can use (4.18) to express the first order term of the electric field \( e_1 \) in terms of the correction term \( a_c \) as:

\[ e_1 = -\partial_t a_c - \text{grad}_y v_c. \]  

(4.34)

At the mesoscale level, the first order term \( e_1 \) can be chosen in \( H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) for every \( t \in ]0, T[ \) (see (3.91) and C.3 in Appendix C.3 ). This means that the tangential component of \( e_1 \) on \( \mathcal{Y} \) is periodic. In section 4.3.3 we will show that \( a_c \) is tangentially periodic and we will choose \( v_c \) which is periodic on the mesoscale domain \( \Omega_m \).

Using these developments, we can derive the following mesoscale three-dimensional weak formulation: find \( a_c \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) and \( v_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[ \left( \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}_y a_c + b_M), \text{curl}_y a_c' \right)_{\Omega_m} + \left( \sigma \partial_t a_c, a_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + \left( \sigma \text{grad}_y v_c, a_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = \left( \sigma (e_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times y), a_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} \]  

(4.35)

\[ \left( \sigma \partial_t a_c, \text{grad}_y v_c \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + \left( \sigma \text{grad}_y v_c, \text{grad}_y v_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = \left( \sigma (e_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times y), \text{grad}_y v_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + \left( \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}_M, v_c' \right)_{\Gamma_{gm}} \]  

(4.36)

hold for all test functions \( a_c' \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) and \( v_c' \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) and for every \( t \in ]0, T[ \).

Domains \( \Omega_{mc} \) and \( \Gamma_{gm} \) are the conducting part of the mesoscale domain and the boundary of \( \Omega_{mc} \), respectively. The electric current density \( \mathbf{j}_M = \sigma_M \mathbf{e}_M \) is obtained from the macroscale solution.

For the two-dimensional case, the mesoscale weak formulation becomes: find \( a_{zc} \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) and \( u_c \) piecewise constant on \( \Omega_{mc} \) such that

\[ \left( \mathcal{H}(1_z \times \text{grad}_y a_{zc} + b_M), 1_z \times \text{grad}_y a_{zc}' \right)_{\Omega_m} + \left( \sigma \partial_t a_{zc}, a_{zc}' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + \left( \sigma u_c, a_{zc}' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = \left( \sigma (e_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times y), 1_z a_{zc}' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} \]  

(4.37)

\[ \left( \sigma \partial_t a_{zc}, u_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + \left( \sigma u_c, u_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = \left( \sigma (e_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times y), 1_z u_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = \left( \sigma e_M, 1_z u_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} \]  

(4.38)

hold for all test functions \( a_{zc}' \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) and \( u_c' \) piecewise constant on \( \Omega_{mc} \) and for all \( t \in ]0, T[ \).
4.3.3 Scale transitions

The macroscale and the mesoscale problems in sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 are not yet well-defined: the macroscale magnetic law \( \mathbf{H}_M(\mathbf{b}_M) \) is not defined at the macroscale level and the mesoscale problem needs source terms \( \mathbf{b}_M, \mathbf{e}_M \) and \( \mathbf{j}_M \) and proper boundary conditions to be well-posed. These two problems need to exchange information through scale transitions to fill in the missing information at both levels. This information is exchanged through the **downscaling** and the **upscaling** stages (see Figure 4.2).

During the **downscaling**, the macroscale fields are imposed as source terms for the mesoscale problem. Boundary conditions for the mesoscale problem are also determined so as to respect the two-scale convergence of the physical fields: the convergence of the magnetic flux density \( \mathbf{b} \) leads to the following condition on the tangential component of the correction term of the magnetic vector potential \( \mathbf{a}_c \):

\[
\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} \mathbf{b}_m(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \, d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}_M(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \Rightarrow \\
\int_{\Omega_m} \text{curl} \, \mathbf{a}_c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \, d\mathbf{y} = \oint_{\Gamma_m} \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{a}_c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) \, d\mathbf{y} = 0. \quad (4.39)
\]

This condition is fulfilled if \( \mathbf{a}_c \) belongs to the space \( H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \), i.e. if \( \mathbf{a}_c \) is periodic on the cell. This implies that \( \nabla_y \mathbf{v}_c = \mathbf{e}_1 - \partial_t \mathbf{a}_c \) also belongs to \( H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \). This is automatically ensured by the **curl theorem**:

\[
\int_{\Gamma_m} \mathbf{n} \times \nabla_y \mathbf{v}_c \, d\mathbf{y} = \int_{\Omega_m} \text{curl}_y \nabla_y \mathbf{v}_c \, d\mathbf{y}. \quad (4.40)
\]

We also choose \( \mathbf{v}_c \) to be periodic.
The convergence of the electric current density also leads to the following relation:

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_{mc}} j_m(x, y, t) \, dy = j_M(x, t) \implies \frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_{mc}} j_c(x, y, t) \, dy$$

$$= - \int_{\Omega_{mc}} \sigma \left( \partial_t a_c(x, y, t) + \text{grad} \, v_c(x, y, t) \right) \, dy = 0. \quad (4.41)$$

Equation (4.41) holds for every \( t \in [0, T] \).

The upscaling consists in computing the missing constitutive laws \( \sigma_M, H_M(b_M) \) together with \( \partial H_M / \partial b_M \) at the macroscale using the mesoscale fields. Due to the linearity of the electric law, the asymptotic expansion theory (see section 3.4.1.1) can be applied. Therefore, we compute once and for all the homogenized electric conductivity by solving a cell problem. A similar approach was also adopted in [34].

The electric conductivity is then upscaled by means of:

$$\left( \sigma_M \right)_{ij} = \frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} \left( \sigma_{ij}(y) - \sigma_{ik}(y) \frac{\partial \chi_j(y)}{\partial y_k} \right) \, dy, \quad (4.42)$$

where the periodic functions \( \chi_j \) are solutions of the cell problem:

find \( \chi_j(y) \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

$$\int_{\Omega_m} (\text{grad}_y \psi')(\text{grad}_y \chi_j - e_j) \, dy = 0 \quad (4.43)$$

holds for all \( \psi'(y) \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \). The vector \( e_j \) is the unit vector in the \( j^{th} \) spatial direction.

The upscaling of the nonlinear magnetic law is performed by simple average as a consequence of the two-scale convergence of \( h \):

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} h_m \, dy = h_M. \quad (4.44)$$

We use a finite difference difference approach [129] in order to obtain the tangent matrix \( \partial H_M / \partial b_M \) for the Newton-Raphson scheme. First we solve the problem (4.35)–(4.36) for the three-dimensional problems (resp. (4.48)–(4.38) for the two-dimensional problems) in order to find the solution to the macroscale field \( b_M \). Then we solve three problems similar to (4.35)–(4.36) (resp. (4.48)–(4.38) for the two-dimensional problems where we have added a time- and space-independent magnetic induction perturbation term \( \delta b_i \) in the direction \( i \) to the macroscale source terms.

The total magnetic induction \( b_m \) for these problems becomes:

$$b_m = b_M + \text{curl}_y a_c + \delta b_i = \text{curl}_y a_c + \kappa(b_M \times y) + \kappa(\delta b_i \times y), \quad (4.45)$$

which can be derived from the total magnetic vector potential:

$$a_m = a_c - \text{grad}_y v_c + \kappa(b_M \times y) + \kappa(\delta b_i \times y). \quad (4.46)$$

These developments allow to change the three dimensional equation (4.35) into
\[ \left( \mathcal{H}(\nabla \times \mathbf{a}_c + \mathbf{b}_M + \delta \mathbf{b}_i \iota, \nabla \times \mathbf{a}_c) \right)_{\Omega_m} + \left( \sigma \partial_t \mathbf{a}_c, \mathbf{a}_c \right)_{\Omega_{me}} + \left( \sigma \nabla v_c, \mathbf{a}_c \right)_{\Omega_{me}} = \left( \sigma (E_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times \mathbf{y}), \mathbf{a}_c \right)_{\Omega_m}. \]  

(4.47)

Notice that the time derivative of the constant term in equation (4.46) disappears. We also change the two dimensional equation (4.48) into

\[ \left( \mathcal{H}(1_z \times \nabla a_{zc} + \mathbf{b}_M + \delta \mathbf{b}_i \iota, 1_z \times \nabla a_{zc}) \right)_{\Omega_m} + \left( \sigma \partial_t a_{zc}, a_{zc} \right)_{\Omega_{me}} + \left( \sigma u_c, a_{zc} \right)_{\Omega_{me}} = \left( \sigma (E_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times \mathbf{y}), 1_z a_{zc} \right)_{\Omega_m}. \]  

(4.48)

Equations (4.36) and (4.38) remain unchanged. This leads to the solution \( h_M + \delta \mathbf{b}_i h_M \) where \( \delta \mathbf{b}_i h_M \) is the perturbation of the magnetic field in direction \( i \). We can therefore deduce the tangent matrix as:

\[ \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_M}{\partial \mathbf{b}_M} \right)_{ij} \approx \frac{(\delta \mathbf{b}_i h_M)_j}{\delta \mathbf{b}_i}. \]  

(4.49)

### 4.3.4 Finite element implementation

The macroscale and the mesoscale problems are solved in a staggered way with the FE method. Both problems are nonlinear and solved with the Newton–Raphson scheme. In this subsection we give implementation details of the computational multiscale method for a mesoscale problem with a hysteretic magnetic constitutive law. The numerical schemes of the macroscale and the mesoscale problems remain almost the same. We will point out the differences if they exist.

The first step for the numerical solution is to spatially discretize the fields. We use mixed elements and get the following expressions:

\[ \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i \in N_e} a_i(t) S_e^i(\mathbf{x}), \]  

(4.50)

\[ \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k \in N_n} v_k S_n^k(\mathbf{x}) \]  

(4.51)

\[ \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i \in N_e} a_i(t) \nabla S_e^i(\mathbf{x}), \]  

(4.52)

\[ \partial_t \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i \in N_e} \frac{da_i(t)}{dt} S_e^i(\mathbf{x}), \]  

(4.53)

\[ \nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k \in N_n} v_k \nabla S_n^k(\mathbf{x}). \]  

(4.54)

The fields \( \mathbf{a} \) and \( \mathbf{v} \) are used to represent both the macroscale fields \( \mathbf{a}_M \) and \( \mathbf{v}_M \) and the mesoscale fields \( \mathbf{a}_m \) and \( \mathbf{v}_m \). The basis functions \( S_e^i(\mathbf{x}) \) and \( S_n^k(\mathbf{x}) \) are chosen as the standard edge and nodal Whitney forms, spanning discrete subspaces of \( H(\nabla \times; \Omega) \) and \( H^1(\Omega) \), respectively [90]. The degree of freedom \( a_i(t) \) and \( v_k \)
are the unknowns of the FE problem and \( \mathcal{N}_e \) and \( \mathcal{N}_n \) the total numbers of the unknowns of the fields \( \mathbf{a}_M \) and \( \mathbf{v}_M \), respectively. With formulae (4.50)–(4.54) we get the following discretized equations:

\[
\bar{C}' \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \bar{D'} \mathbf{V} + f(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{g},
\]

(4.55)

where \( \mathbf{A} \) and \( \mathbf{V} \) are vectors of the unknowns \( a_i(t) \) and \( v_k \), respectively.

Equation (4.55) has two contributions:

\[
\bar{C}' \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \bar{D'} \mathbf{V} + f(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{g},
\]

(4.56)

\[
\bar{C}'' \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \bar{D''} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{h}.
\]

(4.57)

These equations are valid for the macroscale and mesoscale problems. For the macroscale problem, equation (4.56) can be derived from (4.22) or (4.35) and equation (4.57) can be derived from (4.23) or (4.36). The elements of matrices in (4.56)–(4.57) are given by the expressions:

\[
c'_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma_M(x) S'_i(x), S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.58)

\[
c''_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_e, j \in \mathcal{N}_n} \left( \sigma_M(x) \text{grad} S'_i(x), S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.59)

\[
d'_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_n, j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma_M(x) \text{grad} S'_i(x), S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.60)

\[
d''_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_n, j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma_M(x) \text{grad} S'_i(x), \text{grad} S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.61)

\[
f_j = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_n} \left( \mathcal{H}_M \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_e} a_i(t) \text{curl} S'_i(x), x \right), \text{curl} S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.62)

\[
g_j = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_n} \left( j_s(x), \text{curl} S'_j(x) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.63)

where the summation is carried out on elements \( \Omega_e \) of domains \( \Omega \) or \( \Omega_e \) and \( h_j = 0 \). In (4.58)–(4.63), the integrals over domains \( \Omega, \Omega_e \) and \( \Omega_e \) are split into elementary integrals (the first sum \( \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega} \) in which only neighbouring basis functions contribute (the second sum).

For the mesoscale problem, the elements of matrices in (4.56)–(4.57) are given by:

\[
c'_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega_m} \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma(y) S'_i(y), S'_j(y) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.64)

\[
c''_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega_m} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_e, j \in \mathcal{N}_n} \left( \sigma(y) S'_i(y), \text{grad} S'_j(y) \right)_{\Omega_e},
\]

(4.65)
\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{d_{ij}}{\Delta t} &= \sum_{\Omega_m \in \Omega_{mc}} \sum_{i \in N_n, j \in N_n} \left( \sigma(y) \text{grad} S_i^n(y), S_j^n(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \\
\frac{d_{ij}''}{\Delta t} &= \sum_{\Omega_m \in \Omega_{mc}} \sum_{i,j \in N_n, e} \left( \sigma(y) \text{grad} S_i^n(y), \text{grad} S_j^n(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \\
f_j &= \sum_{\Omega_m \in \Omega_{mc}} \sum_{j \in N_n, e} \left( H(b_M + \sum_{i \in N_n} a_i(t) \text{curl} S_i^n(y), y), \text{curl} S_j^n(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \\
g_j &= \sum_{\Omega_m \in \Omega_{mc}} \sum_{j \in N_n, e} \left( \sigma(e_M - \kappa \partial_t b_M \times y), S_j^n(x) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \\
h_j &= \sum_{\Omega_m \in \Omega_{mc}} \sum_{j \in N_n, e} \left( n \cdot j_M, S_j^n(x) \right)_{\Omega_e}.
\end{align*}
\]

In (4.64)–(4.70), the integrals over domains \(\Omega_m, \Omega_{mc}\) are split into elemental integrals.

We use the Euler-implicit time-discretization scheme for the time derivative in (4.55). This leads to the following nonlinear full-discrete equation:

\[
\frac{\bar{C} A_{n+1} - A_n}{\Delta t} + \bar{D} V + f(A_{n+1}) = g.
\]

which relates the vector unknowns \(A_{n+1}\) at time \(t_{n+1} = t_n + \Delta t\) with previous values \(A_n\) computed at \(t_n\). Problem (4.71) is nonlinear and needs to be solved using nonlinear techniques.

We use the Newton–Raphson method for solving both the mesoscale and the macroscale problems. To this end, we define the residual:

\[
r(A^n_{m+1}, V) = \frac{\bar{C} A_{n+1} - A_n}{\Delta t} + \bar{D} V + f(A_{n+1}) - g.
\]

which goes to zero with a prescribed tolerance. The residual for the nonlinear iteration \(m + 1\) can be expressed in terms of the residual at the previous timestep \(m\) plus a linear tangent contribution:

\[
r(A_{m+1}^{n+1}, V_{m+1}) = r(A_{m+1}^{n+1}, V_m) + \frac{\partial r}{\partial A^{n+1}} \bigg|_{A_{m+1}^{n+1}=A_m^n} (A_{m+1}^{n+1} - A_m^n) + \frac{\partial r}{\partial V} \bigg|_{A_{m+1}^{n+1}=A_m^n, V_m} (V_{m+1} - V_m) \simeq 0.
\]

which leads to the final system:

\[
\bar{K} (A_{m+1}^{n+1} - A_m^n) + \bar{D} (V_{m+1} - V_m) = -r(A_{m+1}^{n+1}, V_m).
\]

The elements of the tangent matrix in (4.74) is given by:

\[
k_{ij} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} c_{ij} + \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial a_i^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} c_{ij} + \sum_e \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial b} \text{curl} S_e^n(x), \text{curl} S_j^n(x) \right)_{\Omega_e}.
\]
and therefore one needs to know $\partial \mathbf{H} / \partial b$ in order to compute $\mathbf{K}$.

For the macroscale problem, $\partial \mathbf{H}_M / \partial b_M$ is computed using finite differences as explained in section 4.3.3. For the mesoscale problem with hysteresis, we use a $b$-driven vectorized Jiles-Atherton model [19, 94, 108, 162]. In [94], authors have obtained the tangent matrix $\partial \mathbf{H} / \partial b_m$ by inverting the formula:

$$\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial h_m = \mu_0 (\mathbb{I} + \partial \mathbf{M} / \partial h_m),$$

where $\mathbb{I}$ is the unit matrix. In (4.76), the total magnetization $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_{irr} + \mathbf{M}_r$ has two contributions: the irreversible part $\mathbf{M}_{irr}$ associated with energy dissipated through the pinning sites during a domain wall displacement. It is governed by the following differential equation:

$$\frac{d \mathbf{M}_{irr}}{dh_e} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{an} - \mathbf{M}_{irr}}{k \delta},$$

where the anhysteretic magnetization:

$$\mathbf{M}_{an} = \mathbf{M}_{sat} \coth \left( \frac{h_e}{a} \right),$$

represents the ideal curve obtained in the absence of hysteretic losses (see section (2.3)). The magnetic field $h_e = h + \alpha M$ is the effective magnetic field experienced by the domains. The reversible part $\mathbf{M}_r = \mathbf{M} - c \mathbf{M}_{irr}$ is due to the reversible bonding of the Bloch walls. The Jiles-Atherton model is thus characterized by 5 parameters: $\alpha, k, c, a$ and $\mathbf{M}_{sat}$.

The pseudocode of the overall multiscale algorithm is presented in Figure 4.3.

### 4.3.5 The static case

The static problem can be seen as a simplified version of the dynamic problem obtained by neglecting the time derivatives and the eddy currents.

The macroscale weak formulation is derived from the $a - v$ formulation described in section 4.3.1. The three-dimensional macroscale weak formulation reads: find $a_M \in H_v(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ such that

$$\left( \mathbf{H}_M(\text{curl}_x a_M), \text{curl}_x a_M' \right)_\Omega + \left( n \times h_M, a_M' \right)_{\Gamma_h} = \left( j_s, a_M' \right)_{\Omega_s}$$

holds for all test functions $a_M' \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.

The two-dimensional macroscale problem reads: find $a_{zM} \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\left( \mathbf{H}_M(1_z \times \text{grad}_x a_{zM}, 1_z \times \text{grad}_x a_{zM}') \right)_\Omega + \left( n \times h_M, a_{zM}' 1_z \right)_{\Gamma_h} = \left( j_s, a_{zM}' \right)_{\Omega_s}$$

holds for all test functions $a_{zM}' \in H_0^{10}(\Omega)$.
### Macro

- Read input (macro mesh, material laws, etc.).
- Prescribe BCs.
- Initialize $a_M(t = 0)$

### Meso

- Generate meso meshes

#### Begin time loop while $t_n < t_f$ do:

(a) **Begin nonlinear loop**

- While $(m < m_{max})$ and $(\text{res} > \text{tol})$ do:
  - For each quadrature point:
    - Downscaling: $e_M, b_M, j_M$
    - Cell problem analysis:
      1. Prescribe the BCs
      2. Impose the macro sources
      3. Initialize $a_m(t = t_n)$
      4. Solve the cell problem
      5. Compute $h_M$ and $\partial h_M / \partial b_M$
    - Upscaling: $h_M, \partial h_M / \partial b_M$
  - Assemble matrix and RHS:
  - Solve
  - Check convergence
    1. If not, $m \leftarrow m + 1$.
    2. Else, save. Leave the nonlinear loop and go to (b).

End nonlinear loop.

(b) $t_n \leftarrow t_n + \Delta t$.

End time loop.

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**Figure 4.3:** Pseudocode of the multiscale algorithm for the nonlinear multiscale magnetic flux density conforming formulations.

The three-dimensional mesoscale problem can be derived from (4.35): find $a_c \in$
4.4 Magnetic field conforming formulations

4.4.1 The macroscale problem

This problem is derived from the macroscale equations:

\begin{align}
\text{curl}_x h_M &= j_M, \quad (4.83) \\
\text{curl}_x e_M &= -\partial_t b_M, \quad (4.84) \\
\text{div}_x b_M &= 0, \quad (4.85) \\
b_M(x, t) &= B_M(h_M(x, t), x), \quad (4.86) \\
e_M(x, t) &= E_M(j_M(x, t), x). \quad (4.87)
\end{align}

In this case, Ampère’s equation (4.83) together with the constitutive laws (4.86)–(4.87) are strongly satisfied. Therefore Faraday’s equation must be satisfied in the weak sense. Using results of section 2.5.4, we get the following three-dimensional macroscale weak equation: find \( h_M \in H_h(\text{curl}; \Omega) \) such that

\begin{align}
\left( \partial_t B_M(h_M), h'_M \right)_\Omega + \left( \sigma_M^{-1} \text{curl}_x h_M, \text{curl}_x h'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \\
\left( \sigma_M^{-1} j_s, \text{curl}_x h'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \left( n \times e_M, h'_M \right)_{\Gamma_e} = 0, \quad (4.88)
\end{align}

holds for all \( h'_M \in H^1_0(\text{curl}; \Omega) \). In the case of magnetic laws without memory \( B_M(h_M(x, t), x) \), the time derivative of the magnetic induction can be expressed as:

\begin{align}
\partial_t B_M = \frac{\partial B_M}{\partial h_M} \partial_t h_M. \quad (4.89)
\end{align}

Equation (4.88) becomes:

\begin{align}
\left( \frac{\partial B_M}{\partial h_M} \partial_t h_M, h'_M \right)_\Omega + \left( \sigma_M^{-1} \text{curl}_x h_M, \text{curl}_x h'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \\
\left( \sigma_M^{-1} j_s, \text{curl}_x h'_M \right)_{\Omega_e} + \left( n \times e_M, h'_M \right)_{\Gamma_e} = 0,
\end{align}
\[
\left( \sigma^{-1}_M j_s, \text{curl}_x h'_M \right)_{\Omega_s} + \left\langle n \times e_M, h'_M \right\rangle_{\Gamma_e} = 0. \quad (4.90)
\]

In the non-conducting region \( \Omega^C \) only the first term of (4.88) exists. The magnetic field can therefore be derived from a magnetic scalar potential \( \phi_M \) governed by the following partial differential equation:

\[
\text{div} \mathcal{B}_M(h_s - \text{grad}_x \phi_M) = 0. \quad (4.91)
\]

The weak form in \( \Omega^C \) then reads: find \( \phi_M \in H^1(\Omega^C) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}_M(h_s - \text{grad}_x \phi_M), \text{grad}_x \phi'_M \right)_{\Omega^C} + \left\langle n \cdot b_M, \phi'_M \right\rangle_{\Gamma_h} = 0. \quad (4.92)
\]

### 4.4.2 The mesoscale problem

In the case of \( b \)-conform formulations, the spatial differential operator was applied to the term with the magnetic constitutive law (see equation (4.26)). This is not the case for \( h \)-conform formulations; the term \( b_m \) for which we want to compute the homogenized constitutive law is involved with time derivative (equation (4.95)). Therefore we are going to define two types of problems for \( h \)-conform formulations.

The first one used for computing the homogenized magnetic constitutive laws is derived from equations of the two-scale convergence theory (equations (3.101)–(3.102)). The three-dimensional weak formulation of this problem reads: find \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c), \text{grad}_y \phi'_c \right)_{\Omega_m} = 0, \quad (4.93)
\]

hold for all test functions \( \phi'_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}^C) \) and for every \( t \in ]0, T[ \)

The second will be used for defining a mesoscale problem that includes eddy currents. In order to define this problem, we use the same approach as the one used in section 4.3.2. We start with the modified two-scale version of the problem (3.93)–(3.96):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1 &= j_m, \quad (4.94) \\
\text{curl} e_m^\varepsilon &= -\partial_t b_m, \quad (4.95) \\
\text{div}_x b_M + \text{div}_y b_1 &= 0, \quad (4.96) \\
b_m(x, y, t) &= \mathcal{B}(h_m(x, y, t), x, y), \quad (4.97) \\
e_m(x, y, t) &= \mathcal{E}(j_m(x, y, t), x, y), \quad (4.98)
\end{align*}
\]

in which we keep Faraday’s equation (4.95) intact. The electric field \( e_m^\varepsilon \) is the restriction of the multiscale electric field \( e^\varepsilon \) to the domain \( \Omega_m \). Using the two-scale convergence theory we can express the \text{curl} of the magnetic field at the mesoscale in terms of the \text{curl} of the magnetic field at the macroscale and the \text{curl} of the mesoscale correction term such that

\[
\text{curl}_y h_m = \text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1. \quad (4.99)
\]
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Using Ampère’s law at the macroscale together with the vector identity \( \text{curl}_y (j_M \times y) = (n - 1) j_M \) (\( n = 2, 3 \) for 2D and 3D problems, respectively) we can write:

\[
\text{curl}_y h_m = \text{curl}_y \left( h_1 + h_M + \kappa (\text{curl}_x h_M \times y) \right) = \text{curl}_y \left( h_1 + h_M - \kappa (j_M \times y) \right) \tag{4.100}
\]

with \( \kappa = (n - 1)^{-1} \), since \( \text{curl}_y h_M \equiv 0 \). This provides a natural development of \( h_m \) in terms of a local, rapidly fluctuating component and a large scale component.

Inserting the orthogonal decomposition \( j_m = j_M + \text{curl}_y t_c \) derived from (3.85) in (4.94) we get the following equation:

\[
\text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1 = j_M + \text{curl}_y t_c. \tag{4.101}
\]

We can use (4.100) to express the first order term of the electric field \( h_1 \) in terms of the correction term \( t_c \) as:

\[
h_1 = t_c - \text{grad}_y \omega_c, \tag{4.102}
\]

possibly leading to the \( h \) formulation [33,63,64] or the \( t - \omega \) formulation [125,126]. In the remainder of this section, we adopt the \( h \) formulation.

The electric current density is not defined in the non-conducting regions. For such regions, Ampère’s equation reads:

\[
\text{curl}_y (h_1 + h_M + \kappa (\text{curl}_x h_M \times y)) = 0, \tag{4.103}
\]

so that:

\[
h_1 + h_M + \kappa (\text{curl}_x h_M \times y) = -\text{grad}_y \overline{\phi}_c. \tag{4.104}
\]

Instead of using the total scalar potential \( \overline{\phi}_c \), we rather define a reduced potential \( \phi_c \) such that

\[
-\text{grad}_y \phi_c = h_M - \text{grad}_y \overline{\phi}_c. \tag{4.105}
\]

The mesoscale magnetic field \( h_m \) can therefore be developed as:

\[
\begin{cases} h_m = h_M + \kappa (j_M \times y) + h_1 & \text{in } \Omega_{mc}, \\ h_m = h_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c & \text{in } \Omega_C^{mc}, \end{cases} \tag{4.106}
\]

where the fields \( h_M \) and \( j_M \) are source terms from the macroscale problem.

Using these developments together with the expression (4.89) of the time derivative we get the following equations for the conducting and the non-conducting regions:

\[
\text{curl}_y \left( \sigma^{-1}(y) \left( \text{curl}_y h_1 + j_M \right) \right) + \\
\frac{\partial \mathcal{B}}{\partial h_m} \left( \partial_t h_1 + \partial_t h_M + \kappa (\partial_t j_M \times y) \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{mc}, \tag{4.107}
\]
with \( h_m = h_1 + h_M + \kappa(j_M \times y) \). The mesoscale three-dimensional weak formulation then reads: find \( h_1 \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}_c) \) and \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) such that

\[
\left( \sigma_m^{-1}(\text{curl}_y h_1 + j_M), \text{curl}_y h_1^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + 
\left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{B}}{\partial h_m} \left( \partial_y h_1 + \partial_y h_M + \kappa(\partial_t j_M \times y) \right), h_1^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = 0, \quad (4.109)
\]

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c), \text{grad}_y \phi_c^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = 0, \quad (4.110)
\]

hold for all test functions \( h_1^t \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}_c) \) and \( \phi_c^t \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) for every \( t \in [0, T] \). The domain \( \Omega_{mc} \) is the conducting part of the mesoscale domain \( \Omega_m \).

For the two-dimensional case, the mesoscale weak formulation becomes: find \( h_{1z} \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) and \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) such that

\[
\left( \sigma_m^{-1}(1_z \times \text{grad}_y h_{1z} + j_M), 1_z \times \text{grad}_y h_{1z}^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} + 
\left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{B}}{\partial h_m} (1_z \times \text{grad}_y (\partial_y h_{1z}) + \partial_y h_M + \kappa(\partial_t j_M \times y)), 1_z h_{1z}^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = 0, \quad (4.111)
\]

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c), \text{grad}_y \phi_c^t \right)_{\Omega_{mc}} = 0, \quad (4.112)
\]

hold for all test functions \( h_{1z}^t \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) and \( \phi_c^t \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}_c) \) for every \( t \in [0, T] \). The mesoscale magnetic field \( h_m \) is given by \( h_m = 1_z \times \text{grad}_y h_{1z} + h_M + \kappa(j_M \times y) \).

### 4.4.3 The scale transitions

The macroscale and the mesoscale problems need to exchange information through the scale transitions like in the case of the \( a - v \) formulation.

During the downscaling, the macroscale fields \( h_M \) and \( j_M \) are imposed as source terms for the mesoscale problem. Boundary conditions for the mesoscale problem are determined so as to respect the two-scale convergence of the fields. The convergence of the correction term of the electric current density \( j_c \) leads to the following condition for the tangential component of \( h_1 \):

\[
\frac{1}{|\Omega_{mc}|} \int_{\Omega_{mc}} j_c \, dy = j_M \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\Omega_{mc}} \text{curl}_y h_1 \, dy = \oint_{\Gamma_{mc}} n \times h_1 \, dy = 0. \quad (4.113)
\]

This condition is fulfilled if \( h_1 \) belongs to the space \( H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \), i.e. if \( h_1 \) is periodic on the cell. This condition is fulfilled thanks to the two-scale convergence result in Appendix C.3.

The upscaling consists in computing the missing constitutive laws \( \sigma_M^{-1}, b_M \) together with \( \partial \mathcal{B}_M / \partial h_M \) at the macroscale using the mesoscale fields. Due to the linearity of the electric law, the asymptotic expansion theory can be applied (see...
section 3.4.1.1). Therefore, we compute once for all the homogenized electric resistivity by solving a cell problem. The electric resistivity is then upscaled by means of:

\[ \sigma_M^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} \left( (\sigma_m)^{-1} (\bar{\theta} - \text{curl}_y \bar{\theta}(y)) \right) dy, \]

(4.114)

where the periodic functions \( \bar{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)^T \) are solutions of the cell problem: find \( \theta_i \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[ \int_{\Omega_m} (\text{curl}_y \theta_i)^T (\sigma_m)^{-1} \left( \text{curl}_y \theta_i - e_i \right) dy = 0 \]  
holds for all \( \theta' \in H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y}) \). Another approach consists in computing the homogenized electric conductivity \( \sigma_M \) using the approach described in the section 4.3.3 and then invert it.

The upscaling of the nonlinear magnetic law is performed by simple averaging as a consequence of the two-scale convergence of the magnetic flux density \( b \):

\[ \frac{1}{|\Omega_{mc}|} \int_{\Omega_{mc}} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{h}_M + \kappa(\mathbf{j}_M \times \mathbf{y})) dy + \]
\[ \frac{1}{|\Omega_{mc}^{C}|} \int_{\Omega_{mc}^{C}} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c) dy = \mathbf{B}_M. \]  

(4.116)

The tangent matrix \( \partial \mathcal{B}_M / \partial \mathbf{h}_M \) for the Newton–Raphson scheme is obtained using the finite differences method like the one used in section 4.3.3. Three mesoscale problems similar to (4.93) with constant (time and space independent) magnetic field perturbation terms \( \delta \mathbf{h}_i \) are solved. The term \( \delta \mathbf{h}_i \) is added to the macroscale source in the direction “i” and the total (perturbed) mesoscale magnetic field becomes: \( \mathbf{h}_m = \mathbf{h}_M + \text{grad}_y \phi_c + \delta \mathbf{h}_i \). The three-dimensional perturbed problem then reads: find \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[ \left( \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c + \delta \mathbf{h}_i), \text{grad}_y \phi_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}^{C}} = 0, \]

(4.117)

hold for all test functions \( \phi_c' \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) and for every \( t \in ]0, T[ \) and the two-dimensional mesoscale weak formulation becomes: \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[ \left( \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}_M - \text{grad}_y \phi_c + \delta \mathbf{h}_i), \text{grad}_y \phi_c' \right)_{\Omega_{mc}^{C}} = 0, \]

(4.118)

hold for all test functions \( \phi_c' \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) and for almost every \( t \in ]0, T[ \).

4.4.4 Finite element implementation

An approach similar to the one used in section 4.3.4 is hereby described for the \( h \)-conform formulations. The macroscale and the mesoscale problems are solved in a staggered way using the FE method. Both problems are nonlinear and solved
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using the Newton–Raphson scheme. The numerical schemes of the macroscale and the mesoscale problems remain almost the same. We will point out the differences if they exist.

The first step for the numerical solution is to spatially discretize the fields. We use mixed elements and get the following expressions:

$$h(x,t) = \sum_{i \in N_e} h_i(t)S^i_e(x), \quad (4.119)$$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{k \in N_n} \phi_k S^k_n(x) \quad (4.120)$$

$$j(x,t) = \sum_{i \in N_e} h_i(t)\text{curl} S^i_e(x), \quad (4.121)$$

$$\frac{\partial h(x,t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{i \in N_e} \frac{dh_i(t)}{dt}S^i_e(x), \quad (4.122)$$

$$\text{grad} \phi(x) = \sum_{k \in N_n} \phi_k \text{grad} S^k_n(x). \quad (4.123)$$

The fields $h$ and $\phi$ are used to represent both the macroscale fields $h_M$ and $\phi_M$ and the mesoscale fields $h_n$ and $\phi_n$. The basis functions $S^i_e(x)$ and $S^k_n(x)$ are chosen as the standard edge and nodal Whitney forms, spanning discrete subspaces of $H(\text{curl};\Omega)$ and $H^1(\Omega)$, respectively [90]. The degree of freedom $h_i(t)$ and $\phi_k$ are the unknowns of the FE problem and $N_e$ and $N_n$ the total numbers of the unknowns of the fields $h$ and $\phi$, respectively. With formulae (4.119)–(4.123) we get the following discretized equations:

$$\overline{M(H)} \frac{dH}{dt} + \overline{R}H + g(\overline{\phi}) = j, \quad (4.124)$$

where $\overline{H}$ and $\overline{\phi}$ are vectors of the unknowns $h_i(t)$ and $\phi_k$, respectively. These equations are valid for the macroscale and the mesoscale problems.

For the macroscale problem, the matrices in (4.124) are given by:

$$m_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_i \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j \in N_e} \left( \frac{\partial B_M}{\partial h_M} \left( \sum_{i \in N_e} h_M i(t)\text{curl} x S^i_e(x), x \right) S^i_e(x), S^j_e(x) \right)_{\Omega_i} , \quad (4.125)$$

$$r_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_i \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j \in N_e} \left( \sigma_M^{-1}(x)\text{curl} x S^i_e(x), \text{curl} x S^j_e(x) \right)_{\Omega_i} , \quad (4.126)$$

$$g_j = \sum_{\Omega_i \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j \in N_n} \left( B_M \left( h_s - \sum_{i \in N_n} \phi_M i \text{grad} x S^i_n(x), x \right), \text{grad} x S^j_n(x) \right)_{\Omega_i} , \quad (4.127)$$

$$j_j = \sum_{\Omega_i \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j \in N_e} \left( \sigma_M^{-1}(x)j_s(x), \text{curl} x S^i_e(x) \right)_{\Omega_i} , \quad (4.128)$$

where $h_M i$ and $\phi_M i$ are the degrees of freedom of the macroscale fields.

For the mesoscale problem, the matrices in (4.124) are given by:
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\[
m_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \mathcal{N}_e} \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial h_m}(h_M + \kappa(j_M \times y) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_e} h_{c_i}(t) \text{curl}_y S^i_e(y), y) - \mathbf{S}^i_e(y), \mathbf{S}^j_e(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \tag{4.129}
\]

\[
r_{ij} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \mathcal{N}_e} \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma^{-1}(y) \text{curl}_y S^i_e(y), \text{curl}_y S^j_e(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \tag{4.130}
\]

\[
g_j = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \mathcal{N}_e} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \mathcal{B}(h_M - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_n} \phi_{c_i} \text{grad}_y S^i_n(y), y), \text{grad}_y S^j_n(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \tag{4.131}
\]

\[
j_j = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \mathcal{N}_e} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \sigma^{-1}(y) j_s(y), \text{curl}_y S^j_e(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \tag{4.132}
\]

where \(h_{c_i}\) and \(\phi_{c_i}\) are the degrees of freedom of the mesoscale, correction fields.

We use the Euler-implicit time-discretization scheme for the time derivative in (4.55). This leads to the following nonlinear full-discrete equation:

\[
\overline{M}(H^{n+1}) \frac{H^{n+1} - H^n}{\Delta t} + \overline{RH}^{n+1} + g(\overline{\phi}) = \mathbf{j}, \tag{4.133}
\]

which relates the vector unknowns \(H^{n+1}\) at time \(t_{n+1} = t_n + \Delta t\) with previous values \(H^n\) computed at \(t_n\). Problem (4.133) is nonlinear and needs to be solved using nonlinear techniques.

We use the Newton – Raphson method for solving both the mesoscale and the macroscale problems. To this end, we define the residual:

\[
r(H^{n+1}, \overline{\phi}) = \overline{M}(H^{n+1}) \frac{H^{n+1} - H^n}{\Delta t} + \overline{RH}^{n+1} + g(\overline{\phi}) - \mathbf{j}, \tag{4.134}
\]

which must go to zero with a prescribed tolerance. The residual for the nonlinear iteration \(m + 1\) can be expressed in terms of the residual at the previous timestep \(m\) plus a linear tangent contribution:

\[
r(H^{n+1}_m, \overline{\phi}_m) = r(H^{n+1}_m, \overline{\phi}_m) + \frac{\partial r}{\partial H^{n+1}} \bigg|_{H^{n+1}_m, \overline{\phi}_m} (H^{n+1}_m - H^{n+1}_m) + \frac{\partial r}{\partial \overline{\phi}} \bigg|_{H^{n+1}_m, \overline{\phi}_m} (\overline{\phi}_m - \overline{\phi}_m) \simeq 0, \tag{4.135}
\]

which leads to the final system:

\[
\overline{K}(H^{n+1}_m - H^{n+1}_m) + \overline{L}(\overline{\phi}_m - \overline{\phi}_m) = -r(H^{n+1}_m, \overline{\phi}_m). \tag{4.136}
\]

The elements of the tangent matrix in (4.136) are given by:

\[
k_{ij} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} m_{ij} + r_{ij}, \tag{4.137}
\]
\[ l_{ij} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial \phi_{mi}} = \sum_{\Omega_e \in \Omega_e^e} \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{N}_e} \left( \mathcal{B}(h_{tot}) \text{grad} S^n_i(y), \text{grad} S^n_j(y) \right)_{\Omega_e}, \quad (4.138) \]

and therefore one needs to know \( \partial \mathcal{B}/\partial h \) in order to compute \( \overline{K} \).

The pseudocode of the overall multiscale algorithm for the \( h \)-conform formulations is presented in Figure 4.4.
### Macro

- Read input (macro mesh, material laws, etc.).
- Prescribe BCs.
- Initialize $h_M(t = 0)$
- **Begin time loop** while $t_n < t_f$ do:

  (a) **Begin nonlinear loop**
  
  while $(m < m_{max})$ and $(\text{res} > \text{tol})$ do:
  
  - For each quadrature point: $h_{M,j}$
  
  - Assemble matrix and RHS: $h_{M,j}$
  
  - Solve
  
  - Check convergence
    1. If not, $m \leftarrow m + 1$.
    2. Else, save. Leave the nonlinear loop and go to (b).

  - **End nonlinear loop.**

  (b) $t_n \leftarrow t_n + \Delta t$.

- **End time loop.**

### Meso

- Generate meso meshes

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**Figure 4.4:** Pseudocode of the multiscale algorithm for the nonlinear multiscale magnetic flux field conforming formulations.
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4.4.5 The static case

The formulations for the static case are defined from the following magnetostatic multiscale problem:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{curl} \ h^\varepsilon &= j_s, \\
\text{div} \ b^\varepsilon &= 0, \\
b^\varepsilon(x) &= \mathcal{B}(h^\varepsilon(x), x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}),
\end{align*}
\]

obtained from equations (2.59)–(2.59) (see section 2.5.5). In this case, the magnetic field reads \( h^\varepsilon = h_s - \text{grad} \phi^\varepsilon \) and the weak form (4.140) reads: find \( \phi^\varepsilon \in H^1(\Omega) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_s - \text{grad} \phi^\varepsilon(x)), \text{grad} \phi'^\varepsilon(x) \right)_{\Omega} + \langle n \cdot b, \phi'^\varepsilon \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = 0,
\]

holds for all \( \phi'^\varepsilon \in H^1_0(\Omega) \). The source term \( h_s \) can be computed using the approach described in section 2.4. This problem can be solved using the HMM approach.

The macroscale problem is governed by the following weak equation: find \( \phi_M \in H^1(\Omega) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_s - \text{grad} \phi_M), \text{grad} \phi'_M \right)_{\Omega_M} + \langle n \cdot \mathcal{B}(h_s - \text{grad} \phi_M), \phi'_M \rangle_{\Gamma_h} = 0,
\]

holds for all \( \phi'_M \in H^1_0(\Omega) \).

The mesoscale problem is governed by the weak form: find \( \phi_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \) such that

\[
\left( \mathcal{B}(h_M - \text{grad} \phi_c), \text{grad} \phi'_c \right)_{\Omega_m} = 0,
\]

holds for all \( \phi'_c \in H^1(\mathcal{Y}) \). The macroscale field \( h_M \) in (4.144) is given by \( h_M = h_s - \text{grad} \phi_M \).

We can use the same approach like the one used for the dynamic problem in section 4.3. To this end we express the mesoscale magnetic scalar potential \( \phi_m \) in terms of the macroscale magnetic scalar potential \( \phi_M \) with slow variations and the correction term \( \phi_c \) that accounts for the rapid variations

\[
\phi_m(x, y) = \phi^{\text{lin}}_M(x) + \phi_c(x, y) = \phi_M(x) + y \cdot \text{grad}_x \phi_M(x) + \phi_c(x, y).
\]

Applying the gradient operator to both sides of (4.145) and integrating over the mesoscale computational domain gives:

\[
\int_{\Omega_m} \text{grad}_y \phi_m(x, y) \, dy = \int_{\Omega_m} \text{grad}_x \phi_M(x) \, dy + \int_{\Gamma_m} n \phi_c(x, y) \, dy,
\]

where and \( \Gamma_m \) is the boundary of the microdomain \( \Omega_m \). Assuming that the average of the mesoscale magnetic field is equal to the mesoscale magnetic field (and therefore that the surface integral in (4.146) vanishes), we can write:

\[
\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} \text{grad}_y \phi_m(x, y) \, dy = \frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} \text{grad}_x \phi_M(x) \, dy
\]
which implies that the magnetic field is consistent between the macroscale and the mesoscale. Furthermore, it infers periodic boundary conditions for the correction term \( \phi_c(x, y) \). Note that the surface integral in (4.146) vanishes.

The upscaling of the nonlinear magnetic law is performed by simple average as a consequence of the two-scale convergence of the magnetic flux density \( b \):

\[
\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} b_m \, dy = b_M. \tag{4.148}
\]

This overall homogenization process can then be shown to be equivalent to a variational formulation with equal magnetic energies at the mesoscale and the macroscale levels:

\[
\frac{1}{|\Omega_m|} \int_{\Omega_m} h_m(x, y) \cdot B(h_m(x, y), x, y) \, dy = h_M(x) \cdot B_M(h_M(x), x). \tag{4.149}
\]

The tangent matrix \( \partial B_M / \partial h_M \) for the Newton–Raphson scheme is obtained using the finite difference method described in section 4.3.3.
Chapter 5

Numerical tests

5.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we carry out numerical tests to validate the homogenization theory and the multiscale methods developed in chapter 3 and chapter 4. For simplicity, we restrict ourselves to two-dimensional problems that can be solved using standard conforming finite elements, and chose validation problems accordingly. We consider \( b \)-conform and \( h \)-conform formulations which allows for in-plane and out-of-plane configurations of eddy currents. Two types of applications are also considered: soft magnetic composites (SMC) and lamination stacks. The choice of these examples was motivated by the many applications in electrotechnics (electric transformers, electric motors, electric generators, etc.) due to their interesting electromagnetic properties resulting from their multiscale nature.

To start with, we consider in section 5.2 two SMC geometries for validating the \( b \)- and \( h \)-conform multiscale formulations. We focus on the convergence of the fields with respect to the meshes, the consistency between the fine-scale, the local mesoscale and the macroscale fields and the convergence of the global quantities (eddy currents losses, magnetic energy). We also test the limitations of the multiscale models by checking the influence of the different terms in the formulations, in particular the influence of eddy currents in the mesoscale problems. As a second validation example, we present in section 5.3 results obtained by applying the theory to a lamination stack.

5.2 Soft magnetic composites

The actual geometry of SMC is an aggregation of three-dimensional metallic grains surrounded by a dielectric binder (Figure 5.1 (a)). In this section we assume an idealized SMC toroidal structure with grains stretched in one direction and that rather looks like wires (Figure 5.1 (b)). The obtained geometry is similar to the geometry made of wound wires with each wire modeled by a cylinder (Figure 5.1 (c)).
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Figure 5.1: SMC two-dimensional geometry used for the multiscale formulations. (a): The real three-dimensional coarse-grained geometry. (b): Stretched SMC structures. (c): A single stretched SMC structure. (d): Basic two-dimensional elementary cell used for solving the cell problem ($e_c = 45 \mu m$ and $e_i = 2.5 \mu m$).

With such an assumption, all the vertical cuts passing through the axis of the toroid are similar and therefore the problem can be reduced to a two-dimensional problem where the basic elementary cell looks like the one depicted in Figure 5.1 (d). This cell is made of two parts: a metallic part labeled conductor which is conducting and magnetic and a dielectric part labeled dielectric which is non-magnetic. We consider it non-conducting for the $b$-conform formulations and slightly conducting for the $h$-conform formulations. The latter case enables to consider problems with global eddy currents at the macroscale.

5.2.1 Description of the problem for the $b$-conform formulations

The primal unknown field is the magnetic flux density $b$ which can be derived from a vector potential $a$ as: $b = \text{curl} a$. We want the unknown $a$ to have only the $z$-component, i.e., $a = (0, 0, a_z)$ so that nodal elements can be used. This means that $b$ will be constrained in the $xy$-plane. We want also the magnetic field $h$ to
Figure 5.2: Soft magnetic composite two-dimensional geometry used for the $a-v$ multiscale formulations. Two opposite source current are imposed in the top and bottom inductors. The lengths are given by $L = 1000 \mu m$, $e_a = 150 \sqrt{2}/2 \mu m$, $e_i = 100 \mu m$ and $e_{gap} = 100 \mu m$. Only 100 grains out of 400 are drawn on the image.

have only $xy$ components (which is true for isotropic and orthotropic materials but not always true for arbitrary anisotropic materials).

Using Ampère’s equation $\text{curl} \ h = j_s + \sigma e$, the source current $j_s$ must be imposed perpendicular to the $xy$-plane $j_s = (0, 0, j_s)$ with $j_s = j_{s0} f(t)$ where $j_{s0}$ is the constant amplitude and $f(t) = \sin(2\pi ft)$.

Depending on the operating frequencies (the maximum frequency that has been tested is $f = 50$ kHz and corresponds to $\lambda = 6000$ m), the resulting wavelengths are huge in comparison to the size of the structure (around 500 $\mu m$) and therefore the assumption of a magnetoquasistatic problem can be made.

We consider the elementary cell in Figure 5.1-(d). The dielectric is a perfect insulator governed by a linear magnetic law with $\mu_r = 1$. The conductor has an isotropic electric conductivity $\sigma = 5 \times 10^6$ S/m and is governed by the following magnetic laws:

1. a nonlinear exponential law $\mathcal{H}(b) = \left( \alpha + \beta \exp(\gamma ||b||^2) \right) b$ with $\alpha = 388$, $\beta = 0.3774$ and $\gamma = 2.97$ [57].

2. a Jiles - Atherton hysteresis model with parameters $\mathcal{M}_s = 1, 145, 500$ A/m, $a = 59$ A/m, $k = 99$ A/m, $c = 0.55$ and $\alpha = 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ (see section 4.3.4 [19, 94].)
**Figure 5.3:** Geometry used for the $a - v$ computations. Only a quarter of the geometry is used thanks to the symmetries. Top: Reference geometry. Only 25 grains out of 100 are drawn on the image. Bottom: Homogenized geometry.
Thanks to the symmetries of the geometry, of physical properties and boundary conditions, only a quarter of the geometry is used (top image of Figure 5.3 for the reference case and bottom image of Figure 5.3 for the computational case.)

The following boundary conditions are also imposed on the boundary in order for the problem to be well-posed:

\[ \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{b}|_{\Gamma_{\text{inf}}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{a}|_{\Gamma_{\text{inf}}} = 0, \quad (5.1) \]

\[ \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{b}|_{\Gamma_{h}} = 0, \quad (5.2) \]

\[ \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}|_{\Gamma_{v}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{h}|_{\Gamma_{v}} = 0. \quad (5.3) \]

Equations (5.1) and (5.2) express the impermeability of the boundary \( \Gamma_{h} \) to the magnetic flux density and the vanishing of the magnetic flux density \( \mathbf{b} \) at infinity \( \Gamma_{\text{inf}} \). The condition \( \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{a}|_{\Gamma_{\text{inf}}} = 0 \) in (5.1) is one possible way of imposing a zero flux density across \( \Gamma_{\text{inf}} \) and, in the two-dimensional setting, this amounts to imposing \( a_{z}|_{\Gamma_{\text{inf}}} = 0 \). Equation (5.3) expresses the zero net electric current crossing the boundary \( \Gamma_{v} \).
5.2.2 Results for the $b$-conform formulations

In this section, we compare computational results for the $b$-conform multiscale formulations to the reference results. The latter are obtained by solving a finite element problem on the entire, finely meshed multiscale domain (Figure 5.5 - top). A total of 110282 triangular elements are used for the fine-scale problem.

![Figure 5.5: Top: geometry used for the validation of the $b$-conform multiscale formulations taking advantage of symmetry. Flux lines are depicted as well. Bottom: typical mesh used for the macroscale problem.](image)

Computational results are carried out on a macroscale, coarse mesh (a typical
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Table 5.1: SMC problem - $b$-conform formulations. Comparison of the reference magnetic flux density and the computational (macroscale and mesoscale) magnetic flux density ($||b||$, in T) in different points of the macroscale domain $\{ t = 6 \times 10^{-6}s \}$.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position ($\mu m$)</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Meso</th>
<th>Macro</th>
<th>err_{meso} (%)</th>
<th>err_{Macro} (%)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(25, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.0157652</td>
<td>0.0158937</td>
<td>0.0347775</td>
<td>0.82</td>
<td>120.60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(25, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.0186482</td>
<td>0.0181317</td>
<td>0.0403767</td>
<td>2.77</td>
<td>116.52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(175, 175, 0)</td>
<td>0.0158077</td>
<td>0.0158738</td>
<td>0.0346577</td>
<td>0.42</td>
<td>119.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.0156693</td>
<td>0.0158615</td>
<td>0.0345838</td>
<td>1.23</td>
<td>120.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.0184396</td>
<td>0.0158563</td>
<td>0.0417285</td>
<td>14.01</td>
<td>126.30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

mesh is depicted in Figure 5.5 - bottom) using triangular elements and mesoscale problems are solved around each numerical quadrature point of the macroscale mesh using a mesh that looks like the one in Figure 5.4.

Figure 5.6 depicts the different contributing terms involved in the resolution of the mesoscale problem. The projection term which varies linearly on the mesoscale domain is computed from the macroscale fields as $a_{proj}(x, y, t) = a_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times b_M(x, t))$. This term is then used as a source for the computation of the correction term $a_c(x, y, t)$ at the mesoscale level which allows to derive the total magnetic vector potential $a_{tot}(x, y, t) = a_c(x, y, t) + a_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times b_M(x, t))$.

The comparison of spatial cuts of the magnetic induction $b$, of the eddy currents $j$ and of the magnetic field $h$ shows an excellent agreement between the reference solution and the local solution computed on the mesoscale cells centered around points of the computational domain and this for the nonlinear case (Figure 5.7) and the hysteresis case (Figures 5.8–5.9). Small discrepancies are however observed near the boundary of the domain (see Tables 5.1 and 5.2).

Table 5.1 displays the values $||b||$ obtained from the reference solution (Reference), the macroscale solution (Macro) and the mesoscale solution (Meso) and the relative pointwise errors err_{meso} and err_{macro} defined by:

$$err_{meso}(x, t) = \frac{|b_{ref}(x, t) - b_{meso}(x, t)|}{|b_{ref}(x, t)|},$$

(5.4)

and

$$err_{Macro}(x, t) = \frac{|b_{ref}(x, t) - b_{macro}(x, t)|}{|b_{ref}(x, t)|},$$

(5.5)

for $t = 6 \times 10^{-6}s$. From this table, it can be concluded that the mesoscale error which is small in the bulk (an error of about 1 %) becomes greater the closer to the boundary of the computational domain (up to 14 %). Indeed, the periodicity assumption is no longer respected in this case and therefore a cell located near the boundary is not immersed in a periodic environment.

The macroscale error is huge and almost independent of the location of the considered point.
Table 5.2: SMC problem - $b$-conform formulations. Relative $L^2(0,T)$ errors between the reference magnetic flux density and the mesoscale magnetic flux density ($\text{err}_{L^2\text{meso}}$) and between the reference magnetic flux density and the macroscale magnetic flux density ($\text{err}_{L^2\text{Macro}}$) for different points of the computational domain.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position ($\mu\text{m}$)</th>
<th>$\text{err}_{L^2\text{meso}}$ (%)</th>
<th>$\text{err}_{L^2\text{Macro}}$ (%)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(25, 25, 0)</td>
<td>3.27</td>
<td>11.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(25, 475, 0)</td>
<td>4.93</td>
<td>15.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(175, 175, 0)</td>
<td>3.01</td>
<td>11.88</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 25, 0)</td>
<td>3.04</td>
<td>12.27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 475, 0)</td>
<td>15.46</td>
<td>22.91</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 5.2 provides relative $L^2(0,T)$ errors between the reference magnetic induction $b_{\text{ref}}(x, t)$, the mesoscale magnetic induction $b_{\text{meso}}(x, t)$ and the macroscale magnetic induction $b_{\text{Macro}}(x, t)$. For a point $x$ of the computational domain, these $L^2$ errors are given by the formula:

$$
\text{err}_{L^2\text{meso}}(x, t) = \frac{||b_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - b_{\text{meso}}(x, t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}{||b_{\text{ref}}(x, t)||_{L^2(0,T)}},
$$

(5.6)

and

$$
\text{err}_{L^2\text{Macro}}(x, t) = \frac{||b_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - b_{\text{Macro}}(x, t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}{||b_{\text{ref}}(x, t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}.
$$

(5.7)

(5.8)

Results of Table 5.2 lead to the same conclusions as the ones of Table 5.1, i.e., the errors increase as the point gets close to the boundary of the computational domain.

In Figure 5.10 we compare the $h^b$ reference (Reference) and computational (Computational) curves obtained from the local field computed in cells located in the bulk (top) and near the boundary (bottom). A good agreement is shown for points located in the bulk and minor differences can be observed for points located near the boundary as it has been noted from Tables 5.1 and 5.2.
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Figure 5.6: Terms contributing to the total mesoscale magnetic vector potential for a cell problem centered in (325, 25, 0.0)μm. Top: the $z$-component of the projection term $a_{proj}(x, y, t) = a_M(x, t) + κ(y × b_M(x, t))$. Middle: the $z$-component of the correction term $a_c(x, y, t)$. Bottom: the $z$-component of the total mesoscale vector potential $a_{tot}(x, y, t)$ (nonlinear case with $j_{s0} = 35 \times 10^7$ A/m², $f = 25$ kHz).
Figure 5.7: SMC problem, \( b \)-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Spatial cuts of the \( z \)-component of the eddy currents \( j \) (top) and of the \( x \)-component of the magnetic induction \( b \) (bottom) along the line \( \{x = 475, z = 0\} \) \( \mu \)m. (\( f = 50 \) kHz and \( t = 6 \times 10^{-7} \) s).
Figure 5.8: SMC problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Spatial cuts of the $z$-component of the eddy currents $j$ (top) and of the $x$-component of the magnetic induction $b$ (bottom) along the line $\{x = 25, z = 0\}$ $\mu$m. ($f = 10\text{ kHz}$, $t = 5 \times 10^{-7}\text{ s}$ for the curve of eddy currents and $t = 25 \times 10^{-7}\text{ s}$ for the curve of the magnetic induction).
Figure 5.9: SMC problem, \( b \)-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Spatial cuts of the \( x \)-component of the magnetic field \( h \) along the line \( \{ x = 25, z = 0 \} \) \( \mu \text{m} \). (\( f = 10 \text{kHz} \) and \( t = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{s} \)).
Figure 5.10: SMC problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Reference (Reference) and computational (Computational) $hb$ hysteresis curves for points located at $(175, 175, 0) \mu m$ (top) and $(475, 475, 0) \mu m$ (bottom) \{f = 2500 Hz.\}
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Figure 5.11: SMC problem, b-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Instantaneous Joule losses and absolute error between the reference (Ref) and the computational (Comp) solutions. Two frequencies are considered: $f = 50$ Hz and $f = 2500$ Hz.

Figure 5.12: SMC problem, b-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Evolution of magnetic power and of the absolute error on magnetic power as a function of time. Two frequencies are considered: $f = 50$ Hz and $f = 2500$ Hz.
Figures 5.11 and 5.12 depict evolution of global quantities (Joule losses and the magnetic power) for excitations at two different frequencies: 50 Hz and 2500 Hz (which correspond to the case with higher skin effect). A good agreement between Joules losses is observed for both frequencies: a maximum error of 1.41\% and 6.69\% are observed for $f = 50$ Hz and $f = 2500$ Hz, respectively. A good agreement for magnetic energy is also shown in Figure 5.12.

Table 5.3 contains the relative $L^\infty(0, T)$ error of the Joule losses as a function of frequency. This $L^\infty(0, T)$ error is given by:

$$\text{err}_{L^\infty(0, T)} = \frac{||\Sigma_{\text{ref}}(t) - \Sigma_{\text{comp}}(t)||_{L^\infty(0, T)}}{||\Sigma_{\text{ref}}(t)||_{L^\infty(0, T)}}, \quad (5.9)$$

where $\Sigma_{\text{ref}}(t)$ is the curve of reference eddy current losses and $\Sigma_{\text{comp}}(t)$ is the curve of computational eddy current losses (the mesoscale eddy current losses $\Sigma_{\text{meso}}(t)$ and the macroscale eddy current losses $\Sigma_{\text{macro}}(t)$). As can be seen from Table 5.3, the relative $L^\infty(0, T)$ error increases as a function of the frequency suggesting that greater errors are made in the case of enhanced skin effect.

The influence of different terms has also been tested. The top image of Figure 5.13 shows the evolution of the component $(\partial \mathbf{H}_M/\partial \mathbf{b}_M)_{11}$ as a function of time. for both the case where the tangent matrix $\partial \mathbf{H}_M/\partial \mathbf{b}_M$ and $\mathbf{h}_M$ are upscaled and used in the macro scale model and the case where only $\partial \mathbf{H}_M/\partial \mathbf{b}_M$ is upscaled and then the homogenized magnetic field is computed as $(\mathbf{h}_M = \partial \mathbf{H}_M/\partial \mathbf{b}_M)\mathbf{b}_M$. A perfect agreement is shown in both cases. The bottom image of 5.13 depicts the evolution of $(\partial \mathbf{H}_M/\partial \mathbf{b}_M)_{11}$ as a function of time for the case the mesoscale problems include eddy currents (see problem (4.26)-(4.30)) and for the case the mesoscale problems are solved using equations from the homogenization theory (see problem (3.107)-(3.109)). From this figure, it can be concluded that the eddy currents have no great influence on the computation of the homogenized tangent matrix. However these currents are essential for recovering accurate local fields (see Figures (5.7)-(5.12)).

The influence of the mesoscale mesh is also investigated in Figure 5.15. In this case, the mesoscale mesh seems to have no great influence on the computation of eddy current losses even if a high skin is considered at the mesoscale level.
Figure 5.13: SMC problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Evolution of the component $(\partial \mathcal{H}_M/\partial b_M)_{11}$ of the tangent matrix with respect to time. Top: computations done considering the upscaling (or not) of the homogenized magnetic field $h_M$. Bottom: computations done considering (or not) the eddy currents at the mesoscale level.

Figure 5.16 shows the convergence of the residual resulting from the resolution by the Newton–Raphson method as a function of the number of nonlinear iteration. It can be seen that the macroscale problem converges quadratically while the mesoscale...
Figure 5.14: SMC problem - $b$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Influence of the mesoscale mesh. Magnetic field flux lines for a cell centered at $(25, 25, 0) \mu m$. Top-right: Mesh 200 with 1424 elements, top-left: Mesh 100 with 612 elements. bottom-right: Mesh 40 with 216 elements and bottom-left: Mesh 25 with 168 elements. {\(f = 50 \text{ KHz}\)}.

problems converge at an average rate of 1.33.
Figure 5.15: SMC problem - $b$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Influence of the mesoscale mesh on the evolution of the eddy currents losses for a cell centered at $(25, 25, 0) \mu m$. \{f = 50 \text{KHz}\}. 
Figure 5.16: SMC problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteretic case. Convergence of the error as a function of nonlinear iterations. Top: mesoscale problem. Bottom: macroscale problem.
5.2.3 Description of the problem for the $h$-conform formulations

To define a two-dimensional problem for $h$-conform formulations which can be solved using nodal elements, the primal unknown must have only the $z$-component, i.e., $h = (0, 0, h_z)$. The magnetic induction also has only the $z$-component $b = (0, 0, b_z)$ if the materials considered are isotropic or more generally, orthotropic (which is the case of the materials that we study in this chapter). The two-dimensional geometry is depicted in Figure 5.17. Using Ampère’s equation $\nabla \times h = j_s + \sigma e$, it can be straightforwardly concluded that eddy currents $\sigma e$ and the source current density $j_s$ must be constrained in the $xy$ plane.

The wavelength corresponding to the highest frequency $f = 25 \text{ MHz}$ is $\lambda = 12 \text{ m}$ which is huge in comparison to the size of the structure ($500 \text{ µm}$) and therefore the magnetoquasistatic assumption can be made.

Applying the integral form of the Ampère’s equation:

$$\int_S \nabla \times h \cdot ds = \oint_C h \cdot dl = \int_S j \cdot ds = 0,$$

Figure 5.17: SMC two-dimensional geometry used for the $h$ multiscale formulations. A source magnetic field $j_s(t)$ is imposed in the $xy$-plane. The different dimensions are defined respectively by $L = 1000 \text{ µm}$, $e_a = 150 \sqrt{2}/2 \text{ µm}$, $e_i = 100 \text{ µm}$ and $e_{gap} = 100 \text{ µm}$. Only $10 \times 10$ SMC grains are shown instead of a $20 \times 20$ coarse-grained geometry used for computations.
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on any surface located in the region outside of the inductor allows to conclude the constance of the magnetic field \( h \) is the non-conducting region outside the inductor and therefore equal to zero which is the value of the magnetic field at infinity \( h_{\Gamma_{\text{inf}}} = 0 \). Similarly, applying the integral form of the Ampère’s equation on any closed curve surrounding the inductor, a (time-dependent) magnetic source field \( h_s(t) \) can be computed in the entire non-conducting region labeled air and therefore the problem defined in Figure 5.17 can be replaced by another one where the source field \( h_s(t) \) is imposed on the boundary of the conducting region of the SMC \( \Gamma \) (see Figure 5.18).

\[ \text{Figure 5.18: Simplified reference geometry used for the } h \text{ formulations. A source magnetic fields } h_s \text{ is derived from } j_s \text{ and imposed on the boundary } \Gamma. \]

We consider the elementary cell in Figure 5.1-(d) defined on page 79. The conductor has an isotropic conductivity \( \sigma_c = 5 \times 10^6 \text{ S/m} \) and is governed by the following magnetic laws:

1. a (non-magnetic) linear law with \( \mu_r = 1 \),

2. the Frohlich-Kennelly nonlinear law \( B(h) = \left( \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta |h|} + \gamma \right) h \) with \( \alpha = 1/(\mu_0 \mu_{rw}) \) where \( \mu_{rw} \simeq 1000 \) is the relative permeability for weak fields, \( \beta \simeq 1.8 \) is the saturation value of the magnetic induction and \( \gamma = \mu_0 \) [57].

The dielectric is governed by a linear magnetic law with \( \mu_r = 1 \) and is slightly conductor with Ratio = \( \sigma_f/\sigma_c \). We have considered two values of electric conductivity
with \( \text{Ratio} = 10^{-5} \) and \( \text{Ratio} = 10^{-3} \), respectively. The linear electric conductivity

\[
\sigma_M (\text{S/m})
\]

\[
\text{Relative error (\%)}
\]

\[
\text{Ratio}
\]

**Figure 5.19:** Top: the homogenized conductivity \( \sigma_M \) as a function of the ratio of conductivities in \( \Omega_c \) and \( \Omega_c^C \). Two approaches are used: the \text{div} – \text{grad} approach and the \text{curl} – \text{curl} approach. Bottom: the relative error between the homogenized conductivities obtained using the \text{div} – \text{grad} and the \text{curl} – \text{curl} approaches.

can be homogenized by solving either the \text{div} – \text{grad} problem (3.33),(3.37) or the \text{curl} – \text{curl} problem (3.46),(3.48) which provides \( \sigma_M^{-1} \) and then by inverting this.

Figure 5.19–top depicts the values of the homogenized conductivity \( \sigma_M \) as a function of Ratio. The homogenized conductivities obtained using both approaches
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are very close. The relative error depicted in Figure 5.19–bottom is defined as:

$$\text{Relative error}(\text{Ratio}) = \frac{|\sigma_{\text{Mcc}}(\text{Ratio}) - \sigma_{\text{Mdg}}(\text{Ratio})|}{|\sigma_{\text{Mcc}}(\text{Ratio})|},$$  (5.11)

where $\sigma_{\text{Mcc}}(\text{Ratio})$ is the homogenized conductivity computed using the curl–curl problem and $\sigma_{\text{Mdg}}(\text{Ratio})$ is the homogenized conductivity computed using the div–grad problem for a given value of Ratio. The relative error reaches a maximum value of 0.012% for small value of Ratio.

5.2.4 Results for the $h$-conform formulations

To present results for the $h$-conform formulations we proceed in the same way as for the $b$-conform formulations. Figure 5.20 - top shows the reference magnetic field $h_{\text{ref}}$ computed on the entire, finely meshed multiscale structure with 1 526 564 triangular elements. The macroscale results are computed on a coarse mesh similar to the one in Figure 5.20 - bottom. We always use a mesh similar to the one in Figure 5.4 for the mesoscale computations.

The choices of $\sigma_c^C$, of the magnetic permeability for the conducting region $\mu_c$ and of the frequency $f$ allow to determine whether (or not) there are eddy currents at the mesoscale level and/or at the macroscale level depending on the values of the mesoscale skin depth $\delta_m = 1/\sqrt{\pi f \sigma_c \mu_c}$ and of the macroscale skin depth $\delta_M = 1/\sqrt{\pi f \sigma_M \mu_M}$. The parameters $\sigma_M$ and $\mu_M$ in the expression of $\delta_M$ are the homogenized conductivity and the homogenized permeability, respectively. We have used two values of electric conductivities: $\sigma_c^C = 10^5 \sigma_c$ for problems without significant macroscale eddy currents and $\sigma_c^C = 10^3 \sigma_c$ for problems with significant macroscale eddy currents. Studies involve frequencies up to 100 MHz for the linear case and 1 MHz for the nonlinear case.

The contribution of different terms involved in the resolution of the mesoscale problem are depicted in Figure 5.21.
Figure 5.20: Top: geometry used for the validation of the $h$-conform formulations. The $z$-component of the magnetic field is depicted as well. Bottom: mesh used for the macroscale problem.
Figure 5.21: Contributing terms to the mesoscale magnetic field for a cell problem centered at $(325, 25, 0) \mu m$. Top: the correction term $h_c(x, y, t)$. Middle: the projection term $h_{proj}(x, y, t) = h_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times j_M(x, t))$. Bottom: the total mesoscale magnetic field $h_{tot}(x, y, t) = h_c(x, y, t) + h_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times h_M(x, t)) \{ \text{linear case with } j_{s0} = 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2, f = 25 \text{ MHz and } t = 2 \times 10^{-9} \}$. 
The projection term which varies linearly on the cell is computed from the macroscale fields as $h_{\text{proj}}(x, y, t) = h_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times j_M(x, t))$. This term is then used as a source term for the computation of the correction term $h_c(x, y, t)$ which allows to derive the total mesoscale magnetic field $h_{\text{tot}}(x, y, t) = h_c(x, y, t) + h_M(x, t) + \kappa(y \times h_M(x, t))$.

For problems with macroscale eddy currents ($\delta_M \approx L_M$ where $L_M$ is the macroscale characteristic length), the imposition of periodic boundary conditions (see section 4.4.3) leads to good results. The comparison of the magnetic induction $b$, of the magnetic field $h$ and of the eddy currents $j$, shows an excellent agreement between the reference solution and the local solution computed on the mesoscale cells centered around points of the computational domain (Figures 5.22-top, 5.23-top and 5.24-top. Small discrepancies are however observed near the boundary of the domain (see Table 5.4).

Table 5.4 displays the values $||b||$ obtained from the reference solution (Reference), the macroscale solution (Macro) and the mesoscale solution (Meso) and the relative pointwise errors $\text{err}_\text{meso}$ and $\text{err}_\text{macro}$ defined by:

$$
\text{err}_\text{meso}(x, t) = \frac{|b_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - b_{\text{meso}}(x, t)|}{|b_{\text{ref}}(x, t)|},
$$

and

$$
\text{err}_\text{Macro}(x, t) = \frac{|b_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - b_{\text{macro}}(x, t)|}{|b_{\text{ref}}(x, t)|},
$$

for $t = 4 \times 10^{-9}\text{s}$.

For problems without macroscale eddy currents ($\delta_M \ll L_M$), periodic boundary conditions defined in section 4.4.3 lead to erroneous results for the magnetic field and the magnetic flux density. The definition of a new mesoscale problem with zero boundary conditions at boundaries with small values of the electric conductivity (and therefore that are not crossed by important macroscale eddy currents) provides an excellent agreement between the reference solution and the local solution computed on the mesoscale cells centered around points of the computational domain and this for linear and nonlinear problems (Figures 5.22-bottom, 5.23-bottom and 5.24-bottom for the linear case and Figures 5.26 and 5.27 for the nonlinear case). Compared to the previous case with macroscale eddy currents, the accuracy of mesoscale solutions improves even near the boundary of the domain (see Table 5.5 and 5.6). It remains to be fully understood why periodic boundary conditions defined in section 4.4.3 should be changed in order to improve the accuracy.

Table 5.5 displays the values $||h||$ obtained from the reference solution (Reference), the macroscale solution (Macro) and the mesoscale solution (Meso) and the relative pointwise errors $\text{err}_\text{meso}$ and $\text{err}_\text{macro}$ defined by:

$$
\text{err}_\text{meso}(x, t) = \frac{|h_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - h_{\text{meso}}(x, t)|}{|h_{\text{ref}}(x, t)|},
$$

and

$$
\text{err}_\text{Macro}(x, t) = \frac{|h_{\text{ref}}(x, t) - h_{\text{macro}}(x, t)|}{|h_{\text{ref}}(x, t)|},
$$

for $t = 4 \times 10^{-9}\text{s}$.
for $t = 4 \times 10^{-9}s$. Tables 5.6 provides relative $L^2(0,T)$ errors between the reference magnetic field $h_{\text{ref}}(x,t)$ and the mesoscale magnetic field $h_{\text{meso}}(x,t)$ and the macroscale magnetic field $h_{\text{Macro}}(x,t)$. For a point $x$ of the computational domain, this $L^2$ errors are given by the formula:

$$
\text{err}_{L^2\text{ meso}}(x,t) = \frac{||h_{\text{ref}}(x,t) - h_{\text{meso}}(x,t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}{||h_{\text{ref}}(x,t)||_{L^2(0,T)}},
$$

and

$$
\text{err}_{L^2\text{ Macro}}(x,t) = \frac{||h_{\text{ref}}(x,t) - h_{\text{Macro}}(x,t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}{||h_{\text{ref}}(x,t)||_{L^2(0,T)}}.
$$

From results of Table 5.4, it can be seen that the errors on magnetic flux density increase as the point gets close to the boundary of the computational domain.

**Table 5.4**: SMC problem with global eddy current ($\sigma_C = 10^{-3} \sigma_c$) - $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Comparison of the reference magnetic flux density and the computational (macroscale and mesoscale) magnetic flux density ($\|b\|$, in T) in different points of the macroscale domain \{ $t = 4 \times 10^{-9}s$ \}.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position ($\mu m$)</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Meso</th>
<th>Macro</th>
<th>err$_{\text{meso}}$</th>
<th>err$_{\text{Macro}}$</th>
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<tr>
<td>(25, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.158763</td>
<td>0.160889</td>
<td>0.208962</td>
<td>1.33</td>
<td>31.60</td>
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<td>(25, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.525468</td>
<td>0.594662</td>
<td>0.695526</td>
<td>13.16</td>
<td>32.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(175, 175, 0)</td>
<td>0.223458</td>
<td>0.234625</td>
<td>0.252301</td>
<td>4.99</td>
<td>12.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.525478</td>
<td>0.594665</td>
<td>0.695526</td>
<td>13.16</td>
<td>32.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.569264</td>
<td>0.644839</td>
<td>0.718787</td>
<td>13.27</td>
<td>26.26</td>
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</table>

The comparison of Joule losses computed from mesoscale densities (Meso) are in good agreement with the reference results (Ref). The developed method allows to effectively represent fields and losses in the transient and in the steady state regimes. Joule losses computed directly from the macroscale fields (Macro) exhibit large deviations with respect to reference results. In all cases, the error increases with frequency (see Figure 5.7). The same conclusions hold for the computation of magnetic power.

Table 5.3 contains the relative $L^\infty(0,T)$ error of the Joule losses as a function of frequency. This $L^\infty(0,T)$ error is defined by the expression (5.9).

The influence of the macroscale mesh is depicted in Figure 5.29 and Figure 5.30. As can be seen in Figure 5.29, the macroscale mesh must be able to capture the variations of the macroscale solution in order to have accurate eddy current losses.
Figure 5.22: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Spatial cuts of the $z$-component of the magnetic flux density $h$ along the line $\{x = 475, z = 0\}$ $\mu$m. Top: case with $\{\sigma_c^C = 10^{-3} \times \sigma_c, f = 25 \text{ MHz and } t = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}\}$. Bottom: case with $\{\sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \times \sigma_c, f = 100 \text{ MHz and } t = 10^{-9} \text{ s}\}$.
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Table 5.5: SMC problem without global eddy current \((\sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \sigma_c)\) - \(h\)-conform formulations, linear case. Comparison of the reference magnetic field and the computational (macroscale and mesoscale) magnetic field \((||h||, \text{in A/m})\) in different points of the macroscale domain \(\{ t = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{s}\}\).

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<tr>
<th>Position ((\mu\text{m}))</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Meso</th>
<th>Macro</th>
<th>\text{err}_{\text{meso}} (%)</th>
<th>\text{err}_{\text{Macro}} (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(25, 25, 0)</td>
<td>454809</td>
<td>454285</td>
<td>582023</td>
<td>0.1152</td>
<td>27.97</td>
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<td>460048</td>
<td>459575</td>
<td>587144</td>
<td>0.1028</td>
<td>27.63</td>
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<tr>
<td>(175, 175, 0)</td>
<td>456082</td>
<td>455373</td>
<td>583052</td>
<td>0.1555</td>
<td>27.84</td>
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<td>(475, 25, 0)</td>
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<td>587144</td>
<td>0.0874</td>
<td>27.65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 475, 0)</td>
<td>460474</td>
<td>460080</td>
<td>587678</td>
<td>0.0856</td>
<td>27.62</td>
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Table 5.6: SMC problem \(h\)-conform formulations linear case. Relative \(L^2(0,T)\) error between the reference and the computational (macroscale-mesoscale) magnetic field.

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<tr>
<th>Position ((\mu\text{m}))</th>
<th>Relative error Meso (%)</th>
<th>Relative error Macro (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(25, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.0536</td>
<td>14.122</td>
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<tr>
<td>(25, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.0477</td>
<td>14.119</td>
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<tr>
<td>(175, 175, 0)</td>
<td>0.0667</td>
<td>14.097</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(475, 25, 0)</td>
<td>0.0398</td>
<td>14.126</td>
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<tr>
<td>(475, 475, 0)</td>
<td>0.0413</td>
<td>14.132</td>
</tr>
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Table 5.7: SMC problem without global eddy current \((\sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \sigma_c)\), \(h\)-conform formulations, linear case. Relative \(L^\infty(0,T)\) error on the total Joule losses as a function of the frequency.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Frequency (MHz)</th>
<th>\text{err}_{L^\infty(0,T)} (%)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2.60</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>1.82</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>2.35</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>2.47</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>2.54</td>
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<tr>
<td>50</td>
<td>3.24</td>
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<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>3.71</td>
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Figure 5.23: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Spatial cuts of the $z$-component of the magnetic field $h$ along the line $\{ x = 475, z = 0 \}$, $\mu$m. Top: case with $\{ \sigma_c^C = 10^{-3} \times \sigma_c, f = 25 \, \text{MHz} \text{ and } t = 4 \times 10^{-9} \, \text{s} \}$. Bottom: case with $\{ \sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \times \sigma_c, f = 100 \, \text{MHz} \text{ and } t = 10^{-9} \, \text{s} \}$.
Figure 5.24: SMC problem, \( h \)-conform formulations, linear case. Spatial cuts of the \( x \)-component of the electric current density \( j \) along the line \( \{ x = 475, z = 0 \} \) \( \mu m \). Top: case with \( \{ \sigma_c^C = 10^{-3} \times \sigma_c, f = 25 \text{ MHz and } t = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s} \} \). Bottom: case with \( \{ \sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \times \sigma_c, f = 100 \text{ MHz and } t = 10^{-10} \text{ s} \} \).
Figure 5.25: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case with $\{\sigma_c^C = 10^{-5} \sigma_c, f = 100 \text{ MHz}\}$. Top: instantaneous Joule losses. Bottom: magnetic power. The curve labeled Ref is obtained from the reference solution, the curve labeled Meso is obtained by upscaling eddy current losses densities from the mesoscale problems and the curve labeled Macro is obtained from the macroscale solution.
Figure 5.26: SMC problem, \( h \)-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Spatial cuts of the \( z \)-component of the magnetic field \( h \) (top) and of the \( z \)-component of magnetic flux density \( b \) (bottom) along the line \( \{ x = 475, z = 0 \} \) \( \mu \text{m} \). \( \{ f = 1 \text{ MHz}, \sigma_c^C = 10^{-3} \sigma_c \text{ and } t = 10^{-7} \text{ s} \} \).
Figure 5.27: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Spatial cuts of the $x$-component of the electric current density $j$ along the line $\{x = 475, z = 0\}$ µm. $\{f = 1$ MHz, $\sigma_c^C = 10^{-3}\sigma_c$ and $t = 10^{-7}$ s$\}$. 

[Graph showing spatial cuts of electric current density along the line]
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Figure 5.28: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, nonlinear case with $\{\sigma_C \sigma_c = 10^{-5}, f = 1\text{MHz}\}$. Top: instantaneous Joule losses. Bottom: magnetic power. The curve labeled Ref is obtained from the reference solution, the curve labeled Meso is obtained by upscaling eddy current losses densities from the mesoscale problems and the curve labeled Macro is obtained from the macroscale solution.
Figure 5.29: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Influence of the macroscale mesh on the time evolution of the instantaneous Joule losses (top) and the time evolution of the magnetic power (bottom). The curve labeled Macro3 is obtained using the top - left mesh in Figure 5.30, the curve labeled Macro4 is obtained using the top - right mesh in Figure 5.30 and the curve labeled Macro11 is obtained using the bottom - left mesh in Figure 5.30. ( $f = 250$ Hz ).
Figure 5.30: SMC problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Influence of the macroscale mesh. Top - left: 20 elements. Top - right: 45 elements. Bottom - left: 500 elements. Bottom - right: reference mesh with 737268 elements.
5.3 Lamination stack

We consider a stack of thin ferromagnetic sheets, as for example can be found in a toroidal transformer surrounded by a wound coil (Figure 5.31 (a)). In this section we will consider such a toroidal laminated structure with two different inductors, amenable to nodal finite element discretization of $b$-conform and $h$-conform multiscale formulations.

![Lamination stack figure](image)

Figure 5.31: Lamination stack two-dimensional geometry used for the multiscale formulations. (a) : A real three-dimensional geometry of the a toroidal transformer [22]. (b) : A piece of lamination stack. (c) : A three-dimensional lamination + insulatio layer. (d) : A square two-dimensional elementary cell used for the homogenization computations ($e_c = 500\mu m$ and $e_i = 50\mu m$).

The actual three-dimensional geometry of the lamination stack is depicted in Figure 5.31 (b) and each lamination can be represented by Figure 5.31 (c). Similarly to the SMC case, all cuts that pass through the axis of the toroid are similar and therefore the cell in Figure 5.31 (d) can be used as a reference cell for the multiscale computations. This cell is made of two parts: a metallic part labeled lamination which is conducting and magnetic and a dielectric part labeled dielectric which is non-magnetic. We consider it non-conducting for the $b$-conform formulations and slightly conducting for the $h$-conform formulations. The latter case allows to have a test case with global eddy currents at the macroscale.
5.3. Description of the problem for the $b$-conform formulations

The definition of the problem for the $b$-conform multiscale problem is done like the $b$-conform multiscale problem for SMCs one carried out in section 5.2.1. The goal is to have the unknown field $\mathbf{a} = (0, 0, a_z)$ with only the $z$-component so that we can use the two-dimensional formulations developed in section 4.3.

![Figure 5.32](image)

**Figure 5.32:** Top: reference geometry used for the $\mathbf{a} - v$ computations. Only half of the geometry is used thanks to the symmetries. Bottom: geometry used for the computational homogenization method.

To achieve this, we impose a source current density $\mathbf{j}_s = (0, 0, j_{sz})$ only the $z$-component (see Figure 5.32) is imposed in the inductor with $j_s = j_{s0} \sin(2\pi f t)$ where $j_{s0}$ is the constant amplitude.

We consider a model of a laminated core ($16.45 \text{ mm} \times 16.45 \text{ mm}$) consisting of 30 laminations (thickness $d_l = 0.5 \text{ mm}$) and 29 insulation layers (thickness $d_0 = 0.05 \text{ mm}$). The filling factor is $\lambda = d_l/(d_l + d_0) = 0.91$. Taking advantage of the
symmetry, only half of the model has been studied (See Fig. 5.32). Note that as we consider perfectly isolated laminations, there are no currents flowing from one lamination to the other. Indeed, $(\sigma_M)_{22} = 0$ (where the index 2 stands for the direction normal to the laminations) so that no eddy currents are to be accounted for at the macroscale ($j_M = 0$ and $e_M = 0$).

The dielectric which is a perfect insulator is governed by a linear magnetic law with $\mu_r = 1$ and the conductor has an isotropic electric conductivity of $\sigma = 5 \times 10^6$ S/m and is governed by the following magnetic laws:

1. a nonlinear exponential law $\mathcal{H}(b) = \left(\alpha + \beta \exp(\gamma ||b||^2)\right)b$ with $\alpha = 388, \beta = 0.3774$ and $\gamma = 2.97$ [57].

2. a Jiles - Atherton hysteresis model with parameters $\mathcal{M}_s = 1,145,500$A/m, $a = 59$A/m, $k = 99$A/m, $c = 0.55$ and $\alpha = 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ (see section 4.3.4 [19,94]).

We also impose the following boundary conditions on the boundary of the domain:

$$n \times a|_{\Gamma_{inf}} = 0 \rightarrow n \cdot b|_{\Gamma_{inf}} = 0,$$

$$n \cdot b|_{\Gamma_{sym}} = 0.$$

Equations (5.18) and (5.19) express the impermeability of the boundary to the magnetic flux (for $\Gamma_{sym}$) and the vanishing of the magnetic flux density $b$ at infinity $\Gamma_{inf}$.

5.3.2 Results for the $b$-conform formulations

The reference solution is obtained by a brute force approach, i.e. solving a finite element problem on an extremely fine mesh of the whole stack consisting of 30 layers of 81 quadrangles for each lamination and 4 layers of 81 quadrangles for each insulation layer (i.e. 41,148 elements for the conductors and the insulation layers). The mesoscale problems are solved on square domains comprising one lamination and one insulation layer (Figure 5.33 - right).

Each lamination is discretized with 30 layers of 10 quadrangles and each insulation layer with 8 layers of 10 quadrangles. The coarse mesh of the lamination stack contains 225 and 300 quadrangular elements, respectively for the nonlinear and the hysteresis problems with one integration point per element. The computational problem is solved over one period with 20 time steps per period for the nonlinear problem and two periods with 120 time steps per period for the hysteresis problem.

For the nonlinear case, results obtained using the computational homogenization approach are compared to those obtained using a brute force approach. Flux lines obtained with the FE reference model are depicted in Figure 5.33 - left. These lines show the presence of an area in the laminations where the fields weaken before changing direction. Values of the local fields obtained on a cut at $x = 0.275$mm show a good agreement between the reference and the local mesoscale solutions (see Figure 5.34); small discrepancies are noticeable in regions with small eddy currents.
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There are also discrepancies in the extreme layers as they do not have the same environment as the rest of laminations. We have observed the same behavior for $j$ (see Figure 5.35): the macroscale (homogenized) solution is in good agreement with the reference solution.

For the hysteresis case, the analysis is similar to the nonlinear case. The reference and the computational $h - b$ hysteretic curves at point $x_1 = 1.65 \text{ mm}$ (Figure 5.39. Top), as well as the values of the local fields obtained on a cut at $x = 3.7 \text{ mm}$ (Figure 5.39. Middle and Bottom) are in excellent agreement.

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{image.png}
\caption{Left: geometry used for the validation of the model taking advantage of symmetry. Flux lines are depicted as well. Right: typical mesh used for mesoscale problems on a portion of laminations.}
\end{figure}
Figure 5.34: Lamination stack problem, $b$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Top: comparison of spatial cuts of the $x$-component of the magnetic induction $b$ between the FE reference model (continuous line) and 4 mesoscale solutions defined in the intervals $[1.65, 2.195]$ mm, $[4.95, 5.5]$ mm, $[6.6, 7.15]$ mm, $[7.7, 8.225]$ mm along the $y$-axis. Bottom: Zoom around the mesoscale fields.
Figure 5.35: Lamination stack problem, \( b \)-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Top: Comparison of spatial cuts of the \( x \)-component of the magnetic induction \( b \) between the FE reference model (continuous line) and 4 mesoscale solutions defined in the intervals \([1.65, 2.195]\) mm, \([4.95, 5.5]\) mm, \([6.6, 7.15]\) mm, \([7.7, 8.225]\) mm along the \( y \)-axis. Bottom: Zoom around the mesoscale fields.
Figure 5.36: Lamination problem, $b$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Evolution of eddy currents losses and magnetic power as a function of time. Two frequencies are considered \( f = 500 \text{ Hz} \).
Figure 5.37: Lamination stack problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteresis case. Reference and computational $hb$ hysteresic curves for a point centered around (1.65, 3.7, 0) mm.
Figure 5.38: Lamination stack problem, \(\textbf{b}\)-conform formulations, hysteresis case. Top: comparison of spatial cuts of the \(x\)-component of the magnetic induction \(\textbf{b}\) between the FE reference model (continuous line) and 4 mesoscale solutions defined in the intervals \([1.65,2.195]\) mm, \([4.95,5.5]\) mm, \([6.6,7.15]\) mm, \([7.7,8.225]\) mm along the line \(x = 3.7\) mm. Bottom: zoom of the magnetic induction around the four mesoscale problems.
Figure 5.39: Lamination stack problem, $b$-conform formulations, hysteresis case. Top: comparison of spatial cuts of the $x$-component of the eddy currents $j$ between the FE reference model (continuous line) and 4 mesoscale solutions defined in the intervals $[1.65, 2.195] \text{ mm}$, $[4.95, 5.5] \text{ mm}$, $[6.6, 7.15] \text{ mm}$, $[7.7, 8.225] \text{ mm}$ along the line $x = 3.7 \text{ mm}$. Bottom: Zoom of the eddy currents around the two mesoscale problems.
5.3.3 Description of the problem for the $h$-conform (magnetostatic) formulations

The problem used for testing $h$-conform formulations in terms of the scalar potential (see section 4.4.5) is described in this section. The extension to the dynamic case which would allow to compute eddy current losses in laminations has not been implemented. However, it can be considered using formulations of section 4.4.

As an application example, we consider a laminated core (200 mm $\times$ 200 mm) consisting of 101 laminations (thickness $d_l = 1.78$ mm) and 100 insulation layers (thickness $d_0 = 0.198$ mm, $\mu_r = 1$), so that $\varepsilon \approx 0.01$. The filling factor is $\lambda = d_l/(d_l + d_0) = 0.9$. The material of the laminations is taken as:

- linear with $\mu_r = 10$;
- nonlinear with constitutive law:

$$B(h^\varepsilon(x)) = 1000 \mu_0 \frac{h^\varepsilon(x)}{\left(1 + ||h^\varepsilon(x)||^2\right)^{0.335}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.20)

We impose the following value of the magnetic potential 0A and 1A on the boundaries $\Gamma_0$ and $\Gamma_1$, respectively. This is equivalent to imposing a magnetic flux which comes in the laminated core through the boundary $\Gamma_1$ and goes out through the boundary $\Gamma_0$. The additional condition $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ is implicitly imposed on $\Gamma \backslash \{\Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1\}$.

5.3.4 Results for the $h$-conform formulations

The reference FE solution is obtained on an extremely fine mesh of the whole stack consisting of 15 layers of 10 quadrangles for each lamination and 5 layers of 10 quadrangles for each insulation layer (i.e. 20150 elements in total). The microproblems are solved in a square domain with either two or three laminations and insulation layers, i.e. cells with dimensions $3.96 \times 3.96$ mm$^2$ or $5.94 \times 5.94$ mm$^2$. Each lamination is discretized with 13 layers of 5 quadrangles and each insulation layer with 5 layers of 5 quadrangles.

In the linear case, we compare our HMM-based computational homogenization approach with both a classical homogenization technique [95, 96] and a fine reference finite element model. The coarse mesh used for both the macroscale level of the computational homogenization and the classical homogenization comprises 392 triangular elements. We consider 3 Gauss points per element, which leads to 1176 microproblems for each multiscale iteration.

For the classical homogenization, we consider a homogenized domain with an anisotropic constitutive law $\mathbf{b} = \mu \mathbf{h}$ and the permeability symmetric tensor $\mu = (\mu||, \mu|, \mu_|, 0, 0, 0)$ with diagonal elements that account for the parallel and perpendicular fluxes, i.e., $\mu||$ and $\mu_|$ can be written as [95]:

$$\mu|| = \lambda \mu_l + (1 - \lambda)\mu_0, \quad \frac{1}{\mu_|} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu_l} + \frac{1 - \lambda}{\mu_0},$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.21)
where $\mu_l$ is the permeability of the laminations.

Flux lines obtained with the FE reference model and the computational multiscale approach are depicted in Figure 5.41 (top-left and middle). The difference between the computational approach and the reference FE model is shown as well in 5.41 (top-right): it is in interval $[1.3\%–1.6\%]$, with an average value equal to 0.299\%. The magnetic flux density is also represented in 5.41 - (bottom). It is worth mentioning that the error in the vicinity of the surfaces with imposed $\phi$ is higher. A finer macroscale mesh would help enhancing this solution.

In Figure 5.42, we show the magnetic scalar potential along a cut at $x = 87.5$ mm. In this linear case, the classical homogenization gives an average result that follows the behaviour of the reference solution slightly better. However, the computational homogenization solution captures the variations of the solution of the mesoscale problem.

For the nonlinear case, the coarse mesh used for the macroscale level of the computational homogenization counts 160 triangular elements. We consider 3 Gauss points per element, what amounts to 480 microproblems for each multiscale nonlinear iteration.

In Figure 5.43, one can see the flux lines of the reference and multiscale solution together with the associated error map (top). A detail of the geometry and the coarse mesh is depicted as well. The relative error is in interval $[-0.942,0.945]\%$ with an average value of 0.0011\%, which is better than in the linear case even though the mesh is coarser. This can be explained when realizing the very small variation of
the flux lines with regard to a 1-D problem, i.e. flux lines are nearly horizontal: see Figure 5.44 - (bottom).

The magnetic scalar potential along a cut at $x = 1.666$ mm is represented in Figure 5.44 - (top). The computational homogenization solution fits perfectly well the average of the reference FE model. Besides, an excellent agreement is observed between the mesoscale solution and the reference.

\begin{figure}
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figure5.41.png}
\caption{Lamination stack problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Top: flux lines for the FE reference model (left) and the computational multiscale method (middle); error map (right). Normalized scale. Representation of the fine scale geometry (11 laminations instead of 101) and coarse mesh. Bottom: zoom of the magnetic flux density near the top with imposed $\phi$ for the FE reference (left) and the computational multiscale models (right) [148].}
\end{figure}
Figure 5.42: Lamination stack problem, $h$-conform formulations, linear case. Top: magnetic scalar potential at $x = 87.5$ mm in the $3.96 \times 3.96$ mm$^2$ cell (2 laminations and 2 insulation layers). Bottom: zoom between 5.5 mm and 10 mm [148].
Figure 5.43: Lamination stack problem, $h$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Top: flux lines for the FE reference model (left) and the computational multiscale method (middle); error map (right). Normalized scale. Representation of the fine scale geometry (11 laminations instead of 101) and coarse mesh. Bottom: zoom of the magnetic flux density near the top with imposed $\phi$ for the FE reference (left) and the computational multiscale models (right) [148].
Figure 5.44: Lamination stack problem, $h$-conform formulations, nonlinear case. Top: magnetic scalar potential at $x = 16.66$ mm in the $5.95 \times 5.95$ mm$^2$ mesoscale domain (3 laminations and 3 insulation layers). Bottom: zoom between 1.8 mm and 7.8 mm [148].
Chapter 6

General conclusions

In this thesis we have developed a computational multiscale method to solve nonlinear, possibly hysteretic magnetoquasistatic problems on multiscale domains (e.g. composite materials, lamination stacks, etc.). The resulting method is inspired by the HMM approach \([1–4, 6, 7, 43, 67–69, 71–73, 75]\). The fine-scale, computationally expensive problem is replaced by a (computationally cheaper) macroscale problem defined on a coarse mesh and many mesoscale problems defined on cells around numerical quadrature points of the macroscale domain and used for recovering the missing information (e.g. the homogenized constitutive laws, the homogenized global quantities such as the eddy currents losses, etc.) at the macroscale level.

In order to construct the computational multiscale model, we combine theoretical results from two-scale convergence theory \([11, 120, 141, 143, 196, 201]\), periodic unfolding \([31, 45–47, 130, 197]\) and asymptotic homogenization \([20]\). The two-scale convergence and periodic unfolding methods are used for deriving the partial differential equations governing fields at both the macroscale and the mesoscale levels, valid in the nonlinear regime and in the presence of \(\text{curl}\) differential operators. Asymptotic homogenization is used for defining a mesoscale problem in the case of linear constitutive laws (e.g. the linear electric conductivity law).

Although this theoretical foundation is only valid in the case of linear and nonlinear problems governed by a maximal monotone operator, in practice, the resulting numerical multiscale scheme has been successfully applied to general magnetoquasistatic problems also exhibiting memory effects (hysteresis). The numerical tests were performed for magnetostatic and magnetodynamic problems, using both \(b\)-conform and \(h\)-conform formulations. For \(b\)-conform formulations, an excellent agreement has been obtained between the reference solutions (computed using a brute force approach) and the computational (mesoscale) solutions. Small differences are observed near the boundary of the computational domain as the cell problems defined near the boundary are not immersed in a periodic environment. The eddy current losses are also accurately evaluated. The error on these losses increases as a function of the frequency. For \(h\)-conform formulations, a good agreement was also observed but bigger errors are observed as compared to the \(b\)-conform formulations. This may result from the type of the imposed source (which is localized in
Overall the proposed computational multiscale method fulfills the original goals of the thesis: it allows to solve complex multiscale magnetoquasistatic problems, including the challenging computation of local fields at the mesoscale and the accurate evaluation of electromagnetic losses. Compared to mean-field homogenization [49, 50], the proposed technique naturally handles strongly nonlinear or hysteretic materials and complex periodic mesoscale geometries, in addition to the computation of local electromagnetic fields. These last two advantages also distinguish the newly developed method from ad-hoc homogenization for lamination stacks [95–97], and the last one distinguishes it from approaches where nonlinear constitutive laws are pre-computed representative volume elements [34]. The main disadvantage of our method is its higher computational cost. However, since all the mesoscale problems are independent, it is perfectly suited for modern massively parallel computers, and we thus believe that it has a lot of potential, even compared to brute force approaches, which do not scale well.

**Perspectives**

This work opens up various perspectives for both short term improvements and for longer term developments. Possible short term improvements include:

- the improvement of results for cells located near the boundary of the computational domain. This requires the modification of the definition of computational mesoscale problems for these cells allowing to account for their non-periodic environment. An alternative solution would be to couple the computational homogenization method with subproblem methods [60] for correcting mesoscale solutions near the boundary;

- the three-dimensional implementation of the multiscale model;

- the hybridization of the developed model with computationally cheaper homogenization techniques, which could be used in non-critical regions (without significant hysteretic losses or fields values);

- the development and the inclusion of the variational model for hysteresis [86] in the mesoscale problem;

- the consideration of non-periodic representative volume elements. This could be done by weakly imposing periodic boundary condition for the mesoscale problem as in [146].

Longer term perspectives include:

- the consideration of representative volume elements with a mesoscale stochastic distribution of phases. This is important in order to accurately model the behaviour of random composites materials. The use of stochastic homogenization [20, 44, 52, 106, 144, 145, 157] or the application of a statistical method
to the periodic homogenization \([13, 49, 50]\) would allow to account for this randomness of phase distribution.

– the application of the computational homogenization for multiphysical problems. The coupling may involve problems defined between the macroscale and the mesoscale levels with different physical couplings (electromechanical, electro-thermal, ...) or electromagnetic models involving different scales and physics (e.g. the study of hysteresis by upscaling relevant information from Weiss domains and Bloch walls).

– the extension to high frequency, nonlinear electromagnetic problems.
Appendix A

Convex analysis

Details about most of the mathematical concepts recalled in this appendix can be found in [30, 40, 83, 85, 93, 173].

A.1 Convexity, lower semi-continuity

We denote by \( \mathcal{V} \) any vector space and \( \mathcal{V}' \) its dual. Let also \( A \) be any given set. The set \( A \) is said to be convex if:

\[
tu + (1 - t)v \in A \quad \forall u, v \in A \text{ and } t \in [0, 1].
\]  
(A.1)

Vector spaces fulfill this condition (thanks to the linearity property) and are therefore convex sets.

Herein, we introduce the notions of convex and lower semi-continuous functionals. Indeed, these notions can be used to formulate some partial differential equations as a minimization problem of some functionals (the so-called Euler-Lagrange equations of a minimization problem).

We define the functional \( \varphi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \). The epigraph of \( \varphi \) (see Figure A.1) is the set:

\[
\text{epi } \varphi = \left\{ (x, \lambda) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathbb{R} : \varphi(x) \leq \lambda \right\}.
\]  
(A.2)

A functional \( \varphi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \) is said to be convex if:

\[
\varphi(tu + (1 - t)v) \leq t\varphi(u) + (1 - t)\varphi(v) \quad \forall u, v \in \mathcal{V} \text{ and } t \in [0, 1].
\]  
(A.3)

It can then be shown [40] that \( \varphi \) is convex if and only if epi \( \varphi \) is convex in \( \mathcal{V} \times \mathbb{R} \) (see Figure A.1).

Let the functional \( \varphi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \) be defined from the topological space \( \mathcal{Z} \). The functional \( \varphi \) is lower semi-continuous if and only if epi \( \varphi \) is closed in \( \mathcal{V} \times \mathbb{R} \). For lower semi-continuous functions \( \varphi \):

\[
u_n \rightharpoonup u \quad \text{in } \mathcal{V} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varphi(u) \leq \liminf_n \varphi(u_n).
\]  
(A.4)
A.2 Fenchel transformation, subdifferentiability

For any proper functional \( \varphi \) (proper meaning that domain of the functional \( \varphi \) is non-empty), we define the \textit{convex conjugate} of \( \varphi \) as:

\[
\varphi^* : \mathcal{V}' \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}
\]

\[
f \mapsto \varphi^*(f) = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{V}} \left\{ \langle f, u \rangle_{\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}'} - \varphi(u) \right\} = -\inf_{u \in \mathcal{V}} \left\{ \varphi(u) - \langle f, u \rangle_{\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}'} \right\}
\]

(A.5) (A.6)

The notation \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}'} \) denotes the duality pairing between \( \mathcal{V}' \) and \( \mathcal{V} \). Later, we replace this notation by the short notation \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \) if there is no ambiguity of notation.

From the definition of \( \varphi^* \), it can easily be shown that the following inequality:

\[
\Phi(u, f) = \varphi(u) + \varphi^*(f) - \langle f, u \rangle \geq 0
\]

always holds for all \((u, f) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}'\).

For the proper functional \( \varphi : \mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \), we also define the \textit{subdifferential mapping}:

\[
\partial \varphi : \mathcal{V} \to 2^{\mathcal{V}'}
\]

\[
u \mapsto \partial \varphi(u) = \left\{ v \in \mathcal{V}' : \varphi(w) \geq \varphi(u) + \langle v, w - u \rangle \quad \forall w \in \text{dom}(\varphi) \right\}
\]

(A.8) (A.9)

where \( 2^{\mathcal{V}'} \) is the power set of \( \mathcal{V}' \) (i.e.: the set of all subsets of \( \mathcal{V}' \)).

The value of the subdifferential for a differentiable functional (in the Fréchet or the Gateau sense) at a given point is unique and equal to the gradient of the
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We also define the notion of a maximal monotone mapping. Indeed, when combined with adequate coercivity and boundedness conditions this notion can be used for proving the existence and uniqueness of solutions of nonlinear partial differential equations [40, 83, 85].

We denote by \( \mathcal{A} \), a (possibly multivalued) mapping:

\[
\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{V} \to 2^{\mathcal{V}'} \text{ with } \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}) \in \mathcal{V}. \tag{A.10}
\]

\( \mathcal{A} \) is said to be a monotone mapping if:

\[
\langle f - g, u - v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall u, v \in \mathcal{V} : f \in \mathcal{A}u, g \in \mathcal{A}v. \tag{A.11}
\]

The notation \( f \in \mathcal{A}u \) is used to emphasize that \( f \) is one of many values that the operator \( \mathcal{A} \) can take in \( u \). The operator \( \mathcal{A} \) is said to be a maximal monotone mapping if in addition there is no other monotone mapping whose graph includes that of \( \mathcal{A} \). This means that the application of mapping \( \mathcal{A} \) spans the greatest subspace of \( 2^{\mathcal{V}'} \).

The property of monotonicity is necessary for having the uniqueness of the solution while the property of maximality allows to get the existence of the solutions for partial differential equations governed by (nonlinear) maximal monotone operators [10, 40, 85, 203]. There also exists a connection between maximal monotone mapping and convex lower semi-continuous functional. Indeed, It has been shown that any maximal monotone mapping can be derived as a subdifferential of a convex lower semi-continuous functional [174].

Figure A.2: The subdifferential of a function \( f \). The function is differentiable in \( x_1 \) and has only one gradient. In \( x_2 \), the function is not differentiable and the subdifferential is multivalued in that point.

Functional at the same point. In general, the gradient of the functional may not exist in the classical sense but the subgradient may exist and possibly be multivalued ((e.g. the mapping \( f \) in Figure A.2 is non-differentiable in \( x_2 \) but it is subdifferentiable and all the values of the subgradient comprised between \( g_3 \) and \( g_2 \) belong to the subdifferential mapping of \( f \) at \( x_2 \)).
A.4 Example

Assuming the following nonlinear mapping:

\[ \mathcal{B} : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{(A.12)} \]
\[ \mathbf{h} \mapsto \mathbf{b} = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}), \quad \text{(A.13)} \]

used for representing the nonlinear magnetic material law. We can construct the functional

\[ \varphi(\mathbf{h}) = \int_0^{\mathbf{h}} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}^0) d\mathbf{h}^0, \quad \text{(A.14)} \]

such that \( \partial \varphi(\mathbf{h}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}) \).

Assuming that \( \varphi \) is strictly convex (i.e. \( \partial \mathcal{B}/\partial \mathbf{h} \) is definite positive), smooth and bounded below (so that \( \varphi \) is lower semi-continuous [85]), then \( \mathcal{B} \) is single-valued. Using the Fenchel transformation (which is a generalization of Legendre transformation), we can define the convex conjugate:

\[ \varphi^*(\mathbf{b}) = \sup_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{h} \rangle - \varphi(\mathbf{h}) \right\} = -\inf_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ \varphi(\mathbf{h}) - \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{h} \rangle \right\}. \quad \text{(A.15)} \]

Assuming that \( \varphi \) is differentiable, the infimum in (A.15) is attained for the value \( \mathbf{h}_{\inf} \) such that

\[ \mathbf{b} - \partial_\mathbf{h} \varphi(\mathbf{h}_{\inf}) = 0, \quad \text{(A.16)} \]

thus yielding \( \mathbf{b} - \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}_{\inf}) = 0 \).

If the mapping \( \mathcal{B} \) is inversible (i.e. \( \mathcal{B}^{-1} := \mathcal{H} \) exists), then \( \mathbf{h}_{\inf} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}) \) and therefore the convex conjugate functional (A.15) becomes:

\[ \varphi^*(\mathbf{b}) = \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}) \rangle - \int_0^{\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b})} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}^0) d\mathbf{h}^0. \quad \text{(A.17)} \]

To compute this integral, we define the change of variable \( \mathbf{h}^0 = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0) \). The differential are related by \( d\mathbf{h}^0 = (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial \mathbf{b}^0) d\mathbf{b}^0 \) and (A.17) becomes:

\[ \varphi^*(\mathbf{b}) = \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}) \rangle - \int_0^{\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b})} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}^0) d\mathbf{h}^0 = \int_0^{\mathbf{b}} \left( \frac{d}{d\mathbf{b}^0}(\mathbf{b}^0 \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0)) - \mathbf{b}^0 (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial \mathbf{b}^0) \right) d\mathbf{b}^0 = \int_0^{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0) (\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial \mathbf{b}^0) d\mathbf{b}^0 = \int_0^{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0) d\mathbf{b}^0. \quad \text{(A.18)} \]

From the definition of \( \varphi^*(\mathbf{b}) \) the following inequality:

\[ \int_0^\mathbf{h} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}^0) d\mathbf{h}^0 + \int_0^\mathbf{b} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0) d\mathbf{b}^0 - \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{h} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{(A.19)} \]

always holds. Therefore, there exists a representative functional \( \Phi \) defined as:

\[ \Phi(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{b}) = \int_\Omega \left( \int_0^\mathbf{h} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{h}^0) d\mathbf{h}^0 + \int_0^\mathbf{b} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{b}^0) d\mathbf{b}^0 - \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{h} \rangle \right) d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{(A.20)} \]
for which the minimization yields the relations $b = B(h)$ and $h = H(b)$ for all $x \in \Omega$. In addition, the functional $\Phi(h, b)$ is equal to zero if and only if $b(x) = B(h(x), x) \in \partial \varphi(h(x), x)$ and $h(x) = H(b(x), x) \in \partial \varphi^*(b(x), x)$.

The last term of (A.20) can be written as:

$$\int_{\Omega} (b \cdot h) \, dx.$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.21)

With a different choice of function spaces for the fields $b$ and $h$, it can be shown that the minimization of the functional (A.20) leads to the magnetostatic equations. Indeed, the minimization problem:

$$\Phi(h, b) = \inf_{h' \in H(\text{curl}; \Omega), b' \in H(\text{div}; \Omega)} \Phi(h', b'),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.22)

corresponds to the Euler–Lagrange equations of the magnetostatic problem:

$$\text{curl } h = 0,$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.23)
$$\text{div } b = 0,$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.24)
$$b(x) \in \partial \varphi(h(x), x),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.25)
$$h(x) \in \partial \varphi^*(b(x), x).$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.26)

All the derivatives involved in (A.26) should be understood in the distribution sense.

The existence of the solution of the magnetostatic problem (3.3)–(3.7) in $\mathbb{R}^3$ has already been studied by Visintin [196,201]. Under some assumptions on the mappings $B$ and $J$ (e.g. maximal monotone mappings) and the regularity of the data of the problem (e.g. the initial conditions), it has been shown [196, 201] that (3.3)–(3.7) has a unique and bounded solution $h^\varepsilon, b^\varepsilon, e^\varepsilon$ and $j^\varepsilon$ such that:

$$h^\varepsilon \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2(0, T; H(\text{curl}; \Omega_\varepsilon)) \cap H^{-1}(0, T; H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3)),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.27)
$$b^\varepsilon \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap H^1(0, T; (H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3))'),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.28)
$$e^\varepsilon \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega_\varepsilon)) \cap L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon \times ]0, T[) \cap H^{-1}(0, T; H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3)),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.29)
$$j^\varepsilon \in L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon \times ]0, T[),$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.30)

where $(H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3))'$ is the dual of the space $H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3)$. In section (3.6), we have used these results and derived convergence results for electromagnetic fields. From (A.27)–(A.30) the two-scale weak star convergence is derived for the fields $h^\varepsilon, b^\varepsilon$ and $e^\varepsilon$ as they belong to the space $L^\infty$ and the weak convergence is derived for the field $j^\varepsilon$. 

A.4. EXAMPLE
Appendix B

Classical convergence

Details about most of the mathematical concepts recalled in this appendix can be found in [30,40,54,85,93,158,175].

B.1 Convergence in Banach spaces

We denote by $\mathcal{V}$, a real Banach space and $\mathcal{V}'$ its dual. A sequence $\{u_n\} \in \mathcal{V}$ is said to strongly converge to $u \in \mathcal{V}$ (what we denote by $u_n \to u$) if:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||u_n - u||_\mathcal{V} = 0,$$

(B.1)

where $|| \cdot ||_\mathcal{V}$ denotes the norm defined on $\mathcal{V}$. The strong convergence defined on $\mathcal{V}$ enables to define the strong topology on $\mathcal{V}$, the opens of which are defined by the norm on $\mathcal{V}$.

A sequence $\{u_n\} \in \mathcal{V}$ is said to weakly converge to $u \in \mathcal{V}$ (what we denote by $u_n \rightrightarrows u$) if:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \langle f, u_n \rangle = \langle f, u \rangle, \forall f \in \mathcal{V}'.$$

(B.2)

In the case $\mathcal{V}$ is a Hilbert space, the norm is induced by the inner product $(u,v)$ between any two element $u$ and $v$. The weak convergence can then be expressed as

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi_f(u_n) = \varphi_f(u),$$

(B.3)

with $\varphi_f(u) = \int_\Omega (fu) \, dx$.

The notion of dual space allows also to define a weak topology on $\mathcal{V}$. This weak topology is the coarsest topology that can be defined on $\mathcal{V}$ and for which all the linear functionals $f \in \mathcal{V}'$ are continuous. We take the space $L^2(\Omega)$ as an example. The inner product is given by $\int_\Omega u \, v \, dx$. The weak convergence $u_n \rightrightarrows u$ can then be expressed as:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_\Omega u_n \, v \, dx = \int_\Omega u \, v \, dx \Rightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_\Omega (u_n - u) \, v \, dx = 0, \forall v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

(B.4)
Using duality, it is also possible to define the weak-$\ast$ topology on $\mathcal{V}'$. A sequence $\{f_n\} \in \mathcal{V}'$ is said to converge weakly-$\ast$ to $f$ in $\mathcal{V}'$ (what we denote by $f_n \rightharpoonup f$) if:
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \langle f_n, u \rangle = \langle f, u \rangle, \forall u \in \mathcal{V}.
\] (B.5)

It can be shown that [40,93]:
\[
u_n \rightharpoonup u \text{ in } \mathcal{V} \ \Rightarrow \ ||u||_{\mathcal{V}} \leq \lim \inf ||u_n||_{\mathcal{V}}
\] (B.6)

It can also be shown that [40]:
\[
u_n \to u \ \Rightarrow \ \nu_n \rightharpoonup u,
\] (B.7)
but the converse is not true.

### B.2 Convergence in $L^p(\Omega)$ spaces

In this thesis, we are interested in Banach spaces $\mathcal{V} = L^p(\Omega)$. The norm of these spaces is given by:
\[
||u||_{L^p(\Omega)} = \begin{cases} 
\left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^p \, dx \right)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty \\
\operatorname{ess \, sup}_{\Omega} |u| & \text{if } p = \infty
\end{cases}
\] (B.8)

where $\operatorname{ess \, sup}_{\Omega} |u|$ is defined as the smallest upper bound of $|u|$ on $\Omega$.

Recall that the Banach spaces $L^p(\Omega)$ are reflexive for $p \neq 1$ and $p \neq \infty$ and separable when $p \neq \infty$ [40,83,85]. For $p \neq 1$ and $p \neq \infty$ the dual space of $L^p(\Omega)$ is $L^q(\Omega)$ with the conjugate exponent $q$ given by $1/p + 1/q = 1$. In addition, $L^\infty(\Omega)$ is the dual of $L^1(\Omega)$ but the contrary is not true ($L^1(\Omega)$ is contained in the dual of $L^\infty(\Omega)$).

The following compactness theorems generally hold for bounded sequences in appropiat Banach spaces (e.g. reflexive or separable Banach spaces).

**Theorem 1** *(Weak compactness theorem [40,85,93]).* Let $\mathcal{V}$ be a reflexive Banach space. From any bounded sequence $\{u_n\} \in \mathcal{V}$, one can extract a subsequence denoted $\{u_{nj}\}$ that weakly converges to $u \in \mathcal{V}$.

This theorem holds for $L^p$ spaces ($p \neq 1$ and $p \neq \infty$). A similar result can be formulated for the separable space $L^1(\Omega)$. The following theorem can be used for the space $L^\infty$:

**Theorem 2.** Let $\mathcal{V}$ be a separable Banach space and $\mathcal{V}'$, its dual. From any bounded sequence $\{f_n\} \in \mathcal{V}'$, one can extract a subsequence denoted $\{f_{nj}\}$ that converges weakly-$\ast$ to $f \in \mathcal{V}'$.

Choosing $\mathcal{V} = L^1(\Omega)$ and $\mathcal{V}' = L^\infty(\Omega)$, Theorem 2 then holds.
B.3 Examples

The following two examples illustrate the application of these two theorems.

The first example concerns problem (3.19). The weak form of this problem reads:

\[(a^\varepsilon \text{grad } u^\varepsilon, \text{grad } v) = \left\langle f, v \right\rangle, \forall v \in H^1_0(\Omega). \quad (B.9)\]

If \(a\) is bounded and satisfies (3.21), the bilinear form \(a(u^\varepsilon, v) = (a^\varepsilon \text{grad } u^\varepsilon, \text{grad } v)\) is coercive and for \(v = u^\varepsilon\) we get:

\[c_1 \|\text{grad } u^\varepsilon\|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} = c_2 \|u^\varepsilon\|^2_{H^1_0(\Omega)} \leq a(u^\varepsilon, u^\varepsilon) = \left\langle f, u^\varepsilon \right\rangle \leq \|f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \|u^\varepsilon\|_{H^1_0(\Omega)} \quad (B.10)\]

where the first equality results from Poincaré inequality. From (B.10), we get:

\[\|u^\varepsilon\|_{H^1_0(\Omega)} \leq \frac{1}{c} \|f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}. \quad (B.11)\]

meaning that the sequence \(\{u^\varepsilon\}\) is bounded in \(H^1_0(\Omega)\) which is a reflexive Banach space (indeed, \(H^1_0(\Omega)\) is a closed subspace of \(L^2(\Omega)\) which is reflexive [40]). Therefore, \(u^\varepsilon\) weakly converges to some \(u_0 \in H^1_0(\Omega)\).

The second example concerns conditions (3.21) from which we get the uniform boundedness condition \(a^\varepsilon \in L^\infty(\Omega)\). The space \(L^\infty(\Omega)\) is neither reflexive nor separable. However it is the dual of \(L^1(\Omega)\) which is a separable Banach space [40]. We can therefore deduce from Theorem 2 that:

\[a^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup a \quad \text{in } L^\infty(\Omega). \quad (B.12)\]
Appendix C

Two-scale convergence and the periodic unfolding method

Most of the mathematical concepts defined in Appendix C can be found in [11, 31, 45, 46, 120, 130, 141, 143, 197].

C.1 Two-scale convergence of sequence

A sequence \( \{ u^\varepsilon \} \) of \( L^2(\Omega) \) is said to weakly two-scale converge to a limit \( u_0 \in L^2(\Omega \times Y) \) (which we denote by \( u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u_0 \)) if the equality:

\[
\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} u^\varepsilon(x) \psi(x, x/\varepsilon) dx \to \int_{\Omega} \int_{Y} u_0(x, y) \psi(x, y) dx dy
\] (C.1)

holds for any smooth function \( \psi \in B(\Omega \times Y) \) that is periodic w.r.t the second argument. The definition can be extended to a sequence of vector functions \( \{ u^\varepsilon \} \) of \( L^2(\Omega) \).

The function space \( B(\Omega \times Y) \) of test functions must be a Banach dense subspace of \( L^2(\Omega \times Y) \) [11,120,141] meaning that the adherence \( B(\Omega \times Y) \) formed by all the elements of these spaces and all their limits is \( L^2(\Omega \times Y) \) itself. This means that sequence of \( B(\Omega \times Y) \) strongly converge in \( L^2(\Omega \times Y) \) up to extraction and that the integral (C.1) has a sense as it involves a product of two sequences, one of which is strongly convergent.

The two-scale convergence results stated in Definition C.1 is similar to the weak compactness Theorem 1 for the classical weak convergence, the only difference is that in the case of the weak two-scale convergence, the sequence \( \{ u^\varepsilon \} \) of \( L^2(\Omega) \) and the limit \( u_0 \in L^2(\Omega \times Y) \) do not belong to the same spaces.
C.2 Scale transformation and the periodic unfolding method.

A few variants of periodic unfolding method have been defined \[46,130,197\]. In this thesis, we use ideas from \[130\] to illustrate the method. To start with, we define the set \( Y \) by identifying opposite sides of \( Y = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^n \). This is equivalent to equipping \( Y \) with a topological and differential structure of a torus \( Y = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n = T^n \). It is then possible to identify any \( Y \)-periodic function defined on \( \mathbb{R}^n \) with a function defined on \( Y \). Thus, \( L^p(Y) \) can be identified with \( L^p(Y) \). However, the identification is not possible for spaces involving derivatives. This is the case for instance for \( H^1(Y) \neq H^1(Y) := H^1_\#(Y) \) and \( C^k(Y) \neq C^k(Y) := C^k_\#(Y) \).

Periodic unfolding approach

For any \( \varepsilon > 0 \), the point \( x \in \mathbb{R}^n \) has the following unique periodic unfolding \[45\] (also named two-scale decomposition in \[197\]):

\[
x = \varepsilon \left[ N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + R\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) \right]
\]

where

\[
N(x) := (\hat{n}(x_1),...\hat{n}(x_n)) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{n}(x_i) := \max \{ n \in \mathbb{Z} : n < x_i \} \quad (C.3a)
\]

\[
R(x) := (\hat{r}(x_1),...\hat{r}(x_n)) \in [0,1)^n \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{r}(x_i) := x_i - \hat{n}(x_i) \quad (C.3b)
\]

The quantities \( \varepsilon N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) \) and \( R\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) \) represent the coarse-scale and the fine-scale variables.

We define the composition mapping \( S^\varepsilon \):

\[
S^\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \times Y \to \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (x, y) \mapsto \varepsilon N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon y, \quad (C.5)
\]

which uniformly converges to \( x \) in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) as \( \varepsilon \to 0 \). It is then possible to define the periodic unfolding operator \( T^\varepsilon \):

\[
T^\varepsilon : L^p(\Omega) \to L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times Y), \quad u^\varepsilon \mapsto (T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon) = u^\varepsilon_{ex} \circ S^\varepsilon, \quad (C.7)
\]

with

\[
u^\varepsilon_{ex} \circ S^\varepsilon(x, y) = \begin{cases} u^\varepsilon(\varepsilon N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon y) & \text{if } \varepsilon N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon y \in \Omega, \\ 0 & \text{if } \varepsilon N\left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon y \notin \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (C.8)
\]

The periodic unfolding operator is a linear isometry \[46,185,197\]. The following equalities:

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_Y (T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon)(x, y) dy dx = \int_{\Omega} u^\varepsilon dx \quad (C.9)
\]
Figure C.1: Decomposition of the point $x$ into the large scale variable $\varepsilon N\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$ and local scale variable $\mathcal{R}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$.

and

$$||T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y})} = ||u^\varepsilon||_{L^2(\Omega)}$$ (C.10)

are valid for all $u^\varepsilon \in L^1(\Omega)$. If the sequence $\{u^\varepsilon\}$ is bounded in $L^2(\Omega)$, the sequence $\{(T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon)^\varepsilon\}$ is also bounded in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y})$ and applying Theorem 1, it is possible to extract a converging subsequence still denoted $(T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon)^\varepsilon$ that weakly converges to some $\bar{u}_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y})$ that is \emph{a priori} different from $u_0$ of (C.1). The major insight of the periodic unfolding method is the proof that the restriction of $\bar{u}_0$ on $\Omega$ is equal to $u_0$.

The periodic unfolding method [31, 45, 46, 130, 197] allows to express the two-scale convergence of a sequence $\{u^\varepsilon\}$ of $L^p(\Omega)$ as the classical convergence (one-scale convergence) in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y})$ of the sequence obtained by applying the periodic unfolding operator $T^\varepsilon$ to sequence original sequence $\{u^\varepsilon\}$. Assuming that $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ we get the following results for the strong/weak and weak-* two-scale convergence:

$$u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^p(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}) \iff T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}),$$ \hspace{1cm} (C.11)

$$u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^p(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}) \iff T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}),$$ \hspace{1cm} (C.12)

$$u^\varepsilon \overset{\star}{\rightharpoonup} u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^\infty(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}) \iff T^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon \overset{\star}{\rightharpoonup} u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}).$$ \hspace{1cm} (C.13)
C.3 Convergence of electromagnetic fields and operators of Maxwell’s equations.

In this section, we state results of the two-scale convergence for sequences of electromagnetic fields that can appear when solving Maxwell’s equations. The results concern time-independent fields but they can easily be extended to time-dependent fields.

Two-scale convergence in \( L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \) [11, 143]

From any bounded sequence \( \{u^\varepsilon\} \) of \( L^p(\Omega) \), one can extract a subsequence still denoted \( u^\varepsilon \) that two-scale converges to a limit \( u_0 \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}) \). The result remains valid for vector valued functions \( u^\varepsilon \in L^p(\Omega) \).

Two-scale convergence of the grad of a vector field [11, 198]

Let \( \{\phi^\varepsilon\} \) be a bounded sequence in \( H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \) such that \( \phi^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \phi_0 \) in \( H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \). Then there exists \( \tilde{\phi}_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H^1_0(\mathcal{Y})) \) such that
\[
\text{grad} \phi^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{grad}_x \phi_0 + \text{grad}_y \tilde{\phi}_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}).
\] (C.14)

Conversely, for any \( \phi_M \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \) and \( \phi_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H^1_0(\mathcal{Y})) \), there exists a sequence \( \{\phi^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \) such that
\[
\phi^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \phi_M \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n),
\] (C.15)
\[
\text{grad} \phi^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{grad}_x \phi_M + \text{grad}_y \phi_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}).
\] (C.16)

Results of this proposition can be used for \( \text{div} - \text{grad} \) formulations (e.g.: using the scalar potential formulation for the electrokinetic problem).

Two-scale convergence of the curl of a vector field [198]

Let \( \{h^\varepsilon\} \) be a bounded sequence in \( H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) such that \( h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \hat{h}_0 \) in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}) \). Then \( \hat{h}_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{curl}; 0, \mathcal{Y})) \), \( \hat{h}_0 \in H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3) \) and there exists \( \tilde{h}_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H^1_0(\mathcal{Y})) \) such that
\[
\text{curl} h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{curl}_x \hat{h}_0 + \text{curl}_y \tilde{h}_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}).
\] (C.17)

Conversely, for any \( h_M \in H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) and \( h_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{curl}; \mathcal{Y})) \), there exists a sequence \( \{h^\varepsilon\} \) of \( H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^n) \) such that
\[
h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup h_M \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n),
\] (C.18)
\[
\text{curl} h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{curl}_x h_M + \text{curl}_y h_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}).
\] (C.19)

A gauge condition must be imposed for \( h_1 \) to be uniquely defined. Coulomb gauge have been proposed in [31, 198].
Two-scale convergence of the div of a vector field \([198]\)

Let \(\{b^\varepsilon\}\) be a bounded sequence in \(H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^n)\) such that \(b^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup b_0\) in \(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y})\). Then \(b_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{div}; 0, \mathcal{Y}))\), \(b_0 \in H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^3)\) and there exists \(\tilde{b}_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H^1(\mathcal{Y}))\) such that

\[
\text{div} b^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{div}_x \tilde{b}_0 + \text{div}_y \tilde{b}_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}).
\]  

(C.20)

Conversely, for any \(b_M \in H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^n)\) and \(b_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; H(\text{div}; \mathcal{Y}))\), there exists a sequence \(\{b^\varepsilon\}\) of \(H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^n)\) such that

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{div} b^\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup b_M \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \\
\text{div} b^\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \frac{1}{2} \text{div}_x b_M + \text{div}_y b_1 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{Y}).
\end{align*}
\]

(C.21) (C.22)

A gauge condition must be imposed for \(b_1\) to be uniquely defined. The gauge \(\text{curl}_y b_1 = 0\) has been used in \([198]\).

C.4 The div – curl lemma

Hereafter we recall the two-scale version of the div – curl lemma \([199–201]\).

The two-scale div – curl lemma for time-independent problems

Assume that \(\{u^\varepsilon\}\) is a bounded sequence in \(H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3)\) and that \(\{w^\varepsilon\}\) is a bounded sequence in \(H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^3)\). Assume in addition that:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{C.23a} & \quad u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}) \quad \text{and} \\
\text{C.23b} & \quad w^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup w_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{Y}).
\end{align*}
\]

Then the sequence \(\{w^\varepsilon \cdot u^\varepsilon\}\) converges to \(\hat{w}_0 \cdot \hat{u}_0\) in the sense:

\[
\int_\Omega (w^\varepsilon(x) \cdot u^\varepsilon(x)) \theta(x) \, dx \to \int_\Omega (\hat{w}_0(x) \cdot \hat{u}_0(x)) \theta(x) \, dx
\]

\[
= \int_\Omega \int_{\mathcal{Y}} (w_0(x, y) \cdot u_0(x, y)) \theta(x) \, dx \, dy, \quad \forall \theta \in D(\mathbb{R}^3). 
\]

(C.24)

The two-scale lemma developed above can be used for proving the convergence of magnetic energy for magnetostatic problems (e.g.: governed by a maximal monotone mapping):

\[
\text{curl} h^\varepsilon = j_s, \quad \text{(C.25a)}
\]
\[
\text{div} b^\varepsilon = 0, \quad \text{(C.25b)}
\]
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\[ b^\varepsilon(x) \in \partial \varphi(h^\varepsilon(x), x). \]  

(C.25c)

In this case, with \( u^\varepsilon = h^\varepsilon \in H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3) \) and \( w^\varepsilon = b^\varepsilon \in H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^3) \), we have the following two-scale results:

\[ h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup_2 h_0, \quad (C.26a) \]
\[ b^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup_2 b_0, \quad (C.26b) \]

and

\[ h^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \hat{h}_0, \quad (C.27a) \]
\[ b^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \hat{b}_0, \quad (C.27b) \]

and therefore the convergence of magnetic energy:

\[
\int_{\Omega} \left( b^\varepsilon(x) \cdot h^\varepsilon(x) \right) \theta(x) dx \to \int_{\Omega} \left( \hat{b}_0(x) \cdot \hat{h}_0(x) \right) \theta(x) dx \\
= \int_{\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}} \left( b_0(x, y) \cdot h_0(x, y) \right) \theta(x, y) dx dy \quad \forall \theta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^3).
\]

(C.28)

The two-scale div – curl lemma for time-dependent problems

The following assumptions must be made for the div – curl lemma to hold for time-dependent fields. If \( \{u^\varepsilon\} \) is a sequence of \( L^2(0, T; H(\text{curl}; \mathbb{R}^3)) \) and \( \{w^\varepsilon\} \) is a sequence of \( L^2(0, T; H(\text{div}; \mathbb{R}^3)) \). If in addition \( \exists r > 0, s \in \mathbb{R} \) such that either \( \{u^\varepsilon\} \) or \( \{w^\varepsilon\} \) is bounded in \( H^1(0, T; H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)) \) and that:

\[ u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup_2 u_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}_T^3 \times \mathcal{Y}) \quad (C.29a) \]
\[ w^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup_2 w_0 \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}_T^3 \times \mathcal{Y}) \quad (C.29b) \]

Then the sequence \( \{w^\varepsilon \cdot u^\varepsilon\} \) converges to \( \hat{w}_0 \cdot \hat{u}_0 \) in the following sense:

\[
\int \int_{\mathbb{R}_T^3} \left( w^\varepsilon(x, t) \cdot u^\varepsilon(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) dx dt \to \int \int_{\mathbb{R}_T^3} \left( \hat{w}_0(x, t) \cdot \hat{u}_0(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) dx dt \\
= \int \int_{\mathbb{R}_T^3 \times \mathcal{Y}} \left( w_0(x, y, t) \cdot u_0(x, y, t) \right) \theta(x, t) dx dy dt, \forall \theta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_T^3).
\]

(C.30)

The two-scale lemma for time-dependent problems can be used for the magnetodynamic problem (3.3)–(3.7). In that case, only \( h^\varepsilon \) and \( e^\varepsilon \) fulfill the role played by the field \( u^\varepsilon \) and only \( b^\varepsilon \) fulfills the role played by the field \( w^\varepsilon \) (see [196,201]). Therefore, the only results of converging products of sequences for the magnetodynamic problem are:

\[
\int \int_{\mathbb{R}_T^3} \left( b^\varepsilon(x, t) \cdot h^\varepsilon(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) dx dt \to \int \int_{\mathbb{R}_T^3} \left( \hat{b}_0(x, t) \cdot \hat{h}_0(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) dx dt
\]
\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_T \times \mathcal{Y}} \left( \mathbf{b}_0(x, y, t) \cdot \mathbf{h}_0(x, y, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dy \, dt = 0, \quad \forall \theta \in \mathcal{D} \left( \mathbb{R}^3_T \right) \quad (C.31) \]

and

\[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_T} \left( \mathbf{b}^\varepsilon(x, t) \cdot \mathbf{e}^\varepsilon(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dt \to \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_T} \left( \hat{\mathbf{b}}_0(x, t) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_0(x, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dt \]

\[ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_T \times \mathcal{Y}} \left( \mathbf{b}_0(x, y, t) \cdot \mathbf{e}_0(x, y, t) \right) \theta(x, t) \, dx \, dy \, dt, \quad \forall \theta \in \mathcal{D} \left( \mathbb{R}^3_T \right) \quad (C.32) \]

Equation (3.116) expresses the consistency of magnetic energy between the macroscale and the mesoscale.
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