

# Derivation of mathematical models for eddy current systems with thin inductors

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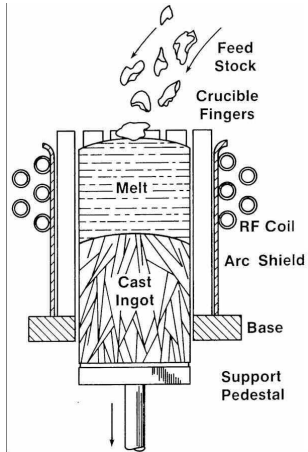
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In time harmonic regime ( $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \Re(e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}))$ ), we have the set of equations:

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$$\varrho\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{e}$$

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in the conductors

in the vacuum

where:

$\mathbf{h}$ : Magnetic field,  $\mathbf{e}$ : Electric field,  $\mathbf{j}$ : Electric current

and

$\omega$  : Angular frequency,

$\epsilon$  : Electric permittivity,

$\mu$  : Magnetic permeability,

$\varrho$  : Electric resistivity.

# An example



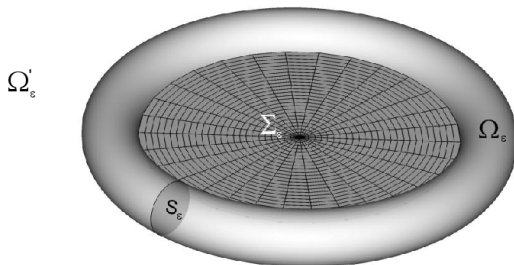


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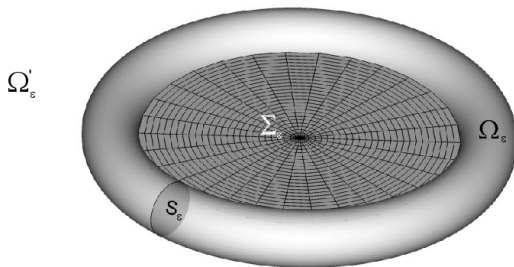
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Let us define the electric current  $\mathbf{j}^\varepsilon = \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{h}^\varepsilon$  and the electric field  $\mathbf{e}^\varepsilon = \varrho^\varepsilon \mathbf{j}^\varepsilon$ . We deduce:

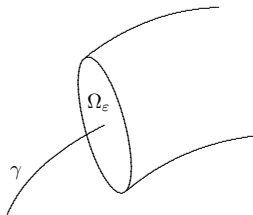
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$$\text{Magnetic Energy} + \text{Electric Energy} = \text{Voltage} \times \text{Current}$$

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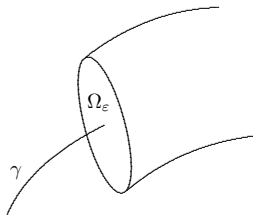
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It is easy to see that if we have the property

$$r|\kappa(s)| \leq \alpha \quad s \in [0, 1),$$

then  $F_\varepsilon$  is a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism of  $\widehat{\Omega}$  onto  $\Omega_\varepsilon$  that defines  $\Omega_\varepsilon := F_\varepsilon(\widehat{\Omega})$ .

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# The main result

Theorem (*Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.*, 2017, and submitted paper)

We have the asymptotic approximation:

$$\left( \frac{i\omega}{|\ln \varepsilon|} L^\varepsilon + R \right) I^\varepsilon = v + \mathcal{O}(|\ln \varepsilon|^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

where  $R$  is the conductor resistance and  $L^\varepsilon$  is its inductance, i.e.

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# The main result

Theorem (*Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.*, 2017, and submitted paper)

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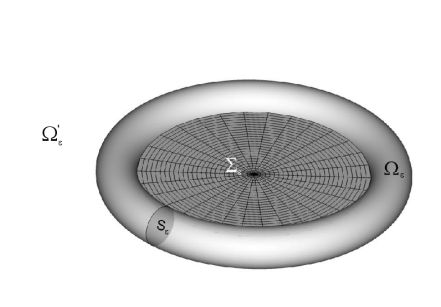
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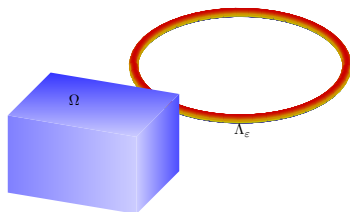
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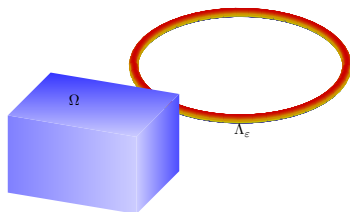
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