

NUMERISCHE METHODEN

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1. Describing Electromagnetic Phenomena

2. EMC – Relevant Types of Coupling

3. Numerical Methods for Electromagnetics

- The Finite Element Method
- The Finite Integration Technique
- Obtaining Broadband Results
- Modeling Dispersive Materials
- Multiscale Cable Modeling
- High Performance Computing Options

4. Numerical Simulation for EMC



DESCRIBING ELECTROMAGNETIC PHENOMENA

MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

Describing the behavior of **all kinds** of electromagnetic fields at macroscopic level:

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Material relations:

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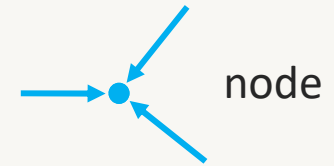
$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) = \kappa(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{J}_0(\vec{r}, t)$$

OHMS LAW AND KIRCHHOFF'S CIRCUIT LAWS

$$U = R \cdot I$$

1. $\sum_i I_i = 0$



2. $\sum_i U_i = 0$

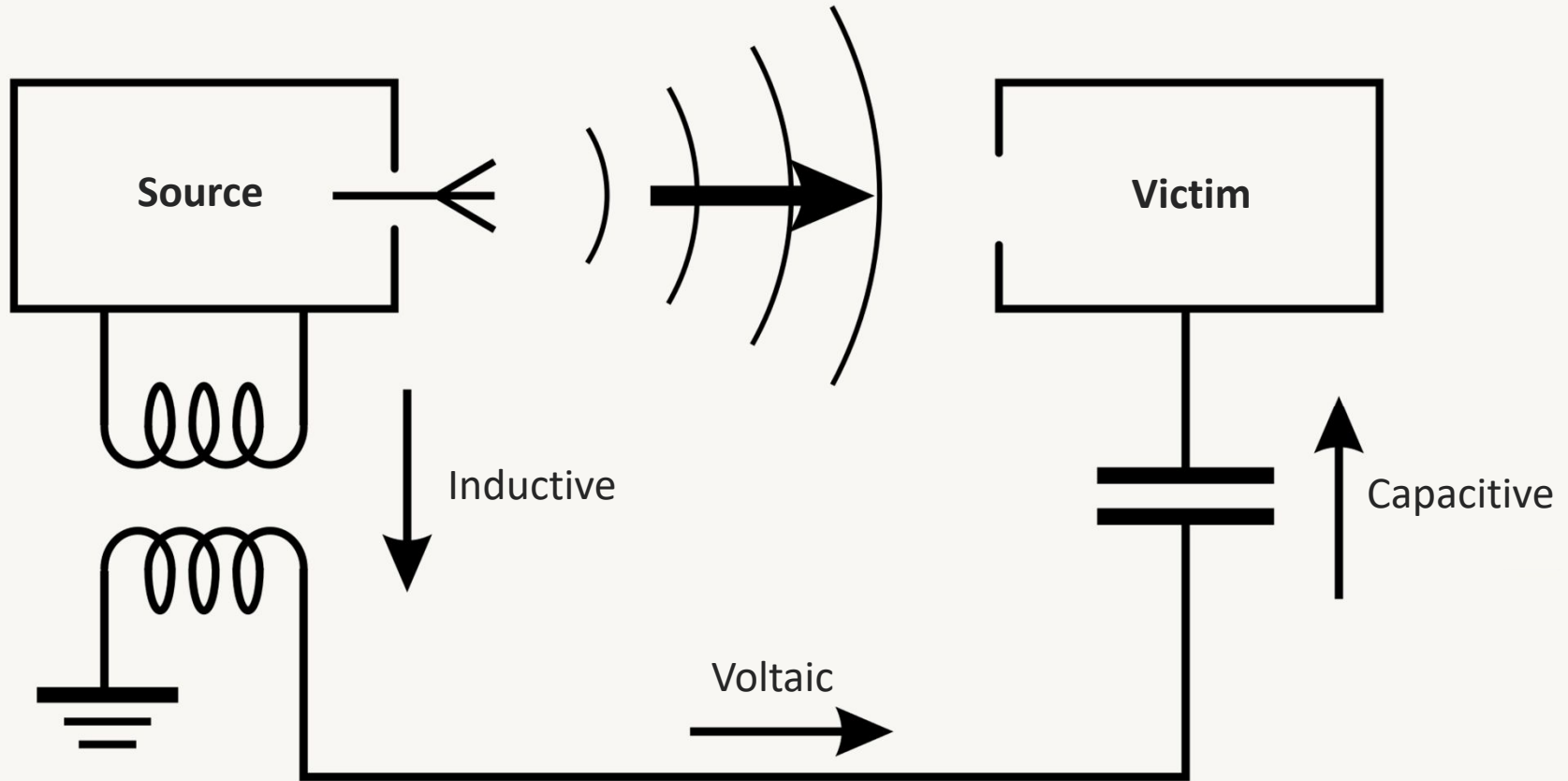


$$U(t) = \int_L \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$I(t) = \iint_A \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Kirchhoff's laws are derived from Maxwell's equations for $\frac{d}{dt} = 0$

• EMC - RELEVANT TYPES OF COUPLING



- Interactions related to **voltages and currents** (voltaic, inductive, capacitive) can be described by **circuit theory** (derived from Maxwell's equations)
- Interaction related to **radiation** requires solving **Maxwell's equations**
- **Maxwell's equations** generally describe all coupling phenomena

• MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS FOR NON-STATIONARY PROBLEMS

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Homogeneous medium: $\epsilon(\vec{r}) = \epsilon_0$, $\mu(\vec{r}) = \mu_0$



$$\Delta \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$
$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

Wave Equation

(Second order partial differential equation)

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THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

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Wave Equation in Frequency Domain $\Delta \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \mu_0 i \omega \vec{J}(\vec{r}, \omega)$


Derive **Weak Form** of the Wave Equation

2

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \nabla \vec{v}(\vec{r}, \omega) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{r}, \omega) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mu_0 i \omega \vec{J}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{r}, \omega) d\Omega$$

Approximate Solution on **mesh** elements via **Basis Functions** and select **Test Functions**

3


$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) \approx \sum_{i=0}^N e_i \vec{\varphi}_i(\vec{r}, \omega) \quad \vec{v}(\vec{r}, \omega) \in \{\vec{\varphi}_i(\vec{r}, \omega)\}$$

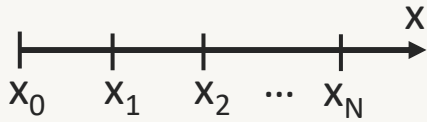
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Assemble Equation System and **Solve** $\left(A - \frac{\omega^2}{c} M \right) e = j$



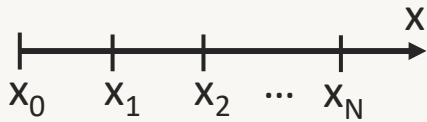
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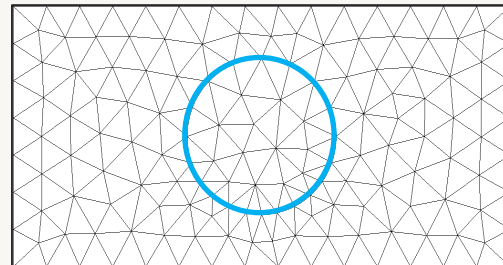
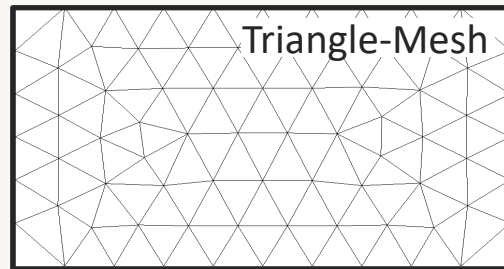
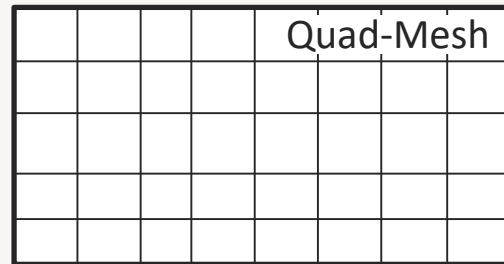


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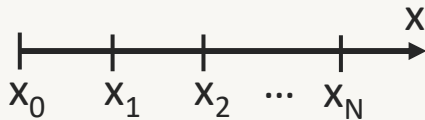


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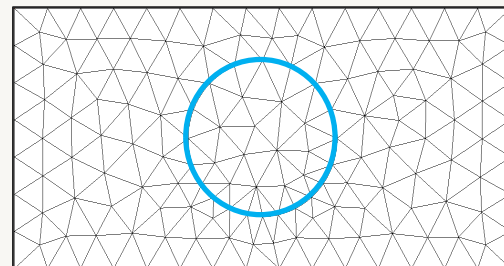
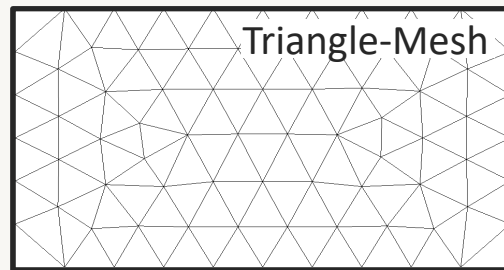
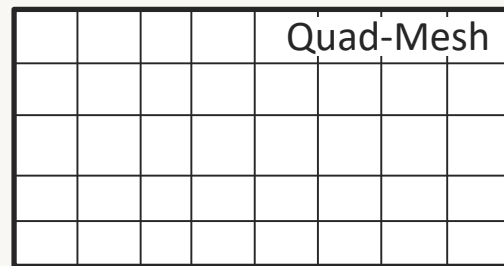


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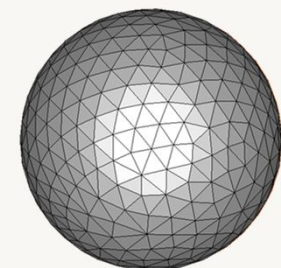
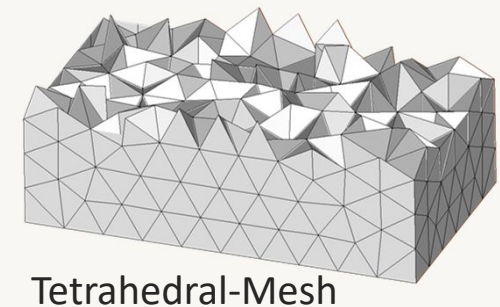
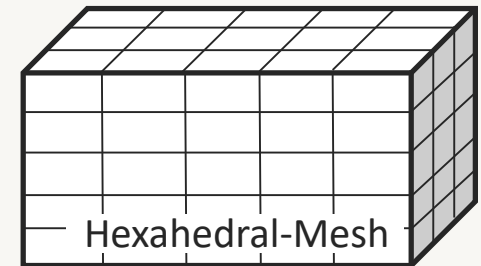
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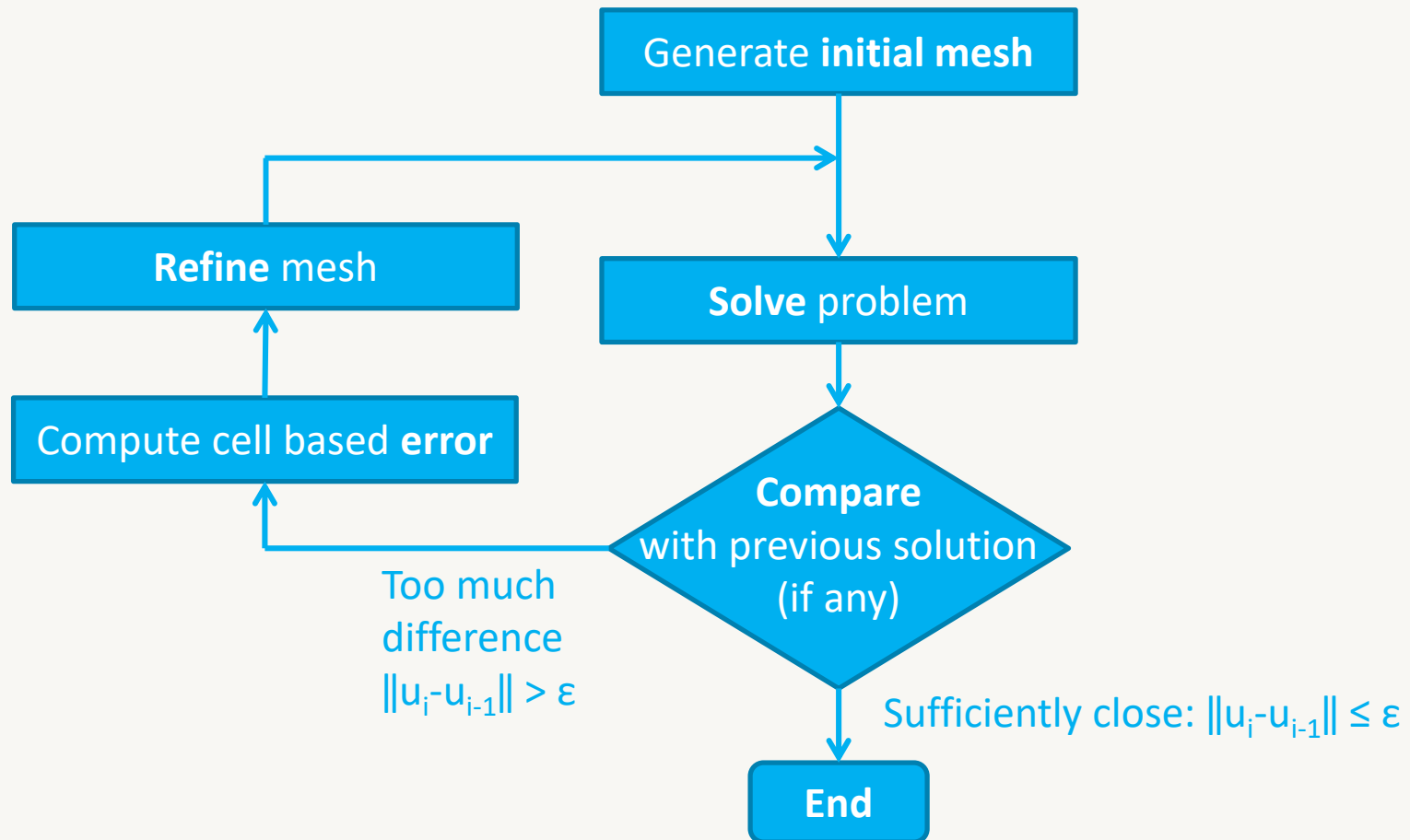
3D Discretizations





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AUTOMATIC MESH ADAPTATION





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SOLUTION STEPS

1. Derive the **weak form** of the partial differential equation
2. **Discretize** (mesh) the computational domain
3. Select **basis functions** and apply them to the formulation
4. Compute (**assemble**) the matrix entries of the **mass matrix** and the **stiffness matrix**
5. Introduce the **boundary conditions** and set up the **excitation vector**
6. **Solve** the FEM system of equations
7. **Estimate** the cell-based error
8. **Refine** the mesh where needed
9. **Re-run** the scheme until **convergence** is obtained

THE FINITE INTEGRATION TECHNIQUE

Differential Form

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Integral Form

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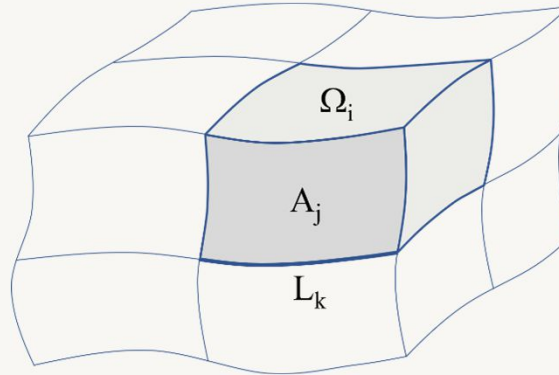


Finite Integration Technique



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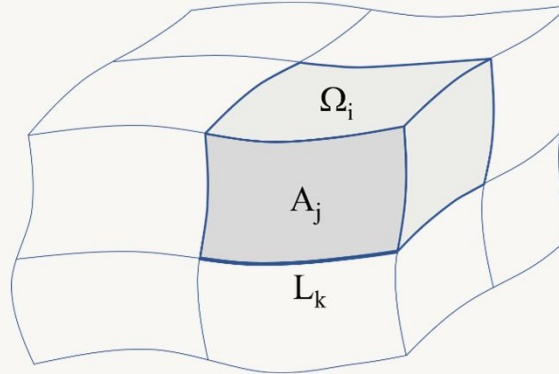
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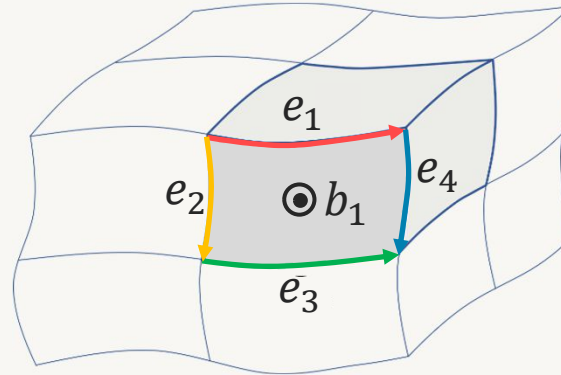
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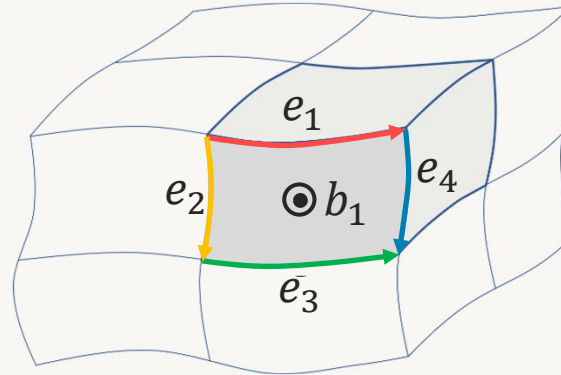
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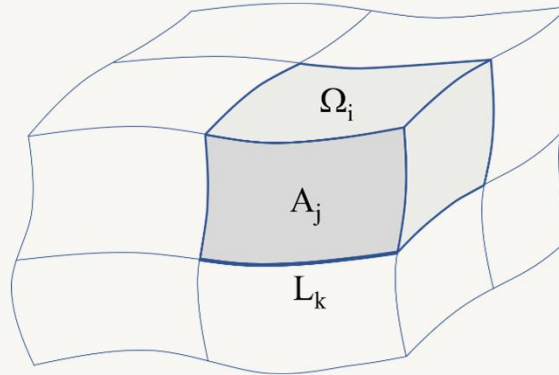
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MAXWELL'S GRID EQUATIONS

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$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}} \, h = j + \frac{d}{dt} \, d$$

$$\mathcal{S} \, b = 0$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}} \, d = q$$

$$d = D_\epsilon \, e$$

$$b = D_\mu \, h$$

$$j = D_k \, e + j_0$$



THE FINITE INTEGRATION TECHNIQUE

EXPLICIT TRANSIENT SCHEME

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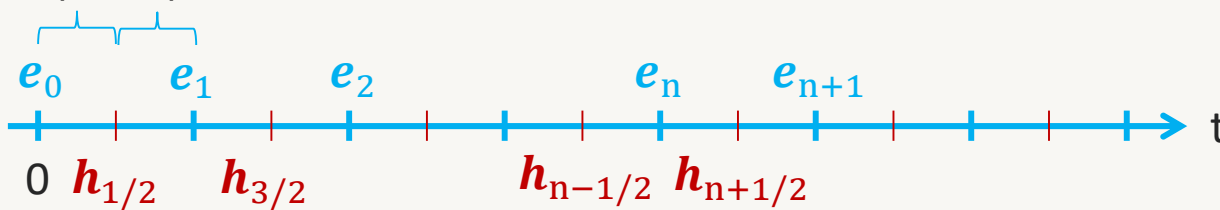
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$$e_n = e(t = n \Delta t)$$

$$h_m = h(t = m \Delta t)$$



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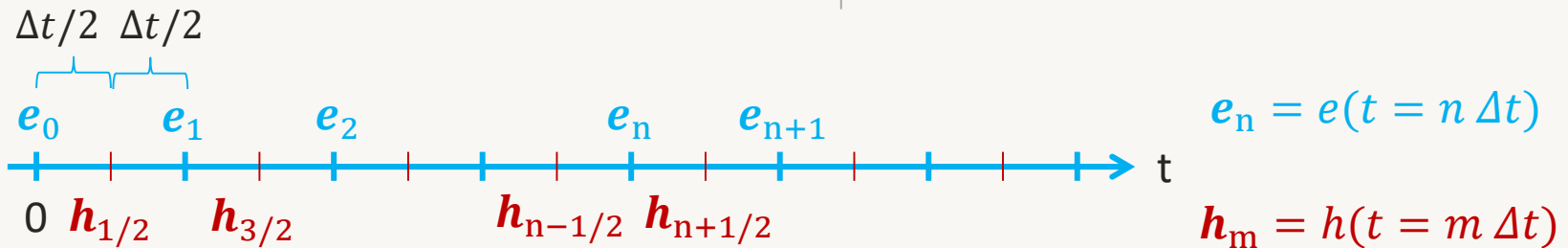
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LEAPFROG TIME INTEGRATION

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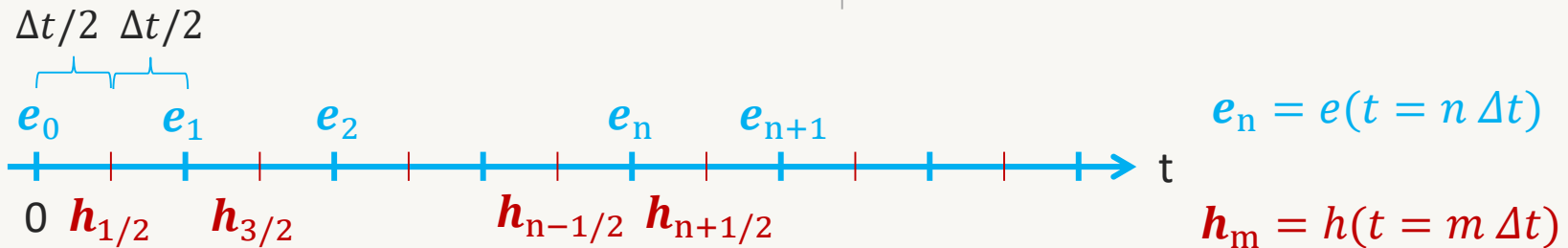
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STABILITY

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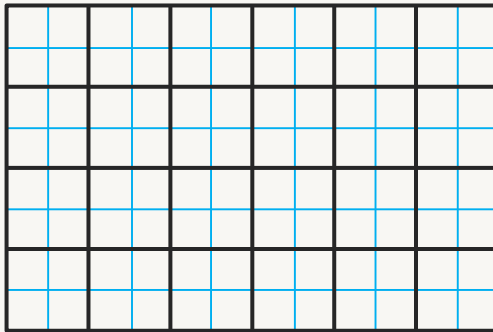
Courant-Friedrichs-Levy stability criterion
(Δs is the mesh step width, K a constant)



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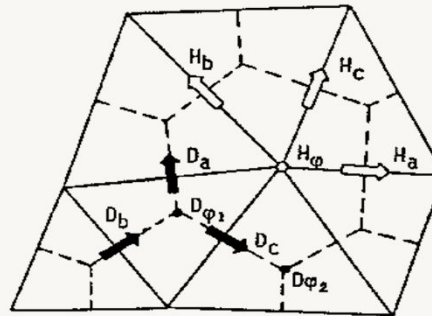
POTENTIAL MESH TYPES

Cartesian

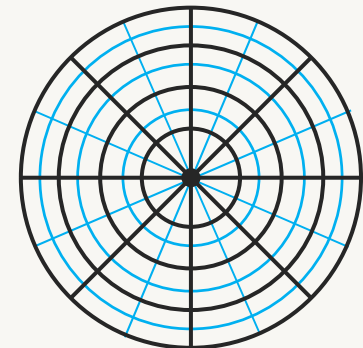


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Triangular

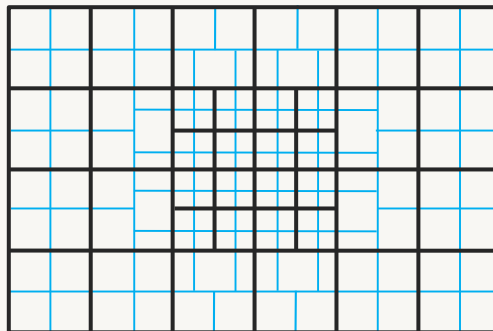


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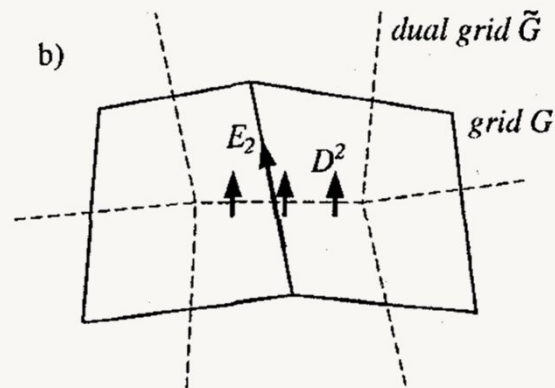


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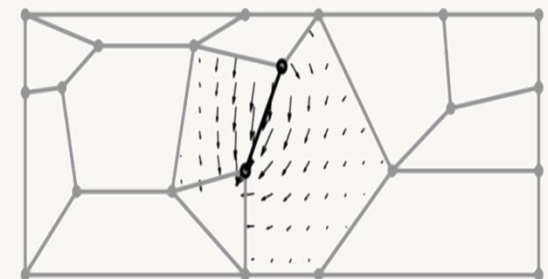
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WHY CARTESIAN MESHES?

Often complex (and faulty) geometric models for practical applications



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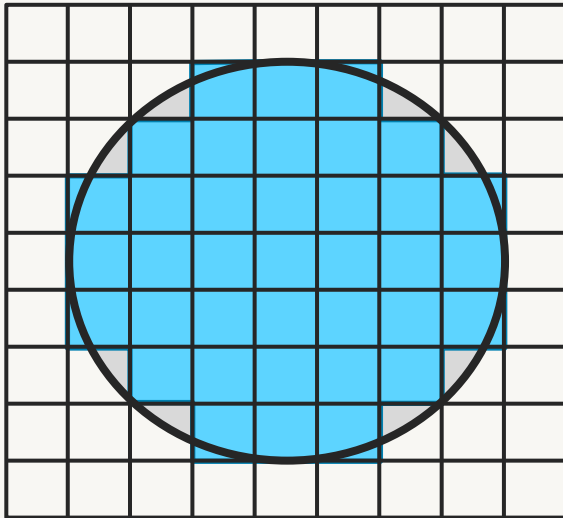
Due to **robust mesh generation** and **low memory requirements** for storage, **cartesian meshes** are still the method of choice for many **high frequency applications**.



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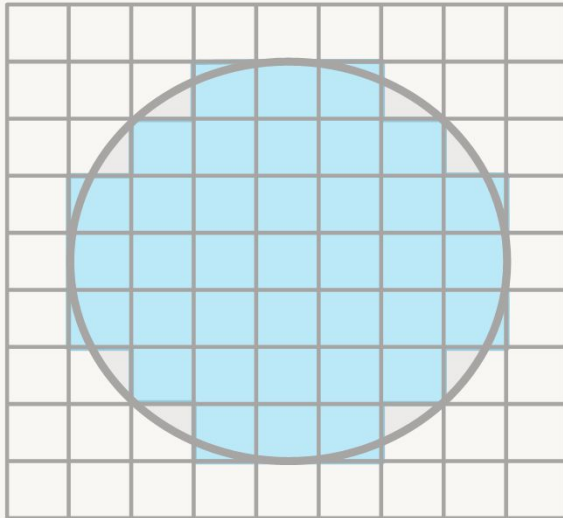




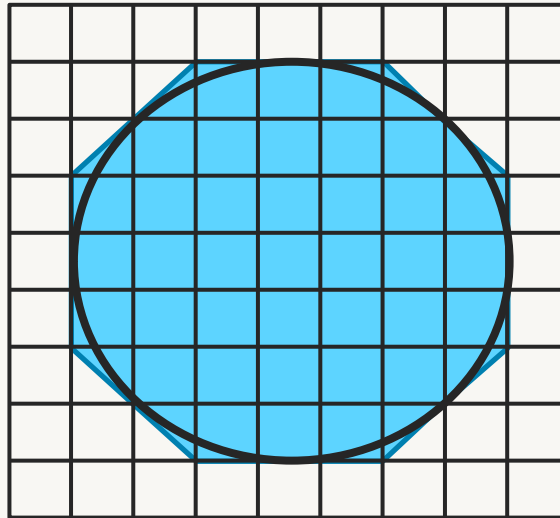
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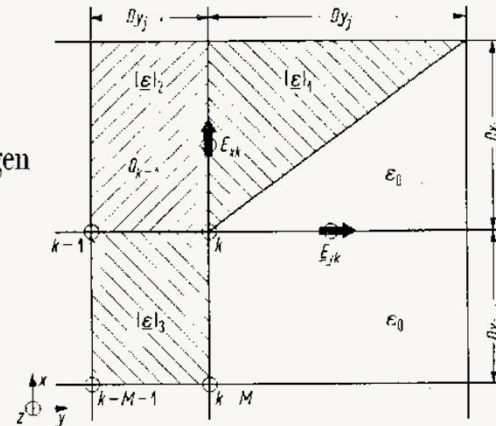
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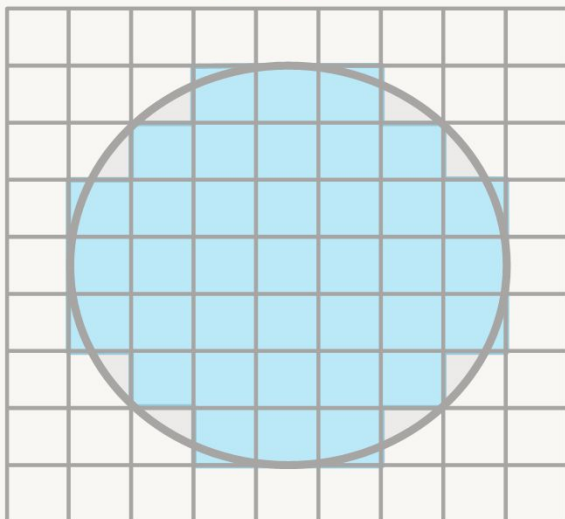




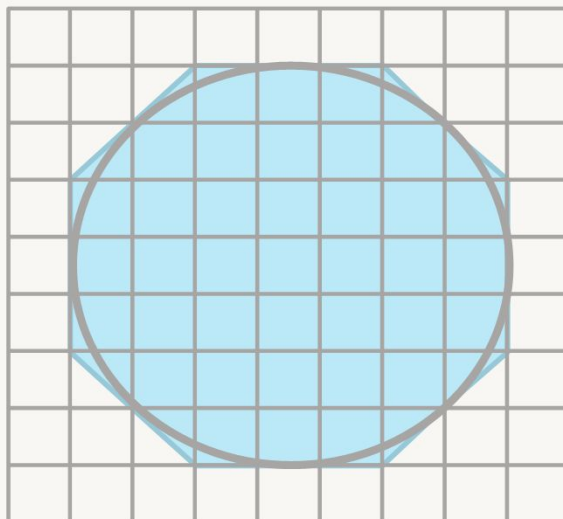
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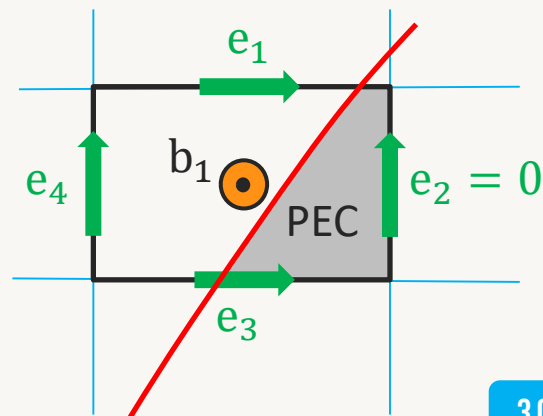
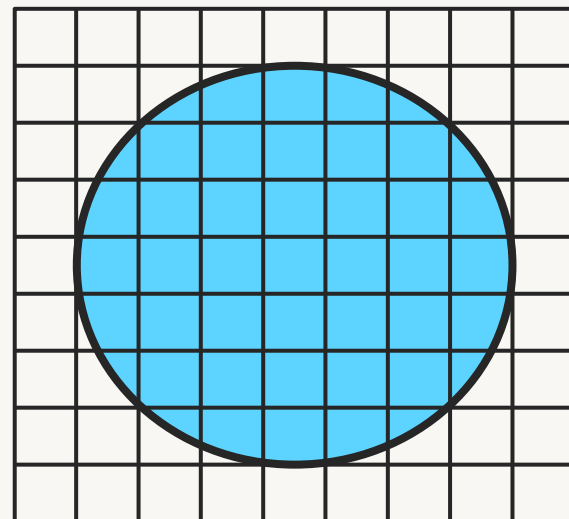
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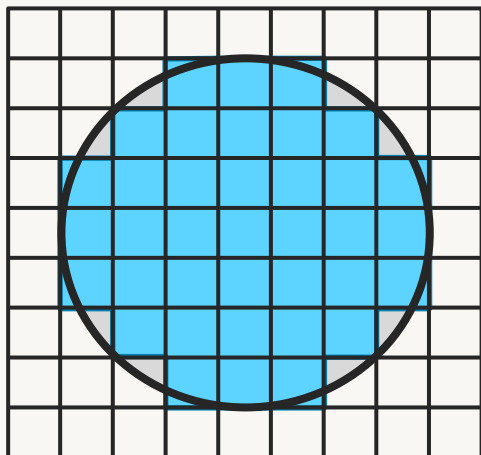




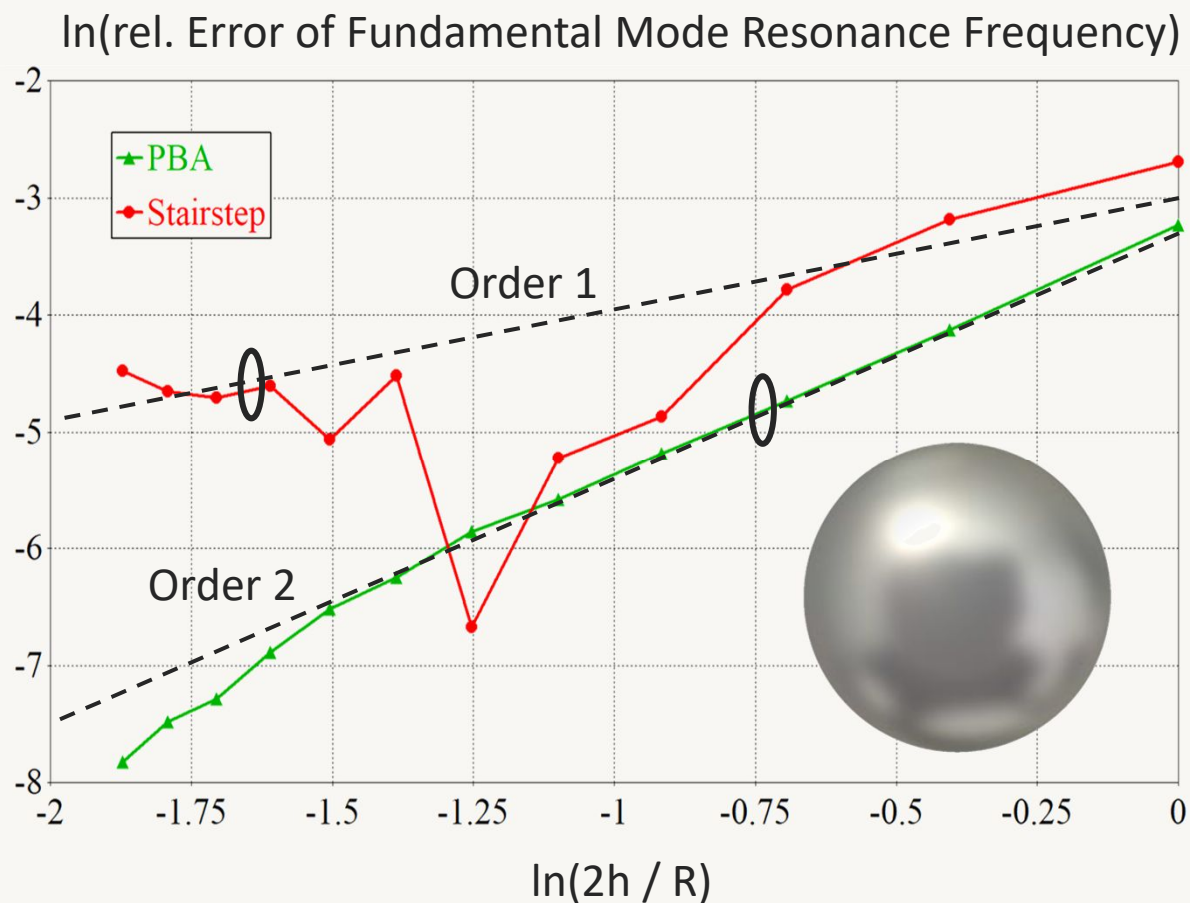
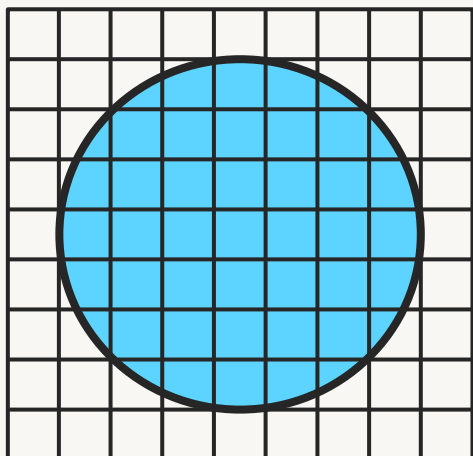
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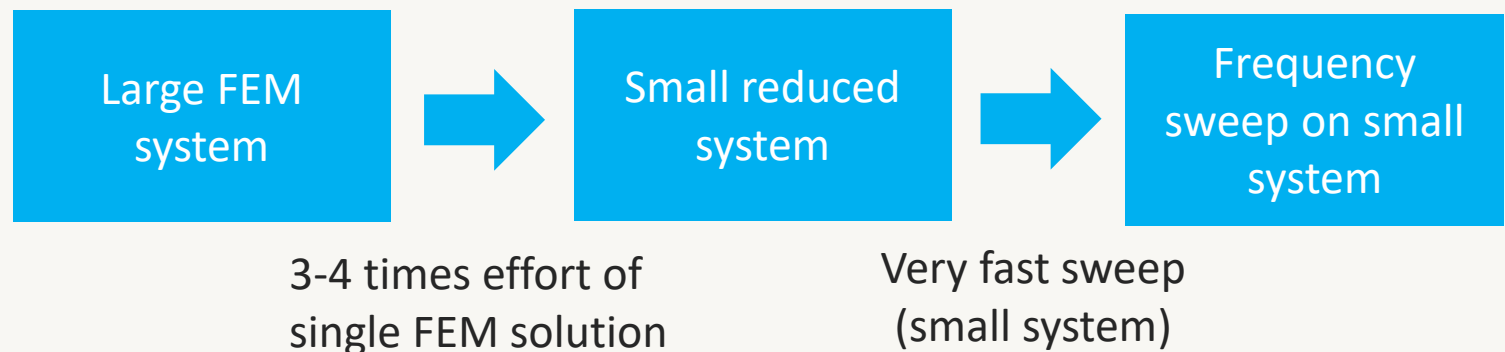
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Frequency Domain schemes solve an **equation system** for each frequency, e.g.:

$$(A - \frac{\omega^2}{c} M) e = j$$

Many frequency samples (solutions) are required to obtain broadband results (especially in case of many resonances)

Reduced Order Modeling can help to get broadband responses faster:





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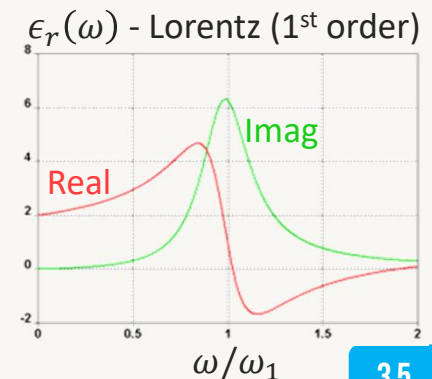
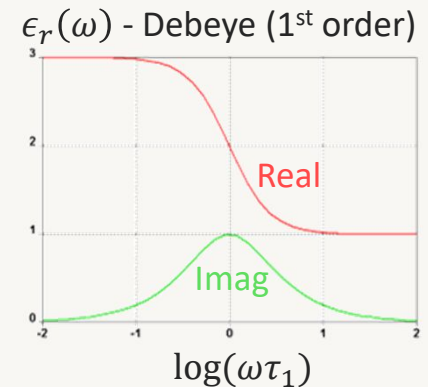
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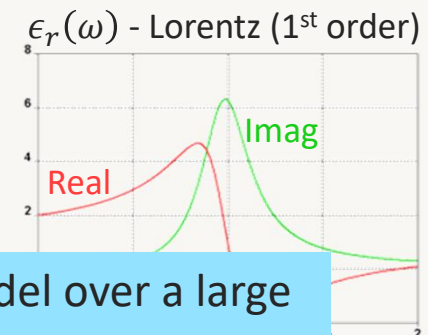
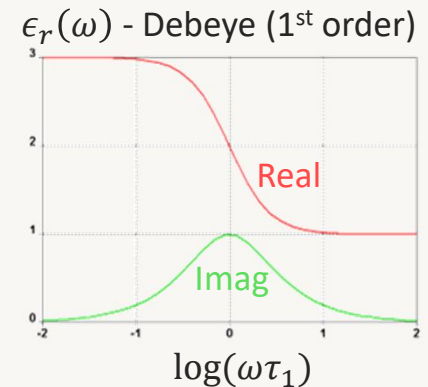
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Real materials can often not be modeled accurately by a single model over a large frequency range ⇒ combinations of models, e.g. Drude-Lorentz



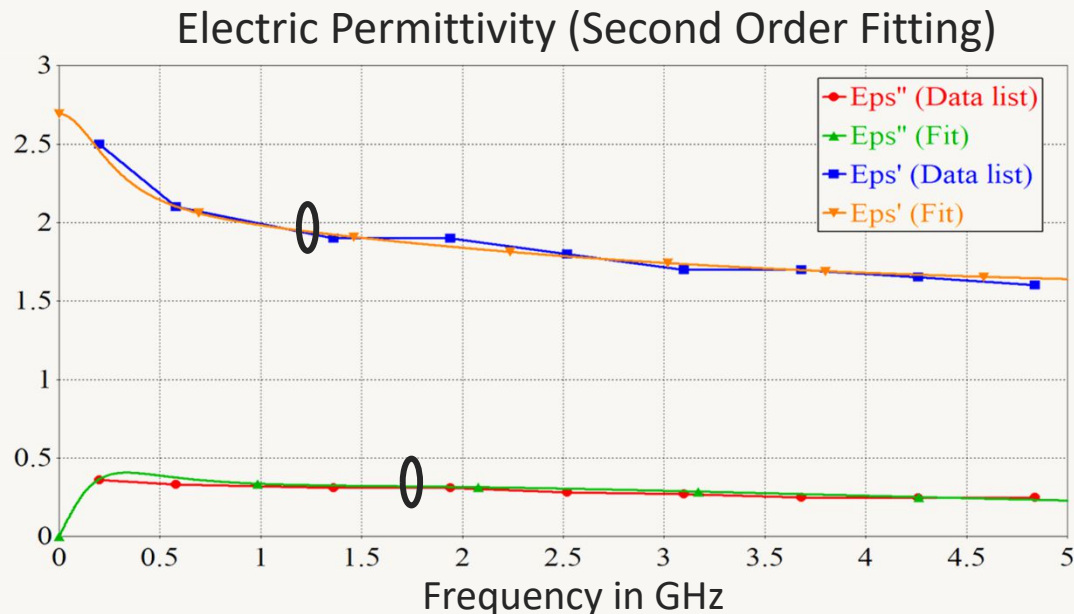
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GENERALIZED HIGHER ORDER MATERIAL MODEL

Instead of using the physically motivated Debeye, Drude or Lorentz models, a generalized **mathematical model** can be used:

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_{\infty} + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\beta_{0,n}}{\alpha_{0,n} + i\omega} + \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{\gamma_{0,n} + i\omega\gamma_{1,n}}{\delta_{0,n} + i\omega\delta_{1,n} - \omega^2} = \frac{a_m\omega^m + a_{m-1}\omega^{m-1} + \dots + a_1\omega + a_0}{b_n\omega^n + b_{n-1}\omega^{n-1} + \dots + b_1\omega + b_0}$$

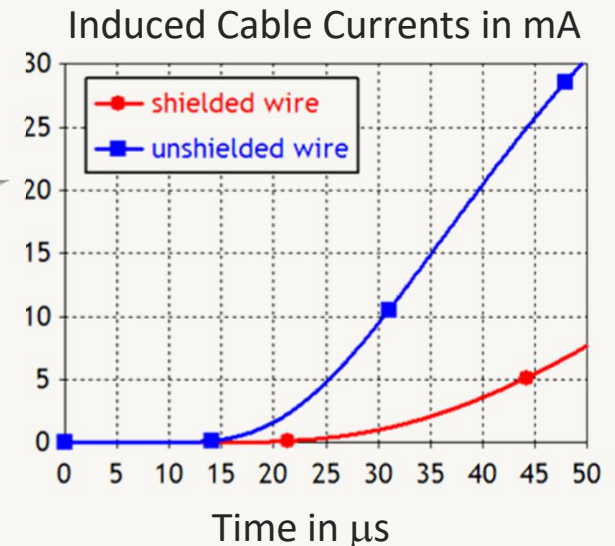
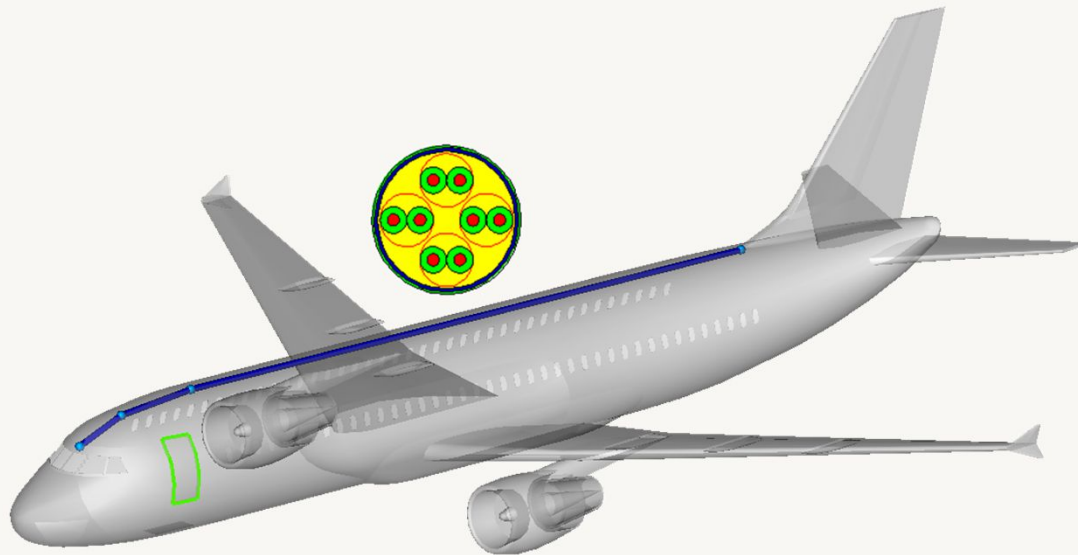
Parameters are obtained by **fitting** to the given material dispersion curves. Fitting needs to ensure **causality** and **stability** of the model.



MULTISCALE CABLE MODELING

Enhancements of the basic scheme (e.g. PBA, TST) and maintaining the **broadband capabilities** (e.g. material properties) yield **performance improvements** over basic scheme by orders of magnitude.

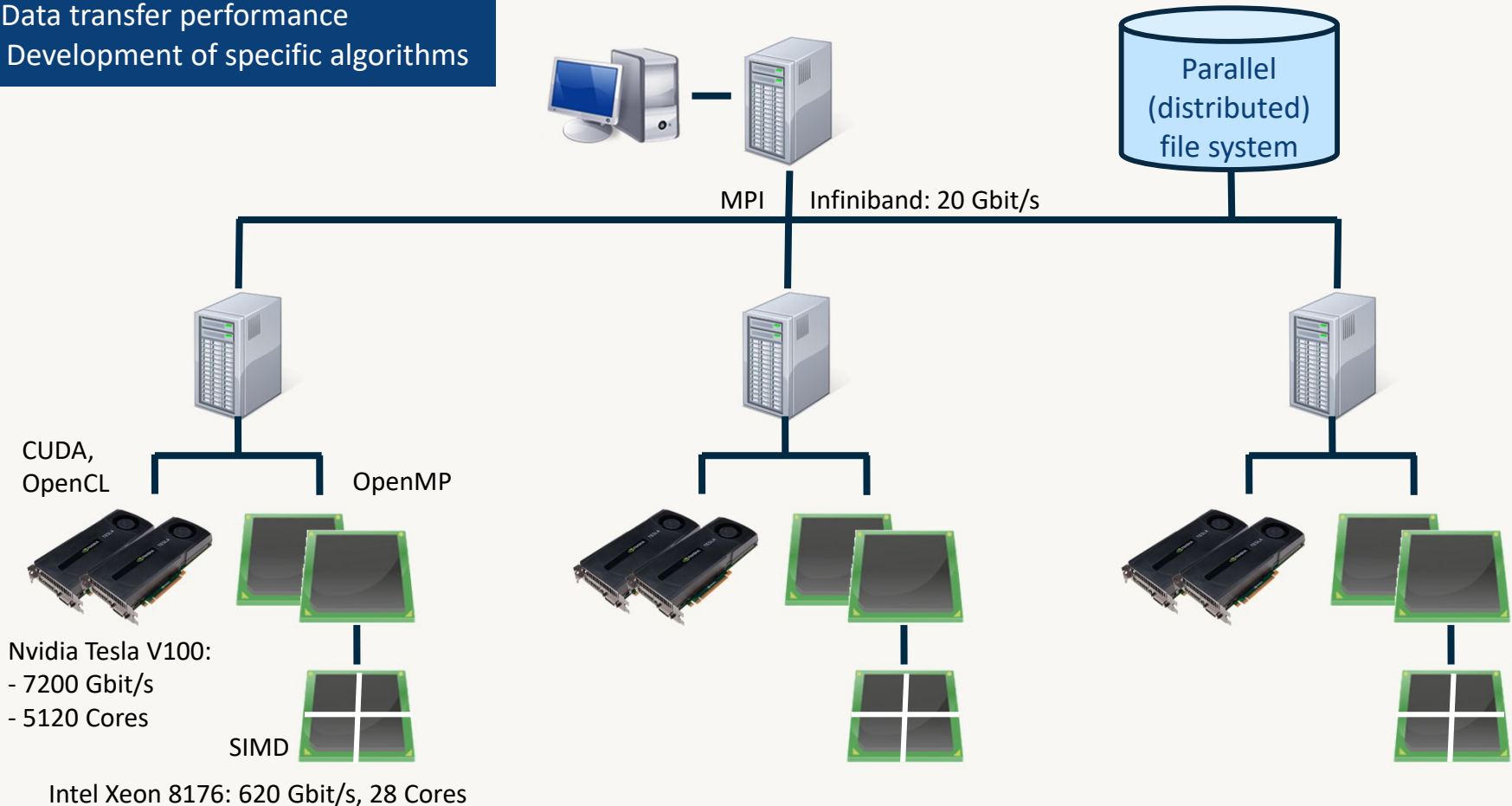
Other example (multiscale problem): **Cable in airplane** (mm vs. tens of m)



- Cable is modeled by a **multimodal transmission line** model
- Fields around the cable are simulated by **FIT or TLM** method
- Common mode **bi-directional field-cable coupling** through tangential magnetic fields and currents for every time step

• HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING OPTIONS

- Distribution of data / load balancing
- Data transfer performance
- ⇒ Development of specific algorithms



GP-GPUs provide good performance / cost ratio for EMC type simulations.



NUMERICAL SIMULATION FOR EMC



- Often **complex geometries** and **broadband responses** with many resonances
- **FIT** provides **robust meshing** capabilities, **FEM** might need **simplifications**
- **Time Domain** methods are well suited to obtain **broadband responses**
- **Explicit Time Domain** methods become less efficient at **lower frequencies** due to stability criterion \Rightarrow **Frequency Domain** methods (usually FEM)
- **Integral Equation** based techniques are less able to deal with complex geometries
- **Asymptotic** techniques shall be considered as „**add on**“

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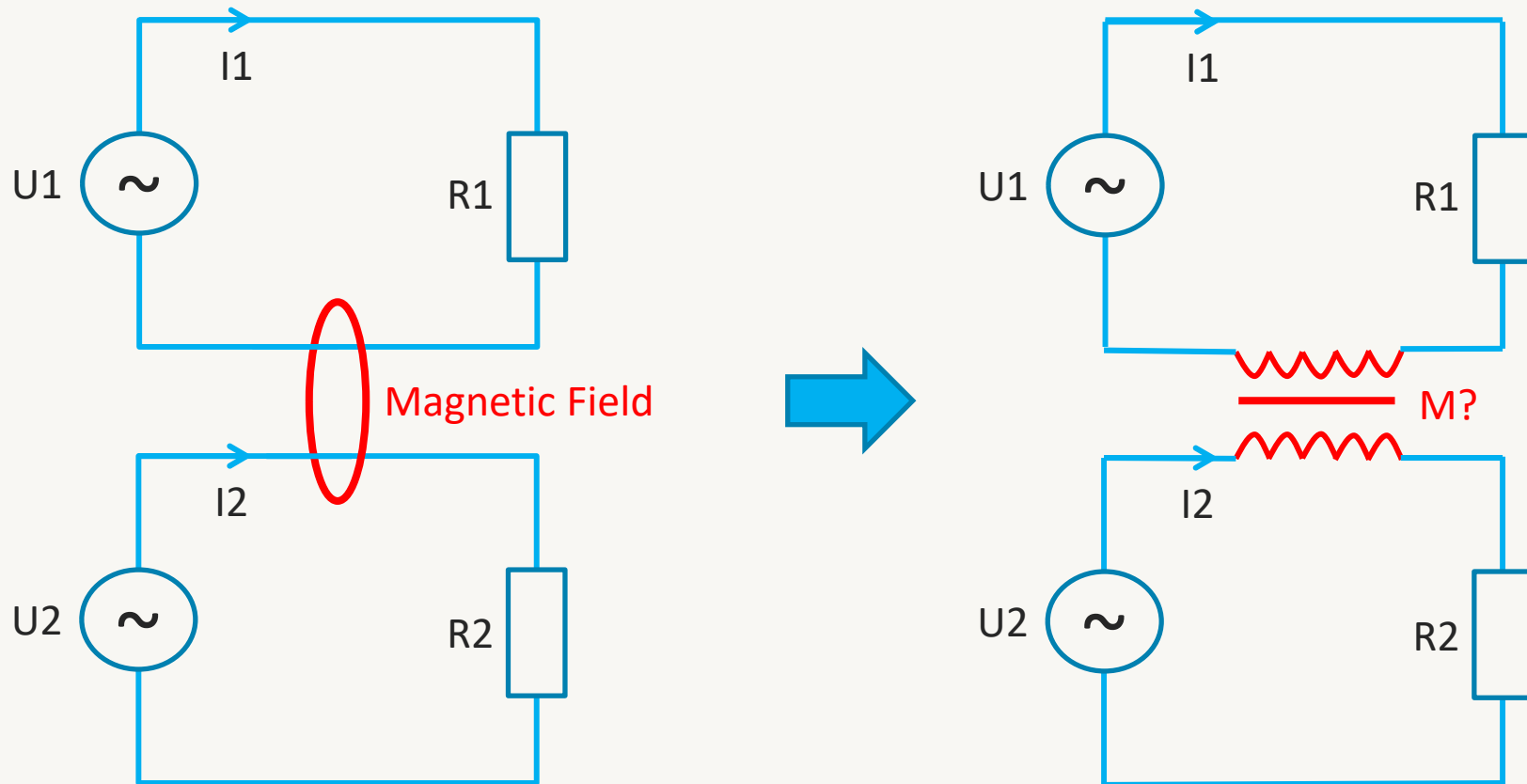
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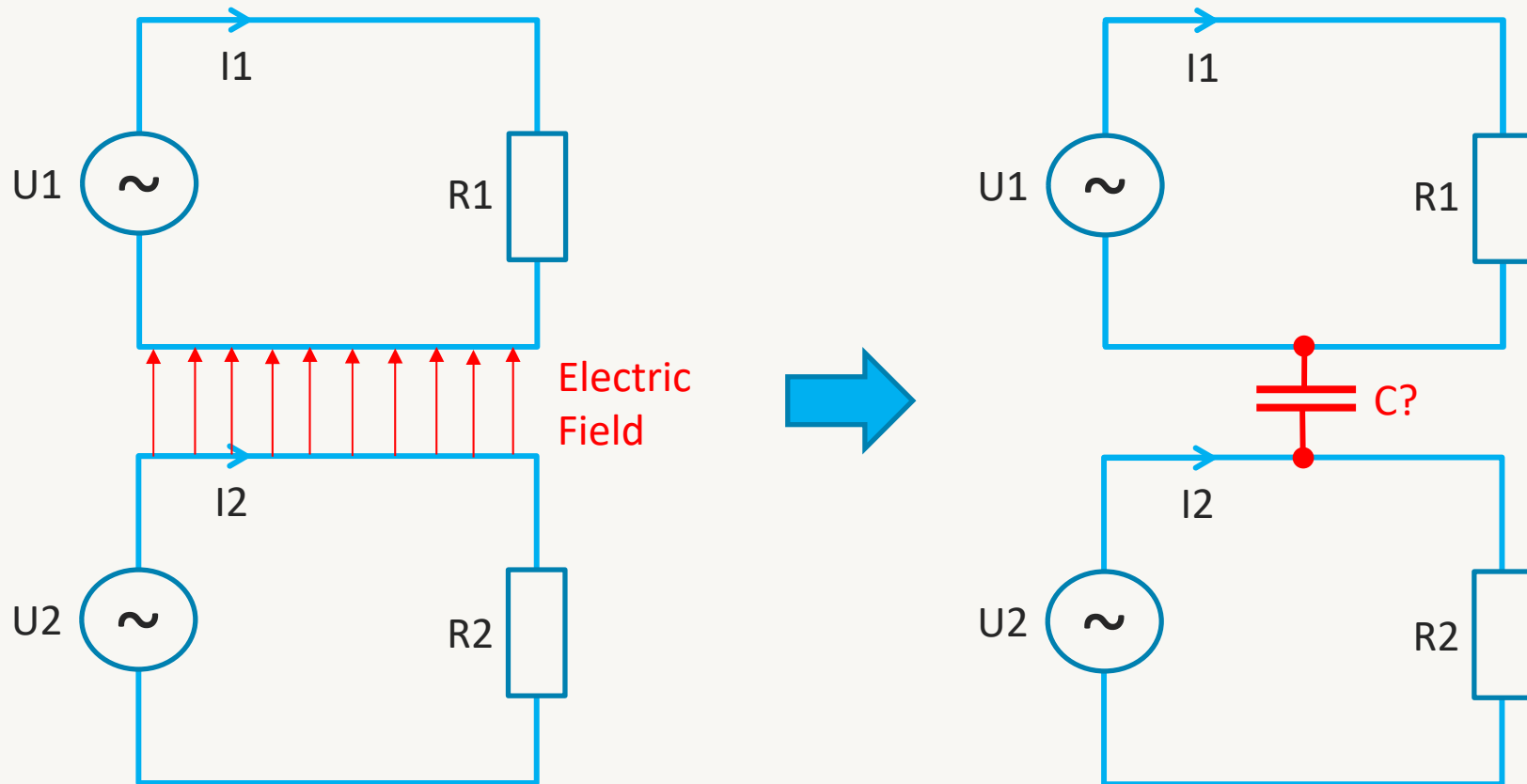
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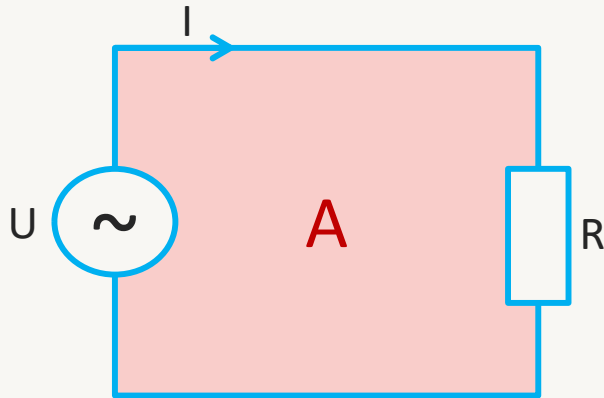
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CONCEPT OF PARTIAL INDUCTANCES

The inductance L is a quantity of a **current loop**:

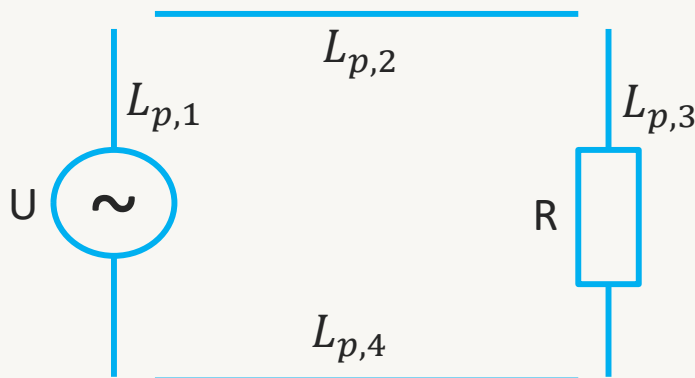


$$L = \frac{\iint_A \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{A}}{I}$$

The inductance is directly influenced by the loop area.

Note: Individual current segments do not have an inductance (no closed loop).

We can introduce the mathematical concept of **partial inductances** L_p . The inductance of a loop is given by **adding up** the partial inductances of its segments:



$$L = L_{p,1} + L_{p,2} + L_{p,3} + L_{p,4}$$

The same concept holds for **partial capacitances**, **partial mutual inductances**, and **partial coupling capacitances**, so called **parasitics**.



NUMERICAL METHODS TO DETERMINE PARASITICS

The **numerical solution** needs to determine the partial mutual inductances and coupling capacitances for individual branches of the network.

1. **Partial Element Equivalent Circuit Method (PEEC) / Method of Moments**

- Based on Integral Equation solution of Maxwell's equations (usually stationary, neglecting displacement current)
- Compute partial inductances and capacitances
⇒ well suited for combination with circuit simulation
- Most efficient for stationary problems at low frequencies (but can be extended towards higher frequencies, e.g. „retarded PEEC“)

2. **Extraction from a full solution of Maxwell's equations**

- More accurate and more efficient than PEEC at higher frequencies
- Naturally compute physical inductances and capacitances, but not the contributions of individual branches (partial values)
- Recent developments support the calculation of partial values as well



INTEGRAL EQUATION BASED METHODS

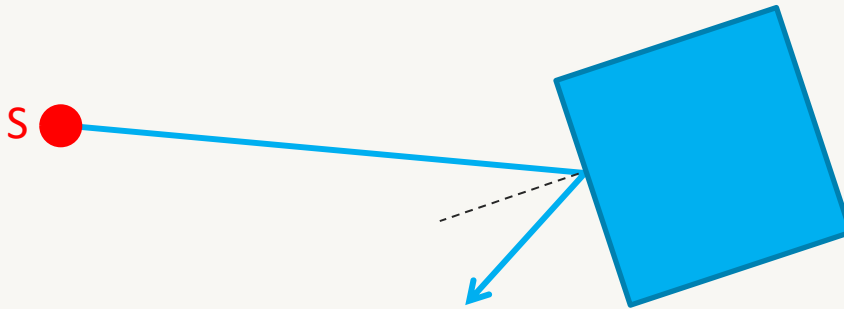
- Based on the **integral form** of Maxwell's equations (usually) in Frequency Domain
- All **material boundaries** (objects) are **discretized** and unknown electric and magnetic **currents** are introduced at the boundaries
- Field is given by a superposition of solutions of Maxwell's equations for homogeneous problems (e.g. the **Greens functions**) driven by the surface currents:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \vec{E}^{inc}(\vec{r}, \omega) + \iiint_V \bar{\bar{G}}_{EJ}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', \omega) \vec{J}(\vec{r}', \omega) d\vec{r}' + \iiint_V \bar{\bar{G}}_{EM}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', \omega) \vec{M}(\vec{r}', \omega) d\vec{r}'$$

- Currents on the surface are described in terms of **basis functions**
- Fields need to satisfy the **boundary conditions** (e.g. tangential electric field vanishes at perfect electric conductors, continuity of field components across a material interfaces, etc.)
- Applying a **Galerkin** approach yields an **equation system** which needs to be solved for each frequency point
- The equation system is **dense** \Rightarrow the solution is **slow for large problems** (high frequencies, complex geometries with many boundaries)
- Solution can be accelerated by using **"fast" techniques**, e.g. FMM or MLFMM

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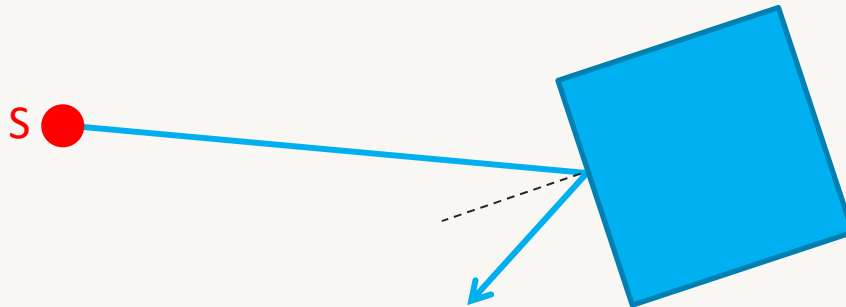
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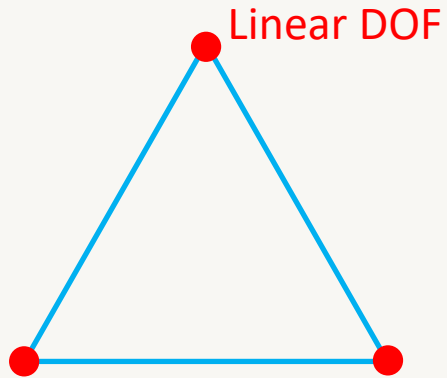


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- In Physical optics the **rays illuminate** the object surfaces resulting in surface currents. The fields are derived from the currents by using **Greens functions**.
- Objects are typically modeled by **surface triangles** (either flat or curved)



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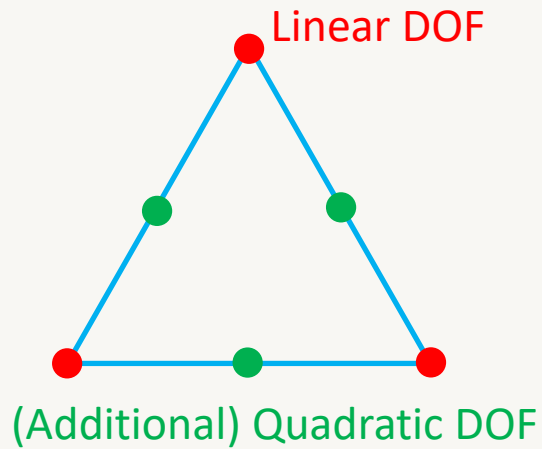
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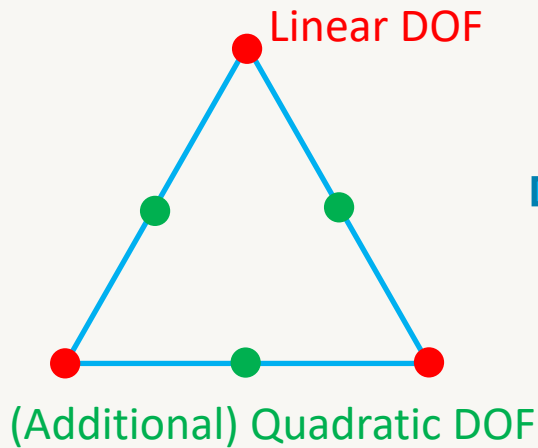
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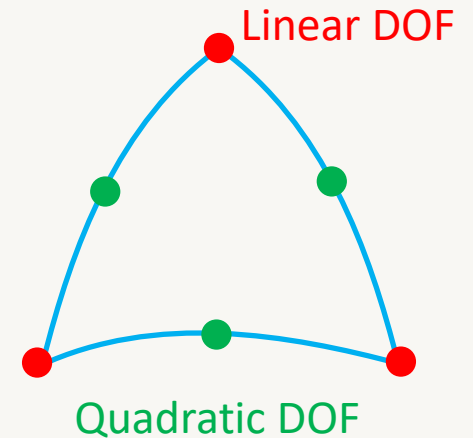


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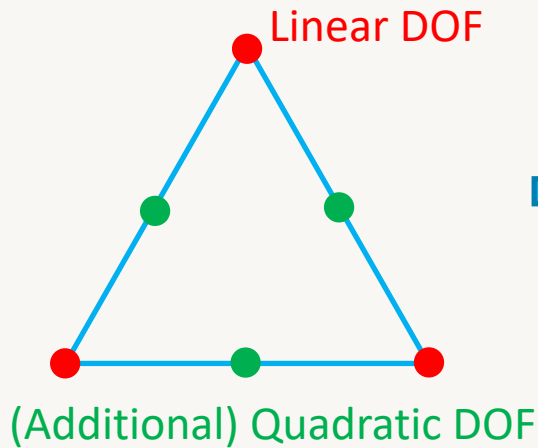
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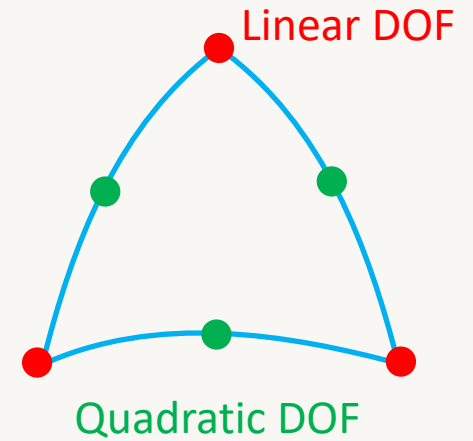


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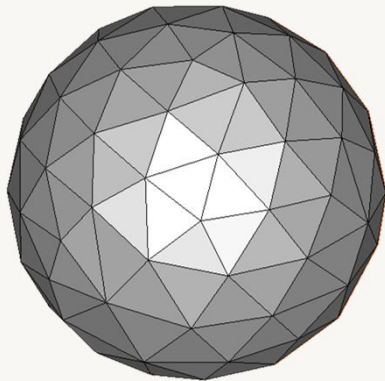
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Linear Elements



Quadratic Elements

