





2023 MagNet Challenge Webinar: Equation-Based Baseline Models

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Magnetic Material Models



- Magnetics are a bottleneck
 - Bulky, expensive, lossy
 - Challenging design process
- Soft magnetic core material
 - o Inductors, transformers, sensors, etc.
 - Datasheet: only sinusoidal and incomplete
 - Models: inaccurate (up to 100% deviation)
 - No accurate first principles model
- Better models are required



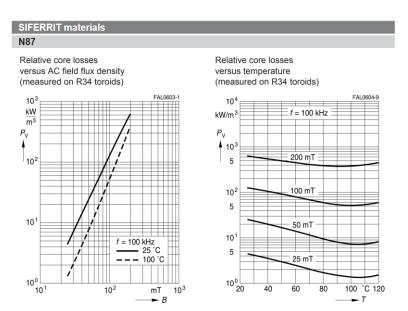
Vinding package

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Grounding bars

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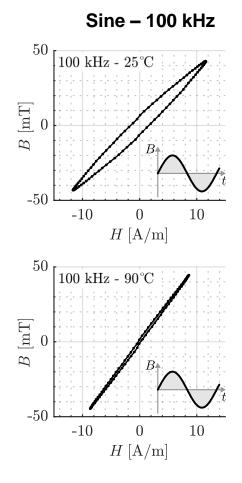
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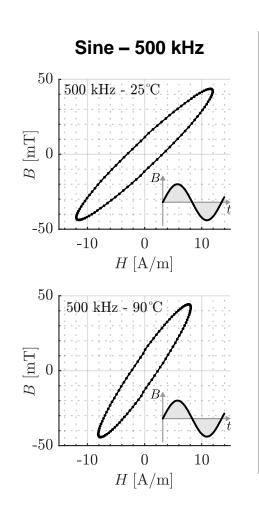


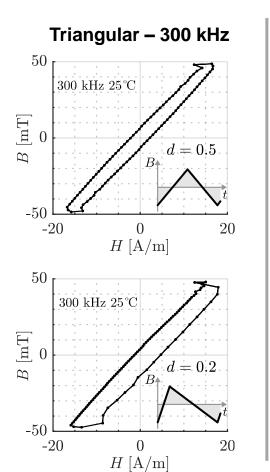
Complex Material Behavior

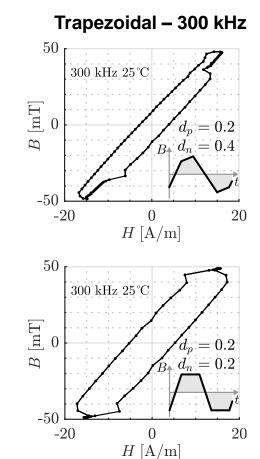


• **Nonlinear >** Amplitude, waveshape, frequency, temperature









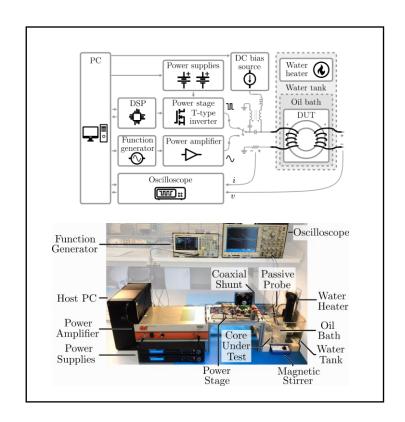


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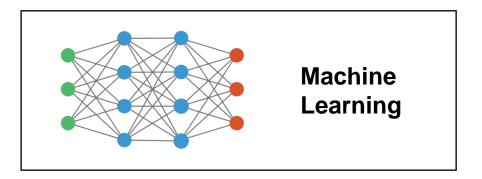
MagNet Dataset

- 10 different materials
- Over 500,000 measurements



MagNet Challenge

- Innovative models
- Accurate & versatile
- Usable for PE engineers



$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T k \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} \right|^{\alpha} (B_{\mathrm{pkpk}})^{\beta - \alpha} \, \mathrm{d}t$$

$$P = W_{\text{hyst}} f_{\text{eff}},$$

$$W_{\text{hyst}} = a_1 B_{\text{pkpk}} + a_2 B_{\text{pkpk}}^2 + a_3 B_{\text{pkpk}}^3$$

$$f_{\text{eff}} = f \left(1 + c \left(\frac{1}{B_{\text{pkpk}}} \int_0^T \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 B}{\mathrm{d} t^2} \right| \, \mathrm{d}t \right)^{\gamma}$$

Equation Based





Part I: Overview of Equation-Based Models

Part II: Equation-Based vs. Machine Learning

Part III: Implementation of the iGSE





Part I:

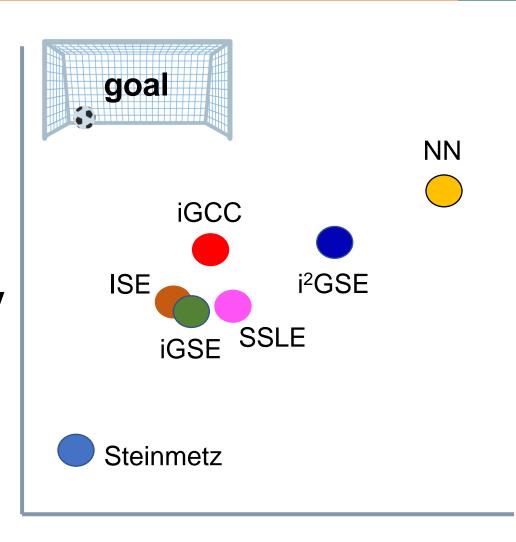
Overview of Equation-Based Models



State-of-the Art Loss Models



Accuracy and Versatility



- Trade-off
 - Accuracy and versatility
 - Complexity
- iGSE: only 3 parameters
- NN: up to 50'000 parameters
- Apple to orange comparison!

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Equation-based models

- Analytical formulation
- Fully empirical or physics-inspired
- Empirical parameters extracted from measurements

Steinmetz equation [Steinmetz, 1890]

- Original form without frequency-dependency
- Modified in order to include frequency-dependency

$$\circ P = k f^{\alpha} B_{\text{pkpk}}^{\beta}$$

- \circ Based on the Steinmetz parameters (k, α , and β)
- Parameters are typically fitted with sinusoidal waveforms
- No dependencies on the waveshape (sine, triangular, trapezoidal, etc.)



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING State of the Art



- Improved generalized Steinmetz equation (iGSE) [Venkatachalam, 2002]
 - Loss computation for arbitrary waveforms
 - \circ Based on the Steinmetz parameters (k, α , and β)

$$\circ P = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T k \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} \right|^{\alpha} (B_{\mathrm{pkpk}})^{\beta - \alpha} \, \mathrm{d}t$$

- Second derivative based models [Stenglein, 2021]
 - SSLE (3 parameters)

$$P = kf \left(f_{\text{eq}} \right)^{\alpha - 1} B_{\text{pkpk}}^{\beta}$$
$$f_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{4\pi B_{\text{pkpk}}} \int_{0}^{T} \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} B}{\mathrm{d} t^{2}} \right| dt$$

○ SEFLE (5 parameters)

$$P = W_{\text{hyst}} f_{\text{eff}},$$

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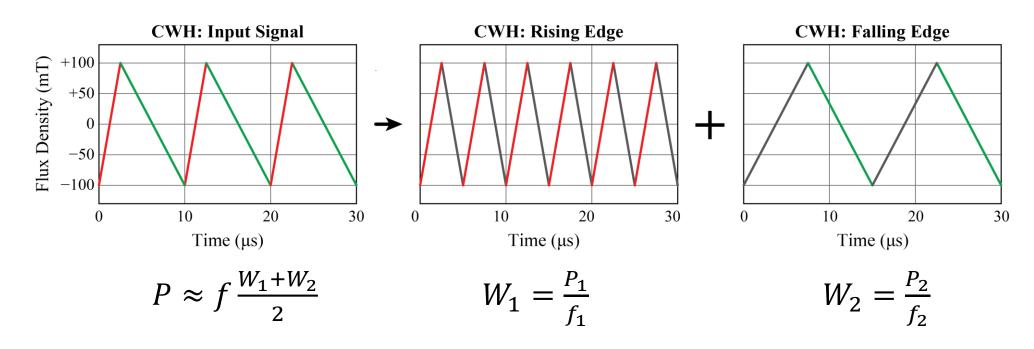
DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Composite Waveform Hypothesis



Composite waveform hypothesis (CWH) [Sullivan, 2010]

- A waveform can be decomposed in segments
- The losses associated with the segments can be computed separately
- Many analytical method relies (explicitly or implicitly) on the CWH

Triangular waveforms

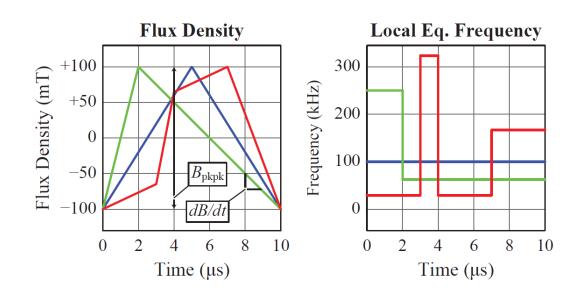


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How to decompose an arbitrary waveform?

- o Local equivalent frequency: $\widetilde{f}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left| \frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} \right|}{B_{\mathrm{pkpk}}}$
- o Property (after loop splitting): $\int_0^T \widetilde{f}(t) dt = 1$



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Improved Generalized Composite Calculation (iGCC)

- $\widetilde{f}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left| \frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} \right|}{B_{\mathrm{plant}}}$ Local equivalent frequency :
- $P_{\mathrm{sym}}\left(f,B_{\mathrm{pkpk}}\right)$ Losses of 50% triangular waveforms:
- $P = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} P_{\text{sym}} \left(\widetilde{f}(t), B_{\text{pkpk}} \right) dt$ o iGCC integral form:
- $P = f \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_{\text{sym}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left| \frac{\Delta B_i}{\Delta t_i} \right|}{B_{\text{pkpk}}}, B_{\text{pkpk}} \right) \Delta t_i$ o iGCC piecewise linear form:
- How to obtain $P_{\text{sym}}(f, B_{\text{pkpk}})$?
 - o iGCC_{int}: loss map with interpolation
 - o iGCC_{fit}: curve fitting of Steinmetz parameters

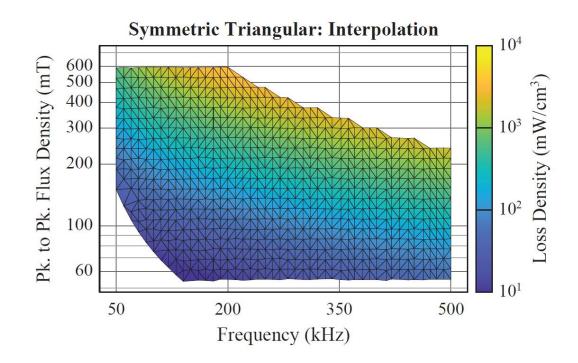


iGCC_{int.} Parametrization



Loss map with interpolation

- 50% triangular waveforms
- Different frequencies and flux densities
- Advantage: simple and accurate
- Drawback: requires a large dataset



- Linear interpolation (in log scale)
- Meas. points are not on a regular grid
- Delaunay triangulation of the points

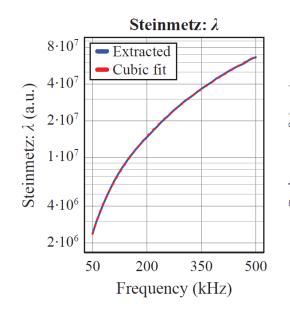


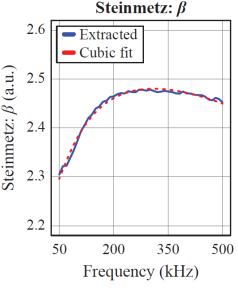
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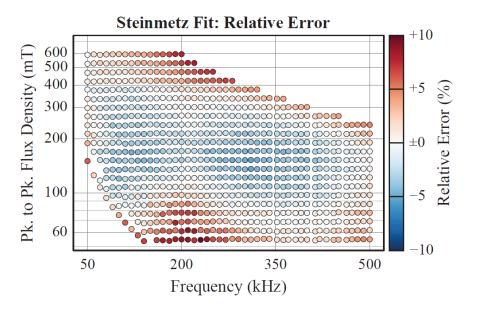


Frequency-dependent Steinmetz parameters

- o Expression: $P_{\text{sym}}(f, B_{\text{pkpk}}) = \lambda(f) B_{\text{pkpk}}^{\beta(f)}$
- \circ Fitting of λ and β for different frequencies
- Cubic curve fitting of the obtained values
- \circ Advantage: no extraction of α is required





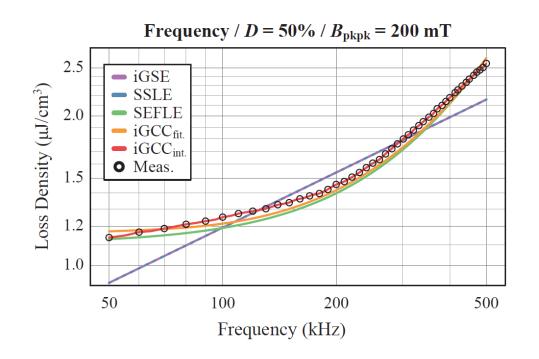


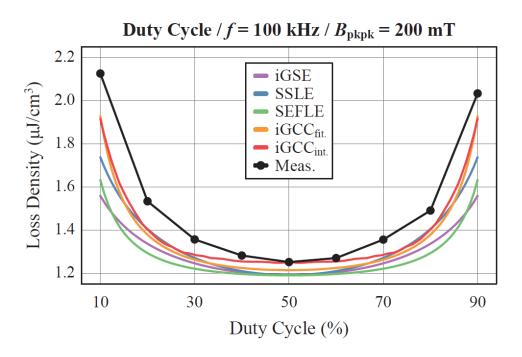




Triangular signals

- N87 material at 25°C
- iGCC is better at extreme duty cycles
- o iGCC is better in a wide frequency range



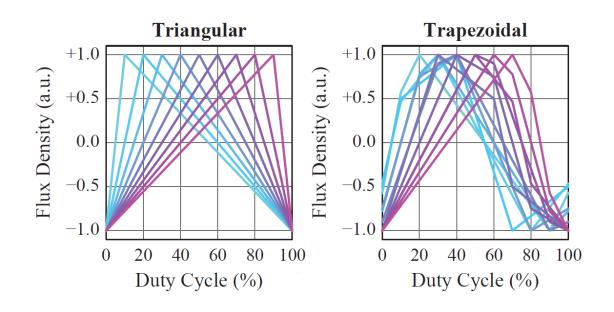






Large test dataset

- Extracted from the MagNet dataset
- o **N87 material**, different frequencies, amplitudes, waveshapes, temperatures
- 4720 triangular and trapezoidal signals



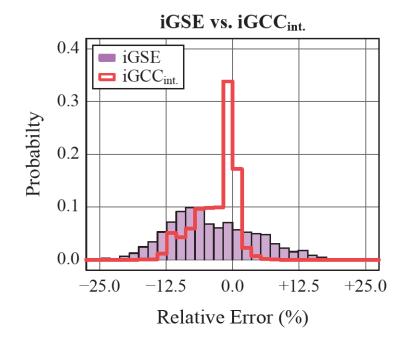
- N87 Material
- $f \in [50, 500] \text{ kHz}$
- $B_{\text{pkpk}} \in [50, 600] \text{ mT}$
- $T \in [25, 90]$ °C
- $P > 5 \text{ mW/cm}^3$





Measurements at 25°C

- o iGCC clearly outperform the iGSE, SSLE, and SEFLE
- 95th percentile error below 12%



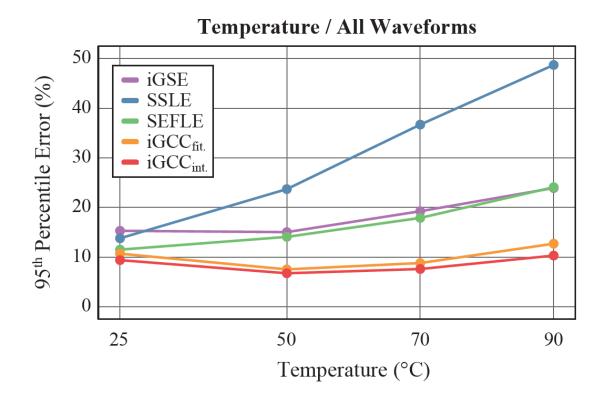
Model	Avg.	RMS	95 th pct.	Max.
iGSE	7.5 %	9.0%	16.2%	27.7%
SSLE	6.0%	7.4%	14.3%	20.8%
SEFLE	5.4%	6.6%	12.4%	26.1%
iGCC _{fit.}	4.7%	5.9%	11.9%	16.9%
iGCC _{int.}	3.3 %	4.8%	11.1 %	16.9%





Impact of the core temperature

- o iGCC performs well across the complete range
- 95th percentile error below 13%





Limitations and/or Opportunities



Limitations of the iGSE, iGCC, SSLE, and SEFLE

- Relaxation losses are not considered
- Temperature dependencies are not part of the model
- DC biases are not considered (not relevant for the MagNet Challenge)
- Core shape are not considered (not relevant for the MagNet Challenge)

Equation-based model references

- K. Venkatachalam et. al., "Accurate Prediction of Ferrite Core Loss with Nonsinusoidal Waveforms using only Steinmetz Parameters," 2002
- J. Mühlethaler et al., "Improved Core-Loss Calculation for Magnetic Components Employed in Power Electronic Systems, 2012
- E. Stenglein et al., "Core Loss Model for Arbitrary Excitations With DC Bias Covering a Wide Frequency Range," 2021
- T. Guillod et al., "Calculation of Ferrite Core Losses with Arbitrary Waveforms using the Composite Waveform Hypothesis", 2023





Part II:

Equation-Based vs. Machine Learning



Eqn. Models are Great!



Number of parameters

○ Equation-based: 3 – 30 parameters

○ Machine learning: 500 – 50000 parameters

Required dataset

○ Equation-based: small datasets (3 – 500 points)

Machine learning: large datasets (over 1000 points)

Link with physical phenomena

Equation-based: relatively easy to achieve

Machine learning: possible but much more difficult

Model debuggability and interpretability

Equation-based: not easy but achievable

Machine learning: extremely difficult



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Eqn. Models are Great!



Predicting waveshapes that are not in the training/fitting data

Equation-based: standard for state-of-the-art models (iGSE, iGCC, etc.)

Machine learning: possible but more difficult and unpredictable

Extrapolation outside the training/fitting range

Equation-based: possible but risky

Machine learning: extremely risky

Detection of poor dataset quality

Equation-based: possible but not guaranteed

Machine learning: difficult (garbage in, garbage out)



Machine Learning is also Great!



- Model versatility (operating conditions, materials, etc.)
 - Equation-based: limited to the used equations
 - Machine learning: models can "self-adapt" to various conditions
- Possibly to extend the model (DC bias, temperature, etc.)
 - Equation-based: require an update of the equations (can be difficult)
 - Machine learning: easy if the model paradigm allows it
- Achieved accuracy
 - Equation-based: good but difficult to achieve over wide ranges
 - Machine learning: extremely good (same range as the dataset accuracy)
- Dataset pre-processing
 - Equation-based: required, dataset should be pre-processed and sorted
 - Machine learning: possible to directly use the raw dataset



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Using the MagNet Dataset



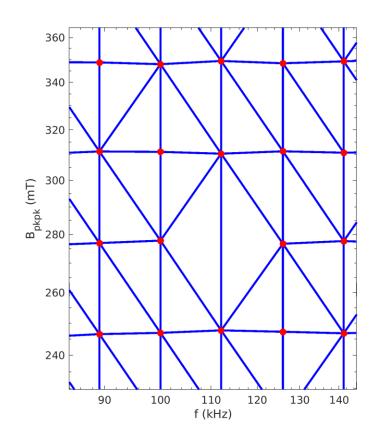
For equation-based models, several pitfalls should be avoided

Dataset organization

- Pre-processing, filtering, and sorting
- The points are not on a regular grid
- Some points might be missing

Dataset range

- The dataset range might not be what you want/need
- All the points are between 50 kHz and 500 kHz
 - N27 material: optimal between 10 kHz and 100 kHz
 - 3F4 material: optimal between 750 kHz and 2000 kHz
 - This can be critical for physics-based models





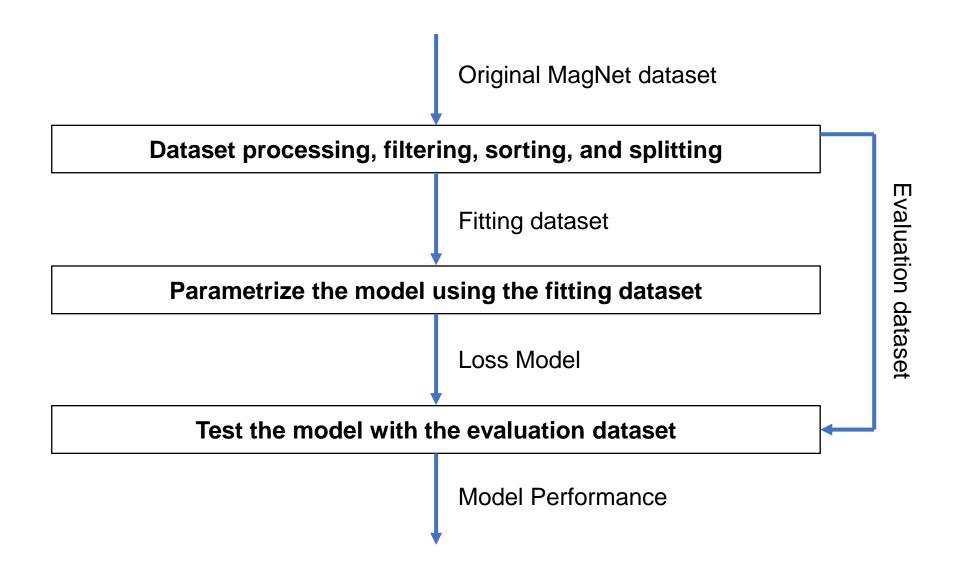


Part III: Implementation of the iGSE



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Typical Workflow







DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING IGSE Example



MATLAB implementation

- Code snippets in the slides for the iGSE
- More complete code for the iGSE and iGCC on GitHub
- https://github.com/otvam/magnet_webinar_eqn_models

Disclaimers

- The goal of this code is to highlight the typical workflow of equation-based models
- The implementation is not meant to be comprehensive and/or accurate

Assumptions

- Single material measured at ambient temperature
- Only triangular signals are considered
- Simple model parametrization





```
function run_igse()
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% load the fitting and evaluation sets
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Step 2: fit the model

Step 3: eval. the model

Step 4: save the data





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Step 1: load the datasets



Step 1: Load the Datasets



Selected material: N87 at 25°C

Fitting set (346 points)

Should only contain symmetric triangular signals

f_vec signal frequencies

B_pkpk_vec
 peak-to-peak flux densities

p_meas_vec measured loss densities (used for fitting)

Evaluation set (2446 points)

Could contain any type of piecewise linear waveforms

f_vec signal frequencies

d_mat
 duty cycles defining the piecewise linear waveforms

B_mat
 flux densities defining the piecewise linear waveforms

p_meas_vec measured loss densities (used for comparison)

Field △	Value
⊞ B_mat	3x2446 double
⊞ d_mat	3x2446 double
⊞ f_vec	1x2446 double
p_meas_vec	1x2446 double





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Step 2: fit the model



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Fit the Model



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% extract the range (frequency and flux density) of the loss map
fct_range = get_range(f_vec, B_pkpk_vec);
% fit the parametrized fitting function with the provided data
param_fit = get_igse_fit(f_vec, B_pkpk_vec, p_meas_vec);
% get a function handle describing the fitted loss model
fct_model = @(f_vec, d_mat, B_mat) get_igse_model(f_vec, d_mat, B_mat, fct_range, param_fit);
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Get the dataset

Find the fitting range

Find the optimal fit

Get the model



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Find the fitting range



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Find the Range



```
function fct_range = get_range(f_vec, B_pkpk_vec)
% Extract the range (frequency and flux density) of a loss map.
% alpha radius (see alphaShape, 'Inf' for full triangulation)
alpha = 0.2;
% shape object describing the loss map range
shp_obj = alphaShape(log10(f_vec).', log10(B_pkpk_vec).', alpha);
% function testing if query points are within the loss map range
fct_range = O(f, B_pkpk) shp_obj.inShape(log10(f), log10(B_pkpk));
end
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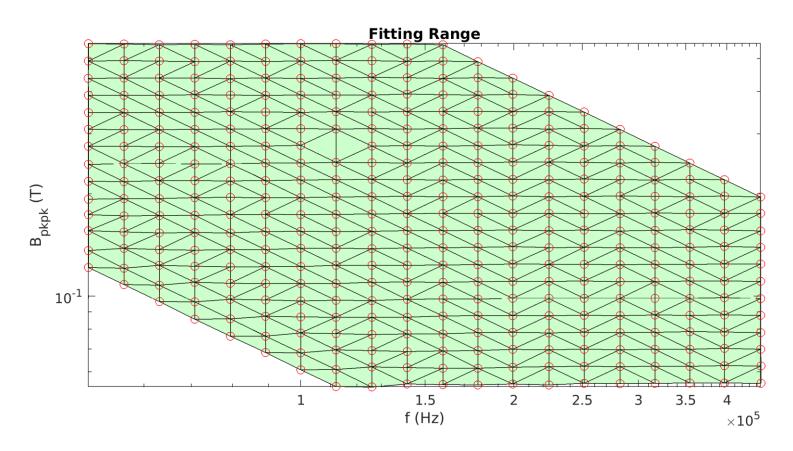
- Create a shape representing the fitting range
- Return a function detecting evaluation outside the range



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Find the Range



- Find the fitting dataset range
- Detect extrapolation during model evaluation





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Find the optimal fit



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Find the Optimal Fit



```
function param_fit = get_igse_fit(f_vec, B_pkpk_vec, p_meas_vec)
% Extraction of a least-square fit of a function with respect to a loss map.
% get the initial value vector
x0 = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0];
% function evaluating the fit function for given parameters
fct_eval = @(x) x(1).*(f_vec.^x(2)).*(B_pkpk_vec.^x(3));
% function describing the relative error between the fits and the measurements
fct_fun = \Omega(x) (fct_eval(x)-p_meas_vec)./p_meas_vec;
% get the options for the least-square fitting algoritm
fit_options = struct('FunctionTolerance', 1e-6, 'Display', 'off');
% solve the fitting problem with a least-square fitting algoritm
x = lsqnonlin(fct_fun, x0, [], [], fit_options);
% extract the fitted parameters
param_fit = cell2struct(num2cell(x.'), {'k', 'alpha', 'beta'});
end
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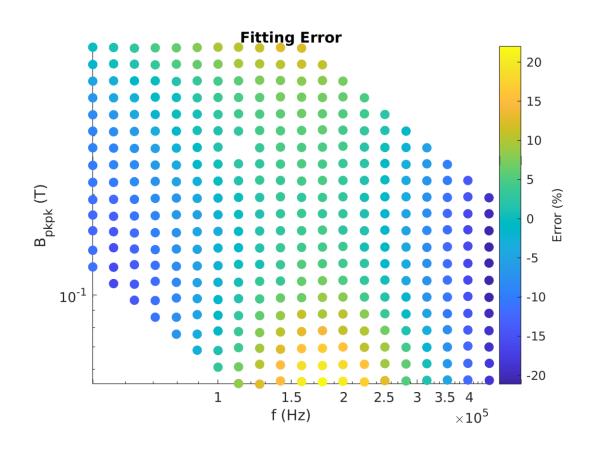
- Get a function returning the relative errors for given fitting parameters
- Find the optimal fitting Steinmetz parameters with a least-square algorithm



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Fit the Model



Evaluate the performance of the fit



```
fit
    errors
        n points = 346
        err mean = 6.920 %
        err rms = 8.646 %
        err_{95th} = 18.161 %
        err_{max} = 22.032 %
    parameters
        k = 1.397e + 00
        alpha = 1.332e+00
        beta = 2.423e+00
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Get the model



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 2: Get the Model



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function [valid_vec, p_model_vec] = get_igse_model(f_vec, d_mat, B_mat, fct_range, param_fit)
% Definition of the iGSE model.
k = param_fit.k;
alpha = param_fit.alpha;
beta = param_fit.beta;
% compute the duration and gradient of the segments
dd_mat = diff(d_mat, 1, 1);
dB_mat = diff(B_mat, 1, 1);
dB dt mat = f vec.*(dB mat./dd mat);
% extract the peak-to-peak flux densities
B_pkpk_vec = max(B_mat, [], 1)-min(B_mat, [], 1);
% check which points are within the fitting range
valid_vec = fct_range(f_vec, B_pkpk_vec);
% compute the iGSE integral (for piecewise linear waveforms)
w mat = (k./(2.^alpha)).*(B pkpk vec.^(beta-alpha)).*(abs(dB dt mat).^alpha);
p_model_vec = sum(dd_mat.*w_mat, 1);
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- Compute the gradient of the piecewise linear segments
- Get the pk-to-pk flux
- Detect extrapolation
- Compute the iGSE summation for piecewise linear signals





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```

Step 3: eval. the model



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 3: Evaluate the Model



```
function map_eval = get_eval(map_eval, fct_model)
% Evaluate a loss model and compare the results with the measurements.
f_vec = map_eval.f_vec;
d_mat = map_eval.d_mat;
B_mat = map_eval.B_mat;
p_meas_vec = map_eval.p_meas_vec;
% evaluate the loss model
[valid_vec, p_model_vec] = fct_model(f_vec, d_mat, B_mat);
% compute the relative error between the loss model and the measurements
err_model_vec = (p_model_vec-p_meas_vec)./p_meas_vec;
% add the predicted losses to the loss map
map_eval.valid_vec = valid_vec;
map_eval.p_model_vec = p_model_vec;
map_eval.err_model_vec = err_model_vec;
end
```

Get the dataset

Evaluate the model

Compute the deviation

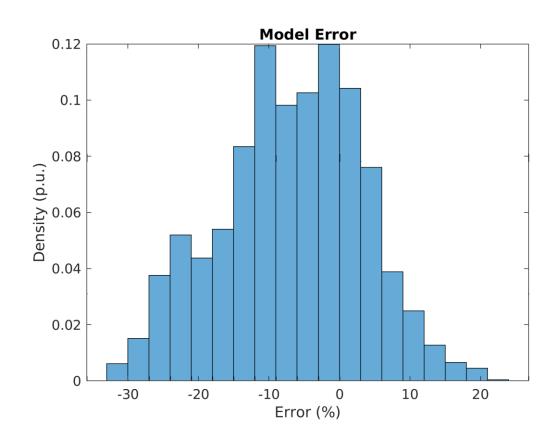
Assign the results



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Step 3: Evaluate the Model



Evaluate the model performance



```
eval
    all points
        n points = 2446
        err mean = 9.642 %
        err rms = 12.195 %
        err 95th = 24.498 %
        err max = 32.038 %
    valid points
        n points = 2279
        err mean = 9.510 %
        err rms = 12.139 %
        err 95th = 24.632 %
        err max = 32.038 %
    invalid points
        n points = 167
        err mean = 11.439 %
        err rms = 12.934 %
        err^{-}95th = 20.696 %
        err max = 22.796 %
```





```
function run_igse()
% Parametrize and evaluate the iGSE loss model.
% load the fitting and evaluation sets
map_fit = load('data/N87_25C_fit.mat');
map_eval = load('data/N87_25C_eval.mat');
% parametrize the loss model with the loss map
fct_model = get_model(map_fit);
% evaluate a loss model and compare the results
map_eval = get_eval(map_eval, fct_model);
% save the results
save('data/N87_25C_res.mat', '-struct', 'map_eval');
end
```

Step 4: save the data



DARTMOUTH ENGINEERING Programming Tips



Tools for development and debugging

- Display the results and metrics
- Plot the results for the complete dataset
- Plot the results for a single datapoint

Between the model fitting and the model evaluation

- Minimize the coupling
- Use clear interfaces

Code performance

- Use vectorized instructions (no loops)
- Downsampling / simplifying of the waveshapes
- o Do not overoptimize the code!
- Make the code easy to test and deploy!





Thank you! **Questions?**









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