

# A CONTROLLABILITY METHOD FOR MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS\*

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**Abstract.** We propose a controllability method for the numerical solution of time-harmonic Maxwell's equations in their first-order formulation. By minimizing a quadratic cost functional, which measures the deviation from periodicity, the controllability method determines iteratively a periodic solution in the time domain. At each conjugate gradient iteration, the gradient of the cost functional is simply computed by running any time-dependent simulation code forward and backward for one period, thus leading to a non-intrusive implementation easily integrated into existing software. Moreover, the proposed algorithm automatically inherits the parallelism, scalability, and low memory footprint of the underlying time-domain solver. Since the time-periodic solution obtained by minimization is not necessarily unique, we apply a cheap post-processing filtering procedure which recovers the time-harmonic solution from any minimizer. Finally, we present a series of numerical examples which show that our algorithm greatly speeds up the convergence towards the desired time-harmonic solution when compared to simply running the time-marching code until the time-harmonic regime is eventually reached.

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**1. Introduction.** Efficient numerical methods for electromagnetic wave propagation are central to a wide range of applications in science and technology [4, 20]. For wave phenomena with harmonic time dependence, governed by a single angular frequency  $\omega > 0$ , the electromagnetic wave field satisfies time-harmonic Maxwell's equations in a domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ : Given a current density  $\mathbf{j} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ , we seek two vector fields  $\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{h} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  such that

$$(1.1a) \quad \begin{cases} i\omega\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\mathbf{e} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}\mathbf{e} + \nabla \times \mathbf{h} &= \mathbf{j}, \\ i\omega\boldsymbol{\mu}\mathbf{h} - \nabla \times \mathbf{e} &= \mathbf{0}, \end{cases}$$

inside the computational domain  $\Omega$ , where the first-order tensors  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  are the permittivity, conductivity and permeability of the medium in  $\Omega$ . At the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$ , divided into two disjoint sets  $\Gamma_P$  and  $\Gamma_I$ , we impose the boundary conditions

$$(1.1b) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \Gamma_P, \\ \mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{h}_\tau &= \mathbf{g} & \text{on } \Gamma_I, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  stands for the outward unit normal to  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{h}_\tau := \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{h} \times \mathbf{n})$ . Here, the first-order tensor  $\mathbf{Z}$ , defined on  $\Gamma_I$ , describes a surface impedance while  $\mathbf{g} : \Gamma_I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  typically represents incident electromagnetic field. The PEC condition on  $\Gamma_P$  corresponds to the surface of a perfectly conducting material whereas the impedance boundary condition on  $\Gamma_I$  either models the boundary of an imperfect conductor or corresponds to an approximation of the Silver-Müller radiation condition [12]. Note that  $\Gamma_P$  or  $\Gamma_I$  may be empty.

In heterogeneous media with intricate geometries, Galerkin discretizations based on variational formulations of (1.1), such as curl-conforming finite elements or discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods [30, 34], probably are the most flexible and competitive approaches currently available. If  $\omega$  is “large” and the computational domain spans many wavelengths, resolving the wavelength and limiting dispersion errors requires the use of highly refined meshes coupled with high-order elements [10, 32]. Hence, the high-frequency regime typically leads to large, sparse, indefinite and

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38 ill-conditioned linear systems which need to be solved numerically by direct or iterative meth-  
 39 ods. Although considerable progress has been achieved over the past decades [2, 3], the parallel  
 40 implementation of scalable direct solvers remains a challenge when the number of unknowns is  
 41 large. On the other hand, the design of robust and efficient preconditioners for iterative solvers is  
 42 a delicate task [13]. Recent developments include domain decomposition [6, 30], shifted-laplacian  
 43 [16], and sweeping [42] preconditioners. Still, the efficient solution of 3D time-harmonic Maxwell’s  
 44 equations with heterogeneous coefficients remains to this day a formidable challenge, especially  
 45 in the high-frequency regime.

46 To avoid these difficulties, we instead transform (1.1) back to the time-domain and consider  
 47 its time-dependent counterpart

$$48 \quad (1.2) \quad \begin{cases} \varepsilon \dot{\mathbf{E}} + \sigma \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \\ \mu \dot{\mathbf{H}} - \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{0} & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \\ \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Gamma_P, \\ \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{H}_\tau &= \mathbf{G} & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Gamma_I, \end{cases}$$

49 with time-harmonic forcing  $\mathbf{J}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \text{Re} \{ \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} \}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \text{Re} \{ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} \}$ , and initial condi-  
 50 tions  $\mathbf{E}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{E}_0$  and  $\mathbf{H}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{H}_0$  yet to be specified. The key advantage of this strategy is that  
 51 it only requires the solution of a time evolution problem for which efficient numerical schemes,  
 52 such as finite differences [40, 43] or DG [15, 23, 27] discretizations coupled with explicit time inte-  
 53 gration, can be utilized. As these algorithms are inherently parallel with a low memory footprint,  
 54 they are extremely attractive on modern computer architectures.

55 In this context, a simple and common approach follows from the limiting amplitude principle  
 56 [35], which states under suitable assumptions that the solution of (1.2) “converges” to the time-  
 57 harmonic solution in the sense that  $\mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \text{Re} \{ \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} \}$  and  $\mathbf{H}(t, \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \text{Re} \{ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} \}$  as  
 58  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . Thus, to solve (1.1) one can simply simulate time-dependent Maxwell’s equations for a  
 59 “sufficiently long” time and eventually extract the time-harmonic solution. However, as the final  
 60 simulation time required to obtain an accurate approximation may be very large, especially near  
 61 resonances or in the presence of trapping geometries, the usefulness of this approach is somewhat  
 62 limited [5].

63 Both controllability methods and fixed-point iterations have been proposed to accelerate con-  
 64 vergence and determine initial conditions  $(\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0)$  which render the time-dependent solution  
 65  $T$ -periodic with period  $T := 2\pi/\omega$ . Inspired by the seminal work in [31], controllability methods  
 66 (CM) [8, 9] reformulate the controllability problem as a minimization problem for a quadratic  
 67 cost functional  $J(\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0)$ , which measures the misfit between  $(\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0)$  and the time-dependent  
 68 solution  $(\mathbf{E}(T), \mathbf{H}(T))$  after one period. Then, the functional  $J$  is minimized by a conjugate gradi-  
 69 ent (CG) iteration, which leads to the combined controllability method-CG algorithm, or CMCG  
 70 for short. Alternatively, fixed-point iterations determine the  $T$ -periodic solution by applying a  
 71 judicious filtering operator at each iteration to achieve convergence [36, 38]. As the convergence  
 72 of fixed-point iterations can be slow near resonances or in the presence of trapping geometries, an  
 73 outer CG or GMRES Krylov subspace method must be applied, depending on boundary condi-  
 74 tions.

75 When using the controllability approach, one faces two central questions: efficient computation  
 76 of the gradient  $J'$  and uniqueness of the time-periodic solution. As early work on CMCG methods  
 77 was restricted to scattering problems from acoustics [8, 9] or electromagnetics [7] in second-order  
 78 formulation, the computation of  $J'$  always required the solution of a strongly elliptic (coercive)  
 79 problem. In [25, 26], a higher-order version was presented for the Helmholtz equation in stan-  
 80 dard second-order formulation, which combines spectral FE in space with classical fourth-order  
 81 RungeKutta (RK) time integration. To avoid solving that additional elliptic problem at each CG  
 82 iteration, the controllability method was later applied to the Helmholtz equation in first-order  
 83 formulation [29] using Raviart-Thomas FE for the spatial discretization; due to the lack of avail-  
 84 able mass-lumping, however, the mass-matrix then needed to be inverted at each time-step during  
 85 the time integration. By combining a first-order formulation with a DG discretization, a scalable

86 parallel formulation was recently derived [22], which completely avoids the need for solving any  
 87 elliptic problem or inverting the mass-matrix.

88 In general, the  $T$ -periodic solution of (1.2) is not unique and hence does not necessarily  
 89 yield the desired (unique) time-harmonic solution of (1.1). For sound-soft acoustic scattering,  
 90 where Dirichlet and impedance conditions are imposed on distinct parts of the boundary, the  $T$ -  
 91 periodic solution in fact is unique and the one-to-one correspondence is therefore immediate. For  
 92 other boundary-value problems, however, such as sound-hard scattering or problems in bounded  
 93 physical domains, the periodic solution is generally no longer unique, as it may contain additional  
 94 ( $T$ -periodic) spurious modes. Two ideas have been proposed as a remedy to extend the CMCG  
 95 approach to arbitrary boundary conditions. First, uniqueness can be restored by modifying  $J$ ,  
 96 though at a small price in the computation of its gradient [5, 24]. Alternatively, a cheap filtering  
 97 operator can be applied as a post-processing step to any minimizer of  $J$ , which removes any  
 98 spurious modes [22, 41] and thus restores uniqueness using the original cost functional  $J$ .

99 Here we propose a CMCG method for time-harmonic Maxwell's equations (1.1) in their first  
 100 order formulation, which completely avoids the solution of any elliptic problem, and combine it  
 101 with a post-processing filtering step to guarantee uniqueness, regardless of the boundary condi-  
 102 tions. Moreover, thanks to a DG discretization in space, the mass-matrix is automatically  
 103 block-diagonal. Hence, the resulting CMCG algorithm is inherently parallel and scalable but also  
 104 guaranteed to converge to the time-harmonic solution starting from any initial guess, as long as  
 105 time-harmonic Maxwell's equations (1.1) are well-posed for the frequency  $\omega$  under consideration.

106 The remainder of this work is organized as follows. We provide a formal description of the  
 107 algorithm and a discussion of our key theoretical results in Section 2. As the mathematical frame-  
 108 work required to rigorously define and analyze Maxwell's equations is rather involved, the precise  
 109 description and preliminary results are postponed to Section 3. Section 4 contains the bulk of  
 110 the theory, where we carefully analyze the relation between the time-harmonic and time-periodic  
 111 solutions. Here, our contributions are twofold. On the one hand, we identify configurations of  
 112 boundary conditions and right-hand sides for which the unique time-periodic solution coincides  
 113 with the time-harmonic solution. On the other hand, we show that the filtering procedure intro-  
 114 duced in [22, 41] always recovers the time-harmonic solution from any minimizer, as long as (1.1)  
 115 is well-posed. In Section 5, we describe in detail our CMCG method and establish its convergence  
 116 toward the time-harmonic solution. In Section 6, we present various numerical experiments high-  
 117 lighting the performance of the proposed CMCG algorithm. Here, we benchmark the proposed  
 118 CMCG algorithm against the limiting amplitude principle, where pure time-marching (without  
 119 controllability) is utilized, as both methods are non-invasive and easily integrated with any exist-  
 120 ing time-marching code; in contrast, efficient preconditioners typically require an important and  
 121 dedicated implementation effort. Finally, we provide in Section 7 some concluding remarks.

122 **2. Main results.** Throughout this work, we adopt the notation  $U = (\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{h})$  for a time-  
 123 harmonic electromagnetic field, while the calligraphic font  $\mathcal{U} = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})$  is reserved for time-  
 124 dependent fields. It is easily seen that if  $U$  is a time-harmonic field solution to (1.1) with right-  
 125 hand side  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ , then  $\mathcal{U}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \operatorname{Re}\{U(\mathbf{x})e^{i\omega t}\}$  is the solution of time-dependent Maxwell's  
 126 equations (1.2) with right-hand side  $\mathbf{J}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x})e^{i\omega t}\}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})e^{i\omega t}\}$ , and initial  
 127 condition  $\mathcal{U}_0 := \operatorname{Re} U$ .

128 The CMCG algorithm hinges on an idea that is essentially the converse of the above statement.  
 129 Namely, we seek an initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  such that the resulting time-dependent field  $\mathcal{U}$  (with right-  
 130 hand sides  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  as above) is time-periodic, with period  $T := 2\pi/\omega$ . Let  $P_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{g}, \omega} : \mathcal{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(T)$   
 131 denote the (affine) operator mapping the initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  to the solution  $\mathcal{U}$  of (1.2) with  
 132 time-harmonic right-hand sides  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  evaluated at time  $T$ . Then, the ‘‘controllability method’’  
 133 corresponds to solving (linear) equation  $P_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{g}, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 = \mathcal{U}_0$ .

134 At this point, three main questions arise. First, if the time-dependent solution with initial  
 135 condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  is periodic, can we ensure that  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} U$ , where  $U$  is the corresponding frequency-  
 136 domain solution? Second, can we design an efficient algorithm to solve for  $P_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{g}, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 = \mathcal{U}_0$ ? Finally,  
 137 can we prove the convergence of this algorithm?

138 **2.1. The structure of periodic solutions.** Our first set of results characterizes those initial  
 139 conditions  $\mathcal{U}_0$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_0 = P_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$ . In essence, we establish that

$$140 \quad \mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} \left( [\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}] + U + \sum_{|\ell| \geq 2} U_\ell \right),$$

141 where  $U$  is the unique time-harmonic solution,  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are two curl-free fields with  $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{n} =$   
 142  $\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$  on  $\Gamma_1$ , and for all  $|\ell| \geq 2$ ,  $U_\ell$  is any time-harmonic solution with frequency  $\ell\omega$  and  
 143 vanishing right-hand sides. Thus, if time-harmonic problem (1.1) is well-posed for all multiples  
 144  $\ell\omega$  of  $\omega$ , then we simply have  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re}([\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}] + U)$ , which holds whenever the problem features  
 145 dissipation ( $\operatorname{supp} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \neq \emptyset$  and/or  $|\Gamma_1| > 0$ ). Moreover, we show that if both  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are orthogonal  
 146 to curl-free fields, then  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , so that  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} U$ . In fact, if  $\Omega$  is simply connected, we have  
 147  $\mathbf{p} = \nabla p$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \nabla q$  for two scalar functions  $p$  and  $q$ , while the condition on  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  simply  
 148 means that they are divergence-free.

149 Our second set of results concerns the post-processing of periodic solutions by the filtering  
 150 operator

$$151 \quad (2.1) \quad F_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0 := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \mathcal{U}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt,$$

152 where  $\mathcal{U}$  is the solution to time-dependent Maxwell's equations (1.2) with initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$   
 153 and right-hand sides  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ . Note that  $F_{j,g,\omega}$  may be easily computed “on the fly” during  
 154 time-marching while computing  $P_{j,g,\omega}$  without storing the time-history of  $\mathcal{U}(t)$ . Then, our key  
 155 result states that  $U = F_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$  for any initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  satisfying  $\mathcal{U}_0 = P_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$ , as long as  
 156 time-harmonic problem (1.1) is well-posed for the frequency  $\omega$ .

157 In fact, we prove the slightly stronger result that for any initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$ ,  $F_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$  solves  
 158 time-harmonic Maxwell's equations with a modified right-hand side, where the misfit  $(I - P_{j,g,\omega})\mathcal{U}_0$   
 159 is added to the physical source terms. This result enables us to control the error  $U - F_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$  by  
 160 the misfit  $\mathcal{U}_0 - P_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$ . It is also central for subsequently analyzing the convexity of the cost  
 161 functional.

162 **2.2. The CMCG algorithm.** To determine an initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  that leads to a time-  
 163 periodic solution, i.e.  $\mathcal{U}_0 = P_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0$ , we minimize the “energy functional”

$$164 \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0) := \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{U}(T) - \mathcal{U}_0\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|(I - P_{j,g,\omega})\mathcal{U}_0\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}^2$$

165 which measures the  $(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$ -weighted  $L^2(\Omega)$ -misfit between the initial condition and the solution  
 166 after one period. Since  $P_{j,g,\omega}$  is an affine operator, it can be decomposed as  $P_{j,g,\omega}\mathcal{U}_0 = P_\omega\mathcal{U}_0 + \mathcal{G}$ ,  
 167 where  $\mathcal{G} := P_{j,g,\omega}0$  and the operator  $P_\omega := P_{0,0,\omega}$ , which corresponds to the propagation of the  
 168 initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  a time  $T$  with zero right-hand side, is now linear. Hence

$$169 \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0) = \frac{1}{2} \|(I - P_\omega)\mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{G}\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}^2,$$

170 is a standard quadratic functional.

171 The gradient is given by

$$172 \quad J'(\mathcal{U}_0) = (I - P_\omega^*)(I - P_\omega)\mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{G}^*, \quad \mathcal{G}^* := (I - P_\omega^*)\mathcal{G},$$

173 where  $P_\omega^*$  denotes the adjoint of  $P_\omega$ , which actually maps the final condition  $\mathcal{U}_T$  to  $\mathcal{U}(0)$  by  
 174 back-propagation. In practice the action of  $P_\omega$  and  $P_\omega^*$  on any  $\mathcal{U}_0$  is simply obtained by solving  
 175 (1.2) numerically in the time-domain for one period. Hence, after the initialization step described  
 176 in Algorithm 2.1, we simply compute the gradient of  $J$  by one forward and one backward solve as  
 177 listed in Algorithm 2.2.

178 Once we have an efficient algorithm to compute  $J'$ , we may choose any quadratic minimization  
 179 algorithm [11]. Here, we employ the conjugate gradient method, resulting in Algorithm 2.3. Note

**Algorithm 2.1** Initialization**Require:** right-hand sides  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ 

- 1: compute  $\mathcal{G} = P_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{g}, \omega} 0$  by time-marching for one period
- 2: compute  $\mathcal{G}_T = P_{\omega}^* \mathcal{G}$  by back-propagating over one period
- 3: set  $\mathcal{G}^* = \mathcal{G} - \mathcal{G}_T$
- 4: **return**  $\mathcal{G}^*$

**Algorithm 2.2** Gradient evaluation**Require:** real-valued electromagnetic field  $\mathcal{U}_0$ , precomputed  $\mathcal{G}^*$ 

- 1: compute  $\mathcal{U}_T = P_{\omega} \mathcal{U}_0$  by time-marching for one period
- 2: set  $\mathcal{W}_T = \mathcal{U}_T - \mathcal{U}_0$ .
- 3: compute  $\mathcal{W}_0 = P_{\omega}^* \mathcal{W}_T$  by back-propagation over one period
- 4: set  $J'(\mathcal{U}_0) = \mathcal{W}_T - \mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{G}^*$ .
- 5: **return**  $J'(\mathcal{U}_0)$

180 that in practice the evaluation of the scalar product  $(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{V}_0)_{\varepsilon, \mu}$  simply amounts to computing  
 181  $\mathbb{V}^T \mathbb{M} \mathbb{U}$ , where  $\mathbb{M}$  is the mass matrix arising from space discretization, and  $\mathbb{U}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{V}$ ) is the  
 182 discrete vector of degrees of freedom representing  $\mathcal{U}_0$  (resp.  $\mathcal{V}_0$ ).

183 **2.3. Convexity of the functional and convergence.** Finally, we address the convexity of  
 184 the energy functional, which immediately relates to the convergence of the CMCG algorithm. It  
 185 has been previously established that  $J$  is strongly convex for the case of sound-soft scattering by  
 186 a convex obstacle, but that it is *not* necessarily so for general geometries [5]. Here, we show that  
 187  $J$  is strongly convex in an appropriate sense as long as time-harmonic problem (1.1) is well-posed,  
 188 thereby ensuring the convergence of the proposed algorithm. To do so, we introduce a second  
 189 filtering operator  $F_{\omega} \mathcal{U}_0 := F_{0, \mathbf{0}, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0$  that is defined as (2.1), but with right-hand sides  $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 190 Our key result is that  $J$  is continuous, uniformly-Lipschitz and strictly convex on the space of  
 191 initial conditions modulo the kernel of  $F_{\omega}$ . This quotient space is only used as a technical tool  
 192 in the proofs, and, in practice, if  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)}$  is the initial condition at iteration  $\ell$  in the CG algorithm,  
 193 then  $F_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{g}, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)} \rightarrow U$  for any initial guess  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(0)}$ .

194 **3. Settings and preliminary results.** This section provides the mathematical framework  
 195 needed to rigorously analyze the CMCG algorithm.

196 **3.1. Domain and coefficients.** We consider time-harmonic Maxwell's equations set in a  
 197 Lipschitz domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . The boundary  $\Gamma := \partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$  is partitioned into two relatively open  
 198 disjoint subsets  $\Gamma_P$  and  $\Gamma_I$ . We assume that  $\overline{\Gamma_P} \cap \overline{\Gamma_I} = \emptyset$ , which is not mandatory, but simplifies  
 199 the analysis. Figure 3.1.1 presents a possible configuration.

200 To avoid the proliferation of necessary notation to handle both two and three-dimensional  
 201 problems at the same time, we restrict our theoretical investigations to three-dimensional domains  
 202 However, our analysis also applies to two-dimensional problems in any polarization with natural  
 203 modifications. For the sake of simplicity, we also avoid dealing with boundary sources in our  
 204 theoretical analysis, and focus on volumic sources. Still, our numerical experiments show, that  
 205 our CMCG method applies equally well with both types of sources.

206 We consider three measurable symmetric tensor-valued functions  $\varepsilon, \mu, \sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  which  
 207 respectively represent the electric permittivity, the magnetic permeability, and the conductivity  
 208 of the material contained in  $\Omega$ . These tensors are assumed to be uniformly bounded. We require  
 209 that  $\varepsilon$  and  $\mu$  are uniformly elliptic in  $\Omega$ . For the conductivity, we assume that  $\sigma = \mathbf{0}$  outside some  
 210 set  $\Omega_{\sigma} \subset \Omega$  with Lipschitz boundary  $\Gamma_{\sigma} := \partial\Omega_{\sigma}$  with  $\sigma$  uniformly elliptic in  $\Omega_{\sigma}$ .

211 On  $\Gamma_I$ , we consider a symmetric tensor-valued ‘‘impedance’’ function  $\mathbf{Z} : \Gamma_I \rightarrow \mathbb{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  which is  
 212 assumed to be measurable with respect to the surface measure, uniformly bounded and elliptic.  
 213 We also assume that  $\mathbf{Z}$  is tangential, i.e., for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and a.e.  $\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_I$ ,  $\xi \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  implies that  
 214  $\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \xi = 0$ . Finally,  $\mathbf{Y} := \mathbf{Z}^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

**Algorithm 2.3** CMCG Algorithm

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**Require:** right-hand sides  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ , initial guess  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(0)}$ , tolerance  $\delta$ , maximum iteration  $\ell_{\max}$

- 1: compute  $\mathcal{G}^*$  from  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  with Algorithm 2.1
- 2: compute  $\mathcal{J}' = J'(\mathcal{U}_0^{(0)})$  with Algorithm 2.2
- 3: set  $\mathcal{R}^{(0)} = \mathcal{J}'$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{(0)} = \mathcal{J}'$
- 4: **for**  $\ell = 0, \dots, \ell_{\max} - 1$  **do**
- 5:   **if**  $\|\mathcal{R}^{(\ell)}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} \leq \delta \|\mathcal{R}^{(0)}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}$  **then**
- 6:     **return**  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)}$
- 7:   **end if**
- 8:   compute  $\mathcal{A} = J'(\mathcal{D}^{(\ell)}) + \mathcal{G}^*$  with Algorithm 2.2
- 9:   set  $\alpha = \|\mathcal{R}^{(\ell)}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2 / (\mathcal{D}^{(\ell)}, \mathcal{A})_{\varepsilon, \mu}$
- 10:   set  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell+1)} = \mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)} + \alpha \mathcal{D}^{(\ell)}$
- 11:   set  $\mathcal{R}^{(\ell+1)} = \mathcal{R}^{(\ell)} - \alpha \mathcal{A}$
- 12:   set  $\beta = \|\mathcal{R}^{(\ell+1)}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2 / \|\mathcal{R}^{(\ell)}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2$
- 13:   set  $\mathcal{D}^{(\ell+1)} = \mathcal{R}^{(\ell)} + \beta \mathcal{D}^{(\ell)}$
- 14: **end for**
- 15: **return**  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell_{\max})}$

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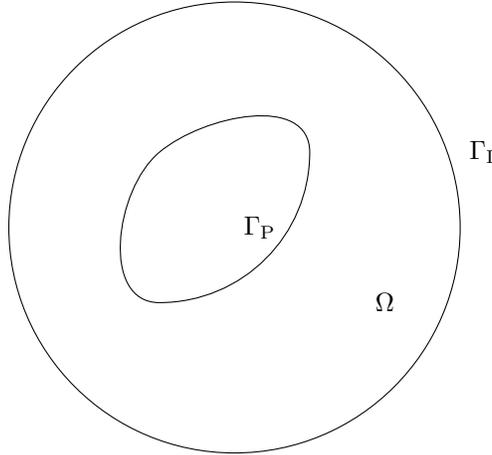


Fig. 3.1.1: Example of boundary condition settings

215    **3.2. Functional spaces.** If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{K})$  denotes the space of measurable square  
216 integrable functions mapping  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{K}$  [1]. Similarly,  $L^2(\Gamma_I, \mathbb{K})$  is the space of functions from  $\Gamma_I$  to  $\mathbb{K}$   
217 that are square integrable with respect to the surface measure of  $\Gamma_I$ . For vector-valued functions,  
218 we write  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{K}) := (L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{K}))^3$  and  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Gamma_I, \mathbb{K}) := (L^2(\Gamma_I, \mathbb{K}))^3$ . We denote by  $(\cdot, \cdot)_\Omega$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\Gamma_I}$   
219 the inner-products of these spaces. If  $\phi$  is a measurable essentially bounded tensor, we employ  
220 the notations  $\|\cdot\|_{\phi, \Omega}^2 = (\phi \cdot, \cdot)_\Omega$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\phi, \Gamma_I}^2 = (\phi \cdot, \cdot)_{\Gamma_I}$ . As usual,  $H^1(\Omega)$  stands for the first-order  
221 Sobolev space [1]. If  $\gamma \subset \partial\Omega$  is a relatively open subset,  $H_\gamma^1(\Omega, \mathbb{K})$  is the subset of functions of  
222  $H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{K})$  with vanishing trace on  $\gamma$ .

223    For the analysis, we also need Sobolev spaces of vector-valued functions with “well-defined”  
224 curl, denoted by  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega, \mathbb{K}) := \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{K}) \mid \nabla \times \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{K})\}$ , see [18]. Following [14],  
225 we can define the tangential trace of a function  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega, \mathbb{K})$  on  $\Gamma_P$  and  $\Gamma_I$ , and introduce  
226  $\mathcal{X}(\Omega, \mathbb{K}) := \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega, \mathbb{K}) \mid \mathbf{v}_\tau|_{\Gamma_I} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Gamma_I, \mathbb{K})\}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_P}(\Omega, \mathbb{K}) := \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega, \mathbb{K}) \mid \mathbf{v}_\tau|_{\Gamma_P} = \mathbf{0}\}$ .

227    To simplify the discussion below, we finally introduce the product spaces  $L(\Omega) := \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{C}) \times$   
228  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega) := \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $V(\Omega) := \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_P}(\Omega, \mathbb{C}) \times \mathcal{X}(\Omega, \mathbb{C})$  and  $\mathcal{V}(\Omega) := \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_P}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) \times$   
229  $\mathcal{X}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ . In the remaining of this work, we follow the convention introduced above: if  $Y(\Omega)$  is a

230 space of complex-valued electromagnetic fields,  $\mathcal{Y}(\Omega)$  always denotes its real-valued counterpart.  
 231 The spaces  $L$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are equipped with the inner product

$$232 \quad (3.1) \quad ([\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}], [\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{w}'])_{\varepsilon, \mu} := (\varepsilon \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}')_{\Omega} + (\mu \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')_{\Omega}$$

233 for all  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}], [\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{w}'] \in L(\Omega)$  and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2 = (\cdot, \cdot)_{\varepsilon, \mu}$ , while we introduce the  
 234 energy norm

$$235 \quad (3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|[v, w]\|^2 &:= \omega^2 \|v\|_{\varepsilon, \Omega}^2 + \|v_{\tau}\|_{\mathbf{Y}, \Gamma_1}^2 + \|\nabla \times v\|_{\mu^{-1}, \Omega}^2 + \|\sigma v\|_{\varepsilon^{-1}, \Omega}^2 \\ &+ \omega^2 \|w\|_{\mu, \Omega}^2 + \|w_{\tau}\|_{\mathbf{Z}, \Gamma_1}^2 + \|\nabla \times h\|_{\varepsilon^{-1}, \Omega}^2 \end{aligned}$$

236  
 237  
 238 for all  $[v, w] \in V(\Omega)$ . We also introduce the subspace

$$239 \quad \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega) := \{[e, h] \in \mathcal{V}(\Omega) \mid e \times n + Zh_{\tau} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_1\},$$

240 of fields satisfying impedance condition (1.1b) on  $\Gamma_1$ .

241 Finally, if  $\mathcal{Y}(\Omega)$  is any of the aforementioned real-valued spaces, then  $C^0(0, T; \mathcal{Y}(\Omega))$  and  
 242  $C^1(0, T; \mathcal{Y}(\Omega))$  contain functions from  $[0, T]$  to  $\mathcal{Y}(\Omega)$ .

243 **3.3. Variational formulation.** We introduce the sesquilinear form

$$244 \quad (3.3) \quad a([e, h], [v, w]) := (\sigma e, v) + (Ye_{\tau}, v_{\tau})_{\Gamma_1} + (Zh_{\tau}, w_{\tau})_{\Gamma_1} + (h, \nabla \times v) - (e, \nabla \times w)$$

245 for all  $[e, h], [v, w] \in V(\Omega)$ . Then, the weak formulation of (1.1) is: Find  $[e, h] \in V(\Omega)$  such that

$$246 \quad i\omega([e, h], [v, w]) + a([e, h], [v, w]) = (j, v) + (Yg \times n, v_{\tau})_{\Gamma_1} + (Zg, w_{\tau})_{\Gamma_1}$$

247 for all  $[v, w] \in V(\Omega)$ . By using integration by parts, we easily verify that

$$248 \quad (3.4) \quad a([v, w], [e, h]) = \overline{a([e, -h], [v, -w])}$$

249 for all  $[v, w], [e, h] \in V_1(\Omega)$ .

250 **3.4. Well-posedness.** Throughout this work, we assume that the time-harmonic problem  
 251 under consideration is well-posed for the chosen angular frequency  $\omega$ .

252 **ASSUMPTION 3.1 (Well-posedness).** *For all  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$ , there exists a unique  $S_{\omega}\phi \in V(\Omega)$*   
 253 *such that*

$$254 \quad (3.5) \quad i\omega(S_{\omega}\phi, w)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(S_{\omega}\phi, w) = (\phi, w)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \quad \forall w \in V(\Omega).$$

255 *In addition, the stability estimate*

$$256 \quad (3.6) \quad \|S_{\omega}\phi\| \leq C_{\text{stab}} \|\phi\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}$$

257 *holds true.*

258 In (3.6),  $C_{\text{stab}}$  is a dimensionless constant that depends on the frequency  $\omega$ , the shape of the  
 259 boundaries  $\Gamma_P$  and  $\Gamma_1$ , and the physical coefficients  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ . Unless the entire domain contains  
 260 a conductive material (i.e.  $\Omega_{\sigma} = \Omega$ ), the stability constant will increase with the frequency. In  
 261 the most favorable case of a non-trapping configuration [28, 33], we have

$$262 \quad C_{\text{stab}} \simeq \frac{\omega d_{\Omega}}{c},$$

263 where  $c := 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_{\max}\mu_{\max}}$  is the (minimal) wavespeed and  $d_{\Omega}$  is the diameter of the computational  
 264 domain. If  $\lambda := c/\omega$  denotes the wavelength,  $C_{\text{stab}}$  is actually proportional to the number of  
 265 wavelengths  $N_{\lambda} := d_{\Omega}/\lambda$  across  $\Omega$ . The stability constant can however exhibit ‘‘arbitrarily bad’’  
 266 behaviour in more complicated geometries (close to a resonance frequency when  $\Omega_{\sigma} := \emptyset$  and  
 267  $\Gamma_1 := \emptyset$  for instance). We also mention that when considering two-dimensional geometries, the

268 two possible polarizations are equivalent to scalar Helmholtz problems, for which a vast body of  
 269 literature is now available (see, e.g., [19] and the references therein).

270 For future references, we note that the “converse” estimate to (3.6), namely

$$271 \quad (3.7) \quad \|\phi\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} \leq \|S_\omega \phi\|,$$

272 holds true, as can be seen from the strong form of time-harmonic Maxwell’s equations (1.1) and  
 273 definition (3.2) of the energy norm.

274 We finally observe that in view of (3.4), the operator  $S_\omega^*$  defined for all  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$  by the  
 275 variational equation

$$276 \quad i\omega(w, S_\omega^* \phi)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(w, S_\omega^* \phi) = (w, \phi)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \quad \forall w \in L(\Omega),$$

277 has a very similar structure to  $S_\Omega$ . In particular, (3.6) and (3.7) hold true for  $S_\omega^*$  too.

278 **3.5. Time-harmonic solution.** Henceforth, we consider a fixed right-hand side  $\psi \in L(\Omega)$ ,  
 279 and denote by  $U \in V(\Omega)$  the associated solution satisfying

$$280 \quad (3.8) \quad i\omega(U, w) + a(U, w) = (\psi, w)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \quad \forall w \in V(\Omega),$$

281 whose existence and uniqueness follows from Assumption 3.1.

282 **3.6. Time-dependent solutions.** Although existence and uniqueness results for the time-  
 283 dependent Maxwell’s equations (1.2) are fairly standard, we provide some detail here, since the final  
 284 controllability method seeks an initial condition lying only in the space  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , so that solutions  
 285 to (1.2) can only be defined in a very weak sense.

286 Following Sections 4.3.1 and 5.2.4 of [4], we introduce the unbounded operator

$$287 \quad A : \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega) \ni [\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{h}] \rightarrow [\varepsilon^{-1} \sigma \mathbf{e} + \varepsilon^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{h}, -\mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{e}] \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega).$$

288 Then Hille-Yosida’s theorem [4, Theorem 4.3.2] shows that for all  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \in C^1(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$ ,  
 289 there exists a unique  $\mathcal{U} \in C^1(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap C^0(0, T, \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  such that

$$290 \quad (3.9) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{\mathcal{U}}(t) + A\mathcal{U}(t) &= \mathcal{F}(t) \quad t \in [0, T], \\ \mathcal{U}(0) &= \mathcal{U}_0, \end{cases}$$

291 and the estimate

$$292 \quad (3.10) \quad \|\mathcal{U}(T)\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} \leq \|\mathcal{U}_0\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} + \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(t)\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt$$

293 holds true. Owing to the regularity of  $\mathcal{U}$ , simple manipulations then show that we can rewrite  
 294 the first line of (3.9) as

$$295 \quad (3.11) \quad (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(\mathcal{U}(t), v) = (\mathcal{F}(t), v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

296 for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}(\Omega)$ .

297 So far, we have defined solutions to (1.2) in a variational sense for sufficiently smooth initial  
 298 data  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1$ , where the link between (3.5) and (3.11) is clear. This is not entirely sufficient  
 299 since as previously explained, the functional framework for the controllability method is set in  
 300  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ . By density of  $\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  however, estimate (3.10) enables us to define, for any fixed  
 301  $\mathcal{F}$ , the operator  $\mathcal{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(T)$  for all  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  by continuity, thereby defining a continuous affine  
 302 operator mapping  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  into itself. This observation is linked to the fact that when  $\mathcal{F} := 0$ , the  
 303 operator  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$  semigroup on  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , see [37].

304 Although  $\mathcal{U}(T)$  can be defined for rough initial data  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , the corresponding solution  
 305  $\mathcal{U}$  only solves (3.9) in a very weak sense as we only have  $\mathcal{U} \in C^0(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$ . In particular,  
 306 (3.11) does not hold. In the proofs below, we circumvent this difficulty by establishing our results

307 first for initial data in  $\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ , and then extend them to the general case by continuity owing to the  
 308 dense inclusion  $\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ .

309 Finally, we note that in view of (3.4), for all  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ , there exists a unique  $\mathcal{U}^* \in$   
 310  $C^1(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap C^0(0, T, \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  such that

$$311 \quad (3.12) \quad (v, \dot{\mathcal{U}}^*(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(v, \mathcal{U}^*(t)) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, t]$$

312 and  $\mathcal{U}^*(0) = \mathcal{U}_0$ . Here, we can also extend the notion of (weak) solutions to (3.12) to any  
 313  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , as for (3.11).

314 **4. Properties of time-periodic solutions.** Here, we introduce the key operators at in-  
 315 volved in the controllability method. We also discuss in detail the link between periodic solutions  
 316 to time-dependent Maxwell's equations (1.2) and the time-harmonic solution to (1.1).

317 **4.1. Key operators.** First, we introduce the filtering and propagator operators, which are  
 318 the building blocks of the energy functional and the associated CMCG method.

319 **4.1.1. Filtering.** Let  $T := \omega/(2\pi)$  denote the period associated with the frequency  $\omega$ . The  
 320 filtering operator  $F_\omega$  is defined by

$$321 \quad (4.1) \quad F_\omega \mathcal{U} := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \mathcal{U}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

322 for all  $\mathcal{U} \in C^0(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$ . Clearly,  $F_\omega$  continuously maps  $C^0(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$  into  $L(\Omega)$  and  
 323  $C^0(0, T; \mathcal{V}(\Omega))$  into  $V(\Omega)$ . In addition, when  $\mathcal{U} \in C^1(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$ , integration by parts easily  
 324 shows that

$$325 \quad (4.2) \quad F_\omega \dot{\mathcal{U}} = i\omega F_\omega \mathcal{U} + \frac{\omega}{\pi} \llbracket \mathcal{U} \rrbracket_T,$$

326 where, for  $\mathcal{W} \in C^0(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$ , we have introduced the notation  $\llbracket \mathcal{W} \rrbracket_T := \mathcal{W}(T) - \mathcal{W}(0)$ .

327 **4.1.2. Propagators.** Following the discussion in Section 3.6, if  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  and  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$ ,  
 328 there exists a unique element  $\mathcal{U} \in C^1(0, T; \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap C^0(0, T; \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  such that

$$329 \quad (4.3) \quad \begin{cases} (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(\mathcal{U}(t), v) &= (\operatorname{Re}(\phi e^{i\omega t}), v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ \mathcal{U}(0) &= \mathcal{U}_0, \end{cases}$$

330 and we define forward propagator  $P_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 := \mathcal{U}(T)$ . When  $\phi := 0$ , we simply write  $P_\omega := P_{0, \omega}$ .

331 Similarly, we define a backward propagator. For  $\mathcal{W}_T \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ , there exists a unique element  
 332  $\mathcal{W} \in C^1(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap C^0(0, T, \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  such that

$$333 \quad (4.4) \quad \begin{cases} -(v, \dot{\mathcal{W}}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(v, \mathcal{W}(t)) &= 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ \mathcal{W}(T) &= \mathcal{W}_T, \end{cases}$$

334 and we set  $P_\omega^* \mathcal{W}_T := \mathcal{W}(0)$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{W}$  is indeed well-defined, since the change of variable  
 335  $\tilde{t} := T - t$  transforms (4.4) into (3.12). Together with (3.4), this remark shows that the same  
 336 time-stepping algorithm may be used to compute  $P_{\phi, \omega}$  and  $P_\omega^*$  simply by changing the sign of the  
 337 magnetic field.

338 Again, while the above definitions of  $P_{\phi, \omega}$  and  $P_\omega^*$  require  $\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ -regularity of the initial data,  
 339 semigroup theory allows us to extend the definitions of  $P_{\phi, \omega}$  and  $P_\omega^*$  as operators continuously  
 340 mapping  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  into itself [37].

341 Next, we remark that  $P_\omega$  is linear, whereas  $P_{\phi, \omega}$  is affine, since

$$342 \quad (4.5) \quad P_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 = P_\omega \mathcal{U}_0 + P_{\phi, \omega} 0 \quad \forall \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega).$$

343 **LEMMA 4.1.** *The operator  $P_\omega^*$  is the adjoint of  $P_\omega$  for the  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  inner-product, i.e.*

$$344 \quad (4.6) \quad (P_\omega \mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{W}_T)_{\varepsilon, \mu} = (\mathcal{U}_0, P_\omega^* \mathcal{W}_T)_{\varepsilon, \mu}$$

345 for all  $\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{W}_T \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ .

346 *Proof.* We only need to show (4.6) in  $\mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ ; the general case follows by density. Hence, we  
 347 consider  $\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{W}_T \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  and denote by  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{W} \in C^1(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap C^0(0, T, \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  the associated  
 348 solutions to (4.3) and (4.4). Owing to the time-regularity of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ , integration by parts shows  
 349 that

$$350 \quad \int_0^T (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), \mathcal{W}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt = [(\mathcal{U}(t), \mathcal{W}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu}]_0^T - \int_0^T (\mathcal{U}(t), \dot{\mathcal{W}}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt,$$

351 which we rewrite as

$$352 \quad (4.7) \quad \int_0^T (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), \mathcal{W}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt + \int_0^T (\mathcal{U}(t), \dot{\mathcal{W}}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt = (P_\omega \mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{W}_T)_{\varepsilon, \mu} - (\mathcal{U}_0, P_\omega^* \mathcal{W}_T)_{\varepsilon, \mu}.$$

353 The left-hand side of (4.7) vanishes, since

$$354 \quad \int_0^T (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), \mathcal{W}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt + \int_0^T (\mathcal{U}(t), \dot{\mathcal{W}}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} dt \\ 355 \quad = \int_0^T (\dot{\mathcal{U}}(t), \mathcal{W}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(\mathcal{U}(t), \mathcal{W}(t)) dt + \int_0^T (\mathcal{U}(t), \dot{\mathcal{W}}(t))_{\varepsilon, \mu} - a(\mathcal{U}(t), \mathcal{W}(t)) dt \\ 356 \quad 357$$

358 which is zero due to (4.3) and (4.4).  $\square$

359 **4.1.3. Filtering of initial conditions.** If  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  and  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$ , we introduce the  
 360 notation  $F_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 := F_\omega \mathcal{U}$ , where  $\mathcal{U} \in C^0(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega))$  solves (4.3) in a weak sense, see 3.6. For  
 361  $\phi := 0$ , we simply write  $F_\omega \mathcal{U}_0 := F_{0, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0$ .

362 **4.1.4. Energy functional.** Let  $J : \mathcal{L}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  denote the “energy functional”

$$363 \quad (4.8) \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0) := \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{U}_0\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2 \quad \forall \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega).$$

364 Using (4.5), we can rewrite (4.8) as

$$365 \quad (4.9) \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0) = \frac{1}{2} \|(I - P_\omega) \mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{G}\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2 \quad \forall \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega),$$

366 where  $\mathcal{G} := P_{\psi, \omega} 0$ . Note that  $J$  is continuous over  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  thanks to the discussions in Sections 3.6  
 367 and 4.1.2.

368 **4.2. Structure of the minimizers.** For  $U$ , the (unique) time-harmonic solution to (3.8),  
 369  $\mathcal{U}_0 := \operatorname{Re} U$  is a minimizer of  $J$  since  $J(\mathcal{U}_0) = 0$ . However, depending on the boundary conditions,  
 370 and properties of the right-hand sides,  $\mathcal{U}_0$  may not be the only minimizer of  $J$ . In this section, we  
 371 analyze the properties satisfied by the minimizers of  $J$  and exhibit the structure of the minimization  
 372 set. We also identify situations in which the minimizer of  $J$  is unique.

373 The starting point of our analysis is the following model decomposition result.

374 **LEMMA 4.2 (Modal decomposition).** *Let  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  satisfy  $J(\mathcal{U}_0) = 0$ . Then, we have*

$$375 \quad (4.10) \quad \mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} \left( U_0 + U + \sum_{\ell \geq 2} U_\ell \right),$$

376 where  $U_0 \in \ker a$ ,  $U$  is the unique solution to (3.8), and for  $\ell \geq 2$ ,  $U_\ell$  is an element of  $V(\Omega)$   
 377 satisfying

$$378 \quad (4.11) \quad i\ell\omega(U_\ell, v) + a(U_\ell, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V(\Omega).$$

379 *Proof.* Since the proof closely follows along the lines of [41, Theorem 6], we omit details for  
 380 the sake of brevity. Consider  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$  such that  $J(\mathcal{U}_0) = 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{U} \in C^1(0, T, \mathcal{L}(\Omega)) \cap$

381  $C^0(0, T, \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega))$  be the solution to (4.3) with initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and right-hand side  $\psi$ . By  
 382 assumption,  $J(\mathcal{U}_0) = 0$  since  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $T$ -periodic. Hence, we can expand  $\mathcal{U}$  in Fourier series as

$$383 \quad (4.12) \quad \mathcal{U}(t) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{\ell \geq 0} U_\ell e^{i\ell\omega t} \right) \quad \forall t \in (0, T)$$

384 where

$$385 \quad (4.13) \quad U_0 := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathcal{U}(t) dt \in V(\Omega), \quad U_\ell := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \mathcal{U}(t) e^{-i\ell\omega t} dt, \quad \ell \geq 1,$$

386 Then, we obtain (4.10) by setting  $t = 0$  in (4.12). After multiplying (4.3) by  $e^{-i\ell\omega t}$  and integrating  
 387 over  $(0, T)$ , we see that  $U_0 \in \ker a$ ,  $U_1 = U$ , and that  $U_\ell$  satisfies (4.11) for  $\ell \geq 2$ .  $\square$

388 Equipped with Lemma 4.2, we need a further understanding of the kernel

$$389 \quad \ker a := \{u \in V(\Omega) \mid a(u, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V(\Omega)\}$$

390 and the space

$$391 \quad K(\Omega) := \left\{ [e, \mathbf{h}] \in V(\Omega) \left| \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{h} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_I \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{e} = \nabla \times \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0} \text{ in } \Omega \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

392 will play an important role. To characterize its structure, we introduce the set of gradients  $G(\Omega) :=$   
 393  $\nabla H_\Gamma^1(\Omega, \mathbb{C}) \times \nabla H_\Gamma^1(\Omega, \mathbb{C})$  and its orthogonal complement (with respect to the  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\varepsilon, \mu}$  inner-  
 394 product)  $Z(\Omega) := G^\perp(\Omega)$ , which consists of divergence-free functions. Then, we have  $K(\Omega) =$   
 395  $G(\Omega) \oplus H(\Omega)$ , where  $H(\Omega) := K(\Omega) \cap Z(\Omega)$  is a ‘‘cohomology’’ space associated with  $\Omega$ . The  
 396 structure of  $H(\Omega)$  is well-characterized [14]. In particular, it is finite-dimensional, and even trivial  
 397 when  $\Omega$  is simply-connected. Similar properties hold for the real-valued counterparts of these  
 398 spaces.

399 **LEMMA 4.3** (Characterization of  $\ker a$ ). *We have*

$$400 \quad \ker a = \{[e, \mathbf{h}] \in K(\Omega) \mid \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Omega_\sigma\}.$$

401 *Proof.* Let  $W := [e, \mathbf{h}] \in V(\Omega)$ . For all smooth, compactly supported, vector valued-function  
 402  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$403 \quad a([e, \mathbf{h}], [\phi, 0]) = (\sigma \mathbf{e}, \phi) + (\mathbf{h}, \nabla \times \phi) = 0, \quad a([e, \mathbf{h}], [0, \phi]) = -(\mathbf{e}, \nabla \times \phi) = 0,$$

404 which implies that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{h} = -\sigma \mathbf{e}$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$ . As a consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 405 \quad 0 &= \operatorname{Re} a([e, \mathbf{h}], [e, \mathbf{h}]) \\ 406 \quad &= (\sigma \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e}) + (\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{e}_\tau, \mathbf{e}_\tau)_{\Gamma_I} + (\mathbf{Z} \mathbf{h}_\tau, \mathbf{h}_\tau)_{\Gamma_I} + (\mathbf{h}, \nabla \times \mathbf{e}) - (\mathbf{e}, \nabla \times \mathbf{h}) \\ 407 \quad &= 2(\sigma \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e}) + (\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{e}_\tau, \mathbf{e}_\tau)_{\Gamma_I} + (\mathbf{Z} \mathbf{h}_\tau, \mathbf{h}_\tau)_{\Gamma_I}, \end{aligned}$$

409 from which we conclude that  $\mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{h} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$  on  $\Gamma_I$  and  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$  in  $\Omega_\sigma$ . This last equality also  
 410 implies that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$ .  $\square$

411 The first key result of this section applies to the case where the time-harmonic problem is well-  
 412 posed for all multiples  $\ell\omega$  of the original frequency  $\omega$ . It is an immediate consequence of Lemmas  
 413 4.2 and 4.3 and of the decomposition of  $K(\Omega)$  discussed above, so that its proof is omitted.

414 **THEOREM 4.4** (Decomposition for well-posed problems). *Assume that time-harmonic equa-*  
 415 *tions (3.5) are well-posed for all frequencies  $\ell\omega$ ,  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then, we have*

$$416 \quad \mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} ([\nabla p, \nabla q] + \theta + U)$$

417 where  $p \in H_\Gamma^1(\Omega, \mathbb{C})$  and  $q \in H_\Gamma^1(\Omega, \mathbb{C})$  and  $\theta \in H(\Omega)$ .

418 Next, we show that if the right-hand side of the problem satisfies suitable conditions, the  
419 “stationary part”  $U_0$  of the minimizer must vanish.

420 **THEOREM 4.5** (Decomposition of divergence-free minimizers). *Assume that  $\psi \in K^\perp(\Omega)$  and*  
421 *that  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}^\perp(\Omega)$ . Then, we have*

$$422 \quad \mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} \left( U + \sum_{\ell \geq 2} U_\ell \right).$$

423 *Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the time domain solution with initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$ , and introduce  $[\mathbf{E}_0, \mathbf{H}_0] :=$   
424  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and  $[\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}] := \mathcal{U}$ . For any test functions  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0}], [\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{w}] \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$425 \quad (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \dot{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{v})_{\tilde{\Omega}_\sigma} = (\boldsymbol{\mu} \dot{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{w})_\Omega = 0,$$

426 which implies that  $[\mathbf{E}(t), \mathbf{H}(t)] \in \mathcal{H}^\perp(\Omega)$ . Therefore,  $U_0 \in K^\perp(\Omega)$ . It follows that  $U_0 \in K(\Omega) \cap$   
427  $K^\perp(\Omega)$  and hence, vanishes.  $\square$

428 We finally observe that if the assumptions of Theorems 4.4 and 4.5 are both satisfied, we  
429 indeed have  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \operatorname{Re} U$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}^\perp(\Omega) = \mathcal{L}(\Omega) \cap \mathcal{H}^\perp(\Omega)$ , we see that the assumptions on  $\mathcal{U}_0$   
430 and  $\psi$  in the statement of (4.5) mean that these fields are divergence-free and orthogonal to the  
431 (finite-dimensional) space  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega)$ . Note that this last requirement is null for simply connected  
432 domains, since  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega) = \{0\}$  in this case. Similarly to [22, Theorem 1] in the acoustic case, it is  
433 always possible to explicitly compute the time independent components  $[\nabla p, \nabla q]$  and  $\theta$  by solving  
434 Poisson problems.

435 **4.3. Filtering of periodic solutions.** In the previous section, we exhibited the structure  
436 of the minimizing set of  $J$  using Fourier theory. As the filtering operator essentially selects one  
437 specific Fourier mode, modal decomposition (4.10) can be used to show how filtering acts on  
438 minimizers of  $J$ . In fact, this technique was used in [22] to show that for any minimizer  $\mathcal{U}_0$  of  $J$ ,  
439 we recover the time-harmonic solution  $U$  after filtering.

440 Here, we develop an alternate proof technique, that actually does not rely on the development  
441 of the previous section. This idea appears to be new, and enables to quantify how well initial  
442 conditions  $\mathcal{U}_0$  leading to “approximately periodic” time-dependent solution approximate the time-  
443 harmonic solution  $U$  after filtering. The proof improves similar concepts used in [41, Theorem 10]  
444 for the acoustic Helmholtz equation formulated using a second-order in time framework.

445 **THEOREM 4.6** (Alternate characterization of filtered solutions). *Let  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$ . Then, for all*  
446  *$\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , we can characterize  $F_\omega \mathcal{U}_0$  as the unique element of  $V(\Omega)$  such that*

$$447 \quad (4.14) \quad i\omega(F_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} + a(F_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0, v) = (\phi, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \frac{\omega}{\pi} (\mathcal{U}_0 - P_\omega \mathcal{U}_0, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}$$

448 for all  $v \in V(\Omega)$ . As a direct consequence, we have

$$449 \quad (4.15) \quad \|U - F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0\| \leq \frac{\omega}{\pi} C_{\text{stab}} \|(I - P_{\psi, \omega}) \mathcal{U}_0\|_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}.$$

450 for all  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}(\Omega)$ .

451 *Proof.* We first discuss the case where  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{V}_1(\Omega)$ . Thus, let  $\mathcal{U}$  be as in (4.3) with initial  
452 condition  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and right-hand side  $\phi \in L(\Omega)$ . For all  $v \in \mathcal{V}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$453 \quad (4.16) \quad \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \left\{ (\dot{\mathcal{U}}, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} + a(\mathcal{U}, v) \right\} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T (\operatorname{Re}(\phi e^{i\omega t}), v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} e^{-i\omega t} dt.$$

454 Since  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $v$  are time-independent, we can write

$$455 \quad \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \left\{ (\dot{\mathcal{U}}, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} + a(\mathcal{U}, v) \right\} e^{-i\omega t} dt = (F_\omega \dot{\mathcal{U}}, v)_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} + a(F_\omega \mathcal{U}, v),$$

456 and (4.2) shows that

$$457 \quad \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \left\{ (\dot{\mathcal{U}}, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(\mathcal{U}, v) \right\} e^{-i\omega t} dt = i\omega(F_\omega \mathcal{U}, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(F_\omega \mathcal{U}, v) + \frac{\omega}{\pi} (\llbracket \mathcal{U} \rrbracket_T, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu}.$$

458 Similarly, since  $\phi$  is time-independent, we have

$$459 \quad \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T (\operatorname{Re}(\phi e^{i\omega t}), v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} e^{-i\omega t} dt = (\phi, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu},$$

460 and as a result

$$461 \quad i\omega(F_\omega \mathcal{U}, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(F_\omega \mathcal{U}, v) = (\phi, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} - \frac{\omega}{\pi} (\llbracket \mathcal{U} \rrbracket_T, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu},$$

462 so that (4.14) follows whenever  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{Y}_1(\Omega)$ , recalling that  $F_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 := F_\omega \mathcal{U}$  and  $\llbracket \mathcal{U} \rrbracket_T := P_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 -$   
463  $\mathcal{U}_0$ .

464 For the general case where  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , we first observe that we may equivalently rewrite  
465 (4.14) as

$$466 \quad (4.17) \quad F_{\phi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 = S_\omega \left( \phi + \frac{\omega}{\pi} (I - P_\omega) \mathcal{U}_0 \right).$$

467 At that point, identity (4.17) is already established in  $\mathcal{Y}_1(\Omega)$ . But then, since (4.17) involves  
468 continuous operators from  $L(\Omega)$  into itself, the density of  $\mathcal{Y}_1(\Omega)$  into  $L(\Omega)$  implies the general  
469 case.

470 To conclude the proof, letting  $\phi = \psi$  and recalling the definition (3.8) of  $U$ , we obtain

$$471 \quad i\omega(U - F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu} + a(U - F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0, v) = \frac{\omega}{\pi} ((P_{\psi, \omega} - I) \mathcal{U}_0, v)_{\varepsilon, \mu},$$

472 so that (4.15) follows from (3.6). □

473 Using (3.5), we may rewrite (4.14) in compact form as

$$474 \quad (4.18) \quad F_\omega \mathcal{U}_0 = \frac{\omega}{\pi} S_\omega \circ (I - P_\omega) \mathcal{U}_0 \quad \forall \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega).$$

475 Taking again advantage of the similarity between the original and adjoint problems, we can also  
476 show that

$$477 \quad (4.19) \quad F_\omega \mathcal{W}_T = \frac{\omega}{\pi} S_\omega^* \circ (I - P_\omega^*) \mathcal{W}_T \quad \forall \mathcal{W}_T \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega).$$

478 Stability estimate (4.15) is of particular interest, since it shows that filtering “nearly periodic”  
479 solutions yields good approximations of the time-harmonic solution. It also suggests that the  
480 misfit  $\mathcal{U}_0 - P_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0$  may be used as a stopping criterion for iterative methods, but the dependency  
481 on the frequency must be taken into account.

482 **5. Controllability Method.** In this section, we build upon the results of the previous section  
483 to introduce our controllability method, that we couple with a conjugate gradient minimization  
484 algorithm.

485 We seek an initial condition  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  satisfying  $P_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0 = \mathcal{U}_0$ , or maybe more explicitly,  
486 such that

$$487 \quad (5.1) \quad (I - P_\omega) \mathcal{U}_0 = \mathcal{G},$$

488 where  $P_{\psi, \omega}$ ,  $P_\psi$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are respectively introduced at (4.3), (4.5) and (4.9). Clearly,  $\mathcal{U}_0 := \operatorname{Re} U$   
489 is one solution to (5.1) but it may not be unique. Nevertheless, we always have  $U = F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0$ .  
490 In addition, estimate (4.15) implies that for any approximate solution  $\mathcal{U}_0$  to (5.1),  $F_\omega \mathcal{U}_0$  is an  
491 approximate solution to (3.8).

492 **5.1. The conjugate gradient method.** After space discretization, (5.1) corresponds to  
 493 a finite-dimensional linear system. In principle, the matrix corresponding to  $P_\omega$  could therefore  
 494 be (approximately) assembled by running a time-domain solver for one period for every possible  
 495 initial conditions. However, this approach is prohibitively expensive in practice. Instead, we opt  
 496 for the matrix-free conjugate gradient iteration, which only requires evaluating  $P_\omega \mathcal{U}_0$  for a limited  
 497 number of initial conditions.

498 We thus reformulate controllability equation (5.1) as the optimization problem

$$499 \quad (5.2) \quad \min_{\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)} J(\mathcal{U}_0),$$

500 where  $J$  is the energy functional introduced in (4.8). From (4.9), we recall that  $J$  corresponds to a  
 501 “standard” quadratic form and, as result, its gradient and Hessian are easily derived. The proof  
 502 of the result below is omitted, as it follows from standard algebraic manipulations.

503 **THEOREM 5.1** (Structure of the energy functional). *For all  $\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{V}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , we have*

$$504 \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0 + \mathcal{V}_0) = J(\mathcal{U}_0) + \operatorname{Re}((I - P_\omega^*)(I - P_\omega)\mathcal{U}_0 - (I - P_\omega^*)\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{V}_0)_{\varepsilon, \mu} \\ 505 \quad + \frac{1}{2}((I - P_\omega)\mathcal{V}_0, (I - P_\omega)\mathcal{V}_0)_{\varepsilon, \mu}. \\ 506$$

507 *It follows that*

$$508 \quad (5.3) \quad J'(\mathcal{U}_0) = (I - P_\omega^*)(I - P_\omega)\mathcal{U}_0 - (I - P_\omega^*)\mathcal{G}$$

509 *and*

$$510 \quad (5.4) \quad (J''(\mathcal{U}_0))(\mathcal{V}_0, \mathcal{V}_0) = \|(I - P_\omega)\mathcal{V}_0\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2.$$

511 Next, we show that  $J$  is continuous, uniformly Lipschitz, and strongly convex over the quotient  
 512 space  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)/\ker F_\omega$ . These properties ensure the uniqueness of the minimizer of  $J$  up to an element  
 513 of  $\ker F_\omega$  and also implies the convergence of gradient-based algorithms [11].

514 **THEOREM 5.2** (Convexity of energy functional). *For  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , we have*

$$515 \quad (5.5) \quad J(\mathcal{U}_0) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\pi}{\omega} S_\omega^{-1} F_\omega \mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{G} \right\|_{\varepsilon, \mu}^2.$$

516 *In addition, for all  $\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{V}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , the estimates*

$$517 \quad (5.6) \quad \|J'(\mathcal{U}_0) - J'(\mathcal{V}_0)\|_{\varepsilon, \mu} \leq \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2} \|F_\omega(\mathcal{U}_0 - \mathcal{V}_0)\|$$

518 *and*

$$519 \quad (5.7) \quad (J''(\mathcal{U}_0))(\mathcal{V}_0, \mathcal{V}_0) \geq \frac{\pi^2}{\omega^2} \frac{1}{C_{\text{stab}}^2} \|F_\omega \mathcal{V}_0\|^2$$

520 *hold true.*

521 *Proof.* Identity (5.5) is a direct consequence of (4.14). Then, estimate (5.6) follows from (5.3),  
 522 characterizations (4.18) and (4.19) of  $(I - P_\omega)$  and  $(I - P_\omega^*)$ , and the continuity estimate (3.7).  
 523 Finally, we obtain convexity estimate (5.7) from (5.4), (4.14) and (3.6).  $\square$

524 This result is to be compared with [5, Theorem 3], where a convexity result is established under  
 525 specific assumptions on the spectrum. The use of the filtering allows to bypass this limitation.

526 In practice, it is not necessary to introduce the quotient space  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega)/\ker F_\omega$ . Indeed, a careful  
 527 examination of standard convergence proofs (see, e.g., [11, Theorem 8.4.4]) shows that properties  
 528 (5.6) and (5.7) are sufficient to ensure the convergence of  $F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)}$  to  $U$  starting from any initial

529 guess  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(0)} \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)}$  denotes a minimizing sequence. In addition, a reduction factor  
 530 of the form

$$531 \quad \left\| U - F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell+1)} \right\| \leq (1 - C_{\text{stab}}^{-4}) \left\| U - F_{\psi, \omega} \mathcal{U}_0^{(\ell)} \right\|$$

532 can be obtained.

533 Among the possible gradient descent techniques, we select the usual CG iteration (see [11,  
 534 Section 8.5]) to solve (5.2).

535 **5.2. Discretization.** In our computations, we use an upwind-flux discontinuous Galerkin  
 536 method to discretize Maxwell's equations (4.3) and (4.4) in space, while explicit Runge-Kutta  
 537 schemes are employed for time integration. We restrict our numerical experiments to two-dimensional  
 538 examples, and the required notation is briefly presented below.

539 **5.2.1. Two-dimensional setting.** Here, we consider two-dimensional Maxwell's equations  
 540 in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Specifically, we consider three-dimensional Maxwell's equations  
 541 (1.1) in the domain  $\Omega \times I$  for some interval  $I$ , under the assumption that the electromagnetic  
 542 field  $(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{h})$  does not depend on the third space variable. There are two uncoupled polarizations,  
 543 and we focus on the "transverse magnetic" case where  $\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{e} = (0, 0, e_3)$ . The  
 544 other polarization can be dealt with similarly by swapping the roles of  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$ . Employing the  
 545 notation  $\mathbf{h}$  for the 2D vector gathering the magnetic field component and  $e$  for the only non-zero  
 546 component of the electric field. This, time-harmonic Maxwell's equations reduce to

$$547 \quad (5.8) \quad \begin{cases} i\omega\epsilon e + \sigma e + \text{curl } \mathbf{h} &= j & \text{in } \Omega, \\ i\omega\mu \mathbf{h} - \text{curl } e &= \mathbf{0} & \text{in } \Omega, \\ e &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{P}}, \\ e + Z\mathbf{h}_\tau &= g & \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{I}}, \end{cases}$$

548 where  $\epsilon, \sigma, \mu$  and  $Z$  are now scalar-valued functions, and the two-dimensional curl operators are  
 549 given by

$$550 \quad \text{curl } \mathbf{v} = \partial_1 v_2 - \partial_2 v_1 \quad \mathbf{curl } v = (\partial_2 v, -\partial_1 v)$$

551 for any vector-valued and scalar-valued function  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $v$ .

552 The corresponding time-domain Maxwell's equations are given by

$$553 \quad (5.9a) \quad \begin{cases} \epsilon \dot{E} + \sigma E + \text{curl } \mathbf{H} &= J, \\ \mu \dot{\mathbf{H}} - \text{curl } E &= \mathbf{0}, \end{cases}$$

554 in  $\Omega$  and

$$555 \quad (5.9b) \quad \begin{cases} E &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{P}}, \\ E + Z\mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{n} &= G & \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{I}}, \end{cases}$$

556 for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

557 **5.2.2. Discontinuous Galerkin discretization.** Following [15, 27], we discretize (5.9) with  
 558 a first-order discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method. The computational domain  $\Omega$  is thus parti-  
 559 tioned into a mesh  $\mathcal{T}_h$  consisting of triangular elements  $K$ . For any element  $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$ ,  $\rho_K$  denote  
 560 the diameter of the largest circle contained in  $K$ .

561 For the sake of simplicity, we assume that  $\mathcal{T}_h$  is conforming in the sense that the intersection  
 562  $\overline{K_+} \cap \overline{K_-}$  of two distinct elements  $K_\pm \in \mathcal{T}_h$  is either empty, a single vertex, or a full face of both  
 563 elements. Note that the considered DG method is very flexible, and can, in principle, accommodate  
 564 non-conforming meshes with hanging nodes and/or different types of elements.

565 Next, we denote by  $\mathcal{F}_h$  the set of faces associated to  $\mathcal{T}_h$ , and we assume that each boundary  
 566 face  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$  with  $F \subset \partial\Omega$  either entirely belongs to  $\Gamma_{\text{I}}$  or  $\Gamma_{\text{P}}$ . The sets  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{I},h}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{P},h} \subset \mathcal{F}_h$  gather

567 those faces respectively lying in  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ , whereas  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{int},h}$  gathers the remaining “interior” faces.  
 568 We associate with each face  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$  a fixed normal unit normal vector  $\mathbf{n}_F$  chosen such that  
 569  $\mathbf{n}_F = \mathbf{n}$  when  $F \subset \partial\Omega$ . For internal faces, the orientation is arbitrary. We also employ the  
 570 notation  $\mathbf{t}_F$  for the unit tangential to  $F$  obtained from  $\mathbf{n}_F$  by a  $+\pi/2$  rotation.

571 For a given integer  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  stands for scalar-valued functions  $v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $v|_K$   
 572 is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to  $q$  for all  $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$ . Note that the elements of  $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$   
 573 are, in general, discontinuous across the faces  $F \in \mathcal{F}_h$  of the mesh. Similarly  $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  is the space  
 574 of vector-valued functions  $\mathbf{v} := (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$ .

575 If  $v \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{int},h}$ , the notations

$$576 \quad \{\{v\}\}_F := v_+|_F + v_-|_F \quad \llbracket v \rrbracket_F := v_+|_F(\mathbf{n}_+ \cdot \mathbf{n}_F) + v_-|_F(\mathbf{n}_- \cdot \mathbf{n}_F)$$

577 stand for the usual average and jump of  $v$  across  $F$ , where we used  $v_\pm := v|_{K_\pm}$  and  $\mathbf{n}_\pm = \mathbf{n}_{K_\pm}$ ,  
 578 for any two elements  $K_-$  and  $K_+$  of  $\mathcal{T}_h$  such that  $F = \partial K_- \cap \partial K_+$ . For external faces, we simply  
 579 set  $\{\{v\}\}_F := \llbracket v \rrbracket_F := v|_F$ . In addition, if  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  the same notations have to be understood  
 580 component-wise.

581 Given  $E_{h,0} \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{h,0} \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$ , the semi-discrete DG scheme consists in finding  
 582  $E_h(t) \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_h(t) \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  by solving the system of ODE for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  
 (5.10)

$$583 \quad \begin{cases} (\varepsilon \dot{E}_h(t), v_h)_\Omega + (\sigma E_h(t), v_h)_\Omega + (\mathbf{H}_h(t), \mathbf{curl} v_h)_\Omega + (\widehat{\mathbf{H}}_h(t) \times \mathbf{n}_F, \llbracket v_h \rrbracket)_{\mathcal{F}_h} = (J(t), v_h) \\ (\mu \dot{\mathbf{H}}_h(t), \mathbf{w}_h)_\Omega + (E_h(t), \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{w}_h)_\Omega + (\widehat{E}_h(t), \llbracket \mathbf{w}_h \rrbracket \times \mathbf{n}_F)_{\mathcal{F}_h} = 0 \end{cases}$$

584 for all  $v_h \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$  and  $\mathbf{w}_h \in \mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$ , with initial conditions  $E_h(0) = E_{h,0}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_h(t) = \mathbf{H}_{h,0}$ . In  
 585 (5.10),  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{F}_h} := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} (\cdot, \cdot)_F$ , while  $\widehat{E}_h(t)$  and  $\widehat{\mathbf{H}}_h(t)$  are the upwind “numerical fluxes”

$$586 \quad \widehat{E}_h|_F := \frac{1}{\{\{Y_{\text{flux}}\}\}} \left( \{\{Y_{\text{flux}} E_h\}\}_F + \frac{1}{2} \llbracket \mathbf{H}_h \rrbracket_F \times \mathbf{n}_F \right) \quad \widehat{\mathbf{H}}_h|_F := \frac{1}{\{\{Z_{\text{flux}}\}\}} \left( \{\{Z_{\text{flux}} \mathbf{H}_h\}\}_F - \frac{1}{2} \llbracket E_h \rrbracket_F \mathbf{t}_F \right),$$

587 where  $Z_{\text{flux}} := \sqrt{\mu/\varepsilon}$ ,  $Y_{\text{flux}} = 1/Z_{\text{flux}}$ , whenever  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{int},h}$ . For the remaining faces, we set

$$588 \quad \widehat{E}_h|_F := 0 \quad \widehat{\mathbf{H}}_h|_F := -Y E_h \mathbf{t}_F + \mathbf{H}_h$$

589 when  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{P},h}$  and

$$590 \quad \widehat{E}_h|_F := \frac{1}{2} (E_h + Z \mathbf{H}_h \times \mathbf{n} + G) \quad \widehat{\mathbf{H}}_h|_F := \frac{Y}{2} (Z \mathbf{H}_h - E_h \mathbf{t}_F - G \mathbf{t}_F)$$

591 if  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{I},h}$ . This choice introduces some numerical dissipation, leading to stable discretizations  
 592 when coupled with Runge-Kutta time-integration.

593 To simplify further discussions, we introduce the compact notation  $\mathcal{U}_h(t) := (E_h(t), \mathbf{H}_h(t))$ ,  
 594 and we denote by  $\mathbb{U}_h(t)$  the coefficients of  $\mathcal{U}_h(t)$  expanded in the nodal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_q(\mathcal{T}_h)$ , to rewrite  
 595 (5.10) as

$$596 \quad \mathbb{M} \dot{\mathbb{U}}_h(t) + \mathbb{K} \mathbb{U}_h(t) = \text{Re}(\mathbb{M} \mathbb{J} e^{i\omega t}),$$

597 where  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{K}$  are the usual mass and stiffness matrices. A key asset of DG discretizations is  
 598 that  $\mathbb{M}$  is block-diagonal, so that the inverting  $\mathbb{M}^{-1}$  is cheap. Hence, we may reformulate the  
 599 above ODE system as

$$600 \quad (5.11) \quad \dot{\mathbb{U}}_h(t) = \Phi(t, \mathbb{U}_h(t)), \quad \Phi(t, \mathbb{U}_h(t)) := \text{Re}(\mathbb{J} e^{i\omega t}) + \mathbb{B} \mathbb{U}_h(t), \quad \mathbb{B} := \mathbb{M}^{-1} \mathbb{K}.$$

601 **5.3. Time integration scheme.** We integrate (5.11) using a standard second-order explicit  
 602 Runge-Kutta (RK2) method with  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements, or a fourth-order explicit Runge-Kutta (RK4)  
 603 method with  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements. Both are stable under a “CFL condition” on the time-step  $\delta t$ :

$$604 \quad (5.12) \quad \delta t \leq c_q \min_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\sqrt{\mu_K \varepsilon_K \rho_K}),$$

**Algorithm 5.1** Explicit second-order Runge-Kutta (RK2) method**Require:**  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m}$  an approximation of  $\mathbb{U}_h(t_m)$ ,  $m \geq 0$ 

- 1:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,1} := \Phi(t_m, \mathbb{U}_{h,m})$
- 2:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,2} := \Phi(t_m + (\delta t/2), \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + (\delta t/2)\mathbb{K}_{h,1})$
- 3: **return**  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m+1} := \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + \delta t\mathbb{K}_{h,2}$

**Algorithm 5.2** Explicit fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK4) method**Require:**  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m}$  an approximation of  $\mathbb{U}_h(t_m)$ ,  $m \geq 0$ 

- 1:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,1} := \Phi(t_m, \mathbb{U}_{h,m})$
- 2:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,2} := \Phi(t_m + (\delta t/2), \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + (\delta t/2)\mathbb{K}_{h,1})$
- 3:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,3} := \Phi(t_m + (\delta t/2), \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + (\delta t/2)\mathbb{K}_{h,2})$
- 4:  $\mathbb{K}_{h,4} := \Phi(t_m + \delta t, \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + \delta t\mathbb{K}_{h,3})$
- 5: **return**  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m+1} := \mathbb{U}_{h,m} + (\delta t/6)(\mathbb{K}_{h,1} + 2\mathbb{K}_{h,2} + 2\mathbb{K}_{h,3} + \mathbb{K}_{h,4})$

605 where the constant  $c_q$  only depends on the polynomial degree  $q$  and the shape-regularity of the  
 606 mesh. In our computations, we use  $c_1 := 0.24$  and  $c_3 := 0.12$ , which we empirically found to be  
 607 near the stability limit.

608 We thus select a time-step  $\delta t := T/M$ , where  $M$  is the smallest positive integer such that  
 609 (5.12) holds, and iteratively compute approximation  $\mathcal{U}_{h,m}$  to  $\mathcal{U}_h(t_m)$  for  $1 \leq m \leq M$ , where  
 610  $t_m := m\delta t$ . Since there are no “physical” initial conditions, we are free to choose the initial  
 611 condition as piecewise polynomial function and therefore, there are no requirements to interpolate  
 612 or project the initial condition to define  $\mathcal{U}_{h,0}$  and the associated dof vector  $\mathbb{U}_{h,0}$ . We either use  
 613 the RK2 or the RK4 scheme to compute  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m+1}$  from  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m}$ . Both time integration schemes are  
 614 standard but for the sake of completeness, there are briefly listed in Algorithms 5.1 and 5.2.

615 **5.4. Implementation of the filtering.** In this section, we briefly discuss the implementa-  
 616 tion of the filtering operator  $F_\omega$  defined in (4.1). For the RK2 scheme, we may simply employ the  
 617 trapezoidal rule

$$618 \quad (5.13) \quad F_\omega \mathbb{U}_h \simeq \frac{\delta t}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M (\mathbb{U}_{h,m-1} e^{-i\omega t_{m-1}} + \mathbb{U}_{h,m} e^{-i\omega t_m}),$$

619 since it is second-order accurate. The situation is slightly more delicate for the RK4 scheme,  
 620 as employing (5.13) would deteriorate the convergence rate of the method. Instead, we employ  
 621 a method based on Hermite interpolation. This method is especially efficient, because the RK  
 622 algorithm computes the vectors  $\Phi(t, \mathbb{U}_{h,m})$  anyways which are natural approximations to  $\dot{\mathbb{U}}_{h,m}$ .  
 623 We thus let

$$624 \quad \mathbb{I}_{h,m}(t) := \mathbb{U}_{h,m-1} p_{00}(t) + \mathbb{U}_{h,m} p_{01}(t) + \Phi(t_{m-1}, \mathbb{U}_{h,m-1}) p_{10}(t) + \Phi(t_m, \mathbb{U}_{h,m}) p_{11}(t),$$

625 where the Hermite polynomials  $p_{ij}$  are the only elements of  $\mathcal{P}_3(t_{m-1}, t_m)$  satisfying  $p_{ij}^{(\ell)}(t_{m+k}) =$   
 626  $\delta_{ik} \delta_{j\ell}$  for  $0 \leq k, \ell \leq 1$ . Since Hermite polynomials are explicitly available, we can evaluate

$$627 \quad \xi_{ij} := \int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_m} p_{ij}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

628 analytically, which yields

$$629 \quad (5.14) \quad F_\omega \mathbb{U}_h \simeq \sum_{m=1}^M \int_{t_{m-1}}^{t_m} \mathbb{I}_{h,m}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$630 \quad = \mathbb{U}_{h,m-1} \xi_{00} + \mathbb{U}_{h,m} \xi_{01} + \Phi(t_{m-1}, \mathbb{U}_{h,m-1}) \xi_{10} + \Phi(t_m, \mathbb{U}_{h,m}) \xi_{11}.$$

632 We emphasize that (5.13) and (5.14) only require the solutions  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m-1}$  and  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m}$ . In fact, we  
 633 can easily reformulate the above formula to only require  $\mathbb{U}_{h,m}$  at a single time, and this readily  
 634 compute  $F_\omega \mathbb{U}_h$  on the fly.

635 **6. Numerical examples.** This section presents several numerical examples in two and three  
 636 space dimensions, where we compare our CMCG algorithm against a limiting amplitude principle,  
 637 where “naive” time-stepping is employed until convergence. The latter algorithm is denoted by  
 638 FW (for full wave). We utilize the DG method described in Section 5 in both cases, so that a fair  
 639 measure of the cost is the number of periods that need to be simulated to reach a given accuracy  
 640 level. We chose to start both algorithm with  $\mathcal{U}_0^{(0)} = 0$  in all the considered experiments. It is  
 641 known that this strategy is not optimal, since transient right-hand sides generally improves the  
 642 performance of FW, and the convergence of CMCG can be accelerated, if it is applied after a  
 643 “run-up” phase of a few FW iterations (see, e.g. [8, 41]). Nevertheless, we restrict ourselves to  
 644 zero initialization for a fair comparison.

645 Another question we address is the comparison of the solution obtained after convergence  
 646 of the CMCG or FW method against the solution given by the same DG discretization in the  
 647 frequency domain. In this case we solve the linear system  $(i\omega\mathbb{M} + \mathbb{K})\mathbb{U}_h = \mathbb{M}\mathbb{J}_h$  with the direct  
 648 solver implemented in the software package MUMPS [2, 3]. We use the notation FS (frequency  
 649 solver) to refer to this solution. This is a subtle point because the CMCG and the FW algorithm  
 650 will converge to (slightly) different approximations, due to the error from time discretization.

651 Whenever the exact solution is available, we chose the mesh  $\mathcal{T}_h$  and polynomial degree  $q$  so  
 652 that the FS relative error, measured as

$$653 \quad \text{error} := \|U - U_h\|_{\varepsilon,\mu} / \|U\|_{\varepsilon,\mu},$$

654 where  $U$  is the exact solution and  $U_h$  the FS solution, is of the order of a few percent, which seems  
 655 realistic for typical applications. For the CMCG and FW method, the main figure of merit is then  
 656 the relative error

$$657 \quad \text{error} := \|U - F_{\psi,\omega} \mathcal{U}_{0,h}^{(\ell)}\|_{\varepsilon,\mu} / \|U\|_{\varepsilon,\mu},$$

658 where  $\mathcal{U}_{h,0}^{(\ell)}$  is the current iterate in the CMCG or FW algorithm. Specifically  $\mathcal{U}_{h,0}^{(\ell)}$  denotes the  
 659 solution obtained after  $\ell$  iterations of the CMCG algorithm, or the solution in the FW algorithm  
 660 after simulating  $\ell$  periods. Note that CMCG requires twice as many time-periods to compute  $\mathcal{U}_{h,0}^{(\ell)}$   
 661 as FW, which is accounted for in the graphs below. In the last experiment, where the analytical  
 662 solution is not available, we monitor

$$663 \quad \text{error} := \|U_h - F_{\psi,\omega} \mathcal{U}_{0,h}^{(\ell)}\|_{\varepsilon,\mu} / \|U_h\|_{\varepsilon,\mu},$$

664 when comparing CMCG against FW.

665 In all examples we set  $\sigma := 0$ ,  $\mu := 1$ , and  $Z := 1$ . For  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{d}_\theta :=$   
 666  $(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$  the direction associated with  $\theta$  and  $\xi_\theta(\mathbf{x}) := e^{i\omega\mathbf{d}_\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}}$  ( $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ) is the plane wave  
 667 travelling along the direction  $\mathbf{d}$ .

668 Sometimes, we employ structured meshes based on Cartesian grids. In this case, an “ $N \times M$   
 669 Cartesian mesh” is obtained by starting from a grid of  $N \times M$  rectangles and then dividing each  
 670 rectangle into four triangles by joining each of its vertices with its barycentre.

671 **6.1. Plane wave in free space.** In this experiment, we set  $\theta = 45^\circ$  and consider the  
 672 propagation of a plane wave, traveling along the direction  $\mathbf{d}_\theta$  in the square  $\Omega := (0, 1)^2$ . A Silver-  
 673 Müller absorbing boundary condition is imposed on the whole boundary, so that  $\Gamma_I := \partial\Omega$  and  
 674  $\Gamma_P := \emptyset$ . We set  $\varepsilon := 1$ ,  $j := 0$  and  $g = \nabla\xi_\theta \cdot \mathbf{n} + i\omega\xi_\theta$ . The solution then reads  $(e, \mathbf{h}) := (\xi_\theta, \xi_\theta \mathbf{d}^\perp)$ ,  
 675 with  $\mathbf{d}^\perp := (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta)$ .

676 We consider the two frequencies  $\omega = 10\pi$  and  $40\pi$ . We employ a  $32 \times 32$  Cartesian meshes in  
 677 both cases with  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements for  $\omega = 10\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements for  $\omega = 40\pi$ . Figure 6.1.1 shows the  
 678 evolution of the error. In this particular experiment, FW outperforms CMCG. When using  $\mathcal{P}_1$

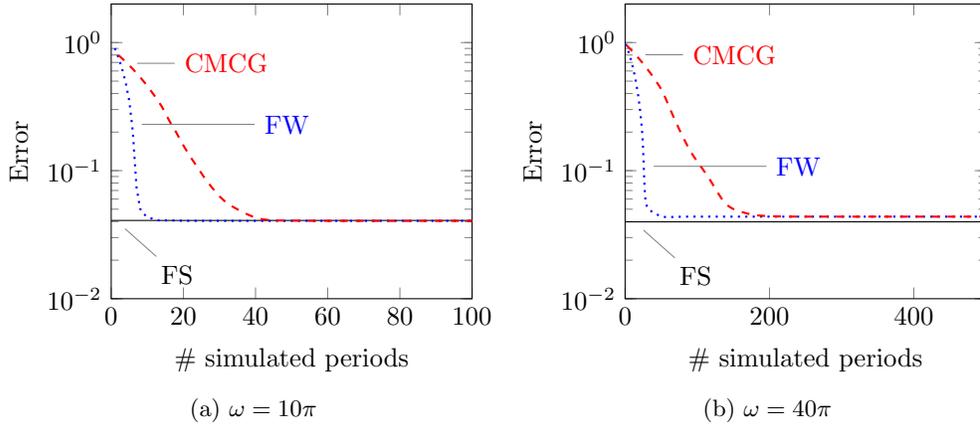


Fig. 6.1.1: Convergence in the plane-wave experiment

679 elements, the error achieved by both FW and CMCG is indistinguishable from the FS error. On  
 680 the other hand, the error slightly increases in both FW and CMCG when using  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements.

681 **6.2. Half open waveguide.** We now consider a rectangular domain  $\Omega := (0, 4) \times (0, 1)$ ,  
 682 where the bottom, top and left sides are perfectly conducting, while an impedance boundary  
 683 condition is imposed on right side. Hence, we have  $\Gamma_P := (0, 4) \times \{0, 1\} \cup \{0\} \times (0, 1)$  and  
 684  $\Gamma_I := \{4\} \times (0, 1)$ . Then, we solve (5.8) with  $\varepsilon := 1$ ,  $j := 0$ ,  $g := \xi_\theta$  and  $\theta = 30^\circ$ .

685 We obtain a semi-analytical solution by first performing the Fourier expansion

686 (6.1) 
$$e = \sum_{n \geq 0} e_n(\mathbf{x}_1) \sin(n\pi \mathbf{x}_2),$$

687 given the top and bottom “Dirichlet-like” boundary conditions. Then,  $e_n$  can be analytically found  
 688 as the solution of linear ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients. In practice, we  
 689 truncate the expansion (6.1) at  $n = 50$ .  $\mathbf{h}$  is easily recovered by (analytically) differentiating (6.1).

690 First, we consider  $\omega = 2\pi$  with a  $64 \times 16$  Cartesian mesh and  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements. Then, for  $\omega = 6\pi$   
 691 we use  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements on a  $32 \times 8$  Cartesian mesh.

692 Figures 6.2.1 shows the convergence history of the FW and CMCG solver. CMCG converges  
 693 significantly faster than FW. In particular, for  $\omega = 6\pi$ , the FW solver does not reach convergence  
 694 within 1000 simulated periods. As in the previous experiment, CMCG achieves the same accuracy  
 695 than FS for  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements, while the error is slightly increased for  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements.

696 **6.3. Cavity problem.** We next consider an interior problem in a closed cavity  $\Omega := (0, 1)^2$   
 697 surrounded by a conducting material. We thus set  $\Gamma_P := \partial\Omega$  and  $\Gamma_I := \emptyset$ . We apply a source  
 698  $j := 1$  and set  $g := 0$ . This problem features resonances at frequencies  $\omega_{r,n,m}^2 := (n^2 + m^2)\pi^2$ ,  
 699 for all  $n, m \geq 0$ , with associated eigenmodes  $u_{n,m} := \sin(n\pi \mathbf{x}_1) \sin(m\pi \mathbf{x}_2)$ . Again, we obtain a  
 700 semi-analytical solution by truncating the Fourier expansion.

701 We examine the behaviour of FW and CMCG when the frequency  $\omega$  is relatively far or close  
 702 to a resonant frequency  $\omega_r$ . Hence, for a fixed resonant frequency  $\omega_r$ , we consider a frequency of  
 703 the form  $\omega_\delta := \omega_r + \sqrt{2}\pi\delta$  with  $\delta = 1/8$  or  $1/64$ . We first take  $\omega_r := 3\sqrt{2}\pi$  with  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements and  
 704 a  $32 \times 32$  Cartesian mesh. Then, we use  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements on an  $8 \times 8$  Cartesian mesh for  $\omega_r := 5\sqrt{2}\pi$ .

705 Figures 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 depict the convergence history of FW and CMCG. The FW algorithm  
 706 fails to converge even in the favorable case where  $\delta = 1/8$ . The CMCG algorithm converges in all  
 707 cases, and the convergence rate is only slightly affected for the smaller value of  $\delta$ .

708 **6.4. Dipole source in a trapping medium.** In this numerical experiment, we simulate  
 709 the electromagnetic field generated by a dipole source inside a body  $G \subset \Omega := (-1, 1)^2$ . We set

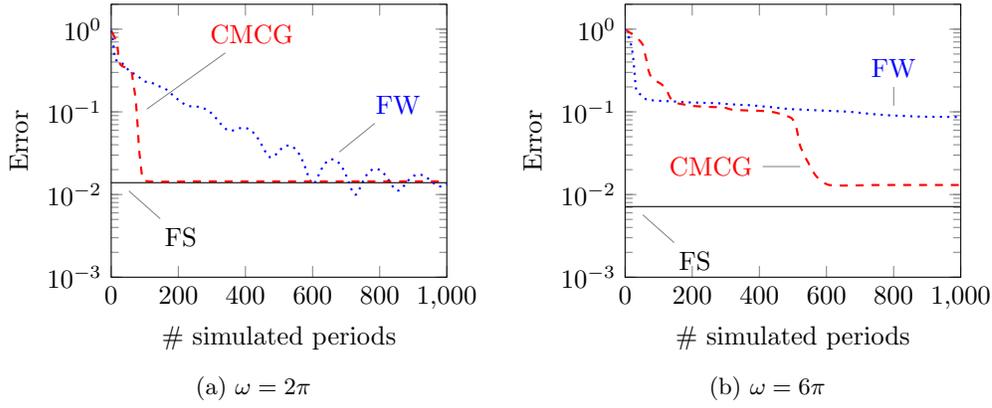
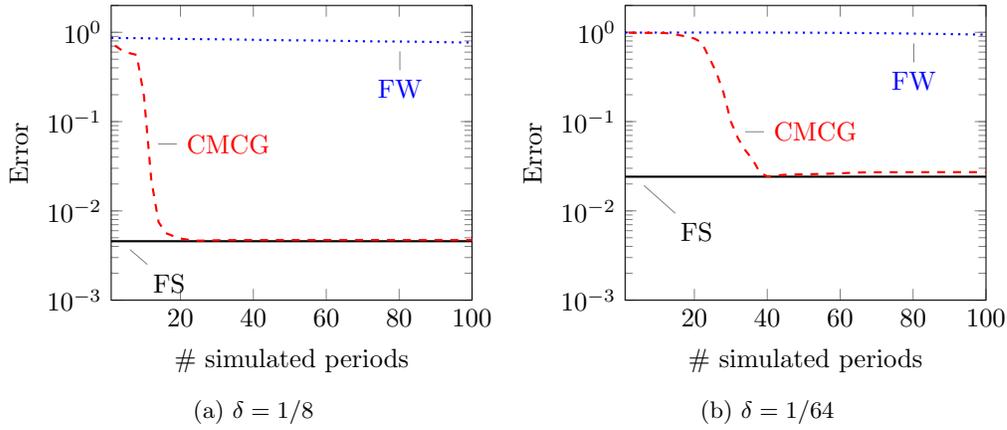
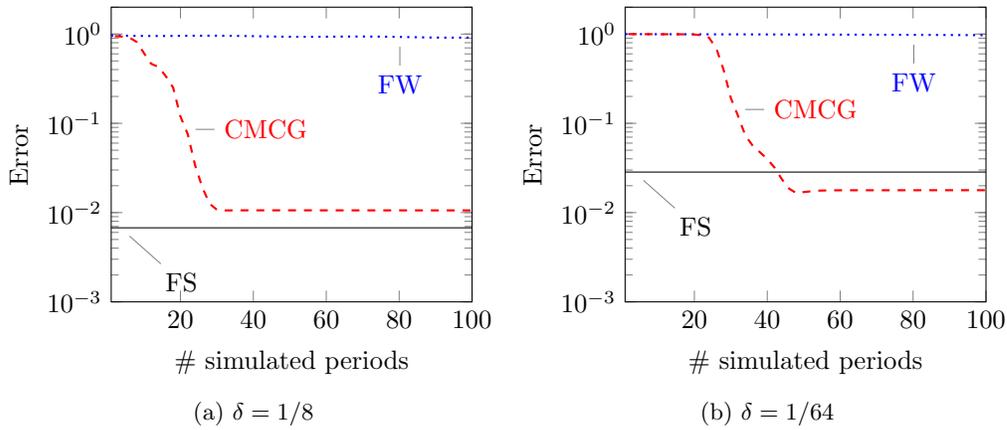


Fig. 6.2.1: Convergence in the half open waveguide experiment

Fig. 6.3.1: Convergence in the cavity experiment:  $\omega_r = 3\sqrt{2}\pi$ Fig. 6.3.2: Convergence in the cavity experiment:  $\omega_r = 5\sqrt{2}\pi$

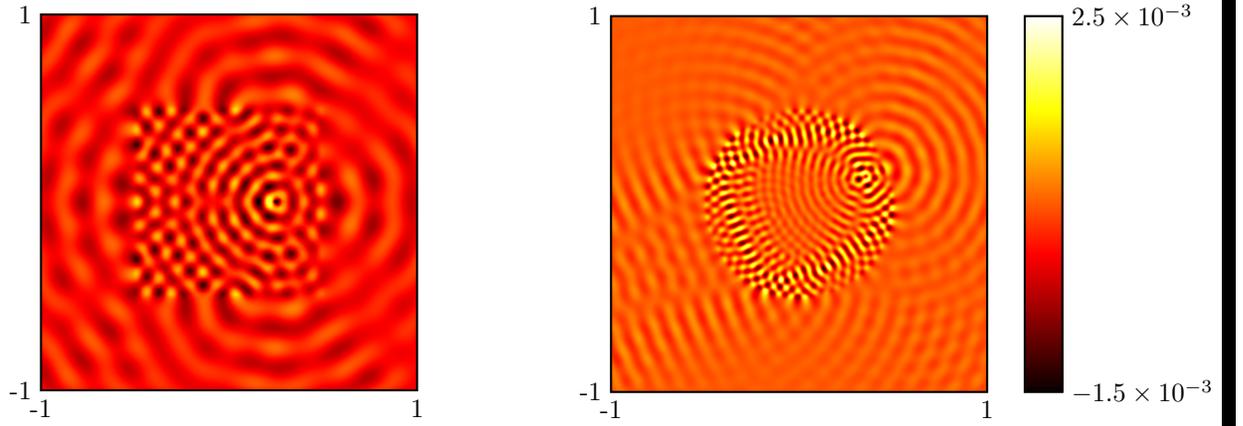


Fig. 6.4.1: Imaginary part of the electric field in the square (left) and circular (right) traps

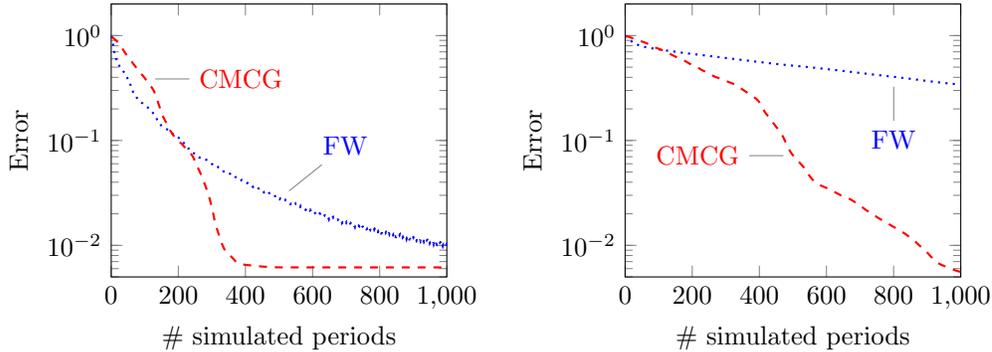


Fig. 6.4.2: Convergence in the square (left) and circular (right) trap experiments

710  $\Gamma_P := \emptyset$  and  $\Gamma_I := \partial\Omega$ . The permittivity is not constant, and instead, we assume that

711 
$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in G, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

712 this choice is made so that  $G$  traps rays: Snell's law ensures that rays crossing the interface  
 713 with incident angle less than  $60^\circ$  are totally reflected inside the  $G$ . We model the dipole with  
 714  $j(\mathbf{x}) := \exp(-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}|^2/s^2)$  where  $s := 0.05$  and  $\mathbf{c} \in G$  is the dipole localization. We consider  
 715 two configurations. In the first case, the trapping body  $G := [-0.5, 0.5]^2$  is squared,  $\mathbf{c} := (0.25, 0)$   
 716 and  $\omega := 10\pi$ . In the second case  $G := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |\mathbf{x}| < 0.5\}$  is a disk,  $\mathbf{c} := (\sqrt{2}/4, 1/2 - \sqrt{2}/4)$   
 717 and  $\omega := 20\pi$ . We employ unstructured meshes generated with GMSH [17]. For the square case,  
 718 we impose a maximum element size  $h = 0.05$  leading to a 3636 elements mesh. For the circular  
 719 trap, the condition  $h = 0.02$  leads to a 22294 triangles mesh. In both cases,  $\mathcal{P}_3$  elements are used  
 720 respectively resulting in 109k and 668k degrees of freedom. Figure 6.4.1 represents the solutions  
 721 while Figure 6.4.2 shows the behaviour of the error. Again, CMCG clearly outperforms FW.

722 **6.5. Three-dimensional experiments.** We conclude this section with several (small-scale)  
 723 3D experiments, whose set-up closely follows the settings from the first three 2D experiments. The  
 724 DG discretization corresponds to the three-dimensional counterpart of the 2D case presented in  
 725 Section 5.2.2; see [15, 27] for further details. We opt for  $\mathcal{P}_1$  elements using the RK2 integrator  
 726 of Algorithm 5.1, and set  $c_1 := 0.20$  in the CFL condition for the time step (this value is slightly  
 727 smaller than in 2D). All the meshes are obtained by first dividing the domain into cubes and then

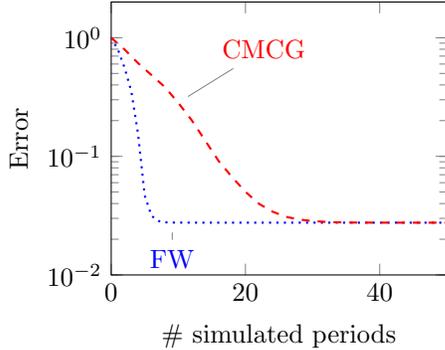


Fig. 6.5.1: 3D plane wave example

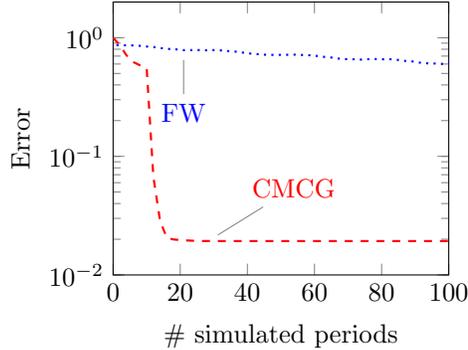


Fig. 6.5.2: 3D cavity example

728 splitting each cube into 24 tetrahedra (we first build six pyramids joining the center of the cube  
729 to each face, and then split each pyramid into 4 tetrahedra).

730 First, we consider the propagation of the plane wave

$$731 \quad (6.2a) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{p}e^{-i\omega\mathbf{d}\cdot\mathbf{x}},$$

732 where

$$733 \quad (6.2b) \quad \mathbf{d} = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta)\cos(\phi), \sin(\theta)\sin(\phi)) \quad \mathbf{p} = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}(0, \sin(\theta)\sin(\phi), -\sin(\theta)\cos(\phi))$$

734 with  $\theta := 60^\circ$  and  $\phi := 30^\circ$  in the cube  $\Omega := (0, 1)^d$ . The domain is surrounded by an impedance  
735 boundary condition, i.e.  $\Gamma_I := \partial\Omega$ . We select a  $16 \times 16 \times 16$  mesh and the frequency  $\omega := 3\pi$ .  
736 The associated convergence history is shown in Figure 6.5.1. As in the 2D case, FW outperforms  
737 CMCG for this very simple problem in unbounded three-dimensional space without any internal  
738 resonances.

739 Next, we consider a half-open waveguide  $\Omega := (0, 4) \times (0, 1)^2$  with  $\Gamma_I := \{4\} \times (0, 1)^2$  and  
740  $\Gamma_P := \partial\Omega \setminus \overline{\Gamma_I}$ . The incident wave corresponds to the three-dimensional plane-wave (6.2) with  
741  $\theta := 80^\circ$  and  $\phi := 30^\circ$ . The (semi-) analytical solution is obtained with an approach similar  
742 to (6.1) for the 2D case. Figure 6.5.3b shows the convergence history of the FW and CMCG  
743 solver for a  $48 \times 12 \times 12$  mesh and the frequency  $\omega := 2\pi$ . As in the 2D case, CMCG converges  
744 significantly faster than FW. In Figure 6.5.3a we also display the electromagnetic energy of the  
745 numerical solution.

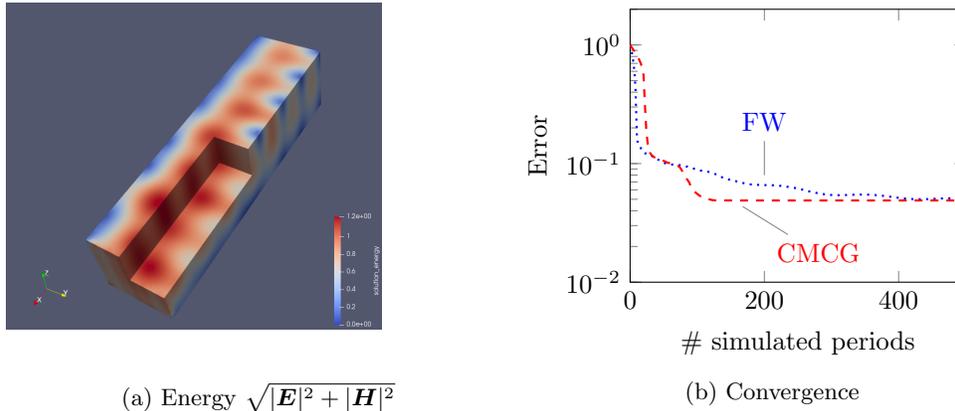
746 Finally, we consider a closed cavity experiment in 3D with  $\Omega := (0, 1)^3$  and  $\Gamma_P := \partial\Omega$ . Here  
747 we extend the previous 2D problem from Section 6.3 in the  $\mathbf{x}_3$  direction by setting

$$748 \quad \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) = (j(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2), 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) = (e(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2), 0, 0),$$

749 where  $j$  and  $e$  are the previous two-dimensional right-hand side and solution. We set the frequency  
750  $\omega := \omega_r + \sqrt{2}\pi\delta$  with  $\omega_r = 3\sqrt{2}\pi$  and  $\delta := 1/8$ , and perform the computation using a  $16 \times 16 \times 16$   
751 mesh. As shown in Figure 6.5.2, the CMCG rapidly converges while the FW method fails to  
752 converge, thus corroborating previous results in the 2D case.

753 In summary, the performance of CMCG in 3D parallels that previously observed in 2D: CMCG  
754 performs slightly worse than FW for a plane wave in open space, but CMCG clearly outperforms  
755 FW in the presence of more complex geometries or boundary conditions, as for the waveguide or  
756 the closed cavity.

757 **7. Conclusion.** We have proposed a controllability method (CM) to solve Maxwell's equa-  
758 tions in the frequency-domain in their first-order formulation. By minimizing a quadratic cost  
759 functional  $J$  using a conjugate gradient iteration (CG), the CMCG method determines a time-  
760 periodic solution in the time-domain. At each CG iteration, the gradient  $J'$  is computed simply by

(a) Energy  $\sqrt{|\mathbf{E}|^2 + |\mathbf{H}|^2}$ 

(b) Convergence

Fig. 6.5.3: 3D waveguide experiment

761 running a time-domain solver forward and backward over one period, without the need for solving  
 762 any additional linear system. Hence, our CMCG algorithm automatically inherits the parallelism,  
 763 scalability, and low memory footprint of the underlying DG time-domain solver. The full CMCG  
 764 Algorithm 2.3 is listed in Section 2.2.

765 In general, there exist several time-periodic solutions to Maxwell's equations, distinct from  
 766 the desired time-harmonic solution, so that the minimizer of  $J$  may not be unique. To remove  
 767 those spurious modes and thus extract the time-harmonic solution from any minimizer, we apply a  
 768 cheap filtering operator computed “on the fly” as a final post-processing step. In Theorem 4.6, we  
 769 establish that  $J$  combined with the filtering operator is strongly convex in an appropriate sense,  
 770 which ensures the convergence of the CMCG method to the desired time-harmonic solution from  
 771 any initial guess. In Section 4.3, we also show that nearly periodic solutions already provide good  
 772 approximations to the time-harmonic solution after filtering. Hence, by monitoring the misfit, the  
 773 CG iteration may be stopped as soon as the desired accuracy has been reached.

774 The CMCG method inherits all the numerical errors already present in any spatial discretiza-  
 775 tion of the time-harmonic Maxwell equations. Moreover, the CMCG approach includes the errors  
 776 due to time-discretization and to the stopping criterion in the CG iteration. As long as these  
 777 two additional sources of error decrease at least as fast as all other numerical errors present in  
 778 the spatial discretization, the CMCG method will retain the overall optimal rate of convergence  
 779 with respect to the mesh size  $h$ . In fact, comparison with a direct frequency-domain solver shows  
 780 that the additional error due to time discretization is hardly visible for the low-order  $\mathcal{P}_1$ -RK2  
 781 discretization and very small for the higher order  $\mathcal{P}_3$ -RK4 discretization.

782 In our numerical experiments, we also compare the CMCG method against the limiting ampli-  
 783 tude principle, where one simply lets the time-domain solver run until the time-harmonic regime  
 784 is reached. For simple plane wave propagation in unbounded space, the limiting amplitude prin-  
 785 ciple in fact slightly outperforms CMCG. For all other examples however, CMCG significantly  
 786 outperforms the approach based on the limiting amplitude principle. For the cavity experiment in  
 787 Section 6.3, in particular, the convergence of CMCG is hardly affected by the trapping geometry,  
 788 whereas the limiting amplitude principle based approach utterly fails.

789 Our CMCG method is non-intrusive and easily integrated into any existing time-domain code.  
 790 It is not limited to DG discretizations; thus, we expect similar performance using solvers based  
 791 on finite differences [40, 43] or generalized finite differences based on discrete exterior calculus  
 792 (DEC) [39]. Although we have only used simple first-order Silver-Müller absorbing boundary  
 793 conditions in our computations, the CMCG approach immediately extends to other more accurate  
 794 absorbing conditions or perfectly matched layers [41]. In the presence of complex geometry and  
 795 local mesh refinement, local time-stepping methods permit to overcome the stringent local CFL

796 stability condition without sacrificing explicitness [21, 24]. The CMCG approach can also compute  
 797 solutions for multiple frequencies in “one shot”, that is at the cost of a single solve, as proposed  
 798 in [41].

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