

A New Parareal Algorithm for Problems with Discontinuous Sources

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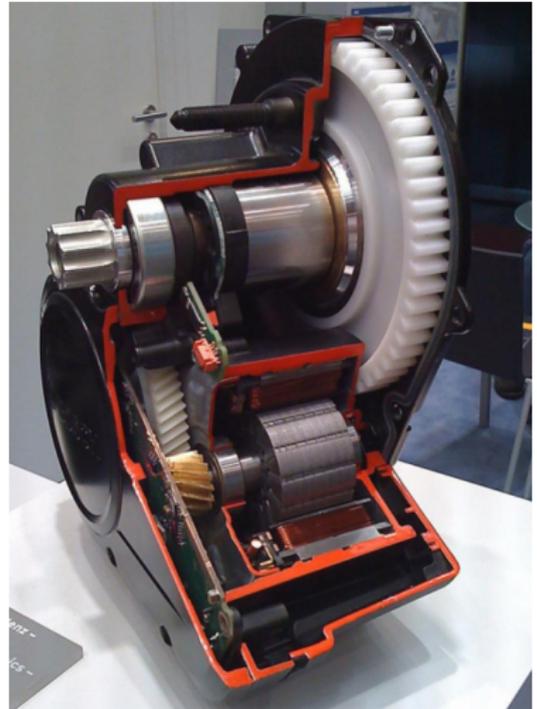
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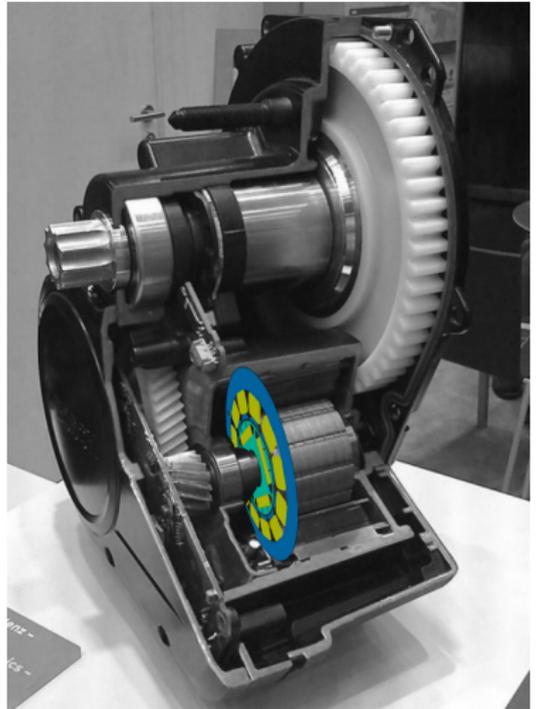
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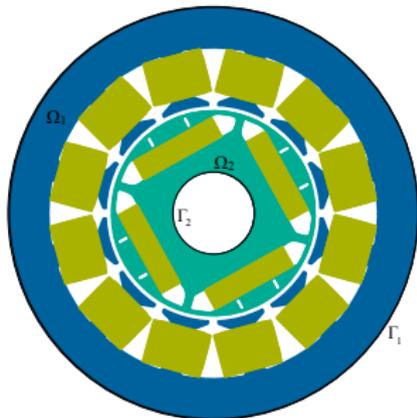


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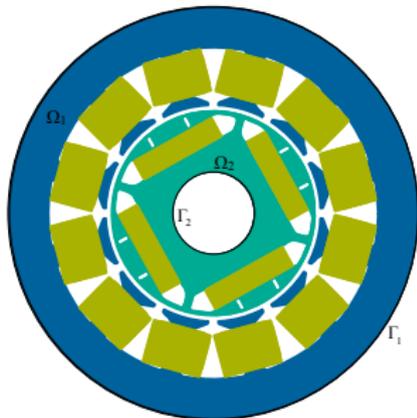
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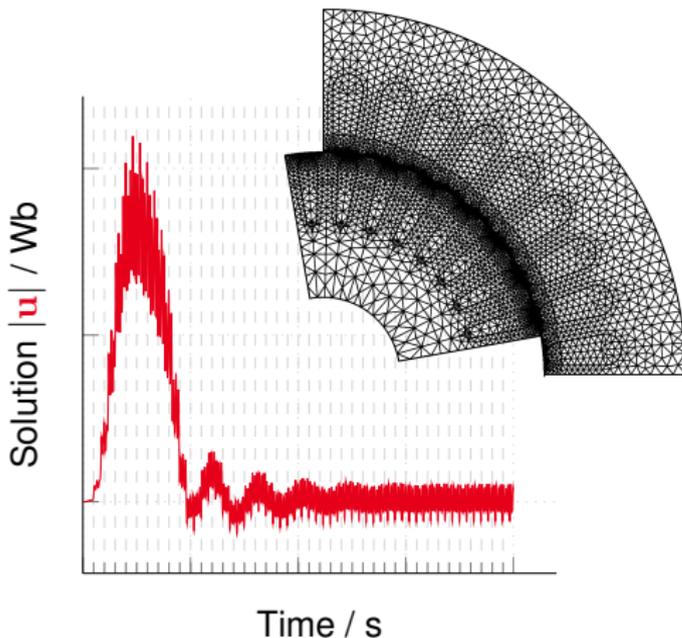


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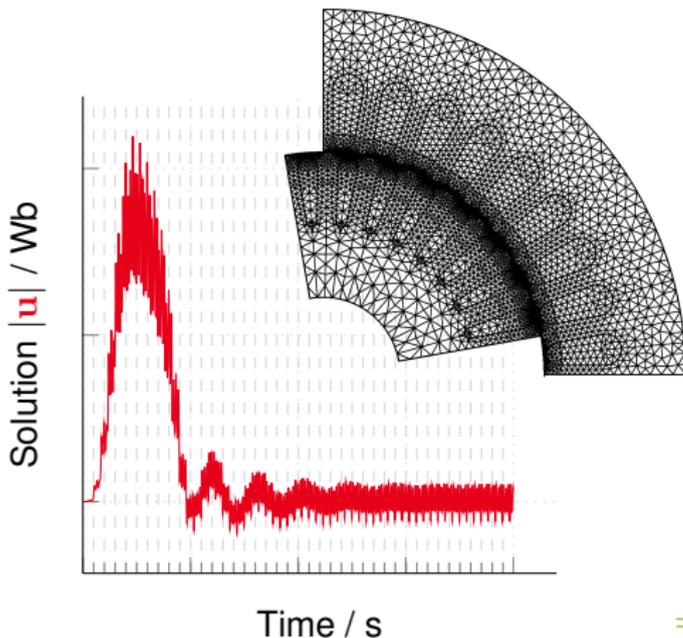
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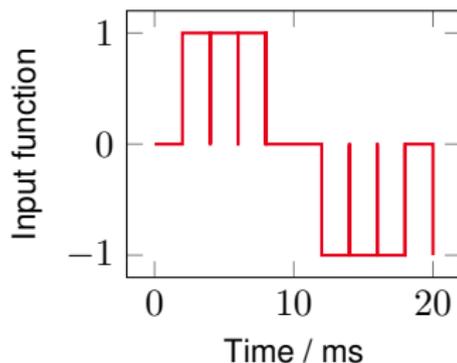
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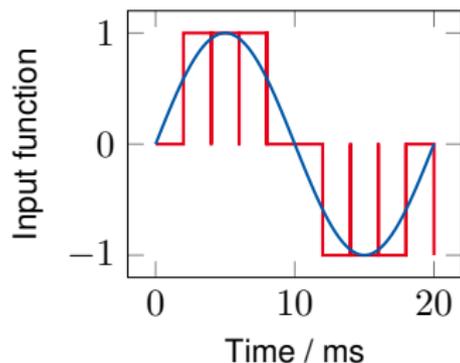
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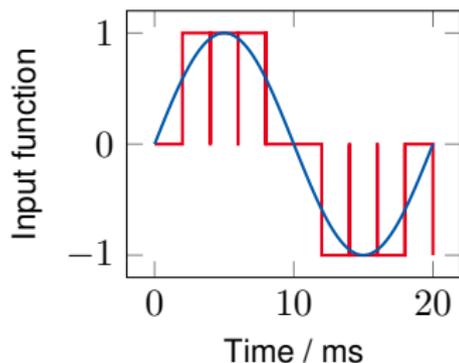
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- **Proof:** based on perturbation results for ODEs with discontinuities

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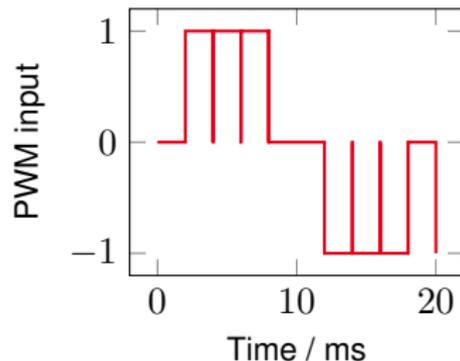
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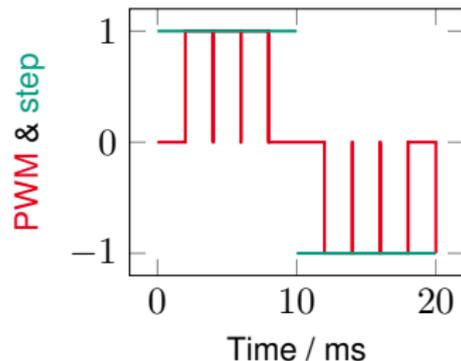
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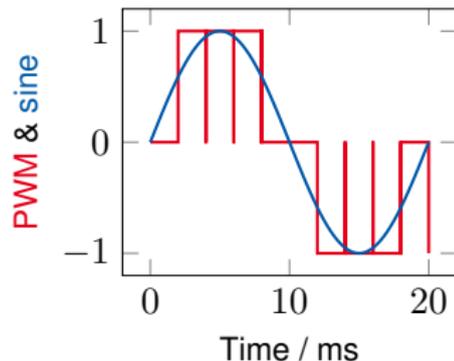
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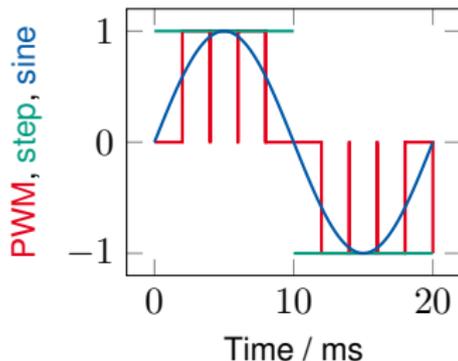
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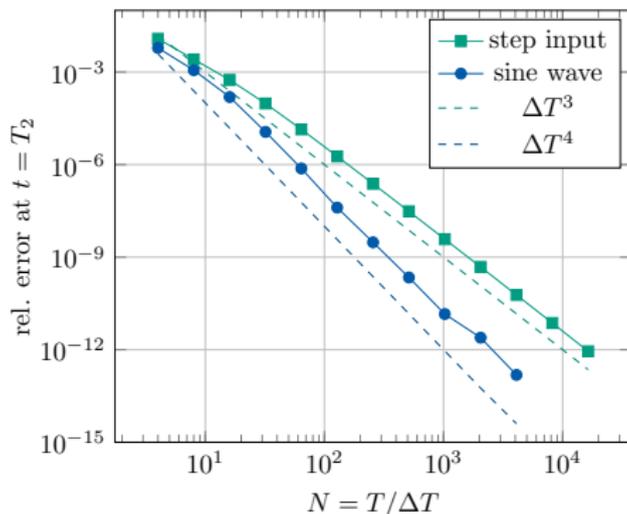
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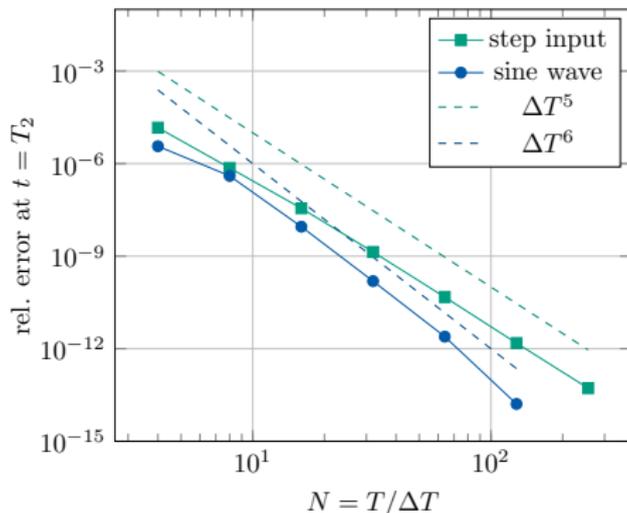
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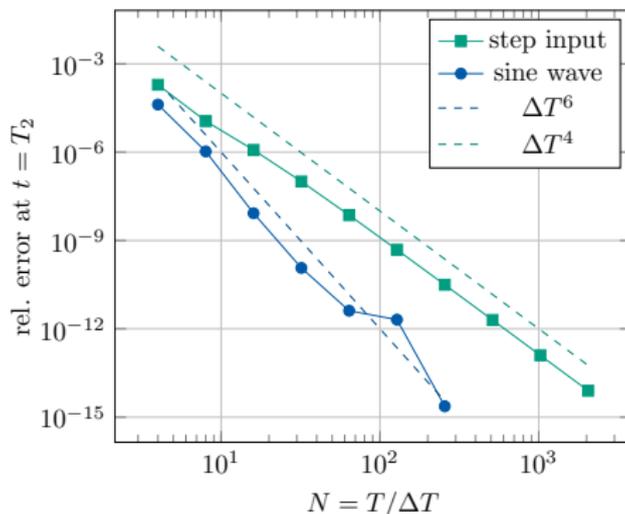
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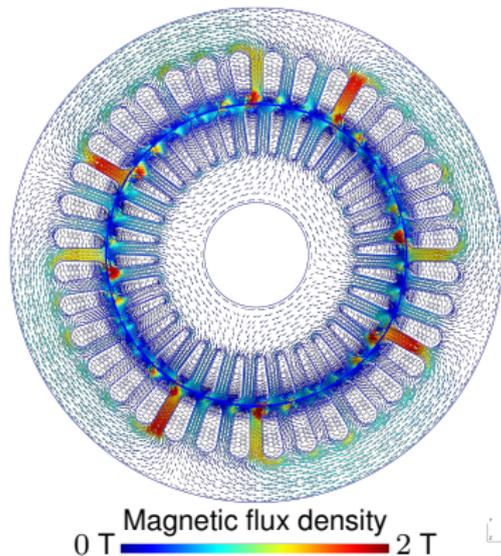
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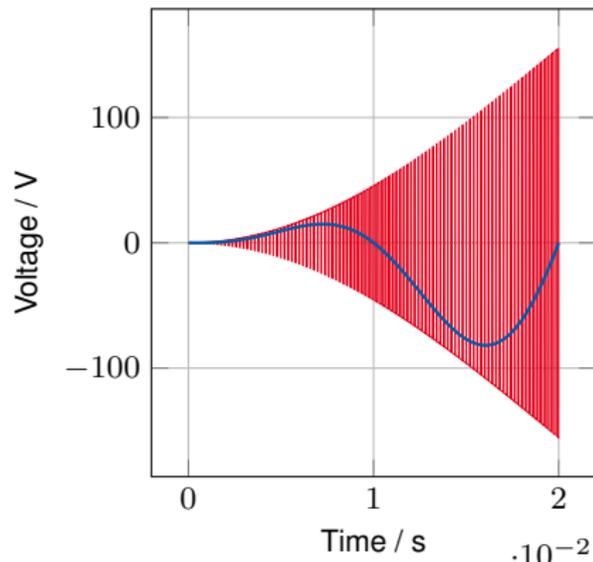


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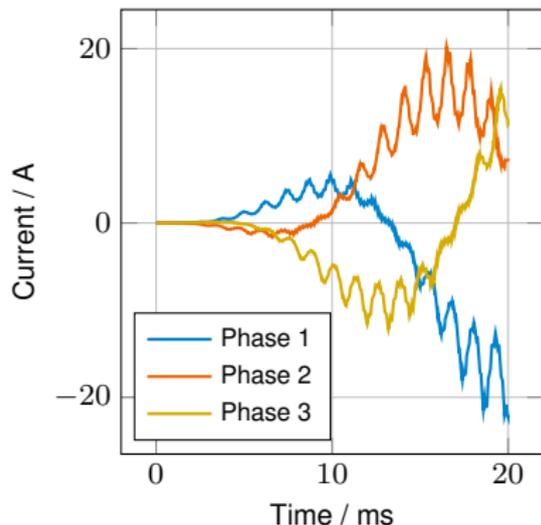


Four-pole squirrel cage 'im_3kw' model and its magnetic field at $t = 20$ ms if excited by a sinusoidal voltage source (author: Gyselinck).

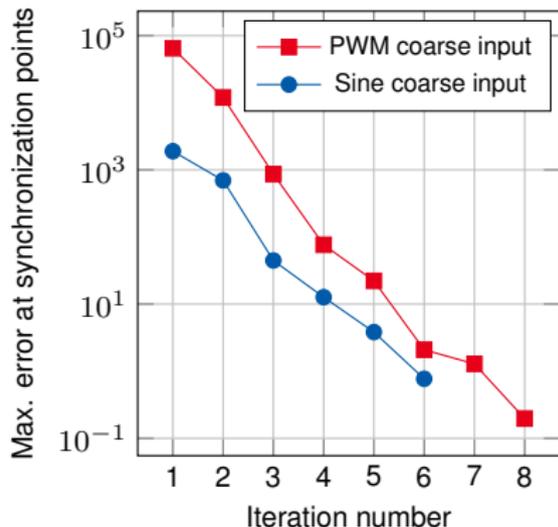


PWM voltage source of 5 kHz with a ramp-up and phase 1 of the corresponding sinusoidal waveform of 50 Hz.

Numerical results



Stator currents for the three-phase PWM voltage source of 20 kHz on $[0, 20]$ ms. Software: implicit Euler within GetDP.



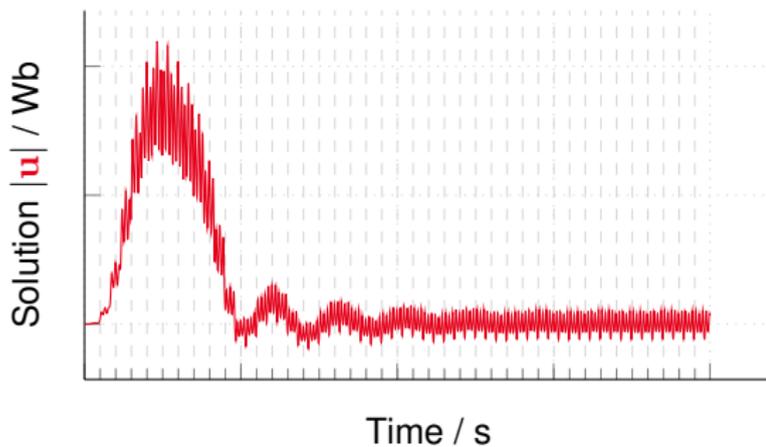
Convergence of the standard Parareal and the modified Parareal algorithms to reach the prescribed tolerance $1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$.

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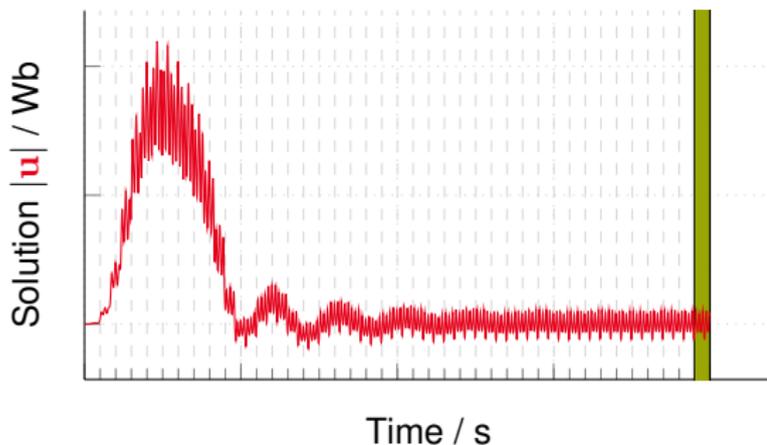
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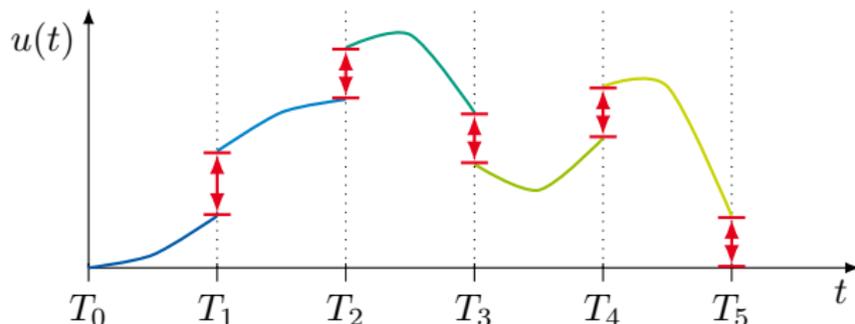
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Parareal for time-periodic problems



PP-IC: periodic parareal algorithm with initial value coarse problem:

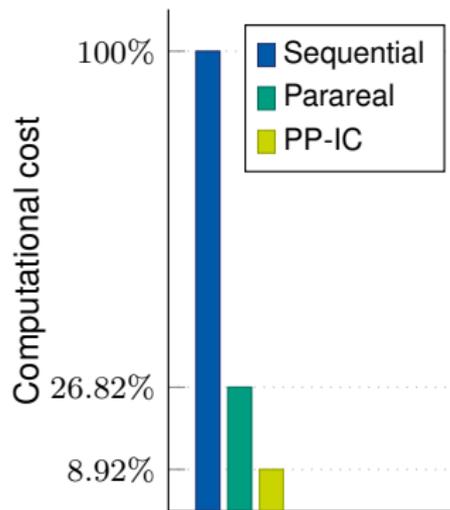
$$\mathbf{U}_0^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{U}_N^{(k)},$$

$$\mathbf{U}_n^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{F}(T_n, T_{n-1}, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^{(k)}) + \mathcal{G}(T_n, T_{n-1}, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^{(k+1)}) - \mathcal{G}(T_n, T_{n-1}, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^{(k)}).$$



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Results for induction machine with PWM voltage source



Computational efforts to obtain the periodic (steady-state) solution:

- Sequential: 9 periods until the steady state \implies 2 176 179 system solves
- Parareal: calculation on $[0, 9T]$, needs effectively 583 707 linear solutions
- PP-IC: applied on one period $[0, T]$, requires 194 038 linear solutions

Period $T = 0.02$ s, available CPUs $N = 20$

Fine propagator \mathcal{F} : three-phase PWM excitation of 20 kHz, $\delta T = 10^{-6}$ s

Coarse solver $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$: three-phase sinusoidal source of 50 Hz, $\Delta T = 10^{-3}$ s

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Outlook

- Prove convergence of the modified PP-IC algorithm
- Further development of parallel-in-time methods for the periodic eddy current problem with PWM excitation
- Combine the time-parallel techniques with spatial domain decomposition for simulation of electric machines

Thank you!

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