Time dependent integral method for Maxwell's system with impedance boundary condition

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Abstract

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We solve the problem of diffraction of an electromagnetic wave by a dissipative scatterer using a boundary integral method in time-domain directly. We prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution of this problem. We obtain the continuity and a relation of coercivity for the associated time-dependent formulation in this time functional framework. The discret approximation of the variational formulation leads to a stable marching-in-time scheme.

1 Introduction

The time dependent integral method was applied by T. HA DUONG [3] in 1987 for solving the waves equation in dimension 3D+1. He also defined a functional framework used by E. BECACHE [2] in elastic waves and by A. PUJOLS [6] for Maxwell's system in 2D+1. In 1993, I. TERRASSE [8] introduced new spaces coupling time and space and resolved numerically Maxwell equations for a perfect conductor. Here we study the case of a dissipative obstacle, with an impedance boundary condition, by considering a tridimensional object Ω^- , with regular bounded surface Γ and exterior normal \vec{n} , lighted by an incident wave (E^{inc}, H^{inc}) that hits the scatterer at t = 0. The scattered field (E, H) satisfies in $\Omega^+ = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \overline{\Omega^-}$ the Maxwell equations

$$\begin{cases} c\vec{u}rlE + \mu_o \partial_t H = \vec{0} \quad in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^+ \\ c\vec{u}rlH - \varepsilon_o \partial_t E = \vec{0} \quad in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^+ \\ divE = 0 = divH \quad in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^+ \\ E(t, .) = 0 = H(t, .) \quad for \ t < 0 \end{cases}$$

We take on the surface Γ the Leontovitch condition with impedance Z :

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$$\Pi_{\Gamma} E - Z \,\vec{n} \wedge H_{|\Gamma} = \vec{c} \qquad on \ \mathbb{R}^{t} \times \Gamma \qquad (1)$$

The tangent vector \overrightarrow{c} is given by the incident field :

$$\vec{c} = -\prod_{\Gamma} E^{inc} + Z \vec{n} \wedge H^{inc}|_{\Gamma} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^{t} \times \Gamma \text{ where } \prod_{\Gamma} f(x) = -\vec{n}(x) \wedge (\vec{n}(x) \wedge f|_{\Gamma})$$

The constants μ_o and ε_o are respectively the magnetic permeability and the electric permittivity. Now, we consider an interior problem defined by extending the field (E, H) into the interior domain Ω^- :

$$\begin{cases} c\vec{u}rlE + \mu_o \partial_t H = \vec{0} \ in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^-\\ c\vec{u}rlH - \varepsilon_o \partial_t E = \vec{0} \ in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^-\\ divE = 0 = divH \ in \ \mathbb{R}^t \times \Omega^-\\ E(t, .) = 0 = H(t, .) \ for t < 0 \end{cases}$$

with the condition on the surface Γ :

$$\Pi_{\Gamma} E + Z \vec{n} \wedge H_{|\Gamma} = \vec{d} \quad on \ \mathbb{R}^{t} \times \Gamma \quad where \ \vec{d} = -\Pi_{\Gamma} E^{inc} - Z \vec{n} \wedge H^{inc}_{|\Gamma}$$
(2)

2 Representation by retarded potentials

The solution of (P^+) can be represented in $\mathbb{R}^+ \times (\Omega^+ \cup \Omega^-)$ by :

$$E = -\mu_0 L\partial_t \vec{j} - g\vec{rad} L\rho - c\vec{url} L\vec{m}, \ H = -\varepsilon_0 L\partial_t \vec{m} - g\vec{rad} L\theta + c\vec{url} L\vec{j}$$

where L is the retarded potential of simple layer :

$$Lp(t,x) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{p(t-|x-y|_{c},y)}{4\pi |x-y|} d\Gamma(y) \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}^{+} \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}^{3} \setminus \Gamma$$

The term $|x-y|_c$ denotes the ratio $\frac{|x-y|}{c}$, and the surface currents \vec{j} and \vec{m} and charges ρ and θ are the jumps on $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \Gamma$, connected by conservation of charge :

$$\vec{j} = \vec{n} \wedge H^{+}_{|\Gamma} - \vec{n} \wedge H^{-}_{|\Gamma} , \quad \vec{m} = \vec{n} \wedge E^{-}_{|\Gamma} - \vec{n} \wedge E^{+}_{|\Gamma} ,$$
$$\rho = \vec{n} \cdot E^{+}_{|\Gamma} - \vec{n} \cdot E^{-}_{|\Gamma} , \quad \theta = \vec{n} \cdot H^{+}_{|\Gamma} - \vec{n} \cdot H^{-}_{|\Gamma}$$

$$div_{\Gamma}\vec{j} + \varepsilon_0 \partial_t \rho = 0 , \ div_{\Gamma}\vec{m} + \mu_0 \partial_t \theta = 0 \ on \ \mathbb{R}^+ \times \Gamma$$
(3)

The representations become in $\mathbb{R}^+ \times (\Omega^+ \cup \Omega^-)$:

$$E(t, x) = -\mu_0 L \partial_t \vec{j} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \operatorname{grad} L(\int_0^t \operatorname{div}_{\Gamma} \vec{j}(s, x) ds) - c \vec{url} L \vec{m}$$
(4)

$$H(t, x) = -\varepsilon_0 L \partial_t \vec{m} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} g \vec{rad} L \left(\int_0^t div_{\Gamma} \vec{m}(s, x) ds \right) + c \vec{url} L \vec{j}$$
(5)

By adding and substracting boundary conditions (1) and (2), and by using (4) and (5), we obtain the integral equations on $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \Gamma$:

$$2(R\vec{j} + \Pi_{\Gamma}Q\vec{m}) - Z\vec{j} = \vec{c} + \vec{d}, \ \vec{n} \wedge \vec{m} - 2Z(\frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\mu_{0}} \ \vec{n} \wedge R\vec{m} + \vec{n} \wedge Q\vec{j}) = \vec{c} - \vec{d}$$
(6)
$$R\vec{f}(t,x) = -\mu_{0}\Pi_{\Gamma}L\partial_{t}\vec{f}(t,x) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}g\vec{r}ad_{\Gamma}L(\int_{0}^{t}div_{\Gamma}\vec{f}(s,x)ds)$$
$$Q\vec{f}(t,x) = \vec{n}_{x} \wedge \int_{\Gamma}g\vec{r}ad_{x}(\frac{1}{4\pi|x-y|}) \wedge \vec{f}(t-|x-y|_{c},y) d\Gamma(y)$$
$$g\vec{r}ad_{\Gamma}f(x) = -\vec{n}(x) \wedge (\vec{n}(x) \wedge g\vec{r}ad_{x}f|_{\Gamma})$$

The resolution of the system (6) leads to determinate the field (E, H) in $\Omega^+ \cup \Omega^-$ thanks to relations (4) and (5).

3 Functional framework

Before introducing the functional framework, we shall do some recalls about the Fourier-Laplace transform. Let E be an Hilbert space, we note $\mathscr{D}_{+}(E)$ the set of E-valued distributions, and $\mathscr{G}'(E)$ the set of E-valued tempered distributions with support in \mathbb{R}^+ . For real $\sigma, \sigma > 0$, we can define:

$$LT(\sigma, E) = \{ T \in \mathcal{D}'_{+}(E), e^{-\sigma t} T \in \mathcal{G}'_{+}(E) \}$$

and the Fourier-Laplace transform \hat{T} of T:

$$\hat{T}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(e^{-\sigma t} T)(\eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega t} T(t) dt \quad T \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$$

where \mathscr{F} is the usual Fourier transform and the frequency $\omega = \eta + i\sigma$. For $r \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the spaces for $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$H^{r}(div, \Gamma) = \{ f \in H^{r}(\Gamma) : f. \vec{n} = 0, div_{\Gamma} f \in H^{r}(\Gamma) \}$$
$$H^{r}(c\vec{u}rl, \Gamma) = \{ f \in H^{r}(\Gamma) : f. \vec{n} = 0, c\vec{u}rl_{\Gamma} f \in H^{r}(\Gamma) \}$$

$$H^{s}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^{+}, H^{r}(div, \Gamma)) = \{ f \in LT(\sigma, H^{r}(div, \Gamma)), \int_{-\infty+i\sigma}^{+\infty+i\sigma} |\omega|^{2s} \|\widehat{f}(\omega, .)\|^{2}_{r, \omega, div_{\Gamma}} d\omega < +\infty \},$$

$$\|f\|_{s,\sigma,H^{r}(div,\Gamma)}^{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty+i\sigma}^{\infty+i\sigma} |\omega|^{2s} \|\widehat{f}(\omega,.)\|_{r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2} d\omega$$

where

and

$$\forall \ \hat{f} \in H^{r}(div, \Gamma), \quad \| \ \hat{f}(\omega, .) \|_{r, \omega, div_{\Gamma}}^{2} = \| \ \hat{f}^{\omega}(\omega, .) \|_{H^{r}(div, |\omega| \Gamma)}^{2}$$

$$\forall \ y \in |\omega| \ \Gamma, \quad \hat{f}^{\omega}(\omega, y) = \frac{1}{|\omega|} \ \hat{f}(\omega, \frac{y}{\omega})$$

These norms are equivalent to the usual norms and we have the

Proposition 1. For all $|\omega| \ge \sigma$, and $r \ge 0$ we have :

$$C(\sigma)^{-(r+1)} \| \hat{f} \|_{r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} \le \| \hat{f} \|_{H^{r}(div,\Gamma)} \le C(\sigma)^{(r+1)} \| \omega \|^{(r+1)} \| \hat{f} \|_{r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}$$

$$C(\sigma)^{-(r+1)} \| \omega \|^{-r} \| \hat{f} \|_{-r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} \le \| \hat{f} \|_{H^{-r}(div,\Gamma)} \le C(\sigma)^{(r+1)} \| \omega \| \| \hat{f} \|_{-r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}$$

$$= O(\sigma)^{-(r+1)} \| \omega \|^{-r} \| \hat{f} \|_{-r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} \le \| \hat{f} \|_{H^{-r}(div,\Gamma)} \le C(\sigma)^{(r+1)} \| \omega \| \| \hat{f} \|_{-r,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}$$

where $C(\sigma) = sup(\frac{1}{\sigma}, 1)$

We have the same result for $H^{r}(c\vec{url},\Gamma)$ by replacing in Proposition 1, div by $c\vec{url}$.

4 Variational problem

Adopting HA-DUONG's approach [3], we study the associated harmonic problem to deduce properties of R and Q by using Fourier-Laplace transform. Therefore, the system of integral equations (6) becomes :

$$\begin{cases} 2\left(R_{\omega}\hat{j}-2\prod_{\Gamma}Q_{\omega}\hat{m}\right)-Z\hat{j}=(\hat{c}+\hat{d})\\ \vec{n}\wedge\hat{m}-2Z\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\mu_{0}}\vec{n}\wedge R_{\omega}\hat{m}+\vec{n}\wedge Q_{\omega}\hat{j}\right)=(\hat{c}-\hat{d}) \end{cases}$$
(7)

where \hat{j} and \hat{m} are the jumps of $\hat{H} \wedge \vec{n}$ and $-\hat{E} \wedge \vec{n}$ through Γ respectively, $\hat{c} = -\prod_{\Gamma} \hat{E}^{inc} + Z \vec{n} \wedge \hat{H}^{inc}|_{\Gamma}$ and $\hat{d} = -\prod_{\Gamma} \hat{E}^{inc} - Z \vec{n} \wedge \hat{H}^{inc}|_{\Gamma} R_{\omega}$ and Q_{ω} are the operators

$$\begin{cases} R_{\omega}\hat{f}(x) = \mu_{0} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{i\omega|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|} \hat{f}(y) d\Gamma(y) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0}} g\vec{rad}_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{i\omega|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|} div_{\Gamma}\hat{f}(y) d\Gamma(y) \\ Q_{\omega}\hat{f}(x) = \int_{\Gamma} g\vec{rad}_{x} \frac{e^{i\omega|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|} \wedge \hat{f}(y) d\Gamma(y) \end{cases}$$

We obtain the variational problem :

$$a_{\omega}((\hat{j},\hat{m}),(\hat{j}',\hat{m}')) = \frac{1}{2} < (\hat{c} + \hat{d}), \hat{j}' > -\frac{1}{2Z} < (\hat{c} - \hat{d}), \vec{n} \land \hat{m}' >$$
(8)

$$a_{\omega}((\hat{j},\hat{m}),(\hat{j'},\hat{m'})) = \frac{1}{2Z} \int_{\Gamma} \hat{m}(x) \cdot \overline{\hat{m'}(x)} \, d\Gamma(x) + \frac{1}{2Z} \int_{\Gamma} \hat{j}(x) \cdot \overline{\hat{j'}(x)} \, d\Gamma(x) - \langle R_{\omega}\hat{j},\hat{j'} \rangle \\ - \langle \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\mu_0} R_{\omega}\hat{m},\hat{m'} \rangle + \langle \Pi_{\Gamma} Q_{\omega}\hat{m},\hat{j'} \rangle - \langle \vec{n} \wedge Q_{\omega}\hat{j},\vec{n} \wedge \hat{m'} \rangle$$
(9)

Proposition 2. For $\mathcal{I}m(\omega) = \sigma \ge \sigma_0 > 0$, R_{ω} , Q_{ω} satisfy :

$$\begin{split} \|R_{\omega}\widehat{f}\|_{-1/2,\omega,c\overrightarrow{url}_{\Gamma}} &\leq C(\Gamma,\sigma_{0}) \,\|\widehat{f}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} &\forall \widehat{f} \in H^{-1/2}(div,\Gamma) \\ \|(\overrightarrow{n} \wedge Q_{\omega} + \frac{I}{2})\widehat{f}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} &\leq C(\Gamma,\sigma_{0}) \,\|\widehat{f}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}} &\forall \widehat{f} \in H^{-1/2}(div,\Gamma) \end{split}$$

Proposition 3. The associated sesquilinear form a_{ω} satisfies the coercivity condition $\forall (\hat{j}, \hat{m}) \in (L^2(\Gamma) \cap H^{-1/2}(\operatorname{div}, \Gamma))^2$:

$$\Re e \ a_{\omega}(\hat{j}, \hat{m}) \ge \ C \left[\|\hat{j}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + \|\hat{m}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + \frac{\sigma_{0}}{|\omega|} (\|\hat{j}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2} + \|\hat{m}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2}) \right]$$
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Hence, the harmonic problem (7) can be solved by the standard variational method:

Theorem 4. Let $\Re e(Z) > 0$ and $\Im m(\omega) > 0$, $\hat{c} - \hat{d}$ and $\hat{c} + \hat{d}$ be in $L^2(\Gamma) \cup H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)$ and $L^2(\Gamma) \cup H^{-1/2}(curl, \Gamma)$ respectively. Then problem (7) has a unique solution $(\hat{j}, \hat{m}) \in (L^2(\Gamma) \cap H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma))^2$ and we have :

$$\begin{split} & \{ \|\hat{j}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + \|\hat{m}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + C(\Gamma)\frac{\sigma_{0}}{|\omega|} (\|\hat{j}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2} + \|\hat{m}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2}) \} \leq \\ & \leq C_{1}(\mathcal{R}e(Z)) (\|\hat{c} + \hat{d}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + \|\hat{c} - \hat{d}\|_{0,\omega,\Gamma}^{2} + \|\hat{c} + \hat{d}\|_{-1/2,\omega,curl_{\Gamma}}^{2} + \|\hat{c} - \hat{d}\|_{-1/2,\omega,div_{\Gamma}}^{2}) \end{split}$$

Applying the inverse Fourier-Laplace transform to the solution of harmonic problem, we can deduce :

Theorem 5. For $\Re e(Z) > 0, \vec{c} - \vec{d}, \vec{c} + \vec{d}$ be in $H^{s_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cup H^{s_2+1/2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma))$ and $H^{s_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cup H^{s_2+1/2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(curl, \Gamma))$ respectively, $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, Problem (6) has a unique solution $(\vec{j}, \vec{m}) \in (H^{s_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cap H^{s_2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)))^2$.

Parseval formula applied to (8) leads to the space-time variational formulation of time dependent problem for $(\vec{j}', \vec{m'}) \in (H^{-s_1}_{\sigma}(R^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cap H^{1-s_2}_{\sigma}(R^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)))^2$

$$a((\vec{j},\vec{m}),(\vec{j}',\vec{m}')) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-2\sigma t} (\langle \frac{1}{Z} (\vec{c} - \vec{d}), \vec{n} \wedge \vec{m}' \rangle - \langle \vec{c} + \vec{d}, \vec{j}' \rangle) dt$$
(11)

$$\begin{split} a((\overrightarrow{j},\overrightarrow{m}),(\overrightarrow{j}',\overrightarrow{m}')) &= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-2\sigma t} \{ \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{2Z} \overrightarrow{m}(t,x) \cdot \overrightarrow{\overline{m}'(t,x)} + \frac{Z}{2} \overrightarrow{j}(t,x) \cdot \overrightarrow{j}'(t,x) \, d\Gamma(x) \\ &- \langle R\overrightarrow{j}, \overrightarrow{j}' \rangle - \langle \frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\mu_{0}} R\overrightarrow{m}, \overrightarrow{m}' \rangle + \langle \Pi_{\Gamma} Q\overrightarrow{m}, \overrightarrow{j}' \rangle + \langle \overrightarrow{n} \wedge Q\overrightarrow{j}, \overrightarrow{n} \wedge \overrightarrow{m}' \rangle \} \, dt \end{split}$$

The braket denotes the duality $H^s_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(c\vec{url}, \Gamma)) \times H^{-s}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma))$. The continuity of R_{ω} and Q_{ω} and coercivity relation (10) imply the continuity of a on $(H^{s_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cap H^{s_2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)))^2 \times (H^{-s_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cap H^{1-s_2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)))^2$ and the coercivity relation for $(\vec{j}, \vec{m}) \in (H^0_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, L^2(\Gamma)) \cap H^{1/2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, H^{-1/2}(div, \Gamma)))^2$:

$$a((\vec{j}, \vec{m}), (\vec{j}, \vec{m})) \geq \\ \geq C \left(\| \vec{j} \|_{0,\sigma,L^{2}(\Gamma)}^{2} + \| \vec{m} \|_{0,\sigma,L^{2}(\Gamma)}^{2} + \| \vec{m} \|_{-1/2,\sigma,H^{-1/2}(div,\Gamma)}^{2} + \| \vec{j} \|_{-1/2,\sigma,H^{-1/2}(div,\Gamma)}^{2} \right)$$

$$(12)$$

5 Approximation of variational problem (13)

We first make a space approximation. We construct an approximate surface Γ_h of Γ composed by regular triangles. Hence, we consider the edge element family

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of RAVIART-THOMAS [7] divergence conforming space V_h consisting of polynomials of degree one P^{-1} denotes the inverse map of $(P_{|\Gamma_h}: \Gamma_h \to \Gamma)$. We can also define the space : $\tilde{V}_h = \{ \tilde{\varphi} = \varphi \circ P^{-1}; \varphi \in V_h \}$. Then, the unknowns \vec{j} and \vec{m} are represented by an expansion of basis function $\vec{\varphi_j}$ for j = 1, Nar of \tilde{V}_h , where Nar is the total number of ridges, as:

$$\vec{j}(t,y) \approx \vec{j}_{h}(t,y) = \sum_{j=1}^{Nar} \alpha_{j}(t) \vec{\varphi_{j}}(y) \vec{m}(t,y) \approx \vec{m}_{h}(t,y) = \sum_{k=1}^{Nar} \beta_{k}(t) \vec{\varphi_{k}}(y)$$

where α_j and $\beta_k \in H^{r_1}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}), r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$. We choose the test functions as :

$$\vec{j}'(t,y) \approx \vec{j'}_{h}(t,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{Nar} \eta_i(t) \vec{\varphi_i}(y) \qquad \vec{m'}(t,y) \approx \vec{m'}_{h}(t,y) = \sum_{l=1}^{Nar} \gamma_l(t) \vec{\varphi_l}(y)$$

where η_i and $\gamma_l \in H^{r_2}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}), r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

In a second step, the positive time axis is divided into subintervals $I_k = [t_k, t_{k+1}]$ of length Δt . The function of $H^r_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$ is approximated by those of the subspace $H^m_{\sigma}(\Delta t, \mathbb{R}), m \in \mathbb{N}$, of polynomials of degree $m \ge r$ in each time interval I_k :

$$H^m_{\sigma}(\Delta t, \mathbb{R}) = \{ f \in H^r_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}) ; f_{[t_k, t_{k+1}[} \in \mathbb{P}^m \} \}$$

The functions α_i , β_k , η_i and γ_l are approximated by :

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{j}(t) &\approx \sum_{m \geq 1} \mathcal{X}^{m}(t) X_{j}^{m} \qquad \beta_{k}(t) \approx \sum_{m \geq 1} \mathcal{X}^{m}(t) Y_{k}^{m} \quad for \ j, k = 1, Nar \\ \eta_{i}(t) &\approx \mathcal{X}^{n}(t) \qquad \gamma_{l}(t) \approx \mathcal{X}^{n}(t) \quad for \ i, l = 1, Nar, \ \mathcal{X}^{m}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 \quad if \ t \in [t_{m-1}, t_{m}[t_{m-1}, t$$

Now we approache the surface Γ . We take also $\sigma = 0$ and we put p = n - m. We obtain a symetrical matricial system :

$$\begin{cases} M^{o}\vec{U}^{1} = \vec{SM}^{1} \\ M^{o}\vec{U}^{l} = -\sum_{p=1}^{l-1} M^{l-p}\vec{U}^{p} + \vec{SM}^{l} \text{ for } l \ge 2 \end{cases}$$
with $U^{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X}^{p} \\ \vec{Y}^{p} \end{bmatrix}$

$$M^{p} = \begin{bmatrix} AI^{p} + C^{p} & A2^{p} \\ A2^{p} & A3^{p} + D^{p} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} A 1_{ij}^{p} &= -\int_{\Gamma_{h}} \int_{\Gamma_{h}} \mu_{0} K_{ij}^{(1)}(x,y) [\int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \chi^{m} (t - |x - y|_{c}) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0}} K_{ij}^{(2)}(x,y) (\int_{0}^{t - |x - y|_{c}} \chi^{m}(r) dr) dt] d\Gamma(x) d\Gamma(y) \\ A 2_{ij}^{p} &= -\int_{\Gamma_{h}} \int_{\Gamma_{h}} K_{ij}^{(3)}(x,y) \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \chi^{m}(t - |x - y|_{c}) dt d\Gamma(x) d\Gamma(y) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} A3_{ij}^{p} &= \int_{\Gamma_{h}} \int_{\Gamma_{h}} \varepsilon_{0} K_{ij}^{(1)}(x,y) [\int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \chi^{m'}(t-|x-y|_{c}) + \frac{1}{\mu_{0}} K_{ij}^{(2)}(x,y) (\int_{0}^{t-|x-y|_{c}} \chi^{m}(r)dr)dt] d\Gamma(x) d\Gamma(y) \\ C_{ij}^{p} &= -\frac{Z}{2} \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \chi^{m}(t) dt \int_{\Gamma_{h}} \overrightarrow{\phi_{i}}(x) \cdot \overrightarrow{\phi_{j}}(x) d\Gamma(x) , \quad D_{ij}^{p} &= \frac{1}{2Z} \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \chi^{m}(t) dt \int_{\Gamma_{h}} \overrightarrow{\phi_{i}}(x) \cdot \overrightarrow{\phi_{j}}(x) d\Gamma(x) \\ K_{ij}^{(1)}(x,y) &= \frac{\overrightarrow{\phi_{i}}(x) \cdot \overrightarrow{\phi_{j}}(y)}{4\pi |x-y|} , \quad K_{ij}^{(2)}(x,y) &= \frac{div_{\Gamma} \overrightarrow{\phi_{i}}(x) \cdot div_{\Gamma} \overrightarrow{\phi_{j}}(y)}{4\pi |x-y|} \\ K_{ij}^{(3)}(x,y) &= g\overrightarrow{rad}_{x} \frac{1}{4\pi |x-y|} \cdot \overrightarrow{\phi_{i}}(x) \wedge \overrightarrow{\phi_{j}}(y) \end{split}$$

The discret problem is a quasi-explicit marching-in-time scheme : a single inversion of the matrix M^0 is required.

6 Numerical results

We have tested this scheme on a sphere of radius 0.25m approached by 80 triangles. We represent the solution computed for different values of $CFL = c\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$ at the lighted point (solid line) and at the hidden point (dotted line) of the object. The figures present the electric and magnetic currents for CFL = 0.5, the frequency F = 200 MHz and the impedance Z = 1 for a sinusoidal wave (at the top) and for an impulsion (at the bottom). We take always 10 grid points/wavelengh. Increasing the number of triangles, frequency can be taken higher. Results have been valued using three tests :

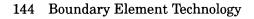
- the theorem of limited amplitude,

- the Weston's theorem for a scatterer with a symetry of revolution,

- another program wich calculates the currents for a scatterer with 2D axial symetry.

7 Conclusion

We have solved Maxwell's system for dissipative obstacles by an integral method based of the representation of the electromagnetic field by retarded potentials on the surface Γ . By using Fourier-Laplace transform, we obtain a well-posed variational problem, the continuity and a relation of coercivity of the associated sesquilinear form. We approach another sesquilinear form and we obtain a numerical stability. The scheme is directly solved.Therefore, we can conclude that our scheme is perfectly robust and stable.



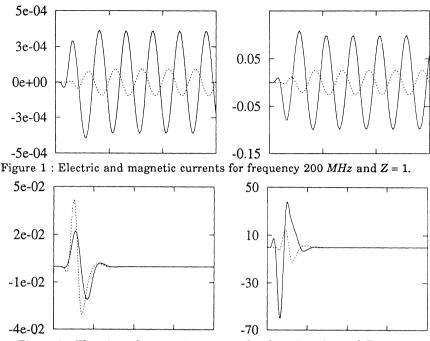


Figure 2 : Electric and magnetic currents for short impulse and Z = 1.

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