

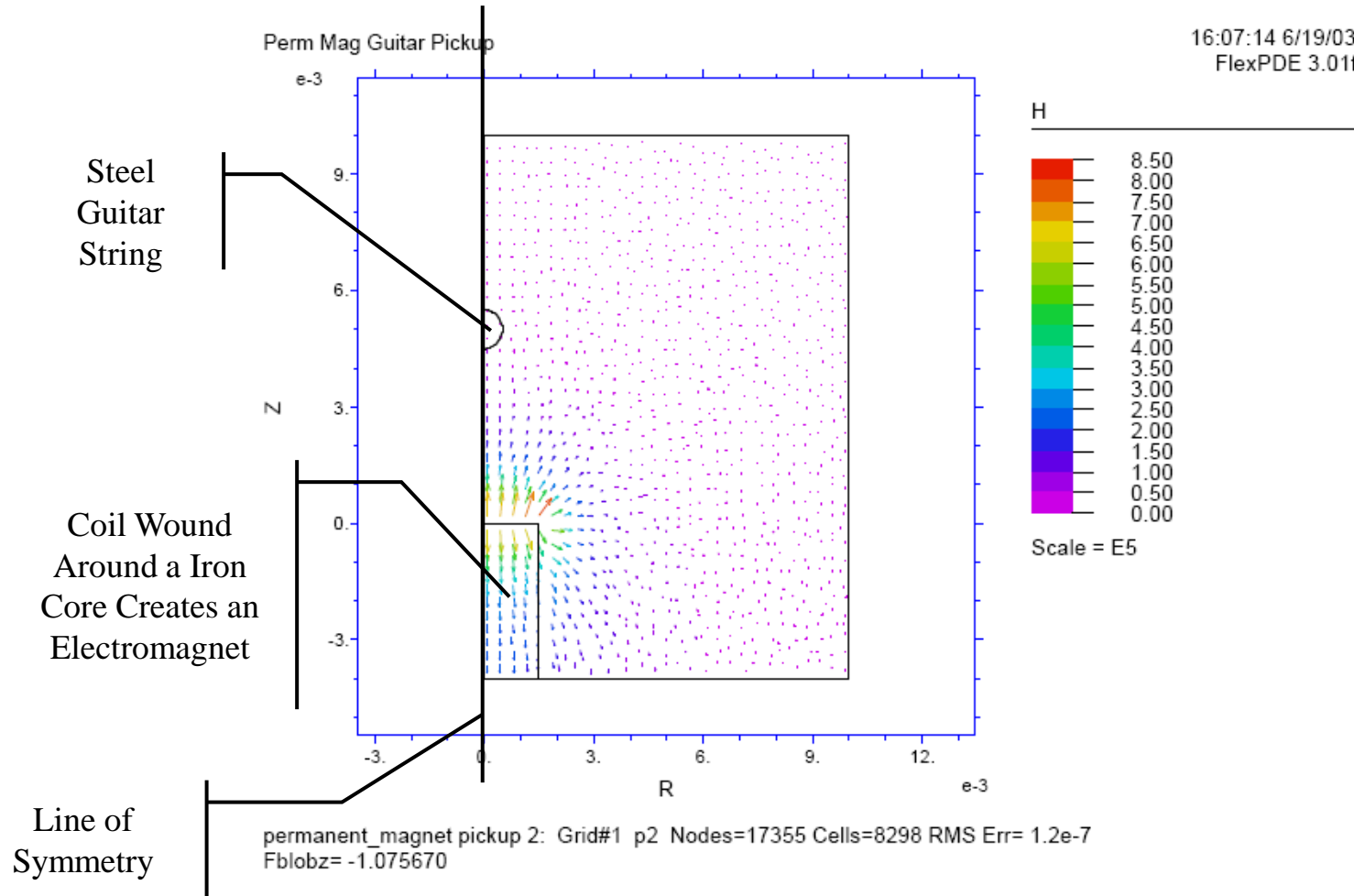
Magnetic Fields of an Electric Guitar Pickup

A Finite Element Analysis (FEA) using flexPDE

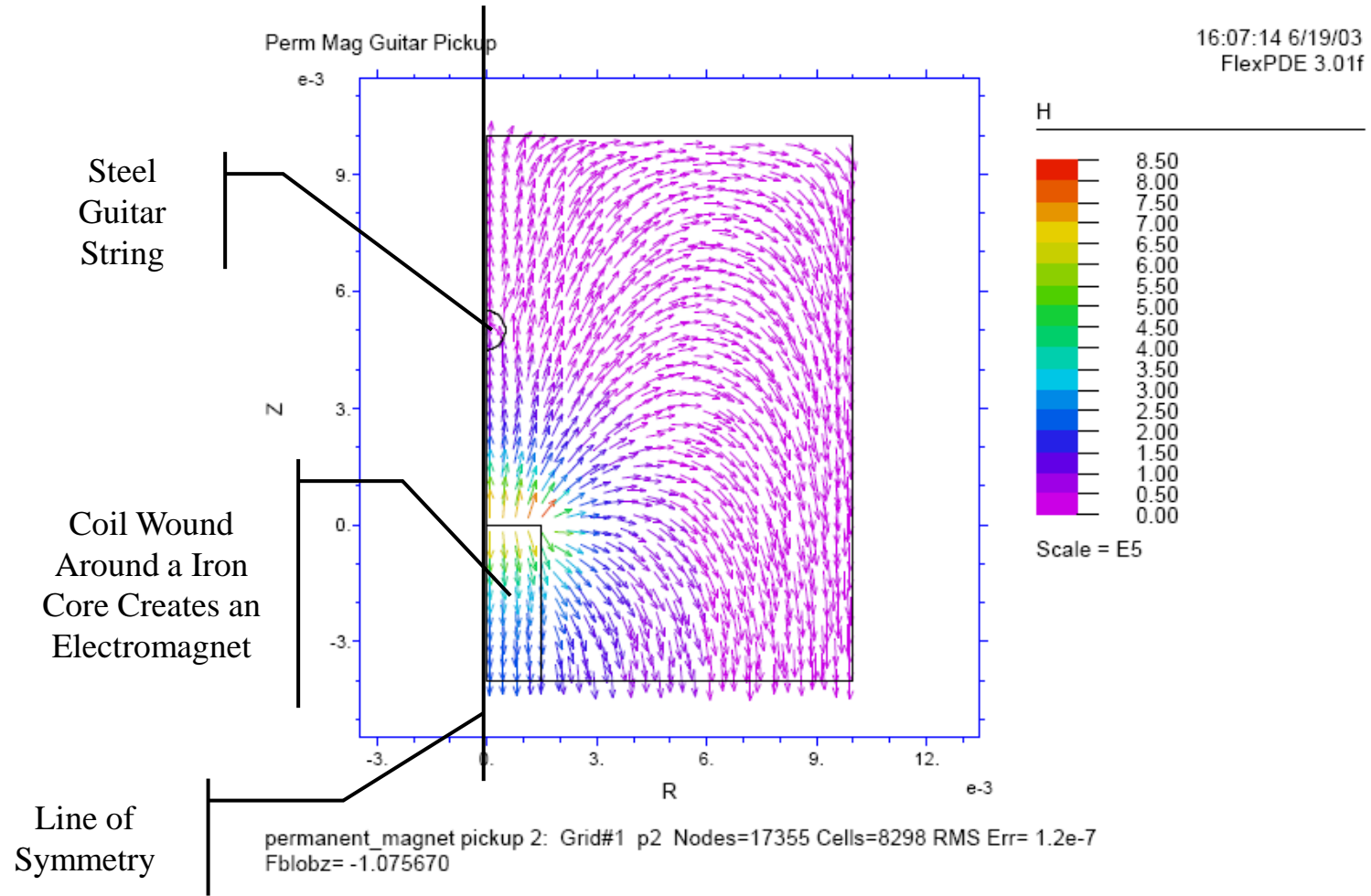
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Purpose of the Numerical Experiment:

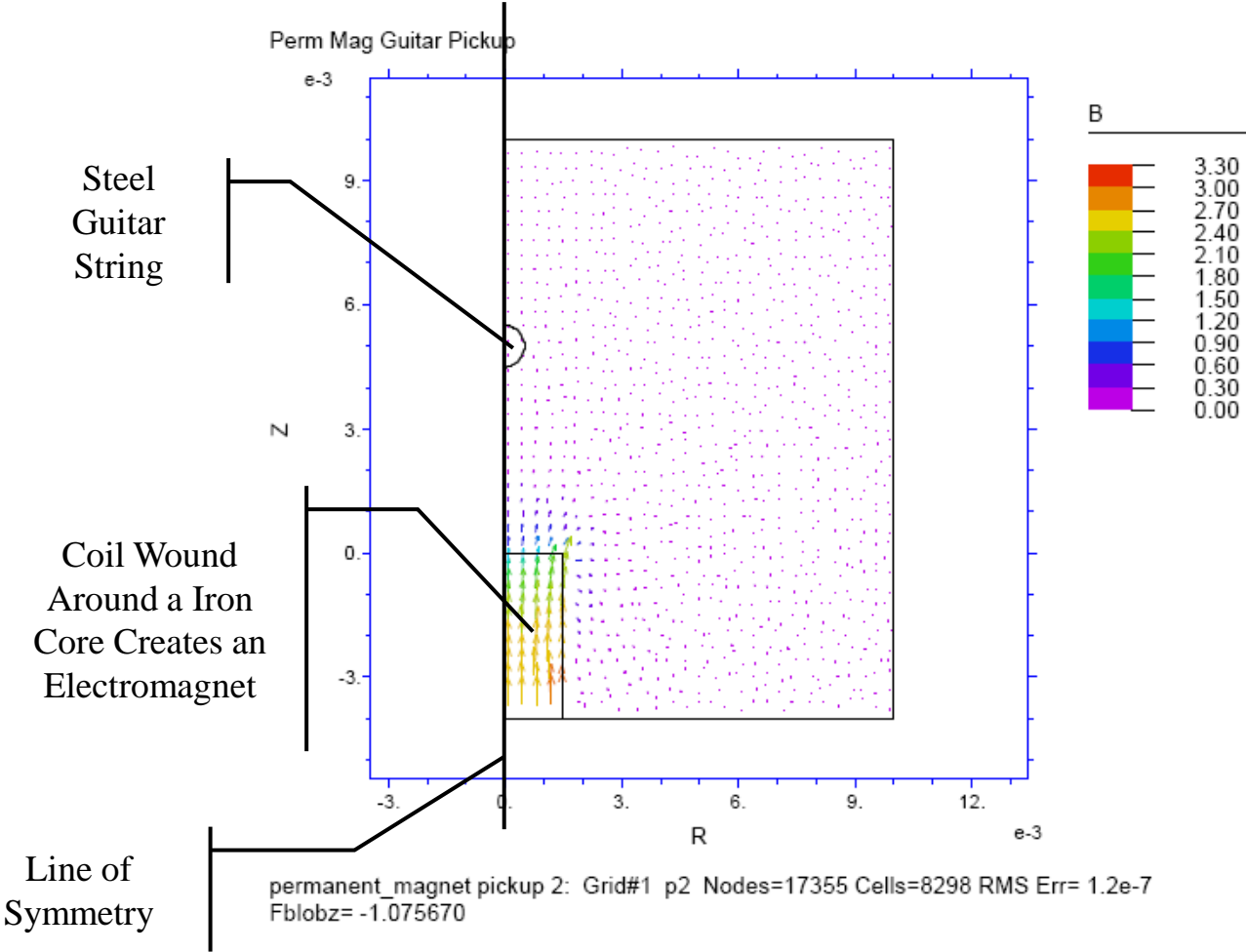
The purpose of this numerical experiment is to learn something about the magnetic fields in and around a guitar string magnetic pickup coil.



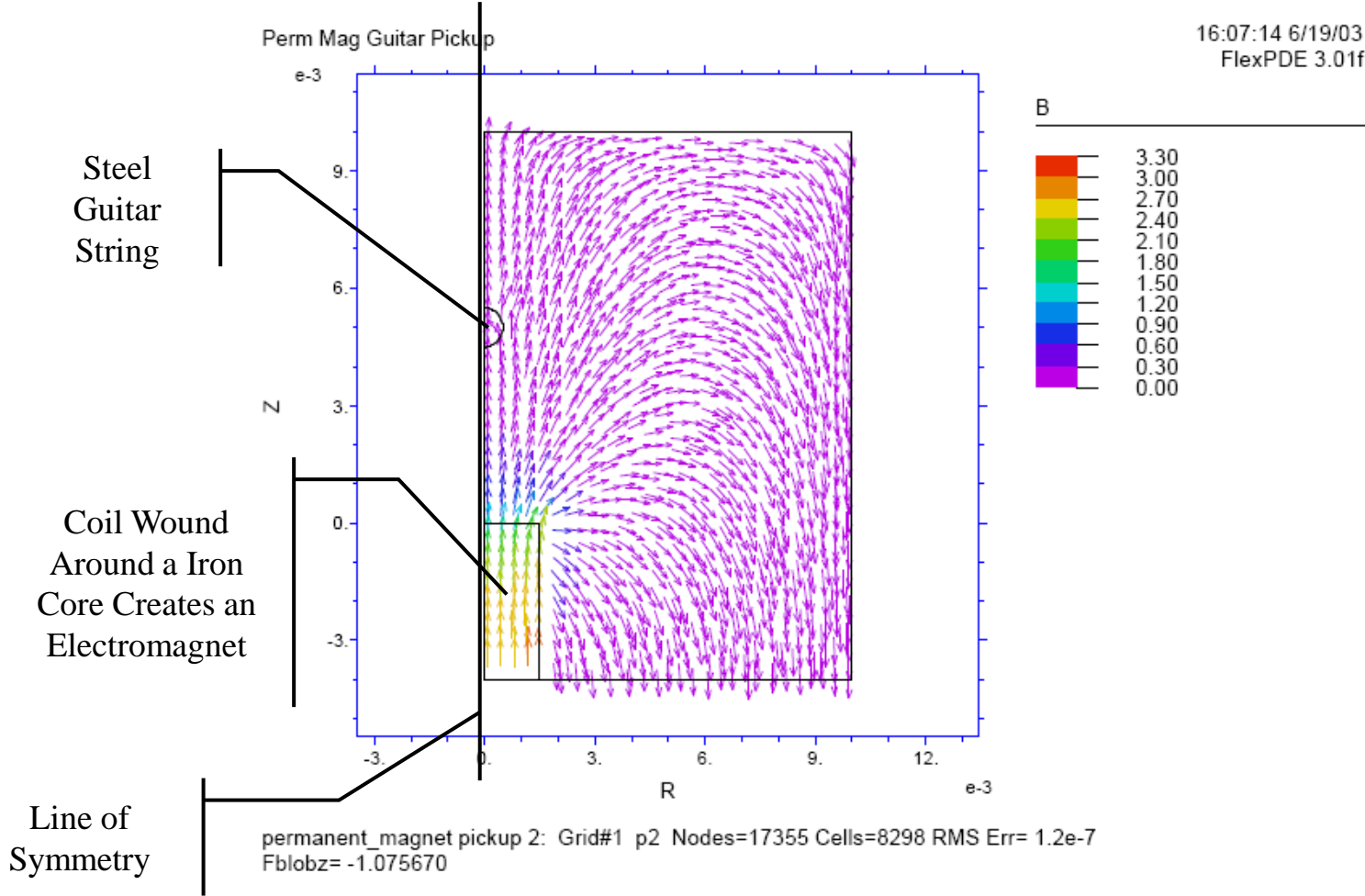
Vector Plot of the Magnetic Field Intensity – the H field



Normalized Vector Plot of the Magnetic Field Intensity – the H field



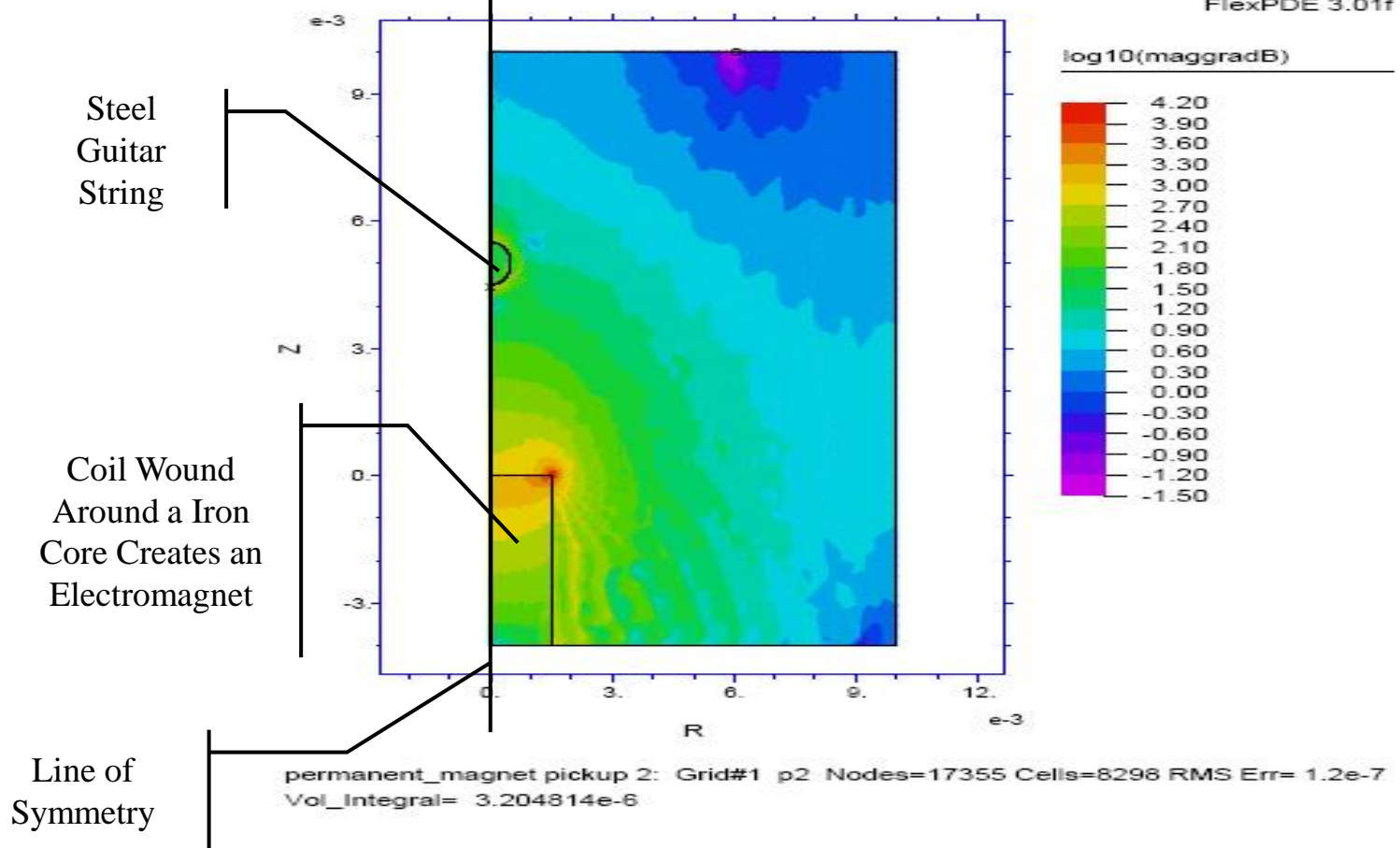
Vector Plot of the Magnetic Flux Density – the B field



Normalized Vector Plot of the Magnetic Flux Density – the B field

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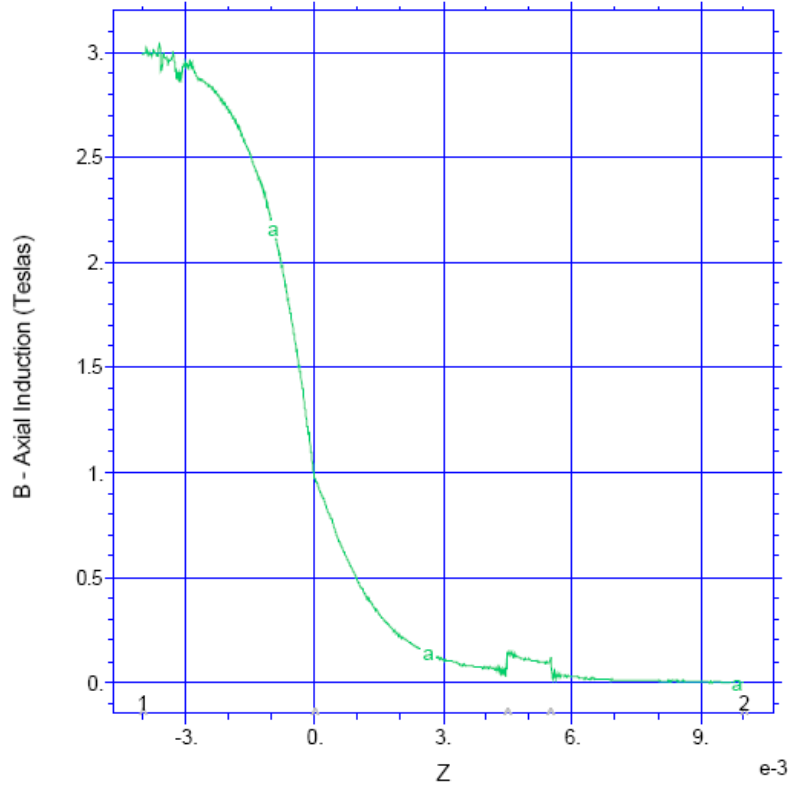
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Log Plot of the Magnitude of the Magnetic Flux Density – the B field

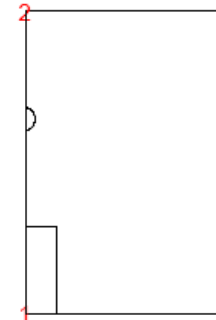
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B - Axial Induction (Teslas)
from (0,-Lzm)
to (0,Lzd)

a: Bz



permanent_magnet pickup 2: Grid#1 p2 Nodes=17355 Cells=8298 RMS Err= 1.2e-7
Surf_Integral= 7.208746e-10

Magnitude of the Magnetic Flux Density on the System Center Line – the B field

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Model Parameters

Lzm= 4.000000e-3

Rm= 1.500000e-3

Rblob= 5.000000e-4

Hblob= 5.000000e-3

muBlobrel= 5000.000

muMagrel= 8.000000

Mu0= 1.257000e-6

muBlob= 6.285000e-3

muMag= 1.005600e-5

Fblobz= -1.075670

Various Model Parameters

Summary and Conclusions

A finite element model has been developed that allows insight into the nature and magnitude of magnetic fields in and around a guitar pickup sensor.

The model could be developed in many further ways.