

Long Time Behavior of a 2D Ginzburg-Landau Model with Fixed Total Magnetic Flux

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Abstract

We prove the long time behavior of a 2D Ginzburg-Landau system in superconductivity with Coulomb gauge and fixed total magnetic flux. This solved a problem left open in Q.Tang [9].

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1 Introduction

We consider the long time behavior of a 2D Ginzburg-Landau model in superconductivity:

$$\partial_t \psi + i\phi\psi + (i\nabla + A)^2\psi + \frac{\lambda}{2}(|\psi|^2 - 1)\psi = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\partial_t A + \nabla\phi + \operatorname{curl}^2 A + \operatorname{Re}\{(i\nabla\psi + \psi A)\bar{\psi}\} = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

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in $Q_T := (0, T) \times \Omega$, with boundary and initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\psi \cdot \nu = 0, \quad A \cdot \nu = 0, \quad \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} A dx = L, \quad \operatorname{curl} A = H(t) \quad \text{on } (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ (\psi, A)(\cdot, 0) = (\psi_0, A_0)(\cdot) \quad \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Here, the unknowns ψ , A , and ϕ are \mathbb{C} -valued, \mathbb{R}^2 -valued, and \mathbb{R} -valued functions, respectively, and they stand for the order parameter, the magnetic potential, and the electric potential, respectively. $\lambda > 0$ is a Ginzburg-Landau constant, L is a given constant and $H(t)$ is the unknown applied magnetic field, and $i := \sqrt{-1}$. $\bar{\psi}$ denotes the complex conjugate of ψ , $\operatorname{Re}\psi := (\psi + \bar{\psi})/2$ is the real part of ψ , and $|\psi|^2 := \psi\bar{\psi}$ is the density of superconductivity carriers. T is any given positive constant. Ω is a simply connected and bounded domain with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and ν is the outward unit normal to $\partial\Omega$.

It is well-known that the Ginzburg-Landau equations are gauge invariant, namely, if (ψ, A, ϕ) is a solution of (1.1)-(1.2), then $(\psi e^{i\chi}, A + \nabla\chi, \phi - \partial_t\chi)$ is also a solution for any real-valued smooth function χ . Accordingly, in order to obtain the well-posedness of the problem, we need to impose some gauge condition. From physical point of view, one may usually think of four types of the gauge condition:

- (1) Coulomb gauge: $\operatorname{div} A = 0$ in Ω and $\int_{\Omega} \phi dx = 0$.
- (2) Lorentz gauge: $\phi = -\operatorname{div} A$ in Ω .
- (3) Lorenz gauge: $\partial_t\phi = -\operatorname{div} A$ in Ω .
- (4) Temporal gauge (Weyl gauge): $\phi = 0$ in Ω .

For the initial data $(\psi_0, A_0) \in W_0 := \{(\psi_0, A_0) \mid \psi_0 \in L^\infty \cap H^1, A_0 \in H^1\}$, Chen et al. [1, 2], Du [3], and Fan and Ozawa [4] proved the existence and uniqueness of global strong solutions to (1.1)-(1.4) in the case of the Coulomb, Lorenz, and Lorentz as well as temporal gauges.

We denote $\operatorname{curl} A := \partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1$ for vector $A := \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\operatorname{curl} b := \begin{pmatrix} \partial_2 b \\ -\partial_1 b \end{pmatrix}$ for scalar b .

For the initial data $\psi_0, A_0 \in L^2$, under the Coulomb or Lorentz gauge, Tang and Wang (2-D) [5], Fan and Jiang (3-D) [6] proved the global existence of weak solutions. Fan and Ozawa [7] (2-D) and Fan, Gao and Guo [8] (3-D) prove the global existence and uniqueness of weak solutions for $\psi_0, A_0 \in L^d$ with $d = 2, 3$.

We will assume that the initial data (ψ_0, A_0) satisfy

$$\|\psi_0\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_0, \psi_0, A_0 \in H^1(\Omega), A_0 \cdot \nu = 0, \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} A_0 dx = L. \quad (1.5)$$

Denote

$$G := \int_{\Omega} \left(|(i\nabla + A)\psi|^2 + |\operatorname{curl} A|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} (|\psi|^2 - 1)^2 \right) dx, \quad (1.6)$$

then it is well-known that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} G + \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \psi + i\phi\psi|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} (|\partial_t A|^2 + |\nabla \phi|^2) dx = 0. \quad (1.7)$$

In [9], Tang assumed (1.5) holds true and showed the global existence and uniqueness of strong solutions and proved the following uniform-in-time estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(0,\infty;L^\infty)} &\leq \max(1, C_0), \|(\psi, A, \phi)\|_{L^\infty(0,\infty;H^1)} \leq C, \\ \int_0^\infty \int_{\Omega} (|\partial_t \psi|^2 + |\partial_t A|^2 + |\nabla \phi|^2) dx dt &\leq C, \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

and gave some weak results on long-time behavior of the solutions and posed some problems:

Problem 1. Is $H(t)$ uniform-in-time bounded?

Problem 2. Is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^1} = 0$?

The aim of this paper is to solve the above two problems. We will prove

Theorem 1.1. *Let (1.5) hold true and we choose the Coulomb gauge. Then there exists $0 < t_0 < \infty$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\psi, A)\|_{L^\infty(t_0,\infty;H^2)} &\leq C, \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{L^\infty(t_0,\infty;L^2)} \leq C, \\ \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{L^2(t_0,\infty;H^1)} &\leq C, \|\phi\|_{L^\infty(t_0,\infty;H^2)} \leq C, \\ \|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2(t_0,\infty;H^1)} &\leq C, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\partial_t(\psi, A)(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2} = 0, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^1} &= 0, |H(t)| \leq C \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

with positive constant C independent of time.

It is important to study the long time behavior of the evolutionary problems because it has a unique solution and may indicate which steady state solutions are preferred in the evolution process.

The physical background of this model is that we are committed to have a mixed state inside the superconductor sample by imposing a fixed total magnetic flux. More precisely, the total magnetic flux is a physically observable quantity which is closely linked with the number of vortices. By adjusting the total magnetic flux, we should have a reasonable estimate of the number of vortices in the sample. In this case, $H(t)$ has to be adjusted in accordance and is therefore not a given quantity, which is a main difficulty.

Definition 1.1. *The quantity (ψ, A, ϕ) is called a strong solution if $(\psi, A, \phi) \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2)$ and $\partial_t \psi, \partial_t A \in L^2(0, T; L^2)$ and the equations (1.1) and (1.2) hold true almost everywhere.*

In the following proofs, we will use the following inequality [10]:

$$\|A\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \lesssim \|A\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{div} A\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{curl} A\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|A \cdot \nu\|_{H^{\frac{3}{2}}(\partial\Omega)}. \quad (1.10)$$

We will also use the following lemma [11]:

Lemma 1.2. *Suppose $y(t)$ and $h(t)$ are nonnegative functions, $y'(t)$ is locally integrable on $(0, \infty)$ and $y(t), h(t)$ satisfy*

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \leq C_1 y^2 + C_2 y + h(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_1, \quad (1.11)$$

$$\int_{t_1}^{\infty} y(\tau) d\tau \leq C_3, \quad \int_{t_1}^{\infty} h(\tau) d\tau \leq C_4, \quad \forall t \geq t_1, \quad (1.12)$$

with C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 being positive constants independent of t . Then for any $r > 0$,

$$y(t+r) \leq \left(\frac{C_3}{r} + C_2 r + C_4 \right) e^{C_1 C_3}, \quad \forall t \geq t_1. \quad (1.13)$$

Moreover,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0. \quad (1.14)$$

After having proved Th.1.1, using the standard compactness principle of Aubin-Lions, it is easy to show that $(\psi(\cdot, t), A(\cdot, t), H(t))$ ω -converges to the stationary solutions $(\psi_\infty, A_\infty, H_\infty)$ of the problem:

$$(i\nabla + A)^2 \psi + \frac{\lambda}{2} (|\psi|^2 - 1) \psi = 0, \quad (1.15)$$

$$\operatorname{curl}^2 A + \operatorname{Re}\{(i\nabla \psi + \psi A)\bar{\psi}\} = 0, \quad (1.16)$$

$$\operatorname{div} A = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (1.17)$$

$$\nu \cdot \nabla \psi = 0, \quad \nu \cdot A = 0, \quad \operatorname{curl} A = H_\infty, \quad \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} A dx = L. \quad (1.18)$$

We omit the details here.

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

This section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1, we only need to show the a priori estimates.

First, it follows from (1.8) that there exists $t_0 \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$(\partial_t \psi, \partial_t A)(\cdot, t_0) \in L^2(\Omega). \quad (2.1)$$

Here it should be noted that the solutions are smooth when $t > t_0$. Applying div to (1.2) and using $\operatorname{div} A = 0$, one has

$$-\Delta \phi = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{Re}[(i\nabla \psi + \psi A)\bar{\psi}]. \quad (2.2)$$

On the other hand, let $b := \operatorname{curl} A - H(t)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\partial\Omega} (\operatorname{curl}^2 A \cdot \nu) \xi \, dS = \int_{\partial\Omega} (\operatorname{curl} b \cdot \nu) \xi \, dS \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} (\xi \operatorname{curl} b) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \xi \operatorname{curl} b \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} (b \nabla \xi) \, dx \\ &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} b \nabla \xi \cdot \tau \, dS = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

due to $b = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ for any smooth function ξ .

This shows that

$$\operatorname{curl}^2 A \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } (0, T) \times \partial\Omega. \quad (2.4)$$

Now, it follows from (1.2), (1.3) and (2.4) that

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } (0, T) \times \partial\Omega. \quad (2.5)$$

Using $\int_{\Omega} \phi \, dx = 0$, and the Poincaré inequality

$$\|\phi\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}, \quad (2.6)$$

it follows from (1.8) that

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\Omega} |\phi|^2 \, dx \, dt \leq C. \quad (2.7)$$

Equation (1.1) can be written as

$$\partial_t \psi - \Delta \psi + i\phi \psi + 2iA \cdot \nabla \psi + |A|^2 \psi + \frac{\lambda}{2} (|\psi|^2 - 1) \psi = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

Applying ∂_t to (2.8), testing by $\partial_t \bar{\psi}$, taking the real parts, and using (1.8), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \psi|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \partial_t \psi|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |A|^2 |\partial_t \psi|^2 dx \\
& \lesssim \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \phi| |\partial_t \psi| dx + \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t A \cdot \nabla \psi + A \cdot \nabla \partial_t \psi| |\partial_t \psi| dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} |A| |\partial_t A| |\partial_t \psi| dx + \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \psi|^2 dx \\
& \lesssim \|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} \|A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \\
& \quad + \|A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \lesssim \|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} + \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \\
& \quad + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{2.9}
\end{aligned}$$

We will use the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities

$$\|\partial_t A\|_{L^4}^2 \lesssim \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t A\|_{H^1}, \tag{2.10}$$

$$\|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4}^2 \lesssim \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{H^1}, \tag{2.11}$$

and the Maxwell inequality

$$\|A\|_{H^1} \lesssim \|\operatorname{curl} A\|_{L^2}. \tag{2.12}$$

Applying ∂_t to (2.2), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2} & \lesssim \|\nabla \partial_t \phi\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \\
& \lesssim \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \|A\|_{L^4} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \\
& \lesssim \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2}. \tag{2.13}
\end{aligned}$$

Inserting (2.10)-(2.13) into (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \psi|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \partial_t \psi|^2 dx \\
& \lesssim \epsilon \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2}^2 + \epsilon \|\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A\|_{L^2}^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{L^2}^2 \tag{2.14}
\end{aligned}$$

for any $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

Applying ∂_t to (1.2), testing by $\partial_t A$, and using (1.8), (2.10)-(2.12) and

$\operatorname{div} A = 0$, we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t A|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\psi|^2 |\partial_t A|^2 dx \\
& \lesssim \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \partial_t \psi| |\partial_t A| dx + \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \psi| |A| |\partial_t A| dx + \int_{\Omega} |i \nabla \psi + \psi A| |\partial_t \psi| |\partial_t A| dx \\
& \lesssim \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \|A\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} + \|i \nabla \psi + \psi A\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \\
& \leq \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t A\|_{L^4} \\
& \lesssim \epsilon \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2}^2 + \epsilon \|\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A\|_{L^2}^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{L^2}^2 \tag{2.15}
\end{aligned}$$

for any $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

Here we have used

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} \partial_t A \operatorname{curl}^2 \partial_t A dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} \partial_t A \operatorname{curl} (\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A - H'(t)) dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} \partial_t A (\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A - H'(t)) dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A|^2 dx
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} \partial_t A \cdot H'(t) dx = H'(t) \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl} \partial_t A dx = 0.$$

Summing up (2.14) and (2.15) and taking ϵ small enough, we arrive at

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t(\psi, A)|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla \partial_t \psi|^2 + |\operatorname{curl} \partial_t A|^2) dx \lesssim \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{2.16}$$

Using Lemma 1.2 and integrating (2.16) over (t_0, ∞) , we conclude that

$$\|\partial_t(\psi, A)(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2} \leq C, \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \|\partial_t(\psi, A)\|_{H^1}^2 dt \leq C, \tag{2.17}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\partial_t(\psi, A)(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2} = 0. \tag{2.18}$$

Using the H^2 -theory of Poisson equation, it follows from (2.8), (1.8) and (2.17) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\psi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^2} & \lesssim \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\phi\|_{L^2} + \|A\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^4} + \|A\|_{L^4}^2 + \|\psi\|_{L^2} \\
& \lesssim 1 + \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^4} \\
& \lesssim 1 + \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\psi\|_{H^2}^{\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\|\psi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^2} \leq C \text{ for } t \geq t_0. \quad (2.19)$$

It follows from (1.2), (1.8), (2.17), and (2.19) that

$$\|\operatorname{curl}^2 A(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2} + \|i\nabla \psi + \psi A\|_{L^2} \leq C. \quad (2.20)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\operatorname{curl} A - H\|_{H^1} &\lesssim \|\nabla(\operatorname{curl} A - H)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|\operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{curl} A - H)\|_{L^2} = \|\operatorname{curl}^2 A\|_{L^2} \leq C \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\|H\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|\operatorname{curl} A\|_{L^2} + \|\operatorname{curl} A - H\|_{L^2} \leq C. \quad (2.21)$$

Here we should note that H is constant in space and that (2.21) is uniform in time for $t > t_0$.

Using (1.10), (2.20), and (2.21), we have

$$\|A(\cdot, t)\|_{H^2} \leq C \text{ for } t \geq t_0. \quad (2.22)$$

Using (2.2), (2.19), and (2.22), we know that

$$\|\phi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^2} \leq C \text{ for } t \geq t_0. \quad (2.23)$$

Similarly to (2.13), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \partial_t \phi\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \|\nabla \partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2} + \|i\nabla \psi + \psi A\|_{L^4} \|\partial_t \psi\|_{L^4} \\ &\lesssim \|\partial_t \psi\|_{H^1} + \|\partial_t A\|_{L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2(t_0, \infty; H^1)} \leq C. \quad (2.24)$$

Using (1.8) and (2.24), we conclude that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi(\cdot, t)\|_{H^1} = 0. \quad (2.25)$$

In fact, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\phi\|_{H^1}^2 = 2 \int_{\Omega} (\phi \partial_t \phi + \nabla \phi \nabla \partial_t \phi) dx \leq \|\phi\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\partial_t \phi\|_{H^1}^2$$

and then using Lemma 1.2 to conclude it.

This completes the proof. \square

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