

Nonlocal problems for superconductivity

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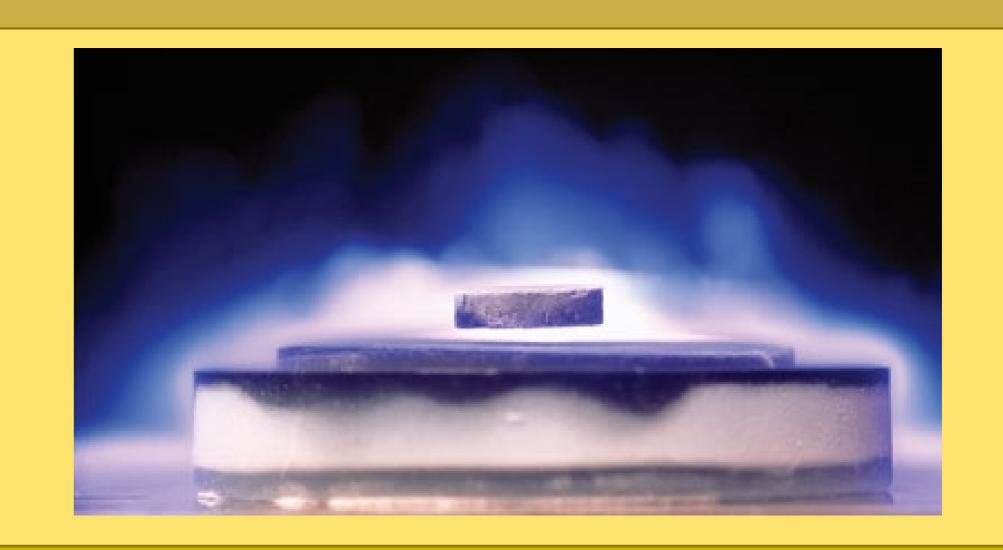


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Domain

- \triangleright Bounded domain Ω in \mathbb{R}^3 with a Lipschitz continuous boundary Γ
- $\triangleright \nu$ denotes the outward unit normal vector on Γ
- $\triangleright \Omega$ is occupied by a superconductive material
- \triangleright This is a material, which loses all resistivity below a certain temperature T_c
- > Figure: a magnet levitates above a ceramic superconductor cooled by liquid nitrogen



Full Maxwell's equations ($\delta=1$) and quasi-static Maxwell's equations ($\delta=0$) for linear materials

$$abla imes \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \delta \varepsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E}$$

$$abla imes \mathbf{E} = -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H}$$

$$abla imes \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$$

H magnetic fieldE electric fieldJ current density

arepsilon > 0 electric permittivity $\mu > 0$ magnetic permeability

Two-fluid model

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_s$$
 $\mathbf{J}_n = \sigma \mathbf{E}$

Ohm's law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}_s + \delta \varepsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E}$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H}$$

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$

 J_n normal current density J_s superconducting current

 J_s superconducting current density σ conductivity of normal electrons

Local law for J_s : London equations (1935)

$$\partial_t \mathbf{J}_s = \Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{E}$$
 $\nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s = -\Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{B}$

$$\Lambda = \frac{m}{n \ a^2}$$

density of superelectrons

m mass of superelectrons

q electric charge of superelectrons

⇒ Correct description of two basic properties of superconductors: perfect conductivity and perfect diamagnetism (Meissner effect)

$$abla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$$
 such that $\mathbf{B} =
abla imes \mathbf{A}$ and $abla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

Generalization: nonlocal laws

⊳ Pippard (1953)

$$\mathbf{J}_{s,p}(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{\Omega} Q(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}',t) d\mathbf{x}', \qquad (\mathbf{x},t) \in \Omega imes (0,T)$$

with

$$Q(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}', t) = -C \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^4} [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}', t) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')] \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{r_0}\right)$$

 $\triangleright C > 0$, $r_0 > 0$ is related to the mean free path in the material

⊳ Eringen (1984)

$$\mathbf{J}_{s,e}(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_0 \left(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|
ight) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') imes \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}',t) \; \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}', \qquad (\mathbf{x},t) \in \Omega imes (0,T)$$

with

$$\sigma_0(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{C}{2s^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{r_0}\right) & s < r_0; \\ 0 & s \geqslant r_0 \end{cases}$$

Lemma

$$(\mathbf{x},t)\in\Omega imes(0,T),\mathbf{H}\cdotoldsymbol{
u}=0 ext{ on }\Gamma\Rightarrow
abla imes\mathbf{V} imes\mathbf{J}_{s,e}(\mathbf{x},t)=-\int_{\Omega}K(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}',t)\;\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}'=-\left(K\star\mathbf{H}
ight)(\mathbf{x},t) ext{ with }K:\Omega o\mathbb{R}:\mathbf{y}\mapstoegin{cases} rac{\mathcal{C}}{2|\mathbf{y}|^2}\left(1-rac{|\mathbf{y}|}{r_0}
ight)\;\;|\mathbf{y}|< r_0;\ |\mathbf{y}|\geqslant r_0 \end{aligned}$$

Consequence: two models ($\delta=0,1$)

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{J}_{s,e} + \delta \varepsilon \nabla \times \partial_t \mathbf{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \varepsilon \mu \partial_{tt} \mathbf{H} + \sigma \mu \partial_{t} \mathbf{H} - \Delta \mathbf{H} + K \star \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$$

Solution method

- ▶ Time discretization is based on Backward Euler's method
- \triangleright Rothe's method \Rightarrow unique weak solution for both problems, numerical scheme

Numerical Experiment

- ▷ Penetration of magnetic field and induced current into the material (unit cube)
- ▶ Main difficulty: programming convolution term in Fenics (not finished)

Further research

- Nonlinear model for H

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