

# The semi-discretization of a nonlocal parabolic and hyperbolic model for type-I superconductors

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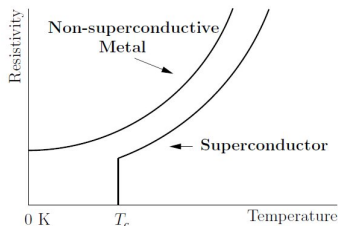
- Can we get better error estimates?

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### Open questions

## Features of superconductivity

- ▶ Kammerlingh Onnes (1911): **perfect conductivity**



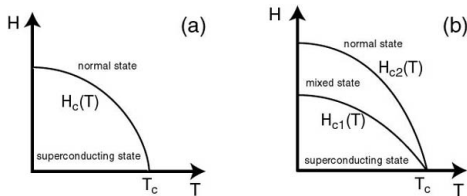
For various cooled down materials the **electrical resistance** not only decreases with temperature, but also has a **sudden drop** at some **critical absolute temperature  $T_c$**

- ▶ Meissner and Ochsenfeld (1933): **perfect diamagnetism**  
⇒ i.e. expulsion of the magnetic induction  **$B$**
- ▶ Kammerlingh Onnes (1914): **threshold field**  
⇒ restore the normal state through the application of a large magnetic field
- ▶ A way to **classify superconductors**: **type-I and type-II**



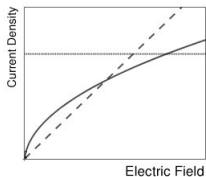
## Type-I versus Type-II superconductivity

- ▶ Similar behaviour for a very weak external magnetic field when the temperature  $T < T_c$  is fixed
- ▶ As the external magnetic field becomes stronger it turns out that two possibilities can happen  $\Rightarrow$  phase diagram in the  $T$ - $H$  plane



- ▶ **Type-I** (a): the  $\mathbf{B}$  field remains zero inside the superconductor until suddenly, as the critical field  $H_c$  is reached, the superconductivity is destroyed
- ▶ **Type-II** (b): a **mixed state** occurs in addition to the superconductive and the normal state (two different critical fields)
- ▶ Main topic: **macroscopic models** for type-I superconductors
- ▶ What are the macroscopic models which are used in the modelling of type-II superconductors?

- ▶ Dependency between current density  $J$  and the electric field  $E$



- ▶ **Ohm's law** for non-superconducting metal (dashed)
- ▶ **Bean's critical-state model** for Type-II superconductors (fine dashed): current either flows at the critical level  $J_c$  or not at all  $\Rightarrow$  **not fully applicable**
- ▶ The **power law** by Rhyner for Type-II superconductors (continuous)

$$E = |J|^{n-1} J, \quad n \in (7, 1000)$$



- ▶ The **full Maxwell equations** ( $\tilde{\delta} = 1$ ) and the **quasi-static Maxwell equations** ( $\tilde{\delta} = 0$ ) for **linear materials** are considered

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \tilde{\delta} \epsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E} \quad \text{Ampère's law}$$

$\mathbf{H}$  magnetic field

$\epsilon > 0$  electric permittivity

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} \quad \text{Faraday's law}$$

$\mathbf{E}$  electric field

$\mu > 0$  magnetic permeability

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0$$

$\mathbf{J}$  current density

- ▶ The formulation is **in terms of electric field**  $\Rightarrow$  the power law has to be inverted:

$$\mathbf{J} = |\mathbf{E}|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \mathbf{E}, \quad \text{for } p \in (1, 1.2) \text{ as } p = \frac{n}{n-1}$$

- ▶ Take the **time derivative of Ampère's law** and the **curl of Faraday's law**  
 $\Rightarrow$  **nonlinear and degenerate partial differential equation** for the electric field

$$\tilde{\delta} \epsilon \partial_{tt} \mathbf{E} + \partial_t \left( |\mathbf{E}|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \mathbf{E} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \tilde{\delta} = \mathbf{0} \vee \mathbf{1}$$

- ▶ If  $\tilde{\delta} = 0$ :

$$\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \left( |\nabla \times \mathbf{H}|^{n-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \right) = \mathbf{0}$$

- ▶ Studied by: Barrett, Prigozhin, Sokolovsky, Yin, Li, Zou, Wei, ...
- ▶ **Is it possible to derive macroscopic models for type-I superconductors?**



- ▶  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ : bounded Lipschitz domain,  $\nu$  unit normal vector on  $\partial\Omega$
- ▶ London and London (1935): a macroscopic description of type-I superconductors involves a **two-fluid model**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_s & \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}_s + \delta \epsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E} \\
 \mathbf{J}_n = \sigma \mathbf{E} & \text{Ohm's law} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} \\
 & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{J}_n \text{ normal current density} \\
 \mathbf{J}_s \text{ superconducting current density} \\
 \sigma \text{ conductivity of normal electrons}
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Below the critical temperature  $T_c$ , the current consists of **superconducting electrons and normal electrons**
- ▶ **London equations** (1935)  $\Rightarrow$  **local law for  $\mathbf{J}_s$**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \partial_t \mathbf{J}_s = \Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{E} & n_s \text{ density of superelectrons} \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s = -\Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{B} & m_e \text{ mass of an electron} \\
 \Lambda = \frac{m_e}{n_s e^2} & -e \text{ electric charge of an electron}
 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \text{ such that } \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \text{ and } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0 \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s = -\Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{J}_s(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in Q_T := \Omega \times (0, T)
 \end{array}$$



## Generalization of London and London: nonlocal laws

### ► Pippard (1953)

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

with

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

$$\tilde{C} := \frac{3}{4\pi\xi_0\Lambda} > 0, \quad r_0 = \frac{\xi_0 l}{\xi_0 + l}$$

$\xi_0$  the coherence length of the material,  $l$  is the mean free path

### ► Eringen (1984)

$$\mathbf{J}_{S,e}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_0(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}', t) d\mathbf{x}' =: -(\mathcal{K}_0 * \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T)$$

with

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





- ▶ Pippard's nonlocal law fails to explain the vanishing of electrical resistance
- ▶ It is possible to recover from Eringen's law the London equations and the form given by Pippard

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{J}_s = \mathbf{J}_{s,e} = -\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H} \quad \text{in} \quad \begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}_s + \tilde{\delta} \epsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Taking the curl of Ampère's law and the time derivative of Faraday's law result in

$$\tilde{\delta} \epsilon \mu \partial_{tt} \mathbf{H} + \sigma \mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \tilde{\delta} = \mathbf{0} \vee \mathbf{1}$$

- ▶ For ease of exposition, set  $\mu = \sigma = \epsilon = 1$
- ▶ A possible source term  $\mathbf{f}$  is added



## A vectorial nonlocal linear parabolic and hyperbolic problem for type-I superconductors

### ► Two problems

$$\tilde{\delta} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{f} & \text{in } Q_T; \\ \mathbf{H} \times \boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T); \\ \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0 & \text{in } \Omega; \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{\delta} = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_{tt} \mathbf{H} + \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{f} & \text{in } Q_T; \\ \mathbf{H} \times \boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T); \\ \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0 & \text{in } \Omega; \\ \partial_t \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{H}'_0 & \text{in } \Omega; \end{cases}$$

### ► Variational formulation ( $\tilde{\delta} = 0 \vee 1$ ):

$$\tilde{\delta} (\partial_{tt} \mathbf{H}, \varphi) + (\partial_t \mathbf{H}, \varphi) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}, \nabla \times \varphi) + (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}, \nabla \times \varphi) = (\mathbf{f}, \varphi), \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0(\text{curl}, \Omega)$$

- **Mathematical analysis:** estimates on the kernels  $\sigma_0$  and  $\mathcal{K}_0$ , time discretization
- The **well-posedness** of both problems is studied, two **numerical schemes** for computations are designed and **error estimates** for the time discretization are derived



## Estimates on the singular kernels $\sigma_0$ and $\mathcal{K}_0$

Using **spherical coordinates** one can deduce that

- ▶  $\sigma_0(|\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{L}^p(\Omega)$  for  $p \in [1, 3)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_0(|\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x})|^p \, d\mathbf{x} &\leq \int_{B(\mathbf{0}, r_0)} \frac{C}{|\mathbf{x}|^{2p}} \left| \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{r_0}\right) \right|^p |\mathbf{x}|^p \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &\leq C \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta) d\theta \int_0^{r_0} r^{2-p} dr \leq C \left[ \frac{r^{3-p}}{3-p} \right]_0^{r_0} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $|\mathbf{J}_S(\mathbf{x}, t)| = |(\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq C(q) \|\mathbf{H}(t)\|_q$  for  $q > \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{J}_S(\mathbf{x}, t)| &= \left| \int_{\Omega} \sigma_0(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}', t) \, d\mathbf{x}' \right| \leq \int_{\Omega} \left| \sigma_0(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \right| |\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}', t)| \, d\mathbf{x}' \\ &\leq \sqrt[p]{\int_{\Omega} \left| \sigma_0(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \right|^p \, d\mathbf{x}'} \sqrt[q]{\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}', t)|^q \, d\mathbf{x}'} \leq C \|\mathbf{H}(t)\|_q \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ For instance, it holds that

$$(\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{h}, \nabla \times \mathbf{h}) \leq C_\varepsilon \|\mathbf{h}\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\nabla \times \mathbf{h}\|^2, \quad \forall \mathbf{h} \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$$



## Numerical schemes to approximate the solution ( $\tilde{\delta} = 0 \vee 1$ )

- ▶ **Rothe's method:** divide  $[0, T]$  into  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  equidistant subintervals  $(t_{i-1}, t_i)$  for  $t_i = i\tau$ , where  $\tau = T/n$  and for any function  $u$

$$u_i := u(t_i), \quad \partial_t u(t_i) \approx \delta u_i := \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\tau}, \quad \partial_{tt} u(t_i) \approx \delta^2 u_i := \frac{\delta u_i - \delta u_{i-1}}{\tau}$$

- ▶ **Convolution implicitly** (from the actual time step):

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\delta}(\delta^2 \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\delta \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \times \varphi) + (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \times \varphi) &= (\mathbf{f}_i, \varphi); \\ \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{H}_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Lax-Milgram lemma: existence of a unique solution for any  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and any  $\tau < \tau_0$
- ▶ **Convolution explicitly** (from the previous time step):

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\delta}(\delta^2 \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\delta \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\nabla \times \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \times \varphi) &= (\mathbf{f}_i, \varphi) - (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{h}_{i-1}, \nabla \times \varphi); \\ \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{H}_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Lax-Milgram lemma: existence of a unique solution for any  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and any  $\tau > 0$
- ▶ Now: **look at both models separately**



## Convergence: a priori estimates as uniform bounds

Suppose that  $f \in L^2((0, T), L^2(\Omega))$

(i) Let  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ . Then, there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all  $\tau < \tau_0$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\mathbf{h}_i\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{h}_{i-1}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \times \mathbf{h}_i\|^2 \tau \leq C$$

(ii) If  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0 = \nabla \cdot f$  then  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{h}_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Moreover, we have that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|\delta \mathbf{h}_i\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^{-1}(\text{curl}, \Omega)}^2 \tau \leq C$$

(iii) If  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\text{curl}, \Omega)$  then for all  $\tau < \tau_0$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\nabla \times \mathbf{h}_i\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \times \mathbf{h}_i - \nabla \times \mathbf{h}_{i-1}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\delta \mathbf{h}_i\|^2 \tau \leq C$$

(iv) If  $\partial_t f \in L^2((0, T), L^2(\Omega))$ ,  $\nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 * \mathbf{H}_0) \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\text{curl}, \Omega)$  and  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  then for all  $\tau < \tau_0$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\delta \mathbf{h}_i\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\delta \mathbf{h}_i - \delta \mathbf{h}_{i-1}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \times \delta \mathbf{h}_i\|^2 \tau \leq C$$



$\mathbf{h}_n$ : piecewise linear in time spline of the solutions  $\mathbf{h}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$

### Theorem (Existence solution and error estimate for par. problem)

- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{f} \in L^2((0, T), \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$ . Assume that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = 0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(t)$  for any time  $t \in [0, T]$ . Then there exists a solution  $\mathbf{H} \in C([0, T], \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2((0, T), \mathbf{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega))$  with  $\partial_t \mathbf{H} \in L^2((0, T), \mathbf{H}_0^{-1}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega))$
- ▶ Suppose that  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{Lip}([0, T], \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$ 
  - (i) If  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^T \|\nabla \times [\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}]\|^2 \leq C\tau$$

- (ii) If  $\nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}_0) \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$  and  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^T \|\nabla \times [\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}]\|^2 \leq C\tau^2$$

- ▶ Theorem holds for both numerical schemes!



## Theorem (Existence solution and error estimate for hyp. problem )

- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}'_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{f} \in L^2((0, T), \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$ . Assume that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}'_0 = 0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(t)$  for any time  $t \in [0, T]$ . Then there exists a solution  $\mathbf{H}$  such that  $\mathbf{H} \in C([0, T], \mathbf{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega))$ ,  $\partial_t \mathbf{H} \in L^2((0, T), \mathbf{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T], \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$  and  $\partial_{tt} \mathbf{H} \in L^2((0, T), \mathbf{H}_0^{-1}(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega))$
- ▶ Suppose that  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{Lip}([0, T], \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$ .
  - (i) If  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{H}'_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \nabla \times \int_0^t [\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}] \right\|^2 \leq C\tau$$

- (ii) If  $\nabla \times (\mathcal{K}_0 \star \mathbf{H}_0) \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{H}'_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0(\mathbf{curl}, \Omega)$  and  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\| \nabla \times \int_0^t [\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}] \right\|^2 \leq C\tau^2$$



## Can we get better error estimates?

- ▶ Suboptimal convergence rates  $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$  in the space  $C([0, T], L^2(\Omega))$
- ▶ Grönwall lemma:  $\mathcal{O}(\tau) = e^{CT}\tau$
- ▶ To get rid of the exponential character of this constant, the use of Grönwall's lemma should be avoided
- ▶ How? This can be tried by symmetrification of the problem, namely by incorporation of the curl operator  $\nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s$  into a new convolution kernel

## Lemma

$(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s(\mathbf{x}, t) = - \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}', t) d\mathbf{x}' =: -(\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

where  $\mathcal{K} : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \mapsto \kappa(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)$

$$\text{with } \kappa : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : s \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{C}}{2s^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{r_0}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{s}{r_0}\right) & s < r_0; \\ 0 & s \geq r_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Is this approach successful for both problems?





Can we get better error estimates?

Models in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega) \subset \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{curl}, \Omega)$  ( $\tilde{\delta} = 0 \vee 1$ )

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s = -\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H} \quad \text{in} \quad \begin{cases} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \sigma \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{J}_s + \tilde{\delta} \epsilon \nabla \times \partial_t \mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} \end{cases}$$

$$-\Delta \mathbf{H} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) - \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\tilde{\delta} \epsilon \mu \partial_{tt} \mathbf{H} + \sigma \mu \partial_t \mathbf{H} - \Delta \mathbf{H} + \mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}}$$

Variational formulation:

$$\tilde{\delta} (\partial_{tt} \mathbf{H}, \varphi) + (\partial_t \mathbf{H}, \varphi) + (\nabla \mathbf{H}, \nabla \varphi) + (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H}, \varphi) = (\mathbf{f}, \varphi), \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

Again **two numerical schemes** (convolution implicitly  $\Leftrightarrow$  convolution explicitly),  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\delta} (\delta^2 \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\delta \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\nabla \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \varphi) + (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) &= (\mathbf{f}_i, \varphi), & \varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega); \\ \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{H}_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\delta} (\delta^2 \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\delta \mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + (\nabla \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \varphi) &= (\mathbf{f}_i, \varphi) - (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{h}_{i-1}, \varphi), & \varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega); \\ \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{H}_0 \end{cases}$$



Can we get better error estimates?

## Properties of the kernel $\mathcal{K}$

- ▶  $\mathcal{K}(x, \cdot) \in L_p(\Omega)$  if  $p \in [1, \frac{3}{2})$ ,  $\forall x \in \Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\mathcal{K}(x, x')|^p dx' &\leq \int_{B(x, r_0)} \frac{C}{|x - x'|^{2p}} \left| \left( 1 - \frac{|x - x'|}{r_0} \right) \right|^p \left| \exp \left( -\frac{|x - x'|}{r_0} \right) \right|^p dx' \\ &\leq \int_{B(x, r_0)} \frac{C}{|x - x'|^{2p}} \leq C \left[ \frac{r^{3-2p}}{3-2p} \right]_0^{r_0} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $|(\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H})(x, t)| = \left| \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{K}(x, x') \mathbf{H}(x', t) dx' \right| \leq C(q) \|\mathbf{H}(t)\|_q$ ,  $\forall q > 3$ ,  $\forall x \in \Omega$

$$|(\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{H})(x, t)| \leq \sqrt[p]{\int_{\Omega} |\mathcal{K}(x, x')|^p dx'} \sqrt[q]{\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{H}(x', t)|^q dx'} \leq C(q) \|\mathbf{H}(t)\|_q$$

- ▶ Schoenberg interpolation theorem:  $\mathcal{K}$  is positive definite
- ▶ For instance, it holds that (Sobolev embeddings theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{L}^6(\Omega)$  + Friedrichs inequality)

$$0 \leq (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}) \leq C_\varepsilon \|\mathbf{h}\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)}^2 + \varepsilon \|\mathbf{h}\|^2 \leq C_\varepsilon \|\nabla \mathbf{h}\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\mathbf{h}\|^2, \quad \forall \mathbf{h} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$$

- ▶ This leads **only** to a better estimate if  $\tilde{\delta} = 0$

## Theorem (Error estimate for the par. problem in $\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$ )

Assume that  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{Lip}([0, T], \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega))$ .

(i) If  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^T \|\nabla[\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}]\|^2 \leq C\tau$$

(ii) If  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega)$  then

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^T \|\nabla[\mathbf{h}_n - \mathbf{H}]\|^2 \leq C\tau^2$$

**Proof:**

$$\mathcal{K} \text{ positive definite} \Rightarrow \int_0^t (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{no Grönwall}$$

□

► Theorem holds for both numerical schemes!



- ▶ Backward Euler method for the time discretization:  $\tau = 2^{-j}$ ,  $2 \leq j \leq 7$
- ▶ The following scheme is followed:

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{h}_i, \varphi) + \tau (\nabla \mathbf{h}_i, \nabla \varphi) &= \tau (\mathbf{f}_i, \varphi) - \tau (\mathcal{K} \star \mathbf{h}_{i-1}, \varphi) + (\mathbf{h}_{i-1}, \varphi), & \varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{H}_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ First order Lagrange elements for the space discretization
- ▶  $\Omega = \text{unitcube}$ ,  $T = 1$ ,  $r_0 = 0.1$
- ▶  $\mathcal{T}_h$ : triangulation of  $\Omega$
- ▶  $\mathbf{x}_{m,T}$  and  $\text{Vol}(T)$ : the midpoint and the volume of a tetrahedron  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$
- ▶ Define the set

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}} := \{T \in \mathcal{T}_h : |\mathbf{x}_{m,T} - \mathbf{x}| < r_0\} \subset \mathcal{T}_h$$

- ▶ The convolution integral arising in the numerical experiments is solved numerically:

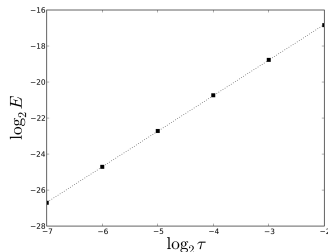
$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) \star \mathbf{h} \approx \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}}} \text{Vol}(T) \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{m,T}) \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_{m,T})$$

- ▶ Implementation: in FEniCS

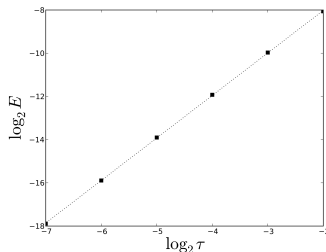


$$\mathbf{H}^{\text{ex}} = (1 + t^2) \begin{pmatrix} y - z \\ z - x \\ x - y \end{pmatrix},$$

$$E = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{h}_n(t) - \mathbf{H}(t)\|^2$$



(a)



(b)

Figure: Convergence rate (a)  $\tilde{C} = 2$ : regression line is  $\log_2 E = 1.9753 \log_2 \tau - 12.858$

(b)  $\tilde{C} = 150$ : regression line is  $\log_2 E = 1.9678 \log_2 \tau - 4.0842$



## Open questions

- ▶ Numerical experiment is time consuming: speed up the computations
- ▶ Implementation via implicit scheme
- ▶ Way out via Fourier transform?
- ▶ Full discretization of the models
- ▶ Modelling and analysis of a combined model for type-I and type-II superconductivity?



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