

Blow-up for self-interacting fractional Ginzburg-Landau equation

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ABSTRACT. The blow-up of solutions for the Cauchy problem of fractional Ginzburg-Landau equation with non-positive nonlinearity is shown by an ODE argument. Moreover, in one dimensional case, the optimal lifespan estimate for size of initial data is obtained.

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1. Introduction

The classical complex Ginzburg-Landau (CGL) equation takes the form

$$(1.1) \quad \partial_t \psi = -(\alpha + i\beta)\Delta\psi + F(\psi, \bar{\psi}),$$

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where α, β are real parameters. The standard CGL equation has a self-interaction term F of the form

$$F(\psi, \bar{\psi}) = - \sum_{j=1}^K (\alpha_j + i\gamma_j) \psi |\psi|^{p_j-1},$$

where α_j, β_j are real parameters. We refer to [5] for a review on this subject. Using the representation $\psi(t, x) = u_1(t, x) + iu_2(t, x)$, where u_1, u_2 are real-valued functions, we see that the equation (1.1) can be rewritten in the form of a system of reaction diffusion equations

$$\partial_t U = A \Delta U = F(U),$$

where

$$U(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(t, x) \\ u_2(t, x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & -\alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

The limiting case $\alpha \rightarrow 0, \alpha_j \rightarrow 0$ leads to the nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLS)

$$(1.2) \quad \partial_t \psi = -i\beta \Delta \psi - \sum_{j=1}^N i\gamma_j \psi |\psi|^{p_j-1}.$$

The oscillation synchronization of phenomena modeled by Kuramoto equations (see [4]) lead to a system of ODE having a similar qualitative behavior

$$(1.3) \quad \partial_t \psi_k = -iH_k \psi_k + F_k(\Psi, \bar{\Psi}), \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

The nonlinear terms F_k in the system obey the property

$$\text{Im} (F_k(\Psi, \bar{\Psi}) \overline{\psi_k}) = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

This system simulates the behavior of N oscillators, so that $\Psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_N)$, with ψ_j being complex-valued functions. The nonlinearities in (1.3) are chosen so that the evolution flow associated to the Kuramoto system leaves the manifold

$$\mathcal{M} = \underbrace{\mathbb{S}^1 \times \dots \times \mathbb{S}^1}_{N \text{ times}},$$

invariant.

The derivation of the Kuramoto system in [4] is based on complex Landau-Ginzburg equation (see equation (2.4.15) in [4])

$$\partial_t \Psi = i\mathcal{H}\Psi - (\alpha + i\beta)\Delta\Psi - (\alpha_1 + i\beta_1)\Psi|\Psi|^2,$$

where $\Psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_N)^t$, \mathcal{H} is a diagonal matrix with real entries. If β and β_1 become very large, then we have an equation very close to Schrödinger self-interacting system (1.2). As it was pointed out (p. 20, [4]), a chemical turbulence of a diffusion-induced type are possible only for regions intermediate between the two extreme cases, where β and β_1 are very small or very large.

Turning back to CGL equation and comparing (1.1) with Kuramoto system, we see that it is natural to take $\alpha \rightarrow 0, \beta_j \rightarrow 0$ so that we have the following simplified CGL equation

$$\partial_t \psi = -i\beta \Delta \psi - \alpha_1 \psi |\psi|^{p-1}.$$

A similar system was discussed in [1] with nonlinearity typical for the Kuramoto system.

The fractional dynamics seems more adapted to synchronization models due to the considerations in [6], therefore we can consider the following fractional Ginzburg-Landau equations

$$\partial_t \psi = -i\sqrt{-\Delta}\psi \pm \psi|\psi|^{p-1}.$$

The study of the attractive case

$$\partial_t \psi = -i|D|\psi - \psi|\psi|^{p-1}, \quad |D| = \sqrt{-\Delta},$$

is initiated in [2], where the well-posedness is established for the cases $1 \leq n \leq 3$.

In this article, we study the repulsive case

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u = -i|D|u + |u|^{p-1}u, & t \in [0, T], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases}$$

where $n \geq 1$, and $p > 1$. Our main goal is to obtain a blow-up result under the assumption that initial data are in $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $s > n/2$, where $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the usual Sobolev space defined by $(1 - \Delta)^{-s/2}L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

We denote $\langle x \rangle = (1 + |x|^2)^{1/2}$. We abbreviate $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to L^q and $\|\cdot\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ to $\|\cdot\|_q$ for any q . We also denote by $\|T\|$ the operator norm of bounded operator $T : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$.

The following statements are the main results of this article.

PROPOSITION 1.1. *Let h be a function satisfying $\frac{1}{h} \in L^\infty \cap L^2$ and*

$$(1.5) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{h} [(-\Delta)^{1/2}, h] \right\|$$

Let $u_0 \in hL^2$ satisfy

$$(1.6) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{h} u_0 \right\|_2 \geq \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\|^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \left\| \frac{1}{h} \right\|_2.$$

If there is a solution $u \in C([0, T]; hL^2)$ for (1.4), then

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{h} u(t) \right\|_2 \\ & \geq e^{-2\|\frac{1}{h}[D, h]\|t} \left(\left\| \frac{1}{h} u_0 \right\|_2^{-p+1} + \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\|^{-1} \left\| \frac{1}{h} \right\|_2^{-p+1} \{ e^{-\|\frac{1}{h}[D, h]\|(p-1)t} - 1 \} \right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the lifespan is estimated by

$$(1.8) \quad T \leq -\frac{2}{p-1} \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\|^{-1} \log \left(1 - \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\| \left\| \frac{1}{h} \right\|_2^{p-1} \left\| \frac{1}{h} u_0 \right\|_2^{-p+1} \right).$$

We remark that for $n = 1$, we can take $h = \langle \cdot \rangle$ for Proposition 1.1. Proposition 1.1 is a blow-up result for a kind of large data of hL^2 . However, in a subcritical case where $p < p_F = 3$, solutions blow up even for small L^2 initial data.

COROLLARY 1.2. *Let $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}$ and $1 < p < p_F$. Then the corresponding solution in $C([0, T]; L^2(\mathbb{R}))$ blows up at a finite positive time.*

REMARK 1.3. If we choose $h(x) = \langle x \rangle$, the statement of our main result guarantees the blow-up of the momentum

$$Q_{-1}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \langle x \rangle^{-1} |u(t, x)|^2 dx.$$

for the solution to the fractional CGL equation

$$\partial_t u = -i|D|u + |u|^{p-1}u$$

in (1.4). The blow-up mechanism is based on the differential inequality

$$(1.9) \quad Q'_{-1}(t) \geq C_0(Q_{-1}(t))^{(p+1)/2} - C_1Q_{-1}(t), \quad C_0, C_1 > 0.$$

Comparing the fractional CGL equation with the classical NLS

$$\partial_t u = i\Delta u + i|u|^{p-1}u,$$

we see that introducing the momentum

$$Q_2(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |u(t, x)|^2 dx,$$

and using a Virial identity one can show that

$$Q''_2(t) \sim E(u)(t),$$

where $E(u)(t) = \|Du(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - c\|u(t)\|_{L^{p+1}}^{p+1}$ and $c > 0$ is an appropriate constant. Therefore, the blow-up mechanism for NLS is based on the estimate

$$E(u)(t) \leq -\delta, \quad \delta > 0,$$

that implies differential inequality

$$Q''_2(t) \leq -\delta$$

and the last inequality can not be satisfied for the whole interval $t \in (0, \infty)$ since $Q_2(t)$ is a positive quantity.

Moreover, for large R , if u_0 is given by Rf with $f \in hL^2(\mathbb{R})$ and h satisfying (1.5), then (1.8) means $T \leq CR^{-p+1}$. In one dimensional case, this upper bound is shown to be sharp for $f \in (hL^2 \cap H^1)(\mathbb{R})$.

PROPOSITION 1.4. *Let $u_0 = Rf$ with $R > 0$ sufficiently large and $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then there exists an $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ solution for u_0 for which its lifespan is estimated by $T \geq CR^{-p+1}$ with some positive constant C .*

2. Preliminary

In this section, we recall the blow-up solutions for an ODE which gives the mechanism of blow-up for weighted L^2 norm of solutions. We also study the condition for weight functions of Corollary 1.2.

2.1. Blow-up solutions for an ODE.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $C_1, C_2 > 0$ and $q > 1$. If $f \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$ satisfies $f(0) > 0$ and*

$$f' + C_1 f = C_2 f^q \quad \text{on } [0, T) \text{ for some } T > 0,$$

then

$$f(t) = e^{-C_1 t} \left(f(0)^{-(q-1)} + C_1^{-1} C_2 e^{-C_1(q-1)t} - C_1^{-1} C_2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{q-1}}.$$

Moreover, if $f(0) > C_1^{\frac{1}{q-1}} C_2^{-\frac{1}{q-1}}$, then $T < -\frac{1}{C_1(q-1)} \log(1 - C_1 C_2^{-1} f(0)^{-q+1})$.

PROOF. Let $f = e^{-C_1 t} g$. Then

$$g' = C_2 e^{-C_1(q-1)t} g^q.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{1-q} \left(g^{1-q}(t) - g^{1-q}(0) \right) = \frac{C_2}{C_1(1-q)} (e^{-C_1(q-1)t} - 1).$$

□

2.2. Condition for weight function.

LEMMA 2.2 (Coiffman - Meyer). *Let $p \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ satisfy the estimates*

$$|D_x^\beta D_\xi^\alpha p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{1-|\alpha|}$$

for all multi-indices α and β . Then for any Lipschitz function h ,

$$\| [p(x, D), h] f \|_2 \leq C \|h\|_{\text{Lip}} \|f\|_2.$$

LEMMA 2.3. *Let $\phi \in C_0^\infty([0, \infty); \mathbb{R})$ satisfy*

$$\phi(\rho) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \rho \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(|\xi|) |\xi| e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi \right| \leq C \langle x \rangle^{-n-1}.$$

PROOF. It suffices to consider the case where $|x|$ is sufficiently large. Let $\psi \in C_0^\infty([0, \infty); \mathbb{R})$ satisfy

$$\psi(\rho) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \rho \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Let $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$. Let $\xi_1 = \xi \cdot e_1$ and $\xi' = \xi - \xi_1 e_1$. Assume $x = |x| e_1$. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(|\xi|) |\xi| e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(|\xi|) |\xi| e^{i|x|\xi_1} d\xi.$$

By integrating by parts k times,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(|\xi|) |\xi| e^{i|x|\xi_1} d\xi &= (-i|x|)^{-k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_1^k (\phi(|\xi|) |\xi|) e^{i|x|\xi_1} d\xi \\ &= (-i|x|)^{-k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_1^k (|\xi|) \phi(|\xi|) e^{i|x|\xi_1} + R_k(\xi) d\xi, \end{aligned}$$

where $R_{n+1} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Here $\partial_1^k |\xi|$ is estimated by $C|\xi|^{1-k}$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_1^n (|\xi|) \phi(|\xi|) e^{i|x|\xi_1} d\xi \right| \\ &= |x|^{-1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 \{ \partial_1^n (|\xi|) \phi(|\xi|) \} (e^{i|x|\xi_1} - 1) d\xi_1 d\xi' \right| \\ &\leq C \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi(|x||\xi|) |\xi|^{1-n} |\phi(|\xi|)| + |\partial_1 \phi(|\xi|)| d\xi \right| \\ &+ C |x|^{-1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 - \psi(|x||\xi|)) |\xi|^{-n} \{ |\phi(|\xi|)| + |\partial_1 \phi(|\xi|)| \} d\xi \right| \end{aligned}$$

since $|e^{i|x|\xi_1} - 1| \leq |x||\xi|$. The first integral is estimated by

$$C \int_0^{2|x|^{-1}} |\phi(\rho)| + |\phi'(\rho)| d\rho \leq C \|\phi\|_{C^1(0,2)} |x|^{-1}.$$

By letting $\Psi(\rho) = \int_0^\rho |1 - \psi(\rho')| d\rho'$ and integrating by parts once again, the second integral is estimated by

$$C|x|^{-2} \int_{|x|^{-1}}^2 \rho^{-2} \|\phi\|_{C^2(0,2)} \Psi(|x|\rho) d\rho \leq C \|\phi\|_{C^2(0,2)} |x|^{-1}.$$

This proves the lemma. □

LEMMA 2.4. *Let h be a Lipschitz function on \mathbb{R}^n satisfying the estimate*

$$\left\| \frac{1}{h(\cdot)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle \cdot - y \rangle^{-n-1} h(y) f(y) dy \right\|_2 \leq C \|f\|_2$$

for any $f \in L^2$. Then $\frac{1}{h}[D, h]$ is a bounded operator from L^2 to L^2 .

PROOF. Let ϕ be a smooth function on $[0, \infty)$ satisfying that $\phi(\xi) = 1$ if $|\xi| \leq 1$ and $\phi(\xi) = 0$ if $|\xi| \geq 2$. Let $\phi(D)f = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}\phi\hat{f}$. We divide the proof into the following two estimate: $\|\frac{1}{h}\phi(D)(Dh)f\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2$ and $\|\frac{1}{h}[(1 - \phi(D))D, h]f\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2$.

At first,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{h}\phi(D)(Dh)f \right\|_2 \leq C \left\| \frac{1}{h(\cdot)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle \cdot - y \rangle^{-n-1} h(y) f(y) dy \right\|_2 \leq C \|f\|_2,$$

since

$$|\mathfrak{F}^{-1}(|\cdot| \phi)| \leq C \langle x \rangle^{-n-1}.$$

Secondly, $(1 - \phi(|\xi|))|\xi|$ satisfies the condition of Lemma 2.2. So the second estimate follows from Lemma 2.2. □

REMARK 2.5. $h(x) = \langle x \rangle$ satisfies the condition of Lemma 2.4. Actually h is Lipschitz and by using triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \langle x \rangle^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle x - y \rangle^{-n-1} \langle y \rangle f(y) dy \right\|_2 \\ & \leq \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle x - y \rangle^{-n-1} f(y) dy \right\|_2 + \left\| \langle x \rangle^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle x - y \rangle^{-n} f(y) dy \right\|_2 \\ & \leq (\|\langle \cdot \rangle^{-n-1}\|_1 + \|\langle \cdot \rangle^{-1}\|_q \|\langle \cdot \rangle^{-n}\|_{q'}) \|f\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

where $n < q < \infty$.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let h satisfy the condition of Lemma 2.4 and let h_R be $h_R = h(\cdot/R)$. Then*

$$\left\| \frac{1}{h_R}[D, h_R] \right\| \leq R^{-1} \left\| \frac{1}{h}[D, h] \right\|.$$

PROOF.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{h_R(x)}[D, h_R]f(x) &= \frac{1}{h(\frac{x}{R})} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} |\xi| \{h(\frac{y}{R}) - h(\frac{x}{R})\} f(y) d\xi dy \\
 &= R^n \frac{1}{h(\frac{x}{R})} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\frac{x}{R}-y)\cdot R\xi} |\xi| \{h(y) - h(\frac{x}{R})\} f(Ry) d\xi dy \\
 &= R^{-1} \frac{1}{h(\frac{x}{R})} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\frac{x}{R}-y)\cdot\xi} |\xi| \{h(y) - h(\frac{x}{R})\} f(Ry) d\xi dy \\
 &= R^{-1} \frac{1}{h(\frac{x}{R})} [D, h] f_{R^{-1}}(\frac{x}{R}).
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$\left\| \frac{1}{h_R} [D, h_R] f \right\|_2 = R^{-1+n/2} \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] f_{R^{-1}} \right\|_2 \leq R^{-1} \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\| \|f\|_2.$$

□

3. Proof

3.1. Proof of Proposition 1.1. Let $u(t, x) = h(x)v(t, x)$. Then

$$(3.1) \quad i\partial_t v + Dv + \frac{1}{h} [D, h]v = ih^{p-1}|v|^{p-1}v.$$

Multiplying both hand sides of (3.1) by \bar{v} , integrating over \mathbb{R}^n , and taking the imaginary part of the resulting integrals, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v(t)\|_2^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h(x)^{p-1} |v(t, x)|^{p+1} dx - \text{Im} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{v(t, x)} \frac{1}{h(x)} [D, h]v(t, x) dx \\
 &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h(x)^{p-1} |v(t, x)|^{p+1} dx - \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\| \|v(t)\|_2^2 \\
 &\geq \left\| \frac{1}{h} \right\|_2^{-p+1} \|v(t)\|_2^{p+1} - \left\| \frac{1}{h} [D, h] \right\| \|v(t)\|_2^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we used the following estimate:

$$\|v(t)\|_2 \leq \left\| \frac{1}{h^{\frac{p-1}{p+1}}} \right\|_2^{\frac{2(p+1)}{p-1}} \|h^{\frac{p-1}{p+1}} v(t)\|_{p+1}.$$

Then (1.7) follows from Lemma 2.1 with $q = (p + 1)/2$.

3.2. Proof of Corollary 1.2. Let $h_R(x) = \langle x/R \rangle$ with $R > 0$. h_R satisfies (1.5) and $1/h_R \in (L^\infty \cap L^2)(\mathbb{R})$, and $\frac{1}{h_R} u_0 \rightarrow u_0$ in L^2 as $R \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, $\left\| \frac{1}{h_R} [D, h_R] \right\| \sim R^{-1}$, and $\left\| \frac{1}{h_R} \right\|_2 \sim R^{1/2}$. Therefore

$$\text{RHS (1.6)} \sim R^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-1}} \rightarrow 0$$

as $R \rightarrow \infty$ if $p < 3$. It means that for any $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}$, there exists R_0 such that (1.6) is satisfied with $h(x) = \langle x/R_0 \rangle$.

3.3. Proof of Proposition 1.4. The local well-posedness in $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ is easily obtained by the Sobolev embedding and standard contraction argument. By multiplying (1.4) by \bar{u} and $(-\Delta)\bar{u}$, integrating over \mathbb{R} , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\|u(t)\|_2^2 &= \|u(t)\|_{p+1}^{p+1} \leq C\|u(t)\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}^{p+1}, \\ \frac{d}{dt}\|\nabla u(t)\|_2^2 &= \operatorname{Re} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \nabla(|u(t,x)|^{p-1}u(t,x)) \cdot \overline{\nabla u(t,x)} dx \leq C\|u(t)\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}^{p+1},\end{aligned}$$

where $\|f\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}^2 = \|f\|_2^2 + \|\nabla f\|_2^2$. By solving the following ordinary differential equality:

$$\frac{d}{dt}U(t) = CU(t)^{\frac{p+1}{2}},$$

we get

$$\|u(t)\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq \left(\|u_0\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}^{-(p-1)} - \frac{C(p-1)}{2}t \right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}.$$

This proves the Proposition 1.4.

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