

**CONTINUOUS DEPENDENCE OF SOLUTIONS ON THE  
COEFFICIENT THERMAL DIFFUSIVITY FOR PHASE FIELD  
EQUATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper, investigate the continuous dependence on the coefficient thermal diffusivity.

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**ÖZET**

Bu çalışmada faz alan denklemlerinin çözümlerinin ısı iletkenlik katsayısına sürekli bağımlılığı incelenmiştir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Faz alan denklemi, sürekli bağımlılık.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

We consider the problem

$$\tau\phi_t - \xi^2 \Delta\phi + f(x, \phi) = 2u + h_1(x, t) \quad (x, t) \in Q_T \quad (1)$$

$$u_t + \frac{l}{2}\phi_t = K\Delta u + h_2(x, t) \quad (x, t) \in Q_T \quad (2)$$

$$\phi|_{\Gamma} = \phi_{\partial}(x, t), \quad u|_{\Gamma} = u_{\partial}(x, t) \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T] \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x), \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad x \in \Omega \quad (4)$$

where  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T]$ ,  $\Omega \subset R^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is a bounded domain with a sufficiently smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ;  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T]$ ,  $\xi, \tau, l$  and  $K$  are positive constants characterizing the length scale, the relaxation time, the latent heat and the thermal diffusivity respectively.  $\phi_0, u_0, \phi_\partial, u_\partial, h_1, h_2$  and  $f(x, \phi)$  are given functions.

In [1], G.Çağinalp has considered, as a model describing the phase transitions with a separation surface of finite thickness and proves a global existence theorem for the classical solution of problem such type. In [2], Brochet, Hilhorst ve Chen investigated problem (1)-(4) considering

$$v = u + \frac{l}{2}\phi, \quad f(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{2p-1} b_j s^j, \quad b_{2p-1} > 0, p \geq 2, \quad h_i(x, t) = 0,$$

( $i = 1, 2$ ) and homogeneous Neumann boundary condition and they proved that the problem is well posed if  $(\phi_0, u_0) \in (L_2(\Omega))^2$ . In [3], Kalantarov has proved that the initial boundary value problem for system (1)-(2), under some conditions on  $f(x, \phi)$  homogeneous boundary conditions, global uniquely solvable in  $C(R^+, X)$ ,  $X = H^1(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$  and the existence of global attractor.

## II. CONTINUOUS DEPENDENCE

### THEOREM:

If

$$|f(x, s_1) - f(x, s_2)| \leq c(1 + |s_1|^{p-1} + |s_2|^{p-1})|s_1 - s_2| \quad (5)$$

then the solution of problem (1)-(4) from  $V(Q_T) \times V(Q_T)$  ([4],[5],[6]) depends continuously on the thermal diffusivity coefficient. Where,

$$V(Q_T) = W_2^1(Q_T) \cap \{v(x, t) : \Delta v \in L_2(Q_T)\}$$

and

$$p \in [1, \infty] \text{ if } n = 1, 2, \quad p \in \left[1, \frac{n}{n-2}\right] \text{ if } n \geq 3.$$

**PROOF:**

Let  $\{\phi_1, u_1\}$  and  $\{\phi_2, u_2\}$  be the solutions from  $V(Q_T) \times V(Q_T)$  of problem (1)-(4) for different coefficient  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  respectively. We define difference variables  $\varphi, u$  and  $K$  by

$$\varphi = \phi_1 - \phi_2, u = u_1 - u_2, \text{ and } K = K_1 - K_2 (K_1 > K_2).$$

Then  $\{\varphi, u\}$  satisfies the initial boundary value problem

$$\tau\varphi_t - \xi^2 \Delta\varphi + f(x, \phi_1) - f(x, \phi_2) = 2u \quad (x, t) \in Q_T \quad (6)$$

$$u_t + \frac{l}{2}\varphi_t = K_1\Delta u + K\Delta u_2 \quad (x, t) \in Q_T \quad (7)$$

$$\varphi|_{\Gamma} = u|_{\Gamma} = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\varphi(x, 0) = u(x, 0) = 0 \quad (9)$$

If we take the inner product in  $L_2(\Omega)$  of (6) by  $\varphi_t + \varphi$  and of (7) by

$\frac{2\tau}{l^2}u_t + \frac{4}{l}u$  and we add the obtained equations, then by inequalities from making use of (5)

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (f(x, \phi_1) - f(x, \phi_2))\varphi_t dx \right| \leq c\|\varphi\|\|\varphi_t\| + cc_1(t)\|\varphi\|_{L_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}}\|\varphi_t\| \quad (10)$$

and

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (f(x, \phi_1) - f(x, \phi_2))\varphi dx \right| \leq c\|\varphi\|^2 + cc_1(t)\|\varphi\|_{L_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}}\|\varphi\| \quad (11)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau\|\varphi_t\|^2 + \xi^2\|\nabla\varphi\|^2 + \frac{4K_1}{l}\|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{2\tau}{l^2}\|u_t\|^2 + \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\xi^2}{2}\|\nabla\varphi\|^2 + \frac{2}{l}\|u\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2}\|\varphi\|^2 + \frac{\tau K_1}{l^2}\|\nabla u\|^2 \right] \leq 2(u, \varphi) + \frac{4K}{l}(\Delta u_2, u) + \\ & \frac{2\tau K}{l^2}(\Delta u_2, u_t) + \frac{\tau}{l}|(\varphi_t, u_t)| + c\|\varphi\|\|\varphi_t\| + cc_1(t)\|\varphi\|_{L_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}}\|\varphi_t\| + c\|\varphi\|^2 + \\ & cc_1(t)\|\varphi\|_{L_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}}\|\varphi\| \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $\|\bullet\|$  denotes the norm on  $L_2(\Omega)$  and  $c_1(t)$  is depends on the given functions. Making use of Cauchy-Schwarz and  $\varepsilon$ -Young's inequalities, right hand side of (12) can be estimated. If we select the number  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small and by the inequality

$$\|\varphi\|_{L_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}} \leq c_2 \|\nabla \varphi\|$$

(12) rewrite as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tau}{4} \|\varphi_t\|^2 + \frac{4K_1}{l} \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{3\tau}{4l^2} \|u_t\|^2 + \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\xi^2}{2} \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \frac{2}{l} \|u\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} \|\varphi\|^2 + \frac{\tau K_1}{l^2} \|\nabla u\|^2 \right] \leq a_1(t) \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \\ + \left( \frac{l+2}{l} \right) \|u\|^2 + a_2(t) \|\varphi\|^2 + \left( \frac{6l+4\tau}{3l^2} \right) K^2 \|\Delta u_2\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Where  $a_1(t)$  and  $a_2(t)$  are depends on given function and the parameters.  
If we denote

$$\tilde{c}(t) = \max \left\{ \frac{2a_1(t)}{\xi^2}, \frac{l+2}{2}, \frac{2a_2(t)}{\tau}, 1 \right\}$$

and

$$Y(t) = \frac{\xi^2}{2} \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \frac{2}{l} \|u\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} \|\varphi\|^2 + \frac{\tau K_1}{l^2} \|\nabla u\|^2$$

then from (13)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dY(t)}{dt} \leq \tilde{c}(t)Y(t) + \left( \frac{6l+4\tau}{3l^2} \right) K^2 \|\Delta u_2\|^2 \\ Y(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

According to Gronwall's lemma, we have

$$Y(t) \leq \left( \frac{6l+4\tau}{3l^2} \right) e^{\int_0^t \tilde{c}(s) ds} K^2 \|\Delta u_2\|_{L_2(Q_t)}^2$$

Since  $\{\phi_i, u_i\} \in V(Q_T) \times V(Q_T)$

$$\|\Delta u_2\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \leq$$

$$C(\|h_1\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2, \|h_2\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2, \|\tilde{u}\|_{W_2^1(0,T;W_2^1(\Omega))}^2, \|\tilde{\phi}\|_{W_{p+1}^1(0,T;W_2^1(\Omega))}^{p+1}, \|u_0\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2, \|\phi_0\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2, \xi, \tau, l, K_2) \\ = C_1(K_2)$$

$$Y(t) \leq \left\{ \left( \frac{6l + 4\tau}{3l^2} \right) C_1(K_2) e^{\int_0^t \tilde{c}(s) ds} \right\} K^2$$

Moreover,

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{W_2^1(\Omega)}^2(t) \leq \left\{ \left( \frac{6l + 4\tau}{3l^2} \right) C_1(K_2) e^{\int_0^t \tilde{c}(s) ds} \right\} (K_1 - K_2)^2$$

and

$$\|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{W_2^1(\Omega)}^2(t) \leq \left\{ \left( \frac{6l + 4\tau}{3l^2} \right) C_1(K_2) e^{\int_0^t \tilde{c}(s) ds} \right\} (K_1 - K_2)^2$$

Hence we have proved the theorem.

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