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# RELAXATION APPROXIMATION OF SOME INITIAL-BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR P-SYSTEMS \*

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**Abstract.** We consider the Suliciu model which is a relaxation approximation of the  $p$ -system. In the case of the Dirichlet boundary condition we prove that the local smooth solution of the  $p$ -system is the zero limit of the Suliciu model solutions.

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## 1. Introduction

We study a relaxation approximation of the following  $p$ -system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1 - \partial_x u_2 = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2 - \partial_x p(u_1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

For the viscoelastic case, Suliciu introduces in [19] the following approximation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1 - \partial_x u_2 = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2 - \partial_x v = 0, \\ \partial_t v - \mu \partial_x u_2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (p(u_1) - v), \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  and  $\mu$  are positive.

The aim of this paper is to prove convergence results for the initial-boundary value problem when the relaxation coefficient  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero.

Under the classical assumption

$$\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}, p'(\xi) > 0, \quad (1.3)$$

the  $p$ -system is strictly hyperbolic with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1(u_1) = -\sqrt{p'(u_1)} < \lambda_2(u_1) = \sqrt{p'(u_1)}. \quad (1.4)$$

The semi-linear approximation system (1.2) is strictly hyperbolic with 3 constant eigenvalues

$$\mu_1 = -\sqrt{\mu} < \mu_2 = 0 < \mu_3 = \sqrt{\mu}. \quad (1.5)$$

In all the paper we assume that  $\mu$  is chosen great enough so that the subcharacteristic-type condition holds

$$\mu > p'(u_1) \quad (1.6)$$

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for all the values of  $u_1$  under consideration.

Formally, when  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero, the behaviour of the solution  $w^\varepsilon = (u^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon) = ((u_1^\varepsilon, u_2^\varepsilon), v^\varepsilon)$  for the relaxation system (1.2) is the following:  $p(u_1^\varepsilon) - v^\varepsilon$  tends to zero, so that  $u^\varepsilon$  tends to a solution  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  of the p-system (1.1).

Recent papers are devoted to the zero relaxation limit in the case of the Cauchy problem. In [22] Wen-An Yong establishes a general framework to study the strong convergence for the smooth solutions. This convergence result is obtained describing the boundary layer which appears at  $t=0$ . We can apply Yong's tools for the Suliciu approximation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1^\varepsilon - \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2^\varepsilon - \partial_x v^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t v^\varepsilon - \mu \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (p(u_1^\varepsilon) - v^\varepsilon), \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

for  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}$ , with the smooth initial data:

$$w^\varepsilon(0, x) = w_0(x), x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.8)$$

We give more details about this question in the annex at the end of this paper.

Since the lifespan for a smooth solution  $u$  of the Cauchy problem for the p-system is generally finite (see [12]), the strong convergence of the solution  $u^\varepsilon$  to  $u$  can only be obtained locally in time. Nevertheless, under the assumption

$$\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}, p'(\xi) \leq \Gamma < \mu, \quad (1.9)$$

if  $w_0$  is smooth, the solution for the semi-linear Cauchy problem (1.7)-(1.8) is global and smooth. In this case, the question is: what about the global convergence ?

Under further additional assumptions (in particular  $p'(\xi) \geq \gamma > 0$ ) the weak convergence to a global weak solution of the p-system is obtained by Tzavaras in [21] using the compactness methods of [17].

Other convergence results in some particular cases can be found in [8] and [10].

For other connected papers see also [13, 16, 20]...

In this paper we study the zero relaxation limit for the initial-boundary value problem. To our knowledge general convergence results are not available for hyperbolic relaxation systems in domains with boundary in the literature. A special well investigated problem is the semi-linear relaxation approximation to the boundary value problem for a scalar quasilinear equation, see [11, 15, 9, 14], and [5, 1] for related numerical considerations.

A first example of convergence result for a particular p-system (1.1) is obtained in [4]. In that paper the p-system is the one-dimensionnal Kerr model, so  $p$  is the inverse function of  $\xi \mapsto (1 + \xi^2)\xi$ . The relaxation approximation is given by the Kerr-Debye model which is the following quasilinear hyperbolic system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1^\varepsilon - \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2^\varepsilon - \partial_x ((1 + v^\varepsilon)^{-1} u_1^\varepsilon) = 0, \\ \partial_t v^\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} ((1 + v^\varepsilon)^{-2} (u_1^\varepsilon)^2 - v^\varepsilon). \end{cases}$$

For these two models we consider the ingoing wave boundary condition. In the case of the smooth solutions we obtained a local strong convergence result. The main tool of the proof is the use of the entropic variables as proposed in [7]. In these variables, the system is symmetrized and the equilibrium manifold is linearized.

Here we study the zero relaxation limit for the Suliciu approximation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1^\varepsilon - \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2^\varepsilon - \partial_x v^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t v^\varepsilon - \mu \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (p(u_1^\varepsilon) - v^\varepsilon), \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

for  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , with the null initial data

$$w^\varepsilon(0, x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad (1.11)$$

and with the Dirichlet boundary condition

$$u_2^\varepsilon(t, 0) = \varphi(t), t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (1.12)$$

For the null initial data to be in equilibrium we assume that  $p(0) = 0$ . We prove the strong convergence of  $u^\varepsilon$  to the smooth solution of the initial-boundary value problem for the p-system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1 - \partial_x u_2 = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2 - \partial_x p(u_1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.13)$$

for  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , with the initial-boundary conditions

$$u(0, x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad (1.14)$$

$$u_2(t, 0) = \varphi(t), t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (1.15)$$

## 2. Main Results

Let us specify the assumptions on the source term  $\varphi$  in the boundary condition (1.12) or (1.15). In order to simplify we chose  $\varphi$  smooth enough on  $\mathbb{R}$  and such that  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset [0, b]$ , with  $b > 0$ . In this case the boundary conditions and the null initial data (1.11) and (1.14) match each other so both initial-boundary value problem (1.10)-(1.11)-(1.12) and (1.13)-(1.14)-(1.15) admit local smooth solutions.

First we consider the solutions for the second problem (1.13)-(1.14)-(1.15) and using the methods of [12] we establish that the lifespan  $T^*$  is generally finite with formation of shock waves.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Assume the property (1.3). Let  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset [0, b]$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $\varphi \neq 0$ . Let  $g$  the function defined by*

$$g(\xi) = \int_0^\xi \sqrt{p'(s)} ds.$$

*We assume that*

$$p'' \text{ does not vanish on the interval } g^{-1}(-\varphi(\mathbb{R})). \quad (2.1)$$

Then the local smooth solution of (1.13)-(1.14)-(1.15) exhibits a shock wave at the time  $T^* < +\infty$  and we have

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (2.2)$$

We now investigate the smooth solutions of the initial-boundary value problem (1.10)-(1.11)-(1.12) for a fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The system is semi-linear strictly hyperbolic and the boundary  $\{x=0\}$  is characteristic. It is easy to prove that the local smooth solution  $w$  exists and, if the lifespan  $T_\varepsilon^*$  is finite, we have

$$\|w\|_{L^\infty([0, T_\varepsilon^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+)} = +\infty \quad (2.3)$$

(for general semi-linear hyperbolic systems, see [18]).

If we assume that  $p$  is globally lipschitz we establish that the smooth solutions are global.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Assume the properties (1.3) and (1.9). Let  $\varphi \in H^3(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then the solution of (1.10)-(1.11)-(1.12) is global and*

$$w \in \mathcal{C}^0(\mathbb{R}^+; H^1(\mathbb{R})), \partial_t w \in \mathcal{C}^0(\mathbb{R}^+; L^2(\mathbb{R})). \quad (2.4)$$

Finally, let us describe the convergence result.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *We suppose (1.3). Let  $\varphi \in H^3(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ . We consider a smooth solution  $u = (u_1^0, u_2^0)$  of (1.13)-(1.14)-(1.15) defined on  $[0, T^*]$ . We suppose that*

$$\mu > \sup_{(t,x) \in [0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+} p'(u_1^0(t, x)). \quad (2.5)$$

*Let  $T < T^*$ . For  $\varepsilon$  small enough, the relaxation problem (1.10)-(1.11)-(1.12) admits a solution  $w^\varepsilon = (u^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon)$  defined on  $[0, T]$  such that*

$$u^\varepsilon = u^0 + \varepsilon u_\varepsilon^1,$$

*and there exists a constant  $K$  such that*

$$\|u_\varepsilon^1\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\mathbb{R}^+))} + \|\partial_t u_\varepsilon^1\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq K. \quad (2.6)$$

In this result we can remark that no boundary layer appears in the time variable because the null initial data belongs to the equilibrium manifold  $\mathcal{V} = \{v = p(u_1)\}$ . For the space variable, we have the same boundary condition for both systems, so no space boundary layer appears.

To prove Theorem 2.3 we don't use the method in [4]: as observed in [7], with the entropic variables, we lose the semi-linear character of the system (1.10). We prefer write the following expansion of  $w^\varepsilon$

$$w^\varepsilon = w^0 + \varepsilon w_\varepsilon^1 = ((u_1^0, u_2^0), p(u_1^0)) + \varepsilon w_\varepsilon^1$$

so that the rest term  $w_\varepsilon^1$  satisfies a semi-linear hyperbolic system. In order to estimate  $w_\varepsilon^1$ , we use the conservative-dissipative variables introduced in [2]. With these variables the system is symmetrized and its semi-linear character is preserved. Furthermore by this method we obtain a more precise result : for  $\varepsilon$  small enough the lifespan  $T_\varepsilon^*$  is greater than the lifespan  $T^*$  of the limit system solution and the convergence is proved on all compact subset of  $[0, T^*]$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 2.1

We use the methods proposed by Majda in [12] for the Cauchy problem. We denote by  $l$  and  $r$  the left and right Riemann invariants of the system (1.1):

$$\begin{cases} l = \frac{1}{2}(u_2 + g(u_1)), \\ r = \frac{1}{2}(u_2 - g(u_1)). \end{cases}$$

These variables define a diffeomorphism which inverse is given by

$$\begin{cases} u_1 = g^{-1}(l - r), \\ u_2 = l + r. \end{cases}$$

These invariants  $(l, r)$  satisfy the diagonal system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t l - \nu(l - r)\partial_x l = 0, \\ \partial_t r + \nu(l - r)\partial_x r = 0, \\ l(0, x) = r(0, x) = 0, x > 0, \\ (l + r)(t, 0) = \varphi(t), t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\nu(l - r) = \sqrt{p'(g^{-1}(l - r))}$ . The smooth solution of (3.1) is  $(0, r)$  where  $r$  is the solution of the scalar equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t r + \nu(-r)\partial_x r = 0, \\ r(0, x) = 0, x > 0, \\ r(t, 0) = \varphi(t), t > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

Under the assumptions (1.3) and (2.1) we will prove that the lifespan  $T^*$  of the solution of the problem (3.2) is finite and that this solution exhibits shock waves in  $T^*$ .

For solving (3.2) we can use the method of characteristics. The function  $r$  is constant on the characteristic curves which are the straight lines  $t = T + \frac{1}{\nu(-\varphi(T))}x$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Denoting  $\alpha(s) = \frac{1}{\nu(-s)}$  we obtain then that

$$r(T, 0) = \varphi(T) = r(T + \alpha(\varphi(T))x, x).$$

Let us introduce the mapping

$$(T, X) \mapsto \Phi(T, X) = (t, x) = (T + \alpha(\varphi(T))X, X).$$

This map is a diffeomorphism for  $X < \bar{X}$  with

$$\bar{X} = \left[ \max_{T \in [0, b]} -\frac{d}{dT} \alpha(\varphi(T)) \right]^{-1}.$$

Under assumption (2.1) we have  $0 < \bar{X} < +\infty$  and we have

$$\|r\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, \bar{X}])} \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}.$$

The characteristic curves through  $(0,0)$  and  $(b,0)$  cut the straight line  $\{x = \bar{X}\}$  at times

$$T_1 = \sqrt{p'(0)^{-1}} \bar{X} \text{ and } T_2 = b + \sqrt{p'(0)^{-1}} \bar{X} \text{ so } T^* \in [T_1, T_2].$$

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2.2

In this section  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$  are fixed. We rewrite system (1.10)

$$\partial_t w + A \partial_x w = h(w)$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } h(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(p(u_1) - v) \end{pmatrix}$$

and by (1.3) and (1.9)  $p$  is globally lipschitz. As zero is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ , the boundary  $\{x=0\}$  is characteristic, so for completeness we give the proof of the global existence. Using (2.3) it is sufficient to prove that the solution  $w$  is bounded on any domain  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^+$ . In a first step we lift the boundary condition (1.12). We set  $\omega(t, x) = \varphi(t)\eta(x)$  where  $\eta$  is a smooth function compactly supported with  $\eta(0) = 1$ . We replace  $u_2$  by  $u_2 - \omega$  and we obtain the following initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t w + A \partial_x w = h(w) + \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \omega \\ -\partial_t \omega \\ \mu \partial_x \omega \end{pmatrix}, \\ w(0, x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ u_2(t, 0) = 0, t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

We diagonalize the matrix  $A$  by the matrix  $P$ :  $w = PW$  with

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{\mu} & 0 & -\sqrt{\mu} \\ \mu & 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t W + \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{\mu} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{\mu} \end{pmatrix} \partial_x W = H(W) + \Phi, \\ W(0, x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ W_1(t, 0) - W_3(t, 0) = 0, t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

We have  $H(W) = P^{-1}h(PW)$  so  $H$  is globally lipschitz

$$\exists K > 0, |\partial_W H| \leq K. \quad (4.3)$$

In addition,  $\Phi$  is given by

$$\Phi = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \omega \\ -\partial_t \omega \\ \mu \partial_x \omega \end{pmatrix}.$$

We denote by  $T^*$  the lifespan of the solution  $W$  for system (4.2) and we assume that  $T^* < +\infty$ . We will prove that  $\|W\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+)} < +\infty$  so that by (2.3) we obtain a contradiction.

### $L^2$ estimate

We take the inner product of the first equation in (4.2) by  $W$  and we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|W\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \sqrt{\mu} (-W_1 \partial_x W_1 + W_3 \partial_x W_3) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} H(W) W dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \Phi W dx.$$

Using the third equation in (4.2) and (4.3) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|W\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 \leq C(1 + \|W\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2). \quad (4.4)$$

### $H^1$ estimate

We derivate system (4.2) with respect to  $t$  and with similar computations we obtain that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_t W\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 \leq C(1 + \|\partial_t W\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2). \quad (4.5)$$

By Gronwall lemma we obtain from (4.4) and (4.5) that

$$\|W\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} + \|\partial_t W\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq C(T^*). \quad (4.6)$$

So using the first equation in (4.2) we have

$$\|\partial_x W_1\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} + \|\partial_x W_3\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq C(T^*), \quad (4.7)$$

In addition we have

$$\partial_t \partial_x W_2 - \partial_{W_2} H_2(W) \partial_x W_2 = \mathcal{H}(t, x),$$

where

$$\mathcal{H} = \partial_{W_1} H_2(W) \partial_x W_1 + \partial_{W_3} H_2(W) \partial_x W_3 + \partial_x \Phi_2.$$

By (4.3) and (4.7) we have

$$\|\mathcal{H}\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq C(T^*),$$

and since

$$\partial_x W_2(t, x) = \int_0^t \left( \exp \int_s^t \partial_{W_2} H_2(W(\tau, x)) d\tau \right) \mathcal{H}(s, x) ds,$$

we conclude that

$$\|\partial_x W_2\|_{L^\infty([0, T^*]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq C(T^*).$$

By Sobolev injections we can apply the continuation principle and we conclude the proof of Theorem 2.2.



### 5. Proof of Theorem 2.3

We denote by  $T^*$  the lifespan of the smooth solution  $u^0 = (u_1^0, u_2^0)$  of system (1.13)-(1.14)-(1.15). Since the boundary data  $\varphi$  belongs to  $H^3(\mathbb{R})$  we have

$$\partial_t^i u^0 \in C^0([0, T^*]; H^{3-i}(\mathbb{R}^+)), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3. \quad (5.1)$$

We define the profile  $w^0$  by

$$w^0 = (u^0, v^0) = ((u_1^0, u_2^0), p(u_1^0)). \quad (5.2)$$

We denote

$$\gamma(t, x) = p'(u_1^0(t, x)), \quad t < T^*, x > 0, \quad (5.3)$$

$$\Gamma = \sup_{(t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+} \gamma(t, x), \quad (5.4)$$

and by (2.2),  $\Gamma < +\infty$ . We fix  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu > \Gamma. \quad (5.5)$$

We will construct the solution  $w^\varepsilon$  of the relaxation problem (1.10)-(1.11)-(1.12) writing

$$w^\varepsilon = w^0 + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v^1 \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon r, \quad (5.6)$$

where

$$v^1 = -\partial_t v^0 + \mu \partial_x u_2^0, \quad (5.7)$$

so that  $r$  satisfies the following system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t r_1 - \partial_x r_2 = 0, \\ \partial_t r_2 - \partial_x r_3 = \partial_x v^1, \\ \partial_t r_3 - \mu \partial_x r_2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (p'(u_1^0) r_1 - r_3) + F(t, x, \varepsilon r_1) (r_1)^2 - \partial_t v^1, \end{cases} \quad (5.8)$$

for  $(t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , with the initial-boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} r(0, x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ r_2(t, 0) = 0, 0 \leq t < T^*. \end{cases} \quad (5.9)$$

The function  $F$  is defined by

$$F(t, x, \xi) = \int_0^1 (1-s) p''(u_1^0(t, x) + s\xi) ds. \quad (5.10)$$

**First step:** we want to construct a suitable symmetrization for system (5.8). We denote by  $A$  and  $B$  the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma(t, x) & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

With this object, we will use the conservative-dissipative form introduced in [2]. We first need a symmetric positive definite matrix  $A_0$  such that  $AA_0$  is a symmetric matrix, and such that

$$BA_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -d \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } d > 0.$$

Following [7], such a matrix can be constructed using the entropic variables. For the special case of the Suliciu model we have

$$A_0(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} (\gamma(t, x))^{-1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{0,11} & A_{0,12} \\ A_{0,21} & A_{0,22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain

$$AA_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -\mu \\ 0 & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad BA_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma - \mu \end{pmatrix},$$

and we remark that with (5.5), we have  $\mu - \gamma \geq \mu - \Gamma > 0$ . Finally we can apply Proposition 2.7 in [2]: the conservative-dissipative variables  $\rho$  is defined by  $\rho = P(t, x)r$  with

$$P(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} (A_{0,11})^{-\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ ((A_0^{-1})_{22})^{-\frac{1}{2}}(A_0^{-1})_{21} & ((A_0^{-1})_{22})^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma(\mu - \gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & (\mu - \gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In these variables, system (5.8) is equivalent to

$$\partial_t \rho + A_1 \partial_x \rho + L \rho = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \rho_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 \end{pmatrix} + H, \quad (5.11)$$

for  $(t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , with the initial-boundary conditions

$$\rho(0, x) = 0 \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } \rho_2(t, 0) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [0, T^*]. \quad (5.12)$$

The matrix  $A_1 = PAP^{-1}$  is symmetric

$$A_1(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ -\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & -(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & -(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $L$  is given by  $L(t, x) = P \partial_t P^{-1} + PA \partial_x P^{-1}$ . In addition,  $F_1$  and  $H$  are given by

$$F_1(t, x, \xi) = \gamma^{-1}(\mu - \gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} F(t, x, \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \xi), \quad (5.13)$$

$$H(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_x v^1 \\ -(\mu - \gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \partial_t v^1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (5.1) we have

$$\partial_t^i \gamma \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T^*]; H^{3-i}(\mathbb{R}^+)), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \quad (5.14)$$

and using (2.2) there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\gamma(t, x) \geq \alpha \text{ for } (t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (5.15)$$

Using (5.14), (5.15) and (5.5) we have

$$A_1, \partial_t A_1, \partial_x A_1 \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T^*]; L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)), \quad (5.16)$$

$$L, \partial_t L, \partial_x L \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T^*]; L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)). \quad (5.17)$$

Using (5.1) and (5.7) we have

$$\partial_t^i H \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T^*]; H^{1-i}(\mathbb{R}^+)), i = 0, 1. \quad (5.18)$$

We recall that by (5.10) and (5.13) we have

$$F_1(t, x, \xi) = \gamma^{-1}(t, x) (\mu - \gamma(t, x))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^1 (1-s) p''(u_1^0(t, x) + s \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t, x) \xi) ds,$$

so, by (5.14), (5.15) and (5.5) we have

$$F_1, \partial_t F_1, \partial_x F_1, \partial_\xi F_1 \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T^*]; L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+ \times [-1, 1])). \quad (5.19)$$

Now we fix  $T < T^*$  and we introduce  $T_\varepsilon$  defined by

$$T_\varepsilon = \sup \left\{ t \leq T, \|\rho\|_{L^\infty([0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^+)} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\}. \quad (5.20)$$

We will prove that, for  $\varepsilon$  small enough,  $T_\varepsilon = T$  and that there exists  $K$  such that for all  $\varepsilon$  small enough,

$$\|\rho\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; H^1(\mathbb{R}^+))} + \|\partial_t \rho\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq K. \quad (5.21)$$

First, by variational methods, we obtain  $L^2$ -estimates on  $\rho$  and  $\partial_t \rho$ . To obtain  $L^2$ -estimates on  $\partial_x \rho$  we use the equations taking into account that the boundary  $\{x=0\}$  is characteristic.

### Second step: variational estimates

We take the inner product of system (5.11) by  $\rho$  and we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} A_1 \partial_x \rho \cdot \rho dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} L \rho \cdot \rho dx + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \rho_3^2 dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 \rho_3 \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} H \cdot \rho dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using (5.12) we obtain that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} A_1 \partial_x \rho \cdot \rho dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (\partial_x A_1) \rho \cdot \rho dx.$$

With the estimates (5.16),..., (5.19) and since  $\varepsilon|\rho| \leq 1$  on  $[0, T_\varepsilon] \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that, for  $t \leq T_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \rho_3^2 dx \leq C(1 + \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)} \|\rho_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \|\rho_3\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}).$$

Therefore we obtain that for  $t \leq T_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \rho_3^2 dx \leq C(1 + \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \varepsilon \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)} \|\rho_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2). \quad (5.22)$$

We can derivate (5.11)-(5.12) with respect to  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \partial_t \rho + A_1 \partial_x \partial_t \rho + L \partial_t \rho + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \partial_t \rho_3 \end{pmatrix} &= -\partial_t A_1 \partial_x \rho - \partial_t L \rho + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \partial_t F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \varepsilon \partial_\xi F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \partial_t \rho_1 \rho_1^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1 \partial_t \rho_1 \end{pmatrix} + \partial_t H. \end{aligned}$$

With the same arguments as before we obtain that there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \leq T_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_t \rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (\partial_t \rho_3)^2 dx &\leq C(1 + \|\rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\partial_t \rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\partial_x \rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2) \\ &+ C\varepsilon \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)} (\|\rho_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\partial_t \rho_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

We define  $\psi$  by

$$\psi(t) = \left( \|\rho(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\partial_t \rho(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (5.24)$$

so we obtain by (5.22) and (5.23) the  $L^2$ -estimate: there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \leq T_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\psi(t))^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\|\rho_3\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 + \|\partial_t \rho_3\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2) &\leq C(1 + (\psi(t))^2) \\ &+ \varepsilon \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2 (\psi(t))^2 + \|\partial_x \rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.25)$$

### Third step

We now estimate  $\partial_x \rho$  using the equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \rho_2 + (L\rho)_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \rho_1 - (\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \rho_3 + (L\rho)_2 = H_2, \\ \partial_t \rho_3 - (\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \rho_2 + (L\rho)_3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \rho_3 = F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 + H_3. \end{cases} \quad (5.26)$$

From the first equation in (5.26), and with (5.15) and (5.17) we have for  $t \in [0, T_\varepsilon]$

$$\|\partial_x \rho_2\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C\psi. \quad (5.27)$$

Let us introduce  $\tilde{\rho}_1 = \rho_1 + \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}\rho_3$ . From the second equation in (5.26) we have

$$\partial_t \rho_2 - \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1 + \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}})\rho_3 + (L\rho)_2 = H_2,$$

so, by (5.15), (5.14), (5.17) and (5.18) we obtain that

$$\|\partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C(1 + \psi). \quad (5.28)$$

We cannot estimate  $\partial_x \rho_1$  or  $\partial_x \rho_3$  by the same method because the boundary  $\{x=0\}$  is characteristic. We rewrite the third equation in (5.26)

$$\partial_t \rho_3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \rho_3 = \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial_t \rho_1 + (L\rho)_1) - (L\rho)_3 + F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 + H_3.$$

So eliminating  $\rho_1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \gamma^{-1} \partial_t \rho_3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \rho_3 = & \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} [\partial_t \tilde{\rho}_1 - \partial_t (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}})\rho_3] + M_1(t, x) \tilde{\rho}_1 + M_2(t, x) \rho_2 \\ & + M_3(t, x) \rho_3 + H_3 + F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

with  $\rho_1 = \tilde{\rho}_1 - \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}\rho_3$ . We derivate (5.29) with respect to  $x$  and we obtain the equation satisfied by  $\partial_x \rho_3$

$$\partial_t \partial_x \rho_3 + \tau(t, x) \partial_x \rho_3 = \sum_{i=1}^6 T_i, \quad (5.30)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \tau = & \mu^{-1} \gamma \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_t (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}) + \varepsilon \partial_\xi F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rho_1^2 \right. \\ & \left. + 2F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} - M_3(t, x) \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$T_1 = \mu^{-1} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_t \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 = & \mu^{-1} \gamma \left( \partial_x (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \partial_t \tilde{\rho}_1 - \partial_x (\gamma^{-1} \mu) \partial_t \rho_3 \right. \\ & \left. - \partial_x (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_t (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}})) \rho_3 \right. \\ & \left. + (\partial_x M_1) \tilde{\rho}_1 + (\partial_x M_2) \rho_2 + (\partial_x M_3) \rho_3 \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$T_3 = \mu^{-1} \gamma \partial_x H_3,$$

$$T_4 = \mu^{-1} \gamma (M_1 \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1 + M_2 \partial_x \rho_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_5 = & \mu^{-1} \gamma \left( \partial_x F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 - \varepsilon \partial_\xi F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \partial_x (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \rho_1^2 \rho_3 \right. \\ & \left. - 2F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \partial_x (\gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \rho_1 \rho_3 \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$T_6 = \mu^{-1} \gamma (\varepsilon \partial_\xi F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1^2 \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1 + 2F_1(t, x, \varepsilon \rho_1) \rho_1 \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1).$$

For  $t \in [0, T_\varepsilon]$ , using (5.5), (5.14) (5.15) and (5.19) we obtain that

$$\left| \tau(t, x) - \frac{\mu^{-1} \gamma}{\varepsilon} \right| \leq C + C_0 \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)}.$$

We define  $T_\varepsilon^1 \leq T_\varepsilon$  by

$$T_\varepsilon^1 = \max \left\{ t \leq T_\varepsilon, \|\rho_1\|_{L^\infty([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^+)} \leq \frac{1}{2C_0\varepsilon} \right\}, \quad (5.31)$$

so there exists  $\tau_1 > 0$  and  $\tau_2 > 0$  such that

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \forall x > 0, \frac{\tau_1}{\varepsilon} \leq \tau(t, x) \leq \frac{\tau_2}{\varepsilon}. \quad (5.32)$$

We solve Equation (5.30) by Duhamel formula

$$\partial_x \rho_3 = \sum_{i=1}^6 \mathcal{T}_i, \quad (5.33)$$

with

$$\mathcal{T}_i(t, x) = \int_0^t \exp\left(-\int_s^t \tau(\sigma, x) d\sigma\right) \mathcal{T}_i(s, x) ds.$$

We define  $\Psi$  by

$$\Psi(t) = \sup_{[0,t]} \psi(s), \quad (5.34)$$

where  $\psi$  is given by (5.24). Integrating by parts in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_1(t, x) = & - \int_0^t \mu^{-1} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tau(s, x) \exp\left(-\int_s^t \tau(\sigma, x) d\sigma\right) \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1(s, x) ds \\ & - \int_0^t \exp\left(-\int_s^t \tau(\sigma, x) d\sigma\right) \partial_s (\mu^{-1} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}})(s, x) \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1(s, x) ds \\ & + \mu^{-1} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mu - \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \tilde{\rho}_1(t, x). \end{aligned}$$

Using (5.32), (5.5), (5.14), (5.15) and (5.28) we have

$$\|\mathcal{T}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq \int_0^t \exp\left(-\frac{\tau_1}{\varepsilon}(t-s)\right) C(\psi(s) + 1) \left(1 + \frac{\tau_2}{\varepsilon}\right) ds + C(\psi(t) + 1),$$

and we obtain that

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\mathcal{T}_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C(1 + \Psi(t)). \quad (5.35)$$

Using (5.5) (5.14) (5.15) (5.24) (5.34) and also (5.18) for  $T_3$  and (5.27) and (5.28) for  $T_4$ , we obtain

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\mathcal{T}_2\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} + \|\mathcal{T}_3\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} + \|\mathcal{T}_4\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C\varepsilon(1 + \Psi(t)). \quad (5.36)$$

For the nonlinear terms  $T_5$  and  $T_6$  we use in addition (5.19) (5.20) and we obtain

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\mathcal{T}_5\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} + \|\mathcal{T}_6\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C(1 + \Psi(t)). \quad (5.37)$$

Therefore we obtain the following estimation for  $\partial_x \rho$  using (5.27) (5.28) (5.33) (5.35) (5.36) (5.37)

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\partial_x \rho\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C(1 + \Psi(t)), \quad (5.38)$$

so we have

$$\forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\rho\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C_1(1 + \Psi(t)). \quad (5.39)$$

#### Fourth step

By a comparison method we estimate  $\Psi$ . For  $t \leq T_\varepsilon^1$ , integrating (5.25) from 0 to  $t$ , using (5.38) and (5.39) we obtain that

$$(\Psi(t))^2 \leq C_2 \int_0^t (1 + (\Psi(s))^2 + \varepsilon(\Psi(s))^4) ds. \quad (5.40)$$

We introduce the differential equation

$$y'_\varepsilon = C_2(1 + y_\varepsilon + \varepsilon y_\varepsilon^2), y_\varepsilon(0) = 0. \quad (5.41)$$

There exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that, for  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , the lifespan of  $y_\varepsilon$  is greater than  $T$ . So we have

$$\forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0, \forall t \leq T, y_\varepsilon(t) \leq y_{\varepsilon_0}(t) \leq y_{\varepsilon_0}(T) = C_3.$$

By comparison principle we deduce from (5.40) that

$$\forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0, \forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, (\Psi(t))^2 \leq C_3,$$

and from (5.39),

$$\forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0, \forall t \leq T_\varepsilon^1, \|\rho\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)} \leq C_1(1 + \sqrt{C_3}).$$

Let  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_0$  such that

$$\forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1, C_1(1 + \sqrt{C_3}) \leq \frac{1}{2C_0\varepsilon}.$$

So, by (5.20) and (5.31), we have for  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1$ ,  $T_\varepsilon^1 = T_\varepsilon = T$  and we conclude the proof by the estimate

$$\exists K > 0, \forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1, \|\rho\|_{L^\infty([0,T];H^1(\mathbb{R}^+))} + \|\partial_t \rho\|_{L^\infty([0,T];L^2(\mathbb{R}^+))} \leq K.$$

## 6. Annex

Using the method in W.A. Yong [22] we show the convergence result for the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1^\varepsilon - \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2^\varepsilon - \partial_x v^\varepsilon = 0, \\ \partial_t v^\varepsilon - \mu \partial_x u_2^\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(p(u_1^\varepsilon) - v^\varepsilon), \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

for  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}$  with the smooth initial data

$$w^\varepsilon(0, x) = w_0(x) = (u_0(x), v_0(x)) \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (6.2)$$

Let us introduce  $u^0$  the smooth solution of the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1^0 - \partial_x u_2^0 = 0, \\ \partial_t u_2^0 - \partial_x p(u_1^0) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (6.3)$$

with the initial data

$$u^0(0, x) = u_0(x). \quad (6.4)$$

As in Tzavaras [21] we assume that there exists  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\Gamma > 0$  such that

$$\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma \leq p'(\xi) \leq \Gamma < \mu, \quad (6.5)$$

so the problem (6.1)-(6.2) admits a global solution  $w^\varepsilon = (u^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon)$  such that

$$w^\varepsilon \in \mathcal{C}^0(\mathbb{R}^+; H^s(\mathbb{R})) \cap \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^+; H^{s-1}(\mathbb{R})).$$

We will prove the following convergence theorem.

**THEOREM 6.1.** *Under assumption (6.5), if  $w_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$  with  $s \geq 2$ , then there exists  $T_1 > 0$  such that when  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero,  $u^\varepsilon$  tends to  $u^0$  in  $L^\infty([0, T_1]; H^s(\mathbb{R}))$ .*

**REMARK 6.1.** *It would be possible to relax hypothesis (6.5) as in Theorem 2.3; in this case, the lifespan of  $w^\varepsilon$  is uniformly greater than  $T_1$ .*

**REMARK 6.2.** *In fact it appears a boundary layer in time which affects only the third component of  $w^\varepsilon$ .*

### Sketch of the proof

**First step:** the stability assumption in [22] are satisfied. As in [21] and [7], we consider the strictly convex entropy function for the system (6.1)

$$\mathcal{E}(u_1, u_2, v) = \frac{1}{2}u_2^2 + u_1 v - \frac{\mu}{2}u_1^2 - \int_0^{v-\mu u_1} h^{-1}(y) dy,$$

where  $h(\xi) = p(\xi) - \mu\xi$  which is strictly decreasing by (6.5). So  $A_0(w) = \mathcal{E}''(w)$  is a symmetrizer for the system. Denoting  $a = (h^{-1})'(v - \mu u_1)$  we obtain

$$A_0(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu - \mu^2 a & 0 & 1 + \mu a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 + \mu a & 0 & -a \end{pmatrix},$$

and the system (6.1) is equivalent to the quasilinear symmetric system

$$A_0(w) \partial_t w + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x w = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (p(u_1) - v) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \mu a \\ 0 \\ -a \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.6)$$

We denote

$$Q(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ p(u_1) - v \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -p'(u_1) & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and we obtain

$$P(w) Q'(w) P^{-1}(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.7)$$



On the equilibrium manifold  $\mathcal{V} = \{v = p(u_1)\}$ , we have

$$A_0(w)Q'(w) + Q'(w)A_0(w) = \frac{2}{p'(u_1) - \mu} \begin{pmatrix} (p'(u_1))^2 & 0 & -p'(u_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -p'(u_1) & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.8)$$

Using (6.6), (6.7) and (6.8) we obtain the stability conditions in [22].

**Second step:** we use Theorems 6.1 and 6.2 in [22]. We introduce the interior profile  $w^0 = ((u_1^0, u_2), p(u_1^0))$  and the boundary layer term  $I^0 = \tilde{I}^0 - w^0(0, x)$  where  $\tilde{I}^0$  is the solution of

$$\frac{d\tilde{I}_0}{d\tau} = Q(\tilde{I}_0), \tilde{I}(\tau=0) = w_0(x).$$

We have  $I_1^0 = I_2^0 = 0$  and

$$I_3^0(\tau, x) = (v_0(x) - p(u_1, 0))e^{-\tau},$$

and we obtain

$$w^\varepsilon(t, x) = w^0(t, x) + I^0\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}, x\right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon),$$

so we conclude the proof of Theorem 6.1.

REMARK 6.3. *If  $w_0$  belongs to the equilibrium manifold then the order zero boundary layer term vanishes.*

REMARK 6.4. *In fact using more precisely [22] and the appendix of [3] we can prove that  $T_1$  can be arbitrarily close to the lifespan of  $u^0$  as in Theorem 2.3.*

REMARK 6.5. *In this annex the matrix  $P$  introduced in [22] plays an analogous role as the matrix  $P$  in section 5.*

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