

Large time asymptotics for partially dissipative hyperbolic systems without Fourier analysis: Application to the nonlinearly damped p -system

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Abstract. A new framework to obtain time-decay estimates for partially dissipative hyperbolic systems set on the real line is developed. Under the classical Shizuta–Kawashima (SK) stability condition, equivalent to the Kalman rank condition in control theory, the solutions of these systems decay exponentially in time for high frequencies and polynomially for low ones. This allows us to derive a sharp description of the space-time decay of solutions for large time. However, such analysis relies heavily on the use of the Fourier transform, which we avoid here, developing the “physical space version” of the *hyperbolic hypocoercivity* approach introduced in Beauchard and Zuazua [Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal. 199 (2011), 177–227], to prove new asymptotic results in the linear and nonlinear settings. The new physical space version of the hyperbolic hypocoercivity approach allows us to recover the natural heat-like time decay of solutions under sharp rank conditions, without employing Fourier analysis or L^1 assumptions on the initial data. Taking advantage of this Fourier-free framework, we establish new enhanced time-decay estimates for initial data belonging to weighted Sobolev spaces. These results are then applied to the nonlinear compressible Euler equations with linear damping. We also prove the logarithmic stability of the nonlinearly damped p -system.

1. Introduction

1.1. Presentation of the model

We study the long-time behavior of one-dimensional partially dissipative hyperbolic systems of the form

$$\partial_t U + A(U) \partial_x U = -BU, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+, \quad (1.1)$$

where $U = U(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \geq 2$) is the vector-valued unknown, $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a smooth matrix-valued symmetric function, and B is a positive semidefinite symmetric $n \times n$ matrix. System (1.1) models nonequilibrium processes in physics for media with

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hyperbolic responses and also arises in the numerical simulation of conservation laws by relaxation schemes (see [23, 48, 56] and references therein).

We assume that (1.1) has a *partially dissipative structure*: The matrix B takes the form

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

with D a positive definite symmetric $n_2 \times n_2$ matrix ($1 \leq n_2 < n$). Under these conditions, D satisfies the *strong dissipativity condition*: there exists a constant $\kappa > 0$ such that, for all $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$,

$$\langle DX, X \rangle \geq \kappa |X|^2, \quad (1.3)$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product on \mathbb{R}^n .

A classical system fitting the description (1.1)–(1.2), which we investigate in this manuscript, is the compressible Euler equations with damping:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho u) + \partial_x(\rho u^2) + \partial_x P(\rho) = -\lambda \rho u, \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where $\rho = \rho(x, t) \geq 0$ denotes the fluid density, $u = u(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}$ stands for the fluid velocity, $P(\rho)$ is the pressure function, and the friction coefficient $\lambda > 0$ is assumed to be constant. For a γ -law pressure with the adiabatic coefficient $\gamma > 1$, a standard symmetrization procedure (see [3, Chapter 4, p. 171–172]) allows us to rewrite system (1.4) in the symmetric form (1.1):

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t c + u \partial_x c + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} c \partial_x u = 0, \\ \partial_t u + u \partial_x u + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} c \partial_x c = -\lambda u, \end{cases}$$

where $c := 2/(\gamma-1)\sqrt{\partial P(\rho)/\partial \rho}$ is a multiple of the speed of sound. System (1.4) describes compressible gas flows passing through porous media and can be interpreted as a relaxation approximation (as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and under a diffusive scaling, see [9, 11, 36, 54]) of the porous medium equation describing fluid flow, heat transfer, or diffusion [47].

We are also interested in partial nonlinear dissipation phenomena. We investigate the stability of the nonlinearly damped p -system:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \partial_x u = 0, \\ \partial_t u + \partial_x \rho + |u|^{r-1} u = 0, \\ (\rho, u)(x, 0) = (\rho_0, u_0)(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.5)$$

with $r > 1$. For small velocities $|u| \ll 1$, system (1.5) is often used to model gas networks; cf. [32, eqn. (1.2), p. 2]. Moreover, system (1.5) is strongly connected to the wave equations with nonlinear damping (see (7.8)), for which numerous stability results have been established in contexts different from the one studied here. The interested readers may refer to [18, 38, 40, 41, 46, 50, 57, 58] and references therein.

1.2. Aims of the paper

Fourier analysis is a very important tool in the study of linear and nonlinear PDEs, particularly for partially dissipative hyperbolic systems (1.1)–(1.2). Their inherent frequency dependence, see Section 1.3, has led most studies of their large-time asymptotics to rely on Fourier analysis (cf. [4, 6, 10, 11, 27, 28, 44, 52, 53] and references therein). However, Fourier analysis has a few limitations: it is not easily applied to equations set on bounded or exterior domains, it can make it harder to extract beneficial properties from nonlinear terms and to handle space-dependent matrices, and it is not well suited to analyzing numerical schemes on nonuniform meshes.

In this paper we develop a new method inspired by the hyperbolic hypocoercivity calculus in [4], but entirely developed in the physical space, so as to derive and pave the way for new asymptotic results that cannot be obtained via Fourier analysis. To do it we get inspired by the earlier works by Hérau and Nier [19, 20] and Porretta and Zuazua [42].

We establish two main classes of results. First we study general stability properties for the linearization of system (1.1) around a constant equilibrium, recovering the optimal time-decay rates without using Fourier analysis and enhanced rates for initial data belonging to weighted Sobolev spaces. Then we apply our new analysis to study the large-time asymptotics of two concrete nonlinear systems: the compressible Euler equations with linear damping (1.4) and the p -system with nonlinear damping (1.5).

1.3. Existing stability results

Before presenting our main results, we recall some well-known properties concerning the stability of system (1.1)–(1.2). Its partially dissipative nature (1.2) does not play a role when studying its local well-posedness but is crucial to justifying large-time results. For $B = 0$, (1.1) reduces to a system of hyperbolic conservation laws, and it is well known that for smooth initial data there exist local-in-time solutions [25, 35, 43] that may develop singularities (shock waves) in finite time [12, 31]. On the other hand, when $\text{rank}(B) = n$, Li [33] proved the existence of global-in-time solutions that are exponentially damped. In our partially dissipative setting (1.2), i.e. $\text{rank}(B) < n$, the dissipation induced by BU lacks coercivity, as it affects only some components of the solution. Nevertheless, as observed by Shizuta and Kawashima [27, 44], interaction effects between the hyperbolic and dissipative parts of the system may generate dissipation in directions that are not affected by B . More recently, Beauchard and Zuazua [4] have framed this phenomenon in the spirit of Villani's hypocoercivity theory [49] and improved its understanding. Below, we present some key points of their approach.

Linearizing system (1.1)–(1.2) around a constant equilibrium $\bar{U} \in \text{Ker}(B)$ and denoting $A := A(\bar{U})$, we obtain the linear system

$$\partial_t U + A \partial_x U = -BU. \quad (1.6)$$

To further highlight the partially dissipative structure of (1.6)–(1.2), we write $U = (U_1, U_2)$ where $U_1 \in \text{Ker}(B) = \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ and $U_2 \in \text{Im}(B) = \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, with n_1, n_2 satisfying $1 \leq n_1, n_2 < n$

and $n_1 + n_2 = n$. By the decomposition

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix},$$

we rewrite system (1.6) as

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t U_1 + A_{1,1} \partial_x U_1 + A_{1,2} \partial_x U_2 = 0, \\ \partial_t U_2 + A_{2,1} \partial_x U_1 + A_{2,2} \partial_x U_2 = -DU_2, \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

with the initial datum $(U_1, U_2)(x, 0) = U_0(x) = (U_{1,0}, U_{2,0})(x)$.

Using the symmetry of A and the condition (1.3), one has the energy dissipation law

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(U_1, U_2)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0. \quad (1.8)$$

The law (1.8) demonstrates a lack of coercivity as dissipation is observed only for the component U_2 . To recover dissipation for U_1 , in [4], the authors first apply the Fourier transform to (1.6), which yields the parameterized ODE

$$\partial_t \hat{U} + i\xi A \hat{U} + B \hat{U} = 0. \quad (1.9)$$

Then a key observation is that, for a fixed $\xi \neq 0$, the exponential stability of the solutions of (1.9) is equivalent to the *Kalman rank condition* for the pair (A, B) :

$$\text{the matrix } \mathcal{K}(A, B) := (B, AB, \dots, A^{n-1}B) \text{ has full rank } n. \quad (1.10)$$

Such a result, established for instance in [24] in the context of control theory, shows that the large-time stability can hold even if the rank of the dissipative matrix is not full. For hyperbolic systems, results in the same vein can be obtained, but due to the presence of the parameter ξ , especially as $\xi \rightarrow 0$, uniform exponential stability may not be expected.

In order to get decay estimates with explicit control on the dependence of the frequency parameter ξ , inspired by hypocoercivity arguments, in [4] the following Lyapunov functional was introduced:

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi(t) := |\hat{U}|^2 + \min\left(\frac{1}{|\xi|}, |\xi|\right) \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \epsilon_k \langle BA^{k-1} \hat{U}, BA^k \hat{U} \rangle. \quad (1.11)$$

The following proposition plays a fundamental role when quantifying the decay rates in terms of the rank conditions, as a function of ξ .

Proposition 1.1 ([4]). *Let A and B be symmetric matrices such that B satisfies (1.2). The following conditions are equivalent:*

- System (1.6) is polynomially stable and behaves as the heat equation for large times.
- The pair (A, B) verifies the Kalman rank condition (1.10).

- For every $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$, there exist constants $c, C > 0$ such that

$$c|y|^2 \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |BA^k y|^2 \leq C|y|^2. \quad (1.12)$$

The parameters ϵ_k in the Lyapunov functional (1.11) need to be chosen small enough and the frequency-weight $\min(1/|\xi|, |\xi|)$ are used so the dissipative and hyperbolic effects interact efficiently. Once this is done, differentiating (1.11) with respect to time and using the fact that (1.12) defines a full norm, for some constant $c > 0$, one obtains

$$|\hat{U}(\xi, t)|^2 \lesssim |\hat{U}_0(\xi)|^2 e^{-c \min\{1, |\xi|^2\}t} \quad (1.13)$$

for all frequencies ξ , which leads to sharp decay rates (see Proposition 1.1).

For more details concerning this approach, the interested reader may refer to Appendix A.1 or directly to [4].

1.4. Outline of the paper

As mentioned above, the main goal of this paper is to develop the physical space version of the frequency-dependent hypocoercivity calculus.

In Section 2 we state our main results and present our methodology. Section 3 is devoted to proving the natural time-decay estimates for linear systems without Fourier analysis and without an additional L^1 regularity assumption on the initial data. These estimates are further improved in Sections 4–5 under additional space-weighted conditions on the initial data. Section 6 is devoted to the analysis of the nonlinear Euler system (1.4), while the nonlinearly damped p -system (1.5) is studied in Section 7. Section 8 presents additional results and comments on possible extensions of our methods. Some technical lemmas are relegated to the appendix.

2. Main results and methodology

2.1. Natural time-decay rates without Fourier analysis

In our first result we retrieve the natural large-time asymptotics of linear partially dissipative hyperbolic systems (1.6) without using Fourier analysis or L^1 -type assumptions on the initial data.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $U_0 \in H^1$, A and B be symmetric $n \times n$ matrices with B as in (1.2), satisfying the Kalman rank condition (1.10). Then, for all $t > 0$, the solution U of (1.6) with the initial datum U_0 satisfies*

$$\|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|U_0\|_{H^1}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of time and U_0 .

Remark 2.1. Some remarks on the sharpness of the decay rates are in order:

- According to Proposition 1.1 and the Fourier representation (1.13), the rate obtained for U in estimate (2.1) is sharp in our Hilbertian functional framework. It actually corresponds to that of the heat equation, cf. Lemma A.4 in the appendix, but, due to the absence of regularizing effects, under the assumption that the initial datum lies in H^1 and not only in L^2 .
- Unlike Fourier-based approaches, our method is not well suited to exploiting the L^1 control of the initial data. However, it is adaptable to weighted spaces, as we will see in the next results.

Strategy of proof of Theorem 2.1. The core of the proof is the construction of an augmented energy functional in the spirit of (1.11) but entirely defined in the physical space. Inspired by the works of Hérau and Nier [19,20] and Porretta and Zuazua [42], concerning the asymptotic decay of kinetic equations, we consider the time-weighted functional

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \eta_0 t \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1}U, BA^k \partial_x U)_{L^2},$$

where $(\cdot, \cdot)_{L^2}$ denotes the inner product in L^2 . Setting the constants η_0 and ε_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, suitably small and using the Kalman rank condition (1.10) and Proposition 1.1, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}(t) + c(\|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + t \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2) \leq 0, \quad (2.2)$$

from which we infer

$$\|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|U_0\|_{H^1}. \quad (2.3)$$

Then, combining (2.3) with the fact that U_2 verifies a damped equation with the linear source term $-A_{2,1} \partial_x U_1 - A_{2,2} \partial_x U_2$, Grönwall's inequality yields the extra decay for U_2 stated in (2.1).

2.2. Enhanced decay rates in weighted Sobolev spaces

As depicted in Proposition 1.1, the solutions of (1.6) behave similarly to the solutions of the heat equation as the time evolves. More precisely, as explained in [6, 21, 34, 55], they decay as the solutions of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t N - A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N = 0, \\ N(x, 0) = U_{1,0}(x), \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

where the operator $-A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2$ is strongly elliptic when the Kalman rank condition (1.10) holds; see [11, 30, 55]. Based on Fourier analysis tools, Bianchini, Hanouzet, and Natalini [6] obtained faster decay rates for the error of solutions between (1.6) and (2.4) using L^1 -type assumptions on the initial data.

Our next theorem justifies the validity of the large-time parabolic profile (2.4) of system (1.6) without Fourier analysis and provides new enhanced time-decay rates when the initial datum belongs to weighted Sobolev spaces.

Theorem 2.2. *Let the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 be satisfied and let U be the solution of (1.6) with the initial datum U_0 . In addition, suppose also that $|x|U_{2,0} \in L^2$ and*

$$A_{1,1} = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

Then, for all $t > 0$ and $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1/2$,

$$\|(U_1 - N)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}(\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2}), \quad (2.6)$$

where N is the solution of (2.4) associated to the initial datum $U_{1,0}$ and $C > 0$ is a constant independent of time and U_0 .

Furthermore, let $0 < \mu \leq 1$. If we further assume

$$X_0 := \|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|^\mu U_{1,0}\|_{L^2} + \||x|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2} < \infty,$$

then, for all $t > 0$,

$$\begin{cases} \|U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} X_0, \\ \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} X_0. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

Remark 2.2. Some comments are in order:

- In the context of fluid mechanics, condition (2.5) typically implies that the velocity equilibrium satisfies $\bar{u} = 0$. It is a natural condition when U_1 is a scalar (like for instance the fluid density) as it is always satisfied up to the Galilean change of frame $(x, t) \rightarrow (x - A_{1,1}t, t)$; see [1, p. 6].
- When $1/2 < \mu \leq 1$, the assumption $X_0 < \infty$ is a stronger condition than the L^1 assumption usually used in Fourier-based approaches, but allows for faster decay rates. For $\mu = 1/2$, the rate in (2.7)₁ would correspond to the one recovered with Fourier analysis and for initial data belonging to L^1 ; cf. Lemma A.1.

Strategy of proof of Theorem 2.2. Inspired by considerations from [10, 11], we consider the damped mode

$$R := D^{-1}A_{2,1}U_1 + D^{-1}A_{2,2}U_2 + \int_{-\infty}^x U_2(y, t) dy, \quad (2.8)$$

which has faster decay rates compared to U_1 and U_2 since R satisfies the purely damped system

$$\partial_t R + DR = D^{-1}A_{2,1}\partial_t U_1 + D^{-1}A_{2,2}\partial_t U_2. \quad (2.9)$$

Inserting R into the system satisfied by U_1 , we have the parabolic system

$$\partial_t U_1 - A_{1,2}D^{-1}A_{2,1}\partial_x^2 U_1 = \partial_x^2(-A_{1,2}R + D^{-1}A_{2,2}U_2).$$

Estimating the system satisfied by $U_1 - N$ and using the fact that R and U_2 decay rapidly, we obtain the asymptotic stability estimate (2.6). Then, in order to recover L^2 decay estimates for U_1 , we first recover the $t^{-\frac{\mu}{2}}$ time-decay estimates of $\|N(t)\|_{L^2}$ by performing an energy argument on (2.4) and using the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality. Together with (2.6), this yields (2.7)₁ for $0 < \mu < 1$. In the case $\mu = 1$, we prove (2.7)₁ by deriving time-weighted energy estimates for $(U_1 - N, U_2)$ in the spirit of Theorem 2.1. Finally, combining the L^2 decay we obtained for U_1 with the Lyapunov inequality (2.2) obtained in Theorem 2.1, we derive the faster decay rates (2.7)₂.

In our next result, we establish additional enhanced decay estimates, for a larger class of initial data, but under stronger structural conditions on the system.

Theorem 2.3. *Let $1/2 < \mu \leq 1$ and assume that the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Suppose also (2.5), $n_1 = n_2$, $A_{1,2}A_{2,1}$ positive definite,*

$$Y_0 := \|U_0\|_{H^1} + \| |x|^\mu U_{1,0} \|_{L^2} + \| |x|^{\mu-\frac{1}{2}} U_{2,0} \|_{L^2} < \infty, \quad (2.10)$$

and $\partial_t U_1|_{t=0} = -A_{1,2}\partial_x U_{2,0}$. In addition, in the case $1/2 < \mu < 1$, let $|A_{1,2}A_{2,1}| \leq 1$. Then, for all $t > 0$, the solution U of system (1.6) with the initial datum U_0 satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \|U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\mu+\frac{1}{2}} Y_0, \\ \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\mu} Y_0, \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of time, μ , and U_0 .

Remark 2.3. Some remarks are in order:

- The time-decay rates obtained in (2.11) are sharp for $\mu = 1$, but for $\mu < 1$ we obtain a slower decay compared to Theorem 2.2 since $-\mu + 1/2 > -\mu/2$.
- The conditions imposed on A ensure that system (1.6) can be rewritten in a wave-like formulation (see (2.12)). Such conditions are usually imposed on the equilibrium states used to study the stability of systems in fluid mechanics such as the compressible Euler equations (1.4); see [3].
- One of the main interesting aspects of Theorem 2.3 is that it can be extended to deal with nonlinear dissipative phenomena (cf. Section 2.4), contrary to Theorem 2.2.

Strategy of proof of Theorem 2.3. Defining the unknown W such that $U_1 = \partial_x W$ and $U_2 = -A_{1,2}^{-1}\partial_t W$, we rewrite system (1.6) as the extended damped wave equation

$$\partial_t^2 W - A_{1,2}A_{2,1}\partial_x^2 W + A_{1,2}A_{2,2}A_{1,2}^{-1}\partial_t\partial_x W + A_{1,2}DA_{1,2}^{-1}\partial_t W = 0. \quad (2.12)$$

Under this formulation, it suffices to estimate the wave energy $\|(\partial_t W, \partial_x W)(t)\|_{L^2}^2$ to get the decay for U in L^2 . To this end, we generalize and combine the works of Mochizuki and Motai [38] and Ikehata [22]. In Lemma 5.1, performing hypocoercivity estimates with space-time weights on (2.12), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+t+|x|)^{2\mu-1} (|\partial_t W|^2 + |\partial_x W|^2) dx \lesssim Y_0^2, \quad (2.13)$$

which only holds for $\mu \leq 1$ and provides the desired decay rates for U in (2.11) since $(1+t)^{2\mu-1} \leq (1+t+|x|)^{2\mu-1}$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mu \geq 1/2$. The faster rates for U_2 and $\partial_x U$ in (2.11) are recovered by combining estimate (2.13) with the hypocoercive inequality (2.2).

2.3. Application to the compressible Euler equations with damping

In our next result we justify a nonlinear analogue of Theorem 2.1 for the compressible Euler system with linear damping (1.4), when the initial datum is close to a constant equilibrium in H^2 .

Theorem 2.4. *Consider the equilibrium state $(\bar{\rho}, 0)$, with $\bar{\rho} > 0$ a given constant, and suppose that*

$$P(\rho) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+), \quad P'(\rho) > 0. \quad (2.14)$$

Then there exists a constant $\delta_0 > 0$ such that if the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) satisfies

$$\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} \leq \delta_0, \quad (2.15)$$

system (1.4) admits a unique global-in-time solution $(\rho, u) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+; H^2)$ such that

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}, \quad (2.16)$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of time and U_0 .

The next result corresponds to nonlinear versions of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 for system (1.4).

Theorem 2.5. *Assume that the hypotheses of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied and let (ρ, u) be the global solution of system (1.4) subject to the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) . There exists a constant $C > 0$ independent of time such that the following statements hold:*

- (1) *If, in addition to (2.15), we assume $|x|u_0 \in L^2$, then, for all $t > 0$ and $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1/4$, there exists a constant independent of T such that*

$$\|(\rho - \rho_*)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon}, \quad (2.17)$$

where ρ_ solves the parabolic equation*

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_* - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \rho_* = 0, \\ \rho_*(0, x) = \rho_0(x). \end{cases} \quad (2.18)$$

If for any $0 < \mu \leq 1$, we further assume $|x|^\mu(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}) \in L^2$, then, for all $t > 0$,

$$\begin{cases} \|(\rho - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}}, \\ \|u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}. \end{cases} \quad (2.19)$$

- (2) Let $1/2 < \mu \leq 1$. If, in addition to (2.15), we assume $(|x|^\mu(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}), |x|^{\mu-\frac{1}{2}}u) \in L^2$ and $\partial_t \rho|_{t=0} = -\partial_x(\rho_0 u_0)$, and additionally let $P'(\bar{\rho}) \leq 1$ in the case $1/2 < \mu < 1$, then, for all $t > 0$,

$$\begin{cases} \|(\rho - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\mu+\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \|u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\mu}. \end{cases} \quad (2.20)$$

Remark 2.4. Due to the nonlinear term arising from the pressure, the decay rate for the error unknown in (2.17) is slower than the linear case in (2.6).

2.4. Application to the nonlinearly damped p -system

Our final result concerns nonlinear dissipative phenomena. We justify the logarithmic stability of system (1.5) when the initial datum belongs to logarithmically weighted Sobolev spaces.

Theorem 2.6. Let $1 < r < 3$ and suppose that $(\rho_0, u_0) \in H^1$. Then, for all $t > 0$, system (1.5) with the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) admits a unique global-in-time solution $(\rho, u) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+; H^1)$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\rho, u)(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \int_0^t (\|u(\tau)\|_{L^{r+1}}^{r+1} + \|(\partial_x \rho^{\frac{r+1}{2}}, \partial_x u^{\frac{r+1}{2}})(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \\ \leq C \|(\rho_0, u_0)\|_{H^1}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of time and (ρ_0, u_0) .

Furthermore, let $q > 0$ and suppose

$$\rho_0 \in L^1, \quad \log^q(1 + |x|)(\rho_0, u_0) \in L^2, \quad (2.21)$$

and $\partial_t \rho|_{t=0} = -\partial_x u_0$. Then, for all $t > 0$,

$$\|(\rho, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C_q}{\log^q(1+t)}, \quad (2.22)$$

where $C_q > 0$ is a constant independent of time.

Remark 2.5. Some remarks are in order:

- The restriction $1 < r < 3$ appears naturally in our computations; see inequality (7.20). It comes from the fact that the nonlinear dissipation becomes weaker and weaker when r grows. Moreover, it is known that the solutions of the nonlinearly damped wave equation decay in time for $1 < r < 3$ and do not decay if $r > 3$ (cf. [14, 38, 39]). For system (1.5), the asymptotic behavior in the case $r = 3$ is open.
- In contrast with the linear damping setting ($r = 1$), it would be difficult to handle the nonlinear damping term $|u|^{r-1}u$ via Fourier analysis, since this would result in a nonlocal nonlinear term mixing all frequency components.
- Our proof is inspired by the hypocoercive arguments developed in the proof of Theorem 2.3 and the results from [38]; see Section 7 for more details.

2.5. Conclusions

In this paper we lay the foundations for *hyperbolic hypercoercivity* without resorting to Fourier analysis. This enables us to extend the analysis of partially dissipative hyperbolic systems to previously unexplored contexts. Furthermore, our approach provides a guideline for future research on partially dissipative systems in many contexts, such as initial boundary value problems, more general nonlinearly damped systems, space-dependent hyperbolic matrices, and numerical approximation schemes. Interested readers can refer to Section 8 for more details on these possible extensions.

3. Proof of Theorem 2.1

In this section we prove Theorem 2.1 by employing pure energy arguments and avoiding the use of the Fourier transform. We introduce the Lyapunov functional

$$\mathcal{L}(t) := \|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \eta_0 t \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \mathcal{I}(t), \quad (3.1)$$

where the corrector term $\mathcal{I}(t)$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{I}(t) := \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1}U, BA^k \partial_x U)_{L^2},$$

with positive constants η_0 and ε_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$, to be determined later.

3.1. Time-derivative of \mathcal{L}

3.1.1. Energy estimates. Standard energy estimates for (1.7) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2(DU_2, U_2)_{L^2} &= 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2(D\partial_x U_2, \partial_x U_2)_{L^2} &= 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt} (t \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2) + 2t(D\partial_x U_2, \partial_x U_2)_{L^2} &= \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which, together with the strong dissipativity condition (1.3) for D , gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\mathcal{L}(t) - \mathcal{I}(t)) + 2\kappa \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa (1 + \eta_0 t) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \eta_0 \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (3.2)$$

In (3.2), dissipative estimates for $\partial_x U$ in L^2 are missing. They are recovered in the next subsection thanks to the corrector term $\mathcal{I}(t)$ in the Lyapunov functional (3.1).

3.1.2. Estimation of the corrector term. Differentiating $\mathcal{I}(t)$ in time, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{I}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 &= - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1} BU, BA^k \partial_x U)_{L^2} \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1} U, BA^k B \partial_x U)_{L^2} \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1} U, BA^{k+1} \partial_x^2 U)_{L^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Thanks to Proposition 1.1, the second term on the left-hand side of (3.3) leads to time-decay information for $\partial_x U$. To deal with the remainder terms, we proceed as in [4, 10, 13] with some adaptations needed to bypass the Fourier analysis.

Lemma 3.1 (Time-derivative of \mathcal{I}). *For any positive constant ε_0 , there exists a sequence $\{\varepsilon_k\}_{k=1, \dots, n-1}$ of small positive constants such that*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{I}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \varepsilon_0 \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon_0 \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (3.4)$$

Proof. To begin with, we fix a positive constant ε_0 and estimate the terms on the right-hand side of (3.3) as follows:

- The terms $\mathcal{I}_k^1 := \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1} BU, BA^k \partial_x U)$ with $k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$: Since $BU = DU_2$ and the matrices A, D are bounded, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_k^1| &\leq C \varepsilon_k \|DU_2(t)\|_{L^2} \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4n} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{C \varepsilon_k^2}{\varepsilon_0} \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- The term $\mathcal{I}_1^2 := \varepsilon_1 (BU, BAB \partial_x U)_{L^2}$: One has

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_1^2| &\leq C \varepsilon_1 \|DU_2(t)\|_{L^2} \|D \partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4n} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{C \varepsilon_1^2}{\varepsilon_0} \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- The terms $\mathcal{I}_k^2 := \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1} U, BA^k B \partial_x U)_{L^2}$ with $k \in \{2, \dots, n-1\}$ if $n \geq 3$: We deduce, after integrating by parts, that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_k^2| &= \varepsilon_k |(BA^{k-1} \partial_x U, BA^k BU)_{L^2}| \\ &\leq C \varepsilon_k \|BA^{k-1} \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \|BU(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4n} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{C \varepsilon_{k-1}^2}{\varepsilon_0} \|BA^{k-1} \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- The terms $\mathcal{I}_k^3 := \varepsilon_k (BA^{k-1}U, BA^{k+1}\partial_x^2 U)_{L^2}$ with $k \in \{1, \dots, n-2\}$ if $n \geq 3$: A similar argument yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_k^3 &= \varepsilon_k |(BA^{k-1}\partial_x U, BA^{k+1}\partial_x U)_{L^2}| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_{k-1}}{8} \|BA^{k-1}\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{C\varepsilon_k^2}{\varepsilon_{k-1}} \|BA^{k+1}\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- The term $\mathcal{I}_{n-1}^3 := \varepsilon_{n-1} (BA^{n-2}U, BA^n\partial_x^2 U)_{L^2}$: Owing to the Cayley–Hamilton theorem, there exist coefficients c_*^j ($j = 0, 2, \dots, n-1$) such that

$$A^n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_*^j A^j.$$

Consequently, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_{n-1}^3| &\leq \varepsilon_{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_*^j \|BA^{n-2}\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \|BA^j\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_{n-2}}{8} \|BA^{n-2}\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{C\varepsilon_{n-1}^2}{\varepsilon_{n-2}} \|BA^j\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{C\varepsilon_{n-1}^2}{\varepsilon_{n-2}} \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

In order to absorb the right-hand-side terms \mathcal{I}_k^1 and \mathcal{I}_k^2 into the left-hand side of (3.3), we take the constant ε_k small enough so that

$$C\varepsilon_1^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_0^2}{8}, \quad C\varepsilon_k^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_k\varepsilon_0}{8}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1. \quad (3.5)$$

To handle the above estimates of \mathcal{I}_k^3 with $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$, one may let

$$C\varepsilon_k^2 \leq \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon_{k-1}\varepsilon_{k+1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2 \text{ if } n \geq 3.$$

In addition, to handle the term \mathcal{I}_{n-1}^3 , we assume

$$C\varepsilon_{n-1}^2 \leq \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon_j\varepsilon_{n-2}, \quad j = 0, \dots, n-1. \quad (3.6)$$

Clearly, inequality (3.4) holds if we find $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}$ fulfilling (3.5) and (3.6). As in [4], for $k = 1, \dots, n-2$, one can take $\varepsilon_k = \varepsilon^{m_k}$ with some suitably small constant $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ and m_1, \dots, m_{n-1} satisfying for some $\delta > 0$ (that can be taken arbitrarily small),

$$m_k > 1, \quad m_k \geq \frac{m_{k-1} + m_{k+1}}{2} + \delta \quad \text{and} \quad m_{n-1} \geq \frac{m_k + m_{n-2}}{2} + \delta.$$

This concludes the proof of Lemma 3.1. ■

3.2. Decay of the \dot{H}^1 norm

First we fix suitably small ε_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, such that (3.4) holds and

$$\mathcal{L}(t) \sim \|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \eta_0 t \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (3.7)$$

Combining the Lyapunov inequality (3.2) and estimate (3.4) of the corrector term, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}(t) + \kappa \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa(1 + 2\eta_0 t) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq \eta_0 \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon_0 \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon_0 \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

In view of Proposition 1.1, it holds that

$$\kappa \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \|BA^k \partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \geq \frac{\varepsilon_*}{C_K} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2$$

with $\varepsilon_* := \min\{\kappa, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}\}$ and $C_K > 0$ a constant depending only on (A, B) and n . Therefore, in order to ensure the coercivity of (3.8), we adjust the coefficients appropriately as

$$0 < \eta_0 < \frac{\varepsilon_*}{4C_K}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon_0 < \frac{\kappa}{2}$$

such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}(t) + \frac{\kappa}{2} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa \left(\frac{1}{2} + \eta_0 t \right) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_*}{4C_K} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0. \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore, by (3.7) and (3.9), we have

$$\|U(t)\|_{L^2} + (1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C \|U_0\|_{H^1}. \quad (3.10)$$

3.3. Improved decay for the damped component

Taking the inner product of (1.7)₂ with U_2 and using property (1.3), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}. \quad (3.11)$$

Dividing the above inequality (3.11) by $\sqrt{\|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon}$, employing Grönwall's inequality, and then letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} \leq e^{-\kappa t} \|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2} + C \int_0^t e^{-\kappa(t-\tau)} \|\partial_x U(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau. \quad (3.12)$$

Together with the time-decay estimates (3.10) of $\partial_x U$, this leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq e^{-\kappa t} \|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2} + C \|U_0\|_{H^1} \int_0^t e^{-\kappa(t-\tau)} (1+\tau)^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\tau \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|U_0\|_{H^1}, \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

Remark 3.1. For $t = 1$, the computations in this section also lead to

$$\|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \int_0^t (\|U_2(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_x U(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \leq C \|U_0\|_{H^1}^2, \quad (3.13)$$

which will be useful in the following sections.

4. Faster time-decay rates: Proof of Theorem 2.2

4.1. Time-decay estimates for the parabolic system in weighted Sobolev spaces

This section aims to capture time-decay rates for U_1 in L^2 . Our method allows us to recover faster decay rates compared to the decay $(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ obtained in [4, 6, 27, 28]. In these references, inspired by the work of Matsumura and Nishida [37], the authors assumed L^1 regularity on the initial data to recover decay in low frequencies. Here, to avoid using the Fourier transform, we decompose (1.6) into a pure parabolic system and a hyperbolic remainder part, and perform hypocoercivity estimates for space-weighted initial data.

First we provide time-decay estimates for the equation associated with the large-time parabolic profile of the hyperbolic system:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t N - A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N = 0, \\ N(x, 0) = U_{1,0}(x). \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

We recall a classical result ensuring that the operator $-A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1}$ is strongly elliptic.

Lemma 4.1 ([11, 30, 55]). *Assume that $A_{1,1} = 0$. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (A, B) satisfies the (SK) or the Kalman rank condition.
- The operator $\mathcal{A} := -A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2$ is strongly elliptic.

Relying on this result and an energy argument, we derive time-decay estimates for the solutions of (2.4).

Lemma 4.2. *Assume $U_{1,0} \in L^2$ and let N be the solution of (4.1). Then, for all $k = 1, 2, \dots$, there exists a generic constant $C_k > 0$ such that, for all $t > 0$,*

$$\|\partial_x^k N(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_k t^{-\frac{k}{2}} \|U_{1,0}\|_{L^2}. \quad (4.2)$$

Additionally, if $\| |x|^\mu U_{1,0} \|_{L^2} < \infty$ with $0 < \mu \leq 1$, then

$$\begin{cases} \|N(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_k (1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(1+|x|^\mu)U_{1,0}\|_{L^2}, \\ \|\partial_x^k N(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_k t^{-\frac{k}{2}-\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(1+|x|^\mu)U_{1,0}\|_{L^2}. \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

Proof. The Kalman rank condition (1.10) and Lemma 4.1 imply that there exists a constant $\kappa_0 > 0$ such that

$$-(A_{1,2}D^{-1}A_{2,1}\partial_x^2V, V) \geq \kappa_0\|\partial_xV\|_{L^2}^2 \quad \text{for all } V \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}. \quad (4.4)$$

Hence, using (4.4), standard energy estimates give

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\|N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa_0\|\partial_xN(t)\|_{L^2}^2 &= 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt}\|\partial_x^kN(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa_0\|\partial_x^{k+1}N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 &= 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Using time weights, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t^k\|\partial_x^kN(t)\|_{L^2}^2) + 2\kappa_0t^k\|\partial_x^{k+1}N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = kt^{k-1}\|\partial_x^kN(t)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Defining the Lyapunov functional

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,k}(t) := \|N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{k'}t^{k'}\|\partial_x^{k'}N(t)\|_{L^2}^2,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{L}_{N,k}(t) + (2\kappa_0 - \tilde{\varepsilon}_1)\|\partial_xN(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} (2\kappa_0\tilde{\varepsilon}_{k'} - (k' + 1)\tilde{\varepsilon}_{k'+1})t^{k'}\|\partial_x^{k'+1}N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Choosing

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_1 = \kappa_0, \quad \tilde{\varepsilon}_{k+1} = \frac{\kappa_0}{k+1}\tilde{\varepsilon}_k,$$

and integrating (4.5) in time, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} t^{k'}\|\partial_x^{k'}N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \int_0^t \left(\|\partial_xN(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} \tau^{k'}\|\partial_x^{k'+1}N(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \right) d\tau \leq C_k\|U_{1,0}\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

which leads to (4.2). Next we prove (4.3). We define

$$S(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^x N(y, t) dy \quad \text{and} \quad S_0(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x U_{1,0}(y) dy.$$

Clearly, S also satisfies the parabolic equation (2.4) with the initial datum S_0 . Similarly, we introduce the functional

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,k}^*(t) := \|S(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} \varepsilon_{k'}^*t^{k'}\|\partial_x^{k'}S(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \quad (4.7)$$

with some suitable small constants ε_k^* , $k = 1, 2, \dots$, such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}_{N,k}^*(t) + \kappa_0 \|\partial_x S(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa_0 \sum_{1 \leq k' \leq k} \varepsilon_{k'}^* t^{k'} \|\partial_x^{k'+1} S(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0. \quad (4.8)$$

Taking advantage of the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3), we have

$$\|S_0\|_{L^2} \leq 2 \| |x| U_{1,0} \|_{L^2}. \quad (4.9)$$

Hence, integrating (4.8) over $[0, t]$ and using (4.9) and the fact that $\partial_x S = N$, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq k-1} t^{k'+1} \|\partial_x^{k'} N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq k-1} \int_0^t \tau^{k'+1} \|\partial_x^{k'+1} N(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\ \leq C_k \| |x| U_{1,0} \|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

For $k' = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, let the linear operator T'_k be defined by $T'_k(U_{1,0}) = \partial_x^{k'} N$. Then the inequalities (4.6) and (4.10) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k'}(U_{1,0})\|_{L^2} &\leq C_{k'} t^{-\frac{k'}{2}} \|U_{1,0}\|_{L^2(dx)}, \\ \|T_{k'}(U_{1,0})\|_{L^2} &\leq C_{k'} t^{-\frac{k'}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} \|U_{1,0}\|_{L^2(|x|^{2\mu} dx)}. \end{aligned}$$

Employing the Stein–Wasson interpolation theorem (see [5, Theorem 5.4.1] or [45]), we have

$$\|T_{k'}(U_{1,0})\|_{L^2} \leq C_{k'} t^{-\frac{k'}{2} - \frac{\mu}{2}} \|U_{1,0}\|_{L^2(|x|^{2\mu} dx)}, \quad 0 < \mu < 1,$$

which completes the proof of (4.3). ■

4.2. Time-decay estimates of the error

In this subsection we establish faster decay rates for the error between U_1 and N . Inspired by [10, 11], we introduce the damped mode

$$R = D^{-1} A_{2,1} U_1 + D^{-1} A_{2,2} U_2 + \int_{-\infty}^x U_2(y, t) dy,$$

which solves the damped system

$$\partial_t R + DR = D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_t U_1 + D^{-1} A_{2,2} \partial_t U_2.$$

Setting $U_2 = \partial_x R - D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x U_1 - D^{-1} A_{2,2} \partial_x U_2$ and since $A_{1,1} = 0$, equation (1.7)₁ can be rewritten as

$$\partial_t U_1 - A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 U_1 = \partial_x^2 (-A_{1,2} R + D^{-1} A_{2,2} U_2). \quad (4.11)$$

Therefore, as the right-hand-side terms in (4.11) decay rapidly, one expects that system (4.11) is asymptotically close to the linear parabolic system (2.4). We have the following lemma.

Lemma 4.3. *Let the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 be satisfied, and $U = (U_1, U_2)$ be the solution to (1.6) supplemented with the initial datum $U_0 = (U_{0,1}, U_{0,2}) \in H^1$. In addition, assume $A_{1,1} = 0$ and $|x|U_{0,2} \in L^2$. Then, for all $t > 0$ and any constant $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1/2$, we have*

$$\|R(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_{0,2}\|_{L^2}), \quad (4.12)$$

$$\|(U_1 - N)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}(\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_{0,2}\|_{L^2}), \quad (4.13)$$

where R is defined by (2.8), N is the solution to (2.4) subject to the initial datum $U_{0,1}$, and $C > 0$ is a generic constant.

Furthermore, under the additional assumption $|x|U_{1,0} \in L^2$, we have

$$\|(U_1 - N)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_0\|_{L^2}). \quad (4.14)$$

Proof. To recover the time-decay estimates, we adapt the hypocoercive approach from Section 3. The proof is divided into three steps.

• *Step 1: Decay estimates for R .* Performing an L^2 -energy estimate on (2.9) and using (1.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|R(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa \|R(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq 2(\|D^{-1}A_{2,1}\partial_t U_1(t)\|_{L^2} + \|D^{-1}A_{2,2}\partial_t U_2(t)\|_{L^2})\|R(t)\|_{L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\|R(t)\|_{L^2} \leq e^{-\kappa t} \|R(0)\|_{L^2} + C \int_0^t e^{-\kappa(t-\tau)} \|(\partial_t U_1, \partial_t U_2)(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau. \quad (4.15)$$

One deduces from the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3) that

$$\|R(0)\|_{L^2} \leq C\|U_0\|_{L^2} + C\||x|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2}, \quad (4.16)$$

and, according to (1.7) and the decay (2.1) of $\partial_x U$ and U_2 at hand, we have

$$\|(\partial_t U_1, \partial_t U_2)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C\|(\partial_x U, U_2)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|U_0\|_{H^1}. \quad (4.17)$$

Substituting (4.16) and (4.17) into (4.15) yields (4.12).

• *Step 2: Decay estimates for the error term.* In this step we establish the decay estimates (4.13) of the error unknown $\tilde{U}_1 := U_1 - N$. On this matter, we observe that \tilde{U}_1 satisfies

$$\partial_t \tilde{U}_1 - A_{1,2}D^{-1}A_{2,1}\partial_x^2 \tilde{U}_1 = \partial_x^2 \tilde{F}, \quad \tilde{U}_1(0, x) = 0, \quad (4.18)$$

with $\tilde{F} := -A_{1,2}R + D^{-1}A_{2,2}U_2$. Defining

$$\tilde{Q}(x, t) := \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y \tilde{U}_1(z, t) dz dy, \quad (4.19)$$

we deduce from (4.18) that

$$\partial_t \tilde{Q} - A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 \tilde{Q} = \tilde{F} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Q}(0, x) = 0. \quad (4.20)$$

Hence, Duhamel's principle applied to (4.20) yields

$$\tilde{Q}(x, t) = \int_0^t \mathcal{G}^s F(x, t) ds, \quad (4.21)$$

where $\mathcal{G}^s F(x, t)$ is the solution to

$$\partial_t (\mathcal{G}^s F) - A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 (\mathcal{G}^s F) = 0, \quad t > s, \quad \mathcal{G}^s F(x, s) = F(x, s). \quad (4.22)$$

Applying Lemma 4.2 with $k = 2$ to (4.22) gives rise to

$$\|\partial_x^2 \mathcal{G}^s F(t)\|_{L^2} \leq (t-s)^{-1} \|F(s)\|_{L^2}. \quad (4.23)$$

Then, differentiating (4.22) with respect to x and taking advantage of Lemma 4.2 with $k = 1$, yields

$$\|\partial_x^2 \mathcal{G}^s F(t)\|_{L^2} \leq (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x F(s)\|_{L^2}. \quad (4.24)$$

Using an interpolation argument between (4.23) and (4.24), for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_x^2 \mathcal{G}^s F(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq ((t-s)^{-1} \|F(s)\|_{L^2})^{1-2\varepsilon} ((t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x F(s)\|_{L^2})^{2\varepsilon} \\ &\leq (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} (\|F(s)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x F(s)\|_{L^2}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

Gathering estimates (2.1) and (4.12), we derive decay for F as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(s)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x F(s)\|_{L^2} &\leq C \|R(s)\|_{L^2} + C \|U_2(s)\|_{L^2} + C \|\partial_x U(s)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C s^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\|U_0\|_{H^1} + C \| |x| U_{2,0} \|_{L^2}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

It thus follows from (4.21), (4.25), and (4.26) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2} &= \|\partial_x^2 \tilde{Q}(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \int_0^t \|\partial_x^2 \mathcal{G}^s F(t)\|_{L^2} ds \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds (\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \|(1+|x|)U_{2,0}\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq CB\left(\varepsilon, \frac{1}{2}\right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} (\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \| |x| U_{2,0} \|_{L^2}), \end{aligned}$$

where $B(s_1, s_2)$ denotes the beta function. This leads to (4.13).

• *Step 3: Improved decay estimates for the error part.* Under the additional condition $|x|U_{1,0} \in L^2$, we now justify the improved decay estimates (4.14) for \tilde{U}_1 . Taking the inner product of (4.18) with $-\tilde{Q}$ given by (4.19) and applying (4.4), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_x \tilde{Q}(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa_0 \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = -2(\partial_x \tilde{F}, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2}. \quad (4.27)$$

On the other hand, (\tilde{U}_1, U_2) solves the partially dissipative hyperbolic system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{U}_1 + A_{1,2} \partial_x U_2 = -A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N, \\ \partial_t U_2 + A_{2,1} \partial_x \tilde{U}_1 + A_{2,2} \partial_x U_2 + D U_2 = -A_{2,1} \partial_x N, \\ (\tilde{U}_1, U_2)(0, x) = (0, U_{2,0})(x). \end{cases}$$

Performing time-weighted L^2 -energy estimates, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} (t \|(\tilde{U}_1, U_2)(t)\|_{L^2}^2) + 2t\kappa_0 \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \|(\tilde{U}_1, U_2)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - 2t(A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2} - 2t(A_{2,1} \partial_x N, U_2)_{L^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

We define the Lyapunov functional

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(t) := \mathcal{L}(t) + \mathcal{L}_{N,2}^*(t) + \eta_1^* \|\partial_x \tilde{Q}(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \eta_2^* t \|(\tilde{U}_1, U_2)(t)\|_{L^2}^2,$$

where $\mathcal{L}(t)$ and $\mathcal{L}_{N,2}^*(t)$ are given by (3.1) and (4.7), respectively. In view of (3.9), (4.8), (4.27), and (4.28), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(t) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{2} - \eta_2^*\right) \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa \left(\frac{1}{2} + \eta_0 t\right) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon_*}{4C_K} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa_0 \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq 3} \varepsilon_{k'}^* t^{k'} \|\partial_x^{k'} N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &+ (2\kappa_0 \eta_1^* - \eta_2^*) \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa_0 \eta_2^* t \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\leq -2\eta_1^* (\partial_x \tilde{F}, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2} - 2\eta_2^* t (A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2} \\ &- 2\eta_2^* t (A_{2,1} \partial_x N, U_2)_{L^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

The right-hand-side terms of (4.29) are analyzed as follows. First, one has

$$-2\eta_1^* (\partial_x \tilde{F}, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2} \leq \kappa_0 \eta_1^* \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + C \eta_1^* (\|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2).$$

Similarly, we have

$$-2\eta_2^* t (A_{1,2} D^{-1} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 N, \tilde{U}_1)_{L^2} \leq C \eta_2^* t^2 \|\partial_x^2 N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + C \eta_2^* \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2$$

and

$$-2\eta_2^* t (A_{2,1} \partial_x N, U_2)_{L^2} \leq \eta_2^* \kappa_0 t \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + C \eta_2^* t \|\partial_x N(t)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Substituting the above three estimates into (4.29) and choosing

$$\eta_1^* = \min\left\{\frac{\kappa}{8C}, \frac{\varepsilon_*}{8C_K}\right\}, \quad \eta_2^* = \min\left\{\frac{\kappa}{8}, \frac{\kappa_0 \varepsilon_1^*}{2C}, \frac{\kappa_0 \varepsilon_2^*}{2C}, \frac{\kappa_0 \eta_1^*}{2(C+1)}\right\},$$

yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(t) + \frac{\kappa}{4} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa \left(\frac{1}{4} + \eta_0 t\right) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_*}{8C_K} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \frac{\kappa_0}{2} \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq 3} \varepsilon_k'^* t^{k'} \|\partial_x^{k'} N(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_0 \eta_1^* \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa_0 \eta_2^* t \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating in time leads to

$$t \|\tilde{U}_1(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\tilde{U}_1(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \tau \|U_2(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \leq C(\|U_0\|_{H^1}^2 + \||x|U_0\|_{L^2}^2),$$

which concludes the proof of Lemma 4.3. \blacksquare

Proof of Theorem 2.2. The L^2 -decay estimate (2.6) of the error $U_1 - N$ follows directly from Lemma 4.3. Then we impose the condition $|x|^\mu U_{0,1} \in L^2$ with $0 < \mu \leq 1$. In the case $0 < \mu < 1$, estimates (2.6) for $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}(1 - \mu)$ together with (4.3) guarantee that

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_1(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq \|N(t)\|_{L^2} + \|(U_1 - N)(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(1+|x|^\mu)U_{1,0}\|_{L^2} \\ &\quad + C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} (\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} X_0. \end{aligned}$$

In the case $\mu = 1$, one deduces from (4.3) and (4.14) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_1(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq \|N(t)\|_{L^2} + \|(U_1 - N)(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|(1+|x|)U_{1,0}\|_{L^2} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\|U_0\|_{H^1} + \||x|U_0\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} X_0. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above decay estimates for U_1 and the estimates derived for U_2 in Theorem 2.1, we get L^2 -decay estimates for U in (2.7).

We now establish the faster decay rates of $\partial_x U$ and U_2 in (2.7). The Lyapunov inequality (3.9) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\mathcal{L}_*(t) + \eta_0 t \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2) + \frac{\kappa}{2} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \kappa \left(\frac{1}{2} + \eta_0 t\right) \|\partial_x U_2(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_*}{4C_K} \|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (4.30)$$

with $\mathcal{L}_*(t) := \|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \mathcal{I}(t) \sim \|U(t)\|_{H^1}^2$. Choosing the constant η_0 sufficiently small, applying Lemma A.3 to the differential inequality (4.30), and noticing that $\partial_x U$ is uniformly bounded in L^2 , we conclude

$$\|\partial_x U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} X_0.$$

Then, using (3.12) together with the decay for U_1 and $\partial_x U$ at hand, leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_2(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq e^{-\kappa t} \|U_{2,0}\|_{L^2} + C X_0 \int_0^t e^{-\kappa(t-\tau)} (1+\tau)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} d\tau \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} X_0, \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of Theorem 2.2. \blacksquare

5. Wave formulation method: Proof of Theorem 2.3

In this section we prove Theorem 2.3. We introduce the unknown

$$W(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^x U_1(y, t) dy, \quad (5.1)$$

which satisfies the following damped wave formulation:

$$\partial_t^2 W - A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 W + A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t \partial_x W + A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W = 0. \quad (5.2)$$

We note that $A_{1,2}^{-1}$ is well defined as, if $A_{1,2}$ is not invertible, then $A_{1,2}$ is not a $n_1 \times n_1$ matrix of full rank, which, together with $A_{1,1} = 0$, contradicts the Kalman rank condition (1.10). To obtain (5.2), we integrated (1.7)₁ over $(-\infty, x)$ which gives

$$\partial_t W + A_{1,2} U_2 = 0. \quad (5.3)$$

Then, differentiating the above system in time and making use of (1.7)₂, we get

$$\partial_{tt}^2 W - A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x U_1 - A_{1,2} A_{2,2} \partial_x U_2 - A_{1,2} D U_2 = 0. \quad (5.4)$$

Combining (5.1), (5.3), and (5.4), we have (5.2).

Since $\partial_x W = U_1$ and $|\partial_t W| \sim |U_2|$, we can derive L^2 time-decay estimates for U once we establish decay estimates for the wave energy $\|(\partial_t W, \partial_x W)(t)\|_{L^2}^2$. In the following lemma we establish time-space weighted energy estimates for W .

Lemma 5.1. *Let W be defined by (5.1). Then, under the assumptions of Theorem 2.3, for all $t > 0$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+t+|x|)^{2\mu-1} (|\partial_t W|^2 + |\partial_x W|^2) dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} ((1+t+|x|)^{2\mu-1} |\partial_t W|^2 + (1+t+|x|)^{2\mu-2} |\partial_x W|^2) dx d\tau \\ &\leq C Y_0^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

with $Y_0 := \|U_0\|_{H^1} + \| |x|^\mu U_{1,0} \|_{L^2} + \| |x|^{\mu-\frac{1}{2}} U_{2,0} \|_{L^2}$.

Proof. The proof is split into the cases $\mu = 1$ and $1/2 < \mu < 1$:

- *Case 1:* $\mu = 1$. Taking the L^2 inner product of (5.2) with $(1 + t + |x|)\partial_t W$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + t + |x|) (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((1 + t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W - \frac{1}{2} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W \right) dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

where we used

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|) (\partial_t^2 W \cdot \partial_t W - A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 W \cdot \partial_t W) dx \\ & = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + t + |x|) (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W dx \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W dx. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, taking the inner product of (5.2) with W , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(W \cdot \partial_t W + \frac{1}{2} A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} |W|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_x W) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

It follows from (5.6) and (5.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{W}(t) + \mathcal{H}(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{3}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_x W \right) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

where $\mathcal{W}(t)$ and $\mathcal{H}(t)$ are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + t + |x|) (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(W \cdot \partial_t W + \frac{1}{2} A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} |W|^2 \right) dx, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+t+|x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \, dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W \, dx.$$

Notice that $A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1}$ satisfies (1.3) since the eigenvalues of D and $A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1}$ are the same. By the strong dissipation conditions (1.3) and the positive definiteness of $A_{1,2} A_{2,1}$, we have

$$\mathcal{W}(t) \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((1+t+|x|) \left(\frac{1}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 + \kappa_1 |\partial_x W|^2 \right) + \kappa |W|^2 - C |\partial_t W|^2 \right) dx$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}(t) \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\kappa (1+t+|x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \frac{\kappa_1}{2} |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx.$$

Since $|\partial_t W| \sim |U_2|$, due to (5.3) and the fact that $A_{1,2}$ is invertible, one can estimate the right-hand side of (5.8) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{3}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W + A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_x W \right) dx \\ & \leq \frac{\kappa_1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_x W|^2 \, dx + C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U_2|^2 \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

The above estimates give rise to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((1+t+|x|) \left(\frac{1}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 + \kappa_1 |\partial_x W|^2 \right) + \kappa |W|^2 \right) dx \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\kappa (1+\tau+|x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \frac{\kappa_1}{4} |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx \, d\tau \\ & \leq \mathcal{W}(0) + C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U_2|^2 \, dx + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U_2|^2 \, dx \, d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Under the assumptions (2.10) and $\partial_t U_1|_{t=0} = -A_{1,2} \partial_x U_{2,0}$, one deduces from the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3) that

$$\mathcal{W}(0) \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((1+|x|) |U_0|^2 + \left| \int_{-\infty}^x U_{1,0}(y) \, dy \right|^2 \right) dx \lesssim Y_0^2. \quad (5.10)$$

By $|\partial_t W| \sim |U_2|$ and (3.13), it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_t W|^2 \, dx + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_t W|^2 \, dx \, d\tau \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U_2|^2 \, dx + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U_2|^2 \, dx \, d\tau \lesssim Y_0^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

Inserting (5.10) and (5.11) into (5.9), we get (5.5) with $\mu = 1$.

• *Case 2:* $1/2 < \mu < 1$. In this case, let $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a weight function to be determined later. Similarly to the case $\mu = 1$, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t + |x|) (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W - \frac{1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W \right) dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) \left(\frac{1}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

After taking the inner product of (5.2) with $\varphi'(t + |x|)W$, we verify that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi'(t + |x|) \partial_t W W - \varphi''(t + |x|) |W|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} W \cdot W \right) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W + \frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) |W|^2 \right) dx \\ & - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) + \varphi''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) \right) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} W \cdot W dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) \partial_t^2 W \cdot W dx \\ & = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi'(t + |x|) \partial_t W \cdot W - \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(t + |x|) |W|^2 \right) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) |W|^2 - \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 \right) dx, \\ & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot W dx \\ & = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} W \cdot W dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi''(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} W \cdot W dx, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x^2 W \cdot W dx \\ & = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) + \varphi''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) \right) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} W \cdot W dx \\ & - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_0(x)$ denotes the Dirac function at 0. Gathering the previous estimates we get the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{W}_\mu(t) + \mathcal{H}_\mu(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) & \left(\frac{3}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right) dx, \quad (5.12) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\mu(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t + |x|) (|\partial_t W|^2 + A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi'(t + |x|) \partial_t W \cdot W - \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(t + |x|) |W|^2 \right) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} W \cdot W dx, \\ \mathcal{H}_\mu(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi(t + |x|) A_{1,2} D A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_x W \right) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) |W|^2 dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) + \varphi''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) \right) A_{1,2} A_{2,1} W \cdot W \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

In order to recover the coercivity estimates on $\mathcal{W}_\mu(t)$ and $\mathcal{H}_\mu(t)$, one requires that $\varphi(s)$ satisfies

$$\varphi' > 0, \quad \varphi'' < 0, \quad \varphi''' > 0, \quad \frac{1}{4} \varphi(t + |x|) \geq \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \varphi'(t + |x|). \quad (5.13)$$

Indeed, due to (1.3) and (5.13), for some constant $\kappa_1 > 0$, there holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\mu(t) &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{4} \varphi(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \kappa \varphi(t + |x|) |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{\kappa_1}{4} \varphi'(t + |x|) - \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(t + |x|) \right) |W|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_\mu(t) &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\kappa \varphi(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \frac{\kappa_1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi'''(t + |x|) (|W|^2 - A_{1,2} A_{2,1} W \cdot W) dx - \kappa_1 \varphi''(t) |W(0, t)|^2 \\ &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\kappa \varphi(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \frac{\kappa_1}{2} \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the positive definiteness of $A_{1,2}A_{2,1}$ with $|A_{1,2}A_{2,1}| \leq 1$. In addition, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(t + |x|) \left(\frac{3}{2} |\partial_t W|^2 - \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,1} \partial_x W \cdot \partial_t W \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x}{|x|} A_{1,2} A_{2,2} A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W \cdot \partial_t W \right) dx \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(C \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_t W|^2 + \frac{\kappa_1}{4} \varphi'(t + |x|) |\partial_x W|^2 \right) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which can be controlled by the left-hand side of (5.12) provided that

$$C \varphi'(t + |x|) \leq \frac{\kappa}{2} \varphi(t + |x|). \quad (5.14)$$

In addition, under the assumptions (2.10), one needs $\mu > 1/2$ and

$$\varphi(s) \sim (1 + s)^{2\mu-1}, \quad \varphi'(s) \sim (1 + s)^{2\mu-2}, \quad (5.15)$$

so as to bound the initial energy $\mathcal{W}(0)$ by Y_0^2 in terms of (2.10) and the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3). One can show that the function

$$\varphi(s) = (a + s)^{2\mu-1} \quad \text{with } \frac{1}{2} < \mu < 1 \text{ and some constant } a > \max \left\{ \frac{4}{\kappa_1}, \frac{2C}{\kappa} \right\}$$

fulfills conditions (5.13), (5.14), and (5.15). Therefore, integrating (5.12) over $[0, t]$ and using (3.13), we obtain the desired inequality (5.5). ■

Proof of Theorem 2.3. In view of estimate (5.5) obtained in Lemma 5.1 and the facts that $U_1 = \partial_x W$, $U_2 = -A_{1,2}^{-1} \partial_t W$, and that, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $t > 0$, and $\mu \geq 1/2$,

$$(1 + t)^{2\mu-1} \leq (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1},$$

we get the L^2 rate $(1 + t)^{-\mu+\frac{1}{2}}$ of U in (2.11). Applying the L^2 rate of U in (2.11) and Lemma A.3 to the differential inequality (4.30), we recover faster time-decay rates for $\partial_x U$ in (2.11). Finally, the faster decay rates for U_2 follow from the decay rates obtained for $\partial_x U$ and (3.12). The proof of Theorem 2.3 is now complete. ■

6. Proofs of Theorems 2.4 and 2.5

6.1. Asymptotic estimates for the compressible Euler equations with damping

In this subsection we apply the methods developed in Theorems 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 to a concrete nonlinear partially dissipative hyperbolic system: the damped compressible Euler equations (1.4) with a general pressure function $P(\rho)$ satisfying (2.14).

6.2. Proof of global existence and time-decay estimates

To prove the global existence of system (1.4), we establish a priori estimates as follows:

Lemma 6.1 (A priori estimates). *Let (ρ, u) be the solution to system (1.4) on $[0, T)$ for any given time $T > 0$. Define*

$$X(t) := \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (\|(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(\tau)\|_{H^2}^2 + \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \tau \|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) \\ + \int_0^t (\|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho})(\tau)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|u(\tau)\|_{H^2}^2 + \tau \|\partial_x u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau.$$

There exists a small constant δ_1 independent of T such that if

$$X(t) \leq \delta_1, \quad 0 < t < T, \quad (6.1)$$

then there exists a generic constant $C_0 > 0$ such that

$$X(t) \leq C_0 \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}^2, \quad 0 < t < T. \quad (6.2)$$

Proof. We use similar arguments to those used in the Section 3.1. Define the perturbation

$$n := \rho - \bar{\rho}.$$

It is easy to check that the basic energy equality for (1.4) holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_{\text{euler}}(t) + \lambda \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = 0.$$

Here, $E_{\text{euler}}(t)$ is given by

$$E_{\text{euler}}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 + \rho \int_{\bar{\rho}}^{\rho} \frac{P'(s) - P'(\bar{\rho})}{s^2} ds \right) dx \sim \|(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

To derive higher-order estimates for (n, u) , we write (1.4) as

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t n + \rho \partial_x u = -u \partial_x n, \\ \partial_t u + G(n) \partial_x n + \lambda u = -u \partial_x u, \end{cases} \quad (6.3)$$

where

$$G(n) := \frac{P'(\bar{\rho} + n)}{\bar{\rho} + n} > 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(|\partial_x n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x u|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{2\lambda\rho}{G(n)} - \partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right) |\partial_x u|^2 dx \\ & \leq 4 \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ & \quad + 2 \left\| \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} (\|\partial_x(u \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x G(n) \partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}) \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} t \left(|\partial_x n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x u|^2 \right) dx + t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{2\lambda\rho}{G(n)} - \partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right) |\partial_x u|^2 dx \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(|\partial_x n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x u|^2 \right) dx \\
& \quad + 4t \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + 2t \left\| \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} (\|\partial_x(u\partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x G(n)\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}) \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}. \quad (6.5)
\end{aligned}$$

Unlike in the linear setting, H^2 -regularity estimates are needed to control the nonlinear terms. The system satisfied by $(\partial_x^2 n, \partial_x^2 u)$ reads

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \partial_x^2 n + u \partial_{xxx}^3 n + \rho \partial_{xxx}^3 u = \mathcal{R}_1, \\ \partial_t \partial_x^2 u + u \partial_{xxx}^3 u + G(n) \partial_{xxx}^3 n + \lambda \partial_x^2 u = \mathcal{R}_2, \end{cases}$$

with the commutator terms

$$\mathcal{R}_1 := [u, \partial_x^2] \partial_x n + [n, \partial_x^2] \partial_x u \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}_2 := [u, \partial_x^2] \partial_x u + [G(n), \partial_x^2] \partial_x n.$$

Thence it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(|\partial_x^2 n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x^2 u|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{2\lambda\rho}{G(n)} - \partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right) |\partial_x^2 u|^2 dx \\
& \leq 2 \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x^2 n(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x^2 n(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \quad + \left(\left\| \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^\infty} + \left\| \partial_x \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} \|u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \right) \|\partial_x^2 u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \quad + 2 \|\mathcal{R}_1(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 n(t)\|_{L^2} + 2 \left\| \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} \|\mathcal{R}_2(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 u(t)\|_{L^2}. \quad (6.6)
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, to capture time-decay information for n , from (6.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (u \partial_x n + \partial_x u \partial_x^2 n) dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (G(n)(|\partial_x n|^2 + |\partial_x^2 n|^2) - \rho(|\partial_x u|^2 + |\partial_x^2 u|^2) + \lambda u \partial_x n + \lambda \partial_x u \partial_x^2 n) dx \\
& \leq \|u \partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{H^1} + \|u \partial_x u(t)\|_{H^1} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1} \\
& \quad + \|\mathcal{R}_0(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 n(t)\|_{L^2}. \quad (6.7)
\end{aligned}$$

Let $c_1, c_2 \in (0, 1)$ be two constants to be chosen later. Define

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{euler}}(t) &:= E_{\text{euler}}(t) + (1 + c_1 t) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(|\partial_x n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x u|^2 \right) dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(|\partial_x^2 n|^2 + \frac{\rho}{G(n)} |\partial_x^2 u|^2 \right) dx + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (u \partial_x n + \partial_x u \partial_x^2 n) dx
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_{\text{euler}}(t) &= \lambda \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + (1 + c_1 t) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{2\lambda\rho}{G(n)} - \partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right) |\partial_x^2 u|^2 dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{2\lambda\rho}{G(n)} - \partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)} \right) |\partial_x^2 u|^2 dx \\ &\quad + c_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (G(n)(|\partial_x n|^2 + |\partial_x^2 n|^2) - \rho(|\partial_x u|^2 + |\partial_x^2 u|^2) \\ &\quad \quad + \lambda u \partial_x n + \lambda \partial_x u \partial_x^2 n) dx.\end{aligned}$$

Using (6.1) with δ_1 suitably small, we have

$$0 < \frac{\bar{\rho}}{2P'(\bar{\rho})} \leq \frac{\rho}{G(n)}(x, t) \leq \frac{2\bar{\rho}}{P'(\bar{\rho})}, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, T) \quad (6.8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\|\partial_t \frac{\rho}{G(n)}\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} &\leq C \|\partial_t n\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} \|\partial_x n\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} \\ &\quad + C \|\partial_x u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} (1 + \|n\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)}) \leq \lambda.\end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

Adjusting the coefficients c_1, c_2 suitably and making use of (6.8) and (6.9), we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{euler}}(t) \sim \|(n, u)(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + c_1 t \|\partial_x(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \quad (6.10)$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{euler}}(t) \gtrsim \|u(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + c_1 t \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (6.11)$$

Then it follows from (6.4), (6.5), (6.6), (6.7), and (6.8) that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}_{\text{euler}}(t) + \mathcal{D}_{\text{euler}}(t) &\lesssim \|(\partial_x n, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|(\partial_x u, \partial_x n)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \|u \partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1} \|(n, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{H^1} + \|u \partial_x u(t)\|_{H^1} \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{H^1} \\ &\quad + \|\mathcal{R}_1(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 n(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\mathcal{R}_2(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^2 u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\quad + t \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\quad + t (\|\partial_x(u \partial_x u)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x G(n) \partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}) \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}.\end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

The nonlinear terms on the right-hand side of (6.12) are analyzed as follows. First, by the Sobolev embedding one has

$$\|(\partial_x n, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|(\partial_x n, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{H^1}.$$

Since H^1 is an algebra, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|u \partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1} \|(n, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{H^1} + \|u \partial_x u(t)\|_{H^1} \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{H^1} \\ \lesssim \|(n, u)(t)\|_{H^2} \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{H^1}.\end{aligned}$$

From standard commutator estimates (cf. [26]) and $H^1 \hookrightarrow L^\infty$, one gets

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathcal{R}_1(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \|[u, \partial_x^2] \partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} + \|[n, \partial_x^2] \partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|(n, u)(t)\|_{H^2} \|\partial_x^2(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}\end{aligned}$$

and, similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathcal{R}_2(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \|[u, \partial_x^2] \partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|[G(n), \partial_x^2] \partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|(n, u)(t)\|_{H^2} \|\partial_x^2(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Concerning the time-weighted nonlinear terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&t \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\quad + t (\|\partial_x(u \partial_x u)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x G(n) \partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}) \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{L^2} (t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}) (t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}) \\ &\lesssim \eta_0 t \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{\eta_0} \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 t \|\partial_x(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above estimates into (6.12), choosing a suitable small constant $\eta_0 > 0$, and using (6.1), (6.10), and (6.11), we derive

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}_{\text{euler}}(t) + \|u(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + t \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\lesssim \|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \mathcal{L}_{\text{euler}}(t).\end{aligned}\tag{6.13}$$

Applying Grönwall's inequality to (6.13) and using the fact that $\|(\partial_x n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}$ is uniformly integrable due to (6.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}&\|(n, u)(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + t \|\partial_x(n, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \int_0^t (\|\partial_x n(\tau)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|u(\tau)\|_{H^2}^2 + \tau \|\partial_x u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \\ &\lesssim \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}^2.\end{aligned}\tag{6.14}$$

Finally, taking the L^2 inner product of (6.3)₂ with v , we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\lambda \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\lesssim (\|u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}) \|u(t)\|_{L^2}.\end{aligned}\tag{6.15}$$

This, together with Grönwall's inequality and (6.14), leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\|u(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim e^{-\lambda t} \|u_0\|_{L^2} + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-\tau)} \|\partial_x(n, u)(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau \\ &\lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2},\end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of Lemma 6.1. ■

Proofs of Theorems 2.4 and 2.5. According to classical local well-posedness results (see e.g. [3, 6, 35, 43, 51]), there exists a time $T_0 > 0$ such that system (1.4) associated to the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) admits a unique solution (ρ, u) satisfying $(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u) \in C([0, T_0]; H^2)$. Then, according to the a priori estimates (6.2) established in Lemma 6.2 and a standard bootstrap argument, one can extend the solution (ρ, u) globally in time and recover property (2.16) as long as $C_0 \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}^2 < \delta_1$. ■

The time-decay estimates (2.19) and (2.20) in Theorem 2.5 are proved in Lemmas 6.2 and 6.3 in the next subsection.

6.3. Enhanced time-decay rates

Lemma 6.2. *Let (ρ, u) be the global solution of system (1.4) associated to the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) , and ρ_* be the global solution of system (2.18) subject to the initial datum ρ_0 . Assume (2.15) and $|x|u_0 \in L^2$; then $\rho - \rho_*$ verifies (2.17). Additionally, if $|x|^\mu(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho})$ holds with $0 < \mu \leq 1$, then (ρ, u) fulfills (2.19).*

Proof. Following a similar procedure to the one used in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we introduce the damped mode

$$R^* := \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} n + \lambda \int_{-\infty}^x u \, dy,$$

so as to rewrite (6.3)₁ as

$$\partial_t \rho - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \rho = -\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 R^* - \partial_x(nu). \quad (6.16)$$

One observes that R^* satisfies a damped equation

$$\partial_t R^* + \lambda R^* = F_3, \quad (6.17)$$

with

$$F_3 := -\frac{1}{2}u^2 - I(n) + \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} \partial_t n \quad \text{and} \quad I(n) := \int_0^n \left(\frac{P'(\bar{\rho} + s)}{\bar{\rho} + s} - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} \right) ds.$$

The proof of the decay estimates (2.17)–(2.19) is split into six steps.

- *Step 1: Decay of R^* .* Let $|x|u_0 \in L^2$. From (6.17), we have

$$\|R^*(t)\|_{L^2} \leq e^{-\lambda t} \|R^*(0)\|_{L^2} + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-\tau)} \|F_3(\tau)\|_{L^2} \, d\tau. \quad (6.18)$$

By virtue of (A.3), the first term on the right-hand side of (6.18) is controlled by

$$\|R^*(0)\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}\|_{L^2} + \| |x|u_0 \|_{L^2}. \quad (6.19)$$

We now estimate the nonlinear term F_3 . Recalling estimate (2.16) and using the Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|u^2(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq \|u(t)\|_{L^2} \|u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\lesssim \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\partial_x u(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} (1+t)^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

With (6.3)₁, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\partial_t n(t)\|_{L^2} &\leq (\bar{\rho} + \|n\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)}) \|u_x(t)\|_{L^2} + \|u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}\quad (6.20)$$

Since $I(0) = I'(0) = 0$ holds, (2.16) and the Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality ensure that

$$\begin{aligned}\|I(n)(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \|n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|n(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{4}}.\end{aligned}\quad (6.21)$$

Putting the above estimates (6.19)–(6.21) into (6.18), we obtain the decay of R^* as follows:

$$\|R^*(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}) (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{4}}. \quad (6.22)$$

• *Step 2: Decay of $\rho - \rho_*$.* Next we aim to establish the stability of the parabolic profile, i.e. (2.17). By (2.18) and (6.16), the error $\rho - \rho_*$ solves

$$\partial_t(\rho - \rho_*) - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2(\rho - \rho_*) = -\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 R^* - \partial_x(nu), \quad (6.23)$$

with the initial datum $(\rho - \rho_*)(0, x) = 0$. Thus, Duhamel's principle for (6.23) implies

$$\rho - \rho_* = - \int_0^t e^{\frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2(t-s)} \left(\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 R^* + \partial_x(nu) \right) ds. \quad (6.24)$$

Similarly to (4.23)–(4.25), one deduces from (2.16) and (6.22) that for $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$,

$$\begin{aligned}\|e^{\frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2(t-s)} \partial_x^2 R^*(s)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} (\|R^*(s)\|_{L^2} + \|\partial_x R^*(s)\|_{L^2}) \\ &\lesssim (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{4}} (\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}) \\ &\quad + (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Owing to (2.16) and

$$\|nu(s)\|_{L^2} \leq \|u(s)\|_{L^2} \|n(s)\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|u(s)\|_{L^2} \|n(s)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x n(s)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|e^{\frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2(t-s)} \partial_x(nu)(s)\|_{L^2} \\ \lesssim (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|nu(s)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} s^{-\frac{3}{4}} \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, applying the L^2 -norm of (6.24) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{4}} ds (\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}) \\ &\quad + \left(\int_0^t (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{4}} ds + \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} s^{-\frac{3}{4}} ds \right) \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} \\ &\leq (t^{-\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon} + t^{-\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} + t^{-\frac{1}{4}}) (\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Together with the uniform L^2 -bound of $\rho - \rho^*$, the error $\rho - \rho^*$ satisfies the decay estimate (2.17) for any $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4}$.

• *Step 3: Decay of $\rho - \bar{\rho}$ for $0 < \mu < 1/2$.* We assume further that

$$\tilde{X}(0) := \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x|^\mu (\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}) \|_{L^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2} < \infty.$$

Then, for all $0 < \mu \leq 1$, a direct application of Lemma 4.2 yields

$$\begin{cases} \|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(1+|x|^\mu)(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho})\|_{L^2}, \\ \|\partial_x^k(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{k}{2}-\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(1+|x|^\mu)(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho})\|_{L^2}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \quad (6.25)$$

In the case $0 < \mu < 1/2$, the combination of (2.17) with $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1-2\mu}{4}$ and (6.25) yields

$$\|(\rho - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} \leq \|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} + \|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} \tilde{X}(0).$$

• *Step 4: Decay of $\rho - \bar{\rho}$ for $1/2 \leq \mu < 1$.* When $\mu \geq 1/2$, the L^2 -decay rate of the error $\rho - \rho^*$ in (2.17) is not enough. To overcome this difficulty, one needs to improve the decay of $\rho - \rho^*$. In the case $1/2 \leq \mu < 1$, the lowest term $I(n)$ on the right-hand side of (6.17) can be handled as

$$\begin{aligned} \|I(n)(t)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \|n(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|n(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \|n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2} + \|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2}) \\ &\lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{\mu}{2}} X(0) (\tilde{X}(0) + \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}), \end{aligned} \quad (6.26)$$

where we used $n = \rho^* - \bar{\rho} + \rho - \rho^*$, (2.16), and (6.25). By (6.18)–(6.20), (6.26), and $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\mu}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$\|R^*(t)\|_{L^2} \leq \tilde{X}(0)(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + X(0)(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}.$$

On the other hand, the global existence result guarantees that

$$\|\partial_x R^*(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x n(t)\|_{L^2} + \|u(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim X(0)(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Hence, following the computations done in Step 2, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|e^{\frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 (t-s)} \partial_x^2 R^*(s)\|_{L^2} \\
& \lesssim (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} + \| |x|^\mu (\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}) \|_{L^2} + \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}) \\
& \quad + (t-s)^{-(1-\varepsilon)} s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, u_0)\|_{H^2} \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}. \quad (6.27)
\end{aligned}$$

Similar calculations lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|e^{\frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 (t-s)} \partial_x (nu)(s)\|_{L^2} \\
& \lesssim (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|u(s)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x u(s)\|_{L^\infty} (\|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(s)\|_{L^2} + \|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(s)\|_{L^2}) \\
& \lesssim (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} s^{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\mu}{2}} X(0) (\tilde{X}(0) + \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}). \quad (6.28)
\end{aligned}$$

For $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1-\mu}{2})$, we combine (6.24), (6.27), and (6.28) to get

$$\|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq (t^{-\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} + t^{-\frac{\mu}{2}}) (\tilde{X}(0) + \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}).$$

Since $\rho - \rho^*$ is uniformly bounded in L^2 , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq X(0) \tilde{X}(0) + X(0) \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} (1+\tau)^{\frac{\mu}{2}} \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Together with the fact that $X(0)$ is suitably small, this yields

$$\|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2} \leq (1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}} \tilde{X}(0), \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \mu < 1. \quad (6.29)$$

By (6.25) and (6.29), $\rho - \bar{\rho}$ has the decay estimate (2.19)₁ for $1/2 \leq \mu < 1$.

• *Step 5: Decay of $\rho - \bar{\rho}$ for $\mu = 1$.* We now deal with the limit case $\mu = 1$. It suffices to improve the L^2 -rate of $\|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2}$ to $(1+t)^{-1/2}$. To this end, following the idea in Lemma 4.3, we consider the system satisfied by $(\rho - \rho^*, u)$:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t (\rho - \rho^*) + \bar{\rho} \partial_x u = F_1 - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \rho^*, \\ \partial_t u + \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} \partial_x (\rho - \rho^*) + \lambda u = F_2 - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} \partial_x \rho^*, \\ (\rho - \rho^*, u)|_{t=0} = (0, u_0). \end{cases} \quad (6.30)$$

Performing an L^2 -energy estimate of (6.30) with the time weight t gives

$$\begin{aligned} & t \|(\rho - \rho^*, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\ & \lesssim \int_0^t \|(\rho - \rho^*, u)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\left(F_1 - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda} \partial_x^2 \rho^* \right) (\rho - \rho^*) + \left(F_2 - \frac{P'(\bar{\rho})}{\bar{\rho}} \partial_x \rho^* \right) u \right) dx d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.31)$$

To bound the first term on the right-hand side of (6.31), we recall that the $L^2(0, t; L^2)$ -estimate of u was obtained in (6.2), and we take the inner product of (6.23) with $-\int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y (\rho - \rho^*)(z, t) dz dy$ such that

$$\int_0^t \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \lesssim \int_0^t (\|\partial_x R^*(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|nu(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \lesssim X(0). \quad (6.32)$$

In order to bound the second term in (6.31), arguing similarly to (4.7)–(4.10), we perform the energy argument on (2.18) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq k-1} t^{k'+1} \|\partial_x^{k'} (\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq k-1} \int_0^t \tau^{k'+1} \|\partial_x^{k'+1} (\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\ & \lesssim \| |x| (\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}) \|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (6.33)$$

for any $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, taking advantage of (6.32) and (6.33), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_x^2 \rho^* (\rho - \rho^*)| dx d\tau \leq \int_0^t (\tau^2 \|\partial_x^2 \rho^*(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2) d\tau \\ & \lesssim \tilde{X}(0) \end{aligned}$$

and, for some constant $\eta_1 > 0$ to be chosen later,

$$\int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\partial_x \rho^* u| dx d\tau \lesssim \eta_1 \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau + \frac{1}{\eta_1} \int_0^t \tau \|\partial_x (\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau.$$

Integrating by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_1 (\rho - \rho^*) dx d\tau \\ & = \int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x ((\rho - \rho^*) u) (\rho - \rho^*) dx d\tau + \int_0^t \tau \partial_x ((\rho^* - \bar{\rho}) u) (\rho - \rho^*) dx d\tau \\ & \leq \int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} u_x (\rho - \rho^*)^2 + \partial_x (\rho^* - \bar{\rho}) u (\rho - \rho^*) + (\rho^* - \bar{\rho}) \partial_x u (\rho - \rho^*) \right) dx d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \tau \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \int_0^t \|u_x(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau + \|(\rho - \bar{\rho}, \rho^* - \bar{\rho})\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)}^2 \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \\
&+ \left(\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \tau \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^t \tau \|\partial_x u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\times \left(\int_0^t \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^t \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_2 u \, dx \, d\tau \\
&\lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty)} \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau + \eta_1 \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\
&+ \frac{1}{\eta_1} \int_0^t \|\partial_x n(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \left(\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \tau \|(\rho^* - \bar{\rho})(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \tau \|(\rho - \rho^*)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above estimates into (6.31) and making use of (6.2) and (6.32), we end up with

$$\begin{aligned}
&t \|(\rho - \rho^*, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\
&\lesssim \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta_1}\right) \tilde{X}(0) \\
&+ (X(0) + \eta_1) \left(\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \tau \|(\rho - \rho^*, u)(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \tau \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing a suitably small constant η_1 and recalling that $X(0) \ll 1$, we derive the $(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ time-decay estimates of $\|(\rho - \rho^*)(t)\|_{L^2}$. Together with (6.25), we obtain the decay rate of $\rho - \bar{\rho}$ in (2.19)₁ with $\mu = 1$.

• *Step 6: Decay of u and $\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)$.* Since we showed (2.19)₁ for all $0 < \mu \leq 1$, applying Lemma A.3 to the Lyapunov inequality (6.13) gives

$$\|\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{X}(0).$$

This, together with (2.19)₁ and (6.15), gives rise to the desired decay estimate of u . We thus finish the proof of Lemma 6.2. \blacksquare

Lemma 6.3. *Let (ρ, u) be the global solution to the Cauchy problem of system (1.4) associated with the initial datum (ρ_0, u_0) . In addition to (2.15), assume $|x|^\mu(\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}) \in L^2$, $|x|^{\mu-1/2}u_0 \in L^2$ for $1/2 < \mu \leq 1$, $\partial_t \rho|_{t=0} = -\partial_x(\rho_0 u_0)$, and $P'(\bar{\rho}) \leq 1$. Then (2.20) holds.*

Proof. In order to apply the method in Section 5, a key step is to consider the momentum $m = \rho u = (n + \bar{\rho})u$ instead of the velocity v . Then system (1.4) is rewritten, in terms of (n, m) , as

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t n + \partial_x m = 0, \\ \partial_t m + P'(\bar{\rho})\partial_x n + \lambda m = F_3 := -\partial_x \left(\frac{m^2}{\bar{\rho} + n} + P(\bar{\rho} + n) - P(\bar{\rho}) - P'(\bar{\rho})n \right), \\ (n, m)|_{t=0} = (\rho_0 - \bar{\rho}, \rho_0 u_0). \end{cases}$$

As in Section 5, we introduce the wave unknown

$$M(x, t) := \int_{-\infty}^x n(y, t) dy$$

such that

$$\partial_t^2 M - P'(\bar{\rho})\partial_x^2 M + \lambda \partial_t M = F_3.$$

Then, following the computation done in the proof of Lemma 5.1, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} (|\partial_t M|^2 + |\partial_x M|^2) dx \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} ((1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} |\partial_t M|^2 + (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-2} |\partial_x M|^2) dx d\tau \\ & \lesssim \tilde{Y}_0^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} |F_3|^2 dx d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.34)$$

From (6.2) and composition estimates, we obtain

$$|F_3| \lesssim |m| |\partial_x m| + |n| |\partial_x n|.$$

It thus follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} |F_3|^2 dx d\tau \\ & \lesssim \int_0^t \|\partial_x(m, n)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} (|m|^2 + |n|^2) dx d\tau \\ & \lesssim \int_0^t \|\partial_x(n, u)(\tau)\|_{H^1}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} (|\partial_t M|^2 + |\partial_x M|^2) dx d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where one has used the facts that $\partial_x M = n$ and $\partial_t M = -m$. Inserting the above estimate into (6.34) and using (6.2) and Grönwall's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-1} (|n|^2 + |m|^2) dx \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t + |x|)^{2\mu-2} |m|^2 dx d\tau \lesssim \tilde{Y}_0^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies (2.20)₁. Finally, in view of (2.20)₁, (6.15), and Lemma A.3 to the Lyapunov inequality (6.13), we are able to show the faster decay of v and $\partial_x(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)$ in (2.20)₂. The proof of Lemma 6.3 is complete. \blacksquare

7. Proof of Theorem 2.6

7.1. Global existence for the p -system with nonlinear damping

In this section we prove the global existence of the nonlinearly damped p -system (1.5). For brevity, we omit details concerning the local well-posedness of solutions to (1.5) subject to initial data in H^1 since it can be proved by standard iteration arguments; see e.g. [3, 6, 35, 43, 51]. To extend the local solution to a global one, we establish uniform a priori estimates as follows.

- L^2 estimates. Standard energy estimates lead to

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|(\rho, u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|u(t)\|_{L^{r+1}}^{r+1} = 0. \quad (7.1)$$

- H^1 estimates. From direct energy estimates in (1.5), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|(\partial_x \rho, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + r \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} (\partial_x u)^2 dx = 0, \quad (7.2)$$

where we used that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x (|u|^{r-1} u) \partial_x u dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x |u|^{r-1} u \partial_x u dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} (\partial_x u)^2 dx \\ &= r \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} (\partial_x u)^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

- Dissipation for $\partial_x u$. Multiplying (1.5)₂ by $|u|^{r-1} \partial_x \rho$, we infer

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_t u |u|^{r-1} \partial_x \rho dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} |\partial_x \rho|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{2r-2} u \partial_x \rho dx = 0. \quad (7.3)$$

Similarly, from (1.5)₁, we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{r} |u|^{r-1} u \partial_x \partial_t \rho dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{r} |u|^{r-1} u \partial_x^2 u dx = 0. \quad (7.4)$$

By (7.3) and (7.4), the fact that $\partial_t u |u|^{r-1} = \partial_t (|u|^{r-1} u)/r$, and integration by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{r} |u|^{r-1} u \partial_x \rho dx \\ + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|u|^{r-1} |\partial_x \rho|^2 - |u|^{2r-2} u \partial_x \rho - |u|^{r-1} |\partial_x u|^2) dx = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

Defining

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_*(t) &:= \|(\rho, u, \partial_x \rho, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \eta_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{r} |u|^{r-1} u \partial_x \rho dx, \\ \mathcal{H}_*(t) &:= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} (|u|^2 + |\partial_x u|^2) dx \\ &\quad + \eta_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|u|^{r-1} |\partial_x \rho|^2 - |u|^{2r-2} u \partial_x \rho - |u|^{r-1} |\partial_x u|^2) dx, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain from (7.1), (7.2), and (7.5) that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{W}_*(t) + \mathcal{H}_*(t) = 0. \quad (7.6)$$

Since, due to (7.1), (7.2), and the Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality,

$$\|u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)} \lesssim \|u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_x u\|_{L_t^\infty(L_x^\infty)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim 1,$$

we are able to choose a suitably small constant $\eta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{W}_*(t) \sim \|(\rho, u, \partial_x \rho, \partial_x u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \\ \mathcal{H}_*(t) \gtrsim \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u|^{r-1} (|u|^2 + |\partial_x \rho|^2 + |\partial_x u|^2) dx. \end{cases} \quad (7.7)$$

Integrating (7.6) over $[0, t]$ and making use of (7.7), we have

$$\|(\rho, u)(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{L^{r+1}}^{r+1} + \|(\partial_x \rho^{(r+1)/2}, \partial_x u^{(r+1)/2})(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \lesssim \|(\rho_0, u_0)\|_{H^1}^2.$$

The above estimates enable us to prove the global existence of the solution to (1.5) with a standard bootstrap argument.

7.2. Wave formulation

Differentiating (1.5)₁ and (1.5)₂ with respect to t , we rewrite (1.5) as two damped wave-like equations

$$\partial_t^2 \rho - \partial_x^2 \rho + r|u|^{r-1} \partial_t \rho = 0, \quad \partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u + r|u|^{r-1} \partial_t u = 0. \quad (7.8)$$

From equation (1.5)₁ it follows that

$$u = -\partial_t \int_{-\infty}^x \rho(y, t) dy,$$

from which we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} r|u|^{r-1} \partial_t \rho &= r \left| \partial_t \int_{-\infty}^x \rho(y, t) dy \right|^{r-1} \partial_x \partial_t \int_{-\infty}^x \rho(y, t) dy \\ &= \partial_x \left(\left| \partial_t \int_{-\infty}^x \rho(y, t) dy \right|^{r-1} \partial_t \int_{-\infty}^x \rho(y, t) dy \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, defining the new unknown w by

$$w := \int_{-\infty}^x u(y, t) dy,$$

and integrating equation (7.8)₁ over $(-\infty, x)$, we obtain the nonlinearly damped wave equation

$$\partial_t^2 w - \partial_x^2 w + |\partial_t w|^{r-1} \partial_t w = 0. \quad (7.9)$$

From (1.5)₁, we see that

$$\|\partial_t w(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \quad \|\partial_x w(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = \|\rho(t)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Thus, once we get the decay rate of $\|(\partial_t w, \partial_x w)(t)\|_{L^2}^2$, the L^2 decay of (ρ, u) follows.

7.3. Asymptotic estimates

In this subsection we prove Theorem 2.6 and derive logarithmic time-decay rates for the solutions to system (1.5). On that matter, we capture the nonlinear dissipative structures in (7.9) by adapting the method developed by Theorem 2.3 and the work of Mochizuki and Motai in [38]. A key ingredient is the L^2 coercive estimates for $\partial_t w$ that we derive from the damped term $|\partial_t w|^{r-1} \partial_t w$ with suitable weights (see (7.16) below).

Let two weight functions $\varphi_1(s)$, $\varphi_2(s)$ for $s \geq 0$ be determined later. Taking the L^2 inner product of (7.9) with $\varphi_1(t + |x|) \partial_t w$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1(t + |x|) (|\partial_t w|^2 + |\partial_x w|^2) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^r - \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 \right) dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (7.10)$$

In addition, multiplying (7.9) by $\varphi_1'(t + |x|) w$ and integrating by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) w \partial_t w - \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 \right) dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 - \varphi_1''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) |w|^2 \right) dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 - \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r-1} \partial_t w w \right) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (7.11)$$

where $\delta_0(x)$ denotes the Dirac function at 0 and we have used that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) w \partial_t^2 w dx &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) w \partial_t w - \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 \right) dx \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi_1'''(t + |x|) |w|^2 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) w \partial_x^2 w dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi_1'''(t + |x|) + \varphi_1''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) \right) |w|^2 \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

To control the second term on the right-hand side of (7.11), one needs to capture the dissipation of $|w|^{r+1}$ with a suitable weight. On this matter, a direct calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_2(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_2'(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}} (r + 1) \varphi_2(t + |x|) |w|^{r-1} w \partial_t w dx. \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

For some small constant $\eta_3 > 0$ to be chosen later, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1(t + |x|) (|\partial_t w|^2 + |\partial_x w|^2) dx \\ &+ \eta_3 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) w \partial_t w - \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 + \varphi_2(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_\varphi(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^r dx \\ &+ \eta_3 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 - \varphi_1''(t + |x|) \delta_0(x) |w|^2 - \varphi_2'(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (7.10), (7.11), and (7.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(t) + \mathcal{H}_\varphi(t) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1 + \eta_3}{2} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 - \eta_3 \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r-1} \partial_t w w \right) dx \\ &- \eta_3 (r + 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_2(\tau + |x|) |w|^{r-1} w \partial_t w dx. \end{aligned} \quad (7.13)$$

In order to control $\mathcal{W}_\varphi(t)$, $\mathcal{H}_\varphi(t)$ and derive the desired dissipation estimates, we require

$$\varphi_1 > 0, \quad \varphi_1' > 0, \quad \varphi_1'' < 0, \quad |\varphi_1'|^2 \leq C \varphi_1 |\varphi_1''|, \quad \varphi_2 > 0, \quad \varphi_2' < 0. \quad (7.14)$$

Indeed, under condition (7.14), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(t + |x|) |w \partial_t w| dx \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 dx - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 dx, \end{aligned} \quad (7.15)$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(t) &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} - C \eta_3 \right) \varphi_1(t + |x|) (|\partial_t w|^2 + |\partial_x w|^2) dx \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(-\frac{\eta_3}{4} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 + \eta_3 \varphi_2(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, (7.14) also leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_\varphi(t) &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(t + |x|) |\partial_t w|^r dx \\ &\quad + \eta_3 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\varphi_1'(t + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 - \eta_3 \varphi_2'(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1}) dx.\end{aligned}$$

We now focus on the estimation of the right-hand-side terms (7.13). First, a use of Young's inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{3}{2} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^2 dx d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} \left(\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r+1} dx d\tau \right)^{\frac{2}{r+1}} \left(\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\varphi_1'(\tau + |x|)|^{\frac{r+1}{r-1}}}{\varphi_1(\tau + |x|)^{\frac{2}{r-1}}} dx d\tau \right)^{\frac{r-1}{r+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r+1} dx d\tau + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\varphi_1'(\tau + |x|)|^{\frac{r+1}{r-1}}}{\varphi_1(\tau + |x|)^{\frac{2}{r-1}}} dx d\tau. \quad (7.16)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1'(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^r |w| dx d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r+1} dx d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\varphi_1'(\tau + |x|)|^{r+1}}{\varphi_1(\tau + |x|)^r} |w|^{r+1} dx d\tau\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}&(r+1) \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_2(\tau + |x|) |w|^r |\partial_t w| dx d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^{r+1} dx d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\varphi_2(\tau + |x|)|^{r+1}}{\varphi_1(\tau + |x|)^r} |w|^{r+1} dx d\tau. \quad (7.17)\end{aligned}$$

Let $\eta_3 = 1/(4C)$. Then it follows from (7.15)–(7.17) that

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{4} \varphi_1(t + |x|) (|\partial_t w|^2 + |\partial_x w|^2) - \frac{1}{4} \varphi_1''(t + |x|) |w|^2 + \varphi_2(t + |x|) |w|^{r+1} \right) dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi_1(\tau + |x|) |\partial_t w|^r + \frac{1}{2} \varphi_1'(\tau + |x|) |\partial_x w|^2 + \mathcal{C}_1(\tau + |x|) |w|^{r+1} \right) dx d\tau \\ &\leq \mathcal{W}_\varphi(0) + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{C}_2(\tau + |x|) dx d\tau, \quad (7.18)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathcal{C}_1(s) := -\varphi_2'(s) - \frac{C(|\varphi_1'(s)|^{r+1} + |\varphi_2(s)|^{r+1})}{\varphi_1(s)^r}, \quad \mathcal{C}_2(s) := \frac{|\varphi_1'(s)|^{\frac{r+1}{r-1}}}{\varphi_1(s)^{\frac{2}{r-1}}}.$$

Therefore, one needs to choose φ_1 and φ_2 such that

$$\mathcal{C}_1(s) > 0, \quad \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{C}_2(\tau + |x|) dx d\tau < \infty. \quad (7.19)$$

For all $q > 0$ and a suitable large constant a , we choose the functions

$$\varphi_1(s) = \log^{2q}(a + s), \quad \varphi_2(s) = \frac{\log^{2q-r+1}(a + s)}{|a + s|^r},$$

which fulfill conditions (7.14) and (7.19). Indeed, for suitable large $a > 0$, it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1'(s) &= \frac{2q \log^{2q-1}(a + s)}{a + s} > 0, \\ \varphi_1''(s) &= -\frac{2q \log^{2q-2}(a + s)(\log(a + s) - 1 + 2q)}{|a + s|^2} < 0, \\ |\varphi_1'|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi_1 |\varphi_1''|, \\ \varphi_2'(s) &= -\frac{\log(a + s)^{2q-r}(r \log(a + s) - 2q + r - 1)}{|a + s|^{r+1}} < 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1(s) &\geq \frac{\log(a + s)^{2q-r}}{|a + s|^{r+1}} (r \log(a) - 2q + r - 1 \\ &\quad - C((2q)^{r+1} \log^{-1}(a) - C \log^{r-r^2+1}(a)) a^{-r^2+1}) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The condition $1 < r < 3$ comes into play for the second term. It implies $(r + 1)/(r - 1) > 2$, and therefore,

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{C}_2(\tau + |x|) dx d\tau = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\log^{2q-\frac{r+1}{r-1}}(a + \tau + |x|)}{|a + \tau + |x||^{\frac{r+1}{r-1}}} dx d\tau < \infty. \quad (7.20)$$

By (7.14), (7.19), and the facts that $\partial_x w = \rho$, $\partial_t w = -u$, substituting $\varphi_1(s) = \log(a + s)^{2q}$ into (7.18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{2q}(1 + t) \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|\rho|^2 + |u|^2) dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(t + |x|) (|\partial_t w|^2 + |\partial_x w|^2) dx \\ &\leq C \mathcal{W}_\varphi(0) + C. \end{aligned}$$

To bound the initial energy $\mathcal{W}_\varphi(0)$, we use (2.21) and find that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_\varphi(0) &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log^{2q} (1 + |x|) (|\rho_0|^2 + |u_0|^2) dx \\ &\quad + C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\log^{2q-2} (1 + |x|)}{(1 + |x|)^2} \left| \int_{-\infty}^x \rho_0(y) dy \right|^2 dx \\ &\quad + C \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\log^{2q-r-1} (1 + |x|)}{(1 + |x|)^r} \left| \int_{-\infty}^x \rho_0(y) dy \right|^{r+1} dx \\ &\leq C + C \|\rho_0\|_{L^1}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{(1 + |x|)^{2-\eta}} dx + C \|\rho_0\|_{L^1}^{r+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{(1 + |x|)^{r-\eta}} dx < \infty,\end{aligned}$$

for some sufficiently small $\eta \in (0, \min\{1, r - 1\})$. Gathering the last two estimates, we obtain (2.22) which concludes the proof of Theorem 2.6. ■

8. Extensions and open problems

We have analyzed the time-asymptotic behavior of general hyperbolic systems without Fourier analysis on the real line. Our work opens up several possible extensions and open problems. We list some of them below.

(1) *The compressible Euler system with nonlinear damping.* As an extension of Section 7, one can consider the Euler system (1.4) with a nonlinear damping $\rho|u|^{r-1}u$ with $r > 1$, a relevant model for gas transport; see e.g. [15]. Following the approach used in Section 6, similar decay rates to the one obtained for the nonlinearly damped p -system (1.5) in Theorem 2.6 can be derived if one can construct a solution of the nonlinearly damped Euler system belonging to $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{H}^1)$. However, in contrast with linear damping, the nonlinear damping $\rho|u|^{r-1}u$ does not seem sufficient, to the best of our knowledge, to control the advection terms and, thus, to ensure the existence of a unique global-in-time solution.

(2) *Numerics.* As an application of the method developed here, inspired by [42], one can prove that a centered finite-difference approximation of the partially dissipative system (1.7) in the whole space preserves the asymptotic properties of the continuous solutions as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Such a result would highlight that the hyperbolic hypocoercive nature of the system can be preserved at the semidiscrete level.

(3) *Multi-dimensional setting.* In the multi-dimensional setting, one can investigate the n -component systems in \mathbb{R}^d ($d \geq 1$) of the type

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^d A^j \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_j} = BV, \quad (8.1)$$

where A^j ($j = 1, \dots, d$) are symmetric matrices, B is symmetric satisfying (1.2), and the unknown $V = V(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ depends on the time and space variables $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+$.

The hyperbolic hypocoercivity approach in [4], presented in the one-dimensional setting here, can be extended to the multi-dimensional case, and similar time-decay rates can be recovered under the Kalman rank condition. However, our approach does not allow us to consider multi-dimensional systems of the general form (8.1). The issue comes from the appearance of mixed derivatives (due the multi-dimensional setting) when differentiating the low-order corrector term in the Lyapunov functional in time, and it is unclear how to handle them without Fourier analysis.

Nevertheless, it is possible to obtain results under additional structural conditions on (8.1), for instance when (8.1) has a structure similar to the multi-dimensional compressible Euler system with damping. Indeed, for the multi-dimensional version of (1.4), straightforward computations show that the Lyapunov functional

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \|(\rho - \bar{\rho}, u)(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \eta t \|(\nabla \rho, \nabla u)(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u \cdot \nabla \rho \, dx$$

allows us to recover time-decay rates in any dimension.

A. Fourier-based results and technical lemmas

A.1. Fourier analysis of partially dissipative hyperbolic systems

Lemma A.1 ([4]). *Let $U_0 \in L^1 \cap L^2$, A be a symmetric matrix, and B a matrix satisfying (1.2) and (1.3). Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- *The pair (A, B) satisfies the Kalman rank condition (1.10).*
- *The solution U of (1.1) satisfies*

$$\begin{cases} \|U^\ell(t)\|_{L^\infty} \leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|U_0\|_1, \\ \|U^h(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C e^{-\gamma_* t} \|U_0\|_{L^2}, \\ \|U(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C t^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|U_0\|_{L^2}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

with $U^\ell(\xi, t) := \widehat{U}(\xi, t) \mathbb{1}_{\{|\xi| < 1\}}$ and $U^h(\xi, t) := \widehat{U}(\xi, t) \mathbb{1}_{\{|\xi| > 1\}}$, where $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ is the frequency parameter, and C, γ_* are positive constants depending only on A and B .

In addition, if $U_0 \in H^1$ and (A, B) satisfies the Kalman rank condition, we have

$$\|U(t)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \leq C t^{-\frac{3}{4}} \|U_0\|_{H^1}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Sketch of the Proof of Lemma A.1. According to Proposition 1.1, one introduces the following Lyapunov functional in the Fourier space

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi(t) \triangleq |\widehat{U}|^2 + \min\left\{\frac{1}{|\xi|}, |\xi|\right\} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \epsilon_k \langle B A^{k-1} \widehat{U} \cdot B A^k \widehat{U} \rangle,$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle$ designates the Hermitian scalar product in \mathbb{C}^n . For $\epsilon_0 = \kappa_0/2$ and suitably small coefficients ϵ_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$), one deduces from (1.9) that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{L}_\xi(t) + \min\{1, |\xi|^2\} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \epsilon_k |BA^k \hat{U}|^2 \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi(t) \sim |\hat{U}|^2.$$

Then the Kalman rank condition (1.10) for (A, B) implies that

$$|\hat{U}(\xi, t)|^2 \lesssim |\hat{U}_0(\xi)|^2 e^{-N_* \min\{1, |\xi|^2\}t},$$

with

$$N_* := \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \epsilon_k |BA^k y|^2, \quad y \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \right\} > 0,$$

and a low-high frequency splitting argument allows us to conclude the classical time-decay rates (A.1) and (A.2). ■

Remark A.1. In Lemma A.1, the solutions can achieve the decay rates $(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{2})}$ in L^2 under more general L^q assumptions with $q \in [1, 2)$. The L^1 assumption on the initial data can be replaced by a $\dot{B}_{2,\infty}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ assumption; cf. [10, 52, 53]. Moreover, these decay rates are optimal in the sense that they follow those of the heat equation, which is expected by the low frequencies (the slowly decaying part) of the solution.

A.2. Technical lemmas

Lemma A.2 (Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality [7, 8]). *For all $h \in \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbb{R})$, it holds that*

$$\| |x|^{\mu_1} h \|_{L^p} \leq C_{\mu_1, \mu_2} \| |x|^{\mu_2} \partial_x h \|_{L^2}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

with $\mu_2 > \frac{1}{2}$, $\mu_2 - 1 \leq \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 - \frac{1}{2}$, and $p = \frac{2}{2(\mu_2 - \mu_1) - 1}$. If $\mu_1 = \mu_2 - 1$, then $p = 2$ and the best constant in (A.3) is

$$C_{\mu_1, \mu_2} = C_{\mu_2 - 1, \mu_2} = \frac{2}{2\mu_2 - 1}.$$

Lemma A.3. *Let $T > 0$ be given time and $E_1(t)$, $E_2(t)$ be two nonnegative and absolutely continuous functions on $[0, T)$. Suppose that*

$$E_1(t) \leq a_1 t^{-\alpha} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E_1(t) + \eta_0 t E_2(t)) + a_2 E_2(t) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where η_0, a_1, a_2 , and α are constants satisfying

$$a_1, a_2, \alpha > 0, \quad 0 < \eta_0 < \min \left\{ \frac{a_2}{\alpha}, a_2 \right\}.$$

Then it holds that

$$E_2(t) \leq C a_1 t^{-\alpha-1}, \quad t \in (0, T), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of T , a_1 , and a_2 .

Proof. Let the constant p satisfy $\max\{1, \alpha\} < p < a_2/\eta_0$. Multiplying (A.5) by t^p , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t^p E_1(t) + \eta_0 t^{p+1} E_2(t)) + (a_2 - p\eta_0)t^p E_2(t) \leq p t^{p-1} E_1(t). \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Noticing that $a_2 - p\eta_0 > 0$ and (A.4), we prove, after integrating (A.7) over $[0, t]$, that

$$t^p E_1(t) + \eta_0 t^{p+1} E_2(t) \leq p a_1 \int_0^t \tau^{p-\alpha-1} d\tau = \frac{p a_1}{p-\alpha} t^{p-\alpha}.$$

Hence, (A.6) follows. ■

A.3. Optimal decay rates for the heat equation

In this section we recover time-decay rates for the heat equation that are consistent with the result obtained in Theorem 2.2. We consider the one-dimensional heat equation

$$\partial_t u - \partial_x^2 u = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+. \quad (\text{A.8})$$

The asymptotics for the heat equation or incompressible flows in space-weighted spaces has been intensively analyzed; cf. [2, 16, 29] and references therein. Here we prove a different estimate (A.11) pertaining to the decay of (A.8) without L^1 assumptions. The rates are optimal since our proof relies on the sharp L^p – L^q estimates for the heat flow.

Lemma A.4. *Let u be the solution to the heat equation above with initial datum $u_0 \in L^2$. Then, for all $k \geq 0$ and $t > 0$,*

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_k t^{-\frac{k}{2}} \|u_0\|_{L^2}, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where $C_k > 0$ is a constant dependent only on k .

- If we assume that $u_0 \in L^p$ with $p \in [1, 2)$, then

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_{k,p} t^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{2})-\frac{k}{2}} \|u_0\|_{L^p}, \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where $C_{k,p} > 0$ is a constant dependent only on k and p .

- If we further assume that $|x|^\mu u_0 \in L^2$ with some fixed $\mu > 0$, then

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_{k,\mu} t^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{k}{2}} \| |x|^\mu u_0 \|_{L^2}, \quad (\text{A.11})$$

where $C_{k,\mu} > 0$ is a constant dependent only on k and μ .

In Lemma A.4, the inequalities (A.10) and (A.9) are standard; cf. [17]. Below, we give the proof of (A.11).

Proof of Lemma A.4. The case $\mu = 0$ corresponds to the classical decay rate of the heat equation. We divide the proof of the case $\mu > 0$ into three cases.

- *Case 1:* $1 \leq \mu \leq 3/2$. We define the unknown $u_1(x, t) := \int_{-\infty}^x u(y, t) dy$ satisfying

$$\partial_x u_1 = u, \quad u_1(x, 0) = u_{1,0}(x) := \int_{-\infty}^x u_0(y, t) dy,$$

and

$$\partial_t u_1 - \partial_x^2 u_1 = 0. \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Note that the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3) implies

$$\|u_{1,0}\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq \frac{2}{2\mu - 1} \| |x|^\mu u_0 \|_{L^2},$$

where $p_1 := 2/(2\mu - 1)$ fulfills $1 \leq p_1 \leq 2$ due to $1 \leq \mu \leq 3/2$. Thence it follows from the well-known L^2 – L^{p_1} decay estimates for the k -order derivative of the solution to (A.12) (cf. [17]) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} &= \|\partial_x^{k+1} u_1(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim t^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{2}} \|u_{1,0}\|_{L^{p_1}} \lesssim t^{-\frac{\mu}{2} - \frac{k}{2}} \| |x|^\mu u_0 \|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- *Case 2:* $0 < \mu < 1$. The result from Case 1 gives

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim t^{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{2}} \| |x| u_0 \|_{L^2}.$$

Recall that for the case $\mu = 0$, one has

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} \leq t^{-\frac{k}{2}} \|u_0\|_{L^2}.$$

Therefore, employing the Stein–Wasson interpolation theorem (e.g. [5, Theorem 5.4.1] or [45]), we have the time-decay estimate (A.11) for $0 < \mu < 1$.

- *Case 3:* $\mu > 3/2$. First we consider a μ such that there exists an $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ satisfying $i \leq \mu \leq 1/2 + i$. This implies that

$$p_i := 2/(2(\mu - i + 1) - 1) \in [1, 2].$$

Then, similarly to Case 1, we note that $u_i := \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{x_{i-1}} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} u(y, t) dy dx_1 \cdots dx_{i-1}$ satisfies

$$\partial_x^i u_i = u, \quad u_i(x, 0) = u_{i,0}(x) := \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{x_{i-1}} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} u_0(y, t) dy dx_1 \cdots dx_{i-1},$$

and

$$\partial_t u_i - \partial_x^2 u_i = 0. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

It follows from the Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality (A.3) that

$$\|u_{i,0}\|_{L^{p_i}} \lesssim \| |x|^{\mu-(i-1)} u_{i-1,0} \|_{L^2} \lesssim \| |x|^{\mu-(i-2)} u_{i-2,0} \|_{L^2} \cdots \lesssim \| |x|^\mu u_0 \|_{L^2}.$$

This, together with classical L^2 – L^{p_i} decay estimates for the $(k+i)$ -order derivative of the solution to (A.13), yields

$$\|\partial_x^k u(t)\|_{L^2} = \|\partial_x^{k+i} u_i(t)\|_{L^2} \lesssim t^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{p_i}-\frac{1}{2})-\frac{i}{2}-\frac{k}{2}} \|u_{i,0}\|_{L^{p_i}} \lesssim t^{-\frac{\mu}{2}-\frac{k}{2}} \| |x|^\mu u_0 \|_{L^2}.$$

For the complementary case where there exists an $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that $i - 1/2 < \mu < i$, we get the desired decay estimates by using a similar interpolation argument to Case 2. The details are omitted. ■

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