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## 1 Introduction

The present article concerns with the proof of existence of weak solutions to a model of motion of two-component reactive mixture. To describe such model we use the Navier-Stokes system supplemented by two reaction-diffusion equations for the species, which express the conservation of mass, the balance of momentum and the species masses conservation, respectively:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u}) &= 0 \\ \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}(2\varrho \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) + \nabla p &= \mathbf{0} \\ \partial_t \varrho_A + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_A \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\mathcal{F}_A) &= \varrho \omega \\ \partial_t \varrho_B + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_B \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\mathcal{F}_B) &= -\varrho \omega \end{aligned} \right\} \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega. \quad (1)$$

The above system  $\varrho = \varrho(t, x)$  denotes the total mass density being the sum of species densities  $\varrho = \varrho_A + \varrho_B$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(t, x)$  is the velocity vector field,  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$  stands for the symmetric part of the velocity gradient,  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u})$ ,  $p$  is the internal pressure,  $\omega$  is the species  $A$  production rate,  $\mathcal{F}_k$  denotes the diffusion flux of the  $k$ -th species,  $k \in S = \{A, B\}$ ; for simplicity we put  $\Omega = \mathbb{T}^3$ . We consider only the three dimensional physically reasonable case. We prescribe the following initial data:

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(0, x) &= \varrho^0(x), \quad \varrho^0(x) \geq 0, \quad \varrho \mathbf{u}(0, x) = (\varrho \mathbf{u})^0(x), \\ \varrho_k(0, x) &= \varrho_k^0(x), \quad k \in S, \quad \varrho^0(x) = \varrho_A^0(x) + \varrho_B^0(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We assume that the pressure  $p = p(\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B)$  obeys the following state equation

$$p(\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B) = p_E(\varrho) + p_M(\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B), \quad (3)$$

where  $p_E$  is a modification of the standard barotropic pressure  $\varrho^\gamma$  in the region of small densities; it is a continuous function such that

$$p'_E(\varrho) \sim \begin{cases} c\varrho^{-4k-1} & \text{for } \varrho \leq 1, \quad k > 1, \\ \varrho^{\gamma-1} & \text{for } \varrho > 1, \quad \gamma > 1. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

By  $p_M$  we denote the classical molecular pressure for isothermal process given, in accordance with the Boyle law, by the constitutive equation

$$p_M = \sum_{k \in S} p_k = \sum_{k \in S} \frac{\varrho_k}{m_k}, \quad (5)$$

where  $m_k$  is the molar mass of  $k$ -th species (we take the perfect gas constant=1) and we assume that  $m_A \neq m_B$ .

The species mass fluxes  $\mathcal{F}_A, \mathcal{F}_B$  are given in a general form

$$\mathcal{F}_k = - \sum_{l \in S} C_{kl} \mathbf{d}_l, \quad k \in S, \quad (6)$$

where  $C_{kl}, k, l \in S$  are the multicomponent flux diffusion coefficients,  $\mathbf{d}_k$  is the diffusion force for  $k$ -th species which depends on the gradients of partial pressures in the following way

$$\mathbf{d}_k = \nabla \left( \frac{p_k}{p_M} \right) + \left( \frac{p_k}{p_M} - \frac{\varrho_k}{\varrho} \right) \nabla \log p_M.$$

Supposing the following form of the matrix  $C$  (see Giovangigli [12], Chapter 7):

$$C = \frac{C_0(\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B)}{\varrho} \begin{pmatrix} \varrho_B & -\varrho_A \\ -\varrho_B & \varrho_A \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

we verify, by use of (6), that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_A &= -\frac{C_0}{p_M} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho_A - \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} \nabla \varrho \right), \\ \mathcal{F}_B &= -\frac{C_0}{p_M} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho_B - \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} \nabla \varrho \right). \end{aligned}$$

In what follows we assume that the diffusion coefficient  $C_0$  is equal to the Boyle pressure, thus  $\frac{C_0}{p_M} = 1$ .

An important consequence of (7) is that  $\mathcal{F}_B + \mathcal{F}_A = 0$ , therefore system (1) is a priori linearly dependent and so, one should be able to verify that the obtained solution is compatible with the constraint  $\varrho = \varrho_A + \varrho_B$ .

The molar production rate  $\omega = \omega(\varrho_A)$  is a Lipschitz continuous function. We additionally postulate existence of constants  $\underline{\omega}$  and  $\bar{\omega}$  such that

$$-\underline{\omega} \leq \omega(\varrho_A) \leq \bar{\omega}, \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq \varrho_A \leq \varrho, \quad (8)$$

and we suppose

$$\omega(\varrho_A) \geq 0 \quad \text{whenever } \varrho_A = 0. \quad (9)$$

In majority of studies devoted to the systems modeling the multicomponent reactive flows, the diffusion fluxes are described by the Fick law [6, 7, 10, 13, 20]. This approximation does

not take into account the cross-effects that are well-known to play an important role in many phenomena. Furthermore, such an assumption leads to inconsistency with the second law of thermodynamics, when the pressure depends on the chemical composition of the mixture. In that case, the sign of the entropy production may fail to be nonnegative, which contradicts physical admissibility of the process. It is also a serious obstacle in obtaining a series of fundamental a-priori estimates. In fact, we are aware of only one result concerning the global in time existence of solutions to system (1) equipped with the relevant constitutive relations for heat conducting mixtures [12]. This was, however, established only for the initial data sufficiently close to an equilibrium state. A relevant result on the local in time well posedness of the Maxwell-Stefan multicomponent diffusion system in the isobaric, isothermal case is presented in [1].

Our aim is to construct a suitable approximate system in order to complement the considerations from [21], where the issue of weak sequential stability of solutions was addressed. An important feature of the system studied there was the form of viscosity coefficients  $\mu = \mu(\varrho)$  and  $\nu = \nu(\varrho)$  in the momentum equation

$$\partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}(2\mu \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) - \nabla(\nu \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p = 0.$$

They were assumed to satisfy the relation proposed for the first time in [2]

$$\nu(\varrho) = 2\varrho\mu'(\varrho) - 2\mu(\varrho). \quad (10)$$

In this article we restrict ourselves to the particular case when  $\mu(\varrho) = \varrho$  and  $\nu(\varrho) = 0$ . This condition is necessary to obtain better integrability of density which somehow compensates lack of information about the velocity. Indeed, in comparison to the Navier-Stokes system with constant viscosity coefficients [8,15], the vanishing viscosity coefficients lead to a problem with defining  $\mathbf{u}$  itself, as it cannot be controlled independently of  $\varrho$  any more. This obstacle was solved on the level of weak sequential stability of solutions by Mellet and Vasseur in [17], where the Bresch-Desjardins inequality was coupled with an additional estimate for the norm of  $\varrho \mathbf{u}^2$  in  $L^\infty(0, T; L \log L(\Omega))$ . Constructing the approximation which preserves both: the Bresch-Desjardins structure and the integrability of velocity in the spirit of Mellet-Vasseur seems, however, to be still an open problem. The modification of the pressure in the regions of small densities (4), as it was suggested in [4], is one of possible ways to overcome this difficulty. Nevertheless, the existence of solutions for such problem was never carefully checked so far, even for the Navier-Stokes system, some hints are given in [3].

Here, application of the concept of Bresch-Desjardins has an essential advantage. Namely, it enables to regain a part of regularity of the degenerated parabolic system of arbitrary large number of species reaction-diffusion equations

$$\partial_t \varrho_k + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_k \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\mathcal{F}_k) = \varrho \omega_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n, \quad (11)$$

which sum up to the hyperbolic continuity equation. It was observed in [18] that provided the additional regularity of the density is available, system (11) with the multicomponent diffusion (6) admits global in time weak solution.

The goal of the present note is to prove existence to an approximation of system (1), more precisely to system (12), as stated in Theorem 1 below. It is the first step in the scheme of proving existence of weak solutions to the original problem. Our approach requires to use the pressure of type (4), which causes that vacuum states are not admissible. Thanks to that we are able to control the density from below and hence also the velocity. From the mathematical viewpoint our result achieves two goals:

- construction of the approximative solutions, which is very important, but it is rather an auxiliary result to paper [21];
- presentation of the procedure/technique of proving existence of weak solutions to systems describing complex flows; this side shows rather our technique and gives possibility to find applications in many others problems which are not only connected to (1), as e.g. the general class of models with degenerated parabolic equations.

The main result of this paper reads as follows

**Theorem 1** *Let  $\varepsilon, \eta, \delta$  be fixed positive parameters. Assume that the initial data  $\varrho^0, (\varrho\mathbf{u})^0, \varrho_A^0, \varrho_B^0$  satisfy (2) together with the following bounds*

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{|(\varrho\mathbf{u})^0|^2}{\varrho^0} + \varrho^0 \pi(\varrho^0) \right) dx < \infty, \quad \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla \varrho^0|^2}{\varrho^0} dx < \infty,$$

where  $\pi'(y) = p_E(y)/y^2$ . Then there exist functions  $\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \varrho_A, \varrho_B$  solving the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho + \operatorname{div}(\varrho\mathbf{u}) - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho &= 0, \\ \partial_t(\varrho\mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(\varrho\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}(2\varrho\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) + \nabla p + \eta \Delta^2 \mathbf{u} - \delta \varrho \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho + \varepsilon(\nabla \varrho \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \partial_t \varrho_A - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_A + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_A \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho_A - \left( \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho \right) &= \varrho \omega, \\ \partial_t \varrho_B - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_B + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_B \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_A}{\varrho m_B} + \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} \right) \nabla \varrho_B - \left( \frac{\varrho_B}{\varrho m_A} \right) \nabla \varrho \right) &= -\varrho \omega, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where the first equation holds a.e. on  $(0, T) \times \Omega$  together with the initial condition  $\varrho(0, x) = \varrho^0(x)$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and the remaining ones are satisfied in the sense of distributions on  $(0, T) \times \Omega$  with the initial conditions satisfied in the sense of distributions on  $\Omega$ . Moreover, the following regularity properties are satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho &\in L^2(0, T; W^{2s+2,2}(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; W^{2s+1}), \quad \partial_t \nabla \varrho \in L^2((0, T) \times \Omega), \\ \|\varrho^{-1}\|_{L^\infty((0, T) \times \Omega)} &\leq c(\delta), \\ \mathbf{u} &\in L^2(0, T; W^{2,2}(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \\ \varrho_A, \varrho_B &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \quad \varrho_A, \varrho_B \in L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)). \end{aligned}$$

In addition

$$0 \leq \varrho_A, \varrho_B \leq \varrho, \quad \text{and} \quad \varrho_A + \varrho_B = \varrho \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T) \times \Omega.$$

Let us now outline the strategy of the proof and thus the structure of the paper. At the beginning of Section 2 we introduce the  $n$ -dimensional Faedo-Galerkin approximation for the momentum equation, truncations of coefficients in the equations of species and additional four parameters  $\kappa, \varepsilon, \eta$  and  $\delta$  which indicate the level of approximation. The parameter  $\kappa$  is responsible for smoothing coefficients of species mass balance equations,  $\varepsilon$  is the rate of dissipation in the continuity equation,  $\eta$  regularizes the velocity field while by  $\delta$  we insert to the momentum equation the artificial smoothing operator  $\delta \varrho \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho$  with  $s$  sufficiently large, inspired by the capillarity forces [5]. The main result achieved in this section is the existence of solutions for all the parameters being fixed and positive. It is formulated in Theorem 2 and it provides the starting point for Section 3, where the passages to the limit  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  are performed and thus the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

It should be emphasized that establishing Theorem 1 is really the corner stone of the proof of existence of solutions to the original problem (1). Indeed, at this level of approximation, it is relatively easy to derive the Bresch-Desjardins inequality which results in the following estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{u} + \nabla \phi(\varrho)|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} |\nabla^{2s+1} \varrho|^2 + \varrho \pi(\varrho) \right) (T) \, dx \\ & \quad + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{p'_E(\varrho)}{\varrho} |\nabla \varrho|^2 \, dx \, dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |\nabla \mathbf{u} - \nabla^T \mathbf{u}|^2 \, dx \\ & \quad + 2\delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |\Delta^{s+1} \varrho|^2 \, dx \, dt + \delta \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} |\Delta^{s+1} \varrho|^2 \, dx + \eta \int_{\Omega} |\Delta \mathbf{u}|^2 \, dx \leq c, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

with  $\pi(\varrho) = \int_0^{\varrho} y^{-2} p_E(y) \, dy \geq 0$  and a constant  $c$  which depends only on the initial data. Having obtained this estimate, the passage to the limit with remaining approximation parameters  $\varepsilon, \eta, \delta$  can be performed as in [21].

## 2 First level of approximation-construction of solution

For the constant parameters  $\varepsilon, \eta, \kappa, \delta > 0$  (we skip all the indexes when no confusion can arise) we will be looking for a set of four functions  $(\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \varrho_A, \varrho_B)$  satisfying the following regularization of the original system.

1. Approximate continuity equation:

$$\partial_t \varrho + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u}) - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho = 0, \quad (14)$$

with the initial condition

$$\varrho(0, x) = \varrho_{\delta}^0(x), \quad (15)$$

where

$$\varrho_{\delta}^0 \in C^{2+\nu}(\Omega), \quad \inf_{x \in \Omega} \varrho_{\delta}^0(x) > 0. \quad (16)$$

2. The Faedo-Galerkin approximation for the weak formulation of the momentum balance:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \varrho \mathbf{u}(T) \phi \, dx - \int_{\Omega} (\varrho \mathbf{u})^0 \phi \, dx + \eta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \Delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \Delta \phi \, dx \, dt \\ & - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\varrho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) : \nabla \phi \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} 2\varrho \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) : \nabla \phi \, dx \, dt - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} p(\varrho, \varrho_A^+, \varrho_B^+) \operatorname{div} \phi \, dx \, dt \\ & - \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varrho \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho \cdot \phi \, dx \, dt + \varepsilon \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \varrho \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \cdot \phi \, dx \, dt = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

satisfied for any test function  $\phi \in X_n$ , where  $X_n$  denotes the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean subspace of  $L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $X_n = \operatorname{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , with the scalar product

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx \quad \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in X_n.$$

Furthermore, we set

$$\varrho_i^+ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \varrho_i < 0, \\ \varrho_i & \text{if } 0 \leq \varrho_i < \varrho, \\ \varrho & \text{if } \varrho \leq \varrho_i, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } i \in S. \quad (18)$$

3. The species mass balance equations with truncated and regularized coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho_A - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_A + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_A \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho_A - \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right) &= \varrho \omega_\kappa, \\ \partial_t \varrho_B - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_B + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_B \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} + \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho_B - \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right) &= -\varrho \omega_\kappa, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and the initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_A(0, x) &= \varrho_{A,\delta}^0(x), \quad \varrho_B(0, x) = \varrho_{B,\delta}^0(x), \\ \varrho_{A,\delta}^0, \varrho_{B,\delta}^0 &\in C^{2+\nu}(\Omega), \quad \varrho_{A,\delta}^0 + \varrho_{B,\delta}^0 = \varrho_\delta^0. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Moreover, the constraint  $\varrho_A(t, x) + \varrho_B(t, x) = \varrho(t, x)$  is satisfied for  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$ .

The operator  $f \rightarrow f_\kappa$ ,  $\kappa = (\kappa_t, \kappa_x)$  is the standard smoothing operator that applies to the variables  $x$  and  $t$  in the case of functions  $\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B$ . However, the regularization over time in (19) means that instead of  $\varrho, \varrho_A, \varrho_B$  we consider their continuous extensions respectively in the class  $V_{\mathbb{R}}$  that will be specified later on. We also assume that the supports of these extensions are contained in the time-space cylinder  $(-2T, 2T) \times \Omega$ . Hence we define

$$f_\kappa(s, y) = (f * \zeta_{\kappa_x}) * \psi_{\kappa_t} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi_{\kappa_t}(s - \tau) \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \zeta_{\kappa_x}(y - z) f(\tau, z) \, dz \, d\tau,$$

where

$$\zeta_{\kappa_x}(y) = \frac{1}{\kappa_x^3} \zeta \left( \frac{y}{\kappa_x} \right)$$

and  $\zeta(y)$  is a regularizing kernel

$$\zeta \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{T}^3), \quad \operatorname{supp} \zeta \subset (-1, 1)^3, \quad \zeta(y) = \zeta(-y) \geq 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \zeta(y) \, dy = 1.$$

Similarly, we define a regularizing kernel for the time variable

$$\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad \operatorname{supp} \psi \subset (-1, 1), \quad \psi(s) = \psi(-s) \geq 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(s) \, ds = 1,$$

$$\psi_{\kappa_t}(s) = \frac{1}{\kappa_t} \psi \left( \frac{s}{\kappa_t} \right).$$

We start with the proof of well posedness of our approximate system.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $\varepsilon, \kappa, \eta, \delta$  be fixed positive parameters. Approximate problem (14-20) admits a strong solution  $\{\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \varrho_A, \varrho_B\}$  belonging to the regularity class*

$$\varrho \in C([0, T]; C^{2+\nu}(\Omega)), \quad \partial_t \varrho, \Delta \varrho \in C([0, T]; C^{0,\nu}(\Omega)), \quad \inf_{[0, T] \times \Omega} \varrho > 0,$$

$$\mathbf{u} \in C^1([0, T], X_n),$$

$$\varrho_i \in L^\infty(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)), \quad \partial_t \varrho_i, \Delta \varrho_i \in L^2((0, T) \times \Omega), \quad i \in \{A, B\}, \quad \varrho_A + \varrho_B = \varrho.$$

*Proof.* The strategy of the proof is following:

1. We linearize system (19).

2. We set  $\mathbf{u} \in C([0, T]; X_n)$  for which we find the mappings

$$\mathbf{u} \mapsto \varrho(\mathbf{u}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u} \mapsto (\varrho_A(\mathbf{u}), \varrho_B(\mathbf{u}))$$

determining the unique solution to the continuity equation and the species mass balance equations.

3. For sufficiently small time interval  $[0, \tau^0]$  we find the unique solution to the momentum equation applying the Banach fixed point theorem. Then we extend the existence result for the maximal time interval.

4. We recover the semi-linear system (19) using a version of Leray-Schauder fixed point theorem.

## 2.1 Continuity equation

Here we present the argument for existence of smooth, unique solution to problem (14-16) in the situation when the vector field  $\mathbf{u}(x, t)$  is given and belongs to  $C([0, T]; X_n)$ . The following result can be proven by the Galerkin approximation and the well known statements about the regularity of linear parabolic systems (for the details of the proof see [9], Lemma 3.1).

**Lemma 3** *Let  $\mathbf{u} \in C([0, T]; X_n)$  for  $n$  fixed and let  $\varrho_\delta^0 \in C^{2+\nu}(\Omega)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$  be such that*

$$0 < \underline{\varrho}^0 \leq \varrho^0 \leq \overline{\varrho}^0 < \infty.$$

*Then there exists the unique classical solution to (14-16), i.e.  $\varrho \in V_{[0, T]}$ , where*

$$V_{[0, T]} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varrho \in C([0, T]; C^{2+\nu}(\Omega)), \\ \partial_t \varrho \in C([0, T]; C^{0, \nu}(\Omega)). \end{array} \right\} \quad (21)$$

*Moreover, the mapping  $\mathbf{u} \mapsto \varrho(\mathbf{u})$  maps bounded sets in  $C([0, T]; X_n)$  into bounded sets in  $V_{[0, T]}$  and is continuous with values in  $C([0, T]; C^{2+\nu'}(\Omega))$ ,  $0 < \nu' < \nu < 1$ .*

*Finally,*

$$\underline{\varrho}^0 e^{-\int_0^\tau \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_\infty dt} \leq \varrho(\tau, x) \leq \overline{\varrho}^0 e^{\int_0^\tau \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_\infty dt} \quad \text{for all } \tau \in [0, T], x \in \Omega. \quad (22)$$

## 2.2 Linearized species mass balance equations

In this subsection we shall prove the existence of solutions to the linearization of system (19). For  $\tilde{\varrho}_A, \tilde{\varrho}_B \in L^\infty(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega))$  fixed,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\varrho(\mathbf{u})$  satisfying the assumptions and assertion of Lemma 3, we investigate the following system of linear parabolic equations with smooth coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho_A - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_A + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_A \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho_A - \left( \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right) &= \varrho (\omega(\tilde{\varrho}_A))_\kappa, \\ \partial_t \varrho_B - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_B + \operatorname{div}(\varrho_B \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_A^+}{\varrho m_B} + \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_B^+}{\varrho m_A} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho_B - \left( \frac{\tilde{\varrho}_B^+}{\varrho m_A} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right) &= -\varrho (\omega(\tilde{\varrho}_A))_\kappa. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

The existence of unique solution to system (23) with the initial conditions (20) is stated in the following lemma.



**Lemma 4** *Let  $\kappa > 0$  and assumptions of Lemma 3 be satisfied. Suppose that  $\varrho_{A,\delta}^0, \varrho_{B,\delta}^0 \in C^{2+\nu}(\Omega)$ , then problem (23) with the initial data (20) possesses the unique strong solution  $(\varrho_A, \varrho_B)$  belonging to the regularity class  $(V_{[0,T]})^2$ . Moreover, the mapping  $\mathbf{u} \mapsto (\varrho_A(\mathbf{u}), \varrho_B(\mathbf{u}))$  maps bounded sets in  $C([0, T]; X_n)$  into bounded sets in  $(V_{[0,T]})^2$  and is continuous with values in  $(C([0, T]; C^{2+\nu'}(\Omega)))^2$ .*

*In addition*

$$\varrho_A + \varrho_B = \varrho. \quad (24)$$

*Proof.* Existence of unique classical solutions can be shown using the classical result about solvability of the linear parabolic Cauchy problem with variable coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(t, x, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x})u = \\ \partial_t u - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j}(t, x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(t, x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + a(t, x)u = f(t, x) \quad \text{in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^3, \\ u(0, \cdot) = u^0. \end{aligned}$$

A relevant existence theory for such systems, not only within the framework of continuously differentiable functions but also for the Sobolev spaces can be found in the book of Ladyženskaja, Solonnikov and Uralceva [14]. Here, however, it is more convenient to apply the result from the analytic semigroup theory taken over from the book of Lunardi [16], which requires merely continuity of coefficients with respect to time.

**Theorem 5 (Theorem 5.1.9 in [16])** *Let all the coefficients of operator  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $f$  be uniformly continuous functions belonging to  $C^{0,\nu}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ , with  $0 < \nu < 1$ , and let  $u^0 \in C^{2+\nu}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then the above problem has a unique solution from the class  $u \in C^{1,2+\nu}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3)$  which satisfies the inequality*

$$\|u\|_{C^{1,2+\nu}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^3)} \leq c (\|f\|_{C^{0,\nu}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^3)} + \|u^0\|_{C^{2+\nu}(\mathbb{R}^3)}). \quad (25)$$

Note, in particular, that the assertion of Lemma 3 guaranties uniform continuity in the time interval  $[0, T]$  of the "worst" term proportional to  $\Delta \varrho$  which plays the role of force in the system (23). Thus the existence of regular, unique solution belonging to the class  $(V_{[0,T]})^2$  is straightforward.

The continuity of the mapping  $\mathbf{u} \mapsto (\varrho_A(\mathbf{u}), \varrho_B(\mathbf{u}))$  follows from uniqueness of solution in the class  $(V_{[0,T]})^2$ , compact embeddings in the spaces of Hölder continuous functions and the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem.

The proof of (24) follows by subtracting both equations of (19) from the approximate continuity equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \xi - \varepsilon \Delta \xi + \operatorname{div}(\xi \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\bar{\varrho}_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\bar{\varrho}_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \xi \right) = 0, \\ \xi(0, x) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where we denoted  $\xi = \varrho - \varrho_A - \varrho_B$ . The unique solution of the resulting system must be, due to the initial condition, equal to 0 for  $(t, x)$  in  $[0, T] \times \Omega$ .

By this remark, the proof of Lemma 4 is complete.  $\square$

### 2.3 Momentum equation

Now we prove that there exists  $T = T(n)$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in C([0, T]; X_n)$  satisfying (17). To this purpose we apply the fixed point argument to the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} : C([0, T]; X_n) &\rightarrow C([0, T]; X_n), \\ \mathcal{T}[\mathbf{u}](t) &= \mathcal{M}_{\varrho(t)} \left[ P_n(\varrho\mathbf{u})^0 + \int_0^t P_n \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u})(s) ds \right], \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where  $P_n$  is the orthogonal projection of  $L^2(\Omega)$  onto  $X_n$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}) = -\operatorname{div}(\varrho\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}(2\varrho\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) + \nabla p(\varrho, \varrho_A^+, \varrho_B^+) - \delta\varrho\nabla\Delta^{2s+1}\varrho + \eta\Delta^2\mathbf{u} + \varepsilon(\nabla\varrho \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varrho}[\cdot] : X_n \rightarrow X_n, \quad \int_{\Omega} \varrho \mathcal{M}_{\varrho}[\mathbf{w}] \phi \, dx = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi \rangle, \quad \mathbf{w}, \phi \in X_n.$$

First, observe that  $P_n \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u})(t)$  is bounded in  $X_n$  for  $t \in [0, T]$ . Using the equivalence of norms on the finite dimensional space  $X_n$  we can easily check that

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_n \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u})\|_{X_n} &\leq c \left[ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{X_n} + \|\varrho\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{X_n}^2 + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{X_n} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\varrho\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}^\gamma + \|\varrho\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|\varrho\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \|\varrho\|_{W^{4s+3, \infty}(\Omega)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

To justify that the last term on the r.h.s. is bounded, one needs to know that the unique solution  $\varrho$  to the approximate continuity equation (14) is more regular than it was indicated in Lemma 3. More precisely, using the fact that  $\mathbf{u}$  is actually smooth with respect to space, we can put the term  $\operatorname{div}(\varrho\mathbf{u})$  to the r.h.s. of (14) and then bootstrap the procedure leading to regularity (21), see e.g. [14], Chapter IV. By this argument, the term  $P_n \varrho \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho$  in the approximate momentum equation makes sense, i.e. it is bounded in  $L^1(0, T; X_n)$ .

Concerning the operator  $\mathcal{M}_{\varrho}$ , it is easy to see that provided  $\varrho(t, x) \geq \underline{\varrho} > 0$ , one has

$$\|\mathcal{M}_{\varrho}\|_{\mathcal{L}(X_n, X_n)} \leq \underline{\varrho}^{-1}.$$

Moreover, since  $\mathcal{M}_{\varrho} - \mathcal{M}_{\varrho'} = \mathcal{M}_{\varrho'} \left( \mathcal{M}_{\varrho'}^{-1} - \mathcal{M}_{\varrho}^{-1} \right) \mathcal{M}_{\varrho}$  we verify that

$$\|\mathcal{M}_{\varrho(t)} - \mathcal{M}_{\varrho'(t)}\|_{\mathcal{L}(X_n, X_n)} \leq c \underline{\varrho}^{-2} \|(\varrho - \varrho')(t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$$

for  $t \in [0, T]$ . Thus, by virtue of continuity of mappings  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \varrho(\mathbf{u})$  and  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow (\varrho_A(\mathbf{u}), \varrho_B(\mathbf{u}))$  and the estimates established in Lemmas 3 and 4 one can verify that  $\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{u}]$  maps the ball

$$B_{R, \tau^0} = \left\{ \mathbf{u} \in C([0, \tau^0], X_n) : \|\mathbf{u}\|_{C([0, \tau^0], X_n)} \leq R, \mathbf{u}(0, x) = P_n \left( \frac{(\varrho\mathbf{u})^0}{\varrho_\delta^0} \right) \right\}$$

into itself and it is a contraction, for sufficiently small  $\tau^0 > 0$ . It therefore possesses the unique fixed point satisfying (17) on the time interval  $[0, \tau^0]$ . In view of previous remarks, the proof of this step can be done by a minor modification of the procedure described in [19], Section 7.7, so we skip this part.

Additionally, the time regularity of  $\mathbf{u}$  may be improved by differentiating (27) with respect to time and estimating the norm of the resulting r.h.s. in  $X_n$ , so we get

$$\mathbf{u} \in C^1([0, \tau^0], X_n).$$

This is the crucial information that enables to extend this solution to the maximal time interval  $[0, T]$ . Indeed, provided the system enjoys the estimates independent of  $\tau^0$ , we can iterate the local construction of solution described above to get the solution for any  $T > 0$ . The existence of such a bound is based on the energy estimate and a bound from below for the density (22). Both of them can be again derived analogously to [19], so for the sake of consistency, we recall here only the idea of the proof.

We first differentiate (17) with respect to  $t$ , then we observe that it is possible to use  $\mathbf{u}$  as a test function, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} |\nabla^{2s+1} \varrho|^2 + \varrho \pi(\varrho) \right) dx + \int_{\Omega} 2\varrho |\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})|^2 dx \\ + \eta \int_{\Omega} |\Delta \mathbf{u}|^2 dx + \delta \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} |\Delta^{s+1} \varrho|^2 dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{m_A} + \frac{\varrho_B^+}{m_B} \right) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} dx, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

where  $\pi'(y) = p_E(y)/y^2$ .

Applying the Cauchy inequality (with  $\epsilon$ ) we see that the r.h.s. may be bounded as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{m_A} + \frac{\varrho_B^+}{m_B} \right) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} dx \right| \leq c \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\frac{1}{2}} |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}| \varrho^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \leq \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \varrho |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}|^2 dx + c(\epsilon) \int_{\Omega} \varrho dx \\ \leq 3\epsilon \int_{\Omega} \varrho |\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})|^2 dx + c(\epsilon) \int_{\Omega} \varrho dx, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where the last inequality in (30) follows by the following observation

$$(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \partial_i u_i \partial_j u_j \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} ((\partial_i u_i)^2 + (\partial_j u_j)^2) \leq 3 |\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})|^2.$$

Hence, for  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small, the l.h.s. of (29) can be absorbed by the r.h.s. and we get several, uniform in time estimates, in particular

$$\sqrt{\varrho} \mathbf{u} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad \sqrt{\eta} \Delta \mathbf{u} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)). \quad (31)$$

From this we deduce boundedness of the  $L^2(0, T; W^{2,2}(\Omega))$  norm of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Next, by the equivalency of norms, the bounds from (22) can be derived exactly as in the proof of Lemma 3. This in turn allows us to explore (29) to show the boundedness of  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$ , but again, due to equivalency of norms, we get uniformly in time that

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{C([0, T]; X_n)} \leq c.$$

By a careful repetition of calculations from [19], Section 7.7 one verifies that this bound depends on  $T$ , however, it does not blow up for arbitrary large, but finite  $T > 0$ .

## 2.4 Nonlinear equations of species mass conservation

Completing the proof of Theorem 2 requires to check that the original system (19) can be recovered. To this purpose we will need the following version of the fixed point theorem (for the proof see e.g. [11], Theorem 11.3).

**Theorem 6** *Let  $\mathcal{T} : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous, compact mapping,  $X$  a Banach space. Let for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  the fixed points  $\lambda\mathcal{T}u = u$ ,  $u \in X$  be bounded. Then  $\mathcal{T}$  possesses at least one fixed point in  $X$ .*

We will apply it to the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} : W_{[0,T]} \times W_{[0,T]} &\rightarrow W_{[0,T]} \times W_{[0,T]}, \\ \mathcal{T}(\tilde{\varrho}_A, \tilde{\varrho}_B) &= (\varrho_A, \varrho_B), \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\varrho_A, \varrho_B)$  is a unique, global in time solution to system (23) and  $W_{[0,T]}$  denotes the following class of functions

$$W_{[0,T]} = \{L^2(0, T; W^{2,2}(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega))\}. \quad (32)$$

For  $\kappa$  fixed we can show the boundedness of  $\mathcal{T}$  in the class  $(V_{[0,T]})^2$  using Theorem 5, moreover, the obtained solution is unique. Therefore, proving compactness and continuity of this mapping in  $C([0, T]; C^{2+\nu'}(\Omega))$  follows exactly as in the proof of Lemma 4.

The only assumption of the theorem above that needs to be checked is whether any solution to

$$\lambda\mathcal{T}(\varrho_A, \varrho_B) = (\varrho_A, \varrho_B)$$

is bounded for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . This identity rewrites as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho_A - \left( \varepsilon + \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \right) \Delta \varrho_A + \left( \mathbf{u} + \nabla \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \right) \nabla \varrho_A + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \varrho_A \\ = \lambda \varrho (\omega(\varrho_A))_\kappa - \lambda \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

and similarly for the species  $B$ . So, we first multiply the above equation by  $\varrho_A$  and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_\Omega \frac{\varrho_A^2}{2} dx + \int_\Omega \left( \varepsilon + \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \right) |\nabla \varrho_A|^2 dx \\ = \int_\Omega \varrho_A \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varrho_A dx + \lambda \int_\Omega \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \cdot \nabla \varrho_A dx + \lambda \int_\Omega \varrho \omega_\kappa \varrho_A dx. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

The r.h.s. is estimated due to assumed regularity of  $\varrho, \mathbf{u}$  and by the definition of  $\omega(\varrho_A)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_\Omega \varrho_A \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varrho_A dx + \lambda \int_\Omega \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \cdot \nabla \varrho_A dx + \lambda \int_\Omega \varrho \omega_\kappa \varrho_A dx \right| \\ \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \|\varrho_A\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\nabla \varrho_A\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + c \|\nabla \varrho_A\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\nabla \varrho\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + c \bar{\omega} \|\varrho\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \|\varrho_A\|_{L^1(\Omega)}, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where the r.h.s. is absorbed by the l.h.s. after application of the Cauchy inequality. The same holds for  $\varrho_B$ . Next, multiplying (33) by  $\partial_t \varrho_A$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\Omega |\partial_t \varrho_A|^2 dx + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_\Omega |\nabla \varrho_A|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_\Omega \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa |\nabla \varrho_A|^2 dx \\ = - \int_\Omega (\nabla \varrho_A \cdot \mathbf{u} \partial_t \varrho_A + \varrho_A \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \partial_t \varrho_A) dx - \lambda \int_\Omega \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_A} \right)_\kappa \nabla \varrho \right) \partial_t \varrho_A dx \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega \partial_t \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right)_\kappa |\nabla \varrho_A|^2 dx + \lambda \int_\Omega \varrho \omega_\kappa \partial_t \varrho_A dx. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

By the properties of mollifiers, regularity of  $\varrho$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  we can estimate the r.h.s., note, however, that this cannot be done independently of  $\kappa$ .

Resuming, we have shown that

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in (0, T)} \|\varrho_A\|_{W^{1,2}(\Omega)}^2 + \int_0^T \|\partial_t \varrho_A\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \, dt \leq c(\kappa) \quad (37)$$

and from this we may deduce that also

$$\|\nabla^2 \varrho_A\|_{L^2((0, T) \times \Omega)} \leq c(\kappa). \quad (38)$$

Moreover, the fixed point satisfies  $\varrho_A + \varrho_B = \varrho$ , so the proof of Theorem 2 is now complete.  $\square$

### 3 Second level of approximation

The aim of this section is to recover system (12). To this purpose we first derive the estimates uniform with respect to  $\kappa$  and then extract subsequences in order to let  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  in the approximate system. Having this, we prove that the species densities  $\varrho_A, \varrho_B$  are nonnegative, which is necessary to remove truncations from the coefficients of system (19). The last part of this section is devoted to the limit passage with the dimension of the Faedo-Galerkin approximation. Observe that the final regularity of solutions does not allow to test the momentum equation by  $\mathbf{u}$ , it is, however, sufficient to use  $\nabla \log \varrho$  instead and hence we end up with the Bresch-Desjardins estimate, as it was announced in the introduction.

#### 3.1 Estimates independent of $\kappa$

From what was written in the previous section, we deduce that the first energy estimate holds independently of  $\kappa$ , thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\varrho_\kappa} \mathbf{u}_\kappa &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), & \sqrt{\varrho_\kappa} \nabla \mathbf{u}_\kappa &\in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \\ \sqrt{\eta} \Delta \mathbf{u}_\kappa &\in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), & \sqrt{\varepsilon \delta} \Delta^{s+1} \varrho_\kappa &\in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \\ \sqrt{\delta} \nabla^{2s+1} \varrho_\kappa &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), & p_E(\varrho_\kappa) &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega)). \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

By this we see that the construction of  $\varrho_\kappa(\mathbf{u}_\kappa)$  performed in Lemma 3 can be repeated. In particular, the sequence  $\varrho_\kappa$  is uniformly separated from 0 as long as  $n$  is fixed.

In addition, repeating estimate (34) we verify that also

$$\varrho_{A,\kappa}, \varrho_{B,\kappa} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \quad \varrho_{A,\kappa}, \varrho_{B,\kappa} \in L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)). \quad (40)$$

Thus, the time derivatives of  $\varrho_{A,\kappa}, \varrho_{B,\kappa}$  can be estimated in  $L^2(0, T; W^{-1,2}(\Omega))$  directly from (23).

#### 3.2 Passage to the limit $\kappa \rightarrow 0$

Having  $n$  fixed, all the norms of  $\mathbf{u}_\kappa$  are equivalent and the limit function  $\mathbf{u} \in C([0, T]; X_n)$ , thus the passage to the limit in the continuity equation is trivial and the limit  $\varrho \in V_{[0, T]}$  on account of Lemma 3. Concerning the species mass balance equations, the Aubin-Lions argument can be applied and we get compactness of  $\varrho_{A,\kappa}$  in  $L^2(0, T; L^q(\Omega))$  for  $q < 6$ , in

particular  $\varrho_{A,\kappa} \rightarrow \varrho_A$  a.e. on  $(0, T) \times \Omega$ . By this and the bounds from (39) we easily check that the limit equations of species mass conservation are satisfied in the following sense

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \partial_t \varrho_A \psi \, dx \, dt + \varepsilon \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varrho_A \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx \, dt \\ & - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varrho_A \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\varrho_B^+}{\varrho m_A} + \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho_A \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx \, dt \\ & - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\varrho_A^+}{\varrho m_B} \right) \nabla \varrho \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx \, dt = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varrho \omega \psi \, dx \, dt, \quad (41) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\psi \in C^\infty([0, T] \times \Omega)$ , but the standard density argument enables to extend the class of test functions to  $L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega))$ . Similarly for  $\varrho_B$ .

The passage to the limit in the momentum equation is straightforward.

Our next goal is to deduce from the form of system (14-20) that for  $\kappa = 0$  the limit functions  $\varrho_A, \varrho_B$  satisfy not only the mass constraint (24) but also they are nonnegative a.e. in  $(0, T) \times \Omega$ .

We have

**Lemma 7** *Let  $\delta, \varepsilon, \eta > 0$ ,  $n$  be fixed natural number and let  $(\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \varrho_A, \varrho_B)$  be a solution to (14-20) with  $\kappa = 0$  as specified above. Then*

$$\varrho_A = \varrho_A^+, \quad \varrho_B = \varrho_B^+ \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T) \times \Omega.$$

*Proof.* In what follows, we focus only on the proof of nonnegativity of  $\varrho_A$ , the case of  $\varrho_B$  can be shown analogously.

By virtue of (40), we are allowed to test (41) with a function  $(\varrho_{A-} + l)^{q-1}$ ,  $l > 0$ ,  $q \in (1, 2]$ , where

$$\varrho_{A-} = \begin{cases} -\varrho_A & \text{if } \varrho_A < 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq \varrho_A, \end{cases}$$

and then pass to the limit  $l \rightarrow 0^+$ . Observe that  $\varrho_A^+ \varrho_{A-} = 0$  and  $\varrho_B^+ \varrho_{A-} = \varrho \varrho_{A-}$  in case when  $\varrho_A < 0$  or  $\varrho_B^+ \varrho_{A-} = 0$  for  $\varrho_A \geq 0$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{q} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho_{A-}^q \, dx - \frac{4\varepsilon(q-1)}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2}|^2 \, dx - \frac{4(q-1)}{m_A q^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2}|^2 \, dx \\ & = (1-q) \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varrho_{A-} \varrho_{A-}^{q-1} \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \varrho \omega(\varrho_A) \varrho_{A-}^{q-1} \, dx. \quad (42) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varrho_{A-} \geq 0$  enforces  $\omega(\varrho_A) \geq 0$ , we put the last term from the r.h.s. to the l.h.s., so multiplying the above expression by  $-1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho_{A-}^q \, dx + \frac{4\varepsilon(q-1)}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2}|^2 \, dx + \frac{4(q-1)}{m_A q^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2}|^2 \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \varrho \omega(\varrho_A) \varrho_{A-}^{q-1} \, dx \\ & = \frac{2(q-1)}{q} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2} \varrho_{A-}^{q/2} \, dx. \quad (43) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the r.h.s. may be bounded by use of the Cauchy inequality

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2} \varrho_{A-}^{q/2} \, dx \right| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \left( \varepsilon \|\nabla \varrho_{A-}^{q/2}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + c(\varepsilon) \|\varrho_{A-}^{q/2}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)$$

and the first of the resulting terms is absorbed by the l.h.s. of (43) provided  $\frac{4}{m_A q^2} > \frac{2\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_\infty}{q}$ , while the other is bounded since  $\varrho_A \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ . Further, as the three last terms from the l.h.s. of (43) are nonnegative we get that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho_{A-}^q dx \leq c(q-1),$$

thus, passing to the limit  $q \rightarrow 1^+$  and integrating by time we conclude that

$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho_{A-}(t) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \varrho_{A-}(0) dx.$$

Since the integrant from the r.h.s. is equal to 0 a.e. in  $\Omega$ , there must be  $\varrho_{A-}(t, x) = 0$  a.e. in  $(0, T) \times \Omega$ .  $\square$

Obviously, positiveness of species masses coupled with (24) leads to the following inequality

$$0 \leq \varrho_A, \varrho_B \leq \varrho, \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T) \times \Omega.$$

### 3.3 Estimates independent of the dimension of the Galerkin approximation

Observe that the estimates derived in the previous section are independent of  $n$ . In particular, due to bounds from (39) we deduce that

$$\mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{u} \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; W^{2,2}(\Omega)), \quad (44)$$

and

$$\varrho_n \rightarrow \varrho \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; W^{2s+2,2}(\Omega)), \quad (45)$$

at least for a suitable subsequence. In addition the r.h.s. of the linear parabolic problem

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \varrho_n - \varepsilon \Delta \varrho_n &= \operatorname{div}(\varrho_n \mathbf{u}_n), \\ \varrho_n(0, x) &= \varrho_\delta^0, \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

is uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; L^6(\Omega))$  and the initial condition is sufficiently smooth, thus, applying the  $L^p - L^q$  theory to this problem we conclude that  $\{\partial_t \varrho_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; L^6(\Omega))$ . Therefore, the standard compact embeddings imply

$$\varrho_n \rightarrow \varrho \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T) \times \Omega;$$

whence the limit passage in the approximate continuity equation is straightforward. Having that, we can also identify the limit for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in all terms of the momentum equation, except for the convective term, the additional capillarity force and the pressure. To handle the first one observe that

$$\varrho_n \mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \varrho \mathbf{u} \quad \text{weakly in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)),$$

due to the uniform estimates (39) and the strong convergence of the density. Next, one can show that for any  $\phi \in \cup_{n=1}^\infty X_n$  the family of functions  $\int_{\Omega} \varrho_n \mathbf{u}_n(t) \phi dx$  is bounded and equicontinuous in  $C([0, T])$ , thus via the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem and density of smooth functions in  $L^2(\Omega)$  we get that

$$\varrho_n \mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \varrho \mathbf{u} \quad \text{in } C([0, T]; L^2_{weak}(\Omega)).$$

Finally, by the compact embedding  $L^2(\Omega) \subset W^{-1,2}(\Omega)$  and the weak convergence of  $\mathbf{u}_n$  (44) we verify that

$$\varrho_n \mathbf{u}_n \otimes \mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \varrho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T) \times \Omega).$$

Concerning the capillarity term, we first rewrite it in the form

$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho_n \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho_n \cdot \phi \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \Delta^s \operatorname{div}(\varrho_n \phi) \Delta^{s+1} \varrho_n \, dx.$$

Due to (45) and boundedness of the time derivative of  $\varrho_n$ , we infer that

$$\varrho_n \rightarrow \varrho \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; W^{2s+1,2}(\Omega)), \quad (47)$$

thus

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varrho_n \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho_n \cdot \phi \, dx \, dt \rightarrow \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varrho \nabla \Delta^{2s+1} \varrho \cdot \phi \, dx \, dt,$$

for every  $\phi \in \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ . Moreover, by the penultimate estimate of (39) and since the set  $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  is dense in  $W^{2s+2}(\Omega)$ , this convergence holds for all  $\phi \in L^2(0, T; W^{2s+2}(\Omega))$ .

Passage to the limit in the molecular part of the pressure is an easy task, since due to (40) there exist the subsequences such that

$$\varrho_{k,n} \rightarrow \varrho_k, \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)), \quad k \in S.$$

So the only uncertain part is the nonlinear barotropic pressure. Its strong convergence is a consequence of pointwise convergence of the density, and the bounds from (39). Taking  $s$  sufficiently large we can show that the density is separated from 0 uniformly with respect to all approximation parameters except for  $\delta$ . Indeed, since by the Sobolev embedding  $\|\varrho^{-1}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq c \|\varrho^{-1}\|_{W^{3,k}(\Omega)}$  for  $k > 1$  and

$$\|\nabla^3 \varrho^{-1}\|_{L^k(\Omega)} \leq (1 + \|\nabla^3 \varrho\|_{L^{2k}(\Omega)})^3 (1 + \|\varrho^{-1}\|_{L^{4k}(\Omega)})^4,$$

is bounded on account of (39), provided that  $2s + 1 \geq 4$ , we have

$$\|\varrho^{-1}\|_{L^\infty((0,T) \times \Omega)} \leq c(\delta) \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T) \times \Omega. \quad (48)$$

By this observation, passage to the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the species mass balance equations may be performed identically as the passage  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  from the previous subsection. Theorem 1 is proved.  $\square$

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