# Large-time behavior of viscous Hamilton-facobi equations 

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where

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## The ergodic problem in $\mathbb{R}^{N}$ in the case $m>2$

## Theorem ([Barles and Meireles, 2016])

Assume that $f \in W_{\text {loc }}^{1, \infty}\left(\mathbb{R}^{N}\right)$ is coercive. If $\phi$ is a solution of $\left(E_{\lambda_{1}}\right)$ and $\psi$ is a solution of $\left(E_{\lambda_{2}}\right)$, both bounded from below, then $\lambda_{1}=\lambda_{2}$ and there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\phi=\psi+c$.

- In short, if $m>2$ there is a unique solution pair $\left(\lambda^{*}, \phi\right)$ in the class of bounded from below solutions.
- $\phi$ is unique up to additive constants, we may assume $\inf _{\mathbb{R}^{N}} \phi=0$.
- Uniqueness follows from a comparison principle on exterior domains, i.e., $\mathbb{R}^{N} \backslash B_{R}$ for large $R>0$.


## LTB, assumptions on $f$ case $m>2$

- There exists an increasing function $\varphi:[0,+\infty) \rightarrow[0,+\infty)$ and constants $\alpha, \varphi_{0}, f_{0}>0$ such that for all $r \geq 0$,

$$
\varphi_{0}^{-1} r^{\alpha} \leq \varphi(r)
$$

and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$ and $r=|x|$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{0}^{-1} \varphi(r) \leq f(x) \leq f_{0}(\varphi(r)+1) \tag{H1}
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- In [Ichihara, 2012], this is shown for $f(x) \approx|x|^{\beta}$, where $\beta \geq m^{*}=\frac{m}{m-1}$, and $u_{0}$ has at most polynomial growth.


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- We use an ODE approach to construct sub- and super solutions of

$$
v_{t}-\Delta v+|D v|^{m}=f(x)-\lambda^{*}
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## Behavior of $\phi$

## Lemma

$$
\lim _{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{|x|}=\infty
$$

Proof. Blow up argument to find a supersolution of the eikonal equation Comparison with eikonal equation we find a contradiction.

## Lemma (Sub- and supersolutions)

(1) There exists a constant $\sigma>0$ such that $U(\cdot, t) \rightarrow \phi-\sigma$ and $V(\cdot, t) \rightarrow \phi+\sigma$ locally uniformly in $\mathbb{R}^{N}$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
(2) For any fixed $\hat{t}>0$,

$$
V(x, \hat{t}) \rightarrow+\infty \quad \text { as } x \rightarrow \partial Q_{\hat{t}}\left(x \in Q_{\hat{t}}\right) .
$$

(3) There exists $M>0$ such that, for all $t>0$,

$$
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& \begin{cases}\chi^{\prime \prime}=C\left(\chi^{\prime}\right)^{\beta_{1}}\left(1+\chi^{\prime}\right)^{\beta_{2}} & \text { in }(-\infty, b), \\
\chi(0)=\chi^{\prime}(0)=0, & \text { (SUP-ODE) } \\
\chi(s) \equiv+\infty & \text { for all } s \geq b\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

Choice of constants $t_{0}>0$ (to be chosen) determines "when the supersolution comes into play".

Suitable choices of $\beta_{1} \in(0,1), \beta_{1}+\beta_{2}>1$ imply that (SUP-ODE) has a nontrivial solution and $\hat{\beta}=\hat{\beta}\left(\beta_{1}, \beta_{2}, p\right)$ is large, hence

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& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
\xi^{\prime \prime}=-C(1-\xi)^{\eta_{1}}\left(\xi^{\prime}\right)^{\eta_{2}} \quad \text { in }(0, \infty), \\
\xi(0)=0, \xi^{\prime}(0)=1,
\end{array}\right. \tag{SUB-ODE}
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with $t_{0}, \eta_{1}, \eta_{2}>0$ to be chosen; $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}>0$, as before.

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## Convergence argument

## Lemma

$u(x, t)-\lambda^{*} t$ is bounded over compact sets, uniformly with respect to $t>0$.

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Together with local gradient bounds [Barles 2017] by compactness we have convergence along subsequences $\left(t_{n}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, t_{n} \rightarrow+\infty$ over compact sets.

The SMP implies the limit is $\phi+\hat{c}$, for some $\hat{c} \in \mathbb{R}$.

## Full convergence

To prove convergence on $\widehat{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^{N}$ we use

- Convergent subsequence on $\bar{B}_{R}$ for $B_{R} \supset \widehat{K}$, with $R \gg 1$
- Finer parametrization of sub-, supersolutions $U_{R}, V_{R}$ :

For $R>0$ and $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{N} \times(0,+\infty)$,
$V_{R}(x, t)=\phi(x)+\hat{c}+\chi(\phi(x)+\hat{c}-(t+R))+\int_{R}^{t+R}\left(\tau^{\hat{\alpha}}+1\right)^{-\hat{\beta}} d \tau+\frac{1}{R}$,
and similarly for a subsolution $U_{R}$.

- Note that the "extra terms" vanish as $R \rightarrow+\infty$.


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## LTB, assumptions on $f$ for the case $1<m \leq 2$

- There exists a nondecreasing function $\varphi:[0, \infty) \rightarrow[0, \infty)$ and $c>0$ such that, if $r=|x|$, then

$$
c^{-1} \varphi(r) \leq f(x) \leq c(\varphi(r)+1)
$$

and for sufficiently large $\rho>0$,

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\begin{equation*}
\rho \varphi(\rho+1)^{\frac{1}{m}} \leq \varphi(\rho) \tag{H2}
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\limsup _{x \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{|D f(x)|^{\frac{1}{2 m-1}}}{|f(x)|^{\frac{1}{m}}}<+\infty \tag{H3}
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- The initial data satisfies

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\begin{equation*}
u_{0}(x) \leq c_{0}+c_{2}|x|\left[\inf _{\mathbb{R}^{N} \backslash B_{\frac{1}{2}}|x|} f\right]^{\frac{1}{m}} \tag{H4}
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for a precise value of $c_{2}>0$ and some $c_{0} \geq 0$.

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The result follows from approximation of $\left(E_{\lambda}\right)$ over bounded domains and a well chosen perturbation of solutions

## LTB, convergence result $\quad 1<m \leq 2$

## Theorem (Quaas, R.)

Assume (H2)-(H4) hold. Then, $u(\cdot, t)-\lambda^{*} t \rightarrow \phi+\hat{c}$ locally uniformly over $\mathbb{R}^{N}$, for some constant $\hat{c} \in \mathbb{R}$, where $u=u(x, t)$ is any solution of $(\mathrm{VHJ})$ and $\phi$ is the unique (normalized) solution of ( $E_{\lambda^{*}}$ ).

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