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THIN LAYERS FOR THE LANDAU-LIFSCHITZ EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the behaviour of the magnetization in a thin layer of ferromagnetic material when the exchange coefficient is small. We explain the interaction between the boundary layer phenomenon and the thin layer phenomenon.

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1. INTRODUCTION

We consider here ferromagnetic media which are spontaneously magnetized. They are used for example in computers and in aeronautics for the skins of the planes. In the quasi-stationary case, the behaviour of the magnetization, denoted by u , is described by the Landau-Lifschitz equation:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u \wedge H_e - u \wedge (u \wedge H_e) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where Ω is a domain filled with ferromagnetic material and immersed in the vacuum, n is the outward unitary normal to $\partial\Omega$ and H_e is the effective magnetic field given by:

$$(2) \quad H_e = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + \mathcal{H}(u).$$

Here, ε^2 is a small parameter called the exchange coefficient, $\mathcal{H}(u)$ is called the demagnetizing field given by the magnetostatic equations (we assume that we always are at the electromagnetic equilibrium):

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}(u) \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \operatorname{div} (\mathcal{H}(u) + \bar{u}) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \operatorname{curl} \mathcal{H}(u) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^3), \end{cases}$$

where \bar{u} is the extension of u by 0 outside Ω .

When the exchange coefficient ε is fixed, G. Carbou and P. Fabrie have proved in [6] the existence and uniqueness of local regular solutions for the equations (1)-(3). When the exchange coefficient ε goes to zero, G. Carbou, P. Fabrie and O. Guès have proved in [8] the following theorem on u^ε , solution of the previous equations:

Theorem 1.1 (G. Carbou, P. Fabrie, O. Guès). *Let $u_0 \in \mathbb{H}^5(\Omega)$, $|u_0| = 1$, $\left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n}\right)_{|\partial\Omega} = 0$, there exists a function $U^0 \in \mathcal{C}([0, +\infty[; \mathbb{H}^5(\Omega))$ solution of*

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial U^0}{\partial t} = U^0 \wedge \mathcal{H}(U^0) - U^0 \wedge (U^0 \wedge \mathcal{H}(U^0)) & \text{in } [0, +\infty[\times \Omega, \\ U^0(0, x) = u_0(x) & \text{on } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

which, moreover, fulfills $|U^0(t, x)| = 1$ for all $(t, x) \in [0, +\infty[\times \Omega$. There also exists a function $\tilde{U}^1 \in \mathbb{L}^\infty_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_t^+; \mathbb{H}^4(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{H}^4(\mathbb{R}^+))$ and a time $T^\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} T^\varepsilon = +\infty$, so that the solution u^ε of the equations (1)-(3) can be written in the form

$$u^\varepsilon(t, x) = U^0(t, x) + \varepsilon \tilde{U}^1\left(t, x, \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon v^\varepsilon(t, x), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

$\forall T < T^\varepsilon$ and with $\varphi(x) = \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega)$. Moreover v^ε is bounded in $\mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega))$, and $\varepsilon v^\varepsilon$ is bounded in $\mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{H}^2(\Omega)) \cap \mathbb{L}^2(0, T; \mathbb{H}^3(\Omega))$.

So the solution u^ε of the equations (1)-(3) admits an asymptotic expansion when ε goes to zero on a time interval $[0, T^\varepsilon[$ with $T^\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$, whose first order term is the solution of the Landau-Lifschitz equation with $\varepsilon = 0$ and whose second order term is a perturbation which lives in a neighbourhood of the boundary $\partial\Omega$ and whose characteristic thickness is ε .

In [16] we study the case where the demagnetizing field is replaced by an anisotropic field $\Psi(x, u)$ in H_e .

Remark 1.2. *We can study these equations with both the demagnetizing field and the anisotropic field but we ignore the latter for simplification.*

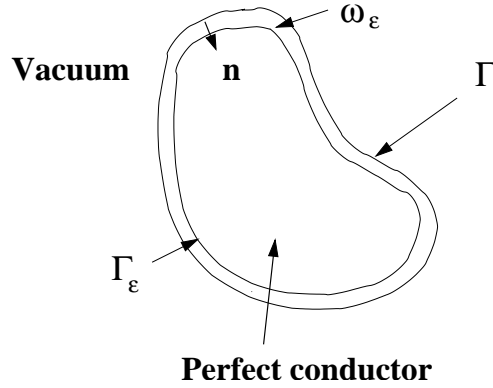
According to the previous result, the perturbation occurs in a ε -thick neighbourhood of $\partial\Omega$. If we now consider a domain with thickness ε , there will be a competition between the behaviours due to the small thickness and the boundary layer that we will describe in the following: in a previous work (see [17]) we considered the case of a ε -thick periodic sheet of ferromagnetic material immersed in the vacuum. We will present here the case of a thin layer of ferromagnetic material spread on a non-flat perfect conductor. We then take into account the geometry of the domain (see [18] for the whole proof).

2. THIN LAYERS

Let us precise the notations. Let Ω be a regular bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^3 . We denote $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$. For $x \in \Omega$ we introduce $\varphi(x) = \text{dist}(x, \Gamma)$ and $P_\Gamma(x)$ the orthogonal projection of x onto Γ . We remark that since Γ is a regular surface of \mathbb{R}^3 , φ and P_Γ are regular in a neighbourhood of Γ .

We set

$$\omega_\varepsilon = \{x \in \Omega, 0 < \varphi(x) < \varepsilon\}.$$



We denote $\mathcal{U}^\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus \omega_\varepsilon$ the domain where lies the perfect conductor.

The equations we will consider are:

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial t} = u^\varepsilon \wedge (\varepsilon^2 \Delta u^\varepsilon + \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon)) - u^\varepsilon \wedge (u^\varepsilon \wedge (\varepsilon^2 \Delta u^\varepsilon + \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon))) & \text{in } \omega_\varepsilon, \\ \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\omega_\varepsilon, \\ u^\varepsilon(0, \cdot) = u_0 & \text{in } \omega_\varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

where the operator \mathcal{H} fulfills now

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \mathcal{U}^\varepsilon), \\ \text{curl } \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \mathcal{U}^\varepsilon, \\ \text{div } (\mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) + \overline{u^\varepsilon}) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \mathcal{U}^\varepsilon, \\ [\mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) \wedge n] = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) \wedge n = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon, \text{ (Boundary condition for a perfect conductor)} \\ [(\mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) + \overline{u^\varepsilon}) \cdot n] = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \\ (\mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) + \overline{u^\varepsilon}) \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon, \text{ (Boundary condition for a perfect conductor)} \end{cases}$$

where n denotes the outward unitary normal to $\partial\omega_\varepsilon$ and $[v]$ denotes the jump of v at the interface $\partial\omega_\varepsilon$.

In order to perform an asymptotic expansion and get the profiles we deal with the rescaled equation. We assume the following conditions are fulfilled:

(H1) The initial data u_0^ε satisfies $\frac{\partial u_0^\varepsilon}{\partial n} = 0$ on $\partial\omega_\varepsilon$ and can be written in the form:

$$u_0^\varepsilon(x) = U_0^0(P(x)) + \varepsilon U_0^1\left(P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon^2 U_0^2\left(P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) \\ + \varepsilon^3 U_0^3\left(P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon^3 r_0^\varepsilon(x), \quad \forall x \in \omega_\varepsilon,$$

(H2) $|u_0^\varepsilon(x)| = 1$ for all $x \in \omega_\varepsilon$,

(H3) $U_0^0 \in \mathbb{W}^{7,\infty}(\Gamma)$ such that $|U_0^0| \equiv 1$,

(H4) $U_0^1 \in \mathbb{H}^6(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^5(0,1)$,

(H5) $U_0^2 \in \mathbb{H}^5(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^5(0,1)$,

(H6) $U_0^3 \in \mathbb{H}^4(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^5(0,1)$,

(H7) $r_0^\varepsilon \in \mathbb{H}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)$ is the initial data for the remainder term r^ε and fulfills the additional condition:

$$\|r_0^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^2 + \|\nabla_{\Gamma_z} r_0^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^2 + \|\varepsilon \partial_z r_0^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \left(\|\Delta_{\Gamma_z} r_0^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^2 + \|\partial_z^2 r_0^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^2 \right) \leq C,$$

where C is an ε -independent constant, ∇_{Γ_z} and Δ_{Γ_z} are the tangential parts of the gradient and Laplace operators.

Remark 2.1. We work with Sobolev spaces adapted to the anisotropy of the problem:

$$\mathbb{L}^p(\omega_\varepsilon) = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{D}(\omega_\varepsilon), \frac{1}{|\omega_\varepsilon|} \int_{\omega_\varepsilon} |u|^p dx \right\}, \quad \mathbb{H}^0(\omega_\varepsilon) = \mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon), \\ \mathbb{H}^{p+1}(\omega_\varepsilon) = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon), \nabla_{\Gamma_z} u \in \mathbb{H}^p(\omega_\varepsilon) \text{ and } \varepsilon \partial_z u \in \mathbb{H}^p(\omega_\varepsilon) \right\},$$

and with the natural norms on these spaces.

Our main result is the following:

Theorem 2.2. Under the assumptions (H1)-(H7), if T^ε is the maximum time of existence of the regular solution u^ε of the equation (5) then $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} T^\varepsilon = +\infty$ and there exists some profiles U^0, U^1, U^2, U^3 defined on $\mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \Gamma \times (0,1)$ such that for all $T < T^\varepsilon$, $x \in \omega_\varepsilon$ and $t < T$,

$$u^\varepsilon(t, x) = U^0(t, P(x)) + \varepsilon U^1\left(t, P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon^2 U^2\left(t, P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) \\ + \varepsilon^3 U^3\left(t, P(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) + \varepsilon^3 r^\varepsilon(t, x),$$

where for all $T > 0$,

- $U^0 \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}_t^+; \mathbb{W}^{7,\infty}(\Gamma))$ is solution of the equation (5) with $\varepsilon = 0$, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial U^0}{\partial t} = U^0 \wedge H^0 - U^0 \wedge (U^0 \wedge H^0) & \text{in } \Gamma, \\ U^0(0, \cdot) = U_0^0 & \text{in } \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

where $H^0 = -U_3^0 e^3$ becomes a local operator,

- $U^1 \in \bigcap_{k=0}^2 [\mathbb{W}^{k,\infty}(0, T; \mathbb{H}^6(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{5-2k}(0, 1)) \cap \mathbb{H}^k(0, T; \mathbb{H}^6(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{6-2k}(0, 1))],$
- $U^2 \in \bigcap_{k=0}^2 [\mathbb{W}^{k,\infty}(0, T; \mathbb{H}^5(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{5-2k}(0, 1)) \cap \mathbb{H}^k(0, T; \mathbb{H}^5(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{6-2k}(0, 1))],$
- $U^3 \in \bigcap_{k=0}^2 [\mathbb{W}^{k,\infty}(0, T; \mathbb{H}^4(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{5-2k}(0, 1)) \cap \mathbb{H}^k(0, T; \mathbb{H}^4(\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{H}^{6-2k}(0, 1))],$ *item*
 for all $T < T^\varepsilon$ the function r^ε is bounded in $\mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{H}^1(\omega_\varepsilon))$ and the function $\varepsilon r^\varepsilon$ is bounded in $\mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{H}^2(\omega_\varepsilon))$.

We have then obtained a first order asymptotic expansion valid on the time interval $(0, T^\varepsilon)$ with $T^\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and whose first order term is solution of the previous equations taken with $\varepsilon = 0$, *i.e.* solution of the 2D Landau-Lifschitz equation with a null exchange coefficient. Also the magnetic field in the 2D Landau-Lifschitz equation is no longer a solution of equation (6), it is now a local operator orthogonal to the surface Γ (in accordance with the physics). Moreover the second order perturbation lies in the whole domain contrary to the boundary layer case.

Sketch of the proof.

- Since we can prove that the norm of u is conserved, the Landau-Lifschitz equation is equivalent to the following equation (see [6]):

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial t} - \varepsilon^2 \Delta u^\varepsilon = \varepsilon^2 |\nabla u^\varepsilon|^2 u^\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2 u^\varepsilon \wedge \Delta u^\varepsilon + u^\varepsilon \wedge \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon) \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad - u^\varepsilon \wedge (u^\varepsilon \wedge \mathcal{H}(u^\varepsilon)) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times \omega_\varepsilon, \\ \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}_t^+ \times (\Gamma \cup \Gamma_\varepsilon), \\ u^\varepsilon(0, \cdot) = u_0^\varepsilon \quad \text{in } \omega_\varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

since $u \cdot \Delta u = -|\nabla u|^2$ when $|u| \equiv 1$.

- We look for solutions in the form of an asymptotic expansion in ε where the profiles are defined on \mathbb{R}_t^+ and on the new coordinates $\Gamma \times (0, 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} u^\varepsilon(t, x) &= U^0 \left(t, P_\Gamma(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon U^1 \left(t, P_\Gamma(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon} \right) + \dots \\ H^\varepsilon(t, x) &= H^0 \left(t, P_\Gamma(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon H^1 \left(t, P_\Gamma(x), \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varepsilon} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where $P_\Gamma(x)$ is the orthogonal projection of x onto Γ and $\varphi(x) = \text{dist}(x, \Gamma)$.

In the vacuum outside ω we can prove that there is no boundary layer, so for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \omega$,

$$H^\varepsilon(t, x) = H^0(t, x) + \varepsilon H^1(t, x) + \dots$$

We substitute to u and H their asymptotic expansion in (6)-(7) and we obtain

- transmission conditions for the profiles H^i deduced from the transmission condition written in equation (6),

- the Neumann conditions written in the new coordinates for the profiles,
- the equations fulfilled by the magnetic field outside ω_ε and which can be solved by Lax-Milgram theorem,
- the equations fulfilled by the profiles of u and H in the thin layer. Thanks to the introduction of the new coordinates, the classical differential operators split into two parts, a tangential operator and a normal operator (see [5] and [18]) which allows us to perform the calculus in a simpler way. For example:

If $u : \omega_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{R}^3 , we have, setting $\tilde{u}(\sigma, z) = u(x)$ with $\sigma = P_\Gamma(x)$, $z = \varphi(x)$:

$$\nabla u(x) = \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial z}(\sigma, z)n(\sigma) + (\nabla_{\Gamma_z} \tilde{u})(\sigma, z),$$

where $\Gamma_z = \{x \in \Omega, \text{dist}(x, \Gamma) = z\}$, ∇_{Γ_z} is the tangential gradient on Γ_z when Γ_z is parameterized by Γ .

With this formalism we obtain the equations fulfilled by H^0 :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(H^0 + U^0) \cdot n] = 0, \\ n \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial z} H^0 = 0. \end{cases}$$

We can solve them thanks to the transmission conditions and the solution we obtained outside ω_ε . We obtain $H^0 = -(U^0 \cdot n)n$, *i.e.* \mathcal{H} behaves itself as a local operator at order ε^0 .

Next U^0 fulfilled the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial U^0}{\partial t} - U_{zz}^0 = |U_z^0|^2 U^0 + U^0 \wedge U_{zz}^0 + U^0 \wedge H^0 - U^0 \wedge (U^0 \wedge H^0) \quad \text{in } \Gamma \times (0, 1).$$

According to the assumption (H3) we can prove that U^0 does not depend on z , so U^0 fulfills

$$\frac{\partial U^0}{\partial t} = U^0 \wedge H^0 - U^0 \wedge (U^0 \wedge H^0) \quad \text{in } \Gamma \times (0, 1).$$

By the same way we get the equations fulfilled by H^i, U^i . We obtain for $i = 1, 2, 3$,

$$H^i = -(U^i \cdot n)n + a(U^1, \dots, U^{i-1}),$$

where a is a linear operator, and U^i fulfills

$$\frac{\partial U^i}{\partial t} - U_{zz}^i = U^0 \wedge U_{zz}^1 + F_i(U^0, \dots, U^{i-1}, U^i) + G_i(U^0, \dots, U^{i-1}),$$

where F_i is a linear operator in its last variable U^i . We can then obtain the existence of the profiles and the properties we announced above.

- the main difficulty lies in the estimates on the remainder term. Except the technical part of these estimates, there are two important points: we first need to estimate the

remainder term Q^ε of H^ε with the one of u^ε (r^ε) in the same spaces: Q^ε solves

$$\begin{cases} Q^\varepsilon \in \mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon), \\ \operatorname{curl} Q^\varepsilon + A(H^0, \bar{U}^0, H^1, \bar{U}^1, H^2, \bar{U}^2, H^3, \bar{U}^3) = 0 \text{ in } \omega_\varepsilon, \\ \operatorname{div}(Q^\varepsilon + \bar{r}^\varepsilon) + B(H^0, \bar{U}^0, H^1, \bar{U}^1, H^2, \bar{U}^2, H^3, \bar{U}^3) = 0 \text{ in } \omega_\varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

where A and B are linear functions of their arguments, with the following transmission conditions

$$\begin{cases} [Q^\varepsilon \wedge n] = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma, \\ [(Q^\varepsilon + \bar{r}^\varepsilon) \cdot n] = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma, \\ Q^\varepsilon \wedge n = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_\varepsilon, \\ (Q^\varepsilon + \bar{r}^\varepsilon) \cdot n = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_\varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.3. *If $r^\varepsilon \in \mathbb{H}^p$, there exists an unique $Q^\varepsilon = R^\varepsilon + S^\varepsilon$ and a constant c_0 such that S^ε is regular, R^ε is linear in r^ε and :*

$$\|R^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{H}^p(\omega_\varepsilon)} \leq c_0 \|r^\varepsilon\|_{\mathbb{H}^p(\omega_\varepsilon)}.$$

Secondly we need ε -independent estimates on the remainder term of u . As we use Sobolev embeddings we need to precise the dependence on ε of the Sobolev constants. Following the work of R. Temam and M. Ziane [19], we obtain some other estimates (See [17], [18]). For example we have in the anisotropic spaces (see Remark 2.1):

Lemma 2.4. *There exists c_0 independent of ε such that $\forall u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\omega_\varepsilon)$ and $\forall 2 \leq p \leq 6$,*

$$\|u\|_{\mathbb{L}^p(\omega_\varepsilon)} \leq c_0 \|u\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^{\frac{3}{p}-\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{\mathbb{H}^1(\omega_\varepsilon)}^{\frac{3}{2}-\frac{3}{p}}$$

and $\forall u \in \mathbb{H}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)$, $\forall 2 \leq p \leq +\infty$,

$$\|u\|_{\mathbb{L}^p(\omega_\varepsilon)} \leq c_0 \|u\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^{\frac{1}{4}+\frac{3}{2p}} \|u\|_{\mathbb{H}^2(\omega_\varepsilon)}^{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{3}{2p}}.$$

□

Remark 2.5. *We have studied here the behaviour of Landau-Lifschitz equations with an exchange coefficient ε^2 in a thin layer of thickness ε . That is the case where the thickness of the boundary layer (if there were any, cf [8]) and the domain's thickness are of the same size. If we instead consider a thin layer with a thickness ε^α ($\alpha > 0$, $\alpha = \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$), we perform now an asymptotic expansion at the scale $\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{q}}$ and we see two different behaviours. If $\alpha > 1$ we get the same type of behaviour than that of the case $\alpha = 1$, i.e. the behaviour of a thin layer and the localization of H at the low orders. If $\alpha < 1$, the layer's thickness is bigger than the characteristic thickness of the boundary layer. We then obtain a boundary layer in the thin layer but with a smaller thickness ($\varepsilon^{1-\alpha}$) and we also get at the low orders the localization of H .*

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