Model with *n* layers with *n* increasing  $\Rightarrow$  Problem (*P<sup>n</sup>*)

$$\frac{\partial p_j^n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p_j^n}{\partial a} + \mu_j^n(a, S_j^n(t, y))p_j^n - K_j^n(a)\frac{\partial^2 p_j^n}{\partial y^2} = f_j^n \text{ in } (0, T) \times \Omega_j,$$
(1)

$$p_j^n(0, a, y) = p_{0j}^n(a, y) \text{ in } \Omega_j, \ j = 1, 2, ..., n,$$
 (2)

$$p_j^n = p_{j+1}^n \text{ on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_j}, \ j = 1, 2, ..., n-1$$
 (3)

$$K_j^n(a)\frac{\partial p_j^n}{\partial y} = K_{j+1}^n(a)\frac{\partial p_{j+1}^n}{\partial y} \text{ on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_j}, \ j = 1,2,...,n-1,$$
(4)

$$K_1^n(a)\frac{\partial p_1^n}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_0},$$
(5)

$$K_n^n(a)\frac{\partial p_n^n}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_L},$$
(6)

$$p_j^n(t,0,y) = \int_0^{a^+} \beta_j^n(a, S_j^n(t,y)) p_j^n(a,t,y) da, \text{ for } j = 1, 2, ..., n.$$
(7)

$$S_{j}^{n}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{0}^{a^{+}} \int_{y_{k-1}}^{y_{k}} \gamma_{j}^{n}(a, y, z) p_{k}^{n}(t, a, z) dadz, \ j = 1, 2, ..., n.$$

Problem (P)  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} + \mu(a, y, S(t, y))p - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(K(a, y)\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}) = f \text{ in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad (8)$ 

$$p(0, a, y) = p(a, y) \text{ in } \Omega, \tag{9}$$

$$K(a,y)\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_0} \text{ and on } (0,T) \times \Gamma_{y_L}$$
 (10)

$$p(t,0,y) = \int_0^{a^+} \beta(a,y,S(t,y)) p(a,t,y) da,$$
(11)

$$S(t,y) = \int_{\Omega} \gamma(a,y,z) p(t,a,z) dz da.$$
 (12)

Question: Does the solution to  $(P^n)$  approach the solution to a model (P)? The Cauchy problem (P)

$$\frac{dp}{dt} + Ap = f \text{ a.e. } t \in (0,T)$$
(13)

$$p(0) = p_0 \tag{14}$$

The Cauchy problem  $(P^n)$ 

$$\frac{dp^n}{dt} + A^n p^n = f^n \text{ a.e. } t \in (0,T)$$
(15)

$$p^n(0) = p_0^n.$$
 (16)

## Question:

$$(P^n) \rightarrow (P)$$
 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ?

**Theorem**. Let  $\mathcal{A}^n$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be quasi m- accretive operators and let  $S^n(t)$  and S(t) be the semigroups generated by  $-\mathcal{A}^n$  and  $-\mathcal{A}$  respectively. If

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathcal{J}_{\lambda}^{n}g = \mathcal{J}_{\lambda}g$$
for every  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{D}}$  and  $\lambda > \lambda_{0}$ , where  $\overline{\mathcal{D}} = \bigcap_{n\geq 1} \overline{D(\mathcal{A}_{N}^{n})} \cap \overline{D(\mathcal{A}_{N})}$ , then
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} S^{n}(t)g = S(t)g$$

for every  $g \in \overline{\mathcal{D}}$  and the limit is uniform on bounded intervals for t.

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**Existence hypotheses**  $(P_{hyp})$  for  $(P^n) \Longrightarrow$ **Existence hypotheses** for (P)For each R > 0, any  $x, \overline{x} \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $|x| \le R$ ,  $|\overline{x}| \le R$  there exist  $L_{\mu}(R), L_{\beta}(R) > 0$ ,

$$|\mu^n(a, y, x) - \mu^n(a, y, \overline{x})| \le L_\mu(R) |x - \overline{x}|, \quad \text{uniformly w.r. } a, y \tag{17}$$

$$|\beta^n(a, y, x) - \beta^n(a, y, \overline{x})| \le L_\beta(R) |x - \overline{x}|, \quad \text{uniformly w.r. } a, y \tag{18}$$

$$0 \le \beta^n(a, y, x) \le \beta_+ \tag{19}$$

$$0 \le \mu^n(a, y, x)$$
 with  $\mu^n(a, y, 0) = 0$  (20)

$$0 \le \gamma^n(a, y, z) \le \gamma_\infty,\tag{21}$$

$$0 < K_0 \le K^n(a, y) \le K_\infty.$$
(22)

## **Convergence hypotheses** (Conv)

$$\mu^n(a, y, x) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \mu(a, y, x)$$
 uniformly with respect to  $a, y$  and  $x$ , (23)

$$\beta^n(a, y, x) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \beta(a, y, x)$$
 uniformly with respect to  $a, y$  and  $x$ , (24)

$$\gamma^n(a, y, z) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \gamma(a, y, z)$$
 uniformly with respect to  $a, y$  and  $z$ , (25)

$$K^n(a, y) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} K(a, y)$$
 uniformly with respect to  $a$  and  $y$ . (26)

Then

## Main results

**Lemma.** Assume the set of properties  $(P_{hyp})$ . Then  $\overline{D(A)} = H_{\Omega}$ .

**Proposition**. Let  $g \in H_{\Omega}$  and assume  $(P_{hyp}^n)$  and (Conv). Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} J_{\lambda}^n g = J_{\lambda}g \text{ in } H_{\Omega}.$ 

**Theorem.** Let  $f^n \in L^2(0,T;H_\Omega), p_0 \in H_\Omega$ . Assume  $(P^n_{hup})$ , (Conv) and

 $f^n \to f \text{ strongly in } L^2(0,T;H_\Omega), \text{ uniformly with respect to } a,y,$  (27)

$$p_0^n \to p_0 \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; H_\Omega), \text{ uniformly with respect to } a, y.$$
 (28)

 $\lim_{n \to \infty} p^n(t) = p(t), \ \forall t \in [0, T].$ (29)