

CONVERGENCE RATES OF DAMPED INERTIAL DYNAMICS  
UNDER GEOMETRIC CONDITIONS AND PERTURBATIONS\*O. SEBBOUH<sup>†</sup>, CH. DOSSAL<sup>†</sup>, AND A. RONDEPIERRE<sup>‡</sup>

**Abstract.** In this article a family of second-order ODEs associated with the inertial gradient descent is studied. These ODEs are widely used to build trajectories converging to a minimizer  $x^*$  of a function  $F$ , possibly convex. This family includes the continuous version of the Nesterov inertial scheme and the continuous heavy ball method. Several damping parameters, not necessarily vanishing, and a perturbation term  $g$  are thus considered. The damping parameter is linked to the inertia of the associated inertial scheme and the perturbation term  $g$  is linked to the error that can be made on the gradient of the function  $F$ . This article presents new asymptotic bounds on  $F(x(t)) - F(x^*)$ , where  $x$  is a solution of the ODE, when  $F$  is convex and satisfies local geometrical properties such as Lojasiewicz properties and under integrability conditions on  $g$ . Even if geometrical properties and perturbations were already studied for most ODEs of these families, it is the first time they are jointly studied. All these results give an insight on the behavior of these inertial and perturbed algorithms if  $F$  satisfies some Lojasiewicz properties especially in the setting of stochastic algorithms.

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable convex function admitting at least one minimizer. In this paper we study the asymptotic behavior of the trajectories of the perturbed second-order ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$(1.1) \quad \ddot{x}(t) + \beta(t)\dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = g(t)$$

for any  $t \geq t_0$ , where  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $\beta(t) = \frac{\alpha}{t^\theta}$ , with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , is a viscous damping coefficient and  $g : [t_0, +\infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  an integrable source term that can be interpreted as a small external perturbation exerted on the system. Throughout the paper, we assume that, for any initial conditions  $(x_0, v_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , the Cauchy problem associated with the differential equation (1.1) has a unique global solution satisfying  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . This is guaranteed, for instance, when the gradient function  $\nabla F$  is Lipschitz on bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  [19, 20].

During the last five years many articles studied these ODEs, the convergence of the trajectory  $x(t)$ , or the decay rate of  $F(x(t))$  to its minimum value  $F^*$ ; see, for example, [8, 27, 23] and reference therein. In [27] Su, Boyd, and Candès proved that the Nesterov acceleration scheme can be seen as a discretization scheme of the

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ODE (1.1) with  $\theta = 1$  and  $g(t) = 0$ . Moreover the convergence properties of the solution  $x(t)$  of (1.1) are linked with the ones of the sequence defined by the Nesterov scheme and the Lyapunov analysis used in both cases to prove the convergence are very similar. As another example, the choice  $\theta = 0$  corresponds to Polyak's heavy ball method [24], also referred to as the low-resolution ODE of Nesterov's accelerated gradient method in [26]. It turns out that this family of ODEs is related to inertial optimization algorithms, with various types of inertia, depending on the choice of the damping function  $\frac{\alpha}{t^\theta}$  and including perturbations or error terms defined by  $g$ . Many results concerning inertial algorithms have been transposed to the continuous setting such as the convergence of FISTA iterates in [17] by Chambolle and Dossal, which has been transposed by Attouch et al. [6] to the weak convergence of the trajectory of the solution of (1.1) with  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha > 3$ . Conversely May in [23] and Attouch et al. in [6] proved that for  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha > 3$ , if  $F$  is convex, the solution  $x$  of (1.1) satisfies  $F(x(t)) - F^* = o(\frac{1}{t^2})$  and this result has been extended to the sequence generated by FISTA by Attouch and Peypouquet in [8]. Consequently, studying (1.1) is also a first step to have a better understanding of general and perturbed inertial schemes to minimize convex functions.

In [15] Cabot, Engler, and Gadat consider a general damping term and a vanishing perturbation term  $g = 0$ . Their study gives decay rates on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  when  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . If only a convexity assumption is made on  $F$ , Su, Boyd, and Candes [27] proved that if  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq 3$ , we can get  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O(\frac{1}{t^2})$ . In [6, 3] the authors complete these first results for  $\theta = 1$ , when  $\alpha > 3$ , proving the weak convergence of trajectory  $x$  and showing that  $F(x(t)) - F^* = o(\frac{1}{t^2})$ . In [9, 7] the authors give some optimal bound on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  in the subcritical case  $\alpha < 3$ . More general damping functions  $\beta(t)$  have been studied by Cabot, Engler, and Gadat, Jendoubi and May, and Attouch and Cabot; see [16, 20, 3] for complete results. In particular, if  $F$  is convex and  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , we can get  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O(\frac{1}{t^{1+\theta}})$ .

Several works extend these previous results with a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g$  proposing some integrability conditions on  $g$ ; see, for example, Balti and May [11] for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$  and Attouch et al. [6] for  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq 3$ . In these two settings, the condition on  $g$  ensuring the optimal decay rate  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O(\frac{1}{t^{1+\theta}})$  is the following:

$$(1.2) \quad \int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty.$$

For  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha < 3$ , Attouch, Chbani, and Riahi and Aujol and Dossal [7, 9] proved that this condition can be weakened to

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{\alpha}{3}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty$$

to ensure that  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O(\frac{1}{t^{\frac{2\alpha}{3}}})$ . In [3] Attouch and Cabot for  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  and in [10] Aujol, Dossal, and Rondepierre for  $\theta = 1$  proved that these decay rates can be improved if more geometrical properties are known on  $F$  when the perturbation term  $g$  vanishes. These geometrical properties describe the growth of  $F$  around the set of minimizers and are linked with Lojasiewicz properties when  $F$  is convex.

The goal of this work is to generalize all the previous works providing accurate rates on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  for any  $\alpha > 0$ , for any  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , depending on the geometrical properties of  $F$  such as Lojasiewicz properties and integrability conditions on  $g$ . To the best of our knowledge, this is the first work combining geometrical properties

on  $F$  and integrability on  $g$  to provide decays on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$ . More precisely, we will always consider that  $F$  is convex and has a unique minimizer and we always assume integrability conditions on  $g$  that ensure the convergence of  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  to 0. Consequently, the convergence of the trajectory  $(x(t))_{t \geq t_0}$  to the unique minimizer is always ensured. That is why, in all theorems, the geometrical assumptions are only made on a neighborhood of the minimizer and are not necessarily global.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we introduce the geometrical hypotheses we consider on the function  $F$  and their relation with the Łojasiewicz property. We then present the contributions of the paper in section 3: depending on the geometry of the function  $F$  and the value of the damping parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ , we show that combining a flatness condition and a sharpness condition such as the Łojasiewicz property provides new and better convergence rates for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$ . The proofs of the theorems are given in section 4. Some technical proofs are postponed to Appendix A.

**2. Preliminaries: Local geometry of convex functions.** In this section we recall some definitions and results concerning the local geometry of convex functions around their set of minimizers; see [10] for more details.

Throughout the paper, we assume that the ODE (1.1) is defined in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped with the Euclidean scalar product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . As usual  $B(x^*, r)$  denotes the open Euclidean ball with center  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and radius  $r > 0$ . For any real subset  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , the Euclidean distance  $d$  is defined as

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, d(x, X) = \inf_{y \in X} \|x - y\|.$$

We now introduce on the one hand a flatness assumption that ensures that the function is not too sharp in the neighborhood of its minimizers and on the other hand a sharpness assumption ensuring that the magnitude of the gradient is not too low in the neighborhood of the minimizers.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex differentiable function with  $X^* = \operatorname{argmin} F \neq \emptyset$  and  $F^* = \inf f$ .

1. Let  $\gamma \geq 1$ . The function  $F$  satisfies the condition  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  if, for any minimizer  $x^* \in X^*$ , there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$\forall x \in B(x^*, \eta), F(x) - F^* \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \langle \nabla F(x), x - x^* \rangle.$$

2. Let  $p \geq 1$ . The function  $F$  satisfies the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(p)$  if for any minimizer  $x^* \in X^*$ , there exist  $K_p > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$\forall x \in B(x^*, \epsilon), K_p d(x, X^*)^p \leq F(x) - F^*.$$

The assumption  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  has been already used in [15, 27, 9, 10, 1]. Note that any convex differentiable function satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(1)$  and that any differentiable function such that  $(F - F^*)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$  is convex for some  $\gamma \geq 1$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$ . More precisely, the hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  can be seen as a flatness condition on the geometry of a convex function around its sets of minimizers [10, Lemma 2.2]: any convex differentiable function  $F$  satisfying  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  for some  $\gamma \geq 1$  also satisfies the following: for any minimizer  $x^* \in X^*$ , there exist  $M > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \forall x \in B(x^*, \eta), F(x) - F(x^*) \leq M \|x - x^*\|^\gamma.$$

The hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_2(p)$  with  $p \geq 1$  is a growth condition on the function  $F$  around its set of minimizers (critical points in the nonconvex case) ensuring that  $F$  is sufficiently sharp (at least as sharp as  $x \mapsto \|x - x^*\|^p$ ) in the neighborhood of  $X^*$ . It is also called  $p$ -conditioning [18] or Hölderian error bounds [13]. In the convex setting, this growth condition is equivalent to the Łojasiewicz inequality [21, 22], a key tool in the mathematical analysis of continuous and discrete dynamical systems, with exponent  $\theta = 1 - \frac{1}{p} \in (0, 1]$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** *A differentiable function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to have the Łojasiewicz property with exponent  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  if, for any critical point  $x^*$ , there exist  $c > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that*

$$\forall x \in B(x^*, \varepsilon), \|\nabla F(x)\| \geq c(F(x) - F(x^*))^\theta,$$

where  $0^0 = 0$  when  $\theta = 0$  by convention.

Typical examples of functions having the Łojasiewicz property are real-analytic functions and  $C^1$  subanalytic functions, or semialgebraic functions [21, 22]. Strongly convex functions satisfy a global Łojasiewicz property with exponent  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$  [2], or equivalently a global version of the growth condition, namely,

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, F(x) - F^* \geq \frac{\mu}{2} d(x, X^*)^2,$$

where  $\mu > 0$  denotes the parameter of strong convexity. Likewise, convex functions having a strong minimizer in the sense of [4, section 3.3] also satisfy a global version of  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$ . By extension, uniformly convex functions of order  $p \geq 2$  satisfy the global version of the hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_2(p)$  [18].

Finally, observe that any convex differentiable function  $F$  satisfying both hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(p)$  has to be at least as flat as  $\|x - x^*\|^\gamma$  and as sharp as  $\|x - x^*\|^p$  in the neighborhood of its minimizers. More precisely, combining (2.1) and  $\mathbf{H}_2(r)$ , we have the following.

**LEMMA 2.3** (see [10, Lemma 2.5]). *If a convex differentiable function  $F$  satisfies both  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(p)$  with  $\gamma, p \geq 1$ , then necessarily  $p \geq \gamma$ .*

**3. Contributions.** In this section, we state convergence rates for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  along the trajectory  $x(t)$  solution of (1.1), depending on the geometric properties  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  of the function  $F$  and on integrability conditions on the perturbation term  $g$ . Geometry and perturbations have been studied separately in several papers for this family of ODEs, and the specificity of this work is to study both aspects jointly.

In the case when  $\theta = 1$ , if  $F$  only satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  for some  $\gamma \geq 1$ , Aujol and Dossal proved in [9, Theorem 2] that for low friction parameter  $\alpha \leq 1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}$  and assuming that  $\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty$ , we have the following result:

$$F(x(t)) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(t^{-\frac{2\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}}\right).$$

For large friction parameters  $\alpha$ , the sole assumption  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  on  $F$  is not sufficient anymore to obtain a decay faster than  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{t^2})$ , which is the uniform rate that can be achieved for  $\alpha \geq 3$  [27]. In [10], Aujol, Dossal, and Rondepierre proved that the known convergence rates for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  can be improved combining the flatness condition  $\mathbf{H}_1$  with a sharpness condition such as the Łojasiewicz property. The main contribution of this paper is to combine local geometric properties of the objective function  $F$  with integrability conditions on the source term  $g$  to provide new

and better convergence rates for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  for a larger family of ODEs. We can thus compare these results with classical bounds that can be achieved with geometrical assumptions on  $F$ , such as convexity or Lojasiewicz properties without any perturbation term or with results dealing with a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g$  but with simple assumptions on  $F$ .

**3.1. Convergence rates for sharp geometries.** In this section, we state convergence rates on the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  along the trajectory  $x(t)$ , which can be achieved for functions satisfying a geometrical hypothesis such as  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and/or  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$ . The cases  $\theta = 1$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  are treated separately.

Let us first consider the case when  $\theta = 1$ , i.e., the ODE:

$$(3.1) \quad \ddot{x}(t) + \frac{\alpha}{t} \dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = g(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $t_0 > 0$ . Let  $x(\cdot)$  be any solution of the ODE (3.1) with  $\theta = 1$  and  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . Assume that*

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty.$$

*If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  for some  $\gamma \leq 2$ , if  $F$  has a unique minimizer and if  $\alpha > 1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}$ , then*

$$(3.3) \quad F(x(t)) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(t^{-\frac{2\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}}\right).$$

Theorem 3.1, whose proof is detailed in section 4.1, can be seen as an extension of former results with a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g$  (see [10, Theorem 4.2]). Note that Theorem 3.1 only applies for  $\gamma \leq 2$  since according to Lemma 2.3, there exists no function satisfying both  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  for  $\gamma > 2$ . Moreover the integrability condition given in Theorem 3.1 generalizes the integrability condition given in [9] to any  $\alpha > 0$  under the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  and coincides in the limit case  $\alpha = 3$ , which was expected.

Let  $\alpha > 0$ . We first consider the perturbed classical heavy ball system,

$$(3.4) \quad \ddot{x}(t) + \alpha \dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = g(t),$$

for which there are very few results on the convergence rates for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  without strong convexity.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $\gamma \in [1, 2]$  and  $t_0 > 0$ . Let  $x(\cdot)$  be any solution of the ODE (3.4) and  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  with a real constant  $K_2 > 0$  and admits a unique minimizer  $x^*$  and if*

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} e^{\frac{\gamma^2 K_2}{4\alpha} t} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty,$$

*then for any*

$$m \in \left(0, \min\left(1, \frac{2\alpha^2}{\gamma(\gamma+2)K_2}\right)\right)$$

*we have*

$$\begin{aligned} F(x(t)) - F^* &= \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m(1-m)\frac{\gamma^2 K_2}{\alpha} t}\right), \quad \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m(1-m)\frac{\gamma^2 K_2}{\alpha} t}\right), \\ \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 &= \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m(1-m)\frac{\gamma^2 K_2}{\alpha} t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that if the constant  $K_2$  appearing in the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  is chosen small enough, or if the friction parameter  $\alpha$  is chosen large enough, the best rate for the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  is obtained for  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . We now consider the heavy ball system with a general friction term:

$$(3.5) \quad \ddot{x}(t) + \frac{\alpha}{t^\theta} \dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = g(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\gamma \in [1, 2]$ ,  $m \in (0, \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2})$ , and  $t_0 > 0$ . Note that  $\Gamma(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\alpha}{s^\theta} ds$ . Let  $x(\cdot)$  be any solution of the ODE (3.5) with  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  and  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . Assume that*

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} e^{m\Gamma(t)} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty.$$

*If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  and admits a unique minimizer  $x^*$ , then*

$$F(x(t)) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m\Gamma(t)}\right), \quad \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m\Gamma(t)}\right), \quad \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-m\Gamma(t)}\right).$$

Theorem 3.3 when  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  can be seen as an extension of [3, Theorem 6.1] to functions with some geometrical properties as  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$ . Its proof is detailed in section 4 and is an extension of the proof of [3, Theorem 3.12] to a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g \neq 0$ . Note that [3] deals only with vanishing damping, that is,  $\theta > 0$ , while Theorem 3.2 deals with the case  $\theta = 0$ .

Observe also that in the case  $\theta = 1$ , Theorem 3.3 provides convergence rates in  $\mathcal{O}(t^{-m\alpha})$  for any  $m \in (0, \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2})$ , which is slower but infinitely close to the convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}(t^{-\frac{2\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}})$  provided by Theorem 3.1.

Finally, observe that the integrability conditions given in Theorems 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 are always stronger than the condition  $\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^p \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty$ , with  $p = \min(1, \frac{\alpha}{3})$ , given in [7, Theorem 5.1] and ensuring the convergence of the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  to 0. Consequently the trajectory  $x(t)$  actually converges to the unique minimizer of  $F$  so that the geometrical assumptions  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  can be used locally, that is, in the neighborhood of the unique minimizer of  $F$ .

**3.2. Convergence rates for flat geometries.** In this section, we state new convergence rates on the values  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  along the trajectory  $x(t)$ , which can be achieved for functions satisfying geometrical hypothesis such as  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma)$  for any  $\gamma > 2$ . The cases  $\theta = 1$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  are treated jointly.

Let us first consider the unperturbed case ( $g = 0$ ). We announce new results on the convergence of the function values along the trajectory  $x(t)$  with additional geometrical assumptions, but without perturbations.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $\gamma_1 > 2$ ,  $\gamma_2 \geq \gamma_1$ . Note that  $r = \frac{1+\theta}{2}$ . Suppose  $x$  is a solution to the ODE (1.1) with  $g = 0$ . If  $F$  is coercive and satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma_1)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma_2)$ , and if  $\theta < 1$ , then*

$$(3.6) \quad F(x(t)) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{t^{\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}}}\right).$$

Theorem 3.4 is a generalization of [10, Theorem 4.5] established for  $\theta = 1$  to any  $\theta \in (0, 1]$ . We now prove that the convergence rates provided by [10, Theorem 4.5] when  $\theta = 1$  and Theorem 3.4 when  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  remain valid in the perturbed case ( $g \neq 0$ ).

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , and  $t_0 > 0$ . Let  $x$  be the solution of the ODE (1.1) for given initial conditions  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . Let  $\gamma_1 > 2$ ,  $\gamma_2 \geq \gamma_1$ , and  $r = \frac{1+\theta}{2}$ . Assume that*

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty.$$

*If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma_1)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma_2)$  and admits a unique minimizer, then*

1. if  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq \frac{\gamma_1+2}{\gamma_1-2}$  or
2. if  $\theta < 1$ ,

*we have*

$$(3.8) \quad F(x(t)) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{t^{\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}}}\right).$$

As in [10] with a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g$ , if  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$ , we have furthermore the convergence of the trajectory.

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , and  $t_0 > 0$ . Let  $x$  be the solution of the ODE (1.1) for given initial conditions  $(x(t_0), \dot{x}(t_0)) = (x_0, v_0)$ . Let  $\gamma > 2$ . Note  $r = \frac{1+\theta}{2}$ . Assume that*

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^{\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}} \|g(t)\| dt < +\infty.$$

*If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma)$  and admits a unique minimizer, then*

1. if  $\theta = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq \frac{\gamma+2}{\gamma-2}$  or
2. if  $\theta < 1$ ,

*we have*

$$(3.9) \quad \|\dot{x}(t)\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{t^{\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}}}\right).$$

In the case of the classical heavy ball ( $\theta = 0$ ), Theorem 3.5 can be seen as an extension of [12, Corollary 5.1] using a different approach: indeed in [12], the authors prove a similar convergence rate under Lojasiewicz properties, but without any convexity assumption on  $F$ .

Observe also that to deal with a nonvanishing perturbation term, the uniqueness of the minimizer seems to be crucial despite the fact we can avoid this assumption when  $g = 0$  (see [10, Theorem 4.5 and Corollary 4.6]).

**Remark 3.7.** In the integrability condition given in Theorem 3.5, the exponent is  $\frac{r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2} = \frac{(1+\theta)\gamma_2}{2(\gamma_2-2)}$ . Since  $\frac{r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2} \geq r$ , the integrability condition (1.2) from [23] is automatically satisfied and ensures that the trajectory  $x(t)$  converges to the unique minimizer of  $F$ . The geometrical assumptions  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  thus can be used locally. Moreover,

$$\inf_{\gamma_2 \in (2, +\infty)} \frac{(1+\theta)\gamma_2}{2(\gamma_2-2)} = \frac{1+\theta}{2},$$

so that we get the same exponent as in the integrability condition in (1.2), which is also what we expected.

**Remark 3.8.** At least for  $\theta = 1$ , the integrability condition in Theorem 3.5 is optimal. To prove this optimality, we will show that if we consider (ODE) with  $\gamma > 2$ ,  $\theta = 1$ , and  $\alpha > \frac{\gamma+2}{\gamma-2}$  for  $F(x) = |x|^\gamma$ , then for any  $d < \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}$ , there exist initial

conditions and a perturbation term  $g$  such that

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} t^d |g(t)| dt < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (F(x(t)) - F(x^*)) t^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}} = +\infty.$$

First we observe that

$$-\frac{2(\gamma-1)}{\gamma-2} + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2} = -1.$$

As a consequence, for any  $d < \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}$ , there exists  $\tilde{\gamma} > \gamma$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad -\frac{2(\gamma-1)}{\tilde{\gamma}-2} + d < -1.$$

Let us define  $x(t) = t^{-\frac{2}{\gamma-2}}$ ; a straightforward calculation shows that

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{\alpha}{t} \dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = \frac{2(\tilde{\gamma}-\alpha)}{\tilde{\gamma}-2} t^{-\frac{2\tilde{\gamma}-1}{\gamma-2}} + \gamma t^{-\frac{2\gamma-1}{\gamma-2}}.$$

If we define

$$(3.11) \quad g(t) := \frac{2(\tilde{\gamma}-\alpha)}{\tilde{\gamma}-2} t^{-\frac{2(\tilde{\gamma}-1)}{\gamma-2}} + \gamma t^{-\frac{2(\gamma-1)}{\gamma-2}},$$

we can observe that  $x$  is a solution of (ODE) with this perturbation term  $g$  for suitable initial conditions. Moreover since  $\tilde{\gamma} > \gamma$ ,

$$(F(x(t)) - F(x^*)) t^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}} = t^{-\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2} + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}} \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow +\infty]{} +\infty,$$

and from (3.10) we get

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} t^d |g(t)| dt < +\infty.$$

**3.3. Strategies of proofs.** All the proofs in this paper are based on the analysis of Lyapunov functions (or energies). In this section we present the state of the art strategies using Lyapunov functions and a sketch of the strategies used in this paper.

Note that in the four Theorems 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 dealing with a nonvanishing perturbation term, we modify the Lyapunov functions used when  $g = 0$ , and propose integrability conditions on  $g$  that ensure the same decay as the one achieved with  $g = 0$ . Therefore the Lyapunov functions we use are closed to those that can be found in the literature. Note also that the Grönwall–Bellman lemma is a key lemma in each proof, but the exact way to deal with a nonvanishing perturbation term  $g$  is different in each theorem.

**3.3.1. State of the art strategies.** To prove each of the rates on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  obtained in section 3, the main idea is to define a Lyapunov energy depending on  $t$  and denoted by  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$ , or  $\mathcal{G}$ , which involves the term  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  and which is bounded. The choice of this Lyapunov function depends on the ODE ( $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ ) and on the assumptions on the function  $F$  (such as the flatness hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_1$ ). A simple Lyapunov function to study the solutions of (1.1) when  $F$  is convex with  $g = 0$  is

$$(3.12) \quad \mathcal{E}(t) = F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2.$$

Indeed,  $\mathcal{E}$  is a sum of positive terms and  $\mathcal{E}'(t) = -\beta(t)\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \leq 0$ . This simple Lyapunov function ensures that the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is nonincreasing, which implies that  $F(x(t))$  is bounded. Many Lyapunov functions have been proposed to study (3.1) when  $F$  is convex; see, for example, [27, 5, 7, 9] or for more general friction terms [15, 11]. A simple example to study the specific case of Nesterov damping (i.e.,  $\theta = 1$ ) when  $F$  is convex and  $g = 0$  is

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|(\alpha - 1)(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|_2^2.$$

Indeed, a simple calculation shows that

$$\mathcal{E}'(t) \leq -\alpha t\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + (3 - \alpha)t(F(x(t)) - F^*).$$

From this Lyapunov function we deduce that if  $\alpha \geq 3$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  is nonincreasing and thus that

$$F(x(t)) - F^* \leq \frac{\mathcal{E}(t_0)}{t^2}.$$

In [10], Aujol, Dossal, and Rondepierre propose to extend this Lyapunov approach to deal with geometrical properties of  $F$  for the Nesterov damping, i.e., (3.1) with  $g = 0$  using Lyapunov functions  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = t^p(F(x(t)) - F^*) + R(x(t)),$$

where  $R$  is not necessarily positive and  $p$  depends on the properties of the damping parameter  $\alpha$  and on the geometric properties of  $F$  to get  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O\left(\frac{1}{t^p}\right)$ . To get such a bound, the first step is to bound the energy  $\mathcal{H}$  and then to use the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2$  of  $F$  to deduce the bound on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$ .

For other choices of function  $\beta(t)$ , especially when  $\theta < 1$  in (1.1), the decay may be faster than polynomial if  $F$  satisfies some Lojasiewicz properties (see [25, 3, 13]). A way to prove this faster decay is to build Lyapunov energies satisfying some differential inequalities for a suitable function  $\gamma$ ,

$$(3.13) \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) \leq -\gamma(t)\mathcal{E}(t),$$

which implies that

$$\mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(t_0)e^{-\int_{t_0}^t \gamma(s)ds}.$$

To deal now with the perturbation term  $g$  in (1.1), a simple way is to add an integral term in the Lyapunov energy  $\mathcal{E}$  or  $\mathcal{H}$  depending on  $x$  and  $g$  as done, for example, in [11, 5, 9] and references therein. Consider again the simple Lyapunov function (3.12) for the study of the solutions of (1.1) when  $F$  is convex. The idea is to modify this energy by adding an integral term,

$$\mathcal{G}(t) = \mathcal{E}(t) + \int_t^T \langle \dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds,$$

which, after derivation, will enable one to cancel the terms depending on the perturbation  $g$ . Indeed, a simple calculation shows that  $\mathcal{G}'(t) = -\beta(t)\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \leq 0$ , so

that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_0, \quad \mathcal{E}(t) &\leq \mathcal{E}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \langle \dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq \mathcal{E}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \|\dot{x}(s)\| \|g(s)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

The Grönwall–Bellman lemma and the integrability hypothesis enable one to prove that the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is bounded and thus to conclude.

**3.3.2. Sketch of proof.** For each theorem, we define a Lyapunov energy  $\mathcal{G}$  (or  $\mathcal{H}$ ) defined by parameters that are set depending on the hypotheses of each theorem. This function  $\mathcal{G}$  also depends on the perturbation term  $g$ . The first step of the proof consists in proving that  $\mathcal{G}$  is bounded. The second step uses a Grönwall–Bellman lemma and the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2$  to conclude. More precisely, Theorems 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 deal with sharp functions, i.e., functions satisfying  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$ , or equivalently the Lojasiewicz property with an exponent equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The first theorem is dedicated to the Nesterov damping ( $\theta = 1$ ). The polynomial rate is known in the case where  $g = 0$  [10]. We propose to modify the Lyapunov function that is used in [10] by adding an integral term,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(t) &= t^p \left( t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\xi}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \int_t^T s^\delta \langle \lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds, \end{aligned}$$

and we then prove that  $\mathcal{G}$  is bounded using differential inequalities. The Grönwall–Bellman lemma and the integrability hypotheses on  $g$  are used to conclude.

Theorem 3.3 deals with the case  $\theta < 1$ . In this case it is known [25, 3, 13] that the decay of  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  is faster than polynomial. We propose to use a Lyapunov function similar to the previous one. This time  $\lambda$  and  $\xi$  may be functions of  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(t)(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + \int_t^T s^\delta \langle \lambda(s)(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds. \end{aligned}$$

For suitable choices of  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $\delta$  we can get some differential inequalities like (3.13) satisfied by  $\mathcal{G}$  and conclude using the Grönwall–Bellman lemma.

Theorems 3.4 and 3.5 deal with *flat functions*, i.e., with functions satisfying the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma_2)$  with  $\gamma_2 > 2$ , i.e., Lojasiewicz properties with an exponent greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Theorem 3.4 focuses on the case  $g = 0$  and Theorem 3.5 is the general perturbed case. Both theorems provide results for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$  including the heavy ball case ( $\theta = 0$ ) and the Nesterov case ( $\theta = 1$ ). In both theorems, the bound given on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$  is polynomial. For Theorem 3.4, inspired by [10] we define an energy function

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = t^p \left( t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \right)$$

for a suitable choice of parameters  $\lambda$  and  $p$ , and function  $\xi$ . We then prove that there exists  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that for any  $t \geq t_1$ ,  $\mathcal{H}'(t) \leq 0$ . The function  $\xi$  may be negative but

using the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2$ , we can deduce bounds on  $F(x(t)) - F^*$ . In Theorem 3.5, we consider the energy,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(t) = & t^p \left( t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \right) \\ & + \int_t^T s^\delta \langle \lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds, \end{aligned}$$

and prove that  $\mathcal{G}$  is bounded. Combining the approaches developed in Theorem 3.4, the Grönwall–Bellman lemma, and the integrability hypotheses on  $g$ , we are able to conclude.

**4. Proofs.** In this section, we detail the proofs of Theorems 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 and Corollary 3.6.

**4.1. Proof of Theorem 3.1.** Let  $x^*$  be a minimizer of  $F$  and  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $T$  three real numbers. The proof of Theorem 3.1 relies on the following energy:

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{G}(t) = t^p \mathcal{E}(t) + \int_t^T \langle s^{\frac{p}{2}} (\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)), s^{\frac{p+2}{2}} g(s) \rangle ds,$$

where the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2.$$

Using the following notations,

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} a(t) &= t(F(x(t)) - F^*), \\ b(t) &= \frac{1}{2t} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2, \\ c(t) &= \frac{1}{2t} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

we then have

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = t(a(t) + b(t) + \xi c(t)).$$

Note that the functions  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(t) = t^p \mathcal{E}(t)$  denote the same Lyapunov functions as those used in the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [10] in the nonperturbed case ( $g = 0$ ). Our proofs are based on the following lemma.

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Let  $\gamma \geq 1$ . If  $F$  satisfies the hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and if  $\xi = \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)$ , then*

$$\mathcal{G}'(t) \leq t^p ((2 + p - \gamma\lambda)a(t) + (p + 2\lambda + 2 - 2\alpha)b(t) + \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)(p - 2\lambda)c(t)).$$

This lemma whose proof is detailed in Appendix A.1 is the generalization of [10, Lemma 5.1] to the perturbed case: the integral term in (4.1) was chosen to cancel the terms in  $\mathcal{G}'(t)$  coming from the perturbation  $g(t)$ ; following the exact same calculation steps as in the proof of [10, Lemma 5.1], we observe that all the terms coming from the perturbation  $g(t)$  cancel each other out, so that we obtain the same formula as in the nonperturbed version.

Choosing now  $p = \frac{2\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2} - 2$  and  $\lambda = \frac{2\alpha}{\gamma+2}$  and thus

$$\xi = \frac{2\alpha}{(\gamma+2)^2}(2 + \gamma(1-\alpha)),$$

we get

$$(4.3) \quad \mathcal{G}'(t) \leq K_1 t^p c(t),$$

where  $K_1 = \xi(p-2\lambda) = \frac{2\xi}{\gamma+2}((\gamma-2)\alpha - (\gamma+2))$ . Since  $\alpha > 1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma \leq 2$ , we necessarily have  $\xi < 0$ , and thus  $K_1 > 0$ . Consequently, the energy  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  is not a sum of nonnegative terms and we cannot conclude that the energy function  $\mathcal{G}$  is decreasing. To get the expected estimate on the energy, we need an additional growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  to bound the term  $\|x(t) - x^*\|^2$  as is done in [10].

Using the uniqueness of the minimizer and the fact that  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$ , there exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$Kt\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \leq t(F(x(t)) - F^*) = a(t),$$

and hence

$$(4.4) \quad c(t) \leq \frac{1}{2Kt^2}a(t).$$

Since  $\xi < 0$  with our choice of parameters, we get

$$\mathcal{H}(t) \geq t^{p+1}(a(t) + \xi c(t)) \geq t^{p+1} \left(1 + \frac{\xi}{2Kt^2}\right) a(t),$$

so that there exists  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that  $\forall t \geq t_1$ , we have

$$(4.5) \quad \mathcal{H}(t) \geq \frac{1}{2}t^{p+1}a(t) \geq 0.$$

Now from (4.3), (4.4), and (4.5), we have

$$\forall t \geq t_1, \quad \mathcal{G}'(t) \leq \frac{K_1}{K} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t)}{t^3}.$$

Observe now that  $\mathcal{H}'(t) = \mathcal{G}'(t) + \langle \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t), t^{p+1}g(t) \rangle$  so that we get the following differential inequality on the energy  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}'(t) &\leq \frac{K_1}{K} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t)}{t^3} + \langle t^{\frac{p}{2}}(\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)), t^{\frac{p+2}{2}}g(t) \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{K_1}{K} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t)}{t^3} + t^{\frac{p}{2}} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\| t^{\frac{p+2}{2}} \|g(t)\| \\ &= \frac{K_1}{K} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t)}{t^3} + \sqrt{2}(t^{p+1}b(t))^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using again the fact that  $c(t) = \mathcal{O}(a(t))$  (see (4.4)), there exists  $t_2 \geq t_1$  such that,  $\forall t \geq t_2$ ,  $a(t) + \xi c(t) \geq \frac{1}{2}a(t)$ , which implies that

$$\forall t \geq t_2, \quad \mathcal{H}(t) = t^{p+1}b(t) + t^{p+1}(a(t) + \xi c(t)) \geq \frac{1}{2}t^{p+1}a(t) + t^{p+1}b(t) \geq t^{p+1}b(t).$$

Hence

$$\forall t \geq t_2, \mathcal{H}'(t) \leq \frac{K_1}{K} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t)}{t^3} + \sqrt{2} \mathcal{H}(t)^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(t)\|.$$

Dividing both sides of the inequality by  $2\mathcal{H}(t)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and integrating between  $t_2$  and  $t$ , we get

$$(4.6) \quad \forall t \geq t_2, \mathcal{H}(t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \mathcal{H}(t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{K_1}{2K} \int_{t_2}^t \frac{\mathcal{H}(s)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{s^3} ds + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_{t_2}^t s^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(s)\| ds.$$

Since  $\int_{t_2}^{+\infty} s^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(s)\| ds < +\infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_2, \mathcal{H}(t)^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \mathcal{H}(t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{K_1}{2K} \int_{t_2}^t \frac{\mathcal{H}(s)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{s^3} ds + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} s^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \beta + \int_{t_1}^t \frac{K_1}{2Ks^3} \mathcal{H}(s)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = \mathcal{H}(t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} s^{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\gamma+2}} \|g(s)\| ds$ . Applying the Grönwall lemma, we finally get

$$\forall t \geq t_2, \mathcal{H}(t) \leq \beta^2 \exp\left(\frac{K_1}{K} \int_{t_2}^t \frac{1}{s^3} ds\right) \leq \beta^2 \exp\left(\frac{K_1}{K} \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{s^3} ds\right) = \beta^2 \exp\left(\frac{K_1}{2Kt_2^2}\right).$$

In other words, we found a constant  $A > 0$  such that  $\forall t \geq t_2, \mathcal{H}(t) \leq A$ . According to (4.5), we conclude that  $\frac{1}{2}t^{p+2}(F(x(t)) - F^*) = \frac{1}{2}t^{p+1}a(t)$  is bounded, which ends the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**4.2. Proof of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3.** Let  $\lambda, \xi$ , and  $T$  be three real numbers. Let  $x^*$  be a minimizer of  $F$  and  $x(\cdot)$  any trajectory solution of

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \beta(t)\dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x) = g(t),$$

where  $\beta(t) = \frac{\alpha}{t^\theta}$  with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . The proof of Theorem 3.3 relies on the following energy:

$$(4.7) \quad \mathcal{G}(t) = \mathcal{E}(t) + \int_t^T \langle \lambda(x(s) - x^*) + \dot{x}(s), g(s) \rangle ds,$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2.$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.2, case  $\theta = 0$ .* Remember that in that case, the friction coefficient is constant:  $\forall t, \beta(t) = \alpha$ . Using the following notations,

$$\begin{aligned} a(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^*, \quad b(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2, \\ c(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

the energy  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  can be rewritten as

$$(4.8) \quad \mathcal{E}(t) = a(t) + b(t) + \xi c(t).$$

The proof of Theorem 3.2 relies on the following differential inequality, whose proof in detailed in appendix.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let  $\gamma \geq 1$ ,  $\theta = 0$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $F$  satisfies the hypothesis  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$  and  $\xi = \lambda(\lambda - \alpha)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_0, \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leq -\lambda\gamma a(t) + 2(\lambda - \alpha)b(t) - 2\lambda\xi c(t) + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*) \rangle \\ &\leq -\lambda\gamma \left( a(t) + 2\frac{\xi}{\gamma}c(t) \right) + 2(\lambda - \alpha)b(t) + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The scheme of the proof is quite standard: we first need to control the terms in  $b(t)$  and  $c(t)$  in Lemma 4.2 to deduce some differential inequality on the energy  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Let us choose  $\lambda < \alpha$ . In that case, the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is not a sum of nonnegative terms anymore,

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = a(t) + b(t) + \xi c(t),$$

since  $\xi = \lambda(\lambda - \alpha) < 0$ . Using the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(2)$  combined with the uniqueness of the minimizer of  $F$  to bound  $\|x(t) - x^*\|$ , we get the following inequality: there exists  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that

$$(4.9) \quad \forall t \geq t_1, \quad a(t) + 2\frac{\xi}{\gamma}c(t) = a(t) - 2\frac{|\xi|}{\gamma}c(t) \geq \left( 1 - \frac{|\xi|}{K_2\gamma} \right) a(t).$$

From now on, we choose  $\lambda = m\frac{\gamma K_2}{\alpha}$ , where the constant  $m \in (0, 1)$  is chosen small enough to ensure

$$1 - \frac{|\xi|}{K_2\gamma} > 1 - m > 0,$$

and  $2(\lambda - \alpha) \leq -\lambda\gamma$ , or equivalently  $\lambda \leq \frac{2}{\gamma+2}\alpha (< \alpha)$ . More precisely, the parameter  $m$  has thus to satisfy

$$0 < m < \min \left( 1, \frac{2\alpha^2}{(\gamma+2)\gamma K_2} \right).$$

Observe that, with that choice, we then have

$$(4.10) \quad |\xi| = \lambda(\alpha - \lambda) \leq \alpha\lambda \leq m\gamma K_2.$$

It follows from (4.9) that,  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,

$$a(t) + 2\frac{\xi}{\gamma}c(t) \geq (1 - m)a(t),$$

and, noticing that  $a(t) + \frac{1}{1-m}b(t) \geq a(t) + b(t) \geq \mathcal{E}(t)$ , we finally get  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (4.11) \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leq -(1 - m)\lambda\gamma \left( a(t) + \frac{1}{1 - m}b(t) \right) + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*) \rangle \\ &\leq -(1 - m)\lambda\gamma\mathcal{E}(t) + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$(4.12) \quad \mathcal{G}'(t) \leq -(1 - m)\lambda\gamma\mathcal{E}(t) \leq 0.$$

The rest of the proof is quite standard: before integrating the differential inequality (4.11) between  $t_1$  and  $t$ , we first need to control the term  $\|\dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*)\|$ . To that end, observe that, according to (4.12), the energy  $\mathcal{G}$  is nonincreasing, and hence  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(t) \leq \mathcal{G}(t_1)$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_1, \quad \mathcal{E}(t) &\leq \mathcal{E}(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \langle g(s), \dot{x}(s) + \lambda(x(s) - x^*) \rangle ds \\ &\leq \mathcal{E}(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \|g(s)\| \|\dot{x}(s) + \lambda(x(s) - x^*)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

With our choice of parameters, the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is not a sum of nonnegative terms, so that the term  $\|\dot{x}(s) + \lambda(x(s) - x^*)\|$  cannot be directly controlled by  $\mathcal{E}(t)$ . But according to the growth condition **H<sub>2</sub>(2)** and to the uniqueness of the minimizer, we have  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,  $c(t) \leq \frac{1}{2K_2}a(t)$ . Using (4.10) and  $\gamma \leq 2$ , we deduce

$$|\xi|c(t) \leq \frac{|\xi|}{2K_2}a(t) \leq m\frac{\gamma}{2}a(t) \leq ma(t),$$

and hence  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(t) \geq (1-m)a(t) + b(t) \geq b(t)$ . It follows that

$$\forall t \geq t_1, \quad b(t) = \frac{1}{2}\|\dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*)\|^2 \leq \mathcal{E}(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \|g(s)\| \|\dot{x}(s) + \lambda(x(s) - x^*)\| ds.$$

Applying the Grönwall–Bellman lemma [14, Lemma A.5], we obtain

$$\forall t \geq t_1, \quad \|\dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*)\| \leq c + \int_{t_1}^t \|g(s)\| ds,$$

where  $c = \sqrt{2\mathcal{E}(t_1)}$ . Since  $\int_{t_1}^{+\infty} \|g(s)\| ds < +\infty$  by assumption, we can conclude that

$$A = \sup_{t \geq t_1} \|\dot{x}(t) + \lambda(x(t) - x^*)\| \leq c + \int_{t_1}^{+\infty} \|g(s)\| ds < +\infty.$$

Coming back to (4.11), we obtain the following differential inequality:

$$\forall t \geq t_1, \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) + (1-m)\lambda\gamma\mathcal{E}(t) \leq A\|g(t)\|.$$

Integrating between  $t_1$  and  $t$ , we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_1, \quad e^{(1-m)\lambda\gamma t}\mathcal{E}(t) &\leq e^{(1-m)\lambda\gamma t_1}\mathcal{E}(t_1) + A \int_{t_1}^t e^{(1-m)\lambda\gamma s}\|g(s)\| ds \\ &\leq e^{(1-m)\lambda\gamma t_1}\mathcal{E}(t_1) + A \int_{t_1}^{+\infty} e^{(1-m)\lambda\gamma s}\|g(s)\| ds < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{O}(e^{-(1-m)\lambda\gamma t})$ . Since  $F(x(t)) - F^* = a(t) \leq \frac{1}{1-m}\mathcal{E}(t) \forall t \geq t_1$ , we finally get the expected result.

*Proof of Theorem 3.3, case when  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ .* Following the strategy proposed by Attouch and Cabot in the proof of [3, Theorem 3.12] in the unperturbed case, we choose in time-dependent parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\xi$ ,

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma + 2}, \quad \xi(t) = -\lambda(t)^2,$$

so that the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2} \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

The case  $\theta = 0$  is excluded in the proof detailed hereafter since, as in [3, Theorem 3.12], we need that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(t) = 0$ . Extending the proof of [3, Theorem 3.12] to our setting, we obtain the following differential inequality, whose proof is detailed in appendix.

**LEMMA 4.3.** *Let  $\gamma \geq 1$  and  $\beta(t) = \frac{\alpha}{t^\theta}$ . If  $F$  satisfies the hypothesis **H**<sub>1</sub>( $\gamma$ ), then*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) \mathcal{E}(t) &\leq \frac{2}{\gamma+2} \left( \dot{\beta}(t) + \frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma+2} \beta(t)^2 \right) \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2}{\gamma+2} \beta(t)(x(t) - x^*) \right\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

According to Lemma 4.3 and noticing that  $\forall t > 0$ ,  $\dot{\beta}(t) + \frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma+2} \beta(t)^2 \leq 0$ , we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}'(t) &\leq -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) \mathcal{E}(t) + \frac{2}{\gamma+2} \left( \dot{\beta}(t) + \frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma+2} \beta(t)^2 \right) \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ (4.13) \quad &\leq -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) \mathcal{E}(t) + \frac{2}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) \left( \frac{2-\gamma}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) - \frac{\dot{\beta}(t)}{\beta(t)} \right) |\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle|.\end{aligned}$$

To prove that the energy  $\mathcal{G}$  is nonincreasing and thus bounded, we have now to control the scalar product  $\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle$ . Assuming that  $F$  satisfies the growth condition **H**<sub>2</sub>(2) and admits a unique minimizer, we first have

$$(4.14) \quad |\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \leq C \left( F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \right),$$

where  $C = \max(1, \frac{1}{2K_2})$ . Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(t) = 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2} \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \mathcal{O} \left( F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \right),\end{aligned}$$

so that there exists  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,

$$(4.15) \quad \mathcal{E}(t) \geq \frac{2}{\gamma+2} \left( F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \right) (\geq 0).$$

Combining (4.13), (4.14), and (4.15), we then obtain

$$\mathcal{G}'(t) \leq -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2} \left( 1 - C \left( \frac{2-\gamma}{\gamma+2} \beta(t) - \frac{\dot{\beta}(t)}{\beta(t)} \right) \right) \beta(t) \mathcal{E}(t).$$

Observe now that by definition, we have  $\beta(t)^2 = \phi(\beta(t))$  and  $\dot{\beta}(t) = \phi'(\beta(t))\beta(t)$ . Hence, for any constant  $m \in (0, \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2})$ , there exists  $t_2 \geq t_1$  such that  $\forall t \geq t_2$ ,

$$(4.16) \quad \mathcal{G}'(t) \leq -m\beta(t)\mathcal{E}(t) \leq 0,$$

or equivalently,

$$(4.17) \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) + m\beta(t)\mathcal{E}(t) \leq \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)(x(t) - x^*) \rangle.$$

The rest of the proof is quite standard: before integrating the differential inequality (4.17) between  $t_2$  and  $t$ , we first need to control the term  $\|\dot{x}(t) + \frac{2}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)(x(t) - x^*)\|$ . To that end, observe that, according to (4.16), the energy  $\mathcal{G}$  is nonincreasing and that  $\forall t \geq t_2$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(t) \leq \mathcal{G}(t_2)$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_2, \quad & \mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(t_2) + \int_{t_2}^t \langle g(s), \dot{x}(s) + \frac{2\beta(s)}{\gamma+2}(x(s) - x^*) \rangle ds \\ & \leq \mathcal{E}(t_2) + \int_{t_2}^t \|g(s)\| \|\dot{x}(s) + \frac{2\beta(s)}{\gamma+2}(x(s) - x^*)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, with our choice of parameters, the energy  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  is not a sum of nonnegative terms,

$$(4.18) \quad \mathcal{E}(t) = F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*) \right\|^2 - \frac{2\beta(t)^2}{(\gamma+2)^2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2,$$

so that the term  $\|\dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*)\|^2$  cannot be directly controlled by the energy  $\mathcal{E}(t)$ . But, according to the growth condition **H<sub>2</sub>(2)** combined with the uniqueness of the minimizer, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x(t)) - F^* - \frac{2\beta(t)^2}{(\gamma+2)^2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 & \geq \left(1 - \frac{2\beta(t)^2}{K_2(\gamma+2)^2}\right) (F(x(t)) - F^*) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} (F(x(t)) - F^*) \end{aligned}$$

for  $t$  large enough, and  $\mathcal{E}(t) \geq \frac{1}{2}(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \|\dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*)\|^2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*) \right\|^2 & \leq \mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(t_2) + \int_{t_2}^t \langle g(s), \dot{x}(s) + \frac{2\beta(s)}{\gamma+2}(x(s) - x^*) \rangle ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} c^2 + \int_{t_2}^t \|g(s)\| \left\| \dot{x}(s) + \frac{2\beta(s)}{\gamma+2}(x(s) - x^*) \right\| ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \sqrt{2\mathcal{E}(t_2)}$ . Applying the Grönwall–Bellman lemma [14, Lemma A.5], we obtain

$$\left\| \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*) \right\| \leq c + \int_{t_2}^t \|g(s)\| ds.$$

Assuming that  $\int_{t_2}^{+\infty} \|g(s)\| ds < +\infty$ , we can so conclude that

$$A = \sup_{t \geq t_2} \left\| \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*) \right\| \leq c + \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} \|g(s)\| ds < +\infty.$$

Coming back to (4.17), we obtain the following differential inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_2, \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) + m\beta(t)\mathcal{E}(t) &\leq \|g(t)\| \left\| \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}(x(t) - x^*) \right\| \\ &\leq A\|g(t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating between  $t_2$  and  $t$  and stating  $\Gamma(t) = \int_{t_2}^t \beta(s)ds$ , we finally obtain the following:  $\forall t \geq t_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{m\Gamma(t)}\mathcal{E}(t) &\leq e^{m\Gamma(t_2)}\mathcal{E}(t_2) + A \int_{t_2}^t e^{m\Gamma(s)}\|g(s)\|ds, \\ &\leq e^{m\Gamma(t_2)}\mathcal{E}(t_2) + A \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} e^{m\Gamma(s)}\|g(s)\|ds = B < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{O}(e^{-m\Gamma(t)})$ . Since  $F(x(t)) - F^* = a(t) \leq 2\mathcal{E}(t) \forall t \geq t_2$ , we finally get the expected result and using **H<sub>2</sub>(2)**, the other estimates follow directly.

**4.3. Proof of Theorem 3.4.** The proof of Theorem 3.4 relies on almost the same energy as that used in [10]:

$$(4.19) \quad \mathcal{E}(t) = t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2,$$

where  $\lambda$  is a nonnegative real constant as in [10] and  $\xi(\cdot)$  is here a real-valued function. Noting

$$\begin{aligned} a(t) &= t(F(x(t)) - F^*), \\ b(t) &= \frac{1}{2t}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2, \\ c(t) &= \frac{1}{2t}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\mathcal{E}(t) = t(a(t) + b(t) + \xi(t)c(t))$ . We also define

$$(4.20) \quad \mathcal{H}(t) = t^p\mathcal{E}(t).$$

The proof of Theorem 3.4 relies on the following lemma, whose proof is detailed in Appendix A.4.

**LEMMA 4.4.** *Let  $\gamma_1 \geq 1$ . If  $F$  satisfies the hypothesis **H<sub>1</sub>( $\gamma_1$ )** and if  $\xi(t) = \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})$ , then*

$$(4.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}'(t) &\leq t^p \left( (2+p-\gamma_1\lambda)a(t) + (2\lambda+2+p-2\alpha t^{1-\theta})b(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \lambda((\lambda+1)(p-2\lambda) - \alpha(p+1-\theta-2\lambda)t^{1-\theta})c(t) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note  $r = \frac{1+\theta}{2}$ . Taking  $\lambda = \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2}$  and  $p = p_1 + 2(r-1)$  with  $p_1 = \frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}$ , we obtain

$$(4.22) \quad \mathcal{H}'(t) \leq t^p \left( 2 \left( \frac{\gamma_1+2}{\gamma_1-2}r - \alpha t^{-2(r-1)} \right) b(t) + 2\lambda(\lambda+1)(r-1)c(t) \right).$$

Since  $\theta < 1$ , we have  $r < 1$  and  $2\lambda(\lambda + 1)(r - 1) < 0$ , and hence

$$(4.23) \quad \mathcal{H}'(t) \leq 2t^{p_1} \left( \frac{\gamma_1 + 2}{\gamma_1 - 2} rt^{2(r-1)} - \alpha \right) b(t),$$

and there exists  $t_1$  depending only on  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\theta$  such that  $\mathcal{H}'(t) \leq 0 \forall t \geq t_1$ .

We will now use similar reasoning as in [10] to prove the results of our theorem. Since  $\mathcal{H}'(t) \leq 0$ , for any choice of  $x^*$  in the set of minimizers  $X^*$ , the function  $\mathcal{H}$  is bounded above and since the set of minimizers is bounded because  $F$  is coercive, there exists  $A > 0$  and  $t_0$  such that for all choices of  $x^*$  in  $X^*$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}(t_0) \leq A.$$

Hence  $\forall x^* \in X^*$  and  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(t) \leq A$ . Hence

$$t^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}(F(x(t)) - F^*) \leq \frac{|\xi(t)|}{2} t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2} + 2(r-1)} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 + A.$$

Observe that  $\xi(t) = \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2} \left( \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2} + 1 - \alpha t^{-2(r-1)} \right)$  and then

$$|\xi(t)| t^{2(r-1)} = \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2} \left( \alpha - \left( \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2} + 1 \right) t^{2(r-1)} \right) \leq \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2}.$$

Hence,

$$(4.24) \quad |\xi(t)| t^{2(r-1)} \leq \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2}.$$

Therefore,

$$t^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}(F(x(t)) - F^*) \leq \frac{r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2} t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 + A,$$

and since this is verified  $\forall x^* \in X^*$ ,

$$t^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}(F(x(t)) - F^*) \leq \frac{r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2} t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}} d(x(t), X^*)^2 + A.$$

We set  $v(t) = t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}} d(x(t), X^*)^2$ . Then

$$(4.25) \quad t^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}(F(x(t)) - F^*) \leq \frac{r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2} t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2} - \frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}} v(t) + A.$$

Since  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma_2)$ , there exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$K(t^{-\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}} v(t))^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}} \leq F(x(t)) - F^*,$$

i.e.,

$$Kv(t)^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}} t^{\frac{-2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_1-2}} \leq F(x(t)) - F^*.$$

Hence

$$Kt^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}} t^{-\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_1-2}} v(t)^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}} \leq t^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}(F(x(t)) - F^*).$$

Back to (4.25), this yields

$$Kt^{\frac{2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}t^{-\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}}v(t)^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}} \leq \frac{r\alpha}{\gamma_1-2}t^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}-\frac{4r}{\gamma_2-2}}v(t) + A.$$

Hence

$$Kv(t)^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}} \leq \frac{rc}{\gamma-2}v(t) + At^{\frac{4r}{\gamma_2-2}-\frac{4r}{\gamma_1-2}},$$

which, since  $\gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2$ , means that  $v$  is bounded. Therefore, from (4.25) we deduce that there exists  $B > 0$  such that

$$F(x(t)) - F^* \leq Bt^{\frac{-2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}} + At^{\frac{-2r\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}}.$$

Since  $\gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2$ , we have  $\frac{-r^2\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2} \geq \frac{-r^2\gamma_1}{\gamma_1-2}$ . Hence  $F(x(t)) - F^* = O(t^{-\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}})$ .

**4.4. Proof of Theorem 3.5.** The proof is inspired by the one of Theorem 3.4, where an additional term including the noise is considered.

First, we set parameters  $r = \frac{1+\theta}{2}$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{2r}{\gamma_1-2}$  and  $p = p_1+2(r-1)$  with  $p_1 = 2\lambda$  and functions  $\xi$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}$  exactly as in Theorem 3.4. In addition to the energy functions  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  we define

$$\mathcal{G}(t) = \mathcal{H}(t) + \int_t^T \langle \lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s), s^{p+1}g(s) \rangle ds.$$

We refer the reader to Appendix A.4 for a detailed calculation of the following bound on the derivative  $\mathcal{G}'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}'(t) \leq t^p \Big( & (2 + p - \gamma_1\lambda)a(t) + (2\lambda + 2 + p - 2\alpha t^{1-\theta})b(t) + \lambda((\lambda + 1)(p - 2\lambda) \\ & - \alpha(p + 1 - \theta - 2\lambda)t^{1-\theta})c(t) \Big). \end{aligned}$$

Actually, the integral term  $\mathcal{G}(t) - \mathcal{H}(t)$  is computed such that the bound on  $\mathcal{G}'(t)$  is equal to the bound (4.21) proposed in Theorem 3.4 for  $\mathcal{H}'$ . Thus we deduce once again that under the hypotheses of the Theorem 3.5, there exists  $t_1 \geq 1$  such that the function  $\mathcal{G}$  is nonincreasing for  $t \geq t_1$ .

We will need now the following direct lemma.

**LEMMA 4.5.** *If  $F$  satisfies the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma_2)$  with  $\gamma_2 > 2$ , then defining  $p_2 = \frac{4r}{\gamma_2-2}$  and using the notations defined in (4.2) we have*

$$t^{p_2+1}c(t) \leq \frac{K^{-\frac{2}{\gamma_2}}}{2} (t^{p_2+2r-1}a(t))^{\frac{2}{\gamma_2}}.$$

*It follows that for any  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for any  $t \geq t_0$*

$$mt^{p_2+1}c(t) - t^{p_2+2r-1}a(t) \leq M.$$

Since  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(t) \leq \mathcal{G}(t_1)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{H}(t) \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \langle (\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)), s^{p+1}g(s) \rangle ds.$$

Hence, we have

$$t^{p+1}a(t) + t^{p+1}b(t) \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + |\xi(t)|t^{p+1}c(t) + \int_{t_1}^t \langle \lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s), s^{p+1}g(s) \rangle ds.$$

Using the fact that the  $|\xi(t)|t^{2(r-1)}$  is uniformly bounded (see (4.24)) we get

$$t^{p+1}a(t) + t^{p+1}b(t) \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1 - 2} t^{p_1+1}c(t) + \int_{t_1}^t \|\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)\| \|s^{p+1}g(s)\| ds.$$

Let us define  $p_2 = \frac{4r}{\gamma_2 - 2}$ . Since  $\gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2$  we have  $p_2 \leq p_1$  and for any  $t \geq t_1$ ,  $t^{p_1-p_2} \geq 1$ . Dividing the previous inequality by  $t^{p_1-p_2}$  we get for any  $t \geq t_1$

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{p_2+2r-1}(a(t) + b(t)) \\ & \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1 - 2} t^{p_2+1}c(t) + t^{p_2-p_1} \int_{t_1}^t \|\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)\| \|s^{p+1}g(s)\| ds, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} (4.26) \quad & t^{p_2+2r-1}(a(t) + b(t)) \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1 - 2} t^{p_2+1}c(t) \\ & + \int_{t_1}^t \|\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)\| \|s^{p_2+2r-1}g(s)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  satisfies the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}(\gamma_2)$  we can apply Lemma 4.5 and deduce that there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for  $t \geq t_1$

$$t^{p_2+2r-1}b(t) \leq M + \int_{t_1}^t \|(\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s))\| \|s^{p_2+2r-1}g(s)\| ds,$$

which implies using the definition of  $b(t)$  given in (4.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}t^{p_2+2(r-1)}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|_2^2 \\ & \leq M + \int_{t_1}^t \|s^{\frac{p_2}{2}+(r-1)}(\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s))\| \|s^{\frac{p_2}{2}+r}g(s)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Grönwall–Bellman lemma it follows that

$$t^{\frac{p_2}{2}+r-1}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\| \leq \sqrt{2M} + \int_{t_1}^t s^{\frac{p_2}{2}+r}\|g(s)\| ds.$$

Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.5, the right member of the inequality is uniformly bounded relatively to  $t$ . It follows that there exists  $M_1 \geq 0$  such that for any  $t \geq t_1$

$$(4.27) \quad \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\| \leq M_1 t^{-\frac{p_2}{2}-r+1},$$

and thus that there exists  $M_2 > 0$  such that for any  $t \geq t_1$

$$\int_{t_1}^t |\langle (\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)), s^{p_2+2r-1}g(s) \rangle| ds \leq M_1 \int_{t_1}^t s^{\frac{p_2}{2}+r}\|g(s)\| ds \leq M_2.$$

Combining this inequality with (4.26) it follows that for any  $t \geq t_1$

$$t^{p_2+2r-1}a(t) \leq \mathcal{H}(t_1) + \frac{2r\alpha}{\gamma_1 - 2}t^{p_2+1}c(t) + M_2.$$

Using once again Lemma 4.5 we deduce there exist  $M_3$  and  $M_4$  such that for any  $t \geq t_1$

$$t^{p_2+2r-1}a(t) \leq M_3 + M_4(t^{(p_2+2r-1)}a(t))^{\frac{\gamma_2}{2}},$$

which implies that there exists  $M_5$  such that any  $t \geq 1$

$$a(t) \leq M_5t^{-(p_2+2r-1)},$$

that is,

$$F(x(t)) - F^* \leq M_5t^{-(p_2+2r)} = M_5t^{-\frac{2r\gamma_2}{\gamma_2-2}},$$

which is the desired result.

**4.5. Proof of Corollary 3.6.** In this paragraph we detail the proof of Corollary 3.6, in which it is stated that, in the flat case, the trajectory of any solution  $x$  of the ODE (3.5) is finite.

From the proof of Theorem 3.5 (see (4.27)), there exists  $A_1 > 0$  and  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,

$$\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\| \leq A_1 t^{-\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}+1}.$$

Combining the growth condition  $\mathbf{H}_2(\gamma)$  and the conclusion of Theorem 3.5, we have that there exists  $t_2 \geq t_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \geq t_2, \|x(t) - x^*\| &\leq K^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}}(F(x(t)) - F^*)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq A_2 t^{-\frac{2r}{\gamma-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\forall t \geq t_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} t\|\dot{x}(t)\| &\leq \lambda\|x(t) - x^*\| + \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\| \\ &\leq A_1 t^{-\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}+1} + \lambda A_2 t^{-\frac{2r}{\gamma-2}} \\ &\leq t^{-\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}+1}(A_1 + \lambda A_2 t^{r-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|\dot{x}(t)\| \leq t^{-\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}}(A_1 + \lambda A_2 t^{r-1}).$$

Noticing that  $r - 1 \leq 0$ , we finally get

$$\|\dot{x}(t)\| = \mathcal{O}\left(t^{-\frac{r\gamma}{\gamma-2}}\right),$$

which means that  $\|\dot{x}(t)\|$  is integrable and that the trajectory is finite.

### Appendix A. Proofs of technical lemmas.

#### A.1. Proof of Lemma 4.1: Differentiating the energy function for Theorem 3.1.

##### 1. Differentiating $\mathcal{E}$ .

Consider the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  defined as follows by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}(t) &= t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &= t(a(t) + b(t) + c(t)),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}(A.1) \quad a(t) &= t(F(x(t)) - F^*), \quad b(t) = \frac{1}{2t}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2, \quad c(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2t}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2.\end{aligned}$$

We then have

$$(A.2) \quad \begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2t(F(x(t)) - F^*) + t^2\langle\nabla F(x(t)), \dot{x}(t)\rangle + \xi\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + \langle\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t), (\lambda + 1)\dot{x}(t) + t\ddot{x}(t)\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is a solution of the ODE (3.1), we have

$$(A.3) \quad \begin{aligned}(\lambda + 1)\dot{x}(t) + t\ddot{x}(t) &= (\lambda + 1)\dot{x}(t) - \alpha\dot{x}(t) - t\nabla F(x(t)) + tg(t) \\ &= (\lambda + 1 - \alpha)\dot{x}(t) - t\nabla F(x(t)) + tg(t).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(A.4) \quad \begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2a(t) - \lambda t\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + (\xi + \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha))\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + t(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \langle tg(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Noticing that

$$(A.5) \quad \begin{aligned}\frac{1}{t}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 &= t\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda^2}{t}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2a(t) - \lambda t\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + (\xi - \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha))\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda + 1 - \alpha}{t}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)}{t}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + \langle tg(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\rangle \\ &= 2a(t) - \lambda t\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + (\xi - \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha))\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad + 2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)b(t) - 2\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)c(t) \\ &\quad + \langle tg(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Choosing now  $\xi = \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2a(t) - \lambda t \langle \nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^* \rangle + 2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)b(t) \\ &\quad - 2\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)c(t) + \langle tg(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t) \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$ ,

$$(A.6) \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) \leq (2 - \lambda\gamma)a(t) + 2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)b(t)$$

$$(A.7) \quad - 2\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)c(t) + \langle tg(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t) \rangle.$$

## 2. Differentiating $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ .

Recall now that

$$\mathcal{G}(t) = \mathcal{H}(t) + \int_t^T s^p \langle (\lambda(x(s) - x^*) + s\dot{x}(s)), sg(s) \rangle ds,$$

where  $\mathcal{H}(t) = t^p \mathcal{E}(t)$ . Since  $\mathcal{E}(t) = t(a(t) + b(t) + \xi c(t))$ , we deduce from (A.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}'(t) &= t^{p-1}(p\mathcal{E}(t) + t\mathcal{E}'(t)) \\ &\leq t^p((2 - \gamma\lambda + p)a(t) + (2\lambda + 2 - 2\alpha + p)b(t) \\ &\quad + \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)(-2\lambda + p)c(t)) \\ &\quad + \langle t^{p+1}g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t) \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

hence the expected inequality

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}'(t) &= \mathcal{H}'(t) - t^p \langle (\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)), tg(t) \rangle \\ &\leq t^p((2 - \gamma\lambda + p)a(t) + (2\lambda + 2 - 2\alpha + p)b(t) \\ &\quad + \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha)(p - 2\lambda)c(t)).\end{aligned}$$

**A.2. Proof of Lemma 4.2: Differentiating the energy function of Theorem 3.2.** Consider the energy  $\mathcal{E}$  defined as follows by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &= a(t) + b(t) + c(t),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$(A.8) \quad a(t) = F(x(t)) - F^*, \quad b(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2, \quad c(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|x(t) - x^*\|^2.$$

We then have

$$(A.9) \quad \mathcal{E}'(t) = \langle \nabla F(x(t)), \dot{x}(t) \rangle + \langle \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t), \lambda\dot{x}(t) + \ddot{x}(t) \rangle + \xi \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle.$$

Since  $x$  is a solution of the ODE (3.5), we have

$$\lambda\dot{x}(t) + \ddot{x}(t) = (\lambda - \alpha)\dot{x}(t) - \nabla F(x(t)) + g(t).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}'(t) &= -\lambda \langle \nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^* \rangle + (\xi + \lambda(\lambda - \alpha)) \langle \dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^* \rangle + (\lambda - \alpha) \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \langle g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t) \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Noticing that

$$(A.10) \quad \|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 = \|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle + \lambda^2\|x(t) - x^*\|^2,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= -\lambda\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle + (\lambda - \alpha)\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 \\ &\quad + (\xi - \lambda(\lambda - \alpha))\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad - \lambda^2(\lambda - \alpha)\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 + \langle g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\rangle \\ &= -\lambda\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle + 2(\lambda - \alpha)b(t) + (\xi - \lambda(\lambda - \alpha))\langle\dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^*\rangle \\ &\quad - 2\lambda^2(\lambda - \alpha)c(t) + \langle g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing now  $\xi = \lambda(\lambda - \alpha)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= -\lambda\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle + 2(\lambda - \alpha)b(t) - 2\lambda^2(\lambda - \alpha)c(t) \\ &\quad + \langle g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$ , we finally get

$$\mathcal{E}'(t) \leq -\lambda\gamma a(t) + 2(\lambda - \alpha)b(t) - 2\lambda^2(\lambda - \alpha)c(t) + \langle g(t), \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\rangle.$$

**A.3. Proof of Lemma 4.3: Differentiating the energy function of Theorem 3.3 for the classical heavy ball system.** Consider the energy,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(t) &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2}\|\lambda(t)(x(t) - x^*) + \dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &= F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2}\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t)\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda(t) = \frac{2\beta}{\gamma+2}$  and  $\xi(t) = -\lambda(t)^2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= \langle\nabla F(x(t)), \dot{x}(t)\rangle + \langle\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\dot{x}(t), \dot{x}(t)\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\langle x(t) - x^*, \ddot{x}(t)\rangle + \frac{2\dot{\beta}(t)}{\gamma+2}\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t)\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  satisfies the ODE (3.5) when  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\ddot{x}(t) = g(t) - \beta(t)\dot{x}(t) - \nabla F(x(t)),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= -\frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\langle\nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^*\rangle - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\gamma+2}\left(\dot{\beta}(t) - \beta(t)^2\right)\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t)\rangle \\ &\quad + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{2+\gamma}(x(t) - x^*)\rangle \\ &\leq -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)\left[F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2}\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\left(\frac{\dot{\beta}(t)}{\beta(t)} - \beta(t)\right)\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t)\rangle \\ &\quad + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{2+\gamma}(x(t) - x^*)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

assuming that  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma)$ . Noticing that by definition of the energy  $\mathcal{E}(t)$

$$F(x(t)) - F^* + \frac{1}{2}\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 = \mathcal{E}(t) - \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leq -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)\mathcal{E}(t) \\ &+ \frac{2\beta(t)}{\gamma+2}\left(\frac{\dot{\beta}(t)}{\beta(t)} + \frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma+2}\beta(t)\right)\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle + \langle g(t), \dot{x}(t) + \frac{2\beta(t)}{2+\gamma}(x(t) - x^*) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

**A.4. Proof of Lemma 4.4: Differentiating the energy function of Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\lambda$  be a nonnegative real constant and  $\xi(\cdot)$  a real-valued function. Consider the energy

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(t) &= t^2(F(x(t)) - F^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\xi(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 \\ &= t(a(t) + b(t) + \xi c(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a(t) = t(F(x(t)) - F^*), \quad b(t) = \frac{1}{2t}\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2, \quad c(t) = \frac{1}{2t}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2.$$

### 1. Differentiating $\mathcal{E}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2t(F(x(t)) - F^*) + t^2\langle \nabla F(x(t)), \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &+ \langle \lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t), (1 + \lambda)\dot{x}(t) + t\ddot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &+ \frac{\dot{\xi}(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2 + \xi(t)\langle \dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^* \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{A.11}$$

Since  $x$  satisfies the ODE (3.5) with  $g \equiv 0$ , we have

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -\frac{\alpha}{t^\theta}\dot{x}(t) - \nabla F(x(t)),$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &= 2a(t) - \lambda t\langle \nabla F(x(t)), x(t) - x^* \rangle \\ &+ [\lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta}) + \xi(t)]\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &+ t(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\dot{\xi}(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  satisfies  $\mathbf{H}_1(\gamma_1)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leq (2 - \lambda\gamma_1)a(t) + [\lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta}) + \xi(t)]\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle \\ &+ t(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\dot{\xi}(t)}{2}\|x(t) - x^*\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{A.12}$$

Noticing that

$$\|\lambda(x(t) - x^*) + t\dot{x}(t)\|^2 = t^2\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 + 2t\lambda\langle \dot{x}(t), x(t) - x^* \rangle + \lambda^2\|x(t) - x^*\|^2,$$

i.e.,

$$(A.13) \quad t\|\dot{x}(t)\|^2 = 2b(t) - 2\lambda^2c(t) - 2\lambda\langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle,$$

we get

$$(A.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leqslant (2 - \lambda\gamma_1)a(t) + 2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})b(t) - 2\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})c(t) \\ &\quad + [\xi(t) - \lambda(1 + \lambda - \alpha t^{1-\theta})] \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle + t\dot{\xi}(t)c(t). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $\xi(t) = \lambda(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})$ , we obtain

$$(A.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}'(t) &\leqslant (2 - \lambda\gamma_1)a(t) + 2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})b(t) - 2\lambda^2(\lambda + 1 - \alpha t^{1-\theta})c(t) \\ &\quad + [\xi(t) - \lambda(1 + \lambda - \alpha t^{1-\theta})] \langle x(t) - x^*, \dot{x}(t) \rangle - \lambda\alpha(1 - \theta)t^{1-\theta}c(t). \end{aligned}$$

2. *Differentiating  $\mathcal{H}$ .* Recall that  $\mathcal{H}(t) = t^p\mathcal{E}(t)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}'(t) &= t^{p-1}(p\mathcal{E}(t) + t\mathcal{E}'(t)) \\ &= t^p(pa(t) + pb(t) + p\xi(t)c(t) + \mathcal{E}'(t)) \\ &\leqslant t^p [(2 - \lambda\gamma_1 + p)a(t) + (2\lambda + 2 - 2\alpha t^{1-\theta} + p)b(t) \\ &\quad + \lambda((\lambda + 1)(p - 2\lambda) - \alpha(p + 1 - \theta - 2\lambda)t^{1-\theta})c(t)] \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

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