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# A Regularity Criterion for the Magneto-Micropolar Fluid Equations in $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$

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The paper is dedicated to study of the Cauchy problem for the magneto-micropolar fluid equations in three-dimensional spaces. A new logarithmically improved regularity criterion for the magneto-micropolar fluid equations is established in terms of the pressure in the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$ .

## 1. Introduction

This paper concerns with the regularity of weak solutions to the magneto-micropolar fluid equations in three dimensions as

$$\begin{aligned} &\partial_t v - (\mu + \chi) \Delta v + v \cdot \nabla v - b \cdot \nabla b + \nabla(p + b^2) \\ &\quad - \chi \nabla \times \omega = 0, \\ &\partial_t \omega - \gamma \Delta \omega - \kappa \nabla \operatorname{div} \omega + 2\chi \omega + v \cdot \nabla \omega - \chi \nabla \times v = 0, \\ &\partial_t b - \nu \Delta b + v \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla v = 0, \\ &\operatorname{div} v = \operatorname{div} b = 0, \\ &v(0, x) = v_0(x), \quad \omega(0, x) = \omega_0(x), \\ &b(0, x) = b_0(x), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $v(t, x) = (v_1(t, x), v_2(t, x), v_3(t, x)) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  denotes the velocity of the fluid at a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\omega(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $b(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $p(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$  denote, respectively, the microrotational velocity, the magnetic field, and the hydrostatic pressure.  $\mu$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$  are positive numbers associated to properties of the material:  $\mu$  is the kinematic viscosity,  $\chi$  is the vortex viscosity,  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  are spin viscosities, and  $1/\nu$  is the magnetic Reynold.  $u_0$ ,  $\omega_0$ ,  $b_0$  are initial data for the velocity,

the angular velocity, and the magnetic field with properties  $\operatorname{div} u_0 = 0$  and  $\operatorname{div} b_0 = 0$ . For more detailed background, we refer the readers to [1–3].

As we know, the problem of global regularity or finite time singularity for the weak solutions of the magneto-micropolar fluid equations model with large initial data still remains unsolved since (1) includes the 3D Navier-Stokes equations. It is of interest that the regularity of the weak solutions is under preassumption of certain growth conditions. There are a lot of lectures to study the regularity of weak solutions of the magneto-micropolar fluid equations (see, [4–6]). The purpose of this paper is to establish a new logarithmically improved regularity criterion for the micropolar fluid equations in terms of the pressure in Besov space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$ . Now we state the main results as follows.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(v_0(x), \omega_0(x), b_0(x)) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Let  $T > 0$  and  $(v, \omega, b)$  be a weak solution to the system (1). If the pressure filed  $P$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\int_0^T \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} dt < \infty, \tag{2}$$

then the weak solution  $(v, \omega, b)$  is regular on  $[0, T]$ .

*Remark 2.* Since the space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$  is wider than  $\dot{\mathcal{M}}_{2,3}$ , so our result resolves the limit case  $r = 1$  in [7], which greatly improves the result in [7].

*Remark 3.* Since the space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$  is wider than  $L^{3/r,\infty}$ , hence our result extends and improves the recent results given by [4].

## 2. Preliminaries and Lemmas

Throughout this paper, we introduce some function spaces, notations, and important inequalities.

Let  $e^{t\Delta}$  denote the heat semigroup defined by

$$e^{t\Delta} f = K_t * f, \quad K_t = (4\pi t)^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}\right) \quad (3)$$

for  $t > 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $*$  denotes the convolution of functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We now recall the definition of the homogeneous Besov space with negative indices  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the homogeneous Sobolev space  $\dot{H}_q^\alpha$  of exponent  $\alpha > 0$ . It is known (p. 192 of [8]) that  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$  belongs to  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}$  if and only if  $e^{t\Delta} f \in L^\infty$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $t^{\alpha/2} \|e^{t\Delta} f\|_\infty \in L^\infty(0, \infty; L^\infty)$ . The norm of  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}$  is defined, up to equivalence, by

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}} = \sup_{t>0} \left( t^{\alpha/2} \|e^{t\Delta} f\|_\infty \right). \quad (4)$$

We introduce now the homogeneous Sobolev space  $\dot{H}_q^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , which is defined by the set of functions  $f \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $1/r = (1/q) - (s/3)$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{s/2} f \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . This space is endowed with the norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}_q^\alpha} = \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q}, \quad (5)$$

and when  $q = 2$ , we just let  $\dot{H}_2^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^3) = \dot{H}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Additionally, we have the following inclusion relations (see, e.g., [9]):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3) &\subset L^3(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset \dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3), \\ \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3) &\subset L^3(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset \dot{\mathcal{M}}_{2,3}(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset \dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

with continuous injection.

**Lemma 4** (see [10]). *Let  $1 < p < q < \infty$  and  $s = \alpha((q/p) - 1) > 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $C$  depending only on  $\alpha$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$  such that for all  $f \in \dot{H}_p^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap \dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,*

$$\|f\|_{L^q} \leq C \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^p}^{p/q} \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha}}^{1-(p/q)}. \quad (7)$$

In particular, for  $s = 1$ ,  $p = 2$ , and  $q = 4$ , we get  $\alpha = 1$  and

$$\|f\|_{L^4} \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1/2} \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^{1/2}. \quad (8)$$

**Lemma 5** (see [11]). *Let  $f \in W^{1,s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  ( $s \geq 1$ ), and  $r \geq 1$ , then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  such that*

$$\|f\|_{L^r} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2}^{1-\alpha} \|\nabla f\|_{L^2}^\alpha, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{(1/r) - (1/\gamma)}{(1/3) - (1/s) - (1/r)}. \quad (10)$$

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1

For given initial data  $(v_0, \omega_0, b_0) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , the weak solution is the same as the local strong solution  $(v, \omega, b)$  in a local interval  $(0, T)$  as in the discussion of Navier-Stokes equations. For the uniqueness and existence of local strong solution, we refer to [1]. Thus, it proves that Theorem 1 is reduced to establish a priori estimates uniformly in  $(0, T)$  for strong solutions. With the use of the a priori estimates, the local strong solution  $(v, \omega, b)$  can be continuously extended to  $t = T$  by a standard process to obtain global regularity of the weak solution. Therefore, we assume that the solution  $(v, \omega, b)$  is sufficiently smooth on  $(0, T)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* We show that Theorem 1 holds under condition (1). To prove the theorem, we need the  $L^4$ -estimate. For this purpose, taking the inner product of the first equation of (1) with  $|u|^2 u$  and integrating by parts, it can be deduced that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_{L^4}^4 + (\mu + \chi) \|\nabla u\| |u|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\mu + \chi) \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |P| |u|^2 |\nabla u| dx + 3\chi \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |w| |u|^2 |\nabla u| dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b| |\nabla(|u|^2 u)| |b| dx, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where we used the following relations by the divergence-free condition  $\operatorname{div} u = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} u \cdot \nabla u \cdot |u|^2 u dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} u \cdot \nabla |u|^4 dx = 0, \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Delta u \cdot |u|^2 u dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 |u|^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla |u|^2|^2 dx, \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla \times \omega \cdot |u|^2 u dx \\ &\quad = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^2 \omega \cdot \nabla \times u dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \omega \cdot \nabla |u|^2 \times u dx, \\ &\quad |\nabla \times u| \leq |\nabla u|, \quad |\nabla |u|^2| \leq |\nabla u|. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Similarly, taking the inner product of the second equation of (1) with  $|\omega|^2 \omega$  and integrating by parts, it can be inferred that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4 + \gamma \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2} \|\omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\nabla |\omega|^2\|_{L^2}^2 + k \|\operatorname{div} \omega\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + 2\chi \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4 \leq 3\chi \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u| |\omega|^2 |\nabla \omega| dx. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Using an argument similar to that used in deriving the estimate (11)–(13), it can be obtained for the third equation of (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} \|b\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\nabla b\|_{L^2} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b| |\nabla (|b|^2 b)| |u| dx. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Adding up (11), (13), and (14), then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} (\|u\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4 + \|b\|_{L^4}^4) + (\mu + \chi) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\mu + \chi) \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2 + \gamma \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2} \|\omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\nabla |\omega|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + k \|\operatorname{div} \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\chi \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\nabla b\|_{L^2} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |P| |u|^2 |\nabla u| dx + 3\chi \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u| |\omega|^2 |\nabla \omega| dx \\ + 3\chi \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u| |\omega|^2 |\nabla \omega| dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b| |\nabla (|u|^2 u)| |b| dx \\ + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b| |\nabla (|b|^2 b)| |u| dx \\ \triangleq I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Applying the Hölder inequality and the Young inequality for  $I_2$ , it follows that

$$I_2 \leq \frac{\chi + \mu}{2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + C (\|u\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4). \quad (16)$$

Arguing similarly to above, it can be derived for  $I_3$  that

$$I_3 \leq \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2} \|\omega\|_{L^2}^2 + C (\|u\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\omega\|_{L^4}^4). \quad (17)$$

Considering the term  $I_1$ , by virtue of the Cauchy inequality, we have

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla |v|^2|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |P|^2 |v|^2 dx. \quad (18)$$

Let us bound the integral  $(1/2) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |P|^2 |v|^2 dx$ . Applying the divergence operator  $\operatorname{div}$  to the first equation of (1), one formally has  $P = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 R_i R_j (u_i u_j - b_j b_j)$ , where  $R_j$  denotes the  $j$ th Riesz operator. By the Calderon-Zygmund inequality, we have

$$\|\nabla P\|_{L^2} \leq C (\|\nabla |v|\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2}). \quad (19)$$

With the help of (8) and (19), by the Hölder inequality and the Young inequality, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |P|^2 |v|^2 dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \|P\|_{L^4}^2 \|v\|_{L^4}^2 \leq C \|\nabla P\|_{L^2} \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}} \|v\|_{L^4}^2 \\ \leq C (\|\nabla |v|\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2}) \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}} \|v\|_{L^4}^2 \\ = (\|\nabla |v|\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2}) \left( C \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2 \|v\|_{L^4}^4 \right)^{1/2} \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} (\|\nabla |v|\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2}^2) + C \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2 \|v\|_{L^4}^4. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

So the term  $I_1$  can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla |v|^2|^2 dx + \frac{1}{4} (\|\nabla |v|\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla |b|\|_{L^2}^2) \\ + C \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2 \|v\|_{L^4}^4. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Next we have the following estimate for the term  $I_4$ :

$$I_4 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b|^2 |u| |\nabla |u|^2| dx. \quad (22)$$

Since  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^6(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and using Cauchy inequality, generalized Hölder inequality, Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, and Sobolev imbedding theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 \leq C \| |b|^2 |u| \|_{L^2} \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2} \leq C \| |b|^2 |u| \|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\chi + \mu}{4} \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq C \| |b|^2 \|_{L^6}^2 \|u\|_{L^3}^2 + \frac{\chi + \mu}{4} \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq C \|\nabla |b|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \|u\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \frac{\chi + \mu}{4} \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq C \| |b| \nabla |b| \|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\chi + \mu}{4} \|\nabla |u|^2\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

The last term of (15) can be treated in the same way as

$$\begin{aligned} I_5 \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |b|^2 |u| |\nabla |b|^2| dx \leq C \| |b|^2 |u| \|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \|\nabla |b|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq C \| |b| \nabla |b| \|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Inserting the estimates (15) and (21) into (14), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2 \|v\|_{L^4}^4 + C (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \|P\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2 (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4) + C (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} \right) \\
& \quad \times \left[ 1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}) \right] (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} \right) \\
& \quad \times \left[ 1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{L^3}) \right] (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} \right) \\
& \quad \times \left[ 1 + \ln(e + \|v(t, \cdot)\|_{L^3}) \right] (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) \\
& \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} \right) \\
& \quad \times \left[ 1 + \ln(e + y(t)) \right] (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4), \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $y(t)$  is defined by

$$y(t) =: \sup_{T_0 \leq s \leq t} \left( \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^3 \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^3 b\|_{L^2}^2 \right). \tag{26}$$

Applying Gronwall's inequality on (25) for the interval  $[T_0, t]$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{T_0 \leq s \leq t} (\|v\|_4^4 + \|\omega\|_4^4 + \|b\|_4^4) & \leq C_0 \exp(C\varepsilon (1 + \ln(e + y(t)))) \\
& \leq C_0 \exp(2C\varepsilon \ln(e + y(t))) \\
& \leq C_0 (e + y(t))^{2C\varepsilon} \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$\int_{T_0}^t \frac{\|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}}^2}{1 + \ln(e + \|P(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}})} ds < \varepsilon \ll 1, \tag{28}$$

where  $C_0$  is a positive constant depending on  $T_0$ .

Next we will estimate the  $L^2$ -norm of  $\nabla v$ ,  $\nabla \omega$ , and  $\nabla b$ . We multiply both sides of the first equation of (1) by  $(-\Delta v)$ , the

second equation of (1) by  $(-\Delta \omega)$ , and the third equation of (1) by  $(-\Delta b)$ , by integration by parts over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (v \cdot \nabla) v \cdot \Delta v \, dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (b \cdot \nabla) b \cdot \Delta v \, dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \operatorname{curl} \omega \Delta v \, dx \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|\nabla v\|_{L^4} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + \|b\|_{L^4} \|\nabla b\|_{L^4} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|v\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^{7/8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + \|b\|_{L^4} \|b\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2}^{7/8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{16} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \quad + C \|b\|_{L^4}^{16} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|v\|_{L^4}^{16} \|v\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\omega\|_{L^2}^2, \\
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla \operatorname{div} \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + 2 \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& = \int (v \cdot \nabla) \omega \cdot \Delta \omega \, dx - \int \operatorname{curl} v \Delta \omega \, dx \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^4} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^2} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|\omega\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2}^{7/8} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + C \|v\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|v\|_{L^4}^{16} \|\omega\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|v\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{30}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla b\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta b\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (v \cdot \nabla b) \Delta b \, dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (b \cdot \nabla v) \Delta b \, dx \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|\nabla b\|_{L^4} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2} + \|b\|_{L^4} \|\nabla v\|_{L^4} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq \|v\|_{L^4} \|b\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2}^{7/8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + \|b\|_{L^4} \|v\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^{7/8} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta b\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|v\|_{L^4}^{16} \|b\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|b\|_{L^4}^{16} \|v\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{31}
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality:

$$\|\nabla f\|_{L^4} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2}^{1/8} \|\Delta f\|_{L^2}^{7/8}. \tag{32}$$

Combining (29), (30), and (31) and using the definition of the weak solution, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla b\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \leq CC_0(e + y(t))^{6C\varepsilon} (t - T_0) \\ & \quad + \|\nabla v(\cdot, T_0)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla \omega(\cdot, T_0)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Finally we go to the estimate for  $H^3$ -norm of  $v, \omega$ , and  $b$ . In the following calculations, we will use the following commutator estimate due to Kato and Ponce [12]:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Lambda^s(fg) - f\Lambda^s g\|_{L^p} \\ & \leq (\|\nabla f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|\Lambda^{s-1} g\|_{L^{q_1}} + \|\Lambda^s f\|_{L^{p_2}} \|g\|_{L^{q_2}}), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

with  $s > 0$ ,  $\Lambda^s = (-\Delta)^{s/2}$  and  $(1/p) = (1/p_1) + (1/q_1) = (1/p_2) + (1/q_2)$ . Taking the operation  $\Lambda^3$  on both sides of (1), then multiplying them by  $\Lambda^3 v, \Lambda^3 \omega$ , and  $\Lambda^3 b$ , and integrating by parts over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^3 v|^2 + |\Lambda^3 \omega|^2 + |\Lambda^3 b|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^4 v|^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^4 \omega|^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^4 b|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^3 \operatorname{div} v|^2 dx + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^3 \omega|^2 dx \\ & = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\Lambda^3(v \cdot \nabla v) - v \cdot \nabla \Lambda^3 v] \Lambda^3 v dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Lambda^3 \operatorname{curl} \omega \cdot \Lambda^3 v dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\Lambda^3(v \cdot \nabla \omega) - v \cdot \nabla \Lambda^3 \omega] \Lambda^3 \omega dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Lambda^3 \operatorname{curl} v \cdot \Lambda^3 \omega dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\Lambda^3(b \cdot \nabla b) - b \cdot \nabla \Lambda^3 b] \Lambda^3 v dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\Lambda^3(v \cdot \nabla b) - v \cdot \nabla \Lambda^3 b] \Lambda^3 b dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\Lambda^3(b \cdot \nabla v) - b \cdot \nabla \Lambda^3 v] \Lambda^3 b dx \\ & \equiv A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5 + A_6 + A_7. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Hence  $A_1$  can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 & \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^3} \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^3}^2 \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{13/2} \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^2}^{1/4} \|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^{5/3} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{6} \|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{13/2} \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^2}^{3/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

where we used (33) with  $s = 3$ ,  $p = 3/2$ ,  $p_1 = q_1 = p_2 = q_2 = 3$  and the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla v\|_{L^3} & \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{3/4} \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^2}^{1/4}, \\ \|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^3} & \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{1/6} \|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^{5/6}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

If we use the existing estimate (31) for  $T_0 < t < T$ , (36) reduces to

$$A_1 \leq \frac{1}{6} \|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^2 + CC_0(e + y(t))^{(3/4)+(39/2)C\varepsilon}. \quad (38)$$

Using (37) again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 + A_5 + A_6 + A_7 & \leq \frac{1}{6} (\|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^4 \omega\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^4 b\|_{L^2}^2) \\ & \quad + CC_0(e + y(t))^{(3/4)+(39/2)C\varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

For  $A_2$  and  $A_4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 + A_4 & \leq \frac{1}{6} (\|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^4 \omega\|_{L^2}^2) + C (\|\Lambda^3 v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^3 \omega\|_{L^2}^2) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{6} (\|\Lambda^4 v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^4 \omega\|_{L^2}^2) + CC_0(e + y(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Inserting the above estimates (38)–(40) into (35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Lambda^3 v|^2 + |\Lambda^3 \omega|^2 dx \\ & \leq CC_0(e + y(t))^{(3/4)+(39/2)C\varepsilon} + CC_0(e + y(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Gronwall's inequality implies the boundness of  $H^3$ -norm of  $v, \omega$ , and  $b$  provided that  $39C\varepsilon < (1/2)$ , which can be achieved by the absolute continuous property of integral (2). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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