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**ON SOME INEQUALITIES FOR SOLUTIONS  
 OF EQUATIONS DESCRIBING THE MOTION OF  
 A VISCOUS COMPRESSIBLE HEAT-CONDUCTING  
 CAPILLARY FLUID BOUNDED BY A FREE SURFACE**

*Abstract.* We derive inequalities for a local solution of a free boundary problem for a viscous compressible heat-conducting capillary fluid. The inequalities are crucial in proving the global existence of solutions belonging to certain anisotropic Sobolev–Slobodetskiĭ space and close to an equilibrium state.

**1. Introduction.** The aim of the paper is to obtain some inequalities for a local solution of equations of motion of a viscous compressible heat-conducting capillary fluid bounded by a free surface. The motion of such a fluid in a bounded domain  $\Omega_t \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  (which depends on time  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^1$ ) is described by the following system with the boundary and initial conditions (see [3], [4]):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varrho[v_t + (v \cdot \nabla)v] - \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}(u, p) &= 0 && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\
 \varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho v) &= 0 && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\
 \varrho c_v(\theta_t + v \cdot \nabla\theta) + \theta p_\theta \operatorname{div} v - \varkappa \Delta\theta & && \\
 (1.1) \quad -\frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (v_{ix_j} + v_{jx_i})^2 - (\nu - \mu)(\operatorname{div} v)^2 &= \varrho r && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\
 \mathbb{T}\bar{n} - \sigma H\bar{n} &= -p_0\bar{n} && \text{on } \tilde{S}^T,
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
(1.1) \quad & v \cdot \bar{n} = -\varphi_t/|\nabla\varphi| && \text{on } \tilde{S}^T, \\
[\text{cont.}] \quad & \partial\theta/\partial n = \bar{\theta} && \text{on } \tilde{S}^T, \\
& \varrho|_{t=0} = \varrho_0, \quad v|_{t=0} = v_0, \quad \theta|_{t=0} = \theta_0 && \text{in } \Omega,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\Omega}^T \equiv \bigcup_{t \in (0, T)} \Omega_t \times \{t\}$ ,  $\Omega_0 = \Omega$  is an initial domain,  $\tilde{S}^T \equiv \bigcup_{t \in (0, T)} S_t \times \{t\}$ ,  $S_t = \partial\Omega_t$ ,  $\varphi(x, t) = 0$  describes  $S_t$ ,  $\bar{n}$  is the unit outward vector normal to the boundary, i.e.  $\bar{n} = \nabla\varphi/|\nabla\varphi|$ . Moreover,  $v = v(x, t)$  is the velocity of the fluid,  $\varrho = \varrho(x, t)$  the density,  $\theta = \theta(x, t)$  the temperature,  $r = r(x, t)$  the heat sources per unit mass,  $\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(x, t)$  the heat flow per unit surface,  $p = p(\varrho, \theta)$  the pressure,  $c_v = c_v(\varrho, \theta)$  the specific heat at constant volume,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  the viscosity coefficients,  $\varkappa$  the coefficient of heat conductivity,  $\sigma$  the coefficient of surface tension, and  $p_0$  the external (constant) pressure.

From the thermodynamic considerations we have

$$\nu > \frac{1}{3}\mu > 0, \quad \varkappa > 0, \quad c_v > 0, \quad \sigma > 0.$$

Further,  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}(v, p)$  denotes the stress tensor of the form

$$\mathbb{T}(v, p) = \{T_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,2,3} = \{D_{ij}(v) - p\delta_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,2,3},$$

where

$$\mathbb{D}(v) = \{D_{ij}(v)\}_{i,j=1,2,3} = \{\mu S_{ij}(v) + (\nu - \mu)\delta_{ij} \operatorname{div} v\}_{i,j=1,2,3}$$

and  $\mathbb{S}(v) = \{v_{ix_j} + v_{jx_i}\}_{i,j=1,2,3}$  is the velocity deformation tensor.

Finally, we denote by  $H$  the double mean curvature of  $S_t$  which is negative for convex domains and can be expressed in the form

$$H\bar{n} = \Delta_{S_t}(t)x, \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3),$$

where  $\Delta_{S_t}(t)$  is the Laplace–Beltrami operator on  $S_t$ . Let  $S_t$  be determined by  $x = x(s_1, s_2, t)$ ,  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{S_t}(t) &= g^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\gamma} g^{-1/2} \hat{g}_{\gamma\delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\delta} \right) \\
&= g^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\gamma} g^{1/2} g^{\gamma\delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\delta} \right) \quad (\gamma, \delta = 1, 2),
\end{aligned}$$

where the convention summation over repeated indices is assumed,  $g = \det\{g_{\gamma\delta}\}_{\gamma,\delta=1,2}$ ,  $g_{\gamma\delta} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial s_\gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s_\delta}$ ,  $\{g^{\gamma\delta}\}$  is the inverse matrix to  $\{g_{\gamma\delta}\}$  and  $\{\hat{g}_{\gamma\delta}\}$  is the matrix of algebraic complements of  $\{g_{\gamma\delta}\}$ .

Assume that the domain  $\Omega$  is given. Then by (1.1)<sub>5</sub>,  $\Omega_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = x(\xi, t), \xi \in \Omega\}$ , where  $x = x(\xi, t)$  is the solution of the Cauchy problem

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = v(x, t), \quad x|_{t=0} = \xi \in \Omega, \quad \xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3).$$

Integrating (1.2) we obtain

$$x = \xi + \int_0^t u(\xi, t') dt' \equiv X_u(\xi, t),$$

where  $u(\xi, t) = v(X_u(\xi, t), t)$  and  $x = X_u(\xi, t)$  describes the relation between the Eulerian  $x$  and Lagrangian  $\xi$  coordinates. Moreover, by (1.1)<sub>5</sub>,  $S_t = \{x : x = x(\xi, t), \xi \in S = \partial\Omega\}$ .

By the continuity equation (1.1)<sub>2</sub> and the kinematic conditions (1.1)<sub>5</sub> the total mass is conserved, i.e.

$$\int_{\Omega_t} \varrho(x, t) dx = \int_{\Omega} \varrho_0(\xi) d\xi = M.$$

Now, assume that  $p_e > 0$ ,  $p_\theta > 0$  for  $\varrho, \theta \in \mathbb{R}_+^1$  and consider the equation

$$(1.3) \quad p\left(\frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_e^3}, \theta_e\right) = p_0 + \frac{2\sigma}{R_e}.$$

We assume that there exist  $R_e > 0$  and  $\theta_e > 0$  satisfying (1.3). Then we have the following definition.

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $r = \bar{\theta} = 0$ . By an *equilibrium state* we mean a solution  $(v, \theta, \varrho, \Omega_t)$  of problem (1.1) such that  $v = 0$ ,  $\theta = \theta_e$ ,  $\varrho = \varrho_e$ ,  $\Omega_t = \Omega_e$  for  $t \geq 0$ , where  $\varrho_e = M/(\frac{4}{3}\pi R_e^3)$ ,  $\Omega_e$  is a ball of radius  $R_e$ , and  $R_e > 0$  and  $\theta_e > 0$  satisfy equation (1.3).

Next, we introduce

$$\varrho_\sigma = \varrho - \varrho_e, \quad \theta_\sigma = \theta - \theta_e.$$

Then problem (1.1) takes the form

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \varrho[v_t + (v \cdot \nabla)v] - \operatorname{div} \mathbb{T}(v, p_\sigma) &= 0 && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\ \varrho_{\sigma t} + v \cdot \nabla \varrho_\sigma + \varrho \operatorname{div} v &= 0 && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\ \varrho c_v(\theta_{\sigma t} + v \cdot \nabla \theta_\sigma) - \varkappa \Delta \theta_\sigma + \theta p_\theta \operatorname{div} v \\ &= \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (v_{ix_j} + v_{jx_i})^2 + (\nu - \mu)(\operatorname{div} v)^2 + \varrho r && \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}^T, \\ \mathbb{T}(v, p_\sigma) \bar{n} - \sigma(H + H_e) \bar{n} &= 0 && \text{on } \tilde{S}^T, \\ v \cdot \bar{n} = -\varphi_t / |\nabla \varphi| &&& \text{on } \tilde{S}^T, \\ \partial \theta_\sigma / \partial n = \bar{\theta} &&& \text{on } \tilde{S}^T, \\ \varrho_\sigma|_{t=0} = \varrho_0 = \varrho_0 - \varrho_e, \quad \theta_\sigma|_{t=0} = \theta_{\sigma 0} = \theta_0 - \theta_e, \\ v|_{t=0} = v_0 &&& \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$p_\sigma = p - \sigma H_e - p_0, \quad H_e = 2/R_e.$$

On the other hand we can write

$$(1.5) \quad p_\sigma(\varrho, \theta) = p_1\varrho_\sigma + p_2\theta_\sigma,$$

where

$$p_1(\varrho, \theta) = \int_0^1 p_\varrho(\varrho_e + s(\varrho - \varrho_e), \theta) ds,$$

$$p_2(\theta) = \int_0^1 p_\theta(\varrho_e, \theta_e + s(\theta - \theta_e)) ds.$$

Problem (1.4) written in Lagrangian coordinates has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta u_t - \operatorname{div}_u \mathbb{T}_u(u, p_\sigma) &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega^T = \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \eta_{\sigma t} + \eta \operatorname{div}_u u &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega^T, \\ \eta c_v \vartheta_{\sigma t} + \vartheta p_\vartheta \operatorname{div}_u u - \varkappa \nabla_u^2 \vartheta_\sigma & && \\ &= \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\xi_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_j + \xi_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_i)^2 && \\ &\quad - (\nu - \mu)(\operatorname{div}_u u)^2 + \eta k && \text{in } \Omega^T, \\ \mathbb{T}_u(u, p_\sigma) \bar{n}_u - \sigma(H + H_e) \bar{n}_u &= 0 && \text{on } S^T, \\ \bar{n}_u \cdot \nabla_u \vartheta_\sigma &= \bar{\vartheta} && \text{on } S^T, \\ \eta_\sigma|_{t=0} = \varrho_{\sigma 0}, \quad \vartheta_\sigma|_{t=0} = \theta_{\sigma 0}, \quad u|_{t=0} = v_0 &&& \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta(\xi, t) = \varrho(X_u(\xi, t), t)$ ,  $\vartheta(\xi, t) = \theta(X_u(\xi, t), t)$ ,  $\eta_\sigma = \eta - \varrho_e$ ,  $\vartheta_\sigma = \vartheta - \theta_e$ ,  $k(\xi, t) = r(X_u(\xi, t), t)$ ,  $\bar{\vartheta}(\xi, t) = \bar{\theta}(X_u(\xi, t), t)$ ,  $\bar{n}_u(\xi, t) = \bar{n}(X_u(\xi, t), t)$ ,  $\nabla_u = \xi_{ix} \partial_{\xi_i} = \{\xi_{ix_j} \partial_{\xi_j}\}_{j=1,2,3}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_u(u, p) = -pI + \mathbb{D}_u(u)$ ,  $I = \{\delta_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,2,3}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{D}_u(u) &= \{D_{uij}(u)\}_{i,j=1,2,3} \\ &= \{\mu(\partial_{x_i} \xi_k \partial_{\xi_k} u_j + \partial_{x_j} \xi_k \partial_{\xi_k} u_i) + (\nu - \mu) \delta_{ij} \operatorname{div}_u u\}_{i,j=1,2,3}, \end{aligned}$$

$\operatorname{div}_u u = \nabla_u \cdot u = \partial_{x_i} \xi_k \partial_{\xi_k} u_i$ ,  $\operatorname{div}_u \mathbb{T}_u(u, p) = \{\partial_{x_j} \xi_k \partial_{\xi_k} T_{uij}(u, p)\}_{i=1,2,3}$  and  $\partial_{x_i} \xi_k$  are elements of the matrix  $\xi_x$  which is inverse to the matrix  $x_\xi = I + \int_0^t u_\xi(\xi, t') dt'$ .

In this paper we derive estimates for problem (1.1) (see Theorems 3.2 and 3.4) which are essential in the proof of the global-in-time existence of solutions to (1.1) such that  $(u, \vartheta_\sigma, \eta_\sigma) \in W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times W_2^{1+\alpha, 1/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \cap C(0, T; W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega))$ ,  $\alpha \in (3/4, 1)$  (see definitions in Section 2) and close to the equilibrium state. Problem (1.1) was already examined in [8], where the global existence of more regular solutions was proved. Moreover, the free boundary problem for a viscous barotropic compressible capillary fluid has been considered in [6], [7] and [10].

**2. Notation.** By  $W_2^{k+\alpha, k/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we denote the Sobolev–Slobodetskii space with the norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{W_2^{k+\alpha, k/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T)} &= \sum_{|\beta|+2i \leq k} \|\partial_x^\beta \partial_t^i u\|_{L_2(\Omega^T)}^2 \\ &+ \sum_{|\beta|=k} \int_0^T \int_\Omega \int_\Omega \frac{|\partial_x^\beta u(x, t) - \partial_{x'}^\beta u(x', t)|^2}{|x - x'|^{3+2\alpha}} dx dx' dt \\ &+ \int_\Omega \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{|\partial_t^{[k/2]} u(x, t) - \partial_{t'}^{[k/2]} u(x, t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha+k-2[k/2]}} dx dt dt', \end{aligned}$$

where  $\partial_x^\beta = \partial_{x_1}^{\beta_1} \partial_{x_2}^{\beta_2} \partial_{x_3}^{\beta_3}$ ,  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$  is a multi-index,  $|\beta| = \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$ . Similarly we can define the norms in  $W_2^{k+\alpha}(\Omega)$  and  $W_2^{k+\alpha, k/\alpha+\alpha/2}(S^T)$ .

Moreover, we shall use the notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{W_2^{k+\alpha, k/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T)} &= \|u\|_{k+\alpha, \Omega^T}; \\ \|u\|_{W_2^{k+\alpha}(Q)} &= \|u\|_{k+\alpha, Q}, \quad Q \in \{\Omega, S, S^1\} \quad (S^1 \text{ is the unit sphere}); \\ \|u\|_{L_p(Q)} &= \|u\|_{p, Q}, \quad p \in [1, \infty], \quad Q \in \{\Omega, S\}; \\ \|u\|_{L_2(Q)} &= \|u\|_{0, Q}, \quad Q \in \{\Omega, S, \Omega^T, S^T\}; \\ \|u\|_{\Omega^T}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)} &= \left[ \|u\|_{\alpha+2, \Omega^T}^2 + T^{-\alpha} \left( \|u_t\|_{0, \Omega^T}^2 + \sum_{|\beta|=2} \|\partial_x^\beta u\|_{0, \Omega^T}^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sup_{t \leq T} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{\alpha+1, \Omega}^2 \right]^{1/2}; \\ \|u\|_{Q^T}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)} &= (\|u\|_{\alpha, Q^T}^2 + T^{-\alpha} \|u\|_{0, Q^T}^2)^{1/2}, \quad Q \in \{\Omega, S\}; \\ [u]_{\alpha, \Omega^T, x} &= \left( \int_0^T dt \int_\Omega \int_\Omega \frac{|u(x, t) - u(x', t)|^2}{|x - x'|^{3+2\alpha}} dx dx' \right)^{1/2}; \\ [u]_{\alpha, \Omega^T, t} &= \left( \int_\Omega dx \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{|u(x, t) - u(x, t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+2\alpha}} dt dt' \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we define the isotropic Besov spaces by introducing the norm (see [1], Sect. 18)

$$\|u\|_{B_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|u\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_0^{h_0} dh \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx \frac{|\Delta_i^n(h) \partial_{x_i}^k u|^p}{h^{1+(l-k)p}} \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ,

$$\Delta_i^m(h)f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^{m-j} c_{jm} f(x + jhe_i),$$

$c_{jm} = \binom{m}{j} = m!/(j!(m-j)!)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $e_i$  is the unit vector of the  $i$ th coordinate axis,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $m > l - k$ ,  $m, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $l \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

It is proved in [2] (see also [1], Th. 18.2) that the Besov space norms are equivalent for all  $m, k$  satisfying  $m > l - k$ .

Now, we define the Sobolev–Slobodetskiĭ spaces by introducing the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|u\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_0^{h_0} dh \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx \frac{|\Delta_i(h) \partial_{x_i}^{[l]} u|^p}{h^{1+p(l-[l])}} \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $\Delta_i(h) = \Delta_i^l(h)$ ,  $l \notin \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $[l]$  is the integer part of  $l$ .

By the Golovkin theorem [2] the norms of the spaces  $B_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $W_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are equivalent.

Now, we recall the following imbedding for Besov spaces (see [1], Sect. 18):

$$\partial_x^\sigma B_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset B_q^\varrho(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{for } \frac{n}{p} - \frac{n}{q} + |\sigma| + \varrho \leq l.$$

Moreover, for

$$\varkappa = \frac{1}{l} \left( \frac{n}{p} - \frac{n}{q} + |\sigma| + \varrho \right) < 1$$

we have the interpolation inequality

$$\|\partial_x^\sigma u\|_{B_q^\varrho(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \varepsilon^{1-\varkappa} \|u\|_{B_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)} + c\varepsilon^{-\varkappa} \|u\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

In the above notation  $B_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  is the Sobolev space.

All the above remarks can be applied to spaces of functions defined on a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  (which has the cone property), and by using a partition of unity we can also define spaces of traces on the boundary of  $\Omega$  and formulate the corresponding trace theorems.

Next, we define

$$\|u\|_{L_{p_1, p_2}(\Omega^T)} = \left( \int_0^T dt \left( \int_\Omega |u(x, t)|^{p_1} dx \right)^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{1/p_2}$$

and

$$\|u\|_{\bar{L}_{p_1, p_2}(\Omega^T)} = \left( \int_\Omega dx \left( \int_0^T |u(x, t)|^{p_1} dt \right)^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{1/p_2},$$

where  $p_i \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

We have the following imbeddings (see [1], Sect. 18):

$$\partial_x^{\alpha_1} \partial_t^{\alpha_2} W_2^{l, l/2}(\Omega^T) \subset \begin{cases} L_{p_1, p_2}(\Omega^T) & \text{if } n/2 - n/p_1 + 2/2 - 2/p_2 + |\alpha_1| + 2\alpha_2 \leq l, \\ \bar{L}_{p_1, p_2}(\Omega^T) & \text{if } n/2 - n/p_2 + 2/2 - 2/p_1 + |\alpha_1| + 2\alpha_2 \leq l, \\ L_p(0, T; B_q^\sigma(\Omega)) & \text{if } n/2 - n/q + 2/2 - 2/p + |\alpha_1| + 2\alpha_2 + \sigma \leq l, \\ L_p(\Omega; B_q^\sigma(0, T)) & \text{if } n/2 - n/p + 2/2 - 2/q + |\alpha_1| + 2\alpha_2 + 2\sigma \leq l, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega$  has the cone property.

Moreover, the corresponding interpolation inequalities hold.

**3. Inequalities for global existence.** In [9] the following local existence theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $S \in W_2^{5/2+\alpha}$ ,  $\varrho_0 \in W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega)$ ,  $v_0 \in W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega)$ ,  $\theta_0 \in W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega)$ ,  $\alpha \in [3/4, 1)$ ,  $\varrho_0 \geq \varrho_* > 0$ ,  $c_v \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $c_v > 0$ ,  $p \in C^3(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , assume that  $r$  and  $\bar{\theta}$  have continuous derivatives of order one and two,  $r, r_{x_k}$  and  $\bar{\theta}, \bar{\theta}_{x_k}$  satisfy the Hölder condition with exponent  $\bar{\alpha} \geq 1/2$  and suppose the following compatibility conditions are satisfied:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_0 \mathbb{D}(v_0) \bar{n}_0 &= 0 && \text{on } S, \\ \bar{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{D}(v_0) \bar{n}_0 &= \bar{n}_0 \cdot (p(\varrho_0 \theta_0) - p_0) \bar{n}_0 + \sigma \bar{n}_0 \cdot \Delta_S(0) \xi && \text{on } S, \\ \bar{n}_0 \cdot \nabla_\xi \theta_0 &= \bar{\theta}(\xi, 0) && \text{on } S. \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists  $T > 0$  such that there exists a unique solution of problem (1.1) such that  $(u, \vartheta, \eta) \in W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times C(0, T; W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega)) \cap W_2^{1+\alpha, 1/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T)$ .

In order to derive global estimates we assume the following condition:  $\Omega_t$  is diffeomorphic to a ball, so  $S_t$  can be described by

$$|x| = r = R(\omega, t), \quad \omega \in S^1,$$

where  $S_1$  is the unit sphere and we consider the motion near the equilibrium state (see Definition 1.1).

First we obtain an energy type inequality.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Assume that  $(v, \varrho, \theta)$  is the local solution to problem (1.1). Assume that  $\varrho^* = |\varrho|_{\infty, \Omega^T}$ ,  $\theta^* = |\theta|_{\infty, \Omega^T}$ ,  $\varrho_* = \min_{\Omega^T} \varrho$ ,  $\theta_* = \min_{\Omega^T} \theta$ . Assume that  $\alpha \in [3/4, 1)$ ,  $p_\varrho, p_\theta, c_v$  are positive. Then*

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_t} \left( \varrho v^2 + \frac{p_1}{\varrho} \varrho_\sigma^2 + \frac{\varrho c_v p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma^2 \right) dx + \frac{\sigma}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{S_t} g^{\gamma\delta} \int_0^t v_{s_\gamma} dt' \cdot \int_0^t v_{s_\delta} dt' ds + c_0 (\|v\|_{1, \Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_{\sigma x}\|_{0, \Omega_t}^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \varepsilon(\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2) \\
&\quad + \varepsilon_1 \left( \|v\|_{2,\Omega_t}^2 + \left\| \int_0^t v dt' \right\|_{0,S_t}^2 + \|H(\cdot, 0) + 2/R_e\|_{0,S_t}^2 \right) \\
&\quad + a_1(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*)(\|v\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|r\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\bar{\theta}\|_{0,S_t}^2) \\
&\quad + a_2(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*)[(\|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2)(\|\theta_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\varrho_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2) \\
&\quad + (\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2)\|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 + \|v\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2(\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2)],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon_1$  are sufficiently small constants, and  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are positive continuous functions of their arguments.

*Proof.* Multiplying (1.4)<sub>1</sub> by  $v$ , integrating over  $\Omega_t$ , using the equation of continuity, integrating by parts and using the boundary conditions we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_t} \varrho v^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_t} |\mathbb{D}(v)|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega_t} (p_1 \varrho_\sigma + p_2 \theta_\sigma) \operatorname{div} v dx \\
&\quad - \sigma \int_{S_t} (\Delta_{S_t} x + H_e \bar{n}) \cdot v ds = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (1.4)<sub>2</sub> by  $\frac{p_1}{\varrho} \varrho_\sigma$  and (1.4)<sub>3</sub> by  $\frac{p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma$ , integrating the results over  $\Omega_t$  and adding to (3.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_t} \varrho v^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_t} (\varrho_{\sigma t} + v \cdot \nabla \varrho_\sigma) \frac{p_1}{\varrho} \varrho_\sigma dx + \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\varrho c_v}{\theta p_\theta} p_2 \theta_\sigma (\theta_{\sigma t} + v \cdot \nabla \theta_\sigma) dx \\
&\quad + \int_{\Omega_t} |\mathbb{D}(v)|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\varkappa}{\theta p_\theta} p_2 \theta_\sigma \Delta \theta_\sigma dx - \sigma \int_{S_t} (\Delta_{S_t} x + H_e \bar{n}) \cdot v ds \\
&= \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma \left[ \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (v_{ix_j} + v_{jx_i})^2 + (\nu - \mu)(\operatorname{div} v)^2 \right] dx + \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\varrho p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma r dx.
\end{aligned}$$

By using the equation of continuity (1.1)<sub>2</sub> the second term on the l.h.s. of (3.3) takes the form

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_1}{\varrho} \varrho_\sigma^2 dx + I_1,$$

where

$$I_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_t} \varrho_\sigma^2 \left[ \varrho \partial_t \left( \frac{p_1}{\varrho^2} \right) + \varrho v \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{p_1}{\varrho^2} \right) \right] dx.$$



Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq a_3(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*) \int_{\Omega_t} |\varrho_\sigma|^2 [|\varrho_{\sigma t}| + |\theta_{\sigma t}| + |v|(|\varrho_{\sigma x}| + |\theta_{\sigma x}|)] dx \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\varrho_\sigma\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + a_4(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*) [\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 (\|\varrho_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2) \\ &\quad + \|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 \|v\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2 (\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_3, a_4$  etc. denote positive continuous functions. Similarly, the third term on the l.h.s. of (3.3) takes the form

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\varrho c_v p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma^2 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_t} \theta_\sigma^2 \left[ \varrho \partial_t \left( \frac{c_v p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \right) + \varrho v \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{c_v p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \right) \right] dx,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq a_5(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*) \int_{\Omega_t} \theta_\sigma^2 [|\varrho_{\sigma t}| + |\theta_{\sigma t}| + |v|(|\varrho_{\sigma x}| + |\theta_{\sigma x}|)] dx \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_\sigma\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + a_6(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*) [\|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 (\|\varrho_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_{\sigma t}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2) \\ &\quad + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 \|v\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2 (\|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

By the boundary condition (1.4)<sub>6</sub> the fifth term on the l.h.s. of (3.3) is equal to

$$(3.6) \quad - \int_{S_t} \frac{\varkappa p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \theta_\sigma \bar{\theta} ds + \int_{\Omega_t} \frac{\varkappa p_2}{\theta p_\theta} |\nabla \theta_\sigma|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_t} \nabla \left( \frac{\varkappa p_2}{\theta p_\theta} \right) \cdot \theta_\sigma \nabla \theta_\sigma dx.$$

Denoting the last expression in (3.6) by  $I_3$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad |I_3| &\leq a_5(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*) \int_{\Omega_t} |\theta_\sigma| |\theta_{\sigma x}| (|\varrho_{\sigma x}| + |\theta_{\sigma x}|) dx \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_{\sigma x}\|_{0,\Omega_t}^2 + a_7(\varrho^*, 1/\varrho_*, \theta^*, 1/\theta_*, \varepsilon) \\ &\quad \cdot (\|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 \|\varrho_\sigma\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2 + \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha,\Omega_t}^2 \|\theta_\sigma\|_{1,\Omega_t}^2). \end{aligned}$$

In view of the considerations from Lemma 4.1 of [10] the boundary term on the l.h.s. of (3.3) takes the form

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{\sigma}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{S_t} g^{\gamma\delta} \int_0^t v_{s_\gamma} dt' \cdot \int_0^t v_{s_\delta} dt' ds + I_4,$$

where

$$(3.9) \quad |I_4| \leq \varepsilon_1 \left( \left\| \int_0^t v dt' \right\|_{0, S_t}^2 + \|v\|_{1, \Omega_t}^2 + \|H(\cdot, 0) + 2/R_e\|_{0, S^1}^2 \right) \\ + a_8 \left\| \int_0^t v dt' \right\|_{2, S_t}^2 + \|v\|_{2, \Omega_t}^2 + a_9 \|v\|_{0, \Omega_t}^2,$$

where  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, 1)$ .

Taking into account (3.3)–(3.9) we obtain estimate (3.1). ■

Next, we obtain estimates for  $\sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2$ ,  $\sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_\sigma\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2$  and  $\sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} \|\eta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2$ , where  $(u, \vartheta_\sigma, \eta_\sigma)$  is the local solution of problem (1.6) and  $t_1 > 0$ . To do this we use the argument from [5] (see Theorem 6).

Let  $\zeta_\lambda \in C^\infty$  be a function such that  $\zeta_\lambda(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq t_0 + \lambda$  ( $t_0 > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $t_0 + \lambda < T$ ),  $\zeta_\lambda(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq t_0 + \lambda/2$ ,  $0 \leq \zeta_\lambda(t) \leq 1$ ,  $|\dot{\zeta}_\lambda(t)| \leq C/\lambda$ , where  $\dot{\zeta}_\lambda = d\zeta/dt$ . Let  $w_\lambda = w\zeta_\lambda$ , where  $w \in \{u, \vartheta_\sigma, \eta_\sigma, k, \bar{\vartheta}\}$ . Then  $(u_\lambda, \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda}, \eta_{\sigma\lambda})$  satisfies the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \eta u_{\lambda t} - \mu \nabla_u^2 u_\lambda - \nu \nabla_u \nabla_u \cdot u_\lambda &= -p_\eta \nabla_u \eta_{\sigma\lambda} - p_\vartheta \nabla_u \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda} + \eta u \dot{\zeta}_\lambda & \text{in } \Omega^T, \\ \Pi_0 \Pi_u \mathbb{D}_u(u_\lambda) \bar{n}_u &= 0 & \text{on } S^T, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{D}_u(u_\lambda) \bar{n}_u - \sigma \bar{n}_0 \cdot \Delta_u(t') \int_0^t u_\lambda(t') dt' \\ = \int_0^t \left[ \dot{\zeta}_\lambda \bar{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}_u(u, p_\sigma) \bar{n}_u - \sigma \bar{n}_0 \cdot \zeta_\lambda \dot{\Delta}_u(t') \left( \xi + \int_0^t u(t'') dt'' \right) \right. \\ \left. - \zeta_\lambda \partial_{t'} \left( \frac{2}{R_e} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_u \right) \right] dt' + (p_1 \eta_{\sigma\lambda} + p_2 \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda}) \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_u \\ \equiv \int_0^t B(t') dt' + (p_1 \eta_{\sigma\lambda} + p_2 \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda}) \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_u & \text{on } S^T, \end{aligned}$$

$$u_\lambda|_{t=0} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta c_v \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda t} + \vartheta p_\vartheta \operatorname{div}_u u_\lambda - \varkappa \nabla_u^2 \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda} \\ = \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\xi_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_{j\lambda} + \xi_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_{i\lambda}) \\ \cdot (\xi_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_j + \xi_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_\xi u_i) \\ - (\nu - \mu) \operatorname{div}_u u_\lambda \operatorname{div}_u u + \eta k_\lambda + \eta c_v \vartheta_\sigma \dot{\zeta}_\lambda & \text{in } \Omega^T, \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{n}_u \cdot \nabla_u \vartheta_{\sigma\lambda} = \bar{\vartheta}_\lambda \quad \text{on } S^T,$$

$$\vartheta_{\sigma\lambda}|_{t=0} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\eta_{\sigma\lambda t} + \eta \nabla_u \cdot u_\lambda = \eta_\sigma \dot{\zeta}_\lambda \quad \text{in } \Omega^T,$$

$$\eta_{\sigma\lambda}|_{t=0} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

where  $\Pi_0 g = g - \bar{n}_0(\bar{n}_0 \cdot g)$ ,  $\Pi_u g = g - \bar{n}_u(\bar{n}_u \cdot g)$ , and  $\bar{n}_0$  is the unit outward vector normal to  $S$ .

Next, we introduce the differences

$$w^{(s)}(\xi, t) = w_\lambda(\xi, t) - w'_\lambda(\xi, t),$$

where  $w \in \{u, \eta_\sigma, \vartheta_\sigma, k, \bar{\vartheta}\}$ ,  $w'_\lambda(\xi, t) = w_\lambda(\xi, t - s)$ , and

$$w_*^{(s)}(\xi, t) = w(\xi, t) - w'(\xi, t),$$

where  $w \in \{u, \eta, \vartheta\}$ ,  $w'(\xi, t) = w(\xi, t - s)$ .

Then we obtain the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \eta u_t^{(s)} - \mu \nabla_u^2 u^{(s)} - \nu \nabla_u \nabla_u \cdot u^{(s)} \\
& = -p_\eta \nabla_u \eta_\sigma^{(s)} - p_\vartheta \nabla_u \vartheta_\sigma^{(s)} \\
& \quad - \eta_*^{(s)} u'_{\lambda t} + \mu (\nabla_u^2 - \nabla_{u'}^2) u'_\lambda \\
& \quad + \nu (\nabla_u \nabla_u - \nabla_{u'} \nabla_{u'}) \cdot u'_\lambda - p'_\eta (\nabla_u - \nabla_{u'}) \eta'_{\sigma \lambda} \\
& \quad - p'_\vartheta (\nabla_u - \nabla_{u'}) \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} - (p_\eta - p'_\eta) \nabla_{u'} \eta'_{\sigma \lambda} \\
& \quad - (p_\vartheta - p'_\vartheta) \nabla_{u'} \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} + \eta_*^{(s)} u \dot{\zeta}_\lambda \\
& \quad + \eta' u (\dot{\zeta}_\lambda - \dot{\zeta}'_\lambda) + \eta' u_*^{(s)} \dot{\zeta}'_\lambda \equiv F \quad \text{in } \Omega^T, \\
& \Pi_0 \Pi_u \mathbb{D}_u(u^{(s)}) \bar{n}_u \\
& = -\Pi_0 (\Pi_u \mathbb{D}_u(u'_\lambda) \bar{n}_u - \Pi_{u'} \mathbb{D}_{u'}(u'_\lambda) \bar{n}_{u'}) \equiv \Pi_0 G \quad \text{on } S^T, \\
& \bar{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{D}_u(u^{(s)}) \bar{n}_u - \sigma \bar{n}_0 \cdot \Delta_u(t) \int_0^t u^{(s)}(t') dt' \\
(3.10) \quad & = p_1(\eta, \vartheta) \eta_\sigma^{(s)} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_u + p_2(\eta, \vartheta) \vartheta_\sigma^{(s)} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_u \\
& \quad - \bar{n}_0 (\mathbb{D}_u(u'_\lambda) \bar{n}_u - \mathbb{D}_{u'}(u'_\lambda) \bar{n}_{u'}) \\
& \quad + \sigma \bar{n}_0 \cdot \int_0^t (\Delta_u(t') - \Delta_{u'}(t')) u'_\lambda dt' \\
& \quad + \int_0^t (B(t') - B'(t')) dt' + p_1(\eta, \vartheta) \eta'_{\sigma \lambda} \bar{n}_0 \cdot (\bar{n}_u - \bar{n}_{u'}) \\
& \quad + p_2(\eta, \vartheta) \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} \bar{n}_0 \cdot (\bar{n}_u - \bar{n}_{u'}) \\
& \quad + [p_1(\eta, \vartheta) - p_1(\eta', \vartheta')] \eta'_{\sigma \lambda} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_{u'} \\
& \quad + [p_2(\eta, \vartheta) - p_2(\eta', \vartheta')] \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} \bar{n}_0 \cdot \bar{n}_{u'} \\
& \equiv H_1 + \int_0^t H_2(t') dt' \quad \text{on } S^T, \\
& u^{(s)}|_{t=t_0+\lambda/2} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \eta c_v \vartheta_{\sigma t}^{(s)} - \varkappa \nabla_u^2 \vartheta_{\sigma}^{(s)} = \varkappa (\nabla_u^2 - \nabla_{u'}^2) \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} - \eta_*^{(s)} c_v \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t} - \eta' c_{v \eta} \eta_*^{(s)} \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t} \\
& \quad - \eta' c_{v \vartheta} \vartheta_*^{(s)} \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t} + \eta_*^{(s)} c_v \vartheta_{\sigma} \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda} + \eta' c_{v \eta} \eta_*^{(s)} \vartheta_{\sigma} \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda} + \eta' c_{v \vartheta} \vartheta_*^{(s)} \vartheta_{\sigma} \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda} \\
& \quad + \eta' c'_v (\dot{\zeta}_{\lambda} - \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda}) \vartheta_{\sigma} + \eta' c'_v \vartheta_*^{(s)} \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda} \\
& \quad - \vartheta p_{\vartheta} \operatorname{div}_u u^{(s)} - \vartheta p_{\vartheta} (\nabla_u - \nabla_{u'}) \cdot u'_{\lambda} \\
& \quad - \vartheta_*^{(s)} p_{\vartheta} \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_{\lambda} - \vartheta' (p_{\vartheta} - p'_{\vartheta}) \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_{\lambda} \\
& \quad + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 [(\xi_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u_{j\lambda} + \xi_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u_{i\lambda})(\xi_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u_j + \xi_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u_i) \\
(3.10) \quad & \quad - (\xi'_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u'_{j\lambda} + \xi'_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u'_{i\lambda})(\xi'_{x_i} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u'_j + \xi'_{x_j} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} u'_i)] \\
& \quad - (\nu - \mu) (\operatorname{div}_u u_{\lambda} \operatorname{div}_u u - \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_{\lambda} \operatorname{div}_{u'} u') + \eta_*^{(s)} k_{\lambda} + \eta' k^{(s)} \equiv I \quad \text{in } \Omega^T, \\
& \quad \bar{n}_u \cdot \nabla_u \vartheta_{\sigma}^{(s)} = -\bar{n}_u \cdot (\nabla_u - \nabla_{u'}) \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} - (\bar{n}_u - \bar{n}_{u'}) \cdot \nabla_{u'} \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda} + \bar{\vartheta}^{(s)} \equiv J \quad \text{on } S^T, \\
& \quad \vartheta_{\sigma}^{(s)}|_{t=t_0+\lambda/2} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \quad \eta_{\sigma t}^{(s)} + \eta \nabla_u \cdot u^{(s)} \\
& \quad = \eta (\nabla_u - \nabla_{u'}) \cdot u'_{\lambda} + \eta_*^{(s)} \nabla_{u'} \cdot u'_{\lambda} + \eta_*^{(s)} \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda} + \eta_{\sigma} (\dot{\zeta}_{\lambda} - \dot{\zeta}'_{\lambda}) \quad \text{in } \Omega^T, \\
& \quad \eta_{\sigma t}^{(s)}|_{t=t_0+\lambda/2} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.
\end{aligned}$$

First, we prove

LEMMA 3.3. *Let the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 be satisfied and let  $\alpha \in (3/4, 1)$ . Then*

$$(3.11) \quad (\|u^{(s)}\|_{Q_{\lambda}}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 + (\|\vartheta_{\sigma}^{(s)}\|_{Q_{\lambda}}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 \leq c_1(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\bar{\omega}_1},$$

where  $0 < s < t_0$ ,  $\bar{\omega}_1 > 0$  is a constant,  $\bar{K} = \|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2 + \|\vartheta_{\sigma}\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
K &= \bar{K} + \|\eta_{\sigma}\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2 \\
& \quad + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_{\sigma}\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\eta_{\sigma}\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$c_1(K)$  is a positive nondecreasing continuous function of  $K$ ,  $Q_{\lambda} = \Omega \times (t_0 + \lambda, T)$ , and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.2 of [7] and Lemma 3.2 of [9] we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.12) \quad & \|u^{(s)}\|_{Q_{\lambda}}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)} + \|\vartheta_{\sigma}^{(s)}\|_{Q_{\lambda}}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)} \\
& \leq c (\|F\|_{Q_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)} + \|I\|_{Q_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)} + \|G\|_{\alpha+1/2, G_{\lambda/2}} \\
& \quad + \|H_1\|_{\alpha+1/2, G_{\lambda/2}} + \|J\|_{\alpha+1/2, G_{\lambda/2}} + \|H_2\|_{G_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha-1/2, \alpha/2-1/4)}).
\end{aligned}$$

We have to estimate the terms on the right-hand side of (3.12).

First, we estimate  $K_1 = p_\vartheta \nabla_u \vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
[K_1]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\eta_\sigma(\xi) - \eta_\sigma(\xi')|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(\xi)|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} d\xi d\xi' dt \\
&+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma(\xi) - \vartheta_\sigma(\xi')|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(\xi)|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} d\xi d\xi' dt \\
&+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_0^t (u_\xi - u_{\xi'}) dt'|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(\xi)|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} d\xi d\xi' dt \\
&+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(\xi) - \vartheta_{\sigma\xi'}^{(s)}(\xi')|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} d\xi d\xi' dt \equiv \sum_{i=1}^4 J_i.
\end{aligned}$$

First, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.13) \quad J_4 &= c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}\|_{\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt + c(\varepsilon) \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{0, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(\varepsilon) s^{1+\alpha} \sup_{0 < s < t_0} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}|_{2, \Omega}^2}{s^{1+\alpha}} dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(\varepsilon) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\eta_\sigma(\xi) - \eta_\sigma(\xi')|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha)}} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} \\
&\quad \cdot \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(\xi)|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^2} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} dt \\
&\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|\eta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}\|_{\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the imbeddings  $W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega) \subset W_4^{1/4+\alpha}(\Omega)$ ,  $W_2^\alpha(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega)$  for  $\alpha \geq 3/4$  and we have estimated  $\int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}\|_{\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt$  in the same way as in (3.13).

Similarly, we estimate  $J_2$  and  $J_3$ .

Summarizing the above considerations we get

$$(3.14) \quad [K_1]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha},$$

where  $c(K)$  is a positive nondecreasing continuous function.

Next, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} [K_1]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 &\leq c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\eta_\sigma(t) - \eta_\sigma(t')|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ &+ c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma(t) - \vartheta_\sigma(t')|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ &+ c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ &+ c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t) - \vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ &= \sum_{i=5}^8 J_i. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate  $J_8$  in the same way as  $J_4$ .

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_5 + J_7 &\leq c \int_0^T |u_\xi|_{\infty, \Omega} dt \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^\alpha} d\xi dt dt' \\ &\leq c \|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}|_{2, \Omega}^2 dt \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_6 &\leq c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t \vartheta_{\sigma\tau} d\tau|^2 |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |\vartheta_{\sigma\tau}|_{4, \Omega}^2 dt \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}|_{4, \Omega}^2 dt \leq c \|\vartheta_\sigma\|_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |\vartheta_{\sigma\xi}^{(s)}|_{4, \Omega}^2 dt \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the above considerations we get

$$(3.15) \quad [K_1]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha}.$$

Estimates (3.14) and (3.15) yield

$$(3.16) \quad (\|p_\vartheta \nabla_u \vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{Q_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)})^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha}.$$

The next term we consider is  $K_2 = \eta' c_v \vartheta_*^{(s)} \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}$ .

First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [K_2]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\eta_\sigma(\xi) - \eta_\sigma(\xi')|^2 |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\ &+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma(\xi) - \vartheta_\sigma(\xi')|^2 |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\ &+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}(\xi) - \vartheta_*^{(s)}(\xi')|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\ &+ c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}(\xi)|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}(\xi) - \vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}(\xi')|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=9}^{12} J_i. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate

$$\begin{aligned} J_9 &\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \left( \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\eta_\sigma(\xi) - \eta_\sigma(\xi')|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha)}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\cdot \int_{t_0+\lambda/2} \left( \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta'_{\sigma \lambda t}|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^2} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using the imbeddings  $W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega) \subset W_4^{1/4+\alpha}(\Omega)$  and  $W_2^\alpha(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega)$  (which hold for  $\alpha \geq 3/4$ ) and the interpolation inequality

$$\sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \leq \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{0, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2$$

(which holds for  $\varkappa = 5/(4 + 2\alpha)$  and  $\alpha > 1/2$ ) we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_9 &\leq c \left[ \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} s^{1+\alpha} \sup_{0 < s < t_0} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}|_{2, \Omega}^2}{s^{1+\alpha}} dt \right] \\ &\cdot \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|\eta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 \|\vartheta_{\sigma t}\|_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have taken  $\varepsilon_1 = (\varepsilon/(cK^2))^{1/(1-\varkappa)}$  and  $c(K)$  is a positive nondecreasing continuous function of  $K$ .

In the same way we estimate  $J_{10}$ .

Next, we have

$$J_{11} \leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}(\xi) - \vartheta_*^{(s)}(\xi')|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha-\delta)}} \right)^{1/2} \\ \cdot \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\vartheta_{\sigma\lambda t}|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{2+2\delta}} \right)^{1/2} dt,$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is a sufficiently small constant such that  $2 + 2\delta < 3$ . Using the interpolation inequality

$$\|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{L^\infty(t_0+\lambda/2, T; W_4^{1/4+\alpha-\delta}(\Omega))} \leq \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{0, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2$$

with  $\varkappa = (2 + \alpha - \delta)/(2 + \alpha)$  and the imbedding  $W_2^\alpha(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega)$  (both holding for  $\alpha \geq 3/4$ ) we obtain

$$J_{11} \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha}$$

where we have set  $\varepsilon_1 = (\varepsilon/(cK))^{1/(1-\varkappa)}$ .

Finally,

$$J_{12} \leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \|\vartheta_{\sigma t}\|_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha}.$$

Taking into account the above considerations we get

$$(3.17) \quad [K_2]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\alpha},$$

where  $c(K)$  is a positive nondecreasing continuous function of  $K$ .

Now, we consider

$$[K_2]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 \leq c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\eta_\sigma(t) - \eta_\sigma(t')|^2 |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_\sigma(t) - \vartheta_\sigma(t')|^2 |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}(t) - \vartheta_*^{(s)}(t')|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\vartheta_*^{(s)}(t)|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}(t) - \vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}(t')|^2}{|t - t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\ \equiv \sum_{i=13}^{16} J_i.$$



First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{13} &\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\
&\leq c[\varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{0, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2] \\
&\quad \cdot \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |u_\xi|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 dt \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|_{2, \Omega} dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 5/(4+2\alpha)$  and we have taken  $\varepsilon_1 = (\varepsilon/(cK^2))^{1/(1-\varkappa)}$ .

Next, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{14} &\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t \vartheta_{\sigma\tau} d\tau|_{4, \Omega}^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|_{4, \Omega}^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} dt dt' \\
&\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} |\vartheta_*^{(s)}|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta_{\sigma t}\|_{\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}\|_{\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the same interpolation inequality as before and the imbedding  $W_2^\alpha(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega)$ , which holds for  $\alpha \geq 3/4$ .

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{15} &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t \vartheta_{*\tau}^{(s)} d\tau|_{4, \Omega}^2 |\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}|_{4, \Omega}^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} dt dt' \\
&\leq c[\varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{0, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2] \|\vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}\|_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 3/(4\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 3/4$  and  $\varepsilon_1 = (\varepsilon/(cK))^{1/(1-\varkappa)}$ .

We estimate  $J_{16}$  similarly to  $J_{12}$ .

Summarizing the above estimates we get

$$(3.18) \quad [K_2]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha}.$$

Inequalities (3.17) and (3.18) yield

$$(3.19) \quad (\|\eta' c_{v\vartheta} \vartheta_*^{(s)} \vartheta'_{\sigma\lambda t}\|_{Q_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)})^2 \leq \varepsilon \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha}.$$

Notice now that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{div}_u u_\lambda \operatorname{div}_u u - \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_\lambda \operatorname{div}_{u'} u' \\
&= \operatorname{div}_u u^{(s)} \operatorname{div}_u u + (\operatorname{div}_u - \operatorname{div}_{u'}) u'_\lambda \operatorname{div}_u u + \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_\lambda (\operatorname{div}_u - \operatorname{div}_{u'}) u \\
&\quad + \operatorname{div}_{u'} u'_\lambda \operatorname{div}_{u'} u_*^{(s)} \\
&\equiv \sum_{i=3}^6 K_i.
\end{aligned}$$

Consider for example  $K_4$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [K_4]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 \\
&\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t (u_\xi - u_{\xi'}) d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_\xi|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\
&\quad + c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi} - u'_{\lambda\xi'}|^2 |u_\xi|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\
&\quad + c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |\int_0^t (u_\xi - u_{\xi'}) d\tau|^2 |u_\xi|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\
&\quad + c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_\xi - u_{\xi'}|^2}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+2\alpha}} dt d\xi d\xi' \\
&\equiv \sum_{i=17}^{20} J_i.
\end{aligned}$$

First, we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{17} &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |u'_{\lambda\xi}|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \left( \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t (u_\xi - u_{\xi'}) d\tau|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha-\delta)}} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} \\
&\quad \cdot \left( \iint_{\Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{|u_\xi|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{2+2\delta}} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} dt,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is so small that  $2 + 2\delta < 3$ . Using the interpolation inequality

$$\left\| \int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau \right\|_{W_4^{1/4+\alpha-\delta}(\Omega)}^2 \leq \varepsilon^{1-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + c\varepsilon^{-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{0, \Omega}^2$$

with  $\varkappa = (2 + \alpha - \delta)/(2 + \alpha)$  and the imbedding  $W_2^\alpha(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega)$  (which

both hold for  $\alpha \geq 3/4$ ) and taking  $\varepsilon = s$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_{17} &\leq c \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 \|u\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \\ &\quad \cdot (s^{2-\varkappa} \|u\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + cs^{-\varkappa} s^2 \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{0, \Omega}^2) \\ &\leq c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\omega_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_1 > 0$ .

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{18} &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |u_\xi|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u_\xi - u_{\xi'}|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha)}} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^2} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using the imbedding  $\partial_\xi^\sigma W_2^{2+\alpha}(\Omega) \subset W_4^{1/4+\alpha}(\Omega)$  with  $|\sigma| = 1$  and the interpolation inequality

$$\left\| \int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau \right\|_{4, \Omega}^2 \leq \varepsilon^{1-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + c\varepsilon^{-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{0, \Omega}^2$$

(where  $\varkappa = 7/(8 + 4\alpha)$ ,  $\varepsilon = s$ ) we obtain as before

$$J_{18} \leq c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\omega_2},$$

where  $\omega_2 > 0$ . In the same way we estimate  $J_{20}$ .

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_{19} &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left| \int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau \right|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\int_0^t (u_\xi - u_{\xi'}) d\tau|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^{3+4(1/4+\alpha)}} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u_\xi|^4}{|\xi - \xi'|^2} d\xi d\xi' \right)^{1/2} dt \\ &\leq c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\omega_3}, \quad \omega_3 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account the above considerations we obtain

$$(3.20) \quad [K_4]_{\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}, \xi}^2 \leq c(K) \bar{K} s^{1+\omega_4},$$

where  $\omega_4 > 0$ .

Now, consider

$$\begin{aligned} &[K_4]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 \\ &\leq c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau - \int_{t-s-r}^t u_\xi d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_\xi|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_{\xi} d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}(t) - u'_{\lambda\xi}(t')|^2 |u_{\xi}|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\
& + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_{\xi} d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_{\xi}|^2 |\int_{t'}^t u_{\xi} d\tau|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\
& + c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t-s}^t u_{\xi} d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_{\xi}(t) - u_{\xi}(t')|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\
& \equiv \sum_{i=21}^{24} J_i.
\end{aligned}$$

We estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{21} & \leq \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|\int_{t'}^t (u_{\xi}(\tau) - u_{\xi}(\tau-s)) d\tau|^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_{\xi}|^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi dt dt' \\
& \leq c \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_0^T |u_{\xi}(\tau) - u_{\xi}(\tau-s)|^2 d\tau |u'_{\lambda\xi}|^2 |u_{\xi}|^2 d\xi dt \\
& \leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T |u_{\xi}^{(s)}|_{4,\Omega}^2 dt \int_0^T |u_{\xi}|_{8,\Omega}^4 dt \\
& \leq c \|u\|_{2+\alpha,\Omega^T}^4 \left( \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \|u_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha,\Omega^T}^2 + c \varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} s^{1+\alpha} \sup_{0 < s < t_0} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{|u_*^{(s)}|_{2,\Omega}^2}{s^{1+\alpha}} dt \right) \\
& \leq \varepsilon \|u_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha,Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 7/(8+4\alpha)$  and  $\varepsilon_1 = (\varepsilon/(cK^2))^{1/(1-\varkappa)}$ .

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{22} & \leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left| \int_{t-s}^t u_{\xi} d\tau \right|_{\infty,\Omega}^2 |u_{\xi}|_{4,\Omega}^2 \frac{|u'_{\lambda\xi}(t) - u'_{\lambda\xi}(t')|_{4,\Omega}^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} dt dt' \\
& \leq c \left( \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} s \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \|u\|_{2+\alpha,\Omega}^2 dt + c \varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} s^2 \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{0,\Omega}^2 \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \sup_{t_0+\lambda/2 \leq t \leq T} |u_{\xi}|_{4,\Omega}^2 \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \frac{\|u(t) - u(t')\|_{2,\Omega}^2}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha}} dt dt' \\
& \leq c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\omega_5},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 5/(4+2\alpha)$ ,  $\omega_5 > 0$  and we have taken  $\varepsilon_1 = s$ .

We estimate  $J_{24}$  in the same way.

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} J_{23} &\leq c \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left| \int_{t-s}^t u_\xi d\tau \right|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 |u'_{\lambda\xi}|_{4, \Omega}^2 |u_\xi|_{4, \Omega}^2 \int_{t'}^t |u_\xi|_{\infty, \Omega}^2 d\tau dt \\ &\leq c\bar{K} \int_{t_0+\lambda/2}^T \left( \varepsilon_1^{1-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + c\varepsilon_1^{-\varkappa} \left\| \int_{t-s}^t u d\tau \right\|_{0, \Omega}^2 \right) |u_\xi|_{4, \Omega}^4 dt \\ &\leq c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\omega_6}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 5/(4 + 2\alpha)$ ,  $\omega_6 > 0$  and we have taken  $\varepsilon_1 = s$ .

By the above calculations we get

$$(3.21) \quad [K_4]_{\alpha/2, Q_{\lambda/2}, t}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|u_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\omega_7},$$

where  $\omega_7 > 0$ .

Hence, (3.20) and (3.21) yield

$$(3.22) \quad (\|(\operatorname{div}_u - \operatorname{div}_{u'})u'_\lambda \operatorname{div}_u u\|_{Q_{\lambda/2}}^{(\alpha, \alpha/2)})^2 \leq \varepsilon \|u_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\omega_7},$$

where  $\omega_7 > 0$ .

The other terms on the right-hand side of (3.12) are estimated exactly in the same way and we obtain for them estimates similar to (3.16), (3.19) and (3.22).

This yields the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} (3.23) \quad &(\|u^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 + (\|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon (\|u^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + \|u_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 + \|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2 \\ &\quad + \|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{2+\alpha, Q_{\lambda/2}}^2) + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\bar{\omega}_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\omega}_1 > 0$  is a constant. Since  $u^{(s)} = u_*^{(s)}$  and  $\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)} = \vartheta_*^{(s)}$  on  $Q_\lambda$  inequality (3.23) yields

$$Y(\lambda) \leq 2\varepsilon Y(\lambda/2) + c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\bar{\omega}_1},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\lambda) &= (\|u^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 + (\|u_*^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 \\ &\quad + (\|\vartheta_\sigma^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2 + (\|\vartheta_*^{(s)}\|_{Q_\lambda}^{(\alpha+2, \alpha/2+1)})^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, after iteration we get

$$Y(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{1-2\varepsilon} c(K)\bar{K}s^{1+\bar{\omega}_1},$$

where we assume  $\varepsilon < 1/2$ .

Hence estimate (3.11) holds. ■

Lemma 3.3 implies

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(u, \vartheta, \eta) \in W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times W_2^{2+\alpha, 1+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \times W_2^{1+\alpha, 1/2+\alpha/2}(\Omega^T) \cap C(0, T; W_2^{1+\alpha}(\Omega))$  ( $\alpha \in (3/4, 1)$ ) be the local solution of problem (1.1). Then for any  $0 < t_0 < T$  and  $\lambda > 0$  we have  $u \in C(t_0 + \alpha, T; W_2^{2+\alpha}(\Omega))$  and*

$$(3.25) \quad \sup_{t_0+\lambda \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 \leq \bar{c}_1(K) \bar{K},$$

$$(3.26) \quad \sup_{t_0+\lambda \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_\sigma\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 \leq \bar{c}_2(K) \bar{K},$$

where  $\bar{K} = \|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2 + \|\vartheta_\sigma\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2$ ,

$$K = \bar{K} + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|u\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\vartheta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2 + \|\eta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega^T}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\eta_\sigma\|_{1+\alpha, \Omega}^2,$$

and  $\bar{c}_i(K)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are positive nondecreasing continuous functions of  $K$ .

*Proof.* First, we have

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{aligned} & \| \|u(\cdot)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega} \|_{B_{2, \infty}^{1/2+\bar{w}_1/2}(t_0+\lambda, T)} \\ & \leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t_0} \int_{t_0+\lambda}^T \frac{\| \|u(t)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega} - \|u(t-s)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega} \|^2}{s^{1+\bar{w}_1}} dt + \int_{t_0+\lambda}^T \|u(t)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt \\ & \leq \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t_0} \int_{t_0+\lambda}^T \frac{\|u(s)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2}{s^{1+\bar{w}_1}} dt + \int_{t_0+\lambda}^T \|u(t)\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now, the imbedding  $B_{2, \infty}^{1/2+\bar{w}_1/2}(t_0 + \lambda, T) \subset B_{\infty, \infty}^{\bar{w}_1/2}(t_0 + \lambda, T)$  (which means that  $\|u\|_{2+\alpha, \Omega}$  is continuous on  $[t_0 + \lambda, T]$ ) and inequalities (3.28) and (3.11) give (3.25).

Estimate (3.26) can be obtained in the same way as (3.25).

This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

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