

# Global regular periodic solutions to equations of weakly compressible barotropic fluid motions. Case B

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## Abstract

We consider barotropic motions described by the compressible Navier-Stokes equations in a box with periodic boundary conditions. We are looking for density  $\varrho$  in the form  $\varrho = a + \eta$ , where  $a$  is a constant and  $\eta|_{t=0}$  is sufficiently small in  $H^2$ -norm. We assume existence of potentials  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  such that  $v = \nabla\varphi + \text{rot}\psi + f v dx$ . Next we assume that  $\nabla\varphi|_{t=0}$  is sufficiently small in  $H^2$ -norm too. Finally, we assume that the second viscosity coefficient  $\nu$  is sufficiently large. Then we prove long time existence of solutions such that  $v \in L_\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega)) \cap L_2(0, T; H^3(\Omega))$ ,  $v, t \in L_\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap L_2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$ , where the existence time  $T$  is proportional to  $\nu$ . Next for  $T$  sufficiently large we obtain that  $v(T)$  is correspondingly small so global existence is proved using the methods appropriate for problems with small data.

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# 1 Introduction

We are looking for existence of global regular periodic solutions to the following problem

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \varrho v_t + \varrho v \cdot \nabla v - \mu \Delta v - \nu \nabla \operatorname{div} v + \nabla p &= \varrho f & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ \varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho v) &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ v|_{t=0} = v_0, \quad \varrho|_{t=0} &= \varrho_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where  $v = v(x, t) = (v_1(x, t), v_2(x, t), v_3(x, t)) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is the velocity of the fluid,  $\varrho = \varrho(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is density,  $f = f(x, t) = (f_1(x, t), f_2(x, t), f_3(x, t)) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is the external force field,  $p = p(\varrho)$  and  $\mu, \nu$  are constant positive viscosity coefficients.  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is a box and the periodic boundary conditions are assumed on  $\partial\Omega$ .

Looking for weakly compressible motions we assume that

$$(1.2) \quad \varrho = a + \eta,$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant,  $\eta_0 = \eta|_{t=0}$  is sufficiently small and the second viscosity coefficient  $\nu$  is sufficiently large.

In view of (1.2) we write (1.1) in the form

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (a + \eta)(v_t + v \cdot \nabla v) - \mu \Delta v - \nu \nabla \operatorname{div} v + a_0 \nabla \eta \\ = (p_\varrho(a)) - p_\varrho(a + \eta) \nabla \eta + (a + \eta) f, \\ v|_{t=0} = v_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_\varrho = \frac{dp}{d\varrho}$ ,  $a_0 = p_\varrho(a)$  and

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \eta_t + v \cdot \nabla \eta + a \operatorname{div} v + \eta \operatorname{div} v &= 0, \\ \eta|_{t=0} &= \eta_0. \end{aligned}$$

Sometimes it is convenient to consider (1.3) in the form

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} v_t + v \cdot \nabla v - \frac{\mu}{a} \Delta v - \frac{\nu}{a} \nabla \operatorname{div} v + \frac{a_0}{a} \nabla \eta \\ = -\frac{\mu}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v - \frac{\nu}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \operatorname{div} v + \frac{a_0}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta \\ + \frac{1}{a + \eta} (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta + f, \\ v|_{t=0} = v_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since we are looking for solutions to (1.1) with large  $\nu$  it is natural to introduce periodic potentials  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  such that

$$(1.6) \quad v = \nabla \varphi + \operatorname{rot} \psi + G,$$

where  $G = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} v dx$ .

From (1.1)<sub>1,2</sub> and assumption (1.2) we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) v dx = \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f dx.$$

Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} v dx = \frac{1}{a} \left[ - \int_{\Omega} \eta v dx + \int_{\Omega^t} (a + \eta) f dx dt' + \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta_0) v_0 dx \right].$$

Therefore, —

$$G = \frac{1}{a|\Omega|} \left[ - \int_{\Omega} \eta v dx + \int_{\Omega^t} (a + \eta) f dx dt' + \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta_0) v_0 dx \right].$$

In this case equations (1.3), (1.4), (1.5) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} (1.7) \quad & (a + \eta)(\nabla \varphi_t + \text{rot } \psi_t + G_t + (\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla(\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi)) \\ & - \mu \Delta(\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi) - \nu \nabla \Delta \varphi + a_0 \nabla \eta \\ & = (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta + (a + \eta) f, \\ & \nabla \varphi|_{t=0} = \nabla \varphi_0, \quad \text{rot } \psi|_{t=0} = \text{rot } \psi_0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we assume that

$$(1.8) \quad f = f_r + f_g,$$

where  $f_r$  is divergence free and  $f_g$  is the gradient part. Then  $\text{div } f = \text{div } f_g$ ,  $\text{rot } f = \text{rot } f_r$ . Next we have

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \eta_t + v \cdot \nabla \eta + a \Delta \varphi + \eta \Delta \varphi = 0 \\ & \eta|_{t=0} = \eta_0. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, (1.5) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} (1.10) \quad & \nabla \varphi_t + \text{rot } \psi_t + G_t + (\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla(\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi) \\ & - \frac{\mu}{a} \Delta(\nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi) - \frac{\nu}{a} \nabla \Delta \varphi + \frac{a_0}{a} \nabla \eta = - \frac{\mu}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v \\ & - \nu \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \text{div } v + a_0 \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta + \frac{1}{a + \eta} (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta + f_r + f_g, \\ & v|_{t=0} = v_0. \end{aligned}$$

In this paper the following barotropic motions are considered

$$(1.11) \quad p = A\rho^\varkappa, \quad \varkappa > 1, \quad A - \text{const.}$$

We need an equation for  $\nabla\eta$ . To derive it we multiply (1.7) by  $\frac{a}{\nu}$ , apply operator  $\nabla$  to (1.9) and sum up the results. Then we have

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla\eta_t + \frac{a_0}{\nu}\nabla\eta &= -\nabla(v \cdot \nabla\eta) - \nabla(\eta\Delta\varphi) - \frac{a}{\nu}(\rho v_t + \rho v \cdot \nabla v) \\ &+ \frac{\mu a}{\nu}\Delta v + \frac{a}{\nu}(p_\rho(a) - p_\rho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta + \frac{a}{\nu}\rho f, \\ \eta|_{t=0} &= \eta_0. \end{aligned}$$

The aim of this paper is to prove existence of global regular periodic solutions to problem (1.7)–(1.9). To show existence of such solutions we assume that the initial density is close to a constant assuming that the norms  $\|\eta(0)\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$ ,  $\|\eta_t(0)\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$  are sufficiently small.

Moreover, we assume that the second viscosity coefficient  $\nu$  is sufficiently large. This implies that velocity  $v$  must be considered in form (1.6) because divergence free and potential parts have to be treated differently. Therefore we are looking for such solutions that  $\nabla\varphi$  in some norms is small but  $\text{rot}\psi$  in these norms not.

The natural way to derive necessary estimates is the energy method. The method was first applied to equations of viscous compressible heat-conducting fluids by Matsumura and Nishida in [MN1, MN2, MN3]. Next by Valli and Zajączkowski in [V, VZ]. The free boundary barotropic case was considered in [Z1, Z2]. Finally, a free boundary viscous compressible heat-conducting case was considered by Zadrzyńska [Za]. The method is natural in the problem because  $v$  is considered in form (1.6) and the second viscosity  $\nu$  is very large comparing to  $\mu$  so the anisotropic approach to velocity is necessary.

Since  $\|\eta(0)\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$  and  $\|\eta_t(0)\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$  are small we denote the motion a weakly compressible. However, we consider the periodic problem the proof can be extended to motions with different boundary conditions.

In Section 2 some preliminary results are formulated and proved. In Section 3 the main estimates for large  $\nu$  and time are shown. The estimates are of an a priori type. However, for the local solutions they are real estimates. The estimates are made without smallness assumptions on norms of  $\text{rot}\psi$ . This is possible thanks to the following two estimates:  $\|v\|_{L_{6,\infty}(\Omega^t)}$  (see Lemma 2.2, Remark 2.3 and Remark 2.4) and  $\|v_t\|_{L_{2,\infty}(\Omega^t)}$  (see Lemma 2.9). These estimates are crucial for proofs of Lemma 4.1, Corollary 4.2, Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 5.7.

In Section 4 we prove existence of long time solutions, where the existence time  $T$  is proportional to  $\nu$ . The existence is proved in the following way. Having long time estimate proved in Corollary 4.2 we have existence by time extension of local solutions.

The proof of Theorem 4.3 is based on the time extension of a local solution and the derived long time estimate. The proof is understandable but not explicit. To have an explicit proof we have to use the method of successive approximations in the time interval  $[0, T]$ . But looking for considerations in Section 3 such proof will be very complicated.

However, the long time solutions are not global. Therefore in Section 5 we prove existence of global regular solutions. For this we need some decay estimates (see (5.51), (5.52)) which imply smallness of data at time  $T$  (see (5.53)). Then considering problem (1.7)–(1.9) with small initial data at time  $T$  (see (5.53)) we use the technique from [BSZ, VZ, Z1, Z2] to prove existence of global regular solutions (see Theorem 5.7).

Now, we formulate the main results of this paper

**Theorem A** (local existence). *Let  $\nu > 0$  be given sufficiently large. Let  $v = \nabla\varphi + \text{rot } \psi$ ,  $\varrho = a + \eta$ ,  $a$ -positive constant. Let  $\eta(0) \in L_\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\eta(0), \nabla\varphi(0), \text{rot } \psi(0) \in \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^1(\Omega))$ ,  $\|\nabla\varphi(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{\nu}}$ ,  $\|\text{rot } \psi(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)} \leq c$ ,  $\|\eta(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{c}{\nu}$ ,  $|f_g|_{6/5, 2, \Omega^t} \leq \frac{c}{\nu}$ ,  $f \in L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^1(\Omega))$ ,  $f \in L_6(0, T; L_3(\Omega)) \cap L_1(0, T; L_\infty(\Omega))$ . Assume that there exist positive constants  $\varphi_*$  and  $c$  such that  $c\nu^\varkappa \leq \varphi_* \leq \varphi(0)$ , where  $\varkappa \in (1/2, 1)$ . Then there exists a regular long time solution to problem (1.1) expressed in the form (1.6)–(1.9) such that  $\sqrt{\nu}\nabla\varphi, \text{rot } \psi \in L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)) \cap L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))$ ,  $\nu\nabla\varphi \in L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ ,  $\nu\eta \in L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ , and  $v \in \mathfrak{N}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $t \leq T \leq \nu$ , where  $T$  is the time of local existence and*

$$(1.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|v\|_{\mathfrak{N}(\Omega^t)} \leq \phi(\nu\|\eta(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)}, \nu^{1/2}\|\nabla\varphi(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)}, \\ & \|\text{rot } \psi(0)\|_{\Gamma_1^2(\Omega)}, \nu\|\varphi(0)\|_1, \nu|f_g|_{6/5, 2, \Omega^t}, \|f\|_{L_2(0, t; \Gamma_1^1(\Omega))}, \\ & \|f\|_{L_6(0, t; L_3(\Omega)) \cap L_1(0, t; L_\infty(\Omega))}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t \leq T$ ,  $\phi$  is an increasing positive function of its arguments and the space  $\mathfrak{N}(\Omega^t)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{\mathfrak{N}(\Omega^t)} &= \nu^{1/2}\|\nabla\varphi\|_{L_\infty(0, t; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))} + \|\text{rot } \psi\|_{L_\infty(0, t; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))} \\ &+ \|\text{rot } \psi\|_{L_2(0, t; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))} + \nu\|\nabla\varphi\|_{L_2(0, t; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $T > \nu$  we have a global existence of such solutions that.

To prove global existence of solutions to problem (1.1) we use the step by step in time extension.

The existence for  $t \leq T \leq \nu$  is shown in Section 4 but for  $t \geq T > \nu$  in Section 5.

Therefore, we have

**Theorem B** (Global existence). *Let the assumptions of the Theorem A hold. Let  $\|f_g(t)\|_1 \leq ce^{-\alpha t}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $f \in L_2(kT, (k+1)T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)) \cap L_6(kT, (k+1)T; L_3(\Omega)) \cap L_1(kT, (k+1)T; L_\infty(\Omega))$ . Then  $v \in \mathfrak{N}(\Omega \times (kT, (k+1)T))$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and (1.13) holds with interval  $(0, T)$  replaced by  $(kT, (k+1)T)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .*

Now we describe the idea of proofs of Theorems A and B.

Our aim is to derive a global estimate for regular solutions to (1.3), (1.4) using presentation (1.9), (1.10). By the regular velocity we mean such velocity that  $v \in L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))$ . Then we have a corresponding regularity for  $\eta \in L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ . This kind of regularity is necessary to estimate nonlinear terms.

First we derive the inequality for  $v \in L_\infty(0, T; L_6(\Omega))$ . Multiplying (1.3)<sub>1</sub> by  $v|v|^{r-2}$ , integrating over  $\Omega^t$  we get (see Lemma 2.2)

$$(1.14) \quad |v(t)|_r + \left( \int_0^t |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx dt' \right)^{1/r} \leq c|\eta|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r, \Omega^t} + c\nu |\Delta\varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r, \Omega^t} \\ + c|f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}, r, \Omega^t} + c|\varrho_0|_\infty^{1/r} |v_0|_r,$$

where  $r \leq 6$ .

The second term on the r.h.s. of (1.14) is not controlled for large  $\nu$ . Hence to control it we use the interpolation in the case  $r = 6$

$$(1.15) \quad |\Delta\varphi|_{18/7, 6, \Omega^t} \leq c|\nabla\Delta\varphi|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t}^{2/3} |\nabla\varphi|_{2, \Omega^t}^{1/3},$$

where the mean values of  $\Delta\varphi$ ,  $\nabla\Delta\varphi$ ,  $\nabla\varphi$  are zero in view of periodic boundary conditions. To estimate the last factor we derive the equation obtained from (1.3)<sub>1</sub> by applying the div operator

$$(1.16) \quad a\Delta\varphi_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta^2\varphi + a_0\Delta\eta = -a\operatorname{div}(v \cdot \nabla v) + \operatorname{div}[-\eta v_t \\ - \eta v \cdot \nabla v + (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta + (a + \eta)f].$$

Applying operator  $\Delta^{-1}$  to (1.16) yields

$$(1.17) \quad a\varphi_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta\varphi = -a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}\partial_{x_j}(v_i v_j) + a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}(\Delta\varphi v_i) \\ + \Delta^{-1}\operatorname{div}[-\eta v_t - \eta v \cdot \nabla v + (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta + a f_g \\ + \eta f] - (\eta - \int_\Omega \eta dx) + a \int_\Omega \varphi_t dx \equiv D_1 + D_2 + F - \bar{\eta} + a \int_\Omega \varphi_t dx,$$

where  $\underline{f} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \eta dx$ ,  $\bar{\eta} = \eta - \underline{f}$ .

The aim of this paper is to show that the quantity  $\Psi = \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}$  is bounded for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Then we see that  $|\nabla \Delta \varphi|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq c \|\Delta \varphi\|_{W_2^{2,1}(\Omega^t)} \leq c |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}$ . Hence we have to derive that  $\nu^{1/3} |\nabla \varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^{1/3} \leq \frac{\Phi^\alpha}{\nu^\beta}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta$  positive constant numbers. This is the aim of Lemmas 2.3, 2.4 and Remark 2.2.

First we show the idea of the proof of Lemma 2.3. Multiplying (1.17) by  $\varphi$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$(1.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\varphi|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 &= \int_{\Omega} D_1 \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} D_2 \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} F \varphi dx \\ &- \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta} \varphi dx + a \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t dx \int_{\Omega} \varphi dx. \end{aligned}$$

We need to obtain such estimate for  $|\nabla \varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}$  that

$$(1.19) \quad |\nabla \varphi|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{c}{\nu^\alpha}, \quad \alpha > 1,$$

where  $c$  depends on such norms of  $v, \nabla \varphi, \eta$  that  $\nabla \varphi, v \in L_2(0, T; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega)) \cap L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ ,  $\eta \in L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ .

The dependence can be strongly nonlinear because small parameter  $1/\nu^\alpha$  ( $\nu$  is assumed to be large) helps to get an estimate by a perturbation argument. But the first and the last terms from the r.h.s. of (1.18) will not imply estimate (1.19). They must be treated in the following different way

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Omega} D_1 \varphi dx \right| &\leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{|D_1| \varphi^2}{\varphi_*} dx \leq \frac{|D_1|_{p/(p-2)}}{\varphi_*} |\varphi|_p^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{c |D_1|_{p/(p-2)}^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}{[(\mu + \nu)^\varkappa \varphi_*]^{1/(1-\varkappa)}} |\varphi|_2^2, \quad \varkappa \in (1/2, 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t dx \int_{\Omega} \varphi dx = 0,$$

because we assume that  $\varphi = \varphi' + L$ ,  $\int_{\Omega} \varphi' dx = 0$  and  $L$  is some arbitrary constant, where  $0 < \varphi_* = \min_{\Omega} \varphi$ .  $\varphi$  can be chosen positive because it is determined up to an arbitrary positive constant  $L$ .

Using that  $f = \operatorname{div} F'$  we get

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} F \varphi dx \right| = \left| \int_{\Omega} F' \nabla \varphi dx \right| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |F'|_2^2.$$

Since  $|D_1| \leq c|v|^2$  we derive (2.31) in the form

$$(1.20) \quad \begin{aligned} a|\varphi(t)|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu)|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq \exp\left(\frac{c|v|_{2p/(p-2),2/(1-\varkappa),\Omega^t}^{2/(1-\varkappa)}}{[(\mu + \nu)^\varkappa\varphi_*]^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}\right) \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} \{ |\Delta\varphi|_{3/2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right. \\ &\quad + |\eta|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\nabla\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ &\quad \left. + |f_g|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \} + a|\varphi(0)|_2^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4 implies the bound for  $\varphi$ .

Let  $\hat{k} = \frac{c_1}{\nu^\varkappa}$ ,  $\eta \in L_\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$ ,  $v \in L_\infty(\Omega^T)$ ,  $f \in L_3(\Omega^T)$ . Then

$$(1.21) \quad \begin{aligned} |\varphi|_{\infty,\Omega^t} &\leq 2\hat{k} \left[ 1 + ct^{(1+\varkappa)/r_0} \text{meas}^{(1+\varkappa)/p_0} \Omega \left( \frac{1}{\mu + \nu} \right)^{(2/q)(1+1/\varkappa)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot \phi(|\eta|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}, |v|_{\infty,\Omega^t}, |f|_{3,\Omega^t}) \right] \equiv \gamma_*, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t \leq T$ ,  $\varkappa \in (0, 4/3)$ ,  $3/p_0 + 2/r_0 = 3/2$  and  $\phi$  is an increasing positive function. Next Remark 2.2 gives

$$(1.22) \quad \frac{c_*}{\nu^\varkappa} = \varphi_* \leq \varphi,$$

where  $\varphi$  is defined up to an arbitrary constant  $L$  but  $\gamma_*$  not because  $\gamma_*$  depends on  $\hat{k} = \max\{|\bar{\varphi}(0)|_\infty, 1\}$  which is independent of  $L$ .

Finally we have to estimate the second term on the r.h.s. of (1.14). In view of (1.15) we have

$$(1.23) \quad \nu|\Delta\varphi|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} \leq c\nu^{2/3}|\nabla\Delta\varphi|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^{2/3}\nu^{1/3}|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^{1/3} \equiv I_1.$$

Recall that  $\Psi(t) = \nu|\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}$ . Our aim is to show that there exist positive constants  $\alpha_k, \beta_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that

$$(1.24) \quad I_1 \leq \sum_k \frac{\Psi^{\alpha_k}}{\nu^{\beta_k}}.$$

By imbedding we already have that

$$(1.25) \quad I_1 \leq c\Psi^{2/3}\nu^{1/3}|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^{1/3}.$$

Hence, we have to use (1.20). First we have to estimate the argument of exp function. We assume that

$$(1.26) \quad c_1 \leq (\mu + \nu)^\varkappa\varphi_*.$$



Then the term under exp in (1.20) is bounded by

$$c|v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^{2/(1-\varkappa)}, \quad \varkappa = 3/2 - 3/p \in (0, 1) \quad \text{for } p \in (3, 6).$$

Assuming that

$$(1.27) \quad |\eta(0)| \leq \frac{c}{\nu}, |f_g|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{c}{\nu}$$

we obtain (see (2.62) and (2.64))

$$(1.28) \quad |\eta|_{r,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{c}{\nu}(\Psi + c)$$

Then (1.20) implies

$$(1.29) \quad \begin{aligned} |\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t} &\leq \phi(|v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}, |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}, |\nabla\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f|_{2,\Omega^t}) \cdot \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\nu^2}(\Psi + c) + \frac{c}{\nu^{1/2}}|\varphi(0)|_2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming additionally that

$$(1.30) \quad |\varphi(0)|_2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu^\varkappa}, \quad \varkappa > 1/2$$

and using (1.30) in (1.29) and the result in (1.23) yields

$$(1.31) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \phi(|v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}, |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}, |\nabla\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f|_{2,\Omega^t}) \cdot \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{\Psi}{\nu^{1/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3}}{\nu^{1/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3}}{\nu^{\varkappa/3-1/6}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (1.14) for  $r = 6$  we get (see (2.82))

$$(1.32) \quad \begin{aligned} |v(t)|_6 + \left( \int_0^t |\nabla|v|^3|^2 dx dt' \right)^{1/6} &\leq c|\eta|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} \\ &+ \phi(|v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}, |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}, |\nabla\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f|_{2,\Omega^t}) [\Psi/\nu^{1/3} + \Psi^{2/3}/\nu^{1/3} \\ &+ \Psi^{2/3}/\nu^{\varkappa/3-1/6}] + c|f|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} + c|\varrho_0|_\infty^{1/6}|v_0|_6 \equiv D_1. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, Lemma 2.9 implies

$$(1.33) \quad \begin{aligned} |v_t(t)|_2^2 + \mu|\nabla v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu|\Delta\varphi_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq \exp(|\eta_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ &+ (\|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + D_1^2 + 1)A_1^2) \cdot [|\eta_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (D_1^2 A_1^2 \\ &+ |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2) + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_\infty |v_t(0)|_2^2] \\ &\equiv D_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce the quantities

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}, \\
\chi_1^2(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2, \\
\chi_2^2(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2, \\
\Phi_1^2(t) &= \nu (|\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2), \\
\Phi_2^2(t) &= |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

From (4.2) we have inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.34) \quad & \chi_1^2(t) + \chi_2^2(t) + \Psi^2(t) \leq \phi \left( D_1, D_2, A_1, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\Phi_1}{\sqrt{\nu}}, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \Phi_2, \right. \\
& \left. |f|_{1,1,2,\Omega^t}, |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, |\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t} \right) \\
& + c |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) \Psi^2 + \nu |\varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_{2,1}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence for  $\nu$  sufficiently large there exists a constant  $A$  such that

$$(1.35) \quad X(t) \equiv \chi_1(t) + \chi_2(t) + \Psi(t) \leq A.$$

there is such restriction on time that  $t$  is proportional to some positive increasing function of  $\nu$ . But large time is not convenient because strong restrictions on  $v$ ,  $f$  follow from time-integrals norms. Therefore to derive estimate (1.35) for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  we perform the procedure step by step in time. In Theorem 5.7 we prove that

$$(1.36) \quad X(t) \leq A, \quad t \in [kT, (k+1)T], \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$$

where  $A$  does not depend on  $k$ .

The derivation of such estimate is possible thanks to sufficiently large  $\nu$ ,  $T$  and sufficiently small  $|\nabla \varphi(0)|_{2,1}$ ,  $|\eta(0)|_{2,1}$ .

In the proof is used natural dissipation mechanism in the compressible Navier-Stokes equations connected with viscosity coefficients  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ .

## 2 Notation and auxiliary results

We use the simplified notation

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{L_p(\Omega)} &= |u|_p, \quad \|u\|_{H^s(\Omega)} = \|u\|_s, \quad \|u\|_{W_p^s(\Omega)} = \|u\|_{s,p}, \\ |u|_{k,l}^2 &= \sum_{i=0}^l \|\partial_t^i u\|_{k-i}^2, \quad |u|_{k,l,r,\Omega^t} = \left( \int_0^t |u(t')|_{k,l}^r dt' \right)^{1/r}, \\ |u|_{r,q,\Omega^t} &= \left( \int_0^t |u(t')|_r^q dt' \right)^{1/q}, \\ \|u\|_{L_r(0,t;H^s(\Omega))} &= \|u\|_{s,r,\Omega^t}, \quad \|u\|_{L_r(0,t;W_p^s(\Omega))} = \|u\|_{s,p,r,\Omega^t}. \end{aligned}$$

Introduce the spaces

$$\Gamma_l^k(\Omega) = \{u : |u|_{k,l} < \infty\}, \quad l \leq k, \quad l, k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

By  $\phi, \phi_\sigma, \bar{\phi}_\sigma, \sigma \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote always increasing positive functions of their arguments.

First we obtain the energy type estimate for solutions to problem (1.1).

**Lemma 2.1.** *Assume that  $(\varrho, v)$  is a solution to problem (1.1). Assume that  $p = p(\varrho) = A\varrho^\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa > 1$ . Assume the periodic boundary conditions and that  $f \in L_{\infty,2}(\Omega \times (kT, (k+1)T))$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $a/2 \leq \varrho \leq 3a/2$ ,  $\varrho_0 \in L_2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L_{\infty,1}(\Omega^t)$  and  $\mu' > 0$ . Let  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t)|_2^2 dt \leq \mu T/2$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} B(T) &= c \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \exp \left[ c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t)|_2^2 dt \right] [|\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty,2,\Omega \times (kT,(k+1)T)}^2 + \mu' a^\varkappa \\ &\quad + |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty,1,\Omega^t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_2^2 |v_0|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha(0) = \int_\Omega \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho_0 v_0^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa-1} \varrho_0^\varkappa \right) dx < \infty$$

$$\varrho_0 \in L_2(\Omega), \quad v_0 \in L_2(\Omega).$$

Then there exist positive numbers  $\mu', \mu''$  less than  $\mu$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad & \int_\Omega \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho v^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa-1} \varrho^\varkappa \right) dx + \mu'' \int_0^t \|v(t')\|_1^2 dt' + \nu \int_0^t |\operatorname{div} v(t')|_2^2 dt' \\ & \leq c e^{\mu' T} \left( \frac{B(T)}{1 - e^{-\mu' T/2}} + \alpha(0) \right) \equiv A_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (1.1)<sub>1</sub> by  $v$ , integrating over  $\Omega$  and using the periodic boundary conditions, we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\varrho \partial_t v^2 + \varrho v \cdot \nabla v^2) dx + \mu |\nabla v|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2 \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p(\varrho) \cdot v dx = \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx \end{aligned}$$

Adding the identity

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} [\varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho v)] v^2 dx = 0$$

we derive from (2.2) the equality

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho v^2 dx + \mu |\nabla v|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p(\varrho) \cdot v dx = \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx.$$

Using that  $p = A\varrho^\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa > 1$ , the last term on the l.h.s. of (2.3) equals

$$(2.4) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla p(\varrho) \cdot v dx = A \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^\varkappa dx.$$

To use (2.4) in (2.3) we multiply (1.1)<sub>2</sub> by  $\varrho^{\varkappa-1}$ . Then we get

$$\varrho^{\varkappa-1} (\varrho_t + v \cdot \nabla \varrho) + \varrho^\varkappa \operatorname{div} v = 0.$$

Continuing, we have

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{1}{\varkappa} \partial_t \varrho^\varkappa + \frac{1}{\varkappa} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^\varkappa + \varrho^\varkappa \operatorname{div} v = 0.$$

Adding  $\frac{\varkappa-1}{\varkappa} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^\varkappa$  to both sides of (2.5) yields

$$\frac{1}{\varkappa} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varrho^\varkappa + \operatorname{div}(v \varrho^\varkappa) = \frac{\varkappa-1}{\varkappa} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^\varkappa.$$

Integrating the equality over  $\Omega$  and using boundary conditions gives

$$\frac{A}{\varkappa} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho^\varkappa dx = \frac{A(\varkappa-1)}{\varkappa} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^\varkappa dx.$$

Hence

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{A}{\varkappa - 1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho^{\varkappa} dx = A \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \varrho^{\varkappa} dx.$$

In view of (2.4) and (2.6) equality (2.3) takes the form

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho v^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa - 1} \varrho^{\varkappa} \right) dx + \mu |\nabla v|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2 = \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx.$$

Using that  $\int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx = G$ , where  $G$  is defined between (1.6) and (1.7), and applying the Poincaré inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho v^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa - 1} \varrho^{\varkappa} \right) dx + \bar{\mu} |v|_2^2 + \mu'' \|v\|_1^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx \\ + c |G|^2 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx + c \left( |\eta|_2^2 |v|_2^2 + \left| \int_{\Omega^t} \varrho f dx dt' \right|^2 + \left| \int_{\Omega} \varrho_0 v_0 dx \right|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Exploiting that  $a/2 \leq \varrho \leq \frac{3}{2}a$  and introducing the quantity

$$\alpha = \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varrho v^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa - 1} \varrho^{\varkappa} \right) dx$$

and using that

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v dx \right| = \left| \int_{\Omega} \sqrt{\varrho} f \sqrt{\varrho} v dx \right| \leq \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} \varrho v^2 dx + \frac{c}{\varepsilon} |\varrho|_1^2 |f|_{\infty}^2$$

we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \alpha + \mu' \alpha + \mu'' \|v\|_1^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2 \leq c |\eta|_2^2 \alpha + c \beta,$$

where

$$\beta = |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty}^2 + |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty, 1, \Omega^t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_2^2 |v_0|_2^2 + \mu a^{\varkappa}.$$

Looking for the energy estimate with the bound independent of time we use the step by step in time argument. Then we consider (2.8) in the time interval  $[kT, (k+1)T]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From (2.8) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \alpha(t) \exp \left( \mu' t - c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right) \right] \\
& + \exp \left( \mu' t - c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right) (\mu'' \|v\|_1^2 + \mu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2) \\
& \leq \beta \exp \left( \mu' t - c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating with respect to time we finally get  
(2.9)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha(t) + e^{-\mu'(t-kT)} \int_{kT}^t (\mu'' \|v\|_1^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v|_2^2) dt' \\
& \leq \exp \left( -\mu' t + c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right) \int_{kT}^t \beta \exp \left( \mu' t' - c \int_{kT}^{t'} |\eta(t'')|_2^2 dt'' \right) dt' \\
& + \alpha(kT) \exp \left( -\mu'(t-kT) + c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Omitting the second integral on the l.h.s. of (2.9) and performing integration with respect to time we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & \alpha(t) \leq \exp \left[ c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right] (c\beta_0) \\
& + \alpha(kT) \exp \left( -\mu'(t-kT) + c \int_{kT}^t |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_0 = |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty, 2, \Omega \times (kT, t)}^2 + \mu' a^\varkappa + |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty, 1, \Omega^t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_2^2 |v_0|_2^2$ .

Setting  $t = (k + 1)T$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha((k + 1)T) &\leq \exp \left[ c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t')|_2^2 dt' \right] [c\beta_0] \\ &\quad + \alpha(kT) \exp \left( -\mu'T + c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t)|_2^2 dt \right) \\ &\leq B(T) + \alpha(kT) \exp \left( -\mu'T + c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t)|_2^2 dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B(T) = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \exp \left[ c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} |\eta(t)|_2^2 dt \right] c\beta_0.$$

Assuming that  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} \eta^t(t) dt \leq \mu'T/2$ . We have by iteration

$$\alpha(kT) \leq \frac{B(T)}{1 - e^{-\mu'T/2}} + \alpha(0)e^{-\mu'kT/2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Using the estimate in (2.10) yields

$$(2.11) \quad \alpha(t) \leq \frac{2B(T)}{1 - e^{-\mu'T/2}} + \alpha(0), \quad t \in [kT, (k + 1)T].$$

From (2.9) for  $t \in (kT, (k + 1)T]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and (2.11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa - 1} \rho^\varkappa \right) dx + \mu'' \int_{kT}^t \|v(t')\|_1^2 dt' + \nu \int_{kT}^t |\operatorname{div} v(t')|_2^2 dt' \\ &\leq \left[ ce^{\mu'T/2} \beta_0 + \frac{B(T)}{1 - e^{-\mu'T/2}} + \alpha(0) \right] e^{\mu'T}, \quad t \in [kT, (k + 1)T]. \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality implies (2.1). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Assume that  $r > 2$ ,  $\varrho f \in L_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\varrho) - p(a) \in L_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\operatorname{div} v \in L_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}$ ,  $\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2$ ,  $\frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu}$  sufficiently small. Then

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \frac{k_0}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx + \frac{\mu}{2} \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx \\ & + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \leq \frac{c}{\nu^{r/2}} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r + c |p(\varrho) \\ & - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r + c |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r + c |v|_2^r, \end{aligned}$$

where  $k_0 = k_0(\mu, r, \frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu})$ ,  $c = c(r, k_0)$ .

*Proof.* We express (1.1)<sub>1</sub> in the form

$$(2.13) \quad \varrho v_t + \varrho v \cdot \nabla v - \mu \Delta v - \nu_1 \nabla \operatorname{div} v + \nabla(p - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v) = \varrho f,$$

where  $\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Multiplying (2.13) by  $v|v|^{r-2}$ , integrating over  $\Omega$ , using (1.1)<sub>2</sub> and boundary conditions yields

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla (v|v|^{r-2}) dx + \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} v \operatorname{div} (v|v|^{r-2}) dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega} (p - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v) \operatorname{div} (v|v|^{r-2}) dx = \int_{\Omega} \varrho f v |v|^{r-2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

First, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \mu \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla (v|v|^{r-2}) dx \\ &= \mu \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} v_k \nabla v_k \cdot (r-2) |v|^{r-3} \nabla |v| dx \equiv I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using that  $v_k \nabla v_k = \frac{1}{2} \nabla |v|^2 = |v| \nabla |v|$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= (r-2) \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v||^2 dx = (r-2) \mu \int_{\Omega} ||v|^{\frac{r}{2}-1} \nabla |v||^2 dx \\ &= \frac{4(r-2)}{r^2} \mu \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$



To examine  $I_1$  we use the formula

$$(2.15) \quad |\nabla u|^2 = |u|^2 \left| \nabla \frac{u}{|u|} \right|^2 + |\nabla |u||^2.$$

Then  $I_1$  takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \mu \int_{\Omega} \left( |v|^2 \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 + |\nabla |v||^2 \right) |v|^{r-2} dx \\ &= \mu \int_{\Omega} \left[ |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 + |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v||^2 \right] dx \\ &= \mu \int_{\Omega} \left[ |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 + |v|^{\frac{r}{2}-1} |\nabla |v||^2 \right] dx \\ &= \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx + \frac{4\mu}{r^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$J_1 = \frac{4(r-1)\mu}{r^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx.$$

Next, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} v \operatorname{div} (v |v|^{r-2}) dx \\ &= \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} v v \cdot \nabla |v|^{r-2} dx \equiv I_3 + I_4, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_4 = \nu_1 (r-2) \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} v v \cdot \nabla |v| |v|^{r-3} dx.$$

Then

$$|I_4| \leq \nu_1 (r-2) \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v| |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v|| dx.$$

Employing the above expressions in (2.14) one gets  
(2.16)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \frac{4(r-1)\mu}{r^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx \\
& + \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \leq \nu_1 (r-2) \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v| |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v|| dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v] [\operatorname{div} v |v|^{r-2} + (r-2) |v|^{r-3} v \cdot \nabla |v|] dx \\
& + \left| \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v |v|^{r-2} dx \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

The first term on the r.h.s. of (2.16) is bounded by

$$\frac{\varepsilon_1}{2} \nu_1 \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} \nu_1 (r-2)^2 \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v||^2 dx,$$

where the second integral equals

$$\frac{\nu_1}{2\varepsilon_1} (r-2)^2 \int_{\Omega} ||v|^{\frac{r}{2}-1} \nabla |v||^2 dx = \frac{4\nu_1 (r-2)^2}{2\varepsilon_1 r^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (2.16) can be expressed in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} (p(\varrho) - p(a)) \operatorname{div} v |v|^{r-2} dx - \nu_2 \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v] (r-2) |v|^{r-3} v \cdot \nabla |v| dx \equiv J_1 + J_2 + J_3,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$|J_1| \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_2} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|J_3| & \leq (r-2) \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v| |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v|| dx \\
& \leq \frac{\varepsilon_3}{2} (r-2) \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r-2} |\nabla |v||^2 dx \\
& + \frac{r-2}{2\varepsilon_3} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \equiv K_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$K_1 = 2\varepsilon_3 \frac{r-2}{r^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla|v|^{r/2}|^2 dx \\ + \frac{r-2}{2\varepsilon_3} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx.$$

Employing the above estimates in (2.16) yields

$$(2.17) \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \left[ \frac{4(r-1)\mu}{r^2} - \frac{4\nu_1(r-2)^2}{2\varepsilon_1 r^2} - \frac{2\varepsilon_3(r-2)}{r^2} \right] \int_{\Omega} |\nabla|v|^{r/2}|^2 dx \\ + \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx + \left[ \nu - \frac{\nu_1 \varepsilon_1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} \right] \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_2} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \frac{r-2}{2\varepsilon_3} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \\ + \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v |v|^{r-2} dx.$$

We set

$$(2.18) \quad \varepsilon_1 = \frac{\nu}{2\nu_1}, \quad \varepsilon_2 = \frac{\nu}{2}, \quad \varepsilon_3 = \frac{\mu}{r-2}$$

then coefficient near the second term on the l.h.s. of (2.17) equals

$$(2.19) \quad \frac{4(r-1)\mu}{r^2} - \frac{4\nu_1^2(r-2)^2}{\nu r^2} - \frac{2\mu}{r^2} = \frac{2\mu(2r-3)}{r^2} - \frac{4\nu_1^2(r-2)^2}{\nu r^2} \\ = \frac{4}{r^2} \left[ \frac{(2r-3)\mu}{2} - \frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu} (r-2)^2 \right] \equiv k_0 \left( \mu, r, \frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu} \right)$$

which is positive for  $r \geq 2$  and  $\nu_1^2/\nu$  small.

Coefficients near the third and fourth terms are equal, respectively,

$$\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\nu}{2}.$$

To have  $k_0 > 0$  we obtain the restriction on  $\nu_1$

$$\frac{\nu_1^2}{\nu} < \frac{\mu(2r-3)}{2(r-2)^2} \equiv d^2, \quad \text{so} \quad \nu_1 < d\sqrt{\nu}$$

Then

$$\nu_2 > \nu - d\sqrt{\nu}.$$

Hence for  $\nu$  large  $\nu_2$  is close to  $\nu$

Then (2.17) takes the form

(2.20)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + k_0 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx \\ & + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \\ & + \frac{(r-2)^2}{2\mu} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx + \int_{\Omega} |\varrho f \cdot v| |v|^{r-2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the second term on the l.h.s. of (2.20). We use the Poincaré inequality

$$|\nabla |v|^{r/2}|_2^2 \geq c \left( |v|_r^r - \left| \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r/2} dx \right|^2 \right)$$

and the estimate

$$|\nabla |v|^{r/2}|_2^2 + |v|_r^r \geq c |v|_{3r}^r.$$

Then the second term is bounded from below by

$$k_0 |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|_2^2 \geq c |v|_r^r + \frac{c_0 k_0}{2} |v|_{3r}^r + \frac{k_0}{2} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|_2^2 - c \left| \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r/2} dx \right|^2.$$

Finally, we use the interpolation

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} |v|^{r/2} dx \right|^2 \leq \varepsilon |v|_r^r + c/\varepsilon |v|_2^r.$$

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\nu} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \leq \frac{1}{\nu} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^2 |v|_{3r}^{r-2} \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_4^{\frac{r}{r-2}}}{\frac{r}{r-2}} |v|_{3r}^r + \frac{1}{\frac{r}{2} \varepsilon_4^{r/2} \nu^{r/2}} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r \right] \equiv L_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{(r-2)^2}{2\mu} \int_{\Omega} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \\
& \leq \frac{(r-2)^2}{2\mu} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^2 |v|_{3r}^{r-2} \\
& \leq \frac{(r-2)^2}{2\mu} \left[ \varepsilon_5^{\frac{r}{r-2}} |v|_{3r}^r + \frac{1}{\frac{r}{2} \varepsilon_5^{\frac{r}{r+1}}} |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r \right] \equiv L_2, \\
& \left| \int_{\Omega} \varrho f \cdot v |v|^{r-2} dx \right| \leq \int_{\Omega} |\varrho f| |v|^{r-1} dx \leq |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}} |v|_{3r}^{r-1} \\
& \leq \frac{\varepsilon_6^{r/(r-1)}}{r/(r-1)} |v|_{3r}^r + \frac{1}{r \varepsilon_6^r} |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r \equiv L_3.
\end{aligned}$$

We set

$$\frac{\varepsilon_4^{r/(r-2)}}{r/(r-2)} \frac{1}{\nu} = \frac{k_0 c_0}{6}, \quad \frac{(r-2)^2}{2\mu} \frac{\varepsilon_5^{r/(r-2)}}{r/(r-2)} = \frac{k_0 c_0}{6}, \quad \frac{\varepsilon_6^{r/(r-1)}}{r/(r-1)} = \frac{k_0 c_0}{6}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
L_1 & \leq c_0 \frac{k_0}{6} |v|_{3r}^r + \frac{c(r, k_0)}{\nu^{r/2}} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r, \\
L_2 & \leq c_0 \frac{k_0}{6} |v|_{3r}^r + c(r, k_0) |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r, \\
L_3 & \leq c_0 \frac{k_0}{6} |v|_{3r}^2 + c(r, k_0) |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r.
\end{aligned}$$

Employing the estimates in (2.20) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.21) \quad & \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \frac{k_0}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx + \mu \int_{\Omega} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx \\
& + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx \leq \frac{c}{\nu^{r/2}} |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r \\
& + c |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r + c |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r + |v|_2^r.
\end{aligned}$$

This inequality implies (2.12) and concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** We integrate (2.12) with respect to time. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{r} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v|^r dx + \frac{k_0}{2} \int_{\Omega^t} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx dt' + \mu \int_{\Omega^t} |v|^r \left| \nabla \frac{v}{|v|} \right|^2 dx dt' \\
& + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\Omega^t} |\operatorname{div} v|^2 |v|^{r-2} dx dt' \leq \frac{c}{\nu^{r/2}} \int_0^t |p(\varrho) - p(a)|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r dt' \\
(2.22) \quad & + c \int_0^t |p(\varrho) - p(a) - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r dt' + c \int_0^t |\varrho f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r dt' \\
& + \frac{1}{r} \int_{\Omega} \varrho_0 |v_0|^r dx + c A_1^r \\
& \equiv A_{2,r}^r(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varrho = a + \eta$ , we obtain from (2.22) for  $\eta$  so small that  $|\eta| < a/2$  the inequality

$$(2.23) \quad |v(t)|_r \leq c A_{2,r}(t).$$

Since  $\varrho$  is bounded from below and above and since  $\nu_2$  is close to  $\nu$  we obtain from (2.22) the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.24) \quad & \frac{1}{r} |v|_r^r + \frac{k_0}{2} \int_{\Omega^t} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx dt' \leq c \int_0^t |\eta|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r dt' + c \nu^r \int_0^t |\Delta \varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}}^r dt' \\
& + c \int_0^t |f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}}^r dt' + \frac{1}{r} |\varrho_0|_{\infty} |v_0|_r^r + c A_1^r.
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.25) \quad & \frac{1}{\sqrt[r]{r}} |v|_r + \sqrt[r]{\frac{k_0}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega^t} |\nabla |v|^{r/2}|^2 dx dt' \right)^{1/r} \leq c |\eta|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r, \Omega^t} + c \nu |\Delta \varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r, \Omega^t} \\
& + c |f|_{\frac{3r}{2r+1}, r, \Omega^t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[r]{r}} |\varrho_0|_{\infty}^{1/r} |v_0|_r + c A_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta \varphi \in W_2^{2,1}(\Omega^t)$  then  $\Delta \varphi \in L_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r}(\Omega^t)$  with arbitrary  $r$ , because

$$\frac{5}{2} - \frac{3(r+1)}{3r} - \frac{2}{r} \leq 2 \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{r} \leq 2 \quad \text{which holds for any } r.$$

To derive a global estimate for solutions to problem (1.1) we need that the first two terms on the r.h.s. of (2.25) are estimated by quantities multiplied by the small parameter  $(\frac{1}{\nu})^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

However, the second term on the r.h.s. of (2.25) contains the coefficient  $\nu$ . This means that we need more delicate estimate to get the factor  $(\frac{1}{\nu})^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

For this purpose we consider the interpolation

$$(2.26) \quad |\Delta\varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}} \leq c |\nabla\Delta\varphi|_2^\theta |\nabla\varphi|_2^{1-\theta},$$

where  $\theta$  is a solution to the equation

$$\frac{3(r+1)}{3r} - 1 = \frac{3}{2} - 2\theta.$$

Then  $\theta = \frac{3}{4} - 1/2r$ ,  $1 - \theta = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2r}$ . Therefore

$$(2.27) \quad |\Delta\varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1}, r, \Omega^t} \leq c |\nabla\Delta\varphi|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t}^{\frac{3}{4}-1/2r} \left( \int_0^t |\nabla\varphi|_2^{(1/4+1/2r)r} dt \right)^{1/r},$$

where  $(1/4 + 1/2r)r \leq 2$  for  $r \leq 6$ . For  $r = 6$ , (2.27) takes the form

$$(2.28) \quad |\Delta\varphi|_{18/7, 6, \Omega^t} \leq c |\nabla\Delta\varphi|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t}^{2/3} |\nabla\varphi|_{2, \Omega^t}^{1/3}.$$

To estimate the last factor on the r.h.s. of (2.28) we need the following equation derived from (1.1)<sub>1</sub> by applying the div operator

$$(2.29) \quad \begin{aligned} a\Delta\varphi_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta^2\varphi + a_0\Delta\eta &= -a\operatorname{div}(v \cdot \nabla v) + \operatorname{div}[-\eta v_t - \eta v \cdot \nabla v \\ &+ (p_\rho(a) - p_\rho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta + (a + \eta)f]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying operator  $\Delta^{-1}$  to (2.29) yields

$$(2.30) \quad \begin{aligned} a\varphi_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta\varphi &= -a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}\partial_{x_j}(v_iv_j) + a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}(\Delta\varphi v_i) \\ &+ \Delta^{-1}\operatorname{div}[-\eta v_t - \eta v \cdot \nabla v + (p_\rho(a) - p_\rho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta + (a + \eta)f] \\ &- (\eta - \int_\Omega \eta dx) + a \int_\Omega \varphi_t dx \\ &\equiv D_1 + D_2 + F - (\eta - \int_\Omega \eta dx) + a \int_\Omega \varphi_t dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\int_\Omega = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int$ .

Integrating (2.30) over  $\Omega$  we obtain identity in view of the periodic boundary conditions.

To obtain an estimate of the term  $\nu|\Delta\varphi|_{\frac{3r}{r+1},r,\Omega^t}$ , which appears on the r.h.s. of (2.24), in terms of the function  $\Psi^\alpha/\nu^\beta$ , where  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\Psi = \nu|\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}$ , we need the result

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Let  $A_1$  be defined in Lemma 2.1. Let  $|\eta| \leq a/2$ . Let  $0 < \varphi_* = \min_\Omega \varphi$ . Let  $v \in L_{2p/(p-2),2/(1-x)}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $\Delta\varphi \in L_{3/2,\infty}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $\eta \in L_{6,\infty}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $\nabla\eta \in L_2(\Omega^t)$ ,  $v_t \in L_2(\Omega^t)$ ,  $v \in L_{6,\infty}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $f_g \in L_{6/5,2}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $f \in L_2(\Omega^t)$ ,  $\varphi(0) \in L_2(\Omega)$ ,  $p \in (2, 6)$ ,  $\varkappa = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{p}$ . Then*

$$(2.31) \quad \begin{aligned} a|\varphi(t)|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu)|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq \exp\left(\frac{c|v|_{2p/(p-2),2/(1-x),\Omega^t}^{2/(1-\varkappa)}}{[(\mu + \nu)^\varkappa \varphi_*]^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}\right) \\ &+ \frac{\int_0^t |f \varphi_t dx| dt'}{\varphi_*} \left[ \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} (|\Delta\varphi|_{3/2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right. \\ &+ |\eta|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\nabla\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |f_g|_{6/5,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ &\left. + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2) + a|\varphi(0)|_2^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (2.30) by  $\varphi$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$(2.32) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\varphi|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla\varphi|_2^2 &= \int_\Omega D_1 \varphi dx + \int_\Omega D_2 \varphi dx \\ &+ \int_\Omega F \varphi dx - \int_\Omega \bar{\eta} \varphi dx + a \int_\Omega \varphi_t dx \int_\Omega \varphi dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\eta} = \eta - \int_\Omega \eta dx$ .

Now we estimate the particular terms from the r.h.s. of (2.32). The first term is bounded by

$$(2.33) \quad \left| \int_\Omega D_1 \varphi dx \right| \leq \int_\Omega \frac{|D_1| \varphi^2}{\varphi_*} dx \leq \frac{|D_1|_{p/(p-2)}}{\varphi_*} |\varphi|_p^2 \equiv I_1,$$

where  $2 < p < 6$ . Let  $\alpha = \frac{|D_1|_{p/(p-2)}}{\varphi_*}$ . Then we use the interpolation

$$I_1^{1/2} = \alpha^{1/2} |\varphi|_p \leq \alpha^{1/2} (\varepsilon^{1/\varkappa} |\nabla\varphi|_2 + c\varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{1-\varkappa}} |\varphi|_2),$$



where  $\varkappa = 3/2 - 3/p$ .

Setting  $\varepsilon^{1/\varkappa} \alpha^{1/2} = (\mu + \nu)^{1/2}$  we have  $\varepsilon = \left(\frac{\mu + \nu}{\alpha}\right)^{\varkappa/2}$ .

Then

$$\alpha^{1/2} \varepsilon^{-1/(1-\varkappa)} = \frac{\alpha^{1/2(1-\varkappa)}}{(\mu + \nu)^{\varkappa/2(1-\varkappa)}}$$

Therefore

$$(2.34) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{c\alpha^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}{(\mu + \nu)^{\varkappa/(1-\varkappa)}} |\varphi|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{c|D_1|_{p/(p-2)}^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}{((\mu + \nu)^{\varkappa} \varphi_*)^{1/(1-\varkappa)}} |\varphi|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $|D_1|_q \leq c \sum_{i,j=1}^3 |v_i v_j|_q$  for any  $q \in (1, \infty)$ .

Consider the second term on the r.h.s. of (2.32). Integration by parts yields

$$\int_{\Omega} D_2 \varphi dx = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta^{-1}(\Delta \varphi v) \cdot \nabla \varphi dx \equiv I_2.$$

Hence

$$(2.35) \quad \begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\Delta^{-1}(\Delta \varphi v)|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\Delta \varphi v|_{6/5}^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\Delta \varphi|_{3/2}^2 |v|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the third term on the r.h.s. of (2.32). Using that  $F = \operatorname{div} F'$  we get

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} F \cdot \varphi dx \right| = \left| \int_{\Omega} F' \cdot \nabla \varphi dx \right| \leq \varepsilon_2 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_2 |F'|_2^2,$$

where

$$(2.36) \quad \begin{aligned} |F'|_2^2 &= |\Delta^{-1}[-\eta v_t - \eta v \cdot \nabla v + (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta + a f_g + \eta f]|_2^2 \\ &\leq c(|\eta v_t|_{6/5}^2 + |\eta v \cdot \nabla v|_{6/5}^2 + |\eta \nabla \eta|_{6/5}^2 + |f_g|_{6/5}^2 + |\eta f|_{6/5}^2) \\ &\leq c(|\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |\eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |\eta|_6^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |f_g|_{6/5}^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

We express the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (2.32) in the form

$$\int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta} \varphi dx = \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta} \bar{\varphi} dx \equiv I_3.$$

Hence

$$|I_3| \leq \varepsilon_3 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_3 |\bar{\eta}|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon_3 |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_3 |\eta|_2^2.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (2.32) is bounded by

$$\frac{|f \varphi_t dx|}{\varphi_*} |\varphi|_2^2.$$

Using the above estimates in (2.32) and assuming that  $\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3$  are sufficiently small we derive the inequality

$$(2.37) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\varphi|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 &\leq \left[ \frac{c |D_1|_{p/(p-2)}^{1/(1-\varkappa)}}{[(\mu + \nu)^\varkappa \varphi_*]^{1/(1-\varkappa)}} + \frac{|f \varphi_t dx|}{\varphi_*} \right] |\varphi|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} [|\Delta \varphi|_{3/2}^2 |v|_6^2 + |F'|_2^2 + |\eta|_2^2] \\ &\equiv cd^2 |\varphi|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} [|\Delta \varphi|_{3/2}^2 |v|_6^2 + |F'|_2^2 + |\eta|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.37) we have

$$(2.38) \quad \begin{aligned} &a \frac{d}{dt} (|\varphi|_2^2 \exp \left[ -c \int_0^t d^2(t') dt' \right]) + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 \exp \left[ -c \int_0^t d^2(t') dt' \right] \\ &\leq \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} [|\Delta \varphi|_{3/2}^2 |v|_6^2 + |F'|_2^2 + |\eta|_2^2] \exp \left[ -c \int_0^t d^2(t') dt' \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (2.38) with respect to time implies

$$(2.39) \quad \begin{aligned} &a |\varphi(t)|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi|_{2, \Omega^t}^2 \leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^t d^2(t') dt' \right] \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} (|\Delta \varphi|_{3/2, \infty, k, \Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |F'|_{2, \Omega^t}^2 + t |\eta|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t}^2) + a |\varphi(0)|_2^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This inequality implies (2.31) and concludes the proof.  $\square$

Now we obtain bounds of  $\varphi$  from below and from above. We follow considerations from [LSU, Ch. 2, Sections 5, 6].

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\varphi$  be solution to (2.30). Let  $\varphi(0) \in L_\infty(\Omega)$ . Assume that  $\hat{k} = \frac{c_1}{\nu^\varkappa}$  and  $|\varphi(0)|_\infty < \frac{c_1}{\nu^\varkappa}$ . Assume that  $\eta \in L_\infty(\Omega^t)$ ,  $\nabla \eta \in L_6(\Omega^t)$ ,  $v_t \in L_{30/(22-9\varkappa)}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $v \in L_{20/(4-3\varkappa)}(\Omega^t) \cap L_{60/(17-9\varkappa)}(\Omega^t)$ ,  $f_g, f \in L_{30/(22-9\varkappa)}(\Omega^t)$ ,*

$\varkappa \in (0, 4/3)$ ,  $t \leq T$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|\varphi|_{\infty, \Omega^t} &\leq 2\hat{k}[1 + 2^{2/\varkappa+1/\varkappa^2}(\beta\gamma)^{1+1/\varkappa}t^{(1+\varkappa)/r_0}\text{meas}^{(1+\varkappa)/p_0}(\Omega)] \\
&\equiv \gamma_*, \quad t \leq T, \\
(2.40) \quad \frac{3}{p_0} + \frac{2}{r_0} &= \frac{3}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}}, \quad \frac{3}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{3}{2}, \\
\gamma &= \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}}(|v|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t}^2 + G(\varkappa, t)) \equiv \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}}G_0(\varkappa, t),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $G$  is defined in (2.50).

*Proof.* From (2.30) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.41) \quad &a\varphi_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta\varphi \\
&= -a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}\partial_{x_j}(v_iv_j) + a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}(\Delta\varphi v_i) + F - \bar{\eta} + a \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t dx
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi^{(k)} = \max\{\varphi^{(k)}(x, t) - k, 0\}$ . Multiply (2.41) by  $\varphi^{(k)}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.42) \quad &\frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\varphi^{(k)}|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu) |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}|_2^2 \\
&= - \int_{\Omega} \Delta^{-1} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} (v_i v_j) \varphi^{(k)} dx \\
&\quad + a \int_{\Omega} \Delta^{-1} \partial_{x_i} (\Delta \varphi v_i) \varphi^{(k)} dx + \int_{\Omega} F \varphi^{(k)} dx - \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta} \varphi^{(k)} dx \\
&\quad + a \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t(x') dx' \varphi^{(k)}(x) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Assume that

$$\hat{k} < k.$$

Integrating (2.42) with respect to time and using  $k > \hat{k}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.43) \quad &\|\varphi^{(k)}\|_{V(\Omega^t)}^2 \equiv a|\varphi^{(k)}(t)|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu)|\nabla\varphi^{(k)}|_{2, \Omega^t}^2 \leq c|vv|_{p', q', A_k^t(t)}|\varphi^{(k)}|_{p, q, \Omega^t} \\
&\quad + c(|\Delta\varphi v|_{p', q', A_k^t(t)} + c|F|_{p', q', A_k^t(t)})|\varphi^{(k)}|_{p, q, \Omega^t} + |\bar{\eta}|_{p', q', A_k^t(t)}|\varphi^{(k)}|_{p, q, \Omega^t} \\
&\quad + \sup_t \int_{\Omega} |\varphi_t(x, t)| dx \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} |\varphi^{(k)}(x, t)| dx dt,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{3}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$  and  $A_k(t) = \{x \in \Omega : \bar{\varphi}(x, t) > k\}$ . Then  $\frac{3}{p'} + \frac{2}{q} = 7/2$ .

Now we have to estimate  $|\varphi^{(k)}|_{p,q,\Omega^t}$  by the norm on the l.h.s. of (2.43), where we have to take under account the coefficient  $\mu + \nu$  which is assumed to be large. From [LSU, Ch. 2, Sect. 3] we have

$$(2.44) \quad |\varphi^{(k)}|_{p,q,\Omega^t} \leq c |\varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^{1-2/q} |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\Omega^t}^{2/q}.$$

Let  $\beta$  be a power function of  $(\mu + \nu)$ . Then we have

$$\beta |\varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^{1-2/q} |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\Omega^t}^{2/q} \leq c \beta^{q/2} |\varphi_x^{(k)}|_{2,\Omega^t} + c |\varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}.$$

Comparing this with the norm from the l.h.s. of (2.43) we have

$$\beta^{q/2} = (\mu + \nu)^{1/2} \quad \text{so} \quad \beta = (\mu + \nu)^{1/q}.$$

Then, (2.43) takes the form

$$(2.45) \quad \begin{aligned} |\varphi^{(k)}(t)|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t} + (\mu + \nu)^{1/2} |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}|_{2,\Omega^t} &\leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |vv|_{p',q',A_k^t(t)} \\ &+ \frac{1}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |F|_{p',q',A_k^t(t)} + \frac{1}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} (|\Delta \varphi v|_{p',q',A_k^t(t)} + |\bar{\eta}|_{p',q',A_k^t(t)}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |\varphi_t|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t} \left( \int_0^t |A_k(t')|^{q'/p'} dt' \right)^{1/q'}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we examine the terms from the r.h.s. of (2.45). Examine the first term. Let  $h = v \cdot v$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |h|_{p',q',A_k^t(t)} &\equiv \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \left( \int_0^t \left( \int_{A_k(t')} |h|^{p'} dx \right)^{q'/p'} dt' \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \left( \int_0^t \left[ \left( \int_{A_k(t')} 1 dx \right)^{1/\lambda p'} \left( \int_{A_k(t')} |h|^{p' \lambda'} \right)^{1/p' \lambda'} \right]^{q'} dt' \right)^{1/q'} \\ &= \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \left( \int_0^t |A_k(t')|^{q'/\lambda p'} |h|_{p' \lambda', \Omega}^{q'} dt' \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \left( \int_0^t |A_k(t')|^{\gamma q'/\lambda p'} dt' \right)^{1/\gamma q'} \left( \int_0^t |h|_{p' \lambda', \Omega}^{\gamma' q'} dt' \right)^{1/\gamma' q'} \equiv I_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $1/\lambda + 1/\lambda' = 1$ ,  $1/\gamma + 1/\gamma' = 1$ ,  $|A_k(t)| = \text{meas}A_k(t)$ ,  $\mu(k, t) = \int_0^t |A_k(t')|^{r_0/p_0} dt'$ ,  $\frac{3}{p_0} + \frac{2}{r_0} = \frac{3}{2}$ .

Let  $\frac{r_0}{p_0} = \frac{\gamma q'}{\lambda p'}$ ,  $1/\gamma q' = \frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}$ , where  $\varkappa > 0$ . Then  $\gamma q' = \frac{r_0}{1+\varkappa}$ ,  $\lambda p' = \frac{p_0}{1+\varkappa}$ .

Since  $p' = \frac{p_0}{(1+\varkappa)\lambda}$ ,  $q' = \frac{r_0}{(1+\varkappa)\gamma}$  we have the following two equations for  $p_0, r_0$ ,

$$(2.46) \quad \frac{3}{p_0} + \frac{2}{r_0} = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \frac{3(1+\varkappa)\lambda}{p_0} + \frac{2(1+\varkappa)\gamma}{r_0} = \frac{7}{2}.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$(2.47) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{2}{r_0}(1+\varkappa)(\gamma - \lambda) &= \frac{7}{2} - \frac{3}{2}(1+\varkappa)\lambda, \\ \frac{3}{p_0}(1+\varkappa)(\lambda - \gamma) &= \frac{7}{2} - \frac{3}{2}(1+\varkappa)\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the case  $\gamma = \lambda$ . Then  $\gamma' = \lambda'$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{7}{3(1+\varkappa)}$  and  $\lambda' = \frac{7}{4-3\varkappa}$ . Therefore

$$I_1 \leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \mu(k, t)^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}} \left( \int_0^t |h|_{p'\lambda'}^{q'\lambda'} dt' \right)^{1/q'\lambda'} \equiv I_2.$$

Since  $3/p' + 2/q' = 7/2$  we have that  $3/p'\lambda' + 2/q'\lambda' = \frac{7}{2\lambda'} = \frac{4-3\varkappa}{2}$ . Let  $p_* = p'\lambda'$ ,  $q_* = q'\lambda'$ . Then

$$\frac{3}{p_*} + \frac{2}{q_*} = \frac{4-3\varkappa}{2},$$

where  $0 < \varkappa < 4/3$ . For  $p_* = q_*$  we have that  $p_* = \frac{10}{4-3\varkappa}$ . But  $h \sim v^2$  so to have  $I_2$  bounded we need that

$$(2.48) \quad v \in L_{20/(4-3\varkappa)}(\Omega^t), \quad \text{so} \quad I_2 \leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \mu(k, t)^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}} |v|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t}^2$$

Looking for solutions such that  $v \in L_\infty(0, t; H^2(\Omega))$  we see that (2.48) may hold.

Looking for the second term on the r.h.s. of (2.45) and using the above considerations we have to find an estimate for

$$|F|_{10/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t}.$$

Using the form of  $F$  we calculate

$$(2.49) \quad \begin{aligned} |F|_{10/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t} &= \left( \int_{\Omega^t} |\Delta^{-1} \text{div} [-\eta v_t - \eta v \cdot \nabla v \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta + a f_g + \eta f] |^{10/(4-3\varkappa)} dx dt' \right)^{(4-3\varkappa)/10}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we examine the particular terms from (2.49)

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\Delta^{-1} \operatorname{div}(\eta v_t)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c |\eta v_t|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \leq |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |v_t|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}, \\
& |\Delta^{-1} \operatorname{div}(\eta v \cdot \nabla v)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq |\Delta^{-1} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j}(\eta v_i v_j)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + |\Delta^{-1} \partial_{x_j}(\eta \Delta \varphi v_j)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + |\Delta^{-1} \partial_{x_j}(\partial_{x_i} \eta v_i v_j)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \leq c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |v^2|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} + c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |\Delta \varphi v|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + c |\nabla \eta v^2|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |v|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}^2 \\
& \quad + c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |\Delta \varphi|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} |v|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + c |\nabla \eta|_{30\lambda_1/(22-9\kappa), \Omega^t} |v^2|_{30\lambda_2/(22-9\kappa), \Omega^t} \equiv J_1 + J_2,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1$ .

Since

$$\frac{30\lambda_1}{22-9\kappa} = 6 \quad \text{we have that} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{22-9\kappa}{5}$$

so  $\lambda_2 = \frac{22-9\kappa}{17-9\kappa}$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 & \leq c |\nabla \eta|_{6, \infty, \Omega^t} |v^2|_{30/(17-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \leq c |\nabla \eta|_{6, \infty, \Omega^t} |v|_{60/(17-9\kappa), 20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Continuing,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\Delta^{-1} \operatorname{div}(p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c |\eta \nabla \eta|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \leq c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |\nabla \eta|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{30}{22-9\kappa} \leq 6$  so  $5 \leq 22-9\kappa$ . Hence,  $\kappa \leq \frac{17}{9}$ . Finally, we have

$$|\Delta^{-1} \operatorname{div} f_g|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c |f_g|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}$$

and

$$|\Delta^{-1} \operatorname{div}(\eta f)|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |f|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}.$$

Using the above estimates in (2.49) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.50) \quad & |F|_{10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \leq c [|\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |v_t|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |v|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}^2 \\
& \quad + |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |\Delta \varphi|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} |v|_{20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + |\nabla \eta|_{6, \infty, \Omega^t} |v|_{60/(17-9\kappa), 20/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}^2 \\
& \quad + |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |\nabla \eta|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} + |f_g|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t} \\
& \quad + |\eta|_{\infty, \Omega^t} |f|_{30/(22-9\kappa), 10/(4-3\kappa), \Omega^t}] \\
& \equiv G_1(\kappa, t)
\end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.50) the second term on the r.h.s. of (2.45) is bounded by

$$(2.51) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |F|_{p', q', \Omega^t} &\leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \mu(k, t)^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}} G_1(\varkappa, t), \\ |\Delta \varphi v|_{10/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t} &\leq |\Delta \varphi|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t} |v|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t} \equiv G_2, \\ |\bar{\eta}|_{10/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t} &\equiv G_3, \\ G &= G_1 + G_2 + G_3. \end{aligned}$$

Considering the last term on the r.h.s. of (2.45) we have  $3/p' + 2/q' = 7/2$ ,  $q'/p' = r_0/p_0$ ,  $1/q' = (1 + \varkappa)/r_0$  so  $q' = r_0/(1 + \varkappa)$ ,  $p' = p_0/(1 + \varkappa)$ . Then equation  $3/p_0 + 2/q_0 = 3/2$ ,  $(3/p_0 + 2/q_0)(1 + \varkappa) = 7/2$  imply that  $\varkappa = 4/3$ . Hence the last term on the r.h.s. of (2.45) is bounded by  $\frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} |\varphi_t|_{1, \infty, \Omega^t} \mu(k, t)^{\frac{1+\varkappa_0}{r_0}}$ , where  $\varkappa_0 = 4/3$ .

Employing estimates (2.48) and (2.51) in (2.45) implies the inequality

$$(2.52) \quad \begin{aligned} |\varphi^{(k)}(t)|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t} + (\mu + \nu)^{1/2} |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}(t)|_{2, \Omega^t} \\ \leq \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} \mu(k, t)^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}} (|v|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t}^2 + G(\varkappa, t) + |\varphi_t|_{1, \infty, \Omega^t}), \end{aligned}$$

where we used that  $\mu(k, t)$  is finite,  $q$  and  $r_0$  follow from the relations

$$\frac{3}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \frac{3}{p_0} + \frac{2}{r_0} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \varkappa < 4/3.$$

We apply Lemma 6.1 from [LSU, Ch. 2, Sect. 6]. Then for  $k \geq \hat{k}$  we obtain from (2.52) the inequality

$$(2.53) \quad \|\varphi^{(k)}\|_{V(\Omega^t)} \leq \gamma k \mu^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}}(k),$$

where the norm of  $V(\Omega^t)$  is determined by the l.h.s. of (2.52) and

$$\gamma = \frac{c}{(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}} (|v|_{20/(4-3\varkappa), \Omega^t}^2 + G(\varkappa, t) + |\varphi_t|_{1, \infty, \Omega^t}), \quad t \leq T.$$

Moreover, (2.44) is used in the form

$$(2.54) \quad |\varphi^{(k)}|_{p, q, \Omega^t} \leq \beta (\mu + \nu)^{1/q} |\varphi^{(k)}|_{2, \infty, \Omega^t}^{1-2/q} |\nabla \varphi^{(k)}|_{2, \Omega^t}^{2/q} \leq \beta |\varphi^{(k)}|_{V(\Omega^t)},$$

where  $\beta = c/(\mu + \nu)^{1/q}$  appears in formula (3.2) from [LSU, Ch. 2, Sect. 3]. The  $\beta$  appears also in Theorem 6.1 from [LSU, Ch. 2, Sect. 6]. Then Theorem 6.1 yields the estimate for  $\varphi > 0$

$$(2.55) \quad \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\Omega^t} \varphi \leq 2\hat{k} [1 + 2^{2/\varkappa+1/\varkappa^2} (\beta\gamma)^{1+1/\varkappa} t^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{r_0}} \operatorname{meas}_{p_0}^{\frac{1+\varkappa}{p_0}} \Omega].$$

Next we consider (2.41) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} a(-\varphi)_t - (\mu + \nu)\Delta(-\varphi) &= a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}\partial_{x_j}(v_iv_j) \\ &- a\Delta^{-1}\partial_{x_i}(\Delta\varphi v_i) - F + \bar{\eta} - a\int_{\Omega}\varphi_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the considerations leading to (2.55) we derive the estimate for  $\varphi < 0$

$$(2.56) \quad \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\Omega^t}(-\varphi) \leq \gamma_*$$

From (2.55) and (2.56) we obtain (2.40) and conclude the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** Since (2.41) is invariant with respect to the translation  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + L$ ,  $L = \text{const}$ , we can consider the function

$$L + \varphi = L - (-\varphi) \geq L - \gamma_* = \varphi_*.$$

We assume that  $L = \frac{c_0}{\nu^\varkappa}$  and we have that  $\gamma_* = \frac{c_2}{\nu^\varkappa}$ . So we take such  $c_0$  that

$$\varphi_* = L - \gamma_* = \frac{c_0 - c_2}{\nu^\varkappa} = \frac{c_*}{\nu^\varkappa}, \quad c_* > 0.$$

Hence  $\varphi_*$  is used in the proof of Lemma 2.3.

The fact that  $\varphi$  is defined up to an arbitrary constant, say  $L$ , is connected with the considered periodic boundary conditions. Therefore, we have some freedom with determining the magnitude of  $\varphi$ .

**Remark 2.3.** To estimate the second term on the r.h.s. of (2.25) we need (2.28). Then we examine

$$(2.57) \quad \nu|\Delta\varphi|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} \leq c\nu^{2/3}|\nabla\Delta\varphi|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^{2/3}\nu^{1/3}|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^{1/3} \equiv I.$$

Our aim is the following estimate for  $I$

$$(2.58) \quad I \leq c\frac{\Psi^\alpha}{\nu^\beta},$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are positive numbers and  $\Psi = \nu|\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}$ .

Hence

$$(2.59) \quad I \leq c\Psi^{2/3}\nu^{1/3}|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^{1/3} \equiv I_1.$$



To derive the bound (2.58) for  $I_1$  in the case of large  $\nu$  we need to estimate  $|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}$ . For this purpose we use (2.31). To derive bound (2.58) from (2.31) we need to know that the coefficient with exponent is independent of  $\nu$ . For this purpose we assume that there exist positive constants  $c_1, c_2, c_1 < c_2$  such that

$$(2.60) \quad c_1 \leq (\mu + \nu)^\varkappa \varphi_* \leq c_2,$$

where  $\varkappa = 3/2 - 3/p$ ,  $2 < p < 6$ .

The second term under the exponent in the r.h.s. of (2.31) equals is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{1}{\varphi_*} \int_0^t \left| \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t dx \right| dt' \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\varphi_*} \int_0^t |\varphi_{\nu'}(t')|_1 dt' \leq \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\varphi_*} |\varphi_t|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{\sqrt{t} \Psi}{\varphi_* \nu}. \end{aligned}$$

Then (2.39), which is a simpler version of (2.31), takes the form

$$(2.61) \quad \begin{aligned} a|\varphi(t)|_2^2 + (\mu + \nu)|\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq c \exp(c|v|_{2^{p/(p-2)},2/(1-\varkappa),\Omega^t}^{2/(1-\varkappa)} + c\sqrt{t}\Psi/\varphi_*\nu) \cdot \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{c}{\mu + \nu} (A_1^2 |\Delta\varphi|_{3/2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |F'|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + t|\eta|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) \right. \\ &\left. + a|\varphi(0)|_2^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From the problem for  $\eta$

$$\eta_t + v \cdot \nabla\eta = -a\Delta\varphi - \eta\Delta\varphi, \quad \eta|_{t=0} = \eta(0),$$

we have

$$(2.62) \quad \begin{aligned} |\eta(t)|_r &\leq \exp(c|\Delta\varphi|_{\infty,1,\Omega^t}) \left( \int_0^t |\Delta\varphi|_r dt' + |\eta(0)|_r \right) \\ &\leq \exp\left( ct^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} \right) \left( t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + |\eta(0)|_r \right), \quad r \leq \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that

$$(2.63) \quad |\eta(0)|_r \leq \frac{c_3}{\nu}$$

we obtain that

$$(2.64) \quad |\eta(t)|_r \leq \frac{c(t)}{\nu}(\Psi + c_3).$$

In view of the assumptions of Lemma 2.4 we have

$$(2.65) \quad |F'|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{c(t)}{\nu}(\Psi + c_3).$$

Then (2.61) implies

$$(2.66) \quad |\nabla\varphi|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{c(t)(1+t)^{1/2}}{(\mu+\nu)\nu}(\Psi + c_3) + \frac{c}{(\mu+\nu)^{1/2}}|\varphi(0)|_2.$$

Inserting estimate (2.66) in (2.57) yields

$$(2.67) \quad \begin{aligned} I &\leq c\Psi^{2/3} \left[ \nu^{1/3} \left[ (1+t)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\Psi}{\nu^2} + \frac{c_3}{\nu^2} \right) \right]^{1/3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \nu^{1/3} \frac{1}{\nu^{1/6}} |\varphi(0)|_2^{1/3} \right] \\ &\leq c(1+t)^{1/6} \left[ \frac{\Psi}{\nu^{1/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3} c_3^{1/3}}{\nu^{1/3}} \right] + c\Psi^{2/3} \nu^{1/6} |\varphi(0)|_2^{1/3}. \end{aligned}$$

We see that (2.67) does not have from (2.58).

In view of restriction (2.60) we can assume that

$$(2.68) \quad \nu^\varkappa |\varphi(0)|_2 \leq c_4.$$

The restriction is compatible with (2.60).

In view of (2.68) the last element on the r.h.s. of (2.67) is estimated in the following way

$$(2.69) \quad c\Psi^{2/3} \nu^{1/6} |\varphi(0)|_2^{1/3} \leq c\Psi^{2/3} \nu^{1/6-\varkappa/3} (\nu^\varkappa |\varphi(0)|_2)^{1/3} = \frac{c\Psi^{2/3} c_5^{1/3}}{\nu^{\varkappa/3-1/6}}.$$

To have estimate (2.58) we need

$$\frac{\varkappa}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}(\varkappa - 1/2) > 0.$$

Hence

$$(2.70) \quad \varkappa > 1/2 \text{ so } \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{p} > \frac{1}{2} \text{ implies that } p > 3.$$

Therefore, we can formulate the corollary.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Assume that there exist positive constants  $c_1 - c_4$  such that*

$$(2.71) \quad \begin{aligned} c_1 &\leq (\mu + \nu)^\varkappa \varphi_* \leq c_2, \\ |\eta(0)|_r &\leq \frac{c_3}{\nu}, \quad |\varphi(0)|_2 \leq \frac{c_4}{\nu^\varkappa}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varkappa = 3/2 - 3/p > 1/2$ ,  $3 < p < 6$ .

Assume that

$$\begin{aligned} v &\in L_{2p/(p-2), 2/(1-\varkappa)}(\Omega^t), \quad F' \in L_2(\Omega^t), \\ |F'|_{2, \Omega^t} &\leq \frac{c}{\nu}(\Psi + c_3), \quad |\eta(t)|_r \leq \frac{c}{\nu}(\Psi + c_3). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(2.72) \quad \nu |\Delta \varphi|_{18/7, 6, \Omega^t} \leq c \left( \frac{\Psi}{\nu^{1/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3}}{\nu^{1/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3}}{\nu^{\varkappa/3 - 1/6}} \right).$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $\eta$  be a solution to (1.4). Assume also that  $\eta(0) \in L_r(\Omega)$ ,  $\operatorname{div} v \in L_r(\Omega) \cap L_\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $r \in [1, \infty]$ . Then*

$$(2.73) \quad |\eta(t)|_r \leq \exp \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) \int_0^t |\operatorname{div} v(t')|_\infty dt' \right] \left[ \int_0^t a |\operatorname{div} v|_r dt' + |\eta(0)|_r \right].$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (1.4)<sub>1</sub> by  $\eta|\eta|^{r-2}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_r^r + \frac{1}{r} \int_\Omega v \cdot \nabla |\eta|^r dx + \int_\Omega |\eta|^r \operatorname{div} v dx + \int_\Omega a \eta |\eta|^{r-2} \operatorname{div} v dx = 0.$$

Integrating by parts we have

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_r^r + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) \int_\Omega \operatorname{div} v |\eta|_r^r dx + a \int_\Omega \operatorname{div} v \eta |\eta|^{r-2} dx = 0.$$

Continuing,

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_r^r \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) |\operatorname{div} v|_\infty |\eta|_r^r + a |\operatorname{div} v|_r |\eta|_r^{r-1}.$$

Simplifying,

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_r \leq (1 - 1/r) |\operatorname{div} v|_\infty |\eta|_r + a |\operatorname{div} v|_r.$$

Integrating with respect to time yields (2.73). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

Next, we obtain estimates for derivatives of  $\eta$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\eta$  be a solution to (1.4). Let  $\nabla\varphi, \text{rot}\psi \in L_1(0, t; H^3(\Omega))$ ,  $\eta(0) \in H^2(\Omega)$ . Then*

$$(2.74) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|\eta(t)\|_2 \\ & \leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^t (\|\nabla\varphi(t')\|_3 + \|\text{rot}\psi(t')\|_3) dt' \right] \left[ c \int_0^t \|\nabla\varphi(t')\|_3 dt' + \|\eta(0)\|_2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (1.5)<sub>1</sub> by  $\eta$ , integrating over  $\Omega$  and by parts we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi \eta^2 dx + a \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi \eta dx = 0.$$

By the Hölder inequality we have

$$(2.75) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Delta\varphi|_{\infty} |\eta|_2 + a |\Delta\varphi|_2.$$

Differentiating (1.4)<sub>1</sub> with respect to  $x$ , multiplying by  $\eta_{,x}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta_{,x}|_2^2 + a \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi_{,x} \eta_{,x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi \eta_{,x}^2 dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \eta \eta_{,x} dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta\varphi_{,x} \eta_{,x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality we get

$$(2.76) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\eta_{,x}|_2 \leq c(|\text{rot}\psi_{,x}|_{\infty} + |\nabla^2\varphi|_{\infty}) |\eta_{,x}|_2 + |\Delta\varphi_{,x}|_2 + c\|\eta\|_1 |\Delta\varphi_{,x}|_1.$$

Finally, we differentiate (1.4)<sub>1</sub> twice with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\eta_{,xx}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Delta\varphi|_{\infty} |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 + |v_{,x}|_{\infty} |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 + |v_{,xx}|_4 |\eta_{,x}|_4 |\eta_{,xx}|_2 \\ & + a |\Delta\varphi_{,xx}|_2 |\eta_{,xx}|_2 + |\Delta\varphi_{,x}|_4 |\eta_{,x}|_4 |\eta_{,xx}|_2 + |\eta|_{\infty} |\Delta\varphi_{,xx}|_2 |\eta_{,xx}|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying we get

$$(2.77) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\eta_{,xx}|_2 \leq c(\|\nabla\varphi\|_3 + \|\text{rot}\psi\|_3) \|\eta\|_2 + |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2.$$

Adding (2.75), (2.76) and (2.77) yields

$$(2.78) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|\eta\|_2 \leq c(\|\nabla\varphi\|_3 + \|\operatorname{rot}\psi\|_3) \|\eta\|_2 + c\|\nabla\varphi\|_3.$$

From (2.78) we have

$$(2.79) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \|\eta\|_2 \exp \left( -c \int_0^t (\|\nabla\varphi\|_3 + \|\operatorname{rot}\psi\|_3) dt' \right) \right] \\ & \leq c\|\nabla\varphi\|_3 \exp \left( -c \int_0^t (\|\nabla\varphi\|_3 + \|\operatorname{rot}\psi\|_3) dt' \right). \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (2.79) with respect to time yields (2.74). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** *Assume that  $\operatorname{rot}\psi, \nabla\varphi \in L_1(0, t; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))$ ,  $\eta(0) \in \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)$ ,  $t \leq T$ . Then*

$$(2.80) \quad \begin{aligned} |\eta(t)|_{2,1} & \leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^t (|\nabla\varphi(t')|_{3,1} + |\operatorname{rot}\psi(t')|_{3,1}) dt' \right] \\ & \cdot \left[ c \int_0^t |\nabla\varphi(t')|_{3,1} dt' + \|\eta(0)\|_2 + \|\eta_t(0)\|_1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We consider the equation

$$(2.81) \quad \eta_t = -v \cdot \nabla\eta - a\Delta\varphi - \eta\Delta\varphi$$

From (2.81) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \eta_{xtt} \eta_{xt} dx & = - \int_{\Omega} (v_{xt} \cdot \nabla\eta + v_x \nabla\eta_t + v_t \nabla\eta_x + v \cdot \nabla\eta_{xt}) \eta_{xt} dx \\ & - a \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi_{xt} \eta_{xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} (\eta_{xt} \Delta\varphi + \eta_x \Delta\varphi_t + \eta_t \Delta\varphi_x + \eta \Delta\varphi_{xt}) \eta_{xt} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\eta_{xt}|_2 \leq c(|v|_{3,1} + |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1})(\|\eta\|_2 + \|\eta_t\|_1) + a|\Delta\varphi_{xt}|_2^2$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\eta|_2 \leq c(|v_t|_{\infty} + |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1})(|\eta_t|_2 + \|\eta\|_2) + c|\Delta\varphi_t|_2.$$

Using (2.78) yields

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\|\eta\|_2 + \|\eta_t\|_1) \leq c|v|_{3,1}(\|\eta\|_2 + \|\eta_t\|_1) + c|\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}(\|\eta\|_2 + \|\eta_t\|_1) + |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}.$$

This implies (2.80) and concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.4.** From (2.25) for  $r = 6$  and from (2.72) we have

$$(2.82) \quad |v|_6 \leq c|\eta|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} + \phi \left( \Psi^{2/3}/\nu^{1/3} + \Psi/\nu^{1/3} + \frac{\Psi^{2/3}}{\nu^{\varkappa/3-1/6}} \right) \\ + c|f|_{18/7,6,\Omega^t} + c|\varrho_0|_\infty^{1/6}|v_0|_6 + A_1 \equiv D_1,$$

where  $\phi = \phi(|\eta|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}, |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}, |v|_{6,\infty,\Omega^t}, |f_g|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f|_{2,\Omega^t})$ ,  $\varkappa > 1/2$  appears in (2.71) and  $\Psi$  is introduced in (2.58).

Differentiating (2.13) with respect to  $t$  yields

$$(2.83) \quad \varrho v_{tt} + \varrho_t v_t + \varrho v \cdot \nabla v_t + \varrho_t v \cdot \nabla v + \varrho v_t \cdot \nabla v - \mu \Delta v_t \\ - \nu_1 \nabla \operatorname{div} v_t + \nabla(p_t - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v_t) = \varrho f_t + \varrho_t f,$$

where  $\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Next we derive the result

**Lemma 2.9.** *Assume  $\eta \in L_\infty(0, T; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega))$ ,  $v \in L_\infty(0, T; L_6(\Omega)) \cap L_\infty(0, T; L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $\Delta\varphi \in L_2(0, T; L_6(\Omega))$ ,  $\Delta\varphi_t \in L_2(0, T; L_3(\Omega))$ ,  $f_t \in L_2(0, T; L_{6/5}(\Omega))$ ,  $f \in L_2(0, T; L_{3/2}(\Omega))$ .*

*Recall the estimates*

$$|v(t)|_2 \leq A_1 \quad (\text{see (2.1)}), \quad |v(t)|_6 \leq D_1 \quad (\text{see (2.82)})$$

Then

$$(2.84) \quad |v_t(t)|_2^2 + \mu|\nabla v_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu|\Delta\varphi_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ \leq c(a) \exp[cB_1(t)][B_2(t) + |\varrho_0|_\infty|v_t(0)|_2^2] \equiv D_2^2, \\ |v_t(t)|_2^2 + \mu\|v_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu|\Delta\varphi_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ \leq c(a) \exp(c\bar{B}_1(t))[\bar{B}_2(t) + |\varrho_0|_\infty|v_t(0)|_2^2] \equiv \bar{D}_2^2,$$

where

$$B_1(t) = \int_0^t |\eta|_3^2 dt' + \sup_t \|\eta(t)\|_2^2 A_1^2 + D_1^2 A_1^2 + A_1^2, \\ \bar{B}_1 = B_1 + |\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B_2(t) &= |\eta_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\Delta\varphi|_{6,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 \\ &\quad + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 D_1^2 A_1^2 + |\Delta\varphi_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |f_t|_{6/5,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |f|_{3/2,2,\Omega^t}^2, \\ \bar{B}_2 &= B_2 + (1 + |\eta|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (2.83) by  $v_t$ , integrating over  $\Omega$ , using (1.1)<sub>2</sub> and boundary conditions we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.85) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \mu |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + \nu_1 |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 = \int_{\Omega} (p_t - \nu_2 \operatorname{div} v_t) \operatorname{div} v_t dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v_t^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v \cdot \nabla v \cdot v_t dx - \int_{\Omega} \varrho v_t \cdot \nabla v \cdot v_t dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} (\varrho f_t + \varrho_t f) \cdot v_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.85) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.86) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \mu |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} |\eta_t|_2^2 - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v_t^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v \cdot \nabla v \cdot v_t dx - \int_{\Omega} \varrho v_t \cdot \nabla v \cdot v_t dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} (\varrho f_t + \varrho_t f) \cdot v_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate non-positive terms from the r.h.s. of (2.86). We estimate the third term by

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \eta_t v_t^2 dx \right| \leq |\eta_t|_3 |v_t|_2 |v_t|_6 \leq \varepsilon/2 |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2$$

We integrate by parts in the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (2.86). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v \cdot \nabla v v_t dx = \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \varrho_t v \cdot v_t dx + \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t \operatorname{div} v v \cdot v_t dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \varrho_t v \cdot \nabla v_t \cdot v dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 K_i, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_1| &\leq \varepsilon |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_6^4 |\eta_{xt}|_2^2, \\ |K_2| &\leq \varepsilon |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta\varphi|_6^2 |v|_2^2, \\ |K_3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |v|_6^4. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in the fifth term on the r.h.s. of (2.86) yields

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_{\Omega} \varrho v_t \cdot \nabla v \cdot v_t dx &= \int_{\Omega} v_t \cdot \nabla \varrho v \cdot v_t dx + \int_{\Omega} \varrho \Delta \varphi_t v \cdot v_t dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} \varrho v_t \cdot \nabla v_t \cdot v dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 L_i, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |L_1| &\leq \varepsilon |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |v_t|_2^2, \\ |L_2| &\leq \varepsilon |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta\varphi_t|_3^2 |v|_2^2, \\ |L_3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \equiv L_3^1 + L_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $L_3^2$  we use the interpolation

$$|v_t|_3 \leq c |\nabla v_t|_2^{1/2} |v_t|_2^{1/2} + |v_t|_2.$$

Hence

$$L_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho|_{\infty}^4 |v|_6^4 |v_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |v_t|_2^2.$$

Finally, we estimate the last term on the r.h.s. of (2.86) by

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (\varrho f_t + \varrho_t f) \cdot v_t dx \right| \leq \varepsilon |v_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |f_t|_{6/5}^2 + c/\varepsilon |\varrho_t|_6^2 |f|_{3/2}^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (2.86) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \frac{\mu}{2} |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 \\ (2.87) \quad &\leq c [|\eta_t|_2^2 + |\eta_t|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |v|_6^4 |\eta_{xt}|_2^2 + |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta\varphi|_6^2 |v|_2^2 + |\eta_t|_6^2 |v|_6^4 \\ &\quad + |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta\varphi_t|_3^2 |v|_2^2 + |\varrho|_{\infty}^4 |v|_6^4 |v_t|_2^2 + |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |v_t|_2^2 \\ &\quad + |\varrho|_{\infty}^2 |f_t|_{6/5}^2 + |\varrho_t|_6^2 |f|_{3/2}^2]. \end{aligned}$$



Using Lemma 2.1 and that  $a/2 \leq \varrho \leq 3a/2$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \mu |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 \\
(2.88) \quad & \leq c(|\eta_t|_3^2 + |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_6^2 + |v|_6^4 + |v|_6^2) \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx \\
& \quad + c(|\eta_t|_2^2 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |v|_6^4 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta \varphi|_6^2 A_1^2 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |v|_6^4 \\
& \quad + |\Delta \varphi_t|_3^2 A_1^2 + |f_t|_{6/5}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |f|_{3/2}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Introduce the quantities

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1'(t) &= |\eta_t(t)|_3^2 + |\eta_x(t)|_6^2 |v(t)|_6^2 + |v(t)|_6^4 + |v(t)|_6^2, \\
B_2'(t) &= |\eta_t(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t(t)\|_1^2 |v(t)|_6^4 + \|\eta_t(t)\|_1^2 |\Delta \varphi(t)|_6^2 A_1^2 \\
& \quad + |\Delta \varphi_t|_3^2 A_1^2 + |f_t(t)|_{6/5}^2 + \|\eta_t(t)\|_1^2 |f(t)|_{3/2}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the quantities in (2.88) it takes the form

$$(2.89) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \mu |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + \nu |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 \leq c B_1' \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + c B_2'.$$

Integrating (2.89) with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.90) \quad & \int_{\Omega} \varrho |v_t|^2 dx + \mu \int_0^t |\nabla v_t|_2^2 dt' + \nu \int_0^t |\operatorname{div} v_t|_2^2 dt' \\
& \leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^t B_1'(t') dt' \right] \left[ c \int_0^t B_2'(t') dt' + |\varrho_0|_{\infty} |v_t(0)|_2^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 2.1 and (2.82) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.91) \quad & B_1 = \int_0^t B_1' dt' \leq |\eta_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + D_1^2 A_1^2 + A_1^2, \\
& B_2 = \int_0^t B_2' dt' \leq |\eta_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 D_1^2 A_1^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_{6,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 \\
& \quad + |\Delta \varphi_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |f_t|_{6/5,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \quad + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |f|_{3/2,2,\Omega^t}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Exploiting the estimates in (2.90) implies (2.84)<sub>1</sub>. To obtain (2.84)<sub>2</sub> we use the continuity equation

$$a \int_{\Omega} v_t dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v)_t dx = \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f dx.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} v_t dx \right| \leq c[|\eta_t|_2 |v|_2 + |\eta|_2 |v_t|_2 + (1 + |\eta|_2) |f|_2].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq \left| v_t - \int_{\Omega} v_t dx \right|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \left| \int_{\Omega} v_t \right|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq c(|\nabla v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ &\quad + |\eta_t|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2) \end{aligned}$$

Considering (2.88) and (2.89) we introduce

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}'_1(t) &= B'_1(t) + |\eta|_2^2, & \bar{B}_1(t) &= \int_0^t \bar{B}'_1(t') dt', \\ \bar{B}'_2(t) &= B'_2(t) + (1 + |\eta|_2^2) |f|_2^2, & \bar{B}_2(t) &= \int_0^t \bar{B}'_2(t') dt', \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we derive (2.84)<sub>2</sub>. This concludes the proof.  $\square$

To formulate Section 3 more explicitly we introduce the notation

**Notation 2.10.** We introduce the quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1^2(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2, \\ \chi_2^2(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2, \\ \Psi^2(t) &= \nu^2 |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2, \\ \Phi_1^2(t) &= \nu(U_1^2 + V_1^2) \equiv \nu(|\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2) \equiv \Phi_{11}^2(t) + \Phi_{12}^2(t), \\ \Phi_2^2(t) &= \nu(U_2^2 + V_2^2) \equiv |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \equiv \Phi_{21}^2(t) + \Phi_{22}^2(t), \\ \chi_0^2 &= \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \equiv \Phi_{11}^2(t), \\ \Phi_0^2(t) &= \nu |\nabla \varphi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t)|_{2,1}^2, \\ \Phi_*^2(t) &= |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.71) we have

$$(2.92) \quad |\eta(t)|_r \leq \exp \left[ (1 - 1/r) \int_0^t |\Delta\varphi(t')|_\infty dt' \right] \left[ \int_0^t |\Delta\varphi|_r dt' + |\eta(0)|_r \right].$$

From (2.92) we have

$$(2.93) \quad |\eta(t)|_r \leq \exp \left( t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} \right) \left[ t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + |\eta(0)|_r \right]$$

From (2.78) we derive the estimate

$$(2.94) \quad \begin{aligned} |\eta(t)|_{2,1} &\leq \exp \left[ ct^{1/2} \left( \left( \int_0^t |\nabla\varphi(t')|_{3,1}^2 dt' \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_0^t |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t')|_{3,1}^2 dt' \right)^{1/2} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ t^{1/2} \left( \int_0^t |\nabla\varphi(t')|_{3,1}^2 dt' \right)^{1/2} + |\eta(0)|_{2,1} \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left[ ct^{1/2} \left( \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + \Phi_2 \right) \right] \left[ t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + |\eta(0)|_{2,1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.82) and (2.93) we have

$$(2.95) \quad \begin{aligned} D_1^2 &= c \left( \exp \left( t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} \right) \left( t^{2/3} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + t^{1/6} |\eta(0)|_3^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \phi \left( \frac{\Psi^{4/3}}{\nu^{2/3}} + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^{2/3}} + \frac{\Psi^{4/3}}{\nu^{2\kappa/3-1/3}} \right) \right) + A_2^2 + A_1^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_2 = |f|_{3,6,\Omega t} + |\varrho_0|_\infty^{1/6} |v_0|_6$  (see also (2.82)), and from (2.83) we obtain

$$(2.96) \quad \begin{aligned} D_2^2 &\leq \|\eta_t\|_{1,2,\Omega t}^2 \left( 1 + D_1^2 A_1^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} A_1^2 + |f|_{3/2,2,\Omega t}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} A_1^2 + |f_t|_{6/5,2,\Omega t}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_1^2 = e^{\mu'T} (B(T)/(1 - e^{-\mu'T/2}) + \frac{3}{2} \int_\Omega (\frac{1}{2} \varrho_0 v_0^2 + \frac{A}{\kappa-1} \varrho_0^\kappa) dx)$  (see (2.1)),

$$\begin{aligned} B(T) &= c \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \exp \left( c \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} \eta^2(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad \cdot [|\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty,2,\Omega \times (kT,(k+1)T)}^2 + \mu' a^\kappa + |\varrho_0|_1^2 |f|_{\infty,1,\Omega t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_2^2 |v_0|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Differential inequality

We recall the considered equations

$$(3.1) \quad \eta_t + v \cdot \nabla \eta + a \Delta \varphi + \eta \Delta \varphi = 0, \quad \eta|_{t=0} = \eta(0),$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & (a + \eta)v_t - \mu \Delta v - \nu \nabla \Delta \varphi + a_0 \nabla \eta + (a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v \\ & = [p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)] \nabla \eta + (a + \eta)f, \quad v|_{t=0} = v(0), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_0 = p_\varrho(a)$  and

$$(3.3) \quad v = \nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi + G,$$

where  $G$  is defined below (1.6).

**Lemma 3.1.** *Assume that  $|v|_2 \leq A_1$  (see Lemma 2.1),  $|v|_6 \leq D_1$  (see (2.82)),  $|v_t| \leq D_2$  (see (2.84)). Then for sufficiently regular solutions to (3.1)–(3.3) we have*

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_\infty^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2 + (1 + |\eta|_\infty^2) D_1^2 |v|_3^2 \\ & \quad + |\eta|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_3^2) |f|_2^2] \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi(|\eta|_\infty, D_1) [|\eta|_2^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |v|_3^2 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |f|_2^2] \end{aligned}$$

and integrating the above inequality with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2} \left( |\nabla \varphi(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega t}^2 D_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\infty,\Omega t}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_{3,2,\Omega t}^2 A_1^2 \\ & \quad + (1 + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega t}^2) D_1^2 A_1^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega t}^2 + |\nabla \eta|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega t}^2) |f|_{2,2,\Omega t}^2] \\ & \quad + \frac{a}{2} \left( |\nabla \varphi(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi(0)|_2^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (3.2) by  $\nabla \varphi$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 = -a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \varphi dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} \eta v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi dx - \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} [p_\varphi(a) - p_\varphi(a + \eta)] \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f \cdot \nabla \varphi dx. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in the first term on the r.h.s. of (3.5) we estimate it by

$$\varepsilon|\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_2^2.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.5) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_3^2|v,t|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_3^2D_2^2,$$

where (2.67) is used.

The third term on the r.h.s. of (3.5) is expressed in the form

$$-a \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi dx \equiv I_1 + I_2.$$

We drop the factor  $a$  in  $I_1$  for simplicity. Integrating by parts we express it in the form

$$I_1 = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} vv \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi dx \equiv I_{11} + I_{12}.$$

Then

$$|I_{11}| \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\Delta\varphi|_3^2|v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\Delta\varphi|_3^2A_1^2.$$

and

$$|I_{12}| \leq \varepsilon|\nabla^2\varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon|v|_6^2|v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon|\nabla^2\varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon D_1^2|v|_3^2.$$

Next we estimate  $I_2$ . Integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot vv \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi v \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta vv \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi dx \\ &\equiv I_2^1 + I_2^2 + I_2^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2^1| &\leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\nabla\eta|_6^2|v|_6^2|v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon\|\eta\|_2^2D_1^2A_1^2, \\ |I_2^2| &\leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_{\infty}^2|\Delta\varphi|_3^2|v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_{\infty}^2|\Delta\varphi|_3^2A_1^2, \\ |I_2^3| &\leq \varepsilon|\nabla^2\varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_{\infty}^2D_1^2|v|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

The fourth term on the r.h.s. of (3.5) is bounded by

$$c \int_{\Omega} |\eta| |\nabla \eta| |\nabla \varphi| dx \leq \varepsilon|\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon|\eta|_3^2|\nabla\eta|_2^2.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.5) equals

$$I_3 = a \int_{\Omega} f_g \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta f \cdot \nabla \varphi dx.$$

Hence, it is bounded by

$$|I_3| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_g|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.5) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small yields

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 \\ &+ (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) D_1^2 |v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 D_1^2 |v|_2^2 \\ &+ |\eta|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_3^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.2) by  $\text{rot } \psi$  and integrating the result over  $\Omega$  implies

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} \eta v_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx \\ &- \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the first term on the r.h.s. of (3.7) by

$$\varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.7) is expressed in the form

$$-a \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx \equiv J_1 + J_2.$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_1$  yields

$$J_1 = \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi dx \equiv J_1^1 + J_1^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2, \\ |J_1^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_6^2 |v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon D_1^2 |v|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $J_2$ . Integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi dx \\ &\equiv J_2^1 + J_2^2 + J_2^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_2^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 D_1^2 |v|_2^2, \\ |J_2^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2, \\ |J_2^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 D_1^2 |v|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.7) has the form

$$a \int_{\Omega} f_r \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta f \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx \equiv J_3.$$

Hence

$$|J_3| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_r|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.7) and using that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we derive the inequality

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 &\leq c[|\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2 \\ &\quad + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) D_1^2 |v|_3^2 + (1 + |\eta|_3^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.8) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (3.6) yields

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 A_1^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) D_1^2 |v|_3^2 \\ + |\eta|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_3^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using that

$$(1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) D_1^2 |v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla v|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2)^2 D_1^4 A_1^2$$

we obtain (3.4).

Integrating (3.9) with respect to time and using (2.1), (2.67) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{a}{2} \left( |\nabla \varphi(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 D_2^2] \\
(3.10) \quad & + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 A_1^2 + (1 + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) D_1^2 A_1^2 \\
& + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\nabla \eta|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \frac{a}{2} \left( |\nabla \varphi(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_2^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The above inequalities imply (3.4) and conclude the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** To simplify considerations we introduce the quantity

$$(3.11) \quad \phi_1 = (1 + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2)(1 + A_1^2 + D_1^2)$$

Then (3.10) and (3.4)<sub>2</sub> take the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& a \left( |\nabla \varphi(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla^2 \varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\
(3.12) \quad & + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_1 \left[ \|\eta\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + A_1^2 + D_2^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right] \\
& + a \left( |\nabla \varphi(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_2^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

To obtain estimates for time derivatives we express (3.2) in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \nabla \varphi_t + \operatorname{rot} \psi_t + G_t - \frac{\mu}{a} \Delta v - \frac{\nu}{a} \nabla \Delta \varphi + \frac{a_0}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta \\
(3.13) \quad & = -\frac{\mu}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v - \frac{\nu}{a} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi - v \cdot \nabla v \\
& + \frac{1}{a + \eta} [p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)] \nabla \eta + f.
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 3.1 hold. Let  $\phi_2$  be defined by (3.21). Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.14) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_2 [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2] \\
& + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + D_2^2) + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 (|\nabla v|_2^2 + D_1^2) \\
& + |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2 + |f_t|_2^2 \\
& + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$



(3.15)

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\nabla\varphi_t(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t(t)|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a}\|\nabla\varphi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\nu}{a}|\Delta\varphi_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu}\phi_2(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}) \left[ |\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (|\nabla\operatorname{rot}\psi|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + |\nabla\operatorname{rot}\psi_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2) + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \left( |\nabla\operatorname{rot}\psi_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + D_2^2 + A_1^2 + D_1^2 \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{\psi^2}{\nu^2} D_2^2 D_1^2 \right) + |f_t|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right] + c\nu|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + |\nabla\varphi_t(0)|_2^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t(0)|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $t$ , multiply by  $\nabla\varphi_t$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

(3.16)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2\varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta\varphi_t|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{a_0}{a+\eta} \nabla\eta \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\
& \quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta v \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla\Delta\varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\
& \quad - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx + \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{a+\eta} (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a+\eta)) \nabla\eta \right]_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} f_{gt} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we estimate the terms from the r.h.s. of (3.16). The first term on the r.h.s. of (3.16) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
& c \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla\eta_t| |\nabla\varphi_t| + |\eta_t| |\nabla\eta| |\nabla\varphi_t|) dx \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\eta_t|_2^2 \\
& \quad + \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_3^2 |\nabla\eta|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.16) equals

$$-\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta\operatorname{rot}\psi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta\nabla\varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \equiv I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta\operatorname{rot}\psi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta\operatorname{rot}\psi_t \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\
&\equiv I_{11} + I_{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{11}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla\eta\eta_t \nabla\text{rot}\psi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla\eta_t \cdot \nabla\text{rot}\psi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla\text{rot}\psi \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_t dx \equiv I_{11}^1 + I_{11}^2 + I_{11}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{11}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_2^2, \\ |I_{11}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\eta_t|_2^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_3^2, \\ |I_{11}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2\varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $I_{12}$ . Integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\text{rot}\psi_t \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla\text{rot}\psi_t \cdot \nabla^2\varphi_t dx \equiv I_{12}^1 + I_{12}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{12}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\eta|_3^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi_t|_2^2, \\ |I_{12}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2\varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi_t|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the estimates yields

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla\varphi_t\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_3^2 \\ &\quad + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla\text{rot}\psi_t|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we estimate  $I_2$ . Performing differentiation with respect to time implies

$$I_2 = -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta\nabla\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta\nabla\varphi_t \nabla\varphi_t dx \equiv I_{21} + I_{22}.$$

Consider  $I_{21}$ . Integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_{21} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla\eta\eta_t \Delta\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla\eta_t \Delta\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta\varphi \cdot \Delta\varphi_t dx \equiv I_{21}^1 + I_{21}^2 + I_{21}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{21}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2, \\ |I_{21}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2, \\ |I_{21}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts in  $I_{22}$  implies

$$I_{22} = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \nabla^2 \varphi_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx \equiv I_{22}^1 + I_{22}^2,$$

where  $I_{22}^2$  is qabsorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (3.16) in such way that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx \\ &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{a}{a + \eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx \geq \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

where we used that  $|\eta|_{\infty} \leq a/2$ . Finally,

$$|I_{22}^1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2.$$

Summarizing the above estimates implies

$$|I_2 - I_{22}^2| \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2).$$

Next, we examine the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.16). First, we write it in the form

$$I_3 = -\frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla \Delta \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx \equiv I_{31} + I_{32}.$$

Integration by parts in  $I_{31}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_{31} &= \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla \eta \eta_t \Delta \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta_t \Delta \varphi \nabla \varphi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta \varphi \Delta \varphi_t dx \equiv I_{31}^1 + I_{31}^2 + I_{31}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{31}^1| &\leq \nu \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2, \\ |I_{31}^2| &\leq \nu \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2, \\ |I_{31}^3| &\leq \nu \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we examine  $I_{32}$ . Integration by parts yields

$$I_{32} = \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \Delta \varphi_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx \equiv I_{32}^1 + I_{32}^2,$$

where  $I_{32}^2$  is absorbed by the third term on the l.h.s. of (3.16) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx \\ &= \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{a}{a + \eta} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx \geq \frac{2\nu}{3a} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

which holds for  $|\eta| \leq a/2$  and

$$|I_{32}^1| \leq \nu \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2.$$

Summarizing, we have

$$|I_3 - I_{32}^2| \leq \nu \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2).$$

We write the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (3.16) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= \int_{\Omega} v_t \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_t v \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} v_t v \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} v v_t \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_4| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 |v|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_t|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 D_2^2) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the fifth term on the r.h.s. of (3.16) by

$$\begin{aligned} |I_5| &\leq c \int_{\Omega} (|\eta| |\eta| |\nabla \eta| + |\eta_t| |\nabla \eta| + |\eta| |\nabla \eta_t|) |\nabla \varphi_t| dx \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^6 + \eta|_{2,1}^4). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we estimate the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.16) by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_{gt}|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.16) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.17) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 + |\eta|_{2,1}^6 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2) \\
& \quad + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2) + \|\eta\|_2^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2) \\
& \quad + |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 D_2^2 + |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2 + |f_{gt}|_2^2] \\
& \quad + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2].
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $t$ , multiply by  $\text{rot } \psi_t$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.18) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 = -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta v \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\
& \quad - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} f_{r,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we examine the particular terms from the r.h.s. of (3.18). The first term is written in the form

$$-\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \text{rot } \psi \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \equiv I_1 + I_2.$$

Performing differentiation in  $I_1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta \text{rot } \psi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \text{rot } \psi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\
&\equiv I_{11} + I_{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts in  $I_{11}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{11} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla \eta \eta_t \nabla \text{rot } \psi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta_t \nabla \text{rot } \psi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla \text{rot } \psi \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_t dx \equiv I_{11}^1 + I_{11}^2 + I_{11}^3.
\end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{11}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2, \\ |I_{11}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2, \\ |I_{11}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{12}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx \\ &\equiv I_{12}^1 + I_{12}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$|I_{12}^1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_3^2$$

and  $I_{12}^2$  is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (3.18) in such way that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx \\ &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{a}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx \geq \frac{2\mu}{3a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 \quad \text{for } |\eta| \leq a/2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we examine  $I_2$ . Performing differentiation with respect to time gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta \nabla \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi_t \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx \equiv I_{21} + I_{22}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{21}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} I_{21} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla \eta \eta_t \Delta \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta_t \Delta \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx \equiv I_{21}^1 + I_{21}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{21}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2, \\ |I_{21}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts in  $I_{22}$  gives

$$I_{22} = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{, \eta} \nabla \eta \Delta \varphi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx.$$

Hence,

$$|I_{22}| \leq c \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \eta| |\Delta \varphi_t| |\text{rot } \psi_t| dx \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_3^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2.$$

Collecting the above estimates yields

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_t|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi_t|_3^2), \\ |I_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta|_3^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2). \end{aligned}$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.18) equals

$$I_3 = -\frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{, \eta} \eta_t \Delta \nabla \varphi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx.$$

Integrating by parts in the above integrals yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{, \eta \eta} \nabla \eta \eta_t \Delta \varphi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{, \eta} \nabla \eta_t \Delta \varphi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{, \eta} \nabla \eta \Delta \varphi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$|I_3| \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_t|_6^2 + \frac{c\nu^2}{\varepsilon} (|\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_{3/2}^2).$$

The third term on the r.h.s. of (3.18) equals

$$I_4 = - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v_t + v_t \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \equiv I_{41} + I_{42}.$$

First we examine  $I_{41}$ . We write it in the form

$$I_{41} = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_t \cdot \text{rot } \psi_t dx \equiv I_{41}^1 + I_{41}^2,$$

where

$$I_{41}^1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|^2 dx$$

so

$$|I_{41}^1| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2.$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{41}^2$  yields

$$I_{41}^2 = \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi_t \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx.$$

Hence, we have

$$|I_{41}^2| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2.$$

Next, we examine  $I_{42}$ . Integration by parts implies

$$I_{42} = \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_t v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx + \int_{\Omega} v_t \cdot v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t dx.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$|I_{42}| \leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_t\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 |v|_3^2 + |v_t|_3^2 |v|_6^2).$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.18) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_{rt}|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.18) and using that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we derive the inequality

(3.19)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 &\leq c[|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + 1) |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 \\ &+ (\|\eta\|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_3^2 + (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \eta|_3^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 \\ &+ |\nabla v|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2 + (|\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 + |v_t|_3^2) D_1^2 + |f_{rt}|_2^2 + c\nu^2 [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + 1) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 \\ &+ \|\eta\|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.19) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (3.17) gives the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 \\ (3.20) \quad \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 + |\eta|_{2,1}^6 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2) \\ + (\|\eta\|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2) + |\nabla v|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2 \\ + |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 D_2^2 + |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2 + |f_{rt}|_2^2 + |f_{gt}|_2^2 \\ + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$



Introduce the quantity

$$(3.21) \quad \phi_2 = \phi_2(|\eta|_{2,1}), \quad \phi_2(0) \neq 0.$$

Then (3.20) takes the form

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} \|\text{rot } \psi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_2 [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2)] \\ & \quad + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + D_2^2) + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 (|\nabla v|_2^2 + D_1^2) \\ & \quad + |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2 + |f_t|_2^2 + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (3.22) implies (3.14). Integrating (3.22) with respect to time and using Notation 2.10 and the fact that  $|v|_6 \leq D_1$ ,  $|v_t|_2 \leq D_2$ ,  $|v|_{6,2,\Omega^t} \leq A_1$ ,  $|v_t|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq D_2$ ,  $|\nabla v|_{2,\Omega^t} \leq A_1$  implies (3.15). This concludes the proof of Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 3.1 hold. Then*

$$(3.23) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_\infty^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_\infty^4) |\nabla v|_2^2 D_1^4 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 \\ & \quad + (1 + |\eta|_\infty^2) |f|_2^2], \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\nabla \varphi_x(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x(t)|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty,\Omega^t}^2 D_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\Omega^t}^2) A_1^2 D_1^4 \\ & \quad + |\nabla \eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\nabla \eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2] \\ & \quad + |\nabla \varphi_x(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x(0)|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.2) with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\nabla \varphi_x$  and integrate

over  $\Omega$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.25) \quad & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} (\eta v_t)_{,x} \nabla \varphi_x dx \\
& - a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta_x \nabla \varphi_x dx - \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_x dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [(p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_x dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_x dx.
\end{aligned}$$

After integration by parts in the first term on the r.h.s. of (3.25) we bound it by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.25) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_2^2.$$

After integration by parts the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.25) is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_3^2 D_1^2 (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2)$$

and the fourth term by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.25) equals

$$I_1 = -a \int_{\Omega} f_g \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta f \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx,$$

so it is estimated by

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|f_g|_2^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |f|_2^2).$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.25) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.26) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 D_1^2 (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 \\
& \quad + |f|_2^2 (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2)].
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.2) with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\text{rot } \psi_x$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we derive

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} (\eta v_t)_{,x} \text{rot } \psi_x dx \\ &- \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_x dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_x dx. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in the terms from the r.h.s. of the above equality we obtain

$$(3.28) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ \leq c[|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.28) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (3.26) yields

$$(3.29) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |\nabla v|_3^2 D_1^2 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 \\ + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the interpolation

$$|\nabla v|_3 \leq c |\nabla^2 v|_2^{1/2} |\nabla v|_2^{1/2}$$

We obtain from (3.29) the inequality

$$(3.30) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^4) |\nabla v|_2^2 D_1^4 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 \\ + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2] \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (3.30) with respect to time yields

$$(3.31) \quad \begin{aligned} a \left( |\nabla \varphi_x(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty,2,\Omega^t}^2 D_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,2,\Omega^t}^4) A_1^2 D_1^4 \\ + |\nabla \eta|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\eta|_{\infty,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 |\nabla \eta|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2] \\ + a \left( |\nabla \varphi_x(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x(0)|_2^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\eta(t)|_{2,1}$  is bounded by a constant dependent of time the r.h.s. of (3.31) is an increasing function of time. To obtain such estimate that the r.h.s. of (3.31) does not depend on time needs another approach. However, we shall show such result that  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** We simplify (3.29). Introduce the quantities

$$(3.32) \quad \phi_3 = \phi_3(|\eta|_\infty, D_1).$$

Then (3.29) takes the form

$$(3.33) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_3 [|v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 + |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the interpolation

$$(3.34) \quad \alpha |\nabla v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon^{4/3} (|\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2) + \frac{c}{\varepsilon^4} \alpha^4 (|\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + |\text{rot } \psi|_2^2)$$

we obtain from (3.33) the inequality

$$(3.35) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_x|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_3 [|v_t|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Adding (3.4)<sub>1</sub> and (3.35) we have

$$(3.36) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\nabla \varphi\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} \|\text{rot } \psi\|_1^2 \right) + \mu \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 + \nu \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} \|\text{rot } \psi\|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_4 (|\eta|_\infty, D_1) [\|\eta\|_1^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |v|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using interpolation (3.34) in the r.h.s. of (3.22) to terms  $|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2$ ,  $|\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2$ ,  $|\Delta \varphi|_3^2$  we obtain from (3.36) and (3.22) the inequality

$$(3.37) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_{1,1}^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1}^2 + \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1}^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_{2,1}^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi (|\eta|_{2,1}, A_1, D_1, D_2) [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi_t|_3^2 \\ & \quad + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_t|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2) + |\nabla v|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 D_1^2 \\ & \quad + |v_t|_3^2 D_1^2 + |f|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 3.1 hold. Let Notation 2.10 be applied. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.38) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{xxx}|_2^2 + \nu \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 \\
& \frac{c}{\nu \varepsilon} \phi_6 [|v|_2^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& \quad + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi_6$  is introduced below (3.47). Next (3.49) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.39) \quad & a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{,xxx}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \varepsilon_2 |v_{xx}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \varepsilon_3 |v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_8 + c\nu |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \\
& + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}(0)|_2^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi_8$  describes the last but one term on the r.h.s. of (3.50).

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , multiply by  $\nabla \varphi_{xt}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.40) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 \\
& = - \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{a_0}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{a + \eta} (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta \right]_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} f_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we examine the particular terms from the r.h.s. of (3.40). Integrating

by parts in the first term we get

$$I_1 = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \left( \frac{a_0}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla \eta + \frac{a_0}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta_t \right] \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx.$$

Hence, we have

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta_t|_4^2 |\nabla \eta|_4^2 + |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2).$$

We express the second term on the r.h.s. of (3.40) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta v \right]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v_{,t} \right]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{21} + I_{22}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{21}$  yields

$$I_{21} = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta v \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx$$

and

$$|I_{21}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta v|_3^2.$$

Performing differentiation in  $I_{22}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_{22} &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_x \Delta v_{,t} \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v_{tx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{221} + I_{222}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{221}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} I_{221} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta\eta} \nabla \eta \eta_x \cdot \nabla v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta_x \nabla v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_{,x} \nabla v_t \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{221}^1 + I_{221}^2 + I_{221}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{221}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^4 |v_{,xt}|_2^2, \\ |I_{221}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{xx}|_2^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2, \\ |I_{221}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $I_{222}$ . We express it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_{222} &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\equiv J_{11} + J_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_{12} &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla_j (\operatorname{rot} \psi)_{i,xt} \nabla_j \nabla_i \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla_i \eta \nabla_j (\operatorname{rot} \psi)_{i,xt} \nabla_j \varphi_{,xt} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\varphi_{,xxt}|_2 |\varphi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1^2 \varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^4 |\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{12}| &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1^2 \varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing,

$$|J_1| \leq \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1^2 \varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2.$$

Finally, we examine  $J_2$ . Integrating by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xt} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx \equiv J_{21} + J_{22}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{21}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon^3 |\nabla \eta|_6^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the estimates we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \varepsilon_1 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xt}\|_1^2) + c/\varepsilon [\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 \\ &\quad + \|\eta\|_2^4 |v_{,xt}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2] + (1/\varepsilon_1^2 \varepsilon + 1/\varepsilon^3) \|\eta\|_2^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

The term  $J_{22}$  is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (3.40) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{a}{a+\eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx \\ &\geq \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $|\eta| \leq a/2$ . Now we estimate the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.40). Performing differentiation with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= -\frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla \Delta \varphi \right]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi_{,t} \right]_{,x} \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{31} + I_{32}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{31}$  yields

$$I_{31} = \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx$$



so

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{31}| &\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon}|\eta_t|_6^2|\Delta\nabla\varphi|_3^2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon}|\eta_t|_6^2|\Delta\nabla\varphi_x|_2|\Delta\nabla\varphi|_2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \nu\varepsilon_2|\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon^2\varepsilon_2}|\eta_t|_6^4|\Delta\nabla\varphi|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Performing differentiation with respect to  $x$  in  $I_{32}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{32} &= -\frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}\left(\frac{\eta}{a+\eta}\right)_{,\eta}\eta_x\nabla\Delta\varphi_{,t}\cdot\nabla\varphi_{,xt}dx \\
&\quad -\frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}\frac{\eta}{a+\eta}\nabla\Delta\varphi_{xt}\cdot\nabla\varphi_{,xt}dx \equiv L_1 + L_2,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
|L_1| &\leq \nu\varepsilon|\Delta\nabla\varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon}|\eta_{,x}|_6^2|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon}|\eta_{,x}|_6^2|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{C\nu}{\varepsilon^3}|\eta_{,x}|_6^4|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $L_2$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
L_2 &= \frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}\left(\frac{\eta}{a+\eta}\right)_{,\eta}\nabla\eta\Delta\varphi_{,xt}\cdot\nabla\varphi_{,xt}dx \\
&\quad +\frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}\frac{\eta}{a+\eta}|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|^2dx \equiv L_2^1 + L_2^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
|L_2^1| &\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu C}{\varepsilon}|\nabla\eta|_6^2|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu C}{\varepsilon}|\nabla\eta|_6^2|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2 \\
&\leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu C}{\varepsilon^3}|\nabla\eta|_6^4|\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

and  $L_2^2$  is absorbed by the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.40) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|^2dx - \frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}\frac{\eta}{a+\eta}|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|^2dx = \frac{\nu}{a}\int_{\Omega}|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|^2dx \\
&\geq \frac{2\nu}{3a}|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \quad \text{for } |\eta|_{\infty} \leq a/2.
\end{aligned}$$

Summarizing, the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.40) is estimated in the following way

$$|I_3| \leq \nu\varepsilon|\nabla\varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \nu\varepsilon_2|\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon^2\varepsilon_2}\|\eta_t\|_1^4|\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon^3}\|\eta\|_2^4|\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_2^2 \\ + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx.$$

Consider the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (3.40). Performing differentiations it takes the form

$$I_4 = \int_{\Omega} v_{,xt} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xt} dx \\ + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,xt} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xt} dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^4 I_{4i}.$$

First we consider

$$I_{44} = \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{xt} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xt} dx = \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_{xt} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla\text{rot}\psi_{xt} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xt} dx \\ \equiv I_{44}^1 + I_{44}^2,$$

where

$$I_{44}^1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|^2 dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|^2 dx,$$

so

$$|I_{44}^1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta\varphi|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_2^2.$$

We integrate by parts in  $I_{44}^2$ . Then we have

$$I_{44}^2 = \int_{\Omega} v_i \nabla_i (\text{rot}\psi)_{jxt} \nabla_j \varphi_{xt} dx = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla_j v_i \nabla_i (\text{rot}\psi)_{jxt} \varphi_{xt} dx \\ = \int_{\Omega} \nabla_j \Delta\varphi (\text{rot}\psi)_{jxt} \varphi_{xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla_j v_i (\text{rot}\psi)_{jxt} \nabla_i \varphi_{xt} dx \\ \equiv K_1 + K_2,$$

where

$$|K_1| \leq \varepsilon |\varphi_{xt}|_{\infty}^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta\nabla\varphi|_2^2 |\text{rot}\psi_{xt}|_2^2$$

and

$$|K_2| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_3^2 |\text{rot}\psi_{xt}|_2^2 \\ \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_3^2 (|v_{xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla\varphi_{xt}|_2^2).$$

Next, we examine

$$I_{41} = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_{xt} v \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} v_{xt} v \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_{xt} dx \equiv I_{41}^1 + I_{41}^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{41}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon^3 |v|_6^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2, \\ |I_{41}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xt}|_3^2 |v|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

The second term in  $I_4$  is bounded by

$$|I_{42}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_t|_2^2 |v_{xx}|_3^2.$$

Finally, we have the estimate

$$|I_{43}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_x|_3^2 |\nabla v_t|_2^2.$$

Summarizing, we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |I_4| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,t}\|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |v|_6^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |v|_6^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\quad + |v_{,t}|_2^2 |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 (|v_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

The fifth term on the r.h.s. of (3.40) is expressed in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_5 &= - \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{a + \eta} p_{\varrho \varrho} \eta_t \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{a + \eta} (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx \equiv I_{51} + I_{52} + I_{53}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{51}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\eta|_6^2 |\nabla \eta|_6^2, \\ |I_{52}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\nabla \eta|_3^2, \\ |I_{53}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.40) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_t|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.40) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.41) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\nu} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& + \nu \varepsilon_2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta_{,t}\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^4 + \|\eta_{,t}\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^2 + \|\eta_{,t}\|_1^2 + \|\eta_{,t}\|_1^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2] \\
& + \|\eta\|_2^4 |v_{,xt}|_2^2 + (|\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |v|_6^4 + \|\eta\|_2^4 + |v_{,x}|_3^2) |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& + |v|_6^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2 + |v_{,t}|_2^2 |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& + |v_{,x}|_3^2 |\nabla v_{,t}|_2^2 + |f_{,t}|_2^2 + \nu c (1 + 1/\varepsilon_1^2) \|\eta\|_2^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon_2} \|\eta_{,t}\|_1^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , multiply by  $\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.42) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 = -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v \right)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\
& - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} f_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate the terms from the r.h.s. of (3.42). We express the first term in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta v \right]_{,x} \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\
& - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v_{,t} \right]_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{11} + I_{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{11}$  yields

$$I_{11} = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \Delta v \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxt} dx$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |v_{,xxx}|_2^{5/3} |v|_2^{1/3} \\
&\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) |\eta_t|_6^{12} A_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Performing differentiation with respect to  $x$  in  $I_{12}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_x \Delta v_t \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta v_{,xt} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{12}^1 + I_{12}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{12}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |v_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |v_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon (v_{,xxt}|_2^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2) + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

To examine  $I_{12}^2$  we write it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12}^2 &= -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi_{,xt} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|^2 dx \equiv J_{11} + J_{12}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $J_{12}$  is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (3.42) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|^2 dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|^2 dx \\ &= \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{a}{a+\eta} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|^2 dx \geq \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds for  $|\eta|_{\infty} \leq a/2$ .

Integrating by parts in  $J_2$  yields

$$J_2 = \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \Delta \varphi_{,xt} dx.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |J_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2) + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we examine the second term on the r.h.s. of (3.42). We express it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= -\frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_t \nabla \Delta \varphi \right]_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi_{,t} \right]_{,x} \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \equiv I_{21} + I_{22}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $I_{21}$  implies the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{21}| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c\nu^2/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \nabla \varphi|_3^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu^2}{\varepsilon} \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu^2}{\varepsilon \varepsilon_1} \|\eta_t\|_1^4 |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Performing differentiation in  $I_{22}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_{22} &= -\frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \eta_x \Delta \nabla \varphi_{,t} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi_{,tx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} dx \equiv L_1 + L_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |L_1| &\leq \nu^2 \varepsilon_1 |\Delta \nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \nu^2 \varepsilon_1 |\Delta \nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 \|\eta\|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2 \\ &\leq \nu^2 \varepsilon_1 |\Delta \nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $L_2$  gives

$$L_2 = \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \right)_{,\eta} \nabla \eta \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt} \Delta \varphi_{,xt} dx.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |L_2| &\leq \nu^2 \varepsilon_1 |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ &\leq \nu^2 \varepsilon_1 |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) \|\eta\|_2^4 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now we consider the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.42). Performing differentiations we write it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \int_{\Omega} v_{,xt} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\ &\equiv I_{31} + I_{32} + I_{33} + I_{34}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the sum

$$\begin{aligned} I_{31} + I_{33} &= - \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxt} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx = - \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxt} dx \equiv I_0, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_0| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,x}|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,x}|_{\infty}^2 D_2^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xxx}|_2^{5/3} |v|_2^{1/3} D_2^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) |v|_2^2 D_2^{12} \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) A_1^2 D_2^{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} I_{32} + I_{34} &= - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxt} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxt} dx \equiv I_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{\infty}| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xt}|_3 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xt}|_3^2 D_1^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xxt}|_2^{3/2} |v_t|_2^{1/2} D_1^2 \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 |v_{,xxt}|_2^2 \\ &\quad + c/(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon) D_1^8 D_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing, we have

$$|I_3| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 (|v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + |v_{,xxt}|_2^2) + c/(\varepsilon \varepsilon_1) (A_1^2 D_2^{12} + D_1^8 D_2^2).$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.42) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_t|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (3.42) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small implies

$$(3.43) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon (|v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + |v_{,xxt}|_2^2) \\ & + \varepsilon_1 \nu^2 (|\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2) \\ & + c/\varepsilon [|\eta_t|_6^{12} |v|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\ & + D_2^{12} |v|_2^2 + D_1^8 |v_t|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + \frac{c}{\varepsilon_1} (\nu^2 \|\eta_t\|_1^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.43) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (3.41) we obtain

$$(3.44) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \varepsilon_1 \nu |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\nu \varepsilon} [|\eta_t|_6^{12} |v|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 + 1) + (\|\eta\|_2^4 \\ & + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2) |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + (\|\eta\|_2^4 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2) |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + D_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \\ & + (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 + D_2^2) |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + (|v|_6^4 + \|\eta\|_2^4 + \|\eta\|_2^2 + D_1^2) |v_{,xt}|_3^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla v_{,t}|_2^2 \\ & + D_2^{12} |v|_2^2 + D_1^8 |v_t|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} [|\eta_t|_1^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\phi_5 = \phi_5(|\eta|_{2,1}, D_1, D_2, A_1) \quad |v|_2 \leq A_1, \quad |v_{,t}|_2 \leq D_2.$$

Simplifying, we write (3.44) in the form

$$(3.45) \quad \begin{aligned} & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 \right) \\ & + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\nu} |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\nu \varepsilon} \phi_5(|\eta|_{2,1}, D_1, D_2, A_1) \\ & [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 |v_{xt}|_2^2 \\ & + (|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |v_{,xt}|_3^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 \\ & + |v_{,xt}|_3^2 + |v|_2^2 + |v_{,t}|_2^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2) \\ & + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla v_{,t}|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$



Using the interpolations

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.46) \quad & \alpha |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq c\alpha |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^{2/3} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^{4/3} \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 \\
& + c(1/\varepsilon)\alpha^{3/2} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_2^2, \\
& \alpha |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_3^2 \leq c\alpha |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c(1/\varepsilon)\alpha^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2, \\
& \alpha |v_{,xx}|_3^2 \leq \alpha |v_{,xxx}|_2^{5/3} |v|_2^{1/3} \leq \varepsilon |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c(1/\varepsilon)\alpha^6 |v|_2^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a parameter, in (3.45) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.47) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} (|\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2) + \mu (|\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \nu \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 \\
& + \frac{c}{\nu \varepsilon} \phi_6(|\eta|_{2,1}, D_1, D_2, A_1) [|v|_2^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xt}|_2^2 \\
& + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& + |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla v_t|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2),
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating (3.47) with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.48) \quad & a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xt}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \frac{c}{\nu \varepsilon} \phi_6(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, D_1, D_2, A_1) \left[ A_1^2 + \bar{D}_2^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \right. \\
& + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} |v_x|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |v_x|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 D_2^2 \\
& \left. + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^4 \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
(3.49) \quad & \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} |v_{xt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} D_2^2, \\
& D_2^2 |v_x|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \varepsilon_2 |v_{xx}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon_2) D_2^3 |v|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \leq \varepsilon_2 |v_{xx}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon_2) D_2^3 A_1^2, \\
& \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} |v_x|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \varepsilon_3 |v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c/\varepsilon_3 \left( \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \right)^2 |v_x|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \leq \varepsilon_3 |v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c/\varepsilon_3 \left( \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \right)^2 A_1^2
\end{aligned}$$

in (3.48) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.50) \quad & a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xt}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xt}(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xt}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu} |v_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu \varepsilon_1 |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \varepsilon_2 |v_{xx}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + \varepsilon_3 |v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_7 \left( |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, D_1, D_2, A_1, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, 1/\varepsilon, 1/\varepsilon_2, 1/\varepsilon_3 \right) \cdot \\
& \cdot \left[ A_1^2 + \bar{D}_2^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + D_2^2 + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right] + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon_1} |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^4 \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The inequality implies (3.47). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** Integration of (3.37) with respect to time implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.51) \quad & a \left( |\nabla \varphi(t)|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t)|_{1,1}^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\nabla \varphi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, A_1, D_1, D_2) \cdot \\
& \cdot [|\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\nabla v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\Delta \varphi_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + |\Delta \varphi|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2) + |\nabla v|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 D_1^2 + |v_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 D_1^2 + |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2] \\
& + c\nu [|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |\Delta \varphi|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2] \\
& + a \left( |\nabla \varphi(0)|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_{1,1}^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.9 we have

$$(3.52) \quad \begin{aligned}
|v_t|_{2,\Omega^t} &\leq \bar{D}_2, & |\nabla v_t|_{2,\Omega^t} &\leq D_2, & |v_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t} &\leq c \|v_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \leq c \bar{D}_2, \\
|\nabla v|_{2,\Omega^t} &\leq A_1, & |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq |\nabla v_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq D_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of  $\Psi$  and  $\chi_0$  in Notation 2.9 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.53) \quad & |\Delta \varphi_t|_{3,2,\Omega^t} \leq c \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{2,2,\Omega^t} \leq c \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \\
& |\Delta \varphi|_{3,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq c \|\nabla \varphi\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq c \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, \\
& \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \quad \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}.
\end{aligned}$$

In virtue of (3.52) and (3.53) inequality (3.51) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& a\left(|\nabla\varphi(t)|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi(t)|_{1,1}^2\right) + \mu\left(|\nabla\varphi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2\right) \\
& + \nu|\nabla\varphi|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu}\phi(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, A_1, D_1, D_2) \cdot \\
& \cdot \left[|\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \bar{D}_2^2 + D_2^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu}D_2^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2}\frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} + A_1^2\frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu}\right. \\
& \left. + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2}D_1^2 + \bar{D}_2^2D_1^2 + |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2\right] \\
(3.54) \quad & + c\nu[|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2(1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) + \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2]\frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \\
& + a\left(|\nabla\varphi(0)|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi(0)|_{1,1}^2\right) \\
& \equiv \frac{c}{\nu}\phi_9\left(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, |\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}, A_1, D_1, D_2, \bar{D}_2, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}},\right. \\
& \left.|f|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}\right) + c\nu|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2(1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2)\frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \\
& + c\left(|\nabla\varphi(0)|_{1,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\operatorname{rot}\psi(0)|_{1,1}^2\right).
\end{aligned}$$

For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_3$  we obtain from (3.39) and (3.54) the inequality (3.55)

$$\begin{aligned}
& a\left(\|\nabla\varphi(t)\|_1^2 + \|\nabla\varphi_t(t)\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi(t)\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t(t)\|_1^2\right) \\
& + \mu\left(\|\nabla\varphi\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2\right) + \mu\left(\|\nabla\varphi_t\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2\right) \\
& + \nu(\|\nabla\varphi\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\nabla\varphi_t\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu}|v_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu\varepsilon_1|\nabla\varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + \varepsilon_2|v_{xx}|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{c}{\nu}\phi_{10} + c\nu|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2(1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2)\frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \\
& + a\left(\|\nabla\varphi(0)\|_1^2 + \|\nabla\varphi_t(0)\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi(0)\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}\|\operatorname{rot}\psi_t(0)\|_1^2\right),
\end{aligned}$$

where we introduced the new function  $\phi_{10} = \phi_8 + \phi_9$  and (3.56)

$$\phi_{10} = \phi_{10}\left(|\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}, |\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}, A_1, D_1, D_2, \bar{D}_2, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, |f|_{2,\Omega^t}, |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}\right)$$

Now we recall the form of some arguments of  $\phi_{10}$ . From (2.93), (2.95) and

(2.96) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\eta(t)|_r &\leq \exp\left(\sqrt{t}\frac{\Psi}{\nu}\right)\left[\sqrt{t}\frac{\Psi}{\nu} + |\eta(0)|_r\right], \quad r \in (1, \infty], \\
|\eta(t)|_{2,1} &\leq \exp(c\sqrt{t}\Phi_0)\left[\sqrt{t}\frac{\Psi}{\nu} + |\eta(0)|_{2,1}\right], \\
(3.57) \quad D_1^2 &= c\left[\exp\left(c\sqrt{t}\frac{\Psi}{\nu}\right)\left(t^{2/3}\frac{\Psi}{\nu} + t^{1/6}|\eta(0)|_3^2\right) + \frac{\Psi^{4/3}}{\nu^{2/3}} + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^{2/3}}\right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\Psi^{4/3}}{\nu^{2(\varkappa/3-1/6)}}\right] + A_2^2, \\
D_2^2 &= c(a)\exp[cB_1(t)][B_2(t) + |\varrho_0|_\infty|v_t(0)|_2^2], \\
\bar{D}_2^2 &= c(a)\exp[c\bar{B}_1(t)][\bar{B}_2(t) + |\varphi_0|_\infty|v_t(0)|_2^2],
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_2 &= |f|_{3,6,\Omega^t} + |\varrho_0|_\infty^{1/6}|v_0|_6, \\
B_1(t) &\leq |\eta|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + (\|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}^2 + D_1^2 + 1)A_1^2, \\
B_2(t) &\leq |\eta_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2\left(A_1^2\frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + A_1^2D_1^2 + |f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2\right) \\
&\quad + A_1^2\frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + |f_t|_{2,\Omega^t}^2, \\
\bar{B}_1(t) &\leq B_1(t) + |\eta|_{2,\Omega^t}^2, \\
\bar{B}_2(t) &\leq B_2(t) + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty,\Omega^t}^2)|f|_{2,\Omega^t}^2, \\
A_1^2 &= B(T)/(1 - e^{-\mu T/2}) + \frac{3}{2}\int_{\Omega}\left(\frac{1}{2}\varrho_0v_0^2 + \frac{A}{\varkappa-1}\varrho^\varkappa\right)dx, \\
B(T) &= c\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}_0}\exp\left(c\int_{kT}^{(k+1)T}\eta^2(t)dt\right)[|\varrho_0|_1^2|f|_{\infty,2,\Omega\times(kT,(k+1)T)}^2 \\
&\quad + \mu a^\varkappa + |\varrho_0|_1^2|f|_{\infty,1,\Omega^t}^2 + |\varrho_0|_2^2|v_0|_2^2],
\end{aligned}$$

$a/2 \leq \varrho \leq 3a/2$ ,  $a, T$  are given. This ends Remark 3.3.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 3.1. Let Notation 2.10 be applied. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.58) \quad &\frac{d}{dt}\left(\nu|\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\text{rot}\psi_{,xx}|_2^2\right) + \mu(\nu|\nabla^2\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\nabla\text{rot}\psi_{,xx}|_2^2) + \nu^2|\Delta\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \\
&\leq c\phi(\|\eta\|_2^2)[|v_{,t}|_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 + (|v|_6^2 + |\nabla\varphi|_2^2)(|\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 \\
&\quad + |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 + \|\nabla\varphi_{,x}\|_1^2 + |v_{,x}|_6^2) + \|\nabla\varphi_x\|_1^2\|v_x\|_1^2 + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2)\|f\|_1^2],
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \nu |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}(t)|_2^2 + \mu (\nu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2) \\
& + \nu^2 |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq c \left[ \exp \left( \sqrt{t} \Phi_*(t) \right) \left( t \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + \frac{c_0^2}{\nu^2} \right) \|v_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right. \\
(3.59) \quad & + \phi \left( A_1, A_2, \exp \left( \sqrt{t} \Phi_*(t) \right) \left( \sqrt{t} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + \frac{c_0}{\nu} \right), \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}} \right) \\
& \left. + \left( 1 + \exp \left( \sqrt{t} \Phi_*(t) \right) \left( t \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + \frac{c_0^2}{\nu^2} \right) \right) \|f\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right] \\
& + c (\nu |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}(0)|_2^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}(0)|_2^2).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiating (3.2) twice with respect to  $x$ , multiplying by  $\nabla \varphi_{,xx}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \\
& = - \int_{\Omega} (\eta v_t)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx - a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta_{xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\
(3.60) \quad & - \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [(p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

The first term on the r.h.s. is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2,$$

the second by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2.$$

Next we examine the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.60). We write it in the form

$$K \equiv a \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx \equiv H + L.$$

First we consider  $H$ . We drop  $a$  for simplicity. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \int_{\Omega} [v \cdot \nabla(\nabla\varphi + \text{rot } \psi)]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xx} dx = \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xx} dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla\text{rot } \psi)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xx} dx \equiv I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $I_1$ . We express it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{xx} dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla(\nabla\varphi)_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv I_{11} + I_{12} + I_{13}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_{13} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|^2 dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi \cdot |\nabla\varphi_{xx}|^2 dx.$$

Hence

$$|I_{13}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta\varphi|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2.$$

Consider  $I_{12}$ . Integrating by parts yields

$$I_{12} = -2 \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xxx} dx \equiv I_{12}^1 + I_{12}^2,$$

where  $I_{12}^1$  is estimated by the same bound as  $I_{13}$  and

$$|I_{12}^2| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 D_1^2.$$

Finally, we examine

$$I_{11} = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi_{,xx} \nabla\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi_{xx} \cdot \nabla\varphi dx \equiv I_{11}^1 + I_{11}^2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{11}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi|_6^2, \\ |I_{11}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing, we have

$$(3.61) \quad \begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla\varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\Delta\varphi|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \\ &+ |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 D_1^2 + |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + |v_{xx}|_3^2 |\nabla\varphi|_6^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate  $I_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv I_{21} + I_{22} + I_{23}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $I_{21}$ . Integrating by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_{21} &= - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv I_{21}^1 + I_{21}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{21}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 \cdot (|v|_6^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{21}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 (|v|_6^2 \\ &\quad + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2). \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in the sum  $I_{22} + I_{23}$  we get

$$I_{22} + I_{23} = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxx} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2,$$

where integrating by parts in  $J_1$  yields

$$J_1 = \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} v \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_{11} + J_{12},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |J_{12}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 D_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$|J_2| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 D_1^2.$$

Collecting estimates for  $I_2$  yields

$$(3.62) \quad |I_2| \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 D_1^2].$$

Next, we consider the expression

$$(3.63) \quad L = \int_{\Omega} [\eta v \cdot \nabla v]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx = \int_{\Omega} [\eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} [\eta v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx \equiv L_1 + L_2.$$

Performing differentiation in  $L_1$  we have

$$L_1 = \int_{\Omega} [\eta_{xx} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + \eta v_{xx} \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + \eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{xx} + 2\eta_x v_x \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + 2\eta_x v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_x + 2\eta v_x \nabla \nabla \varphi_x] \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^6 L_{1i}.$$

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_6^2, \\ |L_{12}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_2^2, \\ L_{13} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|^2 dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \eta |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|^2 dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|^2 dx \equiv L_{13}^1 + L_{13}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{13}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_6^2 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{13}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{14}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v_x|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_2^2, \\ |L_{15}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{16}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_x|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the above estimates we get

$$(3.64) \quad |L_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_x\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + |v_{xx}|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |v_x|_6^2).$$



Next we consider  $L_2$  from (3.63). Performing differentiations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \int_{\Omega} [\eta_{,xx} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + \eta v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + \eta v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \\ &\quad + 2\eta_x v_x \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + 2\eta_x v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_x + 2\eta v_x \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_x] \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^6 L_{2i}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate the terms from  $L_2$ .

$$|L_{21}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2.$$

Integrating by parts in  $L_{22}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} L_{22} &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \eta v_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \equiv L_{22}^1 + L_{22}^2 + L_{22}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{22}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2, \\ |L_{22}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2, \\ |L_{22}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $L_{23}$ . Integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} L_{23} &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx} dx = L_{23}^1 + L_{23}^2 + L_{23}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing,

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{23}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{23}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{23}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $L_{24}$ . Integration by parts implies

$$\begin{aligned} L_{24} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta_x v_x (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_x \Delta \varphi_{,x} (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_x v_x (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxx} dx \equiv L_{24}^1 + L_{24}^2 + L_{24}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Estimating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{24}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v_x|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2, \\ |L_{24}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |\Delta \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2, \\ |L_{24}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v_x|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have

$$|L_{25}| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2.$$

Finally, we integrate by parts in  $L_{26}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_{26} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_x v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxx} dx \equiv L_{26}^1 + L_{26}^2 + L_{26}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $L_{26}^2$ . Integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} L_{26}^2 &= 2 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_{xx} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{xx} dx \equiv F_1 + F_2 + F_3. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |F_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |F_3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_{26}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |L_{26}^2| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 (|v|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2, \\ |L_{26}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Collecting all estimates for  $L_2$  we have

$$(3.65) \quad \begin{aligned} |L_2| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + \frac{c}{\varepsilon} \|\eta\|_2^2 [|v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + (|v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_3^2) |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2 \\ &\quad + (|v|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 + (|v_x|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi_x|_2^2) |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we collect all estimates for the third term on the r.h.s. of (3.60). Using (3.61), (3.62), (3.63) and (3.64) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |H| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (|\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + D_1^2) \\ &\quad + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) + |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |L| &\leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 [\|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ &\quad + |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_3^2 (|v|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) + |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 (|v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

Using that  $v = \nabla \varphi + \text{rot } \psi$  we derive

$$\begin{aligned} |K| &\leq |H| + |L| \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (|\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + D_1^2) \\ &\quad + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ &\quad + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 (D_1^2 + |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ &\quad + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 (|v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

The fourth term on the r.h.s. of (3.60) is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (3.60) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon [ \|f_{g,x}\|_2^2 + |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |f|_3^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 \|f_x\|_2^2 ].$$

Using the above estimates in (3.60) and assuming that  $\varepsilon \leq \nu/2$  we obtain the inequality

$$(3.66) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 \\ &\quad + \|\eta\|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (|\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + D_1^2) \\ &\quad + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 (D_1^2 + |v_{,x}|_6^2 \\ &\quad + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) + \|\eta\|_2^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) (|v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2) \\ &\quad + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) \|f\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying, we write (3.66) in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.67) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2 \\
& + \|\eta\|_2^2 (\|\eta\|_2^2 + 1) + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (D_1^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (D_1^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,x}\|_1^2 (D_1^2 + |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) + \|\eta\|_2^2 (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) |v_{,x}|_6^2 \\
& + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) \|f\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.2) twice with respect to  $x$ , multiplying by  $\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.68) \quad & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} [\eta v_{,t}]_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\
& - \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

The first term on the r.h.s. of (3.68) is bounded by

$$(3.69) \quad \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (3.68) is expressed in the form

$$a \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J + K.$$

First we consider  $J$ . We drop  $a$  for simplicity. Then we have

$$J = \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi)_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi)_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2.$$

Consider  $J_1$ ,

$$J_1 = \int_{\Omega} [v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{xx} + 2v_{,x} \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x}] \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_{11} + J_{12} + J_{13}.$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_{11}$  yields

$$J_{11} = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_{,xx} \nabla \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_{11}^1 + J_{11}^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{11}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi|_3^2, \\ |J_{11}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_{13}$  yields

$$J_{12} + J_{13} = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv K_1 + K_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 |v|_3^2, \\ |K_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing,

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1| &\leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 (|\nabla \varphi|_3^2 + |v|_3^2) + c/\varepsilon (|v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 \\ &\quad + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2). \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $J_2$ . We express it in the form

$$J_2 = \int_{\Omega} [v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + 2v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} + v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}] \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_{21} + J_{22} + J_{23}.$$

Integration by parts in  $J_{21}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} J_{21} &= - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} v_{,xx} (\operatorname{rot} \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv J_{21}^1 + J_{21}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{21}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_3^2, \\ |J_{21}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_{22}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} J_{22} + J_{23} &= - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx} dx \\ &\equiv M_1 + M_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx$$

and

$$|M_1| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2.$$

Finally,

$$|M_2| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 |v|_6^2.$$

Summarizing,

$$|J_2| \leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_6^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 (|\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |v|_6^2)].$$

Collecting all estimates for  $J$  we get

$$(3.70) \quad |J| \leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 (|\nabla \varphi|_3^2 + |v|_3^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi + G|_3^2) + (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2) (|v|_6^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_2^2)]$$

Finally, we consider  $K$ . We write it in the form

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \int_{\Omega} [\eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi]_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} [\eta v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi]_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\equiv K_1 + K_2. \end{aligned}$$

Performing differentiations we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \int_{\Omega} [\eta_{xx} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + \eta v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi + \eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xx} + 2\eta_{,x} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi \\ &\quad + 2\eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x} + 2\eta v_{,x} \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x}] \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^6 K_{1i}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate the terms  $K_{1i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_6^2, \\ |K_{12}| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_3^2, \\ |K_{13}| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $K_{14}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} K_{14} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{xx} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_x \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv K_{14}^1 + K_{14}^2 + K_{14}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{14}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_6^2, \\ |K_{14}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |K_{14}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have

$$|K_{15}| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2.$$

Integrating by parts in  $K_{16}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} K_{16} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv K_{16}^1 + K_{16}^2 + K_{16}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{16}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |K_{16}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2, \\ |K_{16}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing, the above estimates yields

$$(3.71) \quad |K_1| \leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [\|\eta\|_2^2 |v|_6^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,x}\|_1^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_3^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2].$$

Finally, we estimate  $K_2$ . Performing differentiations we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_2 &= \int_{\Omega} [\eta_{,xx} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + \eta v_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi + \eta v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} + 2\eta_{,x} v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi \\ &\quad + 2\eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} + 2\eta v_{,x} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x}] \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^6 K_{2i}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we estimate  $K_{2i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ .

$$|K_{21}| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2.$$

To estimate  $K_{22}$  we integrate by parts. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_{22} &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v_{,xx} (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi_{,xx} (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \eta v_{,xx} \cdot (\text{rot } \psi + G) \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \equiv K_{22}^1 + K_{22}^2 + K_{22}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{22}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2, \\ |K_{22}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_3^2, \\ |K_{22}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_3^2 |\text{rot } \psi + G|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $K_{23}$ . Integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} K_{23} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \eta |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx \equiv K_{23}^1 + K_{23}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{23}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |K_{23}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in  $K_{24}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} K_{24} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,xx} v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \text{rot } \psi \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv K_{24}^1 + K_{24}^2 + K_{24}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{24}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,xx}|_2^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_6^2, \\ |K_{24}^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |K_{24}^3| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have

$$|K_{25}| \leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2.$$



Integrating by parts in  $K_{26}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} K_{26} &= -2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_{,x} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv K_{26}^1 + K_{26}^2 + K_{26}^3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{26}^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ K_{26}^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot v |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta \Delta \varphi |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|^2 dx \\ &\equiv D_1 + D_2. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2, \\ |D_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we estimate

$$|K_{26}^3| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_6^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2.$$

Summarizing the estimates we get

$$(3.72) \quad \begin{aligned} |K_2| &\leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 [(|v|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x}\|_1^2 \\ &\quad + (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) (|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

The last term on the r.h.s. of (3.68) is bounded by

$$(3.73) \quad \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (\|f_r\|_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|f\|_1^2).$$

Using estimates (3.69)–(3.73) in (3.68) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we get

$$(3.74) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 &\leq c [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 \\ &\quad + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (|\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + |v|_6^2) \\ &\quad + (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_3^2) (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_1^2) \\ &\quad + \|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^2 (|v|_6^2 + |v_{,xx}|_2^2) + \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,x}\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\ &\quad + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) \|f\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.74) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (3.67) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.75) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 (\|\eta\|_2^2 + 1)] \\
& + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (|\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + |v|_6^2) \\
& + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (|\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_3^2) (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\nabla \varphi_{,x}\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 + \|v_{,x}\|_1^2) + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|\text{rot } \psi_{,x}\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& + \|\eta\|_2^2 (|v|_6^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) |v_{,x}|_6^2 + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) \|f\|_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

First we simplify inequality (3.67)

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.76) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_{11} (\|\eta\|_2) [\|v_t\|_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& \quad + |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_3^2 (D_1^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) + \|\nabla \varphi_x\|_1^2 (D_1^2 + |v_x|_6^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\
& \quad + (D_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) |v_x|_6^2 + \|f\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, simplification of (3.74) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.77) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_2^2 \leq \phi_{12} (\|\eta\|_2) [\|v_t\|_1^2 \\
& \quad + |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_2^2 (|\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + |v|_6^2) + (|\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_3^2 + |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_3^2) (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& \quad + \|\nabla \varphi_x\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + |v_{xx}|_2^2) + \|\text{rot } \psi_x\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& \quad + \|f\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.76) and (3.77) we have the clear version of (3.75)

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.78) \quad & a \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{xxx}|_2^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xx}|_2^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_{13} (\|\eta\|_2) [\|v_t\|_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \\
& \quad + |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_2^2 (|\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + |v|_6^2) + (|\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_3^2 + |\text{rot } \psi_{xx}|_3^2) (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& \quad + \|\nabla \varphi_x\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 + \|v_x\|_1^2) + \|\text{rot } \psi_x\|_1^2 (|v|_6^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2) \\
& \quad + (|v|_6^2 + |\nabla \varphi|_6^2) |v_x|_6^2 + \|f\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$

This inequality implies (3.58).

Integrate (3.78) with respect to time and use Notation 2.9 and the estimates

$|v|_6 \leq D_1$ ,  $\|v_t\|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \leq \bar{D}_2$ . Then (3.78) implies  
(3.79)

$$\begin{aligned}
& a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\
& + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_{13}(\|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}) \left[ \bar{D}_2^2 + \|\eta\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 \right. \\
& + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \left( \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} + D_1^2 \right) + (|\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2) \left( D_1^2 + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \right) \\
& + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \|v_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \left( D_1^2 + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \right) \\
& + |v_x|_{6,2,\Omega^t}^2 \left( D_1^2 + \frac{\chi_0^2}{\nu} \right) + \|f\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \left. \right] \\
& + a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Examining (3.79) we see that there exists a nonlinear increasing positive function  $\phi_{14}$  depending on  $\|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}$ ,  $\frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}$ ,  $D_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 \right) \\
& + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
(3.80) \quad & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_{14} \left( \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, D_1 \right) \left[ \bar{D}_2^2 + \|\eta\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} \right. \\
& + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|v_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& + |v_x|_{6,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|f\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \left. \right] + a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

We have that  $|v_{xx}|_2^2 = |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_2^2$ , because  $\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{xx} dx = 0$  in view of integrating by parts and the periodic boundary conditions. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.81) \quad & \|v_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |v_x|_{6,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq c \|v_x\|_{1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \leq c(|v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + |v_x|_{2,\Omega^t}^2) \leq c|v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + cA_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Next we use the interpolation

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.82) \quad & |v_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \varepsilon |v_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon) |v_x|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\
& \leq \varepsilon |v_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon) A_1^2
\end{aligned}$$

Next we use

$$(3.83) \quad |\nabla \varphi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t} \leq c \|\nabla \varphi_{xx}\|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \leq c \frac{\Psi}{\nu}.$$

Finally, we use the interpolation

$$(3.84) \quad \begin{aligned} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}|_{3,2,\Omega^t}^2 &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon) |\operatorname{rot} \psi_x|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon) |v_x|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(1/\varepsilon) A_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Exploiting (3.81)–(3.84) in (3.80) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we see that there exists function  $\phi_{15}$  such that

$$(3.85) \quad \begin{aligned} &a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(t)|_2^2 \right) + \mu \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xxx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \right) \\ &+ \nu |\Delta \varphi_{xx}|_{2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \phi_{15} \left( \|\eta\|_{2,\infty,\Omega^t}, \|\eta\|_{2,2,\Omega^t}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \right. \\ &\left. A_1, D_1, \bar{D}_2, \|f\|_{1,2,\Omega^t} \right) + a \left( |\nabla \varphi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{xx}(0)|_2^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality implies (3.59). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** From (3.55) and (3.85) we have

$$(3.86) \quad \begin{aligned} &a(\nu |\nabla \varphi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi(t)|_{2,1}^2) + \mu(\nu |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2) \\ &+ \nu^2 |\nabla \varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \phi_{16}(D_1, D_2, \bar{D}_2, A_1, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, |\eta|_{2,1,2,\Omega^t}, |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}) \\ &+ c(1 + |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t}^2) |f|_{1,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + c(\nu |\nabla \varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_{2,1}^2). \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Estimate and Existence

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let Notation 2.10 hold. Let  $\nu > 0$  be given. Assume that  $\eta(0) \in L_\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\eta(0), \nabla \varphi(0), \operatorname{rot} \psi(0) \in \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L_2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$ ,  $f_t \in L_2(\Omega^T)$ ,  $f \in L_6(0, T; L_3(\Omega))$ ,  $f \in L_1(0, T; L_\infty(\Omega))$ ,  $\nu |\nabla \varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 \leq \text{const}$ . Then for sufficiently large  $\nu$  there exists a constant  $A$  depending on all above assumptions such that*

$$(4.1) \quad \chi_1(t) + \chi_2(t) + \Psi(t) \leq A, \quad t \leq T,$$

where  $T$  is proportional to  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* Using (2.92)–(2.96), (3.79) and Notation 2.10 in (3.86) we have

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 + \Psi^2 \leq \phi_{20}(\exp(t^{1/2} \Phi_*) \left( t^{1/2} \frac{\Psi}{\nu} + c_0/\nu \right), \\ &\phi \left( \frac{\Psi}{\nu^\alpha}, \frac{\Psi}{\nu}, \frac{\chi_0}{\sqrt{\nu}}, A_1, A_2 |f|_{1,1,2,\Omega^t} \right) \\ &+ c(\nu |\nabla \varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 + |\operatorname{rot} \psi(0)|_{2,1}^2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

To show (4.1) we take constant  $A$  so large that

$$(4.3) \quad \phi_{20}(\exp(t^{1/2}\Phi_*) \frac{c_0}{\nu}, 0, 0, 0, A_1, A_2, |f|_{1,1,2,\Omega^t}) + c\Phi_0^2(0) < A.$$

Then for  $\nu$  sufficiently large there exists a constant  $A$  such that (see [T, Ch. 1, Sect. 1.3])

$$(4.4) \quad \phi_{20}(\exp(t^{1/2}\Phi_*) \left( t^{1/2} \frac{A}{\nu} + \frac{c_0}{\nu} \right), \phi \left( \frac{A}{\nu^\alpha} \right), \frac{A}{\nu}, \frac{A}{\sqrt{\nu}}, A_1, A_2, |f|_{1,1,2,\Omega^t}) + c\Phi_0^2(0) \leq A.$$

Hence (4.1) holds. This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.1 hold. Then (4.4) implies*

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\nabla\varphi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + \mu |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \nu |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \phi(A) + |\nabla\varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi(0)|_{2,1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.5) and estimates for  $\eta$  (see Lemmas 2.9, 2.10) we have

$$(4.6) \quad |\eta|_{2,1,\infty,\Omega^t} \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \phi(A)$$

where

$$|\eta(0)|_{2,1} \leq c_0/\nu$$

and

$$(4.7) \quad |\nabla\varphi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + \nu |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1,2,\Omega^t}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \phi(A) + |\nabla\varphi(0)|_{2,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi(0)|_{2,1}^2,$$

so quantities  $\eta$  and  $\varphi$  can be made in these norms as small as we want for sufficiently large  $\nu$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.1 hold. Then there exists a solution to problem (1.7)–(1.9) such that  $\psi, \varphi \in L_\infty(0, t; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)) \cap L_2(0, t; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega))$ ,  $t \leq T$  as long as estimate (4.1) holds.*

*Proof.* For  $T$  sufficiently small there exists a solution to problem (1.7)–(1.9) in the above spaces. Having estimate (4.1) for  $t \leq T$  the local solution can be extended in time up to time  $t = T$ . This ends the proof.  $\square$

## 5 Global estimate and existence

In Section 4 we proved long time estimate for solutions to problem (1.7)–(1.9), where the estimate time is proportional to  $\nu$ . Since  $\nu$  is finite we have only finite time estimate. Hence there exist finite time solutions. Therefore, to prove global existence we need additional differential inequality. This is derived in this Section.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Assume that  $\varphi, \psi, \eta$  are solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3). Let the assumptions of Corollary 4.2 hold. Then*

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla\varphi|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot}\psi|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2\varphi|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} |\nabla\text{rot}\psi|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |v,t|_2^2 + |\Delta\varphi|_3^2 |v|_2^2 + |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (3.2) by  $\nabla\varphi$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\varphi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2\varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta\varphi|_2^2 = -a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\varphi dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta v,t \cdot \nabla\varphi dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla\varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} [p_e(a) - p_e(a + \eta)] \nabla\eta \cdot \nabla\varphi dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f \cdot \nabla\varphi dx. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts the first term on the r.h.s. is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_2^2,$$

the second by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |v,t|_2^2$$

the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.2) is expressed in the form

$$-a \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla\varphi dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla\varphi dx \equiv I_1 + I_2.$$

integrating by parts in  $I_1$  yields

$$I_1 = a \int_{\Omega} \Delta\varphi v \cdot \nabla\varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot v \cdot \nabla\nabla\varphi dx \equiv I_{11} + I_{12},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{11}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v|_2^2, \\ |I_{12}| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_6^2 |v|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we examine  $I_2$ . Then we have

$$|I_2| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2.$$

The fourth term on the r.h.s. of (5.2) is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.2) equals

$$I_3 = a \int_{\Omega} f_g \cdot \nabla \varphi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta f \cdot \nabla \varphi dx.$$

Hence

$$|I_3| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_g|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.2) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small yields

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} a \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |v, t|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v|_2^2 \\ &+ |v|_6^2 |v|_3^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |f_g|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (3.2) by  $\text{rot } \psi$  and integrating the result over  $\Omega$  implies

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} \eta v, t \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx - \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} (a + \eta) f \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.4) by

$$\varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |v, t|_2^2.$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (5.4) is expressed in the form

$$-a \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta v \cdot \nabla v \cdot \text{rot } \psi dx \equiv J_1 + J_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2, \\ |J_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.4) takes the form

$$a \int_{\Omega} f_r \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta f \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi dx \equiv J_3.$$

Hence,

$$|J_3| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_r|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.4) and using that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we derive the inequality

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 &\leq c[|\eta|_3^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 \\ &\quad + |f_r|_2^2 + |\eta|_3^2 |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (5.5) by  $1/\nu$ , adding to (5.3) and using that  $|\eta| \leq a/2$  we obtain (5.1). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.** *Assume that  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\eta$  are solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3). Use (3.2) in the form (3.11). Let the assumptions of Corollary 4.2 hold. Then*

$$(5.6) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_2^2 \\ &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta_{,t}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ &\quad + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + |v_{,t}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $t$ , multiply by  $\nabla \varphi_{,t}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{a_0}{a+\eta} \nabla \eta \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta v \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx + \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{a+\eta} (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a+\eta)) \nabla \eta \right]_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} f_{g,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} dx. \end{aligned}$$



The first term on the r.h.s. is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & c \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla \eta_t| |\nabla \varphi_t| + |\eta_t| |\nabla \eta| |\nabla \varphi_t|) dx \\ & \leq \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_2^2 + \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta_t|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

The second term on the r.h.s. of (5.7) equals

$$-\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \text{rot} \psi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx \equiv I_1 + I_2.$$

Using estimates of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  in the proof of Lemma 3.2 we have

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\nabla \text{rot} \psi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla \text{rot} \psi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \text{rot} \psi_t|_2^2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| & \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\nabla^2 \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2) \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

where the last term is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (5.7). Consider the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.7). Repeating the proof of estimate of  $I_3$  in the proof of Lemma 3.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| & \leq \nu \varepsilon \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu c}{\varepsilon} (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_t|_3^2) \\ & \quad + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\Delta \varphi_t|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

where the last term is absorbed by the last term on the l.h.s. of (5.7).

We write the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (5.7) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 & = \int_{\Omega} v_t \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx = - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_t v \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} v_t v \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi v_t \cdot \nabla \varphi_t dx - \int_{\Omega} v v_t \cdot \nabla^2 \varphi_t dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_4| & \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_t|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2 |v|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2) + \varepsilon |\nabla^2 \varphi_t|_2^2 \\ & \quad + c/\varepsilon |v_t|_3^2 |v|_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the fifth term on the r.h.s. of (5.7) by

$$|I_5| \leq c \int_{\Omega} (|\eta_{,t}| |\nabla \eta| + |\eta| |\nabla \eta_t|) |\nabla \varphi_{,t}| dx \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{2,1}^4.$$

Finally, we estimate the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.7) by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_{g,t}|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.7) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we have

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} \|\nabla \varphi_{,t}\|_1^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta_{,t}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 \\ & + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_2^2) + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ & + \|\eta\|_2^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_2^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,t}|_2^2) + |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 |v|_3^2 \\ & + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + |v_{,t}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 \\ & + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_3^2). \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $t$ , multiply by  $\text{rot } \psi_{,t}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_2^2 = -\frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta v \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,t} dx \\ & - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,t} dx - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,t} dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} f_{r,t} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,t} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now we examine the particular terms from the r.h.s. of (5.9). Looking for the estimate of the first term on the r.h.s. of (3.18) we see that the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.9) is estimated by

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\eta|_{2,1}^4 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_2^2) + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ & + \|\eta\|_2^2 (|\text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_3^2)] + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a+\eta} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,t}|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

where we used Corollary 4.2 and the last term is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (5.9).

Looking for the estimate of the second term on the r.h.s. of (3.18) (term  $I_3$ ) we see that the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.9) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_6^2 + \frac{c\nu^2}{\varepsilon} (|\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta_{,t}|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi_t|_2^2).$$

The third term on the r.h.s. of (5.9) equals

$$J = - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v_t + v_t \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2.$$

First we examine  $J_1$ . We write it in the form

$$J_1 = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \varphi_{,t} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx \equiv J_{11} + J_{12},$$

where

$$J_{11} = - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|^2 dx$$

so

$$|J_{11}| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_2^2.$$

Integrating by parts in  $J_{12}$  yields

$$J_{12} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,t} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx$$

so

$$|J_{12}| \leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_6^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_3^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,t}|_2^2.$$

Next, we examine  $J_2$ . Integration by parts implies

$$J_2 = \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi_{,t} v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx + \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} v \cdot \nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t} dx.$$

Hence, we have

$$|J_2| \leq \varepsilon \|\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}\|_1^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2 |v|_3^2 + |v_{,t}|_3^2 |v|_6^2).$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.9) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,t}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_{r,t}|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.9) and using that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we derive the inequality

$$(5.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2 &\leq c[|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + 1) |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 \\ &+ (|\eta|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) |\operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_3^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + |\nabla \eta|_3^2 |\Delta \varphi, t|_2^2 + |\nabla v|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi, t|_3^2 \\ &+ |v, t|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu^2 [|\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + 1) |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\Delta \varphi, t|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (5.10) by  $1/\nu$ , adding to (5.8) and using that  $c(\|\eta\|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) < \frac{\mu}{a}$  in view of Corollary 4.2 we obtain the inequality

$$(5.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi, t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi, t|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi, t|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2 \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta, t|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \\ + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |v_t|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we used that  $c\|\eta\|_2^2 < 1$ ,  $c\|v(t)\|_1^2 < c^2$ . Then (5.11) implies inequality (5.6). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 5.1.** From (5.1) and (5.6) under the restrictions

$$c\|v(t)\|_1^2 < c^2, \quad c(\|\eta\|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) < \frac{\mu}{a}, \quad c\|\eta\|_2^2 < 1$$

which holds in view of Corollary 4.2 we obtain the inequality

$$(5.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi, t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2 \right) \\ + \frac{\mu}{a} (|\nabla^2 \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla^2 \varphi, t|_2^2) + \frac{\nu}{a} (|\Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\Delta \varphi, t|_2^2) \\ + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_2^2 + |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi, t|_2^2) \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} \left[ |\eta|_3^2 |v, t|_2^2 + |\eta|_2^2 + |\eta_t|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2 (|\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2) \right. \\ \left. + |\Delta \varphi|_3^2 |v, t|_2^2 + |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |v, t|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |f|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2 \right] \\ + c\nu |\eta|_{2,1}^2 |\Delta \varphi|_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.3.** *Assume that  $\varphi, \psi, \eta$  are solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3). Let the assumptions of Corollary 4.2 hold. Then*

$$(5.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi, x|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi, x|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi, x|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi, x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi, x|_2^2 \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_\infty^2 |v, t|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 + |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.2) with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\nabla\varphi_x$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we get

$$(5.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\varphi_x|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2\varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta\varphi_x|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} (\eta v_t)_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_x dx \\ &- a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla\eta_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,x} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,x} dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} [(p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta))\nabla\eta]_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,x} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,x} \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

After integration by parts in the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.14) we bound it by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2,$$

the second term is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla\eta|_2^2.$$

After integration by parts the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.14) is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2$$

and the fourth term by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla\eta|_2^2.$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.14) equals

$$I_1 = -a \int_{\Omega} f_g \cdot \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} \eta f \nabla\varphi_{,xx} dx$$

which is estimated by

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|f_g|_2^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |f|_2^2).$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.14) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we obtain the inequality

$$(5.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2\varphi_x|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta\varphi_x|_2^2 &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_t|_2^2 + |\nabla\eta|_2^2 \\ &+ |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla\eta|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.2) with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\text{rot } \psi_{,x}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we derive

$$(5.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} (\eta v_{,t})_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,x} dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,x} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts in the terms from the r.h.s. of the above inequality we obtain

$$(5.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 &\leq c[|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \\ &+ (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (5.17) by  $1/\nu$  and adding to (5.16) yields

$$(5.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 \right) &+ \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,x}|_2^2 \\ &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 + (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |\nabla \eta|_2^2 \\ &+ (1 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2) |f|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using that  $|\eta|_{\infty} \leq a/2$  the above inequality implies (5.13). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 5.2.** We use the restriction introduced in Remark 5.1. Then (5.12) and (5.13) imply the inequality

$$(5.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\nabla \varphi\|_1^2 + |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} \|\text{rot } \psi\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_2^2 \right) \\ + \frac{\mu}{a} (\|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_{,t}\|_1^2) + \frac{\nu}{a} (\|\Delta \varphi\|_1^2 + |\Delta \varphi_{,t}|_2^2) \\ + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} (\|\text{rot } \psi\|_2^2 + |\text{rot } \psi_{,t}|_2^2) \\ \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,t}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{1,1}^2 + |v|_3^2 |\nabla v|_2^2 + |v_{,t}|_3^2 |v|_6^2 + |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \\ + |f|_2^2 + |f_t|_2^2]. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.4.** Assume that  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\eta$  are solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3) and

Corollary 4.2 holds. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.20) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\
& \leq \nu \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon} (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) + \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 \\
& \quad + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|v\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2 + |f_t|_2^2] + c\nu \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiate (3.11) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , multiply by  $\nabla \varphi_{,xt}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.21) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{a_0}{a + \eta} \nabla \eta \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \nabla \Delta \varphi \right)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{a + \eta} (p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta \right]_{,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\Omega} f_{g,xt} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we examine the particular terms from the r.h.s. of (5.21). We repeat the proof of Lemma 3.4. Let  $I_1$  be the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.21). Integrating by parts we estimate it by

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (\|\eta_t\|_4^2 |\nabla \eta|_4^2 + |\nabla \eta_t|_2^2).$$

Let  $I_2$  be the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.21). In view of Corollary 4.2 we can assume that  $\|\eta\|_2 \leq 1$ . Then from the proof of Lemma 3.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_2| & \leq \varepsilon (|\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_{,xt}\|_1^2) + c/\varepsilon (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_{,xt}\|_3^2 \\
& \quad + |\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last term is absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. of (5.21). Let  $I_3$  be the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.21). Then, from the proof of Lemma 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_3| & \leq \nu \varepsilon (|\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2) + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon} (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) \\
& \quad + \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|^2 dx,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last term is absorbed by the third term on the l.h.s. of (5.21) and Corollary 4.2 is used.

Consider the fourth term on the r.h.s. of (5.21). We can express it in the form

$$I_4 = - \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xt} dx - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxt} dx \equiv I_4^1 + I_4^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_4^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,t}|_6^2 |v_{,x}|_3^2, \\ |I_4^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

The fifth term on the l.h.s. of (5.21) is estimated by

$$|I_5| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{2,1}^4 (1 + |\eta|_{2,1}^2).$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.21) is bounded by

$$|I_6| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_{,t}|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.21), assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small and that  $|\eta|_{2,1} \leq 1$  in view of Corollary 4.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (5.22) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [|\eta_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4] \\ & + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 (|v_{,xt}|_3^2 + \|\varphi_{,xt}\|_1^2) \\ & + \|v\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2 + |f_{,t}|_2^2 + \nu \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon} (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 \\ & + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (3.13) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , multiply the result by  $\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5.23) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 = - \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta v \right)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\ & - \frac{\nu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} \Delta \nabla \varphi \right)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx + \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} f_{,xt} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xt} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $I_1$  be the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.23). Repeating the proof of estimate of  $I_1$  from the proof of Lemma 3.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon (|\text{rot } \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2) + c/\varepsilon (|\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2) \\ & + \frac{\mu}{a} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\eta}{a + \eta} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$



where the last term is absorbed by the last term on the l.h.s. of (5.23).

Let  $I_2$  be the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.23). Then from the proof of Lemma 3.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + \frac{c\nu^2}{\varepsilon} |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \nabla \varphi|_3^2 + \varepsilon_1 \nu^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 \\ &\quad + c/\varepsilon_1 \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we examine the third term on the r.h.s. of (5.23). We express it in the form

$$I_3 = - \int_{\Omega} v_{,t} \cdot \nabla v \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt} dx - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla v_{,t} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt} dx \equiv I_3^1 + I_3^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3^1| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v_{,t}|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2, \\ |I_3^2| &\leq \varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |v|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xt}|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.23) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |f_t|_2^2.$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.23) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we derive the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} (5.24) \quad &\frac{d}{dt} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 \\ &\quad + \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2) + \varepsilon_1 \nu^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xxt}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon_1 \|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + c\nu^2 |\eta_t|_6^2 |\Delta \nabla \varphi|_2^2 \\ &\quad + c \|v_t\|_1^2 \|v\|_2^2 + c |f_t|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (5.24) by  $1/\nu$ , adding to (5.22) and choosing  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon_1$  small we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (5.25) \quad &\frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu}{a\nu} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 \leq \nu \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{c\nu}{\varepsilon} (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{c}{\nu} \left[ |\eta_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\eta|_{2,1}^4 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |v_{,xt}|_3^2 + |f_t|_2^2 \right] \\ &\quad + c\nu \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

where terms  $\|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla \varphi_{,xt}|_1^2$ ,  $\|\eta\|_2^4 |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xt}|_2^2$  are absorbed by the l.h.s. terms in view of Corollary 4.2. Hence we derive (5.20) from (5.25). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.5.** *Assume that  $\varphi, \psi, \eta$  are solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3). Let the assumptions of Corollary 4.2 hold. Then*

$$(5.26) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} |\nabla \operatorname{rot} \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \\ & \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2 + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) \|v\|_2^4 + \|f\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Differentiating (3.2) twice with respect to  $x$ , multiplying by  $\nabla \varphi_{,xx}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$(5.27) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \mu |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} [\eta v_{,t}]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ & - a_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx - \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} [(p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,xx} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xx} dx. \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the r.h.s. of (5.27) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_{,t}\|_1^2,$$

the second by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla \eta_{,x}|_2^2.$$

We write the third term in the form

$$a \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxx} dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x} \cdot \nabla \varphi_{,xxx} dx \equiv I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|v_{,x}|_3^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| & \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,x}|_3^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,x}|_3^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 \\ & + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |v|_{\infty}^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

The fourth term is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^4.$$

Finally, the last term is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\nabla \varphi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon [|f_{g,x}|_2^2 + |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |f|_3^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |f_{,x}|_2^2].$$

Utilizing the estimates in (5.27) yields

$$(5.28) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla^2 \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\Delta \varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 &\leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 \\ &+ \|\eta\|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^4 + |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_\infty^2 |v_{,x}|_3^2 + (1 + |\eta|_\infty^2) (|v_{,x}|_3^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v|_\infty^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2) \\ &+ \|f\|_1^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.2) twice with respect to  $x$ , multiplying by  $\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  implies

$$(5.29) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} [\eta v_{,t}]_{,xx} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \\ &- \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,xx} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx + \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,xx} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xx} dx \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the r.h.s. is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2$$

We express the second term on the r.h.s. of (5.29) in the form

$$a \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxx} dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x} \cdot \text{rot } \psi_{,xxx} dx \equiv J_1 + J_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|v_{,x}|_3^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |v|_\infty^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2), \\ |J_2| &\leq \varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |v|_6^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 |v_{,x}|_3^2 |v_{,x}|_6^2 \\ &+ |\eta|_\infty^2 |v|_\infty^2 |v_{,xx}|_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.29) is estimated by

$$\varepsilon |\text{rot } \psi_{,xxx}|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|f_{,r,x}|_2^2 + |\eta_{,x}|_6^2 |f|_3^2 + |\eta|_\infty^2 |f_{,x}|_2^2).$$

Utilizing the estimates in (5.29) and choosing that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small we have

$$(5.30) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla \text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \leq c [\|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 + \|v\|_2^4 (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) + \|f\|_1^2].$$

Multiply (5.30) by  $1/\nu$  and add to (5.28). Then we obtain (5.26). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\eta$  be solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3). Let the assumptions of Corollary 4.2 hold. Assume that there exists such time  $T$  that*

$$(5.31) \quad -\frac{\mu}{a}T + c \int_0^T \|v(t)\|_2^2 dt < 0.$$

*Assume that there exists such relation between  $T$ ,  $\int_0^T \|v(t)\|_2^2 dt$ ,  $\eta(t)$ ,  $f(t)$ ,  $|\nabla\varphi(0)|_{2,1} + \frac{1}{\nu}|\text{rot}\psi(0)|_{2,1}$  that*

$$(5.32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \exp\left(c \int_0^T \|v(t)\|_2^2 dt\right) \frac{c}{\nu} \int_0^T (|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |f|_{2,1}^2) dt \\ & + \exp\left(-\frac{\mu}{a}T + c \int_0^T \|v(t)\|_2^2 dt\right) X^2(0) \leq X^2(0), \end{aligned}$$

*where  $X^2(t) = \nu|\nabla\varphi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + |\text{rot}\psi(t)|_{2,1}^2 + \|\eta(t)\|_2^2$ . Then for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have*

$$(5.33) \quad X^2(kT) \leq X^2(0).$$

*Moreover, assuming that  $|\eta(0)|_{2,1} \leq c_0/\nu$ ,  $\|f_g(t)\|_1^2 \leq f_0^2 e^{-\alpha t}$ ,  $c_0$ ,  $f_0$ ,  $\alpha$  constants there exists a global solution  $(\varphi, \psi, \eta)$  to problem (3.1)–(3.3) such that in any time interval  $[kT, (k+1)T]$  it is a solution described by Corollary 4.2.*

*Proof.* Adding (5.20) and (5.26) we have

$$(5.34) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla\varphi_{,x}|_2^2 + |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\text{rot}\psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu}|\text{rot}\psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \right) \\ & + \frac{\mu}{a} (|\nabla^2\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla^2\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2) + \frac{\nu}{a} (|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\Delta\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2) \\ & + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} (|\nabla\text{rot}\psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla\text{rot}\psi_{,xx}|_2^2) \\ & \leq c\nu (\|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 |\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2) \\ & + c\nu \|\eta_t\|_1^2 |\Delta\nabla\varphi|_2^2 + \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_{2,1}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2] |\Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 \\ & + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (\|v\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 + \|v\|_2^4) + \|f\|_1^2 + |f_t|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

In view of Corollary 4.2 we obtain from (5.34) the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.35) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2 \right) \\
& + \frac{\mu}{a} (|\nabla^2\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla^2\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2) + \frac{\nu}{a} (|\Delta\varphi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\Delta\varphi_{,xx}|_2^2) \\
& + \frac{\mu}{\nu a} (|\nabla\text{rot } \psi_{,xt}|_2^2 + |\nabla\text{rot } \psi_{,xx}|_2^2) \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_{2,1}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_1^2 \Delta v|_3^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 + (1 + \|\eta\|_2^2) (\|v\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 \\
& + \|v\|_2^4) + \|f\|_1^2 + |f_t|_2^2].
\end{aligned}$$

From (5.19), (5.35) and Corollary 4.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.36) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left( |\nabla\varphi|_{2,1}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_{2,1}^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{a} |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}^2 + \frac{\nu}{a} |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}^2 + \frac{1}{a\nu} |\text{rot } \psi|_{3,1}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{\nu} [\|\eta\|_{2,1}^2 + \|v\|_2^4 + \|v\|_2^2 \|v_t\|_1^2 + |f|_{1,1}^2].
\end{aligned}$$

Introduce the quantity

$$(5.37) \quad X_1^2 = \nu |\nabla\varphi|_{2,1}^2 + |\text{rot } \psi|_{2,1}^2$$

We also need a similar differential inequality for  $\eta$ . From (3.1) and (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.38) \quad & \nabla\eta_t + a_0 \nabla\eta = -\nabla(v \cdot \nabla\eta) - a \nabla\Delta\varphi - \nabla(\eta\Delta\varphi) - (a + \eta)v_t \\
& + \mu\Delta v + \nu\nabla\Delta\varphi - (a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v + (p_\varrho(a) - p_\varrho(a + \eta))\nabla\eta \\
& + (a + \eta)f.
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (5.38) by  $\nabla\eta$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.39) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\eta|_2^2 + a_0 |\nabla\eta|_2^2 = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla(v \cdot \nabla\eta) \cdot \nabla\eta dx \\
& + \varepsilon |\nabla\eta|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla\varphi_t|_2^2 + |v_t|_2^2 \|\eta\|_{\infty}^2 + |\Delta\nabla\varphi|_2^2 + \nu^2 |\nabla\Delta\varphi|_2^2 \\
& + |v|_6^2 X_1^2 + |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \|\eta\|_{\infty}^2 + |f_g|_2^2 + |f|_2^2 \|\eta\|_{\infty}^2] + c \|\eta\|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla\eta|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

In view of Corollary 4.2  $\|\eta\|_{\infty}$  is bounded and small. Then (5.39) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.40) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla\eta|_2^2 + a_0 |\nabla\eta|_2^2 \leq - \int_{\Omega} \nabla(v \cdot \nabla\eta) \cdot \nabla\eta dx + c [|\nabla\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla\varphi_t|_2^2 \\
& + \nu^2 |\nabla\Delta\varphi|_2^2 + |f_g|_2^2] + c [|v_t|_2^2 + |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 + |f|_2^2] \|\eta\|_2^2 \\
& + c |v|_6^2 X_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Consider the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.40). Performing differentiation it takes the form

$$I = - \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla \nabla \eta \nabla \eta dx - \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla \eta \nabla \eta dx \equiv I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v \cdot \nabla |\nabla \eta|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \varphi |\nabla \eta|^2 dx.$$

Hence

$$|I_1| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\Delta \varphi|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2.$$

Similarly, we have

$$|I_2| \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\nabla v|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta|_2^2.$$

Employing the estimates in (5.40) and using that  $|v|_2 \leq c$  in view of the energy estimate (see Lemma 2.1) we have

$$(5.41) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \eta|_2^2 + a_0 |\nabla \eta|_2^2 &\leq c[|\nabla v|_{\infty}^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_{\infty}^2 + |v_t|_2^2 + |v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \\ &+ |f|_2^2] \|\eta\|_2^2 + c[|\nabla \Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |\nabla \varphi_t|_2^2 + \nu^2 |\nabla \Delta \varphi|_2^2 + |f_g|_2^2] + c|v|_6^2 X_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate (5.38) with respect to  $x$ , multiply by  $\nabla \eta_x$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$(5.42) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + a_0 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 &= - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(v \cdot \nabla \eta))_{,x} \cdot \nabla \eta_x dx \\ &+ c[|\nabla \Delta \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 + \|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + \|v_t\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^2 + \nu^2 |\nabla \Delta \varphi_{,x}|_2^2 \\ &+ |[(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x}|^2] + \int_{\Omega} [(p_{\varrho}(a) - p_{\varrho}(a + \eta)) \nabla \eta]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \eta_x dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)f]_{,x} \cdot \nabla \eta_x dx. \end{aligned}$$

Carrying out differentiations in the first term on the r.h.s. of (5.42) yields

$$I_1 = - \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla \nabla \eta_x + \nabla v \cdot \nabla \eta_x + v_x \cdot \nabla \nabla \eta + \nabla v_x \cdot \nabla \eta) \cdot \nabla \eta_x dx.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon [|\nabla v|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + |v_x|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla^2 \eta|_2^2 + |\nabla v_x|_3^2 |\nabla \eta|_6^2 \\ &+ |\Delta \varphi|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2] \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|\nabla v|_{\infty}^2 + |\nabla v_x|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_{\infty}^2) \|\nabla \eta\|_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the fifth term under the square bracket on the r.h.s. of (5.42). Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= \int_{\Omega} [(a + \eta)v \cdot \nabla v]_{,x}^2 dx \leq a \int_{\Omega} (v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x}^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} (\eta v \cdot \nabla v)_{,x}^2 dx \\
&\leq a \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx + a \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 |\nabla v_x|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\eta_x|^2 |v|^2 |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
&\quad + \int_{\Omega} |\eta|^2 |\nabla v|^4 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\eta|^2 |v|^2 |\nabla v_x|^2 dx \equiv \sum_{i=1}^5 I_{3i}.
\end{aligned}$$

Continuing, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{31} &\leq c |\nabla v|_6^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \leq c \|v\|_2^4 \leq c \|v\|_2^2 X_1^2 \\
I_{32} &\leq c |v|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla v_x|_2^2 \leq c |v|_{\infty}^2 \|v\|_2^2 \leq c |v|_{\infty}^2 X_1^2 \\
I_{33} &\leq c |\eta_x|_6^2 |v|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla v|_3^2 \leq \|\nabla \eta\|_1^2 |v|_{\infty}^2 \|v\|_2^2, \\
I_{34} + I_{35} &\leq |\eta|_{\infty}^2 (\|v\|_2^4 + |v|_{\infty}^2 \|v\|_2^2) \leq c \|v\|_2^4 \|\eta\|_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$I_3 \leq c \|v\|_2^2 X_1^2 + c \|v\|_2^4 \|\eta\|_2^2.$$

The last but one term on the r.h.s. of (5.42) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
I_4 &\leq c \int_{\Omega} |\eta| |\nabla \eta_x|^2 dx + c \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \eta|^2 |\nabla \eta_x| dx \\
&\leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + c |\nabla \eta|_4^4.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the last term on the r.h.s. of (5.42) is estimated by

$$I_5 \leq \varepsilon |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + c/\varepsilon (|f_{g,x}|_2^2 + |\eta_x|_4^2 |f|_4^2 + |\eta|_{\infty}^2 |f_{,x}|_2^2).$$

Employing the above estimates in (5.42) and assuming that  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.43) \quad &\frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + a_0 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 \leq c [|\nabla v|_{\infty}^2 + |\nabla v_x|_3^2 + |\Delta \varphi|_{\infty}^2 + \|v_t\|_1^2 + \|v\|_2^4 \\
&\quad + \|f\|_1^2 \|\eta\|_2^2 + c (\|\nabla \varphi_t\|_1^2 + |\Delta \nabla \varphi_x|_2^2 + \nu^2 \|\Delta \nabla \varphi\|_1^2 + |f_{g,x}|_2^2) \\
&\quad + c \|v\|_2^2 X_1^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where the terms  $|\eta|_{\infty}^2 |\nabla \eta_x|_2^2 + |\nabla \eta|_4^4$  are absorbed by the second term on the l.h.s. in view of Corollary 4.2.

From (5.41) and (5.43) we obtain (where we used that  $\int_{\Omega} \eta dx = 0$ )

$$(5.44) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\eta\|_2^2 + a_0 \|\eta\|_2^2 &\leq c[\|\nabla v\|_{\infty}^2 + |v_{,xx}|_3^2 + |\Delta\varphi|_{\infty}^2 + \|v_t\|_1^2 + \|v\|_2^4 \\ &+ \|f\|_1^2] \|\eta\|_2^2 + c(\|\nabla\varphi_t\|_1^2 + \|\nabla\varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + \nu^2 \|\nabla\varphi_{,xx}\|_1^2 + \|f_g\|_1^2) \\ &+ c\|v\|_2^2 X_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using definition of  $X_1$  (see (5.37)) we write (5.36) in the form

$$(5.45) \quad \frac{d}{dt} X_1^2 + \frac{\mu}{a} X_1^2 + \nu^2 |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}^2 \leq c\|v\|_2^2 X_1^2 + c(|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + |f|_{1,1}^2).$$

Introduce the notation

$$X_2^2 = X_1^2 + \|\eta\|_2^2, \quad a_* = \min \left\{ a_0, \frac{\mu}{a} \right\}.$$

Then (5.44) and (5.45) imply the inequality after appropriate summing

$$(5.46) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} X_2^2 + a_* X_2^2 + \nu^2 |\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}^2 &\leq c(|v|_{3,1}^2 + |\Delta\varphi|_{\infty}^2 + \|v\|_2^4 + \|f\|_1^2) X_2^2 \\ &+ c(|\eta|_{2,1}^2 + \|f_g\|_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} G^2(t) &= |v(t)|_{3,1}^2 + |\Delta\varphi(t)|_{\infty}^2 + \|v(t)\|_2^4 + \|f(t)\|_1^2, \\ K^2(t) &= |\eta|_{2,1}^2 + \|f_g(t)\|_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then (5.46) takes the following form because the integral  $|\nabla\varphi|_{3,1}$  is absorbed by the last term on the l.h.s. of (5.46)

$$(5.47) \quad \frac{d}{dt} X_2^2 + a_* X_2^2 \leq cG^2 X_2^2 + K^2.$$

Integrating (5.47) from 0 to  $t$  we have

$$(5.48) \quad \begin{aligned} X_2^2(t) &\leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^t G^2(t') dt' \right] \int_0^t K^2 dt' \\ &+ \exp \left[ -a_* t + c \int_0^t G^2(t') dt' \right] X_2^2(0). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $t = T$  and assuming that

$$(5.49) \quad -\frac{a_*}{2} T + c \int_0^T G^2(t) dt \leq 0$$



we obtain from (5.48) the inequality

$$(5.50) \quad X_2^2(T) \leq \exp \left[ c \int_0^T G^2(t) dt \right] \int_0^T K^2 dt + \exp \left( -\frac{a_* T}{2} \right) X_2^2(0).$$

Consider (5.50). In view of Corollary 4.2 we have that

$$(5.51) \quad \begin{aligned} X_2^2(T) &\leq \exp(\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 + \Psi^2) \left( \frac{\Psi^2}{\nu^2} + T |\eta(0)|_{2,1}^2 + e^{-\frac{a_*}{2} T} \int_0^T \|f_g(t)\|_1^2 e^{\frac{a_*}{2} t} dt \right) \\ &+ \exp \left( -\frac{a_*}{2} T \right) X_2^2(0). \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that

$$(5.52) \quad |\eta(0)|_{2,1} \leq \frac{c_0}{\nu}, \quad T \leq \nu, \quad \|f_g(t)\|_1^2 \leq f_0^2 e^{-\alpha t}, \quad t \leq T$$

we obtain

$$e^{-\frac{a_*}{2} T} \int_0^T \|f_g(t)\|_1^2 e^{\frac{a_*}{2} t} dt \leq f_0^2 \int_0^T e^{-\alpha t + \frac{a_*}{2} t} dt \leq c f_0^2 e^{-\alpha T}.$$

Therefore, for  $\nu$  sufficiently large we obtain from (5.51) that

$$(5.53) \quad X_2^2(T) \leq c/\nu$$

Since  $X_2^2(T) \geq |v(T)|_{2,1}^2 + |\eta(T)|_{2,1}^2$  we can consider problem (3.1)–(3.3) with small initial data at  $t = T$ . Let  $X = X_2$ .

Hence, in view of [BSZ, Z1, Z2, VZ] we have existence of global regular solutions to (3.1)–(3.3) with small initial data at  $t = T$  described by (5.53).  $\square$

The existence of solutions to problem (3.1)–(3.3) in the time interval  $[T, \infty)$  can be made by the step by step in time approach presented in [Z3].

Therefore, we have

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let the assumptions of Lemma 4.1 hold. Let  $T$  be so large and estimate in Lemma 4.1 so appropriate that (5.49) hold. Assume restrictions (5.52). Assume that  $\nu$  is sufficiently large. Then there exists a global solution to problem (3.1)–(3.3) such that*

$$\eta \in L_\infty(T_1, T_2; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)), \quad \nabla \varphi, \operatorname{rot} \psi \in L_\infty(T_1, T_2; \Gamma_1^2(\Omega)) \cap L_2(T_1, T_2; \Gamma_1^3(\Omega)),$$

where for  $(T_1, T_2) \subset (0, T)$ , the solution is described by Lemma 4.1 and for  $T_1 > T$ , we have that there exists  $T_0 > 0$  that  $(T_1, T_2) = (T + kT_0, T + (k + 1)T_0)$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Remark 5.3.** In view of Lemma 4.1 the constant  $A$  (see (4.1)) may depend on time with a growth less than  $T$ . Then (5.49) may always hold.

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