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## INSTABILITY OF ROTATING FLUID

ABSTRACT. The paper is concerned with the problem of stability of uniformly rotating viscous incompressible self-gravitating liquid bounded by a rotationally symmetric free surface. It is proved that it is unstable, if the second variation of the energy functional is not positive.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The velocity and the pressure of an incompressible fluid uniformly rotating about the  $x_3$ -axis is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}(x) &= \omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{x}) = \omega(-x_2, x_1, 0), \\ P(x) &= \frac{\omega^2}{2}|x'|^2 + p_0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x' = (x_1, x_2, 0)$ ,  $p_0 = \text{const}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$  and  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of rotation. If the fluid is self-gravitating but not capillary, has the unit density, and occupies a bounded domain  $\mathcal{F}$  with a free surface  $\mathcal{G}$ , then the shape of  $\mathcal{G}$  is defined by

$$\frac{\omega^2}{2}|x'|^2 + \kappa\mathcal{U}(x) + p_0 = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{G} = \partial\mathcal{F}. \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$\mathcal{U}(x) = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{dz}{|x-z|}.$$

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The domain  $\mathcal{F}$  filled with rotating liquid is referred to as equilibrium figure. For simplicity we assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is rotationally symmetric with respect to the  $x_3$ -axis. We also assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an oblate spheroid, i.e.,

$$\int_{\mathcal{F}} ((x_1 \cos \varphi + x_2 \sin \varphi)^2 - x_3^2) dx > 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in (-\pi, \pi).$$

The problem of stability of the regime (1.1) of rigid rotation reduces to the analysis of the free boundary problem for the perturbations of the velocity and pressure written in a rotating coordinate system:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_t + (\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{w} + 2\omega(e_3 \times \mathbf{w}) - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{w} + \nabla s &= 0, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} &= 0, \quad x \in \Omega_t, \quad t > 0, \\ T(\mathbf{w}, s) \mathbf{n} &= \left( \frac{\omega^2}{2} |x'|^2 + p_0 + \kappa U(x, t) \right) \mathbf{n}, \\ V_n &= \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad x \in \Gamma_t = \partial \Omega_t, \\ \mathbf{w}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{v}_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega_0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

where  $\Omega_t$  is a domain unknown for  $t > 0$  and given for  $t = 0$ ,  $p_0 = const$ ,  $U$  is the Newtonian potential

$$U = \int_{\Omega_t} |x - z|^{-1} dz,$$

$T(\mathbf{w}, s) = -sI + \nu S(\mathbf{w})$  is the stress tensor,  $S(\mathbf{w}) = \nabla \mathbf{w} + (\nabla \mathbf{w})^T$  is the rate-of-strain tensor and  $V_n$  is the velocity of evolution of the free boundary  $\Gamma_t$  in the direction of the exterior normal  $\mathbf{n}$ . It is assumed that  $\mathbf{w}$  satisfies the orthogonality conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_t} \mathbf{w}(x, t) dx &= 0, \\ \int_{\Omega_t} \mathbf{w}(x, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) dx + \omega \int_{\Omega_t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) dx \\ &= \omega \int_{\mathcal{F}} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) dx, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) = \mathbf{e}_i \times x$ ; moreover,

$$|\Omega_t| = |\mathcal{F}|, \quad \int_{\Omega_t} x_i dx = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (1.5)$$

From the fact that these conditions hold for  $t = 0$  it follows that they are satisfied for every  $t > 0$ .

If the surface  $\Gamma_t$  is close to  $\mathcal{G}$ , then it can be prescribed by the equation

$$x = y + \mathbf{N}(y)\rho(y, t), \quad y \in \mathcal{G}, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $\mathbf{N}$  is the exterior normal to  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\rho$  is a small function. Conditions (1.5) are equivalent to

$$\int_{\mathcal{G}} \varphi(y, \rho) dS = 0, \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} \psi_i(y, \rho) dS = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(y, \rho) &= \rho - \frac{\rho^2}{2}\mathcal{H}(y) + \frac{\rho^3}{3}\mathcal{K}(y), \\ \psi_i(y, \rho) &= \varphi(y, \rho)y_i + N_i(y)\left(\frac{\rho^2}{2} - \frac{\rho^3}{3}\mathcal{H}(y) + \frac{\rho^4}{4}\mathcal{K}(y)\right), \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{K}$  are the doubled mean curvature and the Gaussian curvature of  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively. Finally, the kinematic condition  $V_n = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}$  can be written in terms of  $\rho$  as

$$\rho_t(y, t) = \frac{\mathbf{w}(x, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(x)}{\mathbf{N}(y) \cdot \mathbf{n}(x)}, \quad x = y + \mathbf{N}(y)\rho(y, t). \quad (1.8)$$

The corresponding linear problem has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_t + 2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{v}) - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla p &= 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{F}, \\ T(\mathbf{v}, p)\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}B_0\rho &= 0, \\ \rho_t = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{N}, \quad \rho(x, 0) &= \rho_0(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{G} = \partial\mathcal{F}, \\ \mathbf{v}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{v}_0(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{F}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\rho(x, t)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{G}$ , is an additional unknown function,

$$B_0\rho = b(x)\rho(x, t) - \kappa \int_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\rho(z, t)dS_z}{|x - z|}, \tag{1.10}$$

$$b(x) = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial N} |x'|^2 - \kappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}(x)}{\partial N} \geq b_0 > 0.$$

Equations (1.9) should be supplemented with the orthogonality conditions

$$\int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t)dS = 0, \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t)y_i dS = 0, \tag{1.11}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{v}(x, t)dx = 0, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{v}(x, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x)dx + \omega \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(x, t)\boldsymbol{\eta}_3(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x)dS = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \tag{1.12}$$

obtained by linearization of (1.4), (1.7). It can be easily verified that these conditions hold for arbitrary  $t > 0$ , if they are satisfied at the initial moment  $t = 0$  for  $(\mathbf{v}_0, \rho_0)$ .

Let

$$B\rho = B_0\rho + \frac{\omega^2|x'|^2}{\|x'\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})}^2} \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho|y'|^2 dS.$$

It is proved in [1] that when the quadratic form

$$\int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho B\rho dS = \int_{\mathcal{G}} b(x)\rho^2(x)dS + \frac{\omega^2}{\int_{\mathcal{F}} |z'|^2 dz} \left( \int_{\mathcal{G}} |y'|^2 \rho(y)dS \right)^2 \\ - \kappa \int_{\mathcal{G}} \int_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{\rho(y)\rho(z)}{|y - z|} dS_y dS_z \tag{1.13}$$

is positive definite for arbitrary  $\rho \in L_2(\mathcal{G})$  satisfying (1.11), then the problem (1.3) is uniquely solvable for arbitrary small  $\mathbf{w}_0$  and  $\rho_0$  belonging to some Sobolev spaces and satisfying natural compatibility conditions, and the solution tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . This means stability of rotating liquid. In the general case, only local existence theorem for the problem (1.3) can be obtained (this is done as in [1, Theorem 3.1]).

In the present paper we consider the case when the form (1.13) can take negative values and show that this is the case of instability. We write the problem (1.3) as a nonlinear problem in a given domain  $\mathcal{F}$ . We extend  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\rho$  into  $\mathcal{F}$  and introduce new variables  $y \in \mathcal{F}$  according to the formula

$$x = y + \mathbf{N}^*(y)\rho^*(y, t) \equiv e_\rho(y), \quad y \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (1.14)$$

where  $\mathbf{N}^*$  and  $\rho^*$  are extensions of  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\rho$  into  $\mathcal{F}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(y, \rho)$  the Jacobi matrix of the transformation (1.14) and set  $L = \det \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}} = L\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ . Under this transformation, the equations (1.3) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{u} - \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^* \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \\ + 2\omega(e_3 \times \mathbf{u}) - \nu \widetilde{\nabla} \cdot \widetilde{\nabla} \mathbf{u} + \widetilde{\nabla} q = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{L}} \mathbf{u} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

$$\widetilde{T}(\mathbf{u}, q) \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n} \left( \frac{\omega^2}{2} |x'|^2 + \kappa U(x, t) + p_0 \right) \Big|_{x=e_\rho(y)} \equiv M \mathbf{n},$$

$$\rho_t(y, t) = \frac{\mathbf{u}(y, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(e_\rho)}{\mathbf{N}(y) \cdot \mathbf{n}(e_\rho)}, \quad y \in \mathcal{G},$$

$$\rho(y, 0) = \rho_0(y), \quad y \in \mathcal{G}, \quad \mathbf{u}(y, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(y), \quad y \in \mathcal{F},$$

where  $\mathbf{u}(y, t) = \mathbf{w}(e_\rho(y), t)$ ,  $q(y, t) = s(e_\rho(y), t)$ ,  $\widetilde{\nabla} = \mathcal{L}^{-T} \nabla$ , ( $\mathcal{L}^{-T}$  is the transposed matrix  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ ),  $\nabla = \nabla_y$ ,  $\widetilde{T}$  is the transformed stress tensor:

$$\widetilde{T}(\mathbf{u}, q) = -qI + \nu \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}), \quad \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}) = \widetilde{\nabla} \mathbf{u} + (\widetilde{\nabla} \mathbf{u})^T.$$

The surface  $\mathcal{G}_0$  is given by the equation (1.6) with  $\rho = \rho_0$ . The normals  $\mathbf{n}(e_\rho)$  and  $\mathbf{N}(y)$  are connected with each other by

$$\mathbf{n}(e_\rho) = \frac{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N}(y)}{|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N}(y)|}. \quad (1.16)$$

Under the transformation (1.14), conditions (1.4) are converted to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{u}(y, t) L dy = 0, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} L \mathbf{u}(y, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_\rho(y)) dy \\ = -\omega \int_{\mathcal{F}} L \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(e_\rho(y)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_\rho(y)) dy + \omega \int_{\mathcal{F}} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dy, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \end{aligned} \quad (1.17)$$

**Theorem 1.1.** *Assume that the form (1.13) can take negative values for some  $\rho$  satisfying (1.11). Then there exist a number  $\epsilon > 0$  and arbitrarily small initial data  $\mathbf{u}_0 \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $\rho_0 \in W_2^{l+2}(\mathcal{G})$ ,  $l \in (1, 3/2)$ , satisfying the compatibility conditions*

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(y, \rho_0) \mathbf{u}_0(y) &= 0, \quad y \in \mathcal{F}, \\ \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}_0) \mathbf{n}_0 - \mathbf{n}_0(\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}_0) \mathbf{n}_0)|_{\mathcal{G}} &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.18}$$

( $\mathbf{n}_0$  is the normal to  $\Gamma_0$ ) such that

$$\|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+2}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{u}(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \geq \epsilon \tag{1.19}$$

for a certain  $t > 0$ .

By (1.19), the zero solution of (1.15) is unstable.

By  $W_2^l(\Omega)$  we mean a standard Sobolev–Slobodetskii space denoted often by  $H^l(\Omega)$ ,

$$W_2^{l,l/2}(Q_T) = L_2((0, T), W_2^l(\Omega)) \cap W_2^{l/2}((0, T), L_2(\Omega))$$

is an anisotropic space of functions depending on  $x \in \Omega$  and  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $\Omega$  is a domain in  $R^n$  or a manifold. We also use the spaces  $W_2^{l,0}(Q_T) = L_2((0, T), W_2^l(\Omega))$  and  $W_2^{0,l/2}(Q_T) = W_2^{l/2}((0, T), L_2(\Omega))$ , equipped with standard norms.

The result close to Theorem 1.1 has been announced (without complete proofs) in the paper [2] for the Hölder spaces of functions. In this connection we note that the stability of uniformly rotating self-gravitating liquid is established in [1] in the weighted Sobolev spaces  $W_2^{2+l,1+l/2}(Q_\infty)$  for  $l \in (1, 3/2)$ , but the result is valid for  $l \in (1, 5/2)$ .

The case of a capillary liquid is studied in [3, 4].

## 2. AUXILIARY PROPOSITIONS

The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the analysis of a linear problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_t + 2\omega(e_3 \times \mathbf{v}) - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f}(x, t), \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = f(x, t) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(x, t), \quad x &\in \mathcal{F}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}, p) \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N} B_0 \left( \int_0^t \mathbf{v}(x, \tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}(x, \tau) d\tau \right) = \mathbf{d}(x, t), \quad x \in \mathcal{G} = \partial \mathcal{F},$$

$$\mathbf{v}(x, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $l \in [0, 5/2)$ ,  $Q_T = \mathcal{F} \times (0, T)$ ,  $G_T = \mathcal{G} \times (0, T)$ ,  $T < \infty$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \in W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $f \in W_2^{l+1, 0}(Q_T)$ ,  $\mathbf{F} \in W_2^{0, 1+l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_0 \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $\mathbf{d} \in W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)$ . Assume also that  $\mathbf{a}(\cdot, t) \in W_2^{l+1/2}(\mathcal{G})$ ,  $\forall t < T$ , and that the compatibility conditions*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0(x) = f(x, 0), \quad x \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} S(\mathbf{v}_0) \mathbf{N}|_{\mathcal{G}} = \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{d}|_{t=0} \quad (2.2)$$

are satisfied, where  $\Pi_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{d})$ . Then the problem (2.1) has a unique solution  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  such that  $\mathbf{v} \in W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $\nabla p \in W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $p|_{x \in \mathcal{G}} \in W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)$ , and the solution satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla p\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|p\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ & \leq c(T) \left( \|\mathbf{f}\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|f\|_{W_2^{l+1, 0}(Q_T)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \|\mathbf{F}\|_{W_2^{0, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\mathbf{d}\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} + \|\mathbf{v}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

This problem differs from the second (Neumann) initial-boundary value problem for the evolution Stokes system by the presence of two lower order terms,  $2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{v})$  and  $B_0(\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau)$ . They can be estimated by the interpolation inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{v})\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_t)} \leq \delta \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_t)} + c(\delta) \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L_2(Q_t)} \\ & \leq 2\delta \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_t)} + c'(\delta) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{v}(\cdot, \tau)\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_\tau)} d\tau, \\ & \|B_0(\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau)\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_t)} \\ & \leq \delta_1 \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l+1/2}(\Omega_t)} + c(\delta_1) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_\tau)} d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t \leq T$  and  $\delta, \delta_1$  are arbitrarily small positive constants. The first inequality is obvious and the second follows from the boundedness of the

integral operator  $B_0$  and from the estimate of the product of two functions. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|B_0(\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau)\|_{W_2^{t+1/2,0}(G_t)} &\leq c \|\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau\|_{W_2^{t+1/2,0}(G_t)} \\ &\leq c(T) \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{t+1/2,0}(G_t)} \sup_{\tau < t} \|\mathbf{a}\|_{W_2^{t+1/2}(\mathcal{G})}, \\ \|B_0(\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau)\|_{W_2^{0,t/2+1/4}(G_t)} &\leq c \|\int_0^t \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau\|_{W_2^{0,1}(G_t)} \\ &\leq c(T) \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L_2(G_t)} \sup_{\tau < t} \|\mathbf{a}\|_{W_2^{t+1/2}(\mathcal{G})}. \end{aligned}$$

These inequalities allow us to solve the problem (2.1) by successive approximations, using the estimate (2.3) for the solution of the Neumann problem (see [5, 6]).

We also need to consider a spectral problem

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \mathbf{v} + 2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{v}) - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla p &= 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{F}, \\ T(\mathbf{v}, p)\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}B_0\rho &= 0, \quad \lambda\rho = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{N}, \quad x \in \mathcal{G} = \partial\mathcal{F}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y) dS = 0, \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y) y_i dS = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{v}(x) dx = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{v}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) dx + \omega \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(x, t) \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(x) dS &= 0, \\ i = 1, 2, 3. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

This problem may be written in an abstract form [4, 7]:

$$\lambda\phi = A\phi, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\phi = (\mathbf{v}, \rho)^T$ ,  $A = (A_{ij})_{i,j=1,2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}\mathbf{v} &= \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \nabla r_1 - 2\omega P_J(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{v}), \quad A_{12}\rho = -\nabla r_2, \\ A_{21}\mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{N}, \quad A_{22}\rho = 0, \\ \nabla^2 r_1 &= 0, \quad \nabla^2 r_2 = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{F}, \\ r_1 &= 2\nu \mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{N}, \quad r_2 = B_0\rho, \quad x \in \mathcal{G}, \end{aligned}$$



and  $P_J$  is a projection on the space of solenoidal vector fields in  $L_2(\mathcal{F})$ . As the domain of  $A$ ,  $D(A)$ , we take the set  $(\mathbf{v}, \rho)$  with  $\mathbf{v} \in W_2^2(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\rho \in W_2^{1/2}(\mathcal{G})$ , satisfying (2.5), (2.6), the equation  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$  and the boundary condition

$$S(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{N})|_{\mathcal{G}} = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

If  $\psi = (\mathbf{v}, \rho)^T \in D(A)$ , then the element  $(\mathbf{f}, g)^T = A\psi$  satisfies the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{G}} g dS = 0, \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} g x_i dS = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{f}(x) dx = 0, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{f}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_j(x) dx + \omega \int_{\mathcal{G}} g(x) \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_j(x) dS = 0, \\ j = 1, 2, 3. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *The spectrum of  $A$  consists of a countable number of eigenvalues located in the sector  $\Sigma_{\kappa, d} = \{\operatorname{Re} \lambda + |\kappa| \operatorname{Im} \lambda \leq d, d \gg 1\}$  with the accumulation points  $\lambda = \infty$  and  $\lambda = 0$ . If the form (1.13) takes negative values for some  $\rho$  satisfying (2.5), then the spectrum of  $A$  has a finite number of eigenvalues with positive real parts.*

The sketch of the proof of this proposition is given in [7]; see also [8].

The homogeneous problem (1.9), (1.11), (1.12) is equivalent to

$$\phi_t = A\phi, \quad \phi|_{t=0} = \phi_0 = (\mathbf{v}_0, \rho_0)^T.$$

We consider the resolving operator  $Z = e^{TA}$  of this problem calculated at a certain fixed sufficiently large value of time  $T$ . This operator is defined in the space  $X$  of the elements  $\phi = (\mathbf{v}, \rho)^T \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F}) \times W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})$  satisfying (1.11), (1.12), (2.8) and the equation  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ . Since  $\rho(x, t) = \rho_0(x) + \int_0^t \mathbf{v}(x, \tau) \cdot \mathbf{N}(x, \tau) d\tau$ , this problem can be also written in the form (2.1) with  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{N}$ . By (2.3),

$$\|Z\phi_0\|_X \leq c(T)\|\phi_0\|_X,$$

where

$$\|\phi_0\|_X = \|\mathbf{v}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})}.$$

If  $A$  has a finite number of eigenvalues  $\lambda$  with a positive real part, then  $Z$  has a finite number of eigenvalues  $\mu$  with  $|\mu| > 1$ , and the remaining eigenvalues satisfy the inequality  $|\mu| \leq 1$ . We denote these parts of the spectrum of  $Z$  by  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , respectively. By the Riesz formula,  $Z = Z_1 + Z_2$ , where

$$Z_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_k} \mu(\mu I - Z)^{-1} d\mu, \quad k = 1, 2,$$

and  $\gamma_k$  are non-intersecting contours enclosing  $\sigma_k$ . To this decomposition of  $Z$  corresponds the decomposition of  $X$ :  $X = X_1 + X_2$ ; the operators

$$P_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_k} (\mu I - Z)^{-1} d\mu$$

are projections on  $X_k$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 P_2 = P_2 P_1 = 0, \quad P_k^2 = P_k, \\ Z_k = Z_k P = P_k Z, \quad Z_1 Z_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $T$  is large enough, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Z_1 \psi\|_X &\geq b_1 \|\psi\|_X, \quad \forall \psi \in X_1, \\ \|Z_2 \psi\|_X &\leq b_2 \|\psi\|_X, \quad \forall \psi \in X_2, \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

with  $b_1 > b_2, b_1 > 1$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Now we turn to the nonlinear problem (1.15) that will be written in a slightly different equivalent form. In view of (1.2),

$$\begin{aligned} M &\equiv \left( \frac{\omega^2}{2} |x'|^2 + \kappa U(x, t) + p_0 \right) \Big|_{x=e_\rho(y)} \\ &= \frac{\omega^2}{2} (|e'_\rho(y)|^2 - |y'|^2) + \kappa(U(e_\rho, t) - \mathcal{U}(y)). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Taking the first variation of the right hand side with respect to  $\rho$  we obtain

$$M = -B_0(\rho) + B_1(\rho),$$

where  $B_0$  is a linear integral operator defined in (1.10) and  $B_1$  is a non-linear part of  $M$ :

$$B_1(\rho) = \frac{\omega^2}{2} |\mathbf{N}'(y)|^2 \rho^2 + \kappa \int_0^1 (1-s) \frac{\partial^2 U_s}{\partial s^2} ds, \quad (3.2)$$

$$U_s(y, t) = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{L_s(\zeta) d\zeta}{|e_{s\rho}(y) - e_{s\rho}(\zeta)|},$$

$L_s(y) = L(y, s\rho)$  is the Jacobian of the transformation  $x = e_{s\rho}(y)$ . It is shown in [1] that

$$\frac{\partial^2 U_s}{\partial s^2} = V_{1s}(\rho) + V_{2s}(\rho) - \mathbf{W}_{1s} \cdot \mathbf{N}(y)\rho - \mathbf{W}_{2s}(y) \cdot \mathbf{N}(y)\rho, \quad (3.3)$$

and  $V_{is}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_{is}$  are single layer and volume potentials:

$$V_{1s}(\rho) = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) \frac{\partial \Lambda(y, s\rho)}{\partial s} \frac{dS_y}{|e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)|},$$

$$V_{2s}(\rho) = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) \Lambda(y, s\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \frac{1}{|e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)|} dS_y, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{1s} = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{\partial \Lambda(y, s\rho^*)}{\partial s} \frac{e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)}{|e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)|^3} dy,$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{2s} = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \Lambda(y, s\rho^*) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \frac{e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)}{|e_{s\rho}(z) - e_{s\rho}(y)|^3} dy.$$

When we take account of (3.1) and write the dynamic boundary condition  $\tilde{T}\mathbf{n} = M\mathbf{n}$  for the tangential and normal components separately, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t + 2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{u}) - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla q &= \mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}, q) - (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= l_2(\mathbf{u}, \rho), \\ \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} S(\mathbf{u}(y, t)) \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}), \\ -q + \nu \mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{N} + B_0(\rho) &= -B_1(\rho) + l_4(\mathbf{u}), \\ \rho_t &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u}, \\ \mathbf{u}(y, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(y), \quad \rho(y, 0) &= \rho_0(y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{a} &= \frac{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N}(y)}{\mathbf{N} \cdot \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N}} = \frac{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N}(y)}{\Lambda(\rho)}, \quad \Lambda(\rho) = 1 - \rho \mathcal{H}(y) + \rho^2 \mathcal{K}(y), \\
\mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}, q) &= \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^* \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu (\widetilde{\nabla} \cdot \widetilde{\nabla} - \nabla^2) \mathbf{u} + (\nabla - \widetilde{\nabla}) q, \\
l_2(\mathbf{u}) &= (I - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot (I - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}) \mathbf{u}, \\
\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}) &= \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} (\Pi_{\mathcal{G}} S(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{N} - \Pi \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}), \\
l_4(\mathbf{u}) &= \nu (\mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{n} \cdot \widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

We observe that  $l_2(\mathbf{u})$  is representable in the divergence form:  $l_2(\mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u})$  with

$$\mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u}) = (I - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}) \mathbf{u}.$$

By  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi_{\mathcal{G}}$  we mean the projections on the tangent planes to  $\Gamma_t$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively:

$$\Pi \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{f}), \quad \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{f}).$$

The relations (1.4), (1.7) may be written in a similar manner:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) dS &= l(t), \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) y_i dS = l_i(t), \\
\int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{u}(y, t) dy &= \mathbf{m}(t), \\
\int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{u}(y, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dy + \omega \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dS &= M_i(t), \\
i &= 1, 2, 3,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
l(t) &= \int_{\mathcal{G}} (\rho(y, t) - \varphi(y, \rho)) dS, \\
l_i(t) &= \int_{\mathcal{G}} (\rho(y, t) y_i - \psi_i(y, \rho)) dS, \\
m_i(t) &= \int_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{u}(y, t) (I - L) dy, \\
M_i(t) &= \int_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathbf{u}(y, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) - L\mathbf{u}(y, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_\rho(y))) dy \\
&+ \omega \left( \int_{\mathcal{F}} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dy - \int_{\mathcal{F}} L\boldsymbol{\eta}_3(e_\rho(y)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_\rho(y)) dy \right. \\
&\left. + \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho(y, t) \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) dS \right).
\end{aligned}$$

We assume that  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $q$ ,  $\rho$  are defined in an infinite time interval  $t > 0$  and that the inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u}(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+2}(\mathcal{G})} \leq c\epsilon, \quad \forall t > 0 \quad (3.8)$$

holds with a certain small  $\epsilon > 0$ . Our aim is to show that this assumption leads to a contradiction. Before passing to the estimates, we make some assumptions about  $\mathbf{N}^*(z)$  and  $\rho^*(z, t)$ . We assume that  $\mathbf{N}^*(z)$  is sufficiently regular in  $\mathcal{F}$  (this can be achieved, for instance, by setting  $\mathbf{N}^*(z) = \mathbf{N}(y)\zeta(z)$  where  $y \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $z = y + \mathbf{N}(y)\lambda$ ,  $0 < -\lambda < \delta$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , and  $\zeta$  is a smooth cut-off function equal to one near  $\mathcal{G}$  and vanishing for  $|\lambda| > \delta/2$ ). Concerning  $\rho^*$  we assume that  $\rho^* = E\rho$  where  $E$  is a linear extension operator with the following properties:

$$\|\rho^*(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{r+1/2}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\|\rho\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{G})}, \quad r \in (0, l+2]. \quad (3.9)$$

It follows that the time derivatives of  $\rho^*$  satisfy similar inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\rho_t^*(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{r+1/2}(\mathcal{F})} &\leq c\|\rho_t\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{G})}, \quad r \in (0, l+1/2], \\
\|\rho_{tt}^*(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{r+1/2}(\mathcal{F})} &\leq c\|\rho_{tt}\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{G})}, \quad r \in (0, l-1/2].
\end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

At first, we consider  $\mathbf{u}, q, \rho$  in the time interval  $(0, T)$ , where  $T$  is the number chosen in Sec. 2 (hence we assume that inequalities (2.9) are satisfied). Following the scheme used in [3.4], we represent  $\mathbf{u}, q, \rho$  in the form

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{u}'', \quad q = q' + q'', \quad \rho = \rho' + \rho''. \quad (3.11)$$

We define  $\mathbf{u}''(x, 0), \rho''(x, 0)$  by  $l(0), \mathbf{l}(0), \mathbf{m}(0), \mathbf{M}(0), \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_0)$  with the help of the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Given the number  $l$ , the vectors  $\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{M}$  and the functions  $\mathbf{b} \in W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G}), \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0, b \in W_2^l(\mathcal{F})$ , there exist  $\varphi \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $r \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{G}} r(y) dS &= l, \quad \int_{\mathcal{G}} r(y) y_i dS = l_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} \varphi(y) dy &= \mathbf{m}, \\ \int_{\mathcal{F}} \varphi(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dy + \omega \int_{\mathcal{G}} r(y) \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dS &= M_i, \\ \nabla \cdot \varphi(x) &= b(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{F} \\ \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} S(\varphi) \mathbf{N}(x) &= \mathbf{b}(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{G} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\|r\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\varphi\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \\ &\leq c \left( |l| + |\mathbf{l}| + |\mathbf{m}| + |\mathbf{M}| + \|b\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{W^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

The proof coincides word by word with the proof of Proposition 4.4 in [4], where  $\varphi$  and  $r$  are found in the space of functions with Hölder continuous derivatives.

We set  $l = l(0), \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{l}(0), \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}(0), \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(0), b = l_2(\mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_0)$  and we define  $\mathbf{u}_0'', \rho_0''$  by  $\mathbf{u}_0'' = \varphi, \rho_0'' = r$ . The expressions  $l(0), \mathbf{l}(0), \mathbf{m}(0), \mathbf{M}(0), \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_0)$  are at least quadratic in  $\rho_0, \mathbf{u}_0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |l(0)| + |\mathbf{l}(0)| &\leq c \|\rho_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{G})}^2, \\ \|l_2(\mathbf{u}_0)\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} + \|\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_0)\|_{W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} &\leq c \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

(see inequality (4.13) below), finally, from the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{F}} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(e_\rho) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_\rho) L(y) dy - \int_{\mathcal{F}} \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(y) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 ds \int_{\mathcal{G}} \rho \Lambda(y, s\rho) \boldsymbol{\eta}_3(e_{s\rho}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(e_{s\rho}) dS_y \end{aligned}$$

(obtained, in particular, in [9, Sec.2]) it follows that

$$|\mathbf{M}(0)| \leq c \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \|\rho_0^*\|_{W_2^1(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{G})}^2 \right).$$

Collecting the estimates, we obtain

$$\|\rho_0''\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{u}_0''\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c \left( \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \right)^2. \quad (3.14)$$

The differences  $\mathbf{u}'_0 = \mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}_0''$ ,  $\rho'_0 = \rho_0 - \rho_0''$  satisfy the conditions (1.11), (1.12). We define  $(\mathbf{u}', \rho', q')$  as a solution of the linear problem (1.9) with the initial data  $(\mathbf{u}'_0, \rho'_0)$  (as mentioned above, this problem can be written in the form (2.1)). By (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}'\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q'\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|q'\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &+ \sup_{t < T} \|\rho'(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \leq c(T) \left( \|\mathbf{u}'_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho'_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right) \\ &\leq c(T) \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

The functions

$$\mathbf{u}'' = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}', \quad \rho'' = \rho - \rho', \quad q'' = q - q'$$

satisfy the relations

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{u}''_t + 2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{u}'') - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}'' + \nabla q'' \\ &= \mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}'' + \mathbf{u}', q'' + q') - (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{u}''), \\ & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}'' = l_2(\mathbf{u}'' + \mathbf{u}'), \\ & \Pi_{\mathcal{G}} S(\mathbf{u}'') \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}'' + \mathbf{u}'), \\ & -q'' + \nu \mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{u}'') \mathbf{N} + B_0(\rho'') = l_4(\mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{u}'') + B_1(\rho' + \rho''), \\ & \rho''_t = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u}'' + (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{N}) \cdot \mathbf{u}', \\ & \mathbf{u}''(y, 0) = \mathbf{u}''_0(y), \quad \rho''(y, 0) = \rho''_0(y). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Since

$$\rho''(y, t) = \rho_0''(y) + \int_0^t \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u}'' d\tau + \int_0^t (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{N}) \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\tau, \quad (3.17)$$

(3.16) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_t'' + 2\omega(\mathbf{e}_3 \times \mathbf{u}'') - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}'' + \nabla q'' &= \mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{q}) - (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}'' &= l_2(\mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u}), \\ \Pi_G S(\mathbf{u}'') \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}), \\ -q'' + \nu \mathbf{N} \cdot S(\mathbf{u}'') \mathbf{N} + B_0 \left( \int_0^t \mathbf{u}'' \cdot \mathbf{a} d\tau \right) &= -B_0(r) + B_1(\rho) + l_4(\mathbf{u}), \\ \mathbf{u}''(y, 0) &= \mathbf{u}_0''(y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where

$$r(y, t) = \rho_0''(y) + \int_0^t \mathbf{u}' \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{N}) d\tau.$$

For further analysis of the problem (3.18) we need estimates of the expressions (3.6).

**Proposition 3.2..** *If the inequality (3.8) holds for all  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $\epsilon$  is sufficiently small, then*

$$\|\mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}, q)\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} \leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} \right), \quad (3.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|l_2(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{l+1, 0}(Q_T)} \\ &+ \|\mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{0, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} + \|l_4(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &\leq c(T)\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

In addition,

$$\|B_0(r)\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(G)} \right), \quad (3.21)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \|B_1(\rho)\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l+1/4}(\mathcal{G})} &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \sup_{t < T} \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\rho_t\|_{W_2^{1/2, 0}(G_T)} \right) \\ &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \sup_{t < T} \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{1/2, 0}(G_T)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

We estimate  $\mathbf{u}''$  and  $q''$  making use of (2.3) and of Proposition 3.2:

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{u}''\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q''\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|q''\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, 1/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} \right) \\ &+ c(T) \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0''\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|B_0(r)\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} + \|B_1(\rho)\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \right) \\ &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\mathbf{u}''\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q''\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \sup_{t < T} \|\rho''\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The function  $\rho''$  (3.17) satisfies a similar inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\rho''(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right) \\ &\quad + c(T)\|\mathbf{u}''\|_{W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

If  $\epsilon$  is small enough, then the last two estimates imply

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{u}''\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla q''\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|q''\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, 1/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &\leq c(T)\epsilon \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Let  $W$  and  $W'$  be operators making correspond the solutions of (1.15) and (3.18), respectively, to  $\phi_0 = (\mathbf{u}_0, \rho_0)^T$ , and let  $\phi'_0 = (\mathbf{u}'_0, \rho'_0)^T = R\phi_0$ . It is clear that

$$W\phi_0 = ZR\phi_0 + W'\phi_0.$$

We assume that  $\phi_0$  satisfies the condition

$$\|P_1 R\phi_0\|_X \geq 2\|P_2 R\phi_0\|_X, \quad (3.25)$$

and we show that in the case of a small  $\epsilon$   $W\phi_0$  also satisfies (3.25) (cf [10], Sec. 4). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi_0 - R\phi_0\|_X &\leq c\epsilon\|\phi_0\|_X, \\ \|\phi_0\|_X &\leq \|P_1R\phi_0\|_X + \|P_2R\phi_0\|_X + \|\phi_0 - R\phi_0\|_X \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2}\|P_1R\phi_0\|_X + c_1\epsilon\|\phi_0\|_X, \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

and if

$$c_1\epsilon < 1/2,$$

then

$$\|\phi_0\|_X \leq 3\|P_1R\phi_0\|_X. \quad (3.27)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} P_1RW\phi_0 &= P_1(R - I)W\phi_0 + P_1Z_1R\phi_0 + P_1W'\phi_0 \\ &= Z_1P_1R\phi_0 + P_1(R - I)W\phi_0 + P_1W'\phi_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P_2RW\phi_0 = Z_2P_2R\phi_0 + P_2(R - I)W\phi_0 + P_2W'\phi_0,$$

we have, by (3.24)–(3.26), (2.9):

$$\begin{aligned} &\|P_1RW\phi_0\|_X - 2\|P_2RW\phi_0\|_X \\ &\geq \|Z_1P_1R\phi_0\|_X - 2\|Z_2P_2R\phi_0\|_X - c_2\epsilon\|\phi_0\|_X \\ &\geq (b_1 - b_2 - 3c_2\epsilon)\|P_1R\phi_0\|_X \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

if

$$b_1 - b_2 - 3c_2\epsilon > 0.$$

Finally, we estimate  $P_1RW\phi_0 = Z_1P_1R\phi_0 + P_1(R - I)W\phi_0 + P_1RW'\phi_0$  from below, again with the help of (3.24)–(3.26):

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_1RW\phi_0\|_X &\geq \|Z_1P_1R\phi_0\|_X - \|P_1(R - I)W\phi_0\|_X - \|P_1W'\phi_0\|_X \\ &\geq b_1\|P_1R\phi_0\|_X - c_2\epsilon\|\phi_0\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

We assume that

$$b'_1 \equiv b_1 - 3c_2\epsilon > 1,$$

then

$$\|P_1 R W \phi_0\|_X \geq b'_1 \|P_1 R \phi_0\|_X. \quad (3.28)$$

Suppose the solution of (1.15) is defined and satisfies (3.8) for all  $t > 0$ . Then we can repeat the above arguments for the time intervals  $(T, 2T), \dots, (kT, (k+1)T)$ . The constants in all the inequalities, beginning with (3.14), are the same at each step. From (3.28) it follows that

$$\|P_1 R \phi(\cdot, kT)\|_X \geq b'^k \|P_1 R \phi_0\|_X,$$

which contradicts (3.8) for large  $k$ . So inequality (1.19) holds for a certain  $t > 0$ , and Theorem 1 is proved.

#### 4. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.2

By (3.8), (3.9), the elements  $l_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}(\mathbf{N}^* \rho^*)$  of the matrix  $\mathcal{L}$  have finite  $W_2^{l+3/2}(\mathcal{F})$ -norm,  $L = \det \mathcal{L}$  is strictly positive, the norms of  $\widehat{L}_{ij}$  and of the elements  $l^{ij}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  are also bounded,  $\mathbf{a} = (\Lambda(\rho))^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \mathbf{N} \in W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})$  and the inequalities

$$\|\delta_{ij} - l_{ij}\|_{W_2^{l+3/2}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\delta_{ij} - l^{ij}\|_{W_2^{l+3/2}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\epsilon, \quad (4.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{N}\|_{W_2^{l+3/2}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\epsilon. \quad (4.2)$$

are satisfied. Moreover,  $\rho_t = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u} \in W_2^{l+1/2}(\mathcal{G})$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_t \in W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})$ ,  $\rho_{tt} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{a}_t \cdot \mathbf{u} \in W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\rho_t\|_{W_2^{l+1/2}(\mathcal{G})} &\leq c\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\epsilon, \\ \|\mathbf{a}_t\|_{W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} &\leq c\epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\|\rho_{tt}\|_{W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} \leq c\left(\|\mathbf{u}_t\|_{W_2^{l-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{G})}\right).$$

It follows that

$$\|\rho^*\|_{W_2^{5/2-l}(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\epsilon,$$

$$\|\rho_t^*\|_{W_2^{l+3/2}(\mathcal{F})} + \|\mathcal{L}_t\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\epsilon, \quad (4.4)$$

$$\|\rho_{tt}^*\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} + \|\mathcal{L}_{tt}\|_{W_2^{l-1,0}(Q_T)} \leq c\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2,l/2+1}(Q_T)}.$$

In the proof of (3.19), (3.20) we shall use well known inequalities

$$\|fg\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\|f\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})}\|g\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})}, \quad r > 3/2, \quad (4.5)$$

$$\|fg\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\|f\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})}\|g\|_{W_2^{3/2+\delta}(\mathcal{F})}, \quad r \leq 3/2, \quad \delta > 0, \quad (4.6)$$

$$\|fg\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})} \leq c\left(\sup_{\mathcal{F}}|f(x)|\|g\|_{W_2^r(\mathcal{F})} + \|g\|_{L_3(\mathcal{F})}\|f\|_{W_2^{r+1}(\mathcal{F})}\right), \quad (4.7)$$

Let  $\Delta(-h)u(x, t) = u(x, t - h) - u(x, t)$  be a finite difference of  $u(x, t)$  with respect to  $t$ . The integral

$$\left(\int_0^{\min(T,1)} \frac{dh}{h^{1+l}} \int_h^T \|\Delta(-h)u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})}^2 dt\right)^{1/2}$$

is a principal part of the norm  $\|u\|_{W^{0,l/2}(Q_T)}$ . Since

$$\Delta(-h)u(x, t)v(x, t) = v(x, t - h)\Delta(-h)u(x, t) + u(x, t)\Delta(-h)v(x, t),$$

we have, by the Hölder inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta(-h)u(\cdot, t)v(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} &\leq \|v(\cdot, t - h)\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{F})}\|\Delta(-h)u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_{q_1}(\mathcal{F})} \\ &+ \int_0^h \|v_t(\cdot, t - \tau)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{F})}d\tau\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_q(\mathcal{F})}, \quad 1/p + 1/q = 1/p_1 + 1/q_1 = 1/2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Choosing  $q$  so that  $l - 3/2 + 3/q = 0$  and taking  $q_1 = 2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta(-h)u(\cdot, t)v(\cdot, t - h)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} &\leq \sup_{\mathcal{F}}|v(x, t - h)|\|\Delta(-h)u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \\ &+ ch \sup_{\tau \in (0, h)} \|v_t(\cdot, t - \tau)\|_{W_2^{3/2-l}(\mathcal{F})}\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} &\|uv\|_{W_2^{0,l/2}(Q_T)} \\ &\leq c\left(\sup_{Q_T}|v(x, t)|\|u\|_{W_2^{0,l/2}(Q_T)} + \sup_{t < T}\|v_t\|_{W_2^{3/2-l}(\mathcal{F})}\|u\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

We shall often use the inequality

$$\|u\|_{W_2^{l,l/2}(Q_T)} \leq c \left( \|u\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} + \|u_t\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right), \quad (4.11)$$

valid for  $l < 2$ .

Now we pass to the estimates of  $\mathbf{I}_1(\mathbf{u}, q)$  and consider the term  $(\nabla - \tilde{\nabla})q = (I - \mathcal{L}^{-T})\nabla q$ . By (4.1), (4.6), (4.10),

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\nabla - \tilde{\nabla})q\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} &\leq c \sup_{t < T} \|I - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\|_{W_2^{3/2+\delta}(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} \\ &\leq c\epsilon \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)}, \\ \|(\nabla - \tilde{\nabla})q\|_{W_2^{0,l/2}(Q_T)} &\leq c \left( \sup_{t < T} |I - \mathcal{L}^{-1}| + \sup_{t < T} \|\mathcal{L}_t^{-1}\|_{W_2^{3/2-l}(\mathcal{F})} \right) \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l,l/2}(Q_T)} \\ &\leq c\epsilon \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l,l/2}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

Another term in  $\mathbf{I}_1$ ,  $(\tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} - \nabla^2)\mathbf{u}$ , can be represented in the form

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} - \nabla^2)\mathbf{u} &= (\mathcal{L}^{-T} - I)\nabla \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathcal{L}^{-T}\nabla \cdot (\mathcal{L}^{-T} - I)\nabla \mathbf{u} \\ &= (\mathcal{L}^{-T} - I)\nabla \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}(I - \mathcal{L}^{-T}) : (\nabla \otimes \nabla)\mathbf{u} + ((\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}. \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the first two terms in the right hand side exactly as  $(\tilde{\nabla} - \nabla)q$ ; the last term we estimate by (4.7), (4.11). These inequalities imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} &\leq c \left( \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}\|_{L_3(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} \sup_{\mathcal{F}} |\nabla \mathbf{u}(\cdot, t)| \right) \end{aligned}$$

and, as a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} &\leq c \left( \sup_{t < T} \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}\|_{W_2^{1/2}(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1,0}(Q_T)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sup_{t < T} \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla)\mathcal{L}^{-T}\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1,0}(Q_T)} \right) \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2,0}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla) \mathcal{L}^{-T}] \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \\ & \leq \sup_{t < T} \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla) \mathcal{L}^{-T}] \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1}(Q_T)} \\ & + \sup_{t < T} \|(\mathcal{L}^{-T} \cdot \nabla) \mathcal{L}^{-T}\|_{W_2^{5/2-l}(\mathcal{F})} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_t\|_{W_2^{l-1,0}(Q_T)} \leq c\varepsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2,l/2+1}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

The expressions  $\frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^* \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$  and  $(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$  are estimated in a similar manner with the help of (4.4), (4.6):

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^* \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} + \|(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} \\ & \leq c \left( \sup_{t < T} \|\rho_t^*\|_{W_2^{3/2+\delta}(\mathcal{F})} + \sup_{t < T} \|\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{3/2+\delta}(\mathcal{F})} \right) \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)} \\ & \leq c\varepsilon \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l,0}(Q_T)}, \\ & \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^* \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right] \right\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \right\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \\ & \leq c \sup_{Q_T} |\nabla \mathbf{u}(x, t)| \left( \|\rho_{tt}^*\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + \|(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u})_t\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right) \\ & + c \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_t\|_{W_2^{l-1,0}(Q_T)} \left( \sup_{t \leq T} \|\rho_t^*\|_{W_2^{5/2-l}(\mathcal{F})} + \sup_{t \leq T} \|\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{5/2-l}(\mathcal{F})} \right) \\ & \leq c\varepsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2,l/2+1}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (3.19) is proved. We also have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|l_2(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{l+1,0}(Q_T)} + \|\mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u})\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \\ & \leq c \sup_{t < T} \|(I - \mathcal{L}^{-1})\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{F})} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2,0}(Q_T)} \leq c\varepsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+1,0}(Q_T)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|l_2(\mathbf{u}_0)\|_{W_2^l(\mathcal{F})} & \leq c \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_0)} \|\rho_0^*\|_{W_2^{3/2+\delta}(\mathcal{F})} \\ & \leq c \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_0)} \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\mathcal{G})} \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

(this inequality is used in the proof of (3.13).

Now we consider the expression

$$\mathbf{L}_{2t}(\mathbf{u}) = (I - \widehat{\mathcal{L}})\mathbf{u}_t - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_t\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{L}' + \mathbf{L}''.$$

It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{L}_{2t}(\mathbf{u})\|_{L_2(Q_T)} &\leq c \left( \sup_{Q_T} |I - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}| \|\mathbf{u}_t\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sup_{t < T} \|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_t\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{i+1,0}(Q_T)} \right) \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{2+i,1+i/2}(Q_T)}, \end{aligned}$$

and, by (4.9),

$$\left( \int_0^{\min(T,1)} \frac{dh}{h^{1+l}} \int_h^T \|\Delta(-h)\mathbf{L}'\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})}^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{2+i,1+i/2}(Q_T)},$$

finally,

$$\left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{L}'' \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \leq c \left( \|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_t\|_{L_3(\mathcal{F})} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_6(\mathcal{F})} + \|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{tt}\|_{L_2(\mathcal{F})} \sup_{\mathcal{F}} |\mathbf{u}(x, t)| \right),$$

which yields

$$\|\mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{0,i+i/2}(Q_T)} \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{i+2,i/2+1}(Q_T)}.$$

The estimates of  $\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u})$  and  $l_4(\mathbf{u})$  reduce to the estimates of  $(I - \mathcal{L}^{-1})\nabla\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}(e_\rho) - \mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_t(e_\rho)$ . The first difference was in fact considered above in the proof of (3.19). Moreover, we have

$$\|\mathbf{n}(e_\rho) - \mathbf{N}\|_{W_2^{i+1}(\mathcal{G})} + \|\mathbf{n}_t(e_\rho)\|_{W_2^i(\mathcal{G})} \leq c\epsilon,$$

and, as a consequence,

$$\|\widetilde{S}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n} - S(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{N}\|_{W_2^{i+1/2,i/2+1/4}(G_T)} \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{i+2,i/2+1}(Q_T)},$$

$$\|\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{i+1/2,i/2+1/4}(G_T)} + \|l_4(\mathbf{u})\|_{W_2^{i+1/2,i/2+1/4}(G_T)} \leq c\epsilon \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{i+2,i/2+1}(Q_T)},$$

$$\|\mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_0)\|_{W_2^{i-1/2}(\mathcal{G})} \leq c \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{i+1}(\mathcal{F})} \|\rho_0\|_{W_2^{i+1}(\mathcal{G})}. \quad (4.13)$$

Thus, the inequalities (3.20), (3.13) are also proved.

In view of (4.2), (3.14), the inequality (3.21) is evident, and (3.22) follows from the estimates of the potentials (3.4) obtained in [11] (see (3.4)–(3.13)). The proposition 3.2 is proved.

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