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**LOCAL SOLVABILITY OF FREE BOUNDARY PROBLEM  
FOR VISCOUS COMPRESSIBLE AND  
INCOMPRESSIBLE FLUIDS IN THE SPACES**

$W_p^{2+l,1+l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $p > 2$

ABSTRACT. We prove local in time solvability of the free boundary problem for two phase viscous compressible and incompressible fluids in the spaces  $W_p^{2+l,1+l/2}(Q_T)$  with  $p > 2$ ,  $l \in (1/p, 2/p)$ .

§1. INTRODUCTION

The present paper is a continuation of the articles [1,2], where the evolutionary free boundary problem for two phase viscous fluids of different types was studied in the spaces  $W_2^{2+l,1+l/2}$ ,  $l \in (1/2, 1)$ . Our aim is to extend the solvability theorem of this problem to the case  $p > 2$ . The problem has the form

$$\begin{cases} \rho^-(\mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{v}^- + (\mathbf{v}^- \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}^-) - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{v}^-) + \nabla p^- = \rho^- \mathbf{f}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^- = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_t^-, \\ \rho^+(\mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{v}^+ + (\mathbf{v}^+ \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}^+) - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{v}^+) + \nabla p(\rho^+) = \rho^+ \mathbf{f}, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \rho^+ + \nabla \cdot (\rho^+ \mathbf{v}^+) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_t^+, \\ \mathbf{v}^\pm|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0^\pm \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \rho^+|_{t=0} = \rho_0^+ \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \\ \mathbf{v}^+|_\Sigma = 0, \quad [\mathbf{v}]|_{\Gamma_t} = 0, \quad V_n = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\Gamma_t}, \\ (-p(\rho^+) + p^-) \mathbf{n} + [\mathbb{T}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}] = -\sigma H \mathbf{n} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_t. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

It is assumed that the incompressible fluid fills the variable unknown domain  $\Omega_t^-$  that is a strictly interior subdomain of a container  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and the compressible fluid is contained in the domain  $\Omega_t^+ = \Omega \setminus \overline{\Omega_t^-}$  surrounding  $\Omega_t^-$ . The surface  $\Gamma_t = \partial \Omega_t^-$  is a free interface between  $\Omega_t^\pm$ . The unknown functions are the velocities  $\mathbf{v}^\pm(x, t)$ ,  $x \in \Omega_t^\pm$ , the pressure  $p^-(x, t)$  of the incompressible fluid and the density  $\rho^+(x, t)$  of the compressible one, and

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$p(\rho^+)$  is a positive smooth strictly increasing function representing the pressure of the compressible fluid. By  $\mathbb{T}^\pm$  we mean viscous parts of the stress tensors

$$\mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{v}^-) = \mu^- \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{v}^-), \quad \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{v}^+) = \mu^+ \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{v}^+) + \mu_1^+ \mathbb{I} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^+,$$

where  $\mu^\pm > 0$ ,  $\mu_1^+ > -2\mu^+/3$  are constant viscosity coefficients,

$$\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{w}) = (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{w}) + (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{w})^T$$

is the doubled rate-of-strain tensor, the superscript  $T$  means transposition,  $\mathbb{I}$  is the identity matrix,  $\sigma$  is a positive constant coefficient of the surface tension,  $H$  is the doubled mean curvature of  $\Gamma_t$ ,  $V_n$  is the velocity of evolution of  $\Gamma_t$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{n}$ , the exterior normal to  $\Gamma_t$  with respect to  $\Omega_t^-$ ,  $[u]_{\Gamma_t}$  is the jump of the functions  $u^\pm$  given in  $\Omega_t^\pm$  on the surface  $\Gamma_t$ , i.e.,

$$[u]_{\Gamma_t} = u^+|_{\Gamma_t} - u^-|_{\Gamma_t}.$$

We consider Problem (1.1) in the Lagrangian coordinates  $y \in \Omega_0^+ \cup \Gamma_0 \cup \Omega_0^-$  connected with the Eulerian coordinates  $x \in \Omega_t^+ \cup \Gamma_t \cup \Omega_t^-$  by the equation

$$x = y + \int_0^t \mathbf{u}(y, \tau) d\tau \equiv X_{\mathbf{u}}(y, t), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}(y, \tau)$  is the velocity vector field written as a function of the Lagrangian coordinates. We also represent  $\rho^+$  in the form  $\rho^+ = \bar{\rho}^+ + \vartheta^+(x, t)$ , where  $\bar{\rho}^+ = M^+ / |\Omega_t^+|$  is the mean value of  $\rho^+$  and  $M^+ = \int_{\Omega_t^+} \rho^+ dx$  is total

mass of the compressible fluid. It is clear that  $\int_{\Omega_t^+} \vartheta^+(x, t) dx = 0$  and  $|\Omega_t^\pm|$

are independent of  $t$ . In addition, we define  $\vartheta^-(x, t) = p^-(x, t) - p(\bar{\rho}^+)$ ,  $\theta^\pm(y, t) = \vartheta^\pm(X_{\mathbf{u}}(y, t), t)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}(y, t) = \mathbf{f}(X_{\mathbf{u}}(y, t), t)$ . Then Problem (1.1) is converted into

$$\begin{cases} \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}^- - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^-(\mathbf{u}^-) + \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \theta^- = \rho^- \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{u}^- = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \\ (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}^+ - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) + \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) = (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta^+ + (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{u}^+ = 0, \quad \theta^+|_{t=0} = \theta_0^+ = \rho_0^+ - \bar{\rho}^+ \text{ in } \Omega_0^+, \\ \mathbf{u}^\pm|_{t=0} = \mathbf{u}_0^\pm \equiv \mathbf{v}_0^\pm \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \mathbf{u}^+|_{\Sigma} = 0, \quad [\mathbf{u}]_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \\ (-p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) + p(\bar{\rho}^+) + \theta^-) \mathbf{n} + [\mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}] = -\sigma \hat{H} \mathbf{n} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_0, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbb{L}^{-1T} \nabla_y = \mathbb{L}^{-T} \nabla_y$  is the transformed gradient  $\nabla_x$ ,  $\mathbb{L} = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)$  is the Jacobi matrix of the transformation (1.2),  $\widehat{\mathbb{L}} = \mathbb{L}^{-T} L$ ,  $L = \det \mathbb{L}$ ,  $L = 1$  in  $\Omega_t^-$ ,  $\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \otimes \mathbf{u} + (\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \otimes \mathbf{u})^T$  is the transformed doubled rate-of-strain tensor,

$$\mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^-(\mathbf{u}^-) = \mu^- \mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}^-), \quad \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) = \mu^+ \mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}^+) + \mu_1^+ \mathbb{I} \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{u}^+, \quad \widehat{H} = H(X_{\mathbf{u}}, t).$$

The elements of the transposed co-factors matrix  $\widehat{\mathbb{L}}^T$  are given by

$$(\widehat{\mathbb{L}}^T)_{im} = (\nabla X_j \times \nabla X_k)_m, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $X_j = (X_{\mathbf{u}})_j$  and  $(i, j, k)$  is a cyclic permutation of  $(1, 2, 3)$ . The kinematic condition  $V_n = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$  is fulfilled automatically. The normal  $\mathbf{n}(X_{\mathbf{u}}, t)$  to  $\Gamma_t$  is connected with the normal  $\mathbf{n}_0$  to  $\Gamma_0$  by the formula

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\widehat{\mathbb{L}}^T \mathbf{n}_0(y)}{|\widehat{\mathbb{L}}^T \mathbf{n}_0(y)|}. \quad (1.5)$$

Since  $H\mathbf{n} = \Delta(t)X_{\mathbf{u}}$ , where  $\Delta(t)$  is the Laplace–Beltrami operator on  $\Gamma_t$ , it can be shown that the corresponding linear problem has the form

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\rho}^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{v}^+ - \mu^+ \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}^+ - (\mu^+ + \mu_1^+) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^+) + p_1 \nabla \theta^+ = \mathbf{f}^+, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta^+ + \bar{\rho}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^+ = h^+ \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \\ \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{v}^- - \mu^- \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}^- + \nabla \theta^- = \mathbf{f}^-, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^- = h^- \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \\ \mathbf{v}^\pm|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0^\pm \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \theta^\pm|_{t=0} = \theta_0^\pm \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \\ [\mathbf{v}]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = \mathbf{b}, \\ -p_1 \theta^+ + \theta^- + [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}_0] + \sigma \mathbf{n}_0 \int_0^t \Delta(0) \mathbf{v}(y, \tau) d\tau|_{\Gamma_0} = b + \sigma \int_0^t B d\tau, \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

where  $\mathbf{f}^\pm, h^\pm, \mathbf{b}, b, B, \mathbf{v}_0^\pm, \theta_0^\pm$  are some given functions and  $p_1 = p'(\bar{\rho}^+) > 0$ .

In the paper [3], the following theorem is proved.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\Sigma, \Gamma_0 \in W_p^{2+l-1/p}$ ,  $p > 2$ ,  $l \in (1/p, 2/p)$ . For arbitrary  $\mathbf{f} \in W_p^{l,l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)$ ,  $h^- \in W_p^{l+1,(l+1)/2}(Q_T^-)$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_t h^- = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} + H_1$ ,  $\mathbf{H}, H_1 \in W_p^{0,l/2}(Q_T^-)$ ,  $h^+ \in W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^+) \cap W_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^+))$ ,*

$$\mathbf{b} \in W_p^{l+1-1/p, l/2+1/2-1/2p}(G_T),$$

$$b \in W_2^{l+1-1/p, 0}(G_T) \cap \widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T), W_p^{1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)),$$

$B \in \widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_0^\pm \in W_p^{l+2-2/p}(\Omega_0^\pm)$ ,  $\theta_0^+ \in W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)$ , satisfying the compatibility conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0^-(y) &= \mathbf{h}_0^-(y) \text{ in } \Omega_0^-, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{v}_0) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = \mathbf{b}(y, 0), \quad \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0 = 0, \\ [\mathbf{v}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} &= 0, \quad \mathbf{v}_0|_{\Sigma} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

problem (1.6) has a unique solution in an arbitrary finite time interval  $(0, T)$ , and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{2+l, 1+l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + \|\theta^-\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^-))} + \|\theta^-\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(Q_T^-)} \\ & + \|\theta^+\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^+))} + \|\theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(Q_T^+)} \\ & + \|\mathcal{D}_t \theta^+\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^+))} + \|\mathcal{D}_t \theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(Q_T^+)} \\ & \leq c(T) (\|\widehat{\mathbf{f}}\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + \|\mathbf{h}^-\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(Q_T^-)} + \|\mathbf{H}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0, l/2}(Q_T^-)} + \|\mathbf{H}_1\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0, l/2}(Q_T^-)} \\ & + \|\mathbf{h}^+\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(Q_T^+)} + \|\mathbf{h}^+\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_2^1(\Omega_0^+))} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p, l/2+1-1/2p}(G_T)} \\ & + \sup_{t < T} \|\mathbf{b}(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1-3/p}(\Gamma_0)} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p, 0}(G_T)} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{1/2}((0, T); W_p^{1-1/p}(\Gamma_0))} \\ & + \|B\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} + \|\mathbf{v}_0\|_{W_p^{l+2-2/p}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} + \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

holds, where  $c(T)$  is a bounded non-decreasing function of  $T$ .

We recall (see [3]) that the norms in the spaces  $W_p^r(\Omega)$  and  $W_p^{r, r/2}(Q)$  where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$  are defined by

$$\|u\|_{W_p^r(\Omega)}^p = \sum_{|j| \leq r} \int_{\Omega} |D^j u(x)|^p dx, \quad \text{if } r \text{ is an integer,}$$

and

$$\|u\|_{W_p^r(\Omega)}^p = \sum_{|j|=[r]} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|D^j u(x) - D^j u(y)|^p}{|x - y|^{n+p\rho}} dy, \quad \text{if } r = [r] + \rho, \quad 0 < \rho < 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{W_p^{r, r/2}(Q_T)}^p &= \|u\|_{W_p^{r, 0}(Q_T)}^p + \|u\|_{W_p^{0, r/2}(Q_T)}^p \\ &= \int_0^T \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^r(\Omega)}^p dt + \int_{\Omega} \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{W_p^{r/2}(0, T)}^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, if  $\Omega = \Omega^+ \cup \Omega^-$ , then we set

$$\|u\|_{W_p^r(\cup \Omega^\pm)}^p = \|u\|_{W_p^r(\Omega^+)}^p + \|u\|_{W_p^r(\Omega^-)}^p,$$

and define the norms

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{2+l,1+l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)}^p &= \|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_p^{2+l,0}(\cup Q_T^\pm)}^p + \|\mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{v}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l,l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)}^p \\
&\quad + \sup_{t < T} \|\mathbf{v}(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{2+l-2/p}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)}^p, \\
\|\mathbf{w}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l,l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)}^p &= \|\mathbf{w}\|_{W_p^{l,l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)}^p + T^{-pl/2} \int_0^T \|\mathbf{w}(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p dt, \\
\|\mathbf{b}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{1+l-1/p,1/2+l/2-1/2p}(G_T)}^p &= \|\mathbf{b}\|_{W_p^{1+l-1/p,1/2+l/2-1/2p}(G_T)}^p \\
&\quad + \sup_{t < T} \|\mathbf{b}(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{1+l-3/p}(\Gamma_0)}^p.
\end{aligned}$$

The imbedding and trace theorems for the spaces defined above can be found in [4]. Now we state the main result of the paper.

**Theorem 2.** *Assume that  $\Gamma_0 \in W_p^{l+3-1/p}$ ,  $\Sigma \in W_2^{l+2-1/p}$ ,  $l \in (1/p, 2/p)$ ,  $p(\rho^+)$  is  $C^2$ -function with Lipschitz continuous second derivatives, and the compatibility conditions*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_0 = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{u}_0) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mathbf{u}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}_0|_{\Sigma} = 0$$

*are satisfied. Then there exists such  $T > 0$  that for arbitrary  $\mathbf{f}$ ,  $\nabla \mathbf{f} \in W_p^{l,l/2}(Q_T)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_y^j \mathbf{f} \in L_p(Q_T)$ ,  $|j| = 1, 2$ , where  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ , Problem (1.3) has a unique solution  $(\mathbf{u}^\pm, \theta^\pm)$  such that  $\mathbf{u} \in W_p^{2+l,1+l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)$ ,  $\theta^+, \mathcal{D}_t \theta^+ \in W_2^{l+1,0}(Q_T^+) \cap W_2^{l/2}((0, T); W_2^1(\Omega_0^+))$ ,  $\theta^- \in W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^-) \cap W_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_2^1(\Omega_0^-))$  and the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta) &\equiv \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{2+l,1+l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + \|\theta^-\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^-))} \\
&\quad + \|\theta^-\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^-)} + \|\theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^+)} + \|\theta^+\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^+))} \\
&\quad + \|\mathcal{D}_t \theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^+)} + \|\mathcal{D}_t \theta^+\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^1(\Omega_0^+))} \\
&\leq c(T) (\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{l+2-1/2p}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} + \sigma \|H_0\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} \\
&\quad + \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} + T^{1/p-l/2} \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2 + \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\widehat{W}_2^{l,l/2}(Q_T)})
\end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

*holds, where  $c(T)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $T$ .*

## §2. PROOF OF SOLVABILITY OF PROBLEM (1.3)

By separating linear and nonlinear terms we transform (1.3) into

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}^- - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{u}^-) + \nabla \theta^- = \mathbf{l}_1^-(\mathbf{u}^-, \theta^-) + \rho^- \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^- = l_2^-(\mathbf{u}^-) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \quad t > 0, \\ \bar{\rho}^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}^+ - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) + p_1 \nabla \theta^+ = \mathbf{l}_1^+(\mathbf{u}^+, \theta^+) + (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta^+ + \bar{\rho}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = l_2^+(\mathbf{u}^+, \theta^+) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \quad t > 0, \\ \mathbf{u}^\pm|_{t=0} = \mathbf{u}_0^\pm \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \theta^+|_{t=0} = \theta_0^+ = \rho_0^+ - \bar{\rho}^+, \\ [\mathbf{u}]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u})|_{\Gamma_0}, \\ -p_1 \theta^+ + \theta^- + [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} + \sigma \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \int_0^t \Delta(0) \mathbf{u}(y, \tau) \, d\tau \Big|_{\Gamma_0} \\ = l_4(\mathbf{u}) - \int_0^t (l_5(\mathbf{u}) + l_6(\mathbf{u})) \, d\tau - \sigma H_0, \quad \mathbf{u}|_\Sigma = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

where  $H_0 = H|_{t=0}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{l}_1^-(\mathbf{u}, \theta) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^-(\mathbf{u}^-) - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{u}^-) + (\nabla - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}) \theta^-, \\ \mathbf{l}_1^+(\mathbf{u}, \theta) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) \\ &\quad + p_1 (\nabla - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}) \theta^+ - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} (p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p(\bar{\rho}^+) - p_1 \theta^+) - \theta^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}^+, \\ l_2^-(\mathbf{u}) &= (\nabla - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}^- = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}^-), \\ \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}^-) &= (\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{L}^{-1}) \mathbf{u}^- = (\mathbb{I} - \widehat{\mathbb{L}}) \mathbf{u}^-, \\ l_2^+(\mathbf{u}, \theta) &= \bar{\rho}^+ (\nabla - \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}^+ - \theta^+ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{u}^+, \\ l_3(\mathbf{u}) &= [\mu \Pi_0 (\Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0 - \Pi \mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n})]|_{\Gamma_0}, \\ l_4(\mathbf{u}) &= [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}] - (p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p^+(\bar{\rho}^+) - p_1 \theta^+) \Big|_{\Gamma_0}, \\ l_5(\mathbf{u}) &= \sigma \mathcal{D}_t (\mathbf{n} \Delta(t)) \cdot \int_0^t \mathbf{u}(y, \tau) \, d\tau + \sigma (\mathbf{n} \cdot \Delta(t) - \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \Delta(0)) \mathbf{u}, \\ l_6(\mathbf{u}) &= \sigma (\dot{\mathbf{n}} \Delta(t) + \mathbf{n} \dot{\Delta}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{y} \Big|_{\Gamma_0}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{n}} = \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{n}, \quad \dot{\Delta}(t) = \mathcal{D}_t \Delta(t), \\ \Pi_0 \mathbf{g} &= \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{n}_0 (\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbf{g}), \quad \Pi \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{n} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{g}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

The operator  $\Delta(t)$  is given by

$$\Delta(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \sqrt{g} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\beta}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $g = \det(g_{\alpha\beta})$ ,  $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2$ ,  $g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial X_{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial s_\alpha} \cdot \frac{\partial X_{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial s_\beta}$  are elements of the metric tensor on  $\Gamma_t$ ,  $g^{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\hat{g}_{\alpha\beta}$  are elements of the inverse and transposed co-factors matrices to  $(g_{\alpha\beta})$ , respectively. We assume that  $(s_1, s_2)$  are local Cartesian coordinates on the tangential plane to  $\Gamma_0$  with the origin at the point  $y_0 \equiv 0$ . Let  $\Gamma'_0 \subset \Gamma_0$  be a neighborhood of the origin defined by the equation

$$s_3 = \phi(s_1, s_2) \in W_p^{l+3-\frac{1}{p}}(K), \quad K = \{s_1^2 + s_2^2 \leq d^2\},$$

the  $y_3$ -axis being directed along  $\mathbf{n}_0(y_0)$ . Then the set  $\Gamma'_t = X_{\mathbf{u}}\Gamma'_0 \subset \Gamma_t$  is given by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} z_\gamma &= s_\gamma + \int_0^t u_\gamma(s_1, s_2, \phi(s_1, s_2), \tau) d\tau \quad \gamma = 1, 2, \\ z_3 &= \phi(s_1, s_2) + \int_0^t u_3(s_1, s_2, \phi(s_1, s_2), \tau) d\tau, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $u_i$  are projections of  $\mathbf{u}$  on the  $s_i$ -axes and

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\alpha\beta} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial s_\alpha} \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial s_\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \phi_\alpha \phi_\beta + \phi_\alpha U_{3\beta} + \phi_\beta U_{3\alpha} + U_{\alpha\beta} \\ &\quad + U_{\beta\alpha} + \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{i\alpha} U_{i\beta}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$U_{i\alpha} = \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial s_\alpha} + \phi_\alpha \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial s_3} \right) d\tau, \quad \phi_\alpha = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s_\alpha}.$$

The time derivative  $\dot{\Delta}(t)$  of  $\Delta(t)$  is given by

$$\dot{\Delta}(t) = -\frac{\dot{g}}{2g} \Delta(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\alpha} \tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\beta}, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{D}_t \frac{\hat{g}_{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{g}}$ ,  $\dot{g} = \mathcal{D}_t g$ .

The proof of Theorem 2 rests on Theorem 1 and on the estimates of nonlinear expressions (2.2).

**Proposition 1.** *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\mathbf{u}, \theta) = & \|l_1^\pm\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l, l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + \|l_2^\pm\|_{W_p^{l+1, 0}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + \|l_2^\pm\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T), W_p^1(\Omega_0^\pm))} \\ & + \|\mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0, l/2}(Q_T^-)} + \|l_3(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l+1-1/p, l/2+1/2-1/2p}(G_T)} \\ & + \|l_4(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0, T); W_p^{1-1/p}(\Gamma_0))} \\ & + \|l_4(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l+1-1/p, 0}(G_T)} + \|l_5(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mathbf{u}_0 = 0$ ,  $\theta_0^+ = 0$  and

$$(T^{1/p} + T^{1/p'})Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \leq \delta \ll 1, \quad 1/p' = 1 - 1/p, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta)$  is defined in (1.9), then

$$Z(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \leq c\delta Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$\|l_6(\mathbf{u})\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} \leq \epsilon_1 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{2+l, 1+l/2}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} + c(\epsilon_1) \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_p(Q_T)}, \quad (2.9)$$

$\epsilon_1 \ll 1.$

If  $\mathbf{f} \in W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)$  and  $\nabla \mathbf{f} \in L_p(Q_T)$ , then

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{f}}\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} \leq c(\|\mathbf{f}\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\nabla \mathbf{f}\|_{L_p(Q_T)} \sup_{Q_T} |\mathbf{u}(y, t)|). \quad (2.10)$$

**Proof.** We invoke some auxiliary inequalities (cf. [5] for  $p = 2$ ), namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \|uv\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} & \leq c\|u\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}\|v\|_{W_p^s(\Omega)}, \\ \|uv\|_{L_p(\Omega)} & \leq c\|u\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}\|v\|_{W_p^{n/p-l}(\Omega)}, \quad \text{if } l < n/p, \\ \|uv\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} & \leq c(\|u\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}\|v\|_{W_p^s(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}\|u\|_{W_p^s(\Omega)}), \quad \text{if } l \geq n/p, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 2, 3$ ,  $s > n/p$ . If  $u, v$  depend also on  $t \in (0, T)$ , then (2.11) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|uv\|_{W_p^{l, 0}(\Omega_T)} & \leq c\|u\|_{W_p^{l, 0}(\Omega_T)} \sup_{t \in (0, T)} \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{n/p+\kappa}(\Omega)}, \\ \Omega_T & = \Omega \times (0, T), \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$



where  $l < n/p$ ,  $\varkappa \in (0, l - 1/p)$ . In addition, from

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_t(-h)uv\|_{L_p(\Omega)} &\leq \sup_{\Omega} |v(y, t)| \|\Delta_t(-h)u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)} \\ &\quad + \|\Delta_t(-h)v\|_{L_{q_0}(\Omega)} \|u\|_{L_{q_1}(\Omega)}, \\ T^{-pl/2} \int_0^T \|uv(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p dt &\leq T^{-pl/2} \int_0^T \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p dt \sup_{Q_T} |v|^p \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|uv\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0,l/2}(\Omega_T)} &\leq c \sup_{\Omega_T} |v(y, t)| \|u\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0,l/2}(\Omega_T)} \\ &\quad + c \|v\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2}((0,T);W_p^{n/p-l}(\Omega))} \sup_{t < T} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where  $l - n/p + n/q_1 = 0$ ,  $1/q_0 = 1/p - 1/q_1$ ,  $l < n/p$ . If  $l > n/p$ , then

$$\|uv\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0,l/2}(\Omega_T)} \leq c \left( \sup_{t < T} |u(y, t)| \|v\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0,l/2}(\Omega_T)} + \sup_{\Omega_T} |v(y, t)| \|u\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{0,l/2}(\Omega_T)} \right). \quad (2.14)$$

In view of (2.7) and (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\mathbb{L}} - \mathbb{I}\|_{W_p^{1+l}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} + \|\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_0\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} &\leq cT^{1/p'} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(\cup Q_T^\pm)} \leq c\delta, \\ \|\mathcal{D}_t \widehat{\mathbb{L}}\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} &\leq c \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\|\theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} \leq \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} + \int_0^t \|\mathcal{D}_\tau \theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_0^+)} d\tau, \quad \forall t < T.$$

Hence the expressions  $l_1^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \theta^\pm)$ ,  $l_2^\pm$ , (except for  $\mathbf{P}$ ),

$$\nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbb{T}_\mathbf{u}^+(\mathbf{u}^+) - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{u}^+), \quad \theta^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u},$$

as well as  $l_3$ ,  $[\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}_0 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbb{T}_\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}]_{\Gamma_0}$  are estimated by the same arguments as in [5] in the case  $p = 2$ , by  $c\delta Y$ , i.e., the norms of all these expressions satisfy (2.8). The  $W_p^{l,l/2}(Q_T)$ -norm of  $\widehat{\mathbf{f}}$  is estimated as in [2], i.e., by passing to the Eulerian coordinates and by using the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}(X_\mathbf{u}(y, t), t) - \mathbf{f}(X_\mathbf{u}(y, t - \tau), t) \\ = - \int_0^1 \nabla \mathbf{f}(X_\mathbf{u}(y, t - \lambda\tau), t) \mathbf{u}(y, t - \lambda\tau) \tau d\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T dt \int_0^t \frac{d\tau}{\tau^{1+pl/2}} \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{f}(X_{\mathbf{u}}(y, t), t) - \mathbf{f}(X_{\mathbf{u}}(y, t - \tau), t)|^p dy \\ & \leq cT^{p-1-pl/2} \|\nabla \mathbf{f}\|_{L_p(Q_T)}^p \int_0^T \sup_{Q_T} |\mathbf{u}(y, t)|^p dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the term

$$\mathbf{P} \equiv \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}(p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p(\bar{\rho}^+) - p_1\theta^+) = \mathbb{L}^{-T}(p'(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p'(\bar{\rho}^+))\nabla\theta^+.$$

Since  $p \in C^{2+1}(\min \rho^+, \max \rho^+)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |p'(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p'(\bar{\rho}^+)| & \leq c|\theta^+|, \\ |p'(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+(y+z)) - p'(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+(y))| & \leq c|\theta^+(y+z) - \theta^+(y)|, \end{aligned}$$

and, in view of (2.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{P}\|_{W_p^l(\Omega_0^+)} & \leq c\|\theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2, \\ \|\mathbf{P}\|_{W_p^{l,0}(Q_T^+)} & \leq T^{1/p}(\|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^{2p} \\ & \quad + 2p \sup_{t < T} \|\theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^p \int_0^T \|\theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^{p-1} \|\mathcal{D}_t \theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} dt)^{1/p} \\ & \leq cT^{1/p}(\|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^{2p} + Y^{2p}(\mathbf{u}, \theta))^{1/p} \leq c(T^{1/p} \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2 + \delta Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta)), \\ \frac{1}{T^{pl/2}} \int_0^T \|\mathbf{P}\|_{L_p(\Omega_0^+)}^p dt & \leq cT^{1-pl/2} \sup_{t < T} \|\nabla \theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega_0^+)}^p \sup_{Q_T^+} |\theta^+(y, t)|^p, \\ & \leq cT^{1-pl/2}(\|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^{2p} + Y^{2p}(\mathbf{u}, \theta)), \\ \|\Delta_t(-h)\mathbf{P}\|_{L_p(\Omega_0^+)} & \leq c(\|\Delta_t(-h)\nabla\theta^+\|_{L_p(\Omega_0^+)} \sup_{Q_T^+} |\theta^+(y, t)| \\ & \quad + \|\Delta_t(-h)\theta^+\|_{L_{q_0}(\Omega_0^+)} \|\nabla\theta^+\|_{L_{q_1}(\Omega_0^+)}), \\ \|\mathbf{P}\|_{W_p^{0,l/2}(Q_T^+)} & \leq cT^{1/p-l/2} \|D_t \theta^+\|_{W_p^{l+1,0}(Q_T^+)} \sup_{t < T} \|\theta^+(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{P}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l,l/2}(Q_T^+)} \leq c(T^{1/p-l/2}(\|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2 + \delta Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta))). \quad (2.16)$$

The term in  $l_4$  containing the expression  $(p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p(\bar{\rho}^+) - p_1\theta^+)|_{\Gamma_0}$  is estimated in a similar way.

We proceed with the estimates of  $l_5(\mathbf{u})$  and  $l_6(\mathbf{u})$ . From (2.3)–(2.7) it follows that the coefficients  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  in  $\Delta(t)$  are uniformly bounded and coefficients  $\dot{g}_{\alpha\beta}$  in  $\dot{\Delta}(t)$  are controlled by  $|\nabla \mathbf{u}|$ . By (2.2),  $l_5$  is equal to the sum  $l_5 = l_{51} + l_{52}$  with  $l_{51} = \sigma \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{n}\Delta(t)) \int_0^t \mathbf{u}(y, \tau) d\tau$ , whence

$$\begin{aligned} \|l_{51}\|_{W_p^{l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} &\leq c \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} d\tau \\ &\leq c\delta \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)}, \quad \varkappa \in (0, l-1/p), \\ \|\Delta_t(-h)l_{51}\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)} &\leq c \|\Delta_t(-h)\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)} \int_0^t \sup_{\Gamma_0} |\mathbf{u}(y, t-\tau)| d\tau \\ &\quad + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)} \int_0^h \|\mathbf{u}(\cdot, \tau-h)\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} d\tau, \\ \|l_{51}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} &\leq c\delta (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2-1/2p}((0,T); W_p^1(\Gamma_0))} \\ &\quad + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa, 0}(G_T)}). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

The expression  $l_{52} = \sigma \int_0^t \mathcal{D}_\tau(\mathbf{n}\Delta(\tau)) d\tau \cdot \mathbf{u}$  is estimated in the same way.

It remains to estimate  $l_6(\mathbf{u})$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|l_6\|_{W_p^{l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} &\leq c \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)} \|\mathbf{y}\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} \leq c \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)}, \\ \frac{1}{T^{pl/2-1/2}} \int_0^T \|l_6\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)}^p dt &\leq c T^{3/2-pl/2} \sup_{t \leq T} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)}^p \|\mathbf{y}\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p}(\Gamma_0)}^p, \\ \|\Delta_t(-h)l_6\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)} &\leq c (\|\Delta_t(-h)\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L_p(\Gamma_0)} + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)} \\ &\quad \times \sqrt{h} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p-\varkappa, 0}(G_{t-h, t})}) \|\mathbf{y}\|_{W_p^{l+2-1/2p}(\Gamma_0)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|l_6\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} &\leq c (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{\widehat{W}_p^{l/2-1/2p}((0,T); W_p^1(\Gamma_0))} \\ &\quad + \sup_{t \leq T} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1/p-\varkappa}(\Gamma_0)}). \end{aligned}$$

The estimates of the expressions (2.2) obtained above imply inequalities (2.8), (2.9) with the constants bounded for small  $T$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 1.

**Scheme of proof of Theorem 2.**

We seek the solution of Problem (1.3) in the form

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{w}, \quad \theta = \theta_1 + \theta_2,$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_1, \theta_1$  and  $\mathbf{w}, \theta_2$  are defined as the solutions of

$$\begin{cases} \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}_1^- - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{u}_1^-) + \nabla \theta_1^- = 0, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_1^- = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \\ \bar{\rho}^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{u}_1^+ - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{u}_1^+) + p_1 \nabla \theta_1^+ = 0, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta_1^+ + \bar{\rho}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_1^+ = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \quad t > 0, \\ \mathbf{u}_1^+|_{\Sigma} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}_1^\pm(y, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0^\pm(y) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \theta_1^+(y, 0) = \theta_0^+(y) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \\ [\mathbf{u}_1]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \\ -p_1 \theta_1^+ + \theta_1^- + [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{n}_0] + \sigma \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \Delta(0) \int_0^t \mathbf{u}_1(\xi, \tau) d\tau|_{\Gamma_0} = -\sigma H|_{t=0}, \end{cases} \quad (2.18)$$

$$\begin{cases} \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{w}^- - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{w}^-) + \nabla \theta_2 = l_1^-(\mathbf{u}^-, \theta^-) + \rho^- \hat{\mathbf{f}}, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} = l_2(\mathbf{u}^-) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \\ \bar{\rho}^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{w}^+ - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{w}^+) + p_1 \nabla \theta_2^+ = l_1^+(\mathbf{u}^+, \theta^+) + (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta_2^+ + \bar{\rho}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}^+ = l_2^+(\mathbf{u}^+, \theta^+), \quad \theta_2^+(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \\ \mathbf{w}^+|_{\Sigma} = 0, \quad \mathbf{w}(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \\ [\mathbf{w}]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = l_3(\mathbf{u}), \\ -p_1 \theta_2^+ + \theta_2^- + [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{n}_0] + \sigma \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \Delta(0) \int_0^t \mathbf{w}(y, \tau) d\tau|_{\Gamma_0} \\ = l_4(\mathbf{u}) - \int_0^t (l_5(\mathbf{u}) + l_6(\mathbf{u})) d\tau, \end{cases} \quad (2.19)$$

By Theorem 1, problem (2.18) is uniquely solvable and the solution satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\mathbf{u}_1, \theta_1) \leq c(T) (\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{1+2=2/p}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} + \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}) \\ + \sigma \|H_0\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

The solution of Problem (2.19) can be constructed by iterations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho^- \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^- - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^-(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}^-) + \nabla \theta_{2,m+1}^- = l_1^-(\mathbf{u}_m^-, \theta_m^-) + \rho^- \hat{\mathbf{f}}_m, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^- = l_2^-(\mathbf{u}_m^-) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^-, \\ \bar{\rho}^+ \mathcal{D}_t \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^+ - \nabla \cdot \mathbb{T}^+(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}^+) + p_1 \nabla \theta_{2,m+1}^+ = l_1^+(\mathbf{u}_m^+, \theta_m^+) + (\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta_m^+) \hat{\mathbf{f}}_m, \\ \mathcal{D}_t \theta_{2,m+1}^+ + \bar{\rho}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^+ = l_2^+(\mathbf{u}_m^+, \theta_m^+) \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^+, \\ \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^\pm|_\Sigma = 0, \quad \mathbf{w}_{m+1}^\pm(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \quad \theta_{2,m+1}^\pm(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0^\pm, \\ [\mathbf{w}_{m+1}]|_{\Gamma_0} = 0, \quad [\mu \Pi_0 \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} = l_3(\mathbf{u}_m), \\ -p_1 \theta_{2,m+1}^+ + \theta_{2,m+1}^- + [\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}) \mathbf{n}_0]|_{\Gamma_0} - \sigma \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \Delta(0) \int_0^t \mathbf{w}_{m+1}(y, \tau) d\tau|_{\Gamma_0} \\ = l_4(\mathbf{u}_m) - \int_0^t (l_5(\mathbf{u}_m) + l_6(\mathbf{u}_m)) d\tau, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.21)$$

where  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_m = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{w}_m$ ,  $\theta_m = \theta_1 + \theta_{2,m}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_m = \mathbf{f}(X_{\mathbf{u}_m}, t)$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_1 = 0$ ,  $\theta_{2,1} = 0$ .

By Theorem 1 and Proposition 1, problem (2.21) with given  $\mathbf{w}_m \in W_p^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T^\pm)$ ,  $\theta_{2,m} \in \widehat{W}_2^{0, l/2}(G_T)$ ,  $\nabla \theta_{2,m} \in \widehat{W}_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T^\pm)$ , is uniquely solvable and the solution satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}, \theta_{2,m+1}) &\leq c(T)(Z(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) + \|l_4(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m)\|_{W_p^{l/2}((0,T), W_p^{1-1/p}(\Gamma_0))} \\ &\quad + \|l_5(\mathbf{u}_m)\|_{W_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} + \|l_6(\mathbf{u}_m)\|_{W_p^{l-1/p, l/2-1/2p}(G_T)} \\ &\quad + \|\hat{\mathbf{f}}_m\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)} + \|\theta_m^+ \hat{\mathbf{f}}_m\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)}) \\ &\leq c(T)(\delta Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) + \|\hat{\mathbf{f}}_m\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)}) \\ &\quad + \epsilon_1 Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) + c_1(\epsilon_1) \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{L_p(Q_T)} + T^{1/p} \|\theta_0\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\mathbf{u}_{m+1}, \theta_{m+1}) &\leq Y(\mathbf{u}_1, \theta_1) + Y(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}, \theta_{2,m+1}) \leq c(T)(\delta_1 Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) \\ &\quad + \|\nabla \mathbf{f}_m\|_{Q_T} \sup_{Q_T} |\mathbf{u}_m| + \epsilon_1 Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) + c_1(\epsilon_1) \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{Q_T} + cF(T)) \\ &\leq c(T)(\delta_1 Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m) + c_1(\epsilon_1) \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{Q_T} + F(T)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

where  $\delta_1 = \delta + \epsilon_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F(T) &= \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_p^{l+2-2/p}(\cup \Omega_0^\pm)} + \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)} + T^{1/p} \|\theta_0^+\|_{W_p^{l+1}(\Omega_0^+)}^2 \\ &\quad + \|H_0\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)} + \|\widehat{\mathbf{f}}\|_{W_p^{l,l/2}(Q_T)}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain a uniform estimate for  $Y_m(T) = Y(\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m)$ . Inequality (2.23) holds for arbitrary  $t < T$ , hence

$$Y_{m+1}^p(t) \leq \delta_2 Y_m^p(t) + c_1 \int_0^t Y_m^p(\tau) d\tau + c_2 F^p(t), \quad (2.24)$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u}_m(\cdot, t)\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)}^p &\leq \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)}^p + p \int_0^t \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)}^{p-1} \|\mathcal{D}_\tau \mathbf{u}_m\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)} d\tau \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)}^p + p Y_m^p(t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^t \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p d\tau \leq t \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)}^p + p \int_0^t Y_m^p(\tau) d\tau.$$

For  $m = 0$ , (1.9) reduces to (1.8). If (1.9) holds for all  $Y_j(T)$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, m$ , then (2.24) yields

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{m+1}^p(t) &\leq c_4 F^p(t) + \mathcal{A}(Y_{m-1}^p + c_2 F^p(t)) \\ &\leq \mathcal{A}^{m+1} Y_0^p(t) + c_2 (F^p + \mathcal{A} F^p + \dots + \mathcal{A}^m F^p(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}f(t) = \delta_2 f(t) + c_3 \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau.$$

As is shown in [2], this implies

$$Y_{m+1}^p(t) \leq c(T)(\delta_2 Y_0^p(t) + F^p(t)).$$

hence inequality (1.9) for  $Y_{m+1}$  follows.

The convergence of the approximations  $\mathbf{u}_m, \theta_m$  to the solution of (1.3) and the uniqueness of the solution is verified as in [2]. The solution satisfies inequality (1.9) and, for small  $T$ , also (2.7).

It follows that the surface

$$\Gamma_t = \left\{ x = y + \int_0^t \mathbf{u}(y, \tau) d\tau, \ y \in \Gamma_0, \right\}$$

is contained in the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of  $\Gamma_0$  and belongs to the class  $W_p^{2+l-1/p}$ . Equation

$$-(p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \theta^+) - p(\bar{\rho}^+)) + \theta^- + [\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbb{T}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}] = -\sigma H \quad (2.25)$$

allows us to show that  $\Gamma_t$  is more regular. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a smooth closed surface also located in the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of  $\Gamma_0$ , so that  $\Gamma_t$  is given by the equation

$$x = \eta + \mathbf{N}(\eta)r(\eta, t) \equiv \mathcal{X}(\eta, t), \quad (2.26)$$

where  $\mathbf{N}$  is the normal to  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $r \in W_p^{2+l-1/p}(\mathcal{G})$ . Assume that near a certain point  $\eta_0 \in \mathcal{G}$  the surface  $\Gamma_t$  is given by the equation  $\eta_3 = \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ , where  $\eta' = (\eta_1, \eta_2) \in \mathfrak{Q}$  belongs to the tangential plane to  $\mathcal{G}$  at the point  $\eta_0$  and the  $\eta_3$ -axis is directed along  $\mathbf{N}(\eta_0)$ . In this coordinates, Equation (2.25) takes the form

$$d(\eta, t) = \sigma \sum_{\alpha=1,2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_\alpha} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\eta_\alpha} \psi}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla' \psi|^2}}, \quad (2.27)$$

where  $d(\eta, t) = g(x, t)|_{x=\mathcal{X}(\eta, t)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, t) &= -(p(\bar{\rho}^+ + \vartheta(x, t)) - p(\bar{\rho}^+)) + \vartheta^-(x, t) \\ &+ [\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{n}] \in W_p^{l+1-1/p,0}(\Gamma_t \times (0, T)), \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $d(\eta, t) \in W_p^{l+1-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}_T = \mathcal{G} \times (0, T)$ . Equation (2.27) is nonlinear elliptic whose coefficients are expressed in terms of the derivatives of  $\psi$  and their norms are controlled by  $\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{l+1-1/p}(\Gamma_0)}$ . From the regularity theorem for the solutions of elliptic equations one can conclude that  $\psi \in W_p^{3+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{Q}' \times (0, T))$ ,  $\mathfrak{Q}' \subset \mathfrak{Q}$ ; since  $\eta_0$  is arbitrary we have  $r \in W_p^{3+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)$  and

$$\|r\|_{W_p^{3+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)} \leq c(Y(\mathbf{u}, \theta) + F(T)) \leq cF(T). \quad (2.28)$$

In addition, from  $\mathcal{D}_t X_{\mathbf{u}} \in W_p^{2+l-1/p,0}(G_T)$  it follows that  $\mathcal{D}_t r(\cdot, t) \in W_p^{2+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)$  and

$$\|\mathcal{D}_t r\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)} \leq c\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)}, \quad (2.29)$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|r(\cdot, t)\|_{W_p^{3+l-2/p}(\mathfrak{G})} \\ \leq c(\|r\|_{W_p^{3+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)} + \|\mathcal{D}_t r\|_{W_p^{2+l-1/p,0}(\mathfrak{G}_T)}) \leq cF, \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

i.e.,  $\Gamma_t \in W_p^{3+l-2/p}(\mathfrak{G})$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, T]$ .

Under certain not too strong restrictions on  $\mathbf{f}$  it can be shown that for  $0 < t \leq T$   $\Gamma_t \in W_p^{3+l-1/p}(\mathfrak{G})$  (cf. [2] for  $p = 2$ ). This is a consequence of the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.** *Assume that  $p \in C^{3+1}(\min \rho, \max \rho)$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  satisfies additional restrictions:*

$$\mathbf{f} \in W_p^{\alpha_1}((t_0, T); W_p^l(\Omega)) \cap W_p^{0, \alpha_1+l/2}(Q_{t_0, T})$$

with  $\alpha_1 \in (1/p, 1)$ ,  $\nabla \mathbf{f} \in W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_T)$ . Then  $\mathbf{u}^{(s)}(y, t) = \mathbf{u}(y, t) - \mathbf{u}(y, t-s)$  and  $\theta^{(s)}(y, t) = \theta(y, t) - \theta(y, t-s)$  satisfy the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u}^{(s)}\|_{W_p^{2+l, 1+l/2}(\cup Q_{t_2, t_1}^\pm)} + \sum_{\pm} (\|\nabla \theta^{\pm(s)}\|_{W_p^{l, l/2}(Q_{t_2, t_1}^\pm)} \\ + \|\theta^{\pm(s)}\|_{W_p^{0, l/2}(Q_{t_2, t_1}^\pm)}) \leq C(\mathbf{u}, \theta, r)s^a, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a > 1/p$ ,  $0 < t_0 < t_1 < T$ ,  $t_2 = (t_1 - (t_1 - t_0)/4)$ ,  $0 < s < \min(t_1 - t_2, t_0)$ ,  $Q_{t_2, t_1}^\pm = \Omega_0^\pm \times (t_2, t_1)$  and  $C$  is a constant dependent on the norms of the solution of (1.3).

In the case  $p = 2$  this result is obtained in [2], Theorem 6.

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