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# Decay rates of higher-order norms of solutions to the Navier-Stokes-Landau-Lifshitz system\*

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**Abstract** In this paper, we investigate a system of the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations coupled with Landau-Lifshitz equations in three spatial dimensions. Under the assumption of small initial data, we establish the global solutions with the help of an energy method. Furthermore, we obtain the time decay rates of the higher-order spatial derivatives of the solutions by applying a Fourier splitting method introduced by Schonbek (SCHONBEK, M. E.  $L^2$  decay for weak solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations. Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis, 88, 209–222 (1985)) under an additional assumption that the initial perturbation is bounded in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

 ${\bf Key\ words} \qquad {\bf Navier-Stokes-Landau-Lifshitz\ system,\ Fourier-splitting\ method,\ decay\ rate}$ 

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#### 1 Introduction

In this paper, we investigate the following Navier-Stokes-Landau-Lifshitz system:

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0, \tag{1a}$$

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = \mu \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d), \tag{1b}$$

$$\partial_t d + u \cdot \nabla d = \Delta d + |\nabla d|^2 d + d \times \Delta d, \quad |d| = 1, \tag{1c}$$

where  $(t,x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^3$ , u(x,t) is the velocity field, d(x,t) is the magnetic moment, and the symbol  $\nabla d \odot \nabla d$  denotes a  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose (i,j)th entry is given by  $\partial_i d \cdot \partial_j d$  for  $1 \leq i,j \leq 3$ .

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(1a) and (1b) are the well-known Navier-Stokes equations, while (1c) is the Landau-Lifshitz system when  $u \equiv 0$ . When the term  $d \times \Delta d$  is omitted, the system (1) reduces to liquid crystals which have been studied by many researchers. Lin et al.<sup>[1]</sup> established the global existence of a unique "almost strong" solution that has at most finitely much possible singular time which is analogous to that for the heat flows of harmonic maps (see Ref. [2]) for the initial boundary value problem in bounded domains in two dimensions (see Ref. [3] for some related works). However, the global existence of weak solutions in three dimensions remains an open problem. For strong solutions, Li and Wang<sup>[4]</sup>, Lin and Ding<sup>[5]</sup>, Wang<sup>[6]</sup>, Hineman and Wang<sup>[7]</sup> studied the global existence of strong solutions with small initial data and the local existence of strong solutions with any initial data. Recently, the decay of smooth solutions to the non-isothermal model for compressible nematic liquid crystals has been studied by Guo et al.<sup>[8]</sup>. An approximate model of liquid crystals system by the Ginzburg-Landau function was studied<sup>[9-11]</sup>, i.e.,  $|\nabla d|^2 d$  was replaced by  $f(d) = \nabla F(d) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (|d|^2 - 1) d$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and the large time behavior of solutions in the whole space was shown.

Many works have been done on the global stability of the near-constant-equilibrium solutions to the Cauchy problem or the initial boundary value problem of the compressible Navier-Stokes equations. Matsumura and Nishida<sup>[12]</sup> proved the global existence of small solutions in the  $H^3$ -norm and established the first-order spatial derivatives of solutions in the  $H^1$ -norm in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . At the same time, under an assumption that the small initial disturbance belongs to  $H^3(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , Matsumura and Nishida<sup>[13]</sup> obtained the following convergence rate:

$$\|(\rho-1, u, \theta-1)(t)\|_{H^2} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

for any  $t \ge 0$ . For the small initial perturbation belonging to  $H^3$  only, Matsumura<sup>[14]</sup> used the weighted energy method to show the time decay rates

$$\|\nabla^k(\rho-1, u, \theta-1)(t)\|_{L^2} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{k}{2}}$$

for k = 1, 2, and

$$\|(\rho-1, u, \theta-1)(t)\|_{L^{\infty}} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{4}}.$$

For the spatial dimension n=2 or 3 of the same system, if the small initial disturbance belongs to  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap W^{s,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $s \geq \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 3$ , Ponce<sup>[15]</sup> obtained the optimal  $L^p$  convergence rate

$$\|\nabla^k(\rho-1,u,\theta-1)(t)\|_{L^p} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{k}{2}}$$

for  $2 \leqslant p \leqslant \infty$  and k=0,1, and 2. In order to establish optimal decay rates for higher-order spatial derivatives of solutions, if the initial perturbation is bounded in the  $H^{-s}$ -norm  $(s \in [0,\frac{3}{2}))$  instead of  $L^1$ -norm, Guo and Wang<sup>[16]</sup> developed the time convergence rates as follows by using a general energy method:

$$\|\nabla^k(\rho-1, u, \theta-1)(t)\|_{H^{N-k}} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{k+s}{2}}$$

for  $0 \le k \le N-1$ . For more results, readers can also refer to Refs. [17]–[21] and references therein. For the classical incompressible Navier-Stokes equations, the readers can refer to Refs. [22]–[26]. Schonbek<sup>[25]</sup> and Schonbek and Wiegner<sup>[26]</sup> used the Fourier splitting method<sup>[24]</sup> and inductive argument to establish optimal decay rates for higher-order derivatives norm after having the optimal decay rates of solutions and its first-order spatial derivatives at hand. Recently, by using the Fourier analysis and standard techniques, Liu and  $\text{Gao}^{[27]}$  proved global well-posedness and long time decay of the three-dimensional Boussinesq equations.

As for the system (1), Zhai et al.<sup>[28]</sup> obtained the global existence of a unique solution without any small conditions imposed on the third component of the initial velocity field relying upon

the Fourier frequency localization and Bony's paraproduct decomposition. When the density is also considered, by using energy methods and delicate estimates from the harmonic analysis, Fan et al.<sup>[29]</sup> obtained regularity criteria for the strong solutions of the system (1) in Besov and multiplier spaces. However, the asymptotic behavior of the solutions to the three-dimensional Navier-Stokes-Landau-Lifshitz system remains an open problem. Motivated by the study of the decay rates for Navier-Stokes equations, the main purpose of this paper is to study the global existence and decay rates of smooth solutions to the system (1). However, compared with the Navier-Stokes equations, some new difficulties arise due to the additional presence of magnetic moment. Especially, the strong coupling nonlinearities  $|\nabla d|^2 d$  and  $d \times \Delta d$  in (1c) will cause serious difficulties in the proofs of the time-independent global energy estimates.

For the system (1), the initial data are given by

$$u(x,0) = u_0(x), \quad \nabla \cdot u_0 = 0, \quad d(x,0) = d_0(x), \quad |d_0(x)| = 1,$$
 (2)

and

$$u_0 \in H^N(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad d_0 - \omega_0 \in H^{N+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$
 (3)

for any integer  $N \ge 2$  with a fixed vector  $\omega_0 \in S^2$ , that is,  $|\omega_0| = 1$ . Furthermore, as the spatial variable tends to infinity, we assume

$$\lim_{|x| \to \infty} d_0(x) = \omega_0. \tag{4}$$

The main tools in the present paper consist of the higher-order energy estimate and the Fourier splitting method. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we obtain the global solution under the assumption of small initial data with the help of the energy method. In Section 3, we establish the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  time decay rate of the velocity u and the magnetic moment d. In Section 4, with the previous decay estimates, we combine the Fourier splitting method<sup>[24]</sup> with the inductive step<sup>[25–26]</sup> to establish time decay rates of the higher-order spatial derivatives of the solution. In Section 5, we establish the time decay rates for the mixed space-time derivatives of velocity and magnetic moment.

Throughout this paper,  $D^l$  with an integer  $l \ge 0$  stands for any spatial derivatives of the order l. When l < 0 or l is not a positive integer,  $D^l$  stands for  $\Lambda^l$  defined by  $\Lambda^s u = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(|\xi|^s \hat{u}(\xi))$ , where  $\hat{u}$  is the Fourier transform of u, and  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  is its inverse. For any integer  $s \ge 0$ , we use  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  to denote the usual Sobolev spaces with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{H^s}$  and  $L^p(1 \le p \le \infty)$  to denote the usual  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  spaces with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$ . We will use the notation  $A \le B$  to mean that  $A \le CB$  for a universal constant C > 0 that only depends on the parameters coming from the problem and the indexes N and s coming from the regularity on the data. We also use  $C_0$  for a positive constant depending additionally on the initial data.

Our main results are stated in the following theorems.

**Theorem 1** Assume that the initial data  $(u_0, d_0 - \omega_0)$  satisfy (1)-(4). There exists a constant  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that if

$$||u_0||_{H^1} + ||d_0 - \omega_0||_{H^2} \leqslant \delta_0, \tag{5}$$

then the problem (1) has a unique global solution (u, d) satisfying that for all  $t \ge 0$ ,

$$||u(\cdot,t)||_{H^{N}}^{2} + ||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_{0}||_{H^{N+1}}^{2} + \int_{0}^{t} (||\nabla u(\cdot,\tau)||_{H^{N}}^{2} + ||\nabla (d(\cdot,\tau) - \omega_{0})||_{H^{N+1}}^{2}) d\tau$$

$$\leq C(||u_{0}||_{H^{N}}^{2} + ||d_{0} - \omega_{0}||_{H^{N+1}}^{2}).$$
(6)

**Theorem 2** Let (u,d) be the smooth solution obtained in Theorem 1. Assume additionally  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $d_0 - \omega_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and a unit vector  $\omega_0$ . Then, there exists a small number  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that if

$$||u_0||_{H^1} + ||d_0 - \omega_0||_{H^2} \leqslant \delta_0, \tag{7}$$

then

$$||u(\cdot,t)||_{L^2} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{4}},$$
 (8)

$$||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})}.$$
 (9)

**Theorem 3** Let (u,d) be the smooth solution obtained in Theorem 1, assume additionally  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $d_0 - \omega_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , and assume that

$$||u(\cdot,t)||_{L^2}^2 + ||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0||_{L^2}^2 \leqslant C_0(1+t)^{-2\mu} \text{ for } t \geqslant 0, \quad \mu \geqslant 0,$$
 (10)

where  $C_0 = C_0(u_0, d_0, \omega_0)$ . Then, for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $C_m = C_m(\mu, C_0)$  such that

$$||D^m u(\cdot, t)||_{L^2}^2 + ||D^m (d(\cdot, t) - \omega_0)||_{L^2}^2 \leqslant C_m (1 + t)^{-m - 2\mu}, \tag{11}$$

and for  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ , there holds

$$||D^m u(\cdot, t)||_{L^p} + ||D^m (d(\cdot, t) - \omega_0)||_{L^p} \leqslant C_m (1 + t)^{-\frac{m}{2} - \frac{3}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}) - \mu}, \tag{12}$$

especially,

$$||D^m u(\cdot, t)||_{L^{\infty}} + ||D^m (d(\cdot, t) - \omega_0)||_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C_m (1 + t)^{-(\frac{m}{2} + \mu + \frac{3}{4})}.$$
(13)

**Remark 1** Since (10) is valid for  $\mu = \frac{3}{4}$  by Theorem 3, under all the assumptions of Theorem 3, we obtain the decay estimates

$$||D^m u(\cdot,t)||_{L^2}^2 + ||D^m (d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0)||_{L^2}^2 \leqslant C_m (1+t)^{-(m+\frac{3}{2})}, \tag{14}$$

$$||D^{m}u(\cdot,t)||_{L^{p}} + ||D^{m}(d(\cdot,t) - \omega_{0})||_{L^{p}} \leqslant C_{m}(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{m}{2}},$$
(15)

$$||D^m u(\cdot, t)||_{L^{\infty}} + ||D^m (d(\cdot, t) - \omega_0)||_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C_m (1 + t)^{-\frac{3+m}{2}}.$$
 (16)

Moreover, we establish decay rates for the mixed space-time derivatives of solutions to the Cauchy problem (1)–(4).

**Theorem 4** Under all the assumptions in Theorem 2, the global classical solution (u, d) of the Cauchy problem (1)–(4) has the time decay rate

$$\|\nabla^{l}(\partial_{t}u, \partial_{t}d)(t)\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{2l+7}{2}}.$$
 (17)

### 2 Energy estimates

In this subsection, we will derive the a priori energy estimate for the system (1) by assuming that

$$||u(\cdot,t)||_{H^1} + ||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0||_{H^2} \le \delta \tag{18}$$

for sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ .

We first recall the Sobolev interpolation of the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality.

**Lemma 1** Let  $0 \le m$ , and  $\alpha \le l$ . Then, we have

$$||D^{\alpha}f||_{L^{p}} \lesssim ||D^{m}f||_{L^{q}}^{1-\theta}||D^{l}f||_{L^{r}}^{\theta}, \tag{19}$$

where  $0 \le \theta \le 1$ , and  $\alpha$  satisfies

$$\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{p} = \left(\frac{m}{3} - \frac{1}{q}\right)(1-\theta) + \left(\frac{l}{3} - \frac{1}{r}\right)\theta.$$

Here, if  $p = \infty$ , we require that  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

**Proof** This can be found in Page 125 of Ref. [30].

We recall the following commutator estimates:

**Lemma 2** Let  $m \ge 1$  be an integer and define the commutator

$$[\nabla^m, f]g = \nabla^m(fg) - f\nabla^m g. \tag{20}$$

Then, we have

$$\|[\nabla^m, f]g\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|\nabla^{m-1}g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|\nabla^m f\|_{L^{p_3}} \|g\|_{L^{p_4}}. \tag{21}$$

In addition, we have that for  $k \ge 0$ ,

$$\|\nabla^k(fg)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|\nabla^k g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|\nabla^k f\|_{L^{p_3}} \|g\|_{L^{p_4}},\tag{22}$$

where  $p, p_2, and p_3 \in (1, \infty), and$ 

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p_3} + \frac{1}{p_4}. (23)$$

**Proof** Readers can refer to Lemma 3.1 in Ref. [31].

We begin with the first type of energy estimates including u and d.

**Lemma 3** If (18) holds, then for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|D^k u|^2 + |D^{k+1} d|^2) \mathrm{d}x + C(\|D^{k+1} u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^{k+2} d\|_{L^2}^2) 
\lesssim \delta(\|D^{k+1} u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^{k+2} d\|_{L^2}^2).$$
(24)

**Proof** Applying  $D^k$  to (1b),  $D^{k+1}$  to (1c), and multiplying the resulting identities by  $D^k u$ ,  $D^{k+1} d$ , respectively, summing up them and then integrating over  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by parts, we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (|D^{k}u|^{2} + |D^{k+1}d|^{2}) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (\mu |D^{k+1}u|^{2} + |D^{k+2}d|^{2}) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k} (u \cdot \nabla u) D^{k} u \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k} \nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d) D^{k} u \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k+1} (u \cdot \nabla d) D^{k+1} d \mathrm{d}x$$

$$+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k+1} (|\nabla d|^{2}d) \cdot D^{k+1} d \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k+1} (d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{k+1} d \mathrm{d}x$$

$$= I_{1} + I_{2} + I_{3} + I_{4} + I_{5}. \tag{25}$$

We shall estimate each term on the right hand side of (25). First, for the term  $I_1$ , by using Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we obtain

$$I_{1} = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k}(u \cdot \nabla u) D^{k} u dx$$

$$\lesssim (\|D^{k}u\|_{L^{3}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^{2}} + \|u\|_{L^{3}} \|D^{k}\nabla u\|_{L^{2}}) \|D^{k}u\|_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim (\|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2k+1}{2k+2}} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2k+1}{2k+2}} \|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2k+1}{2k+2}} \|D^{\frac{k+1}{2k+1}}u\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2k+1}{2k+2}} + \|u\|_{L^{3}} \|D^{k}\nabla u\|_{L^{2}}) \|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}.$$
(26)

For  $I_2$ , integrating by parts and employing the Leibniz formula and Hölder's inequality, we obtain

$$I_{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k} (\nabla d \odot \nabla d) D^{k+1} u dx$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le l \le k} C_{k}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l+1} dD^{k-l+1} dD^{k+1} u dx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{0 \le l \le k} C_{k}^{l} ||D^{l+1} d||_{L^{3}} ||D^{k+1-l} d||_{L^{6}} ||D^{k+1} u||_{L^{2}}.$$
(27)

If  $0 \le l \le \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l+1}d||_{L^3}||D^{k+1-l}d||_{L^6}$$

$$\lesssim \|D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k+1}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k+1}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}, \tag{28}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{l+1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{l}{k+1}\right) + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{l}{k+1}.$$

Since  $0 \leqslant l \leqslant [\frac{k}{2}]$ , we have  $\alpha = \frac{3k-2l+3}{2(k-l+1)} \in [\frac{3}{2},2)$ .

If  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k$ , by using Lemma 1 again, we get

$$||D^{l+1}d||_{L^3}||D^{k+1-l}d||_{L^6}$$

$$\lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}} \|D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}} 
\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}},$$
(29)

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{k-l+1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)} + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}\right). \tag{30}$$

Since  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k$ , we have  $\alpha = \frac{k+2l+2}{2l+1} \in \left(\frac{3}{2}, 2\right)$ .

Combining (28) and (29), by Cauchy's inequality, we deduce from (27) that for  $0 \le l \le k$ ,

$$I_2 \lesssim \delta(\|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2).$$
 (31)

And for the term  $I_3$ , similarly,

$$I_{3} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k} (u \cdot \nabla d) D^{k+2} ddx$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le l \le k} C_{k}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l} u D^{k-l} \nabla dD^{k+2} ddx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{0 \le l \le k} C_{k}^{l} ||D^{l} u||_{L^{3}} ||D^{k+1-l} d||_{L^{6}} ||D^{k+2} d||_{L^{2}}.$$
(32)

If  $0 \le l \le \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l}u||_{L^{3}}||D^{k+1-l}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{\alpha}u||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k}}||D^{k+1}u||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k}}||\nabla^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta(||D^{k+1}u||_{L^{2}} + ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}), \tag{33}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{l}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{l}{k}\right) + \left(\frac{k+1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{l}{k},\tag{34}$$

and  $\alpha = \frac{k-2l}{2(k-l)} \in [0, \frac{1}{2}].$ 

If  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k$ , by using Lemma 1 again, we get

$$||D^{l}u||_{L^{3}}||D^{k+1-l}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||u||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}}||D^{k+1}u||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}}||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l+1}{2(k+1)}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta(||D^{k+1}u||_{L^{2}} + ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}), \tag{35}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by (30), and  $\alpha = \frac{k+2l+2}{2l+1} \in (\frac{3}{2}, 2)$ .

Combining (33) and (35), by Cauchy's inequality, we deduce from (32) that for  $0 \le l \le k$ ,

$$I_3 \lesssim \delta(\|D^{k+1}u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2).$$
 (36)

By integration by parts, Leibnitz formula, and Hölder's inequality, the fourth term on the

right hand side of (25) can be estimated as

$$\begin{split} I_{4} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k+1}(|\nabla d|^{2}d) \cdot D^{k+1}ddx \\ &= -\sum_{0 \leqslant l \leqslant k} C_{k}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l}(|\nabla d|^{2})D^{k-l}dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &= -\sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} C_{k-1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l}(|\nabla d|^{2})D^{k-l}dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &- \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2}D^{k}dD^{k+2}ddx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k}(|\nabla d|^{2})dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &= -\sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l-1} C_{k-1}^{l} C_{l}^{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m+1}dD^{l-m+1}dD^{k-l}dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &- \sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l} D^{l+1}dDdD^{k-l}dD^{k+2}ddx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2}D^{k}dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &- \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant k} C_{k}^{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m+1}dD^{k-m+1}dD^{k+2}ddx \\ &\lesssim \sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l-1} C_{k-1}^{l} C_{l}^{m} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{l-m+1}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k-l}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}} \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} C_{k-1}^{l} \|D^{l+1}d\|_{L^{6}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k-l}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}} \\ &+ \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}} \\ &+ \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{3}} \|D^{k-m+1}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}} \\ &= I_{41} + I_{42} + I_{43} + I_{44}. \end{split} \tag{37}$$

Now, we estimate the first term  $I_{41}$ . If  $1 \leq l \leq \lfloor \frac{k-1}{2} \rfloor$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{m+1}d||_{L^{6}}||D^{l-m+1}d||_{L^{6}}||D^{k-l}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{m+1}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{m+1}{k}}||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l-m}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l-m}{k}}||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{1+l}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l+1}{k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{38}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{m+1}{3}-\frac{1}{6}=\left(\frac{\alpha}{3}-\frac{1}{2}\right)\times\left(1-\frac{m+1}{k}\right)+\left(\frac{k+2}{3}-\frac{1}{2}\right)\times\frac{m+1}{k}.$$

Since  $0 \leqslant l \leqslant \left[\frac{k-1}{2}\right]$ , we have  $\alpha = 2 - \frac{k}{k-m-1} \in (0,1)$ .

If  $\lceil \frac{k-1}{2} \rceil + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{m+1}d||_{L^6}||D^{l-m+1}d||_{L^6}||D^{k-l}d||_{L^6}$$

$$\lesssim \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{m}{k}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{m}{k}} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l-m}{k}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l-m}{k}} \|D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k}} 
\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}},$$
(39)

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{k-l}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{l}{k} + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{l}{k}\right).$$

Since  $\left[\frac{k-1}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1$ , we have  $\alpha = 2 - \frac{k}{l} \in [0,1)$ . Combining (38) and (39), we deduce from (37) that for  $0 \leqslant l \leqslant k$ ,

$$I_{41} \lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2.$$
 (40)

Similarly,  $I_{42}$  can be estimated as follows:

$$I_{42} = \sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-1} C_{k-1}^{l} \|D^{l+1}d\|_{L^{6}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k-l}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l+1}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{\frac{l+1}{k+1}}}^{\frac{l+1}{k+1}} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l+1}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l+1}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{41}$$

The third term on the right hand side of (37) can be estimated by

$$I_{43} = \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k}d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{1}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{1}{k+1}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{k}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{k}{k+1}} \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}. \tag{42}$$

Next, we estimate the last term  $I_{44}$ . If  $1 \leq m \leq \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{m+1}d||_{L^{3}}||D^{k-m+1}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{m}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{m}{k}}||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{m}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}},$$
(43)

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{m+1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{m}{k}\right) + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{m}{k}.$$

Since  $0 \leqslant m \leqslant \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , we have  $\alpha = 2 - \frac{k}{2(k-m)} \in \left[1, \frac{3}{2}\right]$ .

If  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant m \leqslant k$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{m+1}d||_{L^{3}}||D^{k-m+1}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2m-1}{2k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2m-1}{2k}}||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2m-1}{2k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2m-1}{2k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{44}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{k-m+l}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{2m-1}{2k} + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{2m-1}{2k}\right).$$

Since  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant m \leqslant k$ , we have  $\alpha = 2 - \frac{k}{2m-1} \in [1, \frac{3}{2})$ . Combining (40)–(44), we deduce from (37) that

$$I_4 \lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2.$$
 (45)

Finally, it remains to estimate the last term  $I_5$ , note that  $(a \times b) \cdot b = 0$ , and we have

$$I_{5} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k+1}(d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{k+1} ddx$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1} C_{k+1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (D^{l} d \times D^{k+1-l} \Delta d) \cdot D^{k+1} ddx$$

$$= -\sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1} C_{k+1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (D^{l} d \times D^{k+1-l} \nabla d) \cdot D^{k+1} \nabla ddx$$

$$-\sum_{0 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1} C_{k+1}^{l} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (D^{l} \nabla d \times D^{k+1-l} \nabla d) \cdot D^{k+1} ddx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{1 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1} C_{k+1}^{l} ||D^{l} d \times D^{k-l+2} d||_{L^{2}} ||D^{k+2} d||_{L^{2}}$$

$$+\sum_{0 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1} C_{k+1}^{l} ||D^{l+1} d \times D^{k-l+2} d||_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}} ||D^{k+1} d||_{L^{6}}. \tag{46}$$

Now, we begin to estimate  $||D^l d \times D^{k-l+2} d||_{L^2}$ . If  $1 \leq l \leq \lceil \frac{k+1}{2} \rceil$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l}d \times D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{l}d||_{L^{6}}||D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{3}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l-1}{2k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l-1}{2k}}||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l-1}{2k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l-1}{2k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{47}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{l}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{2l - 1}{2k}\right) + \left(\frac{k + 2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{2l - 1}{2k}.$$

Since  $1 \le l \le [\frac{k+1}{2}]$ , we have  $\alpha = 2 - \frac{k}{2k-2l+1} \in [1, \frac{3}{2})$ .

If  $\left[\frac{k+1}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l}d \times D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{l}d||_{L^{3}}||D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{6}}$$

$$\lesssim ||\nabla d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l-1}{2k+2}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l-1}{2k+2}}||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2l-1}{2k+2}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{2l-1}{2k+2}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{48}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{k-l+2}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{2l-1}{2k+2} + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{2l-1}{2k+2}\right).$$

Since  $\left[\frac{k+1}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k+1$ , we have  $\alpha = \frac{k+2l}{2l-1} \in \left(\frac{3}{2}, 2\right]$ .

In what follows, we give the estimate of the remaining term  $||D^{l+1}d \times D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}}$ . If  $0 \leqslant l \leqslant \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l+1}d \times D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{l+1}d||_{L^{3}}||D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{2}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k}}||D^{2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{49}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{l+1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{l}{k}\right) + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{l}{k}.$$

Since  $0 \le l \le \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ , we have  $\alpha = 1 + \frac{k}{2(k-l)} \in \left[\frac{3}{2}, 2\right]$ .

If  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k + 1$ , by using Lemma 1, we get

$$||D^{l+1}d \times D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}}$$

$$\lesssim ||D^{l+1}d||_{L^{2}}||D^{k-l+2}d||_{L^{3}}$$

$$\lesssim ||\nabla d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k+1}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k+1}}||D^{\alpha}(d-\omega_{0})||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{l}{k+1}}||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{l}{k+1}}$$

$$\lesssim \delta ||D^{k+2}d||_{L^{2}}, \tag{50}$$

where  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\frac{k-l+2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{l}{k+1} + \left(\frac{k+2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{l}{k+1}\right).$$

Since  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right] + 1 \leqslant l \leqslant k + 1$ , we have  $\alpha = 1 + \frac{k+1}{2l} \in \left[\frac{3}{2}, 2\right]$ . Combining (47)–(50), we deduce from (46) that for  $0 \leqslant l \leqslant k + 1$ ,

$$I_5 \lesssim \delta \|D^{k+2}d\|_{L^2}^2.$$
 (51)

Summing up the estimates for  $I_1 \sim I_5$ , i.e., (26), (31), (36), (45), and (51), we deduce (24) for  $0 \le k \le N$ , and this yields the desired result.

Next, we derive the second type of energy estimates excluding  $d - \omega_0$ .

If (18) holds, then we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^2 \mathrm{d}x + \|\nabla (d - \omega_0)\|_{L^2}^2 \le 0.$$
 (52)

**Proof** Since  $\omega_0$  is a unit constant vector, we rewrite 1(c) as

$$\partial_t (d - \omega_0) + u \cdot \nabla (d - \omega_0) = \Delta (d - \omega_0) + |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 d + d \times \Delta (d - \omega_0), \tag{53}$$

and multiplying (53) by  $d - \omega_0$ , integrating by parts, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla(d - \omega_0)\|_{L^2}^2$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla(d - \omega_0)|^2 d \cdot (d - \omega_0) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (d \times \Delta(d - \omega_0)) \cdot (d - \omega_0) dx$$

$$\lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{L^3} \|\nabla d\|_{L^2} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^6}$$

$$\lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{H^1} \|\nabla d\|_{L^2}^2$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|\nabla d\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{54}$$

where we have used Hölder's inequality, (18), and  $(a \times b) \cdot b = 0$ .

Thus,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla(d - \omega_0)\|_{L^2}^2 \le 0.$$

Next, we will combine all the energy estimates that we have derived to prove Theorem 1.

**Proof** We first close the energy estimates at each lth level in our weaker sense. Let  $N \ge 2$  and  $1 \le m \le N$ . Summing up the estimates (24) of Lemma 3 from k = 0 to k = m, since  $\delta$  is small, we obtain

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\|u\|_{H^m}^2 + \|\nabla d\|_{H^m}^2) + (\|\nabla u\|_{H^m}^2 + \|D^2 d\|_{H^m}^2) \le 0,$$
(55)

which, together with (52), yields

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\|u\|_{H^m}^2 + \|d - \omega_0\|_{H^{m+1}}^2) + (\|\nabla u\|_{H^m}^2 + \|\nabla d\|_{H^{m+1}}^2) \le 0.$$
(56)

Let m = 1 in the estimates (56), and we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\|u\|_{H^{1}}^{2} + \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{H^{2}}^{2}) + (\|\nabla u\|_{H^{1}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{H^{2}}^{2}) \le 0, \tag{57}$$

and then integrating directly in the time variable, we get

$$||u||_{H^1}^2 + ||d - \omega_0||_{H^2}^2 \le ||u_0||_{H^1}^2 + ||d_0 - \omega_0||_{H^2}^2.$$
 (58)

By a standard continuity argument, this closes the a priori estimates (18). This in turn allows us to take m = N in (56), and then integrate it directly in the time variable to obtain (6). This completes the whole proof of Theorem 1.

### 3 Proof of Theorem 2

In this section, we shall give the proof of Theorem 2. In order to establish that  $d-\omega_0$  decays in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for p>1, we first establish the following inequality.

**Lemma 5** Under the assumption (18), for  $p \ge 2$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^p \mathrm{d}x + C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla |d - \omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}} |^2 \mathrm{d}x \leqslant 0.$$
 (59)

**Proof** Let  $2 \leq p < \infty$  and multiply (53) by  $|d - \omega_0|^{p-2} (d - \omega_0)$ , which gives

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^p \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^{p-2} (d - \omega_0) \cdot \Delta (d - \omega_0) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 |d - \omega_0|^{p-2} (d - \omega_0) \cdot d \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^{p-2} (d - \omega_0) \cdot (d \times \Delta d) \mathrm{d}x.$$
(60)

We can estimate the second term on the left hand side of (60) by integration by parts as follows:

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot \Delta (d - \omega_{0}) dx$$

$$= (p-2) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |(d - \omega_{0}) \cdot \nabla (d - \omega_{0})|^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-4} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} \nabla (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot \nabla (d - \omega_{0}) dx$$

$$= \frac{p-2}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla |d - \omega_{0}|^{2} |^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-4} dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla |d - \omega_{0}|^{2} |^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-4} dx$$

$$= \frac{4(p-1)}{p^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla |d - \omega_{0}|^{\frac{p}{2}} |^{2} dx.$$
(61)

The first term on the right hand side of (60) is estimated as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla(d - \omega_{0})|^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot d dx$$

$$\leq ||d - \omega_{0}||_{L^{\infty}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla(d - \omega_{0})|^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} dx$$

$$\leq \delta \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla(d - \omega_{0})|^{2} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} dx$$

$$\leq \frac{4\delta}{p^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla|d - \omega_{0}|^{\frac{p}{2}} |^{2} dx, \tag{62}$$

where we have used (18) and |d| = 1.

By virtue of integration by parts and  $(a \times b) \cdot b = 0$ , the second term on the right hand side of (60) is estimated as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (d \times \Delta d) dx$$

$$= -(p-2) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-4} \nabla (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (d - \omega_{0}) (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (d \times \nabla d) dx$$

$$- \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} \nabla (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (d \times \nabla d) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (\nabla d \times \nabla d) dx$$

$$\leq (p-2) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |d - \omega_{0}|^{p-2} |\nabla (d - \omega_{0})|^{2} dx$$

$$\leq \frac{4(p-2)}{p^{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla |d - \omega_{0}|^{\frac{p}{2}} |^{2} dx.$$
(63)

Substituting (61)–(63) into (60), for  $2 \leq p < \infty$ , we reach the desired estimate (59).

**Lemma 6** Under the assumption (18), and  $d_0 - \omega_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x \leqslant C_0. \tag{64}$$

**Proof** Multiply (53) by  $\frac{d-\omega_0}{|d-\omega_0|}$  (or alternatively by  $\frac{d-\omega_0}{|d-\omega_0|+\varepsilon}$ , and  $\varepsilon \to 0$ ), which gives

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Delta (d - \omega_0) \cdot \frac{d - \omega_0}{|d - \omega_0|} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 d \cdot \frac{d - \omega_0}{|d - \omega_0|} \mathrm{d}x 
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (d \times \Delta d) \cdot \frac{d - \omega_0}{|d - \omega_0|} \mathrm{d}x.$$
(65)

The first term on the right hand side of (65) can be estimated by integrating by parts as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{d - \omega_0}{|d - \omega_0|} \cdot \Delta(d - \omega_0) dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\nabla(d - \omega_0) \cdot \nabla(d - \omega_0)}{|d - \omega_0|} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|(d - \omega_0) \cdot \nabla(d - \omega_0)|^2}{|d - \omega_0|^3} dx$$

$$\leq -\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\nabla(d - \omega_0)|^2}{|d - \omega_0|} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\nabla(d - \omega_0)|^2}{|d - \omega_0|} dx$$

$$= 0.$$
(66)

The second term on the right hand side of (65) can be estimated by using |d| = 1 as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 d \cdot \frac{d - \omega_0}{|d - \omega_0|} dx \leqslant \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 dx. \tag{67}$$

The third term on the right hand side of (65) can be estimated by integrating by parts and using  $(a \times b) \cdot b = 0$  as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (d \times \Delta d) \cdot \frac{d - \omega_{0}}{|d - \omega_{0}|} dx$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (\partial_{i} d \times \partial_{i} d) \cdot \frac{d - \omega_{0}}{|d - \omega_{0}|} dx - \sum_{i=1}^{3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (d \times \partial_{i} d) \cdot \frac{\partial_{i} (d - \omega_{0})}{|d - \omega_{0}|} dx$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (d \times \partial_{i} d) \cdot (d - \omega_{0}) \frac{\partial_{i} (d - \omega_{0}) \cdot (d - \omega_{0})}{|d - \omega_{0}|^{3}} dx$$

$$= 0.$$
(68)

Combining (66)–(68), we deduce from (65) that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x \leqslant \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 \mathrm{d}x. \tag{69}$$

Integrating the inequality (69) with respect to t yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x \leqslant \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d_0 - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}\tau.$$
 (70)

Similar to (70), we have from (52) that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0|^2 dx + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2 dx d\tau \leqslant \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d_0 - \omega_0|^2 dx.$$
 (71)

Combining the inequalities (70) and (71) yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |d - \omega_0| \mathrm{d}x \leqslant C_0.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

**Lemma 7** Let d be the solution obtained in Theorem 1. Assume  $d_0 - \omega_0 \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3), 1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then, we have

$$||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0||_{L^p} \le C(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})}.$$
 (72)

**Proof** According to the idea in Ref. [32], we multiply (59) by  $(1+t)^{\alpha}$ , for an arbitrary  $\alpha > 0$ , which yields

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}((1+t)^{\alpha}\|d-\omega_0\|_{L^p}^p) + C_p(1+t)^{\alpha}\|\nabla(|d-\omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^2}^2 \leqslant \alpha(1+t)^{\alpha-1}\|d-\omega_0\|_{L^p}^p. \tag{73}$$

With Hölder's inequality, the right hand side of (73) is estimated as

$$\alpha (1+t)^{\alpha-1} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^p}^p 
\leq C_{\alpha} (1+t)^{\alpha-1} \|\nabla(|d - \omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2\gamma_p}{1+\gamma_p}} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^1}^{\frac{p}{1+\gamma_p}} 
= C_{\alpha} (1+t)^{\frac{\alpha\gamma_p}{1+\gamma_p}} \|\nabla(|d - \omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2\gamma_p}{1+\gamma_p}} (1+t)^{\frac{\alpha}{1+\gamma_p}-1} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^1}^{\frac{p}{1+\gamma_p}} 
\leq \varepsilon (1+t)^{\alpha} \|\nabla(|d - \omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^2}^2 + C_{\alpha,\varepsilon} (1+t)^{\alpha-\gamma_p-1} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^1}^p,$$
(74)

where  $\gamma = \frac{3}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{p})$ , and  $\alpha > \gamma p$ .

Substituting the estimate (74) into (73) and taking  $\varepsilon > 0$  suitably small, we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}((1+t)^{\alpha}\|d-\omega_{0}\|_{L^{p}}^{p}) + \frac{C_{p}}{2}(1+t)^{\alpha}\|\nabla(|d-\omega_{0}|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha,\varepsilon}(1+t)^{\alpha-\gamma p-1}\|d-\omega_{0}\|_{L^{1}}^{p}$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha,\varepsilon}(1+t)^{\alpha-\gamma p-1},$$
(75)

where we use Lemma 6.

Integrating the inequality (75) with respect to t yields

$$(1+t)^{\alpha} \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^p}^p + \frac{C_p}{2} \int_0^t (1+\tau)^{\alpha} \|\nabla(|d - \omega_0|^{\frac{p}{2}})\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau$$

$$\leq \|d_0 - \omega_0\|_{L^p}^p + C_{\alpha,\varepsilon} (1+t)^{\alpha-\gamma p}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad 2 \leq p < \infty,$$
(76)

from which it follows

$$||d - \omega_0||_{L^p}^p \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\alpha} ||d_0 - \omega_0||_{L^p}^p + C(1+t)^{-\gamma p}.$$
(77)

Due to  $\alpha > \gamma p$ ,

$$||d - \omega_0||_{L^p} \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})}. (78)$$

This completes the proof of the case  $p \ge 2$ . For the case  $1 \le p < 2$ , applying the interpolation inequality (78) and Lemma 6 yields

$$||d - \omega_0||_{L^p} \le ||d - \omega_0||_{L^2}^{2(1 - \frac{1}{p})} ||d - \omega_0||_{L^1}^{\frac{2}{p} - 1} \le C_0 (1 + t)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{p})}.$$
(79)

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Next, we turn to establish  $L^2$  decay of the velocity u.

**Lemma 8** Let (u,d) be the solution obtained in Theorem 1. Assume that the initial data satisfy Theorem 2. Then, we have

$$||u||_{L^{2}}^{2} \leqslant C(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}}.$$
 (80)

**Proof** Multiplying (1b) and (53) by u and  $d - \omega_0$ , respectively, summing up them, and then integrating over  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by parts, we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|u|^2 + |d - \omega_0|^2) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\mu |\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla (d - \omega_0)|^2) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla u \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla d|^2 d \cdot (d - \omega_0) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (d \times \Delta d) \cdot (d - \omega_0) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$= K_1 + K_2 + K_3. \tag{81}$$

The first integral on the right hand side of (81) is estimated as

$$K_{1} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \nabla u \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d) dx$$

$$\leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}$$

$$\leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla^{3} d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\leq \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}), \tag{82}$$

where we use (6) and (18).

By Hölder's inequality, the second integral on the right hand side of (81) is estimated as

$$K_{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2} d \cdot (d - \omega_{0}) dx$$

$$\leq \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}.$$
(83)

By integrating by parts and using  $(a \times b) \cdot b = 0$ , the last integral on the right hand side of (81) is estimated as

$$K_{3} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (d \times \Delta d) \cdot (d - \omega_{0}) dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (\nabla d \times \nabla d) \cdot (d - \omega_{0}) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (d \times \nabla d) \cdot \nabla (d - \omega_{0}) dx$$

$$= 0. \tag{84}$$

Substituting the estimates (82)–(84) into (81), we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(u, d - \omega_0)|^2 \mathrm{d}x + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla(u, d - \omega_0)|^2 \mathrm{d}x \leqslant 0.$$
 (85)

Applying Plancherel's theorem to (85) gives

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^2 |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi \leqslant 0.$$
 (86)

As in Ref. [26], we define the ball

$$S(t) = \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |\xi| \leqslant r(t) = \left(\frac{k}{1+t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

for a constant k that will be specified as below. Hence,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi \lesssim -\int_{S(t)} |\xi|^{2} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi - \int_{S(t)^{c}} |\xi|^{2} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi$$

$$\lesssim -\frac{k}{1+t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi + \int_{S(t)} \left(\frac{k}{1+t} - |\xi|^{2}\right) |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi, \quad (87)$$

where  $S(t)^{c}$  is the complementary set of S(t). Then,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi + \frac{Ck}{1+t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi$$

$$\lesssim \frac{k}{1+t} \int_{S(t)} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_{0}})|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi$$

$$\lesssim \frac{k}{1+t} \int_{S(t)} |\widehat{u}|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi + \frac{k}{1+t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\widehat{d - \omega_{0}}|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi$$

$$\lesssim \frac{k}{1+t} \int_{S(t)} |\widehat{u}|^{2} \mathrm{d}\xi + k(1+t)^{-\frac{5}{2}}.$$
(88)

Here, we have used the decay estimate  $||d(\cdot,t) - \omega_0||_{L^p} \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})}$  which has been obtained in Lemma 7 with p=2. The following estimate, which will be established later, is needed:

$$|\widehat{u(\xi,t)}| \leqslant C \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \in S(t)$$
 (89)

for an absolute constant C. Then, we obtain

$$\int_{S(t)} |\widehat{u}|^2 d\xi \leqslant C \int_0^{r(t)} r^2 dr \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}.$$
 (90)

Combining the inequalities (88) and (90) yields

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi + \frac{Ck}{1 + t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi \leqslant C(1 + t)^{-\frac{5}{2}}.$$
(91)

Multiplying both sides of (91) by  $(1+t)^{Ck}$ , we get

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( (1+t)^{Ck} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi \right) \leqslant C(1+t)^{Ck-\frac{5}{2}},\tag{92}$$

where  $k \geqslant \frac{3}{2C}$ .

Solving the inequality directly yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(u, d - \omega_0)|^2 dx \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}.$$
(93)

To complete the proof, we need to establish the inequality (89). As in Ref. [33], taking the Fourier transform in the system (1b) yields

$$\partial_t \widehat{u} + |\xi|^2 \widehat{u} = G(\xi, t), \tag{94}$$

where

$$G(\xi, t) = -\mathcal{F}(u \cdot \nabla u) - \mathcal{F}(\nabla p) - \mathcal{F}(\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)), \tag{95}$$

and  $\mathcal{F}$  indicates the Fourier transform. Multiplying (94) by the integrating factor  $e^{|\xi|^2 t}$  yields

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\mathrm{e}^{|\xi|^2t}\widehat{u}) = \mathrm{e}^{|\xi|^2t}G(\xi,t).$$

Integrating in the time variable gives

$$\widehat{u}(\xi, t) = e^{-|\xi|^2 t} \widehat{u}_0 + \int_0^t e^{-|\xi|^2 (t-s)} G(\xi, s) ds.$$
(96)

We analyze each term in  $G(\xi, t)$  separately. We have

$$|\mathcal{F}(u \cdot \nabla u)| = |\mathcal{F}(\nabla \cdot (u \odot u))| \leqslant \sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi_j| |u^i u^j | dx \leqslant C|\xi|. \tag{97}$$

Similarly, we see

$$|\mathcal{F}(\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)) \leqslant C|\xi|. \tag{98}$$

Taking the divergence of the velocity equation in the system (1) yields

$$\Delta p = -\sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (u^i u^j) - \sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (\nabla d^i \nabla d^j). \tag{99}$$

Taking the Fourier transform gives

$$|\xi|^2 \mathcal{F}(p) = -\sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \xi_i \xi_j \mathcal{F}(u^i u^j) - \sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \xi_i \xi_j \mathcal{F}(\nabla d^i \nabla d^j). \tag{100}$$

It follows that  $\mathcal{F}(p) \leqslant C$ , and thus

$$\mathcal{F}(\nabla p) \leqslant C|\xi|. \tag{101}$$

Substituting (97), (98), and (101) into (96), for  $\xi \in S(t)$ , we get

$$|\widehat{u}(\xi,t)| \leq e^{-|\xi|^2 t} |\widehat{u_0}| + C|\xi| \int_0^t e^{-|\xi|^2 (t-s)} ds$$

$$\leq C e^{-|\xi|^2 t} + \frac{C}{|\xi|} (1 - e^{-|\xi|^2 t})$$

$$\leq C|\xi|^{-1}.$$
(102)

Then, we obtain

$$\int_{S(t)} |\widehat{u}|^2 d\xi \leqslant C \int_0^{r(t)} r^2 r^{-2} dr \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$
 (103)

Substituting (103) into (88), we get

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi + \frac{Ck}{1+t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d - \omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi$$

$$\lesssim \frac{k}{1+t} \int_{S(t)} |\widehat{u}|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi + k(1+t)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}.$$
(104)

Similarly, multiplying both sides of (104) by  $(1+t)^{Ck}$ , we get

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \Big( (1+t)^{Ck} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{d-\omega_0})|^2 \mathrm{d}\xi \Big) \leqslant C(1+t)^{Ck-\frac{3}{2}},$$

where  $k \geqslant \frac{1}{2C}$ . Solving the inequality directly yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |(u, d - \omega_0)|^2 dx \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(105)

Due to (105), (97) is estimated as

$$|\mathcal{F}(u \cdot \nabla u)| = |\mathcal{F}(\nabla \cdot (u \odot u))| \leqslant \sum_{i \geqslant 1, j \leqslant 3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi_j| |u^i u^j| dx \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\xi|.$$
 (106)

Using Lemma 7 gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla d|^2 dx \leqslant C \|d - \omega_0\|_{L^2} \|\Delta d\|_{L^2} \leqslant C(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}.$$

Then,

$$|\mathcal{F}(\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d))| \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{4}} |\xi|, \tag{107}$$

and  $\mathcal{F}(p) \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence,

$$\mathcal{F}(\nabla p) \leqslant C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\xi|. \tag{108}$$

Combining (106)–(108) and (95) yields

$$|G(\xi,t)| \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\xi| \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \in S(t).$$
 (109)

Substituting (109) into (96), for  $\xi \in S(t)$ , we get

$$|\widehat{u}(\xi,t)| \leq e^{-|\xi|^2 t} |\widehat{u_0}| + C|\xi| \int_0^t e^{-|\xi|^2 (t-s)} (1+s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds$$

$$\leq C e^{-|\xi|^2 t} + C(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} |\xi|$$

$$\leq C,$$
(110)

since  $\xi \in S(t)$  and  $|\xi| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . It completes the proof of (89) and hence completes the

**Proof of Theorem 2** Combining Lemma 7 and Lemma 8 yields Theorem 2.

### 4 Proof of Theorem 3

In order to establish Theorem 3, we first establish a higher-order energy estimate for the solution.

**Lemma 9** Let (u,d) be the solution obtained in Theorem 1, and assume additionally  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $d_0 - \omega_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then, for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have the following inequality:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (|D^{m}u|^{2} + |D^{m}d|^{2}) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (|D^{m+1}u|^{2} + |D^{m+1}d|^{2}) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$\leq C_{m} (\|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + R_{m}), \tag{111}$$

where

$$R_{m} = \begin{cases} 0, & m = 1, 2, \\ \sum\limits_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}u\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-a_{i}}} + \sum\limits_{2 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m+1-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta_{i}}} \\ + \sum\limits_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-a_{i}}} + \sum\limits_{1 \leq j \leq \frac{m-2}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-j}d\|_{2}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta_{j}}} \\ + C \sum\limits_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-2}{2}} \sum\limits_{0 \leq j \leq i} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2(2-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j})}{1-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j}}} \|D^{m-i-j+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha_{i}}} \\ + \sum\limits_{1 \leq j \leq \frac{m-1}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \sum\limits_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{m-1}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta_{i}}} \\ + \sum\limits_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-a_{i}}}, \quad m \geqslant 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(112)$$

with 
$$a_i = \frac{2i+3}{2(m+1)}$$
,  $\theta_i = \frac{2i+5}{2(m+1)}$ ,  $\beta_j = \frac{j+2}{m+1}$ , and  $\gamma_i = \frac{i+1}{m+1}$ .

**Proof** As in Ref. [26], applying  $D^m$  to (1b), and multiplying by  $D^m u$ , integrating by parts, we obtain the following inequalities:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m}u|^{2} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m+1}u|^{2} dx \\
= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (u \cdot \nabla u) \nabla^{m}u dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)) D^{m}u dx \\
\leqslant \frac{1}{6} ||D^{m+1}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m-1}(u \cdot \nabla u)|^{2} dx + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m}(\nabla d \odot \nabla d)|^{2} dx \\
\leqslant \frac{1}{6} ||D^{m+1}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |u|^{2} |D^{m}u|^{2} dx + C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{i}uD^{m-i}u|^{2} dx \\
+ C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2} |D^{m+1}d|^{2} dx + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{2}d|^{2} |D^{m}d|^{2} dx + C \sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{i+1}dD^{m+1-i}d|^{2} dx \\
\leqslant \frac{1}{6} ||D^{m+1}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C ||u||_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||D^{m}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C ||\nabla d||_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||D^{m+1}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C ||D^{2}d||_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||D^{m}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} \\
+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} ||D^{i}u||_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||D^{m-i}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} ||D^{i+1}d||_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||D^{m+1-i}d||_{L^{2}}^{2}. \tag{113}$$

For the third term on the right hand side of (113), by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, for  $m \ge 2$ , we obtain

$$\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2}\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\frac{3}{2m})}\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{3}{m}}\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \lesssim \delta\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}. \tag{114}$$

By the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, the fifth term on the right hand side of (113) is estimated as

$$\sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{i}u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2a_{i}} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-a_{i})} \|D^{m-i}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{6} \|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2/(1-a_{i})}.$$
(115)

Moreover, the last integral on the right hand side of (113) is estimated as

$$\sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{i+1}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m+1-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant C \sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2\theta_{i}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\theta_{i})} \|D^{m+1-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{8} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m+1-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2/(1-\theta_{i})}.$$
(116)

Applying  $D^m$  to (1c), multiplying by  $D^m d$ , and integrating by parts, we obtain the following inequalities:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m} d|^{2} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m+1} d|^{2} dx 
= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (u \cdot \nabla d) D^{m} ddx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (|\nabla d|^{2} d) D^{m} ddx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (d \times \Delta d) D^{m} ddx 
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m-1} (u \cdot \nabla d) D^{m+1} ddx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m-1} (|\nabla d|^{2} d) D^{m+1} ddx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (d \times \Delta d) D^{m} ddx 
\leq \frac{1}{8} ||D^{m+1} d||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m-1} (u \cdot \nabla d)|^{2} dx + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m-1} (|\nabla d|^{2} d)|^{2} dx 
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} (d \times \Delta d) D^{m} ddx.$$
(117)

By the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, the second term on the right hand side of (117) is

estimated as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m-1}(u \cdot \nabla d)|^{2} dx$$

$$\leq \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} \|D^{i}u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leq \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} \|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2a_{i}} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-a_{i})} \|D^{m-i}d\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{6} \|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ C \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m-1} \|u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2/(1-a_{i})}.$$
(118)

The third integral on the right hand side of (117) is estimated as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{m-1}(|\nabla d|^{2}d)|^{2} dx \lesssim \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{i}dD^{m-i-1}(|\nabla d|^{2})|^{2} dx$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \sum_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \|D^{j+1}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m-j}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \sum_{0 \leqslant j \leqslant i} \|D^{i}d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|D^{j+1}d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|D^{m-i-j}d\|_{L^{6}}^{2}$$

$$\lesssim \delta \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2\theta_{j}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\theta_{j})} \|D^{m-j}d\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \sum_{0 \leqslant j \leqslant i} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2(\gamma_{i}+\beta_{j})} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(2-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j})} \|D^{m-i-j+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{8} \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-j}d\|_{2}^{\frac{1-\theta_{j}}{2}}$$

$$+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \sum_{0 \leqslant j \leqslant i} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2(2-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j})}{1-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j}}} \|D^{m-i-j+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{2}{1-\gamma_{i}-\beta_{j}}}.$$
(119)

The last integral on the right hand side of (117) is estimated as

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m}(d \times \Delta d) D^{m} d \mathrm{d} x \\ &= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m}(\nabla d \times \nabla d) D^{m} d \mathrm{d} x - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m}(d \times \nabla d) D^{m} \nabla d \mathrm{d} x \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{0 \leqslant i \leqslant m-1} C_{m-1}^{i}(D^{i} \nabla d \times D^{m-i-1} \nabla d) \cdot D^{m+1} d \mathrm{d} x \\ &- \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant m} C_{m}^{i}(D^{i} d \times D^{m-i} \nabla d) \cdot D^{m} \nabla d \mathrm{d} x \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-1}{2}} \|D^{i+1} d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m-i} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \\ &+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{i} d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m-i+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\theta_{i})} \|D^{m-i} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \\ &+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-1}{2}} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2\theta_{i}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\theta_{i})} \|D^{m-i} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \\ &+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2\theta_{i}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2(1-\theta_{i})} \|D^{m-i+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \\ &\leqslant \frac{1}{8} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{m} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-1}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i} d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{1-\theta_{i}}{2}} \\ &+ C \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \|D^{m-i+1} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}. \end{cases} \tag{120}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma for  $m \ge 3$ . Next, we consider the cases m = 1 and 2. If m = 1, then

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(u \cdot \nabla u) Du dx \leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |u \cdot \nabla u|^{2} dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (121)$$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)) Du dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(\nabla d \odot \nabla d) D^{2} u dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D(\nabla d \odot \nabla d)|^{2} dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|Dd\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (122)$$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(u \cdot \nabla d) D d dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} (u \cdot \nabla d) D^{2} d dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |u \cdot \nabla d|^{2} d dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (123)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(|\nabla d|^{2} d) D d dx = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2} d D^{2} d dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (124)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(d \times \Delta d) \cdot D d dx \leq \|\nabla d\|_{L^{3}} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}} \leq \delta \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}. \qquad (125)$$

For the case m=2, we have

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(u \cdot \nabla u) D^{2}u dx = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{k,j,i=1}^{3} \partial_{k} \partial_{j}(u_{i}\partial_{i}u) D^{2}u dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{k,j,i=1}^{3} (\partial_{k} \partial_{j} u_{i} \partial_{i}u + 2\partial_{j} u_{i} \partial_{k} \partial_{i}u + u_{i} \partial_{k} \partial_{j} \partial_{i}u) D^{2}u dx$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{4} \|D^{3}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (126)$$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(\nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)) D^{2}u dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(\nabla d \odot \nabla d) D^{3}u dx$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{4} \|D^{3}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |D^{2}(\nabla d \odot \nabla d)|^{2} dx$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{4} \|D^{3}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|D^{2}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{3}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \frac{1}{4} \|D^{3}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|D^{2}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (127)$$

in which

$$\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{3}{2m}}\|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{3}{2m}} \leqslant C\delta_{2}$$

where we have used Theorem 1 and (18). Moreover,

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(u \cdot \nabla d) D^{2} d dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{k,m,i=1}^{3} \partial_{k} \partial_{m}(u_{i} \partial_{i} d) D^{2} d dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \sum_{k,m,i=1}^{3} (\partial_{k} \partial_{m} u_{i} \partial_{i} d + \partial_{m} u_{i} \partial_{k} \partial_{i} d + \partial_{k} u_{i} \partial_{m} \partial_{i} d + u_{i} \partial_{k} \partial_{m} \partial_{i} d) D^{2} d dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{8} \|D^{3} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|d - \omega_{0}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2} u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \tag{128}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(|\nabla d|^{2}d)D^{2}ddx 
= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(|\nabla d|^{2}d)D^{3}ddx 
\leq \frac{1}{8} \|D^{3}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{2}|D^{2}d|^{2}dx + C\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d|^{4}|\nabla d|^{2}dx 
\leq \frac{1}{8} \|D^{3}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{3}}^{2} \|\nabla d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} 
\leq \frac{1}{8} \|D^{3}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}, \qquad (129) 
\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{2}(d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{2}ddx 
= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D(d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{3}ddx 
\leq C\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} |\nabla d||D^{2}d||D^{3}d|dx \leq \frac{1}{8} \|D^{3}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{2}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}. \qquad (130)$$

This completes the proof of the lemma for m = 1 and 2.

We now establish the following auxiliary lemma which follows the idea in Ref. [26].

**Lemma 10** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , assume

$$||D^{m-1}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + ||D^{m-1}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} \leqslant C_{m-1}(t+1)^{-\rho_{m-1}}, \tag{131}$$

and suppose

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}) \leq C_{0}(t+1)^{-1}(\|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}) 
+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} C_{i}(t+1)^{-s_{i}} - (\|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2})$$
(132)

with  $s_i \geqslant \rho_{m-1} + 2$ . Then,

$$||D^m u||_{L^2}^2 + ||D^m d||_{L^2}^2 \leqslant C_m (t+1)^{-\rho_m}$$
(133)

with  $\rho_m = 1 + \rho_{m-1}$ , where  $C_m = C_m(C_{m-1}, C_i, s_i, \rho_{m-1}, m)$ .

**Proof** We use the Fourier-splitting argument. Let

$$S = \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |\xi| \leqslant \left( \frac{C_0 + k}{t+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}, \quad k = 1 + \max_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant m} \{s_i\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{split} &\|D^{m+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}+\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\\ \geqslant &\int_{S^{c}}|\xi|^{2}(\widehat{|D^{m}u|}^{2}+\widehat{|D^{m}d|}^{2})\mathrm{d}\xi\\ \geqslant &\frac{C_{0}+k}{t+1}(\|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}+\|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2})-\frac{C_{0}+k}{t+1}\int_{S}(\widehat{|D^{m}u|}^{2}+\widehat{|D^{m}d|}^{2})\mathrm{d}\xi\\ \geqslant &\frac{C_{0}+k}{t+1}(\|D^{m}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2}+\|D^{m}d\|_{L^{2}}^{2})-\left(\frac{C_{0}+k}{t+1}\right)^{2}\int_{S}(\widehat{|D^{m-1}u|}^{2}+\widehat{|D^{m-1}d|}^{2})\mathrm{d}\xi. \end{split}$$

Using the last inequality and the hypothesis (132), we have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\|D^m u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^m d\|_{L^2}^2) + \frac{k}{t+1}(\|D^m u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^m d\|_{L^2}^2)$$

$$\leq C_{m-1} \frac{(C_0 + k)^2}{(t+1)^{2+\rho_{m-1}}} + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i (t+1)^{-s_i}.$$

Multiplying  $(t+1)^k$ , integrating in the time variable and dividing by  $(t+1)^k$ , we get

$$||D^m u||_{L^2}^2 + ||D^m d||_{L^2}^2 \le C_m (t+1)^{-(1+\rho_{m-1})} + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i (t+1)^{-s_i+1}.$$

Since  $s_i \ge \rho_{m-1} + 2$ , the conclusion of the lemma follows.

We are now ready to prove Theorem 3.

**Proof of Theorem 3** We first consider the cases m = 1 and 2. By the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, Theorem 1, and Theorem 2, we have

$$||u||_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C||D^{m}u||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{3}{2m}}||u||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{3}{2m}} \leqslant C_{m}(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{4}(1-\frac{3}{2m})}$$
(134)

for  $m \ge 2$ .

Similarly,

$$||d - \omega_0||_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C_m(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{4}(1-\frac{3}{2m})},\tag{135}$$

$$\|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C\|D^{m+1}d\|_{L^{2}}^{\frac{3}{2m}}\|\nabla d\|_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{3}{2m}} \leqslant C_{m}(t+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}(1-\frac{3}{2m})},\tag{136}$$

$$||D^{2}d||_{L^{\infty}} \leqslant C||D^{k+1}d||_{L^{2}}^{\frac{5}{2k}}||\nabla d||_{L^{2}}^{1-\frac{5}{2k}} \leqslant C_{m}(t+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}(1-\frac{5}{2k})}$$
(137)

for  $k \geqslant 3$ .

Substituting (134)–(137) into (112), we obtain

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|D^m u|^2 + |D^m d|^2) \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|D^{m+1} u|^2 + |D^{m+1} d|^2) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$\leq C_0 (t+1)^{-1} (\|D^m u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^m d\|_{L^2}^2). \tag{138}$$

Therefore, the result holds for m = 1 and 2. We can now use Lemma 10 directly to obtain (11). For  $m \ge 3$ , we need to estimate  $R_m$  of (112),

$$R_{m} \lesssim \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} (t+1)^{-k_{i}} + \sum_{2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} (t+1)^{-e_{i}} + \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant m-1} (t+1)^{-r_{i}}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leqslant j \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} (t+1)^{-w_{j}} + \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}} \sum_{0 \leqslant j \leqslant i} (t+1)^{-x_{i,j}}$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m-1}{2}} (t+1)^{-y_{i}} + \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}} (t+1)^{-z_{i}}, \tag{139}$$

where  $k_i = 2\mu + \frac{(m+1)(m-i)}{m-i-\frac{1}{2}}$ , and note that since  $1 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}$ , we have  $k_i \geqslant 2\mu + (m+1)$ .  $e_i = 2\mu + \frac{(m+1)(m-i+1)}{m-i-\frac{3}{2}}$ , and note that since  $2 \leqslant i \leqslant \frac{m}{2}$ , we have  $e_i \geqslant 2\mu + (m+1)$ .  $r_i = 2\mu + \frac{(m+1)(m-i)}{m-i-\frac{1}{2}}$ , and note that since  $1 \leqslant i \leqslant m-1$ , we have  $r_i \geqslant 2\mu + (m+1)$ .  $w_j = 2\mu + \frac{(m+1)(m-j)}{m-j-\frac{3}{2}}$ ,

and note that since  $1\leqslant j\leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}$ , we have  $w_i\geqslant 2\mu+(m+1)$ .  $x_i=2\mu+\frac{(m+1)(m-i-j+1)}{m-i-j-2}$ , and note that since  $1\leqslant i\leqslant \frac{m-2}{2}$ , we have  $x_i\geqslant 2\mu+(m+1)$ .  $y_i=2\mu+\frac{(m+1)(m-i)}{m-i-\frac{3}{2}}$ , and note that since  $1\leqslant i\leqslant \frac{m-1}{2}$ , we have  $y_i\geqslant 2\mu+(m+1)$ .  $z_i=2\mu+\frac{(m+1)(m-i+1)}{m-i-\frac{1}{2}}$ , and note that since  $1\leqslant i\leqslant \frac{m}{2}$ , we have  $z_i\geqslant 2\mu+(m+1)$ . Moreover, we use the induction hypothesis  $\|D^k(u,d-\omega_0)\|_{L^2}^2\leqslant C(t+1)^{-k}$  for  $k\leqslant m-1$ .

Substituting (139) into (111), we obtain the hypothesis (132). Applying Lemma 10 directly, we obtain the conclusion (11) for  $m \ge 3$ .

As for (12), by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality,

$$||D^m u||_{L^p} \leqslant C||D^m u||_{L^2}^{\theta} ||u||_{L^2}^{1-\theta}, \quad \frac{1}{n} - \frac{m}{3} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m}{3}\right)\theta + \frac{1}{2}(1-\theta),$$

and (13) follows by interpolating the above inequality.

### 5 Proof of Theorem 4

In this section, we will establish the time decay rates for the mixed space-time derivatives of velocity and magnetic moment.

**Proof of Theorem 4** First of all, we shall estimate  $\|\nabla^l \partial_t u\|_{L^2}$ . Applying  $D^l$  to (1b), multiplying the resulting identities by  $D^l \partial_t u$ , integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and using Young's inequality, one gets

$$||D^{l}\partial_{t}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l}(-u \cdot \nabla u + \mu \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d)) \cdot D^{l}\partial_{t}u dx$$

$$\leq \varepsilon ||D^{l}\partial_{t}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + ||D^{l}(-u \cdot \nabla u + \mu \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\nabla d \odot \nabla d))||_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$= \varepsilon ||D^{l}\partial_{t}u||_{L^{2}}^{2} + J_{1} + J_{2} + J_{3}.$$
(140)

By using Lemma 2 and Theorem 3, we estimate the first factor in the inequalities (140),

$$J_{1} \lesssim \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|D^{l+1}u\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|D^{l}u\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^{3}}^{2}$$

$$\lesssim (1+t)^{-3} (1+t)^{-(l+1+\frac{3}{2})} + (1+t)^{-3(1-\frac{1}{6})-l} (1+t)^{-3(1-\frac{1}{3})-1}$$

$$\lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{11+2l}{2}}.$$
(141)

Similar to the estimate of the term  $J_1$ , for the terms  $J_2$  and  $J_3$ , we have

$$J_2 \lesssim \|\nabla^{l+2}u\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}},\tag{142}$$

$$J_3 \lesssim \|\nabla d\|_{L^{\infty}}^2 \|D^{l+2} d\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-4} (1+t)^{-(l+2+\frac{3}{2})} = (1+t)^{-\frac{15+2l}{2}}.$$
 (143)

Combining (141)–(143), we deduce from (140) that

$$||D^l \partial_t u||_{L^2}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}}.$$
 (144)

Similar to the estimate of the term  $||D^l\partial_t u||_{L^2}$ , applying  $D^l$  to (1c), multiplying the resulting identities by  $D^l\partial_t d$ , integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and using Young's inequality,

one gets

$$||D^{l}\partial_{t}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l}(-u \cdot \nabla d + \Delta d + |\nabla d|^{2}d + d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{l}\partial_{t}ddx$$

$$\leq \varepsilon ||D^{l}\partial_{t}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} + C||D^{l}(-u \cdot \nabla d + \Delta d)||_{L^{2}}^{2} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{l}(|\nabla d|^{2}d + d \times \Delta d) \cdot D^{l}\partial_{t}ddx$$

$$= \varepsilon ||D^{l}\partial_{t}d||_{L^{2}}^{2} + H_{1} + H_{2} + H_{3} + H_{4}.$$

$$(145)$$

Similar to the estimate of the terms  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ , we easily estimate

$$H_1 \lesssim \|u\|_{L^{\infty}}^2 \|D^{l+1}d\|_{L^2}^2 + \|D^l u\|_{L^6}^2 \|\nabla d\|_{L^3}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{11+2l}{2}},\tag{146}$$

$$H_2 \lesssim \|\nabla^{l+2}d\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}}.$$
 (147)

By employing the Leibniz formula, Hölder's inequality, Young's inequality, and Lemma 1,  $H_3$  is estimated as follows:

$$H_{3} \lesssim \sum_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant l} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant k} C_{l}^{k} C_{k}^{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{m} \nabla dD^{k-m} \nabla dD^{l-k} d \cdot D^{l} \partial_{t} d dx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant l-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant k} C_{l-1}^{k} C_{k}^{m} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{k-m+1} d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{l-k} d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$+ \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l} C_{l}^{m} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{3}} \|D^{l-m+1} d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{3}}^{2} \|D^{l-m+1} d\|_{L^{6}}^{2}$$

$$+ C \sum_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant l-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant k} \|D^{m+1} d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|D^{k-m+1} d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|D^{l-k} d\|_{L^{6}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant l} (1+t)^{-(m+3)} (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l-2m}{2}}$$

$$+ C \sum_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant l-1} \sum_{0 \leqslant m \leqslant k} (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2m}{2}} (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2k-2m}{2}} (1+t)^{-\frac{5+2l-2k}{2}}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{13+2l}{2}}.$$

$$(148)$$

Similarly, we have

$$H_{4} \lesssim \sum_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant l} C_{l}^{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} D^{k} d \times D^{l-k} \Delta d \cdot D^{l} \partial_{t} d dx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{1 \leqslant k \leqslant l} C_{l}^{k} \|D^{k} d\|_{L^{6}} \|D^{l-k+2} d\|_{L^{3}} \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}} + \|D^{l+2} d\|_{L^{2}} \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant k \leqslant l} \|D^{k} d\|_{L^{6}}^{2} \|D^{l-k+2} d\|_{L^{3}}^{2} + C \|D^{l+2} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C \sum_{1 \leqslant k \leqslant l} (1+t)^{-\frac{5+2k}{2}} (1+t)^{-(l-k+4)} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}}$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \|D^{l} \partial_{t} d\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}}.$$
(149)

Combining (146)–(149), we deduce from (145) that

$$||D^l \partial_t d||_{L^2}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-\frac{7+2l}{2}}.$$
 (150)

Then, we complete the proof of Theorem 4.

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