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Uniqueness of Weak Solutions to an Electrohydrodynamics Model

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This paper studies uniqueness of weak solutions to an electrohydrodynamics model in \mathbb{R}^d ($d = 2, 3$). When $d = 2$, we prove a uniqueness without any condition on the velocity. For $d = 3$, we prove a weak-strong uniqueness result with a condition on the vorticity in the homogeneous Besov space.

1. Introduction

We consider the following model of electrokinetic fluid in $\mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty)$ [1, 2]:

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla \pi - \Delta u = \Delta \phi \nabla \phi, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\operatorname{div} u = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\partial_t n + u \cdot \nabla n = \nabla \cdot (\nabla n - n \nabla \phi), \quad (1.3)$$

$$\partial_t p + u \cdot \nabla p = \nabla \cdot (\nabla p + p \nabla \phi), \quad (1.4)$$

$$\Delta \phi = n - p, \quad (1.5)$$

$$(u, n, p)(x, 0) = (u_0, n_0, p_0)(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (d = 2, 3). \quad (1.6)$$

The unknowns u , π , ϕ , n , and p denote the velocity, pressure, electric potential, anion concentration, and cation concentration, respectively.

Equations (1.3)–(1.5) are known as the electrochemical equations [3] or semiconductor equations [4, 5], and electro-rheological systems [2, 6] when formally setting $u = 0$. (1.1) and (1.2) are Navier-Stokes equations with the Lorentz force $\Delta\phi\nabla\phi$.

The uniqueness of weak solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations is still open. In 1962, Serrin [7] gave the first uniqueness condition:

$$u \in L^r(0, T; L^s(\mathbb{R}^3)) \text{ with } \frac{2}{r} + \frac{3}{s} = 1, \quad 3 < s \leq \infty. \quad (1.7)$$

Kozono and Taniuchi [8] proved the following uniqueness criterion:

$$u \in L^2(0, T; \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^3)). \quad (1.8)$$

Here BMO denotes the functions of bounded mean oscillation. Ogawa and Taniuchi [9] obtained the uniqueness criterion:

$$\nabla u \in L \text{Log} L(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0(\mathbb{R}^3)) \quad (1.9)$$

with

$$L \text{Log} L(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0) := \left\{ f; \int_0^T \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0} \log(e + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0}) dt < \infty \right\}. \quad (1.10)$$

Here it should be noted that Kozono et al. [10] proved that u is smooth if

$$\nabla u \in L^1(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0(\mathbb{R}^3)). \quad (1.11)$$

Here $\dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0$ is the homogeneous Besov space.

Kurokiba and Ogawa [4] considered the semiconductor equations (1.3)–(1.5) when $u = 0$ and proved that the existence and uniqueness of weak solutions with L^p initial data (n_0, p_0) when $p = (d/2)(d \geq 3)$ and $1 < p < 2$ ($d = 2$).

Note that the system (1.1)–(1.5) holds its form under the scaling $(u, \pi, \phi, n, p) \rightarrow (u_\lambda, \pi_\lambda, \phi_\lambda, n_\lambda, p_\lambda) := (\lambda u, \lambda^2 \pi, \phi, \lambda^2 n, \lambda^2 p)(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x)$. Under this scaling, the space $L^r(0, T; L^s)$ is invariant for u when $2/r + d/s = 1$ and the space $L^r(0, T; L^s)$ is invariant for (n, p) when $2/r + d/s = 2$. Furthermore, L^d for u_0 and $L^{d/2}$ for (n_0, p_0) are invariant spaces under this scaling. Fan and Gao [11], Ryham [12], and Schmuck [13] proved the existence, uniqueness, and regularity of global weak solutions to system (1.1)–(1.6) in a bounded domain Ω . When $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$, Jerome [14] established the first existence result in Kato's semigroup framework. Zhao et al. [15] obtained global well-posedness for small initial data in Besov spaces with negative index.

The aim of this paper is to generalize the results of [4, 9]. We will prove the following results.

Theorem 1.1. Let $(n_0, p_0) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L \log L(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $n_0, p_0 \geq 0$ in \mathbb{R}^2 , $\int n_0 dx = \int p_0 dx$, $\nabla \phi_0 \in L^2$, and $u_0 \in L^2$. Then there exists a unique weak solution (u, n, p, ϕ) to the problem (1.1)–(1.6) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (n, p) &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^1 \cap L \log L) \cap L^2(0, T; L^2) \cap L^{4/3}(0, T; W^{1,4/3}), \quad n, p \geq 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T) \\ (\partial_t n, \partial_t p) &\in L^{4/3}(0, T; W^{-1,4/3}), \\ \nabla \phi &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1) \cap L^4(0, T; L^4), \\ u &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1) \cap L^4(0, T; L^4), \\ \partial_t u &\in L^{4/3}(0, T; H^{-1}) \quad \text{for any } T > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{1.12}$$

Remark 1.2. We can assume $n_0 - p_0 \in \mathcal{H}^1$ (Hardy space) and $\Delta \phi_0 = n_0 - p_0$ gives $\nabla \phi_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

Theorem 1.3 ($d = 3$). Let $(n_0, p_0) \in L^{3/2}$, $n_0, p_0 \geq 0$ in \mathbb{R}^3 , $\int n_0 dx = \int p_0 dx$, and $u_0 \in L^2$. Suppose that (1.9) holds true, then there exists a unique weak solution (u, n, p, ϕ) to the problem (1.1)–(1.6) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (n^{3/4}, p^{3/4}) &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1), \quad n, p \geq 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, T), \\ (n, p) &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^{3/2}) \cap L^{5/2}(0, T; L^{5/2}) \cap L^{5/3}(0, T; W^{1,5/3}) \cap L^4(0, T; L^2), \\ (\partial_t n, \partial_t p) &\in L^{5/3}(0, T; W^{-1,3/2}), \\ \nabla \phi &\in L^\infty(0, T; W^{1,3/2}) \cap L^{5/2}(0, T; W^{1,5/2}), \\ \nabla \phi &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^3) \cap L^{5/2}(0, T; L^{15}), \\ u &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1), \quad \partial_t u \in L^2(0, T; W^{-1,3/2}) \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

for any $T > 0$.

Let η_j , $j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$, be the Littlewood-Paley dyadic decomposition of unity that satisfies $\hat{\eta} \in C_0^\infty(B_2 \setminus B_{1/2})$, $\hat{\eta}_j(\xi) = \hat{\eta}(2^{-j}\xi)$, and $\sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty \hat{\eta}_j(\xi) = 1$ except $\xi = 0$. To fill the origin, we put a smooth cut off $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $\hat{\varphi}(\xi) \in C_0^\infty(B_1)$ such that

$$\hat{\varphi} + \sum_{j=0}^\infty \hat{\eta}_j(\xi) = 1. \tag{1.14}$$

The homogeneous Besov space $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s := \{f \in \mathcal{S}' : \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^s} < \infty\}$ is introduced by the norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^s} := \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty \|2^{js} \eta_j * f\|_{L^p}^q \right)^{1/q}, \tag{1.15}$$

for $s \in \mathbb{R}$, $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$.

It is easy to prove the existence of weak solutions [14] and thus we omit the details here; we only need to derive the estimates (1.12) and (1.13) and prove the uniqueness.

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

First, by the maximum principle, it is easy to prove that

$$n, p \geq 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty). \quad (2.1)$$

Testing (1.3) by $1 + \log n$ and testing (1.4) by $1 + \log p$, respectively, using (1.2), summing up the resulting equality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int n \log n + p \log p \, dx + 4 \int_0^T \int |\nabla \sqrt{n}|^2 + |\nabla \sqrt{p}|^2 \, dx \, dt + \int_0^T \int |\Delta \phi|^2 \, dx \, dt \\ &= \int n_0 \log n_0 + p_0 \log p_0 \, dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Subtracting (1.4) from (1.3), we see that

$$\partial_t(n-p) + u \cdot \nabla(n-p) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla(n-p) - (n+p)\nabla\phi). \quad (2.3)$$

Testing the above equation by $-\phi$, using (1.5) and (2.1), we see that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx - \int u \cdot \nabla \Delta \phi \cdot \phi \, dx + \int |\Delta \phi|^2 \, dx + \int (n+p) |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

Whence

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx + \int u \Delta \phi \nabla \phi \, dx + \int |\Delta \phi|^2 \, dx + \int (n+p) |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

Testing (1.1) by u , using (1.2), we find that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int u^2 \, dx + \int |\nabla u|^2 \, dx = \int u \Delta \phi \nabla \phi \, dx. \quad (2.6)$$

Summing up (2.5) and (2.6), we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int u^2 + |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx + \int |\nabla u|^2 + |\Delta \phi|^2 + (n+p) |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx = 0, \quad (2.7)$$

whence

$$\frac{1}{2} \int u^2 + |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx + \int_0^T \int |\nabla u|^2 + |\Delta \phi|^2 + (n+p) |\nabla \phi|^2 \, dx \, dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \int u_0^2 + |\nabla \phi_0|^2 \, dx. \quad (2.8)$$

Integrating (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$\int n \, dx = \int n_0 \, dx = \int p_0 \, dx = \int p \, dx. \quad (2.9)$$

Using the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality,

$$\|u\|_{L^4}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}, \quad (2.10)$$

we deduce that

$$\|u\|_{L^4(0,T;L^4)} \leq C, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\|\nabla \phi\|_{L^4(0,T;L^4)} \leq C, \quad (2.12)$$

$$\|(n, p)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2)} \leq C. \quad (2.13)$$

Since $\nabla n = 2\nabla \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n}$, $\nabla \sqrt{n} \in L^2(0, T; L^2)$, $\sqrt{n} \in L^4(0, T; L^4)$, we easily infer that

$$\nabla n \in L^{4/3}(0, T; L^{4/3}), \quad (2.14)$$

by the Hölder inequality. Similarly, we have

$$\nabla p \in L^{4/3}(0, T; L^{4/3}). \quad (2.15)$$

It is easy to show that

$$(\partial_t n, \partial_t p) \in L^{4/3}(0, T; W^{-1,4/3}), \quad \partial_t u \in L^{4/3}(0, T; H^{-1}). \quad (2.16)$$

Now we are in a position to prove the uniqueness. Let $(u_i, \pi_i, n_i, p_i, \phi_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) be two weak solutions to the problem (1.1)–(1.6). Also let us denote

$$u := u_1 - u_2, \quad \pi := \pi_1 - \pi_2, \quad n := n_1 - n_2, \quad p := p_1 - p_2, \quad \phi := \phi_1 - \phi_2. \quad (2.17)$$

We define N and P satisfying the following equations:

$$-\Delta N + N = n \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty), \quad (2.18)$$

$$-\Delta P + P = p \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty). \quad (2.19)$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\partial_t n + \nabla \cdot (u_1 n + u n_2) = \Delta n - \nabla \cdot (n \nabla \phi_1 + n_2 \nabla \phi), \quad (2.20)$$

$$\partial_t p + \nabla \cdot (u_1 p + u p_2) = \Delta p + \nabla \cdot (p \nabla \phi_1 + p_2 \nabla \phi), \quad (2.21)$$

$$\partial_t (n - p) + \nabla \cdot (u_1 (n - p) + u (n_2 - p_2)) = \Delta (n - p) - \nabla \cdot ((n + p) \nabla \phi_1 + (n_2 + p_2) \nabla \phi). \quad (2.22)$$

Testing (2.20) by N , we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int N^2 + |\nabla N|^2 dx + \int |\nabla N|^2 + |\Delta N|^2 dx \\ &= \int n \nabla \phi_1 \cdot \nabla N + n_2 \nabla \phi \nabla N + u_1 n \nabla N + u n_2 \nabla N dx =: I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Using (2.10), (2.18) and (2.19), each term I_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4} + \|N\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} + C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|N\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|N\|_{H^1}^2, \\ I_2 &\leq \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^4} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4} \\ &\leq \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^4}^2 + \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4}^2 \\ &\leq C \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2} + C \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|n_2\|_{L^2}^2 \left(\|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \right), \\ I_3 &\leq \|u_1\|_{L^4} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4} \\ &\leq C \|u_1\|_{L^4} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2, \\ I_4 &\leq \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^4} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4} \\ &\leq \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^4}^2 + \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^4}^2 \\ &\leq C \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + C \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|n_2\|_{L^2}^2 \left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

Substituting these estimates into (2.23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int N^2 + |\nabla N|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int |\nabla N|^2 + |\Delta N|^2 dx \\ & \leq C \left(\|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 + \|n_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + 1 \right) \left(\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

Similarly for the p -equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int p^2 + |\nabla p|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int |\nabla p|^2 + |\Delta p|^2 dx \\ & \leq C \left(\|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 + \|p_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + 1 \right) \left(\|p\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla p\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

Testing (2.22) by $-\phi$, using (1.5), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |\nabla \phi|^2 dx + \int |\Delta \phi|^2 dx \\ & = - \int (n+p) \nabla \phi_1 \nabla \phi + (n_2+p_2) (\nabla \phi)^2 + u_1 \Delta \phi \nabla \phi + u(n_2-p_2) \nabla \phi dx \\ & =: J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + J_4. \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

Using (2.10), (2.18), and (2.19), each term J_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 & \leq \|n+p\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^4} \\ & \leq C (\|\Delta N\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta P\|_{L^2} + \|N\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2}) \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|P\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^2}^2, \\ J_2 & \leq 0, \\ J_3 & \leq \|u_1\|_{L^4} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \phi\|_{L^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C\|u_1\|_{L^4}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{L^4}^4\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^2, \\
J_4 &\leq \|u\|_{L^4}\|n_2 - p_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^4} \\
&\leq \|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}\|u\|_{L^4}^2 + \|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^4}^2 \\
&\leq C\|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}\|u\|_{L^2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + C\|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{18}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}^2\left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^2\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

Substituting these estimates into (2.27), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int|\nabla\phi|^2dx + \frac{1}{2}\int|\Delta\phi|^2dx \\
&\leq C\left(\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 + \|n_2 + p_2\|_{L^2}^2 + 1\right)\left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \|N\|_{L^2}^2 + \|P\|_{L^2}^2\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.29}$$

It is easy to find that u satisfies

$$\partial_t u + u_2 \cdot \nabla u + u \cdot \nabla u_1 + \nabla \pi - \Delta u = \Delta\phi\nabla\phi_1 + \Delta\phi_2\nabla\phi. \tag{2.30}$$

Testing this equation by u , using (1.2), we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int u^2 dx + \int|\nabla u|^2 dx = \int \Delta\phi\nabla\phi_1 u + \Delta\phi_2\nabla\phi \cdot u - u \cdot \nabla u_1 \cdot u dx =: \ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3. \tag{2.31}$$

Using (2.10), each term ℓ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_1 &\leq \|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^4}\|u\|_{L^4} \\
&\leq C\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^4}\|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^4}^4\|u\|_{L^2}^2, \\
\ell_2 &\leq \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^4}\|u\|_{L^4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq C \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}^2 \left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^2 \right), \\
 \ell_3 &\leq \int u \cdot \nabla u \cdot u_1 \, dx \\
 &\leq \|u\|_{L^4} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|u_1\|_{L^4} \\
 &\leq C \|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{3/2} \|u_1\|_{L^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 \|u\|_{L^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.32}$$

Substituting these estimates into (2.31), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int u^2 \, dx + \int |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{9} \|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}^2 + C \left(\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^4}^4 \right) \left(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla\phi\|_{L^2}^2 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

Combining (2.25), (2.26), (2.29), and (2.33), using (2.8), (2.11), (2.12), (2.13), and the Gronwall inequality, we conclude that

$$N = P = 0, \quad u = 0, \quad \nabla\phi = 0, \tag{2.34}$$

and thus

$$n = p = 0. \tag{2.35}$$

This completes the proof.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.3

By the same calculations as that in [11], we can prove (1.13) and thus we omit the details here.

Now we are in a position to prove the uniqueness. We still use the same notations as that in Section 2, and similarly we get (2.23). But each term I_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^{30/13}} \|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^{15}} + \|N\|_{L^6} \|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^3} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{4/5} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/5} \|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^{15}} + C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^{15}}^{5/2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\nabla N\|_{L^{30/13}} &\leq C\|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{4/5}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/5}, \\
 I_2 &\leq \|n_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^6}\|\nabla N\|_{L^3} \\
 &\leq C\|n_2\|_{L^2}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}\|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
 &\leq C\|n_2\|_{L^2}\|-\Delta N + N + \Delta P - P\|_{L^2}\|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|P\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|n_2\|_{L^2}^4\|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\nabla N\|_{L^3}^2 &\leq C\|\nabla N\|_{L^2}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}, \\
 I_3 &= \int u_1 n \nabla N \, dx = - \int u_1 \Delta N \nabla N \, dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Now we decompose u_1 into three parts in the phase variable:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1 &= \sum_{j < -M} \eta_j * u_1 + \sum_{j = -M}^M \eta_j * u_1 + \sum_{j > M} \eta_j * u_1 \\
 &=: u_1^\ell + u_1^m + u_1^h.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 &= - \int u_1^\ell \Delta N \nabla N \, dx + \sum_i \int \partial_i u_1^m \cdot \partial_i N \nabla N \, dx - \int u_1^h \Delta N \nabla N \, dx \\
 &=: I_{31} + I_{32} + I_{33}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Recalling the Bernstein inequality,

$$\|\eta_j * u\|_{L^q} \leq C2^{3j(1/p-1/q)}\|\eta_j * u\|_{L^p}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty, \tag{3.6}$$

the low-frequency part is estimated as

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{31} &\leq \|\nabla N\|_{L^6} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|u_1^\ell\|_{L^3} \\
 &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 \sum_{j < -M} 2^{j/2} \|\eta_j * u_1\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 \left(\sum_{j < -M} 2^j \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \|\eta_j * u_1\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
 &\leq C 2^{-M/2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 \|u_1\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq C 2^{-M/2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

The second term can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{32} &\leq \sum_i \|\partial_i N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \|\partial_i u_1^m\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1^m\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \sum_{j=-M}^M \|\eta_j * \nabla u_1\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq CM \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

On the other hand, the last term is simply bounded by the Hausdorff-Young inequality as

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{33} &\leq \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \|u_1^h\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \sum_{j > M} \left\| \left\{ (-\Delta)^{-1/2} (\eta_{j-1} + \eta_j + \eta_{j+1}) \right\} * \eta_j * (-\Delta)^{1/2} u_1 \right\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \sum_{j > M} 2^{-j} \|\eta_j * (-\Delta)^{1/2} u_1\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq C \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \sum_{j > M} 2^{-j} \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \\
 &\leq C 2^{-M} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \\
 &\leq C 2^{-M} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}^2 + C 2^{-M} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Choosing M properly large so that $C2^{-M/2} \leq 1/36$ and $C2^{-M} \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \leq 1$, we reach

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &\leq \frac{1}{8} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \left(1 + \log\left(e + \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}\right)\right), \\
I_4 &\leq \|u\|_{L^6} \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^3} \\
&\leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|n_2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|n\|_{L^2}^4 \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Substituting the above estimates into (2.23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int N^2 + |\nabla N|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int |\nabla N|^2 + |\Delta N|^2 dx \\
&\leq C \left(\|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^{15}}^{5/2} + 1 + \|n_2\|_{L^2}^4 \right) \left(\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + \|P\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\
&\quad + C \|\nabla N\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \left(1 + \log\left(e + \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}\right)\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Similarly for the p -equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int P^2 + |\nabla P|^2 dx + \int |\nabla P|^2 + |\Delta P|^2 dx \\
&\leq C \left(\|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^{15}}^{5/2} + 1 + \|p_2\|_{L^2}^4 \right) \left(\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + \|P\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\
&\quad + C \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \left(1 + \log\left(e + \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}\right)\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

As in Section 2, we still have (2.31). But each term ℓ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) can be bounded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_1 &\leq \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^{15}} \|\Delta \phi\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^{30/13}} \\
&\leq C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^{15}} (\|\Delta N\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta P\|_{L^2} + \|N\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2}) \|u\|_{L^2}^{4/5} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/5} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18} \|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|N\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|P\|_{L^2}^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{18} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla \phi_1\|_{L^{15}}^{5/2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u\|_{L^{30/13}} &\leq C\|u\|_{L^2}^{4/5}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/5}, \\
 \ell_2 &\leq \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\phi\|_{L^6}\|u\|_{L^3} \\
 &\leq C\|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^2}\|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
 &\leq C\|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}(\|\Delta N\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta P\|_{L^2} + \|N\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2})\|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{18}\|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|P\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{18}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}^4\|u\|_{L^2}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

by the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^3}^2 \leq C\|u\|_{L^2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}. \tag{3.15}$$

By the similar calculations as that of I_3 , ℓ_3 can be bounded as follows:

$$\ell_3 \leq \frac{1}{18}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|u\|_{L^2}^2\|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \left(1 + \log\left(e + \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}\right)\right). \tag{3.16}$$

Substituting the above estimates into (2.31), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int u^2 dx + \frac{1}{2}\int |\nabla u|^2 dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{9}\|\Delta N\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{9}\|\Delta P\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|N\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|P\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 &\quad + \left(\|\nabla\phi_1\|_{L^{15}}^{5/2} + \|\Delta\phi_2\|_{L^2}^4\right)\|u\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 &\quad + C\|u\|_{L^2}^2\|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \left(1 + \log\left(e + \|\nabla u_1\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}\right)\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

Combining (3.11), (3.12), and (3.17), using (1.13) and the Gronwall inequality, we arrive at

$$N = P = 0, \quad u = 0, \tag{3.18}$$

as thus

$$n = p = 0, \quad \nabla\phi = 0. \tag{3.19}$$

This completes the proof.

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