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# GLOBAL EXISTENCE FOR NAVIER-STOKES SYSTEM WITH STRONG DISSIPATION IN ONE DIRECTION

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**ABSTRACT.** We consider the 3D incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with different viscous coefficients in each variables. In particular, when one of this viscous coefficient is large enough compared to the initial data, we prove the global well-posedness of this problem. More generally, we obtain the existence of a global strong solution when the initial data verify an anisotropic smallness condition which take into account the different role of the horizontal and vertical viscosity.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We consider the anisotropic incompressible Navier-Stokes system with different vertical and horizontal viscosities. Our goal is to study the role that plays the large viscous coefficient in one direction in the global existence of the strong solution for the Navier-Stokes system. Let us recall the anisotropic Navier-Stokes equations which describes the evolution of a fluid with "turbulent viscosity" in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$(1.1) \quad (NS_v) \begin{cases} \partial_t u + u \nabla u - \nu_h \Delta_h u - \nu_v \partial_3^2 u = -\nabla p & \text{in } [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \operatorname{div} u = 0 \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta_h = \partial_{x_1}^2 + \partial_{x_2}^2$  is the horizontal Laplacian,  $\nu_h > 0$  and  $\nu_v > 0$  are respectively the horizontal and the vertical viscous coefficients,  $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  denotes velocity field of the fluid, and  $p$  the scalar pressure, the Lagrange multiplier which assure the divergence free condition on the velocity field.

When  $\nu_h = \nu_v$  we obtain the classical Navier-Stokes system, whereas when  $\nu_v = 0$  ( $NS_v$ ) is the anisotropic Navier-Stokes system arising from geophysical fluid mechanics (see [7]). The Navier-Stokes system with large vertical viscosity is an usual model to study the evolution of the fluid in a thin domain in the vertical direction (see [30]). Our main motivation for us to study Navier-Stokes system with large vertical viscous coefficient comes from the study of Navier-Stokes system on thin domains.

The first important result about the classical Navier-Stokes system, was obtained by J. Leray in the seminar paper [22] in 1933. He proved that given a every finite energy initial data, (1.1) has a global in time weak solution which verify the energy estimate. This solution is unique in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but unfortunately the solution is not known to be unique in dimension three. The Fujita-Kato theorem [15] give a partial answer to the construction of global unique solution to (1.1). Indeed, the theorem of Fujita-Kato [15] allows to construct local in time unique solution to (1.1) in the homogeneous Sobolev spaces  $\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , or in the Lebesgue space  $L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)$  (see [18]). Moreover, if the initial data is small compared the the viscosity, that is,  $\|u_0\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq c\nu$ , the the strong solution exists globally in time. This result was generalized by M. Cannone, Y. Meyer et F. Planchon [5] for initial data in Besov spaces with negative index. The endpoint result in this direction is given by D. Tataru and H. Koch [19]. They proved that given

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initial data in the derivatives of BMO space with the norm sufficiently small compared to the viscosity, then (1.1) has a unique global solution.

We remark that all the norms in  $\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{3}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $B_{p,\infty}^{-1+\frac{3}{p}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $\nabla \text{BMO}$ , are scaling-invariant under the following scaling transform:

$$(1.2) \quad u_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda u(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_{0,\lambda}(x) = \lambda u_0(\lambda x).$$

We notice that any solution  $u$  of (1.1) on  $[0, T]$ ,  $u_\lambda$  is also a solution of (1.1) on  $[0, T/\lambda^2]$ . We remark that the largest space, which belongs to  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and the norm of which is scaling invariant under (1.2), is  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . So, a large initial data means a large data compared to the viscosity coefficient in the space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

We recall also some examples of large initial data generates unique global solution to (1.1). G. Raugel and G. Sell [30] obtained the global well-posedness of (1.1) in a thin domain. This result was generalized by G. Raugel, G. Sell and D. Iftimie in [17] where loosely speaking, they proved that (1.1) has a unique global periodic solution provided that if the initial data  $u_0$  can be splitting as  $u_0 = v_0 + w_0$ , with  $v_0$  being a bidimensional solenoidal vector field in  $L^2(\mathbb{T}_h^2)$  and  $w_0 \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{T}^3)$ , such that

$$\|w_0\|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{T}^3)} \exp\left(\frac{\|u_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}_h^2)}^2}{\nu^2}\right) \leq c\nu.$$

J.-Y. Chemin and I. Gallagher construct in [10] the first example of initial data which is effectively large in  $B_{\infty,\infty}^{-1}$  and gives rise to a global strong solution. The initial data is highly oscillating in the vertical variable and is give by  $u_0^N = (Nu_h(x_h) \cos(Nx_3), -\operatorname{div}_h u_h(x_h) \sin(Nx_3))$ , where  $\|u_h\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}_h^2)} \leq C(\ln N)^{\frac{1}{9}}$ . They also consider the case of large quasi-2D initial data and more generally the case of slowly varying in one direction data in the well-prepared situation in [12]. More recently, the case of slowly varying in one direction data in the ill-prepared situation was studied in [13] by performing estimates in analytic functions spaces and by obtaining a global Cauchy-Kowalewskaya type theorem.

Our goal in this paper, is to study the role of a large vertical viscosity in order to obtain the global well-posedness of the  $(NS_v)$  system.

As a consequence of ours results is that, we obtain the global well-posedness of  $(NS_v)$  system for any large initial data, if the vertical viscosity is large enough. Moreover, we obtain the result of the global existence and uniqueness of the solution even in the case of a small horizontal viscosity converging to zero and a large enough vertical viscosity.

The first main result of this paper states as follows:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\bar{u}_0^h$  be in  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_v; \dot{H}^{-\delta}(\mathbb{R}_h)) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_v; H^1(\mathbb{R}_h))$  for some  $\delta \in ]0, 1[$ . Let us assume also that  $\bar{u}_0^h$ ,  $\partial_z \bar{u}_0^h$  and  $\partial_z^2 \bar{u}_0^h$  belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_v; \dot{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cap \dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}_h))$ . Let  $v_0 \in \mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  be a solenoidal vector field. We assume that  $\nu_v \geq \nu_h > 0$ . Then for some  $\theta \in [0, 1/2[$ , there exists a positive constant  $\mathfrak{E}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h)$ , which depends on the norms of  $\bar{u}_0^h$  above, such that if  $\nu_v$  is so large that*

$$(1.3) \quad \left( \mathcal{A}_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h^{-\frac{5}{8}} \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{8}} + \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \right) \mathfrak{E}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h) \leq c_0 \nu_h \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{A}_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}} (\|v_0\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} + \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}})$$

for some  $c_0$  sufficiently small, the initial data

$$(1.4) \quad u_{0,\varepsilon}(x_h, x_3) = (\bar{u}_0^h(x_h, \varepsilon x_3), 0) + v_0(x)$$

generates a unique global solution  $u$  to (1.1) in the space  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^+; \dot{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with  $\nabla u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^+; \dot{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3))$ .

The definitions of the Besov norms will be presented in Section 3. The exact form of the constant  $\mathfrak{E}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h)$  will be given by (5.8).

We remark that the norms of  $v_0$  in  $\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  are scaling invariant under the scaling transformation (1.2).

In the case when  $\nu_h = 0$  in (1.1), that is

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u - \nu_v \partial_3^2 u = -\nabla p & \text{for } (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} u = 0, \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0, \\ u|_{x_3=0} = u|_{x_3=1} = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 \times ]0, 1[$ , we have the following global well-posedness result for (1.5):

**Theorem 1.2.** *Given solenoidal vector field  $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap \mathcal{B}_h^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then there exists a small enough positive constant  $c$  so that if*

$$(1.6) \quad \|u_0\|_{L^2} + \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^2} \leq c\nu_v,$$

(1.5) has a unique solution  $u \in C_b([0, \infty[; L^2 \cap \mathcal{B}_h^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with  $\partial_3 u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^+; L^2 \cap \mathcal{B}_h^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$ .

Let us complete this section by the notations of the paper:

Let  $A, B$  be two operators, we denote  $[A; B] = AB - BA$ , the commutator between  $A$  and  $B$ . For  $a \lesssim b$ , we mean that there is a uniform constant  $C$ , which may be different on different lines, such that  $a \leq Cb$ . We denote by  $(a|b)$  the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  inner product of  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $(d_\ell)_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}}$  will be a generic element of  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  so that  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} d_j = 1$ .

For  $X$  a Banach space and  $I$  an interval of  $\mathbb{R}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{C}(I; X)$  the set of continuous functions on  $I$  with values in  $X$ , and by  $\mathcal{C}_b(I; X)$  the subset of bounded functions of  $\mathcal{C}(I; X)$ . For  $q \in [1, +\infty]$ , the notation  $L^q(I; X)$  stands for the set of measurable functions on  $I$  with values in  $X$ , such that  $t \mapsto \|f(t)\|_X$  belongs to  $L^q(I)$ .

## 2. IDEAS OF THE PROOF AND STRUCTURE OF THE PAPER

Let us construct  $v_L$  via

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t v_L - \nu_h \Delta_h v_L - \nu_v \partial_z^2 v_L = 0 & \text{for } (t, x_h, z) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^3, \\ v_L|_{t=0} = v_0. \end{cases}$$

We construct  $(\bar{u}^h, p^h)$  through

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \bar{u}^h + \bar{u}^h \cdot \nabla_h \bar{u}^h - \nu_h \Delta_h \bar{u}^h - \nu_v \varepsilon^2 \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h = -\nabla_h p^h & \text{for } (t, x_h, z) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \operatorname{div}_h \bar{u}^h = 0, \\ \bar{u}^h|_{t=0} = \bar{u}_0^h. \end{cases}$$

We write

$$(2.3) \quad u = v_L + [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon + R \quad \text{and} \quad \pi = p - p^h \quad \text{with} \quad [f]_\varepsilon(t, x_h, x_3) = f(t, x_h, \varepsilon x_3).$$

Then it follows from (1.1) and (2.1), (2.2) that  $(R, \nabla \pi)$  verifies

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t R + u \cdot \nabla R + R \cdot \nabla(v_L + [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) - \nu_h \Delta_h R - \nu_v \partial_3^2 R + \nabla \pi = F, \\ \text{with } F = (F^h, F^v) \text{ and} \\ F^h = -v_L \cdot \nabla(v_L^h + [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) - [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h v_L^h \text{ and} \\ F^v = -v_L \cdot \nabla v_L^3 - [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h v_L^3 - \partial_3[p^h]_\varepsilon, \\ \operatorname{div} R = 0, \\ R|_{t=0} = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $p^h$  is determined by

$$(2.5) \quad p^h = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j (\bar{u}^i \bar{u}^j),$$

which is obtained by taking  $\operatorname{div}_h$  to the momentum equation of (2.2).

In order to explain the main idea to the proof of Theorem 1.1. Let us first assume  $\bar{u}_0^h = 0$  in (1.2). Instead of assume  $v_0$  in the critical spaces, we assume  $v_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then we have the following simplified version of Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $v_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$  be a solenoidal vector field, we denote*

$$(2.6) \quad E(v_0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|v_0\|_{L^2}^3 \|\nabla_h v_0\|_{L^2} + \|v_0\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|v_0\|_{L^2}^2.$$

We assume that  $\nu_v \geq \nu_h > 0$ . Then there exist two positive constants  $c, C$  so that if

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{E(v_0)}{\sqrt{\nu_h \nu_v}} \exp\left(\frac{\|v_0\|_{H^{0,1}}^4}{C \nu_h^4}\right) \leq c \nu_h^3,$$

then (1.1) has a unique global solution  $u$  with

$$u \in C([0, \infty[; H^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; H^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

We begin the proof of the above theorem by the following useful lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $a$  be a free divergence vector field in  $H^{0,1}$  with  $\nabla_h a$  belonging to  $H^{0,1}$ . Let  $b \in H^{0,1}$  with  $\nabla_h b \in H^{0,1}$ . Then one has*

$$(a \nabla b | b)_{H^{0,1}} \leq C \|a\|_{H^{0,1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{H^{0,1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{H^{0,1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h b\|_{H^{0,1}}^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

*Proof.* We recall that  $\|a\|_{H^{0,1}} = (\|a\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_3 a\|_{L^2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then It is easy to observe that due to  $\operatorname{div} a = 0$ ,  $(a \nabla b | b)_{L^2} = 0$ , so that there holds

$$\begin{aligned} (a \nabla b | b)_{H^{0,1}} &= (a \nabla b | b)_{L^2} + (\partial_3(a \nabla b) | \partial_3 b)_{L^2} \\ &= (a \nabla \partial_3 b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2} + (\partial_3 a \nabla b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2} \\ &= (\partial_3 a_h \nabla_h b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2} + (\partial_3 a_3 \partial_3 b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\|f\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and  $\partial_3 a_3 = -\operatorname{div}_h a_h$ , we deduce from the law of product in Sobolev spaces that

$$\begin{aligned} |(\operatorname{div}_h a_h \partial_3 b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2}| &\leq \|\operatorname{div}_h a_h\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \|(\partial_3 b)^2\|_{L_v^1(\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}})} \\ &\leq \|\nabla_h a\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \|\partial_3 b\|_{L_v^2(\dot{H}_h^{\frac{3}{4}})}^2 \\ &\lesssim \|a\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}})} \|\partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we write

$$\frac{d}{dx_3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\xi_h| |\hat{f}(\xi_h, x_3)|^2 d\xi_h = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\xi_h| \hat{f}(\xi_h, x_3) \partial_3 \hat{f}(\xi_h, x_3) d\xi_h.$$

Integrating the above inequality over  $] -\infty, x_3]$  and using Hölder's inequality, we achieve

$$\|f\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}})} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

As a result, it comes out

$$(2.8) \quad |(\operatorname{div}_h a_h \partial_3 b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2}| \lesssim \|a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Whereas observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |(\partial_3 a_h \nabla_h b | \partial_3 b)_{L^2}| &\leq \|\partial_3 a_h\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \|\nabla_h b\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \|\partial_3 b\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \\ &\lesssim \|\partial_3 a_h\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 a_h\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_3 b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (2.8) ensures the lemma.  $\square$

The next lemma is concerned with the linear equation (2.1), which tells us the small quantities that will be used in what follows

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $v_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $\nabla_h v_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Let  $v_L$  be the corresponding solution of (2.1). Then we have*

$$\|\partial_3 v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \leq \frac{\|v_0\|_{L^2}^2}{\nu_v} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\partial_3 \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \leq \frac{\|\nabla_h v_0\|_{L^2}^2}{\nu_v}$$

*Proof.* Indeed by applying standard energy method to (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\nu_h \int_0^t \|\nabla_h v_L(t')\|_{L^2}^2 dt' + 2\nu_v \int_0^t \|\partial_3 v_L(t')\|_{L^2}^2 dt' &= \|v_0\|_{L^2}^2, \\ \|\nabla_h v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\nu_h \int_0^t \|\nabla_h^2 v_L(t')\|_{L^2}^2 dt' + 2\nu_v \int_0^t \|\partial_3 \nabla_h v_L(t')\|_{L^2}^2 dt' &= \|\nabla_h v_0\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $E(v_0)$  be given by (2.6). Then under the assumptions of Lemma 2.2, one has*

$$\int_0^\infty \|v_L \otimes v_L(t)\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 dt \leq \frac{E(u_0)}{\sqrt{\nu_h \nu_v}}.$$

*Proof.* We begin by writing that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad \int_0^\infty \|v_L \otimes v_L(t)\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 dt &= \int_0^\infty (\|v_L \otimes v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_3(v_L \otimes v_L)(t)\|_{L^2}^2) dt \\ &\leq C \int_0^\infty (\|v_L(t)\|_{L^4}^4 + \|v_L \partial_3 v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} (2.10) \quad \int_0^\infty \|v_L \partial_3 v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 dt &\leq \int_0^\infty \|v_3^L(t)\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|\partial_3 v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 dt \\ &\leq \frac{\|v_0\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|v_0\|_{L^2}^2}{\nu_v}. \end{aligned}$$

To handle the other term in (2.9), by applying the Sobolev embedding of  $\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{4}}(\mathbb{R}_v) \hookrightarrow L^4(\mathbb{R}_v)$ , we obtain

$$\|v_L(t, x_h, \cdot)\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}_v)} \leq C \|v_L(t, x_h, \cdot)\|_{L_v^2}^{\frac{3}{4}} \|\partial_3 v_L(t, x_h, \cdot)\|_{L_v^2}^{\frac{1}{4}},$$

which together with Lemma 2.2 implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \|v_L(t)\|_{L^4}^4 dt &\lesssim \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}_h^2} \|v_L(t, x_h, \cdot)\|_{L_v^3}^3 \|\partial_3 v_L(t, x_h, \cdot)\|_{L_v^2} dx_h dt \\ &\lesssim \|v_L\|_{L^6(\mathbb{R}^+; L_h^6(L_v^2))}^3 \|\partial_3 v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \\ &\lesssim \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|v_L\|_{L^6(\mathbb{R}^+; L_h^6(L_v^2))}^3 \|v_0\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Whereas notice that Sobolev imbedding Theorem implies  $\dot{H}^{\frac{2}{3}}(\mathbb{R}_h^2) \hookrightarrow L^6(\mathbb{R}_h^2)$ , we write

$$\|v_L(t, \cdot, x_3)\|_{L_h^6} \leq C \|v_L(t, \cdot, x_3)\|_{L_h^2}^{\frac{1}{3}} \|\nabla_h v_L(t, \cdot, x_3)\|_{L_h^2}^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

Taking the  $L_v^2$  norm leads to

$$\|v_L(t)\|_{L_h^6(L_v^2)} \leq \|v_L(t)\|_{L_v^2(L_h^6)} \leq C \|v_L(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{3}} \|\nabla_h v_L(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{2}{3}},$$

which together with Lemma 2.2 ensures that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_L\|_{L^6(\mathbb{R}^+; L_v^2(L_h^6))}^3 &\lesssim \|v_L\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+; L^2)} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+; L^2)} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^+; L^2)} \\ &\lesssim \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|v_0\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla_h v_0\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

This gives rise to

$$\int_0^\infty \|v_L(t)\|_{L^4}^4 dt \leq \frac{\|v_0\|_{L^2}^3 \|\nabla_h v_0\|_{L^2}}{\sqrt{\nu_h \nu_v}}.$$

Along with (2.9) and (2.10), we complete the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem 1.* Let  $v_L$  be determined by (2.1). We write

$$u = v_L + R.$$

Inserting the above substitution into (1.1) yields

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t R + R \cdot \nabla R - \nu_h \Delta_h R - \nu_v \partial_3^2 R + \nabla p = -R \cdot \nabla v_L - v_L \cdot \nabla R - v_L \cdot \nabla v_L, \\ \operatorname{div} R = 0, \\ R(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

By taking  $H^{0,1}$  scalar product of  $R$  equation of (2.11) with  $R$ , we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 &= -(R \cdot \nabla R|R)_{H^{0,1}} \\ &\quad - (v_L \cdot \nabla R|R)_{H^{0,1}} - (R \cdot \nabla v_L|R)_{H^{0,1}} - (v_L \cdot \nabla v_L|R)_{H^{0,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.1 gives

$$|(R \cdot \nabla R|R)_{H^{0,1}}| \leq \|R\|_{H^{0,1}} \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2,$$

and

$$|(v_L \cdot \nabla R|R)_{H^{0,1}}| \leq C \|v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^{1/2} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^{1/2} \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^{1/2} \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^{3/2}.$$

Then by applying Young's inequality,  $xy \leq \frac{3}{4}x^{\frac{4}{3}} + \frac{1}{4}y^4$ , we achieve

$$|(v_L \cdot \nabla R|R)_{H^{0,1}}| \leq C \nu_h^{-3} \|v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \frac{\nu_h}{100} \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2.$$

Similarly, notice that  $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}_h^2) \subset L^4(\mathbb{R}_h^2)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(R \cdot \nabla v_L|R)_{H^{0,1}}| &\leq \|R\|_{L_h^4(H_v^1)}^2 \|\nabla v_L\|_{H^{0,1}} \\ &\leq \|R\|_{H^{0,1}} \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}} \|\nabla v_L\|_{H^{0,1}} \\ &\leq C \nu_h^{-1} \|\nabla v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \frac{\nu_h}{100} \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

For the last term in (2.11), we first get, by using integrating by parts, that

$$(v_L \cdot \nabla v_L|R)_{H^{0,1}} = -(v_L \otimes v_L \cdot \nabla R)_{H^{0,1}},$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} |(v_L \cdot \nabla v_L |R|)_{H^{0,1}}| &\leq \|v_L \otimes v_L\|_{H^{0,1}} \|\nabla R\|_{H^{0,1}} \\ &\leq C\nu_h^{-1} \|v_L \otimes v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \frac{\nu_h}{100} \|\nabla R\|_{H^{0,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote

$$(2.13) \quad T^\star \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ T < t^*, \ \|R\|_{L_T^\infty(H^{0,1})} \leq \frac{\nu_h}{4} \right\}.$$

Then by substituting the above estimates into (2.12), for  $t \leq T^\star$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} (2.14) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 &\leq C\nu_h^{-1} \|v_L \otimes v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \\ &+ C \left( \nu_h^{-1} \|\nabla v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 + \nu_h^{-3} \|v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \right) \|R\|_{H^{0,1}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Gronwall's inequality gives rise to (2.14)

$$\begin{aligned} \|R\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{0,1})}^2 &\leq C\nu_h^{-1} \|v_L \otimes v_L\|_{L_t^2(H^{0,1})}^2 \\ &\times \exp \left( \nu_h^{-1} \|v_L\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{0,1})}^2 \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(H^{0,1})}^2 + \nu_h^{-1} \|\nabla v_L\|_{L_t^2(H^{0,1})}^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

from which, Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, for  $t \leq T^\star$ , we infer

$$\|R\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{0,1})}^2 \leq \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{2}} E(v_0) \exp \left( C\nu_h^{-4} \|v_0\|_{H^{0,1}}^4 + C\nu_h^{-2} \|v_0\|_{H^{0,1}}^2 \right).$$

Then under the smallness condition (2.7), we have

$$(2.15) \quad \|R\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{0,1})} \leq \frac{\nu_h}{8} \quad \text{for } t \leq T^\star,$$

which contradicts with (2.13). This in turn shows that  $T^\star = T^* = \infty$ . Furthermore inserting the estimate (2.15) into (2.14) shows that  $\nabla R \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^+; H^{0,1})$ . this completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

The organization of this paper is as follows:

In the third section, we shall recall some basic facts on Littlewood-Paley theory.

In the fourth section, we present the *priori* estimates for smooth enough solutions of (2.1) and (2.2).

In the fifth section, we prove Theorem 1.1.

In the sixth section, we present the proof of Theorem 1.2.

### 3. BASICS ON LITTLEWOOD-PALEY THEORY

Before we present the function spaces we are going to work with in this context, let us briefly recall some basic facts on Littlewood-Paley theory (see e.g. [6]). Let  $\varphi$  and  $\chi$  be smooth functions supported in  $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\tau \in \mathbb{R}^+, \frac{3}{4} \leq \tau \leq \frac{8}{3}\}$  and  $\mathfrak{B} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\tau \in \mathbb{R}^+, \tau \leq \frac{4}{3}\}$  respectively such that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(2^{-j} \tau) = 1 \quad \text{for } \tau > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \chi(\tau) + \sum_{j \geq 0} \varphi(2^{-j} \tau) = 1 \quad \text{for } \tau \geq 0.$$

For  $a \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad \Delta_k^h a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi(2^{-k} |\xi_h|) \hat{a}), & S_k^h a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi(2^{-k} |\xi_h|) \hat{a}), \\ \Delta_\ell^v a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi(2^{-\ell} |\xi_3|) \hat{a}), & S_\ell^v a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi(2^{-\ell} |\xi_3|) \hat{a}), \quad \text{and} \\ \Delta_j a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi(2^{-j} |\xi|) \hat{a}), & S_j a &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi(2^{-j} |\xi|) \hat{a}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi_h = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_h, \xi_3)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}a$  and  $\hat{a}$  denote the Fourier transform of the distribution  $a$ . The dyadic operators satisfy the property of almost orthogonality:

$$(3.2) \quad \Delta_k \Delta_j a \equiv 0 \quad \text{if} \quad |k - j| \geq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_k (S_{j-1} a \Delta_j b) \equiv 0 \quad \text{if} \quad |k - j| \geq 5.$$

Similar properties hold for  $\Delta_k^h$  and  $\Delta_\ell^v$ .

Due to the anisotropic spectral properties of the linear equation, (2.1), we need also the following anisotropic type Besov norm:

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{S}'_h(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we define the norm

$$\|a\|_{\mathcal{B}^{s_1, s_2}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( 2^{\ell s_2} (2^{ks_1} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2})_{\ell^2} \right)_{\ell^1}.$$

In particular, when  $s_1 = 0$  we denote  $\mathcal{B}^{0, s_2}$  by  $B^{0, s_2}$  with

$$\|a\|_{B^{0, s_2}} = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\ell s_2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}.$$

We recall the classical homogeneous anisotropic Sobolev norm as follows

$$\|a\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1, s_2}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \sum_{k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{2ks_1} 2^{2\ell s_2} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In order to obtain a better description of the regularizing effect for the transport-diffusion equation, we will use Chemin-Lerner type spaces:

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $p \in [1, +\infty]$  and  $T \in ]0, +\infty]$ . We define the norms of  $\tilde{L}_T^p(\mathcal{B}^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3))$  and  $\tilde{L}_T^p(B^{0, s_2})$  by

$$\|a\|_{\tilde{L}_T^p(\mathcal{B}^{s_1, s_2})} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( 2^{\ell s_2} (2^{ks_1} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_T^p(L^2)})_{\ell^2} \right)_{\ell^1},$$

and

$$\|a\|_{\tilde{L}_T^p(B^{0, s_2})} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\ell s_2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_T^p(L^2)}$$

respectively.

In particular, when  $p = 2$ , we have

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(\mathcal{B}^{0, s_2})} &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\ell s_2} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\ell s_2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_T^2(L^2)} = \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0, s_2})}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to study a fluid evolving between two parallel plans, namely to prove Theorem 1.2, we also need the following norms:

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , we define

$$(3.4) \quad \|a\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^s} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{ks} \|\Delta_k^h a\|_{L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_T^p(\mathcal{B}_h^s)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{ks} \|\Delta_k^h a\|_{L_T^p(L^2)}.$$

To over come the difficulty that one can not use Gronwall's argument for the Chemin-Lerner type norms, we also need the time-weighted Chemin-Lerner norm introduced by the authors in [28]

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $f(t) \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $f(t) \geq 0$ . We define

$$\|u\|_{\widetilde{L}_{T,f}^2(\mathcal{B}^{0, s_2})} = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\ell s_2} \left( \int_0^T f(t) \|\Delta_\ell^v u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We also recall the following anisotropic Bernstein type lemma from [14, 27].

**Lemma 3.1.** Consider  $\mathcal{B}_h$  a ball of  $\mathbb{R}_h^2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_h$  a ring of  $\mathbb{R}_h^2$ ; fix  $1 \leq p_2 \leq p_1 \leq \infty$ . Then the following properties hold:

- If the support of  $\hat{a}$  is included in  $2^k \mathcal{B}_h$ , then

$$\|\partial_{x_h}^\alpha a\|_{L_h^{p_1}} \lesssim 2^{k(|\alpha|+2(1/p_2-1/p_1))} \|a\|_{L_h^{p_2}}.$$

- If the support of  $\hat{a}$  is included in  $2^k \mathcal{C}_h$ , then

$$\|a\|_{L_h^{p_1}} \lesssim 2^{-k} \|\nabla_h a\|_{L_h^{p_1}}.$$

To study product laws between distributions in the anisotropic Besov spaces, we need to modify the isotropic para-differential decomposition of Bony [4] to the setting of anisotropic version. We first recall the isotropic para-differential decomposition from [4]: let  $a$  and  $b$  be in  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} ab &= T_a b + T_b a + R(a, b) \quad \text{or} \quad ab = T_a b + \bar{R}(a, b) \quad \text{where} \\ T_a b &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_{j-1} a \Delta_j b, \quad \bar{R}(a, b) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j a S_{j+2} b \quad \text{and} \\ R(a, b) &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j a \tilde{\Delta}_j b, \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{\Delta}_j b = \sum_{\ell=j-1}^{j+1} \Delta_\ell b. \end{aligned}$$

In what follows, we shall also use the anisotropic version of Bony's decomposition for both horizontal and vertical variables.

As an application of the above basic facts on Littlewood-Paley theory, we present the following product laws in the anisotropic Besov spaces.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in [-1/2, 1/2]$  with  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 > 0$ . Let  $a \in B^{0, \tau_1}$  with  $\nabla_h a \in B^{0, \tau_1}$ , let  $b \in B^{0, \tau_2}$  with  $\nabla_h b \in B^{0, \tau_2}$ . Then one has

$$(3.6) \quad \|ab\|_{B^{0, \tau_1 + \tau_2 - \frac{1}{2}}} \lesssim \|a\|_{B^{0, \tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{B^{0, \tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{B^{0, \tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h b\|_{B^{0, \tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

*Proof.* We first get, by applying Bony's decomposition in vertical variables, that

$$(3.7) \quad ab = T_a^v b + T_b^v a + R^v(a, b).$$

Next, we just handle term by term above. Indeed due to  $\tau_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_\ell^v a\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} &\lesssim \sum_{\ell' \leq \ell-1} 2^{\frac{\ell'}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v a\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{\ell' \leq \ell-1} 2^{\frac{\ell'}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim 2^{\ell(\frac{1}{2}-\tau_1)} \|a\|_{B^{\tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{B^{\tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

from which, and the support properties to the Fourier transform of the terms in  $T_a^v b$ , we infer

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_\ell^v T_a^v b\|_{L^2} &\lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \|S_{\ell'-1}^v a\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v b\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \|S_{\ell'-1}^v a\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim d_{ell} 2^{-\ell(\tau_1 + \tau_2 - \frac{1}{2})} \|a\|_{B^{0, \tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{B^{0, \tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{B^{0, \tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h b\|_{B^{0, \tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The same estimate holds for  $T_b^v a$ .

Whereas by applying Lemma 3.1, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_\ell^v R^v(a, b)\|_{L^2} &\lesssim 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v a\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \|\tilde{\Delta}_{\ell'}^v b\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \\ &\lesssim 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\tilde{\Delta}_{\ell'}^v b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\tilde{\Delta}_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h b\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim d_\ell 2^{-\ell(\tau_1 + \tau_2 - \frac{1}{2})} \|a\|_{B^{0,\tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{B^{0,\tau_1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{B^{0,\tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h b\|_{B^{0,\tau_2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step, we used the fact that  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 > 0$ , so that

$$\sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\ell'(\tau_1 + \tau_2)} \lesssim d_\ell 2^{-\ell(\tau_1 + \tau_2)}.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** We remark that the law of product (3.6) works for Chemin-Lerner norms as well.

#### 4. THE ESTIMATE OF $v_L$ AND $\bar{u}^h$

The goal of this section is to present the estimates of  $v_L$  and  $\bar{u}^h$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $v_0 \in \mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0} \cap \mathcal{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $v_L$  be the corresponding solution of (2.1). Then we have

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} &\lesssim (\nu_h \nu_v)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}}, \\ \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_z v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} &\lesssim \|v_0\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We get, by first applying the operator  $\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v$  to the system (2.1) and then taking  $L^2$  inner product of the resulting equation with  $\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L$ , that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_h \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_v \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \partial_z v_L\|_{L^2}^2 = 0.$$

Integrating the above equality over  $[0, t]$ , and taking square root of the resulting equality, we write

$$\|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \sqrt{\nu_v} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \partial_z v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \leq \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_0\|_{L^2}.$$

Taking  $\ell^2$  norm with respect to  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and then taking  $\ell^1$  norm with respect to  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we achieve

$$(4.2) \quad \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0})} + \sqrt{\nu_v} \|\partial_z v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0})} \leq \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}}.$$

Whereas it follows from Fourier-Plancherel equality that

$$\begin{aligned} 2^\ell \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 &= 2^\ell \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \\ &\lesssim 2^\ell \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{2k} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \\ &\lesssim \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{3k} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k 2^{2\ell} \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

from which and (4.2), we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} &\lesssim \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\
&\lesssim \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\Delta_k^h \Delta_\ell^v \partial_z v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\lesssim (\nu_h \nu_v)^{-\frac{1}{4}} (\sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0})})^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sqrt{\nu_v} \|\partial_3 v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0})})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\lesssim (\nu_h \nu_v)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This leads to the first inequality of (4.1).

On the other hand, we get, by first applying the operator  $\Delta_\ell^v$  to the system (2.1) and then taking  $L^2$  inner product of the resulting equation with  $\Delta_\ell^v v_L$ , that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_\ell^v v_L(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_z \Delta_\ell^v v_L\|_{L^2}^2 = 0.$$

Integrating the above equality over  $[0, t]$ , and taking square root of the resulting equality, and then taking  $\ell^1$  norm with respect to  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain the second inequality of (4.1). This completes the proof of the proposition.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\bar{u}_0^h$  and  $\nabla_h \bar{u}_0^h$  be in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_v; L^2(\mathbb{R}_h^2))$ . Then (2.2) has a unique global solution so that*

$$(4.3) \quad \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(L_v^\infty(L_h^2))} \leq \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}.$$

If moreover,  $\bar{u}_0^h \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_v; \dot{H}^{-\delta}(\mathbb{R}_h^2))$  for some  $\delta \in ]0, 1[$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.4) \quad &\int_0^\infty \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 dt \leq A_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) \quad \text{with} \\
&A_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) = C_\delta \exp(C_\delta \nu_h^{-2} \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 (1 + \nu_h^{-2} \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2)) \\
&\quad \times \left( \frac{\|\nabla_h \bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty((\dot{B}_{2,\infty}^{-\delta})_h)}^{\frac{2}{\delta}}}{\|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^{\frac{2}{\delta}}} + \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Theorem 1.2 of [14] ensures the global existence of solutions to (2.2). Moreover, (2.4) of [14] gives (4.3). To prove the estimate (4.4), we introduce

$$(4.5) \quad w^h(t, x_h, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \bar{u}^h(t, \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} x_h, z) \quad \text{and} \quad q^h(t, x_h, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nu_h^{-1} p^h(t, \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} x_h, z).$$

Then in view of (2.2), we write

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t w^h + w^h \cdot \nabla_h w^h - \Delta_h w^h - \frac{\nu_v}{\nu_h} \varepsilon^2 \partial_z^2 w^h = -\nabla_h q^h & \text{for } (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \operatorname{div}_h w^h = 0, \\ w^h|_{t=0} = w_0^h = \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \bar{u}_0^h(\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} x). \end{cases}$$

It follows from Theorem 1.2 of [14] that

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \|\nabla_h w^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 dt &\leq C_\delta \exp(C_\delta \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 (1 + \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2)) \\ &\times \left( \frac{\|\nabla_h w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty((\dot{B}_{2,\infty}^{-\delta})_h)}^{\frac{2}{\delta}}}{\|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^{\frac{2}{\delta}}} + \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Yet by virtue of (4.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} &= \nu_h^{-1} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}, \quad \|\nabla_h w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} = \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \\ \|w_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty((\dot{B}_{2,\infty}^{-\delta})_h)} &= \nu_h^{-1-\frac{\delta}{2}} \|u_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty((\dot{B}_{2,\infty}^{-\delta})_h)}, \quad \text{and} \\ \int_0^\infty \|\nabla_h w^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 dt &= \nu_h^{-2} \int_0^\infty \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 dt, \end{aligned}$$

from which and (4.7), we deduce (4.4).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Under the assumptions of Lemma 4.1, for any  $t > 0$ , we have*

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v} \varepsilon \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} &\lesssim B_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h) \quad \text{with} \\ B_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(C\nu_h^{-3} \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 A_{\nu_h,\delta}(\bar{u}_0^h)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{\nu_h,\delta}(\bar{u}_0^h)$  is given by (4.4).

*Proof.* Let us denote

$$(4.9) \quad g(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)}^4 \quad \text{and} \quad f_\lambda(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(t) \exp\left(-\lambda \int_0^t g(t') dt'\right).$$

Then by virtue of (2.2), we write

$$\partial_t \bar{u}_\lambda^h + \lambda g(t) \bar{u}_\lambda^h + \bar{u}^h \cdot \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h - \nu_h \Delta_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h - \nu_v \varepsilon^2 \partial_3^2 \bar{u}_\lambda^h = -\nabla_h p_\lambda^h.$$

Applying  $\Delta_\ell^v$  to the above equation and then taking  $L^2$  inner product of the resulting equation with  $\Delta_\ell^v \bar{u}^h$ , we obtain

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_\ell^v \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \lambda g(t) \|\Delta_\ell^v \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ + \nu_h \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \nu_v \|\Delta_\ell^v \partial_3 \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2}^2 = -(\bar{u}^h \otimes \bar{u}_\lambda^h | \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h)_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

By applying Bony's decomposition (3.5) for the vertical variable, one has

$$\bar{u}^h \otimes \bar{u}_\lambda^h = 2T^v(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h) + R^v(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h).$$

Due to the support properties to the Fourier of the terms in  $T^v(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v T^v(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h) | \Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h)_{L^2}| dt' \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|S_{\ell'-1}^v \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2} dt' \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2} dt'. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder's inequality and using Definition 3.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu T^\nu(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h) |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}^h)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} \left( \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)}^4 \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L^2}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Along the same line, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu (R^\nu(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h) |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} \int_0^t \|\tilde{\Delta}_{\ell'}^\nu \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L^2} dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} \left( \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)}^4 \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell 2^{-\ell} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell-3} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\frac{\ell-\ell'}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu (R^\nu(\bar{u}^h, \bar{u}_\lambda^h) |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h)_{L^2}| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

As a result, it comes out

$$(4.11) \quad \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu (\bar{u}^h \otimes \bar{u}_\lambda^h) |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h)_{L^2}| dt \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Integrating (4.10) over  $[0, t]$  and then inserting (4.11) into the resulting inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Delta_\ell^v \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)}^2 + \lambda \int_0^t g(t) \|\Delta_\ell^v \bar{u}_\lambda^h(t)\|_{L^2}^2 dt + \nu_h \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 \\ & + \varepsilon^2 \nu_v \|\Delta_\ell^v \partial_z \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the above inequality by  $2^\ell$  and taking square root of the above inequality and then summing up the resulting inequality over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we achieve

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\lambda} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v} \varepsilon \|\partial_z \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\ & \leq \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} + C \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ & \leq \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\nu_h}}{2} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + C \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,g}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\lambda = C^2 \nu_h^{-3}$  in the above inequality leads to

$$\|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v} \varepsilon \|\partial_z \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \leq 2 \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}},$$

from which, and (4.9), we infer

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \|\bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v \varepsilon} \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \right) \exp \left( -\lambda \int_0^t g(t') dt' \right) \\ & \leq \|\bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v \varepsilon} \|\partial_z \bar{u}_\lambda^h\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\ & \leq 2 \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}, \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\|\bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \leq C \|\bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \|\bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_h} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sqrt{\nu_v \varepsilon} \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \right) \\ & \leq 2 \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left( \frac{C}{\nu_h^3} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(L_v^\infty(L_h^2))}^2 \int_0^t \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t')\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 dt' \right). \end{aligned}$$

This together with (4.3) and (4.4) ensures (4.8).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $\bar{u}^h$  be a smooth enough solution of (2.2). Then for any  $s \in ]-1, 0[$ , we have*

$$(4.12) \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(\dot{H}^{s,0})}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\dot{H}^{s,0})}^2 \leq \|\bar{u}_0^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 \exp \left( \frac{C}{\nu_h} A_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^1(\bar{u}_0^h, s);$$

$$(4.13) \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(\dot{H}^{s,0})}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\dot{H}^{s,0})}^2 \leq \|\partial_z \bar{u}_0^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 \exp \left( \frac{C}{\nu_h} A_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^2(\bar{u}_0^h, s);$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4.14) \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{s,0})}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\dot{H}^{s,0})}^2 & \leq (\|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}_0^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 + \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^2(\bar{u}_0^h, s)) \\ & \times \exp \left( \frac{C}{\nu_h} A_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) + \frac{C}{\nu_h^2} \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^2(\bar{u}_0^h, 0) \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^3(\bar{u}_0^h, s). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* In fact, (4.12) and (4.13) hold for  $s \in ]-1, 1[$ , which is a direct consequence of Lemma 4.2 of [14] and Lemma 4.1. To prove (4.14), we get, by first applying  $\partial_z^2$  to (2.2) and then taking  $\dot{H}_h^s$  inner product of the resulting equation with  $\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} (4.15) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}^2 + \nu_v \varepsilon^2 \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}^2 \\ & - \frac{\nu_v \varepsilon^2}{2} \partial_z^2 \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}^2 = - (\bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s} \\ & - 2 (\partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s} - (\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1.1 of [9] yields

$$|(\bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s}| \lesssim \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{L_h^2} \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}.$$

Due to  $s \in ]-1, 0[$ , the law of product in Sobolev spaces implies that

$$|(\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s}| \lesssim \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{L_h^2} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}.$$

Similarly, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & |(\partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) \nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z) | \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h)_{\dot{H}_h^s}| \\ & \lesssim \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s} \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{L_h^2} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t, \cdot, z)\|_{\dot{H}_h^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the above estimates into (4.15) and integrating the resulting equality with respect to  $z$  gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 &\leq C \left( \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^s)} \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Due to

$$\|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(\dot{H}_h^s)} \lesssim \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

we get, by applying Young's inequality, that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 &\leq \frac{\nu_h}{2} \|\nabla_h \partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 \\ &\quad + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}^2 + \frac{C}{\nu_h} (\|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)}^2 + \|\nabla_h \partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L^2}^2) \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{\dot{H}^{s,0}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Gronwall's inequality and using (4.13) leads to (4.14).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.1.** *Under the assumption of Proposition 4.3, for any  $\theta \in ]0, 1/2[$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (4.16) \quad & \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})} + \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})}) \leq \mathfrak{D}_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) \quad \text{with} \\ & \mathfrak{D}_{\nu_h, \delta}(\bar{u}_0^h) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^i(\bar{u}_0^h, 1/2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathfrak{C}_{\nu_h, \delta}^i(\bar{u}_0^h, -1/2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Indeed it follows from interpolation inequality in Besov spaces that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})} \\ & \lesssim \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}+\theta} \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^\infty(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}-\theta} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}+\theta} \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}-\theta}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta})} \lesssim \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}+\theta} \|\partial_z^2 \bar{u}^h\|_{L_t^2(H^{\frac{1}{2}, 0})}^{\frac{1}{2}-\theta},$$

which together with Proposition 4.3 ensures (4.16).  $\square$

## 5. THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

The goal of this section is to present the proof of Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Let  $\theta \in [0, 1/2[$ , we denote

$$\begin{aligned} (5.1) \quad & f_1(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\bar{u}^h(t)\|_{B^{0, \frac{1}{2}}}^2 \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{B^{0, \frac{1}{2}}}^2, \quad f_2(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{B^{0, \frac{1}{2}}}^2, \\ & f_3(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta}}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta}} + \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}}^2 \quad \text{and} \\ & R_\lambda(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R(t) \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \int_0^t f_i(t') dt' \right). \end{aligned}$$

And similar notations for  $\pi_\lambda$  and  $F_\lambda$ . Then it follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} (5.2) \quad & \partial_t R_\lambda + \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i f_i(t) \right) R_\lambda + u \cdot \nabla R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla (v_L + [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) \\ & \quad - \nu_h \Delta_h R_\lambda - \nu_v \partial_3^2 R_\lambda + \nabla \pi_\lambda = F_\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_\lambda = (F_\lambda^h, F_\lambda^3)$  with  $(F^h, F^3)$  being given by (2.4).

Applying the operator  $\Delta_\ell^v$  to (5.2) and taking  $L^2$  inner product of the resulting equation with  $\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda$  yields

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i f_i(t) \|\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_h \|\nabla_h \Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 \Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= -(\Delta_\ell^v(u \cdot \nabla R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla(v_L + [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon))|\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2} + (\Delta_\ell^v F_\lambda |\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The estimate of the above terms relies on the following lemmas:

**Lemma 5.1.** *There holds*

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v(a \otimes [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^v b)_{L^2}| dt \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.$$

**Lemma 5.2.** *There holds*

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h v_L) |\Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**Lemma 5.3.** *There holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} |(\Delta_\ell^v(v_L \cdot [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $p^h$  be given by (2.5). Then for  $\theta \in [0, 1/2[$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) |(\Delta_\ell^v \partial_3[p^h]_\varepsilon |\Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{1-\theta} \|\partial_3 a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Let us admit the above Lemmas for the time being and continue to handle the terms in the second line of (5.3). We first get, by using integration by parts, that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^v(R \cdot \nabla R_\lambda) |\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2} dt' = - \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^v(R \otimes R_\lambda) |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla R_\lambda)_{L^2} dt', \\ & \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^v(v_L \cdot \nabla v_L)_\lambda |\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2} dt' = \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^v(v_L \otimes v_L)_\lambda |\Delta_\ell^v \nabla R_\lambda)_{L^2} dt'. \end{aligned}$$

Then applying the law of product, Lemma 3.2, gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v(R \cdot \nabla R_\lambda) |\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2}| dt' \leq \|\Delta_\ell^v(R \otimes R_\lambda)\|_{L_T^2(L^2)} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla R_\lambda\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|R \otimes R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v(v_L \cdot \nabla v_L) |\Delta_\ell^v R_\lambda)_{L^2}| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.$$

Along the same line, by using integrating by parts, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^\nu(v_L \cdot \nabla R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla v_L) |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2}) dt' \\ &= - \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^\nu(v_L \otimes R_\lambda + R_\lambda \otimes v_L) |\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla R_\lambda|_{L^2}) dt'. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the law of product in anisotropic Besov space, Lemma 3.2, that

$$\|v_L \otimes R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \lesssim \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu(v_L \cdot \nabla R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla v_L) |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2})| dt' \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}. \end{aligned}$$

Whereas we get, by using integrating by parts, that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2}) dt' \\ &= - \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \otimes R_\lambda) |\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla_h R_\lambda|_{L^2}) dt' - \int_0^t (\Delta_\ell^\nu(R_\lambda \otimes [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla R_\lambda|_{L^2}) dt'. \end{aligned}$$

Then applying Lemma 5.1 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h R_\lambda + R_\lambda \cdot \nabla [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2})| dt' \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 5.2 gives

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h v_L) |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2})| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Applying Lemma 5.3 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu(v_L \cdot [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon)_\lambda |\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda|_{L^2})| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally applying Lemma 5.4 gives rise to

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu(\partial_3[p^h]_\varepsilon)_\lambda |\Delta_\ell^\nu R^3|_{L^2})| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{1-\theta} \|\partial_3 R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^\theta.$$

Let us denote

$$\mathcal{A}_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.$$

Then it follows from Proposition 4.1 that

$$(5.4) \quad \mathcal{A}_t \lesssim (\nu_h \nu_v)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \mathcal{A}_0 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{A}_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}} (\|v_0\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} + \|v_0\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},0}}).$$

Integrating (5.3) over  $[0, t]$  and inserting the above estimates into the resulting inequality, then we take the square root of resulting inequality to achieve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_0^t f_i(t') \|\Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda(t')\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 \Delta_\ell^\nu R_\lambda\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\
& \lesssim d_\ell 2^{-\frac{\ell}{2}} \left( \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} [\mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\
& \quad + (\|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{4}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}) \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}] \\
& \quad + [\lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{8}} \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{4}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}] \\
& \quad \times \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \|\partial_3 R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \Big).
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying  $2^{\frac{\ell}{2}}$  to the above inequality and summing the resulting inequality for  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_i}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\
& \leq C \left( \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} [\mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\
& \quad + (\mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{4}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}) \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}] \\
& \quad + [\lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{8}} \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{4}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}}] \\
& \quad \times \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \|\partial_3 R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \Big).
\end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

Let us assume that  $\nu_v \geq \nu_h$ . Then by applying Young's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \leq C \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}; \\
\mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{4}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \leq C \mathcal{A}_t \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}; \\
C \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \leq C \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})};
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
C \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{8}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} & \leq C \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + C \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
& \leq C\nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{C}{2}\nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}; \\
C\varepsilon^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(\mathcal{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \|\partial_3 R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} & \leq C\varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \|R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(\mathcal{B}^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \frac{\nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100} \|\partial_3 R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.
\end{aligned}$$

Inserting the above estimates into (5.5) leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_i}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\
& \leq C \left( \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \mathcal{A}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} + \nu_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_T^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \right) \\
& \quad + C\mathcal{A}_t \nu_h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \left( \frac{\nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4} + C\|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \|\nabla R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\
& \quad + C\nu^{-\frac{3}{2}} (\|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_2}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}) + \|R^3\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}
\end{aligned}$$

Let us denote

$$(5.6) \quad T^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ T < T^* : \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \leq \frac{\nu_h}{16C^2} \right\},$$

and we take

$$(5.7) \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = C^2 \nu_h^{-3} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_3 = 1.$$

Then for  $t \leq T^*$ , we deduce from (5.4) that

$$\|R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R_\lambda\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \leq C \left( \mathcal{A}_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h^{-\frac{5}{8}} \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{8}} + \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \right),$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \leq C \left( \mathcal{A}_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h^{-\frac{5}{8}} \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{8}} + \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( C\nu_h^{-3} \int_0^t (1 + \|\bar{u}^h(t')\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^2) \|\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h(t')\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^2 dt' \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C \int_0^t (\|\bar{u}^h(t')\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}-\theta}}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta}} + \|\partial_z \bar{u}^h(t)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}}^2) dt' \right),
\end{aligned}$$

from which and Proposition 4.2 and Corollary 4.1, we deduce that for  $t \leq T^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 R\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \\
(5.8) \quad & \leq C \left( \mathcal{A}_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h^{-\frac{5}{8}} \nu_v^{-\frac{1}{8}} + \varepsilon^{1-\theta} \nu_v^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \right) \mathfrak{E}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h) \quad \text{with} \\
& \mathfrak{E}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp \left( C\nu_h^{-4} (1 + \mathfrak{B}_{\delta,\nu_h}^4(\bar{u}_0^h) + C\nu_h^{-1} (\mathfrak{D}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h)^{\frac{2}{1-\theta}} + \mathfrak{D}_{\delta,\nu_h}(\bar{u}_0^h)^2)) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now let us present the proof of Lemmas 5.1 to 5.4.

*Proof of Lemma 5.1.* Applying Bony's decomposition yields

$$a \otimes [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon = T_a^\varepsilon [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon + \bar{R}^\varepsilon(a, [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon).$$

We first observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu T_a^\nu [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon | \Delta_\ell^\nu b)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \leq \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|S_{\ell'-1}^\nu a\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon\|_{L_\nu^2(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \int_0^t d_{\ell'}(t') \|a\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} \|[\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|[\nabla_h \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \int_0^t \|a\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L^2} dt'.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, it follows from Lemma 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\Delta_\ell^\nu a\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} & \lesssim 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu a\|_{L_\nu^2(L_h^4)} \\
& \lesssim 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned}$$

from which and Definition 3.4, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|a\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \left( \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu a\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla_h a\|_{L^2} dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \left( \int_0^t f_1(t') \|\Delta_\ell^\nu a\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu \nabla_h a\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

As a result, it comes out

$$(5.9) \quad \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu T_a^\nu [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon | \Delta_\ell^\nu b)_{L^2}| dt \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.$$

Exactly along the same line, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu \bar{R}^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon, a) | \Delta_\ell^\nu b)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu a\|_{L_\nu^2(L_h^4)} \|S_{\ell'+2}^\nu([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon)\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_\nu^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \left( \int_0^t f_1(t') \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu a\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\nu \nabla_h a\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\nu b\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\
& \lesssim d_\ell 2^{-\ell} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\frac{\ell'-\ell}{2}},
\end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^\nu (\bar{R}^\nu(a, [\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon) | \Delta_\ell^\nu b)_{L^2}| dt' \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|b\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}.$$

Along with (5.9), we complete the proof of Lemma 5.1.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 5.2.* Applying Bony's decomposition in the vertical variable gives

$$[\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla_h v_L = T_{[\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon} \nabla_h v_L + \bar{R}^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon, \nabla_h v_L).$$

We first observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v T_{[\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon}^v \nabla_h v_L | \Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|S_{\ell'-1}^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon)\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|\bar{u}^h\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \left( \int_0^t f_1(t) \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h a\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v (\bar{R}^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon, \nabla_h v_L) | \Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon)\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} \|S_{\ell'+2}^v \nabla_h v_L\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \int_0^T d_{\ell'}(t) \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|\bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt', \end{aligned}$$

then applying Hölder's inequality and using Definition 3.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |(\Delta_\ell^v (\bar{R}^v([\bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon, \nabla_h v_L) | \Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \left( \int_0^t f_1(t') \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h a\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_1}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 5.3.* By applying Bony's decomposition in the vertical variable, we get

$$v_L \cdot [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon = T_{v_L}^v [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon + \bar{R}^v(v_L, [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} |(\Delta_\ell^v T_{v_L}^v [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon | \Delta_\ell^v a)_{L^2}| dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} \|S_{\ell'-1}^v v_L\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^v [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h]_\varepsilon\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L_v^2(L_h^4)} dt' \\ & \lesssim \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \int_0^t d_{\ell'}(t') e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} \|v_L\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^h\|_{B^{0,\frac{1}{2}}} \|\Delta_\ell^v a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^v \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt'. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder's inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} |(\Delta_\ell^\text{v} T_{v_L}^\text{v} [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^\text{h}]_\varepsilon | \Delta_\ell^\text{v} a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\frac{\ell'}{2}} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h \Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
(5.10) \quad & \times \left( \int_0^t f_2(t') e^{-4\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \int_0^t f_2(t') \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
& \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t, f_2}^2(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} |(\Delta_\ell^\text{v} \bar{R}^\text{v}(v_L, [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^\text{h}]_\varepsilon)) | \Delta_\ell^\text{v} a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\text{v} v_L\|_{L_h^2(L_h^4)} \|S_{\ell'+2}^\text{v} [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^\text{h}]_\varepsilon\|_{L_\varepsilon^\infty(L_h^2)} \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L_\varepsilon^2(L_h^4)} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\text{v} v_L\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\text{v} \nabla_h v_L\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^\text{h}\|_{\mathcal{B}^{0, \frac{1}{2}}} \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} \nabla_h a\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt'.
\end{aligned}$$

Then along the same line to proof of (5.10), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t e^{-\lambda_2 \int_0^{t'} f_2(\tau) d\tau} |(\Delta_\ell^\text{v} \bar{R}^\text{v}(v_L, [\nabla_\varepsilon \bar{u}^\text{h}]_\varepsilon)) | \Delta_\ell^\text{v} a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h v_L\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|a\|_{\tilde{L}_{t, f_2}^2(B^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_h a\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^{0, \frac{1}{2}})}^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This together with (5.10) completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 5.4.* In view of (2.5), we get, by applying Bony's decomposition in the vertical variable that

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.11) \quad & \partial_3 [p^\text{h}]_\varepsilon = \varepsilon 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j ([\partial_z \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon) \\
& = 2\varepsilon \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j (T_{[\partial_z \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon}^\text{v} [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon + \bar{R}^\text{v}([\partial_z \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon, [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon)).
\end{aligned}$$

We first observe from Bernstein inequality that for any  $\theta \in [0, 1/2[$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) |((-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j \Delta_\ell^\text{v} T_{[\partial_z \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon}^\text{v} [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon | \Delta_\ell^\text{v} a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \|S_{\ell'-1}^\text{v}([\partial_z \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon)\|_{L_\varepsilon^\infty(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\text{v}([\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon)\|_{L_\varepsilon^2(L_h^4)} \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim 2^{-\ell\theta} \sum_{|\ell' - \ell| \leq 4} \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \|\partial_3 \bar{u}^\text{h}\|_{L_\varepsilon^\infty(\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}})} \|\Delta_{\ell'}^\text{v}([D_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad \times \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} \partial_3 a\|_{L^2}^\theta \|\Delta_\ell^\text{v} a\|_{L^2}^{1-\theta} dt',
\end{aligned}$$

where  $|D_h|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  denote Fourier multiplier with symbol  $|\xi_h|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then applying Hölder's inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) |((-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j \Delta_\ell^\nu T_{[\partial_3 \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon}^\nu [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon |\Delta_\ell^\nu a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \varepsilon^{-\theta} 2^{-\ell\theta} \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} 2^{-\ell'(\frac{1}{2}-\theta)} \int_0^t d_{\ell'}(t') \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \| \partial_z \bar{u}^h \|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}} \\
& \quad \times \| \bar{u}^h \|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta}} \| \Delta_\ell^\nu \partial_3 a \|_{L^2}^\theta \| \Delta_\ell^\nu a \|_{L^2}^{1-\theta} dt' \\
& \lesssim \varepsilon^{-\theta} 2^{-\ell\theta} \sum_{|\ell'-\ell| \leq 4} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\ell'(\frac{1}{2}-\theta)} \left( \int_0^t f_3(t') \exp\left(-2\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) dt' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad \times \left( \int_0^t \| \bar{u}^h \|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta}}^{\frac{2}{1-\theta}} \| \Delta_\ell^\nu a \|_{L^2}^2 dt' \right)^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}} \| \Delta_\ell^\nu \partial_3 a \|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^\theta \\
& \lesssim \varepsilon^{-\theta} d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \| a \|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{1-\theta} \| \partial_3 a \|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

Along the same line, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) |((-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j \Delta_\ell^\nu (\bar{R}^\nu([\partial_3 \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon, [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^\nu a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \| \Delta_{\ell'}^\nu ([\partial_3 \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon) \|_{L_t^2(L_h^4)} \| S_{\ell'+2}^\nu ([\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon) \|_{L_t^\infty(L_h^4)} \| \Delta_\ell^\nu a \|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \varepsilon^{-\theta} 2^{-\ell\theta} \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\ell'(\frac{1}{2}-\theta)} \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \| \partial_3 \bar{u}^h \|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}} \\
& \quad \times \| \bar{u}^h \|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-\theta}} \| \Delta_\ell^\nu \partial_3 R^3 \|_{L^2}^\theta \| \Delta_\ell^\nu R^3 \|_{L^2}^{1-\theta} dt',
\end{aligned}$$

which together with the fact that  $\theta \in [0, 1/2[$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \exp\left(-\lambda_3 \int_0^{t'} f_3(\tau) d\tau\right) |((-\Delta_h)^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j \Delta_\ell^\nu (\bar{R}^\nu([\partial_3 \bar{u}^i]_\varepsilon, [\bar{u}^j]_\varepsilon) |\Delta_\ell^\nu a)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim d_\ell \varepsilon^{-\theta} 2^{-\ell(\theta+\frac{1}{2})} \| a \|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{1-\theta} \| \partial_3 a \|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^\theta \sum_{\ell' \geq \ell - N_0} d_{\ell'} 2^{-\ell'(\frac{1}{2}-\theta)} \\
& \lesssim \varepsilon^{-\theta} d_\ell^2 2^{-\ell} \lambda_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \| a \|_{\tilde{L}_{t,f_3}^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^{1-\theta} \| \partial_3 a \|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^{0,\frac{1}{2}})}^\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

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## 6. THE CASE OF FLUID EVOLVING BETWEEN TWO PARALLEL PLANS WITH DIRICHLET BOUNDARY CONDITION

The goal of this section is to study the global well-posedness result to the anisotropic Navier-Stokes system with only vertical viscosity, (1.5). To do it, let us first present the following lemmas:

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $f$  satisfy  $f|_\Omega = 0$  and  $\partial_3 f \in \mathcal{B}_h^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  (see Definition 3.3). Then one has*

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \|\partial_3 f\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^1}.$$

*Proof.* We first get, by applying Lemma 3.1, that

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\Delta_k^h f\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\Delta_k^h f\|_{L_v^\infty(L_h^2)} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\Delta_k^h f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_k^h \partial_3 f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Recalling that the Poincaré inequality holds in the strip  $\Omega$  with Dirichlet boundary condition

$$(6.1) \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|\partial_z f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

So that we obtain

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \|\Delta_k^h \partial_3 f\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_3 f\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^1}.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $u = (u^h, u^3)$  be a smooth solenoidal vector field. Then one has*

$$\int_0^t |(\Delta_k^h(u \cdot \nabla u) |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} dt' \lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^2).$$

*Proof.* To estimate the trilinear term  $(\Delta_k^h(u \cdot \nabla u) |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2}$ , we have to distinguish the terms containing the horizontal derivatives with the term containing the vertical derivative. We write

$$(6.2) \quad \begin{aligned}(\Delta_k^h(u \cdot \nabla u) |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} &= I_h + I_v \quad \text{with} \\ I_h &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Delta_k^h(u^h \cdot \nabla_h u) |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad I_v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Delta_k^h(u^3 \partial_3 u) |\Delta_k^h u).\end{aligned}$$

We start with the estimate of  $I_h$ . Applying Bony's decomposition (3.5) in the horizontal variables gives

$$u^h \cdot \nabla_h u = T_{u^h}^h \nabla_h u + \bar{R}(u^h, \nabla_h u).$$

Then through a commutator's argument, we write

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t (\Delta_k^h T_{u^h}^h \nabla_h u |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} dt' &= \sum_{|k'-k| \leq 4} \left( \int_0^t ([\Delta_k^h, S_{k'-1}^h u^h] \cdot \Delta_{k'}^h u |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} dt' \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t ((S_{k'-1}^h u^h - S_{k-1}^h u^h) \cdot \Delta_{k'}^h \Delta_k^h u |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} dt' \right) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t (S_{k-1}^h u^h \cdot \nabla_h \Delta_k^h u |\Delta_k^h u)|_{L^2} dt' \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I_h^1(t) + I_h^2(t) + I_h^3(t).\end{aligned}$$

it follows from standard commutator's estimate (see [6]) and Lemma 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}\|[\Delta_k^h, S_{k'-1}^h u^h] \nabla_h \Delta_{k'}^h u^h\|_{L^2} &\leq C 2^{-k} \|\nabla_h S_{k'-1}^h u^h\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \nabla_h u^h\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C \|\nabla_h u^h\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^h\|_{L^2},\end{aligned}$$

so that we deduce from (6.1) and Lemma 6.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}|I_h^1(t)| &\lesssim \sum_{|k'-k| \leq 4} \|\nabla_h u^h\|_{L_t^2(L^\infty)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^h\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \partial_3 u^h\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\ &\lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u^h\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^2.\end{aligned}$$

The same estimate holds for  $I_h^2(t)$ .

To handle  $I_h^3(t)$ , we first get, by using integrating by parts and using  $\operatorname{div} u = 0$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} I_h^3(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (S_{k-1} \operatorname{div}_h u^h \Delta_k^h u | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2} dt' \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (S_{k-1} \partial_3 u^3 \Delta_k^h u | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2} dt', \end{aligned}$$

from which, we infer

$$\begin{aligned} |I_h^3(t)| &\lesssim \int_0^t \|S_{k-1}^h \partial_3 u^3\|_{L_v^2(L_h^\infty)} \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L_v^4(L_h^2)}^2 dt' \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t \|\partial_3 u^3\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^1} \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Delta_k^h \partial_3 u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt'. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (6.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} |I_h^3(t)| &\lesssim \int_0^t \|\partial_3 u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u^3\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_k^h \partial_3 u\|_{L^2} dt' \\ &\lesssim \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u^3\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}_h^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} \|\Delta_k^h \partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \\ &\lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, it comes out

$$(6.3) \quad \left| \int_0^t (\Delta_k^h T_u^h \nabla_h u | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2} dt' \right| \lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^2).$$

Whereas observing that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^t (\Delta_k^h \bar{R}^h(u^h, \nabla_h u) | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2} dt' \right| &\lesssim \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} \int_0^t \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^h\|_{L^2} \|S_{k'-1}^h \nabla_h u\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L^2} dt' \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} \|\nabla_h u\|_{L_t^2(L^\infty)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^h\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (6.1) and Lemma 6.1 ensures that Whereas observing that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^t (\Delta_k^h \bar{R}^h(u^h, \nabla_h u) | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2} dt' \right| &\lesssim d_k 2^{-2k} \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} d_{k'} 2^{-2k'} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}_h^2)}^2 \\ &\lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Along with (6.3), we infer

$$(6.4) \quad |I_h| \lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^2).$$

To handle  $I_v(t)$ , we first get, by applying Bony's decomposition (3.5), that

$$u^3 \partial_3 u = T_{u^3}^h \partial_3 u + \bar{R}^h(u^3, \partial_3 u).$$

We first observe from Lemma 6.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t |(\Delta_k^h T_{u^3}^h \partial_3 u | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2}| dt' &\lesssim \sum_{|k'-k| \leq 4} \int_0^t \|S_{k'-1}^h u^3\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \partial_3 u\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L^2} dt' \\ &\lesssim \sum_{|k'-k| \leq 4} \|\partial_3 u^3\|_{L_t^2(\mathcal{B}^1)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} \\ &\lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get, by applying (6.1), that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t |(\Delta_k^h R^h(u^3, \partial_3 u) | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2}| dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} \int_0^t \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^3\|_{L_v^\infty(L^2)} \|S_{k'+2}^h \partial_3 u\|_{L_v^2(L_h^\infty)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} \int_0^t \|\partial_3 u\|_{B_h^1} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u^3\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \partial_3 u^3\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L^2} dt' \\
& \lesssim \sum_{k' \geq k-N_0} \|\partial_3 u^3\|_{L_t^2(B^1)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h \partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \|\Delta_{k'}^h u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)} \\
& \lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}^{\frac{3}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This leads to

$$|I_v| \lesssim d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Together with (6.4), we complete the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

Let now present the proof of Theorem 1.2.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* By taking  $L^2$  inner product of the momentum equation of (1.5), we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 u\|_{L^2}^2 = 0.$$

Integrating the above inequality over  $[0, t]$  leads to

$$(6.5) \quad \|u\|_{L^\infty(L^2)} + \nu^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} \leq 2 \|u_0\|_{L^2}.$$

On the other hand, by applying the operator  $\Delta_k^h$  to the momentum equation of (1.5) and performing  $L^2$  inner product with the resulting equation, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L^2}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 \Delta_k^h u\|_{L^2}^2 \leq |(\Delta_k^h (u \cdot \nabla u) | \Delta_k^h u)_{L^2}|.$$

Integrating the above inequality over  $[0, t]$  and applying Lemma 6.2 yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Delta_k^h u\|_{L_t^\infty(L^2)}^2 + \nu_v \|\partial_3 \Delta_k^h u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 \\
& \leq \|\Delta_k^h u_0\|_{L^2}^2 + C d_k^2 2^{-4k} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)}^2 + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Taking square root of the above inequality and multiplying the resulting inequality by  $2^{2k}$ , and then summing up the resulting inequality for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we achieve

$$(6.6) \quad \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} + \nu_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)} \leq C \left( \|u_0\|_{B_h^2} + \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}) \right).$$

Summing up (6.5) with (6.6) gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|u\|_{L^\infty(L^2)} + \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} + \nu^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}) \\
(6.7) \quad & \leq C \left( \|u_0\|_{L^2} + \|u_0\|_{B_h^2} + \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)}^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|\partial_3 u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(B^2)}) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us denote

$$(6.8) \quad T^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ T < T^*, 4C^2 \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(B_h^2)} \leq \nu_v \right\}.$$

Then for  $t \leq T^*$ , we deduce from (6.7) that

$$(6.9) \quad \|u\|_{L^\infty(L^2)} + \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} + \frac{\nu^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} (\|\partial_z u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}) \leq C(\|u_0\|_{L^2} + \|u_0\|_{\mathcal{B}_h^2}).$$

In particular, under the assumption of (1.6), for  $t \leq T^*$ , we have

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(L^2)} + \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}_h^2)} + \frac{\nu^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} (\|\partial_z u\|_{L_t^2(L^2)} + \|\partial_3 u\|_{\tilde{L}_t^2(\mathcal{B}^2)}) \leq \frac{\nu_v}{8C^2}.$$

This contradicts with the definition of  $T^*$  given by (6.8). This in turn shows that  $T^* = T^* = \infty$ . We complete the proof of Theorem 1.2.  $\square$

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