

UNIQUENESS OF GLOBAL WEAK SOLUTIONS TO THE FRAME HYDRODYNAMICS FOR BIAxIAL NEMATIC PHASES IN \mathbb{R}^{2*}

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Abstract. We consider the hydrodynamics for biaxial nematic phases described by a field of orthonormal frame, which can be derived from a molecular-theory-based tensor model. We prove the uniqueness of global weak solutions to the Cauchy problem of the frame hydrodynamics in dimension two. The proof is mainly based on the suitable weaker energy estimates within the Littlewood–Paley analysis. We take full advantage of the estimates of nonlinear terms with rotational derivatives on $SO(3)$, together with cancellation relations and dissipative structures of the biaxial frame system.

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1. Introduction

This paper is devoted to the uniqueness of weak solutions to the two-dimensional hydrodynamics of biaxial nematic liquid crystals. Since its local anisotropy is non-axisymmetric, the orientational order needs to be represented by an orthonormal frame field $\mathbf{p} \in SO(3)$ instead of a unit vector field for the uniaxial nematics. The biaxial hydrodynamics is a coupled system between evolution of the frame field and the Navier–Stokes equation.

The uniaxial hydrodynamics, i.e. the well-known Ericksen–Leslie model [6, 7, 15], has been studied extensively [2, 23, 31]. On the analytical aspect, the existence and uniqueness of global weak solutions are established [11–13, 17, 20–22, 29, 30]; the well-posedness of smooth solutions has also been studied, for the original model [10, 29, 32] and an inertial analogue [4, 14]. More results are summarized in several review articles [2, 23, 31].

For the biaxial hydrodynamics [3, 9, 16, 25–27], its form has been written using various variables, which should be equivalent. A recent work [19] derived its coefficients from a molecular-theory-based two-tensor model [34] based on the Hilbert expansion, so that they are expressed by molecular parameters. In the derivation, the energy dissipation is maintained, and the Ericksen–Leslie model is recovered if the local anisotropy is uniaxial. The model in [19] can be formulated by all the components of the orthonormal frame field, which turns out to be convenient for analyses. This formulation is utilized to establish the well-posedness of smooth solutions in $\mathbb{R}^d (d=2,3)$ and the global existence of weak solutions in \mathbb{R}^2 [18], which, to our knowledge, is the first analytic work for the *full-form* biaxial hydrodynamics, although an artificial simplified model has been discussed [24].

The aim of this paper is to prove the uniqueness of the global weak solution established in [18]. To this end, it requires to derive closed energy estimates for the system

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formed by the difference of two solutions. This is, however, difficult to be done in the natural energy space because of some difficult nonlinear terms in the biaxial hydrodynamics. We shall apply the Littlewood–Paley theory to consider weaker metrics (see (3.6) and (3.7)), which has been successfully carried out for the Ericksen–Leslie model [5, 17, 30, 35]. A major difficulty lies within the handling of the nonlinear rotational derivatives on $SO(3)$ in the energy dissipative law. To facilitate the analysis, it is necessary to rewrite the orientational elasticity in an equivalent form (see (2.1)). Moreover, to obtain the dissipative estimates of higher-order derivative terms (see Lemma 3.1), a key ingredient is to employ the decomposition by the tangential space at a point on $SO(3)$ and its orthogonal complement. Such a decomposition has played a key role in the preceding work [18].

Before we present the main result, we prepare some notations for orthogonal frames and tensors that will be repeatedly used throughout our analysis, followed by writing down the biaxial frame hydrodynamics.

1.1. Preliminaries. We denote by $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$ the orthonormal frame, which is constituted by three mutually perpendicular unit vectors. The symbol \otimes stands for the tensor product. For any two tensors U and V with the same order, the dot product $U \cdot V$ is defined by summing up the product of the corresponding coordinates, i.e.,

$$U \cdot V = U_{i_1 \dots i_n} V_{i_1 \dots i_n}, \quad |U|^2 = U \cdot U.$$

Hereafter, the Einstein summation convention on repeated indices is assumed.

To express symmetric tensors conveniently, the monomial notation will be adopted as follows:

$$\mathbf{n}_1^{k_1} \mathbf{n}_2^{k_2} \mathbf{n}_3^{k_3} = \left(\underbrace{\mathbf{n}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{n}_1}_{k_1} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{n}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{n}_2}_{k_2} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{n}_3 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{n}_3}_{k_3} \right)_{\text{sym}}.$$

In other words, when the symbol \otimes is omitted in a product, it implies that the resulting tensor has been symmetrized. For example, for the frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3)$ and $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$\mathbf{n}_\alpha^2 = \mathbf{n}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{n}_\alpha, \quad \mathbf{n}_\alpha \mathbf{n}_\beta = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{n}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{n}_\beta + \mathbf{n}_\beta \otimes \mathbf{n}_\alpha), \quad \alpha \neq \beta.$$

In this way, the 3×3 identity tensor \mathbf{i} can be expressed as a polynomial, i.e., $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{n}_1^2 + \mathbf{n}_2^2 + \mathbf{n}_3^2$.

The differential operators on $SO(3)$ will be involved when describing the frame hydrodynamics. For any frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$, we denote by $T_{\mathbf{p}}SO(3)$ the tangential space of $SO(3)$ at a point \mathbf{p} , which can be spanned by the orthogonal basis:

$$V_1 = (0, \mathbf{n}_3, -\mathbf{n}_2), \quad V_2 = (-\mathbf{n}_3, 0, \mathbf{n}_1), \quad V_3 = (\mathbf{n}_2, -\mathbf{n}_1, 0).$$

Then, its orthogonal complement space $(T_{\mathbf{p}}SO(3))^{\perp}$ can be spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= (0, \mathbf{n}_3, \mathbf{n}_2), & W_2 &= (\mathbf{n}_3, 0, \mathbf{n}_1), & W_3 &= (\mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_1, 0), \\ W_4 &= (\mathbf{n}_1, 0, 0), & W_5 &= (0, \mathbf{n}_2, 0), & W_6 &= (0, 0, \mathbf{n}_3). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we define the differential operators $\mathcal{L}_k (k=1, 2, 3)$ on $T_{\mathbf{p}}SO(3)$ by taking the inner products of the orthogonal basis $\{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$ and $\partial/\partial \mathbf{p} =$

$(\partial/\partial\mathbf{n}_1, \partial/\partial\mathbf{n}_2, \partial/\partial\mathbf{n}_3)$, that is,

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_2} - \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_3}, \\ \mathcal{L}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_3} - \mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_1}, \\ \mathcal{L}_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_1} - \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_2}, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\mathcal{L}_k (k=1,2,3)$ are actually the derivatives along the infinitesimal rotation about \mathbf{n}_k . Acting the operators $\mathcal{L}_k (k=1,2,3)$ on \mathbf{n}_i , it follows that $\mathcal{L}_k \mathbf{n}_i = \epsilon^{klp} \mathbf{n}_p$ with ϵ^{klp} being the Levi-Civita symbol. The operators \mathcal{L}_k are also suitable for a functional if we replace $\partial/\partial \mathbf{p}$ by the variational derivative $\delta/\delta \mathbf{p}$.

In order to deal with the estimate of the higher-order derivative terms with the differential operators $\mathcal{L}_k (k=1,2,3)$, we will resort to the orthogonal decomposition with respect to the tangential space $T_{\mathbf{p}}SO(3)$. More specifically, for any two matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, the inner product $A \cdot B$ can be expressed as

$$A \cdot B = \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{|V_k|^2} (A \cdot V_k)(B \cdot V_k) + \sum_{k=1}^6 \frac{1}{|W_k|^2} (A \cdot W_k)(B \cdot W_k). \quad (1.2)$$

On the other hand, for any frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$, any first-order differential operator \mathcal{D} , and $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3$, it holds that

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_1 = (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)\mathbf{n}_2 + (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3)\mathbf{n}_3, \\ \mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_2 = (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1)\mathbf{n}_1 + (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3)\mathbf{n}_3, \\ \mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_3 = (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)\mathbf{n}_2 + (\mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1)\mathbf{n}_1, \\ \mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{n}_\beta + \mathcal{D}\mathbf{n}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{n}_\alpha = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{n}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{n}_\beta) = 0, \\ W_\alpha \cdot \mathcal{D}\mathbf{p} = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where we reiterate that $\{W_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^6$ is the orthogonal basis of $(T_{\mathbf{p}}SO(3))^\perp$.

1.2. Frame hydrodynamics. The local orientation of biaxial nematic phases is described by an orthonormal frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$. The corresponding orientational elasticity can be written as

$$\mathcal{F}_{Bi}[\mathbf{p}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{Bi}(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p}) \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad (1.4)$$

where the deformation free energy density f_{Bi} has the following form [8, 28, 33]:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Bi}(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p}) = & \frac{1}{2} \left(K_1 (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_1)^2 + K_2 (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)^2 + K_3 (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_3)^2 \right. \\ & + K_4 (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)^2 + K_5 (\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)^2 + K_6 (\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)^2 \\ & + K_7 (\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)^2 + K_8 (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)^2 + K_9 (\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)^2 \\ & + K_{10} (\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)^2 + K_{11} (\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)^2 + K_{12} (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)^2 \\ & + \gamma_1 \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n}_1 - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_1) \mathbf{n}_1] + \gamma_2 \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n}_2 - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_2) \mathbf{n}_2] \\ & \left. + \gamma_3 \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{n}_3 - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_3) \mathbf{n}_3] \right). \end{aligned}$$

The elastic energy density f_{B_i} is composed of twelve bulk terms and three surface terms. The coefficients $K_i (i = 1, \dots, 12)$ of bulk terms are all positive. Each surface term is a null Lagrangian, so that the coefficients $\gamma_i > 0 (i = 1, 2, 3)$ will be determined later as needed. We remark that the above form should be the most convenient one for our analysis later, although other equivalent forms are available.

In order to formulate the frame hydrodynamics, we introduce a set of local basis formed by nine second-order tensors, that is, the identity tensor \mathbf{i} , five symmetric traceless tensors,

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{n}_1^2 - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i}, \quad \mathbf{s}_2 = \mathbf{n}_2^2 - \mathbf{n}_3^2, \quad \mathbf{s}_3 = \mathbf{n}_1\mathbf{n}_2, \quad \mathbf{s}_4 = \mathbf{n}_1\mathbf{n}_3, \quad \mathbf{s}_5 = \mathbf{n}_2\mathbf{n}_3,$$

and three asymmetric traceless tensors,

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{n}_1 \otimes \mathbf{n}_2 - \mathbf{n}_2 \otimes \mathbf{n}_1, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{n}_3 \otimes \mathbf{n}_1 - \mathbf{n}_1 \otimes \mathbf{n}_3, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{n}_2 \otimes \mathbf{n}_3 - \mathbf{n}_3 \otimes \mathbf{n}_2.$$

The frame hydrodynamics for biaxial nematic phases consists of evolution equations for the orthonormal frame field $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$, coupled with the Navier–Stokes equations for the fluid velocity field \mathbf{v} . The biaxial hydrodynamics has various equivalent forms [3, 9, 16, 19, 25–27]. To be convenient for analyses, armed with the relation (1.3) we express equivalently the biaxial frame system by the equations for all coordinates of $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3)$, where the orthonormal constraint $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$ is implied by the equations themselves. These equations are given by (see [18, 19] for details):

$$\dot{\mathbf{n}}_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3 - \frac{1}{\chi_3}\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4 - \frac{1}{\chi_2}\mathcal{L}_2\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_3, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{n}}_2 = - \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3 - \frac{1}{\chi_3}\mathcal{L}_3\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5 - \frac{1}{\chi_1}\mathcal{L}_1\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_3, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{n}}_3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4 - \frac{1}{\chi_2}\mathcal{L}_2\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5 - \frac{1}{\chi_1}\mathcal{L}_1\mathcal{F}_{B_i} \right) \mathbf{n}_2, \quad (1.7)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\nabla p + \eta\Delta\mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathfrak{F}, \quad (1.8)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (1.9)$$

where we use the dot derivative to denote the material derivative $\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$. In the equation of $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)^T$, the pressure p ensures the incompressibility (1.9), and η is the viscous coefficient. The divergence of the stress $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ should be comprehended as $(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_i = \partial_j \sigma_{ij}$. Now let us specify $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, for which we introduce \mathbf{A} and $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ to represent the symmetric and skew-symmetric components of the velocity gradient $\kappa_{ij} = \partial_j v_i$, respectively, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa + \kappa^T), \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa - \kappa^T).$$

Then, the stress $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v})$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}) &= \beta_1(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1)\mathbf{s}_1 + \beta_0(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2)\mathbf{s}_1 + \beta_0(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1)\mathbf{s}_2 + \beta_2(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2)\mathbf{s}_2 \\ &+ \beta_3(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3)\mathbf{s}_3 - \eta_3 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 \right) \mathbf{s}_3 + \beta_4(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4)\mathbf{s}_4 - \eta_2 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 \right) \mathbf{s}_4 \\ &+ \beta_5(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5)\mathbf{s}_5 - \eta_1 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 \right) \mathbf{s}_5 + \frac{1}{2}\eta_3(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3)\mathbf{a}_1 - \frac{1}{2}\chi_3 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 \right) \mathbf{a}_1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\eta_2(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4)\mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\chi_2 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 \right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\eta_1(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5)\mathbf{a}_3 - \frac{1}{2}\chi_1 \left(\dot{\mathbf{n}}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 \right) \mathbf{a}_3, \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

where the coefficients in (1.10) are derived from molecular parameters and satisfy the following conditions (see [19] for details):

$$\begin{cases} \beta_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5, & \chi_j > 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, & \eta > 0, \\ \beta_0^2 \leq \beta_1\beta_2, & \eta_1^2 \leq \beta_5\chi_1, & \eta_2^2 \leq \beta_4\chi_2, & \eta_3^2 \leq \beta_3\chi_3. \end{cases} \tag{1.11}$$

The body force \mathfrak{F} is defined by

$$\mathfrak{F}_i = \partial_i \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \mathcal{L}_3 \mathcal{F}_{Bi} + \partial_i \mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{F}_{Bi} + \partial_i \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{F}_{Bi}, \tag{1.12}$$

For convenience, we also rewrite the body force:

$$(\mathfrak{F})_i = \partial_j \sigma_{ij}^d + \partial_i \tilde{p}, \quad \sigma_{ij}^d = -\frac{\partial f_{Bi}}{\partial (\partial_j \mathbf{p})} \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{p},$$

where \tilde{p} can be absorbed into the pressure term p (see Lemma 2.5 for details).

The relations between coefficients (1.11) will guarantee that the biaxial hydrodynamics (1.5)–(1.9) has the following basic energy dissipation law [18]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \int |\mathbf{v}|^2 dx + \mathcal{F}_{Bi}[\mathbf{p}] \right) &= -\eta \|\nabla \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2}^2 - \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{L}_k \mathcal{F}_{Bi}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad - \left(\beta_1 \|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\beta_0 \int (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1)(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2) dx + \beta_2 \|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ &\quad - \left(\beta_3 - \frac{\eta_3^2}{\chi_3} \right) \|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3\|_{L^2}^2 - \left(\beta_4 - \frac{\eta_2^2}{\chi_2} \right) \|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4\|_{L^2}^2 - \left(\beta_5 - \frac{\eta_1^2}{\chi_1} \right) \|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

To simplify the presentation, compared with the original model derived by [19], we have assumed that the concentration of rigid molecules, together with the product of the Boltzmann constant and the absolute temperature, are all equal to one.

1.3. The main result. For any given constant orthonormal frame $\mathbf{p}^* = (\mathbf{n}_1^*, \mathbf{n}_2^*, \mathbf{n}_3^*) \in SO(3)$, we denote

$$H_{\mathbf{p}^*}^1(\mathbb{R}^2, SO(3)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) : \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}^* \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2; \mathbb{R}^3), |\mathbf{n}_i| = 1 \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{R}^2, i = 1, 2, 3 \}.$$

Given two constants τ and T with $0 \leq \tau < T$, two spaces $V(\tau, T)$ and $H(\tau, T)$ are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} V(\tau, T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) : \mathbb{R}^2 \times [\tau, T] \rightarrow SO(3) \mid \mathbf{p}(t) \in H_{\mathbf{p}^*}^1(\mathbb{R}^2, SO(3)) \text{ for a.e. } t \in [\tau, T] \right. \\ &\quad \text{and satisfies } \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \leq t \leq T} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla \mathbf{p}(\cdot, t)|^2 dx + \int_{\tau}^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (|\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}|^2 + |\partial_t \mathbf{p}|^2) dx dt < \infty, \\ &\quad \left. \text{where } |\nabla \mathbf{p}(\cdot, t)|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\nabla \mathbf{n}_i(\cdot, t)|^2, |\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i|^2, |\partial_t \mathbf{p}|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\partial_t \mathbf{n}_i|^2 \right\}, \\ H(\tau, T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{v} : \mathbb{R}^2 \times [\tau, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \mathbf{v} \text{ is measurable and satisfies} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \leq t \leq T} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\mathbf{v}(\cdot, t)|^2 dx + \int_{\tau}^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|^2 dx dt < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce the global existence result of weak solutions of the frame hydrodynamics for biaxial nematics in dimension two, which is established in [18].

THEOREM 1.1 (see [18]). *Let $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) \in H_p^1(\mathbb{R}^2, SO(3)) \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ be given initial data with $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0 = 0$ and $\mathbf{p}_0 = (\mathbf{n}_1(\mathbf{x}, 0), \mathbf{n}_2(\mathbf{x}, 0), \mathbf{n}_3(\mathbf{x}, 0)) \in SO(3)$. Then there exists a global weak solution $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}) : \mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^2$ of the biaxial frame system (1.5)–(1.9) such that the solution (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}) is smooth in $\mathbb{R}^2 \times ((0, +\infty) \setminus \{T_i\}_{i=1}^L)$ for a finite number of times $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^L$. Furthermore, there exist two constants $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ and $R_0 > 0$ such that each singular point (x_i^t, T_i) is characterized by the condition*

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow T_i} \int_{B_R(x_i^t)} (|\nabla \mathbf{p}|^2 + |\mathbf{v}|^2)(\cdot, t) dt > \varepsilon_0, \quad |\nabla \mathbf{p}|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\nabla \mathbf{n}_i|^2,$$

for any $R > 0$ with $R \leq R_0$.

The solution constructed in Theorem 1.1 is also called the Struwe-type weak solution. In the following, we will show the uniqueness of the weak solution in the class $V(0, T) \times H(0, T)$ for arbitrary $T > 0$.

THEOREM 1.2. *Assume that the assumptions in Theorem 1.1 are satisfied. Let $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})$ and $(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})$ be two weak solutions of the frame hydrodynamic system (1.5)–(1.9) determined by Theorem 1.1, subject to the same initial data $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)$. Then we have $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}(t), \mathbf{v}^{(1)}(t)) = (\mathbf{p}^{(2)}(t), \mathbf{v}^{(2)}(t))$ for any $t \in [0, +\infty)$.*

To show the above theorem, we introduce suitable weaker metrics to arrive at a closed energy estimate. The main obstacle is to control the higher-order derivative terms involving $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) (see (3.11) for the definitions). We overcome it by utilizing the orthogonal decomposition (1.2) to obtain the following dissipative estimate (see Lemma 3.1):

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \geq \frac{2\gamma^2}{\chi} \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \text{lower order terms},$$

where $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$, $\chi = \max\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\}$, $\delta_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{p}^{(1)} - \mathbf{p}^{(2)}$, and Δ_j is the Littlewood–Paley operator defined in Subsection 2.1.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we briefly introduce the Littlewood–Paley theory and some useful lemmas to be utilized subsequently. Section 3 is devoted to the proof of the uniqueness of weak solution to the frame hydrodynamics. The dissipative estimate of higher-order derivative terms, which ensures the closure of energy estimates, will be discussed.

2. Littlewood–Paley theory and some useful lemmas

In this section, we introduce the Littlewood–Paley theory (see [1] for more details) and some useful lemmas on nonlinear and commutator estimates. Algebraic structures of $\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{p}}$ are also discussed.

2.1. Littlewood–Paley theory. We denote by $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ the Schwartz space. Let \mathcal{C} be the annulus $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d : \frac{3}{4} \leq |\xi| \leq \frac{8}{3}\}$ and \mathcal{B} the ball $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d : |\xi| \leq \frac{4}{3}\}$. There exist two nonnegative radial functions $\chi, \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ supported in \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} , respectively, such that

$$\chi(\xi) + \sum_{j \geq 0} \varphi(2^{-j}\xi) = 1, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

$$|j - j'| \geq 2 \Rightarrow \text{Supp } \varphi(2^{-j}\xi) \cap \text{Supp } \varphi(2^{-j'}\xi) = \emptyset.$$

Denoting by \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^{-1} the Fourier transform and its inverse, respectively, the frequency localization operators Δ_j and S_j can be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_j f &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi(2^{-j}\xi)\mathcal{F}f) = 2^{jd} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(2^j\mathbf{y})f(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})d\mathbf{y}, \quad \text{for } j \geq 0, \\ S_j f &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi(2^{-j}\xi)\mathcal{F}f) = \sum_{-1 \leq k \leq j-1} \Delta_k f = 2^{jd} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{h}(2^j\mathbf{y})f(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})d\mathbf{y}, \\ \Delta_{-1} f &= S_0 f, \quad \Delta_j f = 0, \quad \text{for } j \leq -2, \end{aligned}$$

where $h = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\varphi$ and $\tilde{h} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\chi$. By the choice of φ , it can be proved that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_j \Delta_k f &= 0, \quad \text{if } |j-k| \geq 2, \\ \Delta_j (S_{k-1} f \Delta_k f) &= 0, \quad \text{if } |j-k| \geq 5. \end{aligned}$$

Let $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$. By the operator Δ_j , we can define the norm of an element f in the nonhomogeneous Besov space $B_{p,q}^s$ as

$$\|f\|_{B_{p,q}^s} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\| \{2^{js} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L^p}\}_{j \geq -1} \right\|_{\ell^q}, \quad \|f\|_{B_{p,\infty}^s} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{j \geq -1} \{2^{js} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L^p}\}.$$

In particular, a function $f \in H^s$ is characterized as follows:

$$\|f\|_{H^s} \sim \left\| \{2^{js} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L^2}\}_{j \geq -1} \right\|_{\ell^2}.$$

For two smooth functions u and v , the Bony’s paraproduct decomposition in nonhomogeneous case is defined by

$$uv = T_u v + T_v u + R(u, v),$$

where

$$T_u v = \sum_j S_{j-1} u \Delta_j v, \quad R(u, v) = \sum_{|j-j'| \leq 1} \Delta_j u \Delta_{j'} v.$$

2.2. Some useful lemmas. Let us now introduce some useful lemmas which will be frequently used later.

LEMMA 2.1 (Bernstein’s inequalities [1]). *Assume that $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then it follows that*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Supp } \widehat{f} \subset \{|\xi| \leq C2^j\} &\Rightarrow \|\partial^\alpha f\|_{L^q} \leq C2^{j|\alpha|+dj(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})} \|f\|_{L^p}, \\ \text{Supp } \widehat{f} \subset \left\{ \frac{1}{C}2^j \leq |\xi| \leq C2^j \right\} &\Rightarrow \|f\|_{L^p} \leq C2^{-j|\alpha|} \sup_{|\beta|=|\alpha|} \|\partial^\beta f\|_{L^p}, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant C is independent of f and j .

LEMMA 2.2 ([30]). *Let $s \in (0, 1)$. For any $j \geq -1$, it follows that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_j(fg)\|_{L^2} &\leq C2^{js} \|f\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}} \|g\|_{H^1} + C2^{\frac{(s+1)j}{2}} \|g\|_{L^4} \|f\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{|j'-j| \leq 4} \|\Delta_{j'} f\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \|\Delta_j(fgh)\|_{L^2} &\leq C2^{js} (\|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla f\|_{L^2}) \|g\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \|h\|_{L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_j(f\nabla gh)\|_{L^2} &\leq C2^{js}\|g\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}}\left(\|f\|_{L^\infty}\|h\|_{H^1} + \|\nabla f\|_{L^4}\|h\|_{L^4} + \|\nabla^2 f\|_{L^2}\|h\|_{L^2}\right) \\ &\quad + C2^{\frac{js}{2}}\|f\|_{L^\infty}\|h\|_{L^4}\|g\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}}^{\frac{1}{2}}\sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9}2^{\frac{l}{2}}\|\Delta_l\nabla g\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Lemma 2.2 mainly relies on Bony’s paraproduct decomposition in nonhomogeneous case. We can refer to [30] for details.

LEMMA 2.3 (commutator estimate [30]). *Let $s \in (0, 1)$. For any $j \geq -1$, it follows that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|[\Delta_j, f]\nabla g\|_{L^2} &\leq C2^{\frac{js}{2}}\|\nabla f\|_{L^4}\|g\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}}^{\frac{1}{2}}\sum_{|j'-j|\leq 4}2^{\frac{j'}{2}}\|\Delta_{j'}g\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad + C2^{js}\|g\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}}(\|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla^2 f\|_{L^2}). \end{aligned}$$

For the sake of analysis, we need to rewrite the orientational elasticity in (1.4). For any frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$, we have the following simple identity relations:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{n}_1 \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)|^2 &= (\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)^2 + (\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_1)^2, \\ |\mathbf{n}_2 \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)|^2 &= (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_2)^2, \\ |\mathbf{n}_3 \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)|^2 &= (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_3)^2, \\ |\nabla \mathbf{n}_i|^2 &= (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)^2 + (\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_i)^2 + |\mathbf{n}_i \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_i)|^2 \\ &\quad + \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{n}_i - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)\mathbf{n}_i], \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \end{aligned}$$

With the aid of the above identity relations, the density $f_{Bi}(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p})$ can be rewritten as

$$f_{Bi}(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \gamma_i |\nabla \mathbf{n}_i|^2 + W(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p}). \tag{2.1}$$

Here, the coefficients $\gamma_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ are taken as, respectively,

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_1 = \min\{K_1, K_4, K_7, K_{10}\} > 0, & \gamma_2 = \min\{K_2, K_5, K_8, K_{11}\} > 0, \\ \gamma_3 = \min\{K_3, K_6, K_9, K_{12}\} > 0, \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

and $W(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p})$ is expressed by

$$W(\mathbf{p}, \nabla \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 k_i (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 k_{ij} (\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j)^2 \right),$$

where the coefficients $k_i \geq 0, k_{ij} \geq 0 (i, j = 1, 2, 3)$ are given by

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = K_1 - \gamma_1, & k_2 = K_2 - \gamma_2, & k_3 = K_3 - \gamma_3, \\ k_{11} = K_4 - \gamma_1, & k_{22} = K_5 - \gamma_2, & k_{33} = K_6 - \gamma_3, \\ k_{31} = K_7 - \gamma_1, & k_{12} = K_8 - \gamma_2, & k_{23} = K_9 - \gamma_3, \\ k_{21} = K_{10} - \gamma_1, & k_{32} = K_{11} - \gamma_2, & k_{13} = K_{12} - \gamma_3. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

For simplicity, we define

$$(\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, \mathbf{h}_3) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} - \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_1}, \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_2}, \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_3} \right) = - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{p}} = \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial f_{Bi}}{\partial (\nabla \mathbf{p})} - \frac{\partial f_{Bi}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}.$$

Similar to Lemma 2.3 in [29], we also introduce the algebraic structures of the variational derivative with regards to the frame field $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$.

LEMMA 2.4 ([18]). *For the terms $\mathbf{h}_i (i=1,2,3)$, we have the following representation:*

$$\mathbf{h}_i = \gamma_i \Delta \mathbf{n}_i + k_i \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{n}_i - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ji} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_j^2) - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ij} (\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j) (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j),$$

where $\mathbf{n}_j^2 = \mathbf{n}_j \otimes \mathbf{n}_j$ and the coefficients are expressed by (2.2) and (2.3).

To handle the body force \mathfrak{F} in analysis more conveniently, it is necessary to rewrite \mathfrak{F} in an equivalent form. More specifically, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.5. *For any frame $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3) \in SO(3)$, it follows that*

$$(\mathfrak{F})_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \partial_i \mathbf{n}_\alpha \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_\alpha} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_j \sigma_{ij}^d + \partial_i \tilde{p},$$

where \tilde{p} can be absorbed into the pressure term p in (1.8) and the elastic energy \mathcal{F}_{Bi} is given by (1.4), and the stress $\sigma_{ij}^d = -\frac{\partial f_{Bi}}{\partial (\partial_j \mathbf{p})} \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{p}$.

Proof. We will use the Kronecker δ symbol. Recalling the definitions of $\mathcal{L}_k \mathcal{F}_{Bi} (k=1,2,3)$ and using (1.3), together with the relation $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{n}_1^2 + \mathbf{n}_2^2 + \mathbf{n}_3^2$, we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{F})_i &= \partial_i \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \left(\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_1} - \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_2} \right) + \partial_i \mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \left(\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_3} - \mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_1} \right) \\ &\quad + \partial_i \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 \left(\mathbf{n}_3 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_2} - \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_3} \right) \\ &= \partial_i n_{1k} (n_{2k} n_{2l} + n_{3k} n_{3l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{1l}} + \partial_i n_{2k} (n_{1k} n_{1l} + n_{3k} n_{3l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{2l}} \\ &\quad + \partial_i n_{3k} (n_{1k} n_{1l} + n_{2k} n_{2l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{3l}} \\ &= \partial_i n_{1k} (\delta_{kl} - n_{1k} n_{1l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{1l}} + \partial_i n_{2k} (\delta_{kl} - n_{2k} n_{2l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{2l}} \\ &\quad + \partial_i n_{3k} (\delta_{kl} - n_{3k} n_{3l}) \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{3l}} \\ &= \partial_i n_{1k} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{1k}} + \partial_i n_{2k} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{2k}} + \partial_i n_{3k} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{Bi}}{\delta n_{3k}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_j \sigma_{ij}^d + \partial_i \tilde{p}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_{ij}^d = -\sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \gamma_\alpha \partial_j n_{\alpha k} \partial_i n_{\alpha k} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_\alpha (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_\alpha) \partial_i n_{\alpha j}$. Moreover, by a direct calculation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij}^d (\nabla \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}) &= -\sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \gamma_\alpha \partial_j n_{\alpha k} \partial_i n_{\alpha k} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_\alpha (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_\alpha) \partial_i n_{\alpha j} \\ &\quad - \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^3 k_{\beta \alpha} \left[(\partial_j n_{\alpha p} - \partial_p n_{\alpha j}) \partial_i n_{\alpha p} + n_{\beta j} n_{\beta l} (\partial_p n_{\alpha l} - \partial_l n_{\alpha p}) \partial_i n_{\alpha p} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + n_{\beta p} n_{\beta l} (\partial_l n_{\alpha j} - \partial_j n_{\alpha l}) \partial_i n_{\alpha p} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

□

3. Uniqueness of weak solutions

This section is devoted to the proof of the uniqueness of weak solutions in the class $V(0,T) \times H(0,T)$. Let $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})$ and $(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})$ be two weak solutions of the frame hydrodynamic system (1.5)–(1.9) with the same initial data $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)$, where the orthonormal frames $\mathbf{p}^{(i)} = (\mathbf{n}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{n}_2^{(i)}, \mathbf{n}_3^{(i)}) (i = 1, 2)$.

We denote

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} &= \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} - \mathbf{n}_j^{(2)}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{h}_j} = \mathbf{h}_j^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}_j^{(2)}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{a}_j} = \mathbf{a}_j^{(1)} - \mathbf{a}_j^{(2)}, \quad (j = 1, 2, 3), \\ \delta_{\mathbf{v}} &= \mathbf{v}^{(1)} - \mathbf{v}^{(2)}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}^{(1)} - \mathbf{A}^{(2)}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} = \mathbf{\Omega}^{(1)} - \mathbf{\Omega}^{(2)}, \quad \delta_p = p^{(1)} - p^{(2)}, \\ \delta_{\mathcal{L}_1} &= \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3} - \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2}, \quad \delta_{\mathcal{L}_2} = \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_1} - \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3}, \\ \delta_{\mathcal{L}_3} &= \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2} - \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{h}_1}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{s}_k} = \mathbf{s}_k^{(1)} - \mathbf{s}_k^{(2)}, \quad (k = 1, \dots, 5). \end{aligned}$$

By taking the difference between the equations for $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})$ and $(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1}}{\partial t} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_3} \right) \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_2} \right) \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} + \delta_{\mathbf{F}_1}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2}}{\partial t} &= - \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_3} \right) \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_1} \right) \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} + \delta_{\mathbf{F}_2}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3}}{\partial t} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_2} \right) \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mathbf{\Omega}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_1} \right) \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} + \delta_{\mathbf{F}_3}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta_{\mathbf{v}}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \delta_p + \eta \Delta \delta_{\mathbf{v}} + \nabla \cdot (\sigma(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \delta_{\mathbf{v}}) + \sigma^d(\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}})) + \nabla \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{F}_4}, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{v}} = 0, \tag{3.5}$$

where the stresses $\sigma(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \delta_{\mathbf{v}})$ and $\sigma^d(\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}})$ are expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \delta_{\mathbf{v}}) &= \beta_1 (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)} + \beta_0 (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)} + \beta_0 (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)} \\ &\quad + \beta_2 (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)} + \left(\beta_3 - \frac{\eta_3^2}{\chi_3} \right) (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} + \left(\beta_4 - \frac{\eta_2^2}{\chi_2} \right) (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} \\ &\quad + \left(\beta_5 - \frac{\eta_1^2}{\chi_1} \right) (\delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)}) \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_3} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_2} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_3} + \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_2} + \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} \delta_{\mathcal{L}_1}), \\ \sigma^d(\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) &= \sigma^d(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(1)}) - \sigma^d(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $\delta_{\mathbf{F}_i} (i = 1, \dots, 5)$ can be given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\mathbf{F}_1} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_1} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_3} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} \mathcal{L}_3^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_2} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_4} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \\
& - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} \mathcal{L}_2^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} - \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} - \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{n}_1^{(2)}, \\
\delta_{\mathbf{F}_2} = & - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_1} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_3} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \\
& - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_3} \mathcal{L}_3^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_3} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_5} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} \mathcal{L}_1^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} - \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} - \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{n}_2^{(2)}, \\
\delta_{\mathbf{F}_3} = & \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_2} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_4} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_2} \mathcal{L}_2^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \\
& - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{a}_3} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_5} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)}) \right) \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \\
& - \left(\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(2)} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\chi_1} \mathcal{L}_1^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} \right) \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} - \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} - \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{n}_3^{(2)}, \\
\delta_{\mathbf{F}_4} = & - \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \delta_{\mathbf{v}} - \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)} + \beta_1 ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_1}) \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_1}) \\
& + \beta_0 ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_2}) \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_1}) + \beta_0 ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_1}) \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_2}) \\
& + \beta_2 ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_2}) \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_2}) + \left(\beta_3 - \frac{\eta_3^2}{\chi_3} \right) ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_3}) \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_3}) \\
& + \left(\beta_4 - \frac{\eta_2^2}{\chi_2} \right) ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_4}) \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_4}) \\
& + \left(\beta_5 - \frac{\eta_1^2}{\chi_1} \right) ((\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{s}_5}) \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} + (\mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(2)}) \delta_{\mathbf{s}_5}) \\
& + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} (\mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{s}_3} (\mathcal{L}_3^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})) \\
& + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} (\mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{s}_4} (\mathcal{L}_2^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})) \\
& + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} (\mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{s}_5} (\mathcal{L}_1^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{a}_1} (\mathcal{L}_3^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{a}_2} (\mathcal{L}_2^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)} - \delta_{\mathbf{n}_3} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)}) + \delta_{\mathbf{a}_3} (\mathcal{L}_1^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi})),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{L}_k^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi}$ ($k=1,2,3$) are denoted as, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_1^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} &= \mathbf{n}_2^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)} - \mathbf{n}_3^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)}, \quad \mathcal{L}_2^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} = \mathbf{n}_3^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} - \mathbf{n}_1^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_3^{(2)}, \\
\mathcal{L}_3^{(2)} \mathcal{F}_{Bi} &= \mathbf{n}_1^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} - \mathbf{n}_2^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Before presenting the proof of the uniqueness, we need to discuss the suitable choice of the energy metric for the resulting system of the difference. A usual idea to prove the uniqueness is to derive the energy estimates for the system (3.1)–(3.5) based on the following natural energy metric:

$$\|\delta_{\mathbf{v}}(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k}(t)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

However, in the sense of weak solutions, the above approach will no longer be available, since we would encounter nonlinear terms like $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \delta_{\mathbf{F}_k} \cdot \Delta \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k} \, d\mathbf{x} (k=1,2,3)$, which cannot result in a closed energy estimate by using the embedding inequalities. A similar problem has been discussed in [17, 30, 35] for the Ericksen–Leslie model.

As a consequence, a key ingredient to control the difference $(\delta_{\mathbf{p}}, \delta_{\mathbf{v}})$ in the class $V(0, T) \times H(0, T)$ is to introduce a suitable weaker metric:

$$\Phi(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{V}(t) + \mathcal{U}(t), \tag{3.6}$$

where for some $s \in (0, 1/2)$, $\mathcal{V}(t)$ and $\mathcal{U}(t)$ are given by, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}(t) &= \sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{-2sj} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}(t)\|_{L^2}^2, & \mathcal{U}(t) &= \sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{2(1-s)j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \\ \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k}\|_{L^2}^2, \text{ for } j \geq -1, & \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Here Δ_j is the Littlewood–Paley operator defined in Subsection 2.1. Again, we introduce the following functional $\mathcal{W}(t)$:

$$\mathcal{W}(t) = \sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{-2sj} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} + \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}(t)\|_{L^2}^2,$$

where $W^j(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is defined as

$$W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \gamma_i \|\nabla \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i \|\nabla \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 k_{ij} \|\mathbf{n}_i^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \right), \tag{3.7}$$

where the coefficients $\gamma_i > 0, k_i, k_{ij} \geq 0 (i, j = 1, 2, 3)$ are expressed by (2.2) and (2.3).

Moreover, to close the energy estimate for the difference $(\delta_{\mathbf{p}}, \delta_{\mathbf{v}})$, we also need the following simple relation:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} + \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \geq c 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{3.8}$$

which implies that $\mathcal{W}(t) \geq c \mathcal{U}(t)$ for some constant $c > 0$.

In order to present the proof of Theorem 1.2 conveniently, we introduce a locally integrable function on $[0, T]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + \|(\nabla \mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}^2 + \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}^4 + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}^4 \\ &\quad + \|\partial_t \mathbf{p}^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{H^1}^2 + \|(\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} = (\mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}) (\alpha = 1, 2)$.

We now turn to the proof of the uniqueness of weak solutions in \mathbb{R}^2 . The proof will be divided into three subsequent subsections.

3.1. Estimate for the velocity $\delta_{\mathbf{v}}$. We first notice that from Lemma 2.1, there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that

$$ca_j 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{3.9}$$

where $a_j = 1$ for $j \geq 0$ and $a_j = 0$ for $j = -1$.

Applying the operator Δ_j to both sides of the Equation (3.4) and taking the inner product with $\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}$, together with (3.9), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + ca_j 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \leq - \left(\beta_1 \|\mathbf{s}_1^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\beta_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1^{(1)}) (\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)}) d\mathbf{x} + \beta_2 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ & \quad - \left(\beta_3 - \frac{\eta_3^2}{\chi_3} \right) \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 - \left(\beta_4 - \frac{\eta_2^2}{\chi_2} \right) \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 - \left(\beta_5 - \frac{\eta_1^2}{\chi_1} \right) \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \quad - \left\langle \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \right\rangle \\ & \quad + \left\langle \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} + \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} + \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j}), \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \right\rangle \\ & \quad + \underbrace{\langle [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}, \Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}, \Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_2} \\ & \quad - \underbrace{\langle \Delta_j \sigma^d(\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}), \Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_3} - \underbrace{\langle \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{F}_4}, \Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_4}, \tag{3.10} \end{aligned}$$

where the symbol \mathcal{P} stands for a polynomial function of $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)})$ with degree no more than four, and we have used the relation $\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} = \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} + \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega}$. Again, in (3.10) $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$) are defined as, respectively,

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3} - \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2}, & \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_1} - \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3}, \\ \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2} - \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} \cdot \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_1}. \end{cases} \tag{3.11}$$

For the term I_1 , applying Lemma 2.3 yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 & \leq C \left(2^{\frac{j s}{2}} \|\nabla \mathcal{P}\|_{L^4} \mathcal{V}(t)^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{|j'-j| \leq 4} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ & \quad + C 2^{j s} \mathcal{V}(t)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \|\nabla^2 \mathcal{P}\|_{L^2}) \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq C 2^{2j s} F(t) \mathcal{V}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{|j'-j| \leq 4} 2^{2j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have employed the following simple facts:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \mathcal{P}\|_{L^4} & \leq C \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}, \quad \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}^2 + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C, \\ \|\nabla^2 \mathcal{P}\|_{L^2} & \leq C \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}^2 + C \|(\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate the term I_2 , it is necessary to express the difference $\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) by introducing the short notation. Specifically, using Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} &= \gamma_i \Delta \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} + k_i \nabla \operatorname{div} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ji} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)}) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ji} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} \otimes \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)}) - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ji} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_j^{(2)} \otimes \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j}) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ij} (\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)}) (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)}) - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ij} (\mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \cdot \nabla \times \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j}) (\nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)}) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^3 k_{ij} (\mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_j^{(2)}) (\nabla \times \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j}) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{P} \nabla^2 \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{P} \nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_j^{(\alpha)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_j^{(\alpha)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}. \tag{3.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, by using Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3 and Sobolev’s embedding $H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \hookrightarrow L^4(\mathbb{R}^2)$, we deduce from (3.12) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[\|\Delta_j \mathcal{P}^2 \nabla^2 \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} + \sum_{k=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(\alpha)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(\alpha)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} \right) \right] \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq C 2^{\frac{js}{2}} \left(1 + \|\nabla \mathcal{P}^2\|_{L^4} + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4} \right) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{\frac{l}{2}} \|\Delta_l \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\
 &\quad + C 2^{js} \left(1 + \|\nabla^2 \mathcal{P}^2\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla \mathcal{P}^2\|_{L^4} \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{H^1} + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}^2 \right) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq C 2^{\frac{js}{2}} F^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{\frac{l}{2}} \|\Delta_l \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\
 &\quad + C 2^{js} F^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{2l} \|\Delta_l \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where ε denotes a small positive constant to be determined later, and we have noticed the fact that \mathcal{P}^2 is a polynomial function of $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)})$ with degree no more than 8.

According to the expression of σ^d in (2.4), the stress $\sigma^d(\nabla\delta_p)$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^d(\nabla\delta_p) &= \sigma^d(\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(1)}) - \sigma^d(\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \mathcal{P}\nabla\mathbf{n}_i^{(\alpha)} \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{n}_j} + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^3 \mathcal{P}\nabla\mathbf{n}_i^{(1)} \nabla\mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, similar to the treatment of the term I_2 , utilizing Lemma 2.2, the term I_3 can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \|\Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\nabla\mathbf{n}_i^{(\alpha)} \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{n}_j})\|_{L^2} + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^3 \|\Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\nabla\mathbf{n}_i^{(1)} \nabla\mathbf{n}_j^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} \right) \|\Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{2js} F(t)\mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{2l} \|\Delta_l \nabla\delta_p\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

To handle the term I_4 , we first estimate the transport terms. Using Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \Delta_j(\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)} + \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \delta_{\mathbf{v}}), \Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle \\ &\leq \left(C2^{js} \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{H^1} \|\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C2^{\frac{(s+1)j}{2}} \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{L^4} \|\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{|j'-j|\leq 4} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \|\Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{2js} \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{H^1}^2 \mathcal{V}(t) + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

Then, combining (3.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &\leq C2^{2js} \|(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})\|_{H^1}^2 \mathcal{V}(t) + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \nabla\mathbf{v}^{(2)}), \Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_{41}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i,k=1}^3 \langle \Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \mathbf{h}_k^{(2)}), \Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle}_{I_{42}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 and the expression of \mathbf{h}_i ($i=1,2,3$) in Lemma 2.4, I_{41} and I_{42} can be estimated as, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{41} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\nabla\mathbf{v}^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{js} (1 + \|(\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla\mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}) \|\delta_p\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \|\nabla\mathbf{v}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} 2^j \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{2js} \|\nabla\mathbf{v}^{(2)}\|_{L^2}^2 \mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2, \\ I_{42} &\leq \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \|\Delta_j(\mathcal{P}\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \mathbf{h}_k^{(2)})\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_j \nabla\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{js} (1 + \|(\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla\mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^2}) \|\delta_p\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}_k^{(2)}\|_{L^2} 2^j \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C2^{2js} (\|\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\nabla^2\mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^2}^2) \mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly, combining the above estimates, we get

$$I_4 \leq C2^{2js} F(t)(\mathcal{V}(t) + \mathcal{U}(t)) + \varepsilon 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Thus, substituting the above estimates of $I_k (k = 1, \dots, 4)$ into (3.10) and removing the dissipative terms, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + ca_j 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq - \left\langle \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \right\rangle \\ &+ \left\langle \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} + \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} + \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j}), \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \right\rangle \\ &+ C2^{2js} F(t) \Phi(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-4}^{j+4} 2^{2l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

3.2. Estimate for the orthonormal frame $\delta_{\mathbf{p}}$. This subsection is dedicated to the estimates of the difference for the orthonormal frame, i.e., $\delta_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{p}^{(1)} - \mathbf{p}^{(2)}$. To begin with, we may verify a claim for L^2 -estimate of $\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}$.

Claim 1: *There exists a constant $C > 0$, such that*

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq CF(t)(\mathcal{V}(t) + \mathcal{U}(t)). \tag{3.15}$$

Indeed, applying the operator Δ_{-1} to both sides of the Equation (3.1) and taking L^2 -inner product with $\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}$, we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P} \delta_{\mathbf{h}_j}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{F}_i}, \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I_5 + I_6 + I_7, \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

where we have utilized the short notation similar to (3.12). For the term I_5 , we infer from Lemma 2.3 that

$$\begin{aligned} I_5 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle [\Delta_{-1}, \mathcal{P}] \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}, \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{P} \nabla \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}, \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle \\ &\leq C(\|\mathcal{P}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \mathcal{P}\|_{L^4} + \|\nabla^2 \mathcal{P}\|_{L^2}) \|\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{B_{2,-\infty}^{-s}} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq CF(t)(\mathcal{V}(t) + \mathcal{U}(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Recalling the expression of $\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} (i = 1, 2, 3)$ in (3.12), and applying Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, the term I_6 can be handled as

$$I_6 \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[\|\Delta_{-1}, \mathcal{P}^2\| \nabla^2 \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} + \|\mathcal{P}^2 \Delta_{-1} \nabla^2 \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{k=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} \right. \\
& + \|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(\alpha)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} \\
& \left. + \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(\alpha)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P}^2 \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} \right) \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq C \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) F^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \\
& \quad + C \left(\|\nabla \mathcal{P}^2\|_{L^4} + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)})\|_{L^4} \right) \|\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{|j'+1| \leq 9} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \\
& \leq C F(t) \mathcal{U}(t).
\end{aligned}$$

It remains to deal with the term I_7 . Using the definitions of $\delta_{\mathbf{F}_i}$ ($i=1,2,3$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_7 & = - \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle \\
& \quad + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{v}^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \langle \Delta_{-1}(\mathcal{P} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \mathbf{h}_j^{(2)}), \Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle \\
& \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I_{71} + I_{72} + I_{73} + I_{74}.
\end{aligned}$$

Armed with Lemma 2.2, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{71} & \leq C (\|\mathbf{v}^{(1)}\|_{H^1} + \|\mathbf{v}^{(1)}\|_{L^4}) \|\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \leq C F(t) \mathcal{U}(t), \\
I_{72} & \leq C (\|\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{H^1} + \|\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^4}) \|\delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{-s}} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \leq C F(t) (\mathcal{V}(t) + \mathcal{U}(t)), \\
I_{73} & \leq C (\|\mathcal{P}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \mathcal{P}\|_{L^2}) \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} \|\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \leq C F(t) \mathcal{U}(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Similar to the estimate of the term I_6 , from Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we also can infer that

$$I_{74} \leq C F(t) \mathcal{U}(t).$$

Therefore, combining the above estimates for I_i ($i=5,6,7$) with (3.16), the above Claim 1 can be completed.

Next, we give the second claim about the estimate of $\delta_{\mathbf{p}}$.

Claim 2: *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for any $j \geq -1$ and $\varepsilon \geq 0$, it follows that*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} + \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \leq - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\
& \quad + \left\langle \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\
& \quad + C 2^{2js} F(t) \Phi(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-4}^{j+4} 2^{2l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2, \tag{3.17}
\end{aligned}$$

where $W^j(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is defined by (3.7), and $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}(k=1, 2, 3)$ are defined by (3.11), respectively.

Before proving Claim 2, we calculate some derivatives of $W^j(\mathbf{x}, t)$ with respect to the frame. For convenience, we denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}[\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}](t) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}, \\ \mathcal{G} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta(\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}})}, \quad \mathcal{G}_i = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta(\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})}, \quad \mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \mathcal{G}_3). \end{aligned}$$

By a direct calculation, we obtain

$$\mathcal{G}_i = \gamma_i \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} + k_i \nabla \operatorname{div} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_{i\alpha} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)}), \quad (3.18)$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_i^{(1)}} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_{\alpha i} (\mathbf{n}_i^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}}) (\nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}}). \quad (3.19)$$

Then, from (3.18) and Lemma 2.1 we get

$$\|\mathcal{G}_i\|_{L^2} \leq C \left(\|\nabla^2 \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \|\nabla \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)}\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} \right) \leq C 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}, \quad (3.20)$$

Armed with the expressions of $\delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}$ ($i=1, 2, 3$) in (3.12), $\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}$ can be expressed in short notation,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i} &= \mathcal{G}_i + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_{i\alpha} \left((\nabla \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) \times \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)} + (\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) \nabla \times \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) + \sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_l^{(1)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) + \sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_l}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(\alpha)} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_l}) + \sum_{l=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_l^{(\alpha)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_l}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{n}_l^{(1)} \nabla \mathbf{n}_l^{(1)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) - [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \nabla (\nabla \times \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{G}_i + \mathcal{T}_i. \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

Furthermore, from (3.21), together with Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3 and Sobolev's embedding $H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \hookrightarrow L^4(\mathbb{R}^2)$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_i\|_{L^2} &\leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^4} + C 2^{js} \|\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \left(\|\nabla^2 \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)}\|_{L^2} + \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + C 2^{js} \|\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \left(\|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{H^1} + \|\nabla \mathcal{P}\|_{L^4} \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4} + \|\nabla^2 \mathcal{P}\|_{L^2} \right) \\ &\quad + C 2^{\frac{js}{2}} \|(\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)})\|_{L^4} \|\delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{B_{2,\infty}^{1-s}} \sum_{j'=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C 2^{js} F^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) + C 2^{\frac{js}{2}} F^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \sum_{j'=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

We now return to the proof of Claim 2. We denote

$$\delta_{\mathbf{h}} = (\delta_{\mathbf{h}_1}, \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2}, \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3}), \quad \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}} = (\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_1}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_2}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_3}), \quad \mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{T}_3).$$

Then, by the above definition of \mathcal{E} , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta(\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}})} \cdot \frac{\partial \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \mathbf{p}^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}^{(1)}}{\partial t} \right) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}}{\partial t} \cdot (\mathcal{T}_i - \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_i^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}_i^{(1)}}{\partial t} d\mathbf{x} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

First, using (3.19) and Lemma 2.1, the term \mathcal{A}_2 can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_2 &\leq C \sum_{i,k=1}^3 2^{3j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 \|\partial_t \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^3 2^{4j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2j} \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \|\partial_t \mathbf{n}_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\leq \varepsilon 2^{4j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2j} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t). \end{aligned}$$

It remains to deal with the term \mathcal{A}_1 . Taking advantage of the Equations (3.1)–(3.3), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_1 &= - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{T}_i, \partial_t \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \rangle}_{\mathcal{A}_{11}} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{F}_i} \rangle}_{\mathcal{A}_{12}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} + [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i} \rangle}_{\mathcal{A}_{13}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

Using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 the term \mathcal{A}_{11} can be estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{11} &= \left\langle \mathcal{T}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)} - \mathcal{T}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)}, \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle \mathcal{T}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)} - \mathcal{T}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)}, \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle \mathcal{T}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)} - \mathcal{T}_3 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2^{(1)}, \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)} + \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)} \right\rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^3 \left\langle \mathcal{T} \cdot V_k^{(1)}, \frac{1}{\chi_k} \mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{T}_i, \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{F}_i} \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{T}_i, [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}} + [\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}] \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i} \rangle \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)})\|_{L^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{k=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_k}\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{v}^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \sum_{l=1}^3 \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \mathbf{h}_k^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_l})\|_{L^2} \right) \\
 & + \left(\|\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}\| \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}\| \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}\|_{L^2} \right) \|\mathcal{T}_i\|_{L^2} \\
 & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_j \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} + 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2} + 2^{js} (\mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) + \mathcal{V}^{\frac{1}{2}}(t)) F^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) \right. \\
 & \quad + 2^{\frac{js}{2}} F^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \mathcal{U}^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 9} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \quad \left. + 2^{\frac{js}{2}} F^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \mathcal{V}^{\frac{1}{4}}(t) \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 4} 2^{\frac{j'}{2}} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \|\mathcal{T}_i\|_{L^2} \\
 & \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 9} 2^{4j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 4} 2^{2j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2js} (\mathcal{U}(t) + \mathcal{V}(t)) F(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the expressions $V_k^{(1)} (k = 1, 2, 3)$ that are given by

$$V_1^{(1)} = (0, \mathbf{n}_3^{(1)}, -\mathbf{n}_2^{(1)}), \quad V_2^{(1)} = (-\mathbf{n}_3^{(1)}, 0, \mathbf{n}_1^{(1)}), \quad V_3^{(1)} = (\mathbf{n}_2^{(1)}, -\mathbf{n}_1^{(1)}, 0).$$

Similarly, the terms \mathcal{A}_{12} and \mathcal{A}_{13} can be handled as, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{A}_{12}| & \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}\|_{L^2} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{F}_i}\|_{L^2} \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}\|_{L^2} \left(\|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \nabla \mathbf{v}^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_k})\|_{L^2} + \sum_{l=1}^3 \|\Delta_j (\mathcal{P} \mathbf{h}_k^{(2)} \delta_{\mathbf{n}_l})\|_{L^2} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \|\Delta_j (\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i})\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j (\delta_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_i^{(2)})\|_{L^2} \right) \\
 & \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 9} 2^{4j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 4} 2^{2j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\
 & \quad + C 2^{2js} (\mathcal{U}(t) + \mathcal{V}(t)) F(t), \\
 |\mathcal{A}_{13}| & \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\|\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}\| \nabla \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_j, \mathcal{P}\| \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}\|_{L^2} \right) \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}_i}\|_{L^2} \\
 & \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 9} 2^{4j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 4} 2^{2j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2js} (\mathcal{U}(t) + \mathcal{V}(t)) F(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above estimates of $\mathcal{A}_{1k} (k = 1, 2, 3)$ with (3.24) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_1 & \leq -\left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \Delta_j \delta_{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad + \left\langle \frac{\eta_3}{\chi_3} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_3^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_3^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_2}{\chi_2} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_4^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_2^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\eta_1}{\chi_1} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_5^{(1)}, \mathcal{H}_1^{\Delta_j} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad - \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2js} (\mathcal{U}(t) + \mathcal{V}(t)) F(t) \\
 & \quad + \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 9} 2^{4j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{|j-j'|\leq 4} 2^{2j'} \|\Delta_{j'} \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, plugging the estimates of \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 into (3.23) yields (3.17). This completes the proof of Claim 2.

In the end, to control the higher order derivative term $\|\Delta\Delta_j\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}$ that enables us to close the energy estimate, we need a higher order dissipated estimate for $\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2$. To be specific, we have the following key lemma.

LEMMA 3.1. *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small, it follows that*

$$-\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq -\frac{2\gamma^2}{\chi} \|\Delta\Delta_j\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 + CF(t)\mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l\delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2,$$

where $\chi = \max\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\}$ and $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$, and $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j} (k=1, 2, 3)$ are defined by (3.11).

Proof. First of all, we recall the decomposition (1.2) formed by the tangential spaces $T_{\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}}SO(3) (\alpha=1, 2)$ and its orthogonal complements. In (1.2), taking $B = \Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{|V_k^{(\alpha)}|^2} (A \cdot V_k^{(\alpha)}) (\Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot V_k^{(\alpha)}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^6 \frac{1}{|W_k^{(\alpha)}|^2} (A \cdot W_k^{(\alpha)}) (\Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot W_k^{(\alpha)}), \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

where $V_k^{(\alpha)} (k=1, 2, 3)$ and $W_k^{(\alpha)} (k=1, \dots, 6)$ are the orthogonal basis of the tangential space $T_{\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}}SO(3)$ and its associated orthogonal complement space, respectively, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} V_1^{(\alpha)} &= (0, \mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}, -\mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}), & V_2^{(\alpha)} &= (-\mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}, 0, \mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}), & V_3^{(\alpha)} &= (\mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}, -\mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}, 0), \\ W_1^{(\alpha)} &= (0, \mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}), & W_2^{(\alpha)} &= (\mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}, 0, \mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}), & W_3^{(\alpha)} &= (\mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}, 0), \\ W_4^{(\alpha)} &= (\mathbf{n}_1^{(\alpha)}, 0, 0), & W_5^{(\alpha)} &= (0, \mathbf{n}_2^{(\alpha)}, 0), & W_6^{(\alpha)} &= (0, 0, \mathbf{n}_3^{(\alpha)}). \end{aligned}$$

Armed with the definitions of $W_k^{(\alpha)} (k=1, \dots, 6)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot W_k^{(\alpha)} &= \Delta_j(\Delta\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot W_k^{(\alpha)}) - [\Delta_j, W_k^{(\alpha)}] \cdot \Delta\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \\ &= \Delta_j(\nabla \cdot (\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot W_k^{(\alpha)}) - \nabla\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(\alpha)}) - [\Delta_j, W_k^{(\alpha)}] \cdot \Delta\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \\ &= -\Delta_j(\nabla\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(\alpha)}) - [\Delta_j, W_k^{(\alpha)}] \cdot \Delta\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing $|V_k^{(1)}| = |V_k^{(2)}|$ and $|W_k^{(1)}| = |W_k^{(2)}|$, and using (3.25) we derive

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \Delta\Delta_j\delta_{\mathbf{p}} &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{|V_k^{(1)}|^2} (A \cdot V_k^{(1)}) (\Delta\Delta_j\delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{|V_k^{(1)}|^2} \left((A \cdot \delta_{V_k}) (\Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) + (A \cdot V_k^{(2)}) (\Delta\Delta_j\mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot \delta_{V_k}) \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^6 \frac{1}{|W_k^{(1)}|^2} \left\{ (A \cdot W_k^{(1)}) \left(\Delta_j(\nabla\delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(1)}) + [\Delta_j, W_k^{(1)}] \cdot \Delta\delta_{\mathbf{p}} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + (A \cdot W_k^{(1)}) \left(\Delta_j (\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{W_k}) + [\Delta_j, \delta_{W_k} \cdot] \Delta \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \right) \\ & + (A \cdot \delta_{W_k}) \left(\Delta_j (\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(2)}) + [\Delta_j, W_k^{(2)} \cdot] \Delta \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \right) \Big\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

where $\delta_{V_k} = V_k^{(1)} - V_k^{(2)}$ and $\delta_{W_k} = W_k^{(1)} - W_k^{(2)}$.

Taking $A = \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}$ in (3.26) and then integrating over \mathbb{R}^2 , and using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \|\delta_{V_k}\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta \Delta_j \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} \\ & + C \sum_{k=1}^6 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \left(\|\Delta_j (\nabla \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(1)})\|_{L^2} + \|[\Delta_j, W_k^{(1)} \cdot] \Delta \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & + C \sum_{k=1}^6 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \left(\|\Delta_j (\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot \nabla \delta_{W_k})\|_{L^2} + \|[\Delta_j, \delta_{W_k} \cdot] \Delta \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & + C \sum_{k=1}^6 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \|\delta_{W_k}\|_{L^\infty} \left(\|\Delta_j (\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \cdot \nabla W_k^{(2)})\|_{L^2} + \|[\Delta_j, W_k^{(2)} \cdot] \Delta \mathbf{p}^{(2)}\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 + C 2^{2js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by taking $A = \mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}$ in (3.26), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} [(\mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot V_k^{(1)}] (\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) \, d\mathbf{x} + C 2^{2js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, applying integration by parts, there holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(k_i \|\nabla \operatorname{div} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_{\alpha i} \|\nabla (\nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\alpha^{(1)})\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ & \quad - C 2^{2js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) - \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by the definitions of \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{T} , and using (3.20) and (3.22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{k=1}^3 (\mathcal{G} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) (\mathcal{T} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right| & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathcal{G}_i\|_{L^2} \|\mathcal{T}_i\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq C 2^{js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, collecting the above estimates, and recalling the definitions of $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}$ ($k=1,2,3$) in (3.11), i.e., $\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j} = \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}$, together with $\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{T}$, we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{\chi_k} \|\mathcal{H}_k^{\Delta_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \geq \frac{1}{\chi} \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{h}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\chi} \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\mathcal{G} \cdot V_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{2}{\chi} \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\mathcal{G} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) (\mathcal{T} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \geq \frac{2\gamma}{\chi} \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} [(\mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot V_k^{(1)}] (\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{\gamma^2}{\chi} \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot V_k^{(1)}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \quad - C 2^{js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) - \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \geq \frac{4\gamma}{\chi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\mathcal{G} - \gamma \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}} d\mathbf{x} + \frac{2\gamma^2}{\chi} \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \quad - C 2^{js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) - \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \geq \frac{4\gamma}{\chi} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(k_i \|\nabla \operatorname{div} \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 k_{\alpha i} \|\nabla \times (\nabla \times \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{(1)})\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{2\gamma^2}{\chi} \|\Delta \Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 - C 2^{js} F(t) \mathcal{U}(t) - \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we complete the proof of the key lemma. □

3.3. Proof of Theorem 1.2. We are now in a position to complete the proof of Theorem 1.2. First of all, we know from Theorem 1.1 in Subsection 1.3 and Proposition 4.2 in [18] that, for any $\theta, M > 0$, the pair (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}) \in & V(0, T_1 - \theta) \times H(0, T_1 - \theta) \cup \dots \cup V(T_{L-1}, T_L - \theta) \times H(T_{L-1}, T_L - \theta) \\ & \cup V(T_L, M) \times H(T_L, M), \end{aligned}$$

where $\{T_l\}_{l=1}^L$ are the finite number of singular times. Assume that $T_1^{(i)}$ is the first blow-up time of $(\mathbf{p}^{(i)}, \mathbf{v}^{(i)})$ ($i=1,2$). By means of Proposition 4.2 in [18], we may find that the following regularity for $(\mathbf{p}^{(i)}, \mathbf{v}^{(i)})$ holds,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T_1 - \theta]} |\nabla^2 \mathbf{p}^{(i)}|^2 + |\nabla \mathbf{p}^{(i)}|^4 + |\nabla \mathbf{v}^{(i)}|^2 + |\mathbf{v}^{(i)}|^4 d\mathbf{x} dt < +\infty, \tag{3.27}$$

where $\theta > 0$ and $T_1 = \min\{T_1^{(1)}, T_1^{(2)}\}$. Then, taking advantage of the Equations (1.5)–(1.7), we can infer that

$$\partial_t \mathbf{p}^{(i)} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T_1 - \theta]). \tag{3.28}$$

Further, (3.27) and (3.28) imply that $F(t)$ is a locally integrable function, i.e., $F(t) \in L^1(0, T_1 - \theta)$.

On the other hand, summing up (3.14), (3.15) and (3.17), and together with Lemma 3.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & \quad + ca_j (2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2^{4j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{n}_i}\|_{L^2}^2) \\ & \leq C 2^{2js} F(t) \Phi(t) + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-4}^{j+4} 2^{2l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{l=j-9}^{j+9} 2^{4l} \|\Delta_l \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

By choosing $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small, integrating (3.29) from 0 to t and noting $(\delta_{\mathbf{v}}, \delta_{\mathbf{p}})|_{t=0} = 0$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W^j(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta_{-1} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2} \leq C \int_0^t 2^{2js} F(\tau) \Phi(\tau) d\tau,$$

which together with (3.8) leads to

$$\|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2^{2j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \int_0^t 2^{2js} F(\tau) \Phi(\tau) d\tau. \tag{3.30}$$

Multiplying (3.30) by 2^{-2js} and taking the supremum in j , we obtain

$$\sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{-2js} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{v}}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{2(1-s)j} \|\Delta_j \delta_{\mathbf{p}}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \int_0^t F(\tau) \Phi(\tau) d\tau,$$

that is,

$$\Phi(t) \leq C \int_0^t F(\tau) \Phi(\tau) d\tau. \tag{3.31}$$

Then, applying Gronwall’s inequality to (3.31) and using the given same initial data, we find that $\Phi(t) = 0$ for any $\theta > 0$ and $t \in [0, T_1 - \theta]$, where T_1 is the first singular time. Consequently, we have $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})(t) = (\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})(t)$ for any $t \in [0, T_1)$. Indeed, we can further get $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})(T_1) = (\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})(T_1)$, since $(\mathbf{p}^{(i)}, \mathbf{v}^{(i)})(t)$ is weakly continuous for any $t \in [0, +\infty)$, i.e., $(\mathbf{p}^{(i)}, \mathbf{v}^{(i)}) \in C_w([0, +\infty); H_{\mathbf{p}^*}^1 \times L^2)$. The similar argument implies that there exists the second singular time $T_2 > 0 (T_2 > T_1)$ and such that $(\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(1)})(t) = (\mathbf{v}^{(2)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)})(t)$ with $t \in [T_1, T_2)$. We can thus obtain $(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)})(t) = (\mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \mathbf{v}^{(2)})(t)$ for any $t \in [0, +\infty)$, since the number of singular times for weak solution is finite. Hence, we finish the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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