

## Conditions of Prodi-Serrin’s type for local regularity of suitable weak solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations

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*Abstract.* In the context of suitable weak solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations we present local conditions of Prodi-Serrin’s type on velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and pressure  $p$  under which  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in \Omega \times (0, T)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ . The conditions are imposed exclusively on the outside of a sufficiently narrow space-time paraboloid with the vertex  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  and the axis parallel with the  $t$ -axis.

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Let  $\Omega$  be either  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $C^{2+\mu}$  ( $\mu > 0$ ) boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $T > 0$  and  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ . Consider the Navier-Stokes equations describing the evolution of velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and pressure  $p$  in  $Q_T$ :

- (1) 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla p = \mathbf{0},$$
- (2) 
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0,$$
- (3) 
$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T),$$
- (4) 
$$\mathbf{v}|_{t=0} = \mathbf{v}_0,$$

where  $\nu > 0$  is the viscosity coefficient and the initial data  $\mathbf{v}_0$  satisfy the compatibility conditions  $\mathbf{v}_0|_{\partial\Omega} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0 = 0$ . The pair  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is called a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4) if  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $p$  are measurable functions on  $Q_T$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T, W_0^{1,2}(\Omega))$ ,

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega [\mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \phi - \nu \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi] \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt = - \int_\Omega \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}, 0) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

for every  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T))$  such that  $\nabla \cdot \phi = 0$  in  $Q_T$ ,  $p \in L^{5/4}(Q_T)$  and  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  satisfies the so called generalized energy inequality

$$2\nu \int_0^T \int_\Omega |\nabla \mathbf{v}|^2 \phi \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \leq \int_0^T \int_\Omega \left[ |\mathbf{v}|^2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nu \Delta \phi \right) + (|\mathbf{v}|^2 + 2p) \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi \right] \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt$$

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for every non-negative real-valued function  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$ . Further, a point  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T$  is called a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$  if there exists a space-time neighborhood  $U$  of  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  in  $Q_T$  such that  $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(U)^3$ . Points of  $Q_T$  which are not regular are called singular. For the concept of regular and singular points and suitable weak solutions, see [1].

In [6] J. Neustupa proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.** *There exists an absolute constant  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that if  $\mathbf{v}$  is a suitable weak solution to the problem (1)–(4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T$  and*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \liminf_{t \rightarrow t_0^-} \left( \int_{B_r(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/3} < \epsilon_0,$$

then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

As was stressed in [6], Theorem 1 shows that if  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a singular point of  $\mathbf{v}$  then the  $L^3$  norm of  $\mathbf{v}$  must necessarily concentrate in an amount greater than or equal to  $\epsilon_0$  in smaller and smaller neighborhoods of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  as  $t \rightarrow t_0^-$ .

This paper was inspired by a theorem (Theorem 2 below) also proved in [6] which says that under certain conditions on  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $p$  the region of concentration of  $L^3$  norm of  $\mathbf{v}$  does not lie inside a sufficiently narrow paraboloid in  $Q_T$  with its axis parallel with the  $t$ -axis and with the vertex  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$ . Let  $\rho > 0, r > 0$  and  $\sigma_0 = r^2/\rho^2$ . Denote

$$(5) \quad U_r^\rho = \{(\mathbf{x}, t) \in Q_T; t_0 - \sigma_0 < t < t_0, \rho\sqrt{t_0 - t} < |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| < r\},$$

$$(6) \quad V_r^\rho = \{(\mathbf{x}, t) \in Q_T; t_0 - \sigma_0 < t < t_0, |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| < \rho\sqrt{t_0 - t}\},$$

$$(7) \quad Q_r^\rho = \{(\mathbf{x}, t) \in Q_T; t_0 - r^2/\rho^2 < t < t_0, |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0| < r\}.$$

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T, \rho \in (0, \sqrt{2\nu})$  and*

$$(8) \quad |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq c, \quad |p(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq c \quad \text{in } U_r^\rho$$

for some  $c$  and  $r > 0$ . Then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

It was shown in [8] that Theorem 2 can be further generalized:

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T, \rho > 0$  is sufficiently small,  $r > 0$  and*

$$(9) \quad |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0|^\alpha} \quad \text{in } U_r^\rho, \quad p \in L^{\beta, \gamma}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho),$$

where  $\alpha \in (0, 1), \beta, \gamma \geq 1, 2/\beta + 3/\gamma < 3 - \alpha$  and  $\kappa > 0$ . Then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

The following theorem was proved in [7].

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1), (2) and (4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T$ ,  $\rho > 0$  and  $r > 0$ . Let

$$(10) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^{a,b}(U_r^\rho), \quad 2/a + 3/b = 1, \quad a \geq 3, \quad b > 3 \quad \text{or} \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^\infty,3(U_r^\rho)} < \epsilon_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$(11) \quad P \in L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_r^\rho), \quad 2/\alpha + 3/\beta = 2, \quad \alpha \geq 1, \quad \beta > 3/2 \quad \text{or} \quad \|P\|_{L^\infty,3/2(V_r^\rho)} < \epsilon_2,$$

where  $P$  denotes the negative part of pressure  $p : P = 0$  if  $p \geq 0$ ,  $P = -p$  if  $p < 0$  and  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$  are sufficiently small. Then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Theorem 4 does not need any assumption on integrability of  $\mathbf{v}$  inside the paraboloid. It is compensated by assumptions on a certain integrability of the negative part of pressure  $P$  (conditions (11)).

The main goal of this paper is to prove the two following theorems:

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T$ ,  $\rho > 0$  is sufficiently small,  $r > 0, \kappa > 0$  and

$$(12) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^{a,b}(U_r^\rho), \quad 2/a + 3/b = 1, \quad a \geq 3, \quad b > 3,$$

$$(13) \quad p \in L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho), \quad 2/\alpha + 3/\beta = 2, \quad \alpha \geq a/(a-1), \quad \beta > 3/2.$$

Then  $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(Q_\eta^1)$  for some  $\eta > 0$ . Moreover, if  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$  then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

**Theorem 6.** Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4),  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) \in Q_T$ ,  $\rho > 0$  is sufficiently small,  $r > 0, \kappa > 0$  and

$$(14) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^{\tilde{a},\tilde{b}}(U_r^{\rho+\kappa}), \quad 2/\tilde{a} + 3/\tilde{b} = 1, \quad \tilde{a} \geq 2, \quad \tilde{b} > 3,$$

$$(15) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^{a,b}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho), \quad 2/a + 3/b = 1, \quad a \geq 3, \quad b > 3,$$

$$(16) \quad p \in L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho), \quad 2/\alpha + 3/\beta = 2, \quad \alpha \geq a/(a-1), \quad \alpha \geq 5/4, \quad \beta > 3/2.$$

Then  $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(t_0 - \eta^2, t_0, W^{1,2}(B_\eta(\mathbf{x}_0)))$  for some  $\eta > 0$ . Moreover, if  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$  then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

In Theorem 5 the conditions on velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  (12) are imposed only on  $U_r^\rho$ . They are not the usual Prodi-Serrin's conditions, since  $a \geq 3$  instead of usually used  $a \geq 2$ . In Theorem 6 this restrictive assumption is removed and the usual Prodi-Serrin's conditions with  $\tilde{a} \geq 2$  are used on  $U_r^{\rho+\kappa}$ . However, an additional assumption  $\alpha \geq 5/4$  for pressure is prescribed on an arbitrarily narrow strip  $V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho$ .

Before proving Theorem 5 and Theorem 6, we present a few definitions and considerations. For the sake of simplicity, we use the notation  $L^p(A)$  throughout the paper instead of  $L^p(A)^3$  (similarly  $W^{m,p}(A)$  instead of  $W^{m,p}(A)^3$  and so on) if spaces of vector functions are considered. As in [6] define new coordinates

$$(17) \quad \mathbf{x}' = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0}{\sqrt{t_0 - t}}, \quad t' = \ln \frac{\sigma_0}{t_0 - t}.$$

Then

$$(18) \quad t = t_0 - \sigma_0 e^{-t'} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{\sigma_0} e^{-t'/2} \mathbf{x}'.$$

If we denote

$$\begin{aligned} U_r^{\rho} &= \{(\mathbf{x}', t') \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty); t' > 0, \rho < |\mathbf{x}'| < \rho e^{t'/2}\}, \\ V_r^{\rho} &= \{(\mathbf{x}', t') \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty); t' > 0, |\mathbf{x}'| < \rho\}, \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$(19) \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in U_r^{\rho} \iff (\mathbf{x}', t') \in U_r^{\rho}, \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in V_r^{\rho} \iff (\mathbf{x}', t') \in V_r^{\rho}.$$

Define functions  $\mathbf{v}', p'$  by the equations

$$(20) \quad \mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t') = \sqrt{t_0 - t} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad p'(\mathbf{x}', t') = (t_0 - t) p(\mathbf{x}, t).$$

Then  $(\mathbf{v}', p')$  is a suitable weak solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}'}{\partial t'} - \nu \Delta' \mathbf{v}' + \mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla' \mathbf{v}' + \nabla' p' &= -\mathbf{v}'/2 - \mathbf{x}' \cdot \nabla' \mathbf{v}'/2, \\ \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{v}' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\{(\mathbf{x}', t') \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty); t' > 0, |\mathbf{x}'| < \rho e^{t'/2}\}$  and satisfies the generalized energy inequality

$$(21) \quad 2\nu \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 \phi \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \leq \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left[ |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t'} + \nu \Delta' \phi \right) + (|\mathbf{v}'|^2 + 2p') \mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla' \phi + |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \phi/2 + (\mathbf{x}' \cdot \nabla' \phi) |\mathbf{v}'|^2/2 \right] d\mathbf{x}' \, dt'$$

for every non-negative real-valued function  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\{(\mathbf{x}', t') \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty); t' > 0, |\mathbf{x}'| < \rho e^{t'/2}\})$ . Moreover, it follows from (17)–(20) that

$$(22) \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^{a,b}(U_r^\rho)} = \|\mathbf{v}'\|_{L^{a,b}(U_r^{\rho})}, \quad \|p\|_{L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^\rho)} = \|p'\|_{L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_r^{\rho+\kappa} \setminus V_r^{\rho})},$$

if  $a \geq 2, b \geq 3, 2/a + 3/b = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq 1, \beta \geq 3/2, 2/\alpha + 3/\beta = 2$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\vartheta \in (0, 1)$  and  $(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exist absolute constants  $\epsilon_1 > 0$  and  $C_0 > 0$  with the following property. Suppose that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to the Navier-Stokes equations on  $Q_r^1 = Q_r^1(\mathbf{x}, t) = \{(\mathbf{y}, \tau); |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| < r, t - r^2 < \tau < t\}, r > 0$ . Suppose further that*

$$(23) \quad \frac{1}{r^2} \int \int_{Q_r} (|\mathbf{v}|^3 + |\mathbf{v}||p|) \, d\mathbf{y} \, d\tau + \frac{1}{r^{13/4}} \int_{t-r^2}^t \left( \int_{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|<r} |p| \, d\mathbf{y} \right)^{5/4} d\tau \leq \epsilon$$

for some  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_1)$ . Then

$$(24) \quad |\mathbf{v}| \leq C_0 \epsilon^{2/3} / r$$

Lebesgue-almost-everywhere on  $Q_{\vartheta r}^1(\mathbf{x}, t)$ .

Lemma 1 was firstly declared and proved in [1] — see Proposition 1, Corollary 1 and the proof on page 789. In fact, Lemma 1 differs slightly from Proposition 1, Corollary 1. Firstly, we have  $\mathbf{f} \equiv \mathbf{0}$ . Secondly, Proposition 1 was proved for  $\vartheta = 1/2$ . However, it can be seen easily that the proof does not change if  $\vartheta \in (0, 1)$ . Of course,  $\epsilon_1$  and  $C_0$  may then possibly depend on  $\vartheta$ . Finally and most importantly, we have that  $|\mathbf{v}| \leq C_0 \epsilon^{2/3} / r$  Lebesgue-almost-everywhere on  $Q_{\vartheta r}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  in Lemma 1 ( $C_0$  independent of  $\epsilon$ ), which means that  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^\infty(Q_{\vartheta r}(\mathbf{x}, t))}$  depends on  $\epsilon$ . This fact is not particularly stressed in [1], but it follows directly from the proof of Proposition 1 and Corollary 1 (see Step 3 of the proof — page 792 and the final remark in the proof). Thus, the smaller  $\epsilon$  we take the smaller the  $L^\infty$  norm of  $\mathbf{v}$  we have and this fact will be used in the proof of Theorem 6.

**Remark 1.** Let  $(\mathbf{y}_0, \tau_0) \in Q_T$  be a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ . It is known (see for instance [2]) that there exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}, D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma p \in L^\alpha(\tau_0 - \epsilon, \tau_0 + \epsilon, L^\infty(B_{\delta_1}(\mathbf{y}_0)))$  for every multi-index  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3)$ , where  $D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma = \frac{\partial^{|\gamma|}}{\partial x_1^{\gamma_1} \dots \partial x_3^{\gamma_3}}$ ,  $|\gamma| = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3$ , every  $\delta_1 \in (0, \delta)$  and  $\alpha \in \langle 1, 2 \rangle$ . In the case  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\alpha$  can be even taken from the interval  $\langle 1, \infty \rangle$ . We will use this fact at the end of the proof of Theorem 6. It will enable us to conclude that  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ . Unfortunately, in the case of  $\Omega$  being a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (and thus  $\alpha < 2$ ) we are not sure whether the same procedure can be used or not and therefore cannot deduce the regularity of  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$ .

The following lemma (see e.g. [5]) will be useful in connection with the cut-off function technique.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain,  $r \in \langle 1, \infty \rangle$  and  $m \in N \cup \{0\}$ . Then there exists a linear operator  $R$  from  $W_0^{m,r}(D)$  into  $W_0^{m+1,r}(D)$ <sup>3</sup> such that for every  $f \in W_0^{m,r}(D)$

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} Rf &= f, \quad \text{if} \quad \int_D f \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \\ \|\nabla^{m+1} Rf\|_{L^r(D)} &\leq c \|\nabla^m f\|_{L^r(D)}. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, if  $f$  has a compact support in  $D$  then also  $Rf$  has a compact support in  $D$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 5: The proof is based on the generalized energy inequality (21). We choose a suitable test function  $\phi$ , estimate the right hand side

of (21) and obtain the inequality (42). Using then standard embedding theorems we get the estimate (48) for velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  which together with the analogical estimate for pressure (49) leads to the use of the famous Lin's result (see the paragraph around (56)) and the proof is then easily completed.

Thus, let  $t'_1 \geq 2$ ,  $t'_2 > 2t'_1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  and suppose without loss of generality that  $\kappa \leq \rho/2$ . We use the generalized energy inequality (21) with the function  $\phi(\mathbf{x}', t') = \xi(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2}$ , where  $\chi$  is an infinitely differentiable function on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $\chi(s) = 1$  for  $0 \leq s \leq \rho + \kappa/3$ ,  $\chi(s) = 0$  for  $s \geq \rho + 2\kappa/3$  and  $\chi$  is decreasing on  $(\rho + \kappa/3, \rho + 2\kappa/3)$ .  $\xi$  is defined on  $(0, \infty)$  in the following way:  $\xi(t') = 0$  on  $(0, t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}) \cup (t'_2 + \epsilon, \infty)$ ,  $\xi(t') = t' - t'_1/2 + e^{-3t'_1/2}$  on  $(t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}, t'_1/2)$ ,  $\xi(t') = e^{t' - 2t'_1}$  on  $(t'_1/2, 2t'_1)$ ,  $\xi(t') = 1$  on  $(2t'_1, t'_2)$ ,  $0 \leq \xi(t') \leq 1$  on  $(t'_2, t'_2 + \epsilon)$ ,  $\xi$  is decreasing on  $(t'_2, t'_2 + \epsilon)$  and infinitely differentiable on  $(2t'_1, \infty)$ . To justify the use of (non-smooth) function  $\phi$  in (21), it is possible to find a suitable sequence of functions  $\xi_n \in C_0^\infty((0, \infty))$  such that (21) holds for  $\phi_n(\mathbf{x}', t') = \xi_n(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get the validity of the generalized energy inequality also for  $\phi(\mathbf{x}', t') = \xi(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2}$ .

Firstly, we will estimate the terms on the right hand side of (21).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t'} + \phi/2 \right) d\mathbf{x}' dt' = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \left( -\frac{1}{2}\xi(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2} \right. \\
 (26) \quad & \left. + \xi'(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2} + \frac{1}{2}\xi(t')\chi(|\mathbf{x}'|)e^{-t'/2} \right) d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\
 & = \int_{t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{t'_2 + \epsilon} \xi'(t')e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' dt'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Further, we will use the inequality

$$(27) \quad \int_{B_1(0)} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq k_1 \left( \int_{B_1(0)} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial B_1(0)} |\mathbf{u}|^2 dS \right),$$

which holds for every  $\mathbf{u} \in W^{1,2}(B_1(0))$  and where  $k_1$  is an absolute constant. It follows from (27) that

$$(28) \quad \int_{B_r(0)} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq k_1 r \left( r \int_{B_r(0)} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial B_r(0)} |\mathbf{u}|^2 dS \right),$$

for every  $\mathbf{u} \in W^{1,2}(B_r(0))$  and  $r > 0$ . Using (28) and the Hölder inequality we get for almost every  $t' \in (0, \infty)$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' \leq \int_{B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 d\mathbf{x}' + \int_{|\mathbf{x}'| > \rho} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' \\
 (29) \quad & \leq k_1 \left( \rho + r_1(t') \right)^2 \int_{B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 d\mathbf{x}' + k_1 \left( \rho + r_1(t') \right) \\
 & \times c_1 \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b dS' \right)^{2/b} + c_1 \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{2/b},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_1(t')$  is such a number from  $\langle 0, \kappa/3 \rangle$  that

$$\int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'(\cdot, t')|^b dS' = \inf_{r \in \langle 0, \kappa/3 \rangle} \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'(\cdot, t')|^b dS'.$$

It follows from the continuity of  $\mathbf{v}'(\cdot, t')$  in space coordinates that  $r_1(t')$  is well defined for almost every  $t' \in (0, \infty)$ . We have from (12), (26), (29), the definition of  $\xi$  and (17)–(20) that

(30)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t'} + \phi/2 \right) d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\ & \leq \int_{t'_1/2}^{t'_1} e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\ & + \int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi'(t') e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\ & + \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{t'/2-2t'_1} \left[ k_1 (\rho + r_1(t'))^2 \int_{B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 d\mathbf{x}' \right. \\ & + k_1 c_1 (\rho + r_1(t')) \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b dS' \right)^{2/b} \\ & + c_1 \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{2/b} \left. \right] dt' \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^\infty(t_0-\sigma_0, t_0, L^2(\Omega))}^2}{\sqrt{\sigma_0}} \\ & \times [-\ln(t_0 - t)]_{t=t_0-\sigma_0}^{t_0-\sigma_0} e^{-t'_1/2} e^{-3t'_1/2} \\ & + \int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi'(t') e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\ & + k_1 (\rho + \kappa)^2 \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{t'/2-2t'_1} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa/3}(0)} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 d\mathbf{x}' dt' + c_2 e^{-2t'_1} \\ & \times \left[ \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1(t')}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b dS' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{2/a} \right. \\ & + \left. \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{2/a} \right] \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{\frac{at'}{2(a-2)}} dt' \right)^{(a-2)/a} \\ & \leq \int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi'(t') e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' dt' \end{aligned}$$

$$+ k_1(\rho + \kappa)^2 \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{t'/2-2t'_1} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa/3}(0)} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' + c_3 e^{-t'_1} c_1(t'_1),$$

where

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} c_1(t'_1) &= \frac{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^\infty(t_0-\sigma_0, t_0, L^2(\Omega))}}{\sqrt{\sigma_0}} e^{-t'_1/2} \\ &+ \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1}(t')(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, dS' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{2/a} \\ &+ \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{2/a}. \end{aligned}$$

We now show that

$$(32) \quad \lim_{t'_1 \rightarrow \infty} c_1(t'_1) = 0.$$

Obviously,  $\lim_{t'_1 \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{2/a} = 0$ , as follows from (12) and (22). Check on the second term of  $c_1(t'_1)$ :

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_1^\infty \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1}(t')(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, dS' \right)^{a/b} dt' \\ &= \int_1^\infty \left( \frac{3}{\kappa} \int_0^{\kappa/3} \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r_1}(t')(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, dS' \right) dr \right)^{a/b} dt' \\ &\leq \int_1^\infty \left( \frac{3}{\kappa} \int_0^{\kappa/3} \left( \int_{\partial B_{\rho+r}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, dS' \right) dr \right)^{a/b} dt' \\ &\leq \int_1^\infty \left( \frac{3}{\kappa} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa/3} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \\ &\leq \left( \frac{3}{\kappa} \right)^{a/b} \|\mathbf{v}'\|_{L^{a,b}(U_r^\rho)}^a < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the second term of  $c_1(t'_1)$  goes to zero if  $t'_1$  goes to infinity and (32) is proved.

Further, we can use integration by parts and get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi'(t') e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ &= \left[ \xi(t') e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}' \right]_{t'=t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \\ &- \int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi(t') \frac{d}{dt'} \left( e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}' \right) dt' \end{aligned}$$



for almost every  $t'_2 \in (2t'_1, \infty)$ . Therefore,

$$(34) \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{t'_2}^{t'_2+\epsilon} \xi'(t') e^{-\frac{t'}{2}} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ = -e^{-\frac{t'_2}{2}} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t'_2)|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}'.$$

If we suppose that  $\rho$  is such a small number that  $k_1(\rho + \kappa)^2 \leq \nu$ , we get from (30) and (34) that

$$(35) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t'} + \phi/2 \right) \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ \leq -e^{t'_2/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t'_2)|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) \, d\mathbf{x}' \\ + \nu \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{t'/2-2t'_1} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa/3}(0)} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' + c_3 c_1(t'_1) e^{-t'_1},$$

which holds for every  $t'_2 > 2t'_1$  since  $\mathbf{v}'$  is weakly continuous as a function from  $(2t'_1, \infty)$  into  $L^2(B_{\rho+\kappa}(0))$ .

It follows from the definition of  $\phi$  that  $\mathbf{x}' \cdot \nabla' \phi \leq 0$ . Therefore

$$(36) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\mathbf{x}' \cdot \nabla' \phi) |\mathbf{v}'|^2 / 2 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \leq 0.$$

Further, using (12), the Hölder inequality gives

$$(37) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla' \phi \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \right| \\ \leq c_4 \int_{t'_1/2-e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{t'_1/2} e^{-(3t'_1+t')/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^3 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ + c_4 \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{(t'-4t'_1)/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^3 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ + c_4 \int_{2t'_1}^\infty e^{-t'/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^3 \, d\mathbf{x}' \, dt' \\ \leq c_5 e^{-3t'_1/2} e^{-t'_1/4} \left( \int_{t'_1/2-e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{t'_1/2} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a} \\ + c_6 e^{-2t'_1} e^{t'_1} \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a} \\ + c_7 e^{-t'_1} \left( \int_{2t'_1}^\infty \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho+\kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b \, d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a} \leq c_8 c_2(t'_1) e^{-t'_1},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_2(t'_1) &= e^{-3t'_1/4} \left( \int_{t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{t'_1/2} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a} \\
 (38) \quad &+ \left( \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a} \\
 &+ \left( \int_{2t'_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{3/a}
 \end{aligned}$$

and by (12) and (22)  $\lim_{t'_1 \rightarrow \infty} c_2(t'_1) = 0$ . Analogously, using (12) and (13)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (39) \quad &\left| \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} 2p'\mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla' \phi d\mathbf{x}' dt' \right| \\
 &\leq c_4 \int_{t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{t'_1/2} e^{-(3t'_1+t')/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |p'\mathbf{v}'| d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\
 &+ c_4 \int_{t'_1/2}^{2t'_1} e^{(t'-4t'_1)/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |p'\mathbf{v}'| d\mathbf{x}' dt' \\
 &+ c_4 \int_{2t'_1}^{\infty} e^{-t'/2} \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |p'\mathbf{v}'| d\mathbf{x}' dt' \leq c_9 c_3(t'_1) e^{-t'_1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (40) \quad c_3(t'_1) &= c_{10} e^{-t'_1} \left( \int_{t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |p'|^\beta d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\alpha/\beta} dt' \right)^{1/\alpha} \\
 &\times \left( \int_{t'_1/2 - e^{-3t'_1/2}}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\rho \leq |\mathbf{x}'| \leq \rho + \kappa} |\mathbf{v}'|^b d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{a/b} dt' \right)^{1/a}
 \end{aligned}$$

and by (12), (13) and (22)  $\lim_{t'_1 \rightarrow \infty} c_3(t'_1) \rightarrow 0$ . To estimate the term

$$(41) \quad \nu \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{v}'|^2 \Delta' \phi d\mathbf{x}' dt'$$

we proceed in the same way as above and get a similar estimate as in (37). It can be concluded from (21) and (35)–(41) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (42) \quad \nu \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'|^2 \phi d\mathbf{x}' dt' &+ e^{-t'_2/2} \int_{B_{\rho+\kappa}(0)} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t'_2)|^2 \chi(|\mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}' \\
 &\leq c_{11} c_4(t'_1) e^{-t'_1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lim_{t'_1 \rightarrow \infty} c_4(t'_1) \rightarrow 0$  and  $c_{11}$  is an absolute constant independent of  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ .

Secondly, let  $\delta \in (0, r)$  be sufficiently small and let  $\tau = 2 \ln(r/\delta)$ . Put  $t'_1 = \tau/2$ . If  $\frac{2}{a} + \frac{3}{b} > \frac{3}{2}$  and  $\bar{b} \in (2, 6)$  then by (17)–(20), (42) and by classical embedding theorems

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{t_0 - \delta^2/\rho^2}^{\infty} \left( \int_{B_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t}}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^{\bar{b}} d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\bar{a}/\bar{b}} dt \\
 &= \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(1-2/\bar{a}-3/\bar{b})/2} \left( \int_{B_{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^{\bar{b}} d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\bar{a}/\bar{b}} dt' \\
 &\leq \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(1-\frac{2}{a}-\frac{3}{b})/2} \left( \int_{B_{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\bar{a}(3/\bar{b}-1/2)/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left( \int_{B_{\rho}} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\bar{a}(3/2-3/\bar{b})/2} dt' \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( \int_{B_{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\bar{a}(3/2-3/\bar{b})/2} \right] dt' \\
 &\leq (c_4(t'_1)e^{-t'_1})^{\bar{a}(3/\bar{b}-1/2)/2} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(\frac{3}{2}-\frac{2}{a}-\frac{3}{b})/2} (e^{-t'/2} \\
 (43) \quad &\quad \times \int_{B_{\rho}} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}')^{\bar{a}(3/2-3/\bar{b})/2} dt' \\
 &\quad + \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(1-\frac{2}{a}-\frac{3}{b})/2} \left( \int_{B_{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}' \right)^{\bar{a}/2} dt' \\
 &\leq (c_4(t'_1)e^{-t'_1})^{\bar{a}(3/\bar{b}-1/2)/2} e^{\bar{a}t'_1(3/2-2/\bar{a}-3/\bar{b})} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho}} |\nabla' \mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}' dt' \right)^{(3\bar{a}\bar{b}-6\bar{a})/4\bar{b}} \\
 &\quad + \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(\frac{3}{2}-\frac{2}{a}-\frac{3}{b})/2} (e^{-t'/2} \int_{B_{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{x}', t')|^2 d\mathbf{x}')^{\bar{a}/2} dt' \\
 &\leq (c_4(t'_1)e^{-t'_1})^{\bar{a}(3/\bar{b}-1/2)/2} e^{\bar{a}t'_1(3/2-2/\bar{a}-3/\bar{b})} (c_4(t'_1)e^{-t'_1})^{(3\bar{a}\bar{b}-6\bar{a})/4\bar{b}} \\
 &\quad + (c_4(t'_1)e^{-t'_1})^{\bar{a}/2} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{\bar{a}t'(\frac{3}{2}-\frac{2}{a}-\frac{3}{b})/2} dt' \leq c_4(t'_1)^{\bar{a}/2} \delta^{\bar{a}(2/\bar{a}+3/\bar{b}-1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (44) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^{\bar{a}(2/\bar{a}+3/\bar{b}-1)}} \int_{t_0 - \delta^2/\rho^2}^{\infty} \left( \int_{B_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t}}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^{\bar{b}} d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\bar{a}/\bar{b}} dt \\
 \leq \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} c_4 \left( \ln(r/\delta) \right)^{\bar{a}/2} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We could prove in the same way that for every  $\omega \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

$$(45) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^{\bar{a}(2/\bar{a}+3/\bar{b}-1)}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\omega\kappa)^2} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\omega\kappa)\sqrt{t_0-t}}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^{\bar{b}} d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\bar{a}/\bar{b}} dt = 0.$$

If we put  $\bar{a} = \bar{b} = 3$ , (45) gives

$$(46) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{V_{\delta^{\rho+\omega\kappa}}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 d\mathbf{x} dt = 0.$$

Further,

$$(47) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{U_{\delta}^{\rho}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 d\mathbf{x} dt \\ & \leq \frac{c_{13}}{\delta^2} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/\rho^2}^{t_0} \left( \int_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t} < |\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0| < \delta} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^b d\mathbf{x} \right)^{3/b} \delta^{3(b-3)/b} dt \\ & \leq \frac{c_{14}}{\delta^2} \left( \int_{t_0-\delta^2/\rho^2}^{t_0} \left( \int_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t} < |\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0| < \delta} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^b d\mathbf{x} \right)^{a/b} dt \right)^{3/a} \delta^{3(b-3)/b+2(a-3)/a} \\ & = c_{14} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^{a,b}(U_{\delta}^{\rho})}^3 \rightarrow 0, \text{ if } \delta \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (46) and (47) that

$$(48) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{Q_{\delta}^1} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 d\mathbf{x} dt = 0.$$

Derive now that

$$(49) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{Q_{\delta}^1} |p(\mathbf{x}, t)|^{3/2} d\mathbf{x} dt = 0.$$

We present a proof which was used in [7]. Let  $\theta > 2$ . It is possible to prove that for almost every  $t \in ((t_0 - (\delta/\theta)^2), t_0)$

$$(50) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{B_{\delta/\theta}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p|^{3/2} d\mathbf{x} & \leq c_{15} \int_{B_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}|^3 d\mathbf{x} + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta^3} \int_{B_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}|^3 d\mathbf{x} \\ & \quad + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta^3} \int_{B_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p|^{3/2} d\mathbf{x}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{15}, c_{16}$  are independent of  $t$ . Integrating (50) with respect to  $t$  on  $(t_0 - (\delta/\theta)^2, t_0)$  and dividing then the inequality by  $(\delta/\theta)^2$ , we obtain

$$(51) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\theta^2}{\delta^2} \int_{Q_{\delta/\theta}^1} |p|^{3/2} d\mathbf{x} dt & \leq \left( c_{15} \theta^2 + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} \right) \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{Q_{\delta}^1} |\mathbf{v}|^3 d\mathbf{x} dt \\ & \quad + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{Q_{\delta}^1} |p|^{3/2} d\mathbf{x} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Denoting

$$h(\delta) = \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{Q_\delta^1} |p|^{3/2} \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt, \quad g(\delta) = \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{Q_\delta^1} |\mathbf{v}|^3 \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt,$$

equation (51) can be written as

$$(52) \quad h(\delta/\theta) \leq \left( c_{15} \theta^2 + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} \right) g(\delta) + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} h(\delta).$$

If we further denote

$$\lambda = 1/\delta, \quad \tilde{h}(\lambda) = h(1/\lambda), \quad \tilde{g}(\lambda) = g(1/\lambda),$$

we get from (52) that

$$(53) \quad \tilde{h}(\theta\lambda) \leq \left( c_{15} \theta^2 + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} \right) \tilde{g}(\lambda) + \frac{c_{16}}{\theta} \tilde{h}(\lambda).$$

To prove (49), it suffices to show that  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{h}(\lambda) = 0$ . Verify first the boundedness of  $\tilde{h}$ . Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $c_{16} > 1$ . If we put  $\tilde{h}_1(\lambda) = \max\{\tilde{h}(\lambda); \eta\}$ , where  $\eta$  is a fixed positive number and  $\theta = 2c_{16}$  then

$$(54) \quad \tilde{h}(\theta\lambda) \leq \left[ \left( c_{13} \theta^2 + 1/2 \right) \frac{\tilde{g}(\lambda)}{\eta} + 1/2 \right] \tilde{h}_1(\lambda).$$

Since  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{g}(\lambda) = 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_0$  such that  $\left[ (c_{13} \theta^2 + 1/2) \tilde{g}(\lambda) / \eta + 1/2 \right] \leq 1$ ,  $\forall \lambda \geq \lambda_0$ , i.e.

$$(55) \quad \tilde{h}(\theta\lambda) \leq \tilde{h}_1(\lambda), \quad \forall \lambda \geq \lambda_0.$$

Further, there exists  $L \geq \eta$  such that  $\tilde{h}_1(\lambda) \leq L$  on the interval  $\langle \lambda_0, 2c_{16}\lambda_0 \rangle$ , as follows from the fact that  $p \in L^{3/2}((\delta^*, T) \times \Omega)$  for any positive  $\delta^*$  (see [3]). Thus, as a result of (55),  $\tilde{h}$  is bounded by  $L$  on  $\langle 2c_{16}\lambda_0, 4c_{16}^2\lambda_0 \rangle$  and therefore by the definition also  $\tilde{h}_1$  is bounded by  $L$  on  $\langle 2c_{16}\lambda_0, 4c_{16}^2\lambda_0 \rangle$ . Proceeding further in this way we get that  $\tilde{h}(\lambda) \leq L, \forall \lambda \geq \lambda_0$ .

If we return to (53) and use the boundedness of  $\tilde{h}$  we get that  $\limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{h}(\theta\lambda) \leq c_{16}L/\theta$ . Since  $\theta$  can be chosen arbitrarily large, we have  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{h}(\lambda) = 0$  and (49) follows immediately.

To finish the proof of Theorem 5 we use the result proved by F. Lin in [4]: There exists a positive constant  $\epsilon_3$  such that if

$$(56) \quad \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{Q_\delta^1} (|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 + |p(\mathbf{x}, t)|^{3/2}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \leq \epsilon_3$$

for some  $\delta > 0$  then  $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(Q_{\delta/2}^1)$ . The first part of Theorem 5 thus follows from (48), (49) and (56). The regularity of  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  can be now proved exactly in the same way as is done in detail at the end of the proof of Theorem 6. The proof of Theorem 5 is complete.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 6: We proceed in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 5 until the relation (46). Unfortunately, (47) was proved under the assumption that  $a \geq 3$ , which is not the case now (we have only  $\tilde{a} \geq 2$ ). Therefore, we are not able to obtain equation (48) which is key for the use of the Lin’s result mentioned earlier. Thus, we proceed in the following way. It holds for almost every  $t \in (t_0 - r^2/(\rho + \kappa/2)^2, t_0)$  and every  $\mathbf{x} \in B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  that

$$(57) \quad p(\mathbf{x}, t) = p^I(\mathbf{x}, t) + p^{II}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

where

$$(58) \quad |p^{II}(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq \frac{c}{\kappa^3(t_0 - t)^{3/2}} \int_{d(t)} (|\mathbf{v}|^2 + |p|) \, d\mathbf{y},$$

$d(t) = B_{(\rho+\kappa)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0) \setminus B_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  and

$$(59) \quad \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p^I|^q \, d\mathbf{x} \leq c(q) \int_{B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}|^{2q} \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad q > 1.$$

For more detailed description of these facts see [1, p. 782] and [7, Lemma 1]. Prove now that

$$(60) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0_+} \left( \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{V_\delta^{\rho+\kappa/2}} (|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 + |\mathbf{v}||p|) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0 - \delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} \, dt \right) = 0.$$

We begin with the term

$$(61) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0_+} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{V_\delta^{\rho+\kappa/2}} |\mathbf{v}||p| \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt = 0.$$

Thus, we have using (57), (58) and (59) and taking  $q \in (3, 18/5)$ ,  $\bar{a} > \alpha/(\alpha - 1)$  and  $\bar{b} > \beta/(\beta - 1)$

$$(62) \quad \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{V_\delta^{\rho+\kappa/2}} |\mathbf{v}||p| \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \leq \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{V_\delta^{\rho+\kappa/2}} |\mathbf{v}|(|p^{II}| + |p^I|) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} \left( \frac{c}{\kappa^3(t_0-t)^{3/2}} \int_{d(t)} (|\mathbf{v}|^2 + |p|) \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \\
 &\times \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} \right) dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} |\mathbf{v}|_q \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p^I|^{q/2} \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{2/q} (t_0-t)^{3(q-3)/2q} \, dt \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} c(t_0-t)^{3[(\beta-1)/\beta+(\bar{b}-1)/\bar{b}-1]/2} \\
 &\times |p|_{\beta,d(t)} |\mathbf{v}|_{\bar{b},B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \, dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} c(t_0-t)^{3[(b-2)/b+(\bar{b}-1)/\bar{b}-1]/2} \\
 &\times |\mathbf{v}|_{b,d(t)}^2 |\mathbf{v}|_{\bar{b},B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \, dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^2} \left( \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} |\mathbf{v}|_{q,B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)}^3 \, dt \right) \delta^{3(q-3)/q} \\
 &\leq \left( |p|_{L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_{\delta(\rho+\kappa)/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{\rho+\kappa})} + |\mathbf{v}|_{L^{\alpha,b}(V_{\delta(\rho+\kappa)/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{\rho+\kappa})} \right) \\
 &\times \left( \frac{1}{\delta^{\bar{a}(2/\bar{a}+3/\bar{b}-1)}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}|^{\bar{b}} \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\bar{a}/\bar{b}} dt \right)^{1/\bar{a}} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{3(3/q-1/3)}} \left( \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} |\mathbf{v}|_{q,B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)}^3 \, dt \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

(61) now follows from (45), where we use firstly the pair  $(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  and then  $(3, q)$ . Show now that

$$(63) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} dt = 0.$$

It follows again from (57), (58) and (59) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} dt \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p^I| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} \\
 &+ \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p^{II}| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} \left( \int_{d(t)} (|\mathbf{v}|^2 + |p|) \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} \left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p|^I |q|^{2/q} \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{2/q} \\
 &\times (t_0 - t)^{3(q/2-1)/q} 5^{5/4} dt \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} ((t_0 - t)^{15(\beta-1)/8\beta} |p|_{\beta,d(t)}^{5/4} \\
 &+ (t_0 - t)^{15(b-2)/8b} |\mathbf{v}|_{b,d(t)}^{5/2}) dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} (t_0 - t)^{15(q/2-1)/4q} |\mathbf{v}|_{q,B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)}^{5/2} dt \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} |p|_{L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_{\delta(\rho+\kappa)/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{\rho+\kappa})}^{5/4} \left( \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} \right. \\
 &\times (t_0 - t)^{15\alpha(\beta-1)/2\beta(4\alpha-5)} dt \Big)^{(4\alpha-5)/4\alpha} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} |\mathbf{v}|_{L^{a,b}(V_{\delta(\rho+\kappa)/(\rho+\kappa/2)}^{\rho+\kappa})}^{5/2} \\
 &\times \left( \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} (t_0 - t)^{30a(b-2)/8b(2a-5)} dt \right)^{(2a-5)/2a} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{(15/q-1)/2}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} |\mathbf{v}|_{q,B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)}^{5/2} dt \\
 &= |p|_{L^{\alpha,\beta}(V_{\frac{\delta(\rho+\kappa)}{\rho+\kappa/2}}^{\rho+\kappa})}^{5/4} + |\mathbf{v}|_{L^{a,b}(V_{\frac{\delta(\rho+\kappa)}{\rho+\kappa/2}}^{\rho+\kappa})}^{5/2} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\delta^{(15/q-1)/2}} \int_{t_0-\delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}^{t_0} |\mathbf{v}|_{q,B_{(\rho+3\kappa/4)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)}^{5/2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

and (63) follows from (15), (16) and (45). In the previous paragraph we used the assumption that  $\alpha \geq 5/4$ . (60) now follows now from (46), (61) and (63).

Due to (60) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (64) \quad &\frac{1}{\delta^2[1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2]} \int \int_{V_{\frac{\delta\sqrt{1+(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}}{\delta\sqrt{1+(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}}}} (|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 + |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)||p(\mathbf{x}, t)|) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{(\delta\sqrt{[1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2]})^{13/4}} \int_{t_0-\frac{\delta^2[1+(\rho+\kappa/2)^2]}{(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}}^{t_0} \\
 &\left( \int_{B_{(\rho+\kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0-t}}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p(\mathbf{x}, t)| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} dt
 \end{aligned}$$



$$= c(\delta\sqrt{1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2}) \longrightarrow 0, \text{ if } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Since

$$Q_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0 - \delta^2/(\rho + \kappa/2)^2) \subset V_{\frac{\rho+\kappa/2}{\delta\sqrt{1+(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}}},$$

it follows from (64) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\delta^2} \int \int_{Q_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0 - \delta^2/(\rho+\kappa/2)^2)} (|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 + |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)||p(\mathbf{x}, t)|) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \\ (65) \quad & + \frac{1}{\delta^{13/4}} \int_{t_0 - \frac{\delta^2}{(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}}^{t_0 - \frac{\delta^2[1+(\rho+\kappa/2)^2]}{(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}} \left( \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0)} |p(\mathbf{x}, t)| \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{5/4} \, dt \\ & \leq [1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2]^{13/8} c(\delta\sqrt{1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Choosing now  $\delta$  so small that the right hand side of (65) is smaller than  $\epsilon_1$  from Lemma 1, it follows from Lemma 1 that

$$(66) \quad |\mathbf{v}| \leq C_0\{[1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2]^{13/8} c(\delta\sqrt{1 + (\rho + \kappa/2)^2})\}^{2/3}/\delta = \tilde{c}(\delta)/\delta,$$

almost everywhere on  $Q_{\delta\rho/(\rho+\kappa/2)}(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0 - \delta^2/(\rho + \kappa/2)^2)$  with  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} \tilde{c}(\delta) = 0$ . Further, we use the fact that  $\mathbf{v}(\cdot, t)$  is a smooth function for almost every  $t$  and obtain that for every such  $t = t_0 - \frac{\delta^2}{(\rho+\kappa/2)^2}$  we have  $|\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t_0 - \delta^2/(\rho + \kappa/2)^2)| \leq \tilde{c}(\delta)/\delta$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \in B_{\rho\delta/(\rho+\kappa/2)}(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . As a result of this we get that for  $r > 0$  sufficiently small

$$(67) \quad |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq \tilde{c}((\rho + \kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0 - t})/((\rho + \kappa/2)\sqrt{t_0 - t}) = c^*(\sqrt{t_0 - t})/\sqrt{t_0 - t},$$

almost everywhere in  $V_r^\rho$  and  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0+} c^*(s) = 0$ . Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_{B_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t}}} |\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^3 \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/3} \\ & \leq \left( \int_{B_{\rho\sqrt{t_0-t}}} |c^*(\sqrt{t_0 - t})/\sqrt{t_0 - t}|^3 \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/3} = \rho c^*(\sqrt{t_0 - t}), \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$(68) \quad \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^\infty,3(V_r^\rho)} \leq \rho c^*(r/\rho).$$

for every  $r > 0$  sufficiently small.

It follows from (14), (15) and (68) that if  $\delta$  is sufficiently small then  $\mathbf{v}$  on  $Q_\delta^1$  can be written as the sum

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{v}^1 + \mathbf{v}^2 + \mathbf{v}^3, \\ \mathbf{v}^1 &\in L^{\infty,3}(Q_\delta^1), \\ (69) \quad \|\mathbf{v}^1\|_{L^{\infty,3}(Q_\delta^1)} &\text{ can be made arbitrarily small by making} \\ &\delta \text{ sufficiently small,} \end{aligned}$$

$$(70) \quad \mathbf{v}^2 \in L^{a,b}(Q_\delta^1), \quad 2/a + 3/b \leq 1, \quad a \geq 3, \quad b > 3,$$

$$(71) \quad \mathbf{v}^3 \in L^{\tilde{a},\tilde{b}}(Q_\delta^1), \quad 2/\tilde{a} + 3/\tilde{b} \leq 1, \quad \tilde{a} \geq 2, \quad \tilde{b} > 3.$$

We use the fact that  $(\mathbf{v}, p)$  is a suitable weak solution to (1)–(4). Then as was explained in detail in [5] there exist  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  such that  $\delta/2 < \delta_1 < \delta_2 < \delta$  and the set  $(\overline{B}_{\delta_2}(\mathbf{x}_0) \setminus B_{\delta_1}(\mathbf{x}_0)) \times (0, T)$  does not contain any singular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ . It follows from [2] that if  $D = (B_{\delta_2}(\mathbf{x}_0) \setminus \overline{B}_{\delta_1}(\mathbf{x}_0))$  then

$$(72) \quad D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma \mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2, L^\infty(D)),$$

$$(73) \quad D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}, D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma p \in L^\alpha(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2, L^\infty(D)),$$

for every multi-index  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3)$ ,  $D_{\mathbf{x}}^\gamma = \frac{\partial^{|\gamma|}}{\partial x_1^{\gamma_1} \dots \partial x_3^{\gamma_3}}$ ,  $|\gamma| = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3$  and  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ . Moreover, if  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\alpha$  can be taken from the interval  $(1, \infty)$ . Let  $\delta_3 \in (\delta_1, \delta_2)$ . Multiplying (1) by  $-\Delta \mathbf{v}$  and integrating this equation over  $B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  we obtain for almost every  $t \in (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0)$

$$(74) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \nu |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 \leq \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \left( \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \right| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| + |p| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \right) \, dS.$$

Obviously,

$$(75) \quad \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^i| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x}$$

and we will now estimate the terms on the right hand side of (75).

$$(76) \quad \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^2| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^2|^2 |\nabla \mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} \left( \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^2|^b \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{2/b} \left( \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|^{\frac{2b}{b-2}} \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{b-2}{b}} \\
 &\leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} |\mathbf{v}^2|_b^2 |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^{\frac{2(b-3)}{b}} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_6^{\frac{6}{b}} \\
 &\leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} |\mathbf{v}^2|_b^2 |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^{\frac{2(b-3)}{b}} c_{17} (|\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2 + c_{18})^{\frac{6}{b}} \\
 &\leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{19} c(\nu) |\mathbf{v}^2|_b^{\frac{2b}{b-3}} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{\nu}{16} (|\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2 + c_{18})^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\nu}{4} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{19} c(\nu) |\mathbf{v}^2|_b^a |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{20}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Analogically,

$$(77) \quad \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^3| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{\nu}{4} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{19} c(\nu) |\mathbf{v}^3|_b^{\frac{a}{b}} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{20}.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (78) \quad &\int_{B_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\mathbf{v}^1| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| |\Delta \mathbf{v}| \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + \frac{8}{\nu} |\mathbf{v}^1|_3^2 |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_6^2 \leq \frac{\nu}{8} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 \\
 &+ \frac{8}{\nu} |\mathbf{v}^1|_3^2 c_{17} (|\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2 + c_{18})^2 \leq \frac{\nu}{4} |\Delta \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + c_{21}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from (69) for  $\delta$  sufficiently small and the fact that  $c_{17}$  does not depend on  $\delta$ . Denote  $h_1(t) = 2c_{19}c(\nu)(|\mathbf{v}^2(t)|_b^a + |\mathbf{v}^3(t)|_b^{\frac{a}{b}})$  and  $h_2(t) = 2 \int_{\partial B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} (|\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}| |\nabla \mathbf{v}| + |p| |\Delta \mathbf{v}|) \, dS + 2c_{20} + 2c_{21}$ . Using (74)–(78) we have for almost every  $t \in (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0)$

$$(79) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 \leq h_1(t) |\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 + h_2(t),$$

from which we get

$$(80) \quad \frac{d}{dt} (|\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 h_3(t)) \leq h_2(t) h_3(t),$$

where we denoted  $h_3(t) = e^{-\int_{t_0-\delta^2}^t h_1(s) \, ds}$ . Then for every  $t_1 \in (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (81) \quad &|\nabla \mathbf{v}(t_1)|_2^2 h_3(t_1) - |\nabla \mathbf{v}(t_0 - \delta^2)|_2^2 h_3(t_0 - \delta^2) \\
 &= \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} (|\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t_1)|^2 h_3(t_1) - |\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t_0 - \delta^2)|^2 h_3(t_0 - \delta^2)) \, d\mathbf{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (|\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 h_3(t)) \, dt \, d\mathbf{x} \\
 &= \int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (|\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 h_3(t)) \, d\mathbf{x} \, dt \\
 &= \int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)} |\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 h_3(t) \, d\mathbf{x} \right) dt = \int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} \frac{d}{dt} (|\nabla \mathbf{v}|_2^2 h_3(t)) \, dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

We used the fact that for every  $\mathbf{x} \in B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  the function  $t \mapsto D_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is absolutely continuous (see [2]), then (72) and (73) and Fubini theorem. (80) can now be integrated over  $(t_0 - \delta^2, t_1)$  and using (81) we get

$$(82) \quad |\nabla \mathbf{v}(t_1)|_2^2 \leq |\nabla \mathbf{v}(t_0 - \delta^2)|_2^2 e^{\int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} h_1(s) \, ds} + c \int_{t_0-\delta^2}^{t_1} h_2(t) e^{\int_t^{t_1} h_1(s) \, ds} \, dt$$

for every  $t_1 \in (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0)$ . Since  $h_1, h_2 \in L^1(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0)$ , (82) gives that

$$(83) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0, W^{1,2}(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0))).$$

The proof of Theorem 6 is almost complete now. It suffices to prove that if  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3$  then  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  is a regular point of  $\mathbf{v}$ . Let  $\delta_4 \in (\delta_1, \delta_3)$ . Let  $\eta$  be an infinitely differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with its values in  $(0, 1)$ ,  $\eta \equiv 1$  on  $B_{\delta_1}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  and  $\eta \equiv 0$  outside  $B_{\delta_4}(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . Set  $\mathbf{V}(\cdot, t) = R(\nabla \eta \cdot \mathbf{v}(\cdot, t))$  for every  $t \in (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2)$ , where  $R$  is the operator from Lemma 2. Put  $\mathbf{w} = \eta \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V}$ . It follows from (83), reflexivity of  $W^{1,2}(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0))$  and the weak continuity of  $\mathbf{w}$  as a function from  $(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2)$  to  $L^2(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0))$  that  $\mathbf{w}(\cdot, t_0) \in W_0^{1,2}(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0))$  and  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}(\cdot, t_0) = 0$  in  $B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . Further,  $\mathbf{w}$  is a weak solution to the following system in  $B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0) \times (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (84) \quad &\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w} + \nabla(\eta p) = \mathbf{g}, \\
 &\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0, \\
 &\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0) \times (t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2), \\
 &\mathbf{w}|_{t=t_0} = \mathbf{w}(\cdot, t_0),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (85) \quad &\mathbf{g} = -\nu \Delta \eta \mathbf{v} - 2\nu \nabla \eta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \eta \mathbf{v} - p \nabla \eta \\
 &- \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \nu \Delta \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V} + [(\eta - 1)\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V}] \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the definition of  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ , Lemma 2 and (72) and (73) that

$$(86) \quad \mathbf{g} \in L^\infty(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \delta^2, L^\infty(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0)))$$

and due to [9, Chapter III., Theorem 3.11] there exists  $\zeta_1 \in (0, \delta^2)$  such that

$$(87) \quad \mathbf{w} \in L^\infty(t_0, t_0 + \zeta_1, W^{1,2}(B_{\delta_3}(\mathbf{x}_0))).$$

It gives together with (83) and the definition of  $\mathbf{w}$  that

$$(88) \quad \mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(t_0 - \delta^2, t_0 + \zeta_1, W^{1,2}(B_{\delta_1}(\mathbf{x}_0))).$$

The regularity of  $(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$  now follows from the standard Prodi-Serrin's conditions. The proof of Theorem 6 is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** *Theorem 5 can also be proved if we consider  $b = 3$  or  $\beta = 3/2$  in (12) and (13) and the appropriate norms are sufficiently small. Similarly, Theorem 6 can also be proved if  $\bar{b} = 3$  or  $b = 3$  or  $\beta = 3/2$  in (14)–(16) and the appropriate norms are sufficiently small.*

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