

THE MAGNETO–HYDRODYNAMIC EQUATIONS: LOCAL  
THEORY AND BLOW-UP OF SOLUTIONS

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ABSTRACT. This work establishes local existence and uniqueness as well as blow-up criteria for solutions  $(u, b)(x, t)$  of the Magneto–Hydrodynamic equations in Sobolev–Gevrey spaces  $\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . More precisely, we prove that there is a time  $T > 0$  such that  $(u, b) \in C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  for  $a > 0, \sigma \geq 1$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < s < \frac{3}{2}$ . If the maximal time interval of existence is finite,  $0 \leq t < T^*$ , then the blow-up inequality

$$\frac{C_1 \exp\{C_2(T^* - t)^{-\frac{1}{3\sigma}}\}}{(T^* - t)^q} \leq \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \quad \text{with } q = \frac{2(s\sigma + \sigma_0) + 1}{6\sigma}$$

holds for  $0 \leq t < T^*, \frac{1}{2} < s < \frac{3}{2}, a > 0, \sigma > 1$  ( $2\sigma_0$  is the integer part of  $2\sigma$ ).

1. **Introduction.** Consider the unforced Magneto–Hydrodynamic (MHD) equations for incompressible flows on all space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\begin{cases} u_t + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2) = \mu \Delta u + b \cdot \nabla b, & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad t \geq 0, \\ b_t + u \cdot \nabla b = \nu \Delta b + b \cdot \nabla u, & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad t \geq 0, \\ \operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{div} b = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad b(x, 0) = b_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Here  $u(x, t) = (u_1(x, t), u_2(x, t), u_3(x, t)) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  denotes the incompressible velocity field,  $b(x, t) = (b_1(x, t), b_2(x, t), b_3(x, t)) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  the magnetic field and  $p(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}$  the hydrostatic pressure. The positive constants  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are associated with specific properties of the fluid: The constant  $\mu$  is the kinematic viscosity and  $\nu^{-1}$  is the magnetic Reynolds number. The initial data for the velocity and magnetic fields, given by  $u_0$  and  $b_0$  in (1), are assumed to be divergence free, i.e.,  $\operatorname{div} u_0 = \operatorname{div} b_0 = 0$ .

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Note that the MHD system reduces to the classical incompressible Navier–Stokes system if  $b = 0$ .

We shall study the above system using the Sobolev–Gevrey spaces  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . (See the next section for notations.) More precisely, we shall obtain solutions with  $(u, b) \in C([0, T^*]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  where  $\frac{1}{2} < s < \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma \geq 1$ . Here  $[0, T^*)$  denotes the maximal interval of existence of a classical solution. Even in the Navier–Stokes case it is not known if  $T^* = \infty$  always holds. In this paper we shall derive blow–up rates for the solution if  $T^*$  is finite.

In a recent paper, J. Benameur and L. Jlali [4] proved blow–up criteria for the Navier–Stokes equations in Sobolev–Gevrey spaces. Our current paper extends the results of [4] from the Navier–Stokes to the MHD system. Also, we prove the blow–up inequality for  $\frac{1}{2} < s < \frac{3}{2}$  whereas only the value  $s = 1$  was considered in [4]. For further blow–up results for the Navier–Stokes and MHD systems we refer to [1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15] and references therein.

Our main results are stated in following two theorems. The first one guarantees the existence of a finite time  $T > 0$  and a unique solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma \geq 1$ , for the MHD equations (1).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Assume that  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma \geq 1$  and  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . Let  $(u_0, b_0) \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\operatorname{div} u_0 = \operatorname{div} b_0 = 0$ . Then, there exist an instant  $T = T_{s,\mu,\nu,u_0,b_0} > 0$  and a unique solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  for the MHD equations (1).*

**Remark 1.** It is important to point out that the existence result obtained for the space  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  by J. Benameur and L. Jlali [4] is a particular case of Theorem 1.1. In fact, it is enough to take  $s = 1$  and  $b = 0$  in this last statement. Furthermore, Theorem 1.1 generalizes [4] from the Navier–Stokes equations to MHD system (1).

By assuming that  $[0, T^*)$  is the maximal interval of existence for the solution  $(u, b)(x, t)$  obtained in Theorem 1.1 with  $T^*$  finite, let us present our blow–up criteria for the solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T^*]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$  of the MHD equations (1).

**Theorem 1.2.** *Assume that  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma > 1$  and  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . Let  $(u_0, b_0) \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\operatorname{div} u_0 = \operatorname{div} b_0 = 0$ . Assume that  $(u, b) \in C([0, T^*]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  is the solution for the MHD equations (1) in the maximal time interval  $0 \leq t < T^*$ . If  $T^* < \infty$ , then the following holds:*

- i):  $\limsup_{t \nearrow T^*} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}}, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}} = \infty$ ;
- ii):  $\int_t^{T^*} \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau = \infty$ ;
- iii):  $\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \geq \frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{T^* - t}}$ ;
- iv):  $\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{(\sqrt{\sigma})^n}, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}} \geq \frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{C_1\sqrt{T^* - t}}$ ;
- v):  $\frac{a^{\sigma_0 + \frac{1}{2}} C_2 \exp\{aC_3(T^* - t)^{-\frac{1}{3\sigma}}\}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2(s\sigma + \sigma_0) + 1}{6\sigma}}} \leq \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}$ , if  $(u_0, b_0) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\theta = \min\{\mu, \nu\}$ ,

$$C_1 = C_{a,\sigma,s,n} := \left\{ 4\pi\sigma \left[ 2 \frac{a}{(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{-\sigma(3-2s)} \Gamma(\sigma(3-2s)) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$C_2 = C_{\mu,\nu,s,\sigma,u_0,b_0}$ ,  $C_3 = C_{\mu,\nu,\sigma,s,u_0,b_0}$  and  $2\sigma_0$  is the integer part of  $2\sigma$ .

**Remark 2.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.2, let us list implications of the results.

1. First of all, let us emphasize that the blow-up criteria obtained by J. Be-  
nameur and L. Jlali [4] for the space  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  are particular cases of Theo-  
rem 1.2. In fact, it is enough to assume  $s = 1$  and  $b = 0$  in this last result.  
Moreover, we have extended all the information stated in [4] from the classical  
Navier-Stokes equations to MHD system (1).
2. Notice that the item **iii)** of Theorem 1.2 shows a non trivial inequality; since,  
 $\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}$  is finite for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma >$   
1. It can be concluded due to the estimate (7) below and the continuous  
embedding  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3) \hookrightarrow \dot{H}_{\frac{a}{(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}}, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  ( $s \geq 0$ ).
3. By applying Dominated Convergence Theorem in Theorem 1.2 **iii)**, one ob-  
tains:

$$\frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{T^* - t}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma(\sqrt{\sigma})^{(n-1)}}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \quad (2)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . Moreover, if  $(u_0, b_0) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then  $\|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}$  is  
finite for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . This follows from Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, and (46)  
below.

4. Observe also that Theorem 1.2 **v)**, by assuming  $s = 1$  and  $b = 0$ , presents the  
same lower bound as the one determined in [4].
5. It is easy to check that Theorem 1.2 **v)** implies

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \geq \frac{a^{\sigma_0 + \frac{1}{2}} C_2}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2(s\sigma + \sigma_0) + 1}{6\sigma}}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T^*),$$

where  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ .

Section 2 describes notations and definitions and presents some important lem-  
mas. Section 3 contains the proof of Theorem 1.1; Section 4 the proof of Theorem  
1.2.

**2. Preludes.** This section presents notations and definitions as well as lemmas  
that will be needed for the proofs of the main theorem.

### 2.1. Notations and definitions.

1. The vector fields are denoted by

$$f = f(t) = f(x, t) = (f_1(x, t), f_2(x, t), \dots, f_n(x, t)),$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $t \in [0, T^*)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2. The gradient field is defined by  $\nabla f = (\nabla f_1, \nabla f_2, \dots, \nabla f_n)$  ( $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$ ),  
 $\nabla f_j = (D_1 f_j, D_2 f_j, D_3 f_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), with  $D_i = \partial/\partial x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ).
3. The Laplacian  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  is established by  $\Delta f = (\Delta f_1, \Delta f_2, \dots, \Delta f_n)$ ,  
where  $\Delta f_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 D_i^2 f_j$ .
4. The standard divergence is given by  $\operatorname{div} f = \sum_{i=1}^3 D_i f_i$  for  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ .
5. In the MHD equations (1), the notation  $f \cdot \nabla g$  means  $\sum_{i=1}^3 f_i D_i g$  where  
 $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$  and  $g = (g_1, g_2, g_3)$ .

6. Define the Fourier transform of  $f$  by

$$\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) = \widehat{f}(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

where  $\xi \cdot x := \sum_{j=1}^3 \xi_j x_j$ , with  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and its inverse by

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(g)(x) := (2\pi)^{-3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{i\xi \cdot x} g(\xi) d\xi, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

7.  $L^p(X)$  denotes the Lebesgue space ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ). Here the  $L^p$ -norm of  $f$  is given by

$$\|f\|_{L^p(X)} := \left( \int_X |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \forall 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad \|f\|_{L^\infty(X)} := \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in X} \{|f(x)|\}.$$

8. Assuming that  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space and  $T > 0$ , the space  $L^\infty([0, T]; X)$  contains all measurable functions  $f : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  for which the following norm is finite:

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; X)} := \operatorname{esssup}_{t \in [0, T]} \{\|f(t)\|\}.$$

9.  $\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  denotes the homogeneous Sobolev space

$$\left\{ f \in S'(\mathbb{R}^3) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty \right\},$$

where  $S'(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is the space of tempered distributions. The  $\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi,$$

where  $|x|^2 := |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2$ , with  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

10. The non-homogeneous Sobolev space  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is

$$\left\{ f \in S'(\mathbb{R}^3) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (1 + |\xi|^2)^s |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty \right\}.$$

The corresponding  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -norm is

$$\|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (1 + |\xi|^2)^s |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

11. Let  $a > 0, \sigma \geq 1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . The Sobolev-Gevrey space

$$\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3) := \left\{ f \in S'(\mathbb{R}^3) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty \right\},$$

is endowed with the  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Moreover, the  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -inner product is given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}(\xi) \cdot \widehat{g}(\xi) d\xi,$$

where  $x \cdot y := x_1 \bar{y}_1 + x_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n$ , with  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

12. The tensor product and the usual convolution, respectively, are given by

$$f \otimes g := (g_1 f, g_2 f, g_3 f),$$

where  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\varphi * \psi(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \varphi(x-y)\psi(y) dy,$$

where  $\varphi, \psi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

13. In Section 4.4,  $T_\omega^* < \infty$  denotes the first blow-up time for the solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T_\omega^*]; \dot{H}_{\omega, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$ , where  $\omega > 0$ .
14. As usual, constants that appear in this paper may change in value from line to line without change of notation. With  $C_{q,r,s}$  we denote constants that depend on  $q, r$  and  $s$ , for example.

**2.2. Auxiliary lemmas.** We establish results that will play key roles in the proofs of our main theorems. We start with two lemmas used for the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [9]). *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space and let  $B : X \times X \rightarrow X$  denote a continuous bilinear operator, i.e, there exists a positive constant  $C_1$  such that*

$$\|B(x, y)\| \leq C_1 \|x\| \|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

*Then, for each  $x_0 \in X$  that satisfies  $4C_1 \|x_0\| < 1$ , the equation  $a = x_0 + B(a, a)$  with unknown  $a \in X$  admits a solution  $a = x \in X$ . Moreover, the solution  $a = x$  obeys the inequality  $\|x\| \leq 2\|x_0\|$  and is the only solution with  $\|x\| \leq \frac{1}{2C_1}$ .*

*Proof.* For details see [9]. □

The next result is due to J.-Y. Chemin [10].

**Lemma 2.2** (see [10]). *Let  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and assume  $s_1 < \frac{3}{2}$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > 0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C_{s_1, s_2}$  such that, for all  $f, g \in \dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap \dot{H}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1+s_2-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{s_1, s_2} \left( \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \right).$$

*If  $s_1 < \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $s_2 < \frac{3}{2}$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > 0$ , then there is a positive constant  $C_{s_1, s_2}$  such that*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1+s_2-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{s_1, s_2} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

*Proof.* For details see [10]. □

The next lemma is a result of interpolation theory that will be used in the proof of Theorem 1.2 v). It has been proved by J. Benameur [3].

**Lemma 2.3** (see [3]). *Let  $\delta > 3/2$  and  $f \in \dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then, the following inequality is valid:*

$$\|\widehat{f}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_\delta \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{1-\frac{3}{2\delta}} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{3}{2\delta}},$$

*where  $C_\delta$  is a positive constant that depends on  $\delta$  only. Moreover, for each  $\delta_0 > 3/2$  there exists a positive constant  $C_{\delta_0}$ , that depends on  $\delta_0$  only, such that  $C_\delta \leq C_{\delta_0}$  for all  $\delta \geq \delta_0$ .*

*Proof.* For details see [3]. □

The next lemma is important to prove the estimate (2).

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma \geq 1$ ,  $s \in [0, \frac{3}{2})$  and  $\delta \geq \frac{3}{2}$ . For every  $f \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have that  $f \in \dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . More precisely, one concludes that there is a positive constant  $C_{a,s,\delta,\sigma}$  such that*

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{a,s,\delta,\sigma} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

*Proof.* It is well known that  $\mathbb{R}_+ \subseteq \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} [n, n+1)$ . Notice that  $2\sigma(\delta - s) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . As a result, there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  that depends on  $\sigma, \delta$  and  $s$  such that  $n_0 \leq 2\sigma(\delta - s) < n_0 + 1$ . Consequently, one obtains  $t \in [0, 1]$  such that, by Young's inequality, we infer

$$|\xi|^{2\delta-2s} = |\xi|^{t \cdot \frac{n_0}{\sigma} + (1-t) \cdot \frac{n_0+1}{\sigma}} = |\xi|^{t \cdot \frac{n_0}{\sigma}} |\xi|^{(1-t) \cdot \frac{n_0+1}{\sigma}} \leq |\xi|^{\frac{n_0}{\sigma}} + |\xi|^{\frac{n_0+1}{\sigma}}.$$

Therefore, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2\delta} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [|\xi|^{\frac{n_0}{\sigma}} + |\xi|^{\frac{n_0+1}{\sigma}}] |\xi|^{2s} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left[ \frac{(2a+1)(2a)^{n_0}(n_0+1)!}{(2a)^{n_0+1}n_0!} |\xi|^{\frac{n_0}{\sigma}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(2a+1)(2a)^{n_0+1}(n_0+1)!}{(2a)^{n_0+1}(n_0+1)!} |\xi|^{\frac{n_0+1}{\sigma}} \right] |\xi|^{2s} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \frac{(n_0+1)!(2a+1)}{(2a)^{n_0+1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left[ \frac{(2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}})^{n_0}}{n_0!} + \frac{(2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}})^{n_0+1}}{(n_0+1)!} \right] |\xi|^{2s} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^\delta(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &\leq \frac{(n_0+1)!(2a+1)}{(2a)^{n_0+1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \frac{(n_0+1)!(2a+1)}{(2a)^{n_0+1}} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

The following result has been proved in [3].

**Lemma 2.5** (see [3]). *The following inequality holds:*

$$(a+b)^r \leq ra^r + b^r, \quad \forall 0 \leq a \leq b, r \in (0, 1].$$

*Proof.* For details see [3].  $\square$

Let us present two consequences of Lemma 2.5.

**Lemma 2.6.** *The following inequality holds:*

$$e^{a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \leq e^{a \max\{|\xi-\eta|, |\eta|\}^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} e^{\frac{a}{\sigma} \min\{|\xi-\eta|, |\eta|\}^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}, \quad \forall \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^3, a > 0, \sigma \geq 1.$$

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 2.5 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} &= a|\xi - \eta + \eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \leq a(|\xi - \eta| + |\eta|)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \\ &\leq a(\max\{|\xi - \eta|, |\eta|\} + \min\{|\xi - \eta|, |\eta|\})^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \\ &\leq a \max\{|\xi - \eta|, |\eta|\}^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} + \frac{a}{\sigma} \min\{|\xi - \eta|, |\eta|\}^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves Lemma 2.6.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $a > 0$ , and  $\sigma \geq 1$ . Then, it holds*

$$e^{a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \leq e^{a|\xi-\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} e^{a|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}. \quad (3)$$

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 2.6.  $\square$

J. Benameur and L. Jlali [4] proved a version of Chemin's Lemma (see [10]) by considering the spaces  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Let us introduce this result exactly as it was enunciated in [4].

**Lemma 2.8** (see [4]). *Let  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma \geq 1$  and  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $s_1 < \frac{3}{2}$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > 0$ . Then, there exists a positive constant  $C_{s_1, s_2}$  such that, for all  $f, g \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1+s_2-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{s_1, s_2} \left( \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \right).$$

*If  $s_1 < \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $s_2 < \frac{3}{2}$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > 0$ , then there is a positive constant  $C_{s_1, s_2}$  such that*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1+s_2-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{s_1, s_2} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

*Proof.* For details see Lemma 2.2 in [4].  $\square$

The next result presents our extension for Lemma 2.5.

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $a > 0$ ,  $\sigma > 1$ , and  $s \in [0, \frac{3}{2})$ . For every  $f, g \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have  $fg \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . More precisely, one obtains*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i): } & \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_s \left[ \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \right]; \\ \text{ii): } & \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{a,\sigma,s} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_s = 2^{\frac{2s-5}{2}} \pi^{-3}$  and  $C_{a,\sigma,s} := 2^{s-2} \pi^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\sigma\Gamma(\sigma(3-2s))}{[2(a-\frac{\sigma}{\sigma})]^\sigma(3-2s)}} < \infty$ . Here  $\Gamma$  is the standard gamma function.

*Proof.* First note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{fg}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= (2\pi)^{-6} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f} * \widehat{g}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq (2\pi)^{-6} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^s e^{a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi-\eta)| |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right)^2 d\xi \\ &\leq (2\pi)^{-6} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \int_{|\eta| \leq |\xi-\eta|} |\xi|^s e^{a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi-\eta)| |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{|\eta| > |\xi-\eta|} |\xi|^s e^{a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi-\eta)| |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right)^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that

$$|\xi|^s \leq [|\xi-\eta| + |\eta|]^s \leq [2 \max\{|\xi-\eta|, |\eta|\}]^s = 2^s [\max\{|\xi-\eta|, |\eta|\}]^s. \quad (4)$$

Apply Lemma 2.6 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &\leq \frac{2^{2s-6}}{\pi^6} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \int_{|\eta| \leq |\xi-\eta|} |\xi-\eta|^s e^{a|\xi-\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi-\eta)| e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{|\eta| > |\xi-\eta|} e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\xi-\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi-\eta)| |\eta|^s e^{a|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right)^2 d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2^{2s-5}\pi^{-6} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi - \eta|^s e^{a|\xi - \eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi - \eta)| e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right)^2 d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\xi - \eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi - \eta)| |\eta|^s e^{a|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)| d\eta \right)^2 d\xi \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In other notation,

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &\leq 2^{2s-5}\pi^{-6} \|[\cdot |^s e^{a|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}]\| * [e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}]\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^{-6} 2^{2s+1} \| [e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}] \| * [\cdot |^s e^{a|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}]\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, it follows from Young's inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &\leq 2^{2s-5}\pi^{-6} \|[\cdot |^s e^{a|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}]\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\ &\quad + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|[\cdot |^s e^{a|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}]\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Notice that

$$\|[\cdot |^s e^{a|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{f}]\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \quad (6)$$

Using this result in (5), the proof of **i**) is given.

Let us prove **ii**). Applying the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{g}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\xi)| d\xi \\ &\leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{-2s} e^{2(\frac{a}{\sigma}-a)|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{g}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &=: C_{a,\sigma,s} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where

$$C_{a,\sigma,s}^2 = \frac{4\pi\sigma\Gamma(\sigma(3-2s))}{[2(a-\frac{a}{\sigma})]^{\sigma(3-2s)}},$$

since  $\sigma > 1$  and  $s < 3/2$ . Hence, by combining (5), (6) and (7), we have

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq 2^{2s-4}\pi^{-6} C_{a,\sigma,s}^2 \|f\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.9.  $\square$

We state an elementary result:

**Lemma 2.10** (see [5]). *Let  $a, b > 0$ . Then  $\lambda^a e^{-b\lambda} \leq a^a (eb)^{-a}$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ .*

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** In this section, we prove the existence of a time  $T = T_{s,\mu,\nu,u_0,b_0} > 0$  and a unique solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$  for the MHD system (1). As noted above, Theorem 1.1 is an improvement of previous results even for the Navier-Stokes equations. It extends Theorem 3.1 in [4]. Our main point is, however, the extension from the Navier-Stokes to the MHD equations (1).

We first proceed formally and apply the heat semigroup  $e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)}$ , with  $\tau \in [0, t]$ , to the velocity equation in (1). Integration in time yields

$$\int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} u_\tau d\tau + \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left( u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b + \nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2) \right) d\tau =$$



$$\mu \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} \Delta u \, d\tau.$$

Using integration by parts one deduces

$$u(t) = e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left( u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b + \nabla \left( p + \frac{1}{2} |b|^2 \right) \right) d\tau.$$

Let us recall that the Helmholtz's projector  $P_H$  (see Section 7.2 in [13] and references therein) is well defined, yielding

$$P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b) = u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b + \nabla \left( p + \frac{1}{2} |b|^2 \right),$$

and also

$$\mathcal{F}[P_H(f)](\xi) = \widehat{f}(\xi) - \frac{\widehat{f}(\xi) \cdot \xi}{|\xi|^2} \xi. \quad (8)$$

As a result, it follows that

$$u(t) = e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b) \, d\tau.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b) \, d\tau \\ &= e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 (u_j D_j u - b_j D_j b) \right] d\tau \\ &= e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j (u_j u - b_j b) \right] d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $\operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{div} b = 0$ . Hence,

$$u(t) = e^{\mu\Delta t} u_0 - \int_0^t e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j (u_j u - b_j b) \right] d\tau. \quad (9)$$

Next, our goal is to present an equality for the field  $b$  analogous to (9). By applying the heat semigroup  $e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)}$ , with  $\tau \in [0, t]$ , to the second equation in (1) and integrating in time, we obtain

$$\int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} b_\tau \, d\tau + \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} [u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u] \, d\tau = \nu \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} \Delta b \, d\tau.$$

Using integrating by parts again, we have

$$b(t) = e^{\nu\Delta t} b_0 - \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} [u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u] \, d\tau.$$

As  $u$  and  $b$  are divergence free (see (1)), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} b(t) &= e^{\nu\Delta t} b_0 - \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 (u_j D_j b - b_j D_j u) \right] d\tau \\ &= e^{\nu\Delta t} b_0 - \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j (u_j b - b_j u) \right] d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$b(t) = e^{\nu\Delta t}b_0 - \int_0^t e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(u_j b - b_j u) \right] d\tau. \quad (10)$$

By (9) and (10), one obtains

$$(u, b)(t) = (e^{\mu\Delta t}u_0, e^{\nu\Delta t}b_0) + B((u, b), (u, b))(t), \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B((w, v), (\gamma, \phi))(t) &= \int_0^t (-e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right], \\ &\quad - e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(w_j \phi - v_j \gamma) \right]) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Here  $w, v, \gamma$ , and  $\phi$  belong to a suitable function space that we now discuss.

Let us estimate  $B((w, v), (\gamma, \phi))(t)$  in  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $1/2 < s < 3/2$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma \geq 1$ . It follows from the definition of the space  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 = \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}\{e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\}(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 = \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-2\mu(t-\tau)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}\{P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\}(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

By applying (8), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} &\|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-2\mu(t-\tau)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{F}[D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi)](\xi) \right|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-2\mu(t-\tau)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(w \otimes \gamma - \phi \otimes v)(\xi) \cdot \xi|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-2\mu(t-\tau)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{2s+2} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(w \otimes \gamma - \phi \otimes v)(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting the last integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi) \right]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{5-2s} e^{-2\mu(t-\tau)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{4s-3} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(w \otimes \gamma - \phi \otimes v)(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, by using Lemma 2.10, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H[\sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi)]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\ & \leq \frac{(\frac{5-2s}{4e\mu})^{\frac{5-2s}{2}}}{(t-\tau)^{\frac{5-2s}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{4s-3} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(w \otimes \gamma - \phi \otimes v)(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ & =: \frac{C_{s,\mu}}{(t-\tau)^{\frac{5-2s}{2}}} \|w \otimes \gamma - \phi \otimes v\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{2s-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

since  $s < 3/2$ .

On the other hand, by using Lemma 2.8, one infers

$$\begin{aligned} \|w \otimes \gamma\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{2s-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{4s-3} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{w \otimes \gamma}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ & = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{4s-3} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\gamma_j w_k}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ & = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \|\gamma_j w_k\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^{2s-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq C_s \|w\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|\gamma\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

provided that  $0 < s < 3/2$ . Therefore, one deduces

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H[\sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi)]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \\ & \frac{C_{s,\mu}}{(t-\tau)^{\frac{5-2s}{4}}} \|(w, v)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|(\gamma, \phi)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

By integrating the above estimate over time from 0 to  $t$ , we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \|e^{\mu\Delta(t-\tau)} P_H[\sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(\gamma_j w - v_j \phi)]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \\ & \leq C_{s,\mu} \int_0^t \frac{\|(w, v)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|(\gamma, \phi)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}}{(t-\tau)^{\frac{5-2s}{4}}} d\tau \\ & \leq C_{s,\mu} T^{\frac{2s-1}{4}} \|(w, v)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))} \|(\gamma, \phi)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$  (recall that  $s > 1/2$ ).

Analogously, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \|e^{\nu\Delta(t-\tau)} [\sum_{j=1}^3 D_j(w_j \phi - v_j \gamma)]\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \\ & C_{s,\nu} T^{\frac{2s-1}{4}} \|(w, v)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))} \|(\gamma, \phi)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

By (12), we can assure that (14) and (15) imply the bound

$$\begin{aligned} & \|B((w, v), (\gamma, \phi))(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \\ & C_{s,\mu,\nu} T^{\frac{2s-1}{4}} \|(w, v)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))} \|(\gamma, \phi)\|_{L^\infty([0,T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))}, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

To summarize, it has been shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{\nu\Delta t}b_0\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}\{e^{\nu\Delta t}b_0\}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-2\nu t|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{b_0}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{b_0}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \|b_0\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Therefore, we have established the following estimate:

$$\|(e^{\mu\Delta t}u_0, e^{\nu\Delta t}b_0)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \|(u_0, b_0)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

Notice that  $B : C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)) \times C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)) \rightarrow C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  (with  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma \geq 1$ ) is a bilinear operator, which is continuous (see (12) and (16)). Choosing a time  $T > 0$  with

$$T < \frac{1}{[4C_{s,\mu,\nu}\|(u_0, b_0)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}]^{\frac{4}{2s-1}}},$$

where  $C_{s,\mu,\nu}$  is given in (16), we can apply Lemma 2.1 to obtain a unique solution  $(u, b) \in C([0, T]; \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  for the equation (11).

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**4. Proof of Theorem 1.2.** We prove the blow-up criteria for the solution of the MHD equations (1), assuming that the solution exists only in a finite time interval  $0 \leq t < T^*$ . As mentioned above, Theorems 3.3 and 4.1 obtained in [4] are particular cases of our Theorem 1.2. The structure of our proof follows [1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14].

**4.1. Proof of Theorem 1.2 i) (case  $n = 1$ ).** We first generalize the arguments given in the Appendix of [4].

We prove Theorem 1.2 i) with  $n = 1$  by contradiction. Suppose the solution  $(u, b)(t)$  exists only in the finite time interval  $0 \leq t < T^*$  and

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow T^*} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} < \infty. \quad (18)$$

We shall prove that the solution can be extended beyond  $t = T^*$ .

By (18) and Theorem 1.1 (since  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ ), there exists an absolute constant  $C$  with

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C, \quad \forall t \in [0, T^*]. \quad (19)$$

Integrating the inequality (35) below in time and applying (19) and (7), one concludes

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \theta \int_0^t \|\nabla(u, b)(\tau)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau \leq \|(u_0, b_0)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + C_{s,a,\sigma,\theta} C^4 T^*,$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*]$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \|\nabla(u, b)(\tau)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau &\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \|(u_0, b_0)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + C_{s,a,\sigma,\theta} C^4 T^* \\ &=: C_{s,a,\sigma,\theta,u_0,b_0,T^*}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*]$ .

Let  $(\kappa_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  denote a sequence of times with  $0 < \kappa_n < T^*$  and  $\kappa_n \nearrow T^*$ . We shall prove that

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|(u, b)(\kappa_n) - (u, b)(\kappa_m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0. \quad (21)$$

The following equality holds:

$$(u, b)(\kappa_n) - (u, b)(\kappa_m) = I_1(n, m) + I_2(n, m) + I_3(n, m), \quad (22)$$

where

$$I_1(n, m) = ([e^{\mu \Delta \kappa_n} - e^{\mu \Delta \kappa_m}]u_0, [e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_n} - e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_m}]b_0), \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(n, m) = & \left( \int_0^{\kappa_m} [e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_m - \tau)} - e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)}] P_H [u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b] d\tau, \right. \\ & \left. \int_0^{\kappa_m} [e^{\nu \Delta(\kappa_m - \tau)} - e^{\nu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)}] (u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u) d\tau \right), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} I_3(n, m) = & \\ & - \left( \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)} P_H [u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b] d\tau, \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} e^{\nu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)} (u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u) d\tau \right). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

(See (11) and (12)). On the other hand, it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \|[e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_n} - e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_m}]b_0\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [e^{-\nu \kappa_n |\xi|^2} - e^{-\nu \kappa_m |\xi|^2}]^2 |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{b}_0(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [e^{-\nu \kappa_n |\xi|^2} - e^{-\nu T^* |\xi|^2}]^2 |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{b}_0(\xi)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_0 \in \dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $e^{-\nu \kappa_n |\xi|^2} - e^{-\nu T^* |\xi|^2} \leq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the Dominated Convergence Theorem yields that

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|[e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_n} - e^{\nu \Delta \kappa_m}]b_0\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 = 0.$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|[e^{\mu \Delta \kappa_n} - e^{\mu \Delta \kappa_m}]u_0\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 = 0.$$

Consequently,  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|I_1(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0$  (see (23)).

We also have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\kappa_m} \|[e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_m - \tau)} - e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)}] P_H (u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau = \\ & \int_0^{\kappa_m} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [e^{-\mu(\kappa_m - \tau)|\xi|^2} - e^{-\mu(\kappa_n - \tau)|\xi|^2}]^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}[P_H (u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)](\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By applying (8), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\kappa_m} \|[e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_m - \tau)} - e^{\mu \Delta(\kappa_n - \tau)}] P_H (u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \\ & \int_0^{T^*} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [1 - e^{-\mu(T^* - \kappa_m)|\xi|^2}]^2 |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}[u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b](\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

The Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\kappa_m} \|[e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_m-\tau)} - e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_n-\tau)}]P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \\ & \sqrt{T^*} \left( \int_0^{T^*} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [1 - e^{-\mu(T^*-\kappa_m)|\xi|^2}]^2 |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}[u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b](\xi)|^2 d\xi d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $1 - e^{-\mu(T^*-\kappa_m)|\xi|^2} \leq 1$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\int_0^{T^*} \|u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau < \infty$  since that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u \cdot \nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} & \leq C_{a,\sigma,s} \sum_{j=1}^3 \|u_j\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|D_j u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\ & \leq C_{a,\sigma,s} C \|\nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

(See Lemma 2.9 ii) ( $0 \leq s < 3/2$  and  $\sigma > 1$ ), (19) and (20)). Application of the Dominated Convergence Theorem yields that

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\kappa_m} \|[e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_m-\tau)} - e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_n-\tau)}]P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau = 0.$$

Analogously, we obtain

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\kappa_m} \|[e^{\nu\Delta(\kappa_m-\tau)} - e^{\nu\Delta(\kappa_n-\tau)}](u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \|I_2(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0$  (see (24)).

Finally, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_3(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} & \leq \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} \|e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_n-\tau)} P_H(u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \\ & \quad + \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} \|e^{\mu\Delta(\kappa_n-\tau)} (u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Following a similar process to the one proved in (17) and applying (8), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_3(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} & \leq \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} \|u \cdot \nabla u - b \cdot \nabla b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \\ & \quad + \int_{\kappa_m}^{\kappa_n} \|u \cdot \nabla b - b \cdot \nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Use (26) to obtain

$$\|I_3(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq CC_{a,\sigma,s} \int_{\kappa_m}^{T^*} \|\nabla(u, b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau.$$

Therefore, by the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality and (20), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_3(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} & \leq C_{a,\sigma,s} \sqrt{T^* - \kappa_m} \left( \int_{\kappa_m}^{T^*} \|\nabla(u, b)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq C_{s,a,\sigma,\theta,u_0,b_0,T^*} \sqrt{T^* - \kappa_m}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \|I_3(n, m)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0$ . To summarize, we have derived the limit statement of (21) from equality (22). In other words, we have proved that

$((u, b)(\kappa_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the Banach space  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  (recall that  $s < 3/2$ ). Therefore, there is  $(u_1, b_1) \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(u, b)(\kappa_n) - (u_1, b_1)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0.$$

The following simple argument shows that the limit  $(u_1, b_1)$  does not depend on the sequence of times  $(\kappa_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  approaching  $T^*$ . In fact, let  $(\rho_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq (0, T^*)$  with  $\rho_n \nearrow T^*$  and let

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(u, b)(\rho_n) - (u_2, b_2)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0,$$

for some  $(u_2, b_2) \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

We claim that  $(u_2, b_2) = (u_1, b_1)$ . To see this, define  $(\varsigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq (0, T^*)$  by  $\varsigma_{2n} = \kappa_n$  and  $\varsigma_{2n-1} = \rho_n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that  $\varsigma_n \nearrow T^*$  and there exists  $(u_3, b_3) \in \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(u, b)(\varsigma_n) - (u_3, b_3)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $(u_1, b_1) = (u_3, b_3) = (u_2, b_2)$ . Our arguments yield that  $\lim_{t \nearrow T^*} \|(u, b)(t) - (u_1, b_1)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 0$ .

Finally, consider the MHD equations (1) with the initial data  $(u_1, b_1)$  instead of  $(u_0, b_0)$  and apply Theorem 1.1. As usual, we can piece the two solutions together to obtain a solution in an extended time interval,  $0 \leq t \leq T^* + T$  with  $T > 0$ . This contradiction proves that

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow T^*} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \infty.$$

The proof of Theorem 1.2 i)  $n = 1$  is complete.

**4.2. Proof of Theorem 1.2 ii) (case  $n = 1$ ).** In this subsection we prove Theorem 1.2 ii) for  $n = 1$ . Our result generalizes (4.1) of [4]. In fact, taking  $s = 1$  in Theorem 1.2 ii) (with  $n = 1$ ) yields (4.1) in [4].

Taking the  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -inner product of the velocity equation of (1) with  $u(t)$  yields

$$\langle u, u_t \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \langle u, -u \cdot \nabla u + b \cdot \nabla b - \nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2) + \mu \Delta u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \quad (27)$$

On the Fourier side, the second term on the right hand side of the above equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(u) \cdot \mathcal{F}[\nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2)](\xi) &= -i \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(u_j)(\xi) \xi_j \overline{\mathcal{F}[(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2)](\xi)} \\ &= - \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(D_j u_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}[(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2)](\xi)} \\ &= - \mathcal{F}(\operatorname{div} u)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}[(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2)](\xi)} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

because  $u$  is divergence free. As a consequence, we have

$$\langle u, \nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2) \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \mathcal{F}(u) \cdot \mathcal{F}[\nabla(p + \frac{1}{2}|b|^2)](\xi) d\xi = 0. \quad (29)$$

Furthermore, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\Delta u}(\xi) &= \sum_{j=1}^3 \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{D_j^2 u}(\xi) = -i \sum_{j=1}^3 \widehat{u} \cdot [\xi_j \widehat{D_j u}(\xi)] \\ &= - \sum_{j=1}^3 \widehat{D_j u} \cdot \widehat{D_j u}(\xi) = -|\widehat{\nabla u}(\xi)|^2.\end{aligned}\quad (30)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, \Delta u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\Delta u}(\xi) d\xi = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\nabla u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= -\|\nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2.\end{aligned}\quad (31)$$

Using (29) and (31) in (27), we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \mu \|\nabla u(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq |\langle u, u \cdot \nabla u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}| + |\langle u, b \cdot \nabla b \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}|. \quad (32)$$

Next we consider the magnetic field equation of (1) and derive an estimate for  $b(t)$  similar to the velocity estimate (32). Taking the  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ -inner product of the magnetic field equation with  $b(t)$  yields that

$$\langle b, b_t \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \langle u, -u \cdot \nabla b + b \cdot \nabla u + \nu \Delta b \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

By applying (31), with  $b$  instead of  $u$ , it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|b(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \nu \|\nabla b(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq |\langle b, u \cdot \nabla b \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}| + |\langle b, b \cdot \nabla u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}|. \quad (33)$$

Combining (32) and (33), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \theta \|\nabla(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\ \leq |\langle u, u \cdot \nabla u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}| + |\langle u, b \cdot \nabla b \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}| + |\langle b, u \cdot \nabla b \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}| \\ + |\langle b, b \cdot \nabla u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}|,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta = \min\{\mu, \nu\}$ . Furthermore, since  $\operatorname{div} b = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(\nabla b) \cdot \mathcal{F}(b \otimes u)(\xi) &= \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(\nabla b_j) \cdot \mathcal{F}(u_j b)(\xi) = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(D_k b_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(u_j b_k)(\xi)} \\ &= i \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \xi_k \mathcal{F}(b_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(u_j b_k)(\xi)} \\ &= - \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(b_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(D_k(u_j b_k))(\xi)},\end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\mathcal{F}(\nabla b) \cdot \mathcal{F}(b \otimes u)(\xi) = - \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(b_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(b_k D_k u_j)(\xi)}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(b_j)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(b \cdot \nabla u_j)(\xi)} \\
&= -\mathcal{F}(b) \cdot \mathcal{F}(b \cdot \nabla u)(\xi).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle b, b \cdot \nabla u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \mathcal{F}(b) \cdot \mathcal{F}(b \cdot \nabla u)(\xi) d\xi \\
&= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \mathcal{F}(\nabla b) \cdot \mathcal{F}(b \otimes u)(\xi) d\xi \\
&= -\langle \nabla b, b \otimes u \rangle_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using that  $u$  is divergence free and applying the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \theta \|\nabla(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq \|\nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|u \otimes u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\
&+ \|\nabla u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|b \otimes b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|\nabla b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|u \otimes b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\
&+ \|\nabla b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|b \otimes u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \tag{34}
\end{aligned}$$

We have to estimate the term  $\|u \otimes b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}$  appearing above. Applying Lemma 2.9 i) ( $0 \leq s < 3/2$ ) yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u \otimes b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(u \otimes b)(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\
&= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\mathcal{F}(b_j u_k)(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\
&= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \|b_j u_k\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\
&\leq C_s \sum_{j,k=1}^3 [\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}_j\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|u_k\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}_k\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|b_j\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}]^2 \\
&\leq C_s \sum_{j,k=1}^3 [\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}_j\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|u_k\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}_k\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|b_j\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2] \\
&\leq C_s [\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2],
\end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\|u \otimes b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_s [\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}].$$

Using this inequality in (34), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \theta \|\nabla(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq \\
&C_s [\|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}] [\|u\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|b\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}] \|\nabla(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}.
\end{aligned}$$

By Young's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \frac{\theta}{2} \|\nabla(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \\
& \leq C_{s, \mu, \nu} [\|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}]^2 [\|u\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|b\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}]^2 \\
& \leq C_{s, \mu, \nu} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \|(u, b)\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Consider  $0 \leq t \leq T < T^*$  and apply the Gronwall's inequality to obtain:

$$\|(u, b)(T)\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\alpha, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \exp\left\{C_{s, \mu, \nu} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau\right\}.$$

Passing to the limit superior, as  $T \nearrow T^*$ , Theorem 1.2 i) (with  $n = 1$ ) yields that

$$\int_t^{T^*} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau = \infty, \quad \forall t \in [0, T^*].$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2 ii) for  $n = 1$ .

**4.3. Proof of Theorem 1.2 iii) (case  $n = 1$ ).** In this subsection we prove Theorem 1.2 iii) for  $n = 1$ . We point out that (4.2) in [4] is a particular case of Theorem 1.2 iii) obtained for  $s = n = 1$  and  $b = 0$  in (1).

Using Fourier transformation and taking the scalar product in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with  $\widehat{u}(t)$ , we obtain from the velocity equation of the MHD system:

$$\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{u}_t = -\mu |\widehat{\nabla u}|^2 - \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u} + \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}.$$

We have used (28) and (30). Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{2} \partial_t |\widehat{u}(t)|^2 + \mu |\widehat{\nabla u}|^2 \leq |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}| + |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}|. \tag{36}$$

Similarly, by applying Fourier transformation and taking the scalar product in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with  $\widehat{b}(t)$ , we obtain from the magnetic field equation of the MHD system:

$$\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{b}_t = -\nu |\widehat{\nabla b}|^2 - \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b} + \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2} \partial_t |\widehat{b}(t)|^2 + \nu |\widehat{\nabla b}|^2 \leq |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}| + |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}|. \tag{37}$$

Combining (36) and (37), it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2} \partial_t |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 + \theta |(\widehat{\nabla u}, \widehat{\nabla b})|^2 \leq |\widehat{u}| |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}| + |\widehat{u}| |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}| + |\widehat{b}| |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}| + |\widehat{b}| |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}|,$$

where  $\theta = \min\{\mu, \nu\}$ . For  $\delta > 0$  arbitrary, it is easy to check that

$$\partial_t \sqrt{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 + \delta} + \theta \frac{|(\widehat{\nabla u}, \widehat{\nabla b})|^2}{\sqrt{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 + \delta}} \leq |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}| + |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}| + |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}| + |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}|.$$

Integrating from  $t$  to  $T$  (where  $0 \leq t \leq T < T^* < \infty$ ), one obtains that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(T)|^2 + \delta} + \theta |\xi|^2 \int_t^T \frac{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)|^2}{\sqrt{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)|^2 + \delta}} d\tau \leq \sqrt{|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 + \delta} \\
& + \int_t^T [|\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}(\tau)| + |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}(\tau)| + |\widehat{u} \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}(\tau)| + |\widehat{b} \cdot \widehat{\nabla u}(\tau)|] d\tau,
\end{aligned}$$

since  $|(\widehat{\nabla u}, \widehat{\nabla b})| = |\xi| |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})|$ . Passing to the limit, as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , multiplying by  $e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}$  and integrating over  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(T)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\ & + \theta \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\ & + \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} [|(u \cdot \nabla u)(\tau)| + |(b \cdot \nabla b)(\tau)| + |(u \cdot \nabla b)(\tau)| + |(b \cdot \nabla u)(\tau)|] d\xi d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

because  $|(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})| = |\xi|^2 |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})|$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\widehat{u \cdot \nabla b})(\xi)| & = \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \widehat{u_j D_j b}(\xi) \right| = (2\pi)^{-3} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \widehat{u_j} * \widehat{D_j b}(\xi) \right| \\ & = (2\pi)^{-3} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \widehat{u_j}(\eta) \widehat{D_j b}(\xi - \eta) d\eta \right| \\ & \leq (2\pi)^{-3} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \widehat{u}(\eta) \cdot \widehat{\nabla b}(\xi - \eta) d\eta \right| \leq (2\pi)^{-3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\widehat{u}(\eta)| |\widehat{\nabla b}(\xi - \eta)| d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Using the estimate (3), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |(\widehat{u \cdot \nabla b})(\xi)| d\xi & \leq (2\pi)^{-3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{u}(\eta)| |\widehat{\nabla b}(\xi - \eta)| d\eta d\xi \\ & \leq (2\pi)^{-3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{u}(\eta)| e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi - \eta|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\nabla b}(\xi - \eta)| d\eta d\xi \\ & = (2\pi)^{-3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{u}(\xi)|] * [e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\nabla b}(\xi)|] d\xi \\ & = (2\pi)^{-3} \| [e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{u}|] * [e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\nabla b}|] \|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Young's inequality it follows that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |(\widehat{u \cdot \nabla b})(\xi)| d\xi \leq (2\pi)^{-3} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{\nabla b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \quad (38)$$

Furthermore, the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{\nabla b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{\nabla b}(\xi)| d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\xi| |\widehat{b}(\xi)| d\xi \\ & \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\xi|^2 |\widehat{b}(\xi)| d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |\widehat{b}(\xi)| d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{\Delta b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

since  $|\xi|^2 |\widehat{b}| = |\widehat{\Delta b}|$  and  $|\widehat{\nabla b}| = |\xi| |\widehat{b}|$ . Using the estimate (39) in (38) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |(\widehat{u \cdot \nabla b})(\xi)| d\xi \leq \\ & (2\pi)^{-3} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} \widehat{\Delta b}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(T)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\ & + \theta \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\ & + 4(2\pi)^{-3} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By using the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality again, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & 4(2\pi)^{-3} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{3}{2}} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \\ & \frac{1}{8\pi^6\theta} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^3 + \frac{\theta}{2} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(T)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \frac{\theta}{2} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{\Delta u}, \widehat{\Delta b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} d\tau \leq \\ & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \frac{1}{8\pi^6\theta} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^3 d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By the Gronwall's inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(T)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \leq \\ & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{4\pi^6\theta} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 \leq t \leq T < T^*$ , or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} & (-4\pi^6\theta) \frac{d}{dT} \left[ \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\pi^6\theta} \int_t^T \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau \right\} \right] \leq \\ & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrate from  $t$  to  $t_0$ , with  $0 \leq t \leq t_0 < T^*$ , to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & (-4\pi^6\theta) \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\pi^6\theta} \int_t^{t_0} \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau \right\} + 4\pi^6\theta \leq \\ & \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 (t_0 - t). \end{aligned}$$

By passing to the limit, as  $t_0 \nearrow T^*$ , and using Theorem 1.2 ii) with  $n = 1$ , we have

$$4\pi^6\theta \leq \|e^{\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 (T^* - t), \quad \forall t \in [0, T^*].$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2 iii) for  $n = 1$ .

**4.4. Proof of Theorem 1.2 iv) (case  $n = 1$ ).** One of the assumptions of Theorem 1.2 is that  $\sigma > 1$ ; consequently,  $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \in (0, a)$ . As a result, the embedding  $\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3) \hookrightarrow \dot{H}_{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$  holds. Therefore, Theorem 1.1 yields that  $(u, b) \in C([0, T_a^*], \dot{H}_{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$  since  $(u, b) \in C([0, T_a^*], \dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3))$ .

On the other hand, the inequality

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

implies that

$$T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^* \geq T_a^*. \quad (40)$$

Moreover, by applying Theorem 1.2 iii) with  $n = 1$  and the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality (analogously to (7)), it follows that

$$\frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{T_a^* - t}} \leq \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{a,\sigma,s} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \quad (41)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T_a^*)$ , where

$$C_{a,\sigma,s}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{2s}} e^{-2a(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} - \frac{1}{\sigma})|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} d\xi = 4\pi\sigma \left[ 2a \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{-\sigma(3-2s)} \Gamma(\sigma(3-2s)) < \infty.$$

(Recall that  $s < 3/2$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma > 1$ ). This proves Theorem 1.2 iv) for  $n = 1$ .

**4.5. Proof of Theorem 1.2 i), ii), iii) and iv) (case  $n > 1$ ).** First note that (41) implies

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow T_a^*} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \infty. \quad (42)$$

This yields Theorem 1.2 i) for  $n = 2$ . As above, we infer that

$$\int_t^{T^*} \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma\sqrt{\sigma}}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(\tau)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 d\tau = \infty, \quad \forall t \in [0, T^*).$$

This proves Theorem 1.2 ii) for  $n = 2$  and Theorem 1.2 iii) for  $n = 2$  follows (see Section 4.3). As an immediate consequence of (42), one obtains that

$$T_a^* \geq T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*. \quad (43)$$

Clearly, the inequalities (40) and (43) imply that

$$T_a^* = T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*. \quad (44)$$

Let us reexamine the above process with  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$  in the place of  $a$ . As in (41), we obtain that

$$\frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^* - t}} \leq \|e^{\frac{a}{\sigma\sqrt{\sigma}}|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}}(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma,s} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \quad (45)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*)$ , where

$$C_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma,s}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{2s}} e^{-2a(\frac{1}{\sigma} - \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\sigma}})|\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} d\xi = 4\pi\sigma \left[ 2\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{-\sigma(3-2s)} \Gamma(\sigma(3-2s))$$

is finite. By (44) and (45), one has

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \geq \frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{C_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma,s}\sqrt{T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^* - t}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2 iv) for  $n = 2$ . Passing to the limit as  $t \nearrow T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*$ , we deduce that

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^*} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}},\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \infty.$$

Consequently, Theorem 1.2 i) holds for  $n = 3$ . Notice that, replacing  $a$  by  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$  in (44), one obtains that

$$T_a^* = T_{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\sigma}}}^* = T_{\frac{a}{\sigma}}^*.$$

Therefore, inductively, one concludes that  $T_a^* = T_{\frac{a}{(\sqrt{\sigma})^n}}^*$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Theorem 1.2 i), ii), iii) and iv) holds for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**4.6. Proof of Theorem 1.2 v).** It remains to prove Theorem 1.2 v). Note that Theorem 1.2 v) for  $s = 1$  and  $b = 0$  (in (1)) yields (1.3) in [4].

Choose  $\delta = s + \frac{k}{2\sigma}$  with  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $k \geq 2\sigma$  and set  $\delta_0 = s + 1$ . By using Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, and (2), we obtain

$$\frac{2\pi^3\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{T^* - t}} \leq \|(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_s \|(u, b)(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{1 - \frac{3}{2(s + \frac{k}{2\sigma})}} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s + \frac{k}{2\sigma}}(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{3}{2(s + \frac{k}{2\sigma})}}.$$

Hence, using the inequality

$$\|(u, b)(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \|(u, b)(t_0)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \quad \forall 0 \leq t_0 \leq t < T^*, \quad (46)$$

(see (2) in [7]) we obtain that

$$\frac{C_{\theta, s, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2s}{3}}} \left( \frac{D_{\sigma, s, \theta, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right)^k \leq \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{s + \frac{k}{2\sigma}}(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2, \quad (47)$$

where  $D_{\sigma, s, \theta, u_0, b_0} = (C_s^{-1} 2\pi^3 \sqrt{\theta} \|(u_0, b_0)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{-1})^{\frac{2}{3\sigma}}$  and  $C_{\theta, s, u_0, b_0} = (C_s^{-1} 2\pi^3 \sqrt{\theta})^{\frac{4s}{3}} \times \|(u_0, b_0)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{6-4s}{3}}$ . Multiplying (47) by  $\frac{(2a)^k}{k!}$ , one concludes that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{\theta, s, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2s}{3}}} \frac{\left( \frac{2a D_{\sigma, s, \theta, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right)^k}{k!} &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{(2a)^k}{k!} |\xi|^{2(s + \frac{k}{2\sigma})} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{(2a |\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}})^k}{k!} |\xi|^{2s} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

By summing over the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N}; k \geq 2\sigma\}$  and applying the Monotone Convergence Theorem, one obtains that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{C_{\theta, s, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2s}{3}}} \left[ \exp \left\{ \frac{2a D_{\sigma, s, \theta, u_0, b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right\} - \sum_{0 \leq k < 2\sigma} \frac{(2a D_{\sigma, s, \theta, u_0, b_0})^k}{k! (T^* - t)^{\frac{k}{3\sigma}}} \right] \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left[ e^{2a |\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} - \sum_{0 \leq k < 2\sigma} \frac{(2a |\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}})^k}{k!} \right] |\xi|^{2s} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{2s} e^{2a |\xi|^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}} |(\widehat{u}, \widehat{b})(t)|^2 d\xi = \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a, \sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . Finally, if we define

$$f(x) = \left[ e^x - \sum_{k=0}^{2\sigma_0} \frac{x^k}{k!} \right] [x^{-(2\sigma_0+1)} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}], \quad \forall x \in (0, \infty),$$

where  $2\sigma_0$  is the integer part of  $2\sigma$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $f > 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \nearrow 0} f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\sigma_0 + 1)!}$ . Therefore, there is a positive constant

$C_{\sigma_0}$  with  $f(x) \geq C_{\sigma_0}$  for all  $x > 0$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, b)(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{a,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 &\geq \frac{C_{\theta,s,\sigma_0,u_0,b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2s}{3}}} \left( \frac{2aD_{\sigma,s,\theta,u_0,b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right)^{2\sigma_0+1} \exp \left\{ \frac{aD_{\sigma,s,\theta,u_0,b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{a^{2\sigma_0+1} C_{\theta,s,\sigma,\sigma_0,u_0,b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{2(s\sigma+\sigma_0)+1}{3\sigma}}} \exp \left\{ \frac{aD_{\sigma,s,\theta,u_0,b_0}}{(T^* - t)^{\frac{1}{3\sigma}}} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . The proof of Theorem 1.2 v) is completed.

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