

On a free boundary problem of magnetohydrodynamics in multi-connected domains

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1 Formulation of the problem

Domains

Ω_{1t} : variable domain filled with a liquid,

Ω_{2t} : vacuum region surrounding Ω_{1t} ,

Ω_3 : fixed domain where the electric current $\mathbf{j}(x, t)$ is given;

$\Omega = \overline{\Omega_{1t}} \cup \overline{\Omega_3} \cup \Omega_{2t}$,

$\Gamma_t = \partial\Omega_{1t}$: free surface, S_3 : the boundary of Ω_3 ,

S : the boundary of Ω —a perfect conductor.

Equations of magnetohydrodynamics.

Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} - \nabla \cdot (T(\mathbf{v}, p) + T_M(\mathbf{H})) = \mathbf{f}(x, t), \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega_{1t}, \quad t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Maxwell equations:

$$\begin{cases} \mu \mathbf{H}_t = -\text{rot} \mathbf{E}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0, \quad x \in \Omega_{1t} \cup \Omega_{2t} \cup \Omega_3, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{H} = \alpha(\mathbf{E} + \mu(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{H})), \quad x \in \Omega_{1t}, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{H} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad x \in \Omega_{2t}, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{H} = \alpha \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j}(x, t), \quad x \in \Omega_3. \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

\mathbf{v}, p : velocity and pressure, \mathbf{f} : mass forces,

$\mathbf{H}(x, t), \mathbf{E}(x, t)$: magnetic and electric fields,

μ : piecewise constant positive function equal to μ_i in Ω_i

α : piecewise constant function positive in Ω_{1t}, Ω_3 and $\alpha = 0$ in Ω_{2t} ,

$T(\mathbf{v}, p) = -pI + \nu S(\mathbf{v})$: the viscous stress tensor,

$S(\mathbf{v}) = \nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T$: the doubled rate-of-strain tensor,

$T_M(\mathbf{H}) = \mu(\mathbf{H} \otimes \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{H}|^2 I)$: the magnetic stress tensor.

Boundary and jump conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, & \mathbf{E}_\tau = 0, & x \in S, \\ [\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, & [\mathbf{H}_\tau] = 0, & [\mathbf{E}_\tau] = 0, & x \in S_3, \\ (T(\mathbf{v}, p) + [T_M(\mathbf{H})])\mathbf{n} = 0, & V_n = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \\ [\mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, & [\mathbf{H}_\tau] = 0, \\ \mathbf{n}_t[\mu \mathbf{H}_\tau + [\mathbf{n}_x \times \mathbf{E}]] = 0, & x \in \Gamma_t, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

$\mathbf{H}_\tau = \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{H})$, $\mathbf{E}_\tau = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{E})$: tangential components of \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{E} ,

$[\mathbf{F}]$: jump of the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x)$ on Γ_t and S_3 ,

V_n : the velocity of evolution of Γ_t in the direction of the exterior normal \mathbf{n} ,

$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}_x, \mathbf{n}_t)$: normal to the surface $x \in \Gamma_t$, $t \in (0, T)$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Initial and orthogonality conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{v}_0(x), & x \in \Omega_1, \\ \mathbf{H}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{H}_0(x), & x \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\int_{S_k} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0. \quad (1.5)$$

S_k : connected components of the boundary of Ω_{2t} , $\Omega_i = \Omega_{i0}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$

Compatibility conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0(x) &= 0, & x \in \Omega_1, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}_0(x) &= 0, & x \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{H}_0(x) &= 0, & x \in \Omega_2, \\ [(S(\mathbf{v}_0)\mathbf{n})_\tau] &= 0, & [\mathbf{H}_{0\tau}] = 0, & [\mu \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{N}] = 0, & x \in \Gamma_0, \\ [\mathbf{H}_{0\tau}] &= 0, & [\mu \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, & x \in S_3, \\ \mathbf{H}_0(x) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0, & x \in S. \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

2 Transformation of the problem and formulation of main result.

Lagrangian coordinates $\xi \in \Omega_1$:

$$x = \xi + \int_0^t \mathbf{u}(\xi, \tau) d\tau \equiv X(\xi, t), \quad \mathbf{u}(\xi, t) = \mathbf{v}(X(\xi, t), t),$$

$$X : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_{1t}, \quad \Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Gamma_t.$$

$\mathbf{u}^*(x, t)$: the extension of \mathbf{u} from Ω_1 in Ω such that $\mathbf{u}^*(\xi, t) = 0$ in Ω_3 and near $S_3 \cup S$.

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$$X : \Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_{it}, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \Omega_3 \rightarrow \Omega_3,$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \right), \quad L(\mathbf{u}) = \det \mathcal{L}, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{L}} = L\mathcal{L}^{-1};$$

$L = 1$ for $\xi \in \Omega_1$, $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T \equiv A(\mathbf{u})$: co-factors matrix, "T" means transposition.
Let

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{L}^T \mathcal{L} / L,$$

$$q(\xi, t) = p(X, t),$$

$$\mathbf{h}(\xi, t) = \widehat{\mathcal{L}}\mathbf{H}(X, t), \quad \mathbf{e}(\xi, t) = \widehat{\mathcal{L}}\mathbf{E}(X, t),$$

i.e., $\mathbf{H}(X, t) = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L}\mathbf{h}$, $\mathbf{E}(X, t) = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L}\mathbf{e}$.

The mapping X converts (1.1)-(1.5) in

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_t - \nu \nabla_u^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla_u q - \nabla_u \cdot T_M(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{f}(X, t), \\ \nabla_u \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \quad t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu(\mathbf{h}_t - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_t^T \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L}\mathbf{h} - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_u) \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L}\mathbf{h}) = -\text{rot}\mathcal{P}(\xi, t)\mathbf{e}, \\ \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \text{Prot}\mathcal{P}\mathbf{h} = \alpha(\mathcal{P}\mathbf{e} + \mu(\mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{h})), \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \\ \text{rot}\mathcal{P}\mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{e} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ \text{roth} = \alpha\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{j}(\xi, t), \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_3, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \mathbf{e}_\tau = 0, \quad \xi \in S, \\ [\mu\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{e}_\tau] = 0 \quad \xi \in S_3, \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\begin{cases} [\mu\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = \left(\frac{A^T A \mathbf{n}_0}{|A \mathbf{n}_0|^2} - \mathbf{n}_0 \right) [\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0], \\ [\mathbf{n}_0 \times \mathcal{P}\mathbf{e}] = (\mathbf{u} \cdot A \mathbf{n}_0) [\mu] \mathbf{h}_\tau, \\ (T_u(\mathbf{u}, q) + [T_M(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{h})]) A \mathbf{n}_0 = 0, \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \\ \mathbf{h}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \int_{S_k} \mathbf{e}(\xi, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\xi) dS = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

where $\nabla_u = \mathcal{L}^{-T} \nabla$ is the transformed gradient w.r.to x and ∇ is the gradient w.r.to ξ , $\mathbf{n}(X) = A \mathbf{n}_0(\xi) / |A \mathbf{n}_0(\xi)|$, \mathbf{n}_0 : the exterior normal to Γ_0 .

$T_u = -q + \nu S_u(\mathbf{u})$: the transformed stress tensor;

$S_u(\mathbf{w}) = \nabla_u \mathbf{w} + (\nabla_u \mathbf{w})^T$: the transformed rate-of-strain tensor.

We find the solution of (2.1)-(2.5) in anisotropic Sobolev-Slobodetskii spaces $W_2^{r, r/2}$, $r > 0$.

Theorem 1. Let $\Gamma_0 \in W_2^{l+3/2}$, $\mathbf{u}_0 \in W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_1)$, $\mathbf{H}_0 \in W_2^l(\Omega_1) \cap W_2^l(\Omega_2) \cap W_2^l(\Omega_3)$ with $3/2 < l < 2$, and let the compatibility conditions (1.6) be satisfied. Assume also that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}, \nabla \mathbf{f} &\in W_2^{l, l/2}(\mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, T_0)), \\ \mathbf{j} &\in W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T_0; W_2^1(\Omega_3)) \cap L_2(0, T_0; W_2^l(\Omega_3)), \\ \mathbf{j}(x, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(x)|_{x \in S_3} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Then the problem (2.1)-(2.5) has a unique solution defined in a certain (small) time interval $(0, T)$, $T \leq T_0$ with the following regularity properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &\in W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T^1), \quad \nabla q \in W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1), \\ q &\in W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T), \\ \mathbf{h} &\in W_2^{l+1, (l+1)/2}(Q_T^i), \\ \mathbf{e} &\in L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i)) \cap W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_{0i})), \end{aligned}$$

where $i = 1, 2, 3$, $Q_T^i = \Omega \times (0, T)$, $G_T = \Gamma_0 \times (0, T)$. The solution satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T^1)} + \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} \\ &+ \|q\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/2}(Q_T^i)} + \|\mathbf{e}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i))} \\ &+ \|\mathbf{e}\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Gamma_0))}) \\ &\leq c \left(\|\mathbf{f}\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} + \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_{01})} \right. \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{H}_0\|_{W_2^l(\Omega_i)} + \|\mathbf{j}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_3))} \\ &\left. + \|\mathbf{j}\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_3))} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Exclusion of \mathbf{e} . Let the test function $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi)$ satisfy the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi) &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi) &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ [\mu \boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0] &= 0, \quad [\boldsymbol{\psi}_\tau] = 0, \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\ [\mu \boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n}] &= 0, \quad [\boldsymbol{\psi}_\tau] = 0, \quad \xi \in S_3, \\ \boldsymbol{\psi} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0, \quad \xi \in S. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Using the relation

$$\int_{\Omega} \text{rot} \mathcal{P} \mathbf{e} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi} d\xi = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{P} \mathbf{e} \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi} d\xi + \int_{\Gamma_0} [\mathbf{n}_0 \times \mathcal{P} \mathbf{e}] \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi} dS$$

we write (2.1)-(2.5) as a nonlinear problem for $\mathbf{u}, q, \mathbf{h}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{u}_t - \nu \nabla_u^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla_u q - \nabla_u \cdot T_M(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{f}(X, t), \\
\nabla_u \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \quad t > 0, \\
\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu(\mathbf{h}_t - \Phi(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{u})) \cdot \psi(\xi, t) d\xi dt \\
+ \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \alpha^{-1} \mathcal{P} \operatorname{rot} \mathcal{P} \mathbf{h} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi(\xi, t) d\xi dt \\
- \mu_1 \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1} (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{h}) \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi(\xi, t) d\xi dt \\
+ \int_0^T \int_{\Gamma_0} \Psi(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{u}) \cdot \psi dS dt \\
= \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_3} \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{j}(\xi, t) \cdot \psi(\xi, t) d\xi dt, \\
\operatorname{rot} \mathcal{P} \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\
\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \xi \in S, \\
[\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, \quad \xi \in S_3, \\
[\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = \left(\frac{A^T A \mathbf{n}_0}{|A \mathbf{n}_0|^2} - \mathbf{n}_0 \right) [\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0] = 0, \\
(T_u(\mathbf{u}, q) + [T_M(\mathcal{L}\mathbf{h})]) A \mathbf{n}_0 = 0, \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\
\mathbf{u}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \\
\mathbf{h}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,
\end{array} \right. \quad (2.9)$$

where

$$\Phi = \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_t^T \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L} \mathbf{h} + \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^T (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_u) \frac{\mathcal{L}}{L} \mathbf{h}, \quad \Psi = (\mathbf{u} \cdot A \mathbf{n}_0) [\mu] \mathbf{h}_\tau.$$

Theorem 2. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1, the problem (2.9) has a unique solution $(\mathbf{u}, q, \mathbf{h})$ satisfying the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{u}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T^1)} + \|\nabla q\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} \\
& + \|q\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/2}(Q_T^i)}) \\
& \leq c \left(\|\mathbf{f}\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} + \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_{01})} \right. \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{H}_0\|_{W_2^l(\Omega_i)} + \|\mathbf{j}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_3))} \\
& \left. + \|\mathbf{j}\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_3))} \right). \quad (2.10)
\end{aligned}$$

3 Linear problems

The proof of Theorem 2 is based on the analysis of some linear problems, namely,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla p = \mathbf{f}(\xi, t), & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = f, & \xi \in \Omega_1, & t > 0, \\ T(\mathbf{v}, p) \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{d}(\xi, t), & & \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\ \mathbf{v}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\xi), & & \xi \in \Omega_1, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{rot} \mathbf{h}(\xi) = \mathbf{k}(x), & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h}(\xi) = 0, & \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, & [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, & \xi \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, & \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\xi \in S} = 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{h}_t \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi, t) d\xi dt \\ + \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \alpha^{-1} \text{rot} \mathbf{h} \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi, t) d\xi dt \\ = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \mathbf{g}_1(\xi, t) \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) d\xi dt \\ + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{g}_2(y, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi, t) d\xi dt, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h}(\xi, t) = 0, & \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{h}(\xi, t) = 0, & \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0] = 0, & [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, & \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, & [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, & \xi \in S_3, \\ \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, & \xi \in S, \\ \mathbf{h}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{h}_0(\xi), & \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi, t)$ is an arbitrary test vector field satisfying the conditions (2.8).

Theorem 3. Assume that $\Gamma_0 \in W_2^{l+3/2}$, $3/2 < l < 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f} &\in W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1), & \mathbf{v}_0 &\in W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_1), \\ f &= \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}, & f &\in L_2(0, T; W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_1)), \\ \mathbf{F}_t &\in W_2^{l/2}(0, T; L_2(\Omega_1)), \\ \mathbf{d} &\in W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T), \end{aligned}$$

and that the compatibility conditions

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_0(\xi) = f(\xi, 0), \quad (S(\mathbf{v}_0) \mathbf{n})_\tau = \mathbf{d}_\tau, \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0$$

are satisfied. Then the problem (3.1) has a unique solution $\mathbf{v} \in W_2^{2+l, 1+l/2}(Q_T^1)$, $\nabla p \in W_1^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)$ with $p|_{\xi \in \Gamma_0} \in W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{v}\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T^1)} + \|\nabla p\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} + \|p\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, 1/2+l/4}(\Gamma_0)} \\ &\leq c(\|f\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_1))} + \|\mathbf{F}_t\|_{W_2^{l/2}(0, T; L_2(\Omega_1))} \\ &+ \|\mathbf{d}\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} + \|\mathbf{v}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_0)}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Let $\mathcal{H}^l(\Omega)$ be the space of vector fields $\boldsymbol{\psi} \in W_2^l(\Omega)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, satisfying (2.8);
 $\mathfrak{U}(\Omega)$: finite dimensional set of vector fields satisfying (2.8) and, in addition, $\text{rot}\boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi) = 0$,
 $\xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cap \Omega_3$;
 $\mathcal{H}_\perp^l(\Omega)$: the subset of $\mathcal{H}^l(\Omega)$ whose elements satisfy the orthogonality condition

$$\int_{\Omega} \mu \boldsymbol{\psi}(\xi) \cdot \mathbf{u}(\xi) d\xi = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathfrak{U}(\Omega).$$

Theorem 4. Let $\Gamma_0, S, S_3 \in W_2^{l+3/2}$, $l \in (3/2, 2)$. For arbitrary $\mathbf{k} \in W_2^r(\Omega_i)$, $r \in [0, l]$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{k} &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\ [\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}] &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}|_S = 0 \end{aligned}$$

the problem (3.2) has a unique solution belonging to $W_2^{r+1}(\Omega_i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$ and orthogonal to $\mathfrak{U}(\Omega)$. The solution satisfies the inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{1+r}(\Omega_i)} \leq c \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{k}\|_{W_2^r(\Omega_i)}. \quad (3.5)$$

Moreover, if

$$\mathbf{k} = \text{rot}\mathbf{K}(\xi), \quad [\mathbf{K}_\tau]|_{\Gamma_0 \cup S_3} = 0, \quad \mathbf{K}_\tau|_S = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

then

$$\|\mathbf{h}\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq c \|\mathbf{K}\|_{L_2(\Omega)}. \quad (3.7)$$

Corollary 1. If $\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}_\perp^{r+1}(\Omega)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{r+1}(\Omega_i)} &\leq \|\text{rot}\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^r(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3)} \\ &\leq c_2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{r+1}(\Omega_i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 2. If $\mathbf{k} \in W_2^{r,r/2}(Q_T^i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, then $\mathbf{h} \in L_2(0, T; W_2^{r+1}(\Omega_i)) \cap W_2^{r/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{h}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^{r+1}(\Omega_i))} + \|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{r/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))}) \\ \leq c \|\mathbf{k}\|_{W_2^{r,r/2}(\Omega_i)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Moreover, if (3.6) holds, then

$$\|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{(r+1)/2}(0, T; L_2(\Omega))} \leq c \|\mathbf{K}\|_{W_2^{(r+1)/2}(0, T; L_2(\Omega))}. \quad (3.9)$$

Theorem 5. Let $l \in (3/2, 2)$. For arbitrary $\mathbf{h}_0, \mathbf{g}_1, \mathbf{g}_2$ satisfying the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_0 &\in W_2^l(\Omega_i), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{h}_0(y) &= 0, \quad y \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\ \text{rot}\mathbf{h}_0(y) &= 0, \quad y \in \Omega_2, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n}] &= 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_{0\tau}] = 0, \quad y \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \\ \mathbf{h}_0 \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0, \quad y \in S, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{g}_1 \in L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3)) \\
& \cap W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3)), \\
& \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{g}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad y \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \\
& \mathbf{g}_2 \in W_2^{l-1, (l-1)/2}(Q_T^i), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\
& [\mu \mathbf{g}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{g}_{2\tau}] = 0, \quad y \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \\
& \mathbf{g}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad y \in S
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

the problem (3.3) has a unique solution

$\mathbf{h} \in W_2^{1+l, (1+l)/2}(Q_T^i)$, satisfying the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}\|_{W_2^{1+l, (1+l)/2}(Q_T^i)} \\
& \leq c \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{h}_0\|_{W_2^l(\Omega_i)} + \|\mathbf{g}_2\|_{W_2^{l-1, (l-1)/2}(Q_T^i)}) \right) \\
& + \sum_{i=1,3} (\|\mathbf{g}_1\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i))}) \\
& + \|\mathbf{g}_1\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Moreover, there exist $\mathbf{e} \in L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i)) \cap W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, such that

$$\begin{cases}
\mu(\mathbf{h}_t - \mathbf{g}_2) = -\operatorname{rote}(\xi, t), & \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_3, \\
\operatorname{roth} = \alpha(\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{g}_1), & \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3, \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{e}(\xi, t) = 0, & \xi \in \Omega_2, \\
[\mathbf{e}_\tau] = 0, & \xi \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \quad \mathbf{e}_\tau = 0, \quad \xi \in S,
\end{cases} \tag{3.13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{e}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i))} + \|\mathbf{e}\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))}) \\
& \leq c \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 (\|\mathbf{h}_0\|_{W_2^l(\Omega_i)} + \|\mathbf{g}_2\|_{W_2^{l-1, (l-1)/2}(Q_T^i)}) \right) \\
& + \sum_{i=1,2} (\|\mathbf{g}_1\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_i))} + \|\mathbf{g}_1\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_i))}).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

We describe briefly the (formal) construction of \mathbf{e} . We decompose $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}_0, \boldsymbol{\psi}, \mathbf{g}_2$ in the sums

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{h} &= \mathbf{h}' + \mathbf{h}'', & \mathbf{h}_0 &= \mathbf{h}'_0 + \mathbf{h}''_0, \\
\boldsymbol{\psi} &= \boldsymbol{\psi}' + \boldsymbol{\psi}'', & \mathbf{g}_2 &= \mathbf{g}'_2 + \mathbf{g}''_2,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{h}'', \mathbf{h}''_0, \boldsymbol{\psi}'', \mathbf{g}''_2 \in \mathfrak{U}(\Omega)$ and $\mathbf{h}', \mathbf{h}'_0, \boldsymbol{\psi}', \mathbf{g}'_2$ are orthogonal to $\mathfrak{U}(\Omega)$. It is easily verified that in the case $\mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{h}''_0, \mathbf{g}_2 = \mathbf{g}''_2$ the problem (3.3) reduces to

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega \mu(\mathbf{h}_t'' - \mathbf{g}_2'') \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}'' d\xi dt = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbf{h}_t'' - \mathbf{g}_2'' = 0, \quad \mathbf{h}''|_{t=0} = \mathbf{h}_0'' \quad (3.15)$$

and in the case $\mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{h}_0'$, $\mathbf{g}_2 = \mathbf{g}_2'$ we have $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{h}'$ [1]. Let \mathcal{E} be the solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{rot} \mathcal{E} &= -\mu(\mathbf{h}_t' - \mathbf{g}_2'), \quad \nabla \cdot \mathcal{E} = 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega, \\ \mathcal{E}_\tau &= 0, \quad \xi \in S. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

It is easily seen that

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} (-\mathcal{E} + \alpha^{-1} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{h}' - \mathbf{g}_1) \cdot \operatorname{rot} \psi'(y, t) d\xi dt = 0,$$

which implies

$$-\mathcal{E} + \alpha^{-1} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{g}_1 = \nabla \chi_1(\xi, t), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3, \quad (3.17)$$

in view of Theorem 4. We set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e} &= \mathcal{E} + \nabla \chi_1(\xi, t), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3, \\ \mathbf{e} &= \mathcal{E} + \nabla \chi_2(\xi, t) + \sum_{k=1}^b C_j(t) \mathbf{v}_k(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where χ_2 is a solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \chi_2(\xi, t) &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ \chi_2(\xi, t) &= \chi_1(\xi, t), \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0 \cup S_3, \quad \chi_2(\xi, t) = 0, \quad \xi \in S \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

and \mathbf{v}_k are the "Dirichlet vector fields" in Ω_2 , i.e., $\mathbf{v}_k = \nabla \phi(\xi, t)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \phi_k(\xi, t) &= 0, \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ \phi_k(\xi, t) &= \delta_{jk}, \quad \xi \in S_j, \quad \phi_k(\xi, t) = 0, \quad \xi \in S, \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

S_j are all the connected components of $\partial\Omega_2$, except S , $j, k = 1, \dots, b$, b is the second Betti number of the domain Ω_2 .

The coefficients $C_j(t)$ may be found from the additional normalization conditions

$$\int_{S_k} \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0,$$

that gives

$$0 = \int_{S_k} (\mathcal{E} + \nabla \chi_2(\xi, t) + \sum_{k=1}^b C_j(t) \mathbf{v}_k(\xi)) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS. \quad (3.21)$$

The estimate (3.14) follows from (3.21) and from the estimates of solutions of (3.15), (3.16), (3.19), (3.20).

4 Nonlinear problem

We go back to Sec. 2 and write our main nonlinear problem in the form

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{u}_t - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla q = \mathbf{f}(\xi, t) + \mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}, q), \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = l_2(\mathbf{u}), \\
 \xi \in \Omega_1, \quad t > 0, \\
 T(\mathbf{u}, q) \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}), \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\
 \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{h}_t \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\
 + \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \alpha^{-1} \text{rot} \mathbf{h} \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\
 = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \mathbf{l}_4(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{h}) \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\
 + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{l}_5(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{h}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt, \\
 \text{rot} \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{l}_6(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{h}), \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\
 [\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = \mathbf{l}_7(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{h}), \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\
 [\mu \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_\tau] = 0, \quad \xi \in S_3, \quad \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \xi \in S, \\
 \mathbf{u}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \\
 \mathbf{h}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,
 \end{array} \right. \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{l}_1 &= \nu (\nabla_u^2 - \nabla^2) \mathbf{u} + (\nabla - \nabla_u) q + \nabla_u \cdot T_M(\mathcal{L} \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{f}(X, t) + \mathbf{f}(\xi, t), \\
 \mathbf{l}_2 &= (\nabla - \nabla_u) \cdot \mathbf{h} = \nabla \cdot (I - A^T) \mathbf{h}, \\
 \mathbf{l}_3 &= \Pi_0 (\Pi_0 S(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0 - \Pi S_u(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}) \\
 &\quad + \nu \mathbf{n}_0 ((\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot S(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n}_0) - (\mathbf{n} \cdot S_u(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n})) + \mathbf{n}_0 [\mathbf{n} \cdot T_M(\mathcal{L} \mathbf{h}) \mathbf{n}], \\
 \mathbf{l}_4 &= \alpha^{-1} (\text{rot} \mathbf{h} - \mathcal{P} \text{rot} \mathcal{P} \mathbf{h}) + \mu (\mathcal{L}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{h}) - (\mathbf{n}_0^* \times \boldsymbol{\Psi}^*), \\
 \mathbf{l}_5 &= \boldsymbol{\Phi}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{h}) + \mu^{-1} \text{rot}(\mathbf{n}_0^* \times \boldsymbol{\Psi}^*), \\
 \mathbf{l}_6 &= \text{rot}(I - \mathcal{P}) \mathbf{h}, \\
 \mathbf{l}_7 &= \left(\frac{A^T A \mathbf{n}_0}{|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{n}_0|^2} - \mathbf{n}_0 \right) [\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}_0],
 \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where \mathbf{n}_0^* and $\boldsymbol{\Psi}^*$ are extensions of \mathbf{n}_0 , $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$ from Γ_0 in Ω_1 ,

$$\Pi \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{f}), \quad \Pi_0 \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{n}_0(\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbf{f}).$$

We solve the problem (4.1) by successive approximations, according to the scheme

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{u}_{m+1,t} - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_{m+1} + \nabla q_{m+1} = \mathbf{f}(\xi, t) + \mathbf{l}_1(\mathbf{u}_m, q_m), \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{m+1} = l_2(\mathbf{u}_m), \\ \xi \in \Omega_{10}, \quad t > 0, \\ T(\mathbf{u}_{m+1}, q_{m+1})\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{l}_3(\mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{h}_m), \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\ \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{h}_{m+1,t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\ + \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \alpha^{-1} \text{rot} \mathbf{h}_{m+1} \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\ = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_3} \mathbf{l}_4(\mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{h}_m) \cdot \text{rot} \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt \\ + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \mu \mathbf{l}_5(\mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{h}_m) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}(y, t) dy dt, \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{h}_{m+1} = \mathbf{l}_6(\mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{h}_m), \quad \xi \in \Omega_2, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h}_{m+1} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_{m+1,\tau}] = \mathbf{l}_7(\mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{h}_m), \quad \xi \in \Gamma_0, \\ [\mu \mathbf{h}_{m+1} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{h}_{m+1,\tau}] = 0, \quad \xi \in S_3, \quad \mathbf{h}_{m+1} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \xi \in S, \\ \mathbf{u}_{m+1}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_1, \\ \mathbf{h}_{m+1}(\xi, 0) = \mathbf{H}_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \end{array} \right. \quad (4.3)$$

$\mathbf{u}_0 = 0, q_0 = 0, \rho_0 = 0, \mathbf{h}_0 = 0$. Using Theorems 3-5 and estimates of the nonlinear terms (they are omitted), we obtain

$$Y_{m+1}(T) \leq c_1 T^\beta \sum_{j=1}^3 Y_m^j(t) + c_2 N(T), \quad (4.4)$$

where $\beta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m(T) &= \|\mathbf{u}_m\|_{W_2^{l+2, l/2+1}(Q_T^1)} + \|\nabla q_m\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(Q_T^1)} \\ &+ \|q_m\|_{W_2^{l+1/2, l/2+1/4}(G_T)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}_m\|_{W_2^{l+1, l/2+1/2}(Q_T^i)}, \\ N(T) &= \|\mathbf{f}\|_{W_2^{l, l/2}(W_T^i)} + \|\mathbf{j}\|_{L_2(0, T; W_2^l(\Omega_3))} \\ &+ \|\mathbf{j}\|_{W_2^{(l-1)/2}(0, T; W_2^1(\Omega_3))} + \|\mathbf{v}_0\|_{W_2^{l+1}(\Omega_1)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{h}_0\|_{W_2^l(\Omega_i)}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (4.4) that in the case of small T

$$Y_{m+1}(T) \leq 2c_2 N(T). \quad (4.5)$$

The proof of the convergence of the sequence $(\mathbf{u}_m, q_m, \rho_m, \mathbf{h}_m)$ is based on the estimate of the differences $(\mathbf{u}_{m+1} - \mathbf{u}_m, q_{m+1} - q_m, \rho_{m+1} - \rho_m, \mathbf{h}_{m+1} - \rho_m)$, as in [2]. This yields the proof of Theorem 2. The reconstruction of \mathbf{e} can be made in the same manner as in the linear case above, which completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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