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On Unique Continuation for Navier-Stokes Equations

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We study the unique continuation properties of solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations. We take advantage of rotation transformation of the Navier-Stokes equations to prove the “logarithmic convexity” of certain quantities, which measure the suitable Gaussian decay at infinity to obtain the Gaussian decay weighted estimates, as well as Carleman inequality. As a consequence we obtain sufficient conditions on the behavior of the solution at two different times $t_0 = 0$ and $t_1 = 1$ which guarantee the “global” unique continuation of solutions for the Navier-Stokes equations.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the unique continuity of the Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p &= 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^n \times (0, 1), \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^n \times (0, 1). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

For (1), the existence of the Leray solutions [1] can be found in [2–4] (see also [5–9] for the existence of the general solutions). The regularity of (1) ($n \geq 3$) is an open problem, but some results of the partial regularity can refer to [10–12].

Due to the fact that our consequence needs some asymptotic behavior of the solutions to (1) as conditions, we first mention some the space-time asymptotic behavior of the solutions. In [13], Amrouch et al. studied the space-time asymptotic behavior of the solutions, and their derivatives, to (1) in dimension $2 \leq n \leq 5$, and obtained that the strong solutions to (1) which decay in L^2 at the rate of $\|u(t)\|_2 \leq C(t+1)^{-\mu}$ have the following point-wise space-time decay, for $0 \leq k \leq n/2$,

$$|D^\alpha u(x, t)| \leq C_{k,m} \frac{1}{(t+1)^{\rho_0} (1+|x|^2)^{k/2}}, \quad (2)$$

with $\rho_0 = (1 - 2k/n)(m/2 + \mu + n/4)$, $|\alpha| = m$, and $\mu > (n/4)$. The L^2 decay for solutions of (1) was studied in [14–17]. On other hand, the backward uniqueness for parabolic

equations will be used in our paper. In [18], Escauriaza et al. proved a backward uniqueness result for the heat operator with variable lower order terms, which implies the full regularity of $L_{3,\infty}$ -solutions of the three-dimensional Navier-Stokes equations. Some backward results of the Navier-Stokes equations can refer to [19, 20].

The unique continuation is best understood for second order elliptic operators, in which the powerful technique so-called Carleman weighted estimate played a central role (see [21, Chapter 17] and [22]). In [21, Chapter 28], the Calderón uniqueness theorems for some general linear partial differential operators were obtained by Carleman estimates. The proofs in Chapter 28 of [21] relied on factorization in first order pseudodifferential operators. A careful study of these factors led to more general forms of the Calderón uniqueness theorem. In [23], Saut and Scheurer proved a unique continuation theorem when L was a second order parabolic equation in the first section. Their proof is simple and based on the derivation of a Carleman estimate which is reminiscent of the classical Carleman estimates for second order elliptic operators. This Carleman inequality allows the weakening of the smoothness assumptions on the principal operator L . And they extended also these results to some mixed parabolic-elliptic systems and some higher order parabolic equations. For the parabolic equations [24], the stokes equations [25], and the Navier-Stokes equations [26, 27], the similar “local (space)” uniqueness results were

obtained. In [28], interpolation arguments and Sobolev imbedding theorem led to an L^p ($p > 2$) Carleman estimate therefore to a unique continuation theorem. In [29–32], the “global” unique continuation for the Schrödinger equations was discussed.

For the stationary Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

in three dimensions, Finn [33] showed that $u|_{\partial B_R} = 0$ and $u = o(|x|^{-1})$; then, u is trivial ($\Omega = \mathbf{R}^3 \setminus B_R(0)$). Later Dyer and Edmunds [34] proved that if u is C^2 bounded, and $u = O(\exp(-\exp(\alpha|x|^3)))$ for all $\alpha > 0$, then u is trivial (see also [35]). In [36], Lin et al. showed that, for $n = 2, 3$, if u is bounded in Ω , then any nontrivial of (3) cannot decay faster than certain double exponential at infinity (see Corollary 1.6 [36]). In [37], they improved on this result in [36] and studied the asymptotic behavior of solutions of the stationary Navier-Stokes equations in an exterior domain, through assuming $u \in (H_{\text{loc}}^1(\Omega))^n$, $\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \lambda$ ($n = 2$), or $\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \lambda$ ($n \geq 3$) and choosing the appropriate Carleman estimates based on Lemma 2.4 in [38], combining interior estimates, showed that any nontrivial solution obeyed a minimal decaying rate $\exp(-Ct^2 \log t)$ at infinity. Our goal is to obtain sufficient conditions on the behavior of the solution u at two different times $t_0 = 0$ and $t_1 = 1$ which guarantee that the solution of (1) is trivial.

For the heat equation, applying Hardy’s uncertainty principle [39] to $e^\Delta f$, $e^{|\mathbf{x}|^2/\delta^2} e^\Delta f$ and $e^{4|\xi|^2/2^2} \widehat{e^\Delta f} = \widehat{f}$ would be in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$, and $2\delta \leq 4$ implies $e^\Delta f \equiv 0$. Then, backward uniqueness arguments [40] show that $f \equiv 0$. Moreover, due to the result in [31]: If $f(x) = O(e^{-|x|^2/\beta^2})$, $\widehat{f}(\xi) = O(e^{-|\xi|^2/\alpha^2})$, and $\alpha\beta < 4$, then $f \equiv 0$. This result can be rewritten in terms of the free solution of the Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_t u + \Delta u &= 0, \quad u(0) = f, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times (0, +\infty), \\ u(x, t) &= (2\pi it)^{-n/2} e^{i|x|^2/(4t)} e^{i\widehat{f}(\cdot/(4t))} f\left(\frac{x}{2t}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

That means if $u(x, 0) = O(e^{-|x|^2/\beta^2})$, $u(x, T) = O(e^{-|\xi|^2/\alpha^2})$, then when $\alpha\beta < 4T$, $u \equiv 0$. By applying “logarithmically convex” and Carleman estimates of equations after the Appel transformation, Escauriaza et al. [31] showed the following.

(1) If $u \in C([0, 1], L^2(\mathbf{R}^n))$ and satisfies

$$\partial_t u = i(\Delta u + V(x, t)u), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1], \quad (5)$$

where α, β are positive, $\alpha\beta < 2$, and $\|e^{|\mathbf{x}|^2/\beta^2} u(0)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}$, $\|e^{|\mathbf{x}|^2/\alpha^2} u(1)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}$ are finite,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \|V\|_{L^1([0,1], L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \setminus B_R))} = 0, \quad (6)$$

then $u \equiv 0$.

(2) If $u \in L^\infty([0, 1], L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)) \cap L^2([0, T], H^1(\mathbf{R}^n))$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \Delta u + V(x, t)u, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1], \\ u(0) &= f, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $V(x, t)$ is bounded in $\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$ and $\delta < 1$, $f, e^{|\mathbf{x}|^2/\delta^2} u(1)$ are in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$, then $u \equiv 0$.

Based on these results above, it is natural to expect that Hardy’s uncertain principle holds on Navier-Stokes equations (1). In this paper, our aim is to prove the the following unique continuation theorem of Navier-Stokes equations (1).

Theorem 1. *If $\text{curl } u(x, t) \in (C^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]))^{n \times n}$ satisfies (1) and there are constants C_0, C_1, C_2 which satisfy the following inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}, \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}, \|\Delta u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} &\leq C_0, \\ \|\partial_t u \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}, \|u \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}, \|\nabla u \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} &\leq C_1, \\ \|(x \cdot \nabla) u \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} &\leq C_2. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

We also assume that $e^{\gamma|\mathbf{x}|^2} \text{curl } u(0)$ and $e^{\gamma|\mathbf{x}|^2} \text{curl } u(1)$ are in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Then $u \equiv 0$ for $(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$.

Our arrangement is as follows. In Section 2, we introduce variable transformation of the curl; thus, we can reduce the information of the tension item and simplify the equations. Hence we get the equations of the tensor $q = \text{curl } u$. In Section 3, using the transformation of weighted function and constructing “logarithmic convexity” of the solutions of the equations about q , we get the Gaussian weight L^2 estimates of q . But in this Gaussian weight L^2 estimates, we need to justify the validity of the arguments in Proposition 5. Due to the fact that the equations of q include the term $(A \cdot \nabla)q$, we cannot use the cut-off method as in [31] to justify the validity. We thus first give a Gaussian weight L^2 preestimates (see Proposition 2). In Section 4, we prove a Carleman estimate about q . By the Carleman estimate above, we mainly stress the unique continuation for the equations about q in $\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$. This means we accordingly get the unique continuation for the equation about u . According with the conditions that have been given, we lastly analyze the unique continuation for the given Navier-Stokes equations about u in $\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$.

We give the notations in this paper.

Let $f(x, t) = (f_{ij}(x, t))$, $g(x, t) = (g_{ij}(x, t))$ be 2-order tensor, and define

$$(f, g) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f_{ij}(\cdot, t) \cdot g_{ij}(\cdot, t) dx,$$

$$\|f\|^2 = \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}^2 = (f, f) = \sum \|f_{ij}\|^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|f(x, t)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} &= \left(\int_0^1 \|f(\cdot, t)\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}, \\ \|f\|_\infty &= \sum \|f_{ij}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}, \\ \|f(x, t)\|_{L^\infty([0,1], L^2(\mathbf{R}^n))} &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \|f\|. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}$ are the symmetric and skew-symmetric operators, $\mathcal{S}_t$ shows the partial derivative on t about coefficients of the operator $\mathcal{S}$, and commutator $[\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}] = \mathcal{S}\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}\mathcal{S}$.

C_0^∞ means C^∞ with compact support.

2. Reduced System

In order to simplify the equations, we introduce q , which is the curl of the solutions of (1):

$$q_{ij} = (\text{curl } u)_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_i u_j - \partial_j u_i), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n. \quad (10)$$

Thus we transform (1) into equations about q .

In detail, we also introduce

$$(\text{curl}^T q)_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_j (q_{ij} - q_{ji}), \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \quad (11)$$

where curl^T denotes the transpose of curl. Then it is easy to prove

$$\Delta u = \nabla (\nabla \cdot u) - \text{curl}^T \text{curl } u. \quad (12)$$

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{curl}^T \text{curl } u)_i \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_j (\text{curl } u_{ij} - \text{curl } u_{ji}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_j \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_i u_j - \partial_j u_i) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_j u_i - \partial_i u_j) \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_j \partial_i u_j - \Delta u_i \\ &= [\nabla (\nabla \cdot u)]_i - \Delta u_i. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Noticing that $\nabla \cdot u = 0$, (12) becomes $\Delta u + \text{curl}^T q = 0$.

Moreover,

$$u \cdot \nabla u = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} |u|^2 \right) - \sqrt{2} (\text{curl } u) u. \quad (14)$$

Applying curl on the equations $u_t - \Delta u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = 0$, we have

$$q_t - \Delta q + Q(q)u + q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T = 0, \quad (15)$$

where $(Q(q)u)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n (\partial_j q_{ik} - \partial_i q_{jk})u_k = [(u \cdot \nabla)q]_{ij}$. In fact, by the definitions of q and $Q(q)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} [q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T]_{ij} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=1}^n [\partial_i u_k \partial_k u_j - \partial_j u_k \partial_k u_i], \\ [\text{curl}(u \cdot \nabla u)]_{ij} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\partial_i \sum_{k=1}^n u_k \partial_k u_j - \partial_j \sum_{k=1}^n u_k \partial_k u_i \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n (\partial_i u_k \partial_k u_j - \partial_j u_k \partial_k u_i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k \partial_i \partial_k u_j - u_k \partial_j \partial_k u_i) \right] \\ &= [q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T + (u \cdot \nabla)q]_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl}(u \cdot \nabla u) &= Q(q)u + q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T, \\ (\text{curl}(\Delta u))_{ij} &= (\text{curl}(-\text{curl}^T q))_{ij} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_i (\text{curl}^T q)_j - \partial_j (\text{curl}^T q)_i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\partial_i \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=1}^n \partial_k (q_{jk} - q_{kj}) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=1}^n \partial_k (q_{ik} - q_{ki}) \right) \right) \\ &= -\sum_{k=1}^n (\partial_{ik} q_{jk} - \partial_{jk} q_{ik}) \\ &= -(\Delta q)_{ji} = (\Delta q)_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

By $\text{curl}(\nabla p) = 0$, we easily get (15).

For $n = 2$, due to $\nabla \cdot u = 0$, it is easy to see that $q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T = 0$. Hence, for $n = 2$, we only need to consider the system:

$$q_t - \Delta q + Q(q)u = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, 1], \quad (18)$$

for $n \geq 3$, we only need to consider the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} q_t - \Delta q + (Q(q)u) + q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T &= 0, \\ (x, t) &\in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In order to get the unique continuation of (1), putting together (18) and (19), it suffices to consider

$$q_t - \Delta q + (A \cdot \nabla)q + Bq = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1], \quad (20)$$

where $A = u$, $Bq = q(\nabla u)^T - (\nabla u)q^T$.

3. Gaussian Weighted Estimates

In this section, we consider Gaussian weighted estimates of q and ∇q in (20); that is,

$$q_t - \Delta q + (A \cdot \nabla) q + Bq = 0. \quad (21)$$

Proposition 2. *If $q \in (L^\infty([0, 1], L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)))^{n \times n} \cap (L^2([0, 1], H^2(\mathbf{R}^n)))^{n \times n}$ satisfies*

$$\partial_t q - \Delta q + A \cdot \nabla q + Bq = F, \quad (22)$$

$\|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \leq C_0 < 2\gamma$, and $\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \leq 2\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \leq 2C_0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\gamma|x|^2} |q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ & \leq 14^{n/2} \cdot \int e^{14\gamma|x|^2} |q(x, 0)|^2 dx \\ & \quad + 14^{n/2} e^{(14\gamma)^{-1}(3C_0^2 + 4C_0 + 1)/2} (14\gamma)^{-1} \\ & \quad \cdot \int_0^1 \int \frac{e^{14\gamma|x|^2} |F|^2}{2} dx dt, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where $\gamma > 0$.

Proof. Let $\gamma > 0$, $\bar{q}(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = q(\gamma^{-1/2}\bar{x}, \gamma^{-1}\bar{t})$; then,

$$\partial_{\bar{t}} \bar{q} - \Delta \bar{q} + \gamma^{-1/2} A \cdot \nabla \bar{q} + \gamma^{-1} B \bar{q} = \gamma^{-1} F. \quad (24)$$

Denote by $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$. Without loss of generality, assume that $\beta_k \geq 0$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n$). Let $\phi_N \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_N(s) &= 1, \quad s \leq N, \\ \phi_N(s) &= 0, \quad s \geq 10N, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

with

$$0 \leq \phi_N \leq 1, \quad \left| \phi_N^{(j)}(s) \right| \leq \frac{c_j}{N^j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \quad (26)$$

Let $\vartheta_{k,N}(s) = \beta_k \int_0^s \phi_N^2(r) dr$, so that $\vartheta_{k,N}(s) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R})$ nondecreasing with

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_{k,N}(s) &= \beta_k s, \quad s < N, \\ \vartheta_{k,N}(s) &= c_N \beta_k, \quad s > 10N, \\ \vartheta'_{k,N}(s) &= \beta_k \phi_N^2(s) \leq \beta_k, \\ \left| \vartheta_{k,N}^{(j)}(s) \right| &\leq \frac{\beta_k c_j}{N^{j-1}}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Let $\psi_{k,N}(s) = e^{2\vartheta_{k,N}(s)}$ so that $\psi_{k,N}(s) \leq e^{2\beta_k s}$ and $\psi_{k,N}(s) \rightarrow e^{2\beta_k s}$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Taking $\psi_N(\bar{x}) = \psi_{1,N}(\bar{x}_1) \psi_{2,N}(\bar{x}_2) \dots \psi_{n,N}(\bar{x}_n)$, and

$$v_N(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) = \psi_N(\bar{x}) \bar{q}(\bar{x}, \bar{t}). \quad (28)$$

Using that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_N \bar{q} &= v_N, \\ \psi_N \partial_{\bar{t}} \bar{q} &= \partial_{\bar{t}} v_N, \\ \psi_N \partial_{\bar{x}_k} \bar{q} &= \partial_{\bar{x}_k} v_N - 2\beta_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) v_N, \\ \psi_N \partial_{\bar{x}_k}^2 \bar{q} &= \partial_{\bar{x}_k}^2 v_N - 4\beta_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) \partial_{\bar{x}_k} v_N \\ &\quad - (4\beta_k \phi_N(\bar{x}_k) \phi'_N(\bar{x}_k) - 4\beta_k^2 \phi_N^4(\bar{x}_k)) v_N. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

So, one gets the equations of v_N ,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\bar{t}} v_N &= \Delta v_N - \gamma^{-1/2} A \cdot \nabla v_N - \gamma^{-1} B(v_N) \\ &\quad - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) \partial_{\bar{x}_k} v_N - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \phi_N(\bar{x}_k) \phi'_N(\bar{x}_k) v_N \\ &\quad + \left(4 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k^2 \phi_N^4(\bar{x}_k) - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \gamma^{-1/2} A_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) \right) v_N \\ &\quad + \psi_N \gamma^{-1} F. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Multiplying the both sides of (30) by v_N and integrating over $\mathbf{R}^n$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{\bar{t}} \|v_N\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}^2 \\ &= \int \Delta v_N v_N d\bar{x} - \int \gamma^{-1/2} A \cdot \nabla v_N v_N d\bar{x} - \int \gamma^{-1} B(v_N) v_N d\bar{x} \\ &\quad - 4 \int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) \partial_{\bar{x}_k} v_N \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \phi_N(\bar{x}_k) \phi'_N(\bar{x}_k) v_N \right) v_N d\bar{x} \\ &\quad + \int \left(4 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k^2 \phi_N^4(\bar{x}_k) - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \gamma^{-1/2} A_k \phi_N^2(\bar{x}_k) \right) v_N v_N d\bar{x} \\ &\quad + \int \psi_N \gamma^{-1} F v_N d\bar{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Using the integration by parts, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{\bar{t}} \|v_N\|^2 \\ & \leq -\|\nabla v_N\|^2 + \gamma^{-1/2} \|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \|\nabla v_N\| \|v_N\| \\ & \quad + \gamma^{-1} \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \|v_N\|^2 \\ & \quad + 4|\beta| \|\nabla v_N\| \|v_N\| \quad (\text{by (26)}) \\ & \quad + \left(4|\beta|^2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \gamma^{-1/2} \|A_k\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \right) \|v_N\|^2 \\ & \quad + \gamma^{-1} \|\psi_N F\| \|v_N\|. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Using the Young inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{\bar{t}} \|v_N\|^2 \\ & \leq \left(13 |\beta|^2 + \gamma^{-1} \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \right) \|v_N\|^2 + \frac{\gamma^{-1} (3 \|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)}{2} \|\psi_N F\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Denote by

$$\begin{aligned} a(\beta) &= 13 |\beta|^2 + \gamma^{-1} \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ &+ \frac{\gamma^{-1} (3 \|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Integrating (33) over $(0, \bar{t})$, we obtain

$$\|v_N(\bar{t})\|^2 \leq \|v_N(0)\|^2 + e^{a(\beta)} \gamma^{-1} \int_0^{\bar{t}} \frac{\|\psi_N F\|^2}{2} d\bar{t}. \quad (35)$$

Letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain that

$$\int e^{2\beta \cdot \bar{x}} |\bar{q}(\bar{t})|^2 d\bar{x} \leq \int e^{2\beta \cdot \bar{x}} |\bar{q}(0)|^2 d\bar{x} + e^{a(\beta)} \int_0^{\bar{t}} \frac{\|e^{\beta \cdot \bar{x}} F\|^2}{2} d\bar{t}. \quad (36)$$

The above variables $\bar{x}, \bar{t}$ are changed to x, t ; we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x} |q(t)|^2 dx \\ & \leq \int e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x} |q(0)|^2 dx + e^{a(\beta)} \gamma^{-1} \int_0^1 \frac{\|e^{\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x} F\|^2}{2} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

On the other hand, it is easy to prove that

$$e^{\gamma|x|^2/K} = \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x - K|\beta|^2} d\beta. \quad (38)$$

In fact, noticing that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|x|^2} dx = \pi^{n/2} \quad (39)$$

and using

$$2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x - K|\beta|^2 = -K \left| \beta - \frac{\gamma^{1/2} x}{K} \right|^2 + \frac{\gamma|x|^2}{K}, \quad (40)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x - K|\beta|^2} d\beta \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int e^{-K|\beta - \gamma^{1/2} x/K|^2 + \gamma|x|^2/K} d\beta \\ &= e^{\gamma|x|^2/K}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

That is, (38) holds.

Using (37) and (38), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\gamma|x|^2/K} |q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int \int e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x - K|\beta|^2} d\beta |q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ &\leq \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int \int e^{-K|\beta|^2} e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x} |q(x, 0)|^2 d\beta dx \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \int_0^1 \int \int \frac{e^{a(\beta) - K|\beta|^2} e^{2\beta \cdot \gamma^{1/2} x} |F|^2}{2} d\beta dx dt \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \int \int e^{-(K-13)|\beta - \gamma^{1/2} x/(K-13)|^2 + \gamma|x|^2/(K-13)} \\ &\quad \times |q(x, 0)|^2 d\beta dx \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{K}{\pi}\right)^{n/2} e^{\gamma^{-1}(2\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} + 3\|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)/2} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 \int \int \frac{e^{-(K-13)|\beta - \gamma^{1/2} x/(K-13)|^2 + \gamma|x|^2/(K-13)} |F|^2}{2} d\beta dx dt \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{(K-13)}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \int e^{\gamma|x|^2/(K-13)} |q(x, 0)|^2 dx \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{K}{(K-13)}\right)^{n/2} e^{\gamma^{-1}(2\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} + 3\|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)/2} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 \int \frac{e^{\gamma|x|^2/(K-13)} |F|^2}{2} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

In (42), taking $K = 14$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\gamma|x|^2/14} |q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ &\leq 14^{n/2} \int e^{\gamma|x|^2} |q(x, 0)|^2 dx \\ &\quad + 14^{n/2} e^{\gamma^{-1}(2\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} + 3\|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)/2} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 \int \frac{e^{\gamma|x|^2} |F|^2}{2} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Replacing $\gamma/14$ by γ in (43) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\gamma|x|^2} |q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ &\leq 14^{n/2} \int e^{14\gamma|x|^2} |q(x, 0)|^2 dx \\ &\quad + 14^{n/2} e^{(14\gamma)^{-1}(2\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} + 3\|A\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 + 1)/2} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 \int \frac{e^{14\gamma|x|^2} |F|^2}{2} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

That is, (23) holds. The proof of Proposition 2 is completed. $\square$

Remark 3. Taking the gradient operator ∇ to the both sides of (21), we get the systems about ∇q ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla q)_t - \Delta(\nabla q) \\ + (A \cdot \nabla)(\nabla q) + B(\nabla q) - ((\nabla A) \cdot \nabla) q = (\nabla B) q, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

where replace A, B by $A(\gamma^{-1/2}\bar{x}, \gamma^{-1}\bar{t}), B(\gamma^{-1/2}\bar{x}, \gamma^{-1}\bar{t})$. Using Proposition 2, we get the estimates of the ∇q ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q(x, t)|^2 dx \\ & \leq 14^{n/2} \cdot \int e^{14\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q(x, 0)|^2 dx \\ & + 14^n e^{a(C_0, \gamma)} (14\gamma)^{-1} \cdot \|\nabla B\|_{L^\infty} \int e^{196\gamma|x|^2} \frac{|q(x, 0)|^2}{2} dx, \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where $\gamma > 0, a(C_0, \gamma) = (14\gamma)^{-1}(3C_0^2 + 4C_0 + 1)/2$.

Proposition 2 shows that $\|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q\|$ relates to the initial value of $\|e^{14\gamma|x|^2} q\|$, and Remark 3 means that $\|e^{\gamma|x|^2} \nabla q\|$ relates to the initial value of $\|e^{\gamma|x|^2} \nabla q\|$ and $\|e^{196\gamma|x|^2} q\|$. But the key of this paper is to control the behavior of solution in interval $[0, 1]$ by solution at two different times $t = 0, 1$. The following Lemma introduces an abstract result (for the tensor v) which shows how to get the “logarithmic convexity” property, which is analogous to Lemma 2 in [31] (for the complex function).

Lemma 4. Let $\mathcal{S}$ be a symmetric operator and $\mathcal{A}$ a skew-symmetric operator, both allowed to depend on the time variable. G is a positive function; $v(x, t)$ is a reasonable real 2-order tensor function.

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &= (v(\cdot, t), v(\cdot, t)), \quad D(t) = (\mathcal{S}v, v), \\ E(t) &= \frac{D(t)}{F(t)}. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

Moreover, if there exist constants M_0, M_1 , and M_2 such that

$$|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v| \leq M_1 \|v\| + G(t), \quad \mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}] \geq -M_0,$$

$$M_2 = \sup_{[0,1]} \frac{\|G(t)\|}{\|v(t)\|}, \quad (48)$$

are achieved, then $\log F(t)$ is “logarithmically convex” in $[0, 1]$ and there is a universal constant K such that

$$F(t) \leq e^{K(M_0+M_1+M_2+M_1^2+M_2^2)} F(0)^{1-t} F(1)^t \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1. \quad (49)$$

Proof. On one hand,

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &= 2(\partial_t v, v) = (\partial_t v + \mathcal{S}v, v) + (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v, v), \\ D(t) &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v + \mathcal{S}v, v) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v, v). \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Because $\mathcal{A}$ is a skew-symmetric operator and $(\mathcal{A}v, v) = 0$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) D(t) &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v + \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v, v)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &= 2(\partial_t v, v) = 2(\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) + 2(\mathcal{S}v, v) \\ &= 2(\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) + 2D(t). \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

Differentiating $D(t) = (\mathcal{S}v, v)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} D'(t) &= (\mathcal{S}_t v, v) + (\mathcal{S} \partial_t v, v) + (\mathcal{S}v, \partial_t v) \\ &= (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) + 2(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v, \mathcal{S}v). \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Noticing that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v, \mathcal{S}v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} D'(t) &= (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

From (52) and (55), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} F''(t) &= 2\partial_t (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) + 2(\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) \\ &+ \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 - \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

From (55) and (51), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \frac{(\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v)}{F} \\ &+ \frac{(1/2) [\|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 \|v\|^2 - (\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v, v)^2]}{F^2} \\ &+ \frac{(1/2) [(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 - \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2 \|v\|^2]}{F^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 \|v\|^2 - (\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 \geq 0. \quad (58)$$

Meantime, $(1/2)(\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v, v)^2 > 0$, so

$$E'(t) \geq \frac{(\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v)}{F} - \frac{\|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2}{(2F)}. \quad (59)$$

From (48) and the inequality above,

$$E'(t) \geq -M_0 - M_1^2 - M_2^2. \quad (60)$$

We remark (52) shows that

$$\partial_t [\log F(t) + O(1)] = 2E(t), \quad (61)$$

where $O(1)$ is a function and

$$|O(1)| \leq K(M_0 + M_1 + M_2 + M_1^2 + M_2^2), \quad (62)$$

when $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

All together, when $0 \leq t \leq 1$,

$$\partial_t^2 (\log F(t) + O(1)) \geq 0, \quad \text{when } 0 \leq t \leq 1. \quad (63)$$

Therefore, when $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \lambda \leq 1$,

$$\partial_s (\log F(s) + O(1)) \leq \partial_\lambda (\log F(\lambda) + O(1)). \quad (64)$$

On one hand, the integration of the inequality above over the intervals $0 \leq s \leq t$ and $t \leq \lambda \leq 1$ shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^1 \int_0^t \partial_s (\log F(s) + O(1)) ds d\lambda \\ &= \int_t^1 (\log F(t) - \log F(0) + O(1)t) d\lambda \\ &= (1-t) \log F(t) - (1-t) \log F(0) + O(1)t(1-t). \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_t^1 \partial_\lambda (\log F(\lambda) + O(1)) d\lambda ds \\ &= \int_0^t (\log F(1) - \log F(t) + O(1)(1-t)) ds \\ &= t \log F(1) - t \log F(t) + O(1)t(1-t). \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

Combining with (64), it implies (49). This completes the proof of Lemma 4. $\square$

Proposition 5. Assume that $q \in L^\infty([0, 1], L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)) \cap L^2([0, 1], H^1(\mathbf{R}^n))$ verifies (21) and $\|e^{196\gamma|x|^2} q(0)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}, \|e^{196\gamma|x|^2} q(1)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}$ are finite as $\gamma > 5C_0/16$, and let

$$M_0 = 8\gamma^2 C_1 + 2C_0,$$

$$\|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} + 2\gamma \|A \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])} \leq C_0 + 2\gamma C_1 \leq M_1. \quad (67)$$

Then, $\|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)}$ is “logarithmical convexity” in $[0, 1]$ and there is a universal constant K such that

$$\|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t)\| \leq e^{K(M_0 + M_1 + M_1^2)} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(0)\|^{1-t} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(1)\|^t, \quad (68)$$

when $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Proof. Let $v = e^{\gamma\varphi} q$; then, from the equation about q , we get the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t v &= (\Delta + \gamma^2 |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \gamma \partial_t \varphi) v \\ &\quad + (-2\gamma \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla - \gamma \Delta \varphi - A \cdot \nabla) v + (\gamma A \cdot \nabla \varphi - B) v \\ &= \mathcal{S} v + \mathcal{A} v + (\gamma A \cdot \nabla \varphi - B) v, \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

where $\mathcal{S} = \Delta + \gamma^2 |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \gamma \partial_t \varphi$ is a symmetric operator and $\mathcal{A} = -2\gamma \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla - \gamma \Delta \varphi - A \cdot \nabla$ is a skew-symmetric operator. At this time,

$$\mathcal{S}_t = 2\gamma^2 \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \partial_t \varphi + \gamma \partial_t^2 \varphi. \quad (70)$$

Let A^i be the i th element of A and $\partial_i v$ the partial derivative on x_i . A calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v \\ &= (\gamma \partial_t^2 \varphi + 4\gamma^2 \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \partial_t \varphi) v \\ &\quad - \gamma (4\nabla \cdot (D^2 \varphi \nabla) - 4\gamma^2 D^2 \varphi \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi + \Delta^2 \varphi) v \\ &\quad + \gamma (A \cdot \nabla \partial_t \varphi) v + \gamma^2 (A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2)) v \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla A^i \cdot \nabla) \partial_i v. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Thus, if we take $\varphi = |x|^2$,

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v, v) \\ &= 8\gamma \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx + 32\gamma^3 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx + 8\gamma^2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A \cdot x |v|^2 dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v v dx - 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla A^i \cdot \nabla) \partial_i v v dx. \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

A formal integration by parts shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla A^i \cdot \nabla) \partial_i v v dx \\ &= 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (\Delta A \cdot \nabla v) v dx + 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (\nabla A \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \nabla v dx, \quad (73) \\ & - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v v dx = - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (\Delta A \cdot \nabla v) v dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using the two results above and noticing that $\|A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1$ and $\|\nabla A\|_\infty, \|\nabla A\|_\infty \leq C_0$, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}])v, v) \\
 &= 8\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx + 32\gamma^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx + 8\gamma^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} A \cdot x |v|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\Delta A \cdot \nabla v) v dx + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\nabla A \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \nabla v dx \\
 &\geq 8\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx + 32\gamma^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx - 8\gamma^2 C_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{C_0}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx - 2C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx - 2C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
 &= \left(8\gamma - \frac{C_0}{2} - 2C_0\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx + 32\gamma^3 \\
 &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx - (8\gamma^2 C_1 + 2C_0) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{74}$$

When $\gamma > 5C_0/16$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}])v, v) &\geq -(8\gamma^2 C_1 + 2C_0) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
 &= -M_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

So, $\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}] \geq -M_0$. On the other hand, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v| &= |(\gamma A \cdot \nabla \varphi - B)v| \\
 &\leq (\|B\|_{L^\infty} + 2\gamma \|A \cdot x\|_{L^\infty}) \|v\| \\
 &\leq (C_0 + 2\gamma C_1) \|v\| \leq M_1 \|v\|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{76}$$

Therefore when $v = e^{\gamma|x|^2} q$, from Lemma 4, we have the “logarithmic convexity” of $F(t) = \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t)\|^2$ and then (68) follows. Proposition 2 shows the validity of the previous arguments. This completes the proof of Proposition 5. $\square$

Proposition 6. Assume that q , A , B , and γ are as in Proposition 5 and $\gamma > 0$ is finite; then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| \sqrt{t(1-t)} e^{\gamma|x|^2} \nabla q \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\
 &\quad + \left\| \sqrt{t(1-t)} |x| e^{\gamma|x|^2} q \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\
 &\leq K (M_0 + M_1 + M_1^2) \sup_{[0,1]} \left\| e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t) \right\|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

where K , M_0 , and M_1 are as in Proposition 5.

Proof. Let $v = e^{\gamma|x|^2} q$, from Proposition 5; we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v| \leq M_1 \|v\|, \\
 &((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}])v, v) \\
 &\geq \left(8\gamma - \frac{C_0}{2} - 2C_0\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + 32\gamma^3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx - (8\gamma^2 C_1 + 2C_0) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
 &= P_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx + P_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx - P_3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx,
 \end{aligned} \tag{78}$$

where $P_1 = 8\gamma - (5C_0/2)$, $P_2 = 32\gamma^3$, and $P_3 = 8\gamma^2 C_1 + 2C_0 = M_0$.

Thus, integration over $[0, 1]$ to $t(1-t)$ timing $F''(t)$ of the formula (56) in Lemma 4 shows that

$$\int_0^1 t(1-t) F''(t) dt = F(1) + F(0) - 2 \int_0^1 F(t) dt. \tag{79}$$

On the other hand, integrating the above equality by parts shows

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^1 2t(1-t) \partial_t (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_0^1 2t(1-t) (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_0^1 t(1-t) \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v + \mathcal{S}v\|^2 dt \\
 &\quad - \int_0^1 t(1-t) \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2 dt \\
 &\geq - \int_0^1 (2-4t) (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_0^1 2t(1-t) (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) dt \\
 &\quad - \int_0^1 t(1-t) \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2 dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{80}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F(1) + F(0) - 2 \int_0^1 F(t) dt \\
 &\geq - \int_0^1 (2-4t) (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_0^1 2t(1-t) (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]v, v) dt \\
 &\quad - \int_0^1 t(1-t) \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2 dt;
 \end{aligned} \tag{81}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 2t(1-t) (\mathcal{S}_t v + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}] v, v) dt + 2 \int_0^1 F(t) dt \\ & \leq F(1) + F(0) + \int_0^1 (2-4t) (\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v, v) dt \quad (82) \\ & \quad + \int_0^1 t(1-t) \|\partial_t v - \mathcal{A}v - \mathcal{S}v\|^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

From (78) and (46), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \int_0^1 t(1-t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} P_1 |\nabla v|^2 + P_2 |x|^2 |v|^2 - P_3 |v|^2 dx dt \\ & \quad + 2 \int_0^1 F(t) dt \\ & \leq F(1) + F(0) + 2 \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_1 |v|^2 dx dt \quad (83) \\ & \quad + \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} t(1-t) M_1^2 |v|^2 dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

To be simplified,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \int_0^1 t(1-t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} P_1 |\nabla v|^2 + 4\gamma^2 P_1 |x|^2 |v|^2 dx dt \\ & \quad + 2(P_2 - 4\gamma^2 P_1) \int_0^1 t(1-t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq F(1) + F(0) + \left(2M_1 + \frac{M_1^2}{4} + \frac{P_3}{2} - 2\right) \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq F(1) + F(0) + \left(2M_1 + \frac{M_1^2}{4} + \frac{M_0}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx dt. \quad (84) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, from $v = e^{\gamma|x|^2} q$, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and integration by parts, it is easy to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 + 4\gamma^2 |x|^2 |v|^2 dx \\ & \geq 2\gamma n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx = 2\gamma n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 dx. \quad (85) \end{aligned}$$

Furtherly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 + 4\gamma^2 |x|^2 |v|^2 dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 8\gamma^2 |x|^2 e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 + e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 4\gamma x e^{2\gamma|x|^2} q \nabla q dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 8\gamma^2 |x|^2 e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 + e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q|^2 dx \\ & \quad - 2\gamma n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 8\gamma^2 |x|^2 e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q|^2 dx - 2\gamma n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |q|^2 dx. \quad (86) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the last two formulae give

$$2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 + 4\gamma^2 |x|^2 |v|^2 dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q|^2 dx. \quad (87)$$

Applying (87) to (84), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P_1 \int_0^1 t(1-t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\gamma|x|^2} |\nabla q|^2 dx \\ & \quad + 2(P_2 - 4\gamma^2 P_1) \int_0^1 t(1-t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^2 |v|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq F(1) + F(0) + \left(2M_1 + \frac{M_1^2}{4} + \frac{M_0}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx dt. \quad (88) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there is a constant K such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sqrt{t(1-t)} e^{\gamma|x|^2} \nabla q \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \quad + \left\| \sqrt{t(1-t)} |x| e^{\gamma|x|^2} q \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \leq K (M_0 + M_1 + M_1^2) \sup_{[0,1]} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t)\|. \quad (89) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 6. $\square$

4. Carleman Estimates

In this section, let $\gamma > 5C_0/16$ and the assumptions in Propositions 5 and 6 satisfied; we get the following Carleman estimate.

Proposition 7 (Carleman Estimation). *If $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, 1])$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi = \mu |x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1|^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{R^2 t(1-t)(1-2t)}{6} - \frac{(1+\varepsilon)R^2 t(1-t)}{16\mu}, \quad (90) \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$, then, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, $\mu > 0$, and $R > 0$ such that

$$R \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{32\mu}} \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq \|e^\varphi (\partial_t - \Delta + A \cdot \nabla) f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1])}. \quad (91)$$

Proof. Let $v = e^\varphi f$; then,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\partial_t - \Delta + A \cdot \nabla) f \\ &= -\varphi_t e^{-\varphi} v + e^{-\varphi} \partial_t v + \Delta \varphi e^{-\varphi} v - |\nabla \varphi|^2 e^{-\varphi} v \\ & \quad + 2e^{-\varphi} \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla v - e^{-\varphi} \Delta v - e^{-\varphi} v A \cdot \nabla \varphi + e^{-\varphi} A \cdot \nabla v. \end{aligned} \quad (92)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & e^\varphi (\partial_t - \Delta + A \cdot \nabla) f \\ &= \partial_t v - (\Delta + |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \partial_t \varphi + A \cdot \nabla \varphi) v \\ & \quad + (2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla + \Delta \varphi + A \cdot \nabla) v \\ &= \partial_t v - \mathcal{S} v - \mathcal{A} v, \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= \Delta + |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \varphi_t + A \cdot \nabla \varphi, \\ \mathcal{A} &= -2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla - \Delta \varphi - A \cdot \nabla, \\ \mathcal{S}_t &= 2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_t + \varphi_{tt} + A_t \cdot \nabla \varphi + A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t. \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}' &= \Delta + |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \varphi_t, \\ \mathcal{A}' &= -2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla - \Delta \varphi, \\ \mathcal{S}'_t &= 2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_t + \varphi_{tt}; \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}] v \\ &= (\mathcal{S}' + A \cdot \nabla \varphi) (\mathcal{A}' v - A \cdot \nabla v) \\ & \quad + (-\mathcal{A}' + A \cdot \nabla) (\mathcal{S}' v + A \cdot \nabla \varphi v) \\ &= [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}'] v - A \cdot \nabla \varphi A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi v) \\ & \quad - 2A \cdot \nabla \varphi \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla v + 2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi v) \\ & \quad - \Delta (A \cdot \nabla v) + A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) \\ & \quad - |\nabla \varphi|^2 A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2 v) - \varphi_t A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (\varphi_t v). \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

So,

$$(\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v = (\mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}']) v \quad (97)$$

$$+ A_t \cdot \nabla \varphi v + A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t v \quad (98)$$

$$- A \cdot \nabla \varphi A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi v) \quad (99)$$

$$- 2A \cdot \nabla \varphi \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla v + 2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi v) \quad (100)$$

$$- \Delta (A \cdot \nabla v) + A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) \quad (101)$$

$$- |\nabla \varphi|^2 A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2 v) \quad (102)$$

$$- \varphi_t A \cdot \nabla v + A \cdot \nabla (\varphi_t v). \quad (103)$$

A calculation shows that

$$(99) = [A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)] v,$$

$$(100) = 2\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi) v,$$

$$(102) = A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2) v,$$

$$(103) = (A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t) v,$$

$$(101) = A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) - \Delta (A \cdot \nabla v)$$

$$= A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) - \Delta \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A^i \partial_i v \right)$$

$$= A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) - \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v \right.$$

$$\left. + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v + A \cdot \nabla (\Delta v) \right] \\ = - \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v, \quad (104)$$

where A^i is the i th element of A , A^i_t is the partial derivatives on t of A^i , and $\partial_i v$ is the partial derivatives on v about x_i . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v \\ &= (\mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}']) v + (A_t \cdot \nabla \varphi) v \\ & \quad + (A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t) v + (A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) v \\ & \quad + 2(\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) v \\ & \quad + (A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2)) v + (A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t) v \\ & \quad - \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v. \end{aligned} \quad (105)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}']) v, v) \\
 &= ((\mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}']) v, v) + \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A_t \cdot \nabla \varphi) |v|^2 dx \\
 &+ 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t) |v|^2 dx \\
 &+ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) |v|^2 dx \\
 &+ 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) |v|^2 dx \\
 &+ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2)) |v|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i) \partial_i v \right) v dx \\
 &- 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v \right) v dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{106}$$

On one hand, a calculation implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}'] &= \varphi_{tt} + 4 \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi_t - 4 \nabla \cdot (D^2 \varphi \nabla) \\
 &+ 4 D^2 \varphi \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \varphi - \Delta^2 \varphi,
 \end{aligned} \tag{107}$$

and, from the definition of φ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}'] \\
 &= -4\mu R (x_1 + Rt(1-t)) + 2\mu R^2 (1-2t)^2 + (2t-1) R^2 \\
 &\quad \frac{(1+\varepsilon) R^2}{8\mu} + 4[(2\mu x_1 + 2\mu Rt(1-t))(2\mu R(1-2t))] \\
 &\quad - 8\mu \Delta + 32\mu^3 |x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1|^2 \\
 &= -8\mu \Delta + 32\mu^3 |x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1|^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\mu R^2 (1-2t)^2 + (2t-1) R^2 + \frac{(1+\varepsilon) R^2}{8\mu} \\
 &\quad + 4\mu R [4\mu(1-2t)-1] [x_1 + Rt(1-t)] \\
 &= -8\mu \Delta + \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} + 32\mu^3 |x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1|^2 \\
 &\quad + 32\mu^3 \left[\frac{1}{32\mu^3} \left(\frac{16\mu^2(1-2t)^2 R^2 - 8\mu(1-2t) R^2 + R^2}{8\mu} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad + 32\mu^3 \left[\frac{1}{32\mu^3} (4\mu R (4\mu(1-2t)-1) (x_1 + Rt(1-t))) \right] \\
 &= -8\mu \Delta + \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ 32\mu^3 \left[|x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1|^2 + \frac{(4\mu(1-2t)-1)^2 R^2}{256\mu^4} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{(x + Rt(1-t)e_1)(4\mu(1-2t)-1) R\vec{e}_1}{8\mu^2} \right] \\
 &= -8\mu \Delta + \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} \\
 &\quad + 32\mu^3 \left| x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1 + \frac{(4\mu(1-2t)-1) R\vec{e}_1}{16\mu^2} \right|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{108}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\mathcal{S}'_t + [\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}']) v, v) \\
 &= 32\mu^3 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left| x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1 + \frac{(4\mu(1-2t)-1) R\vec{e}_1}{16\mu^2} \right|^2 |v|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |v|^2 dx + 8\mu \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
 &\geq \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |v|^2 dx + 8\mu \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{109}$$

On the other hand, some estimates below hold from the definition of φ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A_t \cdot \nabla \varphi) |v|^2 dx \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A_t \cdot [2\mu(x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1)] |v|^2 dx \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [2\mu(A_t \cdot x) + 2\mu Rt(1-t) A_t^1] |v|^2 dx \\
 &\geq -\left(2\mu C_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mu R C_0 \right) \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |v|^2 dx, \\
 &\quad (\text{by } \|A_t \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1, \|A_t^1\|_\infty \leq C_0), \\
 &2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla \varphi_t) |v|^2 dx \\
 &= 2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} 2\mu R (1-2t) A^1 |v|^2 dx \\
 &\geq -4\mu R C_0 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |v|^2 dx, \quad (\text{by } \|A_t\|_\infty \leq C_0), \\
 &\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) |v|^2 dx \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot 2\mu(x + Rt(1-t)\vec{e}_1))) |v|^2 dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\mu \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (A \cdot x) + Rt(1-t) A \cdot \nabla A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 2\mu \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot (\nabla A \cdot x + A \cdot \nabla x) + Rt(1-t) A \cdot \nabla A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 2\mu \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot x \cdot \nabla A + A \cdot A + Rt(1-t) A \cdot \nabla A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&\geq -2\mu \left(C_1 C_0 + C_0^2 + \frac{R}{4} C_0^2 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx, \\
&\quad (\text{by } \|A\|_\infty \leq C_0, \|\nabla A\|_\infty \leq C_0, \|A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1), \\
&2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla (A \cdot \nabla \varphi)) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2(\mu(x + Rt(1-t)) \vec{e}_1) \\
&\quad \cdot \nabla (A \cdot 2\mu(x + Rt(1-t)) \vec{e}_1) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 8\mu^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (x \cdot \nabla (A \cdot x) + Rt(1-t) \partial_1 (A \cdot x) \\
&\quad + Rt(1-t) x \cdot \nabla A^1 + R^2 t^2 (1-t)^2 \partial_1 A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 8\mu^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} ((x \cdot \nabla A \cdot x) + x \cdot A + Rt(1-t) \partial_1 A \cdot x \\
&\quad + Rt(1-t) A^1 + Rt(1-t) x \\
&\quad \cdot \nabla A^1 + R^2 t^2 (1-t)^2 \partial_1 A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&\geq -8\mu^2 \left(C_2 + C_1 + \frac{R}{4} (2C_1 + C_0) + \frac{R^2}{4} C_0 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx, \\
&\quad (\text{by } \|x \cdot \nabla A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_2, \|\nabla A\|_\infty \leq C_0, \|A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1, \\
&\quad \|\nabla A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1, \|A\|_\infty \leq C_0), \\
&\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (|\nabla \varphi|^2)) |v|^2 dx \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot \nabla (4\mu^2 |x + Rt(1-t) e_1|^2)) |v|^2 dx \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot (8\mu^2 (x + Rt(1-t) \vec{e}_1))) |v|^2 dx \\
&= 8\mu^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (A \cdot x + Rt(1-t) A^1) |v|^2 dx \\
&\geq -8\mu^2 \left(C_1 + \frac{1}{4} RC_0 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx, \\
&\quad (\text{by } \|A \cdot x\|_\infty \leq C_1, \|A\|_\infty \leq C_0).
\end{aligned} \tag{110}$$

Integration by parts shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&-2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v) v dx \\
&= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\Delta A \cdot \nabla v) v dx + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\nabla A \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \nabla v dx;
\end{aligned} \tag{111}$$

we thus have

$$\begin{aligned}
&- \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta A^i \partial_i v) v dx - 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla A^i \cdot \nabla \partial_i v) v dx \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\Delta A \cdot \nabla v) v dx + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\nabla A \cdot \nabla v) \cdot \nabla v dx \\
&\geq -2C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 - C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2C_0 |v|^2 dx, \\
&\quad (\text{by } \|\nabla A\|_\infty, \|A\|_\infty, \|\Delta A\|_\infty \leq C_0 \text{ and} \\
&\quad \text{Cauchy-Schwarz inequality}).
\end{aligned} \tag{112}$$

Thus, with those inequalities above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v, v) \\
&\geq \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx + 8\mu \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - \left(2\mu C_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mu RC_0 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx - 4\mu RC_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - 2\mu \left(C_1 C_0 + C_0^2 + \frac{R}{4} C_0^2 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - 8\mu^2 \left(C_2 + C_1 + \frac{R}{4} (2C_1 + C_0) + \frac{R^2}{4} C_0 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - 8\mu^2 \left(C_1 + \frac{1}{4} RC_0 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx - 2C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla v|^2 \\
&\quad - C_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2C_0 |v|^2 dx \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(8\mu - 2C_0 - \frac{1}{2} C_0 \right) |\nabla v|^2 dx \\
&\quad + \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{8\mu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |v|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2C_0 |v|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2\mu^2 R^2 C_0 |v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2\mu (C_1 + C_1 C_0 + C_0^2) + 8\mu^2 (C_2 + 2C_1) |v|^2 dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left[2\mu \left(\frac{C_0}{4} + 2C_0 + \frac{C_0^2}{4} \right) R \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 8\mu^2 \left(\frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_0}{2} \right) R \right] |v|^2 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{113}$$

Taking $\varepsilon > (125/128)C_0^4$ and

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{\varepsilon}{32C_0}} > \mu > \frac{5C_0}{16}, \tag{114}$$

and letting R be large enough, it follows that

$$((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}]) v, v) \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{32\mu} |v|^2 dx. \tag{115}$$

Noticing that

$$\|\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 \geq \int_0^1 ((\mathcal{S}_t + [\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}])v, v) dt, \quad (116)$$

we have

$$\|\partial_t v - \mathcal{S}v - \mathcal{A}v\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}^2 \geq \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{\varepsilon R^2}{32\mu} |v|^2 dx dt. \quad (117)$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} & R \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{32\mu}} \|e^{\mu|x+Rt(1-t)e_1|^2 + ((R^2t(1-t)(1-2t)/6) - ((1+\varepsilon)R^2t(1-t)/16\mu))} \\ & \quad \times f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \leq \|e^{\mu|x+Rt(1-t)e_1|^2 + ((R^2t(1-t)(1-2t)/6) - ((1+\varepsilon)R^2t(1-t)/16\mu))} \\ & \quad \times (\partial_t - \Delta + A \cdot \nabla) f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}. \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 7. $\square$

The following is to complete the proof of Theorem 1.

Lemma 8. *If q is as in Proposition 5 and satisfies (21), then $q \equiv 0$ in $\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$.*

Proof. For given $R > 0$, $\gamma > 5C_0/16$ and $\varepsilon > \max\{3, (125/128)C_0^4\}$; we choose μ such that

$$\max\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5C_0}{16}\right\} < \mu \leq \min\left\{\frac{\gamma}{1+\varepsilon}, \sqrt[3]{\frac{\varepsilon}{64C_0}}\right\}. \quad (119)$$

Moreover, when $\gamma > 5C_0/16$, with the conditions of Theorem 1 and Proposition 5 and

$$\|e^{14\gamma|x|^2} q(0)\|, \|e^{14\gamma|x|^2} q(1)\| < \infty. \quad (120)$$

are satisfied, from (88), it follows that

$$P_\gamma = \sup_{[0,1]} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q(t)\| + \|\sqrt{t(1-t)} e^{\gamma|x|^2} \nabla q\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} < +\infty. \quad (121)$$

In the Carleman estimate (Proposition 7), let $f(x, t) = \theta_M(x) \eta_R(t) q(x, t)$, where $\theta_M(x), \eta_R(t)$ are smooth functions, and $\theta_M(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ verifies

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_M(x) &= 1, & |x| &\leq M, \\ \theta_M(x) &= 0, & |x| &\geq 2M, \end{aligned} \quad (122)$$

where $M \geq R$ and $\eta_R(t) \in C_0^\infty(0, 1)$ verifies

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_R(t) &= 1, & t &\in \left[\frac{1}{R}, 1 - \frac{1}{R}\right], \\ \eta_R(t) &= 0, & t &\in \left[0, \frac{1}{2R}\right] \cup \left[1 - \frac{1}{2R}, 1\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (123)$$

Then, in $\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$, f is compact supported.

A calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t f - \Delta f + A \cdot \nabla f + b(f) \\ &= \theta_M \eta_R' q + \theta_M \eta_R \partial_t q \\ & \quad - (\theta_M \eta_R \Delta q + 2\eta_R \nabla \theta_M \cdot \nabla q + \eta_R q \Delta \theta_M) \\ & \quad + \theta_M \eta_R A \cdot \nabla q + \eta_R q A \cdot \nabla \theta_M + b(\theta_M \eta_R q) \\ &= \theta_M \eta_R (\partial_t q - \Delta q + A \cdot \nabla q + Bq) \\ & \quad + \theta_M \eta_R' q - (2\nabla \theta_M \cdot \nabla q + q \Delta \theta_M + q A \cdot \nabla \theta_M) \eta_R. \end{aligned} \quad (124)$$

From

$$\partial_t q - \Delta q + A \cdot \nabla q + Bq = 0, \quad (125)$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t f - \Delta f + A \cdot \nabla f + b(f) \\ &= \theta_M \eta_R' q - (2\nabla \theta_M \cdot \nabla q + q \Delta \theta_M + q A \cdot \nabla \theta_M) \eta_R, \end{aligned} \quad (126)$$

where $\theta_M \eta_R' q$ is supported in $B_{2M} \times [1/2R, 1/R] \cup [1-1/R, 1-1/2R]$, and, from Hölder inequality and the range of t , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu |x + Rt(1-t)e_1|^2 \\ &= \mu |x|^2 + 2\mu Rt(1-t)x_1 + \mu [Rt(1-t)]^2 \\ &\leq \mu |x|^2 + \mu \left(\varepsilon |x|^2 + \frac{[Rt(1-t)]^2}{\varepsilon} \right) + \mu [Rt(1-t)]^2 \\ &= \mu (1+\varepsilon) |x|^2 + \mu \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right) [Rt(1-t)]^2 \\ &\leq \mu (1+\varepsilon) |x|^2 + \mu \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (127)$$

Noticing that $\mu \leq \gamma/(1+\varepsilon)$, we have

$$\mu |x + Rt(1-t)\tilde{e}_1|^2 \leq \gamma |x|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon}. \quad (128)$$

In the same way, $-(2\nabla \theta_M \cdot \nabla q + q \Delta \theta_M + q A \cdot \nabla \theta_M) \eta_R$ of (126) is supported in $B_{2M} \setminus B_M \times [1/2R, 1-1/2R]$, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu |x + Rt(1-t)e_1|^2 \\ &\leq \mu (1+\varepsilon) |x|^2 + \mu \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right) [Rt(1-t)]^2 \\ &\leq \gamma |x|^2 + \frac{\gamma R^2}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (129)$$

Hence, in each of the parts of the support of $\partial_t f - \Delta f + A \cdot \nabla f + b(f)$, $\mu|x + Rt(1 - t)\tilde{e}_1|^2$ are bounded, and applying Proposition 7 to f , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & R \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{32\mu}} \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \leq \|e^\varphi (\partial_t - \Delta + A \cdot \nabla) f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & = \|e^\varphi [(-Bf) + \theta_M \eta_R' q \\ & \quad - (2\nabla \theta_M \cdot \nabla q + q \Delta \theta_M + qA \cdot \nabla \theta_M) \eta_R]\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])}. \end{aligned} \quad (130)$$

The natural bounds for $\theta_M, \eta_R, \nabla \theta_M$, and $\Delta \theta_M$ show that there is a constant P_ε such that

$$\begin{aligned} & R \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \leq P_\varepsilon \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} + P_\varepsilon R \sup_{[0,1]} \|e^\varphi q\| \\ & \quad + P_\varepsilon M^{-1} \|e^\varphi (|\nabla q| + |q|)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [1/2R, 1-1/2R])}. \end{aligned} \quad (131)$$

From (128), (129), and (131), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & R \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \\ & \leq P_\varepsilon \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} + P_\varepsilon R e^{\gamma/\varepsilon} \sup_{[0,1]} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q\| \\ & \quad + P_\varepsilon M^{-1} e^{\gamma R^2/\varepsilon} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} (|\nabla q| + |q|)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [1/2R, 1-1/2R])}. \end{aligned} \quad (132)$$

When $P_\varepsilon \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq R/2$ and $M \rightarrow \infty$, the last tends to zero by (121). Therefore

$$\frac{R}{2} \|e^\varphi f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq P_\varepsilon R e^{\gamma/\varepsilon} \sup_{[0,1]} \|e^{\gamma|x|^2} q\|. \quad (133)$$

For $|x| \leq \varepsilon R/4$, $\mu > 1/2$, $\varepsilon > 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(x, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \mu \left| x + \frac{R\tilde{e}_1}{4} \right|^2 - \frac{(1+\varepsilon)R^2}{64\mu} \\ &\geq \mu \left| -\frac{\varepsilon R}{4} + \frac{R}{4} \right|^2 - \frac{(1+\varepsilon)R^2}{64\mu} \\ &= \frac{R^2}{64\mu} (4\mu^2(1-\varepsilon)^2 - (1+\varepsilon)) = K(\gamma, \varepsilon) R^2 > 0, \end{aligned} \quad (134)$$

while φ is continuous about t , so there is $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, in $B_{(\varepsilon R/4) \times [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]}$

$$\varphi(x, t) \geq \frac{K(\gamma, \varepsilon) R^2}{2} > 0. \quad (135)$$

This inequality, the fact $f = q$ in $B_{(\varepsilon R/4) \times [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]}$ with the value ranges of μ , and (133) together show that

$$\frac{R}{2} e^{K(\gamma, \varepsilon) R^2/2} \|q\|_{L^2(B_{(\varepsilon R/4) \times [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]})} \leq P_{\gamma, \varepsilon} R, \quad (136)$$

when $P_\varepsilon \|B\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq R/2$.

Thus, when $R \rightarrow \infty$, $\|q\|_{L^2(B_{(\varepsilon R/4) \times [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]})} = 0$. And then, when $t \in [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]$, and $\varepsilon > 3$, $\|q\|_{L^2(B_{\varepsilon R/4})} = 0$.

On the other hand, when $t \in [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)} \\ & \leq \|q(t)\|_{L^2(B_{\varepsilon R/4})} + \|q(t)\|_{L^2(|x| > \varepsilon R/4)} \\ & \leq \|q(t)\|_{L^2(B_{\varepsilon R/4})} + \sup_{[0,1]} \|q(t)\|_{L^2(|x| > \varepsilon R/4)}. \end{aligned} \quad (137)$$

From (121)

$$\sup_{[0,1]} \|q(t)\|_{L^2(|x| > \varepsilon R/4)} \leq e^{-\varepsilon^2 R^2/16} P_\gamma. \quad (138)$$

So, from (137), we have

$$\|q(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)} \leq \|q(t)\|_{L^2(B_{\varepsilon R/4})} + e^{-\varepsilon^2 R^2/16} P_\gamma. \quad (139)$$

Thus, when $R \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\|q(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)} = 0, \quad t \in \left[\frac{1-\varepsilon_1}{2}, \frac{1+\varepsilon_1}{2} \right]. \quad (140)$$

This means that $q = 0$ when $(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [(1-\varepsilon_1)/2, (1+\varepsilon_1)/2]$. With the standard uniqueness and the backward uniqueness theorem for parabolic equations (see [18, 20] for detail), $q \equiv 0$, $(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]$. This completes the proof of Lemma 8. $\square$

From Lemma 8, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 9. *If $u \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])$, then $u \equiv 0$.*

Proof. If $u \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])$, from Lemma 8, we can get

$$q \equiv 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1]; \quad (141)$$

that is, $\text{curl } u(\cdot, t) \equiv 0$. Hence, there is a function $v \in C^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])$, and $\nabla_x v = u$.

Form $\nabla \cdot u(\cdot, t) = 0$, we have

$$\Delta_x v = 0. \quad (142)$$

For (142), there is a solution $v \equiv C$, $v \in C^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])$, with

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq C_0, \quad \|u \cdot x\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0,1])} \leq C_2. \quad (143)$$

So, $u = \nabla v \equiv 0$, when $u \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^n \times [0, 1])$. This completes the proof of Theorem 1. $\square$

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