

## THE IMPULSIVE KELVIN-VOIGT EQUATIONS FOR TWO-COMPONENT MIXTURES

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**Abstract:** We study the multidimensional initial boundary value problem for the system of Kelvin-Voigt equations for a two-component mixture of viscoelastic fluids with a nonlinear convective term and a linear impulse term — a regular minor term describing impulsive phenomena. The impulsive summand depends on the positive integer parameter  $n$  and at  $n \rightarrow \infty$  weakly\* converges to an expression including the Dirac delta-function modelling the impulsive phenomena at the initial moment of time. The main results of the paper are related to the limit transition at  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the family of regular weak solutions of the studied initial boundary value problem.

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### 1 Introduction

In the present paper, we proceed the research initiated in [11, 12]. Here, we study the Dirichlet problem for the Kelvin-Voigt equations for a two-component mixture of viscoelastic fluids in the presence of impulsive phenomena:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^n \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^n) = -\nabla \pi_i^n + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \Delta \mathbf{v}_j^n \\ + \varkappa_i \Delta(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n) + \gamma \varphi^n(t) \mathbf{v}_i^n \text{ in } Q_T, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_i^n = 0 \text{ in } Q_T, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{v}_{0i}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ in } \Omega, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_T, \quad i = 1, 2, \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

where  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \in \{2, 3\}$ ,  $\gamma = \pm 1$ , and  $T$  is a given positive constant, and  $\Gamma_T = \partial\Omega \times (0, T)$ , with  $\partial\Omega$  denoting the boundary of  $\Omega$ . The vector-valued functions  $\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ , and the scalar-valued functions  $\pi_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are the sought solutions of the problem (1), whereas the vector-valued functions  $\mathbf{v}_{0i}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are given data, and  $\mu_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2$  and  $\varkappa_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are assumed to be constants,

$$\{\mu_{i,j}\}_{i,j=1}^2 > 0, \quad \varkappa_i > 0, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (2)$$

In (2), the expression  $\{\mu_{i,j}\}_{i,j=1}^2 > 0$  means the positive definiteness of the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \{\mu_{i,j}\}_{i,j=1}^2$ , i. e., for all  $\boldsymbol{\zeta} \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , the inequality  $(\mathbf{M}\boldsymbol{\zeta}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) > 0$  holds. The sequence  $\varphi^n(t)$  approximates the Dirac delta-function. For every natural  $n$ ,  $n \geq n_0 = \left\lceil \frac{1}{T} \right\rceil + 2$ , the function  $\varphi^n = \varphi^n(t)$  is defined by the formula  $\varphi^n(t) = n\Phi(nt)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , where  $\Phi$  is a nonnegative smooth function

with  $\operatorname{supp} \Phi = [0, 1]$  and the unit mean:  $\int_0^1 \Phi(\vartheta) d\vartheta = 1$ .

The system under study is a generalization of the well-known Kelvin-Voigt system of equations for the dynamics of a one-component viscoelastic fluid to the two-component case. One of its characteristic features, in addition to nonlinearity and the presence of an impulse term, is the presence of second-order derivatives of the velocities of both components in the equations (1)<sub>1</sub>. Unlike the one-component case where the viscosity is a scalar, in the two-component case the viscosity coefficients  $\mu_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2$  form a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  whose elements are responsible for viscous friction. The diagonal elements of the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  are responsible for the viscous friction within each component, and the non-diagonal elements are responsible for the viscous friction between the components. If the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is diagonal, then the equations (1)<sub>1</sub> will not be related and then the results known for the Kelvin-Voigt equations for the dynamics of a one-component viscoelastic fluid [1–10, 27–29, 33, 36–38] are

automatically transferred to the two-component case. We consider the more complicated case of a non-diagonal and non-triangular matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  and do not impose any simplifying assumptions on it except the standard requirement of positive definiteness. Solvability issues for hydrodynamic equations with non-diagonal viscosity matrices were studied in [14–26, 30, 31].

We introduce the following functional spaces widely used in the Mathematical Fluid Mechanics:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{V}(\Omega) &= \{\mathbf{v} \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0\}, \\ \mathbf{H}(\Omega) &= \text{closure of } \mathcal{V}(\Omega) \text{ in the norm of } L^2(\Omega), \\ \mathbf{V}^l(\Omega) &= \text{closure of } \mathcal{V}(\Omega) \text{ in the norm of } W^{l,2}(\Omega), \quad l = 1, 2.\end{aligned}$$

In case  $l = 1$ , we denote  $\mathbf{V}^1(\Omega)$  simply by  $\mathbf{V}(\Omega)$ .

The weak solution to problem (1) is defined as follows.

**Definiton 1.** *A functions  $\mathbf{v}_i^n \in L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T]; \mathbf{H}(\Omega))$ ,  $\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is called a weak solution to problem (1) if  $\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{v}_{0i}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)$  a. e. in  $\Omega$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and for any  $\phi_i \in L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $\partial_t \phi_i \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and any  $s \in [0, T]$*

$$\begin{aligned}& \int_0^s \int_\Omega \left( \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \phi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \phi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \right. \\ & \left. + \varkappa_i \nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n)(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^n(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \right) d\mathbf{x} dt \\ & = \int_0^s \gamma \varphi^n(t) \int_\Omega \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \phi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} dt, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ & \|\mathbf{v}_i^n(\cdot, t) - \mathbf{v}_{0i}(\cdot)\|_{\mathbf{H}(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0+, \quad i = 1, 2.\end{aligned}$$

## 2 The existence and uniqueness results for a fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Theorem 1 (Global in time existence and uniqueness).** *Let  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ . Then the problem (1) has at most one global in time solution in the sense of Definition 1. The solution satisfies the estimates*

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \|\mathbf{v}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)} \leq C, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n\|_{L^1(0,T;\mathbf{H}(\Omega))} + \|\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n)\|_{L^1(0,T;L^2(\Omega)^{d \times d})} \right) \leq C, \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n\|_{L^2(0,T;\mathbf{H}(\Omega))} + \|\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega)^{d \times d})} \right) \leq C \left( T + \int_0^T (\varphi^n(t))^2 dt \right), \quad (5)$$

where constants  $C$  do not depend on  $n$ .

The proof of Theorem 1 is split into several subsections.

**2.1. Galerkin's approximations.** From the spectral theorem for self-adjoint compact operators (see, e.g., [32, Ch. 10, Th. 10.12]), it follows that there exist sequences  $\{\boldsymbol{\psi}_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)$  and  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset (0, +\infty)$  such that

$$-\Delta \boldsymbol{\psi}_k = \lambda_k \boldsymbol{\psi}_k, \quad k \in \{1, 2, \dots\},$$

and  $\{\boldsymbol{\psi}_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is an orthonormal basis of the space  $\mathbf{H}(\Omega)$ . We construct the solution of problem (1) as the limit of the sequence of Galerkin's approximations ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ )

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{k=1}^m v_{k,i}^{m,n}(t) \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{v}_i^m(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{v}_{0i}^m(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^m v_{k,i}^m(0) \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}).$$

According to the Galerkin method, the coefficients  $v_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)$  are defined by the following ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + \varkappa_i \lambda_k) \frac{dv_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)}{dt} + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}) \right. \\ & \left. - \gamma \varphi^n(t) \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}) \right) d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, m, \quad i = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

along with the following initial conditions

$$v_{k,i}^m(0) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_{0i}^m(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad k = 1, \dots, m, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (7)$$

Since  $1 + \varkappa_i \lambda_k > 1$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , by Peano theorem, system (6), (7) has a solution  $v_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  on some interval  $(0, T^{m,n})$ . Accordingly, an approximate solution  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  exists in  $\Omega \times (0, T^{m,n})$ .

In this section we aim to study some regularity properties of a solution  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  to the problem (1). We start by establishing a result that improves the regularity of  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , provided the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and the initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}_{0i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are sufficiently regular, and if the space dimensions are restricted to  $d = 2$  or  $d = 3$ .

## 2.2. Uniform estimates for $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ and $\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be a Galerkin approximation considered in section 2.1. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbf{H}(\Omega)} + \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)^{d \times d}} \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_0^T \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dt \leq C \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{v}_{0i}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{0i}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

*Proof.* We multiply the equation of (6) by  $2v_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)$  and add up the resulting equation, from  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \partial_t (|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2) d\mathbf{x} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} \partial_t (|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2) d\mathbf{x} \\ & + 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \\ & + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \\ & = 2\gamma\varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for a. a.  $t \in [0, T]$ . Taking into account

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ & 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \geq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x}, \end{aligned}$$

and integrating inequality (9) with respect to  $t$ , we derive (8).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** *We derive from (9) with  $\gamma = 1$*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} Y^{m,n}(t) \leq \frac{d}{dt} Y^{m,n}(t) + C \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \\ & \leq 2\gamma\varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq 2\varphi^n(t) Y^{m,n}(t), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$Y^{m,n}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right).$$

Last inequality implies

$$\ln \left( \frac{Y^{m,n}(t)}{Y^m(0)} \right) \leq 2 \int_0^t \varphi^n(t) dt \leq 2,$$

and respectively

$$\begin{aligned} Y^{m,n}(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \leq e^2 Y^m(0) \\ &= e^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\mathbf{v}_{0i}^m\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{0i}^m\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

**Remark 2.** Asymptotic behavior solution in time when  $\gamma = -1$ . In this case the inequality (10) takes the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} Y^{m,n}(t) + C \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq 0. \quad (12)$$

Taking into account

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^2 C \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \\ Y^{m,n}(t) &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 (\|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2), \end{aligned}$$

we arrive at inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} Y^{m,n}(t) + C Y^{m,n}(t) \leq 0, \quad (13)$$

which implies

$$Y^{m,n}(t) \leq Y^{m,n}(0) e^{-Ct} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (14)$$

### 2.3. Uniform estimates for $\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ and $\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be a Galerkin approximation considered in section 2.1. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}\|_{L^2(Q_T)} \leq C \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{v}_{0i}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{0i}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_{0i}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

*Proof.* We multiply (6) by  $\lambda_k v_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)$  and sum up the resulting equation by  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \\ & + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & - \gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

We integrate by parts the second term in the right hand side

$$-\gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} = \gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

Using the Sobolev inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^4(\Omega)} & \leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^4(\Omega)} & \leq C \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

and the Hölder, Cauchy and Young inequalities, we estimate

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \right| \quad (18)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n} \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}))(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2,$$

$$\|(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n} \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}))(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$\leq C \left( \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^4 \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^4 \, d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (19)$$

$$\leq C \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

$$- \gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \right|$$

$$+ \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} \leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$+ \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

Introducing

$$Z^{m,n}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)$$

and using (16), we arrive at differential inequality

$$\frac{dZ^{m,n}(t)}{dt} + C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C (1 + \varphi^n(t)) Z^{m,n}(t).$$

Integrating last one we obtain

$$\ln \frac{Z^{m,n}(t)}{Z^m(0)} \leq \int_0^T C (1 + \varphi^n(t)) \, dt \leq C (T + 1) \quad (20)$$

and

$$Z^{m,n}(t) \leq Z^m(0)e^{C(T+1)}. \quad (21)$$

Lemma is proven.  $\square$

#### 2.4. Uniform estimates for $\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ and $\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be a Galerkin approximation considered in section 2.1. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,T)} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \left( \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \leq C(1 + \varphi^n(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_0^T \left( \left( \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) dt \\ & \leq C \left( T + \int_0^T \varphi^n(t) dt \right) = C(T + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

*Proof.* We multiply the equation of (6) by  $2 \frac{d\mathbf{v}_{k,i}^{m,n}(t)}{dt}$ , and sum up the resulting equations by  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} \\ & = -2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \\ & - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \\ & + 2\gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we apply the estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\
& \leq \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n} \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \\
& -2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\
& \leq \epsilon C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{C}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \\
& 2\gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
& + \frac{(\varphi^n(t))^2}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

and (19). Combining last formulas and estimates of the Lemma 2.2 we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} |\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \\
& \leq C(1 + (\varphi^n(t))^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

The last one entails (22). Lemma is proven.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** Note that estimate (24) implies boundedness of norms  $\|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}\|_{L^2(Q_T)}$ ,  $\|\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})\|_{L^2(Q_T)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  for any finite  $n$  because the

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (|\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 + |\nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\
& \leq C \left( T + \int_0^T (\varphi^n(t))^2 \, dt \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Using the estimates of lemmas (8), (15), (23) and (24), we continue the  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  from  $(0, T^{m,n})$  to  $(0, T)$  and realize the passage to the limit with respect to  $m$  for a fixed finite  $n$ .

**2.5. The limit passage as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .** A similar result is obtained in [4].

From Lemma 2 and Remark 3, we have

- $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ ,
- $\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$ ,  $i=1,2$  are uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}^1(\Omega))$ .

Then, due to the compact embedding  $\mathbf{V}^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{V}(\Omega)$ , we can use the Aubin-Lions compactness lemma so that  $\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}$  strongly converges to  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$  in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ , as  $i = 1, 2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In fact, writing the corresponding integral as ( $i = 1, 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_T} ((\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) - (\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \int_{Q_T} (((\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &+ (\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \nabla)(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t))) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Here we repeat formulas (3.53)–(3.57) from [4]. From  $\mathbf{v}_i^n \in L^2(0, T; W_0^{1,2}(\Omega))$ ,  $\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n \in L^2(0, T; W_0^{1,2}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  it follows that  $\mathbf{v}_i^n \in C([0, T]; W_0^{1,2}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . For any functions ( $k = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $M \leq m$ )

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{k=1}^M \theta_{k,i}(t) \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\mathbf{x}), \quad \theta_{k,i} \in C^1[0, T], \quad (27)$$

and any  $s \in [0, T]$  it follows from (6) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^s \int_{\Omega} \left( \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) + \varkappa_i \nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n})(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \right. \\ &+ \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &+ \left. \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \right) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \int_0^s \gamma \varphi^n(t) \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^{m,n}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}dt, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

According to what was said above and (26), it is possible to realize the limit for  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and fixed  $n$ . This will lead us to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^s \int_{\Omega} \left( \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \right. \\ &+ \varkappa_i \nabla(\partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n)(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &+ \left. \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^n(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \right) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \int_0^s \gamma \varphi^n(t) \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}_i^M(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x}dt, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Since the set of functions of the form (27) is dense in  $\{\phi : \phi \in L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)), \partial_t \phi \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))\}$ , the existence of a solution has been proven.

Let us consider the uniqueness of the solution. Let  $\mathbf{v}_{1,i}^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{2,i}^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  be two solutions to the problem (1). We set  $\mathbf{W}_i^n = \mathbf{v}_{1,i}^n - \mathbf{v}_{2,i}^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then we arrive at the following energy relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \\ & + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t) : \nabla \mathbf{W}_j^n(\mathbf{x}, t) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \gamma \varphi^n(t) \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mathbf{I}^n(t), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{I}^n(t)| & \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{W}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 |\nabla \mathbf{v}_{1,i}^n(\mathbf{x}, t)| \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)| |\mathbf{W}_i^n(\mathbf{x}, t)| |\mathbf{v}_{2,i}^n(\mathbf{x}, t)| \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \mathbf{I}_1^n(t) + \mathbf{I}_2^n(t). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Applying estimates of Lemma (2) we derive

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{I}_1^n(t)| & \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{\frac{2d}{d-2}}(\Omega)}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{1,i}^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{\frac{d}{2}}(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_{1,i}^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \\ |\mathbf{I}_2^n(t)| & \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{\frac{2d}{d-2}}(\Omega)} \|\mathbf{v}_{2,i}^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^d(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \|\Delta \mathbf{v}_{2,i}^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Introducing function  $Y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \|\mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varkappa_i \|\nabla \mathbf{W}_i^n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)$

and combining (30) and last formulas we arrive at the problem

$$\frac{dY(t)}{dt} \leq C(1 + \varphi^n(t))Y(t), \quad Y(0) = 0.$$

Last one has only trivial solution  $Y(t) = 0$ . Uniqueness of solution is proved.

### 3 The main results

**Theorem 2.** *Assume  $\{\mathbf{v}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is the family of regular weak solutions to problem (1) in the sense of Definition 1. Then the following assertions hold true.*

1. *The family  $\{\mathbf{v}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is relatively compact in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$  and relatively weakly\* compact in  $L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . More precisely, there exist a subsequence from  $\{\mathbf{v}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , still labeled by  $n$ , and limit functions  $\mathbf{v}_i \in L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_i^n &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbf{v}_i \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega)), \\ &\text{weakly* in } L^\infty(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

2. *The family of rescaled solutions  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n$  in the sense of distribution*

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n + \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{div} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n \otimes \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n) \\ &= \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^n + \varkappa_i \nabla (\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n) \right) \\ &+ \gamma \Phi(\vartheta) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta), \quad i = 1, 2, \\ &\operatorname{div} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n = 0 \text{ in } Q_T, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ &\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, 0) = \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \text{ in } \Omega, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ &\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, t) = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_T, \quad i = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \right. \quad (33)$$

defined by the formula

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{v}_i^n \left( x, \frac{\vartheta}{n} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \vartheta \in [0, 1], \quad (34)$$

is relatively compact in  $L^1(0, 1; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$  and relatively weakly\* compact in  $L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ . In other terms, there exist a subsequence from  $\{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , still labeled by  $n$ , and a limit function  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i \in L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \bar{\mathbf{v}} \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, 1; \mathbf{H}(\Omega)) \\ &\text{and weakly* in } L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

3. Define  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  by the formula

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{v}_i^n\left(x, \frac{1}{n} + \tilde{t}\right), \quad \tilde{t} \in [0, T - \epsilon], \quad i = 1, 2.$$

There exist a subsequence from  $\{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , still labeled by  $n$ , and a limit function  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i \in L^\infty(0, T - \epsilon; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T - \epsilon; \mathbf{H}(\Omega)) \\ &\text{and weakly}^* \text{ in } L^\infty(0, T - \epsilon; \mathbf{V}(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

4. In the limit in  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  coincides in the space  $L^1(0, T - \epsilon; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ .

5. The functions  $(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_2)$  is **a strong solution** of the two Cauchy-Dirichlet problems that should be solved successively:

5a. Firstly, find  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, \vartheta)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \varkappa_i \Delta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{i\vartheta} + \gamma \Phi(\vartheta) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i, & i = 1, 2, \\ \operatorname{div} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = 0 \text{ in } Q_T, & i = 1, 2, \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, 0) = \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \text{ in } \Omega, & i = 1, 2, \\ \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, t) = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_T, & i = 1, 2, \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

5b. Secondly, find  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i + \operatorname{div}(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i) \\ = \operatorname{div} \left( \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_j + \varkappa_i \nabla(\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i) \right), & i = 1, 2, \\ \operatorname{div} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i = 0 \text{ in } Q_T, & i = 1, 2, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, 0) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, 1) \text{ in } \Omega, & i = 1, 2, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(x, t) = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_T, & i = 1, 2, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

where the initial function  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(\cdot, 0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is the solution of (37) at the moment  $\vartheta = 1$ .

Following the idea of the previous section, we split the proof of Theorem 2 into several subsections.

**3.1. Relative compactness of  $\{\mathbf{v}_i^n\}$  and limiting passage in  $Q_T$ .** This subsection is similar to subsection 2.5. From the estimates (3),(4), we have

- $\mathbf{v}_i^n$  is uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,
- $\mathbf{v}_i^n$  is uniformly bounded in  $L^1(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Then, due to the compact embedding  $\mathbf{V}^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{V}(\Omega)$ , we can use the Aubin-Lions compactness lemma so that  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  converges strongly in  $L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ , as  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**3.2. Rescaling and shift.** Let us fulfill some more preliminary considerations before we turn to the limiting passage as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We assume that the test function in equation (6) belongs to  $H^1(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$  and vanishes in a neighborhood of section  $\{t = T\}$  and we integrate (6) in  $t$  by parts. We write out the resulting equality in an expanded form, separating the integrals over segments  $(0, 1/n)$  and  $(1/n, T)$  from each other:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \int_{\Omega} \left( -\mathbf{v}_i^n \cdot \partial_t \phi_i + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^n \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^n) \cdot \phi_i - \varkappa_i \nabla \mathbf{v}_i^n : \nabla \partial_t \phi_i \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^n : \nabla \phi_i - \gamma \varphi^n(t) \mathbf{v}_i^n \cdot \phi_i \right) dx dt \\
& - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \cdot \phi_i(x, 0) dx - \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \cdot \nabla \phi_i(x, 0) dx \\
& + \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^T \int_{\Omega} \left( \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n \cdot \phi_i + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_i^n \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^n) \cdot \phi_i + \varkappa_i \nabla \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i^n : \nabla \phi_i \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j^n : \nabla \phi_i \right) dx dt = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

In (39), we change the independent variable  $t$  and the sought variable  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  on segments  $\{0 < t < 1/n\}$  and  $\{1/n < t \leq T\}$  as follows.

On  $(1/n, T]$  we shift the timescale backwards and take ( $i = 1, 2$ )

$$\tilde{t} := t - 1/n, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) := \mathbf{v}_i^n(x, t) \equiv \mathbf{v}_i^n(x, \tilde{t} + 1/n) \quad \text{for } t \in (1/n, T]. \tag{40}$$

Note that  $\tilde{t} \in (0, T - 1/n]$ ,  $dt = d\tilde{t}$ ,  $\partial_t = \partial_{\tilde{t}}$ , and  $t = \tilde{t} + 1/n$ . Further, following the idea of rescaling from [34], we take ( $i=1,2$ )

$$\vartheta := nt, \quad \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) := \mathbf{v}_i^n(x, t) \equiv \mathbf{v}_i^n(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 1/n]. \tag{41}$$

Note that  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $dt = n^{-1} d\vartheta$ ,  $\partial_t = n\partial_{\vartheta}$ , and  $t = n^{-1}\vartheta$ . Thus, (39) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left( -\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \partial_{\vartheta} \phi_i(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \varkappa_i \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) : \partial_{\vartheta} \nabla \phi_i(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^n(x, \vartheta) : \nabla \phi_i(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{n} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \otimes \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta)) : \nabla \phi_i(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \right) dx d\vartheta
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \gamma \Phi(\vartheta) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, n^{-1}\vartheta) \Big) dx d\vartheta \\
 & - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx - \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx \\
 & + \int_0^{T-1/n} \int_{\Omega} \left( - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) \partial_{\tilde{t}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t} + 1/n) \right. \\
 & - \varkappa_i \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) \cdot \partial_{\tilde{t}} \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t} + 1/n) \\
 & - (\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t})) : \nabla_x \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t} + 1/n) \\
 & \left. + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_j^n(x, \tilde{t}) : \nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t} + 1/n) \right) dx d\tilde{t} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Keeping in mind the further limiting passage as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , in (42) we take the test function  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_i = \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n(x, t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  depending on  $n$  in the following form ( $i = 1, 2$ ):

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n(x, t) = \begin{cases} \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) \equiv \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, nt), t \in [0, 1/n], \vartheta \in [0, 1], \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \tilde{t}) \equiv \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, t - 1/n), t \in (1/n, T], \tilde{t} \in (0, T - 1/n], \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

where  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i = \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \tilde{t})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are arbitrary smooth test functions defined on  $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, 1]$  and  $\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T]$ , respectively, such that  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i \equiv 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  in a neighborhood of  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i \equiv 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  in a neighborhood of the plane  $\{\tilde{t} = T\}$  and the matching condition

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, 1 - 0) = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, 0 +), \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (44)$$

holds. We notice that condition (44) yields that the weak derivatives  $\partial_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\partial_t \nabla_x \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are essentially bounded in  $Q_T$ , which implies that  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\partial_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n \in L^2(0, T; \mathbf{V}(\Omega))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and therefore  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is an admissible test function for (39) and, equivalently, for (42). Inserting (43) into (42), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left( - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) - \varkappa_i \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \partial_{\vartheta} \nabla \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \nabla \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) \\
 & - \frac{1}{n} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \otimes \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta)) : \nabla \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) \\
 & \left. - \gamma \Phi(\vartheta) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i(x, \vartheta) \right) dx d\vartheta \quad (45)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \cdot \bar{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx - \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) : \nabla \bar{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx \\
& + \int_0^{T-1/n} \int_{\Omega} \left( -\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) \cdot \partial_{\tilde{t}} \tilde{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t}) - \varkappa_i \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \tilde{t}) : \partial_{\tilde{t}} \nabla \tilde{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t}) \right. \\
& + (\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta)) : \nabla \tilde{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t}) \\
& \left. + \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_j^n(x, \tilde{t}) : \nabla \tilde{\phi}_i(x, \tilde{t}) \right) dx d\tilde{t} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we notice that

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, 1-0) = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, 0+) \quad \text{in } \bar{\Omega}, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (46)$$

due to (40), (41) and the regularity properties of  $\mathbf{v}_i^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , see Definition 1.

The rest of the proof of Theorem 1 is based on the systematical study of (45) with account of (46).

### 3.3. Limiting passage in $\Omega \times \{0 < \vartheta < 1\}$ . The initial layer equation.

In (45) take  $\tilde{\phi}_i \equiv 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left( -\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\phi}_i(x, \vartheta) - \varkappa_i \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \partial_{\vartheta} \nabla \bar{\phi}_i(x, \vartheta) \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^2 \mu_{ij} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \nabla \bar{\phi}_i(x, \vartheta) - \frac{1}{n} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \otimes \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta)) : \nabla \bar{\phi}_i(x, \vartheta) \\
& \left. - \gamma \Phi(\vartheta) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(x, \vartheta) \cdot \bar{\phi}_i(x, \vartheta) \right) dx d\vartheta - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) \cdot \bar{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx \\
& - \varkappa_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{v}_{i0}(x) : \nabla \bar{\phi}_i(x, 0) dx = 0, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (47)
\end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 1 it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,1)} \|\nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,1)} \|\Delta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right. \\
& \left. + \|\partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{L^1(0,1;L^2(\Omega))} + \|\nabla(\partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n)\|_{L^1(0,1;L^2(\Omega))} \right) \leq C, \quad (48)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $n$ . Scaling Galerkin's approximation, we get and passing to the limits as  $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,1)} \|\partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,1)} \|\nabla(\partial_{\vartheta} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \leq C. \quad (49)$$

Moreover, due to (48) and (49) we can choose this sequence such that

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i \text{ weakly}^* \text{ in } L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{V}^2(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (50a)$$

$$\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i \text{ weakly}^* \text{ in } L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{H}(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (50b)$$

$$\nabla(\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \nabla(\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i) \text{ weakly}^* \text{ in } L^\infty(0, 1; L^2(\Omega)), \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (50c)$$

In particular, (35) holds and  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i, i = 1, 2$  is a solution to the problem (37) in the sense of distributions.

**3.4. Limiting passage in  $\Omega \times \{0 < \tilde{t} \leq T\}$ .** This paragraph is similar to subsection 3.3.

**3.5. Matching condition at  $\vartheta = 1 - 0$ . Completion of the proof of assertion 3 of Theorem 1.** The bound

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \|\partial_\vartheta \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{L^\infty(0,1;\mathbf{H}(\Omega))} \leq C$$

implies that the family of mappings  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n: [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbf{H}(\Omega), i = 1, 2$  is equicontinuous. On the other hand, by estimate

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(0,1)} \|\nabla \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\|_{\mathbf{H}(\Omega)} \leq C,$$

the values of functions  $\vartheta \mapsto \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(\cdot, \vartheta), i = 1, 2$  are uniformly bounded in  $\mathbf{V}(\Omega)$ , which is a compact subset of  $\mathbf{H}(\Omega)$ , due to the Rellich theorem. By the Arzel theorem, this implies that the set  $\{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n\}_{n \geq n_0}, i = 1, 2$  is relatively compact in  $C([0, 1]; \mathbf{H}(\Omega))$ . Hence, there exists a subsequence, still labeled by  $n$ , such that  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(\cdot, \vartheta) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(\cdot, \vartheta)$  in  $\mathbf{H}(\Omega)$  uniformly on  $\{0 \leq \vartheta \leq 1\}, i = 1, 2$ . Quite analogously, we deduce that  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i^n(\cdot, \tilde{t}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(\cdot, \tilde{t})$  strongly in  $\mathbf{H}(\Omega)$  uniformly on  $\{0 \leq \tilde{t} \leq T - 1/n_0\}, i = 1, 2$ . These two limiting relations, along with (46) and inclusions  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i(\cdot, 1 - 0) \in \mathbf{H}(\Omega), i = 1, 2$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(\cdot, 0+) = \mathbf{v}_i(\cdot, 0+) \in \mathbf{H}(\Omega), i = 1, 2$ , yield the matching relation (38)<sub>2</sub> in the strong sense in  $\mathbf{H}(\Omega)$ .

Theorem 2 is fully proved.

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