# Onsager's Conjecture for admissible weak solutions Notes

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# 1 Problem Setting [1]

we consider the incompressible Euler equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla p = 0 \\ \text{div } v = 0, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

in the periodic setting  $x \in \mathbb{T}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \mathbb{Z}^3$ , where v is a vector field representing the velocity of the fluid and p is the pressure. We study weak (distributional) solutions v which are Hölder continuous in space, i.e. such that

$$|v(x,t) - v(y,t)| \le C|x-y|^{\beta}$$
 for all  $t \in [0,T]$  (1.2)

for some constant C which is independent of time t. On the other hand, we will write  $v \in C^{\beta}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,T])$  when v is Hölder continuous in the whole space-time. We wish to prove

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume  $e : [0,T] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a strictly positive smooth function. Then for any  $0 < \beta < 1/3$  there exists a weak solution  $v \in C^{\beta}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,T])$  to (1.1) such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left| v(x,t) \right|^2 \ dx = e(t)$$

Moreover, we have stronger version, namely the *h*-principle, saying any smooth strict subsolution can be suitably approximated by  $C^{\beta}$  solutions for any  $\beta < 1/3$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A smooth strict subsolution of (1.1) on  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,T]$  is a smooth triple  $(\bar{v},\bar{p},\bar{R})$  with  $\bar{R}$  a symmetric 2-tensor, such that

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \bar{v} + \operatorname{div}(\bar{v} \otimes \bar{v}) + \nabla \bar{p} = -\operatorname{div} \bar{R} \\ \operatorname{div} \bar{v} = 0, \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

and  $\bar{R}(x,t)$  is positive definite for all (x,t). 'Smooth' comes from smootheness of the triple, 'subsolution' comes from the right-hand-side – div  $\bar{R}$  and that  $\bar{R} \ge 0$  a.e., and 'strict' comes from the requirement  $\bar{R} > 0$  a.e..

**Theorem 1.2** (h-principle). Let  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R})$  be a smooth strict subsolution of the Euler equations on  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0, T]$ and let  $\beta < 1/3$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(v_k, p_k)$  of weak solutions of (1.1) such that  $v_k \in C^{\beta}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0, T])$ ,

$$v_k \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{v}$$
 and  $v_k \otimes v_k \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{v} \otimes \bar{v} + \bar{R}$  in  $L^{\infty}$ 

uniformly in time, and furthermore for all  $t \in [0, T]$ 

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_k|^2 \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left( |\bar{v}|^2 + \operatorname{tr} \bar{R} \right) \, dx. \tag{1.4}$$

# 2 Outline

#### 2.1 Inductive Proposition

**Proposition 2.1.** There is a universal constant M with the following property. Assume  $0 < \beta < \frac{1}{3}$  and

$$1 < b < \frac{1-\beta}{2\beta} \,. \tag{2.1}$$

Then there exists an  $\alpha_0$  depending on  $\beta$  and b, such that for any  $0 < \alpha < \alpha_0$  there exists an  $a_0$  depending on  $\beta$ , b,  $\alpha$  and M, such that for any  $a \ge a_0$  the following holds: Given a strictly positive energy function  $e : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$\sup_{t\in[0,T]} \left| \frac{d}{dt} e(t) \right| \le 1 \tag{2.2}$$

and a triple  $(v_q, \dot{R}_q, p_q)$  solving the Euler-Reynolds system (1.3), namely such that

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v_q + \operatorname{div}(v_q \otimes v_q) + \nabla p_q = \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_q \\ \operatorname{div} v_q = 0 \,, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.3)$$

to which we add the constraints that

$$\operatorname{tr} \mathring{R}_q = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

and that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} p_q(x,t) \, dx = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

(which uniquely determines the pressure) and satisfying the estimates

$$\left\|\mathring{R}_{q}\right\|_{0} \le \delta_{q+1}\lambda_{q}^{-3\alpha} \tag{2.6}$$

$$\|v_q\|_1 \le M\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q \tag{2.7}$$

$$\|v_q\|_0 \le 1 - \delta_q^{1/2} \tag{2.8}$$

$$\delta_{q+1}\lambda_q^{-\alpha} \le e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 \, dx \le \delta_{q+1} \tag{2.9}$$

where the size of the approximate solution  $v_q$  and the error  $\dot{R}_q$  are measured by a frequency  $\lambda_q$  and an amplitude  $\delta_q$  given by

$$\lambda_q = 2\pi \lceil a^{(b^q)} \rceil \tag{2.10}$$

$$\delta_q = \lambda_q^{-2\beta} \tag{2.11}$$

where  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes the smallest integer  $n \ge x$  (as required, a > 1 is a large parameter, b > 1 is close to 1 and both a and b are related to  $0 < \beta < 1/3$ ). Then there exists a solution  $(v_{q+1}, \mathring{R}_{q+1}, p_{q+1})$  to (2.3)-(2.5) satisfying the estimates (2.6)-(2.9) with q replaced by q + 1. Moreover, we have

$$\|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_1 \le M \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}.$$
(2.12)

#### 2.2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

• First fix Hölder exponent  $\beta < 1/3$ , fix b satisfying (2.1) and then fix  $\alpha$  smaller than threshold  $\alpha_0$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $a_0$  exists depending on  $\beta, b, \alpha, M$ . But we're free to choose  $a \ge a_0$ . In particular, we first choose a > 1.

• Claim: We may further assume the energy profile satisfies

$$\inf_{t} e(t) \ge \delta_1 \lambda_0^{-\alpha}, \qquad \sup_{t} e(t) \le \delta_1, \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t} e'(t) \le 1,$$
(2.13)

provided the parameter a is chosen sufficiently large.

Proof. Note that the Euler equations are invariant under the transformation

$$v(x,t) \mapsto \Gamma v(x,\Gamma t)$$
 and  $p(x,t) \mapsto \Gamma^2 p(x,\Gamma t)$ 

so the stated problem reduces to finding a solution with the energy profile given by

$$\tilde{e}(t) = \Gamma^2 e(\Gamma t) \,,$$

Choose

$$\Gamma = \left(\frac{\delta_1}{\sup_t e(t)}\right)^{1/2},$$

so we have

$$\inf_{t} \tilde{e}(t) \geq \frac{\delta_{1} \inf_{t} e(\Gamma t)}{\sup_{t} e(t)}, \qquad \sup_{t} \tilde{e}(t) \leq \delta_{1}, \qquad \text{and} \qquad \sup_{t} \tilde{e}'(t) \leq \left(\frac{\delta_{1}}{\sup_{t} e(t)}\right)^{3/2} \sup_{t} e'(\Gamma t).$$

If a is chosen sufficiently large, *i.e.*,  $\lambda_0$  large and  $\delta_1$  small, we have

$$\sup_{t} \tilde{e}'(t) \le \left(\frac{\delta_1}{\sup_t e(t)}\right)^{3/2} \sup_{t} e'(\Gamma t) \le 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\inf_t e(\Gamma t)}{\sup_t e(t)} \ge \lambda_0^{-\alpha}.$$

- Apply Proposition 2.1 iteratively starting with  $(v_0, R_0, p_0) = (0, 0, 0)$ . Indeed the pair  $(v_0, R_0)$  trivially satisfies (2.6)–(2.8), whereas the estimate (2.9) and (2.2) follows as our assumption on energy profile (2.13). So the result of Proposition 2.1 says there exists sequence of solutions  $(v_q, \mathring{R}_q, p_q)$  to (2.3)-(2.5) satisfying the estimates (2.6)–(2.9), along with (2.12).
- Note as  $q \to \infty$ ,  $\delta_q \to 0$ , so (2.12) says  $v_q$  converges uniformly to some continuous v. Note the pressure is determined by

$$\Delta p_q = \nabla \cdot \nabla p_q = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div}(-v_q \otimes v_q + \mathring{R}_q)$$
(2.14)

and (2.5) and thus  $p_q$  is also converging to some pressure p (for the moment only in  $L^r$  for every  $r < \infty$ ). Since  $\mathring{R}_q \to 0$  uniformly, the pair (v, p) solves the Euler equations. Now we show regularity of v.

• Spatial Regularity. Observe that using (2.12) we also infer for all  $\beta' < \beta < 1/3$ , by (A.3) <sup>1</sup>

$$\sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_{\beta'} \lesssim \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_0^{1-\beta'} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_1^{\beta'} \lesssim \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \delta_{q+1}^{\frac{1-\beta'}{2}} \left(\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}\right)^{\beta'} \lesssim \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{q+1}^{\beta'-2\beta} < \infty$$

due to choice of  $a, b > 1 \implies \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{q+1}^{-\epsilon} < \infty \ \forall \ \epsilon > 0$ , so  $v_q$  is uniformly bounded in  $C_t^0 C_x^{\beta'}$  for all  $\beta' < \beta$ .

• Time Regularity. Fix a smooth standard mollifier  $\psi$  in space and define  $\psi_{\ell}(x) = \ell^{-3}\psi(x\ell^{-1})$ . Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consider  $\tilde{v}_q := v * \psi_{2^{-q}}$ . From standard mollification estimates (A.4) we have

$$|\tilde{v}_q - v||_0 \lesssim ||v||_{\beta'} 2^{-q\beta'},$$
(2.15)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Throughout the manuscript we use the he notation  $x \leq y$  to denote  $x \leq Cy$ , for a sufficiently large constant C > 0, which is independent of a, b, and q, but may change from line to line.

and thus  $\tilde{v}_q - v \to 0$  uniformly as  $q \to \infty$ . Moreover,  $\tilde{v}_q$  obeys the following equation

$$\partial_t \tilde{v}_q + \operatorname{div} \left( v \otimes v \right) * \psi_{2^{-q}} + \nabla p * \psi_{2^{-q}} = 0.$$

Next, since

$$-\Delta p * \psi_{2^{-q}} = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div}(v \otimes v) * \psi_{2^{-q}},$$

using Schauder's estimates, for any fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$  we get

$$\|\nabla p \ast \psi_{2^{-q}}\|_0 \le \|\nabla p \ast \psi_{2^{-q}}\|_{\varepsilon} \lesssim \|v \otimes v\|_{\beta'} 2^{q(1+\varepsilon-\beta')} \lesssim \|v\|_{\beta'}^2 2^{q(1+\varepsilon-\beta')},$$

(where the constant in the estimate depends on  $\varepsilon$  but not on q). Similarly,

$$||(v \otimes v) * \psi_{2^{-q}}||_1 \lesssim ||v \otimes v||_{\beta'} 2^{q(1-\beta')} \lesssim ||v||_{\beta'}^2 2^{q(1-\beta')}.$$

Hence

$$\|\partial_t \tilde{v}_q\|_0 = \|\operatorname{div} (v \otimes v) * \psi_{2^{-q}} + \nabla p * \psi_{2^{-q}}\|_0 \lesssim \|v\|_{\beta'}^2 2^{q(1+\varepsilon-\beta')}.$$
(2.16)

Next, for  $\beta'' < \beta'$ , again by standard interpolation (A.3), we conclude from (2.15) and (2.16) that

$$\begin{split} \|\tilde{v}_{q} - \tilde{v}_{q+1}\|_{C^{0}_{x}C^{\beta''}_{t}} &\lesssim \left(\|\tilde{v}_{q} - v\|_{0} + \|\tilde{v}_{q+1} - v\|_{0}\right)^{1-\beta''} \left(\|\partial_{t}\tilde{v}_{q}\|_{0} + \|\partial_{t}\tilde{v}_{q+1}\|_{0}\right)^{\beta''} \\ &\lesssim \|v\|_{\beta'}^{1+\beta''} 2^{-q\beta'(1-\beta'')} 2^{q\beta''(1+\varepsilon-\beta')} = \|v\|_{\beta'}^{1+\beta''} 2^{-q(\beta'-(1+\varepsilon)\beta'')} \\ &\lesssim \|v\|_{\beta'}^{1+\beta''} 2^{-q\varepsilon} \end{split}$$

with choice of  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small in terms of  $\beta'$  and  $\beta''$  so that that  $\beta' - (1 + \varepsilon)\beta'' \ge \varepsilon$ . Thus, the series

$$v = \tilde{v}_0 + \sum_{q \ge 0} (\tilde{v}_{q+1} - \tilde{v}_q)$$

converges in  $C^0_x C^{\beta''}_t$ . Since we already know  $v \in C^0_t C^{\beta'}_x$ , we obtain that  $v \in C^{\beta''}([0,T] \times \mathbb{T}^3)$  as desired, with  $\beta'' < \beta' < \beta < 1/3$  arbitrary.

• Finally, since  $\delta_{q+1} \to 0$  as  $q \to \infty$ , from (2.9) we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v|^2 \, dx = e(t) \, .$$

which completes the proof of the theorem.

#### 2.3 Stages

The majority of paper is devoted to the proof of Proposition 2.1. Note with conditions given for Proposition 2.1, we fix M,  $\beta$ , and b, and the proof lies in choosing threshold  $\alpha_0$  so that  $\alpha < \alpha_0$  is sufficiently small. Then depending also on  $\alpha < \alpha_0$ , we can choose threshold  $a_0$  so that  $a \ge a_0$  is sufficiently large. Hence we're free to make assumptions on 'smallness' of  $\alpha$ , and 'largeness' of a that, recalling (2.10), (2.11)

•  $\alpha$  is small enough so we have

$$\lambda_q^{3\alpha} \le \left(\frac{\delta_q}{\delta_{q+1}}\right)^{3/2} \le \frac{\lambda_{q+1}}{\lambda_q}, \qquad (2.17)$$

• which also require that a is large enough to absorb any constant appearing from the ratio  $\lambda_q/a^{(b^q)}$ , for

which we have the elementary bounds

$$2\pi \le \frac{\lambda_q}{a^{b^q}} \le 4\pi \,. \tag{2.18}$$

The proof consists of three stages, in each of which we modify  $v_q$ . Roughly speaking, the stages are as follows:

- (i) Mollification:  $(v_q, \mathring{R}_q) \mapsto (v_\ell, \mathring{R}_\ell);$
- (ii) Gluing:  $(v_{\ell}, \mathring{R}_{\ell}) \mapsto (\bar{v}_q, \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q);$
- (iii) Perturbation:  $(\bar{v}_q, \overset{\circ}{R}_q) \mapsto (v_{q+1}, \overset{\circ}{R}_{q+1}).$

# **3** Mollification step $(v_q, \mathring{R}_q) \mapsto (v_\ell, \mathring{R}_\ell)$

The first stage is mollification: we mollify  $v_q$  at length scale  $\ell$  in order to handle the loss of derivative problem, typical of convex integration schemes. To this aim, we fix a standard mollification kernel  $\psi$  in space and introduce the mollification parameter

$$\boldsymbol{\ell} := \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}}, \qquad (3.1)$$

and define, recalling  $\psi_{\ell}(x) = \ell^{-3} \psi(x\ell^{-1})$ , and  $f \otimes g$  is the traceless part of the tensor  $f \otimes g$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\ell} &:= v_q * \psi_{\ell} \\ \mathring{R}_{\ell} &:= \mathring{R}_q * \psi_{\ell} + (v_q \otimes v_q) * \psi_{\ell} - v_{\ell} \otimes v_{\ell} \end{aligned}$$

 $(v_{\ell}, \mathring{R}_{\ell})$  obey the equation

$$\partial_t v_\ell + \operatorname{div}(v_\ell \otimes v_\ell) + \nabla p_\ell = \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_\ell$$

$$\operatorname{div} v_\ell = 0,$$
(3.2)

in view of (2.3). Observe, again

• choosing  $\alpha$  sufficiently small and a sufficiently large we can assume

$$\lambda_q^{-3/2} \le \ell = \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}} \le \lambda_q^{-1},$$
(3.3)

which will be applied repeatedly in order to simplify the statements of several estimates.

From (3.3), standard mollification estimates (A.4) and Proposition A.1 we obtain the following bounds<sup>2</sup> **Proposition 3.1.** 

$$\|v_{\ell} - v_q\|_0 \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_q^{-\alpha}, \qquad (3.4)$$

$$\|v_{\ell}\|_{N+1} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N} \qquad \forall N \ge 0, \qquad (3.5)$$

$$\left\| \mathring{R}_{\ell} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \qquad \forall N \ge 0.$$
(3.6)

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 \, dx \right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{\alpha} \,. \tag{3.7}$$

Proof of Proposition 3.1. The bounds (3.4) and (3.5) follow from the estimate using (A.4), (2.7), (2.17)

 $\|v_{\ell} - v_q\|_0 = \|v_q * \psi_{\ell} - v_q\|_0 \le \|v_q\|_1 \ell \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_q^{-\alpha}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>In the following, when considering higher order norms  $\|\cdot\|_N$  or  $\|\cdot\|_{N+1}$ , the symbol  $\leq$  will imply that the constant in the inequality might also depend on N.

and again using (2.7)

$$\|v_{\ell}\|_{N+1} \le \|v_q\|_1 \|\psi_{\ell}\|_N \le \|v_q\|_1 \ell^{-N} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}.$$

Next, applying Proposition A.1, using (2.6), (2.7) to estimate size of  $||\tilde{R}_q||_0$ ,  $||v_q||_1$ , and then assumptions (3.3), followed by (2.17)

$$\begin{split} \left\| \mathring{R}_{\ell} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim & \| \mathring{R}_{q} * \psi_{\ell} \|_{N+\alpha} + \| (v_{q} \otimes v_{q}) * \psi_{\ell} - v_{\ell} \otimes v_{\ell} \|_{N+\alpha} \\ \lesssim & \| \mathring{R}_{q} \|_{0} \ell^{-N-\alpha} + \| v_{q} \|_{1}^{2} \ell^{2-N-\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \lambda_{q}^{-3\alpha} \ell^{-N-\alpha} + \delta_{q} \lambda_{q}^{2} \ell^{2} \ell^{-N-\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \lambda_{q}^{-3\alpha} \ell^{-N-\alpha} \,, \end{split}$$

on the other hand, by (3.3)  $\lambda_q^{-3\alpha} \leq \ell^{2\alpha}$ , from which (3.6) follows. Similarly, by Proposition A.1,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 \, dx \right| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} (|v_q|^2)_\ell - |v_\ell|^2 \, dx \right| \lesssim \left\| (|v_q|^2)_\ell - |v_\ell|^2 \right\|_0 \lesssim \|v_q\|_1^2 \, \ell^2 \, ,$$

which implies (3.7).

# 4 Gluing Step $(v_{\ell}, \mathring{R}_{\ell}) \mapsto (\bar{v}_q, \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q)$

We glue together exact solutions to the Euler equations in order to produce a new  $\bar{v}_q$ , close to  $v_q$ , whose associated Reynolds stress error  $\hat{R}_q$  has support in pairwise disjoint temporal regions of length  $\tau_q$  in time, where

$$\tau_q = \frac{\ell^{2\alpha}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q}.$$
(4.1)

Note hence we have the CFL-like condition

$$\tau_q \|v_\ell\|_{1+\alpha} \stackrel{(3.5)}{\lesssim} \tau_q \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-\alpha} \lesssim \ell^{\alpha} \ll 1$$
(4.2)

as long as a is sufficiently large.

#### 4.1 Stability Estimate for Classical Exact Solutions

#### 4.1.1 Classical solutions

For each *i*, let  $t_i = i\tau_q$ , and consider smooth solutions  $v_i$  of the Euler equations with  $t_i$  as initial time and  $v_\ell$  at time  $t_i$  as initial value

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t v_i + \operatorname{div}(v_i \otimes v_i) + \nabla p_i &= 0 \\ \operatorname{div} v_i &= 0 \\ v_i(\cdot, t_i) &= v_\ell(\cdot, t_i) \,. \end{aligned}$$
(4.3)

defined over their own maximal interval of existence.

**Proposition 4.1.** For any  $\alpha > 0$  there exists a constant  $c = c(\alpha) > 0$  with the following property. Given any initial data  $v_0 \in C^{\infty}$ , and  $T \leq c \|v_0\|_{1+\alpha}$ , there exists a unique solution  $v : \mathbb{R}^3 \times [-T, T] \to \mathbb{R}^3$  to the Euler equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v + \operatorname{div}(v \otimes v) + \nabla p = 0 \\ \operatorname{div} v = 0 , \\ v(\cdot, 0) = v_0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\|v\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \|v_0\|_{N+\alpha} \quad . \tag{4.4}$$

for all  $N \ge 1$ , where the implicit constant depends on N and  $\alpha > 0$ .

Proof of Proposition 4.1. The existence of a unique solution follows from the restriction  $T \leq c ||v_0||_{1+\alpha}$ . The higher-order bounds (4.4) are obtained as follows: For any multi-index  $\theta$  with  $|\theta| = N$ , let commutator

$$[\partial^{\theta}, v \cdot \nabla] v := \partial^{\theta} (v \cdot \nabla) v - v \cdot \nabla \left( \partial^{\theta} v \right)$$

we have

$$\partial_t \partial^\theta v + v \cdot \nabla \partial^\theta v + [\partial^\theta, v \cdot \nabla] v + \nabla \partial^\theta p = 0.$$

Using the equation for the pressure  $-\Delta p = \nabla v \cdot \nabla v$  and Schauder estimates we obtain

$$\|\nabla \partial^{\theta} p\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \|\nabla p\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \|\nabla v \cdot \nabla v\|_{N-1+\alpha} \lesssim \|v\|_{1+\alpha} \|v\|_{N+\alpha}.$$

Therefore, after applying (C.3) to  $[\partial^{\theta}, v \cdot \nabla]v$ , we're left with

$$\|(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla)\partial^{\theta}v\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \|v\|_{1+\alpha}\|v\|_{N+\alpha}.$$

Hence by applying (B.3)

$$\|v\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \|\partial^{\theta}v\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \|\partial^{\theta}v_{0}\|_{\alpha} + \int_{0}^{T} \|(\partial_{t} + v(\cdot, \tau) \cdot \nabla)\partial^{\theta}v(\cdot, \tau)\|_{\alpha}d\tau \lesssim \|v_{0}\|_{N+\alpha} + \int_{0}^{T} \|v\|_{1+\alpha}\|v\|_{N+\alpha}d\tau,$$

and Grönwall's inequality we recover (4.4).

**Corollary 4.1** (Length-scale for  $v_i$ ). If a is sufficiently large, for  $|t - t_i| \leq \tau_q$ , we have

$$\|v_i\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{1-N-\alpha} \stackrel{(4.1)}{\lesssim} \tau_q^{-1} \ell^{1-N+\alpha} \qquad \text{for any } N \ge 1.$$

$$(4.5)$$

Proof of Corollary 4.1. We apply Proposition 4.1 and using assumption  $|t - t_i| \leq \tau_q$  with

$$(4.2) \quad \tau_q \left\| v_\ell \right\|_{1+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-\alpha} \lesssim \ell^{\alpha} \ll 1 \implies \left| t - t_i \right| \left\| v_\ell \right\|_{1+\alpha} \ll 1$$

to satisfy assumption for (B.3), from which the higher-order estimates of Proposition 4.1 says

$$||v_i||_{N+\alpha} \leq ||v_i(t_i)||_{N+\alpha} = ||v_\ell(t_i)||_{N+\alpha}$$

for any  $N \ge 1$ . From

 $(3.5) \quad \|v_\ell\|_{N+1} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}$ 

we then deduce the estimate (4.5).

#### 4.1.2 Stability and estimates on $v_i - v_\ell$

We will now show that for  $|t_i - t| \leq \tau_q$ ,  $v_i$  is close to  $v_\ell$  and by the identity

$$v_i - v_{i+1} = (v_i - v_\ell) - (v_{i+1} - v_\ell),$$

the vector field  $v_i$  is also close to  $v_{i+1}$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** For  $|t - t_i| \leq \tau_q$  and  $N \geq 0$  we have

$$\|v_i - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}, \qquad (4.6)$$

$$\|\nabla(p_{\ell} - p_i)\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}, \qquad (4.7)$$

$$\left\|D_{t,\ell}(v_i - v_\ell)\right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha} \,, \tag{4.8}$$

where we write

$$D_{t,\ell} = \partial_t + v_\ell \cdot \nabla \tag{4.9}$$

for the transport derivative.

Proof of Proposition 4.2. • Let us first consider (4.6) with N = 0. From the system (3.2) that  $v_{\ell}$  solves and the system (4.3) that  $v_i$  solves, we have

$$\partial_t (v_\ell - v_i) + (v_\ell \cdot \nabla)(v_\ell - v_i) = D_{t,\ell}(v_\ell - v_i) = (v_i - v_\ell) \cdot \nabla v_i - \nabla (p_\ell - p_i) + \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_\ell.$$
(4.10)

In particular, using

$$\Delta(p_{\ell} - p_i) = \operatorname{div}(\nabla v_{\ell}(v_{\ell} - v_i)) + \operatorname{div}(\nabla v_i(v_{\ell} - v_i)) + \operatorname{div}\operatorname{div}\mathring{R}_{\ell},$$
(4.11)

along with estimates

(3.6) 
$$\left\| \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_{\ell} \right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \left\| \mathring{R}_{\ell} \right\|_{1+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1+\alpha}$$
  
(3.5)  $\left\| \nabla v_{\ell} \right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \left\| v_{\ell} \right\|_{1+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q} \ell^{-\alpha}$  (4.5)  $\left\| \nabla v_{i} \right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \left\| v_{i} \right\|_{1+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q} \ell^{-\alpha}$ 

and Proposition C.1 (recall that  $\partial_i \partial_j (-\Delta)^{-1}$  is given by  $1/3\delta_{ij} + a$  Calderón-Zygmund operator), we conclude

$$\left\|\nabla (p_{\ell} - p_i)(\cdot, t)\right\|_{\alpha} \le \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-\alpha} \left\|v_i - v_{\ell}\right\|_{\alpha} + \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1+\alpha}$$

Thus, using (3.6) and the definition of  $\tau_q = \frac{\ell^{2\alpha}}{\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q}$ , we have

$$\|D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell} - v_i)\|_{\alpha} = \|(v_i - v_{\ell}) \cdot \nabla v_i - \nabla (p_{\ell} - p_i) + \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_{\ell}\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{-1+\alpha} + \tau_q^{-1} \|v_{\ell} - v_i\|_{\alpha}$$
(4.12)

Note  $D_{t,\ell} = \partial_t + v_\ell \cdot \nabla$ , and we again have by combining  $|t - t_i| \le \tau_q$  and

(4.2) 
$$\tau_q \|v_\ell\|_{1+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-\alpha} \lesssim \ell^{\alpha} \ll 1 \implies |t - t_i| \|v_\ell\|_{1+\alpha} \ll 1$$

to satisfy assumptions for (B.3). Hence by having  $D_{t,\ell}$  acting on  $v_{\ell} - v_i$ , we obtain from (B.3)

$$\|(v_{\ell} - v_{i})(\cdot, t)\|_{\alpha} \lesssim 0 + \int_{t_{i}}^{t} \|D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell} - v_{i})\|_{\alpha} ds \lesssim |t - t_{i}| \,\delta_{q+1}\ell^{-1+\alpha} + \int_{t_{i}}^{t} \tau_{q}^{-1} \|(v_{\ell} - v_{i})(\cdot, s)\|_{\alpha} ds.$$

Applying Grönwall's inequality and using the assumption  $|t-t_i| \leq \tau_q$  we obtain

$$\|v_i - v_\ell\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1+\alpha} \,, \tag{4.13}$$

i.e. (4.6) for the case N = 0. Then, as a consequence of (4.12) we obtain (4.8) for the case N = 0.

• Next, consider the case  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\theta$  be a multiindex with  $|\theta| = N$ . Commuting the derivative  $\partial^{\theta}$  with

the material derivative  $D_{t,\ell} = \partial_t + v_\ell \cdot \nabla$  we have

$$\begin{split} \|D_{t,\ell}\partial^{\theta}(v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} &\lesssim \|\partial^{\theta}D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} + \|[v_{\ell}\cdot\nabla,\partial^{\theta}](v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} \\ &\stackrel{(C.3)}{\lesssim} \|\partial^{\theta}D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{N+\alpha}\|v_{\ell}-v_{i}\|_{1+\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{1+\alpha}\|v_{\ell}-v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \|\partial^{\theta}D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{N+1+\alpha}\|v_{\ell}-v_{i}\|_{\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{1+\alpha}\|v_{\ell}-v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} \,, \end{split}$$

where in the last inequality we used the standard interpolation inequalities on Hölder norms, cf. (A.1). On the other hand differentiating  $\partial^{\theta}$ 

(4.10) 
$$D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell} - v_i) = \partial_t (v_{\ell} - v_i) + (v_{\ell} \cdot \nabla)(v_{\ell} - v_i) = (v_i - v_{\ell}) \cdot \nabla v_i - \nabla (p_{\ell} - p_i) + \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_{\ell}.$$

leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^{\theta} D_{t,\ell}(v_{\ell} - v_{i})\|_{\alpha} &\lesssim \|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} \|v_{i}\|_{1+\alpha} + \|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{\alpha} \|v_{i}\|_{N+1+\alpha} + \|p_{\ell} - p_{i}\|_{N+1+\alpha} + \|\tilde{R}_{\ell}\|_{N+1+\alpha} \\ &\stackrel{(4.5)(4.13)(3.6)}{\lesssim} \tau_{q}^{-1} \ell^{\alpha} \|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} + \tau_{q} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1+\alpha} \tau_{q}^{-1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} + \|\nabla(p_{\ell} - p_{i})\|_{N+\alpha} + \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.14)$$

$$\lesssim \tau_q^{-1} \| v_\ell - v_i \|_{N+\alpha} + \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha} + \| \nabla (p_\ell - p_i) \|_{N+\alpha} \,.$$
(4.15)

Furthermore, from

(4.11) 
$$\Delta(p_{\ell} - p_i) = \operatorname{div} \left( \nabla v_{\ell} (v_{\ell} - v_i) \right) + \operatorname{div} \left( \nabla v_i (v_{\ell} - v_i) \right) + \operatorname{div} \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_{\ell}$$

we also obtain, using Corollary 4.1 and (4.13)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(p_{\ell} - p_{i})\|_{N+\alpha} &\lesssim (\|v_{\ell}\|_{N+1+\alpha} + \|v_{i}\|_{N+1+\alpha})\|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{\alpha} \\ &+ (\|v_{\ell}\|_{1+\alpha} + \|v_{i}\|_{1+\alpha})\|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} + \|\mathring{R}_{\ell}\|_{N+1+\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{-N-1+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1}\|v_{\ell} - v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} \,. \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.16)$$

Summarizing, for any multiindex  $\theta$  with  $|\theta| = N$  we obtain

$$\|D_{t,\ell}\partial^{\theta}(v_{\ell}-v_{i})\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{-N-1+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1}\|v_{\ell}-v_{i}\|_{N+\alpha}.$$

Therefore, invoking once more (B.3) we deduce

$$\|(v_{\ell} - v_{i})(\cdot, t)\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_{q} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha} + \int_{t_{i}}^{t} \tau_{q}^{-1} \|(v_{\ell} - v_{i})(\cdot, s)\|_{N+\alpha} \, ds,$$

and hence, using Grönwall's inequality and the assumption  $|t - t_i| \le \tau_q$  we obtain (4.6). From (4.16) and (4.15) we then also conclude (4.7) and (4.8).

#### 4.1.3 Estimates on vector potentials

Define the vector potentials to the solutions  $v_i$ , *i.e.*, stream function as

$$z_i = \mathcal{B}v_i := (-\Delta)^{-1}\operatorname{curl} v_i, \tag{4.17}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}$  is the Biot-Savart operator, so that

div 
$$z_i = 0$$
 and  $\operatorname{curl} z_i = v_i$ . (4.18)

Our aim is to obtain estimates for the differences  $z_i - z_{i+1}$ . The heuristic is as follows: from Proposition 4.2 we obtain

$$(4.6) \quad \|v_i - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha} \implies \|v_i - v_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}$$

Since the characteristic length-scale of the vector fields  $v_i$  is  $\ell$  (cf. Corollary 4.1), we expect to gain a factor  $\ell$ when passing to first order potentials.

**Proposition 4.3.** For  $|t - t_i| \leq \tau_q$ , we have that

$$\|z_i - z_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \,, \tag{4.19}$$

$$\|D_{t,\ell}(z_i - z_{i+1})\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \,, \tag{4.20}$$

where  $D_{t,\ell} = \partial_t + v_\ell \cdot \nabla$  is as in (4.9).

Proof of Proposition 4.3. Set  $\tilde{z}_i := \mathcal{B}(v_i - v_\ell)$  and observe that  $z_i - z_{i+1} = \tilde{z}_i - \tilde{z}_{i+1}$ . Hence, it suffices to estimate  $\tilde{z}_i = \mathcal{B}(v_i - v_\ell) = (-\Delta)^{-1} \operatorname{curl}(v_i - v_\ell)$  in place of  $z_i - z_{i+1}$ . The estimate on  $\|\nabla \tilde{z}_i\|_{N-1+\alpha}$  for  $N \ge 1$  follows directly from

$$(4.6) \|v_i - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}$$

and the fact that  $\nabla \mathcal{B}$  is a bounded operator on Hölder spaces:

$$\|\nabla \tilde{z}_{i}\|_{N-1+\alpha} = \|\nabla \mathcal{B}(v_{i} - v_{\ell})\|_{N-1+\alpha} \|v_{i} - v_{\ell}\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_{q} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} .$$
(4.21)

Next, observe that

$$\partial_t (v_i - v_\ell) + v_\ell \cdot \nabla (v_i - v_\ell) + (v_i - v_\ell) \cdot \nabla v_i + \nabla (p_i - p_\ell) + \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_\ell = 0.$$
(4.22)

Since  $v_i - v_\ell = \operatorname{curl} \tilde{z}_i$  with div  $\tilde{z}_i = 0$ , we have<sup>3</sup>

$$v_{\ell} \cdot \nabla (v_i - v_{\ell}) = \operatorname{curl}((v_{\ell} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{z}_i) + \operatorname{div}((\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_{\ell})$$
$$((v_i - v_{\ell}) \cdot \nabla) v_i = \operatorname{div}((\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_i^T),$$

so that we can write (4.22) as

$$\operatorname{curl}(\partial_t \tilde{z}_i + (v_\ell \cdot \nabla) \tilde{z}_i) = -\operatorname{div}\left((\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_\ell + (\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_i^T\right) - \nabla(p_i - p_\ell) - \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_\ell.$$
(4.23)

Taking the curl of (4.23) the pressure term drops out. Using in addition that div  $\tilde{z}_i = \text{div } v_i = 0$  and the identity curl curl  $= -\Delta + \nabla \text{div}$ , we then arrive at

$$-\Delta \big(\partial_t \tilde{z}_i + (v_\ell \cdot \nabla) \tilde{z}_i\big) = -\nabla \operatorname{div} \left( (\tilde{z}_i \cdot \nabla) v_\ell \right) - \operatorname{curl} \operatorname{div} \left( (\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_\ell + (\tilde{z}_i \times \nabla) v_i^T \right) - \operatorname{curl} \operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_\ell.$$

Consequently using (3.5)  $\|v_\ell\|_{N+1} \lesssim \tau_q^{-1} \ell^{2\alpha} \ell^{-N}$  and (4.5)  $\|v_i\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q^{-1} \ell^{1-N+\alpha}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_{t}\tilde{z}_{i} + (v_{\ell} \cdot \nabla)\tilde{z}_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} & \stackrel{(\mathbf{C}.3)}{\lesssim} (\|v_{i}\|_{N+1+\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{N+1+\alpha}) \|\tilde{z}_{i}\|_{\alpha} \\ & + (\|v_{i}\|_{1+\alpha} + \|v_{\ell}\|_{1+\alpha}) \|\tilde{z}_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} + \|\mathring{R}_{\ell}\|_{N+\alpha} \\ & \lesssim \tau_{q}^{-1} \|\tilde{z}_{i}\|_{N+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1} \ell^{-N} \|\tilde{z}_{i}\|_{\alpha} + \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$
(4.24)

Setting N = 0 and using (B.3) and Grönwall's inequality we obtain  $\|\tilde{z}_i\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{\alpha}$ , which together with

<sup>3</sup>Here we denote 
$$[(z \times \nabla)v]^{ij} = \epsilon_{ikl} z^k \partial_l v^j = \begin{pmatrix} z^2 \partial_3 v^1 - z^3 \partial_2 v^1 & z^2 \partial_3 v^2 - z^3 \partial_2 v^2 & z^2 \partial_3 v^3 - z^3 \partial_2 v^3 \\ z^3 \partial_1 v^1 - z^1 \partial_3 v^1 & z^3 \partial_1 v^2 - z^1 \partial_3 v^2 & z^3 \partial_1 v^3 - z^1 \partial_3 v^3 \\ z^1 \partial_2 v^1 - z^2 \partial_1 v^1 & z^1 \partial_2 v^2 - z^2 \partial_1 v^2 & z^1 \partial_2 v^3 - z^2 \partial_1 v^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 for vector fields  $z, v$ .

(4.21) gives (4.19). Using (4.19) into (4.24) we conclude

$$\|\partial_t \tilde{z}_i + (v_\ell \cdot \nabla) \tilde{z}_i\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \,.$$

Finally commuting the derivatives in the  $N + \alpha$ -norm with  $D_{t,\ell}$  as in the proof of Proposition 4.2 and using again (4.19) we achieve (4.20).

#### 4.2 Gluing Procedure

Now we glue the solutions  $v_i$  together in order to construct  $\overline{v}_q$ . The stability estimates above will be used in order to ensure that  $\overline{v}_q$  remains an approximate solution to the Euler equations.

#### 4.2.1 Partition of Unity and definition of $\overline{v}_q$

• Let

$$t_i = i\tau_q, \qquad I_i = [t_i + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_i + \frac{2}{3}\tau_q] \cap [0, T], \qquad J_i = (t_i - \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_i + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q) \cap [0, T].$$

Note that  $\{I_i, J_i\}_i$  is a decomposition of [0, T] into pairwise disjoint intervals.

- We define a partition of unity  $\{\chi_i\}_i$  in time with the following properties:
  - The cut-offs form a partition of unity

$$\sum_{i} \chi_i \equiv 1 \tag{4.25}$$

 $- \operatorname{supp} \chi_i \cap \operatorname{supp} \chi_{i+2} = \emptyset$  and moreover

$$\sup \chi_i \subset (t_i - \frac{2}{3}\tau_q, t_i + \frac{2}{3}\tau_q)$$
  

$$\chi_i(t) = 1 \quad \text{for } t \in J_i$$

$$(4.26)$$

- For any i and N we have

$$\left\|\partial_t^N \chi_i\right\|_0 \lesssim \tau_q^{-N} \,. \tag{4.27}$$

• We define

$$\overline{v}_q = \sum_i \chi_i v_i$$
$$\overline{p}_q^{(1)} = \sum_i \chi_i p_i$$

observe that

- (i) div  $\overline{v}_q = 0$ .
- (ii) If  $t \in I_i$ , then  $\chi_i + \chi_{i+1} = 1$  and  $\chi_j = 0$  for  $j \neq i, i+1$ , therefore on  $I_i$ :

$$\overline{v}_{q} = \chi_{i} v_{i} + (1 - \chi_{i}) v_{i+1}$$
  
$$\overline{p}_{q}^{(1)} = \chi_{i} p_{i} + (1 - \chi_{i}) p_{i+1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \overline{v}_q + \operatorname{div}(\overline{v}_q \otimes \overline{v}_q) + \nabla \overline{p}_q^{(1)} &= \chi_i \partial_t v_i + (1 - \chi_i) \partial_t v_{i+1} + \partial_t \chi_i (v_i - v_{i+1}) \\ &+ \operatorname{div} \left( \chi_i^2 v_i \otimes v_i + (1 - \chi_i)^2 v_{i+1} \otimes v_{i+1} \right) \\ &+ \chi_i (1 - \chi_i) \operatorname{div}(v_i \otimes v_{i+1} + v_{i+1} \otimes v_i) \\ &+ \chi_i \nabla p_i + (1 - \chi_i) \nabla p_{i+1} \\ &= \partial_t \chi_i (v_i - v_{i+1}) - \chi_i (1 - \chi_i) \operatorname{div} \left( (v_i - v_{i+1}) \otimes (v_i - v_{i+1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) If  $t \in J_i$  then  $\chi_i = 1$  and  $\chi_j = 0$  for all  $j \neq i$  for all  $\tilde{t}$  sufficiently close to t (since  $J_i$  is open). Then for all  $t \in J_i$  we have

$$\overline{v}_q = v_i, \quad \overline{p}_q^{(1)} = p_i,$$

and, from (4.3),

$$\partial_t \overline{v}_q + \operatorname{div}(\overline{v}_q \otimes \overline{v}_q) + \nabla \overline{p}_q^{(1)} = 0.$$

## 4.2.2 New Reynolds Tensor $\overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q$

Definition 4.1 (Inverse Divergence Operator for symmetric tracefree 2-tensors).

$$(\mathcal{R}f)^{ij} = \mathcal{R}^{ijk} f^k$$
  
$$\mathcal{R}^{ijk} = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-2} \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-1} \partial_k \delta_{ij} - \Delta^{-1} \partial_i \delta_{jk} - \Delta^{-1} \partial_j \delta_{ik}.$$
(4.28)

when acting on vectors  $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$  with zero mean on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ , i.e.  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} f dx = 0$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** The tensor  $\mathcal{R}$  defined in (4.28) is symmetric, and we have

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{R}f) = f$$

for any f with zero mean on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ . So the above inverse divergence operator has the property that  $\mathcal{R}f(x)$  is a symmetric trace-free matrix for each  $x \in \mathbb{T}^3$ , and  $\mathcal{R}$  is an right inverse of the div operator, i.e.  $\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{R}f) = f$ . When f does not obey  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} f dx = 0$ , we overload notation and denote  $\mathcal{R}f := \mathcal{R}(f - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} f dx)$ .

• We define

$$\overline{R}_{q} = \partial_{t} \chi_{i} \mathcal{R}(v_{i} - v_{i+1}) - \chi_{i}(1 - \chi_{i})(v_{i} - v_{i+1}) \mathring{\otimes}(v_{i} - v_{i+1})$$
  
$$\overline{p}_{q}^{(2)} = -\chi_{i}(1 - \chi_{i})|v_{i} - v_{i+1}|^{2},$$

for  $t \in I_i$  and  $\overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q = 0$ ,  $\overline{p}_q^{(2)} = 0$  for  $t \notin \bigcup_i I_i$ .

- We set  $\overline{p}_q = \overline{p}_q^{(1)} + \overline{p}_q^{(2)}$
- It follows from the preceding discussion and Proposition 4.4 that
  - $\ \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q$  is a smooth symmetric and traceless 2-tensor;
  - For all  $(x,t) \in \mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,T]$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \overline{v}_q + \operatorname{div}(\overline{v}_q \otimes \overline{v}_q) + \nabla \overline{p}_q = \operatorname{div} \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q, \\ \\ \operatorname{div} \overline{v}_q = 0; \end{cases}$$

 $- \operatorname{supp} \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times \bigcup_i I_i.$ 

#### 4.2.3 Estimates on $\overline{v}_q$

Next, we estimate the various Hölder norms of  $\overline{v}_q$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** The velocity field  $\overline{v}_q$  satisfies the following estimates

$$\|\bar{v}_q - v_\ell\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \ell^{\alpha} \tag{4.29}$$

$$\left\|\overline{v}_{q} - v_{\ell}\right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_{q} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1-N+\alpha} \tag{4.30}$$

$$\left\|\bar{v}_q\right\|_{1+N} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N} \tag{4.31}$$

for all  $N \geq 0$ .

Proof of Proposition 4.5. By definition

$$\overline{v}_q - v_\ell = \sum_i \chi_i (v_i - v_\ell).$$

Therefore Proposition 4.2 (4.6)  $||v_i - v_\ell||_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}$  implies

$$\|\overline{v}_q - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1-N+\alpha}.$$
(4.32)

Note that using the definition of  $\ell := \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}}$  in (3.1) and  $\tau_q := \frac{\ell^{2\alpha}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q}$  in (4.1) and the comparison (3.3)

$$\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \tau_q \ell^{-1} = \ell^{2\alpha} \lambda_q^{3\alpha/2} \le \lambda_q^{-\alpha/2} \le 1.$$
(4.33)

Therefore we obtain (4.29), and furthermore, for any  $N \ge 0$ 

$$\|\overline{v}_q - v_\ell\|_{1+N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \tau_q \ell^{-N-2+\alpha} = \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q (\ell \lambda_q)^{3\alpha} \ell^{-N} \le \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}.$$

Then it also follows using (3.5)  $\|v_\ell\|_{N+1} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}$  that

$$\|\overline{v}_q\|_{1+N} \lesssim \|v_\ell\|_{1+N} + \|v_\ell - \overline{v}_q\|_{1+N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}.$$

#### 4.2.4 Estimates on stress tensor $\overline{R}_q$

We are now in a position to estimate the glued stress tensor  $\overline{R}_q$ :

**Proposition 4.6.** The stress tensor  $\overline{R}_q$  satisfies the following bounds for any  $N \ge 0$ :

$$\left\| \ddot{\overline{R}}_{q} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \tag{4.34}$$

$$\left\| (\partial_t + \overline{v}_q \cdot \nabla) \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N-\alpha}.$$
(4.35)

Proof of Proposition 4.6. Recall that  $v_i = \operatorname{curl} z_i$ , so that we may write for  $t \in I_i$ :

$$\overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_{q} = \partial_{t} \chi_{i}(\mathcal{R}\operatorname{curl})(z_{i} - z_{i+1}) - \chi_{i}(1 - \chi_{i})(v_{i} - v_{i+1}) \overset{\circ}{\otimes} (v_{i} - v_{i+1})$$

Note that  $\mathcal{R}$  curl is zero-order operator. Therefore from Propositions 4.2 (4.6)  $||v_i - v_\ell||_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}$ and 4.3 (4.19)  $||z_i - z_{i+1}||_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha}$  for any  $N \ge 0$  with  $t \in I_i$ , using Hölder product

$$\| \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_{q} \|_{N+\alpha} \overset{(A.2)}{\lesssim} \tau_{q}^{-1} \| z_{i} - z_{i+1} \|_{N+\alpha} + \| v_{i} - v_{i+1} \|_{N+\alpha} \| v_{i} - v_{i+1} \|_{\alpha} \\ \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{2} \delta_{q+1}^{2} \ell^{-2-N+2\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha}.$$

Here we used again (4.33). Next, we calculate

$$\begin{split} D_{t,\ell} \overline{R}_q &= \partial_t^2 \chi_i(\mathcal{R}\operatorname{curl})(z_i - z_{i+1}) \\ &+ \partial_t \chi_i(\mathcal{R}\operatorname{curl}) D_{t,\ell}(z_i - z_{i+1}) + \partial_t \chi_i[v \cdot \nabla, \mathcal{R}\operatorname{curl}](z_i - z_{i+1}) \\ &- \partial_t (\chi_i(1 - \chi_i))(v_i - v_{i+1}) \overset{\circ}{\otimes} (v_i - v_{i+1}) \\ &- \chi_i(1 - \chi_i)) \Big( (D_{t,\ell}(v_i - v_{i+1})) \overset{\circ}{\otimes} (v_i - v_{i+1}) - (v_i - v_{i+1}) \overset{\circ}{\otimes} (D_{t,\ell}(v_i - v_{i+1})) \Big), \end{split}$$

where  $[v \cdot \nabla, \mathcal{R} \text{ curl}]$  denotes the commutator. Hence, using Proposition C.3 and Propositions 4.2 and 4.3 we deduce

$$\begin{split} \|D_{t,\ell}\bar{R}_{q}\|_{N+\alpha} &\lesssim \tau_{q}^{-2} \|z_{i} - z_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1} \|D_{t,\ell}(z_{i} - z_{i+1})\|_{N+\alpha} \\ &+ \tau_{q}^{-1} \|v_{\ell}\|_{\alpha} \|z_{i} - z_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1} \|v_{\ell}\|_{N+\alpha} \|z_{i} - z_{i+1}\|_{\alpha} \\ &+ \tau_{q}^{-1} \|v_{i} - v_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} \|v_{i} - v_{i+1}\|_{\alpha} \\ &+ \|D_{t,\ell}(v_{i} - v_{i+1})\|_{N+\alpha} \|v_{i} - v_{i+1}\|_{\alpha} + \|v_{i} - v_{i+1}\|_{N+\alpha} \|D_{t,\ell}(v_{i} - v_{i+1})\|_{\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \tau_{q}^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} + (\tau_{q}^{2} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-2}) \tau_{q}^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+2\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \tau_{q}^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \,. \end{split}$$

Finally, we deduce using (4.30)  $\|\overline{v}_q - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-1-N+\alpha}$ :

$$\begin{split} \left\| (\partial_t + \overline{v}_q \cdot \nabla) \overset{\circ}{R}_q \right\|_{N+\alpha} &\lesssim \| (v_\ell - \overline{v}_q) \cdot \nabla \overset{\circ}{R}_q \|_{N+\alpha} + \| D_{t,\ell} \overset{\circ}{R}_q \|_{N+\alpha} \\ &\stackrel{(A.2)}{\lesssim} \| v_\ell - \overline{v}_q \|_{N+\alpha} \| \overset{\circ}{R}_q \|_{1+\alpha} + \| v_\ell - \overline{v}_q \|_\alpha \| \overset{\circ}{R}_q \|_{N+1+\alpha} + \| D_{t,\ell} \overset{\circ}{R}_q \|_{N+\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1}^2 \ell^{-N-2+2\alpha} + \tau_q^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \tau_q^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} = \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N-\alpha} \end{split}$$

again using (4.33).

#### 4.2.5 Estimates on energy difference between $\overline{v}_q$ and $v_\ell$

To finish this section we show that  $\overline{v}_q$  has approximately the same energy as  $v_\ell :$ 

**Proposition 4.7.** The difference of the energies of  $\overline{v}_q$  and  $v_\ell$  satisfies

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\bar{v}_q|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 dx \right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{\alpha} \tag{4.36}$$

Proof of Proposition 4.7. Observe that for  $t \in I_i$ 

$$\overline{v}_q \otimes \overline{v}_q = (\chi_i v_i + (1 - \chi_i) v_{i+1}) \otimes (\chi_i v_i + (1 - \chi_i) v_{i+1}) = \chi_i v_i \otimes v_i + (1 - \chi_i) v_{i+1} \otimes v_{i+1} - \chi_i (1 - \chi_i) (v_i - v_{i+1}) \otimes (v_i - v_{i+1}),$$

so that, taking the trace:

$$|\overline{v}_{q}|^{2} - |v_{\ell}|^{2} = \chi_{i}(|v_{i}|^{2} - |v_{\ell}|^{2}) + (1 - \chi_{i})(|v_{i+1}|^{2} - |v_{\ell}|^{2}) - \chi_{i}(1 - \chi_{i})|v_{i} - v_{i+1}|^{2}$$

Next, recall that  $v_i$  and  $v_\ell$  are smooth solutions of (4.3) and (3.2) respectively, therefore

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_i|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 \, dx \right| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \nabla v_\ell : \mathring{R}_\ell \, dx \right| \lesssim \|\nabla v_\ell\|_0 \|\mathring{R}_\ell\|_0$$
$$\lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \delta_{q+1} \lesssim \tau_q^{-1} \delta_{q+1} \ell^\alpha,$$

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where we have used (3.6) and (3.5). Moreover,  $v_i = v_\ell$  for  $t = t_i$ . Therefore, after integrating in time we deduce

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_i|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 \, dx \bigg| \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{\alpha}$$

Furthermore, using (4.6)  $\|v_i - v_\ell\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \tau_q \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N-1+\alpha}$  and (4.33)  $\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \tau_q \ell^{-1} = \ell^{2\alpha} \lambda_q^{3\alpha/2} \le \lambda_q^{-\alpha/2} \le 1$ 

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_i - v_{i+1}|^2 \, dx \lesssim \|v_i - v_{i+1}\|_{\alpha}^2 \lesssim \tau_q^2 \delta_{q+1}^2 \ell^{-2+2\alpha} \stackrel{(4.33)}{\lesssim} \delta_{q+1} \ell^{2\alpha},$$

Therefore

$$\left|\int |\bar{v}_q|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 dx\right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{\alpha},$$

which concludes the proof.

# 5 Perturbation Step $(\bar{v}_q, \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q) \mapsto (v_{q+1}, \overset{\circ}{R}_{q+1})$ [2]

The gluing procedure can localize the Reynolds stress error  $\overline{R}_q$  to small disjoint temporal regions, but it cannot completely eliminate the error. We will outline the construction of the perturbation  $w_{q+1}$ , where

$$v_{q+1} := w_{q+1} + \overline{v}_q \,,$$

 $w_{q+1}$  is highly oscillatory and will be based on the Mikado flows, which are designed to cancel the low frequency error  $\overline{R}_q$  and are Lie-advected by the mean flow of  $\overline{v}_q$ .

• First note that as a corollary of (2.9)  $\delta_{q+1}\lambda_q^{-\alpha} \leq e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 dx \leq \delta_{q+1}$  and  $\left|\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 - |\overline{v}_q|^2\right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{\alpha}$  as result from (3.7)  $\left|\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_q|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 dx\right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{\alpha} \& (4.36) \left|\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\overline{v_q}|^2 - |v_\ell|^2 dx\right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\ell^{\alpha}$ , by choosing a sufficiently large we can ensure that

$$\frac{\delta_{q+1}}{2\lambda_q^{\alpha}} \le e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left| \overline{v}_q \right|^2 \, dx \le 2\delta_{q+1} \,. \tag{5.1}$$

#### 5.1 Mikado flows

**Lemma 5.1** (Linear Algebra). Denote by  $\overline{B_{1/2}}(\mathrm{Id})$  the closed ball of radius 1/2 around the identity matrix, in the space of symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrices. There exist mutually disjoint sets  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i=0,1} \subset \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  such that for each  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$  there exist  $C^{\infty}$  smooth functions  $\gamma_{\xi} : B_{1/2}(\mathrm{Id}) \to \mathbb{R}$  which obey

$$R = \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \gamma_{\xi}^2(R)(\xi \otimes \xi)$$

for every symmetric matrix R satisfying  $|R - Id| \leq 1/2$ , and for each  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ .

• For a sufficiently large geometric constant  $C_{\Lambda} \geq 1$ , to be chosen precisely in Section 5.3.3 below, we define the constant

$$M = C_{\Lambda} \sup_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \left( \|\gamma_{\xi}\|_{C^0} + \|\nabla\gamma_{\xi}\|_{C^0} \right) , \qquad (5.2)$$

which appears in (2.7).

• Moreover, for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and each  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$ , let us define  $A_{\xi} \in \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  to be an orthogonal vector to  $\xi$ . Then for each  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$ , we have that  $\{\xi, A_{\xi}, \xi \times A_{\xi}\} \subset \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

• Furthermore, similarly to the constant  $n_*$  of Proposition D.2, we label by  $n_*$  the smallest natural such that

$$\{n_*\xi, n_*A_\xi, n_*\xi \times A_\xi\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^3$$
(5.3)

for every  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$  and for every  $i \in \{0,1\}$ . That is,  $n_*$  is the l.c.m. of the denominators of the rational numbers  $\xi, A_{\xi}$ , and  $\xi \times A_{\xi}$ .

(i) For  $\varepsilon_{\Lambda} > 0$ , to be chosen later in terms of the set  $\Lambda_i$ , let  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^{\infty}$  smooth function with support contained in a ball of radius  $\varepsilon_{\Lambda}$  around the origin. We normalize  $\Psi$  such that  $\phi = -\Delta \Psi$  obeys

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \phi^2(x_1, x_2) \, dx_1 dx_2 = 4\pi^2 \,. \tag{5.4}$$

Moreover, as supp  $\Psi, \phi \subset \mathbb{T}^2$ , we abuse notation and denote by  $\Psi, \phi$  the  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -periodized versions of  $\Psi$  and  $\phi$ .

(ii) Then, for any large  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$ , we introduce the functions

$$\Psi_{(\xi)}(x) := \Psi_{\xi,\lambda}(x) := \Psi(n_*\lambda(x - \alpha_\xi) \cdot A_\xi, n_*\lambda(x - \alpha_\xi) \cdot (\xi \times A_\xi)), \qquad (5.5a)$$

$$\phi_{(\xi)}(x) := \phi_{\xi,\lambda}(x) := \phi(n_*\lambda(x - \alpha_\xi) \cdot A_\xi, n_*\lambda(x - \alpha_\xi) \cdot (\xi \times A_\xi)), \qquad (5.5b)$$

 $\alpha_{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  are *shifts* whose purpose is to ensure that the functions  $\{\Psi_{(\xi)}\}_{\xi \in \Lambda_i}$  have mutually disjoint support.

- Since  $n_*A_{\xi}$  and  $n_*\xi \times A_{\xi} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ , the functions  $\Psi_{(\xi)}, \phi_{(\xi)} : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$  are  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda)^3$ -periodic.
- By construction we have that  $\{\xi, A_{\xi}, \xi \times A_{\xi}\}$  are an orthonormal basis or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and hence  $\xi \cdot \nabla \Psi_{(\xi)}(x) = \xi \cdot \nabla \phi_{(\xi)}(x) = 0$ .
- From normalization of  $\phi$  we have  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \phi_{(\xi)}^2 dx = 1$  and  $\int_{(\mathbb{T}/\lambda)^3} \phi_{(\xi)} dx = 0$ , *i.e.*,  $\phi_{(\xi)}$  zero mean on  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda)^3$ .
- Since  $\phi = -\Delta \Psi$  we have that  $(n_*\lambda)^2 \phi_{(\xi)} = -\Delta \Psi_{(\xi)}$ .
- Last, we emphasize that the existence of the shifts  $\alpha_{\xi}$ , which ensure that the supports of  $\Psi_{(\xi)}$  are mutually disjoint for  $\xi \in \Lambda_i$ , is guaranteed by choosing  $\varepsilon_{\Lambda}$  sufficiently small solely in terms of the set  $\Lambda_i$ . Indeed, we can always ensure that the rational direction vectors in  $\Lambda_i$  give (periodized) straight lines which do not intersect, when shifted by suitably chosen vectors  $\alpha_{\xi}$ .
- (iii) With this notation, the *Mikado building blocks*  $W_{(\xi)} : \mathbb{T}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  are defined as

$$W_{(\xi)}(x) := W_{\xi,\lambda}(x) := \xi \,\phi_{(\xi)}(x) \,. \tag{5.6}$$

Since  $\xi \cdot \nabla \phi_{(\xi)} = 0$ , we immediately deduce that

$$\operatorname{div} W_{(\xi)} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div} \left( W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)} \right) = 0.$$
(5.7)

- The Mikado flows are exact, smooth, pressure-less solutions of the stationary 3D Euler equations.
- By construction, the functions  $W_{(\xi)}$  have zero mean on  $\mathbb{T}^3$  and are in fact  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda)^3$ -periodic.
- Moreover, by our choice of  $\alpha_{\xi}$  we have that

$$W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi')} \equiv 0$$
 whenever  $\xi \neq \xi' \in \Lambda_i$ , (5.8)

for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and our normalization of  $\phi_{(\xi)}$  ensures that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} W_{(\xi)}(x) \otimes W_{(\xi)}(x) \, dx = \xi \otimes \xi \,. \tag{5.9}$$

• Lastly, using (5.9), the definition of the functions  $\gamma_{\xi}$  in Lemma 5.1 and the  $L^2$  normalization of the functions  $\phi_{(\xi)}$  we have the spanning property of Mikado building blocks

$$\sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \gamma_{\xi}^2(R) \oint_{\mathbb{T}^3} W_{(\xi)}(x) \otimes W_{(\xi)}(x) dx = R, \qquad (5.10)$$

for every  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and any symmetric matrix  $R \in \overline{B}_{1/2}(\mathrm{Id})$ .

We summarize properties (5.7)–(5.10) of the Mikado building blocks defined in (5.6) in the following result: Lemma 5.2. Given a symmetric matrix  $R \in \overline{B}_{1/2}(Id)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ , the Mikado flow

$$\mathcal{W}(R,x) = \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \gamma_{\xi}(R) W_{\xi,\lambda}(x)$$

obeys

div 
$$\mathcal{W} = 0$$
, div $(\mathcal{W} \otimes \mathcal{W}) = 0$ ,  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \mathcal{W} \, dx = 0$ ,  $\oint_{\mathbb{T}^3} \mathcal{W} \otimes \mathcal{W} \, dx = R$ .

That is, W is a zero mean, presureless, solution of the stationary 3D Euler equations, which may be used to cancel the stress R.



Figure 1: Example of a Mikado flow W restricted to one of the  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda)^3$  periodic boxes.

To conclude this section we note that  $W_{(\xi)}$  may be written as the curl of a vector field, a fact which is useful in defining the incompressibility corrector in Section 5.3.2. Indeed, since  $\xi \cdot \nabla \Psi_{(\xi)} = 0$ , and since by definition we have that  $-\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\Delta \Psi_{(\xi)} = \phi_{(\xi)}$  we obtain

$$\operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\nabla\Psi_{(\xi)}\times\xi\right) = \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\operatorname{curl}(\xi\Psi_{(\xi)})\right) = -\xi\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\Delta\Psi_{(\xi)}\right) = W_{(\xi)}.$$
(5.11)

For notational simplicity, we define  $V_{(\xi)}$  the potential

$$V_{(\xi)} = \frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2} \nabla \Psi_{(\xi)} \times \xi \tag{5.12}$$

so that  $\operatorname{curl} V_{(\xi)} = W_{(\xi)}.$  With this notation we have the bounds for  $N \geq 0$ 

$$\|W_{(\xi)}\|_{N} + \lambda_{q+1} \|V_{(\xi)}\|_{N} \lesssim \lambda_{q+1}^{N}.$$
(5.13)

## 5.2 Squiggling stripes and the stress tensor $\hat{R}_{q,i}$

Recall that  $\hat{R}_q$  is supported in the set  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times \bigcup_i I_i$ , whereas, from (4.26) it follows that  $[0,T] \setminus \bigcup_i I_i = \bigcup_i J_i$ , where the open intervals  $J_i$  have length  $|J_i| = \frac{2}{3}\tau_q$  each, except for the first and last one, which might be shortened by the intersection with [0,T], more precisely  $J_i = (t_i - \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_i + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q) \cap [0,T]$ . We define smooth non-negative cut-off functions  $\eta_i = \eta_i(x,t)$  with properties

- (i)  $\eta_i \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,T])$  with  $0 \leq \eta_i(x,t) \leq 1$  for all (x,t);
- (ii)  $\operatorname{supp} \eta_i \cap \operatorname{supp} \eta_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ ;

(iii) 
$$\mathbb{T}^3 \times I_i \subset \{(x,t) : \eta_i(x,t) = 1\};$$

- (iv)  $\operatorname{supp} \eta_i \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times I_i \cup J_i \cup J_{i+1} = \mathbb{T}^3 \times (t_i \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q) \cap [0, T], \text{ we set } \tilde{I}_i = (t_i \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q) \cap [0, T];$
- (v) There exists a positive geometric constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that for any  $t \in [0, T]$

$$2(2\pi)^3 \ge \sum_i \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_i^2(x,t) \, dx \ge c_0$$

**Lemma 5.3.** There exists cut-off functions  $\{\eta_i\}_i$  with the properties (i)-(v) above and such that for any i and  $n, m \ge 0$ 

$$\|\partial_t^n \eta_i\|_m \le C(n,m)\tau_a^{-n}$$

where C(n,m) are geometric constants depending only upon m and n.

*Proof of Lemma 5.3.* First of all we consider the sharp cutoffs  $\tilde{\eta}_i$  defined by

$$\tilde{\eta}_i = \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{\Omega}_i} \\ \tilde{\Omega}_i = \left\{ (x, t) \colon t_i + \frac{\tau_q}{6} (\sin(2\pi x_1) + \frac{1}{2}) \le t \le t_{i+1} + \frac{\tau_q}{6} (\sin(2\pi x_1) - \frac{1}{2}) \right\}$$

Next we fix a standard mollifier  $\varkappa$  in time and the standard mollifier  $\psi$  in space already used so far. Hence we define  $\eta_i$  by mollifying  $\tilde{\eta}_i$  in space and time as follows:

$$\eta_i(x,t) = \int \tilde{\eta}_i(y,s)\psi\left(\frac{x-y}{c_1}\right) \varkappa\left(\frac{t-s}{c_2\tau_q}\right) \, dy \, ds \,,$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are positive geometric constants. One may check that a suitable choice of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  yields the desired conclusions (see Figure 2).



Figure 2: The support of  $\overline{R}_q$  is given by the blue regions. The support of the cut-off functions  $\eta_i$ , which marks the region where the convex integration perturbation is supported, is given by the region between two consecutive red squiggling stripes.

#### • 5.2.1 Cutoffs $\rho_{q,i}(x,t)$

Define  $\rho_q(t)$  which measures the remaining energy profile error after the gluing step, and after leaving ourselves room for adding a future velocity increment

$$\rho_q(t) := \frac{1}{3} \left( e(t) - \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\overline{v}_q|^2 \ dx \right)$$

and the last cutoff function combining  $\eta_i$  and  $\rho_q$ 

$$\rho_{q,i}(x,t) := \frac{\eta_i^2(x,t)}{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy} \rho_q(t)$$

Lemma 5.4. For any  $N \ge 0$ 

$$\frac{\delta_{q+1}}{8\lambda_q^{\alpha}} \le |\rho_q(t)| \le \delta_{q+1} \quad \text{for all } t \,, \tag{5.14}$$

$$\|\rho_{q,i}\|_0 \le \frac{\delta_{q+1}}{c_0}, \tag{5.15}$$

$$\|\rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\,,\tag{5.16}$$

$$\|\partial_t \rho_q\|_0 \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \,, \tag{5.17}$$

$$\|\partial_t \rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \tau_q^{-1} \,. \tag{5.18}$$

Proof of Lemma 5.4. Note that (5.14) is a trivial consequence of estimate (5.1)

$$\frac{\delta_{q+1}}{2\lambda_q^{\alpha}} \le e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\overline{v}_q|^2 \, dx \le 2\delta_{q+1}$$

and the inequality  $4\delta_{q+2} \leq \delta_{q+1}$ . Note that by the definition of the cut-off functions  $\eta_i$ 

$$c_0 \le \sum_i \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_i^2(y, t) \, dy$$
 (5.19)

and hence we obtain (5.15). Since  $|\nabla^N \eta_j| \lesssim 1$ , the bound (5.16) also follows. Finally, to prove (5.18) we first note that

$$\left|\frac{d}{dt}\int \left|\overline{v}_q(x,t)\right|^2 dx\right| = \left|2\int \nabla \overline{v}_q \cdot \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q dx\right| \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q$$

Thus

$$\left\|\partial_t \rho_q\right\|_0 \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q$$

Then, since  $\|\partial_t \eta_j\|_N \lesssim \tau_q^{-1}$  and  $\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \leq \tau_q^{-1}$ , using (5.19), the estimate (5.18) follows.

#### • 5.2.2 Flow Maps $\Phi_i$

Define the backward flows  $\Phi_i$  for the velocity field  $\overline{v}_q$  as the solution of the transport equation

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t + \overline{v}_q \cdot \nabla) \Phi_i = 0 \\ \\ \Phi_i \left( x, t_i \right) = x. \end{cases}$$

for all  $(x,t) \in \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i) \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times \tilde{I}_i$ . It is convenient to denote the material derivative as  $D_{t,q}$ , that is

$$D_{t,q} = \partial_t + \overline{v}_q \cdot \nabla_x \,.$$

Lemma 5.5.

$$\|\nabla \Phi_i - \mathrm{Id}\|_0 \le \frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{for } t \in \mathrm{supp}(\eta_i).$$
(5.20)

For any  $t \in \tilde{I}_i, N \ge 0$ 

$$\left\| (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \right\|_N + \left\| \nabla \Phi_i \right\|_N \lesssim \ell^{-N} \,, \tag{5.21}$$

$$\left\|D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{N} \lesssim \delta_{q}^{1/2}\lambda_{q}\ell^{-N} \tag{5.22}$$

Proof of Lemma 5.5. For every  $t \in \tilde{I}_i$  we have  $|t - t_i| \leq 2\tau_q$ , where (4.1)  $\tau_q = \frac{\ell^{2\alpha}}{\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q}$ , and using (4.31)  $\|\bar{v}_q\|_{1+N} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q \ell^{-N}$ , we have

$$\tau_q \left\| \nabla \bar{v}_q \right\|_0 \lesssim \ell^{2\alpha} \ll 1$$

Hence assumptions for (B.5)  $\|\nabla \Phi(t) - \mathrm{Id}\|_0 \leq |t| [v]_1$  is satisfied, so we obtain

$$\|\nabla \Phi_i - \mathrm{Id}\|_0 \lesssim \tau_q \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q = \ell^{2\alpha} \le \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence  $(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}$  is a well-defined object on  $\tilde{I}_i$ . Again from (4.31), (B.5) and (B.6)  $[\Phi(t)]_N \leq |t| [v]_N \ \forall N \geq 2$  we obtain

$$\left\|\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{N} \lesssim 1 + \tau_{q} \left\|D\overline{v}_{q}\right\|_{N} \lesssim 1 + \tau_{q} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q} \ell^{-N}$$

Using the fact that (5.20)  $\|\nabla \Phi_i - \mathrm{Id}\|_0 \leq 1/2$ , the estimate (5.21) follows (indeed it gives the slightly better estimate  $\leq 1 + \ell^{-N+2\alpha}$ , but the other is still enough for our purposes). Finally observe that

$$D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_i = -\nabla\Phi_i D\overline{v}_q$$

In particular, by Hölder product inequality (A.2)

$$\|D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_i\|_N \lesssim \|\nabla\Phi_i\|_0 \|\overline{v}_q\|_{N+1} + \|\nabla\Phi_i\|_N \|\overline{v}_q\|_1$$

Thus (5.22) follows from (4.31) and (5.21).

#### • 5.2.3 Stress Tensor $\tilde{R}_{q,i}$

Since  $\eta_i \equiv 1$  on  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times I_i$ ,  $\eta_i \eta_j \equiv 0$  for  $i \neq j$ , and since  $\operatorname{supp}(\overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q) \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times \cup_i I_i$ , we have that

$$\sum_{i} \eta_i^2 \ddot{\overline{R}}_q = \ddot{\overline{R}}_q \,. \tag{5.23}$$

Moreover, the cutoff functions  $\eta_i$  already incorporate in them a temporal cutoff (recall that  $\operatorname{supp}(\eta_i) \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times \tilde{I}_i$ ), and thus it is convenient to define

$$R_{q,i} := \rho_{q,i} \mathrm{Id} - \eta_i^2 \overline{R}_q$$

which is a stress supported in  $\operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ , and which obeys  $\sum_i R_{q,i}^{\circ} = -\overline{R}_q$ . For reasons which will become apparent only later (cf. (5.37)), we also define the symmetric tensor for all  $(x, t) \in \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ 

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{R}}_{\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{i}} := \frac{\nabla \Phi_i \boldsymbol{R}_{\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{i}} (\nabla \Phi_i)^T}{\rho_{\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{i}}} = \mathrm{Id} + \left( \nabla \Phi_i \, \nabla \Phi_i^T - \mathrm{Id} \right) - \nabla \Phi_i \, \frac{\eta_i^2 \overline{\boldsymbol{R}}_{\boldsymbol{q}}}{\rho_{\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{i}}} \, \nabla \Phi_i^T.$$
(5.24)

We summarize the following led by properties (ii)-(iv) of  $\eta_i$ ,

- supp  $R_{q,i} \subset$  supp  $\eta_i$  and on supp  $\eta_i$  we have  $R_{q,i} = \rho_{q+1,i} \mathrm{Id} \overline{R}_q$ ;
- $-\operatorname{supp} \tilde{R}_{q,i} \subset \mathbb{T}^3 \times (t_i \frac{1}{3}\tau_q, t_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}\tau_q) = \mathbb{T}^3 \times \tilde{I}_i;$
- $\operatorname{supp} \tilde{R}_{q,i} \cap \operatorname{supp} \tilde{R}_{q,j} = \emptyset \text{ for all } i \neq j.$

**Lemma 5.6.** For  $a \gg 1$  sufficiently large,

$$\left\|\tilde{R}_{q,i}(\cdot,t) - \mathrm{Id}\right\|_0 \lesssim \ell^\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{for all} \qquad t \in \tilde{I}_i \,,$$

or equivalently, for all (x, t)

$$\tilde{R}_{q,i}(x,t) \in B_{1/2}(\mathrm{Id})$$

where  $B_{1/2}(Id)$  is the metric ball of radius 1/2 around the identity Id in the space of 3 by 3 symmetric matrices. For  $t \in \tilde{I}_i$  and any  $N \ge 0$ 

$$\left\| \tilde{R}_{q,i} \right\|_{N} \lesssim \ell^{-N} , \qquad (5.25)$$
$$D_{t,q} \tilde{R}_{q,i} \right\|_{N} \lesssim \tau_{q}^{-1} \ell^{-N} \qquad (5.26)$$

Proof of Lemma 5.6. By definition we have

$$\begin{split} \tilde{R}_{q,i} - \mathrm{Id} &= \nabla \Phi_i \left( \frac{R_{q,i}}{\rho_{q,i}} - \mathrm{Id} \right) \nabla \Phi_i^T + \nabla \Phi_i \nabla \Phi_i^T - \mathrm{Id} \\ &= \nabla \Phi_i \frac{\eta_i^2 \mathring{R}_q}{\rho_{q,i}} \nabla \Phi_i^T + \nabla \Phi_i \nabla \Phi_i^T - \mathrm{Id} \end{split}$$

Using (4.34)  $\left\| \overline{\vec{R}}_{q} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha}$  we see that

$$\left|\frac{\eta_i^2 \hat{\overline{R}}_q}{\rho_{q,i}}\right| \lesssim \frac{1}{\delta_{q+1}} \left| \hat{\overline{R}}_q \right| \lesssim \ell^{\alpha}.$$

Consequently we obtain

 $|\tilde{R}_{q,i} - \mathrm{Id}| \lesssim \ell^{\alpha}$ 

so that, recalling (3.1)  $\ell := \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}}{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}}$ , so by choosing *a* sufficiently large, we ensure that  $\tilde{R}_{q,i}(x,t)$  is contained in the ball of symmetric matrices  $B_{1/2}(\text{Id})$ . Recalling property (iv) of  $\eta_i$  we see that  $\rho_{q,i}$  is a function of *t* only on  $\text{supp} \tilde{R}_q$ , i.e.

$$\rho_{q,i}(x,t) = \frac{\eta_i^2(x,t)}{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy} \rho_q(t)$$

Thus,

$$\frac{R_{q,i}}{\rho_{q,i}} = \operatorname{Id} - \frac{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy}{\rho_q(t)} \stackrel{\circ}{R}_q, \tag{5.27}$$

so that by (5.14)  $\frac{\delta_{q+1}}{8\lambda_q^{\alpha}} \leq |\rho_q(t)| \leq \delta_{q+1}$  and (4.34)  $\left\| \ddot{\overline{R}}_q \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha}$  we obtain

$$\left\|\frac{R_{q,i}}{\rho_{q,i}}\right\|_{N} \lesssim 1 + \frac{\lambda_{q}^{\alpha}}{\delta_{q+1}} \left\|\vec{\bar{R}}_{q}\right\|_{N} \ell^{-N} \lesssim \ell^{-N},$$
(5.28)

where we have applied the crude estimate  $\lesssim 1 + \|\overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_{q}\|_{N+\alpha}\lambda_{q}^{\alpha}\delta_{q+1}^{-1} \lesssim 1 + \ell^{-N+\alpha}\lambda_{q}^{\alpha} \lesssim \ell^{-N}$ .

Therefore, using Lemma 5.5 and property (v)  $\sum_i \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_i^2(x,t) \, dx \ge c_0$ :

$$\left\|\tilde{R}_{q,i}\right\|_{N} = \left\|\frac{\nabla\Phi_{i}R_{q,i}(\nabla\Phi_{i})^{T}}{\rho_{q,i}}\right\|_{N} \lesssim \left\|\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{N} \left\|\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{0} + \left\|\frac{R_{q,i}}{\rho_{q,i}}\right\|_{N} \lesssim \left\|\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{N} \left\|\nabla\Phi_{i}\right\|_{0} + \ell^{-N}$$

The estimate (5.25) then follows from (5.21). Next, we observe that

$$D_{t,q}\rho_{q,i} = \partial_t \rho_{q,i} + \bar{v}_q \cdot \nabla \rho_{q,i}$$

and thus we can estimate

$$\|D_{t,q}\rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \|\partial_t \rho_{q,i}\|_N + \|\rho_{q,i}\|_{N+1} \|\bar{v}_q\|_0 + \|\bar{v}_q\|_N \|\rho_{q,i}\|_1$$

Recall that  $\|\bar{v}_q\|_0 \leq \|v_\ell\|_0 + \|v_\ell - v_q\|_0 \lesssim 1 \lesssim \tau_q^{-1}$  and so from (4.31) we conclude  $\|\bar{v}_q\|_N \leq \tau_q^{-1}\ell^{-N}$ . Combining the latter estimate with (5.16)  $\|\rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}$  and (5.18)  $\|\partial_t \rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\tau_q^{-1}$  we achieve

$$\|D_{t,q}\rho_{q,i}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}\tau_q^{-1}\ell^{-N} \,. \tag{5.29}$$

Differentiating (5.27) we have

$$D_{t,q}(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i}) = -\left(\partial_t \frac{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy}{\rho_q(t)}\right) \dot{\vec{R}}_q - \frac{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy}{\rho_q(t)} D_{t,q} \dot{\vec{R}}_q \,. \tag{5.30}$$

Thus we can estimate, using (4.34)  $\left\| \ddot{\vec{R}}_{q} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \ell^{-N+\alpha} \text{ and } (4.35) \left\| (\partial_{t} + \overline{v}_{q} \cdot \nabla) \dot{\vec{R}}_{q} \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q} \ell^{-N-\alpha}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{t,q}(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{N} &\lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{-1}\delta_{q}^{1/2}\lambda_{q}^{1+2\alpha}\|\overline{R}_{q}\|_{N} + \tau_{q}^{-1}\delta_{q+1}^{-1}\lambda_{q}^{\alpha}\|\overline{R}_{q}\|_{N} + \delta_{q+1}^{-1}\lambda_{q}^{\alpha}\|D_{t,q}\overline{R}_{q}\|_{N} \\ &\lesssim \delta_{q}^{1/2}\lambda_{q}^{1+2\alpha}\ell^{-N+\alpha} + \tau_{q}^{-1}\lambda_{q}^{\alpha}\ell^{-N+\alpha} + \lambda_{q}^{\alpha}\delta_{q}^{1/2}\lambda_{q}\ell^{-N-\alpha} \lesssim \tau_{q}^{-1}\ell^{-N} \,. \end{aligned}$$
(5.31)

Differentiating (5.24) we achieve

$$D_{t,q}\tilde{R}_{q,i} = D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_i(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\nabla\Phi_i^T + \nabla\Phi_i D_{t,q}(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\nabla\Phi_i^T + \nabla\Phi_i(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})(D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_i)^T.$$

Thus we can estimate

$$\begin{split} \|D_{t,q}\tilde{R}_{q,i}\|_{N} \lesssim \|D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_{i}\|_{N} \|(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{0} + \|D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_{i}\|_{0} \|(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{N} \\ &+ \|D_{t,q}\nabla\Phi_{i}\|_{0} \|(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{0} \|\nabla\Phi_{i}\|_{N} + \|D_{t,q}(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{N} + \|D_{t,q}(\rho_{q,i}^{-1}R_{q,i})\|_{0} \|\nabla\Phi_{i}\|_{N} \,. \end{split}$$

Using (5.22), (5.31), (5.28) and (5.21), we conclude (5.26).

#### • **5.2.4** Amplitudes $a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t)$

Since  $\tilde{R}_{q,i}$  obeys the conditions of Lemma 5.1 on  $\operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ , and since  $\rho_{q,i}^{1/2}$  is a multiple of  $\eta_i$ , we may define the amplitude functions

$$a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) = \rho_{q,i}(x,t)^{1/2} \gamma_{\xi}(\tilde{R}_{q,i})$$
(5.32)

where the  $\gamma_{\xi}$  are the functions from Lemma 5.1. Note importantly that the amplitude functions already include a temporal cutoff, which shows that  $\operatorname{supp}(a_{(\xi,i)}) \subset \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ . The amplitude functions  $a_{(\xi)}$  inherit the  $C^N$  bounds, material derivative bounds from lemma 5.4, 5.6, and the product at the chain rules

$$\left\|a_{(\xi,i)}\right\|_{N} + \tau_{q} \left\|D_{t,q}a_{(\xi,i)}\right\|_{N} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \ell^{-N} \quad \forall \ N \ge 0$$
(5.33)

#### 5.3 Perturbation $v_{q+1}$

# **5.3.1** Principal Part of the Velocity Increment $w_{a+1}^{(p)}(x,t)$

For the remainder of the paper we consider Mikado building blocks as defined in (5.6) with  $\lambda = \lambda_{q+1}$ , i.e.

$$W_{(\xi)}(x) = W_{\xi,\lambda_{q+1}}(x) = \xi \phi_{\xi,\lambda_{q+1}}(x) = \xi \phi(n_*\lambda_{q+1}(x - \alpha_{\xi}) \cdot A_{\xi}, n_*\lambda_{q+1}(x - \alpha_{\xi}) \cdot (\xi \times A_{\xi}))$$

Recall: for the index sets  $\Lambda_i$  of Lemma 5.1, we overload notation and write  $\Lambda_i = \Lambda_0$  for *i* even, and  $\Lambda_i = \Lambda_1$  for *i* odd. With this notation, we now define the principal part of the velocity increment as

$$w_{q+1}^{(p)}(x,t) = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) (\nabla \Phi_i(x,t))^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_i(x,t)) .$$
(5.34)

• We notice the presence of  $(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}$ . The reason for this modification is as follows. At time  $t = t_i$ , we have  $\overline{\Phi_i(x, t_i) = x, \nabla \Phi_i} = \text{Id}$ , and by (5.7) div  $W_{(\xi)} = 0$  we have that the vector field

$$U_{i,\xi} = (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_i)$$

is incompressible at  $t = t_i$ .

• We then notice that  $U_{i,\xi}$  is Lie-advected by the flow of the incompressible vector field  $\overline{v}_q$ , in the sense that

$$D_{t,q}U_{i,\xi} = (U_{i,\xi} \cdot \nabla)\overline{v}_q = (\nabla\overline{v}_q)^T U_{i,\xi}.$$
(5.35)

This implies directly that  $D_{t,q}(\operatorname{div} U_{i,\xi}) = 0$ , and thus the divergence free nature of  $U_{i,\xi}$  is carried from  $t = t_i$  to all t close to  $t_i$ . This shows that the function  $w_{q+1}^{(p)}$  defined in (5.34) is to leading order in  $\lambda_{q+1}$  divergence-free (i.e. the incompressibility corrector will turn out to be small).

• We also explain why  $R_{q,i}$  isn't just normalized by  $\rho_{q,i}$  but also conjugated with  $\nabla \Phi_i$ , and  $(\nabla \Phi_i)^T$ , in order to obtain  $\tilde{R}_{q,i}$  (cf. (5.24)). Using the spanning property of the Mikado building blocks (5.10), the fact that they have mutually disjoint support (5.8), identity

$$\sum_{i} \rho_{q,i} (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \tilde{R}_{q,i} (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} = \left(\sum_{i} \rho_{q,i}\right) \operatorname{Id} - \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_q, \qquad (5.36)$$

which is useful in cancelling the glued stress, and the fact that  $\eta_i$  have mutually disjoint supports, we get

$$\begin{split} w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(p)} &= \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} a_{(\xi,i)}^{2} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( (W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_{i}) \otimes (W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_{i}) \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \\ &= \sum_{i} \rho_{q,i} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} \gamma_{\xi}^{2} (\tilde{R}_{q,i}) \left( (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \circ \Phi_{i} \right) \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \\ &= \sum_{i} \rho_{q,i} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \tilde{R}_{q,i} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} + \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} a_{(\xi,i)}^{2} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\neq 0} (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_{i} \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i} \rho_{q,i} \right) \operatorname{Id} - \bar{\tilde{R}}_{q} + \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} a_{(\xi,i)}^{2} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq^{\lambda_{q+1/2}}} (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_{i} \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \end{split}$$
(5.37)

where we have denoted by  $\mathbb{P}_{\neq 0} f(x) = f(x) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} f(y) dy$ , the projection of f onto its nonzero frequencies. We have also used that since  $W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}$  is  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda_{q+1})^3$ -periodic, the identity  $\mathbb{P}_{\neq 0}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) = \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1}/2}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)})$  holds. The calculation (5.37) shows that by design, the low frequency part of  $w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(p)}$  cancels the glued stress  $\mathbb{R}_q^{\sim}$ , modulo a multiple of the identity, which is then used to correct the energy profile and which contributes a pressure term to the equation.

# **5.3.2** Incompressibility corrector $w_{q+1}^{(c)}(x,t)$

Based on the definition (5.34) of the principal part of the velocity increment, we construct an incompressibility corrector. For any smooth vector field V, we have the identity

$$(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \left( (\operatorname{curl} V) \circ \Phi_i \right) = \operatorname{curl} \left( (\nabla \Phi_i)^T (V \circ \Phi_i) \right)$$

Recalling identity

(5.11) 
$$\operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\nabla\Psi_{(\xi)}\times\xi\right) = \operatorname{curl}\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\operatorname{curl}(\xi\Psi_{(\xi)})\right) = -\xi\left(\frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\Delta\Psi_{(\xi)}\right) = W_{(\xi)}$$

and the definition (5.12)  $V_{(\xi)} = \frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2} \nabla \Psi_{(\xi)} \times \xi$ , we may write  $W_{(\xi)} = \operatorname{curl} V_{(\xi)}$  and thus the above identity shows that

$$(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}(W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i) = \operatorname{curl}\left((\nabla \Phi_i)^T(V_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i)\right)$$

From the above identity and (5.34), it follows that if we define the incompressibility corrector as

$$w_{q+1}^{(c)}(x,t) := \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \nabla a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) \times \left( (\nabla \Phi_i(x,t))^T (V_{(\xi)}(\Phi_i(x,t))) \right)$$
(5.38)

then the total velocity increment  $w_{q+1}$  obeys

$$w_{q+1} = w_{q+1}^{(p)} + w_{q+1}^{(c)} = \operatorname{curl}\left(\sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} a_{(\xi,i)} \, (\nabla \Phi_i)^T (V_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i)\right)$$
(5.39)

due to identity  $\operatorname{curl} ab = a \operatorname{curl} b + \nabla a \times b$  for a scalar and b vector. Hence  $w_{q+1}$  is automatically incompressible.

#### 5.3.3 Velocity inductive estimates

The velocity field at level q + 1 is constructed as

$$v_{q+1} = \overline{v}_q + w_{q+1} = v_q + (v_\ell - v_q) + (\overline{v}_q - v_\ell) + w_{q+1}.$$
(5.40)

**Corollary 5.1.** Assuming a is sufficiently large, the perturbations  $w_{q+1}^{(p)}$ ,  $w_{q+1}^{(c)}$  and  $w_{q+1}$  satisfy the following estimates

$$\left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{1} \le \frac{M}{8} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$$
(5.41a)

$$\left\|w_{q+1}^{(c)}\right\|_{0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\|w_{q+1}^{(c)}\right\|_{1} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}}$$
(5.41b)

$$\|w_{q+1}\|_{0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \|w_{q+1}\|_{1} \le \frac{M}{2} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$$
(5.41c)

Hence (2.12) from Proposition 2.1 is satisfied

$$\|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_1 \le M\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$$

so as bounds

(2.7) 
$$\|v_{q+1}\|_1 \le M \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}$$
  
(2.8)  $\|v_{q+1}\|_0 \le 1 - \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$ 

Proof of Corollary 5.1. Recall (5.2)  $M = C_{\Lambda} \sup_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \left( \|\gamma_{\xi}\|_{C^0} + \|\nabla \gamma_{\xi}\|_{C^0} \right)$  and (5.32)  $a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) = \rho_{q,i}(x,t)^{1/2} \gamma_{\xi}(\tilde{R}_{q,i})$ 

$$\left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{0} = \left\| \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} \rho_{q,i}(x,t)^{1/2} \gamma_{\xi}(\tilde{R}_{q,i}) (\nabla \Phi_{i}(x,t))^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_{i}(x,t)) \right\|_{0}$$

Using (5.15)  $\|\rho_{q,i}\|_0 \leq \frac{\delta_{q+1}}{c_0}$  and (5.20)  $\|\nabla \Phi_i - \operatorname{Id}\|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \forall t \in \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i) \implies \|(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}\|_0 \leq 2 \text{ on supp}(\eta_i)$  and that  $\eta_i$  have disjoint supports, once a is sufficiently large we obtain

$$\left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{0} \leq \frac{2|\Lambda_{i}| \|\phi\|_{C^{0}}}{c_{0}^{1/2}C_{\Lambda}} M \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \leq \frac{M}{8} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \\ \left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{1} \leq \frac{4|\Lambda_{i}|n_{*}| \|\phi\|_{C^{1}}}{c_{0}^{1/2}C_{\Lambda}} M \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1} \leq \frac{M}{8} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}$$

by choosing the parameter  $C_{\Lambda}$  from (5.2) to be large enough. Note that  $C_{\Lambda}$  only depends on the cardinality of  $\Lambda_i$ , on the universal constant  $c_0$ , the geometric integer  $n_*$ , and on the  $C^1$  norm of the function  $\phi$ , which in turn depends solely on the geometric constant  $\varepsilon_{\Lambda}$ .

For the incompressibility corrector

$$\left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)}(x,t) \right\|_{0} = \left\| \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} \nabla a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) \times \left( (\nabla \Phi_{i}(x,t))^{T} (V_{(\xi)}(\Phi_{i}(x,t))) \right) \right\|_{0}$$

we lose a factor of  $\ell^{-1}$  from the gradient landing on  $a_{(\xi,i)}$ , but we gain a factor of  $\lambda_{q+1}$  because we have  $V_{(\xi)}$  instead of  $W_{(\xi)}$  (recall (5.12)  $V_{(\xi)} = \frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2} \nabla \Psi_{(\xi)} \times \xi$  so that  $\operatorname{curl} V_{(\xi)} = W_{(\xi)}$ ). Therefore, we may show that

$$\left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)} \right\|_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)} \right\|_1 \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{^{1/2}} \frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}}$$

We note that by choosing  $\alpha$  to be sufficiently small in therms of b and  $\beta$ , we have

$$\frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}} = \frac{\delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}}{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}} = \frac{\lambda_q^{1-\beta+3\alpha/2}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\beta}} \le 2\lambda_q^{3\alpha/2-(b-1)(1-\beta)} \le \lambda_q^{-(b-1)(1-\beta)/2} \ll 1,$$
(5.43)

and thus by choosing a sufficiently large we may ensure that the velocity increment

$$\|w_{q+1}\|_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \|w_{q+1}\|_1 \le \frac{M}{2} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$$

By writing  $v_{q+1}$  as

$$v_{q+1} = \overline{v}_q + w_{q+1} = v_q + (v_\ell - v_q) + (\overline{v}_q - v_\ell) + w_{q+1}$$

and using velocity error estimate from mollification step (3.4)  $\|v_{\ell} - v_q\|_0 \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_q^{-\alpha}$ , and estimate from gluing step (4.29)  $\|\bar{v}_q - v_\ell\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \ell^{\alpha}$  we obtain

$$\|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \|v_{q+1} - v_q\|_1 \le M\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$$

Combining requirement on the original size of  $v_q$  (2.7)  $||v_q||_1 \le M \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q$ , (2.8)  $||v_q||_0 \le 1 - \delta_q^{1/2}$  we have

(2.7) 
$$\|v_{q+1}\|_1 \le M \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}$$
  
(2.8)  $\|v_{q+1}\|_0 \le 1 - \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}$ 

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# 5.4 Reynolds Stress $\mathring{R}_{q+1}$

Recall that the pair  $(\overline{v}_q, \overset{\circ}{R}_q)$  solves the Euler-Reynolds system (2.3), and that  $v_{q+1}$  is defined in (5.40). In this subsection we define the new Reynolds stress  $\mathring{R}_{q+1}$ , and show that it obeys the estimate

$$\left\| \mathring{R}_{q+1} \right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-4\alpha}} \,. \tag{5.44}$$

• The above bound immediately implies the desired estimate (2.6)  $\|\mathring{R}_{q+1}\|_0 \leq \delta_{q+2}\lambda_{q+1}^{-3\alpha}$  at level q+1, upon noting that the following parameter inequality holds (after taking  $\alpha$  sufficiently small and a sufficiently large)

$$\frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-4\alpha}} \le \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{4\alpha}}.$$
(5.45)

The remaining power of  $\lambda_{q+1}^{-\alpha}$  is used to absorb the implicit constant in (5.44).

In order to define  $\dot{R}_{q+1}$ , we write

$$\operatorname{div} \mathring{R}_{q+1} - \nabla p_{q+1} = \underbrace{D_{t,q} w_{q+1}^{(p)}}_{\operatorname{div}(R_{\operatorname{transport}})} + \underbrace{\operatorname{div}(w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(p)} + \overline{R}_{q})}_{\operatorname{div}(R_{\operatorname{oscillation}}) + \nabla p_{\operatorname{oscillation}})} + \underbrace{w_{q+1} \cdot \nabla \overline{v}_{q}}_{\operatorname{div}(R_{\operatorname{Nash}})} + \underbrace{D_{t,q} w_{q+1}^{(c)} + \operatorname{div}\left(w_{q+1}^{(c)} \otimes w_{q+1} + w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(c)}\right)}_{\operatorname{div}(R_{\operatorname{corrector}}) + \nabla p_{\operatorname{corrector}}} - \nabla \overline{p}_{q}.$$
(5.46)

The various traceless symmetric stresses present implicitly in (5.46) are defined using the inverse divergence operator  $\mathcal{R}$  (4.28)

$$(\mathcal{R}f)^{ij} = \mathcal{R}^{ijk} f^k$$
$$\mathcal{R}^{ijk} = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-2} \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-1} \partial_k \delta_{ij} - \Delta^{-1} \partial_i \delta_{jk} - \Delta^{-1} \partial_j \delta_{ik}.$$

and by recalling the identity (5.37)

$$w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(p)} = \left(\sum_{i} \rho_{q,i}\right) \operatorname{Id} - \overset{\circ}{\overline{R}}_{q} + \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} a_{(\xi,i)}^{2} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( \left(\mathbb{P}_{\geq^{\lambda_{q+1}/2}}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)})\right) \circ \Phi_{i} \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \right)$$

(for the oscillation error) as

$$R_{\text{transport}} = \mathcal{R}\left(D_{t,q}w_{q+1}^{(p)}\right) \tag{5.47a}$$

$$R_{\text{oscillation}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \mathcal{R} \operatorname{div} \left( a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq^{\lambda_{q+1/2}}} (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \right)$$
(5.47b)

$$R_{\text{Nash}} = \mathcal{R}\left(w_{q+1} \cdot \nabla \overline{v}_q\right) \tag{5.47c}$$

$$R_{\text{corrector}} = \mathcal{R}\left(D_{t,q}w_{q+1}^{(c)}\right) + \left(w_{q+1}^{(c)} \overset{\circ}{\otimes} w_{q+1}^{(c)} + w_{q+1}^{(c)} \overset{\circ}{\otimes} w_{q+1}^{(p)} + w_{q+1}^{(p)} \overset{\circ}{\otimes} w_{q+1}^{(c)}\right)$$
(5.47d)

while the pressure terms are given by  $p_{\text{oscillation}} = \sum_{i} \rho_{q,i}$  and  $p_{\text{corrector}} = 2w_{q+1}^{(c)} \cdot w_{q+1}^{(p)} + |w_{q+1}^{(c)}|^2$ . With this notation we have  $p_{q+1} = \overline{p}_q - p_{\text{oscillation}} - p_{\text{corrector}}$  and

$$\mathring{R}_{q+1} = R_{\text{transport}} + R_{\text{oscillation}} + R_{\text{Nash}} + R_{\text{corrector}} \,.$$
(5.48)

#### 5.4.1 Inverse divergence and stationary phase bounds

Prior to estimating the above stresses, it is convenient to adapt the stationary phase bounds from Beltrami flows to Mikado flows.

• We decompose the function  $\phi_{(\xi)}$  which defines  $W_{(\xi)} = \xi \phi_{(\xi)}$  in (5.6) as a Fourier series. Recall that  $\phi_{(\xi)}$  defined in (5.5) is  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda_{q+1})^3$  periodic and has zero mean. Additionally, the function  $\phi$  is  $C^{\infty}$  smooth. Therefore, we may decompose

$$\phi_{(\xi)}(x) = \phi_{\xi,\lambda_{q+1}}(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \setminus \{0\}} f_{\xi}(k) e^{i\lambda_{q+1}k \cdot (x - \alpha_{\xi})}$$
(5.49)

where the complex numbers  $f_{\xi}(k)$  are the Fourier series coefficients of the  $C^{\infty}$  smooth, mean-zero  $\mathbb{T}^3$  periodic function  $z \mapsto \phi(n_* z \cdot A_{\xi}, n_* z \cdot (\xi \times A_{\xi}))$ . The shift  $x \mapsto x - \alpha_{\xi}$  has no effect on the estimates. Moreover, the Fourier coefficients decay arbitrarily fast. For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $|f_{\xi}(k)| = |f_{\xi}(k)e^{i\lambda_{q+1}k\cdot\alpha_{\xi}}| \leq C|k|^{-m}$ , where the constant C depends on m and on geometric parameters of the construction, such as  $n_*$ , the sets  $\Lambda_i$ , the shifts  $\alpha_{\xi}$ , and norms of the bump function  $\phi(x_1, x_2)$ . Thus, C is independent of  $\lambda_{q+1}$ , or any other q-dependent parameter.

- A similar Fourier series decomposition applies to the function  $\frac{1}{n_*\lambda_{q+1}}\nabla\Psi_{(\xi)} = (\nabla\Psi)_{(\xi)}$  which is used in (5.12) to define the potential  $V_{(\xi)} = \frac{1}{(n_*\lambda)^2}\nabla\Psi_{(\xi)} \times \xi$ . For this function we also obtain that its Fourier series coefficients decay arbitrarily fast, with constants that are bounded independently of q (and hence  $\lambda_{q+1}$ ).
- Therefore, for a smooth function a(x,t), in order to estimate  $\mathcal{R}(a W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i)$ , we use identity (5.49), and apply Lemma E.1 for each k individually, and then sum in k using the fast decay of the Fourier coefficients  $f_{\xi}(k)$ . Without giving all the details, we summarize this procedure as follows. Let  $a \in C^0([0,T]; C^{m,\alpha}(\mathbb{T}^3))$ be such that  $\operatorname{supp}(a) \subset \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ , which ensures that the phase  $\Phi_i$  obeys the conditions of Lemma E.1 by (5.20)  $\|\nabla \Phi_i - \operatorname{Id}\|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for  $t \in \operatorname{supp}(\eta_i)$ . Also using (5.21)  $\|(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}\|_N + \|\nabla \Phi_i\|_N \lesssim \ell^{-N}$ , we obtain from Lemma E.1 that

$$\left\| \mathcal{R} \left( a \left( W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i \right) \right) \right\|_{C^{\alpha}} + \lambda_{q+1} \left\| \mathcal{R} \left( a \left( V_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i \right) \right) \right\|_{C^{\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\|a\|_{C^0}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{\|a\|_{C^{m,\alpha}} + \|a\|_{C^0} \ell^{-m-\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{m-\alpha}} , \qquad (5.50)$$

where the implicit constant is independent of q.

• Recalling that  $W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)} = (\xi \otimes \xi)\phi_{(\xi)}^2$ , and using that the function  $\mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}\phi_{(\xi)}^2$  is also zero mean  $(\mathbb{T}/\lambda_{q+1})^3$ -periodic, a similar argument shows that

$$\left\| \mathcal{R} \left( a \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) \right) \right\|_{C^{\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\|a\|_{C^0}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{\|a\|_{C^{m,\alpha}} + \|a\|_{C^0} \ell^{-m-\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{m-\alpha}}$$
(5.51)

holds. The above estimate is useful for estimating the oscillation error.

#### 5.4.2 Estimate for $\mathring{R}_{q+1}$

In this section we show that the stresses defined in (5.48) obey (5.44)

$$\left\|\mathring{R}_{q+1}\right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-4\alpha}}$$

The Nash error and the corrector error are in a sense lower order, and they can be treated similarly (or using similar bounds) to the transport and oscillation errors. Because of this, we omit the details for estimating  $R_{\text{Nash}}$  and  $R_{\text{corrector}}$ .

• Transport error. Recalling the definition of (5.34)

$$w_{q+1}^{(p)} = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} a_{(\xi,i)}(x,t) (\nabla \Phi_i(x,t))^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_i(x,t))$$

and the Lie-advection identity (5.35)  $D_{t,q}U_{i,\xi} = (U_{i,\xi} \cdot \nabla)\overline{v}_q = (\nabla \overline{v}_q)^T U_{i,\xi}$ , we obtain that the transport stress  $R_{\text{transport}} = \mathcal{R}\left(D_{t,q}w_{q+1}^{(p)}\right)$  in (5.47a) is given by

$$R_{\text{transport}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} \mathcal{R} \left( a_{(\xi,i)} (\nabla \overline{v}_{q})^{T} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_{i}) \right) + \mathcal{R} \left( \left( D_{t,q} a_{(\xi,i)} \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} W_{(\xi)}(\Phi_{i}) \right) .$$
(5.52)

In order to bound the terms in (5.52) we use (5.50) to gain a factor of  $\lambda_{q+1}^{-1+\alpha}$  from the operator  $\mathcal{R}$  acting on the highest frequency term  $W_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i$ . The derivatives of  $a_{(\xi,i)}$ ,  $\nabla \overline{v}_q$ , and  $(\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1}$  are estimated using (5.33), (4.31), and (5.21) respectively. These bounds show that each additional spacial derivatives costs a power of  $\ell^{-1}$ . We obtain from (5.50) that

$$\|R_{\text{transport}}\|_{C^{\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_{q}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\alpha}} \left(1 + \frac{\ell^{-m-\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{m-1}}\right) + \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \tau_{q}^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\alpha}} \left(1 + \frac{\ell^{-m-\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{m-1}}\right).$$

Recalling (5.43), we have that  $(\ell \lambda_{q+1})^{-1} \leq \lambda_q^{-(b-1)(1-\beta)/2}$ , and thus upon taking the parameter m in to be sufficiently large (in terms of  $\beta$  and b), we obtain that  $R_{\text{transport}}$  indeed is bounded by the right side of (5.44), as desired.

• Oscillation error. For  $R_{\text{oscillation}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \mathcal{R} \operatorname{div} \left( a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \right)$ defined in (5.47b), the main observation is that when the div operator lands on the highest frequency term, namely  $\left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i$ , due to certain cancellations this term vanishes. Since by construction we have  $(\xi \cdot \nabla)\phi_{(\xi)} = 0$  it also follows that  $(\xi \cdot \nabla)\mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}(\phi_{(\xi)}^2) = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\operatorname{div} \left( a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}} (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \right)$$

$$= \operatorname{div} \left( a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} (\xi \otimes \xi) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}} (\phi_{(\xi)}^2) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) \right)$$

$$= \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}} (\phi_{(\xi)}^2) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) \operatorname{div} \left( a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} (\xi \otimes \xi) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \right)$$

$$+ \underbrace{ a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} (\xi \otimes \xi) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \left( (\nabla \Phi_i)^T \left( \nabla \mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}} (\phi_{(\xi)}^2) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) }_{=0} .$$

The above identity shows that

$$R_{\text{oscillation}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \mathcal{R}\left(\left(\left(\mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1/2}}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)})\right) \circ \Phi_i\right) \operatorname{div}\left(a_{(\xi,i)}^2 (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} (\xi \otimes \xi) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T}\right)\right),$$

at which point we may appeal to the stationary phase estimate (5.51) combined with the bounds (5.33)  $\|a_{(\xi,i)}\|_N + \tau_q \|D_{t,q}a_{(\xi,i)}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}\ell^{-N}$  and (5.21)  $\|(\nabla\Phi_i)^{-1}\|_N + \|\nabla\Phi_i\|_N \lesssim \ell^{-N}$  to obtain

$$\|R_{\text{oscillation}}\|_{C^{\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-\alpha}} \left(1 + \frac{\ell^{-m-\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{m-1}}\right) \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-5\alpha/2}}.$$

Here we have again taken *m* sufficiently large, and have recalled the definition of  $\ell = \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2}}{\delta_q^{1/2}\lambda_q^{1+3\alpha/2}}$  in (3.1). Thus the oscillation error is also bounded by the right side of (5.44).

#### 5.5 Energy Increment

To conclude the proof of Proposition 2.1, it remains to show that (2.9) holds with q replaced by q + 1. In order to prove this bound we show that

$$\left| e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_{q+1}(x,t)|^2 dx - \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} \right| \lesssim \frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q^{1+2\alpha}}{\lambda_{q+1}}$$
(5.53)

holds. Recalling the parameter estimate (5.45)  $\frac{\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \delta_{q}^{1/2} \lambda_q}{\lambda_{q+1}^{1-4\alpha}} \leq \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{\lambda_{q+1}^{4\alpha}}$ , and taking *a* sufficiently large to absorb all the implicit constants, it is clear that (5.53) implies the bound (2.9) at level q + 1.

*Proof of* (5.53). The principal observation is the following. Taking the trace of (5.37)

$$w_{q+1}^{(p)} \otimes w_{q+1}^{(p)} = \left(\sum_{i} \rho_{q,i}\right) \operatorname{Id} - \overline{R}_{q} + \sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{i}} a_{(\xi,i)}^{2} (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-1} \left( \left(\mathbb{P}_{\geq \lambda_{q+1}/2}(W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)})\right) \circ \Phi_{i} \right) (\nabla \Phi_{i})^{-T} \right)$$

since  $\overline{R}_q$  is traceless we obtain

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |w_{q+1}^{(p)}|^2 dx &= 3\sum_i \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \rho_{q,i} dx \\ &+ \sum_i \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} a_{(\xi,i)}^2 \mathrm{tr} \left( (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-1} (\xi \otimes \xi) (\nabla \Phi_i)^{-T} \right) \left( \left( \mathbb{P}_{\geq^{\lambda_{q+1/2}}} (W_{(\xi)} \otimes W_{(\xi)}) \right) \circ \Phi_i \right) dx \,. \end{split}$$

The second term in the above identity can be made arbitrarily small, since it is the  $L^2$  inner product of a function whose oscillation frequency is  $\lesssim \ell^{-1}$  (cf. (5.33)  $\|a_{(\xi,i)}\|_N + \tau_q \|D_{t,q}a_{(\xi,i)}\|_N \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2}\ell^{-N}$  and (5.21)  $\|(\nabla\Phi_i)^{-1}\|_N + \|\nabla\Phi_i\|_N \lesssim \ell^{-N}$ ) and a function which is  $\lambda_{q+1}$  periodic and zero mean. On the other hand, by the design of the functions  $\rho_{q,i} = \frac{\eta_i^2(x,t)}{\sum_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \eta_j^2(y,t) \, dy} \rho_q(t)$ , where  $\rho_q(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left( e(t) - \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\overline{v}_q|^2 \, dx \right)$  we have

$$3\sum_{i} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{3}} \rho_{q,i} dx = 3\rho_{q}(t) = e(t) - \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} - \int_{\mathbb{T}^{3}} |\overline{v}_{q}(x,t)|^{2} dx + \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} - \frac{$$

Since  $v_{q+1} = \overline{v}_q + w_{q+1}$ , the above identity implies that

$$e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_{q+1}(x,t)|^2 dx - \frac{\delta_{q+2}}{2} = -2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \overline{v}_q \cdot w_{q+1} dx - 2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} w_{q+1}^{(p)} \cdot w_{q+1}^{(c)} dx - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |w_{q+1}^{(c)}|^2 dx.$$

The corrector terms in the above give estimates consistent with (5.53) by appealing to

$$(5.41a) \quad \left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\| w_{q+1}^{(p)} \right\|_{1} \le \frac{M}{8} \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \qquad (5.41b) \quad \left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)} \right\|_{0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)} \right\|_{1} \lesssim \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}} \left\| w_{q+1}^{(c)} \right\|_{1} \le \delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}} \frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}}$$

and (5.43)  $\frac{\ell^{-1}}{\lambda_{q+1}} \ll 1$ . For the first term on the right side of the above we recall (cf. (5.39)) that  $w_{q+1}$  may be written as the curl of a vector field whose size is  $\delta_{q+1}^{1/2} \lambda_{q+1}^{-1}$ 

$$w_{q+1} = w_{q+1}^{(p)} + w_{q+1}^{(c)} = \operatorname{curl}\left(\sum_{i} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_i} a_{(\xi,i)} \, (\nabla \Phi_i)^T (V_{(\xi)} \circ \Phi_i)\right)$$

Integrating by parts the curl and using (4.31)  $\|\bar{v}_q\|_{1+N} \lesssim \delta_q^{1/2} \lambda_q \ell^{-N}$  with N = 0 we conclude the proof of (5.53), and hence of Proposition 2.1.

# 6 An *h*-principle

In order to prove Theorem 1.2, let us first state an already-known theorem

**Theorem 6.1.** Let  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R})$  be a smooth strict subsolution of the Euler equations on  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0, T]$  and fix  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Then there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for any  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ , and for any sufficiently large  $\lambda$  depending on  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R})$ , we have the following: There exists a smooth solution (v, p, R) of (1.3)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v + \operatorname{div}(v \otimes v) + \nabla p = -\operatorname{div} R\\\\ \operatorname{div} v = 0, \end{cases}$$

satisfying the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{H^{-1}} &\leq C\lambda^{-1} \\ \|v\|_0 + \lambda^{-1} \|v\|_1 &\leq C \\ \|v \otimes v + R - \bar{v} \otimes \bar{v} - \bar{R}\|_{H^{-1}} &\leq C\lambda^{\gamma - 1} \\ \|\mathring{R}\|_0 &\leq C\lambda^{\gamma - 1} \\ \|\operatorname{tr} R\|_0 &\leq \varepsilon \,, \end{aligned}$$

where C depends solely on  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R})$ , and  $\mathring{R}$  is the traceless part of R. Moreover setting

$$e(t) := \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\bar{v}|^2 + \operatorname{tr} \bar{R} \, dx \tag{6.1}$$

for any  $t \in [0, T]$  we have

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v|^2 dx \leq \varepsilon$$

We now prove Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 6.2** (*h*-principle Theorem 1.2). Let  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R})$  be a smooth strict subsolution of the Euler equations on  $\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0, T]$  and let  $\beta < 1/3$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(v_k, p_k)$  of weak solutions of

(1.1) 
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla p = 0 \\ \\ \operatorname{div} v = 0, \end{cases}$$

such that  $v_k \in C^{\beta}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0, T])$ ,

$$v_k \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{v} \quad and \quad v_k \otimes v_k \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{v} \otimes \bar{v} + \bar{R} \quad in \quad L^{\infty}$$

uniformly in time, and furthermore for all  $t \in [0,T]$ 

(1.4) 
$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v_k|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left( |\bar{v}|^2 + \operatorname{tr} \bar{R} \right) dx$$

Proof of Theorem 1.2. • Fix  $k \ge 1$  and let  $\varepsilon_k < \varepsilon_0$ . We'll later use  $\varepsilon_k$  to iterate, satisfying  $\forall \varepsilon_k < \varepsilon_0$  assumption. We apply Theorem 6.1 with  $\gamma = \alpha$  and  $\lambda = \lambda_0$ , where here  $(\alpha, \lambda_0)$  are given in the statement of Proposition 2.1, and where we take a sufficiently large such that  $\lambda_0$  is sufficiently large (in terms of  $\varepsilon_k$ )

and  $(\bar{v}, \bar{p}, \bar{R}))$ , so that the hypothesis of Theorem 6.1 is satisfied. We obtain (v, p, R) satisfying

$$\|v - \overline{v}\|_{H^{-1}} \le C\lambda_0^{-1} \tag{6.2}$$

$$\|v\|_0 + \lambda_0^{-1} \|v\|_1 \le C \tag{6.3}$$

$$\left\| v \otimes v + R - \bar{v} \otimes \bar{v} - \bar{R} \right\|_{H^{-1}} \le C \lambda_0^{\alpha - 1} \tag{6.4}$$

$$\|\mathring{R}\|_0 \le C\lambda_0^{\alpha - 1} \tag{6.5}$$

 $\|\operatorname{tr} R\|_0 \le \varepsilon_k \,, \tag{6.6}$ 

and the function  $e(t) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\bar{v}|^2 + \operatorname{tr} \bar{R} \, dx$  as defined by (6.1) obeys

$$\frac{\varepsilon_k}{2} \le e(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |v|^2 \, dx \le \varepsilon_k \,. \tag{6.7}$$

• Analogous to the proof of Theorem 1.1, we set

$$\Gamma = \frac{\delta_1^{1/2}}{\varepsilon_k^{1/2}}$$

and rescale (v, p, R) to obtain

$$\widetilde{v}_0(x,t) := \Gamma v(x,\Gamma t), \qquad \widetilde{p}_0(x,t) := \Gamma^2 p(x,\Gamma t) \quad \text{ and } \qquad \widetilde{R}_0(x,t) := \Gamma^2 R(x,\Gamma t) + \Gamma^2 R(x,\Gamma$$

so that  $(\tilde{v}_0, \tilde{p}_0, \tilde{R}_0)$  also solves (1.3). Moreover, we have the estimates

$$\|\widetilde{v}_{0}\|_{0} + \lambda_{0}^{-1} \|\widetilde{v}_{0}\|_{1} \leq \frac{C\delta_{1}^{1/2}}{\varepsilon_{k}^{1/2}}$$

$$\|\overset{\circ}{\tilde{R}_{0}}\|_{0} \leq \frac{C\delta_{1}}{\varepsilon_{k}\lambda_{0}^{1-\alpha}}.$$
(6.8)

Choosing  $\alpha$  sufficiently small and choosing a sufficiently large depending on  $\varepsilon_k$ , C, and M, we obtain

$$\frac{C\delta_1^{1/2}}{\varepsilon_k^{1/2}} \le \min(M\delta_0^{1/2}, 1-\delta_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{C}{\varepsilon_k \lambda_0^{1-\alpha}} \le \lambda_0^{-3\alpha} \,.$$

from which we obtain (2.6), (2.7), and (2.8).

If in addition we set

$$\tilde{e}(t) = \Gamma^2 e(\Gamma t)$$

then from (6.7) we obtain

$$\frac{\delta_1}{2} \le \tilde{e}(t) - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\tilde{v}_0|^2 \, dx \le \delta_1 \,,$$

and hence we obtain (2.9) for q = 0. Letting *a* be sufficiently large, we also obtain (2.2). Applying Proposition 2.1 and arguing as was done in the proof of Theorem 1.1 we obtain a solution  $(\tilde{v}, \tilde{p})$  to the Euler equations satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} |\widetilde{v}|^2 \, dx = \widetilde{e}(t) \,. \tag{6.9}$$

Moreover, by (2.12) we have the estimate

$$\|\widetilde{v} - \widetilde{v}_0\|_0 \lesssim \delta_1^{1/2}. \tag{6.10}$$

• Lastly, we define  $(v_k, p_k)$  by the rescaling back

$$v_k := \Gamma^{-1} \widetilde{v}(x, \Gamma^{-1}t) \text{ and } p_k := \Gamma^{-2} \widetilde{p}(x, \Gamma^{-1}t).$$

Then  $(v_k, p_k)$  is a solution to the Euler equations, satisfying (1.4) as a consequence of rescaling (6.9). The sequence  $v_k$  is uniformly bounded in  $C^0$  since

$$\|v_k\|_0 \le \Gamma^{-1}(\|\widetilde{v}\|_0 + \|\widetilde{v} - \widetilde{v}_0\|_0) \lesssim \varepsilon_k^{1/2} \delta_1^{-1/2} (\delta_1^{1/2} + C \delta_1^{1/2} \varepsilon_k^{-1/2}) \lesssim \varepsilon_0^{1/2} + C.$$

Thus  $(v_k \otimes v_k)$  is also uniformly bounded in  $C^0$ . By Banach-Alaoglu,  $v_k$  and  $v_k \otimes v_k$  have weak-\* convergent subsequences.

• Moreover, by rescaling (6.10) and using (6.2) we have

$$\|v_k - \overline{v}\|_{H^{-1}} \lesssim \|v_k - v\|_0 + \|v - \overline{v}\|_{H^{-1}} \lesssim \Gamma^{-1} \delta_1^{1/2} + C\lambda_0^{-1} \lesssim \varepsilon_k^{1/2} + C\lambda_0^{-1} \lesssim \varepsilon_k^{1/2}$$
(6.11)

by choosing a (and thus  $\lambda_0$ ) sufficiently large in terms of  $\varepsilon_k$ . Moreover, from (6.4)–(6.6), (6.8), and (6.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| v_k \otimes v_k - v \otimes v - \bar{R} \right\|_{H^{-1}} &\lesssim \left\| v_k \otimes v_k - v \otimes v \right\|_0 + \left\| R \right\|_0 + \left\| v \otimes v + R - \bar{v} \otimes \bar{v} - \bar{R} \right\|_{H^{-1}} \\ &\lesssim \Gamma^{-2} \left\| \tilde{v} \otimes \tilde{v} - \tilde{v}_0 \otimes \tilde{v}_0 \right\|_0 + \left\| \mathring{R} \right\|_0 + \left\| \operatorname{tr} R \right\|_0 + C\lambda_0^{\alpha - 1} \\ &\lesssim \varepsilon_k \delta_1^{-1/2} (C\delta_1^{1/2} \varepsilon_k^{-1/2} + \delta_1^{1/2}) + \varepsilon_k + C\lambda_0^{\alpha - 1} \lesssim C\varepsilon_k^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(6.12)$$

Since the  $H^{-1}$  topology uniquely captures the weak-\* limit, the theorem is completed upon passing  $\varepsilon_k \to 0$  in (6.11)-(6.12).

# A Hölder spaces

 $m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and  $\theta$  is a multi-index. We introduce the usual (spatial) Hölder norms.

**Definition A.1** (Hölder Norms). (i) Supremum norm  $||f||_0 := \sup_{\mathbb{T}^3 \times [0,1]} |f|$ 

(ii) Hölder seminorms

$$[f]_m = \max_{|\theta|=m} \|D^{\theta}f\|_0,$$
  
$$[f]_{m+\alpha} = \max_{|\theta|=m} \sup_{x \neq y,t} \frac{|D^{\theta}f(x,t) - D^{\theta}f(y,t)|}{|x-y|^{\alpha}},$$

where  $D^{\theta}$  are space derivatives only.

(iii) Hölder norms

$$\|f\|_{m} = \sum_{j=0}^{m} [f]_{j}$$
$$\|f\|_{m+\alpha} = \|f\|_{m} + [f]_{m+\alpha}.$$

Moreover, we write  $[f(t)]_{\alpha}$  and  $||f(t)||_{\alpha}$  when the time t is fixed and the norms are computed for the restriction of f to the t-time slice.

**Theorem A.1** (Standard Interpolation Inequality). (i) for  $r \ge s \ge 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

$$[f]_s \le C \left( \varepsilon^{r-s} [f]_r + \varepsilon^{-s} ||f||_0 \right) \tag{A.1}$$

(ii) for  $r \geq 0$ 

$$[fg]_r \le C([f]_r \|g\|_0 + \|f\|_0 [g]_r)$$
(A.2)

(iii) From (A.1) with  $\varepsilon = \|f\|_0^{1/r} [f]_r^{-1/r}$  we obtain the standard interpolation inequality for  $r \ge s \ge 0$ 

$$[f]_s \le C \|f\|_0^{1-s/r} [f]_r^{s/r}.$$
(A.3)

**Theorem A.2** (Standard Mollification Estimate). Given Standard radial smooth mollifier  $\psi$  in space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and define  $\psi_{\ell}(x) = \ell^{-3}\psi(x\ell^{-1})$ , then  $\forall r \in (0, 1]$ 

$$\|f * \psi_{\ell} - f\|_{0} \le C \|f\|_{r} \ell^{r}$$
(A.4)

for constant C depending on r.

**Proposition A.1** (Quadratic Commutator Estimate). Let  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^3 \times \mathbb{T})$  and  $\psi$  a standard radial smooth and compactly supported kernel. For any  $r \geq 0$  we have the estimate

$$\left\| (f * \psi_{\ell})(g * \psi_{\ell}) - (fg) * \psi_{\ell} \right\|_{r} \le C\ell^{2-r} \|f\|_{1} \|g\|_{1},$$

where the constant C depends only on r.

# **B** Estimates for transport equations

We recall some well known results regarding smooth solutions of the *transport equation*:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla f = g, \\ f(\cdot, 0) = f_0, \end{cases}$$
(B.1)

where v = v(t, x) is a given smooth vector field. We will consider solutions on the entire space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and treat solutions on the torus simply as periodic solution in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Proposition B.1** (Standard Estimates for solutions to Transport Equation). Assume  $|t| ||v||_1 \leq 1$ . Then, any solution f of (B.1) satisfies

$$\|f(t)\|_{0} \leq \|f_{0}\|_{0} + \int_{t_{0}}^{t} \|g(\cdot, \tau)\|_{0} d\tau, \qquad (B.2)$$

$$\|f(t)\|_{\alpha} \le 2\left(\|f_0\|_{\alpha} + \int_{t_0}^t \|g(\cdot, \tau)\|_{\alpha} \, d\tau\right),\tag{B.3}$$

for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , and, more generally, for any  $N \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ 

$$[f(t)]_{N+\alpha} \lesssim [f_0]_{N+\alpha} + |t| [v]_{N+\alpha} [f_0]_1 + \int_0^t \left( [g(\tau)]_{N+\alpha} + (t-\tau) [v]_{N+\alpha} [g(\tau)]_1 \right) d\tau.$$
(B.4)

Define  $\Phi(t, \cdot)$  to be the inverse of the flux X of v starting at time  $t_0$  as the identity (i.e. d/dtX = v(X, t) and  $X(x, t_0) = x$ ). Under the same assumptions as above we have:

$$\|\nabla\Phi(t) - \mathrm{Id}\|_0 \lesssim |t| [v]_1, \qquad (B.5)$$

$$[\Phi(t)]_N \lesssim |t| [v]_N \qquad \forall N \ge 2.$$
(B.6)

## C Potential theory estimates

We recall the definition of the standard class of periodic Calderón-Zygmund operators. Let K be an  $\mathbb{R}^3$  kernel which obeys the properties

- $K(z) = \Omega\left(\frac{z}{|z|}\right) |z|^{-3}$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$
- $\Omega \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{S}^2)$

• 
$$\int_{|\hat{z}|=1} \Omega(\hat{z}) d\hat{z} = 0.$$

From the  $\mathbb{R}^3$  kernel K, use Poisson summation to define the periodic kernel

$$K_{\mathbb{T}^3}(z) = K(z) + \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \setminus \{0\}} \left( K(z+\ell) - K(\ell) \right).$$

Then the operator

$$T_K f(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} K_{\mathbb{T}^3}(x-y) f(y) dy$$

is a  $\mathbb{T}^3$ -periodic Calderón-Zygmund operator, acting on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ -periodic functions f with zero mean on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ . We first have boundedness of periodic Calderón-Zygmund operators on periodic Hölder spaces

**Proposition C.1.** Fix  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ . Periodic Calderón-Zygmund operators are bounded on the space of zero mean  $\mathbb{T}^3$ -periodic  $C^{\alpha}$  functions.

Second, we have simple consequence of classical stationary phase techniques.

**Proposition C.2** (Updated Version Lemma E.1). Let  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  and  $N \ge 1$ . Let  $a \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^3)$ ,  $\Phi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$  be smooth functions and assume that

$$\hat{C}^{-1} \le |\nabla \Phi| \le \hat{C}$$

holds on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ . Then

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} a(x) e^{ik \cdot \Phi} \, dx \right| \lesssim \frac{\|a\|_N + \|a\|_0 \, \|\Phi\|_N}{|k|^N} \,, \tag{C.1}$$

and for the operator  $\mathring{R}$  defined in (4.28), we have

$$\left\| \mathcal{R} \left( a(x) e^{ik \cdot \Phi} \right) \right\|_{\alpha} \lesssim \frac{\|a\|_{0}}{|k|^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{\|a\|_{N+\alpha} + \|a\|_{0} \|\Phi\|_{N+\alpha}}{|k|^{N-\alpha}} \,,$$

where the implicit constant depends on  $\hat{C}$ ,  $\alpha$  and N, but not on k.

**Proposition C.3** (Commutators involving singular integrals). Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $N \ge 0$ . Let  $T_K$  be a Calderón-Zygmund operator with kernel K. Let  $b \in C^{N+1,\alpha}(\mathbb{T}^3)$  a vectorfield. Then we have

$$\left\| [T_K, b \cdot \nabla] f \right\|_{N+\alpha} \lesssim \left\| b \right\|_{1+\alpha} \left\| f \right\|_{N+\alpha} + \left\| b \right\|_{N+1+\alpha} \left\| f \right\|_{\alpha}$$

for any  $f \in C^{N+\alpha}(\mathbb{T}^3)$ , where the implicit constant depends on  $\alpha, N$  and K.

## **D** Beltrami Flows

Given  $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  let  $A_{\xi} \in \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  obey

$$A_{\xi} \cdot \xi = 0, \quad A_{-\xi} = A_{\xi}.$$

We define the complex vector

$$B_{\xi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( A_{\xi} + i\xi \times A_{\xi} \right)$$

By construction, the vector  $B_{\xi}$  has the properties

$$|B_{\xi}| = 1, \quad B_{\xi} \cdot \xi = 0, \quad i\xi \times B_{\xi} = B_{\xi}, \quad B_{-\xi} = \overline{B_{\xi}}.$$

This implies that for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $\lambda \xi \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ , the function

$$W_{(\xi)}(x) := W_{\xi,\lambda}(x) := B_{\xi} e^{i\lambda\xi \cdot x}$$
(D.1)

is  $\mathbb{T}^3$  periodic, divergence free, and is an eigenfunction of the curl operator with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . That is,  $W_{(\xi)}$  is a complex Beltrami plane wave. The following lemma states a useful property for linear combinations of complex Beltrami plane waves.

**Proposition D.1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a given finite subset of  $\mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3$  such that  $-\Lambda = \Lambda$ , and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $\lambda \Lambda \subset \mathbb{Z}^3$ . Then for any choice of coefficients  $a_{\xi} \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\overline{a}_{\xi} = a_{-\xi}$  the vector field

$$W(x) = \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda} a_{\xi} B_{\xi} e^{i\lambda \xi \cdot x}$$
(D.2)

is a real-valued, divergence-free Beltrami vector field curl  $W = \lambda W$ , and thus it is a stationary solution of the Euler equations

$$\operatorname{div}(W \otimes W) = \nabla \frac{|W|^2}{2}.$$
 (D.3)

Furthermore, since  $B_{\xi} \otimes B_{-\xi} + B_{-\xi} \otimes B_{\xi} = 2\mathbb{P}(B_{\xi} \otimes B_{-\xi}) = \mathrm{Id} - \xi \otimes \xi$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} W \otimes W \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda} |a_\xi|^2 \left( \mathrm{Id} - \xi \otimes \xi \right) \,. \tag{D.4}$$



Figure 3: Example of a Beltrami flow W(x) as defined in (D.2).

**Proposition D.2.** There exists a sufficiently small  $c_* > 0$  with the following property. Let  $B_{c_*}(Id)$  denote the closed ball of symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrices, centered at Id, of radius  $c_*$ . Then, there exist pairwise disjoint subsets

$$\Lambda_{\alpha} \subset \mathbb{S}^2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^3 \qquad \alpha \in \{0, 1\},$$

and smooth positive functions

$$\gamma_{\xi}^{(\alpha)} \in C^{\infty} \left( B_c(\mathrm{Id}) \right) \qquad \alpha \in \{0, 1\}, \, \xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha} \,,$$

such that the following hold. For every  $\xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$  we have  $-\xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$  and  $\gamma_{\xi}^{(\alpha)} = \gamma_{-\xi}^{(\alpha)}$ . For each  $R \in B_{c_*}(\mathrm{Id})$  we have the identity

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha}} \left( \gamma_{\xi}^{(\alpha)}(R) \right)^2 \left( \mathrm{Id} - \xi \otimes \xi \right).$$
 (D.5)

We label by  $n_*$  the smallest natural number such that  $n_*\Lambda_\alpha \subset \mathbb{Z}^3$  for all  $\alpha \in \{1,2\}$ .

It is sufficient to consider index sets  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda_1$  in Proposition D.2 to have 12 elements. Moreover, by abuse of notation, for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  we denote  $\Lambda_j = \Lambda_{j \mod 2}$ . Also, it is convenient to denote by M a geometric constant such that

$$\sum_{\xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha}} \left\| \gamma_{\xi}^{(\alpha)} \right\|_{C^{1}(B_{c_{*}}(\mathrm{Id}))} \le M$$
(D.6)

holds for  $\alpha \in \{0,1\}$  and  $\xi \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$ . This parameter is universal.

# E Stationary Phase Lemma

The operator  $\mathcal{R}$  which acts on vector fields v with  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} v dx = 0$  as

$$(\mathcal{R}v)^{k\ell} = (\partial_k \Delta^{-1} v^\ell + \partial_\ell \Delta^{-1} v^k) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_{k\ell} + \partial_k \partial_\ell \Delta^{-1} \right) \operatorname{div} \Delta^{-1} v$$
(E.1)

for  $k, \ell \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . The above inverse divergence operator has the property that  $\mathcal{R}v(x)$  is a symmetric trace-free matrix for each  $x \in \mathbb{T}^3$ , and  $\mathcal{R}$  is an right inverse of the div operator, i.e.  $\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{R}v) = v$ . When v does not obey  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^3} v dx = 0$ , we overload notation and denote  $\mathcal{R}v := \mathcal{R}(v - \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} v dx)$ . Note that  $\nabla \mathcal{R}$  is a Calderón-Zygmund operator.

The following lemma makes rigorous the fact that  $\mathcal{R}$  obeys the same elliptic regularity estimates as  $|\nabla|^{-1}$ .

**Lemma E.1.** Let  $\lambda \xi \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ ,  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , and  $m \ge 1$ . Assume that  $a \in C^{m,\alpha}(\mathbb{T}^3)$  and  $\Phi \in C^{m,\alpha}(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$  are smooth functions such that the phase function  $\Phi$  obeys

$$C^{-1} \le |\nabla \Phi| \le C$$

on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ , for some constant  $C \geq 1$ . Then, with the inverse divergence operator  $\mathcal{R}$  defined in (E.1) we have

$$\left\| \mathcal{R}\left( a(x)e^{i\lambda\xi\cdot\Phi(x)} \right) \right\|_{C^{\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\|a\|_{C^{0}}}{\lambda^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{\|a\|_{C^{m,\alpha}} + \|a\|_{C^{0}} \|\nabla\Phi\|_{C^{m,\alpha}}}{\lambda^{m-\alpha}}$$

where the implicit constant depends on C,  $\alpha$  and m (in particular, not on the frequency  $\lambda$ ).

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