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Consider the following initial boundary value problem (IVP) for the motion of a second grade fluid

$$\partial u / \partial t - \nu \Delta u - \alpha (\partial / \partial t) \Delta u + \operatorname{curl}(u - \alpha \Delta u) \wedge u = f - \nabla p; \quad \operatorname{div} u = 0$$

where f is given and $p = \alpha(u \cdot \Delta u + 1/4|\nabla u|^2) - 1/2|u|^2 - \tilde{p}$; $u = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$; $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ and Ω is a domain in \mathbb{R}^n .

Let V be the closure in $[H^1(\Omega)]^n$ of the divergence free vectors in $[D(\Omega)]^n$ and let W be the divergence free vectors in $[H^3(\Omega)]^n$ vanishing on $\partial\Omega$. Let $T > 0$ be given. Then, for $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, f given in $L^2(0, T; V)$ and u_0 in V , the authors prove the existence and uniqueness of solutions in $L^\infty(0, T; W)$ for the IVP. For $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ a bounded domain, f in $L^2(0, T; V)$ and u_0 in W , existence and uniqueness of solutions in $L^\infty(0, T^*; W)$ for the IVP were proved for $T^* < T$ sufficiently small.

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