

RESEARCH

Open Access



Higher integrability for weak solutions to a degenerate parabolic system with singular coefficients

Yan Dong¹, Guangwei Du^{2*}  and Kelei Zhang³

*Correspondence:

guangwei87@mail.nwpu.edu.cn

²School of Mathematical Sciences, Qufu Normal University, Qufu, China
Full list of author information is available at the end of the article

Abstract

In this paper, we study the degenerate parabolic system

$$u_t^i + X_\alpha^*(a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)X_\beta u^j) = g_i(z, u, Xu) + X_\alpha^* f_i^\alpha(z, u, Xu),$$

where $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ is a system of smooth real vector fields satisfying Hörmander's condition and the coefficients $a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$ are measurable functions and their skew-symmetric part can be unbounded. After proving the L^2 estimates for the weak solutions, the higher integrability is proved by establishing a reverse Hölder inequality for weak solutions.

MSC: Primary 35K65; secondary 35K40; 35B65

Keywords: Degenerate parabolic system; Hörmander's vector fields; L^2 estimates; Higher integrability

1 Introduction

Let $\{X_1, \dots, X_q\}$ be a system of smooth real vector fields in a neighborhood $\tilde{\Omega}$ of some bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \geq q$), satisfying Hörmander's rank condition up to the order s and free up to the order s . The main purpose of this paper is to study higher integrability for weak solutions to nondiagonal quasilinear degenerate parabolic system

$$u_t^i + X_\alpha^*(a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)X_\beta u^j) = g_i(z, u, Xu) + X_\alpha^* f_i^\alpha(z, u, Xu), \quad (1.1)$$

where $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$; $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, q$; $z = (x, t) \in Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$; $X_\alpha^* = -X_\alpha + c_\alpha$ ($c_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{\alpha k}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \in C^\infty$) is the transposed vector field of X_α . The assumptions on functions g_i, f_i^α and the coefficients will be specified later.

A function $u \in W_2^{1,1}(Q_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$ is called a weak solution to (1.1) if

$$\iint_{Q_T} [u_t^i \psi^i + a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} X_\alpha \psi^i X_\beta u^j] dz = \iint_{Q_T} [g_i \psi^i + f_i^\alpha X_\alpha \psi^i] dz,$$

for all $\psi \in C_0^\infty(Q_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$.

In the Euclidean space, regularity to elliptic and parabolic equations and systems has been studied by many authors (see [1–8] and the references therein). Giaquinta in [5] proved the reverse Hölder estimates for weak solutions to diagonal elliptic systems with Hölder continuous coefficients and obtained the higher integrability of weak solutions. Giaquinta and Struwe in [2] treated partial regularity for weak solutions to diagonal quasilinear parabolic systems with the natural growth conditions and got Hölder continuity. Wiegner in [9] derived Hölder continuity of weak solutions to nondiagonal elliptic systems with VMO coefficients and natural growth conditions. Recently, Földes and Phan [10] got the higher integrability for gradients of weak solutions to a linear elliptic equation having the skew-symmetric part of coefficients unbounded.

Based on Hörmander’s fundamental work [11], there has been tremendous work on degenerate PDEs arising from non-commuting vector fields; see, for example, [12–21]. Di Fazio and Fanciullo in [14] obtained gradient estimates for weak solutions to linear diagonal elliptic systems with bounded VMO coefficients. Dong and Niu [17] got the higher L^p estimates for the gradient of weak solutions to nondiagonal quasilinear degenerate elliptic systems. In [16, 18], Dong and her collaborators studied Morrey and Hölder regularity for weak solutions to diagonal and nondiagonal parabolic systems with bounded VMO coefficients.

However, as far as we know, there is no relevant research about quasilinear degenerate parabolic systems with skew-symmetric coefficients. In this paper, we try to generalize the results in [10] to quasilinear degenerate parabolic systems constructed by Hörmander’s vector fields. The aim of this paper is to get the higher integrability for weak solutions to (1.1). In order to state our results, we make the following hypotheses:

(H1) The coefficients $a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z) = A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z) + B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)$, where $A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$ are symmetric ($A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = A_{ji}^{\alpha\beta}$), bounded, and satisfy the uniform ellipticity condition that for some $\Lambda > 0$,

$$A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)\xi_i^\alpha \xi_j^\beta \geq \Lambda |\xi|^2, \quad |A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)| \leq \Lambda^{-1}, \quad \text{a.e. } z \in Q_T, \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^{qN};$$

$B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(z)$ are skew-symmetric ($B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = -B_{ji}^{\alpha\beta}$) and belong to BMO space (therefore they can be unbounded).

(H2) For any $(z, u, \xi) \in Q_T \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{qN}$,

$$|g_i(z, u, \xi)| \leq g^i(z) + L|\xi|^{\gamma_0},$$

$$|f_i^\alpha(z, u, \xi)| \leq g_i^\alpha(z) + L|\xi|,$$

where $1 \leq \gamma_0 < 1/q_0$, $q_0 = \frac{Q+2}{Q+4}$, L is a positive constant satisfying $L < \Lambda$, and

$$g^i(z) \in L^{pq_0}(Q_T), \quad g_i^\alpha \in L^p(Q_T), \quad p \geq 2.$$

Here Q is the homogeneous dimension relative to Ω , and in the sequel we set $\tilde{g} = (g^i)$, $\tilde{g}^\alpha = (g_i^\alpha)$, $\tilde{q} = 2q_0$.

Now we state our main result.

Theorem 1.1 *Suppose that (H1) and (H2) hold. Let $u \in W_2^{1,1}(Q_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$ be a weak solutions to (1.1), then there exists a constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for any $p \in [2, 2 + \tilde{q}\varepsilon_0)$, we have $Xu \in$*

$L^p_{loc}(Q_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$, and for every $Q'_T \subset\subset Q_T$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|Xu\|_{L^p(Q'_T)} \leq C(\|\tilde{g}\|_{L^{p_0}(Q_T)}^{q_0} + \|\tilde{g}\|_{L^p(Q_T)}). \tag{1.2}$$

The main difficulty in the proof is establishing the reverse Hölder inequality for gradients of weak solutions. We first establish the L^2 estimates of weak solutions by constructing suitable test functions. Then the reverse Hölder inequality of gradients is obtained by the L^2 estimates and the Gehring lemma on a metric measure space.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we introduce some concepts and results related to Hörmander’s vector fields that will be used in our proof. Section 3 is devoted to establishing the reverse Hölder inequality for gradients of weak solutions to (1.1) and giving the proof of Theorem 1.1.

2 Preliminaries

Let

$$X_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{\alpha k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \quad b_{\alpha k} \in C^\infty, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, q$$

be a family of vector fields in a neighborhood $\tilde{\Omega}$ of some bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. For a multiindex $\alpha = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$, denote by $X_\beta = [X_{i_1}, [X_{i_2}, \dots, [X_{i_{k-1}}, X_{i_k}]] \dots]$ the commutator of vector fields X_1, \dots, X_q with length $k = |\beta|$. We say that the vector fields X_1, \dots, X_q satisfy Hörmander’s condition up to the order s (see [11]) provided there exists $s > 0$ such that $\{X_\beta\}_{|\beta| \leq s}$ span the tangent space at each point in \mathbb{R}^n .

We denote by $Xu = (X_1u, \dots, X_qu)$ the gradient of u with respect to the system $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_q\}$ and hence

$$|Xu(x)| = \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^q |X_\alpha u(x)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

An absolutely continuous curve $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}$ is said to be admissible for the family X , if there exist functions $c_\alpha(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, satisfying

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^q c_\alpha(t)^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma'(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^q c_\alpha(t) X_\alpha(\gamma(t)), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [a, b].$$

The Carnot–Carathéodory distance induced by X is defined by

$$d_X(x, y) = \inf\{T > 0 : \text{there is an admissible curve } \gamma, \gamma(0) = x, \gamma(T) = y\}.$$

Then d_X is a local metric on $\tilde{\Omega}$. The metric ball is denoted by

$$B_R(x) = B(x, R) = \{y \in \Omega : d_X(x, y) < R\}.$$

If one does not need to consider the center of the ball, then we also write B_R instead of $B(x, R)$.

It is well known that the doubling property for metric balls holds true (see [22, 23]): there exist positive constants $R_d > 0$ and $C_d \geq 1$ such that for any $x \in \Omega$ and $0 < 2R \leq R_d$,

$$|B(x, 2R)| \leq C_d |B(x, R)|.$$

Here, $|B(x, R)|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of $B(x, R)$. The number $Q = \log_2 C_d$ is called the homogeneous dimension relative to Ω . Clearly, $Q \geq n$. From the doubling property, we can see that

$$|B_{tR}| \geq Ct^Q |B_R|, \quad \forall R \leq R_d, t \in (0, 1),$$

where $C = C_d^{-2}$. In particular, if the vector fields X_1, \dots, X_q are free up to the order s , there exist two positive constants C_1 and C_2 such that ([24])

$$C_1 R^Q \leq |B(x, R)| \leq C_2 R^Q.$$

For $z_0 = (x_0, t_0) \in Q_T \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, the parabolic cylinder with vertex at z_0 is defined by

$$Q_R(z_0) = B_R(x_0) \times \left[t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2}, t_0 + \frac{R^2}{2} \right].$$

Let $I_R(t_0) = [t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2}, t_0 + \frac{R^2}{2}]$, and the parabolic boundary of $Q_R(z_0)$ be denoted by

$$\partial_p Q_R(z_0) = \left(\partial B_R(x_0) \times \left[t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2}, t_0 + \frac{R^2}{2} \right] \right) \cup \left(B_R(x_0) \times \left\{ t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2} \right\} \right).$$

For any $(x, t), (y, s) \in Q_T$, the parabolic distance in Q_T is defined by

$$d_p((x, t), (y, s)) = \sqrt{d_X(x, y)^2 + |t - s|},$$

and the parabolic ball is defined by

$$B_p(z_0, R) = \{(x, t) \in Q_T : d_p((x_0, t_0), (x, t)) < R\}.$$

To simplify the notations, in the sequel, $Q_R(z_0)$, $B_R(x_0)$, and $I_R(t_0)$ are written as Q_R , B_R , and I_R , respectively. Furthermore, if E is a Lebesgue measurable set with Lebesgue measure $|E|$, we set $u_E = \int_E u \, dx$ to be the integral average of u on E .

We define the parabolic Sobolev space by

$$W_p^{1,1}(Q_T) = \{u \in L^p(Q_T) : X_\alpha u, \partial_t u \in L^p(Q_T), \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, q\},$$

with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_p^{1,1}(Q_T)} = \|u\|_{L^p(Q_T)} + \|\partial_t u\|_{L^p(Q_T)} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \|X_\alpha u\|_{L^p(Q_T)}.$$

For any $f \in L^1_{loc}(Q_T)$, if

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup_{z_0 \in Q_T, \rho > 0} \frac{1}{|Q_T \cap Q_\rho(z_0)|} \iint_{Q_T \cap Q_\rho(z_0)} |f - f_{Q_T \cap Q_\rho(z_0)}| dz < \infty,$$

we say that $f \in \text{BMO}(Q_T)$ (i.e., f has bounded mean oscillation).

Lemma 2.1 (Sobolev inequality, see [12, 23]) *For every compact set $K \subset \Omega$, there exist constants $C > 0$ and $\bar{R} > 0$ such that for any metric ball $B = B(x_0, R)$ with $x_0 \in K$ and $0 < R \leq \bar{R}$, it holds that for any $f \in C^\infty(\bar{B}_R)$,*

$$\left(\int_{B_R} |f - f_R|^{\kappa p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\kappa p}} \leq CR \left(\int_{B_R} |Xf|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where $f_R = \int_{B_R} f dx$ is the integral average of f on B_R , and $1 \leq \kappa \leq Q/(Q - p)$, if $1 \leq p < Q$; $1 \leq \kappa < \infty$, if $p \geq Q$. Moreover,

$$\left(\int_{B_R} |f|^{\kappa p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\kappa p}} \leq CR \left(\int_{B_R} |Xf|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

whenever $f \in C^\infty(\bar{B}_R)$.

Lemma 2.2 (Iterative lemma, see [25]) *Let $\varphi(t)$ be a bounded nonnegative function on $[T_0, T_1]$, where $T_1 > T_0 \geq 0$. Suppose that for any t and s , $T_0 \leq t < s \leq T_1$, $\varphi(t)$ satisfies*

$$\varphi(t) \leq \theta \varphi(s) + \frac{A}{(s - t)^\alpha} + B,$$

where θ, A, B , and α are nonnegative constants with $\theta < 1$. Then for any $T_0 \leq \rho < R \leq T_1$, one has

$$\varphi(\rho) \leq c \left[\frac{A}{(R - \rho)^\alpha} + B \right],$$

where c depends only on α and θ .

The following Gehring lemma on the metric measure space (Y, d, μ) (d is a metric and μ is a doubling measure) can be found in [13, 26].

Lemma 2.3 *Let $q \in [q_0, 2Q]$, where $q_0 > 1$ is fixed. Assume that functions f, g are nonnegative and $g \in L^q_{loc}(Y, \mu), f \in L^q_{loc}(Y, \mu)$, for some $r_0 > q$. If there exist constants $b > 1$ and θ such that for every ball $B \subset \sigma B \subset Y$ the following inequality holds:*

$$\int_B g^q d\mu \leq b \left[\left(\int_{\sigma B} g d\mu \right)^q + \int_{\sigma B} f^q d\mu \right] + \theta \int_{\sigma B} g^q d\mu,$$

then there exist nonnegative constants $\theta_0 = \theta_0(q_0, Q, C_d, \sigma)$ and $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0(b, q_0, Q, C_d, \sigma)$ such that if $0 < \theta < \theta_0$ then $g \in L^p_{loc}(Y, \mu)$ for $p \in [q, q + \varepsilon_0)$ and moreover

$$\left(\int_B g^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \left[\left(\int_{\sigma B} g^q d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left(\int_{\sigma B} f^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]$$

for some positive constant $C = C(q_0, Q, C_d, \sigma)$.

3 Higher integrability

We first introduce two cutoff functions $\xi(x)$ and $\eta(t)$ (see to [4]) such that for any $0 < \rho < R, B_\rho \subset B_R \subset \Omega$,

$$\xi(x) \in C^\infty_0(B_R), \quad 0 \leq \xi \leq 1, \quad |X\xi| \leq \frac{C}{R - \rho} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi = 1 \text{ in } B_\rho;$$

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2t - 2(t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2})}{R^2 - \rho^2}, & t \in (t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2}, t_0 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}), \\ 1, & t \in [t_0 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}, t_0 + \frac{R^2}{2}]. \end{cases}$$

Setting $N_1 = \int_{B_R} \xi^2(x) dx$, we denote the average of $u(x, t)$ on B_R by

$$\bar{u}(t) = \left(\int_{B_R} \xi^2 dx \right)^{-1} \int_{B_R} u \xi^2 dx = \frac{1}{N_1 |B_R|} \int_{B_R} u \xi^2 dx.$$

Lemma 3.1 *Let $u \in W^{1,1}_2(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$ be a weak solution to (1.1). Then for any $Q_R \subset\subset \Omega_T$, we have*

$$\int_{B_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx + \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \leq c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 dz. \tag{3.1}$$

Proof Multiplying both sides of (1.1) by the test function $u - \bar{u}(t)$ and integrating on Q_R , we get

$$\iint_{Q_R} [u^i_t + X_\alpha^*(a^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} X_\beta u^j)](u^i - \bar{u}(t)) dz = \iint_{Q_R} [g_i + X_\alpha^* f_i^\alpha](u^i - \bar{u}(t)) dz. \tag{3.2}$$

So we have

$$\iint_{Q_R} [u^i_t(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) + a^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j] dz = \iint_{Q_R} [g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) + f_i^\alpha X_\alpha u^i] dz.$$

By (H1), the above can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_R} \left(\frac{1}{2} |u^i - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \right)_t dz + \iint_{Q_R} A^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j dz \\ & = - \iint_{Q_R} B^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j dz + \iint_{Q_R} [g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) + f_i^\alpha X_\alpha u^i] dz. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Due to the skew-symmetry of $B^{\alpha\beta}_{ij}$,

$$\iint_{Q_R} B^{\alpha\beta}_{ij} X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j dz = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

By (H2), Hölder’s, Sobolev’s, and Young’s inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint_{Q_R} g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) \, dz \\
 & \leq \iint_{Q_R} (g^i(z) + L|Xu|^{\gamma_0})(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) \, dz \\
 & \leq \int_{I_R} \left[\left(\int_{B_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}} \left(\int_{B_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^{\frac{2(Q+2)}{Q}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{Q}{2(Q+2)}} \right] dt \\
 & \quad + L \int_{I_R} \left[\left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0}{2}} \left(\int_{B_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^{\frac{2}{2-\gamma_0}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{2-\gamma_0}{2}} \right] dt \\
 & \leq \int_{I_R} \left[\left(\int_{B_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}} cR^{\frac{2}{Q+2}} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] dt \\
 & \quad + \int_{I_R} \left[\left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0}{2}} cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] dt \\
 & \leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz + \varepsilon R^{\frac{4}{Q}} \int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{Q+2}{Q}} dt \\
 & \quad + cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0-1}{2}} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz + \varepsilon R^{\frac{4}{Q}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{2}{Q}} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \quad + cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0-1}{2}} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz, \tag{3.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{Q_R} f_i^\alpha X_\alpha u^i \, dz & \leq \iint_{Q_R} |g_i^\alpha(z)| |Xu| \, dz + L \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 \, dz + (\varepsilon + L) \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz. \tag{3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inserting (3.4), (3.5), and (3.6) into (3.3), and by (H1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{B_R} \frac{1}{2} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \, dx + \Lambda \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 \, dz + \theta \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta = \varepsilon R^{\frac{4}{Q}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{2}{Q}} + cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0-1}{2}} + \varepsilon + L$. Because $L < \Lambda$, by choosing ε, R small enough we can get that $\theta < \Lambda$. So using Lemma 2.2, we complete the proof. □

Lemma 3.2 *Let $u \in W_2^{1,1}(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$ be a weak solution of (1.1). Then for any $0 < \rho < R$, $Q_R \subset\subset \Omega_T$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{I_\rho} \int_{B_\rho} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx + \iint_{Q_\rho} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + c \left(\frac{R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} + 1 \right) \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\bar{q}} + |\tilde{g}|^2) dz. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Proof Let $B_\rho \subset B_R \subset \Omega$. Multiplying both sides of (1.1) by the test function $(u - \bar{u}(t)) \times \xi^2(x)\eta(t)$ and integrating on $Q'_R = B_R(x_0) \times (t_0 - \frac{R^2}{2}, s]$ ($s \leq t_0 + \frac{R^2}{2}$), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} [u_t^i + X_\alpha^*(a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} X_\beta u^j)](u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} [g_i + X_\alpha^* f_i^\alpha](u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta dz. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

By (H1), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} [u_t^i + X_\alpha^*(a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} X_\beta u^j)](u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} [u_t^i(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta + a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} X_\beta u^j X_\alpha((u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta)] dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} [u_t^i(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta + a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi^2\eta X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j + 2a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha \xi X_\beta u^j] dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} |u^i - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \eta \right)_t \xi^2 - \frac{1}{2} |u^i - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \xi^2 \eta_t + A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi^2 \eta X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j \right] dz \\ & \quad + \iint_{Q'_R} B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi^2 \eta X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j + 2a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha \xi X_\beta u^j dz, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} [g_i + X_\alpha^* f_i^\alpha](u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} [g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta + f_i^\alpha X_\alpha((u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta)] dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} [g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta + f_i^\alpha \xi^2\eta X_\alpha u^i + 2\xi\eta(u^i - \bar{u}(t))f_i^\alpha X_\alpha \xi] dz. \end{aligned}$$

By the above, (3.8) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} \left(\frac{1}{2} |u^i - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \eta \right)_t \xi^2 dz + \iint_{Q'_R} A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi^2 \eta X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j dz \\ & = \iint_{Q'_R} \left[\frac{1}{2} |u^i - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \xi^2 \eta_t - B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi^2 \eta X_\alpha u^i X_\beta u^j \right] dz \\ & \quad - 2 \iint_{Q'_R} a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha \xi X_\beta u^j dz \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \iint_{Q'_R} [g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi^2\eta + 2\xi\eta(u^i - \bar{u}(t))f_i^\alpha X_\alpha\xi + f_i^\alpha\xi^2\eta X_\alpha u^i] dz. \tag{3.9}$$

Due to the skew-symmetry of $B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$,

$$\iint_{Q'_R} (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz = 0. \tag{3.10}$$

By (H1), (3.10) and Young’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz \\ &= \iint_{Q'_R} A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz + \iint_{Q'_R} B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz \\ &= \iint_{Q'_R} A_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz \\ & \quad + \iint_{Q'_R} (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R)(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz \\ &\leq \Lambda^{-1} \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)| |X\xi| |Xu| \xi\eta dz \\ & \quad + \iint_{Q'_R} |B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R| |u - \bar{u}(t)| |X\xi| |Xu| \xi\eta dz \\ &\leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 |X\xi|^2 \eta dz + 2\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \xi^2 \eta dz \\ & \quad + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R|^2 |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 |X\xi|^2 \eta dz. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

By Hölder’s and Sobolev’s inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} |B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R|^2 |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz \\ &\leq \left(\iint_{Q'_R} |B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - (B_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})_R|^Q dz \right)^{\frac{2}{Q}} \left(\iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^{\frac{2Q}{Q-2}} dz \right)^{\frac{Q-2}{Q}} \\ &\leq c|Q_R|^{\frac{2}{Q}} \cdot \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right) dt \right)^{\frac{Q}{Q-2}} \\ &\leq c\|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3 \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Putting (3.12) into (3.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q'_R} a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(u^i - \bar{u}(t))\xi\eta X_\alpha\xi X_\beta u^i dz \\ &\leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 |X\xi|^2 \eta dz + 2\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \xi^2 \eta dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c_\varepsilon \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

Using properties of $\xi(x), \eta(t)$ and (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint_{Q'_R} g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) \xi^2 \eta \, dz \\
 & \leq \iint_{Q'_R} g_i(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) \, dz \\
 & \leq c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz + \varepsilon R^{\frac{4}{Q}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{2}{Q}} \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \quad + cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0-1}{2}} \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

By (H2), Hölder’s and Young’s inequalities,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint_{Q'_R} [2\xi \eta(u^i - \bar{u}(t)) f_i^\alpha X_\alpha \xi + f_i^\alpha \xi^2 \eta X_\alpha u^i] \, dz \\
 & \leq 2 \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)| |g_i^\alpha(z)| |X\xi| \xi \eta \, dz + 2L \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)| |Xu| |X\xi| \xi \eta \, dz \\
 & \quad + \iint_{Q'_R} |g_i^\alpha(z)| |Xu| \xi^2 \eta \, dz + L \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz \\
 & \leq 2c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 |X\xi|^2 \eta \, dz + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz \\
 & \quad + (2\varepsilon + L) \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Inserting (3.13), (3.14), and (3.15) into (3.9), and by (H1), (3.3), (3.4), and Young’s inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{B_R} \frac{1}{2} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dx + \Lambda \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz \\
 & \leq \iint_{Q'_R} \frac{1}{2} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz + 3c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 |X\xi|^2 \eta \, dz \\
 & \quad + \frac{c_\varepsilon \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^2 \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz \\
 & \quad + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q'_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 \xi^2 \eta \, dz + \theta_1 \iint_{Q'_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta_1 = \varepsilon R^{\frac{4}{Q}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{2}{Q}} + cR^{\frac{Q+2-Q\gamma_0}{2}} \sup_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0-1}{2}} + 4\varepsilon + L$. Employing properties of $\xi(x), \eta(t)$, (H1), and since $\frac{1}{R^2-\rho^2} \leq \frac{C}{(R-\rho)^2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \sup_{I_\rho} \int_{B_\rho} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \, dx + \Lambda \iint_{Q_\rho} |Xu|^2 \, dz \\
 & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 \, dz + \frac{c_\varepsilon \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 \, dx \right)^2 \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \quad + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} \, dz + c_\varepsilon \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^2 \, dz + \theta_1 \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 \, dz.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because $L < \Lambda$, by choosing ε, R small enough we can get that $\theta_1 < \Lambda$, so Lemma 2.2 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{I_\rho} \int_{B_\rho} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx + \iint_{Q_\rho} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2 dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} \left(\sup_{I_R} \int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1),

$$\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \leq c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2 dz.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{I_\rho} \int_{B_\rho} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx + \iint_{Q_\rho} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2 dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3 \sup_{I_R} \int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx}{(R - \rho)^2} \left(\iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2) dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} dz + c \iint_{Q_R} |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2 dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c \|B\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 R^3 \sup_{I_R} \int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx}{(R - \rho)^2 (\|\tilde{g}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}^{\tilde{q}} + \|\tilde{g}^\sim\|_{L^2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2) dz \\ & \leq \frac{c}{(R - \rho)^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + c \left(\frac{R^3}{(R - \rho)^2} + 1 \right) \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2) dz. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed. □

Lemma 3.3 *Let $u \in W_2^{1,1}(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^N)$ be a weak solution of (1.1). Then there exists a positive constant ε_0 such that for any $p \in [2, 2 + \tilde{q}\varepsilon_0]$, we have $u \in L_{\text{loc}}^{\frac{p\tilde{q}}{2}}(Q_T), Xu \in L_{\text{loc}}^p(Q_T)$, and for any $Q_{2R} \subset\subset Q_T$,*

$$\frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^p dz \leq c \left[\left(\frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} dz \right].$$

Proof By (3.7) and Sobolev’s inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{I_{4R/5}} \left(\int_{B_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \left(\frac{c}{R^2} \iint_{Q_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + c \left(\iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\sim|^2) dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq c \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + c \left(\iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}'|^2) dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{3.16}$$

By Hölder’s and Sobolev’s inequalities, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_{4R/5}} \left(\int_{B_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \\ & \leq \int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^{\tilde{q}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\int_{B_R} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^{\gamma} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2\gamma}} dt \\ & \leq cR^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}} \int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} dt \\ & \leq cR^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\int_{I_R} \left(\int_{B_R} |Xu|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{q}}{2\tilde{q}-1}} dt \right)^{\frac{2\tilde{q}-1}{2\tilde{q}}} \\ & \leq cR^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

where $\gamma = \frac{2(Q+2)}{Q}$. By (3.16) and (3.17),

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz \\ & = \int_{I_{4R/5}} \left(\int_{B_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx \right) dt \\ & \leq \sup_{I_{4R/5}} \left(\int_{B_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\int_{I_{4R/5}} \left(\int_{B_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \right) \\ & \leq cR^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ & \quad + cR^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2\tilde{q}}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}'|^2) dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \equiv I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

By Young’s inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 & \leq c_\varepsilon \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}} + \varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz, \\ I_2 & \leq \varepsilon R \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}} \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + c_\varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}'|^2) dz \\ & \leq c_\varepsilon \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}} + \varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz + c_\varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}'|^2) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the estimates of I_1 and I_2 into (3.18), we get

$$\iint_{Q_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz$$

$$\leq c_\varepsilon \left(\iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}} + \varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz + c_\varepsilon R^2 \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2) dz. \tag{3.19}$$

By (3.7) and (3.19),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_{3R/4}} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \leq \frac{c}{R^2} \frac{1}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_{4R/5}} |u - \bar{u}(t)|^2 dz + \frac{c}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_{4R/5}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2) dz \\ & \leq \frac{c_\varepsilon |Q_R|^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}}}{|Q_{3R/4}| R^2} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c_\varepsilon}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2) dz \\ & \leq c_\varepsilon \left(\frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\tilde{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{q}}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^2 dz \\ & \quad + \frac{c_\varepsilon}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2) dz. \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

Let $\hat{g} = |Xu|^{\hat{q}}$ ($\hat{q} = \frac{2}{\tilde{q}} = \frac{Q+4}{Q+2} > 1$), $\hat{f} = (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2)^{\frac{\hat{q}}{2}}$, then the above can be written as

$$\frac{1}{|Q_{3R/4}|} \iint_{Q_{3R/4}} \hat{g}^{\hat{q}} dz \leq c \left[\left(\frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} \hat{g} dz \right)^{\hat{q}} + \frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} \hat{f}^{\hat{q}} dz \right] + \frac{\varepsilon}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} \hat{g}^{\hat{q}} dz.$$

By Lemma 2.3, we know that there exists a positive constant ε_0 such that for any $\hat{p} \in [\hat{q}, \hat{q} + \varepsilon_0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{|Q_R|} \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^{\hat{p}\hat{q}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{\hat{p}}} \\ & \leq c \left[\left(\frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} |Xu|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{\hat{q}}{2}} + \left(\frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2)^{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{2}} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{\hat{p}}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $p = \hat{p}\hat{q} \in [2, 2 + \tilde{q}\varepsilon_0)$, we finish the proof. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1 By (3.1), Lemma 3.3, and Hölder’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_R} |Xu|^p dz \\ & \leq c |Q_R| \left[\left(\frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2) dz \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{1}{|Q_{2R}|} \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} dz \right] \\ & \leq c \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{\tilde{q}} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} dz \leq c \iint_{Q_{2R}} (|\tilde{g}|^{p\tilde{q}_0} + |\tilde{g}^\wedge|^p) dz \\ & \leq c (\|\tilde{g}\|_{L^{p\tilde{q}_0}}^{p\tilde{q}_0} + \|\tilde{g}^\wedge\|_{L^p}^p). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed. □

Funding

This work is supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (11701162); National Science Foundation of Shandong Province of China (ZR2019MA067); Research Fund for the Doctoral Program of Hubei University of Economics (XJ16BS28); Guangxi Natural Science Foundation (2017GXNSFBA198130).

Availability of data and materials

Not applicable.

Ethics approval and consent to participate

Not applicable.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

Consent for publication

Not applicable.

Authors' contributions

All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

Author details

¹Department of Applied Mathematics, Hubei University Of Economics, Wuhan, China. ²School of Mathematical Sciences, Qufu Normal University, Qufu, China. ³School of Mathematics and Computing Science, Guilin University of Electronic Technology, Guilin, China.

Publisher's Note

Springer Nature remains neutral with regard to jurisdictional claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.

Received: 12 July 2019 Accepted: 14 October 2019 Published online: 21 October 2019

References

1. Campanato, S.: L^p regularity for weak solutions of parabolic systems. *Ann. Sc. Norm. Super. Pisa, Cl. Sci.* **7**, 65–85 (1980)
2. Giaquinta, M., Struwe, M.: On the partial regularity of weak solutions on nonlinear parabolic systems. *Math. Z.* **179**, 437–451 (1982)
3. Daněček, J., Viszus, E.: A note on regularity for nonlinear elliptic systems. *Arch. Math.* **36**(3), 229–237 (2000)
4. Dong, H., Kim, D.: Global regularity of weak solutions to quasilinear elliptic and parabolic equations with controlled growth. *Commun. Partial Differ. Equ.* **36**(10–12), 1750–1777 (2011)
5. Giaquinta, M., Modica, G.: Regularity results for some classes of higher order non linear elliptic systems. *J. Reine Angew. Math.* **311–312**, 145–169 (1979)
6. Li, L., Pipher, J.: Boundary behavior of solutions of elliptic operators in divergence form with a BMO anti-symmetric part. *Commun. Partial Differ. Equ.* **44**(2), 156–204 (2019)
7. Meier, M.: Liouville theorems for nondiagonal elliptic systems in arbitrary dimensions. *Math. Z.* **176**, 123–133 (1981)
8. Phan, T.: Regularity gradient estimates for weak solutions of singular quasi-linear parabolic equations. *J. Differ. Equ.* **263**(12), 8329–8361 (2017)
9. Wiegner, M.: Regularity theorems for nondiagonal elliptic systems. *Ark. Mat.* **20**, 1–13 (1982)
10. Földes, J., Phan, T.: On higher integrability estimates for elliptic equations with singular coefficients (2018) [arXiv:1804.03180](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.03180)
11. Hörmander, L.: Hypoelliptic second order differential equations. *Acta Math.* **119**, 147–171 (1967)
12. Lu, G.: Weighted Poincaré and Sobolev inequalities for vector fields satisfying Hörmander's condition and applications. *Rev. Mat. Iberoam.* **8**(3), 367–439 (1992)
13. Gianazza, U.: Regularity for nonlinear equations involving square Hörmander operators. *Nonlinear Anal.* **23**(1), 49–73 (1994)
14. Di Fazio, G., Fanciullo, M.S.: Gradient estimates for elliptic systems in Carnot–Carathéodory spaces. *Comment. Math. Univ. Carol.* **43**(4), 605–618 (2002)
15. Dong, Y., Niu, P.: Estimates in Morrey spaces and Hölder continuity for weak solutions to degenerate elliptic systems. *Manuscr. Math.* **138**(3–4), 419–437 (2012)
16. Dong, Y.: Hölder regularity for weak solutions to divergence form degenerate quasilinear parabolic systems. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.* **410**(1), 375–390 (2014)
17. Dong, Y., Niu, P.: Regularity for weak solutions to nondiagonal quasilinear degenerate elliptic systems. *J. Funct. Anal.* **270**(7), 2383–2414 (2016)
18. Dong, Y., Li, D.: Regularity for weak solutions to nondiagonal quasilinear degenerate parabolic systems with controllable growth conditions. *N.Y. J. Math.* **24**, 53–81 (2018)
19. Du, G., Li, F.: Global higher integrability of solutions to subelliptic double obstacle problems. *J. Appl. Anal. Comput.* **8**(3), 1021–1032 (2018)
20. Du, G., Li, F.: Interior regularity of obstacle problems for nonlinear subelliptic systems with VMO coefficients. *J. Inequal. Appl.* **2018**, 53 (2018)
21. Wang, J., Manfredi, J.: Partial Hölder continuity for nonlinear sub-elliptic systems with VMO-coefficients in the Heisenberg group. *Adv. Nonlinear Anal.* **7**(1), 97–116 (2018)
22. Nagel, A., Stein, E.M., Wainger, S.: Balls and metrics defined by vector fields. I: basic properties. *Acta Math.* **155**, 103–147 (1985)
23. Hajlasz, P., Koskela, P.: Sobolev met Poincaré. *Mem. Am. Math. Soc.* **688**, 101 (2000)

24. Xu, C., Zuily, C.: Higher interior regularity for quasilinear subelliptic systems. *Calc. Var. Partial Differ. Equ.* **5**(4), 323–343 (1997)
25. Chen, Y., Wu, L.: *Second Order Elliptic Equations and Elliptic Systems*. American Mathematical Society, Providence (1998)
26. Zatorska-Goldstein, A.: Very weak solutions of nonlinear subelliptic equations. *Ann. Acad. Sci. Fenn., Math.* **30**(2), 407–436 (2005)

Submit your manuscript to a SpringerOpen[®] journal and benefit from:

- ▶ Convenient online submission
- ▶ Rigorous peer review
- ▶ Open access: articles freely available online
- ▶ High visibility within the field
- ▶ Retaining the copyright to your article

Submit your next manuscript at ▶ [springeropen.com](https://www.springeropen.com)
