



# Blowup Criterion for Viscous Non-barotropic Flows with Zero Heat Conduction Involving Velocity Divergence

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove that the maximum norm of velocity divergence controls the breakdown of smooth (strong) solutions to the two-dimensional (2D) Cauchy problem of the full compressible Navier–Stokes equations with zero heat conduction. The results indicate that the nature of the blowup for the full compressible Navier–Stokes equations with zero heat conduction of viscous flow is similar to the barotropic compressible Navier–Stokes equations and does not depend on the temperature field. The main ingredient of the proof is a priori estimate to the pressure field instead of the temperature field and weighted energy estimates under the assumption that velocity divergence remains bounded. Furthermore, the initial vacuum states are allowed, and the viscosity coefficients are only restricted by the physical conditions.

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## 1. Introduction and Main Results

The motion of a compressible viscous, heat-conducting fluid is governed by the following compressible Navier–Stokes system ([35]):

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0, \\ (\rho u)_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \otimes u) - \mu \Delta u - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u + \nabla P = 0, \\ c_v [\partial_t(\rho \theta) + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \theta)] + P \operatorname{div} u - \kappa \Delta \theta = 2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $u = (u^1, u^2)$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\theta$  and  $P = R\rho\theta$  ( $R > 0$ ) denote the velocity, density, absolute temperature and pressure, respectively. The constant viscosity coefficient  $\mu > 0$ . The positive constants  $c_v$  and  $\kappa$  as the heat capacity and the coefficient of heat conduction, respectively.

The deformation tensor  $\mathfrak{D}(u)$  denotes as

$$\mathfrak{D}(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + (\nabla u)^{tr}).$$

The constant viscosity coefficient  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  satisfy the physical restrictions

$$\mu > 0, \quad \mu + \lambda \geq 0. \quad (1.2)$$

The compressible Navier–Stokes system (1.1) consists of the conservation of mass, momentum and energy. There is a large amount of literature on the wellposedness and illposedness to compressible viscous flows in multi-dimensional, see [3, 4, 9–11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40]) and the references

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cited therein. The local existence and uniqueness of classical solutions were established in [40, 43] in the absence of vacuum. When initial data close to a non-vacuum equilibrium in some Sobolev space, Matsumura-Nishida first obtained [39] the global classical solutions. Later, Hoff [14] studied the global weak solutions with strictly positive initial density and temperature for discontinuous initial data. The major breakthrough is due to Lions [35], he obtained a global weak solution to 3D compressible barotropic Navier–Stokes equations, when solutions have finite energy and the pressure  $P(\rho) = \rho^\gamma$  with  $\gamma \geq \frac{9}{5}$ , and Feireisl [13] extended the results with  $\gamma > \frac{3}{2}$ . Based on the frameworks, Jiang–Zhang [28] constructed the global existence of weak solution for  $\gamma > 1$  with the symmetric initial data. Hu–Wang [15, 16] extended the Lion’s weak solution to the full compressible Navier–Stokes equations and magnetohydrodynamic equations with general large initial data. Moreover, Cho–Kim [3] obtained the local existence and uniqueness of strong solutions with nonnegative initial density in three-dimensional space. Recently, Huang–Li–Xin [18, 23, 33] and Li–Xu–Zhang [31] established the global existence of the classical solution to multi-dimensional compressible Navier–Stokes equations and magnetohydrodynamic equations when the initial total energy is small but possibly large oscillations, respectively.

In particular, Xin [50] and Xin–Yan [51] showed that the smooth solutions to the compressible viscous flows without heat-conductive will blow up in finite time when the initial density has compact support or contains an isolated mass group. Therefore, it should be noted that one would not expect too much regularity of Lions’s weak solutions in general. It is thus important to study the mechanism of blowup and structure of possible singularities of strong (or smooth) solutions to the compressible Navier–Stokes system. In the recent years, there has been some progress along this lines to the multi-dimensional compressible Navier–Stokes equation. The pioneering work can be traced to the incompressible Euler equations, Beale–Kato–Majda (BKM-type) in [1] established a well-known blowup criterion, roughly speaking, that if  $T^* < \infty$  is the life span of a strong (or classical) solution, then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \|\nabla \times u\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)} = \infty, \quad (\text{BKM-type}). \quad (1.3)$$

Later, Ponce [42] rephrased the BKM-type criterion in terms of deformation tensor  $\mathfrak{D}(u)$  for 3D incompressible Euler equations, namely,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \|\mathfrak{D}(u)\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)} = \infty. \quad (1.4)$$

Recently, Huang and Xin [24] established the following blow-up criterion in a 3-D smooth bounded domain for compressible Navier–Stokes equations, similar to the Beale–Kato–Majda criterion for ideal incompressible flows, namely,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)} = \infty, \quad (1.5)$$

provided

$$7\mu > \lambda. \quad (1.6)$$

Very recently, Huang–Li–Xin [22] extended the BKM-type blowup criterion (1.4) to the viscous barotropic Navier–Stokes equations in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

For the non-isentropic compressible Navier–Stokes equations, Jiang–Ou [27] obtained a BKM-type blowup criterion for full Navier–Stokes equations (1.1) over a periodic domain or unit square domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Furthermore, Fan–Jiang–Ou [12] proved that if the strong solution blows up at  $T^*$  to (1.1) in a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\theta\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^\infty)} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)}) = \infty,$$

under the assumption (1.6). More recently, in the absence of a vacuum and  $7\mu > \lambda$ , Sun–Wang–Zhang [46] showed that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\theta\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^\infty)} + \|(\rho^{-1}, \rho)\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^\infty)}) = \infty.$$

On the other side, Wang [48] established a blowup criterion only in term of the divergence of the velocity field in two dimension bounded domain, namely,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^1(0,T;L^\infty)}) = \infty.$$

Indeed, due to the significant works of Xin [50] and Xin–Yan [51] to compressible viscous flows without heat-conductive, the aim of this paper is to investigate the further blowup mechanism to the 2D full compressible Navier–Stokes equations without heat-conductivity. We will assume that  $\kappa = 0$ , and without loss of generality, take  $c_v = R = 1$ , the system (1.1) is reduced to

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0, \\ (\rho u)_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \otimes u) - \mu \Delta u - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u + \nabla P = 0, \\ P_t + \operatorname{div}(P u) + P \operatorname{div} u = 2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2. \end{cases} \tag{1.7}$$

We consider the Cauchy problem to (1.7) with initial conditions

$$(\rho, u, P)(x, 0) = (\rho_0, u_0, P_0)(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \tag{1.8}$$

and the far-field conditions

$$(\rho, u, P)(x, t) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0) \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty. \tag{1.9}$$

Before stating the main result, we will use the following notations and conventions. For  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$  and integer  $k \geq 1$ , we denote the standard Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces as follows,

$$\int f dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f dx,$$

and

$$L^r = L^r(\mathbb{R}^2), \quad W^{k,r} = W^{k,r}(\mathbb{R}^2), \quad H^k = W^{k,2}(\mathbb{R}^2), \quad D^{k,r} = \{u \in L^1_{loc} \mid \nabla^k u \in L^r\}.$$

We denote the material derivative of  $f$  by

$$\dot{f} := f_t + u \cdot \nabla f.$$

We begin with the local existence of strong (or classical) solutions. The existence and uniqueness of local strong (or classical) solutions for the system (1.7)–(1.9) are proved recently in [34, 36], which the initial vacuum states are allowed. The strong solutions to the Cauchy problem (1.7)–(1.9) are defined as follows.

**Definition 1.1** (*Strong solutions*).  $(\rho, u, P)$  is called a strong solution to (1.7) in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T)$ , if for some  $r_0 > 2$  and  $a > 1$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \rho \geq 0, \quad \rho \bar{x}^a \in C([0, T]; L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,r_0}), \\ u \in C([0, T]; D^{1,2} \cap D^{2,2}) \cap L^2(0, T; D^{2,r_0}), \\ \sqrt{\rho} \dot{u} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \quad \dot{u} \in L^2(0, T; D^{1,2}), \\ P \geq 0, \quad P \in C([0, T]; L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,r_0}), \end{cases} \tag{1.10}$$

where  $(\rho, u, P)$  satisfies (1.7) almost everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T)$ . Here

$$\bar{x} \triangleq (e + |x|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln^{1+\eta_0}(e + |x|^2), \tag{1.11}$$

where  $\eta_0$  is a positive constant.

Without loss of generality, we assume that the initial density  $\rho_0$  satisfies

$$\int \rho_0 dx = 1. \quad (1.12)$$

Our main result of this paper can be stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *For given positive constants  $\eta_0, \tilde{q} > 2$  and  $a > 1$ , the initial data satisfies (1.12) and*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &\geq 0, \quad P_0 \geq 0, \quad \rho_0 \bar{x}^a \in L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,\tilde{q}}, \\ P_0 &\in L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,\tilde{q}}, \quad \nabla u_0 \in H^1, \quad \sqrt{\rho_0} u_0 \in L^2, \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

and the compatibility conditions

$$-\mu \Delta u_0 - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u_0 + \nabla P_0 = \sqrt{\rho_0} g, \quad (1.14)$$

for some  $g \in L^2$ . Suppose  $(\rho, u, P)$  be a strong solution to the Cauchy problem (1.7)–(1.9). If  $T^* < \infty$  is the maximal existence time of the strong solution, then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \int_0^T \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty}^s dt = \infty, \quad (1.15)$$

for all  $s \geq 1$ .

*Remark 1.1.* Under the conditions of Theorem 1.1, the local existence of a strong solution was established in [34, 36]. Hence, the maximal time  $T^*$  is well-defined.

*Remark 1.2.* In view of the standard Hölder inequality and  $\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^{q_1}(0,T;L^\infty)} \leq C$  for  $q_1 > 1$ , we obtain the bound of  $\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^{q_2}(0,T;L^\infty)} \leq C$  for any  $q_2 \in [1, q_1)$ . Hence, it suffices to prove the main Theorem 1.1 holds for  $s = 1$ .

*Remark 1.3.* Very recently, the authors [26] establish a blowup criterion in terms of the integrability of the density for strong solutions to the compressible viscous barotropic Navier–Stokes equations in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with vacuum. It would be interesting to study whether the integrability of the density can guarantee the global regularity of the system (1.7)–(1.9).

*Remark 1.4.* Recently, Zhong [54, 55] obtained a blowup criterion to system (1.7)–(1.9), if  $T^* < \infty$  is the maximal time for the existence of a strong (or classical) solution, then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} + \|P\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)}) = \infty.$$

For the 3D Cauchy problem of non-isentropic Navier–Stokes equations with zero heat conduction, Huang–Xin [25] proved that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} + \|\theta\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)}) = \infty,$$

under the assumption  $\mu > 4\lambda$ . In particular, Duan [8], Zhong [53] and Wang [47] established a some blowup criteria for the 3D compressible non-isentropic magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) equations with zero heat-conductivity. It would be interesting to study whether the maximum norm of velocity divergence can guarantee the global regularity of the 3D system (1.7)–(1.9).

*Remark 1.5.* We would like to mention the recent works on the well-known Serrin-type blowup criteria for compressible flows in [17, 20, 21, 52] for more details. The pioneering work can be traced to Serrin’s criterion was first established by J. Serrin in [44] for three-dimensional incompressible Navier–Stokes flows. Some similar blowup criteria for the compressible flows and liquid–gas two-phase flow model have been established in the recent papers, see [5–7, 45, 49] and references therein.

We now comment on the analysis of this paper.

Compared with [27, 48] for 2D the full compressible Navier–Stokes equations in bounded domain, some new difficulties arise for the Cauchy problem of the compressible non-isentropic Navier–Stokes equations with zero heat conduction. First, it seems difficult to bound the norm  $\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  for any  $q > 1$  just in terms of  $\|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  and  $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$ , since the Brezis-Waigner’s inequality [2] fails for unbounded domain  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Inspired by [37, 38], one way to overcome this difficulty is to estimate the momentum  $\rho u$  instead of the velocity  $u$  provided that  $\rho$  decays for large  $x$ . Moreover, in order to estimate  $L_t^\infty L_x^\infty$ -norm of  $P$ , we first show a priori estimate  $L_t^\infty L_x^q$ -norm of  $P$  for any  $1 < q < \infty$ . Next, we use logarithmic type Gronwall’s inequality and a finer estimate for  $\rho$ ,  $u$  and  $P$ , and obtain the estimates  $L_t^\infty L_x^2$ ,  $L_t^\infty L_x^{\tilde{q}}$ -norm of  $(\nabla \rho, \nabla P)$  ( $\tilde{q} > 2$ ). Finally, we can obtain the spatial weighted estimate of density. Furthermore, the initial density vacuum is allowed in this paper. bound the norm  $\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  for any  $q > 1$  just in terms of  $\|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  and  $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$ , since the Brezis-Waigner’s inequality [2] fails for unbounded domain  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Inspired by [37, 38], one way to overcome this difficulty is to estimate the momentum  $\rho u$  instead of the velocity  $u$  provided that  $\rho$  decays for large  $x$ .

The remain of this paper is organized as follows. First, some important inequalities and auxiliary lemmas will be given in Sect. 2. Moreover, we prove the main result Theorem 1.1 in Sect. 3.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we will recall some elementary lemmas and inequalities that will be used later.

First, we will give the result on the local existence of the strong solution to the full Navier–Stokes system (1.7)–(1.9), and the proof can be found in [34].

**Proposition 2.1** (Local existence of strong solution). *Assume that the initial data  $(\rho_0, u_0, P_0)$  satisfy (1.13) and (1.14). Then there exists a positive constant  $T_0$  and unique strong solution  $(\rho, u, P)$  to the Cauchy problem (1.7)–(1.9) on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T_0)$ .*

Next, the following well-known Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequalities, which will be used later frequently (see [41] for the detailed proof).

**Lemma 2.2.** *For  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $m \in (1, \infty)$ , and  $n \in (2, \infty)$ , there exists a generic positive constant  $C$  which may depend on  $m, n$  such that for any  $f \in H^1$ ,  $g \in L^m \cap D^{1,n}$ , there holds*

$$\|f\|_{L^p}^p \leq C \|f\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla f\|_{L^2}^{p-2}, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\|g\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \|g\|_{L^m} + C \|\nabla g\|_{L^n}. \tag{2.2}$$

The effective viscous flux  $G$ , and vorticity  $\omega$  are defined as follows.

$$G = (2\mu + \lambda) \operatorname{div} u - P, \quad \omega = \nabla \times u = \partial_{x_1} u^2 - \partial_{x_2} u^1. \tag{2.3}$$

It follows from the momentum equations (1.7)<sub>2</sub> that we can obtain two key elliptic system of  $G$  and  $\omega$ ,

$$\Delta G = \operatorname{div}(\rho \dot{u}), \quad \mu \Delta \omega = \nabla \times (\rho \dot{u}). \tag{2.4}$$

In view of the standard  $L^p$ -estimate of elliptic system (2.4), we obtain the following estimate.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $(\rho, u, P)$  be a smooth solution of (2.4) and  $p \geq 2$ . Then there exists a generic positive constant  $C$  depending only on  $\mu, \lambda$  and  $p$ , such that*

$$\|\nabla G\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^p} \leq C \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^p}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\|G\|_{L^p} + \|\omega\|_{L^p} \leq C \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{1-\frac{2}{p}} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2})^{\frac{2}{p}}, \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^p} \leq C \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{1-\frac{2}{p}} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2})^{\frac{2}{p}} + C \|P\|_{L^p}. \tag{2.7}$$

*Proof.* The standard  $L^p$ -estimate for elliptic system (2.4) yields (2.5).

In view of (2.1), (2.3) and (2.5), one has (2.6).

Using the similar arguments as Lemma 2.5 in [33], we obtain the desired estimate (2.7). □

The following Hardy-type inequality plays a crucial role in the estimate, the detailed proofs can be found in [32].

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\bar{x}$  and  $\eta_0$  be as in (1.11) and  $B_{N_1} = \{x \mid |x| < N_1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $N_1 \geq 1$ . Assume that  $\rho \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is a non-negative function such that*

$$\|\rho\|_{L^1(B_{N_1})} \geq M_1, \quad \|\rho\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq M_2,$$

for positive constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending on  $M_1, M_2, \gamma, N_1$  and  $\eta_0$  such that

$$\|v\bar{x}^{-1}\|_{L^2} \leq C (\|\sqrt{\rho}v\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}), \tag{2.8}$$

for any  $v \in \tilde{D}^{1,2} \triangleq \{v \in H^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^2) \mid \nabla v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)\}$ . Furthermore, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending on  $\varepsilon, \eta, M_1, M_2, \gamma, N_1$  and  $\eta_0$  such that every function  $v \in \tilde{D}^{1,2}$  satisfies

$$\|v\bar{x}^{-\eta}\|_{L^{\frac{2+\varepsilon}{\eta}}} \leq C (\|\sqrt{\rho}v\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}), \tag{2.9}$$

with  $\tilde{\eta} = \min\{1, \eta\}$ .

In addition, in order to estimate  $\|\nabla u\|_{L^p}$ , we introduce the following inequality, which is crucial to the velocity field for 2D Cauchy problem (see [30] for the detailed proof).

**Lemma 2.5.** *Suppose that  $u \in C^\infty_0(\mathbb{R}^2)$  for any  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . There exists a constant  $C$  depending only on  $p$ , such that*

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^p} \leq C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^p} + \|\omega\|_{L^p}). \tag{2.10}$$

In order to improve the regularity of the velocity field, we introduce some regularity estimates to the following so-called Lamé system,

$$\begin{cases} \mu\Delta U + (\mu + \lambda)\nabla\operatorname{div}U = F, & x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ U(x) \rightarrow 0, & |x| \rightarrow \infty, \end{cases} \tag{2.11}$$

where  $U = (U_1, U_2), F = (F_1, F_2)$  and  $\mu, \lambda$  satisfy the condition (1.2). The following Lemma can be found in [17, 45].

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $r \in (1, \infty), q \in (2, \infty)$ . Suppose  $U \in D^{1,r} \cap D^{2,q}$  is a weak solution to the system (2.11). Then there exists some constant  $C$  depending only on  $\lambda, \mu, q$  and  $r$  such that the following estimates hold:*

(1) *If  $F \in L^r$ , then*

$$\|\nabla^2 U\|_{L^r} \leq C \|F\|_{L^r}. \tag{2.12}$$

(2) *If  $F = \operatorname{div} f$  with  $f = (f_{ij})_{2 \times 2} \in L^r \cap D^{1,q}$ , then*

$$\|\nabla U\|_{L^r} \leq C \|f\|_{L^r}, \tag{2.13}$$

and

$$\|\nabla U\|_{L^\infty} \leq C (1 + \ln(e + \|\nabla f\|_{L^q})) \|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^r}. \tag{2.14}$$

### 3. Proof of The Main Results

Let  $(\rho, u, P)$  be a strong solution of (1.7)–(1.9) on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T^*)$ . Suppose that (1.15) was false, for  $s = 1$ , namely, there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \int_0^T \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} dt \leq M < \infty. \tag{3.1}$$

First, we have the following upper uniform estimates of the density.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Under the assumption (3.1), it holds that for  $0 \leq T < T^*$ ,*

$$\rho \geq 0, \quad P \geq 0, \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\sup_{0 \leq T \leq T^*} \|\rho\|_{L^1 \cap L^\infty} \leq C. \tag{3.3}$$

Here and after,  $c, C$  and  $C_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) denote generic positive constants depending only on  $M, \mu, \lambda, T^*$  and the initial data.

*Proof.* The particle path can be defined before blowup time as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} X(x, t) = u(X(x, t), t), \\ X(x, 0) = x. \end{cases} \tag{3.4}$$

It follows from the continuity equation and along the particle path that the density can be expressed by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho(X(x, t), t) = -\rho(X(x, t), t) \operatorname{div} u(X(x, t), t),$$

implies

$$\rho(X(x, t), t) = \rho_0(x) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \operatorname{div} u(X(x, s), s) ds \right\},$$

which together with  $\rho_0 \geq 0$ , (3.1) and Lemma 2.1 in [22] implies  $\rho \geq 0$  and (3.3).

Indeed, in view of the continuity equation, we obtain  $\|\rho\|_{L^1} = \|\rho_0\|_{L^1}$ .

Furthermore, one has

$$P_t + u \cdot \nabla P = -2P \operatorname{div} u + F, \tag{3.5}$$

where  $F = 2\mu|\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda(\operatorname{div} u)^2$ .

Thus, along particle path (3.4) and (3.5), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} P(X(x, t), t) = -2P \operatorname{div} u + F,$$

which implies

$$P(X(x, t), t) = \left( P_0 + \int_0^t \exp \left( 2 \int_0^s \operatorname{div} u d\tau \right) F ds \right) \exp \left\{ -2 \int_0^t \operatorname{div} u ds \right\} \geq 0. \tag{3.6}$$

Hence, we finish the proof of Lemma 3.1. □

Next, we will give the standard energy estimates as follows.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Under the assumption (3.1), there exists a positive constant  $N_1$  such that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|P\|_{L^1} + \|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^2}^2) + \int_0^T \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 dt \leq C, \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$\inf_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int_{B_{N_1}} \rho dx \geq \frac{1}{4}, \quad (3.8)$$

for any  $0 \leq T < T^*$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, multiplying (1.7)<sub>2</sub> by  $u$ , we obtain after integrating over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and integrating by parts that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int \rho |u|^2 dx + \int (\mu |\nabla u|^2 + (\mu + \lambda)(\operatorname{div} u)^2) dx &= \int P \operatorname{div} u dx \\ &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \int P dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Integrating the pressure equation in (1.7)<sub>3</sub> over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  yields to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int P dx &= - \int P \operatorname{div} u dx + \int (2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2) dx \\ &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \int P dx + C_0 \int |\nabla u|^2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Set  $C_1 = \frac{C_0+1}{\mu}$ , adding (3.9) multiplied by  $C_1$  to (3.10), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int \left( P + \frac{C_1}{2} \rho |u|^2 \right) dx + \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \\ \leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \int P dx, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (3.1) and Gronwall's inequality gives

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int \left( P + \frac{C_1}{2} \rho |u|^2 \right) dx + \int_0^T \int |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \leq C. \quad (3.11)$$

Next, for  $N_1 > 1$ , a cutoff function  $\eta_{N_1}(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is defined by

$$0 \leq \eta_{N_1}(x) \leq 1, \quad \eta_{N_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |x| \leq N_1, \\ 0, & \text{if } |x| \geq 2N_1, \end{cases} \quad |\nabla \eta_{N_1}| \leq \frac{2}{N_1}.$$

Multiplying (1.7)<sub>1</sub> by  $\eta_{N_1}$  and integrating by parts give that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int \rho \eta_{N_1} dx &= \int \rho u \cdot \nabla \eta_{N_1} dx \\ &\geq -2N_1^{-1} \left( \int \rho dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int \rho |u|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq -CN_1^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

due to Hölder's inequality and (3.11). This gives

$$\inf_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int \rho \eta_{N_1} dx \geq \int \rho_0 \eta_{N_1} dx - CN_1^{-1}T,$$

which together with (1.12) imply that

$$\inf_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int_{B_{N_1}} \rho dx \geq \frac{1}{4}, \quad (3.12)$$

for  $N_1$  suitably large.

Therefore, in view of (3.11) and (3.12), we complete the proof of the Lemma 3.2.  $\square$



We can prove the following key estimate on  $\nabla u$ , which is crucial for deriving the higher order estimates to the solution.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Under condition (3.1), it holds that for  $0 \leq T < T^*$ ,*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|P\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^1}) + \int_0^T \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 dt \leq C. \tag{3.13}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the momentum equation (1.7)<sub>2</sub> by  $\dot{u}$ , integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and integrating by parts yield to

$$\begin{aligned} \int \rho |\dot{u}|^2 dx &= \int (\mu \Delta u + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u) \dot{u} dx - \int \nabla P \cdot \dot{u} dx \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^2 I_i. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

Indeed, for  $\nabla^\perp \triangleq (-\partial_2, \partial_1)$ , and  $-\Delta u = -\nabla \operatorname{div} u - \nabla^\perp \omega$ , integrating by parts, we have the following estimates to  $I_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int (u_t + u \cdot \nabla u) (\mu \Delta u + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int (\mu |\nabla u|^2 + (\mu + \lambda) (\operatorname{div} u)^2) dx \\ &\quad + \mu \int u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \nabla^\perp \omega dx + (2\mu + \lambda) \int u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div} u dx \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int (\mu |\nabla u|^2 + (\mu + \lambda) (\operatorname{div} u)^2) dx + C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx, \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

where we have used the following facts.

$$\begin{aligned} \int u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \nabla^\perp \omega dx &= \int (\partial_2 (u^i \partial_i u^1) - \partial_1 (u^i \partial_i u^2)) \omega dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \omega^2 \operatorname{div} u dx, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div} u dx \\ &= -\int \partial_i u^j \partial_j u^i \operatorname{div} u dx + \frac{1}{2} \int (\operatorname{div} u)^3 dx. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using Young’s inequality and integrating by parts, one has

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int (P \operatorname{div} u_t - (u \cdot \nabla u) \cdot \nabla P) dx \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \int P \operatorname{div} u dx - \int (P_t \operatorname{div} u + (u \cdot \nabla u) \cdot \nabla P) dx \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \int P \operatorname{div} u dx + \int (P (\operatorname{div} u)^2 - 2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 \operatorname{div} u - \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^3 + P \partial_j u^i \partial_i u^j) dx \\ &\leq \frac{d}{dt} \int P \operatorname{div} u dx + C \int (P |\nabla u| + |\nabla u|^2) |\operatorname{div} u| dx + C \int |\nabla u|^2 P dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

Furthermore, using Young's inequality, Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5 lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int P|\nabla u|^2 dx &\leq C\|P\|_{L^2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^4}^2 \\
 &\leq C\|P\|_{L^2}(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^4}^2 + \|\omega\|_{L^4}^2) \\
 &\leq C\|P\|_{L^2}(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty}\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^2} + \|\omega\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\omega\|_{L^2}) \\
 &\leq C\|P\|_{L^2}(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}\|\nabla\omega\|_{L^2}) \\
 &\leq C\|P\|_{L^2}(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty}\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}) \\
 &\leq C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2)(\|P\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) + C\varepsilon\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

which together with (3.16) and choosing  $\varepsilon$  suitable small yields to

$$I_2 \leq \frac{d}{dt} \int P \operatorname{div}u dx + C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) \left( \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int P^2 dx \right) + \frac{1}{2} \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2. \tag{3.18}$$

Substituting (3.15) and (3.18) into (3.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{d}{dt} \int (\mu|\nabla u|^2 + (\mu + \lambda)(\operatorname{div}u)^2 - 2P \operatorname{div}u) dx + \int \rho|\dot{u}|^2 dx \\
 &\leq C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) \left( \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int P^2 dx \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

Next, we will estimate the term  $\|P\|_{L^2}^2$ . Multiplying (1.7)<sub>3</sub> by  $P$ , and integrating it over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , after integration by parts together with (3.17) show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int P^2 dx &= \int (2\mu|\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda(\operatorname{div}u)^2 - \operatorname{div}(Pu) - P \operatorname{div}u) P dx \\
 &= \int \left( 2\mu|\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda(\operatorname{div}u)^2 - \frac{3}{2} P \operatorname{div}u \right) P dx \\
 &\leq C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) \left( \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int P^2 dx \right) + C\varepsilon\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

due to Hölder's inequality.

Noting that

$$\left| \int P \operatorname{div}u dx \right| \leq \frac{\mu}{4} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{C_1}{2} \int P^2 dx. \tag{3.21}$$

Then, adding (3.20) multiplied by  $2(C_1 + 1)$  to (3.19) and choosing  $\varepsilon$  suitable small, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{d}{dt} \int (\mu|\nabla u|^2 + (\mu + \lambda)(\operatorname{div}u)^2 - 2P \operatorname{div}u + (C_1 + 1)P^2) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \rho|\dot{u}|^2 dx \\
 &\leq C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) \left( \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int P^2 dx \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

with together with (3.1), (3.21) and Gronwall's inequality yields

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int (|\nabla u|^2 + P^2) dx + \int_0^T \int \rho|\dot{u}|^2 dx dt \leq C. \tag{3.22}$$

Finally, multiplying (1.7)<sub>1</sub> by  $\bar{x}^a$  and integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and integrating by parts yield that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int \rho \bar{x}^a dx &\leq C \int \rho |u| \bar{x}^{a-1} \ln^{1+\eta_0} (e + |x|^2) dx \\ &\leq C \int \rho^{\frac{7+a}{8+a}} \bar{x}^{\frac{a^2+7a}{8+a}} \bar{x}^{-\frac{4}{8+a}} |u| \bar{x}^{-\frac{4}{8+a}} \ln^{1+\eta_0} (e + |x|^2) dx \\ &\leq C \left\| \bar{x}^{-\frac{4}{8+a}} \ln^{1+\eta_0} (e + |x|^2) \right\|_{L^\infty} \left\| u \bar{x}^{-\frac{4}{8+a}} \right\|_{L^{8+a}} \left( \int \rho \bar{x}^a dx \right)^{\frac{7+a}{8+a}} \\ &\leq C (\|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}) \left( \int \rho \bar{x}^a dx \right)^{\frac{7+a}{8+a}} \\ &\leq C (1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2) \left( \int \rho \bar{x}^a dx + 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

due to (2.9). This together with Gronwall’s inequality and (3.7) gives

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int \rho \bar{x}^a dx \leq C.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.3. □

Next, we have the following estimates on the material derivatives of the velocity.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Under the condition (3.1), it holds that for  $0 \leq T < T^*$ ,*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|P\|_{L^4}^4) + \int_0^T \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 dt \leq C. \tag{3.23}$$

*Proof.* Applying  $\dot{u}^j (\partial_t + \text{div}(u \cdot))$  to the  $j$ -th equation in the momentum equations ( $j = 1, 2$ ), integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and integration by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int \rho |\dot{u}|^2 dx &= - \int \dot{u}^j (\partial_j P_t + \text{div}(u \partial_j P)) dx + \mu \int \dot{u}^j (\Delta u_t^j + \text{div}(u \Delta u^j)) dx \\ &\quad + (\mu + \lambda) \int \dot{u}^j (\partial_j \text{div} u_t + \text{div}(u \partial_j \text{div} u)) dx \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^3 J_j. \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

For the first term on the right-hand side of (3.24), using (1.7)<sub>3</sub>, Young’s inequality, and integration by parts yields to

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= - \int \dot{u}^j (\partial_j P_t + \text{div}(u \partial_j P)) dx \\ &= \int \partial_j \dot{u}^j (2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\text{div} u)^2 - \text{div}(Pu) - P \text{div} u) dx + \int \partial_k \dot{u}^j \partial_j P u^k dx \\ &= \int \partial_j \dot{u}^j (2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\text{div} u)^2 - P \text{div} u) dx - \int P \partial_k \dot{u}^j \partial_j u^k dx \\ &\leq C \int |\nabla \dot{u}| |\nabla u| (|\nabla u| + P) dx \\ &\leq \frac{\mu}{8} \int |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 dx + C \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + C \int P^4 dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

Next, after integrating by parts, it follows from Young's inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_2 &= \mu \int \dot{u}^j (\Delta u_t^j + \operatorname{div}(u \Delta u^j)) dx \\
 &= -\mu \int \left( \partial_i \dot{u}^j \partial_i u_t^j + \Delta u^j u \cdot \nabla \dot{u}^j \right) dx \\
 &= -\mu \int \left( |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 - \partial_i \dot{u}^j u^k \partial_k \partial_i u^j - \partial_i \dot{u}^j \partial_i u^k \partial_k u^j + \partial_i \partial_i u^j u^k \partial_k \dot{u}^j \right) dx \\
 &= -\mu \int \left( |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 + \partial_i \dot{u}^j \partial_i u^j \operatorname{div} u - \partial_i \dot{u}^j \partial_i u^k \partial_k u^j - \partial_k \dot{u}^j \partial_i u^k \partial_i u^j \right) dx \\
 &\leq -\frac{5\mu}{8} \int |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 dx + C \int |\nabla u|^4 dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

Similarly,

$$J_3 \leq -\frac{5}{8}(\mu + \lambda) \int (\operatorname{div} \dot{u})^2 dx + C \int |\nabla u|^4 dx \leq C \int |\nabla u|^4 dx. \tag{3.27}$$

Putting (3.25)–(3.27) into (3.24), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int \rho |\dot{u}|^2 dx + \mu \int |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 dx \leq C \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + C \int P^4 dx. \tag{3.28}$$

Furthermore, we multiply (1.7)<sub>3</sub> by  $4P^3$ , and integrating it over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , after integration by parts, Hölder's inequality, (3.13), Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5 yield to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \int P^4 dx &= 4 \int (2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2 - \nabla P \cdot u - 2P \operatorname{div} u) P^3 dx \\
 &= 4 \int \left( 2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2 - \frac{7}{4} P \operatorname{div} u \right) P^3 dx \\
 &\leq C \int \left( (\operatorname{div} u)^2 P^3 + |\operatorname{div} u| P^4 + |\nabla u|^2 P^3 \right) dx \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^8}^2 \|P\|_{L^4}^3 \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) + C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^8}^2 + \|\omega\|_{L^8}^2) \|P\|_{L^4}^3 \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) + C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^8}^2 + \|\omega\|_{L^8}^2) \|P\|_{L^4}^3 \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) \\
 &\quad + C \left( \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^4} + \|\omega\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \|P\|_{L^4}^3 \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) \\
 &\quad + C \left( \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla u\|_{L^4} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \|P\|_{L^4}^3 \\
 &\leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx \right) + C (\|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + 1) (\|P\|_{L^4}^4 + 1) \\
 &\leq C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + 1) \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx + 1 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

This together with (3.28) gives that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int (\rho|\dot{u}|^2 + P^4) dx + \mu \int |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 dx \\ & \leq C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + 1) \left( \int |\nabla u|^4 dx + \int P^4 dx + 1 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

To deal with the right-hand side of (3.29), using (2.7) and (3.13), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \int |\nabla u|^4 dx & \leq C \|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2})^2 + C \|P\|_{L^4}^4 \\ & \leq C \int \rho|\dot{u}|^2 dx + C \int P^4 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

This together with (3.29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int (\rho|\dot{u}|^2 + P^4) dx + \mu \int |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 dx \\ & \leq C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + 1) \left( \int \rho|\dot{u}|^2 dx + \int P^4 dx + 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

which together with (3.1) and (3.13), we immediately obtain (3.23) by applying Gronwall's inequality. The proof of Lemma 3.4 is finished.  $\square$

Next, in view of Lemmas 3.1–3.4, we will prove the higher order integrability of  $P$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** *Under the condition (3.1), for any  $0 \leq T < T^*$  and  $q \in [2, \infty)$ , it holds that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|P(\cdot, t)\|_{L^q} \leq C, \quad (3.31)$$

and

$$\int_0^T \|P(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} dt \leq C. \quad (3.32)$$

*Proof.* For any  $q \in [2, \infty)$ , multiplying (1.7)<sub>3</sub> by  $qP^{q-1}$  and integrating by parts over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int P^q dx & = \int (2\mu q |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 P^{q-1} + \lambda q (\operatorname{div} u)^2 P^{q-1} - u \cdot \nabla P^q - 2q P^q \operatorname{div} u) dx \\ & = (1 - 2q) \int P^q \operatorname{div} u dx + q \int (2\mu |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 + \lambda (\operatorname{div} u)^2) P^{q-1} dx \\ & \leq C \int P^q |\operatorname{div} u| dx + C q \int ((\operatorname{div} u)^2 + |\nabla u|^2) P^{q-1} dx \\ & \leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int P^q dx + \int |\nabla u|^q dx \right) + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^{2q}}^2 \|P\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \\ & \leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int P^q dx + \int |\nabla u|^q dx \right) + C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^{2q}}^2 + \|\omega\|_{L^{2q}}^2) \|P\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \\ & \leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int P^q dx + \int |\nabla u|^q dx \right) \\ & \quad + C \left( \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^q} + \|\omega\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2}{q}} \|\nabla \omega\|_{L^2}^{2-\frac{2}{q}} \right) \|P\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \\ & \leq C \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} \left( \int P^q dx + \int |\nabla u|^q dx \right) + C \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{2-\frac{2}{q}} \|P\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \\ & \leq C (\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + 1) \left( \int P^q dx + \int |\nabla u|^q dx + 1 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

where have used (2.1), (2.5), (2.10), (3.13), (3.23), Hölder’s inequality and the following facts.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^q} &\leq C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{1-\frac{2}{q}}(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|P\|_{L^2})^{\frac{2}{q}} + C\|P\|_{L^q} \\ &\leq C + C\|P\|_{L^q}, \end{aligned}$$

due to (2.7) and (3.23). This together with (3.33) yield that

$$\frac{d}{dt}\|P\|_{L^q} \leq C(\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + 1)(\|P\|_{L^q} + 1), \tag{3.34}$$

with constant  $C$  only depending on  $\mu, \lambda$  and  $q$ .

Combining (3.34) with (3.1) and using Gronwall’s inequality, one has

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|P(\cdot, t)\|_{L^q} \leq C.$$

Moreover, for some  $\tilde{q} > 2$ , in view of (2.1), (2.5), (2.9), (3.3), (3.13), (3.23) and Hölder’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C\|G\|_{L^2} + C\|\nabla G\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} \\ &\leq C\|\nabla G\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + C \\ &\leq C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + C \\ &\leq C\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2(\tilde{q}-1)}{\tilde{q}^2-2}}\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}^2}}^{\frac{\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}-2)}{\tilde{q}^2-2}} + C \\ &\leq C\left\|\rho^{\tilde{q}^2}\bar{x}^a\right\|_{L^1}^{\frac{\tilde{q}-2}{2\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}^2-2)}}\left\|\dot{u}\bar{x}^{-\frac{a}{2\tilde{q}^2}}\right\|_{L^{2\tilde{q}^2}}^{\frac{\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}-2)}{\tilde{q}^2-2}} + C \\ &\leq C\left\|\rho\bar{x}^a\right\|_{L^1}^{\frac{\tilde{q}-2}{2\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}^2-2)}}\left\|\dot{u}\bar{x}^{-\frac{a}{2\tilde{q}^2}}\right\|_{L^{2\tilde{q}^2}}^{\frac{\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}-2)}{\tilde{q}^2-2}} + C \\ &\leq C\left(1 + \|\nabla\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}-2)}{\tilde{q}^2-2}}\right) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla\dot{u}\|_{L^2}), \end{aligned} \tag{3.35}$$

due to  $\frac{\tilde{q}(\tilde{q}-2)}{\tilde{q}^2-2} \leq 1$ . This together with  $G = (2\mu + \lambda)\operatorname{div}u - P$  and (3.23) yield to

$$\int_0^T \|P\|_{L^\infty} dt \leq C \int_0^T (\|\operatorname{div}u\|_{L^\infty} + \|G\|_{L^\infty}) dt \leq C.$$

Hence, the proof of Lemma 3.5 is completed. □

The following lemma is to prove the higher-order derivatives of strong solution  $(\rho, u, P)$ . In particular, we obtain the second spatial derivatives of  $u$  and the  $L^2 \cap L^{\tilde{q}}$ -norm ( $\tilde{q} > 2$ ) of the first spatial derivative of  $\rho$  and  $P$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Suppose that the conditions (3.1) holds, and let  $\tilde{q} > 2$  be defined in Theorem 1.1, we have that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\nabla u\|_{H^1} + \|\rho\|_{H^1 \cap W^{1,\tilde{q}}} + \|P\|_{H^1 \cap W^{1,\tilde{q}}}) + \int_0^T \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}^2 dt \leq C, \tag{3.36}$$

and

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|P\|_{L^\infty} \leq C, \tag{3.37}$$

for any  $0 \leq T < T^*$ .

*Proof.* Indeed,  $|\nabla\rho|^r$  ( $2 \leq r \leq \tilde{q}$ ) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & (|\nabla\rho|^r)_t + \operatorname{div}(|\nabla\rho|^r u) + (r-1)|\nabla\rho|^r \operatorname{div}u \\ & + r|\nabla\rho|^{r-2}(\nabla\rho)^{tr} \nabla u(\nabla\rho) + r\rho|\nabla\rho|^{r-2} \nabla\rho \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div}u = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which together with integrating the resulting equation over  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and Hölder’s inequality gives that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla\rho\|_{L^r} \leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty}) \|\nabla\rho\|_{L^r} + C \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r}. \tag{3.38}$$

Furthermore, in view of (1.7)<sub>3</sub>,  $|\nabla P|^r$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & (|\nabla P|^r)_t + \operatorname{div}(|\nabla P|^r u) + (2r-1)|\nabla P|^r \operatorname{div}u \\ & + r|\nabla P|^{r-2}(\nabla P)^{tr} \nabla u(\nabla P) + 2rP|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div}u \\ & - 2r\mu|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 - \lambda r|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla (\operatorname{div}u)^2 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which together with effective viscous flux  $G = (2\mu + \lambda) \operatorname{div}u - P$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} & (|\nabla P|^r)_t + \operatorname{div}(|\nabla P|^r u) + (2r-1)|\nabla P|^r \operatorname{div}u + r|\nabla P|^{r-2}(\nabla P)^{tr} \nabla u(\nabla P) \\ & + \frac{2r}{2\mu + \lambda} P|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla G + \frac{2r}{2\mu + \lambda} P|\nabla P|^r \\ & - 2r\mu|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla |\mathfrak{D}(u)|^2 - \lambda r|\nabla P|^{r-2} \nabla P \cdot \nabla (\operatorname{div}u)^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.5) and (3.31), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^r & \leq C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^r + C\|P\|_{L^{2r}} \|\nabla G\|_{L^{2r}} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1} \\ & + C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1} \\ & \leq C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^r + C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{2r}} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1} + C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1} \\ & \leq C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} (\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}) \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1} + C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{2r}} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}^{r-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.39}$$

where have used the fact

$$\int P|\nabla P|^r dx \geq 0.$$

It follows from (3.39) that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} \leq C\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} (\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}) + C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{2r}}. \tag{3.40}$$

Combined with (3.38) and (3.40) gives directly that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} (\|\nabla\rho\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}) \\ & \leq C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} + 1) (\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla\rho\|_{L^r}) + C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{2r}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.41}$$

In order to estimate  $\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty}$ , we decompose the velocity field into two parts, namely  $u = v + w$ , which satisfy the following equations with null boundary Dirichlet conditions, respectively,

$$\mu\Delta v + (\mu + \lambda)\nabla \operatorname{div}v = \nabla P, \tag{3.42}$$

and

$$\mu\Delta w + (\mu + \lambda)\nabla \operatorname{div}w = \rho\dot{u}. \tag{3.43}$$

In view of Lemmas 2.6, 3.3–Lemma 3.5 and (3.35), we obtain

$$\|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^r} \leq C\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^r} \leq C(\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \leq C(1 + \|\nabla\dot{u}\|_{L^2}), \tag{3.44}$$

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L^r} \leq C\|P\|_{L^r} \leq C, \tag{3.45}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C(1 + \ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}))\|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|P\|_{L^r} \\ &\leq C(1 + \ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}))\|P\|_{L^\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.46}$$

It follows from (2.2), (3.35), (3.41), (3.44)–(3.46) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt} (\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r}) \\ &\leq C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} + 1)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r}) + C\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^{2r}} \\ &\leq C(\|\nabla w\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} + 1)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r}) + C(1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq C(\|\nabla w\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r} + 1) \\ &\leq C(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r} + 1) \\ &\leq C(\ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})\|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^r} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^r} + 1). \end{aligned} \tag{3.47}$$

Set  $r = \tilde{q}$ , the standard  $L^{\tilde{q}}$ -estimate of elliptic system (1.7)<sub>2</sub>, (2.9), (3.23) and (3.42) give to

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} &\leq C(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.48}$$

Inserting (3.48) into (3.47), one has

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt} (\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \\ &\leq C(\ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})\|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)(\|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + 1) \\ &\quad + C(\ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})\|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)\|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C(\ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})\|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)(\|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + 1) \\ &\quad + C(\ln(e + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})(1 + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + 1)\|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C(1 + \|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2)(e + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}})\ln(e + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.49}$$

Set  $f(t) = e + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}$  and  $g(t) = 1 + \|P\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2$ , together with (3.49), we obtain

$$f'(t) \leq Cg(t)f(t)\ln f(t),$$

which implies

$$(\ln f(t))' \leq Cg(t)\ln f(t).$$

This together with (3.23), (3.32) and Gronwall’s inequality yields to

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \leq C. \tag{3.50}$$

It follows from (2.2), (3.13), (3.48) and (3.50) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\tilde{q}}}) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2), \end{aligned}$$

which together with (3.23) yields to

$$\int_0^T \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} dt \leq C. \tag{3.51}$$

Taking  $r = 2$ , we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}) \leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty})(\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2} + 1) + C\|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}, \tag{3.52}$$



where we have used the following facts.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2} &\leq C(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.53}$$

Using (3.23), (3.51) and Gronwall’s inequality yield to

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\nabla \rho\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}) \leq C, \tag{3.54}$$

which together with (3.53) yields to

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2} \leq C. \tag{3.55}$$

In view of (3.48), (3.23) and (3.50), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}^2 dt &\leq C \int_0^T (1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}^2) dt \\ &\leq C \int_0^T (1 + \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla P\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}^2) dt \\ &\leq C. \end{aligned} \tag{3.56}$$

Finally, due to (2.2), one has

$$\|P\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\|P\|_{L^2} + C\|\nabla P\|_{L^{\bar{q}}},$$

which together with (3.50) gives to

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|P\|_{L^\infty} \leq C. \tag{3.57}$$

Thus the desired (3.36) and (3.37) follows from (3.50), (3.54), (3.55), (3.56) and (3.57). We complete the proof of Lemma 3.6. □

We have the following spatial weighted estimate on the density.

**Lemma 3.7.** *With the assumption (3.1), and let  $\tilde{q} > 2$  be defined in Theorem 1.1, it holds*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{H^1 \cap W^{1, \tilde{q}}} \leq C. \tag{3.58}$$

*Proof.* Indeed, in view of (1.7)<sub>1</sub>,  $\rho \bar{x}^a$  satisfies

$$(\rho \bar{x}^a)_t + u \cdot \nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a) - a \rho \bar{x}^a u \cdot \nabla \ln \bar{x} + \rho \bar{x}^a \operatorname{div} u = 0.$$

Thus,  $|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^p$  ( $p \in [2, r]$ ) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &(|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^p)_t + \operatorname{div}(|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^p u) + (p - 1)|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^p \operatorname{div} u \\ &+ p|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^{p-2} (\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a))^{tr} \nabla u (\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)) + p \rho \bar{x}^a |\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^{p-2} \nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a) \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div} u \\ &- ap|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^p u \cdot \nabla \ln \bar{x} - app \rho \bar{x}^a |\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)|^{p-2} (\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a))^{tr} (\nabla u \nabla \ln \bar{x} + u \nabla^2 \ln \bar{x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating this equality over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , using (2.1), (2.9), (3.13) and (3.36), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^p} &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} + \|u \cdot \nabla \ln \bar{x}\|_{L^\infty}) \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^p} \\ &+ C\|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} (\|\nabla u \nabla \ln \bar{x}\|_{L^p} + \|u \nabla^2 \ln \bar{x}\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^p}) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{W^{1,r}}) \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^p} \\ &+ C\|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} \left( \|\nabla u\|_{L^p} + \|u \bar{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^p} \right) \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla u\|_{W^{1,r}}) (1 + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^r}), \end{aligned} \tag{3.59}$$

where we have used the following facts. In fact, it follows from (2.1), (2.9) and (3.36) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u \cdot \nabla \ln \bar{x}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C \|u \bar{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C \left( \|u \bar{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^6} + \left\| \nabla \left( u \bar{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right\|_{L^6} \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \|u \bar{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^6} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^6} \right) \\ &\leq C (1 + \|\nabla u\|_{H^1}) \\ &\leq C, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C (\|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}) \\ &\leq C \left( \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}} \right) \\ &\leq C (\|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^1} + \varepsilon \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}) \\ &\leq C (1 + \varepsilon \|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}), \end{aligned}$$

choosing  $\varepsilon$  suitably small yields to

$$\|\rho \bar{x}^a\|_{L^\infty} \leq C (1 + \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}}).$$

Letting  $p = \bar{q}$  in (3.59), together with Gronwall’s inequality and (3.36) gives

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^{\bar{q}}} \leq C. \tag{3.60}$$

Furthermore, taking  $p = 2$  in (3.57), we deduce from (3.36) and (3.60) that

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\nabla (\rho \bar{x}^a)\|_{L^2} \leq C.$$

This combined with (3.60) gives (3.58). This finishes the proof of Lemma 3.7. □

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Suppose that (1.15) was false, namely, (3.1) holds.

With the aid of the a priori estimates Lemma 3.1–Lemma 3.7, the functions  $(\rho, u, P)(x, T^*) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} (\rho, u, P)(x, t)$  satisfy the conditions imposed on the initial data at the time  $t = T^*$ . Hence, we obtain  $\rho \dot{u} \in C([0, T^*]; L^2)$ , which implies

$$\rho \dot{u}(x, T^*) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} \rho \dot{u}(x, t) \in L^2.$$

It follows from (3.36) that

$$(-\mu \Delta u - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} u + \nabla P)|_{t=T^*} = \sqrt{\rho}(x, T^*)g(x, T^*),$$

where

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x, T^*)(\rho \dot{u})(x, T^*), & \text{for } x \in \{x | \rho(x, T^*) > 0\}, \\ 0, & \text{for } x \in \{x | \rho(x, T^*) = 0\}, \end{cases}$$

satisfying  $g \in L^2$ . This implies that  $(\rho, u, P)(x, T^*)$  satisfy compatibility conditions (1.14). Therefore, one can take  $(\rho, u, P)(x, T^*)$  as the initial data and apply Proposition 2.1 to extend the local strong solution beyond  $T^*$ , which contradicts the assumption on  $T^*$ . We thus finish the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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