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GLOBAL EXISTENCE OF SMOOTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE COMPRESSIBLE VISCOUS FLUID FLOW WITH RADIATION IN $\mathbb{R}^3$

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Abstract. This paper is concerned with the 3-D Cauchy problem for the compressible viscous fluid flow taking into account the radiation effect. For more general gases including ideal polytropic gas, we prove that there exists a unique smooth solutions in $[0, \infty)$, provided that the initial perturbations are small. Moreover, the time decay rates of the global solutions are obtained for higher-order spatial derivatives of density, velocity, temperature, and the radiative heat flux.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The importance of thermal radiation in physical problems increases as the temperature is raised. At moderate temperatures, the role of the radiation is primarily the one of transporting energy by radiative process, while at higher temperature, the energy and momentum densities of the radiation field may become comparable to or even dominate the corresponding field quantities. In this paper, we consider the following system for the compressible viscous fluid flow taking into account the radiation effect in $\mathbb{R}^3$:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \varrho \mathbf{u}_t + \varrho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P = \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}, \\ \varrho e_t + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e + P \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} = \kappa \Delta \theta + 2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2, \\ -\nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \mathbf{q} + \tilde{\sigma} \nabla(\theta^4) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Here, the unknowns are $(\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \theta, \mathbf{q})$, where $\varrho = \varrho(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (u_1, u_2, u_3)(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $\theta = \theta(\mathbf{x}, t)$ for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $t > 0$ denote the density, the velocity, the

temperature of the fluid, respectively, and $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (q_1, q_2, q_3)(\mathbf{x}, t)$ denotes the radiative heat flux. The pressure $P = P(\varrho, \theta)$ and inertial energy $e = e(\varrho, \theta)$ are the smooth functions of ϱ and θ : μ and λ are the constant viscosity coefficients, $\mu > 0$, $3\lambda + 2\mu \geq 0$; $\kappa > 0$ is the heat-conducting coefficient; $\sigma_a > 0$ is the absorption coefficient; $\tilde{\sigma}$ is the positive constant defined by

$$0 < \tilde{\sigma} = 4\pi\sigma_a\alpha\beta^{-4} \int_0^\infty \frac{s^3}{e^s - 1} ds < \infty$$

with positive constants α and β , and $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$ is the deformation tensor

$$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 D_{ij}^2.$$

In radiation hydrodynamics, due to the presence of radiation, the classical flow has to be coupled with radiation which is an assembly of photons (the photons are massless particles traveling at the speed of light) and need an a priori relativistic treatment. Hence, the whole problem to be considered is then a coupling between the standard Navier-Stokes equations for the fluid flow and a Boltzmann-type transport equation for the photon distribution, regarding the three basic interactions between photons and matter, namely, absorption, scattering and emission (see [32]). For the last decade, there have been many mathematical studies about the compressible Navier-Stokes-Boltzmann models in radiation hydrodynamics: we refer to [6], [7], [5], [35], [8], [9], [10] for 1-D global solutions and to [24], [25], [26], [41], [42] for multi-D local solutions.

On the other hand, the compressible Navier-Stokes-Boltzmann models include very complicated integro-differential equation, and hence, the physically valid approximate descriptions of radiative transfer need to be introduced. Such approximation models may be classified in two major catalogues: diffusion approximation model and P_1 -approximation model. First, for the diffusion approximation (also called the Eddington approximation) model, which is particularly accurate if the specific intensity of radiation is almost isotropic (see [32]), the governing equations can be written as follows ([16], Appendix):

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} \varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \varrho \mathbf{u}_t + \varrho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P = \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}, \\ \varrho e_t + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e + P \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = \kappa \Delta \theta + 2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 - \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 + \sigma_a n, \\ \frac{1}{c} n_t - \Delta n = \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 - \sigma_a n, \end{cases}$$

where $n = n(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the radiation field and $c > 0$ is the light speed. If we assume that the reciprocal of the light speed $1/c$ is very small, then letting $1/c = 0$ in $(1.2)_4$ and denoting $\mathbf{q} = -\nabla n$ yields that

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} = \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 - \sigma_a n \quad \text{and} \quad -\nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \mathbf{q} + \tilde{\sigma} \nabla(\theta^4) = 0.$$

Therefore, we can formally obtain the limit system (1.1) from (1.2) as $1/c \rightarrow 0$. Next, for the P_1 approximation model under the two physical approximations, that is, “gray” approximation and P_1 approximation ([32], Chapter 3), the governing equations can be written as follows (see [19]):

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} \varrho_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \varrho \mathbf{u}_t + \varrho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P = \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}, \\ \varrho e_t + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e + P \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = \kappa \Delta \theta + 2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 - \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 + \sigma_a n_0, \\ \frac{1}{c}(n_0)_t + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{n}_1 = \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 - \sigma_a n_0, \\ \frac{1}{c}(\mathbf{n}_1)_t + \nabla n_0 = -\mathbf{n}_1, \end{cases}$$

which is valid when the distribution of photons is almost isotropic, where $n = n_0 + \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \omega$ and $\omega \in S^2$ is the direction vector of photon. Taking $1/c = 0$ in $(1.3)_{4,5}$ and setting $\mathbf{q} = -\nabla n_0$, we obtain

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} = \tilde{\sigma} \theta^4 - \sigma_a n_0 \quad \text{and} \quad -\nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \mathbf{q} + \tilde{\sigma} \nabla(\theta^4) = 0.$$

Therefore, we can also formally obtain the limit system (1.1) from (1.3) as $1/c \rightarrow 0$. These arguments show that we can regard system (1.1) on the compressible viscous fluid flow with radiation as an infrarelativistic model of diffusion approximation model (1.2) and P_1 -approximation model (1.3).

We will review some mathematical results for the approximation models in radiation hydrodynamics. For the diffusion approximation model (1.2), the global existence of solutions was proved in [20], [15] and [16] in the case of the 1-D initial-boundary value problem and 3-D Cauchy problem, respectively. Recently, for a nonequilibrium diffusion approximation model in thermally radiative magnetohydrodynamics, which is a generalization of system (1.3), the global existence of solutions was proved in [17] and [21] for 1-D and 3-D case, respectively. For 3-D Cauchy problem of system (1.3) with $\mu = \lambda = \kappa = 0$, the local existence of solutions was proved in [22]. Next, for a more simplified P_1 -approximation model taking no account of energy balance law, the global existence of solutions was proved in [3], [47] for the multi-dimensional Cauchy problem. *Recently, the results were*

generalized into more physically relevant situation of polytropic flows by [4]. For the P_1 -approximation model (1.3), the nonrelativistic limit of local solutions was studied in [19] and in the case of $\mu = \lambda = \kappa = 0$, the nonequilibrium-diffusion limit at low Mach number was proved recently in [18]. Also, considerable progress has been obtained in the study of stability of basic wave patterns (such as shock wave, rarefaction wave and contact discontinuity) for the 1-D compressible fluid flow with radiation; we refer to [44], [13], [2] for system (1.1) and to [28], [23], [29], [30], [43], [27], [48], [37], [36], [45], [1] for system (1.1) with $\mu = \lambda = \kappa = 0$. Though, the multi-dimensional problem of system (1.1) was considered only in [46], where they showed the global existence of smooth solutions and decay rate for the 3-D Cauchy problem in the case of the ideal polytropic gas

$$(1.4) \quad P = R\rho\theta, \quad e = c_v\theta,$$

where R, c_v are the positive constants. However, it does not seem to be suitable that the gas is ideal polytropic because the radiation effects will originate at high temperature. Thus, a natural question arises: can we show the similar result as in [46] for the more general gases including ideal polytropic gas? In this paper, we give the positive answer to this question for system (1.1) in 3-D with the initial condition and far field condition

$$(1.5) \quad (\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \theta)(\mathbf{x}, 0) = (\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0)(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty} (\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \theta, \mathbf{q})(\mathbf{x}, t) = (\bar{\varrho}, 0, \bar{\theta}, \mathbf{0}),$$

respectively, where $\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta}$ are the given positive constants, and with the gas law satisfying

$$(1.6) \quad P_\varrho(\varrho, \theta) > 0, \quad e_\theta(\varrho, \theta) > 0 \quad \text{for any } \varrho > 0, \theta > 0,$$

which is natural and more general than ideal polytropic gas (1.4).

Our main result is stated as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *Assume that (1.6),*

$$(1.7) \quad (\varrho_0 - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 - \bar{\theta}) \in H^N(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \varrho_0(\mathbf{x}) > 0, \quad \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \theta_0(\mathbf{x}) > 0$$

for an integer $N \geq 3$. Then there exists a positive constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, dependent only on $\mu, \lambda, \kappa, \sigma_a, \tilde{\sigma}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta}$, such that if

$$(1.8) \quad \|(\varrho_0 - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 - \bar{\theta})\|_{H^3} \leq \varepsilon_0,$$

then the Cauchy problem (1.1), (1.5) admits a unique solution $(\varrho, \mathbf{u}, \theta, \mathbf{q})$ on $[0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (\varrho - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}, \theta - \bar{\theta}) &\in C([0, \infty), H^N(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad (\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) \in C([0, \infty), H^{N-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ \nabla \varrho &\in L^2(0, \infty; H^{N-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad (\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \theta, \mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) \in L^2(0, \infty; H^N(\mathbb{R}^3)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (1.9) \quad \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} (\|(\varrho - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}, \theta - \bar{\theta})(t)\|_{H^N}^2 + \|(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})(t)\|_{H^{N-1}}^2) &+ \int_0^\infty \|\nabla \varrho\|_{H^{N-1}}^2 \, d\tau \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \|(\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \theta, \mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|_{H^N}^2 \, d\tau \leq C \|(\varrho_0 - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 - \bar{\theta})\|_{H^N}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where C is a positive constant independent of $\mathbf{x}, t$ and ε_0 .

Moreover, if $(\varrho_0 - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 - \bar{\theta}) \in \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for some $s \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$, then

$$(1.10) \quad \|(\varrho - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}, \theta - \bar{\theta})(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}^2 \leq C_0,$$

and

$$(1.11) \quad \|(\varrho - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}, \theta - \bar{\theta})(t)\|_{H^N}^2 + \|(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})(t)\|_{H^{N-1}}^2 \leq C_0(1+t)^{-s},$$

where $\dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ denotes the homogeneous negative Sobolev space (see Definition 1.1).

By Lemma 1.5, we obtain that for $p \in [\frac{3}{2}, 2)$, $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $s = 3(p^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}) \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Then by Theorem 1.1, we have the following corollary of the usual L^p - L^2 type of decay result:

Corollary 1.1. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 except that we replace the $\dot{H}^{-s}$ assumption by that $(\varrho_0 - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 - \bar{\theta}) \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for some $p \in [\frac{3}{2}, 2)$, the following decay results hold:*

$$\|(\varrho - \bar{\varrho}, \mathbf{u}, \theta - \bar{\theta})(t)\|_{H^N}^2 + \|(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})(t)\|_{H^{N-1}}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-3(1/p-1/2)}.$$

Remark 1.1.

- (1) For the global existence of the solution, we only assume that the H^3 -norm of initial data is small, while the higher-order Sobolev norms can be arbitrarily large (see (1.8)).
- (2) It is not clear yet that the constraint $s \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ in the decay rate (1.11) of Theorem 1.1 can be extended to $s \in [0, \frac{3}{2})$.

Remark 1.2. We briefly review key analytical technique. To prove Theorem 1.1, we will use the energy method originally developed by Guo-Wang [12], which relies essentially on the following two main steps: a priori estimates at l th level and negative Sobolev norm estimate. This idea was applied to the Cauchy problems for the compressible fluid flows in $\mathbb{R}^3$; we refer to [40] for Navier-Stokes-Poisson system, [39] for Navier-Stokes-Kortweg system, [11] for nematic liquid crystal flows and [34] for quantum Navier-Stokes system. Thus, the coupling between the Navier-Stokes equations and the radiative transport equation brings some trouble to get a priori estimates. To this end, we first obtain the basic energy estimate (2.10) for general gas satisfying (1.6). Next, we reformulate system (1.2) into (2.3) to get k th higher order estimates (see Lemma 2.2–Lemma 2.4). Last, we get estimate (3.1) in negative Sobolev space $\dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ (see Lemma 3.1). Then, combining basic energy estimate, k th higher order estimates and negative Sobolev norm estimate, we will prove Theorem 1.1 in the last section.

Notation 1.1. In this paper, $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $W_p^k(\mathbb{R}^3)$ denote the usual Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces on $\mathbb{R}^3$, with norms $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{W_p^k}$, respectively. When $p = 2$, we denote $W_p^k(\mathbb{R}^3)$ by $H^k(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H^k}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{H^0} = \|\cdot\|$ will be used to denote the usual L^2 -norm. The notation $\|(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_l)\|_{H^k}$ means the summation of $\|A_i\|_{H^k}$ from $i = 1$ to $i = l$. For an integer m , the symbol ∇^m denotes the summation of all terms D^α with the multi-index α satisfying $|\alpha| = m$. We omit the spatial domain $\mathbb{R}^3$ in integrals for convenience. We also employ the notation $a \lesssim b$ to mean that $a \leq Cb$ for a universal constant $C > 0$ that only depends on the parameters coming from the problem.

In order to establish the negative Sobolev estimates, we should review the following useful results. To this end, let us first introduce the following necessary definition.

Definition 1.1. For $s \in \mathbb{R}$, $\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$ is defined as the homogeneous Sobolev space of f , with the norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}^s} = \|\Lambda^s f\|,$$

where Λ^s is defined by

$$(\Lambda^s f)(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^s \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{x} \cdot \xi} d\xi,$$

where $\hat{f}(\xi)$ is the Fourier transform of f , $\hat{f}(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(\mathbf{x}) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \cdot \xi} d\mathbf{x}$.

Moreover, we need the following standard results which will be used extensively in our estimates.

Lemma 1.1 (Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, [31] or [40], Lemma A.1). *Let l, s and k be any real numbers satisfying $0 \leq l, s < k$, and let $p, r, q \in [1, \infty]$ and $l/k \leq \theta \leq 1$ such that*

$$\frac{l}{3} - \frac{1}{p} = \left(\frac{s}{3} - \frac{1}{r}\right)(1 - \theta) + \left(\frac{k}{3} - \frac{1}{q}\right)\theta.$$

Then for any $u \in W_q^k(\mathbb{R}^3)$ we have

$$(1.12) \quad \|\nabla^l u\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\nabla^s u\|_{L^r}^{1-\theta} \|\nabla^k u\|_{L^q}^\theta.$$

Lemma 1.2 ([33], Lemma 2.5). *Let $f(\varphi)$ and $f(\varphi, w)$ be smooth functions of φ and (φ, w) , respectively, with bounded derivatives of any order, and $\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|w\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \lesssim 1$. Then for any integer $m \geq 1$ we have*

$$(1.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\nabla^m f(\varphi)\|_{L^p} &\leq C \|\nabla^m \varphi\|_{L^p}, \\ \|\nabla^m f(\varphi, w)\|_{L^p} &\leq C \|\nabla^m(\varphi, w)\|_{L^p} \end{aligned}$$

for any $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, where C may depend on f and m .

Lemma 1.3 ([33], Lemma 2.6). *Let α be any multi-index with $|\alpha| = k$ and $1 < p < \infty$. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$(1.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D^\alpha(fg)\|_{L^p} &\leq C(\|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|\nabla^k g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|\nabla^k f\|_{L^{p_3}} \|g\|_{L^{p_4}}), \\ \|[D^\alpha, f]g\|_{L^p} &\leq C(\|\nabla f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|\nabla^{k-1} g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|\nabla^k f\|_{L^{p_3}} \|g\|_{L^{p_4}}), \end{aligned}$$

where $f, g \in S$ is the Schwarz class, $1 \leq p_2, p_3 \leq \infty$ such that $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2 = 1/p_3 + 1/p_4$, and $[D^\alpha, f]g = D^\alpha(fg) - fD^\alpha g$.

By the Parseval theorem and Hölder's inequality, it is easy to check the following result (see [40]).

Lemma 1.4. *Let $s \geq 0$ and $l \geq 0$. Then we have*

$$(1.15) \quad \|\nabla^l f\| \lesssim \|\nabla^{l+1} f\|^{1-\theta} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}^\theta, \quad \text{with } \theta = \frac{1}{l+s+1}.$$

If $s \in (0, 3)$, $\Lambda^{-s}g$ is the Riesz potential. Then we have the following L^p type inequality by the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev theorem (see [38], pp. 119, Theorem 1):

Lemma 1.5. *Let $0 < s < 3$, $1 < p < q < \infty$ and $1/q + s/3 = 1/p$. Then we have*

$$(1.16) \quad \|\Lambda^{-s} f\|_{L^q} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p}.$$

Last, we need the following estimate on differential inequality:

$$(1.17) \quad \frac{df(t)}{dt} + c_0(f(t))^{1+1/(l+s)} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) \leq \left(f(0)^{-1/(l+s)} + \frac{c_0 t}{l+s} \right)^{-(l+s)} \lesssim (1+t)^{-(l+s)}.$$

2. A PRIORI ESTIMATE AT k TH LEVEL

In this section, we will derive the a priori estimates which play a crucial role in the proof of Theorem 1.1. By using the thermodynamical relation

$$(2.1) \quad -\varrho^2 e_\varrho(\varrho, \theta) = \theta P_\theta(\varrho, \theta) - P(\varrho, \theta), \quad \hat{e}_S(\varrho, S) = \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{e}_\varrho(\varrho, S) = \varrho^2 P(\varrho, \theta),$$

where $\hat{e}(\varrho, S) = e(\varrho, \theta)$ and S is the entropy of gas, (see [14], (1.6) and (1.7)), we rewrite (1.2)₃ as

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta + \frac{\theta P_\theta(\varrho, \theta)}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - \frac{\kappa}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \Delta \theta \\ = \frac{2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} + \frac{\lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} - \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \\ S_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla S - \frac{\kappa}{\varrho \theta} \Delta \theta = \frac{2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D}}{\varrho \theta} + \frac{\lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho \theta} - \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\varrho \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$\varphi = \varrho - \bar{\varrho} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = \theta - \bar{\theta},$$

and using (2.2)₁, we reformulate system (1.1) as

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi_t + \bar{\varrho} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= g_1, \\ \mathbf{u}_t - \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \Delta \mathbf{u} - \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \frac{P_\varrho(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \varphi + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \zeta &= \mathbf{g}_2, \\ \zeta_t + \frac{\bar{\theta} P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} &= \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \Delta \theta - \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} + g_3, \\ -\nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \mathbf{q} + 4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\theta} \nabla \zeta &= \mathbf{g}_4, \end{aligned}$$

where g_1 , $\mathbf{g}_2$, g_3 and $\mathbf{g}_4$ are defined respectively by

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1 &= -\varphi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi, \\ \mathbf{g}_2 &= -(\mathbf{u}, \nabla) \mathbf{u} + h_1(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \varphi + h_2(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta - h_3(\varphi) (\mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} h_1(\varphi, \zeta) &= \frac{P_\varrho(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} - \frac{P_\varrho(\varrho, \theta)}{\varrho}, \quad h_2(\varphi, \zeta) = \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} - \frac{P_\theta(\varrho, \theta)}{\varrho}, \\ h_3(\varphi) &= \bar{\varrho}^{-1} - \varrho^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad g_3 &= -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \zeta - \kappa h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \Delta \zeta + \frac{2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} + \frac{\lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \\
&\quad + h_5(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}, \\
h_4(\varphi, \zeta) &= \frac{1}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} - \frac{1}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)}, \quad h_5(\varphi, \zeta) = \frac{\bar{\theta} P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} - \frac{\theta P_\theta(\varrho, \theta)}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = 4\tilde{\sigma}(\zeta^3 + 3\bar{\theta}\zeta^2 + 3\bar{\theta}^2\zeta)\nabla\zeta.$$

We suppose that $(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta, \mathbf{q}) \in X_N(0, T)$ is the solution to system (2.3) for any constant $T > 0$ and an integer $N \geq 3$, where $X_N(I)$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
X_N(I) &= \{(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta, \mathbf{q}) \mid (\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta) \in C(I; H^N(\mathbb{R}^3)), (\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) \in C(I; H^{N-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\
&\quad \nabla \varphi \in L^2(I; H^{N-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), (\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \zeta, \mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) \in L^2(I; H^N(\mathbb{R}^3))\}
\end{aligned}$$

for any interval $I \subset [0, \infty)$. Also, we assume

$$(2.8) \quad \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\mathbf{q}(t)\|_{H^2}) \leq \varepsilon_1$$

for sufficiently small $\varepsilon_1 > 0$. By using (2.8), we can choose $\eta_1 > 0$ such that

$$(2.9) \quad 0 < \frac{\bar{\varrho}}{2} \leq \varrho(x, t) \leq 2\bar{\varrho} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \frac{\bar{\theta}}{2} \leq \theta(x, t) \leq 2\bar{\theta}.$$

We first give the following basic energy estimate:

Lemma 2.1. *Under assumption (2.8), we have*

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int \varrho \mathcal{E} \, dx \right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{\kappa}{6\theta} \|\nabla \zeta\|^2 + \frac{1}{32\tilde{\sigma}\bar{\theta}^2} \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2 + \frac{\sigma_a}{32\tilde{\sigma}\bar{\theta}^2} \|\mathbf{q}\|^2 \leq 0,$$

where

$$(2.11) \quad \mathcal{E} := (e - \bar{e}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^2 - \bar{\theta}(S - \bar{S}) + \bar{P} \left(\frac{1}{\varrho} - \frac{1}{\bar{\varrho}} \right),$$

where $\bar{e} = e(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})$, $\bar{S} = S(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})$ and $\bar{P} = P(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})$.

Remark 2.1. It is easy to check (see [14]) that by (2.11) and (2.1), we have

$$(2.12) \quad \int \varrho \mathcal{E} \, dx \preceq \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|^2.$$

Proof. By using (1.1) and (2.2), we obtain
(2.13)

$$\begin{aligned} (\varrho \mathcal{E})_t + \operatorname{div}(\varrho \mathbf{u} \mathcal{E}) &= \varrho \mathcal{E}_t + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{E} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta}\right) (\kappa \Delta \theta + 2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 - \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) - P \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \\ &\quad + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla P \cdot \mathbf{u} + \bar{P} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.14) \quad & \int \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta}\right) \Delta \theta \, dx = - \int \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta^2} |\nabla \zeta|^2 \, dx, \\ & -P \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla P + \bar{P} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = - \operatorname{div}[(P - \bar{P})\mathbf{u}], \\ & \int \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta}\right) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} \, dx = - \int \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta^2} \nabla \zeta \cdot \mathbf{q} \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (2.3)₄ by $\mathbf{q}/(4\tilde{\sigma}\theta^2)$ and integrating the resulting equality for $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.15) \quad & \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{1}{\theta^2} |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}|^2 \, dx + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{1}{\theta^2} |\mathbf{q}|^2 \, dx + \int \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta^2} \nabla \zeta \cdot \mathbf{q} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{\mathbf{g}_4 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{\theta^2} \, dx + \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\theta^3} (\nabla \zeta \cdot \mathbf{q}) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (2.13) for $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and using (2.14), (2.15) and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.16) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int \varrho \mathcal{E} \, dx \right) + \mu \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2 + (\mu + \lambda) \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \kappa \int \frac{\bar{\theta}}{\theta^2} |\nabla \zeta|^2 \, dx \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{1}{\theta^2} |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}|^2 \, dx + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{1}{\theta^2} |\mathbf{q}|^2 \, dx = J_1 + J_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (2.17) \quad & J_1 = \int \frac{\zeta}{\theta} (2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2) \, dx, \\ & J_2 = \int \frac{1}{\theta^2} (\zeta^3 + 3\bar{\theta}\zeta^2 + 3\bar{\theta}^2\zeta) \nabla \zeta \cdot \mathbf{q} \, dx + \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}} \int \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\theta^3} (\nabla \zeta \cdot \mathbf{q}) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.8) and (2.9), we obtain from (2.17) that

$$(2.18) \quad |J_1| \lesssim \varepsilon_1 \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2, \quad |J_2| \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla \zeta\|^2 + \|\mathbf{q}\|^2 + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2).$$

Substituting (2.18) into (2.16) and using (2.9) and the smallness of $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, we get (2.10). The proof of Lemma 2.1 is completed. $\square$

Lemma 2.2. Under assumption (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.19) \quad & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 \\
 & + \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2 + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{q}\|^2 \\
 & \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

for $k = 1, \dots, N-1$.

Proof. Applying ∇^k to (2.3) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.20) \quad & \nabla^k \varphi_t + \bar{\varrho} \operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u} = \nabla^k g_1, \\
 & \nabla^k \mathbf{u}_t - \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \Delta \nabla^k \mathbf{u} - \frac{(\mu + \lambda)}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla^{k+1} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \\
 & \quad + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla^{k+1} \zeta = \nabla^k \mathbf{g}_2, \\
 & \nabla^k \zeta_t + \frac{\bar{\theta} P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u} = \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \Delta \nabla^k \zeta + \frac{\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\bar{\varrho} e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} + \nabla^k g_3, \\
 & - \nabla^{k+1} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \nabla^k \mathbf{q} + 4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\theta} \nabla^{k+1} \zeta = \nabla^k \mathbf{g}_4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying equations (2.20)₂, (2.20)₃ and (2.20)₄ by $\nabla^k \mathbf{u}$, $(e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})/\bar{\theta}) \nabla^k \zeta$ and $(\sigma_a/(4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2)) \nabla^k \mathbf{q}$, respectively, and using (2.20)₁ and (2.4)–(2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.21) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 \right) + \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}} \int |\nabla^{k+1} \zeta|^2 dx \\
 & + \int \left(\frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} |\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{(\mu + \lambda)}{\bar{\varrho}} |\operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u}|^2 \right) dx \\
 & + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \int |\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}|^2 dx + \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \int |\nabla^k \mathbf{q}|^2 dx \\
 & = \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} I_k^1 + I_k^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} I_k^3 + \frac{1}{\bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} I_k^4,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.22) \quad I_k^1 = - \int \nabla^k (\varphi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \varphi) \nabla^k \varphi dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.23) \quad & I_k^2 = - \int \nabla^k [(\mathbf{u}, \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{u} dx \\
 & + \int \nabla^k [h_1(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \varphi + h_2(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{u} dx \\
 & - \int \nabla^k [h_3(\varphi) (\mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})] \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{u} dx, \\
 & = I_k^{21} + I_k^{22} + I_k^{23},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.24) \quad I_k^3 &= - \int \nabla^k [\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \zeta - h_5(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}] \nabla^k \zeta \, dx \\
&\quad - \kappa \int \nabla^k [h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \Delta \zeta] \nabla^k \zeta \, dx \\
&\quad + \int \nabla^k \left[\frac{2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right] \nabla^k \zeta \, dx \\
&= I_k^{31} + I_k^{32} + I_k^{33},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.25) \quad I_k^4 = - \int \nabla^k [(\zeta^3 + 3\bar{\theta}\zeta^2 + 3\bar{\theta}^2\zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{q} \, dx.$$

We estimate the right-hand side in (2.21). For I_k^1 , using Hölder's inequality, (2.9) and (1.12), we obtain from (2.22) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.26) \quad I_k^1 &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|\varphi\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\nabla^k \varphi\|_{L^3} \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| + \|\nabla \varphi\| \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3}) \|\nabla^k \varphi\|_{L^6} \\
&\stackrel{(1.12)}{\lesssim} (\|\varphi\|^{1/2} \|\nabla \varphi\|^{1/2} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\nabla \varphi\|^{1/(2k)} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^{1-1/(2k)} \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{u}\|^{1/2} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| \\
&\quad + \|\nabla \varphi\| \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/(2k)} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^{1-1/(2k)}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2).
\end{aligned}$$

For I_k^2 , using Hölder's inequality, (2.9) and (1.12), we obtain from (2.23) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.27) \quad I_k^{21} &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3}) \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6} \\
&\stackrel{(1.12)}{\lesssim} (\|\mathbf{u}\|^{1/2} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\quad + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/(2k)} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^{1-1/(2k)}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2), \\
(2.28) \quad I_k^{22} &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_1(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| + \|h_2(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|) \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + (\|\nabla \varphi\| \|\nabla^k h_1(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6} + \|\nabla \zeta\| \|\nabla^k h_2(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + (\|\nabla \varphi\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|) \\
&\quad \times (\|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|^{k+1}) \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/(2k)} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^{1-1/(2k)} \\
&\lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|^2),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.29) \quad I_k^{23} &= -\mu \int \nabla^{k-1} [\operatorname{div}(h_3(\varphi) \nabla \mathbf{u}) - \nabla h_3(\varphi) \nabla \mathbf{u}] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u} \, dx \\
&\quad - (\lambda + \mu) \int \nabla^{k-1} [\nabla(h_3(\varphi) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) - \nabla h_3(\varphi) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u} \, dx \\
&\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + \|\nabla h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(2.30) \quad I_k^2 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|^2).$$

For I_k^3 , using Hölder's inequality, (2.9) and (1.12), we obtain from (2.24) that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_k^{31} &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + (\|h_5(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\nabla^k h_5(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + (\|h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{q}\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\nabla^k h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6} \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|), \\
I_k^{32} &= \kappa \int \nabla^{k-1} [\operatorname{div}(h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta) - \nabla h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \zeta \, dx \\
&\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + \|\nabla h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2), \\
I_k^{33} &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} \left(\left\| \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{D}\| + \|\mathbf{D}\|_{L^3} \left\| \nabla^k \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right) \right\| \right) \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6} \\
&\quad + \left(\left\| \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \left\| \nabla^k \left(\frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right) \right\| \right) \|\nabla^k \zeta\|_{L^6} \\
&\stackrel{(2.8)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 \left(\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \left\| \nabla^k \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right) \right\| + \left\| \nabla^k \left(\frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right) \right\| \right) \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(2.31) \quad I_k^3 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2).$$

For I_k^4 , using Hölder's inequality, (2.9) and (1.12), we obtain from (2.25) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.32) \quad I_k^4 &= \int \nabla^k [h_6(\zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{q} \, dx \\
 &\lesssim (\|h_6(\zeta)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{L^3} \|\nabla h_6(\zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \mathbf{q}\| \\
 &\lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \mathbf{q}\|^2),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $h_6(\zeta) = \zeta^3 + 3\bar{\theta}\zeta^2 + 3\bar{\theta}^2\zeta$.

Substituting (2.26), (2.30)–(2.32) into (2.21), and using the smallness of $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, we get (2.19). The proof of Lemma 2.2 is completed. $\square$

Next, we have:

Lemma 2.3. *Under assumption (2.8), we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.33) \quad \frac{d}{dt} &\left(\|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho}\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma}\bar{\varrho}\bar{\theta}^2} \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2 + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma}\bar{\varrho}\bar{\theta}^2} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{q}\|^2 \\
 &\lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

for $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Proof. We use (2.21)–(2.25). Using (1.13)₂, along the same lines as in (2.26), we obtain from (2.22) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.34) \quad I_k^1 &= \int \nabla^k (\varphi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) \nabla^k \varphi \, dx - \int [\nabla^k, \mathbf{u}] \nabla \varphi \nabla^k \varphi \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} |\nabla^k \varphi|^2 \, dx \\
 &\lesssim (\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|) \|\nabla^k \varphi\| \\
 &\quad + (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \varphi\| + \|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^k \varphi\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 \\
 &\stackrel{(2.8)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Along the same lines as in (2.27)–(2.29), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_k^{21} &= - \int \nabla^{k-1} [(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u} \, dx \\
 &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k-1} \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
 &\stackrel{(2.8)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_k^{22} &= - \int \nabla^{k-1} [h_1(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \varphi + h_2(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u} \, dx \\
&\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_1(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \varphi\| + \|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k-1} h_1(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\quad + (\|h_2(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k \zeta\| + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^{k-1} h_2(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2), \\
I_k^{23} &\stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^k h_3(\varphi)\| \\
&\quad + \|\nabla h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\| \\
&\stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(2.35) \quad I_k^2 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2).$$

By similar arguments, it is easy to check that

$$(2.36) \quad I_k^3 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2)$$

and

$$(2.37) \quad I_k^4 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2).$$

Substituting (2.34), (2.35)–(2.37) into (2.21), and using the smallness of $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, we get (2.33). The proof of Lemma 2.3 is completed. $\square$

Lemma 2.4. *Under assumption (2.8), we have*

$$(2.38) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx + \frac{P_\vartheta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{2\bar{\varrho}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 \lesssim \|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+2} \mathbf{u}\|^2$$

for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$.

Proof. Multiplying (2.20)₂ by $\nabla^{k+1} \varphi$ and using

$$\int \nabla^k \mathbf{u}_t \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx = \frac{d}{dt} \int \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx - \bar{\varrho} \int (\operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u})^2 \, dx + \int \nabla^k g_1 \operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \, dx$$

due to (2.20)₁, we have

$$(2.39) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx + \frac{P_\vartheta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 - \bar{\varrho} \int (\operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u})^2 \, dx = \sum_{j=5}^7 I_k^j,$$

where

$$(2.40) \quad I_k^5 = \int \nabla^k \operatorname{div}(\varphi \mathbf{u}) \operatorname{div} \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \, dx - \int \nabla^k [(\mathbf{u}, \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx \\ + \int \nabla^k [h_1(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \varphi + h_2(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx,$$

$$(2.41) \quad I_k^6 = - \int \nabla^k [h_3(\varphi)(\mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})] \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx,$$

$$(2.42) \quad I_k^7 = - \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \int \nabla^k \Delta \mathbf{u} \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx - \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\bar{\varrho}} \int \nabla^{k+1} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx \\ - \frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \int \nabla^{k+1} \zeta \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx.$$

We estimate the right-hand side in (2.39). For I_k^5 , along the same lines as in (2.26)–(2.28), we obtain from (2.40) that

$$(2.43) \quad I_k^5 \lesssim \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+1} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2).$$

For I_k^6 we obtain from (2.41) that

$$(2.44) \quad I_k^6 \stackrel{(1.14)}{\lesssim} (\|h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla^{k+2} \mathbf{u}\| + \|\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^k h_3(\varphi)\|_{L^6}) \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| \\ \stackrel{(2.8), (1.13)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1 (\|\nabla^{k+2} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2).$$

For I_k^7 we obtain from (2.42) that

$$(2.45) \quad I_k^7 \lesssim \|\nabla^{k+2} \mathbf{u}\| \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\| \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\| \\ \lesssim \eta \|\nabla^{k+1} \varphi\|^2 + \eta^{-1} (\|\nabla^{k+2} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\nabla^{k+1} \zeta\|^2)$$

for any $\eta > 0$.

Substituting (2.43)–(2.45) into (2.39), and using the smallness of $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ and $\eta > 0$, we get (2.38). The proof of Lemma 2.4 is completed. $\square$

3. NEGATIVE SOBOLEV ESTIMATE

In this section, we will derive the evolution of the negative Sobolev norms of solutions to system (2.3).

Lemma 3.1. *Under assumption (2.8), we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{P_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\Lambda^{-s} \varphi\|^2 + \|\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\theta} \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|^2 \right) \\ \lesssim (\|\nabla(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2) \|\Lambda^{-s}(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\| + \varepsilon_1 \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^1}^2$$

for $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$.

Proof. Applying Λ^{-s} to (2.3) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad & \Lambda^{-s} \varphi_t + \bar{\varrho} \operatorname{div} \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} = \Lambda^{-s} g_1, \\
& \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}_t - \frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} \Delta \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} - \frac{(\mu + \lambda)}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \operatorname{div} \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} + \frac{P_{\bar{\varrho}}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \Lambda^{-s} \varphi \\
& \quad + \frac{P_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}} \nabla \Lambda^{-s} \zeta = \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{g}_2, \\
& \Lambda^{-s} \zeta_t + \frac{\bar{\theta} P_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \operatorname{div} \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} = \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} \Delta \Lambda^{-s} \zeta - \frac{\Lambda^{-s} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}}{\bar{\varrho} e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})} + \Lambda^{-s} g_3, \\
& -\nabla \Lambda^{-s} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} + \sigma_a \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{q} + 4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\theta} \nabla \Lambda^{-s} \zeta = \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{g}_4.
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying equations (3.2)₂, (3.2)₃ and (3.2)₄ by $\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}$, $(e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})/\bar{\theta}) \Lambda^{-s} \zeta$ and $1/(4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2) \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{q}$, respectively, and using (3.2)₁ and (2.4)–(2.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_{\bar{\varrho}}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\Lambda^{-s} \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|^2 \right) \\
& + \int \left(\frac{\mu}{\bar{\varrho}} |\nabla \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{(\mu + \lambda)}{\bar{\varrho}} |\operatorname{div} \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}|^2 \right) dx \\
& + \frac{\kappa}{\bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}} \int |\nabla \Lambda^{-s} \zeta|^2 dx + \frac{1}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \int |\Lambda^{-s} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}|^2 dx \\
& + \frac{\sigma_a}{4\tilde{\sigma} \bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} \int |\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{q}|^2 dx \\
& = \frac{P_{\bar{\varrho}}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} I^8 + I^9 + \frac{e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} I^{10} + \frac{1}{\bar{\varrho} \bar{\theta}^2} I^{11},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.4) \quad I^8 = \int \Lambda^{-s} (\varphi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \varphi) \Lambda^{-s} \varphi dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad I^9 = & - \int \Lambda^{-s} [(\mathbf{u}, \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \cdot \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} dx \\
& + \int \Lambda^{-s} [h_1(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \varphi + h_2(\varphi, \zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} dx \\
& - \int \Lambda^{-s} [h_3(\varphi) (\mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})] \cdot \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u} dx,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad I^{10} = & - \int \Lambda^{-s} [\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \zeta - h_5(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}] \Lambda^{-s} \zeta dx \\
& - \kappa \int \Lambda^{-s} [h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \Delta \zeta] \Lambda^{-s} \zeta dx \\
& + \int \Lambda^{-s} \left[\frac{2\mu \mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D} + \lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho e_{\theta}(\varrho, \theta)} \right] \Lambda^{-s} \zeta dx \\
& = I_1^{10} + I_2^{10} + I_3^{10},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad I^{11} = - \int \Lambda^{-s} [h_6(\zeta) \nabla \zeta] \cdot \Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{q} \, dx,$$

where $h_6(\zeta) = (\zeta^3 + 3\bar{\theta}\zeta^2 + 3\bar{\theta}^2\zeta)$.

In order to estimate the right-hand side of (3.3), we shall use estimate (1.16). This forces us to require that $s \in (0, \frac{3}{2})$. If $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$, then $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}s < 1$ and $3s^{-1} \geq 6$. Then, along the same arguments as in [40], Section 3, we obtain from (3.4) and (3.5) respectively that

$$(3.8) \quad I^8 \lesssim (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_{H^1}^2) \|\Lambda^{-s} \varphi\|, \quad I^9 \lesssim (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^1}^2) \|\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}\|.$$

For I^{10} , using Hölder's inequality and (1.16), we obtain from (3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1^{10} &\lesssim (\|\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \zeta\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}} + \|h_5(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}} \\ &\quad + \|h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}}) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\lesssim (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^{3/s}} \|\nabla \zeta\| + \|h_5(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^{3/s}} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| + \|h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^{3/s}} \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\stackrel{(1.12)}{\lesssim} (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2-s} + \|\nabla \varphi\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^2 \varphi\|^{1/2-s} \\ &\quad + \|\nabla \zeta\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^2 \zeta\|^{1/2-s}) (\|\nabla \zeta\| + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\lesssim (\|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \varphi\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^1}^2) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|, \\ I_2^{10} &\lesssim \|h_4(\varphi, \zeta) \Delta \zeta\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}} \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \lesssim \|h_4(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{L^{3/s}} \|\Delta \zeta\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\lesssim (\|\varphi\|_{L^{3/s}} + \|\zeta\|_{L^{3/s}}) \|\Delta \zeta\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\stackrel{(1.12)}{\lesssim} (\|\nabla \varphi\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^2 \varphi\|^{1/2-s} + \|\nabla \zeta\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^2 \zeta\|^{1/2-s}) \|\nabla^2 \zeta\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\lesssim (\|\nabla \varphi\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^1}^2) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|, \\ I_3^{10} &\lesssim \left(\left\| \frac{\mathbf{D} : \mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}} + \left\| \frac{(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}} \right) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\lesssim \left(\left\| \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^{3/s}} + \left\| \frac{\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}}{\varrho e_\theta(\varrho, \theta)} \right\|_{L^{3/s}} \right) \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \lesssim \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{L^{3/s}} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \\ &\stackrel{(1.12)}{\lesssim} \|\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2+s} \|\nabla^3 \mathbf{u}\|^{1/2-s} \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\| \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\| \lesssim \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{H^2}^2 \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(3.9) \quad I^{10} \lesssim (\|\nabla(\varphi, \zeta)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2) \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|.$$

For I^{11} , using Hölder's inequality and (1.12), we obtain from (3.7) that

$$(3.10) \quad I^{11} \lesssim \|h_6(\zeta)\nabla\zeta\|_{L^{1/(1/2+s/3)}}\|\Lambda^{-s}\mathbf{q}\| \lesssim \|h_6(\zeta)\|_{L^{3/s}}\|\nabla\zeta\|\|\Lambda^{-s}\mathbf{q}\|$$

$$\stackrel{(2.8),(1.12)}{\lesssim} \varepsilon_1(\|\nabla\zeta\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\Lambda^{-s}\mathbf{q}\|^2).$$

Substituting (3.8)–(3.10) into (3.3), we get (3.1). The proof of Lemma 3.1 is completed. $\square$

4. THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

In this section, we shall combine all the estimates that we have derived in the previous two sections and the Sobolev interpolation to prove Theorem 1.1.

4.1. The existence of global solutions. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int \varrho \mathcal{E} \, dx \right) + \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2 + \|(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|^2 \leq 0.$$

We close the estimates at each k th level to prove (1.9). For $N \geq 3$, let $3 \leq m \leq N$. Summing up estimate (2.19) in Lemma 2.2 from $k = 1$ to $m - 1$, we get

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m-1} \left(\|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_\varrho(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 \right) + \sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m-1} \|\nabla^k(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|^2 \leq C_1 \varepsilon_1 \left(\sum_{2 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \|\nabla(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2 \right).$$

By estimate (2.33) of Lemma 2.3 with $k = m$, we have

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla^m \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{P_\varrho(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\nabla^m \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_\theta(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\nabla^m \zeta\|^2 \right)$$

$$+ \|\nabla^{m+1}(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2 + \|\nabla^m(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|^2 \leq C_2 \varepsilon_1 \|\nabla^m(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2.$$

Summing up estimate (2.38) of Lemma 2.4 from $k = 0$ to $m - 1$, we get

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} \int \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 \leq C_3 \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m+1} \|\nabla^k(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2.$$

Let $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ be suitably small. Then, summing (4.1)–(4.3) and $\varepsilon \times (4.4)$, we find that

$$(4.5) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_0^m(t) + \Lambda_0^m(t) + \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|^2 \leq 0,$$

where

$$(4.6) \quad \mathcal{E}_0^m(t) := \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \varepsilon \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m-1} \int \nabla^k \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla^{k+1} \varphi \, dx \\ + \frac{P_{\bar{\varrho}}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2 + \frac{e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \zeta\|^2 + \int \varrho \mathcal{E} \, dx$$

and

$$(4.7) \quad \Lambda_0^m(t) := (1 - \varepsilon C_3) \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m+1} \|\nabla^k(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^2 + (\varepsilon - C_1 \varepsilon_1 - C_2 \varepsilon_1) \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m} \|\nabla^k \varphi\|^2.$$

Since $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ and $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ are suitably small, using (2.12), we obtain from (4.6) and (4.7), respectively, that

$$(4.8) \quad \mathcal{E}_0^m(t) \simeq \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^m}^2$$

and

$$(4.9) \quad \Lambda_0^m(t) \simeq \|\nabla \varphi(t)\|_{H^{m-1}}^2 + \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^m}^2$$

uniformly for all $t \geq 0$.

Integrating (4.5) over $(0, t)$, and using (4.8) and (4.9), we have

$$(4.10) \quad \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^m}^2 + \int_0^t \|\nabla \varphi\|_{H^{m-1}}^2 \, d\tau + \int_0^t \|\nabla(\mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|_{H^m}^2 \, d\tau \\ + \int_0^t \|(\mathbf{q}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})\|_{H^N}^2 \, d\tau \\ \leq C \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(0)\|_{H^N}^2.$$

Applying ∇^k to (1.1)₄, multiplying it by $\nabla^k \mathbf{q}$ and summing up the resulting equalities for $k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, we get

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} \|\nabla^k \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2 + \sigma_a \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{q}\|^2 \\ = 4\tilde{\sigma} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} \int \nabla^k (\theta^3 \nabla \zeta) \cdot \nabla^k \mathbf{q} \, dx \lesssim \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^{m-1}} \|\mathbf{q}\|_{H^{m-1}} \\ \leq \frac{\sigma_a}{2} \|\mathbf{q}\|_{H^{m-1}}^2 + C \|\zeta\|_{H^m}^2,$$

which implies

$$(4.11) \quad \|(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})\|_{H^{m-1}}^2 \lesssim \|\zeta\|_{H^m}^2.$$

Now, taking $m = 3$ in (4.10) and (4.11), we arrive at

$$(4.12) \quad \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^3}^2 + \|(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})\|_{H^2}^2 \lesssim \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(0)\|_{H^3}^2.$$

Using (1.8) and (4.12), by a standard continuity argument, we can close the a priori estimate (2.8). This in turn allows us to take $m = N$ in (4.10) and (4.11), which then implies (1.9).

Now, the proof of existence and uniqueness of global solution is standard. So, we omit the details for brevity.

4.2. Decay rate. We prove (1.10) for $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ because it is obvious to check (1.10) with $s = 0$. Setting

$$\mathcal{E}_{-s}(t) := \frac{P_{\bar{\varrho}}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\varrho}^2} \|\Lambda^{-s} \varphi\|^2 + \|\Lambda^{-s} \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{e_{\theta}(\bar{\varrho}, \bar{\theta})}{\bar{\theta}} \|\Lambda^{-s} \zeta\|^2,$$

and using (1.6), we get

$$(4.13) \quad \mathcal{E}_{-s}(t) \simeq \|\Lambda^{-s}(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|^2.$$

Then, integrating in time (3.1), and using (4.13) and (4.10), we obtain that for $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{-s}(t) &\lesssim \mathcal{E}_{-s}(0) + \varepsilon_1 \int_0^t \|\nabla \zeta\|_{H^1}^2 \, d\tau + \int_0^t (\|\nabla(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}\|^2) \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{-s}(\tau)} \, d\tau \\ &\lesssim 1 + \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{-s}(\tau)}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies (1.10).

Next, we will continue the proof of (1.11) for $s \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$. We may use (1.15) to find that

$$(4.14) \quad \|\nabla f\| \gtrsim \|\Lambda^{-s} f\|^{-1/s} \|f\|^{1+1/s}.$$

By (4.14) and (1.10), we get

$$(4.15) \quad \|\nabla(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\| \gtrsim \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)\|^{1+1/s}.$$

Also, using $\|\varphi(t)\|_{H^N} \lesssim 1$ due to (1.9), we have

$$(4.16) \quad \|\nabla^N \varphi\| \gtrsim \|\nabla^N \varphi\|^{1+1/s}.$$

By (4.15) and (4.16), we obtain from (4.8) and (4.9) that

$$(4.17) \quad \Lambda_0^N(t) \gtrsim (\mathcal{E}_0^N(t))^{1+1/s}.$$

Using (4.17), we deduce from (4.5) with $m = N$ that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_0^N(t) + C_0(\mathcal{E}_0^N(t))^{1+1/s} \leq 0.$$

Solving this inequality directly gives (see (1.17))

$$\mathcal{E}_0^N(t) \lesssim (1+t)^{-s},$$

that is,

$$(4.18) \quad \|(\varphi, \mathbf{u}, \zeta)(t)\|_{H^N}^2 \lesssim (1+t)^{-s}$$

due to (4.8). By (4.18) and (4.11) with $m = N$, we obtain (1.11). The proof of (1.10)–(1.11) is completed.

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