

BLOW-UP CRITERION FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL HEAT CONVECTION EQUATIONS WITH ZERO HEAT CONDUCTIVITY

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ABSTRACT. In this article we obtain a blow-up criterion of smooth solutions to Cauchy problem for the incompressible heat convection equations with zero heat conductivity in \mathbb{R}^2 . Our proof is based on careful Höder estimates of heat and transport equations and the standard Littlewood-Paley theory.

1. INTRODUCTION

The incompressible heat convection equations in two space dimensions take the form

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla \pi &= \mu \Delta u + \theta e_2, \\ \partial_t \theta + u \cdot \nabla \theta - \nu \Delta \theta &= \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\partial_i u^j + \partial_j u^i)^2, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0,\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where $u = (u^1, u^2)^t$ is the fluid velocity, π is the pressure, θ stands for the absolute temperature, μ is the coefficient of viscosity, ν is the coefficient of heat conductivity and $e_2 = (0, 1)$.

Some problems related to (1.1) have been studied in recent years (see [22], [8], [17]-[20] and [25]). Fan and Ozawa [8] obtained some regularity criteria of strong solutions to the Cauchy problem for the (1.1) in \mathbb{R}^3 . Hiroshi [17] proved the existence of the strong solutions for the initial boundary value problems for (1.1). Kagei and Skowron [18] discussed the existence and uniqueness of solutions of the initial-boundary value problem for the heat convection equations (1.1) of incompressible asymmetric fluids in \mathbb{R}^3 . Moreover, Kagei [19] considered global attractors for the initial-boundary value problem for (1.1) in \mathbb{R}^2 . Lukaszewicz and Krzyzanowski [25] treated the initial-boundary value problem for (1.1) with moving boundaries in \mathbb{R}^3 . Kakizawa [20] proved that (1.1) has uniquely a mild solution. Moreover, a mild solution of (1.1) can be a strong or classical solution under appropriate assumptions for initial data.

It is well known that the Boussinesq approximation [3] is a simplified model of heat convection of incompressible viscous fluids. There is no doubt that many

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investigations on the Boussinesq approximation have been carried out for a hundred years. For regularity criteria of weak solutions and blow up criteria of smooth solutions, we refer to [9] and so on.

Equation (1.1) is the Navier-Stokes equations coupled with the heat equation. Due to its importance in mathematics and physics, there is lots of literature devoted to the mathematical theory of the Navier-Stokes equations. Leray-Hopf weak solution were constructed by Leray [23] and Hopf [16], respectively. Later on, much effort has been devoted to establish the global existence and uniqueness of smooth solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations. Different criteria for regularity of the weak solutions have been proposed and many interesting results were established (see [7], [8]-[11], [12], [14], [29] and [33]-[34]). Serrin-type regularity criteria of Leray weak solutions in terms of pressure in Besov space were obtained in [13] and [15].

In this paper, we consider (1.1) with the zero heat conductivity; i.e., $\nu = 0$. Without loss of generality, we take $\mu = 1$. The corresponding heat convection equations thus reads

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla \pi &= \Delta u + \theta e_2, \\ \partial_t \theta + u \cdot \nabla \theta &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\partial_i u^j + \partial_j u^i)^2, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Due to the term $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\partial_i u^j + \partial_j u^i)^2$, it is very difficult to deal with (1.2). The local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for (1.2) is rather standard, which can be obtained by standard Galerkin method and energy estimates (for example see [8]). In the absence of global well-posedness, the development of blow-up/ non blow-up theory (see [1]) is of major importance for both theoretical and practical purposes. In this paper, we obtain a blow-up criterion of smooth solutions to the Cauchy problem for (1.2). Our main theorem is as follows.

Theorem 1.1. *Assume that (u, θ) is a local smooth solution to the heat convection equations with zero heat conductivity (1.2) on $[0, T)$ and $\|u(0)\|_{H^1 \cap \dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{L^2 \cap \dot{C}^\alpha} < \infty$ for some $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then*

$$\|u(t)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(t)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} < \infty$$

for all $0 \leq t \leq T$ provided that

$$\|u\|_{L_T^2(\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0)} < \infty, \quad \|\theta\|_{L_T^1(\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0)} < \infty. \quad (1.3)$$

This article is organized as follows. We first state some preliminary on functional settings and some important inequalities in Section 2 and then prove the blow-up criterion of smooth solutions of (1.2) in Section 3.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ be the Schwartz class of rapidly decreasing functions. Given $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, its Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}f = \hat{f}$ is defined by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} f(x) dx$$

and for any given $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, its inverse Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}^{-1}g = \check{g}$ is defined by

$$\check{g}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{ix \cdot \xi} g(\xi) d\xi.$$

Next let us recall the Littlewood-Paley decomposition. Choose two non-negative radial functions $\chi, \phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, supported respectively in $\mathbb{B} = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |\xi| \leq \frac{4}{3}\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{3}{4} \leq |\xi| \leq \frac{8}{3}\}$ such that

$$\chi(\xi) + \sum_{k \geq 0} \phi(2^{-k}\xi) = 1, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

and

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-k}\xi) = 1, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}.$$

The frequency localization operator is defined by

$$\Delta_k f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \check{\phi}(y) f(x - 2^{-k}y) dy, \quad S_k f = \sum_{k' \leq k-1} \Delta_{k'} f.$$

Let us now recall homogeneous Besov spaces (for example, see [2] and [30]). For $(p, q) \in [1, \infty]^2$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$, the homogeneous Besov space $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s$ is defined as the set of f up to polynomials such that

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^s} = \|2^{ks} \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^p}\|_{l^q(\mathbb{Z})} < \infty.$$

Finally, we recall the following space, which is defined in [6]. Let p be in $[1, \infty]$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$; the space $\tilde{L}_T^p(C^r)$ is the space of the distributions f such that

$$\|f\|_{\tilde{L}_T^p(C^r)} = \sup_k 2^{kr} \|\Delta_k f\|_{L_T^p(L^\infty)} < \infty.$$

The open ball with radius R centered at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is denoted by $\mathbf{B}(x_0, R)$. The ring $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 | R_1 \leq |\xi| \leq R_2\}$ is denoted by $\mathbf{C}(0, R_1, R_2)$.

In what follows, we shall use Bernstein inequalities, which can be found in [4].

Lemma 2.1. *Let k a positive integer and σ any smooth homogeneous function of degree $m \in \mathbb{R}$. A constant C exists such that, for any positive real number λ and any function f in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$, we have*

$$\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset \lambda \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \sup_{|\beta|=k} \|\partial^\beta f\|_{L^q} \leq C \lambda^{k+2(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})} \|f\|_{L^p}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset \lambda \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow C^{-1} \lambda^k \|f\|_{L^p} \leq \sup_{|\beta|=k} \|\partial^\beta f\|_{L^p} \leq C \lambda^k \|f\|_{L^p}. \tag{2.2}$$

Moreover, if σ is a smooth function on \mathbb{R}^2 which is homogeneous of degree m outside a fixed ball, then we have

$$\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset \lambda \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \|\sigma(D)f\|_{L^q} \leq C \lambda^{(m+2(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}))} \|f\|_{L^p}. \tag{2.3}$$

Lemma 2.2. *For any $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ($p > 1$) and any positive real number λ ,*

$$\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset \lambda \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{L^p} \leq C e^{-c\lambda^2 t} \|f\|_{L^p}, \tag{2.4}$$

where C and c are positive constants. See [5] for the proof of (2.4).

The following lemma plays an important role in the proof of Theorem 1.1 (see also [27] and [28] where similar estimate were established).

Lemma 2.3. *Assume that $\gamma > 0$, then there exists a positive constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \left(1 + \|f\|_{L^2} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \ln(e + \|f\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma}) \right) \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \|\nabla f(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau &\leq C \left(1 + \int_0^T \|f(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau + \sup_k \int_0^T \|\Delta_k \nabla f(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \ln \left(e + \int_0^T \|\nabla f(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma} d\tau \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Proof. If $f \in W^{m,p}$, $m > \frac{2}{p}$, C^γ in (2.5) is replaced by $W^{m,p}$, then (2.5) still holds. For example, see [1, 21]. It is not difficult to prove (2.5) (see [31]). For the reader convenience, we give a detail proof. It follows from Littlewood-Paley composition that

$$f = \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 \Delta_k f + \sum_{k=1}^A \Delta_k f + \sum_{k=A+1}^{\infty} \Delta_k f. \quad (2.7)$$

Using (2.7) and (2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^\infty} + A \max_{1 \leq k \leq A} \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^\infty} + \sum_{k=A+1}^{\infty} \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 2^k \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^2} + A \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} + \sum_{k=A+1}^{\infty} 2^{-\gamma k} 2^{\gamma k} \|\Delta_k f\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^2} + A \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} + \sum_{k=A+1}^{\infty} 2^{-\gamma k} \|f\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^2} + A \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} + 2^{-\gamma A} \|f\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.5) follows immediately by choosing

$$A = \frac{1}{\gamma} \log_2(e + \|f\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma}) \leq C \ln(e + \|f\|_{\dot{C}^\gamma}).$$

Similar to the proof of (2.5), we can obtain (2.6) (see also [24]). Thus the proof is complete. \square

To prove Theorem 1.1, we need the following interpolation inequalities in two space dimensions.

Lemma 2.4. *The following inequalities hold*

$$\|f\|_{L^p} \leq C \|f\|_{L^q}^{1-\frac{2}{q}+\frac{2}{p}} \|\nabla f\|_{L^q}^{\frac{2}{q}-\frac{2}{p}}, \quad -\frac{2}{p} \leq 1 - \frac{2}{q}, \quad p \geq q. \quad (2.8)$$

Proof. Noting $-\frac{2}{p} \leq 1 - \frac{2}{q}$, $p \geq q$ and using the Sobolev embedding theorem, we obtain

$$\|f\|_{L^p} \leq C (\|f\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla f\|_{L^q}). \quad (2.9)$$

Let $f_\lambda(x) = f(\lambda x)$. From (2.9), we obtain

$$\|f_\lambda\|_{L^p} \leq C (\|f_\lambda\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla f_\lambda\|_{L^q}),$$

which implies

$$\|f\|_{L^p} \leq C (\lambda^{\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \|f\|_{L^q} + \lambda^{1+\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \|\nabla f\|_{L^q}). \quad (2.10)$$

Taking $\lambda = \|f\|_{L^q} \|\nabla f\|_{L^q}^{-1}$, from (2.10), we immediately obtain (2.8). Thus, the proof is complete. \square

3. PROOF OF MAIN RESULTS

This section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1, for which we need the following Lemma that is basically established in [8]. For completeness, the proof is also sketched here.

Lemma 3.1. *Assume $\|u(0)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta(0)\|_{L^2} < \infty$ and assume furthermore that (u, θ) is a smooth solution to the Cauchy problem for (1.2) on $\times[0, T)$. If*

$$u \in L^2\left(0, T; \dot{B}_{\infty, \infty}^0(\mathbb{R}^2)\right), \quad (3.1)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^T (\|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^2) dt \\ & \leq C(\|u(0)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta(0)\|_{L^2}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. Multiplying the first equation in (1.2) by u and using Cauchy inequality, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (|\theta|^2 + |u|^2)(x, t) dx. \quad (3.3)$$

Multiplying the first equation in (1.2) by $-\Delta u$, using integration by parts, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \theta e_2 \cdot \Delta u dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \Delta u dx. \quad (3.4)$$

Note that (see [32])

$$-\Delta u = \nabla \times (\nabla \times u), \quad \nabla \times (u \cdot \nabla u) = u \cdot \nabla (\nabla \times u)$$

provided that $\nabla \cdot u = 0$.

Using integration by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \Delta u dx &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (u \cdot \nabla u) \cdot \nabla \times (\nabla \times u) dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \nabla \times (u \cdot \nabla u) \cdot \nabla \times u dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u \cdot \nabla (\nabla \times u) \cdot (\nabla \times u) dx = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

It follows from (3.4), (3.5) and Young inequality that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (3.6)$$

Multiplying the second equation in (1.2) by θ , using Hölder inequality and Young inequality, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \theta (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)^2 dx \\ &\leq C \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^4}^2 \\ &\leq C \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2} \|u(t)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6} \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|u(t)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}^2 \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where we have used the interpolation inequality (see for example [26])

$$\|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^4} \leq C \|u(t)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}^{1/2} \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^{1/2}. \quad (3.8)$$

Collecting (3.3), (3.6) and (3.7) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2) + \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \leq C \left(\|u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u(t)\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0}^2 (\|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\theta(t)\|_{L^2}^2) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Inequality (3.2) follows immediately from (3.1), (3.9) and Gronwall's inequality. Thus, the proof complete. \square

We also need the following lemma (see also [6, 24] where similar estimates were established).

Lemma 3.2. *Assume that $F \in \tilde{L}_T^1(C^{-1}) \cap L_T^2(L^2)$ and $u_0 \in L^2$. Let u be a solution of the Navier-Stokes equations*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla \pi &= \Delta u + F, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0, \\ t = 0 : \quad u &= u_0(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Then it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_T^1(C^1)} &\leq C (\sup_k \|\Delta_k u_0\|_{L^2} (1 - \exp\{-c2^{2k}T\}) + (\|u_0\|_{L^2} \\ &\quad + \|F\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}) \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 + \sup_k \int_0^T 2^{-k} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Proof. Applying Δ_k to (3.10), we obtain

$$\Delta_k u = e^{\Delta t} \Delta_k u_0 + \int_0^t e^{\Delta(t-\tau)} \Delta_k \mathbb{P}(\nabla \cdot (u \otimes u) + F)(\tau) d\tau, \quad (3.12)$$

where operator \mathbb{P} satisfies

$$(\hat{\mathbb{P}}u)^i = \sum_{j=1}^2 \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{\xi^i \xi^j}{|\xi|^2} \right) \hat{u}^j(\xi).$$

It follows from (2.3) and (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Delta_k u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \\ & \leq C \left(e^{-c2^{2k}t} \|\Delta_k u_0\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\Delta_k \nabla \cdot (u \otimes u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \right) \\ & \quad + C \int_0^t e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_T^1(C^1)} \\ & \leq C \sup_k \int_0^T 2^k e^{-c2^{2k}t} \|\Delta_k u_0\|_{L^\infty} dt \\ & \quad + C \sup_k \int_0^T \int_0^t 2^{2k} e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\Delta_k u \otimes u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau dt \\ & \quad + C \sup_k \int_0^T \int_0^t 2^k e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau dt \\ & \leq C \sup_k \|\Delta_k u_0\|_{L^2} (1 - e^{-c2^{2k}T}) \\ & \quad + C \sup_k \int_0^T \|\Delta_k (u \otimes u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau + \sup_k \int_0^T 2^{-k} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

It follows from Bony decomposition that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Delta_k (u \otimes u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \\ & = \sum_{|m-n| \leq 1} \|\Delta_k (\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \sum_{m-n \geq 2} \|\Delta_k (\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \\ & \quad + \sum_{n-m \geq 2} \|\Delta_k (\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \end{aligned}$$

By (2.1) and (2.2), a straight computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \sum_{|m-n| \leq 1} \|\Delta_k (\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\ & \leq C \int_0^T \sum_{|m-n| \leq 1} 2^k \|\Delta_k (\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau \\ & \leq C \int_0^t \sum_{|m-n| \leq 1, m \geq k-3} 2^{k-\frac{m+n}{2}} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}^{1/2} \|\Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}^{1/2} \\ & \quad \times \|2^n \Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} d\tau \\ & \leq C \int_0^t \sum_{|m-n| \leq 1, m \geq k-3} 2^{k-\frac{m+n}{2}} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}^{1/2} \|\Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \\ & \quad \times \|2^n \Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} d\tau \\ & \leq C \|u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_T^1(C^1)}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \left(\sum_{m-n \geq 2} \|\Delta_k(\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \sum_{n-m \geq 2} \|\Delta_k(\Delta_m u \otimes \Delta_n u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \right) d\tau \\
& \leq C \int_0^T \sum_{m-n \geq 2, |m-k| \leq 2} \|\Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|\Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\
& \leq C \sum_{m-n \geq 2, |m-k| \leq 2} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}^{1/2} \|2^m \Delta_m u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^{1/2} 2^{n-\frac{m}{2}} \|\Delta_n u(\tau)\|_{L^2} d\tau \\
& \leq C \|u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}_T^1(C^1)}^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the above two estimates, from (3.14) and Young inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u\|_{\tilde{L}_T^1(C^1)} & \leq C(\sup_k \|\Delta_k u_0\|_{L^2} (1 - \exp\{-c2^{2k}T\}) + \|u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)} \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2) \\
& \quad + \sup_k \int_0^T 2^{-k} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Combining (3.15) and the basic energy estimate

$$\|u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 \leq C(\|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|F\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2) \tag{3.16}$$

gives (3.11). Thus, the proof is complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Set $F = u \cdot \nabla u + \theta e_2$. It follows from (1.3) and (3.2) that $F \in \tilde{L}_T^1(C^{-1}) \cap L_T^2(L^2)$. Applying Δ_k to both sides of (3.10) and using standard energy estimate, (2.2) and Young inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta_k u\|_{L^2}^2 + c2^{2k} \|\Delta_k u\|_{L^2}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{c}{2} 2^{2k} \|\Delta_k u\|_{L^2}^2 + C(\|\Delta_k u\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta_k F\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Delta_k(u \otimes u)\|_{L^2}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above inequality with respect to t and summing over k , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_k \|\Delta_k u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)}^2 + \sum_k \int_0^t 2^{2k} \|\Delta_k u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\
& \leq C(\|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|F\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2 + \|u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)} \|\nabla u\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

where we used the interpolation inequality (see Lemma 2.4)

$$\|u\|_{L^4} \leq C \|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2}.$$

It follows from (3.16) and (3.17) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_k \|\Delta_k u\|_{L_T^\infty(L^2)}^2 + \sum_k \int_0^t 2^{2k} \|\Delta_k u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau \\
& \leq C(\|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|F\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2)(1 + \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \|F\|_{L_T^2(L^2)}^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

Using (3.18), for any $t_0 \in [0, T]$, we can choose $k_0 > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{k \geq k_0} \|\Delta_k u\|_{L_{[t_0, T]}^\infty(L^2)} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4C}.$$

By (3.16), we can choose $t_1 \in [t_0, T]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} \sup_{k \leq k_0} \|\Delta_k u(t)\|_{L^2} (1 - \exp\{-c2^{2k}(T-t)\}) \\ & \leq \sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} 2c2^{2k_0}(T-t_1)\|u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq C2^{2k_0}(\|u_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2_T(L^2)})(T-t_1) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4C}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\sup_{t_1 \leq t \leq T} \sup_k \|\Delta_k u(t)\|_{L^2} (1 - \exp\{-c2^{2k}(T-t)\}) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2C}. \tag{3.19}$$

On the other hand, we can choose $t_2 \in [t_1, T)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sup_{t_2 \leq t \leq T} \|u(t)\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2_{[t_2, T]}(L^2)} \right) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2_{[t_2, T]}(L^2)} \\ & + \sup_k \int_{t_2}^T 2^{-k} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\ & \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2C}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

It follows from (3.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{\tilde{L}^1_{[t_2, T]}(C^1)} & \leq C \left(\sup_k \|\Delta_k u(t_2)\|_{L^2} (1 - \exp\{-c2^{2k}(T-t_2)\}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (\|u(t_2)\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2_{[t_2, T]}(L^2)}) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2_{[t_2, T]}(L^2)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sup_k \int_{t_2}^T 2^{-k} \|\Delta_k F(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Combining (3.19)-(3.21) gives

$$\|u\|_{\tilde{L}^1_{[t_2, T]}(C^1)} \leq \varepsilon. \tag{3.22}$$

Using (3.22) and (1.3), we can choose $t^* \in [t_2, T)$ such that

$$\|u\|_{\tilde{L}^1_{[t^*, T]}(C^1)} \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|\theta\|_{L^1_{[t^*, T]}(\dot{B}^0_{\infty, \infty})} \leq \varepsilon. \tag{3.23}$$

For $0 \leq t < T$, define

$$M(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau < t} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}, \quad N(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau < t} \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}.$$

In what follows, we estimate $M(t)$ and $N(t)$ for $0 \leq t < T$. Applying Δ_k to the first and second equation in (1.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t \Delta_k u - \Delta \Delta_k u + \nabla \Delta_k \pi = -\nabla \cdot \Delta_k (u \otimes u) + \Delta_k (\theta e_2), \\ & \partial_t \Delta_k \theta + u \cdot \nabla \Delta_k \theta = \Delta_k \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\partial_i u^j + \partial_j u^i)^2 \right) + [u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \theta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

Firstly, we make estimate $\|u(t)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}$. It follows from the first equation in (3.24) and (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_k u(t)\|_{L^\infty} & \leq C e^{-c2^{2k}t} \|\Delta_k u(0)\|_{L^\infty} + C \int_0^t e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\nabla \cdot \Delta_k (u \otimes u)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\ & \quad + C \int_0^t e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\Delta_k (\theta e_2)(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By the above inequality, (2.1), (2.2) and Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} &\leq C\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + C \int_0^t 2^{3k/2} e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|u \otimes u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{\frac{1}{2}+\alpha}} d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t 2^k e^{-c2^{2k}(t-\tau)} \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} d\tau \\ &\leq C(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t)) + C \left(\int_0^t \|u \otimes u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{\frac{1}{2}+\alpha}}^4 d\tau \right)^{1/4}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

By (2.8), we obtain

$$\|u\|_{L^4} \leq C\|u\|_{L^2}^{1/2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{1/2}. \quad (3.26)$$

Using this inequality and the fact $\|u \otimes u\|_{\dot{C}^{\frac{1}{2}+\alpha}} \leq C\|u\|_{L^4}\|u\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|u(t)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}^4 \\ &\leq C(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t))^4 + C \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}^4 d\tau \\ &\leq C(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(\tilde{t}))^4 + C \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}^4 d\tau, \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

for any fixed $\tilde{t} : 0 \leq \tilde{t} \leq T$ and $t \leq \tilde{t} < T$. Here we have used the fact that $N(t)$ is nondecreasing. Consequently, Gronwall's inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} M(\tilde{t})^4 &= \sup_{0 \leq t < \tilde{t}} \|u(t)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}^4 \\ &\leq C(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(\tilde{t}))^4 \exp\left\{C \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tau\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{t} \in [0, T]$ is arbitrary, by (3.2), we obtain

$$M(t) \leq C(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t)), \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (3.28)$$

We next continue to estimate $N(t)$. It follows from the second equation in (3.24) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_k \theta\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C\|\Delta_k \theta(0)\|_{L^\infty} + C \int_0^t \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \|\Delta_k (\partial_i u^j + \partial_j u^i)^2(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t \|[u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Using (2.1), (2.2), (3.29) and Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta(t)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} &\leq C\|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} + C \int_0^t \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t 2^{k\alpha} \|[u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

It follows from Bony decomposition that

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta &= \sum_{|k'-r|\leq 1} [\Delta_{k'}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_r \theta + \sum_{k' \leq r-2} [\Delta_{k'}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_r \theta \\
&\quad + \sum_{k' \leq r-2} [\Delta_r u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_{k'} \theta \\
&= \sum_{|k'-r|\leq 1} [\Delta_{k'}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_r \theta + \sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} [S_{r-1}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_r \theta \\
&\quad + \sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} [\Delta_r u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] S_{r-1} \theta.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

Note that

$$[S_{r-1}u, \Delta_k]f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} h(y)[S_{r-1}u(x) - S_{r-1}u(x - 2^{-k}y)]f(x - 2^{-k}y)dy,$$

we obtain

$$\|[S_{r-1}u, \Delta_k]f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C2^{-k}\|\nabla S_{r-1}u\|_{L^\infty}\|f\|_{L^\infty}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} \int_0^t 2^{k\alpha} \|[S_{r-1}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] \Delta_r \theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\
&\leq C \sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} \int_0^t 2^{k(\alpha-1)} \|\nabla S_{r-1}u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla \Delta_r \theta\|_{L^\infty}(\tau) d\tau \\
&\leq C \sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} \int_0^t \|\nabla S_{r-1}u\|_{L^\infty} 2^{r\alpha} \|\Delta_r \theta\|_{L^\infty}(\tau) d\tau \\
&\leq C \int_0^t \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} d\tau.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

Note that

$$[\Delta_r u, \Delta_k]f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} h(y)[\Delta_r u(x) - \Delta_r u(x - 2^{-k}y)]f(x - 2^{-k}y)dy.$$

Then, we have

$$\|[\Delta_r u, \Delta_k]f\| \leq C2^{-k}\|\nabla \Delta_r u\|_{L^\infty}\|f\|_{L^\infty}.$$

It follows from the above inequality and (2.1), (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} \int_0^t 2^{k\alpha} \|[\Delta_r u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k] S_{r-1} \theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq C \sum_{|r-k|\leq 2} \int_0^t 2^{k(\alpha-1)} \|\nabla \Delta_r u\|_{L^\infty} \|\nabla S_{r-1} \theta\|_{L^\infty}(\tau) d\tau \\
&\leq C \int_0^t \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}(\tau) d\tau.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.33}$$

By a straightforward computation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|k'-r|\leq 1} \int_0^t 2^{k\alpha} \|[\Delta_{k'}u \cdot \nabla, \Delta_k]\Delta_r\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \\ & \leq C \int_0^t \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

Collecting (3.30)-(3.34) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta(t)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} & \leq C\|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} + C \int_0^t \|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} d\tau \\ & \quad + C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}}) d\tau \\ & \leq C\|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} + C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) (\|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} \\ & \quad + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

From (3.28) and (3.35), we obtain

$$N(t) \leq C\|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha} + C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) (\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(\tau)) d\tau. \quad (3.36)$$

With the help of Lemma 2.3 and (3.23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) d\tau \\ & \leq C \int_0^{t_*} (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) d\tau \\ & \quad + C \int_{t_*}^t (1 + \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^2}) d\tau \\ & \quad + C \int_{t_*}^t \|\theta\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,\infty}^0} \ln(e + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}) d\tau \\ & \quad + C \sup_k \int_{t_*}^t \|\nabla \Delta_k u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} d\tau \ln \left(e + \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} d\tau \right) \\ & \leq C_* + C\varepsilon \ln(e + N(t)) + C\varepsilon \ln[e + Ct(\|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t))] \\ & \leq C_* + C\varepsilon \ln(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

where C_* is a positive constant depending on the solution (u, θ) on $[0, t_*]$. It follows from (3.36)-(3.37) that

$$N(t) \leq C_*(1 + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}) + C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) N(\tau) d\tau,$$

provided that $\varepsilon > 0$ is suitably small. By Gronwall's inequality and (3.37), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t) \\ & \leq C_*(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}) \exp\left\{C \int_0^t (\|\nabla u(\tau)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta(\tau)\|_{L^\infty}) d\tau\right\} \\ & \leq C_*(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha}) \exp\{C_* + C\varepsilon \ln(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t))\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C_*(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha})(e + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + N(t))^{C_\varepsilon}.$$

Choosing $\varepsilon > 0$ suitably small, the above inequality and (3.28) yields

$$M(t) + N(t) \leq C_*(1 + \|u(0)\|_{\dot{C}^{1+\alpha}} + \|\theta(0)\|_{\dot{C}^\alpha})^2.$$

The proof is complete. \square

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