

Mild solutions to the 3D-Boussinesq system with weakened initial temperature

Pedro Gabriel Fernández-Dalgo^{*†} and Oscar Jarrín^{‡§}

Abstract

In this research, the Cauchy problem of the 3D viscous Boussinesq system is studied considering an initial temperature with *negative Sobolev regularity*. Precisely, we construct local in time mild solutions to this system where the temperature term belongs to Sobolev spaces of negative order. Our main contribution is to show how the coupled structure of the Boussinesq system allows us to considerably weaken the regularity in the temperature term.

Keywords : Boussinesq system, Cauchy problem, mild solutions, negative Sobolev regularity.

AMS classification : 35Q35, 76D03

1 Introduction

We consider the incompressible three dimensional Boussinesq system, which describes the dynamics of a viscous incompressible fluid with heat exchanges [14, 15]. Mathematically, this system couples the Navier-Stokes equations and the equations of thermodynamics as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P - \theta \mathbf{e}_3 = 0, \\ \partial_t \theta - \Delta \theta + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \mathbf{u}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{u}_0, \quad \theta(0, \cdot) = \theta_0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Here, $\mathbf{u} : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is the velocity of the fluid, $P : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the pressure and $\theta : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the temperature. Moreover, $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ is the third orthonormal vector in the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^3 , while $\mathbf{u}_0 : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\theta_0 : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denote the initial (divergence-free) velocity and the initial temperature respectively. With a minor loss of generality, we have set all the physical constants equal to one.

^{*}Escuela de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas, Universidad de Las Américas, Vía a Nayón, C.P.170504, Quito, Ecuador

[†]corresponding author: pedro.fernandez.dalgo@udla.edu.ec

[‡]Escuela de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas, Universidad de Las Américas, Vía a Nayón, C.P.170504, Quito, Ecuador

[§]oscar.jarrin@udla.edu.ec

The Boussinesq system (1) was studied in the L^p setting in [2] and weak solutions were constructed in [9, 13]. In recent years this model have taken interest in the fluids mechanics community. On the one hand, in view of its proximity to the incompressible axisymmetric Euler system with swirl, the *partially viscous* Boussinesq system in dimension two is of great interest, it was addressed for example in [10, 11, 16]. On the other hand, in [5] the authors show that the classical results for the standard Navier-Stokes system remain true for the Boussinesq system even considering a null viscosity for the temperature term:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P - \theta \mathbf{e}_3 = 0, & \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \partial_t \theta + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

and considering *compatible* regularity conditions for both the initial velocity and the initial temperature. Precisely, in Theorem 1.1 of the paper [5], global in time weak solutions are constructed under the well-known initial condition for the velocity $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$, and the initial condition for the temperature $\theta_0 \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $6/5 < p \leq 2$.

Concerning the case of initial data belonging to Sobolev spaces, and recalling the embedding $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, with $6/5 < p \leq 2$ and $0 \leq s < 1$, this last condition on the initial temperature suggests to look for solutions of the system (1) with $\theta_0 \in \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.

In this article, we address the stronger setting of mild solutions and we will show the existence and uniqueness of mild solutions for the three dimensional viscous Boussinesq system (1) with initial temperature in Sobolev spaces of *negative order*. In this context, we show that the coupled structure of the system (1) allows us to weaken the regularity in the temperature term.

Recall that *mild* solutions to the Boussinesq system (1) solve the following coupled system of integral equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot) &= e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0 - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \\ &\quad + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\theta(t, \cdot) = e^{t\Delta} \theta_0 - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau, \quad (4)$$

where, for the heat kernel h_t we denote $e^{t\Delta} \varphi = h_t * \varphi$, and \mathbb{P} stands for the Leray's projector.

Our key remark is the fact that expression (3) formally verifies the equation

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla P = \theta \mathbf{e}_3, \quad \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0,$$

where $\theta \mathbf{e}_3$ acts as a *source term* of the classical Navier-Stokes equations. Fujita and Kato's theory of mild solutions in Sobolev spaces [8],[1, Chapter 5.2],[12, Chapter 7.4] shows that this equation can be studied by considering initial velocities $\mathbf{u}_0 \in H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $r \geq 1/2$, and *source terms* belonging to the space $\dot{H}^{r-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. In particular, the limit value $r = 1/2$ suggests the minimal regularity condition $\theta \in \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.

Main results. Coming back to the Boussinesq system (1), and motivated by this last remark, for $r \geq 1/2$ we shall assume that $\mathbf{u}_0 \in H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)$, with $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}_0) = 0$, and for $0 \leq s \leq 1/2$ we shall assume that $\theta_0 \in \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. We thus look for conditions on r and s to prove the existence of local in time solutions.

In order to simplify the statement of our next theorem, we will say that the system (1) is locally solved in the space $H^r(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ if for any initial data $(\mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0) \in H^r(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ (with $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}_0) = 0$) there exists a time $T_0 > 0$, depending on \mathbf{u}_0 and θ_0 , and there exists a couple

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &\in L^\infty([0, T_0], H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ \theta &\in L^\infty([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{-s+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \end{aligned}$$

which is a solution to (3)-(4). In this setting, our main result reads as follows:

Theorem 1 *Let $1/2 \leq r < 2$ and let $0 \leq s \leq 1/2$.*

1. *If $s < 1/2 < r$ and*

$$1 \leq s + r < 2, \tag{5}$$

then the Boussinesq system (3)-(4) is locally solved in the space $H^r(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Moreover, the obtained solution is the unique one.

2. *In the limit case $s = 1/2$, and for $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$, the Boussinesq system (3)-(4) is locally solved in the space $H^r(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.*

The following comments are in order. Existence of local in time solutions to (3)-(4) will be obtained by a fixed point argument joint with some sharp regularizing effects of the heat kernel. However, equation (4) imposes new defies. On the one hand, we deal with Sobolev spaces of negative order and, on the other hand, the term $\theta \mathbf{u}$ is more difficult to treat due the fact θ and \mathbf{u} have different regularity properties. To overcome these difficulties, we have considered two cases of the parameters r and s .

In the first point of Theorem 1, we consider the case $s < 1/2 < r$ with the additional relationship (5). Observe that this relationship constraints s in function of r . Precisely, by the lower bound in (5) we have

$$-s \leq r - 1, \tag{6}$$

and then $-s$ is contained in the interval $(-1/2, r - 1)$. This fact shows us how much the regularity of the initial temperature $\theta_0 \in \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ can be weakened respect to the given regularity of the initial velocity $\mathbf{u}_0 \in H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)$. On the other hand, the upper bound in (5) constraints the parameter r to $r < 2$. We thus observe that the given regularity for initial velocity \mathbf{u}_0 cannot be arbitrary high, when initial temperature with negative regularity is considered.

It is interesting to observe that the inequality (6) appears inverted in the recent paper [7] on the micropolar system, the reason is the different nature of the coupled part in the equation for $\partial_t \mathbf{u}$. While the coupled part in the Boussinesq system is $-\theta \mathbf{e}_3$, the coupled part in the micropolar system is $\nabla \wedge \omega$, where ω is the coupled variable.

Getting back to (6), we observe that when r goes to $1/2$ then $-s$ tends to the limit value $-1/2$. Thus, in the second point of Theorem 1, we focus on the (more delicate) case of minimal regularity conditions for the initial temperature: $\theta_0 \in \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, and we show the existence of a local solution to (3)-(4) where the initial velocity \mathbf{u}_0 verifies $\mathbf{u}_0 \in H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$.

In the range $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$, the limit points $r = 1/2$ and $r = 1$ are of particular interest. On the one hand, when $r = 1/2$ we deal with the limit case of the relationship (6). On the other hand, the value $r = 1$ seems to be the maximal one for which we can prove the local-well posedness of (3)-(4) in $H^r(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.

When $s = 1/2$, the uniqueness of solutions seems more complicate to treat. In fact, the methods used in the previous case when $s < 1/2$ are not longer valid when studying the term $\theta \mathbf{u}$ in equation (4) with $\theta \in \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. As pointed out in [3], this particular term makes more difficult to study the uniqueness issue of solutions to the Boussinesq system, and additional regularity conditions on the temperature term are required to obtain partial uniqueness results.

Following these ideas, we are able to obtain the next (partial) uniqueness result.

Proposition 1.1 *Withing the setting of the second point in Theorem 1, assume that we have two solutions (\mathbf{u}_1, θ_1) and (\mathbf{u}_2, θ_2) to the Boussinesq system (1) associated with the same initial data, and such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_i &\in L^\infty([0, T_0], H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{3/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ \theta_i &\in L^\infty([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{1/2} \cap \dot{W}^{1,3}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, 2$. Then $(\mathbf{u}_1, \theta_1) = (\mathbf{u}_2, \theta_2)$.

As noticed, uniqueness of solutions is ensured under the additional regularity condition $\theta \in L_t^2 \dot{W}_x^{1,3}$. Moreover, this result also holds for velocities \mathbf{u} belonging to the space $L_t^\infty H_x^r \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r+1}$ with $1/2 < r \leq 1$, due to the continuous embedding $L_t^\infty H_x^r \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r+1} \subset L_t^\infty H_x^{1/2} \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{3/2}$.

Related works. Here we make a short discussion on some previous related works. To this end, some mentioned results are not stated in their rigorous form, since it requires a considerably set of highly technical definition and notation. But, we shall emphasize their main features concerning the *regularity* of the spaces involved. For all the technical details we refer to the articles cited below.

Previous studies on the Boussinesq systems (1) and (2) in functional spaces of negative or null regularity were done in the framework of Besov spaces, generally defined on the space \mathbb{R}^n with $n \geq 2$. For our purposes, we shall only focus on the case $n = 3$. In [6], the authors work with (1) and essentially consider initial velocities $\mathbf{u}_0 \in B_{\infty,1}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and initial temperatures $\theta_0 \in B_{3/2,1}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Then, it is proven that small data yields local in time solutions to the system (1), which in essence verify

$$(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in L_t^\infty(B_{\infty,1}^{-1})_x \cap L_t^2(B_{\infty,1}^0)_x \times L_t^\infty(B_{3/2,1}^{-1})_x \cap L_t^2(B_{3/2,1}^0)_x.$$

The main objective of this work is to perform sharp estimates on the coupling term $\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta$ to obtain the local well-posedness in low regularity Besov spaces with index -1 .

On the other hand, in [5, Theorem 1.3] the authors consider the Boussinesq system (2). They also consider any initial data $\mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 \in \dot{B}_{3,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^3)$ to construct local in time solutions

$$(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in L_t^\infty(\dot{B}_{3,1}^0)_x \cap L_t^1(\dot{B}_{3,1}^2)_x \times L_t^\infty(\dot{B}_{3,1}^0)_x.$$

By scaling properties, we have that the space $\dot{B}_{3,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^3)$ is embedded in $L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)$, which is the well-known scale invariant space for the first equation in (2) involving the velocity \mathbf{u} .

Compared with these results, the main difference with our work bases on the fact that we exploit the coupled structure of the system (1) (mainly the crossed term $\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta$) and we use some sharp smoothing effects of the heat kernel (see for instance the third point of Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 below) to consider *different* regularity properties for \mathbf{u} and θ , principally with a considerably *weakened* regularity on the temperature term θ .

Open questions and future research. Our first natural question is to look for if Theorem 1 still holds for the null viscosity system (2). This is not a trivial fact due to the loss of smoothing effects in equation involving the temperature term θ .

On the other hand, we emphasize that in contrast to the classical Navier-Stokes equations (when $\theta \equiv 0$), global in time mild solutions in Sobolev spaces arising from small initial data (controlled by universal constants) seem not to be a trivial issue for both Boussinesq systems (1) and (2). In fact, in our case mild solutions to (1) are constructed by an iterative fixed point argument given in Lemma 3.1 below, and the main difficulty focuses on the linear term in equation (3): in the required estimate $\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{H^r} \leq C_L \|\theta\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}$, the continuity constant $C_L > 0$ depends on the time T . However, due to the first technical constraint in (8), this constant must be small enough *independent* of the size of initial data, and this fact blocks to apply classical arguments to construct global in time solutions.

Coming back to [5], Theorem 1.4 yields that local in time solutions to (2), obtained in Theorem 1.3 from initial data $\mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0 \in \dot{B}_{3,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^3)$, can be extended to global ones under the supplementary hypothesis $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $\theta_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, and with smallness conditions on the quantity $\|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^{3,\infty}} + \|\theta_0\|_{L^1}$, which are given by universal constants. In future research, we aim to adapt this method to our framework. Nevertheless, this does not seem to be trivial, principally when handling with Sobolev spaces of negative regularity for the temperature term θ .

Finally, in further research we also aim to understand the optimality of the relationship (5) involving the parameters r and s . Precisely, we aim to study some ill-posedness issues in the complementary cases $s + r < 1$ or $2 \leq s + r$.

Notation and organization of the article The Fourier transform (in the spatial variable) of a function f is denoted by \widehat{f} , while $\mathcal{F}_x^{-1}(f)$ stands for the inverse Fourier transform. Moreover, in our estimates we shall use a generic constant $C > 0$ which may change from one line to another.

In Section 2 we collect all the technical lemmas which we shall use later. Section 3 is devoted to prove Theorem 1, while in Section 4 we give a proof of Proposition 1.1.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we summarize some known estimates concerning smoothing effects of the heat kernel. For the sake of completeness, in some cases we give a short proof of these statements.

Lemma 2.1 *Let $s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $s_2 \geq 0$ be two real numbers. There exists a constant $C > 0$, which depends on s_1 and s_2 , such that for any $t > 0$ we have:*

$$\|e^{t\Delta}f\|_{H^{s_1+s_2}} \leq C(1+t^{-\frac{s_2}{2}})\|f\|_{H^{s_1}}.$$

The proof of this lemma is straightforward. It follows from direct computations in the Fourier variable and the well-know identity $\widehat{e^{t\Delta}f}(\xi) = e^{-t|\xi|^2}\widehat{f}(\xi)$.

Lemma 2.2 *Let $f \in L^2([0, +\infty), L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap \dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3))$, with $s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$. Define the function*

$$F(t, \cdot) = \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta}f(\tau, \cdot)d\tau.$$

Then, the following estimates hold:

1. *For all $t > 0$ we have $\|\nabla F(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \leq C\|f\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2}$.*
2. *We have $\|\Delta F\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} \leq C\|f\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2}$.*
3. *Let $s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 < s_2 < 2$. Define $p = \frac{2}{s_2-1}$, which verifies $2 < p < +\infty$. Then we have the estimate:*

$$\|F\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_1+s_2}} \leq C\|f\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{s_1}}.$$

Proof. The first point and the second point are well-known facts, see [12, Lemma 7.2] for a proof. The third point follows from the previous ones: we write

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_1+s_2}} &= \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta}(-\Delta)^{(s_1+s_2)/2}f(\tau, \cdot)d\tau \right\|_{L_t^p L_x^2} \\ &= \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta}(-\Delta)^{\frac{s_1}{2}}f(\tau, \cdot)d\tau \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, denote $G = \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta}g(\tau, \cdot)d\tau$, with $g = (-\Delta)^{\frac{s_1}{2}}f$. We apply interpolation inequalities in homogeneous Sobolev spaces with the parameter $\sigma = -s_2 + 2 \in (0, 1)$, hence we have $1 - \sigma = s_2 - 1$. Then, we use the first and second point stated above to get

$$\|G\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \leq C\|G\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^1}^\sigma \|G\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^2}^{1-\sigma} \leq C\|g\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} = C\|f\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{s_1}}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Our last lemma is essentially proven in [1, Theorem 5.4]. However, we will state it in a more general version adapted to our needs in this article.

Lemma 2.3 Let $s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $s_1 < s_2 < s_1 + 1$. Define $p = \frac{2}{s_2 - s_1}$, which verifies $2 < p < +\infty$.

For all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a quantity $R_\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{1/p} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}.$$

Proof. For a parameter $\kappa > 0$ (which will be set later) we write

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} &\leq \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \\ &\quad + \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| < \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate the first term, recall the identity $p = \frac{2}{s_2 - s_1}$ and the relationship $s_1 < s_2 < s_1 + 1$. Using interpolation inequalities in homogeneous Sobolev spaces with $\sigma = s_1 + 1 - s_2 \in (0, 1)$ and $1 - \sigma = s_2 - s_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_0^T \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}^{\sigma p} \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1+2}}^{(1-\sigma)p} dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{s_1}}^\sigma \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{s_1+1}}^{1-\sigma} \\ &\leq C \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{s_1}} + C \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{s_1+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

By well-known properties of the heat kernel, each term above is controlled by the quantity $\left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(\mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}$, and we get

$$\left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \leq C \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(\mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq \kappa}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}.$$

Thereafter, since $f \in \dot{H}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, for $\varepsilon > 0$ we can set $\kappa = R_\varepsilon > 0$ big enough such that

$$C \left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(\mathbf{1}_{|\xi| \geq R_\varepsilon}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

For the second term, using again the identity $p = \frac{2}{s_2 - s_1}$ we write

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left(e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| < R_\varepsilon}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right) \right\|_{L_t^p \dot{H}_x^{s_2}} \\ &= \left(\int_0^T \left\| |\xi|^{s_2} e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| < R_\varepsilon}(\xi) \widehat{f} \right\|_{L^2}^p dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left(\int_0^T \left\| |\xi|^{s_2 - s_1} e^{-t|\xi|^2} \mathbf{1}_{|\xi| < R_\varepsilon}(\xi) |\xi|^{s_1} \widehat{f} \right\|_{L^2}^p dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq (R_\varepsilon^{p(s_2 - s_1)} T)^{1/p} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}} = (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{1/p} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

3 Proof of Theorem 1

In equations (3) and (4), we have a bilinear term

$$B((\mathbf{u}, \theta), (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\theta})) = \left(B_1((\mathbf{u}, \theta), (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\theta})), B_2((\mathbf{u}, \theta), (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\theta})) \right),$$

where B_1 involves only \mathbf{u} and $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$, while B_2 involves \mathbf{u} and $\tilde{\theta}$, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1((\mathbf{u}, \theta), (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\theta})) &= - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau, \\ B_2((\mathbf{u}, \theta), (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\theta})) &= - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\theta}(\tau, \cdot) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have a linear term involving θ ,

$$L((\mathbf{u}, \theta)) = (L_1((\mathbf{u}, \theta)), L_2((\mathbf{u}, \theta))),$$

with

$$L_1((\mathbf{u}, \theta)) = \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 \equiv 0.$$

Thus, letting $e = (\mathbf{u}, \theta)$ and $e_0 = (e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0, e^{t\Delta} \theta_0)$, the whole system (3)-(4) is written of the form

$$e = e_0 + B(e, e) + L(e), \tag{7}$$

and to construct a solution we use the following version of the Picard's iteration scheme:

Lemma 3.1 *Let $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$ be a Banach space and let $e_0 \in E$ be an initial datum. We set $\|e_0\|_E \leq \delta$. Moreover, let $B : E \times E \rightarrow E$ be a bilinear form and let $L : E \rightarrow E$ be a linear form, which, for all $e, f \in E$ verify*

$$\|B(e, f)\|_E \leq C_B \|e\|_E \|f\|_E \quad \text{and} \quad \|L(e)\|_E \leq C_L \|e\|_E.$$

If the constants $C_B > 0$ and $C_L > 0$ satisfy the relationships:

$$0 < C_L < \frac{1}{3}, \quad 0 < 9C_B \delta < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad C_L + 6C_B \delta < 1, \tag{8}$$

then equation 7 has a solution e , which is uniquely defined by $\|e\|_E \leq 3\delta$.

For a proof, we refer to [4] (proof of Theorem 3.2 in Appendix). Observe that the last inequality in (8) is consequence of the two first inequalities.

Now, to prove Theorem 1 we shall consider the cases $s < 1/2 < r$ and $s = 1/2$, $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$ separately.

3.1 The case $0 \leq s < 1/2 < r < 2$.

Let $T > 0$ a time. For the sake of simplicity we shall denote the Banach spaces

$$E_1 = L^\infty([0, T], H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

and

$$E_2 = L^\infty([0, T], \dot{H}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{-s+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

with the usual norms

$$\|f\|_{E_1} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{H^r} + \left(\int_0^T \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{r+1}}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$\|f\|_{E_2} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}} + \left(\int_0^T \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

respectively. Here the homogeneous Sobolev spaces are defined as the closure of the test functions with respect to the homogeneous Sobolev seminorm. We will use the Picard's iteration scheme (given in Lemma 3.1) to construct a local in time solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in E_1 \times E_2$ of the coupled system (3)-(4).

In these equations, terms involving initial data are simple to estimate and we have

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0\|_{E_1} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{H^r}, \quad \|e^{t\Delta} \theta_0\|_{E_2} \leq C \|\theta_0\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}. \quad (9)$$

Moreover, for the bilinear term in equation (3) we have the well-known estimate

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{E_1} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{4} \min(1, 2r-1)} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{E_1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{E_1}, \quad (10)$$

see for instance [12, Theorem 7.3].

Thus, the novelty in this proof is to use the information $\mathbf{u} \in E_1$ and $\theta \in E_2$ to perform sharp estimates on the term $\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau$ in equation (3), and the term $\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau$ in equation (4). For the sake of clearness, we state these estimates in the following set of technical lemmas.

Lemma 3.2 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{E_1} \leq C \left(T + T^{\frac{2-(r+s)}{2}} \right) \|\theta\|_{E_2}, \quad (11)$$

where the upper bound in (5) yields that $2 - (r + s) > 0$.

Proof. To control the first term in the norm $\|\cdot\|_{E_1}$, for $0 < t \leq T$ fixed we write

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{H^r} \leq \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) \right\|_{H^r} d\tau.$$

Then, we apply Lemma 2.1 (with $s_1 = -s$ and $s_2 = r + s$) to write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) \right\|_{H^r} d\tau &\leq C \int_0^t (1 + (t-\tau)^{-\frac{r+s}{2}}) \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}} d\tau \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (1 + (t-\tau)^{-\frac{r+s}{2}}) \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}} d\tau \\ &\leq C(t + t^{1-\frac{r+s}{2}}) \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that $s > 0$. We then obtain

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{H^r} \leq C(T + T^{\frac{2-(r+s)}{2}}) \|\theta\|_{E_2}. \quad (12)$$

To control the second term in the norm $\|\cdot\|_{E_1}$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r+1}} \\ &= \left\| (-\Delta)^{\frac{r+1}{2}} \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} \\ &= \left\| \Delta \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(-\Delta)^{\frac{r-1}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2}, \end{aligned}$$

and by the second point of Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\left\| \Delta \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(-\Delta)^{\frac{r-1}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} \leq C \|\theta\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}}.$$

Then, we use interpolation inequalities in homogeneous Sobolev spaces by writing $r-1 = \sigma(-s) + (1-\sigma)(-s+1)$, hence $\sigma = 2 - (r+s)$.

Remark 3.1 *Note that $0 < \sigma \leq 1$ as long as (5) holds.*

We thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{r-1}}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}^{2\sigma} \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1-s}}^{2(1-\sigma)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq C \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}^\sigma \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1-s}}^{2(1-\sigma)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

In order to control the last integral, we apply Hölder inequalities with $p = \frac{1}{1-\sigma}$ and $q = \frac{1}{\sigma}$ (hence we have $1 = 1/p + 1/q$) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1-s}}^{2(1-\sigma)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} & \leq \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1-s}}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{2}} T^{\frac{\sigma}{2}} \\ & = \|\theta\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{1-s}}^{1-\sigma} T^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Gathering (13) and (14), and applying the discrete Young inequalities with p and q given above, we have

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r+1}} \leq CT^{\frac{\sigma}{2}} \|\theta\|_{E_2}. \quad (15)$$

Inequality (11) directly follows from (12) and (15), and the identity $\sigma = 2 - (r+s) > 0$. \blacksquare

Lemma 3.3 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{E_2} \leq CT^{-\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{E_1} \|\theta\|_{E_2}, \quad 0 < -\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}. \quad (16)$$

Observe that $0 < -\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$ as long as $s < \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof. For the first term in $\|\cdot\|_{E_2}$, we have the estimate

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}} \leq CT^{-\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{E_1} \|\theta\|_{E_2}. \quad (17)$$

Indeed, using the first point in Lemma 2.2 we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}} \\ &= \left\| (-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C \left\| \nabla \otimes \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq C \|(-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{u})\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} = C \|\theta \mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s}}. \end{aligned}$$

To control the last term, by the Product laws in homogeneous Sobolev spaces we have

$$C \|\theta \mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s}} \leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (18)$$

Remark that $0 < -\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4} < \frac{3}{2}$ as long as $-\frac{3}{2} < s < \frac{3}{2}$, which is verified for $0 \leq s < \frac{1}{2}$.

In the first term on the right of (18), we apply interpolation estimates with the relationships $-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = -s\sigma_1 + (1-s)(1-\sigma_1)$ with $\sigma_1 = -\frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$. Remark that the required control $0 < \sigma_1 < 1$ is ensured by our assumption $0 \leq s < \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore we can write

$$\|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 \leq C \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}^{2\sigma_1} \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^{2(1-\sigma_1)}.$$

Similarly, in the second on the right of (18), we use $-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = \sigma_2 0 + (1-\sigma_2)r$ with $\sigma_2 = \frac{s}{2r} - \frac{3}{4r} + 1$, where we also have $0 < \sigma_2 < 1$. Indeed, on the one hand, observe that $0 < \sigma_2$ as long as $\frac{3}{4} < \frac{s}{2} + r$. However, this last inequality is verified thanks to (5) and the fact that $s < \frac{1}{2} < r$: by the lower bound in (5) we write $\frac{3}{4} \leq \frac{3}{4}s + \frac{3}{4}r$. The inequality $\frac{3}{4}s + \frac{3}{4}r < \frac{s}{2} + r$ is equivalent to the inequality $s < r$, which is ensured by $s < \frac{1}{2} < r$. On the other hand, observe that $\sigma_2 < 1$ as long as $s < \frac{3}{2}$, which is ultimately verified by the assumption $s < \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, we write

$$\|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 \leq C \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^{2\sigma_2} \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^r}^{2(1-\sigma_2)}.$$

We thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{4}}}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s}}^{2\sigma_1} \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^{2(1-\sigma_1)} \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^{2\sigma_2} \|\mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^r}^{2(1-\sigma_2)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}^{\sigma_1} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^2}^{\sigma_2} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^r}^{1-\sigma_2} \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^{2(1-\sigma_1)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^r} \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}^{\sigma_1} \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^{2(1-\sigma_1)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

We still need to estimate the last integral. For this we use Hölder estimates (in the variable of time) with $\frac{1}{p} = 1 - \sigma_1$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \sigma_1$. Moreover, recalling that $0 < \sigma_1 = -\frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^r} \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}^{\sigma_1} \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^{2(1-\sigma_1)} d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^r} \|\theta\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-s}}^{\sigma_1} \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-s+1}}^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma_1}{2}} T^{\frac{\sigma_1}{2}} \\
& \leq CT^{-\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{E_1} \|\theta\|_{E_2},
\end{aligned}$$

which yields (17).

For the second term in $\|\cdot\|_{E_2}$ we have the estimate

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s+1}} \leq CT^{-\frac{s}{4} + \frac{1}{8}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{E_1} \|\theta\|_{E_2}. \quad (19)$$

Indeed, we write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s+1}} \\
& = \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \operatorname{div}(\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s+1}} \\
& \leq C \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s+2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

We use here the second point in Lemma 2.2 to write

$$\begin{aligned}
& C \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-s+2}} \\
& \leq C \left\| \Delta \left(\int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right) \right\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} \\
& \leq C \|(-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} (\theta \mathbf{u})\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} = C \|\theta \mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^2 H_x^{-s}},
\end{aligned}$$

where the last term was already estimated above. Estimate (16) now directly follows from estimates (17) and (19). \blacksquare

With estimates (9), (10), (11) and (16) at our disposal, we set a time T_0 small enough in order to satisfy all the set of conditions (8) in Lemma 3.1, and we obtain a solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in E_1 \times E_2$ to the system (3)-(4).

In addition, this solution is the unique one in the space $E_1 \times E_2$. The proof of this fact is rather standard, so we shall only detail the main ideas. Let $(\mathbf{u}_1, \theta_1), (\mathbf{u}_2, \theta_2)$ be two solutions of (3)-(4) arising from the same initial data. We define $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2$ and $\eta = \theta_1 - \theta_2$. Then, (\mathbf{v}, η) solves the coupled system:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot) &= - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P} \left((\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2 \right) (\tau, \cdot) d\tau \\ &\quad + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P} (\eta \mathbf{e}_3) (\tau, \cdot) d\tau, \\ \eta(t, \cdot) &= - \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \left(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_1 + \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \nabla \eta \right) (\tau, \cdot) d\tau.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we denote by $0 \leq T_* \leq T_0$ the maximal time such that $(\mathbf{v}, \eta) = (0, 0)$ on $[0, T_*] \times \mathbb{R}^3$. We shall prove that $T_* = T_0$. For this, we shall assume that $T_* < T_0$ to obtain a contradiction. Indeed, if $T_* < T_0$ let a time $T_* < T_1 < T_0$. Then, we consider the spaces E_1 and E_2 on the interval of time $[T_*, T_1]$. By performing again the estimates (10), (11) and (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{v}\|_{E_1} &\leq C(T_1 - T_*)^{\frac{1}{4} \min(1, 2r-1)} (\|\mathbf{u}_1\|_{E_1} + \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{E_1}) \|\mathbf{v}\|_{E_1} \\ &\quad + C \left((T_1 - T_*) + (T_1 - T_*)^{\frac{2-(r+s)}{2}} \right) \|\eta\|_{E_2},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|\eta\|_{E_2} \leq C(T_1 - T_*)^{-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8}} (\|\mathbf{v}\|_{E_1} \|\theta_1\|_{E_2} + \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{E_1} \|\eta\|_{E_2}).$$

Here, we can set the time T_1 close enough to the time T_* such that $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{E_1} + \|\eta\|_{E_2} = 0$. We obtain that $(\mathbf{v}, \eta) = (0, 0)$ on $[0, T_1] \times \mathbb{R}^3$, which is a contradiction with the definition of the time T_* . We thus have $T_* = T_0$.

3.2 The case $s = 1/2$ and $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$.

Due to technical difficulties, and for the sake of clearness, we will divide this case in the following subcases.

3.2.1 When $s = 1/2$ and $r = 1/2$.

We set

$$E_1 = L^\infty([0, T], H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

and

$$E_2 = L^\infty([0, T], \dot{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

considering the norms

$$\|f\|_{E_1} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \left(\int_0^T \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{3}{2}}}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$\|f\|_{E_2} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}} + \left(\int_0^T \|f(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}}^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For the initial data part we have

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0\|_{E_1} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad \|e^{t\Delta} \theta_0\|_{E_2} \leq C \|\theta_0\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \quad (20)$$

However, in contrast to the previous case $s < \frac{1}{2} < r$, estimates on the bilinear terms in equations (3) and (4) are not longer dependent on the time T , and this fact constraints to consider small initial data $(\mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0) \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ in order to construct a local in time solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in E_1 \times E_2$ to the system (3)-(4).

To overcome this problem (in order to work with large data) we shall consider different functional spaces to apply the point-fixed argument. Remark that by interpolation inequalities we have the continuous embeddings

$$E_1 \subset L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad \text{and} \quad E_2 \subset L^4([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)). \quad (21)$$

By (20) and (21) we obtain that $e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0 \in L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$ and $e^{t\Delta} \theta_0 \in L^4([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$, and we thus have the following bound, uniformly in T ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0\|_{L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3))} &\leq C \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \\ \|e^{t\Delta} \theta_0\|_{L^4([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3))} &\leq C \|\theta_0\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, in Lemma 2.3 we set the parameters $(s_1, s_2) = (1/2, 1)$ and $(s_1, s_2) = (-1/2, 0)$, hence in both case we get $p = 4$. Then, one have the controls:

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + C (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}, \quad (22)$$

and

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \theta_0\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + C (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\theta_0\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \quad (23)$$

Consequently, estimates (22) and (23) allow us to consider any initial data

$$(\mathbf{u}_0, \theta_0) \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3),$$

and to still use the Picard's iteration scheme to construct a (local in time) solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)) \times L^4([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$ to the coupled system (3)-(4).

As before, we shall estimate all the terms in (3)-(4). For the bilinear term in equation (3), by [1, Corollary 5.11] we have the well-known estimate

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1}, \quad (24)$$

where the constant $C > 0$ does not depend on the time T . So, we must focus on the rest of the terms in equations (3)-(4).

Lemma 3.4 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\theta\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}. \quad (25)$$

Proof. By the first point in Lemma 2.2 we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_0^T \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq \left(\int_0^T \|\theta\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2}^4 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ & \leq CT^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\theta\|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{4}} \times T^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} \|\theta\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

■

Lemma 3.5 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \|\theta\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}, \quad (26)$$

with a constant $C > 0$ independent of T .

Proof. We write

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} &= \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \operatorname{div}(\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} \\ &\leq C \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the third point in Lemma 2.2 with $s_1 = -1/2$, $s_2 = 3/2$ and $p = 4$, we get

$$C \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} (\theta \mathbf{u})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta \mathbf{u}\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Applying the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities and Hölder inequalities, we write

$$\begin{aligned} C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta \mathbf{u}\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 dt \right)^{1/2} &\leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^{3/2}}^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^6}^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_0^T \|\theta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \|\theta\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

■

Now, we are able to set a time T_0 small and to apply Lemma 3.1 as follows: first, by estimate (25) we set T_0 small enough to satisfy the first condition in

(8). On the other hand, recall that by estimates (24) and (26) the constant C_B does not depend on T_0 . Thus, we define $\delta = \|e^{t\Delta}\mathbf{u}_0\|_{L_t^4} + \|e^{t\Delta}\theta_0\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}$, and in estimates (22)-(23) we impose an additional smallness condition on T_0 to get $\delta < \varepsilon$, with ε small. We thus satisfy the second and the third condition in (8). This way, we obtain a solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in L^4([0, T_0], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)) \times L^4([0, T_0], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$ to (3)-(4).

This solution also belongs to the space $E_1 \times E_2$. To verify this fact, we shall use the following result.

Lemma 3.6 (Lemma 5.10 of [1]) *Let $v \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3))$ be a solution of the heat equation*

$$\partial_t v - \Delta v = g, \quad u(0, \cdot) = u_0.$$

Let $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$. If $v_0 \in \dot{H}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $g \in L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\sigma-1}(\mathbb{R}^3))$ then we have

$$v \in L^\infty([0, T], \dot{H}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\sigma+1}(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

We start by proving that $\theta \in E_2$. In this lemma we set $\sigma = -\frac{1}{2}$, $v_0 = \theta_0 \in \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $g = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta = \operatorname{div}(\theta \mathbf{u})$, where we must verify that

$$g \in L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{-3/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

Indeed, since $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1 \subset L_t^4 L_x^6$ and $\theta \in L_t^4 L_x^2$ by Hölder inequalities and Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities we have $\theta \mathbf{u} \in L_t^2 L_x^{3/2} \subset L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-1/2}$, hence we get $g = \operatorname{div}(\theta \mathbf{u}) \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-3/2}$. We thus have $\theta \in E_2$.

Now we prove that $\mathbf{u} \in E_1$. Note that this lemma also holds for vector fields, and by a slight abuse of notation we set $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$, $v_0 = \mathbf{u}_0$ and $g = -\mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}) + \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)$, where we will verify that

$$g \in L^2([0, T_0], \dot{H}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

It is well-known that $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1$ yields $\mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}) \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-1/2}$ (see [1, Theorem 5.6]). Moreover, since $\theta \in E_2$ we have $\mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3) \in L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{-1/2} \subset L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-1/2}$. We thus get $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{1/2} \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{3/2}$ by Lemma 3.6, and it remains to prove that $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^\infty L_x^2$. Since $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{-1/2}$ we can perform the classical energy estimate in the first equation in the system (1) to get $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^\infty L_x^2$. This way, we have $\mathbf{u} \in E_1$.

3.2.2 When $s = 1/2$ and $1/2 < r \leq 1$.

Here, we consider the spaces

$$E_1 = L^\infty([0, T], H^r(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{R}^3))$$

and

$$E_2 = L^\infty([0, T], \dot{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

with their usual norms. In order to construct a solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in E_1 \times E_2$ of the system (3)-(4), we shall follow some of the ideas of the previous case when $s = r = 1/2$. First, remark that we have the following embeddings:

$$E_1 \subset L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^{r+1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^4([0, T], \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)) = F_1,$$

and

$$E_2 \subset L^4([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^{4/(2r-1)}([0, T], \dot{H}^{r-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)) = F_2.$$

Indeed, by interpolation inequalities we have $E_1 \subset L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}$. Moreover, we have $E_1 \subset L_t^\infty H_x^{1/2} \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{3/2} \subset L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1$, which yields the first embedding $E_1 \subset F_1$. The second embedding $E_2 \subset F_2$ also follows from interpolation inequalities: on the one hand, we have $E_2 \subset L_t^4 L_x^2$, and on the other hand, since $1/2 < r \leq 1$ then $-1/2 < r - 1 \leq 0$ and we have $E_2 \subset L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}$.

Spaces F_1 and F_2 are equipped with their standard norms

$$\|\cdot\|_{F_1} = \|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} + \|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}},$$

$$\|\cdot\|_{F_2} = \|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} + \|\cdot\|_{L_t^{4/(2r+1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}},$$

respectively. Firstly, these norms will allow us to control all the terms in equations (3)-(4) and to construct a solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in F_1 \times F_2$. Then, we will verify that this solution belongs to the space $E_1 \times E_2$, and we shall finish this part of the proof with the uniqueness of this solution.

For the data term in equation (3), in Lemma 2.3 we set the parameters $(s_1, s_2) = (r, r + 1/2)$ and $(s_1, s_2) = (1/2, 1)$, hence in both cases we get $p = 4$, and we have the control:

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \mathbf{u}_0\|_{F_1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{1/4} \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_{H^r}. \quad (27)$$

Similarly, for the data term in equation (4), in Lemma 2.3 we set now the parameters $(s_1, s_2) = (-1/2, 0)$, hence we get $p = 4$, and $(s_1, s_2) = (-1/2, r - 1)$, hence we obtain $p = \frac{4}{2r-1}$. We thus have the control:

$$\|e^{t\Delta} \theta_0\|_{F_2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \left((R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{1/4} + (R_\varepsilon^2 T)^{(2r-1)/4} \right) \|\theta_0\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \quad (28)$$

Then, the rest of the terms in equations (3)-(4) can be estimated as follows.

Lemma 3.7 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{F_1} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{F_1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{F_1}, \quad (29)$$

with a constant $C > 0$ independent of T .

Proof. The term involving the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1}$ was estimated in (24). Then, for the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}}$, by the third point of Lemma 2.2 we get

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v})(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}} \leq C \|(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}},$$

and we write

$$\begin{aligned} C \|(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} &\leq C \|\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{u})\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^r}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

By product laws in homogeneous Sobolev spaces (with the relationship $r = (r + 1/2) + 1 - 3/2$), and by Hölder inequalities in the time variable (with $1/2 = 1/4 + 1/4$) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C \|\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^r} &\leq C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} + C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{F_1} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{F_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

hence estimate (29) follows. \blacksquare

Lemma 3.8 *It holds*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) \right\|_{F_1} \leq C \max(T^{1/2}, T^{(3-2r)/4}) \|\theta\|_{F_2}, \quad (32)$$

where, since $1/2 < r \leq 1$ we have $(3 - 2r)/4 > 0$.

Proof. The term concerning the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1}$ was estimated in (25), so it remains to study the term concerning the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}}$. By the third point of Lemma 2.2, and by the fact that $4/(2r - 1) > 2$ (recall that $1/2 < r \leq 1$), we write

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbb{P}(\theta \mathbf{e}_3)(\tau, \cdot) \right\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}} &\leq C \|\theta\|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} \\ &\leq C T^{1/2 - (2r-1)/4} \|\theta\|_{L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the expression $1/2 - (2r - 1)/4$ computes down as $(3 - 2r)/4$. We thus obtain the wished estimate (32). \blacksquare

Lemma 3.9 *We have*

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{F_2} \leq C(1 + T^{(2r-1)/4}) \|\mathbf{u}\|_{F_1} \|\theta\|_{F_2}. \quad (33)$$

Proof. The term involving the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^4 L_x^2}$ was already treated in estimate (26), and must study the term involving the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}}$. For this, remark first that in the case $r = 1$ we have $L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1} = L_t^4 L_x^2$, so this case is done. We thus focus on the case $1/2 < r < 1$. We start by writing

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} \\ &\leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta(\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} \\ &\leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \operatorname{div} \left((-\Delta)^{(r-1)/2} (\theta \mathbf{u}) \right) (\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

We apply the first point of Lemma 2.2 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\Delta} \operatorname{div} \left((-\Delta)^{(r-1)/2} (\theta \mathbf{u}) \right) (\tau, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^2} \\ & \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| (-\Delta)^{(r-1)/2} (\theta \mathbf{u}) \|_{L_t^2 L_x^2} = C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \mathbf{u} \|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that we $-1/2 < r - 1 < 0$ (since $1/2 < r < 1$). We thus apply Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities and for $p = 6/(5 - 2r)$ (which verifies $3/2 < p < 2$) we write

$$C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \mathbf{u} \|_{L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}} \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \mathbf{u} \|_{L_t^2 L_x^p}.$$

Then, we use Hölder inequalities (with $1/p = 1/2 + 1/q$ and $q = 3/(1 - r)$) to obtain

$$C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \mathbf{u} \|_{L_t^2 L_x^p} \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left(\int_0^T \| \theta(\tau, \cdot) \|_{L^2}^2 \| \mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot) \|_{L^q}^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2}.$$

In the last term, remark that by Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities we have the continuous embedding $\dot{H}^{r+1/2}(\mathbb{R}^3) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Moreover, by Hölder inequalities in the time variable (with $1/2 = 1/4 + 1/4$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left(\int_0^T \| \theta(\tau, \cdot) \|_{L^2}^2 \| \mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot) \|_{L^q}^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \left(\int_0^T \| \theta(\tau, \cdot) \|_{L^2}^2 \| \mathbf{u}(\tau, \cdot) \|_{\dot{H}^{r+1/2}}^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \|_{L_t^4 L_x^2} \| \mathbf{u} \|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^{r+1/2}} \\ & \leq C T^{(2r-1)/4} \| \theta \|_{F_2} \| \mathbf{u} \|_{F_1}. \end{aligned}$$

We thus obtain the desired estimate (33). ■

With estimates (27), (28), (29), (32) and (33) at hand, we proceed as in the previous case (when $r = s = 1/2$) to obtain a solution $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in F_1 \times F_2$ of the system (3)-(4) for a time $T_0 > 0$ small.

Now, by Lemma 3.6 and the information $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in F_1 \times F_2$ we have $(\mathbf{u}, \theta) \in E_1 \times E_2$. Indeed, the fact that $\theta \in E_2$ was already proven in Section 3.2.1 (below Lemma 3.6), so it remains to prove that $\mathbf{u} \in E_1$. For this, we must prove that $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \theta \mathbf{e}_3 \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}$. For the first term, by estimates (30) and (31) we directly obtain $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}$. For the second term, since $\theta \in F_2$ we have $\theta \in L_t^{4/(2r-1)} \dot{H}_x^{r-1}$. Moreover, since $r \leq 1$ in particular we have $r < 3/2$ hence $4/(2r-1) > 2$. We thus get $\theta \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r-1}$, and by Lemma 3.6 we have $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^\infty \dot{H}_x^r \cap L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^{r+1}$. Moreover, following the same ideas at the end of Section 3.2.1, we also have $\mathbf{u} \in L_t^\infty L_x^2$ and we get $\mathbf{u} \in E_1$.

Theorem 1 is now proven. ■

4 Proof of Proposition 1.1

As in Section 3.2.1, we denote

$$E_1 = L^\infty([0, T], H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

and

$$E_2 = L^\infty([0, T], \dot{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T], \dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cap \dot{W}^{1,3}(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

Moreover, we define $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2$ and $\eta = \theta_1 - \theta_2$. Then, the couple (\mathbf{v}, η) solves the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} - \Delta \mathbf{v} + \mathbb{P}((\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2) - \mathbb{P}(\eta \mathbf{e}_3) = 0, & \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}) = 0, \\ \partial_t \eta - \Delta \eta + \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2 = 0, \\ \mathbf{v}(0, \cdot) = 0, \quad \eta(0, \cdot) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since $\mathbf{v} \in E_1$ and $\eta \in E_2$, in the first equation above we can perform an energy estimate in the $\dot{H}^{1/2}$ -inner product $\langle f, g \rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi| \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\xi) d\xi$, while in the second equation above we perform an energy estimate in the $\dot{H}^{-1/2}$ -inner product $\langle f, g \rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{-1} \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\xi) d\xi$. Then, for $0 < t \leq T_0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + 2\|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \\ &= -2\left\langle (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} + 2\left\langle \eta \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}, \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 + 2\|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 \\ &= -2\left\langle \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2, \eta \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

To simplify our writing, we shall denote

$$\mathcal{E}_1(t) = \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2,$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_2(t) = \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2.$$

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_1(t) + 2\mathcal{E}_2(t) \\ &= -2\left\langle (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} + 2\left\langle \eta \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\ & \quad - 2\left\langle \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2, \eta \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where we must estimate each term on the right-hand side.

Lemma 4.1 *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\left| \left\langle (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \right| \\ & \leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 \right) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_2(t). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Proof. By [1, Lemma 5.12], the interpolation inequalities and the discrete Young inequalities (with $1 = 1/4 + 3/4$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \left| \left\langle (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \right| \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{3/2}}^{1/2} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^{1/2} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{3/2} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \\
& \leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

By the same arguments, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \left| \left\langle (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \right| \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{3/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{3/2} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \frac{1}{6} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \\
& \leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Gathering these estimates, we obtain (35). ■

Lemma 4.2 *It holds*

$$\left| \left\langle \eta \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \right| \leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_2(t). \quad (36)$$

Proof. We write

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \left| \left\langle \eta \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \right| & \leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\widehat{\eta}(t, \xi)| |\xi| |\widehat{\mathbf{v}}(t, \xi)| d\xi \\
& \leq 2 \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \\
& \leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \\
& = C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we apply the discrete Young inequalities (first with $1 = 1/4 + 3/4$ and thereafter with $1 = 1/3 + 2/3$) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
& C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^{4/3} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{2/3} \\
& \leq C \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 + C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \|\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \\
& \leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) + C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by interpolation inequalities and using again the discrete Young inequalities (with $1 = 1/2 + 1/2$), the term $\|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2$ is estimated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 \\
&\leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Gathering these estimates, we obtain (36). ■

Lemma 4.3 *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
&2 \left| \left\langle \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2, \eta \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \right| \\
&\leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\theta_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Proof. To study the first term involving the expression $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta$, by the identity $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \eta = \operatorname{div}(\eta \mathbf{u}_1)$ we write

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \left| \left\langle \operatorname{div}(\eta \mathbf{u}_1), \eta \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \right| &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\xi|^{-1} |\xi| |\widehat{\eta \mathbf{u}_1}| |\widehat{\eta}| d\xi \\
&\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\widehat{\eta \mathbf{u}_1}| |\widehat{\eta}| d\xi \\
&\leq C \|\eta \mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, applying Hölder inequalities and Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
C \|\eta \mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} &\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^3} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{L^6} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thereafter, in the last we apply interpolation inequalities to write

$$\begin{aligned}
&C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{1/2} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^{3/2} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{3/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

We use the discrete Young inequalities (with $1 = 1/4 + 3/4$) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
&C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1} \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^{3/2} \\
&\leq C \|\eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \frac{1}{3} \|\nabla \eta(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 \\
&\leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) \|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we study the second term involving the expression $\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2$. Using Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequalities and Hölder inequalities (with $2/3 = 1/3 + 1/3$) we write

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left| \left\langle \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2, \eta \right\rangle_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \right| &\leq C \|\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta_2\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^3} \|\nabla \theta_2\|_{L^3} \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} \\ &\leq C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \|\theta_2\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}} \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we apply the discrete Young inequalities to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}} \|\theta_2\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}} \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}} &\leq C \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}^2 \|\theta_2\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + \|\eta\|_{\dot{H}^{-1/2}}^2 \\ &\leq C \mathcal{E}_1(t) (\|\theta_2\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Gathering these estimates we have the wished inequality (37). \blacksquare

With estimates (35), (36) and (37) at our disposal, we get back to identity (34) to obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_1(t) + \mathcal{E}_2(t) \leq C \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\theta_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + 1 \right) \mathcal{E}_1(t).$$

Moreover, we define the quantity

$$\mathcal{N}(t) = \mathcal{E}_1(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_2(\tau) d\tau,$$

and by the last inequality we write

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{N}(t) \leq C \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\mathbf{u}_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\theta_2(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + 1 \right) \mathcal{N}(t).$$

We apply the Grönwall inequality to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{N}(t) \\ &\leq \mathcal{N}(0) \exp \left(C \int_0^t \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\mathbf{u}_2(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\theta_2(\tau, \cdot)\|_{\dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + 1 \right) d\tau \right) \\ &\leq \mathcal{N}(0) \exp \left(C \left(\|\mathbf{u}_1\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L_t^4 \dot{H}^1}^4 + \|\theta_2\|_{L_t^2 \dot{W}^{1,3}}^2 + T_0 \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Here, recall that $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in E_1 \subset L_t^4 \dot{H}_x^1$ and $\theta_2 \in L_t^2 \dot{W}_x^{1,3}$, therefore the exponential term above is well-defined. Finally, since $\mathcal{N}(0) = 0$ we obtain the wished identities $\mathbf{v} = 0$ and $\eta = 0$. Proposition 1.1 is proven. \blacksquare

References

- [1] H. Bahouri, J.-Y. Chemin and R. Danchin, *Fourier Analysis and Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations*, Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2011, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-16830-7>.

- [2] J.-R. Cannon and E. Dibenedetto, *The initial value problem for the Boussinesq equations with data in L^p* , Approximation methods for Navier-Stokes problems (Proc. Sympos., Univ. Paderborn, Paderborn, 1979), Lecture Notes in Math. 771, Springer, Berlin, 1980, pp. 129–144.
- [3] L. Brandolese and J. He, *Uniqueness theorems for the Boussinesq system*, Tohoku Math. J. (2) 72 no.2 (2020), 283–297
- [4] D. Chamorro and M. Yangari, *Some existence and regularity results for a non-local transport-diffusion equation with fractional derivatives in time and space*, Preprint arXiv:2203.13101 (2022)
- [5] R. Danchin and M. Paicu, *Les théorèmes de Leray et de Fujita-Kato pour le système de Boussinesq partiellement visqueux*, Bulletin de la Société Mathématique de France, Volume 136 (2008) no. 2, pp. 261-309. doi : 10.24033/bsmf.2557. <http://www.numdam.org/articles/10.24033/bsmf.2557/>
- [6] C. Deng and S. Cui, *Well-posedness of the viscous boussinesq system in besov spaces of negative regular index $s = -1$* , J. Math. Phys. 53, 073101 (2012) doi : <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4732521>
- [7] P.-G. Fernández-Dalgo *Micropolar fluids starting from initial angular velocities with negative Sobolev regularity*, Preprint arXiv:2401.16554 (2024)
- [8] H. Fujita and T. Kato, *On the Navier-Stokes initial value problem. I*, Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis volume 16, pages 269–315 (1964)
- [9] Y. Kagei, *On weak solutions of nonstationary Boussinesq equations*, Differential and Integral Equations, 6 (1993), 587–611.
- [10] K. Kang, J. Lee and D. Duong Nguyen, *Global well-posedness and stability of the 2D Boussinesq equations with partial dissipation near a hydrostatic equilibrium*, Preprint arXiv:2306.08286 (2023)
- [11] M.-J. Lai, R. Pan and K. Zhao, *Initial Boundary Value Problem for Two-Dimensional Viscous Boussinesq Equations*, Arch Rational Mech Anal 199, 739–760 (2011).
- [12] P.-G. Lemarié-Rieusset. *The Navier-Stokes Problem in the 21st Century*, Chapman & Hall/CRC, (2016).
- [13] H. Morimoto, *Non-stationary Boussinesq equations*, J. Fac. Sci. Univ. Tokyo Sect. IA Math 39 (1992), 61–75
- [14] J. Pedlosky, *Geophysical fluid dynamics*, Springer, (1987).
- [15] R. Salmon, *Lectures on geophysical fluid dynamics*, Oxford University Press, (1998).
- [16] Y.-Z. Thomas Hou and C.M Li, *Global well-posedness of the viscous Boussinesq equations*, Discr. Cont. Dynam. Sys. 12, 1–12, (2005).