

# GLOBAL SMOOTH SOLUTIONS TO THE SYSTEM OF ONE-DIMENSIONAL THERMOELASTICITY WITH DISSIPATION BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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## Abstract

In this paper, the authors consider the initial boundary value problem for the a system of one-dimensional thermoelasticity with dissipation conditions. By means of the delicate energy estimates and the continuation argument, the authors proved the global existence, uniqueness and the exponential decay of smooth solutions provided that the initial data are sufficiently small.

## § 1. Introduction

In the recent years, wide interest has been paid to the initial boundary value problem of the system of the thermoelasticity (see [1], [2]). In this paper, we consider the following initial boundary value problem with dissipation boundary conditions for the system of one-dimensional thermoelasticity (see [3]).

$$u_t - v_x = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$v_t + p(v, \theta)_x = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\left( e(u, \theta) + \frac{v^2}{2} \right)_t + (p(u, \theta)v)_x = \theta_{xx}. \quad (1.3)$$

Here  $u$  is the deformation gradient,  $v$  is the velocity,  $p$  is the pressure,  $e$ -inner energy and  $\theta$ -temperature.

The initial conditions and the boundary conditions are the following:

$$t=0: u=u^0(x), v=v^0(x), \theta=\theta^0(x), \quad (1.4)$$

$$x=0: -p(u, \theta) - \gamma v = 0, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0, \quad (1.6)$$

$$x=1: v=0, \quad (1.7)$$

$$\theta_x = 0, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $\theta^0(x) > 0$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\theta_0$  are positive constants, the boundary condition (1.5) represents

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that the string or rod described by (1.1)—(1.3) is connected with a damper at the end  $x=0$ . Similar to [4], we call this kind of boundary conditions the dissipation boundary condition

It is well known that (see [3])

$$p_u < 0, e_\theta > 0, e_u = \theta^2 \left( \frac{p}{\theta} \right)_\theta. \quad (1.9)$$

The main results obtained in this paper can be described as follows. If the functions  $e, p$  are suitably smooth and the compatibility conditions on  $x=0, t=0$  and  $x=1, t=0$  are satisfied, then problem (1.1)—(1.9) admits a unique global solution provided that the initial data are sufficiently small.

(1.5) is a nonlinear boundary condition. For the convenience, we first make the following reduction for problem (1.1)—(1.9).

Set

$$u_1 = -p(u, \theta_0), u_2 = v, v = \theta - \theta_0. \quad (1.10)$$

By (1.9),  $u$  can be solved from the first equation of (1.10)

$$u = \sigma(u_1), \text{ with } \sigma'(u_1) > 0. \quad (1.11)$$

Also set

$$\tilde{p}(u_1, v) = p(\sigma(u_1), v + \theta_0), \tilde{p}_{u_1} < 0. \quad (1.12)$$

Substituting (1.10)—(1.12) into the system (1.1)—(1.3), we arrive at

$$-\sigma'(u_1) \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial u_1} u_{1t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial u_1} u_{2x} = 0, \quad (1.13)$$

$$u_{2t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial u_1} u_{1x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial v} v_x = 0, \quad (1.14)$$

$$\frac{e_v}{v + \theta_0} v_t - \left( \frac{1}{v + \theta_0} v_x \right)_x + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial v} u_{2x} - \frac{1}{v + \theta_0} v_x^2 = 0, \quad (1.15)$$

$$t=0: u = u_1^0(x), u_2 = u_2^0(x), v = v^0(x), \quad (1.16)$$

$$x=0: u_1 = \gamma u_2, \quad (1.17)$$

$$v = 0, \quad (1.18)$$

$$x=1: u_2 = 0, \quad (1.19)$$

$$v_x = 0. \quad (1.20)$$

Instead of (1.13)—(1.15), in what follows we will study the following general system with the initial boundary value conditions (1.16)—(1.20):

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} a(u_1, v) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b(u_1, v) \\ b(u_1, v) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta(u_1, v) v_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ c(u_1, v) v_t - (k(u_1, v) v_x)_x + \beta(u_1, v) u_{2x} + d(v, v_x) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.21)$$

In view of (1.9), (1.12) and the definition of  $u_1$  and  $\tilde{p}$ , we make the following assumptions on (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)—(1.20):

(1)  $a, b, \beta, c \in C^3, k \in C^4$  and  $d = d_1(v) v_x^2, d_1(v) \in C^3$ .

(2) There exist positive constants  $R$  and  $a^0, a_0, b^0, b_0, c^0, c_0, k^0, k_0, \beta^0, \beta_0, k_\beta$ ,  $k_0$  such that when  $|u_1|, |v| \leq R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a^0 \geq a \geq a_0 > 0, \quad b^0 \geq b \geq b_0 > 0, \quad c^0 \geq c \geq c_0 > 0, \quad k^0 \geq k \geq k_0 > 0, \\ \beta^0 \geq \beta \geq \beta_0 > 0, \quad \frac{\beta^2}{k} \geq k_\beta > 0, \quad \frac{\beta^c}{k} \geq k_c > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.23)$$

Under the above assumptions, (1.21) is a quasilinear symmetric hyperbolic system with respect to  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and (1.22) is a quasilinear parabolic equation with respect to  $v$ . They couple each other.

(3)  $u^0(x) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1^0(x) \\ u_2^0(x) \end{pmatrix} \in H^3$ ,  $v^0(x) \in H^4$ , the following compatibility conditions are satisfied:

$$u_1^0(0) = \gamma u_2^0(0), \quad u_2^0(1) = 0, \quad v^0(0) = 0, \quad v_x^0(1) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u_1^0}{\partial x}(1) = 0. \quad (1.24)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= (\|u^0\|_{H^3}^2 + \|v^0\|_{H^4}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad Du = \{u_t, u_x\}, \\ D^2u &= \{u_{tt}, u_{tx}, u_{xx}\}, \quad |u|^2 = u_1^2 + u_2^2, \quad |u|_1^2 = |u|^2 + |Du|^2, \\ |u|_2^2 &= |u|^2 + |Du|^2 + |D^2u|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (1.25)$$

Now our main theorem is the following

**Theorem 1.** *Under the assumptions (1)–(3), when  $M_0$  is sufficiently small, the initial boundary value problem (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20) admits a unique global smooth solution  $(u, v)$ .*

$$\begin{aligned} u, Du, D^2u, v, Dv, D^2v, v_{xxx}, v_{xxt} &\in C([0, +\infty), L^2), \\ v_{xtt} &\in L^2([0, +\infty), L^2). \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

Moreover,  $\int_0^1 |u|_2^2 dx$ ,  $\int_0^1 |v|_2^2 dx$ ,  $\int_0^1 v_{xxx}^2 dx$  and  $\int_0^1 v_{xxt}^2 dx$  decay exponentially to zero as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Especially, for the initial boundary value problem of one-dimensional thermoelasticity with dissipation boundary conditions, Theorem 1 implies the global existence and uniqueness of smooth solutions and the exponential decay of solutions.

## § 2. Existence and Uniqueness of Local Smooth Solutions

Let

$$M_1 = \|\{u, Du, D^2u\}|_{t=0}\|^2 + \|\{v, Dv, D^2v\}|_{t=0}\|^2, \quad (2.1)$$

where we denote by  $\|\cdot\|$  the  $L^2$  norm in the interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $Du|_{t=0}$ ,  $D^2u|_{t=0}$ ,  $Dv|_{t=0}$ ,  $D^2v|_{t=0}$  are obtained from the initial conditions and system (1.21), (1.22). From the concrete expressions of (1.21), (1.22), it follows easily that  $M_1$  tends to zero as  $M_0$  tends to zero.

Let

$$Q_h = (0, 1) \times (0, h),$$

$$H_2^2(t) = \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} (\|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2), \quad (2.2)$$

$$H_3^2(t) = \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} (\|v_{xxx}(\tau)\|^2 + \|v_{xxt}(\tau)\|^2) \\ + \int_0^t (\|v_{xxx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|v_{xtt}\|^2) d\tau, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\|u\|_2^2$  is the  $L^2$  norm of  $\{u, Du, D^2u\}$  in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . For any positive constants  $M_2, M_3, h$ , we define the set of functions:

$$\Sigma^h(M_2, M_3) = \left\{ (u, v) \left| \begin{array}{l} (u, v) \in C^\infty(\bar{Q}_h), H_2(t) \leq M_2, H_3(t) \leq M_3, \forall t \in [0, h], \\ u_1|_{x=0} = \gamma u_2|_{x=0}, u_2|_{x=1} = 0, v|_{x=0} = v_x|_{x=1} = 0, \\ u_{1x}|_{x=1} = u_{2xx}|_{x=1} = 0, \end{array} \right. \right\} \quad (2.4)$$

and  $\bar{\Sigma}^h(M_2, M_3)$  is the closure of  $\Sigma^h(M_2, M_3)$  with the corresponding norm  $H_2(h) + H_3(h)$ .

By the imbedding theorem, there is a constant  $R_1$  such that if  $H_2(t) \leq R_1 \forall t \in [0, h]$ , then  $|u|, |v| \leq R$ .

Establishing the corresponding auxiliary linear problems and noting that the boundary condition (1.17) is admissible under the assumption (2), by means of the energy estimate method for the linear symmetric hyperbolic systems and the linear parabolic equations of second order and the contractive mapping theorem, we can prove the following local existence and uniqueness theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Under the assumptions (1)–(3) in the previous section, there exist positive constants  $C_2, C_3, M_{10}$  ( $C_2 M_{10} \leq R_1$ ) and  $t_0$  depending only on  $M_{10}$  such that when  $M_1 \leq M_{10}$ , problem (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20) admits a unique smooth solution  $(u, v)$  in  $\bar{Q}_{t_0} = [0, 1] \times [0, t_0]$ . Moreover

$$(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^{t_0}(C_1 M_1, C_2 M_1). \quad (2.5)$$

Since the proof of Theorem 2 is standard (see [5]), we omit the detail here.

**Remark 1.** It is easy to see that when the coefficients and the initial data have more regularity, the solution will have more regularity, too. Hence when the higher smoothness is required in the process of getting the uniform a priori estimates in the following section, we can apply the usual dense argument.

### § 3. Uniform a Priori Estimates of Solutions for Quasilinear Systems

In this section we are going to derive the uniform a priori estimates of solution  $(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^T$  for problem (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20) in  $Q_T = (0, 1) \times (0, T)$ ,  $\forall T > 0$ . This is the key step in proving the global existence of solutions. From now

on, we denote by  $K$  the positive constant independent of  $u, v, T$  with no particular regard to distinguishing one from another and by  $\varepsilon$  the appropriately small positive constant. For simplicity, we omit the integral element  $dx d\tau$  and the integral limit of the double integral.

Assume that  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma^T}$ , and

$$|u|_1 + |v|_1 + |v_{xx}| + |v_{xt}| \leq \varepsilon. \quad (3.1)$$

The main theorem in this section is the following

**Theorem 3.** For any  $T > 0$ , there exists a positive constant  $\varepsilon_1$  independent of  $T$  such that when  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1$  and the solution  $(u, v)$  of (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20) satisfies (3.1), the following uniform a priori estimate holds:

$$\int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xx}^2 + v_{xt}^2) dx + \int_0^t \int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xx}^2 + v_{xt}^2 + v_{tt}^2) dx \leq K_1 M_1, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $M_1$  is defined by (2.1),  $K_1$  is a positive constant independent of  $u, v, t, T$ .

*Proof* For the initial boundary value problem with the dissipation boundary conditions, the main difficulty in getting uniform a priori estimate consists in getting the estimate of boundary integral. To do this, we first prove the following

**Lemma 1.** (1) If  $f(x)$  is a smooth function in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $f(0) = 0$  or  $f(1) = 0$ , then

$$f^2(x) = \int_0^1 f_x^2(x) dx, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\int_0^1 f^2(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 f_x^2 dx. \quad (3.4)$$

(2) If  $f(x)$  is a smooth function in  $[0, 1]$ , then  $\forall \delta > 0$ ,

$$f_x^2(x) \leq C_1 \left( \delta \int_0^1 f_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^1 f^2 dx \right), \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.5)$$

Hereafter  $C_i (i=1, 2, \dots)$  are the constants independent of  $f$  and  $\delta$ .

*Proof* (1) is trivial. For (2), by the Nirenberg inequality

$$\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f_x(x)| \leq C_2 \left( \int_0^1 f_{xx}^2 dx \right)^{\frac{3}{8}} \left( \int_0^1 f^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{8}} + C_3 \left( \int_0^1 f^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (3.6)$$

From the Young inequality

$$a \cdot b \leq \frac{(\delta_1 a)^p}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{b}{\delta_1} \right)^q, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $\delta_1$  is an arbitrarily small positive constant, it follows that

$$\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f_x(x)| \leq C_4 \left( \delta_1 \int_0^1 f_{xx}^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{C_5}{\delta_1} \left( \int_0^1 f^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (3.8)$$

By squaring both sides, we get (3.5).

**Lemma 2.** If the solution  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma^T}$  and satisfies (3.1), then  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$u_{2x}|_{x=0} \leq K \int_0^1 u_{2tx}^2 dx, \quad (3.9)$$

$$v_{xt}^2|_{x=0} \leq K \int_0^1 v_{xxt}^2 dx, \quad (3.10)$$

$$v_x^2|_{x=0} \leq K \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx \leq K \int_0^1 \left( v_{xxt}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2 \right) dx + K \varepsilon \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx, \quad (3.11)$$

$$v_{xx}^2|_{x=0} \leq K \int_0^1 \left( \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2 \right) dx + K \varepsilon \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx. \quad (3.12)$$

*Proof* By noting the boundary conditions, (3.10) is the corollary of Lemma 1. From (1.21) and the boundary conditions, it follows that

$$u_{2x}^2|_{x=0} = \frac{a^2}{b^2} u_{1t}^2|_{x=0} = \frac{a^2 \gamma^2}{b^2} u_{2t}^2|_{x=0} \leq K \int_0^1 u_{2tx}^2 dx \quad (3.13)$$

and (3.11) (3.12) can be obtained from Lemma 1 and (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20).

**Lemma 3.** (i) If the solution  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma^T}$ , then  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $\delta > 0$

$$\int_0^1 b u_{1x} u_{2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq K \delta \iint v^2 + \frac{K}{\delta} \iint v^2 \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$\int_0^1 b u_{1x} u_{2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq K \iint v_{xx}^2. \quad (3.15)$$

(ii) If the solution  $(u, v)$  is suitably smooth and satisfies (3.1), then  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left( b u_{1xx} u_{2xx} + \frac{\beta c b}{k} u_{1xx} v_x \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt &\leq K \iint \left( v_{xxt}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2 \right) \\ &+ K \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

$$\int_0^1 b u_{1xt} u_{2xt} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq K \iint \left( \delta v_{xxt}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} v_t^2 \right) + K \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2 + v_{xxt}^2). \quad (3.17)$$

$$\int_0^1 b u_{1xt} u_{2xt} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq K \iint v_{xxt}^2 + K \varepsilon \iint (v_{xxt}^2 + |Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \quad (3.17)'$$

*Proof* (i) From (1.21)

$$u_{1x}|_{x=0} = \left( \frac{1}{b} (u_{2t} + \beta v_x) \right) \Big|_{x=0}, \quad (3.18)$$

$$u_{2x}|_{x=0} = \left( \frac{a}{b} u_{1t} \right) \Big|_{x=0} \quad (3.19)$$

and from (1.19), (1.20)

$$u_{1x}|_{x=1} = 0. \quad (3.20)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t b u_{1x} u_{2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dx &= - \int_0^t \frac{1}{b} (u_{2t} + \beta v_x) a \gamma u_{2t} \Big|_{x=0} dt \\ &= - \int_0^t \frac{a \gamma}{b} u_{2t}^2 \Big|_{x=0} dt - \int_0^t \frac{a \gamma \beta}{b} u_{2t} v_x \Big|_{x=0} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

By means of Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{a\gamma\beta}{b} u_{2t}v_x|_{x=0} &\leq \frac{a\gamma\beta}{b} \frac{\eta}{2} u_{2t}^2|_{x=0} + \frac{a\gamma\beta}{b} \frac{1}{2\eta} v_x^2|_{x=0} \\
&\leq \frac{a\gamma\beta}{b} \frac{\eta}{2} u_{2t}^2|_{x=0} + \frac{C_6\delta}{2\eta} \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{C_6'}{2\eta\delta} \int_0^1 v^2 dx, \quad (3.22)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta, \delta$  are arbitrarily small positive constants. Substituting (3.22) into (3.21) and taking  $\eta$  sufficiently small, we get (3.14). It is easy to obtain (3.15) in a similar way.

(2) From (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)–(1.20) it follows that

$$u_{1xx}|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{a\gamma}{b} u_{2tt} + \beta v_{xx} + I_1 \right) |_{x=0}, \quad (3.23)$$

$$u_{2xx}|_{x=0} = \frac{a}{b^2} (u_{2tt} + \beta v_{xt} + I_2) |_{x=0}, \quad (3.24)$$

$$u_{2xx}|_{x=1} = 0. \quad (3.25)$$

Hereafter  $I_i (i=1, 2, \dots)$  are the terms, such as  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)_x u_{1t}$ , including the product of first order derivative of solutions and coefficients.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^t \left( bu_{1xx}u_{2xx} + \frac{\beta cb}{k} u_{1xx}v_x \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt = - \int_0^t \left( bu_{1xx}u_{2xx} + \frac{\beta cb}{k} u_{1xx}v_x \right) \Big|_{x=0} dt \\
&= - \int_0^t \left[ \frac{a^2\gamma}{b^3} u_{2tt}^2 + (A_1v_{xt} + A_2v_{xx} + A_3v_x)u_{2tt} + A_4v_{xx}v_{xt} + A_5v_{xx}v_x + I_1u_{2tt} + I_1^2 \right] \Big|_{x=0} dt, \quad (3.26)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $A_i (i=1, 2, \dots)$  simply denote the given functions which consist of the coefficients.

By Lemma 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(A_1v_{xt} + A_2v_{xx} + A_3v_x)u_{2tt}|_{x=0} &\geq -\frac{C_7\eta}{2} u_{2tt}^2|_{x=0} - \frac{C_7}{2\eta} \int_0^1 (v_{xt}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2) dx \\
&\quad - K\varepsilon \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx, \quad (3.27)
\end{aligned}$$

$$(A_4v_{xx}v_{xt} + A_5v_{xx}v_x)|_{x=0} \geq -C_8 \int_0^1 (v_{xt}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2) dx - K\varepsilon \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx. \quad (3.28)$$

From (3.1) it follows that

$$I_1 u_{2tt}|_{x=0} \geq -C_9\varepsilon \frac{\eta}{2} u_{2tt}^2|_{x=0} - \frac{C_9\varepsilon}{2\eta} \int_0^1 (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2) dx, \quad (3.29)$$

$$I_1 \cdot I_1|_{x=0} \geq -C_{10}\varepsilon \int_0^1 (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2) dx. \quad (3.30)$$

Combining (3.26) with (3.27)–(3.30) and taking  $\eta$  sufficiently small, we get (3.16).

It is easy to obtain (3.17), (3.17)' in a similar way.

Now we are going to get the energy estimates.

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_1^2 + u_2^2 + cv^2) dx, \\
E_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1t}^2 + u_{2t}^2 + cv_t^2) dx, \\
E_3(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1x}^2 + u_{2x}^2 + cv_x^2) dx, \\
E_4(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (a u_{1tt}^2 + u_{2tt}^2 + cv_{tt}^2) dx, \\
E_5(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1xt}^2 + u_{2xt}^2 + cv_{xt}^2) dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

Thus we have

**Lemma 4.** For the solution  $(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^T$ , satisfying (3.1), when  $\varepsilon$  is appropriately small, for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  the following estimates hold.

$$E_1(t) - E_1(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint kv_x^2 \leq K\varepsilon \iint |Du|^2, \tag{3.32}$$

$$E_2(t) - E_2(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint kv_{xt}^2 \leq K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2), \tag{3.33}$$

$$E_3(t) - E_3(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint kv_{xx}^2 \leq K \iint v_x^2 + K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2), \tag{3.34}$$

$$E_4(t) - E_4(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint kv_{xtt}^2 \leq K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2), \tag{3.35}$$

$$E_5(t) - E_5(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint kv_{xxt}^2 \leq K \iint v_t^2 + K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \tag{3.36}$$

*Proof* Establishing the usual energy integral for (1.21), (1.22) and noting that under the boundary condition (1.17), (1.19)

$$\begin{aligned}
u_1^2(x, t) &= \left( \int_0^x u_{1x} dx - u_1(0, t) \right)^2, \\
&= \left( \int_0^x u_{1x} dx - \gamma u_2(0, t) \right)^2 = \left( \int_0^x u_{1x} dx + \gamma \int_0^1 u_{2x} dx \right)^2 \\
&\leq C_{11} \int_0^1 (u_{1x}^2 + u_{2x}^2) dx,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.37}$$

we have

$$\int_0^t \int_0^1 u_1^2 \leq C_{11} \int_0^t \int_0^1 |u_x|^2. \tag{3.38}$$

So when  $\varepsilon$  is appropriately small, we can obtain (3.32).

Differentiating (1.21), (1.22) with respect to  $t$ , using the energy estimate method, we can get (3.33). Similarly, (3.35) can be obtained.

Differentiating (1.21), (1.22) with respect to  $x$ , multiplying them by  $u_x$  and  $v_x$ , respectively, summing up and integrating with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , we arrive at

$$E_3(t) - E_3(0) + \iint kv_{xx}^2 = \iint \frac{\partial(bu_{1x}u_{2x})}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\beta u_{2x}v_x - (kv_x)_x v_x) + I_2 \tag{3.39}$$

and



$$\left| \iint I_2 \right| \leq C_{12} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2 + v_{xx}^2). \quad (3.40)$$

From (3.14)

$$\iint \frac{\partial(bu_{1x}u_{2x})}{\partial x} = \int_0^t bu_{1x}u_{2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq K \delta \iint v_{xx}^2 + \frac{K}{\delta} \iint v^2 \leq K \delta \iint v_{xx}^2 + \frac{K}{\delta} \iint v^2 \quad (3.41)$$

and from (1.22), (1.17)–(1.20)

$$\begin{aligned} - \iint \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\beta u_{2x} v_x - (kv_x)_x v_x) &= - \iint \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [(-cv_t - d)v_x] \\ &= - \int_0^t dv_x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq C_{13} \varepsilon \int_0^t v_x^2 \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dt \leq C_{14} \varepsilon \iint v_{xx}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

Combining (3.39)–(3.42), taking  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  suitably small, we obtain (3.34).

When solution  $(u, v)$  is suitably smooth, differentiating (1.21), (1.22) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , using the usual energy method and noting (3.17), in a similar way to the proof of (3.34), we get (3.36).

Applying the usual dense argument we conclude (3.36) holds for  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma^T}$ .

To estimate  $\iint |Du_2|^2 + |D^2u_2|^2$ , we introduce the following auxiliary functions.

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(t) &= \int_0^1 u_2 u_{2t} dx, \\ F_2(t) &= \int_0^1 u_{2x} \frac{\beta c}{k} v dx, \\ F_3(t) &= \int_0^1 u_{2xx} \frac{\beta c}{k} v_x dx, \\ F_4(t) &= \int_0^1 u_{2xt} \frac{\beta c}{k} v_t dx, \\ F_5(t) &= \int_0^1 u_{2t} u_{2tt} dx \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1x}^2 + u_{2x}^2) dx, \\ D_3(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1xx}^2 + u_{2xx}^2) dx, \\ D_4(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (au_{1xt}^2 + u_{2xt}^2) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

**Lemma 5.** When the solution  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma^T}$  satisfies (3.1) and  $\varepsilon$  is suitably small,  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$  the following estimates hold.

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(t) - F_1(0) + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_2^2 \Big|_{x=0} &\geq \iint u_{2t}^2 - K \iint (u_{2x}^2 + u_{1t}^2 + v_t^2) - K \varepsilon \iint (u_2^2 + v_x^2 + u_{1x}^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_2^2 \Big|_{t=0}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(t) - F_2(0) + D_2(t) - D_2(0) &+ \iint \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2x}^2 \leq K \iint \left( \frac{1}{\delta} v_x^2 + \delta u_{1x}^2 + v_{xx}^2 \right) \\ &+ K \varepsilon \iint (|Du|^2 + |Dv|^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.46)$$

$$F_3(t) - F_3(0) + D_3(t) - D_3(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2xx}^2 \leq K \iint (v_{xx}^2 + u_{1xx}^2 + u_{2x}^2 + v_{xxt}^2) + K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2), \quad (3.47)$$

$$F_4(t) - F_4(0) + D_4(t) - D_4(0) + \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2xt}^2 \leq K \iint \left( \frac{1}{\delta} v_{xt}^2 + \delta u_{1xt}^2 + v_{xxt}^2 \right) + K\varepsilon \iint (v_t^2 + v_{xx}^2 + u_{xt}^2 + u_{xx}^2), \quad (3.48)$$

$$F_5(t) - F_5(0) + \frac{1}{2} b\gamma u_{2t}^2 \Big|_{x=0} \geq \frac{1}{2} b\gamma u_{2t}^2 \Big|_{t=0} + \iint u_{2tt}^2 - K \iint (u_{2tx}^2 + u_{1tt}^2 + v_{tt}^2) - K\varepsilon \iint (|Du|^2 + u_{1xt}^2 + v_{xt}^2), \quad (3.49)$$

where  $\delta$  is an arbitrarily positive constant.

*Proof* Noting that when  $(u, v)$  is smooth function

$$F_1(t) - F_1(0) = \int_0^t \frac{dF_1}{dt} dt = \iint u_{2t}^2 + u_{2t} u_{2tt}, \quad (3.50)$$

$$F_5(t) - F_5(0) = \int_0^t \frac{dF_5}{dt} dt = \iint u_{2tt}^2 + u_{2t} u_{2ttt}. \quad (3.51)$$

Differentiating the second equation of (1.21) with respect to  $t$ , multiplying by  $u_2$  in both sides, integrating with respect to  $x, t$ , by integration by parts and (1.17), we get (3.45). Similarly, differentiating twice the second equation of (1.21) with respect to  $t$ , multiplying by  $u_{2t}$  in both sides, we get (3.49). By the usual dense argument, (3.45) and (3.49) hold for  $(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^T$ , too.

To prove (3.46)–(3.48), differentiating (1.21) with respect to  $x$  and multiplying by  $u_x$  in both sides, we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (au_{1x}^2 + u_{2x}^2) - \frac{\partial(bu_{1x}u_{2x})}{\partial x} + \beta u_{2x} v_{xx} + I_3 = 0. \quad (3.52)$$

Differentiate the second equation with respect to  $x$ , multiply it by  $\frac{\beta cv}{k}$ , we have

$$\frac{\beta c}{k} v u_{2xt} - \frac{\beta c}{k} b v u_{1xx} + \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v v_{xx} + I_3 = 0. \quad (3.53)$$

Again multiplying (1.22) by  $\frac{\beta}{k} u_{2x}$ , adding it with (3.52), (3.53) together and integrating with respect to  $x, t$ , by (3.15) we get (3.46).

When  $(u, v)$  is suitably smooth, differentiating (1.21) twice with respect to  $x$ , multiplying it by  $u_{1xx}, u_{2xx}$ , respectively, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (au_{1xx}^2 + u_{2xx}^2) - \frac{\partial(bu_{1xx}u_{2xx})}{\partial x} + \beta v_{xxx} u_{2x} + I_4 + J_1 = 0. \quad (3.54)$$

Hereafter  $J_i (i=1, 2, \dots)$  denote the terms, such as  $\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x^2} u_{1t} u_{1xx}$ , including the second order derivatives of the coefficients.

Differentiating twice the second equation of (1.21) with respect to  $x$ ,

multiplying it by  $\frac{\beta c}{k} v_x$ , we have

$$\frac{\beta c}{k} v_x u_{2xxt} - \frac{\beta cb}{k} v_x u_{1xxx} + \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v_x v_{xxx} + I_5 + J_2 = 0. \quad (3.55)$$

Differentiating (1.22) with respect to  $x$ , multiplying it by  $\frac{\beta}{k} u_{2xx}$ , we have

$$\frac{\beta c}{k} u_{2xx} v_{xt} - \frac{\beta}{k} u_{2xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (k v_{xx}) + \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2xx}^2 + I_6 + J_3 = 0. \quad (3.56)$$

Adding (3.54)–(3.56) together, integrating with respect to  $x, t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_3(t) - F_3(0) + D_3(t) - D_3(0) + \iint \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2xx}^2 = \iint \frac{\partial(bu_{1xx}u_{2xx})}{\partial x} \\ + \iint \frac{\beta cb}{k} u_{1xxx} v_x + \iint \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v_{xxx} v_x + I_7 + J_4 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.57)$$

Obviously

$$\iint (|I_7| + |J_4|) \leq C_{15} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \quad (3.58)$$

From (3.16)

$$\begin{aligned} \iint \frac{\partial(bu_{1xx}u_{2xx})}{\partial x} + \frac{\beta cb}{k} u_{1xxx} v_x \leq C_{16} \iint \left( v_{xxt}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2 + u_{1xx}^2 + v_{xx}^2 \right) \\ + C_{17} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.59)$$

and from (3.11), (3.12)

$$\begin{aligned} \iint \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v_x v_{xxx} = - \int_0^t \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v_x v_{xx} \Big|_{x=0} dt - \iint \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\beta^2 c}{k} v_x \right) v_{xx} \\ \leq C_{18} \iint \left( v_{xx}^2 + \delta u_{2xx}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} u_{2x}^2 \right) + C_{18} \varepsilon \iint v_{xx}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.60)$$

Combining (3.57)–(3.60), taking  $\delta$  sufficiently small, we get (3.47).

In a similar way, by (3.17) we can get (3.48).

It is easy to see from the equation (1.21) that we can estimate the derivatives of  $u_1$  by the derivatives of  $u_2$  and  $v$ .

**Lemma 6.** For the solution  $(u, v) \in \overline{\Sigma}^T$  satisfying (3.1),  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$  the following estimates hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint u_{1x}^2 &\leq K \iint (u_{2t}^2 + v_x^2), \\ \iint u_{1t}^2 &\leq K \iint u_{2x}^2, \\ \iint u_{1xt}^2 &\leq K \iint (u_{2xt}^2 + v_{xt}^2) + K \varepsilon \iint (v_x^2 + u_{1x}^2), \\ \iint u_{1xx}^2 &\leq K \iint (u_{2xt}^2 + v_{xx}^2) + K \varepsilon \iint (v_x^2 + u_{1x}^2), \\ \iint u_{1tt}^2 &\leq K \iint u_{2xt}^2 + K \varepsilon \iint (u_{1t}^2 + u_{2x}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.61)$$

In what follows we are going to get the uniform a priori estimates of the solution for the quasilinear system.

Let

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=1}^5 N_i E_i(t) - \eta_1 \left( F_1(t) + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_2^2|_{\varepsilon=0} \right) + \sum_{i=2}^4 \eta_i (F_i(t) + D_i(t)) \\ - \eta_5 \left( F_5(t) + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_{2t}^2|_{\varepsilon=0} \right),$$

where  $N_i$  and  $\eta_i (i=1, \dots, 5)$  are positive constants to be specified later. From Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, there exists a constant  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that when  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$  the following holds:

$$P(t) - P(0) \leq -\frac{N_1}{2} \iint k v_x^2 - \frac{N_2}{2} \iint k v_{xt}^2 - \frac{N_3}{2} \iint k v_{xx}^2 - \frac{N_4}{2} \iint k v_{xtt}^2 \\ - \frac{N_5}{2} \iint k v_{xxt}^2 + \tilde{K} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2) + K \iint N_5 v_t^2 + N_3 v_x^2 \\ - \eta_1 \iint u_{2t}^2 + K \eta_1 \iint (u_{2x}^2 + u_{1t}^2 + v_t^2) - \eta_2 \iint \frac{\beta^2}{k} u_{2x}^2 \\ + K \eta_2 \iint \left( v_{xx}^2 + \delta u_{1x}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} v_x^2 \right) - \eta_3 \iint \frac{\beta^2}{2k} u_{2xx}^2 + K \eta_3 \iint (v_{xx}^2 + u_{1xx}^2 \\ + u_{2x}^2 + v_{xxt}^2) - \eta_4 \iint \frac{\beta^2}{2k} u_{2xt}^2 + K \eta_4 \iint \left( v_{xxt}^2 + \delta u_{1xt}^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} v_{xt}^2 \right) \\ - \eta_5 \iint u_{2tt}^2 + K \eta_5 \iint (u_{2tx}^2 + u_{1tt}^2 + v_{tt}^2). \quad (3.62)$$

By Lemma 6 we arrive at

$$P(t) - P(0) \leq -\iint \left( \frac{N_1 k}{2} - K N_3 - K \eta_2 \left( \frac{1}{\delta} + K \delta \right) \right) v_x^2 \\ - \iint \left( \frac{N_2 k}{2} - K N_5 - K \eta_1 - K \eta_4 \left( \frac{1}{\delta} + K \delta \right) \right) v_{xt}^2 \\ - \iint \left( \frac{N_3 k}{2} - K \eta_2 - K \eta_3 (1 + K) \right) v_{xx}^2 - \iint \left( \frac{N_4 k}{2} - K \eta_5 \right) v_{xtt}^2 \\ - \iint \left( \frac{N_5 k}{2} - K \eta_3 - K \eta_4 \right) v_{xxt}^2 - \iint (\eta_1 - K^2 \eta_2 \delta) u_{2t}^2 \\ - \iint \left( \frac{\beta}{k} \eta_2 - K (1 + K) \eta_1 - K \eta_3 \right) u_{2x}^2 - \iint \frac{\beta^2}{2k} \eta_3 u_{2xx}^2 \\ - \iint \left( \frac{\beta^2}{2k} \eta_4 - K^2 \eta_3 - K (1 + K) \eta_5 \right) u_{2xt}^2 - \iint (\eta_5 - K^2 \delta \eta_4) u_{2tt}^2 \\ + \tilde{K} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \quad (3.63)$$

Hereafter  $\tilde{K}$  denotes the positive constant depending on  $K, N_i, \eta_i$ .

In what follows we will explain that by appropriately choosing  $\eta_i, N_i$  and  $\delta$ , there exist positive constants  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  such that the following inequalities hold simultaneously:

$$P(t) + \sigma_1 \iint (|Du|_1^2 + v_x^2 + v_{xt}^2 + v_x^2 + v_{xxt}^2 + v_{xtt}^2) \\ \leq P(0) + \tilde{K} \varepsilon \iint (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2), \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (3.64)$$

and

$$P(t) \geq \sigma_3 \int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_1^2 + v_{xt}^2 + v_{tt}^2) dx. \quad (3.65)$$

Hereafter  $\sigma_i (i=1, 2, \dots)$  denote positive constants independent of  $u, v, T, t$ .

In fact, for (3.64) to be satisfied, it only need, by (3.63), to choose  $\eta_i, N_i (i=1, \dots, 5)$  and  $\delta$  so that the coefficients of each terms (except the last term) are less than zero. For instance, by taking  $\eta_2 = \eta_4$  as positive constant,  $\eta_3 = \frac{K_\beta \eta_2}{4K^2}$ ,  $\eta_1 = \eta_5 = \frac{K_\beta \eta_2}{8K(1+K)}$  and  $\delta = \frac{\eta_1}{2K^2 \eta_2}$ , the coefficients of  $u_{2t}^2, u_{2x}^2, u_{2xx}^2, u_{2xt}^2$ , and  $u_{2tt}^2$  are less than zero. Then we take  $N_3, N_4, N_5$  so large that the coefficients of  $v_{xt}^2, v_{xtt}^2, v_{xxt}^2$  are less than zero. Finally, taking  $N_1, N_2$  large enough to ensure that the coefficients of the remaining two terms are less than zero, so (3.64) is satisfied. It is easy to see that when  $N_i$  are fixed, (3.64) still holds for  $\eta_i$  being reduced.

For (3.65) to be satisfied, by the definition of  $P(t)$ , it only need to take  $\eta_i (i=1, \dots, 5)$  small enough so that the non-square power terms, such as  $u_{2x}v$ , appearing in  $F_i(t) (i=1, \dots, 5)$ , can be bounded by the square power terms appearing in  $E_i(t) (i=1, \dots, 5)$  and  $D_i(t) (i=2, 3, 4)$ . For instance, by taking  $\eta_2 = \frac{N_1 C_0}{2k_C^2}, \eta_3 = \frac{N_3 C_0}{2k_C^2}, \eta_4 = \frac{N_2 C_0}{2k_C^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2(F_2(t) + D_2(t)) + \frac{N_1}{2} \int_0^1 cv^3 &\geq \sigma_3 \int_0^1 (u_x^2 + v^2), \\ \eta_3(F_3(t) + D_3(t)) + \frac{N_3}{2} \int_0^1 cv_x^2 &\geq \sigma_3 \int_0^1 (u_{xx}^2 + v_x^2), \\ \eta_4(F_4(t) + D_4(t)) + \frac{N_2}{2} \int_0^1 cv_t^2 &\geq \sigma_3 \int_0^1 (u_{xt}^2 + v_t^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.66)$$

Again take  $\eta_1, \eta_5$  so small that by Lemma 1 the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (N_1 u_2^2 + N_2 u_{2t}^2 + N_3 u_{2x}^2 + N_4 u_{2tt}^2 + N_5 u_{2xt}^2) \\ &\quad - \eta_1 \left( \int_0^1 u_2 u_{2t} dx + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_2^2|_{x=0} \right) - \eta_5 \left( \int_0^1 u_{2t} u_{2tt} dx + \frac{1}{2} b \gamma u_{2t}^2|_{x=0} \right) \\ &\geq \sigma_4 \int_0^1 (u_2^2 + u_{2t}^2 + u_{2x}^2 + u_{2tt}^2 + u_{2xt}^2) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.67)$$

In order to prove (3.2), by the system (1.21), (1.22) and the boundary conditions we can easily obtain

**Lemma 7.** When the solution  $(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^T$  satisfies (3.1),  $\forall 0 \leq t \leq T$ , the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 v_{xx}^2 dx &\leq dx \leq K \int_0^1 (|Dv|^2 + u_{2x}^2) dx, \\ \int_0^1 v_{xxx}^2 dx &\leq K \int_0^1 (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|^2 + v_{xt}^2) dx, \\ \int_0^1 v_{xxt}^2 dx &\leq K \int_0^1 (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|^2 + v_{tt}^2 + v_{xt}^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.68)$$

$$\iint v_{xxx}^2 \leq K \iint (v_{xt}^2 + v_{2xt}^2) + K \varepsilon \iint (v_{xx}^2 + |Du|^2 + |Dv|^2).$$

Moreover, from (3.38) and Lemma 1 we can get

$$\iint |u|^2 + v^2 \leq K \iint |Du|^2 + |Dv|^2, \quad (3.69)$$

$$\iint v_t^2 \leq K \iint v_{tx}^2, \quad (3.70)$$

$$\iint v_{tt}^2 \leq K \iint v_{tta}^2. \quad (3.71)$$

So (3.64) and (3.65) can be rewritten as

$$P(t) + \sigma_4 \iint (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xxx}^2 + v_{xxt}^2 + v_{xtt}^2) \leq P(0) + \tilde{K} \varepsilon \iint |Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2 \quad (3.72)$$

and

$$P(t) \geq \sigma_5 \int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xxx}^2 + v_{xxt}^2) dx. \quad (3.73)$$

Substituting (3.73) into (3.72), taking  $\varepsilon_1 = \min(\frac{1}{2\tilde{K}}, \varepsilon_0)$  we arrive at (3.2).

Thus the proof of Theorem 3 is completed.

## § 4. Global Existence and Decay of Solutions

Based on sections 2 and 3, in this section we are going to prove the main theorem, that is, Theorem 1. By Theorem 2, when  $M_1 \leq M_{10}$ , there exists a positive constant  $t_0$  depending on  $M_{10}$  such that problem (1.21), (1.22), (1.16)—(1.20) admits a unique smooth solution  $(u, v) \in \bar{\Sigma}^{t_0}(C_1 M_1, C_2 M_1)$ . By the imbedding theorem, the following holds in  $[0, 1] \times [0, t_0]$ ,

$$|u|_1 + |v|_1 + |v_{xx}| + |v_{xt}| \leq K_2 M_1, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $K_2$  is a positive constant independent of  $u, v, x, t$  and  $t_0$ . Taking

$$M_1 \leq M_1^* = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon_1}{k_2}, \frac{\varepsilon_1}{k_1 k_2}, M_{10}, \frac{M_{10}}{k_1}\right), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\varepsilon_1, K_1$  are the constants appearing in Theorem 3, and  $M_{10}$  in Theorem 2. We can get the global existence by the well known continuation argument. To get the decay of the solution, similarly to (3.72), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) - P(\tau) + \sigma_6 \int_\tau^t \int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xxt}^2 + v_{xxx}^2 + v_{xtt}^2) \\ \leq \tilde{K} \varepsilon \int_\tau^t \int_0^1 (|Du|_1^2 + |Dv|_1^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

By the definition of  $P(t)$ , it is easy to see that

$$P(t) \leq K_3 \int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xxx}^2 + v_{xxt}^2) dx, \quad (4.4)$$

provided that  $\varepsilon$  (equivalently, the initial data) is sufficiently small. It follows from (4.3) and (4.4) that

$$P(t) - P(\tau) + \frac{\sigma_6}{2K_3} \int_{\tau}^t P(t') dt' \leq 0. \quad (4.5)$$

Therefore, when  $P(t) \in C^1$ , i. e., the solution is more regular, we have

$$\frac{dP(t)}{dt} + \frac{\sigma_6}{2K_3} P(t) \leq 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Hence

$$P(t) \leq e^{-\frac{\sigma_6}{2K_3} t} P(0). \quad (4.7)$$

Substituting (3.73) into (4.7), we get

$$\int_0^1 (|u|_2^2 + |v|_2^2 + v_{xxx}^2 + v_{xxt}^2) \leq K e^{-\frac{\sigma_6}{2K_3} t}. \quad (4.8)$$

By the usual dense argument and Banach-Saks theorem, the restriction  $P(t) \in C^1$  can be dropped. Thus the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

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