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# Global existence of solutions for a fluid model of a neutron star

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider an initial-boundary value problem for the equations of a fluid spherical model of neutron star considered by Lattimer *et al.* We establish the global existence and regularity of the spherically symmetric solutions in  $H^i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 4$ ) of this fluid model. These results improve and generalize the results of Ducomet and Necasova (Ann. Univ. Ferrara 55(1):153-193, 2009).

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## 1 Introduction

We consider an initial-boundary value problem for a fluid model of neutron star. In the case of a rapid cooling of the core of the star, the model used to describe the evolution of temperature in the star follows Lattimer *et al.* [2]. If a mechanical equilibrium is reached and the specific heat is a linear function of temperature, then the problem reduces to the study of a fast diffusion equation satisfied by the temperature in [3]. In a more general setting, suppose that the temperature is coupled to density and velocity fluctuations through a thermo-mechanical system; the simplest description of such a model is achieved through the compressible Navier-Stokes system in [4].

In this paper, we are interested in the 3D spherical symmetric solutions to the complete system, which has the general formulation as follows (see [5]):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_t + (\rho v) + \frac{2\rho v}{r} = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (1.1)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(v_t + vv_r) = \left( -p + \mu \left( v_r + \frac{2v}{r} \right) \right)_r - 4v_r \frac{v}{r} + \rho F(r, t), \end{array} \right. \quad (1.2)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(e_t + ve_r) = Q_r + \frac{2Q}{r} - p \left( v_r + \frac{2v}{r} \right) + \mu \left( v_r + \frac{2v}{r} \right)^2 - \frac{8vv_r}{r} - \frac{4v^2}{r^2}, \end{array} \right. \quad (1.3)$$

in the domain  $\omega \times \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\omega := (R_0, R_1)$ , where  $R_0$  is the radius of the internal rigid core of the star and  $R_1$  is the exterior boundary, and  $\rho(r, t)$  and  $v(r, t)$  denote the density and the velocity, respectively. Let  $\eta := \frac{1}{\rho}$  be the specific volume and  $\theta(r, t)$  be the temperature, then the pressure  $p(\eta, \theta) = \frac{A}{2} \frac{\theta^2}{\eta^{2-\beta}}$  and the internal energy  $e(\eta, \theta) = c_v \theta + \frac{A}{2(\beta-1)} \frac{\theta^2}{\eta^{1-\beta}}$ , where constants  $c_v > 0$ ,  $A > 0$  and  $1 < \beta < 2$ . The heat flux  $Q$  is given by the Fourier law  $Q(\eta, \theta) :=$

$\kappa(\eta, \theta)\theta_r$  with the following constraints on the thermal conductivity:

$$\underline{\kappa}(1 + \theta^q) \leq \kappa(\eta, \theta) \leq \bar{\kappa}(1 + \theta^q), \quad (1.4)$$

$$|\kappa_\eta(\eta, \theta)| + |\kappa_{\eta\eta}(\eta, \theta)| \leq \bar{K}_1(1 + \theta^q), \quad (1.5)$$

$$|\kappa_\theta(\eta, \theta)| \leq \bar{K}_2(1 + \theta^{q-1}), \quad (1.6)$$

for any  $\theta \geq 0$ , with positive constants  $\underline{\kappa}$ ,  $\bar{\kappa}$ ,  $\bar{K}_1$ ,  $\bar{K}_2$  and  $q \geq 4$ .  $F(r, t)$  is a given external field force (gravitation). Finally, we also assume the bulk viscous coefficient  $\mu$  is a positive constant and the shear viscous coefficient  $\nu = 0$ .

As in [1], we transform the system in Eulerian coordinates  $(r, t)$  into that in Lagrangian (mass) coordinates  $(x, t)$  by

$$r(x, t) := r_0(x) + \int_0^t v(x, s) ds, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $r_0(x) := (R_0^3 + 3 \int_0^x \eta(y, 0) dy)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  for  $x \in (0, M)$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} \eta_t = (r^2 \nu)_x, \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

$$\begin{cases} v_t = r^2 \left( -p + \mu \frac{(r^2 \nu)_x}{\eta} \right)_x + f, \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

$$\begin{cases} e_t = Q_x + \left( -p + \mu \frac{(r^2 \nu)_x}{\eta} \right) (r^2 \nu)_x, \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

$$\begin{cases} r_t = \nu, \end{cases} \quad (1.11)$$

in the fixed domain  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\Omega := (0, M)$ , where the specific volume  $\eta$ , the velocity  $\nu$ , the temperature  $\theta$  and the radius  $r$  depend on the Lagrangian mass coordinates. Now the heat flux is  $Q(\eta, \theta) = \kappa(\eta, \theta) \frac{r^4 \theta_x}{\eta}$  and the external field force is given by the Newtonian law  $f(x) = -G \frac{M_0}{r^2}$ , where  $G$  and  $M_0$  are positive constants. Denote the stress  $\sigma$  by

$$\sigma(\eta, \theta) := -p + \mu \frac{(r^2 \nu)_x}{\eta}.$$

System (1.8)-(1.11) is subjected to the following boundary and initial conditions:

$$(\eta, \nu, r, \theta)|_{t=0} = (\eta_0, \nu_0, r_0, \theta_0)(x), \quad x \in [0, M], \quad (1.12)$$

$$\nu|_{x=0, M} = 0, \quad Q|_{x=0} = 0, \quad \theta|_{x=M} = \theta_\Gamma, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1.13)$$

with constant  $\theta_\Gamma > 0$ .

Now let us recall some known results for the related system. For the full 3D compressible Navier-Stokes system with heat conductivity, we can refer to the basic references on the global existence of a weak solution, such as Lions [6], Feireisl [7], Feireisl and Novotný [8] and Bresch and Desjardins [9] and references therein. For the large-time behavior of the global solutions, we would also like to mention the work of Feireisl and Petzeltová [10, 11] and Feireisl and Novotný [12]. On the subject of the global existence and large-time behavior of smooth/strong solutions for the one-dimensional motions of viscous polytropic

ideal gas under various conditions, we refer the reader to Kazhikhov and Shelukhin [13], Kawohl [14], Chen [15], Jiang [16–18], Zheng and Qin [19], Qin [20–22], and so on. For the free boundary problems, we can also refer to the work of Nagasawa [23, 24], Tani [25, 26] and Hsiao and Luo [27]. For the free and pure Neumann boundary value problem, we refer the reader to Umehara and Tani [28, 29], Qin and Huang [30], Qin *et al.* [31], and the references therein.

However, in the major part of astrophysical literature, for example, at least when rotation and magnetic aspects are neglected, a quite reliable approximation is spherical symmetry; see also [4, 32, 33]. In this quasi-monodimensional situation, the global existence and large-time behavior of a classical solution have been established in some spherically symmetric cases, and we refer to [5, 18, 20, 34–38] and the references therein. In addition, for the cylindrically symmetric Navier-Stokes equations with various boundary conditions, the global well-posedness of the solutions has been studied by many researchers, and we can refer to [14, 15, 25, 31, 39–46] and the references therein. For problem (1.8)–(1.13), Ducomet and Nečasová [1] have proved the global well-posedness and large-time asymptotics for the initial data  $(\eta_0, \nu_0, \theta_0) \in H^1 \times H^1 \times H^1$ . Ducomet and Nečasová [3] considered a fast diffusion equation satisfied by the temperature and proved well-posedness and large-time asymptotics of global solutions with the initial data  $\theta_0 \in L^2$ .

In this paper, we shall establish the global existence and regularity of solutions for the spherical symmetric model of neutron star with the initial data  $(\eta_0, \nu_0, \theta_0) \in H^i \times H^i \times H^i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 4$ ). The main novelty is to establish the  $H^i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 4$ ) regularity of the global solutions to problem (1.8)–(1.13). It is worth pointing out that the boundary condition on the temperature  $\theta$  is different from general Dirichlet or Neumann boundary condition. Our results improve and generalize the results in [1].

In the following, the notations  $L^p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ ) and  $W^{k,p}$  (in particular,  $W^{k,2}$  is also denoted by  $H^k$  and  $H_0^1 = W_0^{1,2}$ ) stand for the usual Lebesgue spaces and the usual Sobolev spaces on  $(0, M)$ , respectively.  $\|\cdot\|_B$  denotes the norm in the space  $B$ ,  $\|\cdot\| := \|\cdot\|_{L^2}$ .  $C^{\alpha,\beta} = C^{\alpha,\beta}([0, M] \times [0, T])$  stands for uniformly Hölder continuous space with exponents  $\alpha$  in  $x$  and  $\beta$  in  $t$ . We use  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  to denote a generic positive constant depending only on the parameters of the system and the bounds of the initial data  $(\eta_0, \nu_0, \theta_0) \in (H^1([0, M]))^3$ , but being independent of  $t$ . Furthermore,  $C_i(T)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 4$ ) is a universal constant only dependent on the given time  $T$ , the physical constants and the initial data  $(\eta_0, \nu_0, \theta_0) \in (H^i([0, M]))^3$ .

The rest of the paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we will state our main theorems about the global existence of the solutions to problem (1.8)–(1.13). Subsequently, by a series of lemmas, we shall prove our main theorems in Section 3.

## 2 Main results

Let  $T$  be an arbitrary positive number. Now we give the definition of  $H^i([0, M])$ -solution to the initial-boundary problem (1.8)–(1.13).

**Definition 2.1** Function  $(\eta(x, t), \nu(x, t), \theta(x, t))$  is called a global  $H^i([0, M])$ -solution to problem (1.8)–(1.13) if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(x, t) &\in L^2([0, T], H^i([0, M])) \cap L^\infty([0, T], H^i([0, M])), \quad (x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T], \\ \nu(x, t) &\in L^2([0, T], H^{i+1}([0, M])) \cap L^\infty([0, T], H^i([0, M])), \quad (x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\theta(x, t) \in L^2([0, T], H^{i+1}([0, M])) \cap L^\infty([0, T], H^i([0, M])), \quad (x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T],$$

where  $i = 1, 2, 4$ .

For convenience, we first state a proposition from [1].

**Proposition 2.1** *The corresponding static problem to problem (1.8)-(1.13) has a unique solution  $(\bar{\eta}, \bar{v}, \bar{\theta})$  given by*

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\eta} = [ \frac{(\beta-1)GM_0}{(\beta-2)A\theta_0^2} (\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0}) ]^{-\frac{1}{\beta-1}}, \\ \bar{v} = 0, \\ \bar{\theta} = \theta_\Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where the constant  $r_0$  only depends on the initial data.

We are now in a position to state our main result.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let the initial data  $0 < C_0^{-1} < \eta_0(x) < C_0$ ,  $(\eta_0, v_0, \theta_0) \in (H^1[0, M])^3$ . Assume that the heat conductivity  $\kappa$  satisfies (1.4)-(1.6) and the initial data are compatible with boundary conditions. Then problem (1.8)-(1.13) admits a unique global  $H^1([0, M])$ -solution  $(\eta(x, t), v(x, t), \theta(x, t))$  verifying, for all  $(x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T]$ ,*

$$0 < C_1^{-1} \leq \eta(x, t) \leq C_1, \quad 0 < C_1^{-1} \leq \theta(x, t) \leq C_1, \quad 0 < R_0 \leq r(x, t) \leq R_1, \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\eta(t) - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta(t) - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^1}^2 \\ & + \int_0^t (\|\eta - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\eta_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_1(T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

**Theorem 2.2** *Let the initial data  $0 < C_0^{-1} < \eta_0(x) < C_0$ ,  $(\eta_0, v_0, \theta_0) \in (H^2[0, M])^3$ . Assume that the heat conductivity  $\kappa$  satisfies (1.4)-(1.6) and the initial data are compatible with boundary conditions. Then problem (1.8)-(1.13) admits a unique global  $H^2([0, M])$ -solution  $(\eta(x, t), v(x, t), \theta(x, t))$  verifying, for all  $(x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\eta(t) - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^2}^2 + \|v(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta(t) - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^2}^2 + \|v_t(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_t(t)\|^2 \\ & + \int_0^t (\|\eta - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^2}^2 + \|v\|_{H^3}^2 + \|\theta - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^3}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2)(s) ds \\ & \leq C_2(T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

**Theorem 2.3** *Let the initial data  $0 < C_0^{-1} < \eta_0(x) < C_0$ ,  $(\eta_0, v_0, \theta_0) \in (H^4[0, M])^3$ . Assume that the heat conductivity  $\kappa$  satisfies (1.4)-(1.6) and the initial data are compatible with*

*boundary conditions. Then problem (1.8)-(1.13) admits a unique global  $H^4([0, M])$ -solution  $(\eta(x, t), v(x, t), \theta(x, t))$  verifying, for all  $(x, t) \in [0, M] \times [0, T]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\eta(t) - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^4}^2 + \|v(t)\|_{H^4}^2 + \|\theta(t) - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^4}^2 + \|\eta_t(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|v_t(t)\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_t(t)\|_{H^2}^2 \\ & + \int_0^t (\|\eta - \bar{\eta}\|_{H^4}^2 + \|v\|_{H^5}^2 + \|\theta - \bar{\theta}\|_{H^5}^2 + \|\eta_t\|_{H^3}^2 + \|v_t\|_{H^3}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^3}^2 + \|\eta_{tt}\|_{H^1}^2 \\ & + \|v_{tt}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|_{H^1}^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

**Corollary 2.1** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.3 and some suitable compatibility conditions, the global solution  $(\eta, v, \theta)$  to problem (1.8)-(1.13) is the classical solution verifying*

$$\|\eta\|_{C^{3, \frac{1}{2}}} + \|v\|_{C^{3, \frac{1}{2}}} + \|\theta\|_{C^{3, \frac{1}{2}}} \leq C_4(T).$$

**Remark 2.1** The uniqueness of the global solutions has been obtained in [1].

**Remark 2.2** Theorem 2.1 implies that problem (1.8)-(1.13) admits a unique global weak solution. Theorem 2.2 implies that problem (1.8)-(1.13) admits a unique global strong solution.

**Remark 2.3** Our results generalize the previous work in [1].

### 3 Proofs of theorems

In this section, we will give some useful *a priori* estimates of the solutions to complete the proofs of the theorems.

#### 3.1 Global existence of $H^1$ -solution

In this subsection, we shall complete the proof of Theorem 2.1. As in [1], we have the following mass conservation and energy-entropy inequality.

**Lemma 3.1** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.1, the following estimates hold, for any  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$\int_0^M \eta(x, t) dx = \int_0^M \eta_0(x) dx, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^M \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{A}{2(\beta-1)} \eta^{\beta-1} (\theta - \theta_\Gamma)^2 \right) dx \\ & + \int_0^t \int_0^M \left( \frac{\kappa(\eta, \theta) r^4}{\eta \theta^2} \theta_x^2 + \frac{\mu}{\eta \theta} ((r^2 v)_x)^2 \right) dx ds \leq C_1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof* See, e.g., Lemma 1 in [1]. □

**Lemma 3.2** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.1, the following estimates hold for all  $(x, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]$ :*

$$0 < C_1^{-1} \leq \eta(x, t) \leq C_1, \quad 0 < C_1^{-1} \leq \theta(x, t) \leq C_1. \quad (3.3)$$

*Proof* See, e.g., Propositions 2 and 5 in [1].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.1, the following estimate holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ :*

$$\|\eta_x(t)\|^2 + \|v_x(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t (\|\eta_x\|^2 + \|v_{xx}\|^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_1. \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof* See, e.g., Propositions 3-5 and Lemma 5 in [1].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.1, the following estimate holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ :*

$$\int_0^t (\|\theta_{xx}\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_1(T). \quad (3.5)$$

*Proof* Multiplying (1.9) by  $v_t$  over  $(0, M) \times (0, T)$ , employing an integration by parts and using Lemmas 3.1-3.3 and the Young inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (r^2 v)_x \|^2 + \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds \\ & \leq C_1 + C_1 \int_0^t \int_0^M (|v_t(-r^2 p_x + f)| + |(r^2 v)_x|^3 + |v v_x|) dx ds \\ & \leq C_1 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds + C_1 \int_0^t \int_0^M (\theta_x^2 + \eta_x^2 + f^2 + v^2 + v_x^2 + |(r^2 v)_x|^3) dx ds \\ & \leq C_1(T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds + C_1 \int_0^t \| (r^2 v)_x \|_{L^3}^3 ds \\ & \leq C_1(T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds + C_1 \int_0^t \| (r^2 v)_x \|^2 \| (r^2 v)_{xx} \| ds \\ & \leq C_1(T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds + C_1 \int_0^t \| (r^2 v)_{xx} \|^2 ds \\ & \leq C_1(T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\| (r^2 v)_x \|^2 + \int_0^t \| v_t(s) \|^2 ds \leq C_1(T). \quad (3.6)$$

Equation (1.10) can be rewritten as

$$e_\theta \theta_t = Q_x - \theta p_\theta (r^2 v)_x + \frac{\mu}{\eta} (r^2 v)_x^2. \quad (3.7)$$

Multiplying (3.7) by  $e_\theta^{-1} \theta_{xx}$ , then integrating the result with respect to  $x$  over  $(0, M)$ , using Hölder's inequality, the Sobolev embedding theorem, and Lemmas 3.1-3.3, we have, for

any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta_x(t)\|^2 + 2 \int_0^M \frac{r^4 \kappa}{e_\theta \eta} \theta_{xx}^2 dx \\
 &= \int_0^M \left( \left( \frac{r^4 \kappa}{\eta} \right)_x \theta_x - \theta p_\theta (r^2 v)_x + \frac{\mu}{\eta} (r^2 v)_x^2 \right) \frac{\theta_{xx}}{e_\theta} dx \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_{xx}\|^2 + C_1(\varepsilon) (\|\theta_x\|^2 + \|\eta_x \theta_x\|^2 + \|\theta_x\|_{L^4}^4 + \|v_x\|^2 + \|v\|_{L^4}^4 + \|v_x\|_{L^4}^4) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_{xx}\|^2 + C_1(\varepsilon) (\|\theta_x\|^2 + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty}^2 + \|\theta_x\|^3 \|\theta_{xx}\| + \|v_x\|^2 + \|v\|^3 \|v_x\| + \|v_x\|^3 \|v_{xx}\|) \\
 &\leq 2\varepsilon \|\theta_{xx}\|^2 + C_1(\varepsilon) (\|\theta_x\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + \|v_x\|^2 + \|v_{xx}\|^2). \tag{3.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (3.8) with respect to  $t$  over  $(0, t)$ , taking  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough, and using Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3, we can obtain

$$\|\theta_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\theta_{xx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_1, \tag{3.9}$$

which, along with (3.6), leads to the estimate (3.5).  $\square$

Now combining Lemmas 3.1-3.4 and noting equation (1.8), we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1.

### 3.2 Global existence of $H^2$ -solution

In this subsection, we shall deal with the  $H^2$ -regularity of the global solutions to problem (1.8)-(1.13).

**Lemma 3.5** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.2, the following estimate holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ :*

$$\|\nu_{xx}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{xx}(t)\|^2 + \|v_t(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_t(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t (\|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xt}\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_2(T). \tag{3.10}$$

*Proof* See, e.g., Proposition 6 in [1].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.2, the following estimate holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ :*

$$\|\eta_{xx}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\eta_{xx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_2(T). \tag{3.11}$$

*Proof* Differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $x$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\eta_{xx}}{\eta} \right) - p_\eta \eta_{xx} &= (r^{-2} v_t)_x + p_\theta \theta_{xx} + p_{\eta\eta} \eta_x^2 + p_{\theta\theta} \theta_x^2 \\
 &\quad + 2p_{\eta\theta} \eta_x \theta_x + 2\mu \frac{\eta_x}{\eta} \left( \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} \right)_x - (r^{-2} f)_x \\
 &=: \mathcal{M}, \tag{3.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|\mathcal{M}\| \leq C_1(T)(\|\theta_x\|_{H^1} + \|v_t\| + \|v_{xt}\| + \|\eta_x\|_{L^4}^2 + \|v_x\|_{H^1} + 1).$$

By Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 3.5, using Young's inequality, we get, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^t \|\mathcal{M}\|^2 ds \leq C_2(T) + \varepsilon \int_0^t \|\eta_{xx}(s)\|^2 ds. \quad (3.13)$$

Multiplying (3.12) by  $\frac{\eta_{xx}}{\eta}$ , then integrating the result over  $[0, M] \times [0, t]$  and using Young's inequality and (3.13), taking  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small, we can obtain (3.11). Thus we complete the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.7** *Under the assumptions in Theorem 2.2, the following estimate holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ :*

$$\int_0^t (\|v_{xxx}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_2(T). \quad (3.14)$$

*Proof* Differentiating (1.9) and (1.10) with respect to  $x$ , respectively, and using the Cauchy inequality, we easily obtain

$$\|v_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_1(T)(\|v_{xt}(t)\| + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^1}) \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\|\theta_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_1(T)(\|\theta_{xt}(t)\| + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^1}). \quad (3.16)$$

By virtue of Theorem 2.1 and Lemmas 3.5-3.6, we complete the proof.  $\square$

Now combining Lemmas 3.5-3.7, we have completed the proof of Theorem 2.2.

### 3.3 Global existence of $H^4$ -solution

In this subsection, we shall complete the proof of Theorem 2.3, which can be divided into the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.8** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.3, we see that for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and for  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|v_{xt}(x, 0)\| + \|\theta_{xt}(x, 0)\| + \|v_{tt}(x, 0)\| + \|\theta_{tt}(x, 0)\| \\ & + \|v_{txx}(x, 0)\| + \|\theta_{txx}(x, 0)\| \leq C_4(T), \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\|v_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_{txx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T) \int_0^t (\|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{txx}\|^2)(s) ds, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\theta_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\theta_{txx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T)\varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^t \|\theta_{txx}(s)\|^2 ds \\ & + C_1\varepsilon \int_0^t (\|v_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2)(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$



*Proof* Differentiating (1.9) and (1.10) with respect to  $x$ , respectively, using Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, we can get

$$\|v_{xt}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + 1), \quad (3.20)$$

$$\|\theta_{xt}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_x(t)\|). \quad (3.21)$$

Similarly, differentiating (1.9) and (1.10) with respect to  $x$  twice, respectively, we can infer from Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{xxt}(t)\| &\leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_x(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\eta_{xxx}(t)\| \\ &\quad + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xxx}(t)\| + \|v_{xx}(t)\|_{L^\infty} \|\eta_{xx}(t)\| + \|\eta_x(t)\|) \\ &\leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2}), \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

$$\|\theta_{xxt}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^2}), \quad (3.23)$$

or

$$\|v_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_{txx}(t)\|), \quad (3.24)$$

$$\|\theta_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_{txx}(t)\|). \quad (3.25)$$

It follows from (1.8) and (1.10) that

$$\|\eta_t(t)\| \leq C_1(\|v(t)\| + \|v_x(t)\|), \quad (3.26)$$

$$\|\theta_t(t)\| \leq C_1(\|\theta_{xx}(t)\| + \|\eta_x(t)\| + \|v_x(t)\| + \|v_{xx}(t)\|). \quad (3.27)$$

Differentiating (1.9) and (1.10) with respect to  $t$ , respectively, using Theorems 2.1-2.2 and (3.20)-(3.27), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{tt}(t)\| &\leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\| + \|\theta_t(t)\| \\ &\quad + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\| + \|v_{tx}(t)\| + \|v_{txx}(t)\| + \|\eta_t(t)\|) \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

$$\leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + 1), \quad (3.29)$$

$$\|\theta_{tt}(t)\| \leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\| + \|\theta_t(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_{tx}(t)\|) \quad (3.30)$$

$$\leq C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + 1). \quad (3.31)$$

Thus the estimate (3.17) follows from (3.20)-(3.23), (3.29), and (3.31).

Differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $t$  twice, multiplying the resultant by  $v_{tt}$  and performing an integration by parts in  $L^2(0, M)$ , and using Theorem 2.2, the embedding theorem, and the Young inequality, we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v_{tt}\|^2 &= - \int_0^M (r^2 v_{tt})_x \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} - p \right)_{tt} dx - 2 \int_0^M ((r^2)_t v_{tt})_x \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} - p \right)_t dx \\ &\quad - \int_0^M ((r^2)_{tt} v_{tt})_x \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} - p \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq -\int_0^M \mu \frac{r^4}{\eta} v_{tx}^2 dx + C_2(T) (\|v_{tt}\| + \|v_{xt} v_x\| + \|v_x^2\| + \|\theta_t v_x\| \\
&\quad + \|v_{xt}\| + \|\theta_{tt}\| + \|v_x^2\|) \|v_{tx}\| \\
&\leq -C_1^{-1} \|v_{tx}\|^2 + C_2(T) (\|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2 + \|v_{tt}\|^2). \quad (3.32)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Theorem 2.2,

$$\|v_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_{tx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T) \int_0^t (\|v_{tt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2)(s) ds,$$

which, together with (3.28) and (3.30), gives estimate (3.18).

Similarly, differentiating (1.10) with respect to  $t$  twice, multiplying the result by  $\theta_{tt}$  and performing an integration by parts over  $L^2(0, M)$ , and using the embedding theorem and the Young inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^M e_\theta \theta_{tt}^2 dx \\
&= -\int_0^M \left( \frac{r^4 \kappa \theta_x}{\eta} \right)_{tt} \theta_{tx} dx - \int_0^M (e_{\theta tt} \theta_t + e_{\eta tt} (r^2 v)_x) \theta_{tt} dx - \frac{3}{2} \int_0^M e_{\theta t} \theta_{tt}^2 dx \\
&\quad - \int_0^M \left( e_\eta + p - \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} \right) (r^2 v)_{xt} \theta_{tt} dx + \int_0^M \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{v} - p \right)_{tt} (r^2 v)_x \theta_{tt} dx \\
&\quad - 2 \int_0^M \left( e_{\eta t} + \left( p - \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} \right)_t \right) (r^2 v)_{xt} \theta_{tt} dx \\
&=: \sum_{i=1}^6 P_i. \quad (3.33)
\end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Theorems 2.1-2.2 and the embedding theorem, we deduce that, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
P_1 &\leq -C_1 \|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + C_2 (\|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xt}\| + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_{xt}\| + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|\theta_x\| \\
&\quad + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_t\| + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_{tt}\|) \|\theta_{tx}\| \\
&\leq -(2C_1)^{-1} \|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + C_2(T) (\|\theta_{xt}\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2), \quad (3.34)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_2 &\leq C_1 \int_0^M (|v_x| + |\theta_t|)^2 + |v_{xt}| + |\theta_{tt}| (|v_x| + |\theta_t|) |\theta_{tt}| dx \\
&\leq C_1 \|\theta_{tt}\|_{L^\infty} (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\|) (\|v_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta_t\|_{L^\infty}) (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\|) + \|v_{xt}\| + \|\theta_{tt}\| \\
&\leq C_2(T) (\|\theta_{tt}\| + \|\theta_{tx}\|) (\|v_x\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_t\| + \|\theta_{xt}\| + \|v_{xt}\| + \|\theta_{tt}\|) \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-1} (\|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\theta_{xt}\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2), \quad (3.35)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_3 &\leq C_1 \int_0^M (|v_x| + |\theta_t|) \theta_{tt}^2 dx \leq C_1 \|\theta_{tt}\|_{L^\infty} (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\|) \|\theta_{tt}\| \\
&\leq C_1 (\|\theta_{tt}\| + \|\theta_{tx}\|) (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\|) \|\theta_{tt}\| \leq \varepsilon \|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-1} \|\theta_{tt}\|^2, \quad (3.36)
\end{aligned}$$

$$P_4 \leq \varepsilon \|v_{tx}\|^2 + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-1} \|\theta_{tt}\|^2, \quad (3.37)$$

$$P_5 \leq C_2(T) \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_{tt}\| (\|v_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta_t\|_{L^\infty}) (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\|) + \|v_{xt}\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \|\theta_{tt}\| + \|v_{xtt}\| + \|v_{tt}\| + \|v_x\|) \\
& \leq C_2(T)\|\theta_{tt}\|(\|v_x\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_t\| + \|\theta_{xt}\| + \|v_{xt}\| + \|\theta_{tt}\| + \|v_{xtt}\| + \|v_{tt}\|) \\
& \leq \varepsilon\|v_{tt}\|^2 + C_2(T)\varepsilon^{-1}(\|\theta_{tt}\|^2 + \|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2 + \|\theta_{xt}\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2), \tag{3.38}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_6 & \leq C_1 \int_0^M (|v_x| + |\theta_t| + |v_{xt}| + |v_x|^2 + |v_t|)(|v_{xt}| + |v_t|)|\theta_{tt}| dx \\
& \leq C_2(T)\|v_{tx}\|^{\frac{1}{2}}\|v_{txx}\|^{\frac{1}{2}}(\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\| + \|v_{xt}\|)\|\theta_{tt}\|, \tag{3.39}
\end{aligned}$$

which, by Hölder's inequality, implies

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^t P_6 ds & \leq C_2(T) \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\theta_{tt}(s)\| \left( \int_0^t \|v_{txx}(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \int_0^t \|v_{tx}(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
& \quad \times \left( \int_0^t (\|v_x\|^2 + \|\theta_t\|^2 + \|v_{tx}\|^2)(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \varepsilon \left( \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\theta_{tt}(s)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_{txx}(s)\|^2 ds \right) + C_2(T)\varepsilon^{-3}. \tag{3.40}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows from (3.33)-(3.40) that, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  small enough,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\theta_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\theta_{tt}(s)\|^2 ds \\
& \leq C_4(T)\varepsilon^{-3} + C_2(T)\varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^t \|\theta_{tt}(s)\|^2 ds \\
& \quad + C_1\varepsilon \left( \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \|\theta_{tt}(s)\|^2 + \int_0^t (\|v_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{tx}\|^2)(s) ds \right). \tag{3.41}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore taking the supremum in  $t$  on the left-hand side of (3.41) and choosing  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  small enough, we can derive estimate (3.19) from (3.30). The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.3, the following estimates hold for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and for  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough:*

$$\|v_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_{xxt}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T)\varepsilon^2 \int_0^t (\|v_{xtt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxt}\|^2)(s) ds, \tag{3.42}$$

$$\|\theta_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\theta_{xxt}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T)\varepsilon^2 \int_0^t (\|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xtt}\|^2)(s) ds. \tag{3.43}$$

*Proof* Differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , multiplying the result by  $v_{xt}$  and integrating by parts in  $L^2(0, M)$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v_{xt}\|^2 = N_0(t) + N_1(t) \tag{3.44}$$

with

$$N_0(t) = \left( r^2 \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{v} - p \right) \right)_{x=0}^x \Big|_t^{x=L}, \quad N_1(t) = - \int_0^M \left( r^2 \left( \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{v} - p \right) \right)_{x'} \Big|_t v_{xxt} dx.$$

Using Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 3.8, the interpolation inequality, and Poincaré's inequality, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_0(t) &\leq C_1 \left( (\|v_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty}) (\|v_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty}) + \|v_{xx}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\theta_{xt}\|_{L^\infty} \right. \\
 &\quad + \|v_{xxt}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xt}\|_{L^\infty} + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xx}\|_{L^\infty} + \|v_x^2\|_{L^\infty} + \|\eta_{xt}\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\quad + \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_t\|_{L^\infty} + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\quad \left. + \|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\theta_t\|_{L^\infty} + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty} \right) \|v_{xt}\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &\leq C_2(T) (N_{01} + N_{02}) \|v_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.45}$$

where

$$N_{01} = \|v_x\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_t\| + \|\theta_{xt}\|$$

and

$$N_{02} = \|\theta_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\theta_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|v_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v_{xxx}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|v_{xxt}\| + \|v_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Applying Young's inequality several times, we have, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_2(T) N_{01} \|v_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \|v_{xxt}\|^2 \\
 &\quad + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-1} (\|v_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.46}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_2(T) N_{02} \|v_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \varepsilon^2 (\|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2) \\
 &\quad + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-6} (\|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.47}$$

Thus it follows from (3.45)-(3.47) and Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 3.8 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_0(t) &\leq \varepsilon^2 (\|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2) \\
 &\quad + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-6} (\|\theta_x\|^2 + \|v_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_{tx}\|^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.48}$$

which, along with Theorem 2.2, further yields

$$\int_0^t N_0(s) ds \leq \varepsilon^2 \int_0^t (\|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2)(s) ds + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-6}. \tag{3.49}$$

Analogously, from Lemma 3.8, Theorem 2.1, and the embedding theorem, we can also derive that, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_1(t) &\leq - \int_0^M \mu \frac{r^4}{\eta} v_{txx}^2 dx \\
 &\quad + C_1 \left( (\|v_x\| + \|\theta_t\| + \|\eta_x\|) (\|\theta_x\|_{L^\infty} + \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty}) + \|v_{xx}\| + \|\theta_{xt}\| \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \|\eta_x\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xt}\| + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty} \|v_{xx}\| + \|v_x\|_{L^\infty}^2 \|\eta_x\| + \|v_x\| + \|\theta_x\| + \|v_x\|^2) \|v_{xxt}\| \\
& \leq -(2C_1)^{-1} \|v_{xxt}\|^2 + C_2(T) (\|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\eta_x\|^2),
\end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

which, combined with (3.44), (3.49), and Theorem 2.2, shows that, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  small enough,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|v_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|v_{xxt}(s)\|^2 ds \\
& \leq C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-6} + C_1 \varepsilon^2 \int_0^t (\|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2)(s) ds.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.51)$$

On the other hand, differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , we can derive from Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 3.8 that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|v_{xxxt}(t)\| & \leq C_1 \|v_{xtt}(t)\| + C_2(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^1} \\
& \quad + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_t(t)\|_{H^2}).
\end{aligned} \quad (3.52)$$

Thus inserting (3.52) into (3.51) leads to (3.42).

Similarly, by (1.10), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^L e_\theta \theta_{tx}^2 dx =: \sum_{i=0}^3 L_i(t), \quad (3.53)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
L_0(t) &= \left( \frac{r^4 \kappa \theta_x}{\eta} \right)_{xt} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=M}, \quad L_1(t) = - \int_0^M \left( \frac{r^4 \kappa \theta_x}{\eta} \right)_{tx} \theta_{txx} dx, \\
L_2(t) &= - \int_0^M \left( \left( e_\eta + p - \mu \frac{(r^2 v)_x}{\eta} \right) (r^2 v)_x \right)_{tx} \theta_{tx} dx, \\
L_3(t) &= - \int_0^M \left( e_{\theta tx} \theta_t + \frac{1}{2} e_{\theta t} \theta_{tx} + e_{\theta x} \theta_{tt} \right) \theta_{tx} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the embedding theorem and the Young inequality, we derive from Lemmas 3.1, 3.8, and (3.42) that, for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_0(t) & \leq C_2(T) (\|v_x\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_t\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\theta_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad + \|\theta_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\theta_{xxx}\|^{\frac{1}{2}}) \|\theta_{xt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\theta_{xxt}\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \varepsilon^2 (\|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|\theta_{txxx}\|^2) + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-6} (\|v_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_{xt}\|^2),
\end{aligned} \quad (3.54)$$

$$L_1(t) \leq -(2C_1)^{-1} \|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + C_2(T) (\|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2), \quad (3.55)$$

$$L_2(t) \leq \varepsilon^2 \|v_{txx}\|^2 + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-2} (\|v_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\eta_x\|_{H^1}^2), \quad (3.56)$$

$$L_3(t) \leq \varepsilon^2 \|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + C_2(T) \varepsilon^{-2} (\|v_x\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_t\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_x\|_{H^2}^2 + \|v_{xt}\|^2 + \|\eta_x\|^2). \quad (3.57)$$

Differentiating (1.10) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , we can derive from Theorems 2.1-2.2 and Lemma 3.8 that

$$\begin{aligned}\|\theta_{txxx}(t)\| &\leq C_1(\|\theta_{ttx}(t)\| + \|v_{xxt}(t)\|) \\ &\quad + C_2(T)(\|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\|).\end{aligned}\quad (3.58)$$

Inserting (3.54)-(3.58) into (3.53) yields (3.43).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.3, we have, for any  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}\|v_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \|v_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{tt}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\|^2 \\ + \int_0^t (\|v_{ttx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{ttx}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxt}\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T),\end{aligned}\quad (3.59)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\eta_{xxx}(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xxx}(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}(t)\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{txx}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{txx}(t)\|^2 \\ + \int_0^t (\|v_{tt}\|^2 + \|v_{xxt}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxt}\|_{H^1}^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T),\end{aligned}\quad (3.60)$$

$$\int_0^t (\|\eta_{xxx}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}\|_{H^1}^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T).\quad (3.61)$$

*Proof* Adding (3.42)-(3.43) and choosing  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|v_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t (\|v_{xxt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxt}\|^2)(s) ds \\ \leq C_4(T) + C_2(T)\varepsilon^2 \int_0^t (\|v_{xtt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xtt}\|^2)(s) ds.\end{aligned}\quad (3.62)$$

Now multiplying (3.18) and (3.19) by  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , respectively, then adding the results to (3.62) and taking  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small, we obtain (3.59).

Differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $x$  and noting that  $\eta_{xxt} = (r^2 v)_{xxx}$ , we get

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\eta_{xx}}{\eta} \right) - p_\eta \eta_{xx} = r^{-2} v_{tx} + K(x, t) - (r^{-2} f)_x - 2r^{-5} \eta v_t, \quad (3.63)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}K(x, t) &= p_{\eta\eta} \eta_x^2 + 2p_{\eta\theta} \theta_x \eta_x + p_{\theta\theta} \theta_x^2 + p_{\theta} \theta_{xx} - 2\mu \frac{\eta_x^2}{\eta^3} (r^2 v)_x + 2\mu \frac{\eta_x}{\eta^2} (r^2 v)_{xx} \\ &= \frac{A(\beta-2)(\beta-3)}{2} \theta^2 \eta^{\beta-4} \eta_x^2 + 2A(\beta-2) \theta \eta^{\beta-3} \theta_x \eta_x + A \eta^{\beta-2} \theta_x^2 \\ &\quad + A \theta \eta^{\beta-2} \theta_{xx} + 2\mu \left( \frac{\eta_x}{\eta^2} (r^2 v)_{xx} - \frac{\eta_x^2}{\eta^3} (r^2 v)_x \right).\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.63) with respect to  $x$ , we have

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\eta_{xxx}}{\eta} \right) - p_\eta \eta_{xxx} = K_1(x, t), \quad (3.64)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(x, t) = & K_x(x, t) + p_{\eta x} \eta_{xx} + \mu \left( \frac{\eta_{xx} \eta_x}{\eta^2} \right)_t + r^{-2} v_{txx} - 4r^{-5} \eta v_{tx} \\ & + 10r^{-8} \eta^2 v_t - 2r^{-5} \eta_x v_t - (r^{-2} f)_{xx}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, it follows from Theorem 2.1 and Lemmas 3.8-3.9 that

$$\|K_1(t)\| \leq C_2(T) (\|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|v_{txx}(t)\|) \quad (3.65)$$

and

$$\int_0^t \|K_1(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.66)$$

Multiplying (3.64) by  $\frac{\eta_{xxx}}{\eta}$  over  $L^2(0, M)$ , we can obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\| \frac{\eta_{xxx}}{\eta} \right\|^2 + C_1^{-1} \left\| \frac{\eta_{xxx}}{\eta} \right\|^2 \leq C_1 \|K_1(t)\|^2, \quad (3.67)$$

which, along with (3.66), gives

$$\|\eta_{xxx}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\eta_{xxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.68)$$

It follows from (1.8)-(1.10) that

$$\|v_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_2(T) (\|v(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|v_{xt}(t)\|), \quad (3.69)$$

$$\|\theta_{xxx}(t)\| \leq C_2(T) (\|\theta(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\|). \quad (3.70)$$

Using the embedding theorem, Theorems 2.1-2.2 and Lemmas 3.8-3.9, we can derive from (3.24)-(3.25), (3.59), and (3.68)-(3.70) that, for any  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|v_{xxx}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}(t)\|^2 + \|v_{xx}(t)\|_{L^\infty}^2 + \|\theta_{xx}(t)\|_{L^\infty}^2 \\ & + \int_0^t (\|v_{xxx}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|v_{xx}\|_{W^{1,\infty}}^2 + \|\theta_{xx}\|_{W^{1,\infty}}^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T). \end{aligned} \quad (3.71)$$

Differentiating (1.9)-(1.10) with respect to  $t$  and using Theorems 2.1-2.2 and Lemmas 3.8-3.9, we can deduce from (3.59), (3.68)-(3.71) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{txx}(t)\| \leq & C_1 \|v_{tt}(t)\| + C_2(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\| + \|\theta_x(t)\| \\ & + \|\theta_t(t)\| + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\| + \|v_{xt}(t)\|) \leq C_4(T), \end{aligned} \quad (3.72)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta_{txx}(t)\| \leq & C_1 \|\theta_{tt}(t)\| + C_2(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^1} + \|\eta_x(t)\| + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^2} \\ & + \|\theta_t(t)\|_{H^1} + \|v_{xt}(t)\|) \leq C_4(T), \end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

which, combined with (3.24)-(3.25) and (3.72), implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|v_{xxxx}(t)\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxxx}(t)\|^2 \\ & + \int_0^t (\|v_{txx}\|^2 + \|\theta_{txx}\|^2 + \|v_{xxx}\|^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T). \end{aligned} \quad (3.74)$$

Therefore it follows from (3.71), (3.74), and the embedding theorem that

$$\|v_{xxx}(t)\|_{L^\infty}^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}(t)\|_{L^\infty}^2 + \int_0^t (\|v_{xxx}\|_{L^\infty}^2 + \|\theta_{xxx}\|_{L^\infty}^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.75)$$

Now differentiating (3.64) with respect to  $x$ , we find

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\eta_{xxxx}}{\eta} \right) - p_\eta \eta_{xxxx} = K_2(x, t), \quad (3.76)$$

where

$$K_2(x, t) = K_{1x}(x, t) + p_{\eta x} \eta_{xxx} + \mu \left( \frac{\eta_{xxx} \eta_x}{\eta^2} \right)_t.$$

From the embedding theorem and Lemmas 3.8-3.9 and (3.68)-(3.75), we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_{xx}(t)\| & \leq C_4(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2}), \\ \|K_{1x}(t)\| & \leq C_1 \left( \|K_{xx}(t)\| + \|v_{xxx}\| + \|v_{xxt}\| + \|(p_{\eta x} \eta_{xx})_x\| + \|\eta_x v_{xt}\| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \|\eta_{xx}\| + \|\eta_x v_t\| + \|\eta_{xx} v_t\| + \left\| \left( \frac{\eta_x \eta_{xx}}{\eta^2} \right)_{xt} \right\| \right) \\ & \leq C_1 \|v_{xxx}(t)\| + C_4(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2}), \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\|K_2(t)\| \leq C_1 \|v_{xxx}(t)\| + C_4(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2}). \quad (3.77)$$

It follows from (3.28)-(3.31) that

$$\int_0^t (\|v_{tt}\|^2 + \|\theta_{tt}\|^2)(s) ds \leq C_4(T), \quad (3.78)$$

which, along with (3.52) and (3.59), gives

$$\int_0^t \|v_{xxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.79)$$

Thus from (3.68), (3.74), (3.77), and (3.79), it follows that

$$\int_0^t \|K_2(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.80)$$



Multiplying (3.76) by  $\frac{\eta_{xxxx}}{\eta}$  in  $L^2(0, M)$ , we can get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\| \frac{\eta_{xxxx}}{\eta} \right\|^2 + C_1^{-1} \left\| \frac{\eta_{xxxx}}{\eta} \right\|^2 \leq C_1 \|K_2(t)\|^2, \quad (3.81)$$

whence, by (3.80),

$$\|\eta_{xxxx}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\eta_{xxxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.82)$$

Differentiating (1.10) with respect to  $x$  and  $t$ , we can derive from Theorems 2.1-2.2 and Lemmas 3.8-3.9 that

$$\|\theta_{txxx}(t)\| \leq C_1 \|\theta_{txx}(t)\| + C_2(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^2} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\theta_{xt}(t)\|). \quad (3.83)$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^t \|\theta_{txxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.84)$$

Differentiating (1.9) with respect to  $x$  three times, applying Lemmas 3.8-3.9, Theorems 2.1-2.2, and Poincaré's inequality, we have

$$\|v_{xxxxx}(t)\| \leq C_1 \|v_{txxx}(t)\| + C_2(T) (\|v_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\eta_x(t)\|_{H^3} + \|\theta_x(t)\|_{H^3}). \quad (3.85)$$

Thus it follows from (3.74), (3.79), and (3.82) that

$$\int_0^t \|v_{xxxxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.86)$$

Similarly, we can differentiate (1.10) with respect to  $x$  three times and use Lemmas 3.8-3.9, Theorems 2.1-2.2, Poincaré's inequality, (3.74), (3.82), and (3.84) to find

$$\int_0^t \|\theta_{xxxxx}(s)\|^2 ds \leq C_4(T). \quad (3.87)$$

Hence, (3.60)-(3.61) follow from (3.74), (3.82), (3.86), and (3.87).  $\square$

Finally, combining Lemmas 3.8-3.10, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.3.

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