



# Internal exact-approximate controllability for the thermoelastic Bresse system

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**Abstract.** The goal of this work is to obtain the exact-approximate controllability for the thermoelastic Bresse system, posed on a bounded interval  $(0, L)$ , with controls acting in  $(l_1, l_2)$  with  $(l_1, l_2) \subset (0, L)$ . The controls are obtained by minimizing a functional  $J$  associated to the thermoelastic Bresse system as in [1, 4]. The so called observability inequality is an important property to obtain the controllability of the system. In order to obtain such a inequality we proceed as in [1], [4] and [11]. The main result is obtained as in [1] and [4].

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## 1 Introduction

In this work, we will obtain the exact-approximate controllability for the following thermoelastic Bresse system, posed on a bounded interval  $(0, L)$ :

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\rho_1 \varphi_{tt} - k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw)_x - k_0 l(w_x - l\varphi) = f_1 \chi_{(l_1, l_2)}, \\
in (0, L) \times (0, T) \\
\rho_2 \psi_{tt} - b\psi_{xx} + k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) + \gamma\theta_x = f_2 \chi_{(l_1, l_2)}, \\
in (0, L) \times (0, T) \\
\rho_1 w_{tt} - k_0(w_x - l\varphi)_x + kl(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) = f_3 \chi_{(l_1, l_2)}, \\
in (0, L) \times (0, T) \\
\theta_t - k_1 \theta_{xx} + m\psi_{xt} = 0, \quad in (0, L) \times (0, T) \\
\varphi(0, t) = \varphi(L, t) = \psi(0, t) = \psi(L, t) = w(0, t) = w(L, t) \\
= \theta(0, t) = \theta(L, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\
\varphi(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_0, \quad \varphi_t(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_1, \quad in (0, L) \\
\psi(\cdot, 0) = \psi_0, \quad \psi_t(\cdot, 0) = \psi_1, \quad in (0, L) \\
w(\cdot, 0) = w_0, \quad w_t(\cdot, 0) = w_1, \quad in (0, L) \\
\theta(\cdot, 0) = \theta_0, \quad in (0, L),
\end{array} \right. \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\rho_1, \rho_2, k, b, k_0, l, \gamma, k_1, m$  are positive constants, and  $\rho_1, \rho_2, k, b, k_0$  are related to the composition of the material,  $w, \varphi$  and  $\psi$  denote the longitudinal, vertical, and shear angle displacements, respectively (see [11]). The non homogeneous terms  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  will play the role of control inputs.

The exact approximate control problem, consists in finding a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , ( $\mathcal{H} = H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times L^2(0, L)$ ) such that for each initial and final data  $(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \psi_0, \psi_1, w_0, w_1, \theta_0), (\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \Psi_0, \Psi_1, W_0, W_1, \eta_0) \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , one can find controls  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ , such that, the solution of (1.1) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(T) &= \Phi_0, & \varphi_t(T) &= \Phi_1, \\
\psi(T) &= \Psi_0, & \psi_t(T) &= \Psi_1, \\
w(T) &= W_0, & w_t(T) &= W_1, \\
|\theta(T) - \eta_0|_{L^2(0, L)} &\leq \varepsilon.
\end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

To obtain such result, we proceed as in [1], [4] and [11]. More precisely, the proof the of exact-approximate controllability consists in finding an observability inequality, given in Proposition 2.7, in order to minimize the

functional  $J$  associated with the thermoelastic Bresse system, as it was done in [1] and [4].

We will organize the paper as follows: in Section 2 we will present some important results obtained in [1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12], in Section 2.1 we will show uniqueness results [1, 3, 6] and in Section 2.2 we will prove the observability inequality and the internal controllability result [1, 4, 5, 6, 11].

## 2 Main results

Considering the thermoelastic Bresse system (1.1), the transposed problem is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 u_{tt} - k(u_x + v + lz)_x - k_0 l[z_x - lu] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 v_{tt} - bv_{xx} + k(u_x + v + lz) + mp_{xt} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 z_{tt} - k_0[z_x - lu]_x + kl(u_x + v + lz) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ -p_t - k_1 p_{xx} - \gamma v_x = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ u(0, t) = u(L, t) = v(0, t) = v(L, t) = z(0, t) = z(L, t) \\ = p(0, t) = p(L, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ u(\cdot, T) = u_0, \quad u_t(\cdot, T) = u_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ v(\cdot, T) = v_0, \quad v_t(\cdot, T) = v_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ z(\cdot, T) = z_0, \quad z_t(\cdot, T) = z_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ p(\cdot, T) = p_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L), \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

with  $(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0) \in L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L)$ . Making the change of variables

$$U(x, t) = - \int_t^T u(x, s) ds + \chi_1(x),$$

$$V(x, t) = - \int_t^T v(x, s) ds + \chi_2(x),$$

$$Z(x, t) = - \int_t^T z(x, s) ds + \chi_3(x),$$

with  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  and  $\chi_3$  solution of

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -k(\chi_{1x} + \chi_2 + l\chi_3)_x + k_0l(\chi_{3x} - l\chi_1) = -\rho_1u_1, \\ -b\chi_{2xx} + k(\chi_{1x} + \chi_2 + l\chi_3) = -\rho_2v_1 - mp_{0x}, \\ -k_0(\chi_{3x} - l\chi_1)_x + kl(\chi_{1x} + \chi_2 + l\chi_3) = 0, \\ \chi_1(0) = \chi_1(L) = \chi_2(0) = \chi_2(L) = \chi_3(0) = \chi_3(L) = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.2)$$

it follows that  $U, V$  and  $Z$  satisfy

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1U_{tt} - k(U_x + V + lZ)_x - k_0l[Z_x - lU] = 0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2V_{tt} - bV_{xx} + k(U_x + V + lZ) + mp_x = 0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1Z_{tt} - k_0[Z_x - lU]_x + kl(U_x + V + lZ) = 0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ -p_t - k_1p_{xx} - \gamma V_{xt} = 0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ U(., T) = \chi_1, \quad U_t(., T) = u_0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \\ V(., T) = \chi_2, \quad V_t(., T) = v_0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \\ Z(., T) = \chi_3, \quad Z_t(., T) = z_0, \quad in \quad (0, L) \\ p(., T) = p_0, \quad in \quad (0, L). \end{array} \right. \quad (2.3)$$

System (2.2) has a unique solution in  $(H_0^1(0, L))^3$  and

$$\|(\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3)\|_{(H_0^1(0, L))^3} \approx \|(\rho_1u, \rho_2v_1 + mp_{0x}, \rho_1z_1)\|_{(H^{-1}(0, L))^3}.$$

The well-posedness for the previous systems were obtained in [1] and [4].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection from  $L^2(0, L)$  into  $F = \{\Psi_x \in H_0^1(0, L)\}$  and let us denote by  $\{S^0(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  the strongly continuous*

semigroup in  $\mathcal{H}$ , associated to the following decoupled system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 \tilde{\varphi}_{tt} - k(\tilde{\varphi}_x + \tilde{\psi} + l\tilde{w})_x - k_0 l[\tilde{w}_x - l\tilde{\varphi}] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 \tilde{\psi}_{tt} - b\tilde{\psi}_{xx} + k(\tilde{\varphi}_x + \tilde{\psi} + l\tilde{w}) + \frac{m\gamma}{k_1} P\tilde{\psi}_t = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 \tilde{w}_{tt} - k_0[\tilde{w}_x - l\tilde{\varphi}]_x + kl(\tilde{\varphi}_x + \tilde{\psi} + l\tilde{w}) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \tilde{\theta}_t - k_1 \tilde{\theta}_{xx} + m\tilde{\psi}_{xt} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \tilde{\varphi}(0, t) = \tilde{\varphi}(L, t) = \tilde{\psi}(0, t) = \tilde{\psi}(L, t) = \tilde{w}(0, t) = \tilde{w}(L, t) \\ = \tilde{\theta}(0, t) = \tilde{\theta}(L, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ \tilde{\varphi}(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_0, \quad \tilde{\varphi}_t(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{\psi}(\cdot, 0) = \psi_0, \quad \tilde{\psi}_t(\cdot, 0) = \psi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{w}(\cdot, 0) = w_0, \quad \tilde{w}_t(\cdot, 0) = w_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{\theta}(\cdot, 0) = \theta_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L). \end{array} \right. \quad (2.4)$$

Then,  $S(t) - S^0(t) : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow C([0, T]; \mathcal{H})$  is continuous and compact, where

$$P\tilde{\psi}_t = \tilde{\psi}_t - \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \tilde{\psi}_t dx.$$

*Proof.* See [4] pages 109-117.  $\square$

Theorem 2.1 will be used to obtain the controllability of the system (1.1).

## 2.1 Uniqueness Results

In this section, we will present some important results to obtain the controllability of the thermoelastic Bresse system.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose that the solution  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta)$  of the homogeneous problem (1.1) satisfies  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are constant, then  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .*

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = 0$ . For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  with  $|\alpha| = m$ , we denote  $\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2}}$ . In Schwartz notation, the general form of a  $m$  order linear system of  $N$  differential equation in  $N$  unknowns takes the simple form

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} A_\alpha(x) \partial^\alpha u = B(x),$$

where  $u$  and  $B$  are column vectors with  $N$  components and  $A_\alpha$  are  $N \times N$  square matrices.

Let  $X = [\varphi, \psi, w, \theta]$  be a column vector. The main part of the homogeneous system (1.1) is given by  $A_{(2,0)}\partial^{(2,0)}X + A_{(1,1)}\partial^{(1,1)}X + A_{(0,2)}\partial^{(0,2)}X$  with

$$A_{(0,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{(1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$A_{(2,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -k_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore its characteristic matrix is

$$\Lambda((\xi, \eta, \tau)) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1\xi^2 - k\tau^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_2\xi^2 - b\tau^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_1\xi^2 - k_0\tau^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta m & 0 & -k_1\tau^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the principal form of the operator is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\xi, \eta, \tau) &= \det(\Lambda((\xi, \eta, \tau))) \\ &= (\rho_1\xi^2 - k\tau^2)(\rho_2\xi^2 - b\tau^2)(\rho_1\xi^2 - k_0\tau^2)(-k_1\tau^2). \end{aligned}$$

The line  $\Pi = \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \tau r + \xi t = C\}$  is characteristic with respect to homogeneous system (1.1) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^2 &= 0 \\ \rho_1\xi^2 - k\tau^2 &= 0, \quad \tau = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\rho_1}{k}}\xi \\ \rho_2\xi^2 - b\tau^2 &= 0, \quad \tau = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\rho_2}{b}}\xi \\ \rho_1\xi^2 - k_0\tau^2 &= 0, \quad \tau = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\rho_1}{k_0}}\xi. \end{aligned}$$

In consequence, the characteristic lines of the system are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = C, \\ t \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{\rho_1}} r = C, \\ t \pm \sqrt{\frac{b}{\rho_2}} r = C, \\ t \pm \sqrt{\frac{k_0}{\rho_1}} r = C. \end{array} \right. \quad (2.5)$$

By Holmgren's uniqueness theorem (see [3])  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Suppose that  $(\varphi, \psi, w) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ . Then, there exists some  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, C)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .*

*Proof.* In fact, if  $(\varphi, \psi, w) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , from the homogeneous system (1.1)<sub>2</sub>,  $\theta_x = 0$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$  and  $\theta_t = 0$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ . Then we have that  $\theta = C$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , where  $C$  is a constant that does not depend on  $x$  neither  $t$ . From Lemma 2.2 we deduce that  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, C)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Suppose that  $T > 2\alpha R$ . If the solution of the homogeneous system (1.1),  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta)$ , is such that  $(\varphi, \psi, w) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , then  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ . Here  $R := \max\{l_1, L - l_2\}$  and  $\alpha := \max\{1, \frac{\rho_1}{k}, \frac{\rho_2}{b}, \frac{\rho_1}{k_0}\}$ .*

*Proof.* In fact, from Corollary 2.3 we have that  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, C)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$  and since  $\theta(0, \cdot) = \theta(L, \cdot) = 0$  in  $(0, T)$ , then  $C = 0$ . Therefore,  $(\varphi, \psi, w, \theta) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Suppose that  $T > 2\alpha R$ . If  $(u, v, z, p)$  is a solution of problem (2.1) such that  $(u, v, z) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , then  $(u, v, z, p) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .*

*Proof.* Making a time reversal in (2.1),  $u(x, t) = \tilde{u}(x, T - t)$ ,  $v(x, t) = \tilde{v}(x, T - t)$ ,  $z(x, t) = \tilde{z}(x, T - t)$ ,  $p(x, t) = \tilde{p}(x, T - t)$ , differentiating (2.1)<sub>4</sub>

with respect to  $t$  and letting  $\tilde{p}_t = \tilde{\eta}$  we deduce that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 \tilde{u}_{tt} - k(\tilde{u}_x + \tilde{v} + l\tilde{z})_x - k_0 l[\tilde{z}_x - l\tilde{u}] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 \tilde{v}_{tt} - b\tilde{v}_{xx} + k(\tilde{u}_x + \tilde{v} + l\tilde{z}) + m\tilde{\eta}_x = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 \tilde{z}_{tt} - k_0[\tilde{z}_x - l\tilde{u}]_x + kl(\tilde{u}_x + \tilde{v} + l\tilde{z}) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \eta_t - k_1 \eta_{xx} + \gamma v_{xt} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T). \end{array} \right. \quad (2.6)$$

As  $(u, v, z) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ , then by the definition of  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{z})$  we have that  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{z}) = (0, 0, 0)$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$  and, by Proposition 2.4, we deduce that  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{z}, \tilde{\eta} = \tilde{p}_t) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{p} = \tilde{p}(x)$  and by (2.1) we have  $p_{xx} = 0$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ . So,  $p = Cx$  and by the fact  $p(0, \cdot) = p(L, \cdot) = 0$  in  $(0, T)$  we have  $C = 0$ , and therefore  $p = 0$  in  $(0, L) \times (0, T)$ .  $\square$

## 2.2 Observability inequality and internal control

Consider the problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 \varphi_{tt} - k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw)_x - k_0 l[w_x - l\varphi] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 \psi_{tt} - b\psi_{xx} + k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) + \frac{m\gamma}{k_1} P\psi_t = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 w_{tt} - k_0[w_x - l\varphi]_x + kl(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \varphi(0, t) = \varphi(L, t) = \psi(0, t) = \psi(L, t) = w(0, t) = w(L, t) = 0, \\ t \in (0, T) \\ \varphi(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_0, \quad \varphi_t(\cdot, 0) = \varphi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \psi(\cdot, 0) = \psi_0, \quad \psi_t(\cdot, 0) = \psi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ w(\cdot, 0) = w_0, \quad w_t(\cdot, 0) = w_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L), \end{array} \right. \quad (2.7)$$

with  $P\psi_t = \psi_t - \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \psi_t dx$ .

**Theorem 2.6** (Observability inequality). *For  $T > 2\alpha R$ , there exists a positive constant,  $C > 0$ , such that the weak solution of (2.7) satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\{\varphi_0, \psi_0, \omega_0\}\|_{[H_0^1(0, L)]^3}^2 + \|\{\varphi_1, \psi_1, \omega_1\}\|_{[L^2(0, L)]^3}^2 \\ & \leq C \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (\varphi_t^2 + \psi_t^2 + \omega_t^2) dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$



*Proof.* See [4], pages 121-137, or [11].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *For  $T > 2\alpha R$  and for every bounded set  $B \subset L^2(0, L)$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(B) > 0$  such that,*

$$\delta \leq \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|u|^2 + |v|^2 + |z|^2) \, dx dt \quad (2.9)$$

for any solution of (2.1) with initial data satisfying

$$\|((\rho_1 u_1, \rho_2 v_1 + m p_{0x}, \rho_1 z_1), (u_0, v_0, z_0))\|_{(H^{-1}(0,L))^3 \times (L^2(0,L))^3} \geq 1, \\ \text{and } p_0 \in B.$$

The previous proposition is equivalent to

**Proposition 2.8.** *For  $T > 2\alpha R$  and for every bounded set  $B$  of  $L^2(0, L)$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(B) > 0$  such that,*

$$\delta \leq \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|U_t|^2 + |V_t|^2 + |Z_t|^2) \, dx \, dt \quad (2.10)$$

for  $\{U, V, Z, p\}$  solution of (2.3) with initial data satisfying

$$\|\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\}, \{u_0, v_0, z_0\}\|_{H_0^1(0,L)^3 \times L^2(0,L)^3} \geq 1, \quad p_0 \in B. \quad (2.11)$$

In the proof of this proposition, we will use the decoupled system associated with system (2.3)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 \tilde{U}_{tt} - k(\tilde{U}_x + \tilde{V} + l\tilde{Z})_x - k_0 l[\tilde{Z}_x - l\tilde{U}] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 \tilde{V}_{tt} - b\tilde{V}_{xx} + k(\tilde{U}_x + \tilde{V} + l\tilde{Z}) - \frac{m\gamma}{k_1} P\tilde{V}_t = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 \tilde{Z}_{tt} - k_0[\tilde{Z}_x - l\tilde{U}]_x + kl(\tilde{U}_x + \tilde{V} + l\tilde{Z}) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ -\tilde{p}_t - k_1 \tilde{p}_{xx} - \gamma \tilde{v}_{xt} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \tilde{U}(0, t) = \tilde{U}(L, t) = \tilde{V}(0, t) = \tilde{V}(L, t) = \tilde{Z}(0, t) = \tilde{Z}(L, t) \\ = \tilde{p}(0, t) = \tilde{p}(L, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ \tilde{U}(\cdot, T) = \chi_1, \quad \tilde{U}_t(\cdot, T) = u_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{V}(\cdot, T) = \chi_2, \quad \tilde{V}_t(\cdot, T) = v_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{Z}(\cdot, T) = \chi_3, \quad \tilde{Z}_t(\cdot, T) = z_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \tilde{p}(\cdot, T) = p_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L). \end{array} \right. \quad (2.12)$$

*Proof.* Making a change in the time variable in (2.12) we obtain a system equivalent to (2.6) in the first three equations, and by (2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\} \|_{H^{-1}(0,L)^3} + \| \{u_0, v_0, z_0\} \|_{L^2(0,L)^3} \\ & \leq \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\tilde{U}_t|^2 + |\tilde{V}_t|^2 + |\tilde{Z}_t|^2) \, dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Decomposing  $(U, V, Z, p) = (\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{p}) + (\varphi, \psi, w, \theta)$ , we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 \varphi_{tt} - k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw)_x - k_0 l[w_x - l\varphi] = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_2 \psi_{tt} - b\psi_{xx} + k(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) = -\frac{m\gamma}{k_1} P \tilde{V}_t - mp_x, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \rho_1 w_{tt} - k_0[w_x - l\varphi]_x + kl(\varphi_x + \psi + lw) =, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \theta_t - k_1 \theta_{xx} + m\psi_{xt} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \times (0, T) \\ \varphi(0, t) = \varphi(L, t) = \psi(0, t) = \psi(L, t) = w(0, t) = w(L, t) \\ = \theta(0, t) = \theta(L, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ \varphi(\cdot, T) = \varphi_0, \quad \varphi_t(\cdot, T) = \varphi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \psi(\cdot, T) = \psi_0, \quad \psi_t(\cdot, T) = \psi_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ w(\cdot, T) = w_0, \quad w_t(\cdot, T) = w_1, \quad \text{in } (0, L) \\ \theta(\cdot, T) = \theta_0, \quad \text{in } (0, L), \end{array} \right. \quad (2.14)$$

and from (2.13),

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\} \|_{(H^{-1}(0,L))^3} + \| \{u_0, v_0, z_0\} \|_{(L^2(0,L))^3} \\ & \leq C \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|U_t|^2 + |V_t|^2 + |Z_t|^2) \, dx \, dt \\ & \quad + \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\varphi_t|^2 + |\psi_t|^2 + |w_t|^2) \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Suppose that (2.10) is false. Then there exists a bounded set  $B \subset L^2(0, L)$  and a sequence of initial data  $(\chi_1^j, \chi_2^j, \chi_3^j, u_0^j, v_0^j, z_0^j, p_0^j)$ , with  $p_0^j \in B$ , satisfying (2.11) and such that

$$\int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|U_t^j|^2 + |V_t^j|^2 + |Z_t^j|^2) \, dx \, dt \rightarrow 0, \quad j \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.16)$$

From (2.15) and (2.16) and since

$\|\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3\}, \{u_0, v_0, z_0\}\|_{H_0^1(0,L)^3 \times L^2(0,L)^3} \geq 1$ , we deduce that

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\varphi_t|^2 + |\psi_t|^2 + |w_t|^2) dx dt \right] > 0. \quad (2.17)$$

We introduce the normalized data

$$(\widehat{\chi}_1^j, \widehat{\chi}_2^j, \widehat{\chi}_3^j, u_0^j, v_0^j, z_0^j, p_0^j) = \frac{(\widehat{\chi}_1^j, \widehat{\chi}_2^j, \widehat{\chi}_3^j, u_0^j, v_0^j, z_0^j, p_0^j)}{\|\varphi_t^j, \psi_t^j, w_t^j\|_{L^2(l_1, l_2; (0, T))}} \quad (2.18)$$

and  $(\widehat{U}^j, \widehat{V}^j, \widehat{Z}^j, \widehat{p}_j)$ ,  $(\widehat{\varphi}^j, \widehat{\psi}^j, \widehat{w}^j, \widehat{\theta}^j)$ , solutions of (2.3) and (2.14) respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} |\widehat{\varphi}^j| + |\widehat{\psi}^j| + |\widehat{w}^j| dx dt &= 1, \quad \forall j \geq 1, \text{ and} \\ \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} |\widehat{U}^j| + |\widehat{V}^j| + |\widehat{Z}^j| dx dt &\rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

From (2.15) we deduce that

$$\|\{\widehat{\chi}_1^j, \widehat{\chi}_2^j, \widehat{\chi}_3^j\}\|_{H^{-1}(0,L)} + \|\{\widehat{u}_0^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \widehat{z}_0^j\}\|_{L^2(0,L)} \leq C.$$

On the other hand, by (2.17) and taking into account that  $p_0^j \in B$  we know that  $\widehat{p}_0^j$  remains in a bounded set  $\widehat{B} \subset L^2(0, L)$ . By extracting a subsequence we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} ((\widehat{\chi}_1^j, \widehat{\chi}_2^j, \widehat{\chi}_3^j), (\widehat{u}_0^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \widehat{z}_0^j)) &\rightharpoonup ((\widehat{\chi}_1, \widehat{\chi}_2, \widehat{\chi}_3), (\widehat{u}_0, \widehat{v}_0, \widehat{z}_0)) \\ \text{in } H_0^1(0, L)^3 \times L^2(0, L)^3, & \\ \widehat{p}_0^j &\rightarrow \widehat{p}_0 \text{ in } L^2(0, L), \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

and

$$(\widehat{\varphi}_t^j, \widehat{\psi}_t^j, \widehat{w}_t^j) \rightharpoonup (\widehat{\varphi}_t, \widehat{\psi}_t, \widehat{w}_t) \text{ in } L^2((0, L) \times (0, T))^3, \quad (2.21)$$

$$(\widehat{U}_t^j, \widehat{V}_t^j, \widehat{Z}_t^j) \rightharpoonup (\widehat{U}_t, \widehat{V}_t, \widehat{Z}_t) \text{ in } L^2((0, L) \times (0, T))^3, \quad (2.22)$$

where  $(\widehat{u}, \widehat{v}, \widehat{z}, \widehat{p})$ ,  $(\widehat{U}, \widehat{V}, \widehat{Z}, \widehat{p})$ ,  $(\widehat{\varphi}, \widehat{\psi}, \widehat{w}, \widehat{\theta})$  are solution of (2.1), (2.3) and (2.14) respectively ( $\widehat{U}_t = \widehat{u}$ ,  $\widehat{V}_t = \widehat{v}$ ,  $\widehat{Z}_t = \widehat{z}$ ).

On the other hand (Theorem 2.1)  $(\widehat{\varphi}_t^j, \widehat{\psi}_t^j, \widehat{w}_t^j)$  is compact in  $C([0, T]; L^2(0, L))^3$  and therefore

$$(\widehat{\varphi}_t^j, \widehat{\psi}_t^j, \widehat{w}_t^j) \rightarrow (\widehat{\varphi}_t, \widehat{\psi}_t, \widehat{w}_t) \text{ in } L^2((0, L) \times (0, T))^3. \quad (2.23)$$

From (2.19) and (2.22) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{U}_t &= \widehat{u} & \text{in } (l_1, l_2) \times (0, T) \\ \widehat{V}_t &= \widehat{v} & \text{in } (l_1, l_2) \times (0, T) \\ \widehat{Z}_t &= \widehat{z} & \text{in } (l_1, l_2) \times (0, T), \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

and from (2.24) and Proposition 2.5 we have

$$\widehat{u}_0 \equiv 0, \widehat{v}_0 \equiv 0, \widehat{z}_0 \equiv 0, \widehat{p}_0 \equiv 0, \widehat{u}_1 \equiv 0, \widehat{v}_1 \equiv 0, \widehat{z}_1 \equiv 0, \quad (2.25)$$

which implies that

$$(\widehat{\varphi}, \widehat{\psi}, \widehat{w}) = (0, 0, 0). \quad (2.26)$$

From (2.19) and (2.23) we have

$$\|(\widehat{\varphi}_t, \widehat{\psi}_t, \widehat{w}_t)\| = 1, \quad (2.27)$$

which contradicts (2.25) and (2.26).  $\square$

Given  $(\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \Psi_0, \Psi_1, W_0, W_1, \eta_0) \in \mathcal{H} = H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H_0^1(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times L^2(0, L)$  and  $\widetilde{H} = L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L) \times H^{-1}(0, L) \times L^2(0, L)$  we introduce the functional  $J : \widetilde{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|u|^2 + |v|^2 + |z|^2) dx dt \\ &- \rho_1 \int_0^L \Phi_1 u_0 dx - \rho_2 \int_0^L \Psi_1 v_0 dx - \rho_1 \int_0^L W_1 z_0 dx + \rho_1 \langle \Phi_0, u_1 \rangle \\ &+ \rho_2 \langle \Psi_0, v_1 \rangle + \rho_1 \langle W_0, z_1 \rangle - \int_0^L (\eta_0 + m \Psi_x) p_0 dx + \varepsilon \|p_0\|_{L^2(0, L)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the duality product between  $H_0^1(0, L)$  and  $H^{-1}(0, L)$  and  $(u, v, z, p)$  the solution of (2.1).

**Lemma 2.9.** *Suppose that  $T > 2\alpha R$ , then*

$$\frac{\liminf_{\|(u_0, \rho_1 u_1, v_0, \rho_2 v_1 + m p_{0x}, z_0, \rho_1 z_1, p_0)\|_{\tilde{H}} \rightarrow \infty} J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0)}{\|(u_0, \rho_1 u_1, v_0, \rho_2 v_1 + m p_{0x}, z_0, \rho_1 z_1, p_0)\|_{\tilde{H}}} \geq \varepsilon. \quad (2.29)$$

*Proof.* Consider a sequence of initial data  $(u_0^j, u_1^j, v_0^j, v_1^j, z_0^j, z_1^j, p_0^j)$  in  $\tilde{H}$  such that

$$N_j = \|(u_0^j, \rho_1 u_1^j, v_0^j, \rho_2 v_1^j + m p_{0x}^j, z_0^j, \rho_1 z_1^j, p_0^j)\|_{\tilde{H}} \rightarrow \infty, \quad j \rightarrow \infty.$$

We introduce the normalized sequence of initial data

$$(\hat{u}_0^j, \hat{u}_1^j, \hat{v}_0^j, \hat{v}_1^j, \hat{z}_0^j, \hat{z}_1^j, \hat{p}_0^j) = \frac{(u_0^j, u_1^j, v_0^j, v_1^j, z_0^j, z_1^j, p_0^j)}{N_j}$$

and the corresponding solutions of (2.1),  $(\hat{u}^j, \hat{v}^j, \hat{z}^j, \hat{p}^j) = \frac{(u^j, v^j, z^j, p^j)}{N_j}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0)}{N_j} &= \frac{N_j}{2} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\hat{u}^j|^2 + |\hat{v}^j|^2 + |\hat{z}^j|^2) dx dt \\ &- \rho_1 \int_0^L \Phi_1 \hat{u}_0^j dx - \rho_2 \int_0^L \Psi_1 \hat{v}_0^j dx - \rho_1 \int_0^L W_1 \hat{z}_0^j dx + \rho_1 \langle \Phi_0, \hat{u}_1^j \rangle + \\ &\rho_2 \langle \Psi_0, \hat{v}_1^j \rangle + \rho_1 \langle W_0, \hat{z}_1^j \rangle - \int_0^L (\eta_0 + m \Psi_x) \hat{p}_0^j dx + \varepsilon \|\hat{p}_0^j\|_{L^2(0,L)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

and we distinguish the following two cases:

$$i) \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\hat{u}^j|^2 + |\hat{v}^j|^2 + |\hat{z}^j|^2) dx dt > 0, \quad (2.31)$$

or there exists a sequence such that

$$ii) \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\hat{u}^j|^2 + |\hat{v}^j|^2 + |\hat{z}^j|^2) dx dt \rightarrow 0, \quad j \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.32)$$

In the first case we have  $\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0)}{N_j} = \infty$ .

In case ii), we have that  $(\widehat{u}_0^j, \widehat{u}_1^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \widehat{v}_1^j, \widehat{z}_0^j, \widehat{z}_1^j, \widehat{p}_0^j)$  is bounded in  $\widetilde{H}$ , so we can extract a subsequence such that

$$(\widehat{u}_0^j, \widehat{u}_1^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \widehat{v}_1^j, \widehat{z}_0^j, \widehat{z}_1^j, \widehat{p}_0^j) \rightharpoonup (\widehat{u}_0, \widehat{u}_1, \widehat{v}_0, \widehat{v}_1, \widehat{z}_0, \widehat{z}_1, \widehat{p}_0) \text{ in } \widetilde{H}. \quad (2.33)$$

We denote  $(\widehat{u}, \widehat{v}, \widehat{z}, \widehat{p})$  the solution from (2.1). From (2.32) we get  $\widehat{u} = \widehat{v} = \widehat{z} = 0$  in  $(l_1, l_2) \times (0, T)$ . By Proposition 2.5 it follows that  $(\widehat{u}_0, \widehat{u}_1, \widehat{v}_0, \widehat{v}_1, \widehat{z}_0, \widehat{z}_1, \widehat{p}_0) \equiv (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ . So,

$$(\widehat{u}_0^j, \widehat{u}_1^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \widehat{v}_1^j, \widehat{z}_0^j, \widehat{z}_1^j, \widehat{p}_0^j) \rightharpoonup (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \text{ in } \widetilde{H}. \quad (2.34)$$

From (2.34) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0)}{N_j} \\ &= \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{N_j}{2} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\widehat{u}^j|^2 + |\widehat{v}^j|^2 + |\widehat{z}^j|^2) dx dt + \|\widehat{p}_0^j\|_{L^2(0, L)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

If

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|\widehat{p}_0^j\|_{L^2(0, L)} \geq 1 \quad (2.36)$$

then (2.29) is immediate. Suppose that  $\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|\widehat{p}_0^j\|_{L^2(0, L)} < 1$ . So, since  $\|(\widehat{u}_0^j, \rho_1 \widehat{u}_1^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \rho_2 \widehat{v}_1^j + m \widehat{p}_{0x}^j, \widehat{z}_0^j, \rho_1 \widehat{z}_1^j, \widehat{p}_0^j)\|_{\widetilde{H}} = 1$ , we deduce

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|(\widehat{u}_0^j, \rho_1 \widehat{u}_1^j, \widehat{v}_0^j, \rho_2 \widehat{v}_1^j + m \widehat{p}_{0x}^j, \widehat{z}_0^j, \rho_1 \widehat{z}_1^j)\| > 0. \quad (2.37)$$

From (2.37) and since  $\widehat{p}_0^j$  bounded in  $L^2(0, L)$ , by (2.7) we have that

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (|\widehat{u}^j|^2 + |\widehat{v}^j|^2 + |\widehat{z}^j|^2) dx dt > 0, \quad (2.38)$$

which contradicts (2.32).

Thus, we necessarily have (2.36) and so (2.32), that is, the functional  $J$  is coercive.  $\square$

The functional  $J$  is lower semicontinuous, because it is continuous and also convex (for this, it suffices to observe that  $\int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} |u|^2 + |v|^2 + |z|^2 dx dt$

is strictly convex, because  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  is strictly convex and the other terms of  $J$  are convex).

The second Gateaux derivative of  $J$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{J((u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0) + \lambda(U_0, U_1, V_0, V_1, Z_0, Z_1, P_0)) - J(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1, z_0, z_1, p_0)}{\lambda} \\
&= \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (uU + vV + zZ) \, dx \, dt \\
&\quad - \rho_1 \int_0^L \Phi_1 U_0 \, dx - \rho_2 \int_0^L \Psi_1 V_0 \, dx - \rho_1 \int_0^L W_1 Z_0 \, dx \\
&\quad + \rho_1 \langle \Phi_0, U_1 \rangle + \rho_2 \langle \Psi_0, V_1 \rangle + \rho_1 \langle W_0, Z_1 \rangle \\
&\quad - \int_0^L (\eta_0 + m\Psi_{0x}) P_0 \, dx + \varepsilon \frac{\int_0^L p_0 P_0 \, dx}{\left(\int_0^L |p_0|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.39}$$

From the coercivity Lemma 2.9, the lower semicontinuity and the fact that  $J$  is strictly convex it has a single minimum  $(\hat{u}_0, \hat{u}_1, \hat{v}_0, \hat{v}_1, \hat{z}_0, \hat{z}_1, \hat{p}_0)$  in  $\tilde{H}$ . For the minimum of the functional  $J$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} (\hat{u}U + \hat{v}V + \hat{z}Z) \, dx \, dt \right. \\
& \quad - \rho_1 \int_0^L \Phi_1 U_0 \, dx - \rho_2 \int_0^L \Psi_1 V_0 \, dx - \rho_1 \int_0^L W_1 Z_0 \, dx \\
& \quad + \rho_1 \langle \Phi_0, U_1 \rangle + \rho_2 \langle \Psi_0, V_1 \rangle + \rho_1 \langle W_0, Z_1 \rangle \\
& \quad \left. - \int_0^L (\eta_0 + m\Psi_{0x}) P_0 \, dx \right| \leq \|P_0\|_{L^2(0,L)},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.40}$$

for all  $(U_0, U_1, V_0, V_1, Z_0, Z_1, P_0) \in \tilde{H}$  and  $\hat{u}, \hat{v}, \hat{z}, \hat{p}$  solution of (2.1) with data  $(\hat{u}_0, \hat{u}_1, \hat{v}_0, \hat{v}_1, \hat{z}_0, \hat{z}_1, \hat{p}_0)$  and  $(U, V, Z, P)$  solution of (2.3) with data  $(U_0, U_1, V_0, V_1, Z_0, Z_1, P_0)$ .

Note that the solution of (1.1) with null initial data and  $f_1 = \hat{u}$ ,  $f_2 = \hat{v}$ ,  $f_3 = \hat{z}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \int_{l_1}^{l_2} \hat{u}U + \hat{v}V + \hat{z}Z \, dx \, dt = \\
& \quad \rho_1 \int_0^L \varphi_t(T) U_0 \, dx + \rho_2 \int_0^L \psi_t(T) V_0 \, dx + \rho_1 \int_0^L w_t(T) Z_0 \, dx \\
& \quad - \rho_1 \langle \varphi(T), U_1 \rangle - \rho_2 \langle \psi(T), V_1 \rangle - \rho_1 \langle w(T), Z_1 \rangle \\
& \quad + \int_0^L (\theta(T) + m\psi_x(T)) P_0 \, dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.41}$$

Then, from (2.40), (2.41) and taking  $P_0 = 0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(T) &= \Phi_0, & \varphi_t(T) &= \Phi_1, \\ \psi(T) &= \Psi_0, & \psi_t(T) &= \Psi_1, \\ w(T) &= W_0, & w_t(T) &= W_1.\end{aligned}\tag{2.42}$$

From (2.40) – (2.42) we obtain

$$\left| \int_0^L (\theta(T) - \eta_0) P_0 \right| \leq \varepsilon \|P_0\|_{L^2(0,L)}$$

and this is equivalent to  $|\theta(T) - \eta_0|_{L^2(0,L)} \leq \varepsilon$ .

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