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Exponential Stability in Hyperbolic Thermoelastic Diffusion Problem with Second Sound

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We consider a thermoelastic diffusion problem in one space dimension with second sound. The thermal and diffusion disturbances are modeled by Cattaneo’s law for heat and diffusion equations to remove the physical paradox of infinite propagation speed in the classical theory within Fourier’s law. The system of equations in this case is a coupling of three hyperbolic equations. It poses some new analytical and mathematical difficulties. The exponential stability of the slightly damped and totally hyperbolic system is proved. Comparison with classical theory is given.

1. Introduction

The classical model for the propagation of heat turns into the well-known Fourier’s law

\[ q + k \nabla \theta = 0, \]

(1.1)

where \( \theta \) is temperature (difference to a fixed constant reference temperature), \( q \) is the heat conduction vector, and \( k \) is the coefficient of thermal conductivity. The model using classic Fourier’s law inhibits the physical paradox of infinite propagation speed of signals. To eliminate this paradox, a generalized thermoelasticity theory has been developed subsequently. The development of this theory was accelerated by the advent of the second sound effects observed experimentally in materials at a very low temperature. In heat transfer problems involving very short time intervals and/or very high heat fluxes, it has been revealed that the inclusion of the second sound effects to the original theory yields results which are realistic and very much different from those obtained with classic Fourier’s law.
The first theory was developed by Lord and Shulman [1]. In this theory, a modified law of heat conduction, the Cattaneo’s law,

\[ \tau_0 q_t + q + k \nabla \theta = 0 \]  

(1.2)

replaces the classic Fourier’s law. The heat equation associated with this a hyperbolic one and, hence, automatically eliminates the paradox of infinite speeds. The positive parameter \( \tau_0 \) is the relaxation time describing the time lag in the response of the heat flux to a gradient in the temperature.

The development of high technologies in the years before, during, and after the second world war pronouncedly affected the investigations in which the fields of temperature and diffusion in solids cannot be neglected. The problems connected with the diffusion of matter in thermoelastic bodies and the interaction of mechanodiffusion processes have become the subject of research by many authors. At elevated and low temperatures, the processes of heat and mass transfer play a decisive role in many satellite problems, returning space vehicles, and landing on water or land. These days, oil companies are interested in the process of thermodiffusion for more efficient extraction of oil from oil deposits.


In recent years, a relevant task has been developed to obtain exponential stability of solutions in thermoelastic theories. The classical theory was first considered by Dafermos [8] and Slemrod [9] and it has been studied in the book of Jiang and Racke [10] and the contribution of Lebeau and Zuazua [11]. One should mention a paper by Sherief [12], where the stability of the null solution also in higher dimension is proved. We mention also the work of Tarabek [13] who studied even one dimensional nonlinear systems and obtained the strong convergence of derivatives of solutions to zero. Racke [14] proved the exponential decay of linear and nonlinear thermoelastic systems with second sound in one dimension for various boundary conditions. Messaoudi and Said-Houari [15] proved the exponential stability in one-dimensional nonlinear thermoelasticity with second sound. Soufyane [16] established an exponential and polynomial decay results of porous thermoelasticity including a memory term.

Recently, Aouadi and Soufyane [17] proved the polynomial and exponential stability for one-dimensional problem in thermoelastic diffusion theory under Fourier’s law. To the author’s knowledge, no work has been done regarding the exponential stability of the thermoelastic diffusion theory with second sound though similar research in thermoelasticity has been popular in recent years. This paper will devote to study the exponential stability of the solution of the one-dimensional thermoelastic diffusion theory under Cattaneo’s law. The model that we consider is interesting not only because we take into account the thermal-diffusion effect, but also because Cattaneo’s law is physically more realistic than Fourier’s law. In this case, the governing equations corresponds to the coupling of three hyperbolic equations. This question is new in thermoelastic theories and poses new analytical and mathematical difficulties. This kind of coupling has not been considered previously, and we have a few results concerning the existence, uniqueness, and exponential decay. For this reason,
the exponential decay of the solution is very interesting and also very difficult. We obtain the exponential decay by the multiplier method and constructing generalized Lyapunov functional.

The remaining part of this paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, we give basic equations, and for completeness, we discuss the well-posedness of the initial boundary value problem in a semigroup setting. In Section 3, we derive the various energy estimates, and we state the exponential decay of the solution. In Section 4, we provide arguments for showing that the two systems, either $\tau_0 > 0$, $\tau > 0$ or $\tau_0 = \tau = 0$, are close to each other, in the sense of energy estimates, of order $\tau_0^2$ and $\tau^2$.

2. Basic Equations and Preliminaries

The governing equations for an isotropic, homogenous thermoelastic diffusion solid are as follows (see [3]):

(i) the equation of motion

\[ \sigma_{ij,j} = \rho \ddot{u}_i, \]  

(2.1)

(ii) the stress-strain-temperature-diffusion relation

\[ \sigma_{ij} = 2\mu e_{ij} + \delta_{ij} (\lambda e_{kk} - \beta_1 \theta - \beta_2 C), \]  

(2.2)

(iii) the displacement-strain relation

\[ e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i}), \]  

(2.3)

(iv) the energy equation

\[ q_{ij} = -\rho T_0 \dot{S}, \]  

(2.4)

(v) the Cattaneo’s law for temperature

\[ -k \theta_{,i} = q_i + \tau_0 \dot{q}_i, \]  

(2.5)

(vi) the entropy-strain-temperature-diffusion relation

\[ \rho T_0 S = \beta_1 T_0 e_{kk} + \rho c_{E}\theta + a T_0 C, \]  

(2.6)

(vii) the equation of conservation of mass

\[ \eta_{ii} = -\dot{C}, \]  

(2.7)
(viii) the Cattaneo’s law for chemical potential

\[ -\hbar P_{,i} = \eta_{i} + \tau \dot{\eta}_{i}, \]  
(2.8)

(ix) the chemical-strain-temperature-diffusion relation

\[ P = -\beta_{2} \dot{e}_{kk} - a \theta + b C, \]  
(2.9)

where \( \beta_{1} = (3\lambda + 2\mu)\alpha_{t} \) and \( \beta_{2} = (3\lambda + 2\mu)\alpha_{c} \), \( \alpha_{t} \) and \( \alpha_{c} \) are, respectively, the coefficients of linear thermal and diffusion expansion and \( \lambda \) and \( \mu \) are Lamé’s constants. \( \theta = T - T_{0} \) is small temperature increment, \( T \) is the absolute temperature of the medium, and \( T_{0} \) is the reference uniform temperature of the body chosen such that \( |\theta/T_{0}| \ll 1 \). \( q_{i} \) is the heat conduction vector, \( k \) is the coefficient of thermal conductivity, and \( c_{E} \) is the specific heat at constant strain. \( \sigma_{ij} \) are the components of the stress tensor, \( u_{i} \) are the components of the displacement vector, \( e_{ij} \) are the components of the strain tensor, \( S \) is the entropy per unit mass, \( P \) is the chemical potential per unit mass, \( C \) is the concentration of the diffusive material in the elastic body, \( \hbar \) is the diffusion coefficient, \( \eta_{i} \) denotes the flow of the diffusing mass vector, “a” is a measure of thermodiffusion effect, “b” is a measure of diffusive effect, and \( \rho \) is the mass density. \( \tau_{0} \) is the thermal relaxation time, which will ensure that the heat conduction equation will predict finite speeds of heat propagation. \( \tau \) is the diffusion relaxation time, which will ensure that the equation satisfied by the concentration will also predict finite speeds of propagation of matter from one medium to the other.

We will now formulate a different alternative form that will be useful in proving uniqueness in the next section. In this new formulation, we will use the chemical potential as a state variable instead of the concentration. From (2.9), we obtain

\[ C = \gamma_{2} \dot{e}_{kk} + nP + d\theta. \]  
(2.10)

The alternative form can be written by substituting (2.10) into (2.1)–(2.8),

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{ij,j} &= \rho \ddot{u}_{i}, \\
\sigma_{ij} &= 2\mu e_{ij} + \delta_{ij}(\lambda_{0} \dot{e}_{kk} - \gamma_{1} \theta - \gamma_{2} P), \\
q_{i,i} &= -\rho T_{0} \dot{S}, \\
-k\dot{\theta}_{,i} &= q_{i} + \tau_{0} \dot{q}_{i}, \\
\rho S &= c \theta + \gamma_{1} \dot{e}_{kk} + dP, \\
\eta_{i,i} &= -C, \\
-hP_{,i} &= \eta_{i} + \tau \dot{\eta}_{i}.
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.11)
where

\[
\gamma_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{a_2 b}{b}, \quad \gamma_2 = \frac{b_2}{b}, \quad \lambda_0 = \lambda - \frac{b_2}{b}, \quad c = \frac{\rho c_p}{T_0} + \frac{a^2}{b}, \quad d = \frac{a}{b}, \quad n = \frac{1}{b}
\]

(2.12)

are physical positive constants satisfying the following condition:

\[
\alpha_n - d^2 > 0. \tag{2.13}
\]

Note that this condition implies that

\[
c\theta^2 + 2d\theta P + nP^2 > 0. \tag{2.14}
\]

Condition (2.13) is needed to stabilize the thermoelastic diffusion system (see [18] for more information on this).

We assume throughout this paper that the condition (2.13) is satisfied.

For the sake of simplicity, we assume that \(\rho = 1\), and we study the exponential stability in one-dimension space. If \(u = u(x, t), \theta = \theta(x, t), \) and \(P = P(x, t)\) describe the displacement, relative temperature and chemical potential, respectively, our equations take the form

\[
\begin{align*}
&u_{tt} - au_{xx} + \gamma_1 u_x + \gamma_2 P_x = 0, \quad \text{in } [0, \ell] \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\
&c\theta_t + dP_t + q_s + \gamma_1 u_{st} = 0, \quad \text{in } [0, \ell] \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\
&\tau_0 q_t + q + k\theta_x = 0, \quad \text{in } [0, \ell] \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\
&d\theta_t + nP_t + \eta_s + \gamma_2 u_{st} = 0, \quad \text{in } [0, \ell] \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\
&\tau_\eta_t + \eta + h\eta_x = 0, \quad \text{in } [0, \ell] \times \mathbb{R}^+
\end{align*}
\]

(2.15)

where \(a = \lambda_0 + 2\mu > 0\). The system is subjected to the following initial conditions:

\[
\begin{align*}
u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), & u_t(x, 0) &= u_1(x), & x \in [0, \ell], \\
\theta(x, 0) &= \theta_0(x), & q(x, 0) &= q_0(x), & x \in [0, \ell], \\
P(x, 0) &= P_0(x), & \eta(x, 0) &= \eta_0(x), & x \in [0, \ell],
\end{align*}
\]

(2.16)

and boundary conditions

\[
\begin{align*}
u(0, t) = u(\ell, t) = 0, & \quad q(0, t) = q(\ell, t) = 0, & \quad \eta(0, t) = \eta(\ell, t) = 0, & \quad t \geq 0.
\end{align*}
\]

(2.17)
For the sake of simplicity, we present a short direct discussion of the well-posedness for the linear initial boundary value (2.15)₁–(2.17). We transform the system (2.15)₁–(2.17) into a first-order system of evolution type, finally applying semigroup theory. For a solution \((u, \theta, q, P, \eta)\), let \(U\) be defined as

\[
U = \begin{pmatrix}
\alpha u_x \\
u_t \\
\theta \\
q \\
P \\
\eta
\end{pmatrix}, \quad U(0, \cdot) = U_0 = \begin{pmatrix}
u_0 \\
\theta_0 \\
q_0 \\
P_0 \\
\eta_0
\end{pmatrix}.
\] (2.18)

The initial-boundary value problem (2.15)₁–(2.17) is equivalent to problem

\[
\frac{dU}{dt} + Q^{-1}MU = 0, \quad U(0) = U_0,
\] (2.19)

where

\[
Q = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{\alpha} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & c & 0 & d & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \tau_0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & d & 0 & n & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tau \frac{\kappa}{\hbar}
\end{pmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & -\partial_x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
-\partial_x & 0 & \gamma_1 \partial_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \gamma_2 \partial_x & 0 & \partial_x & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_x & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_x \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_x \frac{1}{\hbar}
\end{pmatrix}.
\] (2.20)

We consider the Hilbert space \(E = U \in (L^2(0, \ell))^6\) with inner product

\[
\langle U, W \rangle_E = \langle U, QW \rangle_{L^2}.
\] (2.21)

Let \(A : \mathcal{D}(A) \subseteq E \rightarrow E\) such that

\[
A U = Q^{-1}MU.
\] (2.22)

The domain of \(A\) is

\[
\mathcal{D}(A) = \left\{ U = \begin{pmatrix}
U^1, U^2, U^3, U^4, U^5, U^6
\end{pmatrix}^T \in E/U^2, U^4, U^6 \in H^1_0(0, \ell), \ U^1, U^3, U^5 \in H^1(0, \ell) \right\}
\] (2.23)
Lemma 2.1. that is,

\[
\frac{d \mathcal{U}}{dt} + \mathcal{A} \mathcal{U} = 0, \quad \mathcal{U}(0) = \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}).
\] (2.24)

On the other hand, if \( \mathcal{U} \) satisfies (2.24) for \( \mathcal{U}_0 \) defined in (2.18), then

\[
u(\cdot, t) = u_0(\cdot) + \int_0^t U^2(\cdot, s)ds, \quad \theta = U^3, \quad \eta = U^6 \] (2.25)

satisfy (2.15)–(2.17); that is, (2.24) and (2.15)–(2.17) are equivalent (in the chosen spaces). The well-posedness is now a corollary of the following lemma characterizing \( \mathcal{A} \) as a generator of a \( C_0 \)-semigroup of contractions.

**Lemma 2.1.** (i) \( \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}) \) is dense in \( \mathcal{L} \), and the operator \( -\mathcal{A} \) is dissipative.

(ii) \( \mathcal{A} \) is closed.

(iii) \( \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}^*) = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}), \quad \mathcal{A}^* W = Q^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma_1 \partial_x & \gamma_2 \partial_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_1 \partial_x & 0 & -\partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\partial_x & \frac{1}{k} & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma_2 \partial_x & 0 & 0 & -\partial_x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{L} \end{pmatrix} W. \) (2.26)

**Proof.** (i) The density of \( \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}) \) in \( \mathcal{L} \) is obvious, and we have

\[
\text{Re}(-\mathcal{A}U, U) = -\frac{1}{k} \int_0^\ell q^2 \, dx - \frac{1}{L} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 \, dx \leq 0.
\] (2.27)

Then \( -\mathcal{A} \) is dissipative.

(ii) Let \( (\mathcal{U}_n)_n \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}), \quad \mathcal{U}_n \to \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{L}, \) and \( \mathcal{A} \mathcal{U}_n \to \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{L}, \) as \( n \to \infty. \) Then,

\[
\forall \Phi \in \mathcal{L} : \langle \mathcal{A} \mathcal{U}_n, \Phi \rangle_\mathcal{L} \to \langle \mathcal{F}, \Phi \rangle_\mathcal{L}.
\] (2.28)

Choosing successively

1. \( \Phi = (\Phi^1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)^T, \quad \Phi^1 \in H^1(0, \ell), \)
2. \( \Phi = (0, 0, \Phi^2, 0, 0, 0)^T, \quad \Phi^2 \in H^1(0, \ell), \)
3. \( \Phi = (0, 0, 0, \Phi^3, 0, 0)^T, \quad \Phi^3 \in H^1(0, \ell), \)
4. \( \Phi = (0, 0, 0, 0, \Phi^4, 0)^T, \quad \Phi^4 \in C_0^\infty(0, \ell), \)
(5) $\Phi = (0, 0, 0, 0, \Phi^0)^T$, $\Phi^0 \in C_0^{\infty}(0, \ell)$,

(6) $\Phi = (0, \Phi^2, 0, 0, 0)^T$, $\Phi^2 \in C_0^{\infty}(0, \ell)$,

we obtain

(1) $U^2 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $-\partial_x U^2 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^1$ (first component),

(2) $U^4 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $\gamma_1 \partial_x U^2 + \partial_x U^4 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^3$,

(3) $U^6 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $\gamma_2 \partial_x U^2 + \partial_x U^6 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^5$,

(4) $U^3 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $\partial_x U^3 + 1/k U^4 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^4$,

(5) $U^5 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $\partial_x U^5 + 1/k U^6 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^6$,

(6) $U^1 \in H^1_0(0, \ell)$ and $-\partial_x U^1 + \gamma_1 \partial_x U^3 + \gamma_1 \partial_x U^5 = [Q\bar{\varphi}]^2$.

(iii)

$$\mathcal{W} \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A}^*) \iff \exists \bar{\varphi} \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \forall \Phi \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A}) : \langle A\Phi, \mathcal{W} \rangle_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \langle \Phi, \bar{\varphi} \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}. \quad (2.29)$$

Choosing $\Phi$ appropriately as in the proof of (ii), the conclusion follows. \hfill \Box

With the Hille-Yosida theorem (see [19]) $C_0$-semigroups, we can state the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** (i) The operator $-\mathcal{A}$ is the infinitesimal generator of a $C_0$-semigroup of linear contractions $T(t) = e^{-t\mathcal{A}}$ over the space $\mathcal{E}$ for $t \geq 0$.

(ii) For any $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A})$, there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{U}(t) \in C^1([0, \infty); \mathcal{E}) \cap C_0([0, \infty); \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A}))$ to (2.24) given by $\mathcal{U}(t) = e^{-t\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{U}_0$.

(iii) If $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A}^n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\mathcal{U}(t) \in C^0([0, \infty); \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{A}^n))$ and (2.24) yields higher regularity in $t$.

Moreover, we will use the Young inequality

$$\pm ab \leq \frac{a^2}{\delta} + \frac{b^2}{4}, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \delta > 0. \quad (2.30)$$

The differential of (2.15) and (2.15) together with boundary conditions (2.17) yields

$$\int_0^t \theta(x, t) dx = \int_0^t \theta_0(x) dx, \quad \int_0^t P(x, t) dx = \int_0^t P_0(x) dx, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (2.31)$$

Then, $\overline{\theta}$ and $\overline{P}$ defined by

$$\overline{\theta}(x, t) := \theta(x, t) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^t \theta_0(x) dx, \quad \overline{P}(x, t) := P(x, t) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^t P_0(x) dx \quad (2.32)$$
satisfy with \( u, q, \) and \( \eta \) the same differential equations (2.15)\textsuperscript{1}–(2.17) as \((u, \theta, q, P, \eta)\), but additionally, we have the Poincaré inequality

\[
\int_0^\ell v^2 \, dx \leq \frac{\ell^2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\ell v_x^2 \, dx,
\]

(2.33)

for \( v = \bar{\theta}(\cdot, t) \) as well as for \( v = \bar{P}, v = u, v = q \) or \( v = \eta \).

In the sequel, we will work with \( \bar{\theta} \) and \( \bar{P} \) but still write \( \theta \) and \( P \) for simplicity until we will have proved Theorem 3.2.

From (2.15)\textsuperscript{3} and (2.15)\textsuperscript{5}, we conclude

\[
\int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 \, dx \leq \frac{2\tau_0^2}{k^2} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 \, dx + \frac{2}{k^2} \int_0^\ell q^2_\theta \, dx,
\]

(2.34)

\[
\int_0^\ell P_x^2 \, dx \leq \frac{2\tau_0^2}{\hbar^2} \int_0^\ell \eta_t^2 \, dx + \frac{2}{\hbar^2} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 \, dx.
\]

Finally, for the sake of simplicity, we will employ the same symbols \( C \) for different constants, even in the same formula. In particular, we will denote by the same symbol \( C_i \) different constants due to the use of Poincaré’s inequality on the interval \([0, \ell]\).

### 3. Exponential Stability

Let \((u, \theta, q, P, \eta)\) be a solution to problem (2.15)\textsuperscript{1}–(2.17). Multiplying (2.15)\textsuperscript{1} by \(u_t\), (2.15)\textsuperscript{2} by \(\theta\), (2.15)\textsuperscript{3} by \(q\), (2.15)\textsuperscript{4} by \(P\), and (2.15)\textsuperscript{5} by \(\eta\) and integrating from 0 to \(\ell\), we get

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_1(t) = -\frac{1}{k} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 \, dx - \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^\ell \eta_t^2 \, dx,
\]

(3.1)

where

\[
\mathcal{E}_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \left( u^2_{tt} + au^2_x + c\theta^2 + nP^2 + 2d\theta P + \frac{\tau_0}{k} q^2 + \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \eta^2 \right) \, dx.
\]

(3.2)

Differentiating (2.15) with respect to \(t\), we get in the same manner

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_2(t) = -\frac{1}{k} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 \, dx - \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^\ell \eta_t^2 \, dx,
\]

(3.3)

where

\[
\mathcal{E}_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \left( u^2_{tt} + au^2_{xx} + c\theta^2 + nP^2 + 2d\theta \theta_P + \frac{\tau_0}{k} q^2 + \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \eta_t^2 \right) \, dx.
\]

(3.4)
Let us define the functionals

\[
\mathcal{F}(t) = - \int_0^\ell \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} u_{xx}u_x + \frac{3}{\alpha \gamma_1^2} qu_{xx} + \frac{3}{\alpha} q \theta_x + \frac{3}{\alpha} \gamma_2 \eta P_x + \frac{3c}{\alpha \gamma_1} \theta_xu_t + \frac{3d}{\alpha \gamma_1} P_xu_t \right) dx,
\]

\[
\mathcal{G}(t) = - \int_0^\ell \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} u_{xx}u_x + \frac{3}{\alpha \gamma_2^2} \eta u_{xx} + \frac{3}{\alpha} \eta P_x + \frac{3}{\alpha} \gamma_1 \eta \theta_x + \frac{3d}{\alpha \gamma_2} P_xu_t + \frac{3n}{\alpha \gamma_2} \theta_xu_t \right) dx.
\]

Lemma 3.1. Let \((u, \theta, q, P, \eta)\) be a solution to problem (2.15)\(1\)–(2.17). Then, one has

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}(t) \leq - \frac{1}{36\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \left( u_{xx}^2 + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\gamma_1} u_x^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx - \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{27}{\gamma_1^5 \alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx
\]

\[
+ \left( \frac{27c^2}{\gamma_1^4} + \frac{3c \gamma_2}{2\alpha \gamma_1} + \frac{5 \gamma_2^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{36\alpha^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3c}{2\alpha} \right) \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx
\]

\[
+ \left( \frac{27d^2}{\gamma_2^4} + \frac{3c \gamma_1}{2\alpha \gamma_2} + \frac{5 \gamma_1^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{36\alpha^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3c}{2\alpha} \right) \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx,
\]

(3.6)

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{G}(t) \leq - \frac{1}{36\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \left( u_{xx}^2 + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\gamma_2} u_x^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx - \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{27}{\gamma_2^5 \alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx
\]

\[
+ \left( \frac{27n^2}{\gamma_2^4} + \frac{3n \gamma_1}{2\alpha \gamma_2} + \frac{5 \gamma_1^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{36\alpha^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3n}{2\alpha} \right) \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx
\]

\[
+ \left( \frac{27d^2}{\gamma_1^4} + \frac{3n \gamma_2}{2\alpha \gamma_1} + \frac{5 \gamma_2^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{36\alpha^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3n}{2\alpha} \right) \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx.
\]

(3.7)

Proof. We will only prove (3.6) and (3.7) can be obtained analogously. Multiplying (2.15)\(1\) by \(u_{xx}/\alpha\) and using the Young inequality, we get

\[
\int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx = - \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}u_x dx + \frac{Y_1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell \theta_xu_{xx} dx + \frac{Y_2}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell P_xu_{xx} dx
\]

\[
\leq - \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}u_x dx + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_1^2}{4\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_2^2}{4\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx + \frac{2}{3} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx,
\]

(3.8)

which implies

\[
\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}u_x dx \leq - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_{xx}^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_1^2}{4\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_2^2}{4\alpha^2} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx.
\]

(3.9)
Multiplying (2.15) by \(3u_\alpha/(\gamma_1)\) and using the Young inequality, we get

\[
\frac{3}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_x^2dx = \frac{3}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell q u_x dx + \frac{3c}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta u_t dx + \frac{3d}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx \\
= \frac{3}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell q u_x dx - \frac{3c}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell q u_x dx + \frac{3c}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta u_t dx - \frac{3c}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta u_t dx \\
+ \frac{3d}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx - \frac{3d}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx.
\]

(3.10)

Substituting (2.15) in the above equation, yields

\[
\frac{3}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell u_x^2dx = \frac{3}{\alpha^2\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell q u_t dx + \frac{3c}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta dx + \frac{3c}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta u_x dx + \frac{3c^2}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx + \frac{3c}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx + \frac{3c}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx \\
+ \frac{3d}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx - \frac{3d}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx + \frac{3d}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx + \frac{3d}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x u_t dx.
\]

(3.11)

Using the estimates

\[
-\frac{3}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell q u_x dx \leq \frac{1}{12} \int_0^\ell u_x^2 dx + \frac{27c^2}{\gamma_1^2 \alpha^2} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 dx,
\]
\[
-\frac{3c}{\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta u_x dx \leq \frac{1}{12} \int_0^\ell u_x^2 dx + \frac{27c^2}{\gamma_1^2 \alpha} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx,
\]
\[
\frac{3c\gamma_2}{\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta P_x dx \leq \frac{3c\gamma_2}{2\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx + \frac{3c\gamma_2}{2\alpha\gamma_1} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx,
\]
\[
-\frac{3d}{\gamma_2} \int_0^\ell P_x u_x dx \leq \frac{1}{12} \int_0^\ell u_x^2 dx + \frac{27d^2}{\gamma_2^2 \gamma_1^2} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx,
\]
\[
\frac{3c}{\alpha} \int_0^\ell \theta P_x dx \leq \frac{3c}{2\alpha} \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx + \frac{3c}{2\alpha} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx,
\]

(3.12)
\[
\frac{3}{\alpha} \int_0^\epsilon u_{xx}^2 dx \leq \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\epsilon \left( \frac{3}{\alpha^2} q u_t + \frac{3}{\alpha} q \theta_x + \frac{3\gamma}{\alpha y_1} q P_x + \frac{3c}{\alpha y_1} \theta_x u_t + \frac{3d}{\alpha y_1} P_{x} u_t \right) dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\epsilon u_{xx}^2 dx \\
+ \frac{27}{\gamma_1^2 \alpha^2} \int_0^\epsilon q_t^2 dx + \frac{3c}{\alpha} \left( \frac{9c a}{\gamma_1^2} + \frac{\gamma_2}{4c \alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon \theta_x^2 dx + \frac{3n}{\alpha} \left( \frac{9c a}{\gamma_2^2} + \frac{\gamma_1}{2\gamma_2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon \theta_x^2 dx.
\]

(3.13)

Combining (3.9) and (3.13), we get

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \leq -\frac{1}{12} \int_0^\epsilon u_{xx}^2 dx - \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^\epsilon u_{xt}^2 dx + \frac{27}{\gamma_1^2 \alpha^2} \int_0^\epsilon q_t^2 dx \\
+ \frac{3c}{\alpha} \left( \frac{9c a}{\gamma_1^2} + \frac{\gamma_2}{4c \alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon \theta_x^2 dx \\
+ \frac{3c}{\alpha} \left( \frac{9d^2 a}{\gamma_2^2 c} + \frac{\gamma_2}{2\gamma_1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon P_{x}^2 dx.
\]

(3.14)

Now, we conclude from (2.15) that

\[
\int_0^\epsilon \left( u_{n}^2 + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\epsilon^2} u_t^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx \\
= \int_0^\epsilon \left( \alpha^2 u_{xx}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \theta_x^2 + \gamma_2^2 P_{x}^2 - 2\alpha \gamma_1 u_{xx} \theta_x - 2a \gamma_2 u_{xx} P_x + 2\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \theta_x P_x + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\epsilon^2} u_t^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx \\
\leq 3\alpha^2 \int_0^\epsilon u_{xx}^2 dx + \left( 3\gamma_1^2 + \frac{\theta^2}{\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon \theta_x^2 dx + \left( 3\gamma_2^2 + \frac{P^2}{\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon P_{x}^2 dx + \alpha \int_0^\epsilon u_{xt}^2 dx
\]

(3.15)

whence

\[
\int_0^\epsilon u_{xx}^2 dx \leq \frac{1}{3\alpha^2} \int_0^\epsilon \left( u_{tt}^2 + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\epsilon^2} u_{t}^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx \\
+ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( \gamma_1^2 + \frac{\theta^2}{3\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon \theta_x^2 dx + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( \gamma_2^2 + \frac{P^2}{3\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\epsilon P_{x}^2 dx + \frac{1}{3\alpha} \int_0^\epsilon u_{xt}^2 dx.
\]

(3.16)

Combining (3.14) and (3.16), we get our conclusion follows.
Multiplying (2.15)_2 by \( \theta_t \) and (2.15)_4 by \( P_t \), and summing the results, yields

\[
-\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell (q\theta_x + \eta P_x) dx = -\int_0^\ell \left( c\theta_t^2 + nP_t^2 + 2d\theta_tP_t \right) dx - \int_0^\ell q_t\theta_x dx
\]
\[
- \gamma_1 \int_0^\ell u_{xt}\theta_t dx - \int_0^\ell \eta P_x dx - \gamma_2 \int_0^\ell u_{xt}P_t dx.
\]

Using the estimates

\[
\gamma_1 \int_0^\ell u_{xt}\theta_t dx \leq \frac{c}{4} \int_0^\ell \theta_t^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_1^2}{c} \int_0^\ell u_{xt}^2 dx,
\]
\[
\gamma_2 \int_0^\ell u_{xt}P_t dx \leq \frac{\delta}{4} \int_0^\ell P_t^2 dx + \frac{\gamma_2^2}{\delta} \int_0^\ell u_{xt}^2 dx,
\]
\[
-2d \int_0^\ell \theta_tP_t dx \leq \frac{\delta}{4} \int_0^\ell \theta_t^2 dx + \frac{4d^2}{c} \int_0^\ell P_t^2 dx,
\]
\[
-\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell (q\theta_x + \eta P_x) dx \leq -\frac{c}{2} \int_0^\ell \theta_t^2 dx - \left( n - \frac{\delta}{4} - \frac{4d^2}{c} \right) \int_0^\ell P_t^2 dx
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \eta_t^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx + \left( \frac{\gamma_1^2}{c} + \frac{\gamma_2^2}{\delta} \right) \int_0^\ell u_{xt}^2 dx.
\]

Choosing \( \delta \) such as

\[
n - \frac{\delta}{4} - \frac{4d^2}{c} > \frac{n}{2}
\]

yields

\[
-\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell (q\theta_x + \eta P_x) dx \leq -\frac{c}{2} \int_0^\ell \theta_t^2 dx - \frac{n}{2} \int_0^\ell P_t^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell q_t^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \eta_t^2 dx
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \theta_x^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell P_x^2 dx + \left( \frac{\gamma_1^2}{c} + \frac{\gamma_2^2}{\delta} \right) \int_0^\ell u_{xt}^2 dx.
\]

Now, we will show the main result of this section.
**Theorem 3.2.** Let \((u, \theta, q, P, \eta)\) be a solution to problem (2.15)\(_1\)–(2.17). Then, the associated energy of first and second order

\[
\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{E}_1(t) + \mathcal{E}_2(t)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \int_0^\ell \left( (\partial_i^{i-1} u_i)^2 + \alpha (\partial_i^{i-1} u_x)^2 + \epsilon (\partial_i^{i-1} \theta)^2 \right)
\]

\[
+ n (\partial_i^{i-1} P)^2 + 2d \partial_i^{i-1} \theta \partial_i^{i-1} P + \frac{\tau_0}{k} \left( \partial_i^{i-1} q \right)^2 + \frac{\tau}{n} \left( \partial_i^{i-1} \eta \right)^2 \right) (x, t) dx
\]

decays exponentially; that is,

\[
\exists c_0 > 0, \exists C_0 > 0, \forall t \geq 0 \quad \mathcal{E}(t) \leq C_0 \mathcal{E}(0) e^{-\epsilon t}.
\]

(3.22)

Bounds for \(c_0\) and \(C_0\) can be given explicitly in terms of the coefficient \(\alpha, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, c, n, d, k, h, \tau_0, \tau, \) and \(\ell\).

**Proof.** Now, we define the desired Lyapunov functional \(\mathcal{A}(t)\). For \(\epsilon > 0\), to be determined later on, let

\[
\mathcal{A}(t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{E}(t) + \mathcal{F}(t) + \mathcal{G}(t) - \epsilon \int_0^\ell (q \theta_x + \eta P_x) dx.
\]

(3.23)

Then, we conclude from (3.1)–(3.6) and (3.14) that

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{A}(t) \leq -\frac{1}{\epsilon k} \int_0^\ell q^2 dx - \frac{1}{\epsilon h} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx - \frac{1}{18 \alpha^2} \int_0^\ell \left( u_x^2 + \frac{\alpha \pi^2}{\epsilon^2} u_x^2 + \theta^2 + P^2 \right) dx
\]

\[
- \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} - \frac{\epsilon y_1^2}{n} - \frac{\epsilon y_1^3}{\delta} \right) \int_0^\ell u_x^2 dx - \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon k} - \frac{27}{y_1^2 a^2} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \int_0^\ell q^2 dx
\]

\[
- \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon h} - \frac{27}{y_1^2 a^2} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_0^\ell \left( c \theta_i^2 + n P_i^2 \right) dx
\]

\[
+ \left( \alpha + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \int_0^\ell \theta_i^2 dx + \left( q + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \int_0^\ell P_i^2 dx,
\]

where

\[
\alpha = \frac{27 (c^2 + d^2)}{y_1^2} + \frac{3c y_2}{2a y_1} + \frac{3n y_1}{2a y_2} + \frac{5y_1^2}{3a^2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{18a^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3}{2a} (c + n),
\]

(3.25)

\[
q = \frac{27 (n^2 + d^2)}{y_1^2} + \frac{3c y_2}{2a y_1} + \frac{3n y_1}{2a y_2} + \frac{5y_1^2}{3a^2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{18a^2 \pi^2} + \frac{3}{2a} (c + n).
\]
Using (2.34), we obtain
\[
\frac{d}{dt} N(t) \leq -\frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \frac{2}{k} (\omega + \varepsilon) \right) \int_0^t q^2 dx - \frac{1}{\hbar} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \frac{2}{\hbar} (\varphi + \varepsilon) \right) \int_0^t \eta^2 dx
\]
\[
- \frac{1}{18\alpha^2} \int_0^t \left( u_{tt}^2 + \frac{\alpha\pi^2}{\varphi^2} u_{tt}^2 + \theta^2 + p^2 \right) dx - \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} - \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{n} - \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\delta} \right) \int_0^t u_{tt}^2 dx
\]
\[
- \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon \alpha} - \frac{27}{\gamma^2 \alpha^2} - \frac{2}{\alpha} - \frac{2\tau_0^2}{k^2} (\omega + \varepsilon) \right) \int_0^t q_t^2 dx
\]
\[
- \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon \hbar} - \frac{27}{\gamma^2 \hbar^2} - \frac{2}{\hbar} - \frac{2\tau_0^2}{\hbar^2} (\varphi + \varepsilon) \right) \int_0^t \eta_{tt}^2 dx - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_0^t \left( c\theta_t^2 + nP_t^2 \right) dx.
\]

Using (2.13) and choosing \(0 < \varepsilon < 1\) such that all terms on the right-hand side of (3.27) become negative,

\[
\frac{2}{\alpha ((\gamma^2/c)^2 + (\gamma^2/\delta)^2)} < \varepsilon < \min\left\{ \frac{k}{1 + 2\alpha}, \frac{\hbar}{1 + 2\alpha}, \frac{1}{k(1/2) + (\tau_0^2/k^2)(1 + 2\alpha) + (27/\gamma^2 \alpha^2)}, \frac{1}{\hbar((1/2) + (\tau^2/\hbar^2)(1 + 2\alpha) + (27/\gamma^2 \hbar^2))} \right\},
\]

Choosing \(\varepsilon\) as in (3.27), we obtain from
\[
\frac{d}{dt} N(t) \leq -c_1 \int_0^t \left( u_{tt}^2 + u_{tx}^2 + u_{xt}^2 + \theta^2 + p^2 + \theta_t^2 + P_t^2 + q_t^2 + \eta_t^2 + q^2 + \eta^2 \right) dx,
\]
where
\[
c_1 = \frac{1}{2} \min\left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon k}, \frac{1}{\epsilon \hbar}, \frac{1}{9\alpha^2}, \frac{2}{\alpha}, \varepsilon \right\},
\]
which implies
\[
\frac{d}{dt} N(t) \leq -c_2 \varepsilon(t),
\]
with
\[
c_2 = c_1 \left\{ 1, a, c, d, n, \frac{\tau_0}{k}, \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \right\}.
\]
On the other hand, we have

\[ \exists \varepsilon_2 > 0, \exists C_1, C_2 > 0, \forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_2, \forall t > 0 : C_1 \mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{N}(t) \leq C_2 \mathcal{E}(t), \]  

(3.32)

where \( C_1, C_2 \) are determined as follows. Let

\[ \mathcal{H}(t) = \mathcal{N}(t) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathcal{E}(t), \]  

(3.33)

then

\[ |\mathcal{H}(t)| \leq C_1 \mathcal{E}(t), \]  

(3.34)

with

\[ C_1 = \max \left\{ \frac{3(c + d)}{\alpha\gamma_1} + \frac{3(n + d)}{\alpha\gamma_2} \cdot \frac{3}{\alpha^2} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_1} + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} \right), \frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \frac{3k}{\tau_0} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha^2\gamma_1} + \frac{1}{\alpha\gamma_1} + \frac{2}{\alpha k^2} \left( 1 + \frac{c}{\gamma_1} \right) \right), \frac{3\hbar}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha^2\gamma_2} + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} + \frac{2}{\alpha h^2} \left( 1 + \frac{n}{\gamma_2} \right) \right), \frac{6\pi \tau}{\alpha} \left( 1 + \frac{c}{\gamma_1} \right), \frac{6\pi \hbar}{\alpha} \left( 1 + \frac{n}{\gamma_2} \right) \right\}. \]  

(3.35)

Choosing

\[ \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{2C_1}, \]  

(3.36)

we have

\[ C_2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + C_1, \]  

\[ \varepsilon = \min \{ \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \}. \]  

Moreover, from (3.30) and (3.32), we derive

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{N}(t) \leq -c_0 \mathcal{N}(t), \]  

(3.38)

with

\[ c_0 = \frac{c_2}{C_2}, \]  

(3.39)

hence

\[ \mathcal{N}(t) \leq e^{-c_0 t} \mathcal{N}(0). \]  

(3.40)
Applying (3.32) again, we have proved

\[ \mathcal{E}(t) \leq C_0 \mathcal{E}(0) e^{-c_0 t}, \]  

(3.41)

with

\[ C_0 = \frac{C_2}{C_1}, \]  

(3.42)

and it holds.

The copper material was chosen for purposes of numerical evaluations. The physical constants given by Table 1 are found in [20].

Successively we can approximately compute \( \varepsilon_1, C_1, \varepsilon, c_1, c_2, C_0 \), and \( c_0 \) from the previous equations, getting finally

\[ c_0 \approx 2.68 \times 10^{-56}, \]  

(3.43)

which indicates a slow decay of the energy in the beginning but does not mean that solutions do not decay.

Remark 3.3. In particular, we can get

\[ d_0 = O(\tau_0, \tau) \quad \text{as} \ (\tau_0, \tau) \rightarrow (0, 0). \]  

(3.44)

Although the estimate for \( \tau_0 \) and \( \tau \) are very coarse and might be far from being sharp, it indicates a slow decay of the energy in usually measured time periods. The above relation of course does not imply that solutions to the limiting case \((\tau_0, \tau) = (0, 0)\) do not decay. Instead, the decay rate of the thermodiffusion system provides a better rate; that is,

\[ c\theta_t + dP_t - k\theta_{xx} = 0, \quad \text{in} \ ]0, \ell[ \times \mathbb{R}^+, \]  

\[ d\theta_t + nP_t - \hbar P_{xx} = 0, \quad \text{in} \ ]0, \ell[ \times \mathbb{R}^+, \]  

(3.45)

with initial conditions

\[ \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x), \quad P(x, 0) = P_0(x), \quad x \in ]0, \ell[, \]  

(3.46)

and boundary conditions

\[ \theta(0, t) = \theta(\ell, t) = 0, \quad P(0, t) = P(\ell, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0. \]  

(3.47)

In this case, we have

\[ \frac{d}{dt} E(t) = -k \int_0^\ell \theta^2 dx - \hbar \int_0^\ell P^2 dx, \]  

(3.48)
where

\[ E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\xi \left( c \dot{\theta}^2 + n P^2 + 2 d \dot{\theta} P + \frac{\tau_0 q^2}{k} + \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \eta^2 \right) dx. \]  

(3.49)

Using the Poincaré inequality, we get

\[ E(t) \leq e^{-vt} E(0), \]  

(3.50)

with

\[ v = 2 \frac{\pi^2}{\ell^2} \left( \frac{k}{c} + \frac{\hbar}{\nu} \right) \approx 2.43 \times 10^{-3}. \]  

(3.51)

### 4. The Limit Case \((\tau_0, \tau) \to (0, 0)\)

We will show that the energy of the difference of the solution \((u, \theta, P, q, \eta)\) to (2.15)−(2.17) and the the solution \((\tilde{u}, \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{P}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{\eta})\) to the corresponding system with \((\tau_0, \tau) = (0, 0)\) (see [17]) vanishes of order \(\tau_0^2 + \tau^2\) as \((\tau_0, \tau) \to (0, 0)\), provided the values at \(t = 0\) coincide. For this purpose, let \((U, \Theta, \phi, \Phi, \psi)\) denote the difference

\[ U = u - \tilde{u}, \quad \Theta = \theta - \tilde{\theta}, \quad \phi = q - \tilde{q}, \quad \Phi = P - \tilde{P}, \quad \psi = \eta - \tilde{\eta}, \]  

(4.1)

then \((U, \Theta, \phi, \Phi, \psi)\) satisfies

\[ \begin{align*}
U_{tt} - a U_{xx} + y_1 \Theta_x + y_2 \Phi_x &= 0, \\
c \Theta_t + d \Phi_t + \phi_x + y_1 U_{xt} &= 0, \\
\tau_0 \phi_t + \phi + k \Theta_x &= \tau_0 k \tilde{\theta}_x, \\
d \Theta_t + n \Phi_t + \psi_x + y_2 U_{xt} &= 0, \\
\tau \psi_t + \eta + \hbar \psi_x &= \tau \hbar \tilde{P}_{xt},
\end{align*} \]  

(4.2)

\[ \begin{align*}
U(x, 0) &= 0, \quad U_t(x, 0) = 0, \quad \Theta(x, 0) = 0, \quad \Phi(x, 0) = 0, \\
\phi(x, 0) &= 0, \quad \psi(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in ]0, \ell[, 
\end{align*} \]  

(4.3)
\[ U(0, t) = U(\ell, t) = 0, \quad \Theta(0, t) = \Theta(\ell, t) = 0, \quad \Phi(0, t) = \Phi(\ell, t) = 0. \quad (4.4) \]

Here, we assumed the compatibility conditions
\[ q_0 = -k\theta_{0,x}, \quad \eta_0 = -\hbar\phi_{0,x}. \quad (4.5) \]

If \( E(t) \) denotes the energy of first order for \( (U, \Theta, \phi, \Phi, \psi) \); that is,
\[ \frac{d}{dt} E(t) = -\frac{1}{k} \int_0^\ell \phi^2 dx + \tau_0 \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_{xt} \phi dx - \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx + \tau \int_0^\ell \tilde{P}_{xt} \eta dx, \quad (4.6) \]

where
\[ E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\ell \left( U_x^2 + aU_x^2 + c\Theta^2 + n\Phi^2 + 2d\Theta \Phi + \frac{\tau_0}{k} \phi^2 + \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \eta^2 \right) dx. \quad (4.7) \]

Using the Young inequality, we obtain
\[ \frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq -\frac{1}{2k} \int_0^\ell \phi^2 dx + \frac{\tau_0^2 k}{2} \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_{xt}^2 dx - \frac{1}{2\hbar} \int_0^\ell \eta^2 dx + \frac{\tau^2 \hbar}{2} \int_0^\ell \tilde{P}_{xt}^2 dx. \quad (4.8) \]

Using initial condition (4.3) yields
\[ E(t) \leq \frac{\tau_0^2 k}{2} \int_0^t \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds + \frac{\tau^2 \hbar}{2} \int_0^t \int_0^\ell \tilde{P}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds, \quad (4.9) \]

from where we get for \( T > 0 \) fixed, \( t \in [0, T] \)
\[ E(t) \leq \frac{\tau_0^2 k}{2} \int_0^T \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds + \frac{\tau^2 \hbar}{2} \int_0^T \int_0^\ell \tilde{P}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds. \quad (4.10) \]

Moreover, since
\[ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\ell \tilde{P}_{xt}^2(x, s) dx ds < \infty, \quad (4.11) \]

because of the exponential decay of the solution corresponding to the problem when \( (\tau_0, \tau) = (0, 0) \) (see [17]), we obtain a uniform bound on the right-hand side,
\[ \exists C > 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0 : E(t) \leq C \left( \tau_0^2 + \tau^2 \right), \quad (4.12) \]
where
\[
C = \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ k \int_0^T \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_2(x,s)dx \, ds, \ h \int_0^T \int_0^\ell \tilde{\theta}_2^2(x,s)dx \, ds \right\}. \tag{4.13}
\]

Then we have
\[
E(t) \leq O \left( \tau_0^2 + \tau^2 \right) \quad \text{as} \quad (\tau_0, \tau) \rightarrow (0,0), \tag{4.14}
\]
also
\[
\frac{E(t)}{\tau_0^2 + \tau^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow 0. \tag{4.15}
\]

5. Concluding Remarks

(1) By comparison of the approximate value of \( c_0 \approx 2.68 \times 10^{-56} \) with the value \( c_0 \approx 1.75 \times 10^{-13} \) of the problem corresponding to \( (\tau_0, \tau) = (0,0) \) computed in [17], we remark the second value is significantly larger than the first. This confirms that thermoelastic models with second sound are physically more realistic than those given in the classic context.

(2) By comparison of the approximate value of \( c_0 \approx 2.68 \times 10^{-56} \) with the value \( \nu \approx 2.43 \times 10^{-3} \) of the thermodiffusion problem, we conclude that the slow decay of the elastic part is responsible for the low bounds on the decay rates obtained in this paper and in [17].

(3) Finally, we remark that in [17], the exponential decay of the solution was proved by means of the first energy only, while in our case, it is necessary to use second-order derivatives because of the more complicated system with second sound.

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