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## Blowup criterion for the Cauchy problem of 2D compressible viscous micropolar fluids with vacuum

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**Abstract:** In this study, we establish a regular criterion for the 2D compressible micropolar viscous fluids with vacuum that is independent of the velocity of rotation of the microscopic particles. Specifically, we show that if the density verifies  $\|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} < \infty$ , then the strong solution will exist globally on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T)$ . Consequently, we generalize the results of Zhong (Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. Ser. B, **25** (2020), no. 12, 4603–4615) to the compressible case. In particular, we don't need the additional compatibility condition.

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### 1. Introduction

The 2D micropolar equations are a special case of the 3D micropolar equations as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0, \\ (\rho u)_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \otimes u) + \nabla P(\rho) = (\mu + \kappa)\Delta u + (\mu + \lambda - \kappa)\nabla \operatorname{div} u + 2\kappa\nabla^\perp w, \\ (\rho w)_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \otimes w) + 4\kappa w = \mu'\Delta w + 2\kappa\nabla \times u, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\rho = \rho(x_1, x_2, t)$ ,  $u = (u_1(x_1, x_2, t), u_2(x_1, x_2, t), 0)$ ,  $w = w(0, 0, w_3(x_1, x_2, t))$  and  $P(\rho)$  denote the density, velocity, microrotational velocity, and pressure, respectively. The pressure  $P(\rho) = \rho^\gamma$  where  $\gamma > 1$  is the specific heat ratio. The parameter  $\kappa > 0$  is the dynamics micro-rotation viscosity. The viscous constants  $\mu, \lambda, \kappa, \mu'$  satisfy the physical hypothesis:  $\mu > 0, \mu' > 0$  and  $\mu + \lambda - \kappa \geq 0$ . Here, and in what follows,  $\nabla^\perp = (\partial_2, -\partial_1)$ ,  $\nabla \times u = \partial_1 u_2 - \partial_2 u_1$ ,  $\nabla^\perp w = (\partial_2 w, -\partial_1 w)$ . In this paper, we consider an initial value problem of system (1.1) with the initial data:

$$(\rho, u, w)(x, 0) = (\rho_0, u_0, w_0) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (\rho, u, w)(x, t) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0) \quad \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, t \geq 0. \quad (1.2)$$

The micropolar fluids are non-Newtonian fluids with nonsymmetric stress tensors (called polar fluids), which were first established by Eringen [3] in the 1960s. To put our results, let's introduce some results on the topics of well-posedness for the multidimensional micropolar fluids. For incompressible case, the authors [8, 10–12] proved a blowup criterion, and the local and global existence of strong solutions for the whole plane and initial boundary value problem. For the compressible case, provided that initial energy is suitably small, the existence of global strong/classical solutions can be found in [4, 13]. Recently, Huang et al. [5] investigated compressible micropolar fluids on a time-dependent domain with slip boundary conditions, which contains local strong and global weak solutions. On the other hand, some blowup criteria of the strong solutions for the 3D case are proven in [1, 2]. However, the regularity and uniqueness of the weak solution to the micropolar model for large initial data are still open and challenge problems even in the two-dimensional case. Thus, it is important to study the possible mechanism of blow-up to the compressible micropolar model in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Motivated by [9, 11], we will establish a blowup criterion of the compressible micropolar model (1.1) in terms of the  $L_t^\infty L_x^\infty$  norm of  $\rho$  for the 2D case; this gives the first blowup criterion for strong solutions of the 2D compressible micropolar with a vacuum.

## 2. Main result and the proof

Denote  $\bar{x} \triangleq (e + |x|^2)^{1/2} \log^{1+\eta_0}(e + |x|^2)$ , with  $\eta_0 > 0$ .

The local well-posedness result to (1.1)–(1.2) can be similarly obtained by [7] as follows.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Suppose that the initial data  $(\rho_0, \rho_0 u_0, \rho_0 w_0)$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &\geq 0, \quad \bar{x}^a \rho_0 \in L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,q}, \quad \nabla u_0 \in L^2, \\ w_0 &\in H^1, \quad \sqrt{\rho_0} w_0 \in L^2, \quad \sqrt{\rho_0} u_0 \in L^2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

with  $q > 2$  and  $a > 1$ . Then there exist  $T_0, N > 0$ , such that the problem (1.1)–(1.2) has a unique strong solution  $(\rho, u, w)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T_0]$  satisfying

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \in C([0, T_0]; L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,q}), \\ \bar{x}^a \rho \in L^\infty(0, T_0; L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,q}), \\ \sqrt{\rho} u, \nabla u, \sqrt{t} \sqrt{\rho} u_t \in L^\infty(0, T_0; L^2), \\ \sqrt{\rho} w, \sqrt{t} \sqrt{\rho} w_t \in L^\infty(0, T_0; L^2), \quad w \in L^\infty(0, T_0; H^1), \\ \nabla u, \nabla w \in L^2(0, T_0; H^1) \cap L^{\frac{q+1}{q}}(0, T_0; W^{1,q}), \\ \sqrt{t} \nabla u, \sqrt{t} \nabla w \in L^2(0, T_0; W^{1,q}), \\ \sqrt{t} \sqrt{\rho} u_t, \sqrt{t} \sqrt{\rho} w_t, \sqrt{t} \nabla u_t, \sqrt{t} w_t \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T_0)), \end{array} \right. \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\inf_{0 \leq t \leq T_0} \int_{B_N} \rho(x, t) dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \rho_0(x, t) dx. \quad (2.3)$$

Our main result of this paper is stated as the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that the initial data  $(\rho_0, \rho_0 u_0, \rho_0 w_0)$  verifies*

$$\rho_0 \geq 0, \quad \bar{x}^a \rho_0 \in L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,q}, \quad \nabla u_0 \in L^2, \quad w_0 \in H^1, \quad \sqrt{\rho_0} w_0 \in L^2, \quad \sqrt{\rho_0} u_0 \in L^2,$$

with  $q > 2$  and  $a > 1$ . Let  $(\rho, u, w)$  be a strong solution to the Cauchy problem (1.1)–(1.2). If  $0 < T^* < \infty$  is the maximal time of existence, then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} = \infty. \quad (2.4)$$

**Remark 2.1.** Chen [2] established a Serrin's blowup criterion for 3D compressible micropolar fluids, i.e.,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} (\|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} + \|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^s(0,T;L^r)}) = \infty, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $r$  and  $s$  satisfy  $\frac{2}{s} + \frac{3}{r} \leq 1$ ,  $3 < r \leq \infty$ . It is clear that the blowup criterion in (2.4) for compressible micropolar fluids is weaker than the one in (2.5). Especially, we also notice that (2.4) is no additional growth condition on the micro-rotational velocity and linear velocity. On the other hand, we also extend the incompressible case in Zhong [11] to the compressible case.

Now, we introduce the viscous flux of the compressible micropolar equations as follows,  $F := (2\mu + \lambda)\operatorname{div}u - P(\rho)$ ,  $V_1 := \nabla \times u$ ,  $V_2 := \nabla^\perp w$ , which implies

$$\Delta F = \operatorname{div}(\rho\dot{u}), \quad (\mu + \kappa)\Delta V_1 = \nabla^\perp(\rho\dot{u} - 2\kappa V_2), \quad \mu'\Delta V_2 - 4\kappa V_2 = \nabla^\perp(\rho\dot{w} - 2\kappa V_1).$$

Similar to [2], we give the estimates of the effective viscous flux below.

**Lemma 2.1.** Denote  $\dot{u} = u_t + u \cdot \nabla u$ ,  $\dot{w} = w_t + u \cdot \nabla w$ . Let  $(\rho, u, w)$  be a strong solution of (1.1)–(1.2). Then for  $p \geq 2$  there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending only on  $p$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$  and  $\mu'$  such that

$$\|\nabla F\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla V_1\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla V_2\|_{L^p} \leq C(\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^p} + \|\rho\dot{w}\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^p} + \|w\|_{L^p}), \quad (2.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|V_1\|_{L^p} + \|V_2\|_{L^p} &\leq C(\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\rho\dot{w}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^2} + \|w\|_{L^2})^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \\ &\quad \cdot (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^2} + \|P(\rho)\|_{L^2})^{\frac{2}{p}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^p} &\leq C(\|\rho\dot{u}\|_{L^2} + \|\rho\dot{w}\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^2} + \|w\|_{L^2})^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \\ &\quad \cdot (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^2} + \|P(\rho)\|_{L^2})^{\frac{2}{p}} + C\|P(\rho)\|_{L^p}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Now we shall prove Theorem 2.1 by contradiction arguments. So, we assume that the opposite holds, i.e.,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T^*} \|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} \leq M_0 < \infty. \quad (2.9)$$

To begin with, we have the following basic energy estimate:

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|P(\rho)\|_{L^1} + \|\sqrt{\rho}u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho}w\|_{L^2}^2) + \int_0^T (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|w\|_{H^1}^2) dt \leq C. \quad (2.10)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Under the condition (2.9), it holds that for  $0 \leq t \leq T^*$

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|w\|_{H^1}^2) + \int_0^T (\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2) dt \leq C. \quad (2.11)$$

*Proof.* Multiplying (1.1)<sub>2</sub> and (1.1)<sub>3</sub> by  $\dot{u}$  and  $\dot{w}$  respectively, then integrating the resulting equations by parts over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we obtain after adding them together that

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\rho|\dot{u}|^2 + \rho|\dot{w}|^2)dx &= - \int \dot{u} \cdot \nabla P(\rho)dx + \mu \int \dot{u} \cdot \Delta u dx + (\mu + \lambda) \int \dot{u} \cdot \nabla \operatorname{div} u dx - \kappa \int \dot{u} \cdot \operatorname{rot}(\operatorname{rot} u) dx \\ &\quad + \mu' \int \dot{w} \Delta w dx - 4\kappa \int w \dot{w} dx + 2\kappa \int \nabla^\perp w \cdot \dot{u} dx + 2\kappa \int \operatorname{rot} u \dot{w} dx =: \sum_{i=1}^8 I_i. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Similar to the estimates of [9],  $I_i (i = 1, \dots, 6)$  can be given as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^6 I_i &\leq \frac{d}{dt} \int \left( P(\rho) \operatorname{div} u - \frac{\mu}{2} |\nabla u|^2 - \frac{\mu'}{2} |\nabla w|^2 - \frac{\mu + \lambda}{2} (\operatorname{div} u)^2 - \frac{\kappa}{2} |\operatorname{rot} u|^2 - 2\kappa |w|^2 \right) dx \\ &\quad + C(\|\nabla w\|_{L^3}^3 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^3}^3 + \|w\|_{L^3}^3), \end{aligned}$$

and that

$$I_7 + I_8 = 2\kappa \int (w \operatorname{rot} u_t + w_t \operatorname{rot} u) dx + 2\kappa \int (\nabla^\perp w \cdot (u \cdot \nabla u) + \operatorname{rot} u \cdot (u \cdot \nabla w)) dx = 2\kappa \frac{d}{dt} \int w \operatorname{rot} u dx,$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} &2\kappa \int (\nabla^\perp w \cdot (u \cdot \nabla u) + \operatorname{rot} u \cdot (u \cdot \nabla w)) dx \\ &= 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 w + u_2 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_1 w - u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 w) dx \\ &\quad + 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_1 w + u_2 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 w - u_2 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_2 w) dx \\ &= 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 w - u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 w + u_2 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 w) dx \\ &= -2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 u_1 w + u_1 \partial_{21}^2 u_1 w) dx + 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 u_2 w + u_2 \partial_{12}^2 u_2 w) dx \\ &\quad - 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 u_2 w + u_2 \partial_{21}^2 u_2 w) dx + 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 u_1 w + u_1 \partial_{12}^2 u_1 w) dx \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, putting  $I_i$  into (2.12), by taking advantage of (2.8), (2.9), Hölder's and Young inequalities, we are led to

$$\begin{aligned} B'(t) + \int (\rho|\dot{u}|^2 + \rho|\dot{w}|^2)dx &\leq C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^2) + C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^3}^3 + \|\nabla w\|_{L^3}^3) + C\|w\|_{L^2}^4 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2) + C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^4 + \|w\|_{H^1}^4 + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$B(t) := \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu + \lambda}{2} \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu'}{2} \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\operatorname{rot} u - 2w\|_{L^2}^2 - \int \operatorname{div} u P(\rho) dx$$

$$\geq \frac{\mu}{4} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu + \lambda}{2} \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu'}{2} \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\operatorname{rot} u - 2w\|_{L^2}^2 - C.$$

Then, using (2.10) and Gronwall's inequality leads to (2.11), the conclusion follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Under the condition (2.9), it holds that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t(\|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho}\dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2) + \int_0^T (t\|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + t\|\dot{w}\|_{H^1}^2) dt \leq C. \quad (2.14)$$

*Proof.* Operating  $\dot{u}_j[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(u \cdot \cdot)]$  and  $\dot{w}[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(u \cdot \cdot)]$  to (1.1)<sub>2</sub> and (1.1)<sub>3</sub> respectively, summing up and integrating by parts over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int (\rho|\dot{u}|^2 + \rho|\dot{w}|^2) dx \\ &= (\mu + \kappa) \int \dot{u}_j [\Delta u_{tj} + \operatorname{div}(u \Delta u_j)] dx + \mu' \int \dot{w} [\Delta w_t + \operatorname{div}(u \Delta w)] dx \\ &+ (\mu + \lambda - \kappa) \int \dot{u}_j [\partial_t \partial_j \operatorname{div} u + \operatorname{div}(u \partial_j \operatorname{div} u)] dx - \int \dot{u}_j [\partial_j P_t(\rho) + \operatorname{div}(\partial_j P(\rho) u)] dx \\ &+ 2\kappa \int \dot{u}_j [\nabla^\perp w_t + \partial_i(u_i \nabla^\perp w)] dx + 2\kappa \int \dot{w} [\nabla \times u_t + \partial_i(u_i \nabla \times u)] dx \\ &- 4\kappa \int \dot{w} [w_t + \operatorname{div}(uw)] dx =: \sum_{i=1}^7 J_i. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

By virtue of estimates in [9], one can similarly give  $J_i (i = 1, \dots, 4)$  as follows

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 J_i \leq \int \left( -\mu |\nabla \dot{u}|^2 - (\lambda + \mu) (\operatorname{div} \dot{u})^2 - \kappa |\nabla \times \dot{u}|^2 - \frac{\mu'}{2} |\nabla \dot{w}|^2 \right) + C(\|\nabla u\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\nabla w\|_{L^4}^4 + \|w\|_{L^4}^4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_5 &= 2\kappa \int \dot{w} (\nabla \times \dot{u}) dx - 2\kappa \int (u \cdot \nabla w (\nabla \times \dot{u}) + u \cdot \nabla \dot{u} \cdot \nabla^\perp w) dx \\ &\leq 2\kappa \int \dot{w} (\nabla \times \dot{u}) dx + \frac{\kappa}{4} \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^4}^4 + C \|w\|_{L^4}^4, \\ J_6 &= 2\kappa \int \dot{w} (\nabla \times \dot{u}) dx - 2\kappa \int (u \cdot \nabla u \cdot (\nabla^\perp \dot{w}) + u \cdot \nabla \dot{w} (\nabla \times u)) dx \\ &= 2\kappa \int \dot{w} (\nabla \times \dot{u}) dx, \\ J_7 &= -4\kappa \int |\dot{w}|^2 dx + 4\kappa \int (u_1 \dot{w} \partial_1 w + u_2 \dot{w} \partial_2 w + u_1 w \partial_1 \dot{w} + u_2 w \partial_2 \dot{w}) dx \\ &= -4\kappa \int |\dot{w}|^2 dx + 4\kappa \int (u_1 \dot{w} \partial_1 w + u_2 \dot{w} \partial_2 w - u_2 \partial_2 w \dot{w} - u_1 \partial_1 w \dot{w}) dx \\ &\quad - 4\kappa \int (w \dot{w} \partial_2 u_2 + w \dot{w} \partial_1 u_1) dx \\ &\leq -4\kappa \int |\dot{w}|^2 dx + \delta \|\dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^4}^4 + C \|w\|_{L^4}^4, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the following facts that

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2\kappa \int (u \cdot \nabla w \cdot (\nabla \times \dot{u}) + u \cdot \nabla \dot{u} \cdot \nabla^\perp w) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 \partial_1 w + u_2 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 \partial_1 w - u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 \partial_2 w) dx \\
&\quad + 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_1 \partial_2 w + u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 \partial_1 w - u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_2 \partial_1 w) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (u_2 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 \partial_2 w - u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_2 \partial_1 w) dx + 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_1 \partial_2 w - u_1 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 \partial_1 w) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_2 w + u_2 \partial_{21}^2 \dot{u}_2 w - \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 w - u_2 \partial_{12}^2 \dot{u}_2 w) dx \\
&\quad + 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 w + u_1 \partial_{21}^2 \dot{u}_1 w - \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_1 w - u_1 \partial_{12}^2 \dot{u}_1 w) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 \dot{u}_2 w - \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{u}_2 w) dx + 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{u}_1 w - \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 \dot{u}_1 w) dx \\
&\leq 2\kappa \int |\nabla u| |\nabla \dot{u}| |w| dx, \\
& 2\kappa \int (u \cdot \nabla u \cdot \nabla^\perp \dot{w} + u \cdot \nabla \dot{w} (\nabla \times u)) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{w} + u_2 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{w} - u_1 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{w} - u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{w}) dx \\
&\quad + 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{w} + u_2 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 \dot{w} - u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 \dot{w} - u_2 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{w}) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (u_1 \partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 \dot{w} - u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \partial_1 \dot{w}) dx + 2\kappa \int (u_2 \partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 \dot{w} - u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \partial_1 \dot{w}) dx \\
&= 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \dot{w} + u_1 \partial_{21}^2 u_1 \dot{w} - \partial_1 u_1 \partial_2 u_1 \dot{w} - u_1 \partial_{12}^2 u_1 \dot{w}) dx \\
&\quad + 2\kappa \int (\partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \dot{w} + u_2 \partial_{21}^2 u_2 \dot{w} - \partial_1 u_2 \partial_2 u_2 \dot{w} - u_2 \partial_{12}^2 u_2 \dot{w}) dx = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, inserting  $J_i (i = 1, \dots, 7)$  into (2.15), and choosing  $\delta$  small enough, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \int (\rho |\dot{u}|^2 + \rho |\dot{w}|^2) dx + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu'}{2} \|\nabla \dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\kappa \|\dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2 \\
&\leq C(\|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2) + C \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^2 + C \|w\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^2 + C,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

where we have used (2.8), and (2.9). Then, multiplying (2.28) by  $t$ , and integrating resultant over  $(0, T)$ , we deduce (2.14) from (2.16), (2.10), (2.11) and Gronwall's inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Under the condition (2.9), it holds that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\rho\|_{H^1 \cap W^{1,q}} + t \|\nabla u\|_{H^1} + t \|\nabla w\|_{H^1}) + \int_0^T (\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^q}) dt \leq C. \tag{2.17}$$

*Proof.* First,  $|\nabla \rho|^q (q > 2)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^q} &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty}) \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^q} + C \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q} \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty}) \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^q} + C \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^q} + C \|\nabla w\|_{L^q}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

where we used the fact that

$$\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q} \leq C(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla P\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^q}), \quad \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^q} \leq C(\|\rho \dot{w}\|_{L^q} + \|w\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^q}), \quad (2.19)$$

which follows from the standard  $L^p$ -estimate for the following elliptic systems:

$$(\mu + \kappa) \Delta u + (\mu + \lambda - \kappa) \nabla \operatorname{div} u = \rho \dot{u} + \nabla P(\rho) - 2\kappa \nabla^\perp w, \quad \mu' \Delta w - 4\kappa w = \rho \dot{w} - 2\kappa \nabla \times u.$$

Next, it follows from the Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality and Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + \|V_1\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C\|F_1\|_{L^\infty} + C\|P\|_{L^\infty} + C\|V_1\|_{L^\infty} \leq C(q) + C(q)\|\nabla F\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q}{2(q-1)}} + C(q)\|\nabla V_1\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q}{2(q-1)}} \\ &\leq C(q) + C(q)(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^q})^{\frac{q}{2(q-1)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

By using the Beale-Kato-Majda type inequality (cf. [6]), and (2.19), we are led to

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C(\|\operatorname{div} u\|_{L^\infty} + \|V_1\|_{L^\infty}) \log(e + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q}) + C\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + C \\ &\leq C(1 + \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^q} + \|\nabla w\|_{L^q}) \log(e + \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^p}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Next, by taking advantage of Hölder's and Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequalities, (2.11) and (2.12) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^q} dt &\leq \int_0^T \left( \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q+1}{q}} + t \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^q}^2 \right) dt \\ &\leq C \int_0^T \left( \|\sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + t \|\nabla \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + t^{-\frac{q^3+q^2-2q-2}{q^3-q^2-2q}} + 1 \right) dt \leq C, \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T (\|\nabla u\|_{L^q}^2 + \|\nabla w\|_{L^q}^2) dt &\leq C \int_0^T \|\nabla w\|_{L^2}^{\frac{4}{q}} \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^2}^{2-\frac{4}{q}} dt + C \int_0^T \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{4}{q}} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2}^{2-\frac{4}{q}} dt \\ &\leq C \int_0^T (\|\rho \dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|w\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2) dt \leq C, \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

which along with Gronwall's inequality, (2.23) and (2.19) that

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^q} \leq C, \quad \int_0^T (\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q+1}{q}} + \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q+1}{q}} + t \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^q}^2 + t \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^q}^2) dt \leq C. \quad (2.24)$$

Finally, taking  $q = 2$  in (2.18), one gets from (2.11), (2.21), (2.24), and Gronwall's inequality that

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^2} \leq C. \quad (2.25)$$

The standard  $L^2$ -estimate for the elliptic systems, (2.10), (2.12), (2.14) lead to

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (t \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2}^2 + t \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^2}^2) \leq C \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t(\|\rho \dot{u}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\rho \dot{w}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla P\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|w\|_{H^1}^2) \leq C.$$

From which, by virtue of (2.24) and (2.25), the conclusion follows.  $\square$

With the aid of (2.17), the following  $x$ -weighted estimate of  $\rho(x, t)$  can be found in [9, Lemma 3.7].

**Lemma 2.5.** *Under the condition (2.9), it holds that for  $a > 1$ ,  $q > 2$  and  $0 \leq T \leq T^*$ ,*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\bar{x}^a \rho\|_{L^1 \cap H^1 \cap W^{1,q}} \leq C. \quad (2.26)$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Under the condition (2.9), it holds that for  $0 \leq T \leq T^*$ ,*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t(\|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^2}^2) + \int_0^T (t\|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + t\|\nabla w_t\|_{L^2}^2) dt \leq C. \quad (2.27)$$

*Proof.* It follows from (2.19), Hölder's and Young's inequalites that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int (\rho|u_t|^2 + \rho|w_t|^2) dx + \int [(\mu + \kappa)|\nabla u_t|^2 + \mu'|\nabla w_t|^2] dx + (\mu + \lambda - \kappa) \int (\operatorname{div} u_t)^2 dx + 4\kappa \int |w_t|^2 dx \\ & \leq 4\kappa \int |w_t|^2 dx + \kappa \int |\nabla u_t|^2 dx + C \int (P|\operatorname{div} u| + |\nabla P||u|) |\operatorname{div} u_t| dx + C\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^4}^2 \\ & \quad + C\|\nabla w\|_{L^2} \|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^3} \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^6} + C\|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^6} \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^3} \|\nabla w_t\|_{L^2} + C\|\nabla w\|_{L^2} \|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^8} \|\nabla u\|_{L^4} \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^8} \\ & \quad + C\|\rho^{\frac{1}{4}} u\|_{L^{12}}^2 \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^2} + C\|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^8}^2 \|\nabla w\|_{L^4} \|\nabla w_t\|_{L^2} + C\|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^6} \|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^3} \|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2} \\ & \quad + C\|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^6} \|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^3} \|\nabla u\|_{L^4}^2 + C\|\rho^{\frac{1}{4}} u\|_{L^{12}}^2 \|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^3} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2} + C\|\sqrt{\rho} u\|_{L^8}^2 \|\nabla u\|_{L^4} \|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq 4\kappa\|w_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa\|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \delta(\|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla w_t\|_{L^2}^2) + C(\delta)(\|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\nabla^2 w\|_{L^2}^2) \\ & \quad + C(\|\sqrt{\rho} u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\sqrt{\rho} w_t\|_{L^2}^2) + C\|\bar{x}^{-a} u\|_{L^{\frac{2q}{q-2}}}^2 \|\rho\|_{L^\infty}^{2(\gamma-1)} \|\bar{x}^a \nabla \rho\|_{L^q}^2 + C \\ & \leq 4\kappa\|w_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \kappa\|\nabla u_t\|_{L^2}^2 + \delta\|(\nabla u_t, \nabla w_t)\|_{L^2}^2 + C\|(\sqrt{\rho} u_t, \sqrt{\rho} w_t, \sqrt{\rho} \dot{u}, \sqrt{\rho} \dot{w})\|_{L^2}^2 + C, \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

where we have used the following fact that for any  $\sigma \in (0, 1]$ , and any  $s > 2$ , see [9, (3.72)],

$$\|\rho^\sigma v\|_{L^{\frac{s}{\sigma}}} \leq C\|\rho^{\frac{3\sigma}{4s}}\|_{L^{\frac{4s}{2\sigma}}} \|\rho^{\frac{\sigma}{4s}} \bar{x}^{\frac{\sigma a}{4s}}\|_{L^{\frac{4s}{\sigma}}} \|v \bar{x}^{-\frac{\sigma a}{4s}}\|_{L^{\frac{4s}{\sigma}}} \leq C(\|\sqrt{\rho} v\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}).$$

Then, multiplying (2.28) by  $t$  and choosing  $\delta$  small enough, we obtain (2.27) after using Gronwall's inequality, (2.11), and (2.14). The conclusion follows.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Similar to [12], by taking advantage of the estimates in Lemmas 2.2–2.6, we can define  $(\rho, u, w)(x, T^*) \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} (\rho, u, w)(x, t)$  as a new initial data, which starts from  $T^*$ . In view of the local well-posedness presented in Proposition 2.1, we can extend the local strong solution beyond  $T^*$ , which contradicts the definition of  $T^*$ . Thus, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

### 3. Conclusions

In this work, we show that if the density verifies  $\|\rho\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^\infty)} < \infty$ , then the strong solution of the 2D compressible micropolar viscous fluids with vacuum will exist globally on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, T)$ . Consequently, we generalize the results of Zhong (Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. Ser. B, **25** (2020), no. 12, 4603–4615) to the compressible case. In particular, we don't need the additional compatibility condition.

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