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We consider the following system of nonlinear dispersive equations

$$\begin{cases} u_t + u_x - u_{xxt} + (Au^2 + Buv + Cv^2)_x = 0, & x \in [0, L], t \geq 0 \\ v_t + v_x - v_{xxt} + (Du^2 + Euv + Fv^2)_x = 0, & x \in [0, L], t \geq 0 \\ u(0, t) = a(t), & u(L, t) = b(t) \\ u(0, t) = c(t), & u(L, t) = d(t) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad x \in [0, L] \end{cases}$$

where $L > 0$ is given number, $u = u(x, t), v = v(x, t)$ are functions defined on $[0, L] \times \mathbb{R}^+$ and $A, B, \dots, F \in \mathbb{R}$ are constants. We discuss conditions to have the problem well-posed both locally and globally in time. (Received September 22, 2011)