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# Asymptotic behavior for the semilinear reaction–diffusion equations with memory

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider the dynamics of a reaction–diffusion equation with fading memory and nonlinearity satisfying arbitrary polynomial growth condition. Firstly, we prove a criterion in a general setting as an alternative method (or technique) to the existence of the bi-spaces attractors for the nonlinear evolutionary equations (see Theorem 2.14). Secondly, we prove the asymptotic compactness of the semigroup on  $L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$  by using the contractive function, and the global attractor is confirmed. Finally, the bi-spaces global attractor is obtained by verifying the asymptotic compactness of the semigroup on  $L^p(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$  with initial data in  $L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$ .

**Keywords:** Reaction–diffusion equation; Memory; The bi-spaces asymptotic compact; Global attractor; Arbitrary polynomial growth

## 1 Introduction

The aim of this paper is to analyze the long-time behavior of solutions of the following semilinear reaction–diffusion equations with fading memory:

$$u_t - \Delta u - \int_0^\infty k(s)\Delta u(t-s) ds + f(u) = g, \quad (1.1)$$

with Dirichlet boundary condition, where  $g \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) is a bounded domain with smooth boundary, nonlinearity  $f$ , and the memory kernel function  $k(s)$  satisfying posterior adaptation hypothesis which will be given below (see, e.g., [3, 4]).

This kind of integro-differential reaction–diffusion equation is well known and can be interpreted, for instance, as a model of heat diffusion with memory which also accounts for a reaction process depending on the temperature itself (see, e.g., [1, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16] and the references therein). This equation also appears as the model of polymers and high viscosity liquids, the diffusion process is influenced by the past historical growth, which is mainly represented in the convolution term of fading memory characterizing diffusion species to a suitable memory core [12]. The energy dissipative speed for equation (1.1) is faster than the common reaction diffusion equation ( $k \equiv 0$ ). The heat energy transmission is not only affected by the present external force but also by the historical external force, and as time elapses, this effect will gradually decline.

As  $k = 0$ , equation (1.1) reduces to usual reaction diffusion, the long-time behavior and related issues of solutions of this problem have been extensively discussed in recent years

(see, e.g., [2, 5, 14, 17, 19–23, 26] and the references therein). The above problem has also been analyzed within the theory of infinite-dimensional dynamical systems [6, 8, 10], following Dafermos’ idea of introducing an additional variable  $\eta^t$ , the past history of  $u$ , whose evolution is ruled by a first-order hyperbolic equation (see, e.g., [7, 8] and the references therein). Thus the original problem (1.1) can be transformed into a dynamical system on a phase space with two components (1.13) or (1.15) (see, e.g., [3, 4]). In [9], the existence of an absorbing set for heat conduction equation with memory has been proved in  $L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$  and  $H^1_0(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega))$ . Next, in [8], when the nonlinear term  $f$  satisfies critical growth, the existence of global attractor is obtained in  $L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$ . In [10], when nonlinearity is subcritical, the author obtains the existence of bounded absorbing sets in  $H^1_0(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega))$ . In [25], the bi-spaces global attractor  $\mathcal{A}$  is confirmed in  $(L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega)), H^1_0(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega)))$ , the nonlinearity  $f$  satisfies the polynomial growth of arbitrary order and bi-spaces global attractor  $\mathcal{A} \subset H^1_0(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega))$ .

As we know, if we want to prove the existence of global attractors, the key point is to obtain the compactness of the semigroup in some sense. Noticing that the nonlinearity satisfies arbitrary polynomial growth condition and Eq. (1.1) has no higher regularity owing to fading memory and the embedding  $L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega)) \hookrightarrow L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$  is noncompact, so Sobolev embeddings are no longer compact and the asymptotic compactness of solutions cannot be obtained by the usual method. To overcome the difficulty of the noncompact embedding, in [18], using the idea of the contractive function method, the authors consider the asymptotic behavior of nonautonomous wave equations, they prove that the family of processes is uniformly asymptotically compact under the nonlinearity  $f$  satisfying critical growth (see, e.g., [18]). In [23, 24], the authors consider the asymptotic behavior of nonclassical diffusion equations with the nonlinearity satisfying arbitrary polynomial growth by the (uniform) asymptotic contractive function method, but the initial data  $z_0$  and the solution  $z$  of Eq. (1.1) belong to the same space  $z_0, z(t) \in H^1_0(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$ . Unfortunately, it is well known that we cannot get that the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is the contractive semigroup on  $L^p(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega))$  directly when the nonlinearity  $f$  satisfies the polynomial growth of arbitrary order.

In this paper, we take the extension of the method in [18, 23, 24, 27, 28] to the norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on a product space. The abstract result, which proves the existence of bi-space global attractors, is obtained (see Theorem 2.9). As an application, we confirm the existence of  $(L^2(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1_0(\Omega)), L^p(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1_0(\Omega)))$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{A}$  for the reaction–diffusion equation with memory and arbitrarily growing nonlinearity.

The nonlinearity  $f$  satisfies  $f \in C^1, f(0) = 0$ , and the arbitrary order exponential growth condition

$$\alpha_1 |s|^p - \beta_1 \leq f(s) \leq \alpha_2 |s|^p + \beta_2, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, p \geq 2, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), and  $l$  are positive constants and dissipative conditions

$$f'(s) \geq -l, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.3}$$

Let  $F(s) = \int_0^s f(\tau) d\tau$ , by (1.2) there exist constants  $\tilde{\alpha}_i, \tilde{\beta}_i > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that

$$\tilde{\alpha}_1 |s|^p - \tilde{\beta}_1 \leq F(s) \leq \tilde{\alpha}_2 |s|^p + \tilde{\beta}_2. \tag{1.4}$$

Concerning the memory kernel function  $k(s)$ , let  $\mu(s) = -k'(s)$ . We hypothesize

$$\mu \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^+) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^+), \quad \mu(s) \geq 0, \quad \mu'(s) \leq 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}^+, \tag{1.5}$$

and there are constants  $\delta, \gamma > 0$  such that

$$\mu'(s) + \delta\mu(s) \leq 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}^+. \tag{1.6}$$

From (1.5) and (1.6), we get

$$\mu(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mu(s) = 0 \tag{1.7}$$

and

$$m_0 = \int_0^\infty \mu(s) ds. \tag{1.8}$$

Next, we introduce the past history of  $u$ , that is,

$$\eta^t = \eta^t(x, s) := \int_0^s u(x, t - \tau) d\tau, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}^+, \tag{1.9}$$

then  $\eta_t^t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \eta^t, \eta_s^t = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \eta^t$ , and

$$\eta_t^t = -\eta_s^t + u. \tag{1.10}$$

Historical variable  $u_0(\cdot, -s)$  of  $u$  satisfies the following conditions: there exist positive constant  $\mathfrak{N}$  and  $\sigma \leq \delta$  ( $\delta$  is from (1.6)) such that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\sigma s} \|u_0(-s)\|_0^2 ds \leq \mathfrak{N}. \tag{1.11}$$

Combining with (1.7) and (1.9), properties of Lebesgue integral and partial integral, we get

$$\int_0^\infty k(s) \Delta u(t - s) ds = \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \Delta \eta^t(s) ds. \tag{1.12}$$

Hence, (1.1) is transformed into the following system:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u - \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \Delta \eta^t(s) ds + f(u) = g, \\ \eta_t^t = -\eta_s^t + u, \end{cases} \tag{1.13}$$

with initial-boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} u(x, t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, & \eta^t(x, s)|_{\partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+} = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & \eta^0(x, s) = \int_0^s u_0(x, -\tau) d\tau, \quad (x, s) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+. \end{cases} \tag{1.14}$$

Now, denoting  $z(t) = (u(t), \eta^t)$  as the solution of problem (1.13) with initial data  $z_0 = (u_0, \eta^0)$  and setting

$$Qz = \left( \Delta u + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \Delta \eta^t(s) ds, u - \eta_s^t \right)$$

and

$$G(z) = (g - f, 0),$$

problem (1.13) with initial-boundary conditions (1.14) assumes the compact form

$$\begin{cases} z_t = Qz + G(z) & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\ z(x, 0) = z_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ z(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+. \end{cases} \tag{1.15}$$

For convenience, hereafter the  $m(e)$  or  $|e|$  denote the Lebesgue measure of  $e \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $C$  is an arbitrarily positive constant, which may be different from line to line, even in the same line. Let  $|u|$  be the modular (or absolute value) of  $u$ ,  $|\cdot|_p$  be the norm of  $L^p(\Omega)$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) (particular denoting  $H = L^2(\Omega)$ ) and  $\|\cdot\|_0 = |\nabla \cdot|_2$  be the equivalent norm of  $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Denote  $A = -\Delta, D(A) = H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$  with the equivalent norm of  $\|\cdot\|_1 = |\Delta \cdot|_2$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $X^*$  be the dual space of  $X$ , and  $L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, X)$  be Hilbert spaces of functions  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$ , endowed with the inner product and norm respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_{\mu, X} &= \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \langle \varphi(s), \psi(s) \rangle_X ds, \quad \forall \varphi, \psi \in X^*. \\ \|\varphi\|_{\mu, X}^2 &= \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \|\varphi(s)\|_X^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\|\varphi\|_{\mu, 0}^2$  as  $X = V$  and  $\|\varphi\|_{\mu, 1}^2$  as  $X = D(A)$ .

**Lemma 1.1** ([24]) *Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space,  $I = [0, T], \forall T \geq 0$ , memory kernel  $\mu(s)$  satisfy (1.4) and (1.5). Then, for any  $\eta^t \in C(I, L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, X))$ , the following estimate*

$$\langle \eta^t, \eta_s^t \rangle_{\mu, X} \geq \frac{\delta}{2} \|\eta^t\|_{\mu, X}^2 \tag{1.16}$$

holds, where  $\delta$  is from (1.6).

Let  $X, Y$  be two Banach spaces, we also define a class of Banach product spaces  $\mathcal{M} = X \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, Y)$  with norm  $\|(\cdot, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{M}}^2 = \|\cdot\|_X^2 + \|\cdot\|_{\mu, Y}^2$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{L}_2 = H \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, V), \mathcal{L}_p = L^p(\Omega) \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, V), \mathcal{M}_1 = V \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, V)$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_2 = D(A) \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, D(A))$ .

## 2 Abstract results

As mentioned earlier, our main work is to consider the existence of the  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -global attractor for Eq. (1.1). Thus, we have to recall some basic concepts about the bi-space global attractor and then give a new criterion for the existence of bi-space attractors.

**Definition 2.1** ([26]) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a family of operators on  $X$ . We say that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on  $X$  if  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  satisfies:

- (i)  $S(0) = \text{Id}$  (the identity);
- (ii)  $S(t)S(s) = S(t + s) \forall t, s \geq 0$ ;
- (iii)  $S(t_n)x_n \rightarrow S(t)x$  if  $t_n \rightarrow t$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

In the evolution equation, this kind of semigroup corresponds to a solution that only satisfies weaker stability condition and, generally, it is neither continuous (i.e., norm-to-norm) nor weakly continuous (i.e., weak-to-weak). But obviously, the continuous semigroup and the weakly continuous semigroup are both norm-to-weak continuous semigroups. As is known to all, for some concrete problems, it is difficult to verify whether the semigroup is continuous or weakly continuous in a stronger normed space. However, it follows from the results described in what follows that the semigroup is norm-to-weak continuous in a stronger normed space.

**Lemma 2.2** ([5, 22, 26]) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and  $X^*, Y^*$  be their respective dual spaces, satisfying

$$X \xhookrightarrow{i} Y \quad \text{and} \quad Y^* \xhookrightarrow{i^*} X^*,$$

where the injection  $i : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and its adjoint  $i^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is densely injective. Suppose also that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a semigroup on  $X$  and  $Y$ . Assume furthermore that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a continuous semigroup or a weak continuous semigroup on  $Y$ . Then  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on  $X$  if and only if  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  maps the compact subset of  $X \times \mathbb{R}^+$  into the bounded set of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([2, 5]) A set  $\mathcal{A} \subset X$ , which is invariant, closed in  $X$ , compact in  $Z$ , and attracts bounded subsets of  $X$  in the topology of  $Z$ , is called an  $(X, Z)$ -global attractor.

**Definition 2.4** ([2, 5]) Let  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a semigroup on a Banach space  $X$ . A set  $B_0 \subset Z$  is called  $(X, Z)$ -bounded absorbing set if, for any bounded subset  $B$  of  $X$ , there is  $T = T(B)$  such that  $S(t)B \subset B_0$  provided that  $t \geq T$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([2]) Let  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a semigroup on a Banach space  $X$ . The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is called  $(X, Z)$ -asymptotically compact if, for any bounded (in  $X$ ) sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X$  and  $t_n \geq 0, t_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\{S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a convergent subsequence with respect to the topology of  $Z$ .

**Lemma 2.6** ([10]) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces with respective norms  $\|\cdot\|_X$  and  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ , with  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X) \cap \mathcal{B}(Y)$ . Assume that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in B$  and  $x_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|_X} x_0, x_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|_Y} y_0, x_0, y_0 \in B$ . Then

$$x_0 = y_0,$$

where  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  denotes the collection of all bounded subsets of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([18, 24]) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $B$  be a bounded subset of  $X$ . We call a function  $\phi(\cdot, \cdot)$ , defined on  $X \times X$ , a contractive function if, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset B$ , there is a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  satisfying

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_{n_k}, x_{n_l}) = 0. \tag{2.1}$$

We denote the set of all contractive functions on  $B \times B$  by  $\mathfrak{C}(B)$ .

In the following theorem, we present a new method (or technique) to verify the asymptotic compactness of a semigroup generated by evolutionary equations, which will be used in our later discussion.

**Lemma 2.8** ([13, 18, 24]) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $B$  be a bounded subset of  $X$ ,  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a semigroup with a bounded absorbing set  $B_0$  on  $X$ . Moreover, assume that, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $T = T(B; \varepsilon)$  and  $\phi_T(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathfrak{C}(B)$  such that

$$\|S(T)x - S(T)y\|_X \leq \varepsilon + \phi_T(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in B,$$

where  $\phi_T$  depend on  $T$ . Then the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is asymptotically compact in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $X, Z$  be two Banach spaces satisfying

$$Z \overset{i}{\hookrightarrow} X,$$

where the injection  $i : Z \rightarrow X$  is continuous, and  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a continuous semigroup on  $X$  and a semigroup on  $Z$ . Suppose that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, X)$ -global attractor. Then  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, Z)$ -global attractor provided that the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, Z)$ -bounded absorbing set  $B_0$ ;
- (ii)  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is  $(X, Z)$ -asymptotically compact.

*Proof* From the assumption that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, X)$ -global attractor, we know that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, Z)$ -bounded absorbing set. Because the embedding  $Z \hookrightarrow X$  is continuous but not necessarily compact,  $B_0$  is not only an  $(X, Z)$ -bounded absorbing set, but also an  $(X, X)$ -bounded absorbing set. Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcap_{s \geq 0} \overline{\bigcup_{t \geq s} S(t)B_0}^Z, \tag{2.2}$$

here  $\overline{A}^Z$  is the closure of  $A$  in  $Z$ . Then, by the basic theory of dynamical systems (see [2, 17, 19]), it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a compact subset of  $Z$  and, for any bounded  $B \subset X$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}_Z(S(t)B, \mathcal{A}) = 0.$$

It is obvious that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on  $Z$ . What remains is that we just need to prove that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an invariant set of  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  in  $Z$ , that is, for any  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$S(t)\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}.$$

By the assumption that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  possesses an  $(X, X)$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{B}$ , hence  $\mathcal{B}$  is an invariant set of  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  in  $X$ . Now we prove that  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$ .

From Lemma 2.2,  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on  $Z$  and possesses a bounded absorbing set  $B_0$ . First, it is so easy to prove  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ . In fact, combining assumption (i) with definition (2.2) of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is an attracting set of  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  in  $X$ . And yet  $\mathcal{B}$  is the minimal attracting set, it follows that  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ . On the other hand, from (2.2), we have that, for any  $x_0 \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exist  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset B_0$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  which satisfies  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  such that

$$\|S(t_n)x_n - x_0\|_Z \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.3}$$

The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(X, X)$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{B}$ , consequently  $\{S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is pre-compact in  $X$ , then there exist a subsequence  $\{S(t_{n_k})x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  and  $y_0 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that

$$\|S(t_{n_k})x_{n_k} - y_0\|_X \rightarrow 0.$$

By Lemma 2.6,  $x_0 = y_0$ , which implies that  $x_0 \in \mathcal{B}$ . Noticing that  $x_0$  is arbitrary, it immediately follows that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

*Remark 2.10* By Lemma 2.6, we have that the  $(X, X)$ -global attractor coincides with the  $(X, Y)$ -global attractor.

**Lemma 2.11** ([17, 19]) *Let  $X \subset \subset H \subset Y$  be Banach spaces with  $X$  reflexive. Suppose that  $u_n$  is a sequence that is uniformly bounded in  $L^2(0, T; X)$  and  $du_n/dt$  is uniformly bounded in  $L^p(0, T; Y)$  for some  $p > 1$ . Then there is a subsequence of  $u_n$  that converges strongly in  $L^2(0, T; H)$ .*

According to Theorem 2.9, the key to proving the existence of  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -global attractors is to verify that semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -asymptotically compact. Next, our main purpose is to establish a criterion to verify the asymptotic compactness of semigroups in these bi-spaces.

**Lemma 2.12** ([26]) *Let  $B \subset L^2(\Omega) \cap L^p(\Omega)$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) be any bounded subset of  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $L^p(\Omega)$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $B$  has a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net in  $L^p(\Omega)$  if there exists a positive constant  $M = M(\varepsilon)$ , which depends on  $\varepsilon$ , such that*

- (1)  $B$  has a finite  $(3M)^{(2-p)/2}(\varepsilon/2)^{p/2}$ -net in  $L^2(\Omega)$ ;
- (2)  $(\int_{\Omega(|u| \geq M)} |u|^p)^{1/p} < 2^{-(2p+2)/p} \varepsilon$  for any  $u \in B$ .

**Lemma 2.13** ([26]) *Let  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a semigroup on  $L^p(\Omega)$  ( $p \geq 1$ ), and suppose that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has a bounded  $(L^2(\Omega), L^p(\Omega))$ -absorbing set in  $L^p(\Omega)$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any bounded subset  $B \subset L^p(\Omega)$ , there exist positive constants  $T = T(B, \varepsilon)$  and  $M = M(\varepsilon)$  such that*

$$m(\Omega(|S(t)u_0| \geq M)) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } u_0 \in B, t \geq T.$$

**Theorem 2.14** *Let  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a continuous semigroup on  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and a semigroup on  $\mathcal{L}_p$ , where  $2 \leq p < \infty$ . Suppose that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -asymptotically compact, then  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -global attractor provided that the following conditions hold:*

- (1)  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -bounded absorbing set  $B_0 \subset \mathcal{L}_p$ ;
- (2) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and bounded (with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}$ ) subset  $B$ , there exist positive constants  $M = M(\varepsilon, B)$  and  $T = T(B, \varepsilon)$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega(|\Pi_1 S(t)z_0| \geq M)} |\Pi_1 S(t)z_0|^p < \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } z_0 \in B, t \geq T,$$

where  $\Pi_1$  is the projector from  $X \times Y$  to  $X$ .

*Proof* By Lemma 2.9, we only need to verify that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -asymptotically compact. Combining this embedding  $L^p(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  is continuous with the definitions of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_p$ , we have that the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -bounded absorbing set  $B_2$ . Denote  $B_p = B_0 \cap B_2$ , then it is sufficient to prove that:

For any  $t_n > 0, x_n \in B_p, t_n \rightarrow \infty$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $\{S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is precompact in  $\mathcal{L}_p$ , which is equivalent to proving that for any  $\varepsilon > 0, \{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net in  $L^p(\Omega)$ . It is that the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_0$  and for any  $t_n > 0, x_n \in B_p, t_n \rightarrow \infty$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $\{\Pi_2 S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is precompact in  $L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}, V)$  ( $\Pi_2$  is the projector from  $X \times Y$  to  $Y$ ). Furthermore,  $\mathcal{L}_p = L^p(\Omega) \times L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}, V)$ , so we only need to verify that  $\{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is precompact in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

In fact, from the assumption that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  has an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_0$ , we know that there exists  $T_1$ , which only depends on  $\varepsilon$  and  $M$ , such that  $\{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n | t_n \geq T_1\}$  has a finite  $(3M)^{(2-p)/2}(\varepsilon/2)^{p/2}$ -net in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Taking  $T_0 = \max\{T, T_1\}$ , from Lemma 2.11, we know that  $\{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n | t_n \geq T_0\}$  has a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net in  $L^p(\Omega)$ . Since  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain that  $\{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net in  $L^p(\Omega)$ , too. Then, from the arbitrariness of  $\varepsilon$ , we get that  $\{\Pi_1 S(t_n)x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is precompact in  $L^p(\Omega)$ . □

### 3 Global attractors in $\mathcal{L}_p$

Throughout the paper, we will assume conditions (1.3)–(1.6), (1.11), and  $g \in L^2(\Omega)$ . By [10] (see also [9]), the following holds.

**Lemma 3.1** For any  $T > 0$  and every  $z_0 \in \mathcal{L}_2$ , Eq. (1.13) with initial-boundary conditions (1.14) admits a unique weak solution

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L^\infty(0, T; H) \cap L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^p(0, T; L^p(\Omega)), \\ \eta^t &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2_\mu(\mathbb{R}^+, V)) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

such that

$$z_t = \mathcal{Q}z + \mathcal{G}(z), \quad z|_{t=0} = 0$$

in the weak sense.

Furthermore,

$$z \in C([0, T], \mathcal{L}_2),$$

and the mapping

$$z_0 \mapsto z(t) \in C(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2), \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$



By Lemma 3.1, we can define a semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  in  $\mathcal{L}_2$  as follows:

$$S(t) : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2,$$

$$z_0 \rightarrow z(t) = S(t)z_0,$$

and  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on the phase space  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

We now deal with the dissipative feature of the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ . Namely, we show that the trajectories originating from any given bounded set  $B \subset \mathcal{L}_2$  eventually, uniformly in time, into a bounded absorbing set  $B_0 \subset \mathcal{L}_p$ . For further use, let us write down explicitly the bounded absorbing set  $E_0 \subset \mathcal{L}_2$  of the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ .

**Lemma 3.2** *For any  $R \geq 0$  given, there exist constants  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 0$  and  $t_0 = t_0(R)$  such that, whenever*

$$\|z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq R,$$

it follows that

$$\|S(t)z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \mathcal{R}_0, \quad \forall t \geq t_0.$$

Consequently, the

$$E_0 = \{z \in \mathcal{L}_2 : \|z\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \mathcal{R}_0\}$$

is an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -bounded absorbing set for the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ , that is, for any bounded set  $B \subset \mathcal{L}_2$ , there is  $t_0 = t_0(B)$  such that  $S(t)B \subset E_0$  for every  $t \geq t_0$ .

*Proof* Multiplying the first equation of (1.13) by  $u$  and then integrating over  $\Omega$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_2^2 + \|u\|_0^2 + \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle -\Delta \eta^t(s), u(t) \rangle ds + \langle f(u), u \rangle = \langle g, u \rangle. \tag{3.2}$$

Using (1.7) and transforming the integral term in (3.2), we have

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle -\Delta \eta^t(s), u(t) \rangle ds = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \mu'(s) \|\eta^t(s)\|_0^2 ds. \tag{3.3}$$

From (1.6), it follows that

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \mu'(s) \|\eta^t(s)\|_0^2 ds \geq \frac{\delta}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \|\eta^t(s)\|_0^2 ds = \frac{\delta}{2} \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2. \tag{3.4}$$

From hypothesis (1.2) and Hölder’s inequality, we obtain

$$\langle f(u), u \rangle \geq \alpha_1 |u|_p^p - \beta_1 |\Omega| \tag{3.5}$$

and

$$\langle g, u \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |u|_2^2. \tag{3.6}$$

Bringing (3.3)–(3.6) into (3.2) and combining with Poincaré’s inequality, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}(|u|_2^2 + \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) + \lambda_1|u|_2^2 + \delta\|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 + 2\alpha_1|u|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega|, \tag{3.7}$$

where  $|\Omega|$  is the Lebesgue measure of  $\Omega$ . Taking

$$\gamma_1 = \min\{\lambda_1, \delta\},$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(|u|_2^2 + \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) + \gamma_1(|u|_2^2 + \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega|.$$

Applying Gronwall’s lemma, we obtain

$$|u(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta^t(s)\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq (|u_0(x)|_2^2 + \|\eta^0(s)\|_{\mu,0}^2)e^{-\gamma_1 t} + \frac{1}{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega| \right).$$

Therefore

$$\|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \leq \|z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 e^{-\gamma_1 t} + \frac{1}{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega| \right). \tag{3.8}$$

Making  $\mathcal{R}_0^2 = \frac{2}{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega| \right)$ , when  $t \geq t_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma_1} \ln \frac{\gamma_1 \lambda_1 R^2}{|g|_2^2 + 2\lambda_1 \beta_1 |\Omega|}$ , we obtain

$$\|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \mathcal{R}_0.$$

□

**Lemma 3.3** *There exists a constant  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 0$  for given any  $R \geq 0$  such that, whenever  $\|z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq R$ , the corresponding solution  $z(t) = (u(t), \eta^t)$  fulfills*

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2 ds = \int_t^{t+1} (|u(s)|_p^p + \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2) ds \leq \mathcal{R}_1$$

and

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 ds = \int_t^{t+1} (\|u(s)\|_0^2 + \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2) ds \leq \mathcal{R}_1$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$  hold.

*Proof* From (3.2)–(3.6), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}(|u|_2^2 + \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) + \|u\|_0^2 + \delta\|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 + 2\alpha_1|u|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1}|g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1|\Omega|. \tag{3.9}$$

We integrate (3.9) about  $t$  from  $t$  to  $t + 1$  and use Lemma 3.2, then we have

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|u(s)\|_0^2 ds + \delta \int_t^{t+1} \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2 ds + 2\alpha_1 \int_t^{t+1} |u(s)|_p^p ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1 |\Omega| + |u(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta^t(s)\|_{\mu,0}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1 |\Omega| + \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

If we make  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{1}{\min\{1, \delta, 2\alpha_1\}} (\frac{1}{\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1 |\Omega| + \mathcal{R}_0^2)$ , then when  $t \geq t_0$ , we obtain

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2 ds = \int_t^{t+1} (|u(s)|_p^p + \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2) ds \leq \mathcal{R}_1$$

and

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 ds = \int_t^{t+1} (\|u(s)\|_0^2 + \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2) ds \leq \mathcal{R}_1. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 3.4** *Given any  $R \geq 0$ , there exist constants  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(R) > 0$  such that, whenever  $\|z_0\|_{\mathcal{M}_0} \leq R$ , the corresponding solution  $z(t) = (u(t), \eta^t)$  fulfills*

$$\int_t^{t+1} (|u(s)|_p^p + \|u(s)\|_0^2 + \|\eta^s\|_{\mu,0}^2) ds \leq \mathcal{K}$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  holds.

*Proof* By (3.8), we find the uniform estimate

$$\|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \leq \|z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma_1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 + 2\beta_1 |\Omega| \right), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

The thesis then follows from (3.10). □

**Lemma 3.5** *The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  possesses an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -bounded absorbing set, that is, there are positive constants  $\rho_0, C_{\rho_0}$  such that, for any bounded subset  $B \subset \mathcal{L}_2$  and given any  $R \geq 0$ , there exists  $t_1 (= t_1(R))$  such that, whenever*

$$\|z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq R,$$

it follows that

$$\|S(t)z_0\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2 \leq \rho_0, \quad \|S(t)z_0\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 \leq \rho_0,$$

and

$$\int_t^{t+1} |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds \leq C_{\rho_0}$$

hold for any  $t \geq t_1$ .

*Proof* Multiplying the first equation of (1.13) by  $u_t$  and then integrating over  $\Omega$ , we get

$$|u_t|_2^2 + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|u\|_0^2 + \langle \eta^t(s), u \rangle_{\mu,0} + \int_{\Omega} F(u) - \int_{\Omega} gu \right) = \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle \nabla \eta_t^t(s), \nabla u \rangle ds. \tag{3.11}$$

Combining with (1.8) and (1.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle \nabla \eta_t^t(s), \nabla u \rangle ds \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle \nabla u, \nabla u \rangle ds - \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \langle \nabla \eta_s^t(s), \nabla u \rangle ds \\ &\leq \frac{5m_0}{4} \|u(t)\|_0^2 + \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \|\eta_s^t(s)\|_0^2 ds, \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \|\eta_s^t(s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \|u(t-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &= \int_0^t \mu(t-s) \|u(s)\|_0^2 ds + \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(t+s) \|u(-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &\leq e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} e^{-\delta t_0} \int_0^{t_0} e^{-\delta s} \|u(s)\|_0^2 ds + e^{-\delta t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\delta s} \|u(s)\|_0^2 ds + e^{-\delta t} \mathfrak{R} \\ &\leq C e^{-\delta t} (e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{R}) + C \mathcal{R}_1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

where  $\mathfrak{R}$  from (1.11). By (3.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|u\|_0^2 + \langle \eta^t(s), u \rangle_{\mu,0} + \int_{\Omega} F(u) - \int_{\Omega} gu \right) \\ &\leq \frac{5m_0}{4} \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + C e^{-\delta t} (e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{R}) + C \mathcal{R}_1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

Setting

$$E(t) = \|u\|_0^2 + \langle \eta^t(s), u \rangle_{\mu,0} + \int_{\Omega} F(u) - \int_{\Omega} gu,$$

then from (1.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &\leq 2\|u\|_0^2 + \frac{m_0}{2} \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 + \tilde{\alpha}_2 |u|_p^p + \tilde{\beta}_2 |\Omega| + \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 \\ &\leq C(1 + \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2) \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_0^2 - m_0 \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 + \tilde{\alpha}_1 |u|_p^p - \tilde{\beta}_1 |\Omega| - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} |g|_2^2 \\ &\geq C(\|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2) - C(1 + \|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2). \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

Integrating (3.14) about  $t$  from  $s(s \geq t)$  to  $t + 1$ , we obtain

$$E(t + 1) \leq C \int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 ds + \frac{C}{\delta} e^{-\delta s} (e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{R}) + C \mathcal{R}_1 + E(s). \tag{3.17}$$

Integrating (3.17) about  $s$  from  $t$  to  $t + 1$ , we get

$$E(t + 1) \leq C \int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 ds + \frac{C}{\delta^2} e^{-\delta t} (e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{H}) + C\mathcal{R}_1 + \int_t^{t+1} E(s) ds. \tag{3.18}$$

Combining with (3.15) and (3.16), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z(t + 1)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + \|z(t + 1)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2 \\ & \leq C \int_t^{t+1} (\|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2) ds + C(1 + \|z(t + 1)\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}^2) \\ & \quad + \frac{C}{\delta^2} e^{-\delta t} (e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{H}) + C\mathcal{R}_1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

By Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3, there is a positive constant  $\rho_0$  such that

$$\|z(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 + |u(t)|_p^p \leq \rho_0 \tag{3.20}$$

for all  $t \geq t_1 = t_0 + \frac{1}{\delta} \ln(\frac{e^{\delta t_0} \mathcal{K} + \mathfrak{H}}{\delta^2 \mathcal{R}_1})$  holds.

By (3.11) and (3.12), we have

$$\int_t^{t+1} |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds + E(t + 1) \leq C_0 \int_t^{t+1} \|z(s)\|_{\mathcal{M}_1}^2 ds + E(t). \tag{3.21}$$

Associating with (3.15), (3.16), and (3.20), we obtain that there exists a positive constant  $C_{\rho_0}$  such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds \leq C_{\rho_0} \tag{3.22}$$

for all  $t \geq t_1$  holds. □

*Remark 3.6* By Lemma 3.5, we can obtain that the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  corresponding to Eq. (1.13) possesses an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -bounded absorbing set  $B_0$ :

$$B_0 = \{(u, \eta^t) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L^p(\Omega) \times L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}^+, H_0^1(\Omega)) : \|u\|_0^2 + \|\eta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 + |u|_p^p \leq \rho_0\}. \tag{3.23}$$

It is obvious that  $B_0$  is also an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{M}_1)$ -bounded absorbing set of the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ .

**Lemma 3.7** *There exist constants  $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2 > 0$ , for given any  $z_0 \in B_0$  (from 3.23), the corresponding solution  $z(t) = (u(t), \eta^t)$  fulfills*

$$|u_t(t)|_2^2 \leq \mathcal{K}_1 \tag{3.24}$$

and

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|u_t(s)\|_0^2 ds \leq \mathcal{K}_2 \tag{3.25}$$

for all  $t > 0$  hold.

*Proof* Differentiating about  $t$  for Eq. (1.13), and using (1.8), (1.10), we obtain

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u_t - \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \Delta \eta_t^t(s) ds + f'(u)u_t = 0, \\ u_t = \eta_{tt}^t + \eta_{ts}^t. \end{cases} \tag{3.26}$$

Multiplying the first equation of (3.26) by  $u_t$  and then integrating over  $\Omega$ , it follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (|u_t|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) + \|u_t\|_0^2 + \delta \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq 2l|u_t|_2^2. \tag{3.27}$$

Now, we investigate the estimate of  $\|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 &= \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \|u(t) - u(t-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &\leq 2m_0 \|u(t)\|_0^2 + 2 \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \|u(t-s)\|_0^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \|u(t-s)\|_0^2 ds &= \int_{-t}^\infty \mu(t+s) \|u(-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &= \int_{-t}^0 \mu(t+s) \|u(-s)\|_0^2 ds + \int_0^\infty \mu(t+s) \|u(-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &= \int_0^t \mu(t-s) \|u(s)\|_0^2 ds + \int_0^\infty \mu(t+s) \|u(-s)\|_0^2 ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} \rho_0 + e^{-\delta t} \mathfrak{H}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any  $t \geq 0$ , we get

$$\|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq C\rho_0 + 2e^{-\delta t} \mathfrak{H} \tag{3.28}$$

and

$$\eta_t^t \in L_\mu^2(\mathbb{R}, H_0^1(\Omega)).$$

Integrating (3.27) about  $t$  from  $s$  to  $t$  ( $0 < s \leq t \leq 1$ ), we obtain

$$|u_t(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq 2l \int_0^1 |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds + |u_t(s)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^s\|_{\mu,0}^2. \tag{3.29}$$

Then integrating (3.29) about  $s$  from 0 to 1, for any  $0 < t \leq 1$ , it follows that

$$|u_t(t)|_2^2 \leq (2l + 1) \int_0^1 |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds + C\rho_0 + 2\mathfrak{H}. \tag{3.30}$$

By Lemma 3.5, for all  $0 < t \leq 1$ , we get

$$|u_t(t)|_2^2 \leq (2l + 1)C\rho_0 + C\rho_0 + 2\mathfrak{H}. \tag{3.31}$$

Let  $s \in (0, 1]$ , using Gronwall's lemma to (3.27) and combining with (3.30), for any  $t \geq s$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u_t(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 &\leq (|u_t(s)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^s\|_{\mu,0}^2)e^{-\delta(t-s)} + (2l + \delta)e^{-\delta t} \int_0^t e^{\delta s} |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds \\ &\leq (2l + \delta)C_{\rho_0} + C_{\rho_0} + 2\eta + \frac{(2l + \delta)e}{1 - e^{-\delta}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

Setting

$$\mathcal{K}_1 = (2l + 1)C_{\rho_0} + C_{\rho_0} + 2\eta + \frac{(2l + \delta)e}{1 - e^{-\delta}},$$

then for any  $t > 0$ , it follows that

$$|u_t(t)|_2^2 \leq \mathcal{K}_1.$$

For any  $t > 0$ , we integrate (3.27) about  $t$  on  $[t, t + 1]$ , then

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|u_t(s)\|_0^2 ds \leq 2l \int_t^{t+1} |u_t(s)|_2^2 ds + |u_t(t)|_2^2 + \|\eta_t^t\|_{\mu,0}^2.$$

Using Lemma 3.5 and (3.32) and letting  $\mathcal{K}_2 = 2lC_{\rho_0} + \mathcal{K}_1$ , we obtain

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|u_t(s)\|_0^2 ds \leq \mathcal{K}_2.$$

In order to prove the existence of an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -global attractor for  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ , and for further purposes, we first have to verify that the semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is asymptotically compact on  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . □

**Lemma 3.8** *The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  associated with problem (1.13) with initial and boundary values (1.14) is  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -asymptotically compact.*

*Proof* Let  $z^1(t) = (u^1(t), \eta_1^t)$ ,  $z^2(t) = (u^2, \eta_2^t)$  be two solutions of (1.13) corresponding to the initial data  $z_0^1 = (u_0^1, \eta_1^0)$ ,  $z_0^2 = (u_0^2, \eta_2^0)$  respectively. Set  $z(t) = (\omega(t), \theta^t) = (u^1(t) - u^2(t), \eta_1^t - \eta_2^t)$ , then  $z(t)$  satisfies the following equation:

$$\omega_t - \Delta \omega - \int_0^{+\infty} \mu(s) \Delta \theta^t(s) ds + f(u^1) - f(u^2) = 0, \tag{3.33}$$

with initial-boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \omega(x, t)|_{\partial \Omega} = 0, & \theta^t(x, s)|_{\partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+} = 0, \\ \omega(x, 0) = u_0^1 - u_0^2, & \theta^0(x, s) = \eta_1^0 - \eta_2^0. \end{cases} \tag{3.34}$$

Multiplying (3.33) by  $\omega$  and then integrating in  $\Omega$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (|\omega|_2^2 + \|\theta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2) + \|\omega\|_0^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\theta^t\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq l|\omega|_2^2. \tag{3.35}$$

Making  $\gamma = \min\{2\lambda_1, \delta\}$ , by Gronwall’s lemma, we obtain

$$|\omega(T)|_2^2 + \|\theta^T\|_{\mu,0}^2 \leq (|\omega(0)|_2^2 + \|\theta^0\|_{\mu,0}^2)e^{-\gamma T} + 2l \int_0^T |\omega(s)|_2^2 ds.$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $T = \frac{1}{\gamma} \ln \frac{|\omega(0)|_2^2 + \|\theta^0\|_{\mu,0}^2}{\varepsilon^2}$ , then we get

$$\|S(T)z^1 - S(T)z^2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \varepsilon + \phi_T(z^1, z^2),$$

where

$$\phi_T(z^1, z^2) = \left( 2l \int_{t_1}^T |u^1(s) - u^2(s)|_2^2 ds \right)^{1/2}.$$

By Lemma 3.5, using Lemma 2.11, then  $\phi_T$  is a contractive function on  $B_0$ . □

**Corollary 3.9** *The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  possesses an  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$ -global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_0$ .*

**Lemma 3.10** *The semigroup  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  associated with problem (1.13) with initial and boundary values (1.14) is  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -asymptotically compact.*

*Proof* Applying once more Theorem 2.14, Lemma 3.1, and Lemma 3.2, we only prove that, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and bounded (with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}$ ) subset  $B$ , there exist positive constants  $M = M(\varepsilon, B)$  and  $T = T(B, \varepsilon)$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega(|u| \geq M)} |u|^p < \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } z_0 \in B, t \geq T,$$

where  $u = u(t) = \Pi_1 z(t)$ .

From Lemma 3.3 and Remark 3.6, there exist positive constants  $M_1 = M_1(\varepsilon, B)$  and  $T_0 = T_0(B, \varepsilon)$  such that

$$m(\Omega(|u| \geq M_1)) \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega(|u| \geq M_1)} |g|^2 \leq \varepsilon,$$

where  $m(e)$  denote the Lebesgue measure of  $e \subset \Omega$  and  $(\Omega(|u| \geq M_1)) = \{x \in \Omega : |u(x)| \geq M_1\}$ .

Let  $\Omega_1 = \Omega(|u| \geq M_1)$  and denote

$$(u - M_1)_+ = \begin{cases} u - M_1 & \text{as } u \geq M_1, \\ 0 & \text{as } u < M_1. \end{cases} \quad (u + M_1)_- = \begin{cases} u + M_1 & \text{as } u \leq -M_1, \\ 0 & \text{as } u > -M_1. \end{cases}$$



Multiplying the first equation of (1.13) by  $(u - M_1)_+$  and integrating over  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |(u - M_1)_+|_2^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds \right) + \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{\delta}{2} \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds, \\ & \int_{\Omega_1} f(u)(u - M_1)_+ = \int_{\Omega_1} g(u - M_1)_+. \end{aligned} \tag{3.36}$$

For  $M_1$  large enough, we get

$$f(u)(u - M_1)_+ \geq 0.$$

By Hölder’s inequality and Cauchy’s inequality, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( |(u - M_1)_+|_2^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds \right) \\ & \quad + C \left( \int_{\Omega_1} |(u - M_1)_+|^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds \right) \leq C\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus there exists  $T_1 > 0$ , for any  $t \geq T_1$ , we get

$$|(u - M)_+|_2^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds \leq C\varepsilon. \tag{3.37}$$

Combining with (3.37), integrating (3.36) from  $t$  to  $t + 1$ , yields

$$\int_t^{t+1} \left( \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds + \int_{\Omega_1} f(u)(u - M_1)_+ \right) \leq C\varepsilon. \tag{3.38}$$

Hence, for any  $t \geq T_1$ ,

$$\int_t^{t+1} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u|^2 + \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds + \int_{\Omega_2} f(u)u \right) \leq C\varepsilon, \tag{3.39}$$

where  $\Omega_2 = \Omega(u \geq 2M_1)$ .

Furthermore, we multiply the first equation of (1.13) by  $(u - 2M_1)_{+t}$  and integrating over  $\Omega$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega_2} F(u) \right) & \leq \|u_t\|_0 \left( \int_0^\infty \mu(s) \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla \eta^t(s)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} + C\varepsilon \\ & \leq C(\|u_t\|_0 + 1)\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_2} F(u) & \leq \int_t^{t+1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u(s)|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega_2} F(u(s)) \right) ds \\ & \quad + C \left( \left( \int_t^{t+1} \|u_t(s)\|_0 ds \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right) \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{3.40}$$

From (1.2), (1.4), (3.39), and Lemma 3.7, we obtain that

$$\int_{\Omega(u \geq 2M_1)} |u|^p \leq C\varepsilon.$$

Repeating the steps above, just replacing  $(u - M_1)_+$ ,  $(u - 2M_1)_+$  with  $(u + M_1)_-$ ,  $(u + 2M_1)_-$  respectively, we deduce that

$$\int_{\Omega(u \leq -2M_1)} |u|^p \leq C\varepsilon.$$

Let  $T = \max\{T_0, T_1\}$  and  $M = 2M_1$ , then we have that

$$\int_{\Omega(|u| \geq M)} |u|^p \leq C\varepsilon$$

for any  $t \geq T$  holds. □

It follows that  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a norm-to-weak continuous semigroup on  $\mathcal{L}_p$  with a bounded absorbing set  $B_0$  and  $(\mathcal{L}_2, \mathcal{L}_p)$ -asymptotically compact. Then, obviously, by the standard method for dynamical systems, see for example [2, 5, 20], we know that  $\mathcal{A}$  is invariant, compact in  $\mathcal{L}_p$ , and attracts every bounded subset of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with respect to the  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -norm. Furthermore, by Remark 2.10, Lemma 3.8, and Lemma 3.10,

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{A}.$$

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