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Quasi-stability and continuity of attractors for nonlinear system of wave equations

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Abstract: In this paper, we study the long-time behavior of a nonlinear coupled system of wave equations with damping terms and subjected to small perturbations of autonomous external forces. Using the recent approach by Chueshov and Lasiecka in [21], we prove that this dynamical system is quasi-stable by establishing a quasistability estimate, as consequence, the existence of global and exponential attractors is proved. Finally, we investigate the upper and lower semicontinuity of global attractors under autonomous perturbations.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we are interested in the long-time behavior of the coupled system of wave equations given by

\[
\begin{align*}
    u_{tt} - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1} u_t + g_1(u_t) &= f_1(u, v) + \epsilon h_1, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+ , \\
    v_{tt} - \Delta v + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2} v_t + g_2(v_t) &= f_2(u, v) + \epsilon h_2, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+ , \\
    u &= v = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+ , \\
    u(0) &= u_0, u_t(0) = u_1, \quad \text{in } \Omega , \\
    v(0) &= v_0, v_t(0) = v_1, \quad \text{in } \Omega .
\end{align*}
\]

(1.1)

Here \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \) is a bounded domain with a smooth boundary \( \partial \Omega \), \( \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (0, 1) \) and \( \epsilon \in [0, 1] \). The nonlinearities \( f_1(u, v), f_2(u, v) \) are with supercritical exponents representing strong sources, \( (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1} u_t \) and \( (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2} v_t \) are the fractional damping, while \( g_1(u_t) \) and \( g_2(v_t) \) act as nonlinear damping. The terms \( \epsilon h_1, \epsilon h_2 \) are autonomous perturbations of external forces.

In the literature there is a large number of work with damping and source terms see, e.g., [1, 2, 24, 32, 39–42] for problems with subcritical or critical sources, and [9–12, 22, 23, 26–28, 43] for problems with supercritical sources and with fractional damping see, e.g., [3, 7, 13–19, 34, 38, 46] and references therein.
In [28], Guo et al. studied the local and global well-posedness of the coupled nonlinear wave equations

\[
\begin{aligned}
    u_{tt} - \Delta u + g_1(u_t) &= f_1(u, v), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\
    v_{tt} - \Delta v + g_2(v_t) &= f_2(u, v), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T),
\end{aligned}
\]

(1.2)
in a bounded domain \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \) with a nonlinear Robin boundary condition on \( u \) and a zero boundary condition on \( v \). By employing nonlinear semigroups and the theory of monotone operators, the authors obtained several results on the existence of local and global weak solutions, and uniqueness of weak solutions. Moreover, they proved that such unique solutions depend continuously on the initial data. Under some restrictions on the parameters, they also proved that every weak solution to our system blows up in finite time, provided the initial energy is negative and the sources are more dominant than the damping in the system.

The present system (1.1) is obtained by the model (1.2) by adding the fractional dissipations \((-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_t, (-\Delta)^{\beta} v_t\) and considering small perturbations of autonomous external forces \( c h_1, c h_2 \). Our main interest in this paper is to study the long-time behavior of the autonomous dynamical system generated by the nonlinear coupled system of wave equations (1.1). In this context, the concept of global attractor is a useful objective to learn the dynamical behavior of a dynamical system [5, 8, 21, 29, 33, 44, 45]. By using the quasi-stability theory of Chueshov and Lasiecka [20, 21], we prove that the dynamical system generated by the problem (1.1) possesses a compact global attractor with finite fractal dimension. We also prove the regularity of solutions on the global attractor. Moreover, we obtain the existence of a generalized exponential attractor with fractal dimension finite in extended spaces. We also established the stability of global attractors on the perturbation of the parameter \( \epsilon \). More precisely, we use the recent theory in [31] to prove that there exists a set \( I_\ast \), dense in \([0, 1]\) such that the family of global attractors \( \{ A_\epsilon \}_{\epsilon \in [0, 1]} \) associated to problem (1.1) converges upper and lower-semicontinuously to the corresponding global attractor associated with the limit problem when the parameter \( \epsilon \to \epsilon_0 \) for all \( \epsilon_0 \in I_\ast \). Moreover, the upper semicontinuity for all \( \epsilon \in [0, 1] \) is analyzed.

The main contributions of this paper are:

(i) We consider the system with fractional and nonlinear dissipation acting on the same equation. Here, we assume the nonlinear damping terms with polynomial growth to include functions of type \( g_1(u) = |u|^{p-1} u \).

(ii) Instead of showing the existence of an absorbing set, we prove the system is gradient, and hence obtain the existence of a global attractor, which is characterized as unstable manifold of the set of stationary solutions.

(iii) The quasi-stability of the system is obtained by establishing a quasistability estimate and therefore obtain the finite dimensionality and smoothness of the global attractor and exponential attractor.

(iv) We investigate the continuity of the family of global attractors under autonomous perturbations. Indeed, we prove that the family of global attractors indexed by \( \epsilon \) converges upper and lower-semicontinuously to the attractor associated with the limiting problem when \( \epsilon \to \epsilon_0 \) on a residual dense set \( I_\ast \subset [0, 1] \) in the same sense proposed in Hoang et al. [31]. The upper semicontinuity or all \( \epsilon \in [0, 1] \) is proved.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we introduce some notations and preliminary results. We also give the well-posedness of the system without proof in this section. Section 3 is devoted to proving the existence of global attractors and exponential attractors. The arguments are based on the methods developed by Chueshov and Lasiecka [20, 21]. The continuity of global attractors will be proved in section 4.

### 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we present preliminaries including notations and assumptions.
2.1 Notations and assumptions

The following notations will be used for the rest of the paper.

\[ ||u||_p = ||u||_{L^p(\Omega)}, \quad p \geq 1, \quad (u, v) = (u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)}. \]

In this work, we consider the Hilbert space

\[ \mathcal{H} = H^1_0(\Omega) \times H^1_0(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega), \]

with the following inner product and norm

\[ (U, \bar{U})_{\mathcal{H}} = (\phi, \phi) + (\varphi, \bar{\varphi}) + (\nabla u, \nabla \bar{u}) + (\nabla v, \nabla \bar{v}) \]

and

\[ ||U||_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = ||\phi||^2 + ||\varphi||^2 + ||\nabla u||^2 + ||\nabla v||^2 \]

for any \( U = (u, v, \phi, \varphi) \) and \( \bar{U} = (\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\varphi}) \) in \( \mathcal{H} \).

**Assumption 2.1.** We assume that
(i) The external forces \( h_1, h_2 \in L^2(\Omega) \).
(ii) There is a function \( F \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \) such that

\[ \nabla F = (f_1, f_2) \]

and there exist \( p \geq 1 \) and \( C > 0 \) such that

\[ ||\nabla f_1(u, v)|| \leq C(1 + ||u||^{p-1} + ||v||^{p-1}), \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}. \]

(iii) There is \( \beta_0 > 0 \) and \( m_F > 0 \) so that

\[ F(u, v) \leq \beta_0(||u||^2 + ||v||^2) + m_F, \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}, \]

where \( 0 < \beta_0 < \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \) and \( \lambda_1 > 0 \) denotes the Poincaré’s constant. Moreover

\[ \nabla F(u, v) \cdot (u, v) - F(u, v) \leq \beta_0(||u||^2 + ||v||^2) + m_F, \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}. \]

(iv) Concerning to the nonlinear damping \( g_i \), we assume that

\[ g_i \in C^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad g_i(0) = 0, \]

and there exists constants \( m, M_1, q \geq 1 \), such that

\[ m \leq g_i'(u) \leq M_1(1 + ||u||^{q-1}), \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}, \]

and, if \( q \geq 3 \), there exist \( l > q - 1 \) and \( M_2 > 0 \) such that

\[ g_i(u) \geq M_2||u||^l, \quad ||u|| \geq 1. \]

**Remark 2.1.** Observe that assumption (2.11) implies the monotonicity property, that is,

\[ (g_i(u) - g_i(v))(u - v) \geq m||u - v||^2, \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}. \]

**Remark 2.2.** An simple example of the function \( F \) in Assumption 2.1 can be

\[ F(u, v) = -||u + v||^4 + ||u + v||^2 - c_1||uv||^2, \quad c_1 > 0. \]

In this case, we have

\[ f_1(u, v) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = -4(u + v)^3 + 2(u + v) - 2c_1uv, \]

\[ f_2(u, v) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} = -4(u + v)^3 + 2(u + v) - 2c_1u^2v. \]
Lemma 2.1. The total energy given in (2.15) satisfies
\[
\frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq \beta_0 \left( \|u\|_2 + \|v\|_2 \right) + m_F |\Omega|
\]
and thus
\[
\mathcal{E}_e(t) \geq \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\beta_0}{\lambda_1} \right) \|u, v, u_t, v_t\|_{3, \Omega}^2 - m_F |\Omega| - \epsilon \int_{\Omega} (h_1 u + h_2 v) dx.
\]
Letting
\[
C_0 = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{2\beta_0}{\lambda_1} \right) > 0,
\]
and using the estimate
\[
\epsilon \int_{\Omega} (h_1 u + h_2 v) dx \leq C_0 \lambda_1 \left( \|u\|_2 + \|v\|_2 \right) + \frac{1}{4C_0 \lambda_1} \left( \|h_1\|_2^2 + \|h_2\|_2^2 \right),
\]
we obtain the first inequality in (2.17) with
\[
C_F = m_F |\Omega| + \frac{1}{4C_0 \lambda_1} \left( \|h_1\|_2^2 + \|h_2\|_2^2 \right).
\]
Using (2.7) we can see that the second inequality in (2.17) holds. The proof is complete. \qed
2.3 Well-posedness

Let us write the problem (1.1) as an equivalent Cauchy problem

\[
\begin{aligned}
\frac{dU}{dt} + AU &= F(U), \\
U(0) &= U_0 = (u_0, v_0, u_1, v_1) \in \mathcal{H},
\end{aligned}
\]  

(2.20)

where

\[
U(t) = (u(t), v(t), \phi(t), \varphi(t)) \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \phi = u_t, \quad \varphi = v_t,
\]

and \( \mathcal{H} \) defined in (2.3) and \( A : D(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \) is the nonlinear operator defined by

\[
A U = \begin{pmatrix}
-\phi \\
-\varphi \\
-\Delta u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1} \phi + g_1(\phi) \\
-\Delta v + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2} \varphi + g_2(\varphi)
\end{pmatrix}.
\]  

(2.21)

The domain of \( A \) is given by

\[
D(\mathcal{A}) = \{ U = (u, v, \phi, \varphi) \in \mathcal{H} : \phi \in H_0^1(\Omega), \varphi \in H_0^1(\Omega), \\
-\Delta u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1} \phi + g_1(\phi) \in L^2(\Omega), \\
-\Delta v + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2} \varphi + g_2(\varphi) \in L^2(\Omega) \}.
\]

The forcing terms are represented by a nonlinear function \( F : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \) defined by

\[
F(U) = \begin{pmatrix}
0 \\
0 \\
f_1(u, v) + ch_1 \\
f_2(u, v) + ch_2
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

We have the following global existence result for the problem (1.1).

**Theorem 2.2.** Suppose that Assumption 2.1 holds, then we have:

(i) If initial data \( U_0 \in \mathcal{H} \), then problem (2.20) has a unique mild solution \( U(t) \in C([0, \infty), \mathcal{H}) \) with \( U(0) = U_0 \) given by

\[
U(t) = e^{Lt} U_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)L} F(U(\tau)) d\tau.
\]

(ii) If \( U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}) \), then the above mild solution is a strong solution.

(iii) If \( U^1(t) \) and \( U^2(t) \) are two mild solutions of problem (2.20) then there exists a positive constant \( C_0 = C(U^1(0), U^2(0)) \), such that

\[
\|U^1(t) - U^2(t)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq e^{C_0 T} \|U^1(0) - U^2(0)\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.
\]  

(2.22)

**Proof.** It is easy to see that the operator \( \mathcal{A} \) is a maximal monotone operator. In addition, by (2.7) we see that \( F \) is a locally Lipschitz on \( \mathcal{H} \). Therefore, applying the theory of maximal nonlinear monotone operators (see e.g. [6, 21]) items (i)-(ii) are concluded. The continuous dependence (iii) is also obtained by using standard computations in the difference of solutions. \( \square \)

3 Long-time dynamics

On account of Theorem 2.2, we can define the one-parameter family of operators \( S_\varepsilon(t) : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \) by

\[
S_\varepsilon(t)(u_0, v_0, u_1, v_1) = (u(t), v(t), u_1(t), v_1(t)), \quad t \geq 0,
\]  

(3.23)
where \((u, v, u_t, v_t)\) is the unique solution of problem (1.1). Thus, the pair \((\mathcal{H}, S_e(t))\) constitutes a dynamical system that will describe the long-time behavior of problem (1.1).

The main result for long-time dynamics is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.2, we have:

(i) The dynamical system \((\mathcal{H}, S_e(t))\) given in (3.23) is quasi-stable on any bounded positively invariant set \(B \subset \mathcal{H}\).

(ii) The dynamical system \((\mathcal{H}, S_e(t))\) possesses a unique compact global attractor \(A_e \subset \mathcal{H}\), which is characterized by the unstable manifold \(A_e = \mathbb{M}_u(N_e)\) of the set of stationary solutions

\[
N_e = \left\{ (u, v, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{H} \left| \begin{array}{l}
-\Delta u = f_1(u, v) + \epsilon h_1 \\
-\Delta v = f_2(u, v) + \epsilon h_2
\end{array} \right. \right\}.
\]

(iii) Every trajectory stabilizes to the set \(N_e\), namely, for any \(U \in \mathcal{H}\) one has

\[
\lim_{t \to +\infty} \text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(S(t)U, N_e) = 0.
\]

In particular, there exists a global minimal attractor \(A_e^{\text{min}}\) given by \(A_e^{\text{min}} = N_e\).

(iv) The attractor \(A_e\) has finite fractal and Hausdorff dimension \(\text{dim}^f_{\mathcal{H}} A_e\).

(v) If \(a_i \in (0, 1/2), i = 1, 2\), the global attractor \(A_e\) is bounded in

\[
\mathcal{H}_1 = (H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega))^2 \times (H^1_0(\Omega))^2.
\]

Moreover, every trajectory \(U = (u, v, u_t, v_t)\) in \(A_e\) satisfies

\[
\| (u, v) \|^2_{(H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega))^2} + \| (u_t, v_t) \|^2_{H^1_0(\Omega)^2} \leq R_1^2,
\]

for some constant \(R_1 > 0\) independent of \(\epsilon \in [0, 1]\).

(vi) The dynamical system \((\mathcal{H}, S_e(t))\) possesses a generalized fractal exponential attractor. More precisely, for any \(\delta \in (0, 1]\), there exists a generalized exponential attractor \(A_e^{\text{exp}} \subset \mathcal{H}\) with finite fractal dimension in extended space \(\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{-\delta}\), defined as interpolation of

\[
\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_0 := \mathcal{H}, \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{-1} := [L^2(\Omega) \times H^{-1}(\Omega)]^2.
\]

The proof of this theorem will be achieved in the end of this section.

### 3.1 Quasistability estimate

The aim of this section is to derive quasistability estimate which is the main tool in proving finite dimensionality and smoothness of attractors.

**Lemma 3.2.** Suppose that Assumptions 2.1 holds. Let \(B \subset \mathcal{H}\) be a positively invariant bounded subset and let \(S_e(t)U^i = (u^i(t), v^i(t), u_t^i(t), v_t^i(t)), i = 1, 2\), be weak solution of (1.1) with initial conditions \(U^i \in B\). Then there exist constants \(\omega_B, \theta_B, C_B > 0\) independent of \(\epsilon\) such that

\[
E(t) \leq \theta_B E(0)e^{-\omega_B t} + C_B \sup_{\sigma \in [0, t]} (\|u(\sigma)\|^2_{2\theta} + \|v(\sigma)\|^2_{2\theta}), \quad \forall t \geq 0,
\]

for some \(\theta \geq 2\), where \(u = u^1 - u^2\) and \(v = v^1 - v^2\).

**Proof.** Using the notations

\[
F_1(u, v) = f_1(u^1, v^1) - f_1(u^2, v^2), \quad G_1(u) = g_1(u^1) - g_1(u^2), \quad G_2(v) = g_2(v^1) - g_2(v^2),
\]

where \((u, v, u_t, v_t)\) is the unique solution of problem (1.1). Thus, the pair \((\mathcal{H}, S_e(t))\) constitutes a dynamical system that will describe the long-time behavior of problem (1.1).

The main result for long-time dynamics is given in the following theorem.
then, the differences $u = u^1 - u^2$ and $v = v^1 - v^2$ satisfies

$$
\begin{align*}
&\begin{cases}
  u_{t1} - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1} + G_1(u_{t1}) = F_1(u, v), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\
v_{t1} - \Delta v + (-\Delta)^{s_2} v_{t1} + G_2(v_{t1}) = F_2(u, v), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T),
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
$$

(3.26)

with boundary Dirichlet conditions and initial data

$$(u(0), v(0), u_{t1}(0), v_{t1}(0)) = U^1 - U^2.$$  

(3.27)

Multiplying the equations in (3.26) by $u$ and $v$, respectively, and integrating over $[0, T] \times \Omega$, yields

$$
\int_0^T E(t) dt = -\frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega (uu_{t1} + vv_{t1}) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2) dt
$$

(3.28)

We shall estimate the right-hand side of (3.28).

**Step 1.** From Hölder’s and Poincaré’s inequalities, we deduce

$$
\int_\Omega (uu_{t1} + vv_{t1}) dx \leq C(E(T) + E(0))
$$

for some constant $C > 0$. Using the assumption (2.13), we obtain

$$
\int_0^T \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) dt \leq \int_0^T (G_1(u_{t1})u_{t1} + G_2(v_{t1})v_{t1}) dx dt.
$$

(3.29)

**Step 2.** By using the Young’s inequality, continuous embedding $H^s_0(\Omega) \hookrightarrow D((-\Delta)^{s/2})$ for $0 < s < 1$, we find

$$
\int_\Omega (-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}(-\Delta)^{\bar{s}_1} u dx dt \leq \int_\Omega \|(-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}\| (-\Delta)^{\bar{s}_1} u dx dt
$$

$$
\leq C \int_\Omega \|u\|\|(-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}\| dx dt
$$

$$
\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \|\nabla u\|^2 dt + C \int_0^T \|(-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}\|^2 dt.
$$

Analogously,

$$
\int_\Omega (-\Delta)^{s_2} v_{t1}(-\Delta)^{\bar{s}_2} v dx dt \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \|\nabla v\|^2 dt + C \int_0^T \|(-\Delta)^{s_2} v_{t1}\|^2 dt.
$$

Then

$$
\int_0^T \left( (-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}(-\Delta)^{\bar{s}_1} u + (-\Delta)^{s_2} v_{t1}(-\Delta)^{\bar{s}_2} v \right) dx dt
$$

$$
\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T E(t) dt + C \int_0^T \left( \|(-\Delta)^{s_1} u_{t1}\|^2 + \|(-\Delta)^{s_2} v_{t1}\|^2 \right) dt.
$$

(3.30)
**Step 3.** From Young’s inequality and (2.13), we obtain

\[
\int_0^T \int_\Omega G_1(u_t)u_t dx \, dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_\Omega G_1(u_t)u_t dx \, dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_\Omega \frac{|u_t|^2}{u_t} \, dx \, dt.
\]

Using the assumption (2.11), we deduce

\[
\int_\Omega G_1(u_t)u_t dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \int \Omega G_1(u_t)u_t dx + \frac{M_1}{2} \int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^{q-1} + |u_{tt}|^{q-1}\right) |u_t|^2 \, dx.
\]

(3.31)

To estimate the second term in the right side of (3.31), we consider three cases separately:

**Case 1.** \( q = 1. \) In this case, it is easy see that

\[
\int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^q + |u_{tt}|^q\right) |u_t|^2 \, dx \leq 3 \|u\|_2^2 \left(1 + \int \Omega \left(g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right).
\]

**Case 2.** \( q \geq 3. \) For this situation we use (2.12) and Holder’s inequality to get

\[
\int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^q + |u_{tt}|^q\right) |u_t|^2 \, dx \leq C \|u\|_{\frac{2q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^q + |u_{tt}|^q\right) dx\right)^{\frac{q-1}{q}}
\]

\[
\leq C \|u\|_{\frac{2q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right)^{\frac{q-1}{q}}
\]

\[
\leq C \|u\|_{\frac{2q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right).
\]

where we have used the fact that \( \frac{q-1}{q} < 1. \)

**Case 3.** \( 1 < q < 3. \) As in case 2 we obtain

\[
\int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^q + |u_{tt}|^q\right) |u_t|^2 \, dx \leq C \|u\|_{\frac{q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + |u_t|^q + |u_{tt}|^q\right) dx\right)^{\frac{q-1}{q}}
\]

\[
\leq C \|u\|_{\frac{q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right)^{\frac{q-1}{q}}
\]

\[
\leq C \|u\|_{\frac{q}{q-1}}^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right).
\]

Combining the three last estimates and (3.31) we conclude that there exist \( C > 0 \) and \( \theta \geq 2 \) such that

\[
\int \Omega G_1(u_t)dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \int \Omega G_1(u_t)u_t dx + C \|u\|_\theta^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_1(u_t)u_t + g_1(u_t)u_{tt}\right) dx\right).
\]

(3.32)

Analogously,

\[
\int \Omega G_2(v_t)dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \int \Omega G_2(v_t)v_t dx + C \|v\|_\theta^2 \left(\int \Omega \left(1 + g_2(v_t)v_t + g_1(v_t)v_{tt}\right) dx\right).
\]

(3.33)
Combining the two last estimates, there exists $C_B > 0$ such that

$$\int_Ω (1 + g_1(u_i^1)u_i^1 + g_1(u_i^2)u_i^2)dx \leq C_B,$$

$$\int_Ω (1 + g_2(v_i^1)v_i^1 + g_1(v_i^2)v_i^2)dx \leq C_B.$$

Combining the last estimate with (3.32) and (2.12) and using the embedding $L^{2θ}(Ω) \hookrightarrow L^θ(Ω)$ we obtain

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_Ω (G_1(u_t)u + G_2(v_t)v)dxdt \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_Ω (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t)dxdt$$

$$+ C_{B,T} \sup_{σ \in [0, T]} ((∥u(σ)∥^2_{2θ} + ∥v(σ)∥^2_{2θ})).$$

**Step 4.** Using (2.7), the Hölder’s inequality with conjugated exponents $\tilde{θ} = \frac{2θ}{θ+1}$, $2θ$ and 2, and the embedding (in 2D) $H^s(Ω) \hookrightarrow L^s(Ω)$, $1 \leq s < \infty$, we obtain

$$\int_Ω F_1(u, v)dx \leq C(∇f_1) (∥u∥_{2θ} + ∥v∥_{2θ}) ∥v∥_2 \leq C_B (∥u∥_{2θ} + ∥v∥_{2θ})$$

$$\leq C_B (∥u∥_{2θ} + ∥v∥_{2θ})$$

(3.34)

where

$$C(∇f_1) = C(1 + ∥u∥^{p-1}_{(p-1)\tilde{θ}} + ∥u∥^{p-1}_{(p-1)\tilde{θ}} + ∥v∥^{p-1}_{(p-1)\tilde{θ}} + ∥v∥^{p-1}_{(p-1)\tilde{θ}}).$$

Analogously,

$$\int_Ω F_2(u, v)vdx \leq C_B (∥u∥_{2θ}^2 + ∥v∥_{2θ}^2).$$

Combining the two last estimates, there exists $C_{B,T} > 0$ such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_Ω (F_1(u, v)u + F_2(u, v)v)dxdt \leq C_{B,T} \sup_{σ \in [0, T]} ((∥u(σ)∥^2_{2θ} + ∥v(σ)∥^2_{2θ})).$$

(3.35)

Inserting the estimates (3.29)-(3.35) into (3.28), we conclude that there exist $C_B > 0$ and $C_{B,T} > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^T E(t)dt \leq C(E(T) + E(0))$$

$$+ C_B \int_0^T (∥(-Δ)^{\frac{θ}{2}} u_t∥_2^2 + ∥(-Δ)^{\frac{θ}{2}} v_t∥_2^2)dt$$

$$+ C_B \int_0^T \int_Ω (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t)dxdt$$

$$+ C_{B,T} \sup_{σ \in [0, T]} ((∥u(σ)∥^2_{2θ} + ∥v(σ)∥^2_{2θ})).$$

(3.36)
Therefore,
\[
\int (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t) dx dt
\]
Similarly to (3.34), we deduce that
\[
\int F_1(u, v)u_t dx \leq C_B (\|u\|_2 + \|v\|_2) \|u_t\|
\]
\[
\leq \epsilon \|u_t\|_2^2 + C_B (\|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2). \tag{3.39}
\]
Similarly,
\[
\int F_2(u, v)v_t dx \leq \epsilon \|v_t\|_2^2 + C_B (\|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2). \tag{3.40}
\]
Therefore,
\[
\int (F_1(u, v)u_t + F_2(u, v)v_t) dx \leq \epsilon E(t) + \frac{C_B}{4\epsilon} (\|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2). \tag{3.41}
\]
Inserting the last estimate into (3.38) with \(\epsilon = \frac{1}{T}\), we find that
\[
E(T) \leq E(s) + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T E(t) dt + TC_B \int_0^T (\|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2) dt
\]
Integrating the last estimate over \([0, T]\) with respect to \(s\), we conclude that there exists a constant \(C_{B,T} > 0\) such that
\[
TE(T) \leq 2 \int_0^T E(t) dt + C_{B,T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,T]} (\|u(\sigma)\|_2^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_2^2). \tag{3.42}
\]
**Step 5.** Multiplying the equation in (3.26) by \(u_t\) and \(v_t\), respectively, and then integrating over \([s, T] \times \Omega\), yields
\[
E(T) = E(s) - \int_0^T (\|(-\Delta) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_t\|^2_2 + \|(-\Delta) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_t\|^2_2) dt
\]
\[
- \int_0^T \int_\Omega (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t) dx dt
\]
\[
+ \int_0^T \int_\Omega (F_1(u, v)u_t + F_2(u, v)v_t) dx dt.
\]
Since
\[
- \int_0^T \int_\Omega (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t) dx dt \leq 0,
\]
we have
\[
E(T) \leq E(s) + \int_0^T \int_\Omega (F_1(u, v)u_t + F_2(u, v)v_t) dx dt. \tag{3.38}
\]
**Step 6.** The estimates (3.37) and (3.41) with \(\epsilon = 1\) imply
\[
\int_0^T (\|(-\Delta) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_t\|^2_2 + \|(-\Delta) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_t\|^2_2) dt + \int_0^T \int_\Omega (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t) dx dt
\]
\[
\leq E(T) + E(0) + \int_0^T \int_\Omega (\|u(\sigma)\|^2_2 + \|v(\sigma)\|^2_2) dt + TC_B \sup_{\sigma \in [0,T]} (\|u(\sigma)\|_2^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_2^2).
\]
Substituting the above estimate in (3.36), we find that
\[
\int_0^T E(t) dt \leq C_B(E(T) + E(0)) + C_{B,T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,T]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right).
\]
This estimate and (3.42) yields
\[
TE(T) \leq C_B(E(T) + E(0)) + C_{B,T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,T]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right).
\]
Choosing \( T > 2C_B \), we find that
\[
E(T) \leq \gamma_T E(0) + C_{B,T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,T]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right),
\]
where
\[
\gamma_T = \frac{C_B}{T - C_B} < 1.
\]
Defining
\[
\chi_m = \sup_{\sigma \in [m(m+1)T]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots,
\]
the estimate (3.44) can we rewrite as
\[
E(T) \leq \gamma_T E(0) + C_{B,T} \chi_0.
\]
By iterating the above estimate on intervals \([mT, (m+1)T] \), \( m \in \mathbb{N} \), we deduce
\[
E(mT) \leq \gamma_T^m E(0) + C_{B,T} \sum_{k=1}^m \gamma_T^{m+1-k} \chi_{k-1}
\leq \gamma_T^m E(0) + \frac{C_{B,T}}{1 - \gamma_T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,mT]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right).
\]
For any \( t \geq 0 \), there exists \( m \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( r \in [0, T) \) such that \( t = mT + r \). Then, by (2.22) we obtain
\[
E(t) \leq E(mT) \leq \gamma_T^{-1} \gamma_T^m E(0) + \frac{C_{B,T}}{1 - \gamma_T} \sup_{\sigma \in [0,t]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right).
\]
Therefore,
\[
E(t) \leq \partial_B E(0) e^{-\omega_B t} + C_B \sup_{\sigma \in [0,t]} \left( \|u(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v(\sigma)\|_{2\theta}^2 \right), \quad \forall t \geq 0,
\]
with
\[
\partial_B = \gamma_T^{-1}, \quad \omega_B = -\frac{\ln(\gamma_T)}{T}, \quad C_B = \frac{C_{B,T}}{1 - \gamma_T}.
\]
The proof is complete. \( \square \)

3.2 Gradient system and stationary solutions

We recall that a dynamical system \((H, S(t))\) is gradient if it possesses a strict Lyapunov functional. That is, a functional \( \Phi : H \to \mathbb{R} \) is a strict Lyapunov function for a system \((H, S(t))\) if,
(i) the map \( t \to \Phi(S(t)z) \) is non-increasing for each \( z \in H \),
(ii) if \( \Phi(S(t)z) = \Phi(z) \) for some \( z \in H \) and for all \( t \), then \( z \) is a stationary point of \( S(t) \), that is, \( S(t)z = z \).

**Lemma 3.3.** Suppose that Assumption 2.1 holds. Then the dynamical system \((\mathcal{H}, S_t)\) is gradient, that is, there exists a strict Lyapunov function \( \Phi_\mathcal{H} \) defined in \( \mathcal{H} \). In addition,
\[
\Phi_\mathcal{H}(U) \to \infty \iff \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}} \to \infty.
\]
Proof. In order to prove this lemma we will show that the functional total energy \( E_c(t) \) defined in (2.15) is a Lyapunov function \( \Phi_c \). Indeed, let \( U_0 = (u_0, v_0, u_1, v_1) \in \mathcal{H} \), then (2.16) shows that \( t \mapsto \Phi_c(S(t)U_0) \) is a non-increasing function.

Now suppose that \( \Phi_c(S(t)U_0) = \Phi_c(U_0) \), \( \forall t \geq 0 \). Using again (2.16), we conclude that
\[
\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{q_1}{2}} u_t\|^2 + \|(-\Delta)^{\frac{q_2}{2}} v_t\|^2 = 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0.
\]
Consequently,
\[
u_t = v_t = 0, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \text{ a.e. in } \Omega.
\]
Therefore \( u_t(t) = u_0 \) and \( v_t(t) = v_0 \) for all \( t \geq 0 \). Then we can obtain that \( S_c(t)U_0 = U(t) = (u_0, v_0, 0, 0) \) is a stationary solution, i.e., \( S_c(t)U_0 = U_0 \), for all \( t \geq 0 \).

Now, from the second inequality in (2.17) we have
\[
\Phi_c(U) \leq C_F(1 + \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p+1}), \quad \forall t \geq 0.
\]
Considering the last estimate and taking \( \Phi_c(U) \to \infty \) we have \( \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}} \to \infty \). On the other hand, by the first inequality 2.17 we get
\[
\|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \frac{\Phi_c(U) + C_F}{C_0}, \quad \text{(3.48)}
\]
from where we conclude that \( \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}} \to \infty \) implies \( \Phi_c(U) \to \infty \), proving (3.46).

Lemma 3.4. Suppose that Assumption 2.1 holds. Then the set \( N_c \) of the stationary points of \( (\mathcal{H}, S_c(t)) \) is bounded in \( \mathcal{H} \).

Proof. Let \( U \in N_c \) be arbitrary. We know that \( U = (u, v, 0, 0) \) and \( U \) satisfies the equations
\[
-\Delta u = f_1(u, v) + \epsilon h_1, \quad \text{(3.49)}
\]
\[
-\Delta v = f_2(u, v) + \epsilon h_2. \quad \text{(3.50)}
\]
Multiplying (3.49) and (3.50) by \( u \) and \( v \), respectively, and then integrating over \( \Omega \), we get
\[
\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 = \int_{\Omega} (f_1(u, v)u + f_2(u, v)v) \, dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} (h_1 u + h_2 v) \, dx.
\]
By (2.8) and (2.9) we have
\[
\int_{\Omega} (f_1(u, v)u + f_2(u, v)v) \, dx \leq 2\beta_0 \left( \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2 \right) + 2m_F|\Omega|
\]
\[
\leq \frac{2\beta_0}{\lambda_1} \left( \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + \|\nabla v\|_2^2 \right) + 2m_F|\Omega|,
\]
and therefore, in light of (2.18),
\[
4C_0\|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq 2m_F|\Omega| + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} (h_1 u + h_2 v) \, dx.
\]
Hence, using the estimate (2.19), we deduce
\[
3C_0\|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq 2m_F|\Omega| + \frac{1}{4C_0\lambda_1} \left( \|h_1\|_2^2 + \|h_2\|_2^2 \right).
\]
The proof is complete.
3.3 Proof of Theorem 3.1

(i) We consider a bounded positively invariant set \( B \subset \mathcal{H} \) with respect to \( S_\varepsilon(t) \), denote \( S_\varepsilon(t)U^i = (u^i(t), v^i(t), u'_i(t), v'_i(t)) \) for \( U^i \in B \), \( i = 1, 2 \), and set \( u = u^1 - u^2, v = v^1 - v^2 \), as before. It follows from (2.22) that
\[
\|S_\varepsilon(t)U^1 - S_\varepsilon(t)U^2\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq a(t)\|U^1 - U^2\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2,
\] (3.52)
with \( a(t) = e^{c_0T} \). We denote by \( X = H^1_0(\Omega) \times H^1_0(\Omega) \) and define the semi-norm
\[
n_X(u, v) := (\|u\|_{2\theta}^2 + \|v\|_{2\theta}^2)^{1/2}.
\]
Since the embedding (in 2D) \( H^1_0(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \) is compact, we know that \( n_X \) is a compact semi-norm on \( X \).

By Lemma 3.2, we can get
\[
\|S_\varepsilon(t)U^1 - S_\varepsilon(t)U^2\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq b(t)\|U_1 - U_2\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + c(t)\sup_{s \in [0,t]}[n_X(u(s), v(s))]^2,
\] (3.53)
where \( b(t) = \theta_B e^{-\omega_0 t} \) and \( c(t) = C_B \). It is easy to get that
\[
b(t) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^+) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \to \infty} b(t) = 0.
\]
Since \( B \subset \mathcal{H} \) is bounded, we know that \( c(t) \) is locally bounded on \([0, \infty)\). From [21, Definition 79.2], we get that the dynamics system \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is quasi-stable on any bounded positively invariant set \( B \subset \mathcal{H} \).

(ii) Since the system \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is quasi-stable, applying Proposition 79.4 in [21], then \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is asymptotically smooth. Thus, noting Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 and using Corollary 7.5.7 in [21], we know that \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) has a compact global attractor given by \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon = M_{\varepsilon}(N_\varepsilon) \).

(iii) Combining Theorem 3.1-(ii) and Theorem 7.5.10 in [21], we can get the result.

(iv) From the above, \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is quasi-stable on the attractor \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \). Thus, using Theorem 7.9.6 in [21], we know that the attractor \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \) has finite fractal dimension \( \text{dim}_{\mathcal{H}}^f \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \).

(v) Since the system \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is quasi-stable on the attractor \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \), it follows from Theorem 7.9.8 in [21] that any complete trajectory \( \mathcal{U} = (u, v, u_t, v_t) \) in \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \) enjoys the following regularity properties
\[
u_t \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, H^1_0(\Omega)) \cap C(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\Omega)), \quad v_t \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, H^1_0(\Omega)) \cap C(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\Omega)),
\]
and
\[
u_{tt} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\Omega)), \quad v_{tt} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\Omega)).
\]
Moreover, there exists \( R > 0 \) such that
\[
\|(u_t, v_t)\|_{(H^1_0(\Omega))^2}^2 + \|(u_{tt}, v_{tt})\|_{(L^2(\Omega))^2}^2 \leq R^2.
\] (3.54)
From (3.54), (1.1), the embedding \( L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; H^1_0(\Omega)) \hookrightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; D((-\Delta)^a)) \) for \( 0 < a_t < 1/2 \) and the fact that \( 0 < a < 1 \), we obtain
\[
\|\Delta u\|_2 \leq \|u_t\|_2 + \|(-\Delta)^a u_t\| + \|g_1(u_t)\|_2 + \|f_1(u, v)\|_2 + \|h_1\|_2 \leq C,
\]
\[
\|\Delta v\|_2 \leq \|v_t\|_2 + \|(-\Delta)^a v_t\| + \|g_2(v_t)\|_2 + \|f_2(u, v)\|_2 + \|h_2\|_2 \leq C.
\] (3.55)
Therefore (3.24) is obtained by (3.54) and (3.55). Since the global attractors \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \) are also characterized as
\[
\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon = \{U(0) : U \text{ is a bounded full trajectory of } S_\varepsilon(t)\},
\]
we conclude the \( \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon \) is bounded in \( \mathcal{H}_1 \).

(vi) Now we take \( \mathcal{B} = \{U : \Phi_\varepsilon(U) \leq \varepsilon\} \), where \( \Phi_\varepsilon \) is the strict Lyapunov functional considered in Lemma 3.3. Then we know that the set \( \mathcal{B} \) is a positively invariant absorbing set for \( R \) large enough. Hence the system \((\mathcal{H}, S_\varepsilon(t))\) is quasi-stable on \( \mathcal{B} \).
For solution $U(t)$ with initial data $z = U(0) \in B$, we can conclude from the positive invariance of $B$ that there exists $C_B > 0$ such that for any $0 \leq t \leq T$,

$$\|U(t)\|_{\tilde{H}_{-1}} \leq C_B,$$

which gives us for any $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T$,

$$\|S(t_1)z - S(t_2)z\|_{\tilde{H}_{-1}} \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|U_\lambda(t)\|_{\tilde{H}_{-1}} \, dt \leq C_B |t_1 - t_2|. \tag{3.56}$$

From (3.56), we conclude that for any $z \in B$, the map $t \mapsto S(t)z$ is Hölder continuous in the extended space $\tilde{H}_{-1}$ with exponent $\delta = 1$. Then we can get the existence of a generalized exponential attractor whose fractal dimension is finite in $\tilde{H}_{-\delta}$.

Following the same arguments in [21], we can obtain the existence of exponential attractors in $\tilde{H}_{-\delta}$ with $\delta \in (0, 1)$.

Thus, the proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete. $\square$

### 4 Upper and lower semicontinuity of global attractors

In this section, we study the continuity of the attractors $A_\epsilon$ as $\epsilon \to \epsilon_0$. Firstly, we prove that this family of attractors converges upper and lower semicontinuously to the global compact attractor $A_{\epsilon_0}$ of the limiting semi-flow $S_{\epsilon_0}(t)$ on a residual subset of $[0, 1]$, by using the abstract result in [31, Theorem 5.2], where the results were obtained as an extension of the previous results in [4]. Finally, the upper semicontinuity is proved for all $\epsilon_0 \in [0, 1]$.

Let $\Lambda$ be a complete metric space and $S_\lambda(t)$ a parametrised family of semigroups on $X$. Suppose that

- (L1) $S_\lambda(t)$ has a global attractor $A_\lambda$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$,
- (L2) There is a bounded subset $D$ of $X$ such that $A_\lambda \subset D$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$,
- (L3) For $t > 0$, $S_\lambda(t)x$ is continuous in $\lambda$, uniformly for $x$ in bounded subsets of $X$.

Then $A_\lambda$ is continuous on all $\lambda$, where $A_\lambda$ is a residual set dense in $\Lambda$ (see [31, Theorem 5.2]).

The following lemma will be used to obtain a uniform (with respect to the parameter $\epsilon$ of the problem) bound for the attractor that will be used to verify the property (L2) above (see [21, Remark 7.5.8]).

**Lemma 4.1.** Under the assumptions of Lemma 3.3, the following relation is valid:

$$\sup_{U \in A_\epsilon} \Phi_\epsilon(U) \leq \sup_{U \in N_{\epsilon}} \Phi(U).$$

**Theorem 4.2** (Residual continuity). Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, there exists a set $I_*$ dense in $[0, 1]$ such that $A_\epsilon$ is continuous at $\epsilon_0 \in I_*$, that is,

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to \epsilon_0} d_{\tilde{H}}(A_\epsilon, A_{\epsilon_0}) = 0, \quad \forall \epsilon_0 \in I_*, \tag{4.57}$$

where $d_{\tilde{H}}$ denotes the Hausdorff distance between bounded sets $B, C \subset \tilde{H}$, defined as

$$d_{\tilde{H}}(B, C) = \max\{\text{dist}_{\tilde{H}}(B, C), \text{dist}_{\tilde{H}}(C, B)\}.$$

**Proof.** We shall apply the abstract result in [31, Theorem 5.2] with $\Lambda = [0, 1]$. The argument follows the lines of the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [36]. Theorem 3.1-(ii) indicates that (L1) holds. Now, we obtain uniform (with
respect to the parameter $e$ of the problem) bounds for the attractor. By (2.17) and Lemma 4.1, we obtain

$$
\sup_{U \in A_e} \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sup_{U \in A_e} \frac{\Phi_e(U) + C_F}{C_0} \\
\leq \sup_{U \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\Phi_e(U) + C_F}{C_0} \\
\leq \frac{C_F \sup_{U \in \mathcal{H}} \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p+1} + 2C_F}{C_0}.
$$

Hence, by (3.5i), we can conclude that there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ independent of $e$ such that

$$
\sup_{U \in A_e} \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq C_0, \quad \forall e \in [0, 1].
$$

Then, $D = \{ U \in \mathcal{H} : \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq C_0 \}$ is a bounded set independent of $e$ such that

$$
A_e \subset D, \quad \forall e \in [0, 1],
$$

and thereby (L2) holds.

Let $B$ be a bounded set of $\mathcal{H}$. Given $e_1, e_2 \in [0, 1]$ and $U_0 \in B$, let us denote

$$
S_{e_i}(t)U_0 = (u^i(t), v^i(t), u^i_1(t), v^i_1(t)), \quad i = 1, 2,
$$

and

$$
u = u^1 - u^2, \quad v = v^1 - v^2.
$$

Then $U = (u, v, u_1, v_1)$ satisfies the following system

$$
\begin{cases}
  u_{tt} - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1}u_t = F_1(u, v) - G_1(u_t) + (e_1 - e_2)h_1, \\
  v_{tt} - \Delta v + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2}v_t = F_2(u, v) - G_2(v_t) + (e_1 - e_2)h_2,
\end{cases}
$$

where

$$
F_i(u, v) = f_i(u^1, v^1) - f_i(u^2, v^2), \quad i = 1, 2,
$$

and

$$
G_1(u_t) = g_1(u^1_t) - g_1(u^2_t), \quad G_2(v_t) = g_2(v^1_t) - g_2(v^2_t).
$$

Multiplying the first equation in (4.58) by $u_t$, the second by $v_t$, respectively, and using integration by parts, we obtain

$$
\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|U\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \int_{\Omega} (F_1(u, v)u_t + F_2(u, v)v_t) \, dx \\
- \left( \|(-\Delta)^{\alpha_1}u_t\|_2^2 + \|(-\Delta)^{\alpha_2}v_t\|_2^2 \right) \\
- \int_{\Omega} (G_1(u_t)u_t + G_2(v_t)v_t) \, dx \\
- (e_1 - e_2) \int_{\Omega} (h_1u_t + h_2v_t) \, dx.
$$

Using (2.7), Hölder’s inequality and the embedding (in 2D) $H_0^s(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^s(\Omega)$ for $1 \leq s < \infty$, we deduce

$$
\int_{\Omega} F_1(u, v)u_t \, dx \leq C(1 + \|S_{e_1}(t)U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p-1} + \|S_{e_2}(t)U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p-1})(\|u\|_2 + \|v\|_2^2)\|u_t\|_2.
$$

$$
\leq C(1 + \|S_{e_1}(t)U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p-1} + \|S_{e_2}(t)U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p-1})(\|\nabla u\|_2 + \|\nabla v\|_2)\|u_t\|_2.
$$

Using the fact that $\varepsilon_{e}(t)$ is a non-increasing function and (2.17), we find that for $i = 1, 2,$

$$
\frac{\|\xi_{e_i}(t)U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p-1}}{C_0} \leq \frac{\varepsilon_{e_i}(0) + C_F}{C_0} \leq \frac{C_F(1 + \|U_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{p+1}) + C_F}{C_0} \leq C_B, \quad \forall U_0 \in B.
$$
Inserting the above estimate into (4.60) and using Young’s inequality, we see that
\[
\int_{\Omega} F_1(u, v) u_t \, dx \leq C_B (\|\nabla u\|_2 + \|\nabla v\|_2) \|u_t\|_2
\]
\[
\leq C_B (\|\nabla u\|^2_2 + \|\nabla v\|^2_2 + \|u_t\|^2_2).
\]
Analogously,
\[
\int_{\Omega} F_2(u, v) v_t \, dx \leq C_B (\|\nabla u\|^2_2 + \|\nabla v\|^2_2 + \|v_t\|^2_2).
\]
Adding the last two estimates, we conclude that
\[
\int_{\Omega} (F_1(u, v) u_t + F_2(u, v) v_t) \, dx \leq C_B \|U\|^2_{3c}.
\]
(4.61)
By the monotonicity property (2.13), we get
\[
- \int_{\Omega} (G_1(u_t) u_t + G_2(v_t) v_t + G_3(w_t) w_t) \, dx \leq 0.
\]
(4.62)
In addition,
\[
(e_1 - e_2) \int_{\Omega} (h_1 u_t + h_2 v_t) \, dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|u_t\|^2_2 + \|v_t\|^2_2\right) + \frac{1}{2} |e_1 - e_2|^2 \left(\|h_1\|^2_2 + \|h_2\|^2_2\right)
\]
\[
\leq \frac{1}{2} \|U\|^2_{3c} + \frac{1}{2} |e_1 - e_2|^2 \left(\|h_1\|^2_2 + \|h_2\|^2_2\right).
\]
(4.63)
Substituting the estimates (4.61)-(4.63) into (4.59), we obtain
\[
\frac{d}{dt} \|U\|^2_{3c} \leq C_B \|U\|^2_{3c} + |e_1 - e_2|^2 \left(\|h_1\|^2_2 + \|h_2\|^2_2\right).
\]
(4.64)
Applying Gronwall’s inequality to (4.64) and using that \(\|U(0)\|^2_{3c} = 0\), we conclude that
\[
\|U(t)\|^2_{3c} \leq \frac{1}{C_B} \left(e^{C_B t} - 1\right) \left(\|h_1\|^2_2 + \|h_2\|^2_2\right) |e_1 - e_2|^2, \quad t > 0.
\]
This implies
\[
|S_{e_1}(t)U_0 - S_{e_2}(t)U_0|_{2c}^2 \leq \frac{1}{C_B} \left(e^{C_B t} - 1\right) \left(\|h_1\|^2_2 + \|h_2\|^2_2\right) |e_1 - e_2|^2, \quad t > 0,
\]
and thereby (L3) holds. Therefore all the assumptions of Theorem [31, Theorem 5.2] are fulfilled. Then there exists a dense set \(I. \subset [0, 1]\) such that (4.57) holds. The proof is complete.
\[\Box\]

**Theorem 4.3 (Upper-semicontinuity).** Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, the family of global attractors \(A_\varepsilon\) is upper semicontinuous at \(\varepsilon \in [0, 1]\), that is,
\[
\lim_{\varepsilon \to \varepsilon_0} \text{dist}_{2c}(A_{\varepsilon}, A_{\varepsilon_0}) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon \in [0, 1].
\]
(4.65)

**Proof.** The argument is inspired by (see, e.g. [25, 30]). We proceed by contradiction as in [35]. Suppose that (4.65) does not hold. Then there exist \(\delta > 0\) and a sequences \(\varepsilon_n \to \varepsilon_0\) and \(U^n_0 \in A_{\varepsilon_n}\) such that
\[
\text{dist}_{2c}(U^n_0, A_{\varepsilon_0}) \geq \delta > 0, \quad \forall n.
\]
(4.66)
Let \(U^n(t) = (u^n(t), v^n(t), u^n_t(t), v^n_t(t))\) be a full trajectory from the attractor \(A_{\varepsilon_0}\) such that \(U^n(0) = U^n_0\). From uniform estimate (3.24), we know
\[
\{U^n\} \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; H_1).
\]
(4.67)
Since $\mathcal{F}$ is compactly embedded into $\mathcal{H}$, using Simon's Compactness Theorem (see [37]), we obtain a subsequence $\{U^{n_k}\}$ and $U \in C([-T, T]; \mathcal{H})$ such that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \max_{t \in [-T, T]} \|U^{n_k}(t) - U(t)\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 0. \quad (4.68)$$

By (4.67) and (4.68), we conclude that

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|U(t)\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \infty.$$ 

Using the same argument as in the proof of property (L3) above, we can see that

$$U(t) = (u(t), v(t), u_t(t), v_t(t))$$

solves the limiting equations ($c = c_0$)

$$\begin{cases} 
 u_{tt} - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_1} u_t + g_1(u_t) = f_1(u, v) + c_0 h_1, \\
 v_{tt} - \Delta v + (-\Delta)^{\alpha_2} v_t + g_2(v_t) = f_2(u, v) + c_0 h_2.
\end{cases}$$

Therefore $U(t)$ is a bounded full trajectory for the limiting semi-flow $S_{c_0}(t)$. Consequently,

$$U^{n_k} \to U(0) \in A_0,$$

which is contradict (4.66). The proof is complete. \qed

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