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# Strong Pullback Attractors for Nonautonomous Suspension Bridge Equations

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We prove the existence of a pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor in  $D(A) \times V$  for the nonautonomous suspension bridge equations.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the following nonautonomous suspension bridge equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} + \Delta u + \mu u_t + ku^+ + g(u) &= f(x, t), \quad \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ u(x, t) &= \Delta u(x, t) = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ u(x, \tau) &= u_1(x), \quad u_t(x, \tau) = u_2(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with a smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $u(x, t)$  is an unknown function, which could represent the deflection of the road bed in the vertical plane,  $ku^+$  represents the restoring force,  $k$  denotes the spring constant,  $\mu u_t$  represents the viscous damping, and  $\mu$  is a given positive constant.

Suspension bridge equations have been posed as a new problem in the field of nonlinear analysis [1] by Lazer and McKenna in 1990. There are many results for the problem (1) (cf. [1–8]), for instance, the existence, multiplicity, and properties of the travelling wave solutions, and so forth. About the long-time behavior of suspension bridge equations, for the autonomous case, in [9, 10], the authors have discussed long-time behavior of the solutions of the problem on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and obtained the existence of global attractors in the space  $H_0^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$  and  $D(A) \times H_0^2(\Omega)$ .

Caraballo et al. advanced the concept of the pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor in [11], and the existence of the pullback attractors

was proved under the assumptions of asymptotic compactness and existence of a family of absorbing sets. Recently, Park and Kang [12] studied the pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor for suspension bridge equations in the weak space  $H_0^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ . Motivated by the ideas of [11, 13], we study the existence of a strong pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor for the nonautonomous suspension bridge equations in the strong topological space  $D(A) \times H_0^2(\Omega)$ .

The nonlinear functions  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  satisfy the following assumptions:

$$\liminf_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(u)}{u^2} \geq 0, \quad G(u) = \int_0^u g(\zeta) d\zeta, \quad (2)$$

$$|g(s)| \leq C(1 + |s|^p), \quad \forall p \geq 1, \quad (3)$$

$$\liminf_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ug(u) - C_0 G(u)}{u^2} \geq 0, \quad (4)$$

where constant  $C, C_0 > 0$ .

With the usual notation, we introduce the spaces  $H = L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $V = H_0^2(\Omega)$ ,  $D(A) = \{u \in H_0^2(\Omega) \mid Au \in L^2(\Omega)\}$ , where  $A = \Delta^2$ . We equip these spaces with inner product and norm  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ,  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_1$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_2$ , respectively:

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} u(x) v(x) dx,$$

$$|u|^2 = \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^2 dx, \quad \forall u, v \in H;$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle u, v \rangle_1 &= \int_{\Omega} \Delta u(x) \Delta v(x) dx, \\
\|u\|_1^2 &= \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u(x)|^2 dx, \quad \forall u, v \in V; \\
\langle u, v \rangle_2 &= \int_{\Omega} \Delta^2 u(x) \Delta^2 v(x) dx, \\
\|u\|_2^2 &= \int_{\Omega} |\Delta^2 u(x)|^2 dx, \quad \forall u, v \in D(A).
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Obviously, we have

$$D(A) \subset V \subset H = H^* \subset V^*, \tag{6}$$

where  $H^*, V^*$  is dual space of  $H, V$ , respectively; the injections are continuous and each space is dense in the following one.

Choosing  $\lambda = \min\{\lambda_1, \lambda_1^2\}$ , by the Poincaré inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|z\|_{\mathcal{E}_0} &= \|(u, u_t)\|_{\mathcal{E}_0} = \left\{ \|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2 \right\}^{1/2}, \\
\|z\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} &= \|(u, u_t)\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} = \left\{ \|u\|_2^2 + \|u_t\|_1^2 \right\}^{1/2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

We introduce the Hilbert spaces

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = V \times H, \quad \mathcal{E}_1 = D(A) \times V \tag{8}$$

and endow this space with norm

$$\begin{aligned}
\|z\|_{\mathcal{E}_0} &= \|(u, u_t)\|_{\mathcal{E}_0} = \left\{ \|u\|_1^2 + \|u_t\|^2 \right\}^{1/2}, \\
\|z\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} &= \|(u, u_t)\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} = \left\{ \|u\|_2^2 + \|u_t\|_1^2 \right\}^{1/2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

This paper is organized as follows. At first, in Section 2, we recall some preliminaries and results concerning the pullback attractor. Then, in Section 3, we prove our main result about the existence of pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor for the nonautonomous dynamical system generated by the solution of (1).

## 2. Notation and Preliminaries

Let  $(E, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $(Q, \rho)$  be a metric space which will be called the parameter space. We define a nonautonomous dynamical system by a cocycle mapping  $\phi: \mathbb{R}_+ \times Q \times E$  which is driven by an autonomous dynamical system  $\theta$  acting on a parameter space  $Q$ . Specifically,  $\theta = \{\theta_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a dynamical system on  $Q$ ; that is, is a group of homeomorphisms under composition on  $Q$  with the properties that

- (i)  $\theta_0(q) = q$  for all  $q \in Q$ ;
- (ii)  $\theta_{t+\tau}(q) = \theta_t(\theta_\tau(q))$  for all  $q \in Q, t, \tau \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (iii) the mapping  $(t, q) \rightarrow \theta_t(q)$  is continuous.

**Definition 1.** A mapping  $\phi$  is said to be a cocycle on  $E$  with respect to group  $\theta$ , if

- (i)  $\phi(0, q, x) = x$  for all  $(q, x) \in Q \times E$ ;
- (ii)  $\phi(t + s, q, x) = \phi(s, \theta_t(q), \phi(t, q, x))$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and all  $(q, x) \in Q \times E$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}(E)$  denote the family of all nonempty subsets of  $E$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(E)$  be the set of all bounded subsets of  $E$ , and let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the class of all families  $\widehat{D} = \{D_q\}_{q \in Q} \subset \mathcal{P}(E)$ . We consider a nonempty subclass  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition 2** (see [11]). Let  $(\theta, \phi)$  be a nonautonomous dynamical system on  $Q \times E$ .  $(\theta, \phi)$  is said to be pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -asymptotically compact if, for any  $q \in Q$ , any  $\widehat{D} \in \mathcal{D}$ , and any sequences  $t_n \rightarrow +\infty, x_n \in D_{\theta_{-t_n}(q)}$ , the sequence  $\phi(t_n, \theta_{-t_n}(q), x_n)$  possesses a convergent subsequence.

**Definition 3** (see [11]). A family  $\widehat{B} = \{B_q\}_{q \in Q} \in \mathcal{K}$  is said to be pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -absorbing if, for each  $q \in Q$  and  $\widehat{D} \in \mathcal{D}$ , there exists  $t_0(q, \widehat{D}) \geq 0$  such that

$$\phi(t, \theta_{-t}(q), D_{\theta_{-t}(q)}) \subset B_q \quad \forall t \geq t_0(q, \widehat{D}). \tag{10}$$

**Definition 4** (see [11]). A family  $\widehat{C} = \{C_q\}_{q \in Q} \in \mathcal{K}$  is said to be pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attracting if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}(\phi(t, \theta_{-t}(q), D_{\theta_{-t}(q)}), C_q) = 0 \tag{11}$$

$\forall q \in Q, \quad \widehat{D} \in \mathcal{D},$

where  $\text{dist}(X, Y) = \sup_{x \in X} \inf_{y \in Y} d(x, y)$  is the Hausdorff semidistance between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Definition 5** (see [11]). A family  $\widehat{A} = \{A_q\}_{q \in Q} \in \mathcal{K}$  is called a global pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor if it satisfies:

- (i)  $A_q$  is compact for any  $q \in Q$ ;
- (ii)  $\widehat{A}$  is pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attracting;
- (iii)  $\widehat{A}$  is invariant; that is,  $\phi(t, q, A_q) = A_{\theta_t(q)}$  for all  $(t, q) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times Q$ .

**Definition 6** (see [14]). Let  $(\theta, \phi)$  be a nonautonomous dynamical system on  $Q \times E$ .  $(\theta, \phi)$  is said to be satisfying pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -Condition (C) if, for any  $q \in Q, \widehat{D} \in \mathcal{D}$ , and any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a  $t_0 = t_0(q, \widehat{D}, \epsilon) \geq 0$  and a finite dimensional subspace  $E^1$  of  $E$  such that

- (i)  $P(\cup_{t \geq t_0} \phi(t, \theta_{-t}(q), D_{\theta_{-t}(q)}))$  is bounded;
- (ii)  $\|(I - P)(\cup_{t \geq t_0} \phi(t, \theta_{-t}(q), D_{\theta_{-t}(q)}))\|_E \leq \epsilon$ , where  $P: E \rightarrow E^1$  is a bounded projector.

**Lemma 7** (see [14]). Let  $(\theta, \phi)$  be a nonautonomous dynamical system on  $Q \times E$ .  $(\theta, \phi)$  possesses a global pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -attractor  $\hat{A} = \{A_q\}_{q \in Q}$  satisfying  $A_q = \Lambda(\bar{D}, q)$  if it

- (i) has a pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -absorbing set  $\hat{B} = \{B_q\}_{q \in Q} \in \mathcal{D}$ ;
- (ii) satisfies pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -Condition (C).

**Theorem 8** (see [12]). Suppose that  $k > 0$  and the assumption (2)–(4) hold.  $f(x, t) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, H)$  satisfies (17). Then there exists a unique global pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_0}$ -attractor in  $\mathcal{E}_0$  for the nonautonomous dynamical system  $(\theta, \phi)$  defined by (15).

We need the following lemmas in order to prove the main result.

**Lemma 9** (see [14]). Let  $H$  be an infinite dimensional Hilbert space and let the family  $\{\omega_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal of  $H$ . Suppose  $f(x, t) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; H)$  and, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^t e^{\sigma s} |f(x, s)|^2 ds < \infty$  for some  $\sigma \geq 0$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{\sigma s} |(I - P_n) f(x, s)|^2_H ds = 0, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (12)$$

where  $P_n : H \rightarrow \text{span}\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$  is the orthogonal projector.

**Lemma 10** (see [10]). Suppose that  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  and satisfying (3). Then  $g : D(A) \rightarrow V$  are continuous compact.

**Lemma 11** (see [10]). Let  $h(u, u_t) = g'(u)u_t$ ,  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  satisfying (3), and  $g(0) = 0$ . Then  $h : D(A) \times V \rightarrow H$  is continuous compact.

### 3. Pullback $\mathcal{D}$ -Attractors for Nonautonomous Suspension Bridge Equations

First, we give the following result.

**Theorem 12.** Suppose that  $k > 0$ , satisfying (2)–(4), if  $f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; H)$  and  $(u_1, u_2) \in \mathcal{E}_0$ . Then system (1) has a unique solution:

$$(u, u_t) \in C(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{E}_0), \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathbb{R}_\tau = [\tau, \infty)$ . If, in addition,  $f' \in L^2(\tau, T; L^2(\Omega))$  and  $(u_1, u_2) \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , then

$$(u, u_t) \in C(\mathbb{R}_\tau; \mathcal{E}_1). \quad (14)$$

Moreover, the mapping  $(u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (u(t), u_t(t))$  is continuous in  $\mathcal{E}_1$ .

We can construct the nonautonomous dynamical system generated by problem (1) in  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_0$  (or  $\mathcal{E}_1$ ). We consider  $Q = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\theta_t(\tau) = \tau + t$  and define

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t, \tau, y_0) &= y(t + \tau; \tau, y_0) = (u(t + \tau), u_t(t + \tau)), \\ \tau &\in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad y_0 \in \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The uniqueness of solution to problem (1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t + s, \tau, y_0) &= \phi(t, s + \tau, \phi(s, \tau, y_0)), \\ \tau &\in \mathbb{R}, \quad s \geq 0, \quad y_0 \in \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Also, for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  the mapping  $\phi(t, \tau, \cdot) : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  defined by (15) is continuous. Consequently, the mapping  $\phi$  defined by (15) is a continuous cocycle on  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Now, we assume that  $f, f' \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; H)$  and for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^t e^{\delta s} |f(s)|^2 ds < \infty, \quad (17)$$

where  $0 < \delta < \varrho$ . Let  $\mathfrak{R}_\delta$  be the set of all functions  $r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{\delta t} r^2(t) = 0, \quad (18)$$

and  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_0}$  denotes the class of all families  $\widehat{D} = \{D(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_0)$  such that  $D(t) = \overline{B}(0, r_{\widehat{D}}(t))$  for some  $r_{\widehat{D}} \in \mathfrak{R}_\delta$ , where  $\overline{B}(0, r_{\widehat{D}}(t))$  is the closed ball in  $\mathcal{E}_0$  centered at 0 with radius  $r_{\widehat{D}}(t)$ .

**3.1. Pullback  $\mathcal{D}$ -Attractors in  $\mathcal{E}_1$ .** In this subsection, we assume that  $f, f' \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; H)$  and for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^t e^{\delta s} (|f(s)|^2 + |f'(s)|^2) ds < \infty. \quad (19)$$

Let  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  be the set of all functions  $r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ , which satisfies (18) with  $\delta \in (0, \varrho)$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$  denotes the class of all families  $\widehat{D} = \{D(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_1)$  such that  $D(t) \subset \overline{B}(0, r_{\widehat{D}}(t))$  for some  $r_{\widehat{D}} \in \mathcal{R}_\delta$ , where  $\overline{B}(0, r_{\widehat{D}}(t))$  is the closed ball in  $\mathcal{E}_1$  centered at 0 with  $r_{\widehat{D}}(t)$ .

**Theorem 13.** Suppose that  $f, f' \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; H)$  satisfy (19). Then, there exists a unique global pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -attractor in  $\mathcal{E}_1$  for the nonautonomous dynamical system  $(\theta, \phi)$  defined by (15).

*Proof.* By Lemma 7, we need to prove the existence of a pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -absorbing set belonging to  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$  and then show that the cocycle  $\phi$  defined by (15) satisfies pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -Condition (C).

Multiplying (1) by  $Av(t) = Au_t(t) + \varrho Au(t)$  and integrating over  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v\|_1^2 + \|u\|_2^2) &+ \varrho \|u\|_2^2 + (\mu - \varrho) \|v\|_1^2 \\ &- \varrho (\mu - \varrho) \langle u, v \rangle_1 + k \langle u^+, Av \rangle + \langle g(u), Av \rangle \\ &= \langle f(x, t), Av \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Using the Hölder and Young inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \varrho \|u\|_2^2 + (\mu - \varrho) \|v\|_1^2 - \varrho (\mu - \varrho) \langle u, v \rangle_1 \\
 & \geq \varrho \|u\|_2^2 + (\mu - \varrho) \|v\|_1^2 - \frac{\varrho (\mu - \varrho)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \|u\|_2 \cdot \|v\|_1 \\
 & \geq \varrho \|u\|_2^2 + (\mu - \varrho) \|v\|_1^2 - \frac{\varrho}{4} \|u\|_2^2 - \frac{\varrho \mu^2}{\lambda} \|v\|_1^2 \\
 & \geq \frac{3\varrho}{4} \|u\|_2^2 + \left( \mu - \varrho - \frac{\varrho \mu^2}{\lambda} \right) \|v\|_1^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

We can easily see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle ku^+, Av \rangle &= \langle ku^+, Au_t \rangle + \langle ku^+, \varrho Au \rangle \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} k \langle u^+, Au \rangle + k \varrho \langle u^+, Au \rangle - k \langle (u^+)_t, Au \rangle \\
 &\geq \frac{d}{dt} k \langle u^+, Au \rangle + k \varrho \langle u^+, Au \rangle - \frac{\varrho}{16} \|u\|_2^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{4k^2}{\varrho} |u_t|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

According to (3), Theorem 8, and the Sobolev embedding theorem, we know that  $g(u)$ ,  $g'(u)$  are uniformly bounded in  $L^\infty$ . That is, there exists a constant  $k_0 > 0$ , such that

$$|g(u)| \leq k_0, \quad |g'(u)| \leq k_0. \tag{23}$$

In view of the Hölder inequality and (23), we can know

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle g(u), Av \rangle &= \langle g(u), Au_t \rangle + \langle g(u), \varrho Au \rangle \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle g(u), Au \rangle - \langle g'(u) u_t, Au \rangle \\
 &\quad + \varrho \langle g(u), Au \rangle \\
 &\geq \frac{d}{dt} \langle g(u), Au \rangle + \varrho \langle g(u), Au \rangle \\
 &\quad - \int_{\Omega} |g'(u)| \cdot |u_t| \cdot |Au| \, dx \\
 &\geq \frac{d}{dt} \langle g(u), Au \rangle + \varrho \langle g(u), Au \rangle - \frac{\varrho}{16} \|u\|_2^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{4k_0^2}{\varrho} |u_t|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f(x, t), Av \rangle &= \langle f(x, t), Au_t \rangle + \langle f(x, t), \varrho Au \rangle \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle - \langle f'(x, t), Au \rangle \\
 &\quad + \varrho \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq \frac{d}{dt} \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle + \varrho \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle \\
 & \quad + \frac{\varrho}{8} \|u\|_2^2 + \frac{2}{\varrho} |f'(x, t)|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

We choose  $\varrho$  small enough, such that  $\mu - \varrho - (\varrho \mu^2 / \lambda) \geq \varrho / 2$ ; we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|v\|_1^2 + \|u\|_2^2 + 2k \langle u^+, Au \rangle + 2 \langle g(u), Au \rangle \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - 2 \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle \right) + \varrho \left( \|v\|_1^2 + \|u\|_2^2 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 2k \langle u^+, Au \rangle + 2 \langle g(u), Au \rangle - 2 \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle \right) \\
 & \leq \left( \frac{8k^2}{\varrho} + \frac{8k_0^2}{\varrho} \right) |u_t|^2 + \frac{4}{\varrho} |f'(x, t)|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

On the other hand, by the Hölder and Young inequalities, (??) and (23), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2 + 2k \langle u^+, Au \rangle \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 \\
 & \quad - 4k^2 \int_{\Omega} |u^+| \cdot |(u^+)_t| \, dx \\
 & \geq \frac{d}{dt} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 \\
 & \quad - \frac{2k^2}{\lambda} \|u\|_1^2 - 2k^2 |u_t|^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2 + 2 \langle g(u), Au \rangle - 2 \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle \right) \\
 & \geq \frac{d}{dt} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 \\
 & \quad - 4 \int_{\Omega} |g(u)| \cdot |g'(u) u_t| \, dx \\
 & \quad - 4 \int_{\Omega} |f(x, t)| \cdot |f'(x, t)| \, dx \\
 & \quad + 4 \int_{\Omega} |g'(u) u_t| \cdot |f(x, t)| \, dx \\
 & \quad + 4 \int_{\Omega} |g(u)| \cdot |f'(x, t)| \, dx \\
 & \geq \frac{d}{dt} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 - 4k_0^2 - 4k_0^2 |u_t|^2 \\
 & \quad - 4 |f(x, t)|^2 - 4 |f'(x, t)|^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varrho \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2 + 2k \langle u^+, Au \rangle \right) \\
& \geq \varrho \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 - 2\varrho k^2 |u^+|^2 \\
& \geq \varrho \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 - \frac{2\varrho k^2}{\lambda} \|u\|_1^2,
\end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varrho \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2 + 2 \langle g(u), Au \rangle - 2 \langle f(x, t), Au \rangle \right) \\
& \geq \varrho \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 - 2\varrho |g(u)|^2 \\
& \quad - 2\varrho |f(x, t)|^2 + 4\varrho \int_{\Omega} |g(u)| \cdot |f(x, t)| dx \\
& \geq \varrho \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 \\
& \quad - 4\varrho k_0^2 - 4\varrho |f(x, t)|^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Therefore, combining (26)–(29), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|v\|_1^2 + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \quad + \varrho \left( \|v\|_1^2 + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \leq \left( \frac{8k^2}{\varrho} + \frac{8k_0^2}{\varrho} + 2k^2 + 4k_0^2 \right) |u_t|^2 + \frac{2k^2}{\lambda} (1 + \varrho) \|u\|_1^2 \\
& \quad + 4(1 + \varrho) |f(x, t)|^2 + 4 \left( \frac{1}{\varrho} + 1 \right) |f'(x, t)|^2 \\
& \quad + 4(1 + \varrho) k_0^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
C_1 &= \max \left\{ \frac{8k^2}{\varrho} + \frac{8k_0^2}{\varrho} + 2k^2 + 4k_0^2, \frac{2k^2}{\lambda} (1 + \varrho) \right\}, \\
C_2 &= \max \left\{ 4(1 + \varrho), 4 \left( \frac{1}{\varrho} + 1 \right) \right\}.
\end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Thus, denote

$$\begin{aligned}
y(t) &= \|v\|_1^2 + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} ku^+ \right|^2 \\
& \quad + \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Au + \sqrt{2} g(u) - \sqrt{2} f(x, t) \right|^2, \quad \text{for } t \geq \tau.
\end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \varrho y(t) &\leq C_1 \left( \|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2 \right) \\
& \quad + C_2 \left( |f(t)|^2 + |f'(t)|^2 \right) \\
& \quad + 4(1 + \varrho) k_0^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

By the Gronwall lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
y(t) &\leq e^{-\varrho t} y(t - \tau) + 4(1 + \varrho) k_0^2 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} ds \\
& \quad + C_1 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} \left( \|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2 \right) ds \\
& \quad + C_2 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} \left( |f(t)|^2 + |f'(t)|^2 \right) ds.
\end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Set

$$C_3 = \max \{1 + 2\varrho^2 \lambda^{-1}, 2\}, \quad \varrho_0 = 1 + \left( \varrho^2 + \frac{4k^2}{\lambda} \right) \frac{1}{\lambda}. \quad (35)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u\|_2^2 + \|u_t\|_1^2 &\leq 4C_3 e^{-\varrho \tau} \left( \varrho_0 \|u_1\|_2^2 + \|u_2\|_1^2 \right) \\
& \quad + 8C_3 e^{-\varrho \tau} \left( 2|g(u_1)|^2 + 2|f(t - \tau)|^2 \right) \\
& \quad + 2C_1 C_3 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} \left( \|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2 \right) ds \\
& \quad + 2C_2 C_3 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} \left( |f(t)|^2 + |f'(t)|^2 \right) ds \\
& \quad + 8C_3 (1 + \varrho) k_0^2 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} ds \\
& \quad + \frac{4C_3 k^2}{\lambda} \|u\|_1^2 + 8C_3 |g(u)|^2 + 8C_3 |f(t)|^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

From Theorem 8, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2 &\leq c_1 c_2 e^{-\delta \tau} \left( \|u_1\|_1^2 + |u_2|^2 \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{c_1 e^{-\delta t}}{\alpha_1} \int_{s-\tau}^{\tau} e^{\delta \xi} |f(\xi)|^2 d\xi + \frac{2c_1 \alpha M}{\delta},
\end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= \max \{2, 1 + 2\alpha^2 \lambda^{-1}\}, \\
c_2 &= \max \{2, 1 + \lambda^{-1} (2\alpha^2 + k)\},
\end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} (\|u\|_1^2 + |u_t|^2) ds \\
& \leq c_1 c_2 e^{-\delta\tau} (\|u_1\|_1^2 + |u_2|^2) \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} ds + \frac{2c_1 \alpha M}{\delta \varrho} \\
& \quad + \frac{c_1}{\alpha_1} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{\delta s} |f(s)|^2 ds \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta s} e^{-\varrho(t-s)} ds \right) \\
& \leq \frac{c_1 c_2}{\varrho \lambda} e^{-\delta\tau} (\|u_1\|_2^2 + \|u_2\|_1^2) + \frac{2c_1 \alpha M}{\delta \varrho} + \frac{c_1}{\alpha_1 (\varrho - \delta)} \\
& \quad \times \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} |f(s)|^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
C_4 &= \max \left\{ 4C_3, \frac{2c_1 c_2 C_1 C_3}{\varrho \lambda} \right\}, \\
C_5 &= \max \left\{ 2C_2 C_3, \frac{2c_1 C_1 C_3}{\alpha_1 (\varrho - \delta)} \right\}, \\
C_6 &= 8C_3 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) k_0^2 + \frac{4c_1 \alpha_0 M C_1 C_3}{\delta \alpha_1} + 8C_3 k_0^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Let  $D = \{D(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \in D_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ . Combining (36) and (39), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\phi(\tau, t - \tau, y_0)\|_{\mathcal{E}_1}^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + \|u_t\|_1^2 \\
& \leq C_4 (e^{-\varrho\tau} + e^{-\delta\tau}) (\|u_1\|_2^2 + \|u_2\|_1^2) \\
& \quad + C_5 \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} (|f(s)|^2 + |f'(s)|^2) ds \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} |f(s)|^2 ds \right) \\
& \quad + 16C_3 e^{-\varrho\tau} |f(t - \tau)|^2 + 16C_3 k_0^2 e^{-\varrho\tau} \\
& \quad + \frac{4C_3 k^2}{\lambda} \|u\|_1^2 + 8C_3 \|f(t)\|^2 + C_6,
\end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

for all  $y_0 \in D(t - \tau)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\tau \geq 0$ .

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
(R_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}(t))^2 &= 2C_5 \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\varrho(t-s)} (|f(s)|^2 + |f'(s)|^2) ds \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} |f(s)|^2 ds \right) \\
& \quad + 32C_3 k_0^2 e^{-\varrho\tau} + \frac{8C_3 k^2}{\lambda} (R_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_0}(t))^2 \\
& \quad + 16C_3 \|f(t)\|^2 + 2C_6
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

and consider the family  $\widehat{B}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$  of closed balls in  $\mathcal{E}_1$  defined by

$$B_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}(t) = \{z \in \mathcal{E}_1; \|z\|_{\mathcal{E}_1} \leq R_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}(t)\}. \tag{43}$$

From (18) and (41),  $\widehat{B}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$  is a pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -absorbing for the cocycle  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{E}_1$ .

Next, we show that the cocycle  $\phi$  satisfies the pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -Condition (C).

We assume that  $\tilde{\lambda}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , are eigenvalue of operator  $A$  in  $D(A)$ , satisfying

$$0 < \tilde{\lambda}_1 < \tilde{\lambda}_2 \leq \dots \leq \tilde{\lambda}_j \leq \dots, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_j \rightarrow \infty, \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty, \tag{44}$$

$\tilde{\omega}_i$  denotes eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue  $\tilde{\lambda}_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , which forms an orthogonal basis in  $D(A)$ , and at the same time they are also a group of canonical bases in  $D(A)$  or  $V$  and satisfy

$$A\tilde{\omega}_i = \tilde{\lambda}_i \tilde{\omega}_i, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{45}$$

Let  $V_m = \text{span}\{\tilde{\omega}_1, \tilde{\omega}_2, \dots, \tilde{\omega}_m\}$  and  $P_m : V \rightarrow V_m$  is an orthogonal projector. For any  $(u, u_t) \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , we write

$$(u, u_t) = (u_1, u_{1t}) + (u_2, u_{2t}), \tag{46}$$

where  $(u_1, u_{1t}) = (P_m u, P_m u_t)$ .

Taking the scalar product with  $Av_2(t) = Au_{2t}(t) + \sigma Au_2(t)$  for (1) in  $H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v_2\|_1^2 + \|u_2\|_2^2) + \sigma \|u_2\|_2^2 + (\mu - \sigma) \|v_2\|_1^2 \\
& \quad - \sigma (\mu - \sigma) \langle u_2, v_2 \rangle_1 + k \langle u^+, Av_2 \rangle + \langle g(u), Av_2 \rangle \\
& = \langle f(x, t), Av_2 \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

Similar to the estimate of (21) and (22), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sigma \|u_2\|_2^2 + (\mu - \sigma) \|v_2\|_1^2 - \sigma (\mu - \sigma) \langle u_2, v_2 \rangle_1 \\
& \geq \frac{3\sigma}{4} \|u_2\|_2^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|v_2\|_1^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle k(u^+)_{2t}, Av_2 \rangle &\geq \frac{d}{dt} k \langle (u^+)_{2t}, Au_2 \rangle + k\sigma \langle (u^+)_{2t}, Au_2 \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{\varrho}{16} \|u_2\|_2^2 - \frac{4k^2}{\sigma} \|(u^+)_{2t}\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

Moreover, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g(u), Av_2 \rangle &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle - \langle (g'(u)u_t)_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \sigma \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\geq \frac{d}{dt} \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle + \sigma \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{\sigma}{16} \|u_2\|_2^2 - \frac{4}{\sigma} |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (I - P_m) f(x, t), Av_2 \rangle \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle f_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle - \langle f'_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \sigma \langle f(x, t), Au_2 \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{d}{dt} \langle f_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle + \sigma \langle f_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma}{8} \|u_2\|_2^2 + \frac{2}{\sigma} |f'_m(x, t)|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

where  $f_m(x, t) = (I - P_m)f(x, t)$ .

Combining (48)–(51), we obtain from (47)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt} (\|v_2\|_1^2 + \|u_2\|_2^2 + 2k \langle (u^+)_2, Au_2 \rangle + 2 \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad - 2 \langle f_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle) + \sigma (\|v_2\|_1^2 + \|u_2\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + 2k \langle (u^+)_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + 2 \langle (g(u))_2, Au_2 \rangle \\ &\quad - 2 \langle f_m(x, t), Au_2 \rangle) \\ &\leq \frac{8k^2}{\sigma} |(u^+)_2|^2 + \frac{8}{\sigma} |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2 + \frac{4}{\sigma} |f'_m(x, t)|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

Like for (26)–(29), using the Hölder and Young inequalities, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt} \left[ |Au_2 + k(u^+)_2 + (g(u))_2 - f_m(t)|^2 + \|v_2\|_1^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \sigma \left[ |Au_2 + k(u^+)_2 + (g(u))_2 - f_m(t)|^2 + \|v_2\|_1^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{8k^2}{\sigma} |(u^+)_2|^2 + \frac{8}{\sigma} |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2 + \frac{4}{\sigma} |f'_m(t)|^2 \\ &\quad + 2k^2 |(u^+)_2| \cdot |(u^+)_2| + 2 |(g(u))_2| \cdot |(g'(u)u_t)_2| \\ &\quad + 2 |f_m(t)| \cdot |f'_m(t)| + 2 |(g'(u)u_t)_2| \cdot |f_m(t)| \\ &\quad + 2 |(g(u))_2| \cdot |f'_m(t)| + 2k |(u^+)_2| \cdot |(g(u))_2| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\quad + 2k |(u^+)_2| \cdot |(g'(u)u_t)_2| + 2k |(u^+)_2| \cdot |f_m(t)| \\ &\quad + 2k |(u^+)_2| \cdot |f'_m(t)| + \sigma k^2 |(u^+)_2|^2 + \sigma |(g(u))_2|^2 \\ &\quad + \sigma |f_m(t)|^2 + 2\sigma |(g(u))_2| \cdot |f_m(t)| \\ &\quad + 2k\sigma |(u^+)_2| \cdot |(g(u))_2| + 2k\sigma |(u^+)_2| \cdot |f_m(t)| \\ &\leq 5\sigma k^2 |(u^+)_2|^2 + \frac{11k^2}{\sigma} |(u^+)_2|^2 + 5\sigma |(g(u))_2|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{11}{\sigma} |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2 + \frac{9}{\sigma} |f_m(t)|^2 + \frac{3}{\sigma} |f'_m(t)|^2 \\ &\leq l_0 (|(u^+)_2|^2 + |(u^+)_2|^2) \\ &\quad + l_1 (|(g(u))_2|^2 + |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2) \\ &\quad + l_2 (|f_m(t)|^2 + |f'_m(t)|^2), \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

where  $l_0 = \max\{5\sigma k^2, 11k^2/\sigma\}$ ,  $l_1 = \max\{5\sigma, 11/\sigma\}$ , and  $l_2 = \max\{9/\sigma, 3/\sigma\}$ .

By the Gronwall lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|Au_2(t)|^2 + |\Delta u_{2t}(t)|^2 \\ &\leq 4l_3 e^{-\sigma\tau} (|Au_{12}|^2 + |\Delta u_{22}|^2) \\ &\quad + 8l_3 e^{-\sigma\tau} (2|(g(u))_{12}|^2 + 2|f_m(t-\tau)|^2) \\ &\quad + 4l_3 (k^2 |(u^+)_2|^2 + 2|(g(u))_2|^2 + 2|f_m(t)|^2) \\ &\quad + 2l_0 l_3 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\sigma(t-s)} (|(u^+)_2|^2 + |(u^+)_2|^2) ds \\ &\quad + 2l_1 l_3 \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{-\sigma(t-s)} (|(g(u))_2|^2 + |(g'(u)u_t)_2|^2) ds \\ &\quad + 2l_2 l_3 \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\sigma(t-s)} (|f_m(s)|^2 + |f'_m(t)|^2) ds \\ &:= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + I_6, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where  $l_3 = \max\{1 + 2\sigma^2 \lambda^{-1}, 2\}$ .

Then, given any  $\widehat{D} \in \mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ , we have

$$\|\phi_2(\tau, t - \tau, y_0)\|_{\mathcal{E}_1}^2 \leq I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + I_6, \quad (55)$$

for any  $y_0 \in D(t - \tau)$  and  $\tau > 0$ .

Now we estimate  $I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5$ , and  $I_6$  one by one. Given any  $\epsilon > 0$  and any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , first, by the definition of  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ , it is easy to see that there exists  $\tau_1 \geq 0$  such that, for  $\tau \geq \tau_1$ ,  $I_1, I_2 \leq \epsilon/6$ .

Second, it is easy to see that

$$|f_m(t)|^2 = |(I - P_m)f(x, t)|^2 \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty. \quad (56)$$



By Theorem 8, there exists  $\tau_2 \geq 0$  such that  $\tau \geq \tau_2$ ,  $|\Delta u(t)|^2 \leq (R_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_0}(t))^2 \leq \infty$ . Lemma 10, we can choose  $n_1$  large enough such that  $I_3 \leq \epsilon/6$ , for  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $\tau \geq \tau_2$ .

Third, by Lemmas 10 and 11, we know that there exist  $\tau_3 \geq 0$  and  $n_2$  such that  $I_4, I_5 \leq \epsilon/6$ , for  $n \geq n_2$ ,  $\tau \geq \tau_3$ .

Finally, by Lemma 9, we can choose  $n_3$  large enough so that

$$2l_2l_3 \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\sigma(t-s)} \left( |f_m(s)|^2 + |f'_m(t)|^2 \right) ds \leq \frac{\epsilon}{6} \quad (57)$$

for  $n \geq n_3$ .

By the above analysis and (55), we know that, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $\tau_0 = \max\{\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}$  and  $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2, n_3\}$ ; then

$$\|\phi_2(\tau, t - \tau, y_0)\|_{\mathcal{E}_1}^2 \leq \epsilon \quad (58)$$

for any  $\tau > \tau_0$ ,  $n > n_0$  and any  $y_0 \in D(t - \tau)$ ,

which implies the pullback  $D_{\delta, \mathcal{E}_1}$ -Condition (C).

We complete the proof.  $\square$

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