

GLOBAL ATTRACTOR FOR REACTION-DIFFUSION EQUATIONS WITH SUPERCRITICAL NONLINEARITY IN UNBOUNDED DOMAINS

JIN ZHANG, CHANG ZHANG, CHENGKUI ZHONG

ABSTRACT. We consider the existence of global attractor for the inhomogeneous reaction-diffusion equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_t - \Delta u - V(x)u + |u|^{p-2}u &= g, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\u(0) &= u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n),\end{aligned}$$

where $p > \frac{2n}{n-2}$ is supercritical and $V(x)$ satisfies suitable assumptions. Since $-\Delta$ is not positive definite in $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the Gronwall inequality can not be derived and the corresponding semigroup does not possess bounded absorbing sets in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Thus, by a special method, we prove that the equation has a global attractor in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, which attracts any bounded subset in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

We consider the existence of global attractor for the inhomogeneous reaction-diffusion equation in the whole space:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t - \Delta u - V(x)u + |u|^{p-2}u &= g, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\u(0) &= u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n),\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where $p > \frac{2n}{n-2}$ is a supercritical exponent, $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is given and the function $V(x)$ satisfies

$$V \in L^{n/2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n).\tag{1.2}$$

The long-time behavior of solution for the reaction-diffusion equation

$$u_t - \Delta u + \lambda u + f(u) = g,\tag{1.3}$$

in unbounded domain has been studied by many authors, where $\lambda > 0$ and $f(u)$ satisfying some growth condition. In the pioneering work [3], Babain and Vishik proved the existence of global attractor in some weighted space. In paper [11], under some structural assumptions on the nonlinearity f , Wang proved the existence of global attractor in usual space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ instead of the weighted space. Other

2010 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* 35B41, 35K57, 37L99.

Key words and phrases. Global attractor; inhomogeneous reaction-diffusion equation; unbounded domain; supercritical nonlinearity.

©2016 Texas State University.

Submitted July 20, 2015. Published March 4, 2016.

investigations of global attractor for equation (1.3) in unbounded domain can be found in [1, 7, 9].

In general, Gronwall inequality is utilized to prove the existence of absorbing set in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for (1.3) when $\lambda > 0$. However, it will be difficult in the case $\lambda = 0$ or $\lambda < 0$. Zelik [13] considered the existence of global attractor for the real Ginzburg-Landau equation

$$u_t - \Delta u - u + u^3 = g \quad (1.4)$$

in \mathbb{R}^n . For this equation, because of the infiniteness of the energy functional, the global attractor can not be obtained in usual spaces, thus Zelik considered the existence of the locally compact global attractors for the semigroup associated with the equation (1.4) in uniformly local spaces. More detailed information can be found in [6, 10].

Arrieta, Cholewa, Dlotko and Rodríguez-Bernal [2] consider the reaction-diffusion equation

$$u_t - \Delta u = f(x, u) + g$$

with $f(x, s)s \leq C(x)|s|^2 + D(x)|s|$ in standard Lebesgue space. They prove that for some suitable functions $C(x)$ and $D(x)$, the existence of global solutions can be obtained. Furthermore, if the operator $\Delta + C(x)I$ generates an analytic semigroup which decay exponentially, then this equation has a global attractor.

Motivated by the above works, we consider the existence of a global attractor for (1.1) (which is inhomogeneous type of equation (1.4) but u^3 is replaced by $|u|^{p-2}u$). Following the proof in [2], we can obtain the existence and uniqueness of the solutions. We encounter difficulties when proving the existence of global attractor, since the operator $\Delta + V(x)I$ may not be able to generate an analytic semigroup, and the Gronwall inequality can not be applied to obtain the absorbing set in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. To overcome the difficulties, we assume that $V(x)$ satisfies some suitable conditions, and use the method of monotonicity of the energy functional to obtain an absorbing set in $D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Furthermore, in order to establish the ω -limit compactness of the corresponding semigroup, we use the Sobolev embeddings in interior, and estimate the L^p -norm of solutions is arbitrarily small uniformly for large time in exterior. Our main result reads as follows.

Theorem 1.1. *Assume $p > \frac{2n}{n-2}$, $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $V(x)$ satisfies conditions (1.2). Then the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ generated by the equation (1.1) has a global attractor \mathcal{A} in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, which attracts any bounded subset in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Remark 1.2. Zelik [13] proved the existence of global attractor for the Ginzburg-Landau equation

$$u_t - \Delta u - u + u^3 = g \quad (1.5)$$

in \mathbb{R}^n , and the attractor is only locally compact in a uniformly local phase space. To obtain a global attractor which is compact in usual space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we assume that the nonlinear term is supercritical growth and the condition (1.2) holds.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we first review the basic concept about the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness, which will be used to establish the ω -limit compactness of semigroup. See [5, 8, 12] for its some basic properties.

Definition 2.1. Let (M, d) be a metric space and let A be a bounded subset of M . The measure of noncompactness $\kappa(A)$ is defined by

$$\kappa(A) = \inf\{\delta > 0 \mid A \text{ admits a finite cover by sets of diameter } \leq \delta\}.$$

The properties of the measure of noncompactness $\kappa(A)$ are provided in the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.2. Let (M, d) be a complete metric space and κ be the measure of noncompactness. Then

- (i) $\kappa(B) = 0$, if and only if \overline{B} is compact;
- (ii) if M is a Banach space, then $\kappa(B_1 + B_2) \leq \kappa(B_1) + \kappa(B_2)$;
- (iii) $\kappa(B_1) \leq \kappa(B_2)$ whenever $B_1 \subset B_2$;
- (iv) $\kappa(B_1 \cup B_2) = \max\{\kappa(B_1), \kappa(B_2)\}$;
- (v) $\kappa(B) = \kappa(\overline{B})$.

Lemma 2.3. Let M be an infinite dimensional Banach space and let $B(\varepsilon)$ be a ball of radius ε . Then $\kappa(B(\varepsilon)) = 2\varepsilon$.

The concept of ω -limit compactness of a semigroup, which is an important necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of global attractor (see [8]).

Definition 2.4. A semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ in a complete metric space (M, d) is called a C^0 or continuous semigroup if it satisfies:

- $S(0) = I$,
- $S(t)S(s) = S(s)S(t) = S(t+s)$,
- $S(t)x_0$ is continuous in $x_0 \in M$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 2.5. A continuous semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ in a complete metric space (M, d) is called ω -limit compact, if for any bounded subset B and any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a time $t^* \geq 0$ such that

$$\kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t^*} S(t)B\right) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Lemma 2.6. Let $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a continuous semigroup in a complete metric space (M, d) . Then $S(t)$ has a global attractor \mathcal{A} in M if and only if

- (1) there is a bounded absorbing set $B \subset M$, and
- (2) $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ is ω -limit compact.

Now, we give the general existence and uniqueness of solutions which can be obtained as in [2].

Theorem 2.7. Let $p > 2$, $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $V(x)$ satisfies conditions (1.2). Then for any $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $T > 0$, there exists a unique weak solution $u(x, t)$ of (1.1) satisfies

$$u \in C([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap L^2(0, T, D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

Furthermore, $u_0 \mapsto u(t)$ is continuous on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

For convenience, here and subsequently, we can assume $|V(x)| \leq l$ since $V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. In addition, for any $R > 0$, we denote $\Omega_R := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq R\}$.

3. BOUNDED ABSORBING SET IN $D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ AND $L^{2p-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

By Theorem 2.7, we can define the operator semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as

$$S(t)u = u(t) : L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

which is generated by the weak solutions of (1.1) with initial data $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Theorem 3.1. *There exist constants $\rho_1 > 0$ and $t_1(|u_0|_2)$ such that, for the solution $u(t)$ of (1.1),*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t)|^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^p dx \leq \rho_1, \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_1.$$

Proof. first, we multiply (1.1) by u and integrate over \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |u|_2^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} V u^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g u dx. \quad (3.1)$$

Applying Hölder inequality and Young inequality, we estimate the right-hand side as

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g u dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p dx + C(|g|_{\frac{p}{p-1}}). \quad (3.2)$$

Then, we divide the third term on the left-hand side into

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} V u^2 dx \right| \leq \int_{\Omega_{R_0}} |V| u^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega_{R_0}} |V| u^2 dx := I_1 + I_2,$$

where the constant R_0 is sufficiently large such that

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega_{R_0}} |V|^{n/2} dx \right)^{2/n} \leq \frac{S}{2},$$

and S is the Sobolev constant satisfying $S|u|_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}^2 \leq |\nabla u|_2^2$. Therefore, utilizing Hölder and Young inequality, the two terms I_1 and I_2 can be estimated as

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p dx + C(p, l, n, R_0), \quad I_2 \leq \frac{S}{2} |u|_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^2 dx. \quad (3.3)$$

Combining the estimates (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) yields

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |u|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p dx \leq C. \quad (3.4)$$

Integrating this inequality between 0 and t gives

$$\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (|\nabla u(s)|^2 + |u(s)|^p) dx ds \leq tC + |u(0)|_2^2,$$

it follows from $|u(0)|_2^2$ is bounded that there exists a sufficiently large time t_1 such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t_1)|^2 dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t_1)|^p dx \leq 2C. \quad (3.5)$$

Meanwhile, denoting

$$E(u(t)) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} V |u(t)|^2 dx + \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^p dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g u(t) dx,$$

and multiplying the equation (1.1) by u_t and integrating over \mathbb{R}^n , this yields $\frac{d}{dt}E(u(t)) = -|u_t|_2^2 \leq 0$, thus

$$E(u(t)) \leq E(u(t_1)), \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_1. \quad (3.6)$$

Utilizing the similar techniques in (3.2) and (3.3), the following two estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} gu \, dx \right| &\leq \frac{1}{4p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p \, dx + C, \\ \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Vu^2 \, dx \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{4p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^p \, dx + C \end{aligned}$$

are also valid, and yield

$$E(u(t)) \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t)|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{2p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^p \, dx - 2C, \quad (3.7)$$

$$E(u(t_1)) \leq \frac{3}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t_1)|^2 \, dx + \frac{3}{2p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^p \, dx + 2C. \quad (3.8)$$

Combining the estimates (3.5), (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8), it is obvious that there exists $\rho_1 > 0$ such that

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(t)|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{2p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^p \, dx \leq \frac{\rho_1}{2p}.$$

The conclusion is consequently obtained. \square

Next, we show the semigroup also has an absorbing set in the space $L^{2p-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Theorem 3.2. *There exist constants ρ_2 and $t_2(|u_0|_2)$ such that, for the solution $u(t)$ of the equation(1.1),*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(t)|^{2p-2} \, dx < \rho_2, \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_2.$$

Proof. Similar techniques can be used for (3.4), when multiplying (1.1) by $|u|^{p-2}u$ and $|u|^{2p-4}u$ respectively. We have the following two estimates:

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} |u|_p^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^{2p-2} \, dx \leq C, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} |u|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \leq C \left(1 + |u|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \right). \quad (3.10)$$

We can integrate (3.9) between t and $t+1$ to obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_t^{t+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(s)|^{2p-2} \, dx \, ds \leq C + \frac{1}{p} |u(t)|_p^p.$$

Recalling the fact that $|u|_p^p$ is bounded for all $t \geq t_1$, therefore there exists a constant C such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(s)|^{2p-2} \, dx \, ds \leq C \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_1. \quad (3.11)$$

Now, integrating (3.10) between s and $t+1$ ($t \leq s < t+1$) gives

$$|u(t+1)|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \leq C \left(1 + \int_s^{t+1} |u(\xi)|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \, d\xi \right) + |u(s)|_{2p-2}^{2p-2},$$

then we integrate this equation with respect to s between t and $t + 1$, we obtain

$$|u(t + 1)|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \leq C + C \int_t^{t+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(s)|^{2p-2} dx ds. \quad (3.12)$$

It follows from (3.11) that there exists a constant $\rho_2 > 0$ such that

$$|u(t + 1)|_{2p-2}^{2p-2} \leq \rho_2 \quad \forall t > t_1,$$

the proof is complete because $t_2 = t_1 + 1$. \square

Remark 3.3. We observe that, in the proofs of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2, we only need $g \in L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $g \in L^{\frac{3p-4}{p-1}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ respectively. Actually, we can prove that the semigroup has a bounded absorbing set in $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for any $q \in [p, \infty)$ when the function $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

4. ω -LIMIT COMPACTNESS AND GLOBAL ATTRACTOR

We define a smooth function $\theta : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$, such that

$$\theta(s) = \begin{cases} 0 & s \leq 1, \\ 1 & s \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

with $|\theta'(s)| \leq 2$. Let $\theta_R(x) = \theta_R(|x|) = \theta\left(\frac{|x|^2}{R^2}\right)$. In this way, any solution $u(t)$ of equation (1.1) can be decomposed as $u(t) = \theta_R u(t) + (1 - \theta_R)u(t)$. Before the proof of ω -limit compactness and global attractor for the corresponding semigroup, we first give the estimate the L^p -norm of solutions are arbitrarily small uniformly on exterior.

Lemma 4.1. *For arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist constants t_3 and $R_0 > 0$, such that for the solution $u(t)$,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_{R_0}^2 |u(t)|^p dx < \varepsilon, \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_3.$$

Proof. Multiplying (1.1) by $\theta_R^p |u|^{p-2} u$ and integrating over \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^p dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta u \cdot \theta_R^p |u|^{(p-2)} u dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p V |u|^p dx \\ & + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{p-2} u g dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

We first consider the estimate of the second term in the left-hand side, since

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta u \cdot \theta_R^p |u|^{(p-2)} dx \\ & = \frac{4(p-1)}{p^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx + p \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^{p-1} u^{p-1} \nabla \theta_R \nabla u dx \\ & \geq \frac{4(p-1)}{p^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} dx - p^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \theta_R|^2 |\nabla u|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

Referring to Theorem 3.1 and assumption of the function θ_R , we have $|\nabla u|_2^2$ is bounded and $|\nabla\theta_R(x)| \leq \frac{4}{R}$. Thus, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $t \geq t_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta u \cdot \theta_R^p |u|^{p-2} u \, dx \\ & \geq \frac{4(p-1)}{p^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \, dx - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} \, dx - \frac{C}{R^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Then, the application of Hölder and Young inequalities gives the following two estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p V |u|^p \, dx \right| & \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega_R} |V|^{n/2} \, dx \right)^{2/n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\theta_R u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^{2 \cdot \frac{n}{n-2}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \\ & \leq S \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega_R} |V|^{n/2} \, dx \right)^{2/n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^2 |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \, dx, \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{p-2} u g \, dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} \, dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |g|^2 \, dx. \tag{4.4}$$

It is obvious that the terms $\frac{C}{R^2}$, $\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega_R} |V|^{n/2} \, dx \right)^{2/n}$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |g|^2 \, dx$ can be sufficiently small when $R \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, from (4.1)-(4.4) it follows that, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists R_0 , such that for all $t \geq t_1$ and $R \geq R_0$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^p \, dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} \, dx < \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\frac{2p-2}{p(1-\lambda)}}, \tag{4.5}$$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ satisfies $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{(n-2)\lambda}{2n} + \frac{1-\lambda}{2p-2}$. Similarly to the proof of Theorem 3.1, there exists a time $t_3 \geq t_1$, such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t_3)|^{2p-2} \, dx < \varepsilon^{\frac{2p-2}{p(1-\lambda)}}. \tag{4.6}$$

Now, combining (4.5) with (4.6), we can prove that if $t \geq t_3$, there exists a constant $C \sim (\rho_1, p)$, such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t)|^p \, dx \leq C\varepsilon. \tag{4.7}$$

Actually, applying the interpolation inequality and notice that $|u|_{\frac{2n}{n-2}}^2 \leq \frac{1}{S} |\nabla u|_2^2 \leq \frac{\rho_1}{S}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^p \, dx \right)^{1/p} & \leq \varepsilon^{1/p} |u|_{\frac{2n}{n-2}} + (\varepsilon^{1/p})^{-\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2p-2}} \\ & \leq \varepsilon^{1/p} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_1}{S}} + (\varepsilon^{1/p})^{-\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u|^{2p-2} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2p-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (4.7) is valid provided that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t)|^{2p-2} \, dx < \varepsilon^{\frac{2p-2}{p(1-\lambda)}}$. On the other hand, if $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t)|^{2p-2} \, dx \geq \varepsilon^{\frac{2p-2}{p(1-\lambda)}}$, then referring to the estimate (4.5), it follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t)|^p \, dx < -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\frac{2p-2}{p(1-\lambda)}} < 0,$$

which concludes that $\int \theta_R^p |u(t)|^p dx$ is decreasing with respect to variable t . Hence, in any case as $t \geq t_3$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \theta_R^p |u(t_3)|^p dx \leq C\varepsilon.$$

□

Now, we prove that the semigroup generated by the solutions of equation(1.1) has a global attractor \mathcal{A} , which attracts any bounded subset $B \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in the topology of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. We only need to verify that the corresponding semigroup is ω -limit compact. For any fixed R , it follows from Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 that there exists a time t_2 such that

$$\cup_{t \geq t_2} \cup_{u_0 \in B} (1 - \theta_R)S(t)u_0 \text{ is bounded in } H^1(\Omega_{2R}) \text{ and } L^{2p-2}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

then by the compactness of Sobolev embedding $H^1(\Omega_{2R}) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega_{2R})$ and interpolation inequality ($2 < p < 2p - 2$), we obtain that $\cup_{t \geq t_2} \cup_{u_0 \in B} (1 - \theta_R)S(t)u_0$ is compact in $L^p(\Omega_{2R})$, thus

$$\kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t_2} \cup_{u_0 \in B} (1 - \theta_R)S(t)u_0\right)_{L^p} = 0, \quad \text{for any } R > 0.$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 4.1, we know for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist constants t_3 and $R_0 > 0$ such that

$$\left|\cup_{t \geq t_3} \cup_{u_0 \in B} \theta_{R_0} S(t)u_0\right|_p^p < \varepsilon,$$

by Lemma 2.3, its measure of noncompactness is less than 2ε , i.e.,

$$\kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t_3} \cup_{u_0 \in B} \theta_{R_0} S(t)u_0\right)_{L^p} < 2\varepsilon.$$

Thus taking $t^* = \max\{t_2, t_3\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t^*} \cup_{u_0 \in B} S(t)u_0\right)_{L^p} \\ & \leq \kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t^*} \cup_{u_0 \in B} \theta_{R_0} S(t)u_0\right)_{L^p} + \kappa\left(\cup_{t \geq t^*} \cup_{u_0 \in B} (1 - \theta_{R_0})S(t)u_0\right)_{L^p} < 2\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which concludes that the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ is ω -limit compact. Therefore, we obtain the existence of global attractor, which attracts any bounded subset $B \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in the topology of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. □

Acknowledgments. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the anonymous referee for his(her) valuable comments and suggestions which led to an important improvement of our original manuscript. This work was partly supported by NSFC Grant (No.11031003).

REFERENCES

- [1] F. Abergel; Existence and finite dimensionality of the global attractor for evolution equations on unbounded domains, *Journal of Differential Equations*, **83**(1) (1990), 85-108.
- [2] J. Arrieta, J. Cholewa, T. Dlotko, A. Rodríguez-Bernal; Asymptotic behavior and attractors for reaction diffusion equations in unbounded domains, *Nonlinear Analysis: Theory, Methods & Applications*, **56**(4) (2004), 515-554.
- [3] A. V. Babin, M. I. Vishik; Attractors of partial differential evolution equations in an unbounded domain, *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Section A Mathematics*, **116**(3-4) (1990), 221-243.

- [4] A. V. Babin, M. I. Vishik; Attractor of evolution equations, *North-Holland Publishing Co.*, Amsterdam (1992).
- [5] K. Deimling; *Nonlinear Functional Analysis*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1995.
- [6] M. Efendiev, S. Zelik; Upper and lower bounds for the Kolmogorov entropy of the attractor for the RDE in an unbounded domain, *Journal of Dynamics and Differential Equations*, Springer, **14**(2) (2002), 369-403.
- [7] E. Feireisl, Ph. Laurencot, F. Simondon; Global attractors for degenerate parabolic equations on unbounded domains, *J. Diff. Eqs.* **129** (1996), 239-261.
- [8] Q. F. Ma, S. H. Wang, C. K. Zhong; Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of global attractors for semigroups and applications, *Indiana Univ. Math. J.* **51** (2002), 1541-1559.
- [9] S. Merino; On the existence of the compact global attractor for semilinear reaction-diffusion systems on R^n , *J. Diff. Eqs.* **132** (1996), 87-106.
- [10] A. Miranville, S. Zelik; Attractors for dissipative partial differential equations in bounded and unbounded domains, *Handbook of Differential Equations: Evolutionary Equations 4*, Elsevier, North-Holland, Amsterdam (2008), 103-200.
- [11] B. X. Wang; Attractors for reaction diffusion equations in unbounded domains, *Physica D* **128** (1999), 41-52.
- [12] C. K. Zhong, M. H. Yang, C. Y. Sun; The existence of global attractors for the norm-to-weak continuous semigroup and application to the nonlinear reaction-diffusion equations, *J. Differential Equations*, **223**(2) (2006), Pages 367-399.
- [13] S. Zelik; The attractor for a nonlinear reaction-diffusion system in the unbounded domain and kolmogorove's -entropy, *Mathematische Nachrichten* **232**(1) (2001), 129-179.

JIN ZHANG

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, HOHAI UNIVERSITY, NANJING 210098, CHINA

E-mail address: zhangjin86@hhu.edu.cn

CHANG ZHANG

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, NANJING UNIVERSITY, NANJING 210093, CHINA

E-mail address: chznju@126.com

CHENGKUI ZHONG (CORRESPONDING AUTHOR)

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, NANJING UNIVERSITY, NANJING 210093, CHINA

E-mail address: ckzhong@nju.edu.cn