



GROUND STATE SOLUTIONS FOR CHOQUARD EQUATION WITH LOGARITHMIC NONLINEARITY

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the following Choquard equation with logarithmic nonlinearity

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + V(x)u = k(I_\alpha * |u|^p)|u|^{p-2}u + H(x)u \log |u|, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is a smooth bounded domain with boundary $\partial\Omega$, $k > 0$ is real parameter, $\alpha \in (0, 3)$, I_α is the Riesz potential. Under some mild assumptions on V and H , we obtain a ground state solution by variational method and logarithmic inequality. In addition, we investigate the limit profiles of Choquard equations as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ or $\alpha \rightarrow N$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider the following Choquard equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + V(x)u = k(I_\alpha * |u|^p)|u|^{p-2}u + H(x)u \log |u|, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is a smooth bounded domain with boundary $\partial\Omega$, $k > 0$ is real parameter, $p \in (1 + \alpha/3, 3 + \alpha)$, $\alpha \in (0, 3)$, I_α is the Riesz potential, V, H are potential functions.

Choquard equation was firstly introduced by Pekar [16] in 1954 for describing the quantum mechanics of a polaron at rest, an electron trapped in its hole by Choquard [12]. Li and Tang [11] considered Choquard equation with the upper critical exponent, where the nonlinearity satisfies (f_0) $f \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ is odd, (f_1) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t)/t = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} f(t)/t^{2^*-1} = 0$, where $2^* = 2N/(N-2)$, (f_2) there exists $\mu > 4$ such that

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$0 < \mu F(t) \leq f(t)t$ for all $t \neq 0$. When the nonlinear perturbation satisfies (f_0) $f(t) = o(t)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$, (f_1) $|f(t)| \leq a(|t| + |t|^{q-1})$ for some $a > 0$ and $q > 2$ with $1/q > 1/2 - 1/N$, (f_2) there exists $\mu > 4$ such that $0 < \mu F(t) \leq f(t)t$ for all $t \neq 0$, Choquard equations with lower critical exponent was studied in [22]. Multiple solutions to Kirchhoff type equations with Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev critical nonlinearity was solved [5, 6]. Next, [10] proved the existence and concentrate behavior of ground state solutions for critical Choquard equations. Li, Gao and Liang [9] considered the existence and concentration of nontrivial nonnegative ground state solutions to Kirchhoff-type system with Hartree-type nonlinearity, where f satisfies (f_0) $f \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ and $C > 0$ such that $|f'(t)| \leq C(1 + |t|^{q-2})$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, (f_1) $f(t)/t^{2p-1}$ is increasing on $(0, \infty)$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)/t^{2p-1} = \infty$ and $p \in (3 + \alpha)$. More results about Choquard equation, we can refer to [15, 20, 25].

Recently, logarithmic nonlinearity appears frequently in partial differential equations, which describe physical phenomena, for example continuum mechanics, phase transition phenomena, and population dynamics. On the other hand, for the parabolic equations, we can refer to [2, 3, 8, 14] and the references therein. For partial equations with logarithmic nonlinearity, we can refer to [1, 7, 13, 18, 21, 24] and the references therein. Specially, multiple solutions for the semilinear elliptic equations with logarithmic nonlinearity by Nehari manifold was studied in [18]. Liu and Xiao [13] analyzed ground state solutions for a fourth-order nonlinear elliptic problem with logarithmic nonlinearity, where $H = 1$. When $H \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $\min_{\mathbb{R}^3} H > 0$ and $\min_{\mathbb{R}^3} (V + H) > 0$, multiple solutions to Schrödinger equation with periodic potential and logarithmic nonlinearity was solved in [21]. Furthermore, the $\max_{\mathbb{R}^3} V \in (-1, \infty)$ and $H = 1$ with ground state solutions was seen [1]. Le [24] studied a fractional p-Laplacian equation in the whole space with the sign-changing logarithmic nonlinearity by using Nehari manifold.

However, the existence of ground state solutions for Choquard equation with logarithmic nonlinearity has not been studied. In this paper, we assume that V and H satisfy:

(V): $V \in L^{3/2}(\Omega)$ and $|V^-|_{3/2} < S$, where $V^+ = \max\{V, 0\}$, $V^- = \min\{V, 0\}$, and $S = \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \|u\|_{H_0^1}^2 / |u|_6^2$;

(H): $H \in C(\overline{\Omega})$, $\mu := \inf_{\Omega} H > 0$, satisfying

$$\max_{\Omega} H \leq 2\pi(1 - S^{-1}|V^-|_{3/2})/e^{-8|\Omega|^{1/2}+2}.$$

According to the condition (V), there exists $H \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ and $\min_{\Omega} (V + H) < 0$. So, our conditions are more complex than [1, 13, 21]. Notice that the logarithmic nonlinearity does not satisfy (f_0) , (f_1) and (f_2) , which means that the logarithmic nonlinearity does not satisfy the subcritical or Ambrosetti-Rabinowitz condition. Therefore, the logarithmic nonlinearity can not be replaced by the general nonlinear term [9–11, 22]. Meanwhile, there is no logarithmic Sobolev inequality concerning to the logarithmic

nonlinearity with H . In order to overcome the above difficulties, we introduce a new logarithmic inequality.

In this paper, it's worth noting that we obtain a new existence Theorem 3 on the ground state solution for the equation (1.1), which is quite different from these in the polynomial case. On the other hand, our method and conclusion are different from [18, 24]. In addition, we are interested in limit of behaviors of ground solution to (1.1) as either $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ or $\alpha \rightarrow N$.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that (V) and (H) hold. Then there exists a ground solution to (1.1).*

Remark 1. Notice that the logarithmic nonlinearity contains potential H . Therefore, the logarithmic Sobolev inequality cannot be applied directly. By condition (V), it is not difficult to find that our potential function is sign-change potential function. In addition, (1.1) contains Hatree nonlinearity. To get our conclusions, it is crucial to deal with the relationship between H , V and Hatree nonlinearity.

Theorem 2. *Let $\{u_\alpha\}$ be a family of ground solution to (1.1) for α close to 0. Then there exists u_0 such that $u_\alpha \rightarrow u_0$ and u_0 is a nontrivial solution of the equation*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + V(x)u = k|u|^{2p-2}u + H(x)u \log |u|, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

Let $\{u_\alpha\}$ be a family of ground solution to (1.1) for α close to N . Then there exists u_N such that $u_\alpha \rightarrow u_N$ and u_N is a nontrivial solution of the equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + V(x)u = k(\int_\Omega |u|^p) |u|^{p-2}u + H(x)u \log |u|, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Remark 2. Seok [19] considered the limit profiles and uniqueness of ground states to the nonlinear Choquard equations, namely, $\alpha \rightarrow 0, \alpha \rightarrow N$. When logarithmic nonlinearity does not exist, as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, it reduces to the Euler-Lagrange equation. On the other hand, inspired by [19], we are interested to consider the case of $\alpha \rightarrow N$. In addition, by studying the limit profiles, we can better understand the properties of logarithmic nonlinearity.

Theorem 3. *When $k = 0$, the equation (1.1) has a ground state solution.*

Remark 3. Similarly, we can also consider the following fractional Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^s u + V(x)u = H(x)u \log |u|, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is a smooth bounded domain with boundary $\partial\Omega$, $s \in (0, 1)$. We assume that the potential functions H and V satisfy:

(V_1) $V \in L^{3/(2s)}(\Omega)$ and $|V^-|_{3/(2s)} < S$, where $V^+ = \max\{V, 0\}$, $V^- = \min\{V, 0\}$ and $S = \inf_{u \in H_0^s(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \|u\|_{H_0^s}^2 / \|u\|_{6/(3-2s)}^2$.

(H_1) $H \in C(\overline{\Omega})$, $\mu := \inf_{\Omega} H > 0$, satisfying

$$\max_{\overline{\Omega}} H \leq \pi^s (1 - S^{-1} |V^-|_{3/(2s)}) / \left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2s})}{(\frac{3}{2})} e^{\frac{2|\Omega|^{1/2-2}}{3}} \right)^{6/s}.$$

Assume that $(V_1), (H_1)$ hold, (1.4) has a ground state solution. A complete introduction to fractional Sobolev space and fractional logarithmic Sobolev inequality, we can refer to [4, 17, 23].

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this paper, we make use of the following notation:

- $H_0^1(\Omega)$ is the usual Hilbert space with the norm

$$\|u\|_{H_0^1} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}.$$

- $L^p(\Omega)$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) is the Lebesgue space with the norm

$$|u|_p = \left(\int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

- $C, C_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, denote various positive constants.
- M denotes $\max_{\overline{\Omega}} H$.
- $|\Omega|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of Ω .
- From the Sobolev and Rellich embedding theorem, the embedding $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^s(\Omega)$ is continuous for $s \in [2, 6]$ and is compact for $s \in [2, 6)$.

A weak solution to the equation (1.1) is a critical point of the following energy functional J defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} J(u) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + Vu^2) dx - \frac{k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx, \quad u \in H_0^1(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to proof that J is well defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $J \in C^1(H_0^1(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J'(u), v \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + Vuv) dx - k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^{p-2} uv dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} Huv \log |u| dx, \quad v \in H_0^1(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

For each $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, by the Hölder inequality and the condition (V), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} V u^2 dx &\geq \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} |V^-| u^2 dx \\ &\geq (1 - S^{-1} |V^-|_{3/2}) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx := \delta \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where $\delta = 1 - S^{-1} |V^-|_{3/2}$.

Proposition 1. (Logarithmic Sobolev inequality [8, 14]) Let u be a function in $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \setminus \{0\}$ and $a > 0$ be a constant. Then

$$2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx + 3(1 + \log a) |u|_2^2 \leq \frac{a^2}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 dx.$$

For any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, we define $u(x) = 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega$. According to the logarithmic Sobolev inequality, we have

$$2 \int_{\Omega} u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx + 3(1 + \log a) |u|_2^2 \leq \frac{a^2}{\pi} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx. \quad (2.2)$$

Proposition 2. (Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality [5, 6]) Let $s, t > 1$ and $\alpha \in (0, 3)$ with $1/s + 1/r = 1 + \alpha/3$. Then there exists a sharp constant $C(\alpha, s, r) > 0$ such that for any $g \in L^s(\Omega)$ and $h \in L^r(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{g(x)h(y)}{|x-y|^{3-\alpha}} dx dy \leq C(\alpha, s, r) |g|_s |h|_r.$$

3. PROOFS OF MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 1. There exists a $C > 0$ such that,

$$|t \log |t|| \leq C(1 + t^2), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. Define

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{|t \log |t||}{1+t^2}, & t \neq 0. \\ 0, & t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,

$$\lim_{|t| \rightarrow 0} f(t) = 0, \quad \lim_{|t| \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

It follows from (3.2) that (3.1) holds. \square

Lemma 2. For any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, then we have

$$\int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx \leq M \left(\frac{a^2}{2\pi} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \frac{3(1 + \log a)}{2} |u|_2^2 + 2|\Omega|^{1/2} |u|_2^2 \right).$$

Proof. For $\theta > 0$, we have

$$\log \theta < \theta. \quad (3.3)$$

For any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, then we have

$$\int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx = \int_{\Omega_1} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx + \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_1} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx, \quad (3.4)$$

where $\Omega_1 = \{x \in \Omega : |u(x)|/|u|_2 < 1\}$. According to the Hölder inequality and (3.3), we deduce

$$\int_{\Omega_1} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx \leq M \int_{\Omega_1} u^2 \log \frac{|u|_2}{|u|} dx \leq M |\Omega|^{1/2} |u|_2^2. \quad (3.5)$$

Observing (2.2), (3.4) and (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_1} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx &\leq M \left(\int_{\Omega} u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx - \int_{\Omega_1} u^2 dx \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} \right) \\ &\leq M \left(\int_{\Omega} u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx + |\Omega|^{1/2} |u|_2^2 \right) \\ &\leq M \left(\frac{a^2}{2\pi} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \frac{3(1+\log a)}{2} |u|_2^2 + |\Omega|^{1/2} |u|_2^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

It follows from (3.5) and (3.6) that

$$\int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx \leq M \left(\frac{a^2}{2\pi} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \frac{3(1+\log a)}{2} |u|_2^2 + 2|\Omega|^{1/2} |u|_2^2 \right).$$

□

Lemma 3. *The functional J has the mountain pass geometry:*

- (i) *there exists $\rho > 0$ such that $\inf_{\|u\|=\rho} J(u) > 0$.*
- (ii) *for any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, it holds $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J(tu) = -\infty$.*

Proof. According to Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev Inequality, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx \leq C_1 |u|_{pr}^{2p}, \quad (3.7)$$

where $r = 6/(3 + \alpha)$. For any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, by (2.1), (3.3), (3.7) and Lemma 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J(u) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \delta |\nabla u|^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log |u|_2 dx \\ &\quad - C_1 k |u|_{pr}^{2p} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \left(2\delta - \frac{Ma^2}{\pi} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{1}{4} (3 + 3 \log a - 4|\Omega|^{1/2}) |u|_2^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{M}{2} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right)^{3/2} - C_2 k \|u\|^{2p}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

According to the arbitrariness of a in logarithmic Sobolev inequality, we take $a = e^{\frac{4|\Omega|^{1/2}-3}{3}}$, we know

$$3 + 3 \log a - 4|\Omega|^{1/2} > 0.$$

According to the condition (H), we have

$$2\delta - \frac{Ma^2}{\pi} > 0.$$

When $\|u\| = \rho > 0$ is small enough, according to (3.8) and the condition (H), we complete the proof of (i). For any $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ and $t > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J(tu) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla tu|^2 + V(tu)^2) dx - \frac{k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |tu|^p) |tu|^p dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} H(tu)^2 \log |tu| dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H(tu)^2 dx \\ &= \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + Vu^2) dx - \frac{t^{2p}k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx \\ &\quad - \frac{t^2 \log t}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx - \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{t^2}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

and the conclusion (ii) follows. \square

Lemma 4. Suppose that $\{u_n\}$ is a sequence in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that $u_n \rightharpoonup u$, then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^p dx = \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx.$$

For any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^{p-1} u_n v dx = \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^{p-1} u v dx.$$

Proof. Firstly, by Fatou's lemma, then we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^p dx. \quad (3.9)$$

From that $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $6p/(3+\alpha) \in [2, 6)$, we have that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^{6p/(3+\alpha)}(\Omega)$. Therefore, $|u_n|^p \rightarrow |u|^p$ in $L^{6/(3+\alpha)}(\Omega)$. Combining with Proposition 2, we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * (|u_n|^p - |u|^p)] |u_n|^p dx \leq C_{\alpha,p} \| |u_n|^p - |u|^p \|_{6/(3+\alpha)} \|u_n^p\|_{6/(3+\alpha)}, \quad (3.10)$$

According to (3.10), as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * (|u_n|^p - |u|^p)] |u_n|^p dx \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.11)$$

Similarly, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) ||u_n|^p - |u|^p| dx = o(1). \quad (3.12)$$

According to (3.9), (3.11) and (3.12), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * (|u_n|^p)] |u_n|^p dx = \int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * (|u|^p)] |u|^p dx.$$

It follows from Proposition 2 that $I_{\alpha} * (|u|^{p-2}uv) \in L^{6/(3+\alpha)}(\Omega)$.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^{p-1} u_n v dx - \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^{p-1} u v dx \right| \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} |(I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) [|u_n|^{p-1} u_n v - |u|^{p-1} u v]| dx \\ & \quad + \left| \int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p - I_{\alpha} * |u|^p] |u|^{p-1} u v dx \right| \\ & \leq |I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p|_{6/(3-\alpha)} ||u_n|^{p-1} u_n v - |u|^{p-1} u v|_{6/(3-\alpha)} \\ & \quad + \left| \int_{\Omega} [I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p - I_{\alpha} * |u|^p] |u|^{p-1} u v dx \right| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The proof is complete. \square

Now, we prove that the functional J satisfies (PS) condition.

Lemma 5. *J satisfies (PS) condition.*

Proof. Assume that $\{u_n\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ is a (PS) sequence certifies $|J(u_n)| < b$ for some positive constant b and $J'(u_n) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We claim $\{u_n\}$ is bounded in $H_0^1(\Omega)$. Indeed, it follows from that for n large enough that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu}{4} \int_{\Omega} u_n^2 dx & \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u_n^2 dx = J(u_n) - \frac{1}{2} \langle J'(u_n), u_n \rangle \\ & \quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p} \right) k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^p dx \leq b + o(1) \|u_n\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

It follows from (3.3) and (3.14) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} H |u_n|^2 \log |u_n|_2 dx & = \log |u_n|_2 \int_{\Omega} H |u_n|^2 dx \leq M |u_n|_2 \int_{\Omega} |u_n|^2 dx \\ & \leq \frac{8M}{\mu^{3/2}} (4b + o(1) \|u_n\|)^{3/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

setting $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}$, according to (3.14), (3.15) and Lemma 2, we have

$$b + o(1) \|u_n\| \geq J(u_n) - \frac{1}{2p} \langle J'(u_n), u_n \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \frac{\gamma}{2} \left(2\delta - \frac{Ma^2}{\pi} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{\gamma}{2} (3 + 3 \log a - 4|\Omega|^{1/2}) |u|_2^2 \\
&\quad - \gamma \int_{\Omega} H |u_n|^2 \log |u_n|_2 dx \\
&\geq \frac{\gamma}{2} \left(2\delta - \frac{Ma^2}{\pi} \right) \|u_n\|^2 - \left| \frac{\gamma}{2\mu} (3 + 3 \log a - 4|\Omega|^{1/2}) \right| (b + o(1) \|u_n\|) \\
&\quad - \frac{8M\gamma}{\mu^{3/2}} (4b + o(1) \|u_n\|)^{3/2},
\end{aligned}$$

which concludes the claim. So, going if necessary to a subsequence (still denote $\{u_n\}$), we can assume that $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ in $H_0^1(\Omega)$. It follows from (3.1) that

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (Hu_n \log |u_n| - Hu \log |u|)(u_n - u) dx \right| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.16)$$

By Lemma 4, we have

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} [(I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^{p-2} u_n - (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^{p-2} u](u_n - u) dx \right| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.17)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_n - u\|^2 &= \langle J'(u_n) - J'(u), u_n - u \rangle + \int_{\Omega} (u_n \log |u_n| - u \log |u|)(u_n - u) dx \\
&\quad + \int_{\Omega} [(I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^{p-2} u_n - (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^{p-2} u](u_n - u) dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\Omega} (Vu_n - Vu)(u_n - u) dx.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

It is clear that

$$\langle J'(u_n) - J'(u), u_n - u \rangle \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.19)$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} (Vu_n - Vu)(u_n - u) dx \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.20)$$

Therefore, according to (3.16)-(3.20), we get $\|u_n - u\| \rightarrow 0$. The proof is complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 1. According to Lemma 3 and Lemma 5, (1.1) exists a non-trivial solution. Set $K = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J'(u) = 0\}$, we know K is nonempty. So for any $u \in K$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
J(u) - \frac{1}{2} \langle J'(u), u \rangle &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p} \right) k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^p dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx \\
&\geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

So we may define $c_\alpha = \inf\{J(u) : u \in K\}$. Let $\{u_n\} \subseteq K$ be such that $J(u_n) \rightarrow c_\alpha$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By Lemma 5, there exists a subsequence (still denote $\{u_n\}$) and $u_n \rightarrow u_0$ in $H_0^1(\Omega)$. By the continuation of J' , we imply that $J(u_0) = c_\alpha$ and $J'(u_0) = 0$. We show that $u_0 \neq 0$. Since $u_n \in K$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n\|^2 &= k \int_{\Omega} (I_\alpha * |u_n|^p) |u_n|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} H u_n^2 \log |u_n| dx \\ &\leq C_2 \|u_n\|^{2p} + C_4 \|u_n\|^4. \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

It follows from $u_n \in K$ and (3.21) that

$$1 \leq C_2 \|u_n\|^{2p-2} + C_4 \|u_n\|^2.$$

Therefore, we imply that $u_0 \neq 0$. It completes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. A weak solution to the equation (1.2) is a critical point of the following energy functional J_1 defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by

$$J_1(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + V u^2) dx - \frac{k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u| + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx,$$

for all $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. It is easy to proof that J_1 is well defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $J \in C^1(H_0^1(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$. Furthermore,

$$\langle J_1'(u), v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + V u v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u|^{p-2} u v dx - \int_{\Omega} H u v \log |u| dx,$$

for all $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. \square

Lemma 6. Fix $1 < p < \frac{2N}{N-2}$. Let $\{\alpha_j\} > 0$ be a sequence converging to 0 and let $\{u_j\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ be a sequence converging weakly in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ to some $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. Then, as $j \rightarrow \infty$, the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{2p} dx.$$

For any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^{p-1} u_j v dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{2p-2} u_0 v dx.$$

Proof. For the proof of the lemma, we refer to ([19], Proposition 2.7). \square

Lemma 7. Let $\{u_\alpha\}$ be a family of ground solution to (1.1) for α close to 0 and then there exists u_0 such that u_0 is a nontrivial solution of the equation (1.2).

Proof. Let $\{u_\alpha\}$ be a family of ground solutions to (1.1) for α close to 0. Similarly to proof of Theorem 1, define $c_{2p} = \inf\{J_1(u) : u \in K_1\}$, where $K_1 = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J_1'(u) = 0\}$. Given $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$c_\alpha \leq \max_{t>0} J(tu) = \max_{t>0} \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + V u^2) dx - \frac{t^{2p} k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} (I_\alpha * |u|^p) |u|^p dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{t^2 \log t}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx - \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{t^2}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \\
& \rightarrow \max_{t>0} \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + V u^2) dx - \frac{t^{2p} k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p} dx \\
& \quad - \frac{t^2 \log t}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx - \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{t^2}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \\
& = \max_{t>0} J_1(tu).
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum with respect to $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, we deduce that

$$\limsup_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} c_{\alpha} \leq c_{2p}. \quad (3.22)$$

Since u_{α} is a ground solution to (1.1), by Lemma 5 and (3.22), we obtain that $\{u_{\alpha}\}$ is bounded. So, there exists $\{u_j\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ be a sequence converging weakly in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ to $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. We claim that u_0 is a weak solution of the equation (1.2). Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_j \cdot \nabla v + V u_j v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_{\alpha_j}|^p) |u_j|^{p-2} u v dx - \int_{\Omega} H u_j v \log |u_j| dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_0 \cdot \nabla v + V u_0 v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{p-2} u_0 v dx - \int_{\Omega} H u_0 v \log |u_0| dx. \quad (3.23)
\end{aligned}$$

Since u_j is a ground solution of equation (1.1), then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle J'(u_j), v \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_j \cdot \nabla v + V u_j v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^{p-2} u v dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\Omega} H u_j v \log |u_j| dx = 0. \quad (3.24)
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.23) and (3.24) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_0 \cdot \nabla v + V u_0 v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{p-2} u_0 v dx - \int_{\Omega} H u_0 v \log |u_0| dx \\
& = 0 = \langle J'_1(u_0), v \rangle, \quad (3.25)
\end{aligned}$$

which concludes the claim. According to (3.1), we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} H u_j^2 \log |u_j| dx = \int_{\Omega} H u_0^2 \log |u_0| dx. \quad (3.26)$$

Since u_0 is a weak solution of the equation (1.2), by the (3.26) and Lemma 6, we imply

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|u_j\| &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} H u_j^2 \log |u_j| dx \right) \\
&= \int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{2p} dx + \int_{\Omega} H u_0^2 \log |u_0| dx = \|u_0\|. \quad (3.27)
\end{aligned}$$

According to (3.27) and $u_j \rightharpoonup u_0$, we have $u_j \rightarrow u_0$. Since u_j is a ground solution of equation (1.1), we get

$$\|u_j\|^2 = k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} H u_j^2 \log |u_j| dx \leq C_2 \|u_j\|^{2p} + C_4 \|u_j\|^4, \quad (3.28)$$

Observe from (3.28) that

$$1 \leq C_2 \|u_j\|^{2p-2} + C_4 \|u_j\|^2. \quad (3.29)$$

According to (3.29) and $u_j \rightarrow u_0$, we imply that u_0 is a nontrivial solution of the equation (1.2). \square

A weak solution to the equation (1.3) is a critical point of the following energy functional J_2 defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} J_2(u) = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + V u^2) dx - \frac{k}{2p} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx \right)^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. It is easy to proof that J_2 is well defined on $H_0^1(\Omega)$ and $J_2 \in C^1(H_0^1(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$. Furthermore,

$$\langle J_2'(u), v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v + V uv) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u|^p \int_{\Omega} |u|^{p-2} uv dx - \int_{\Omega} H uv \log |u| dx,$$

for all $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.

Lemma 8. Fix $1 < p < \frac{2N}{N-2}$. Let $\{\alpha_j\} > 0$ be a sequence converging to N and let $\{u_j\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ be a sequence converging weakly in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ to some $u_N \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. Then, as $j \rightarrow \infty$, the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx = \left(\int_{\Omega} |u_N|^p dx \right)^2.$$

For any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^{p-1} u_N v dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^p \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^{p-2} u_N v dx.$$

Proof. For a proof of the lemma, we refer to ([19], Proposition 2.8). \square

Lemma 9. Let $\{u_a\}$ be a family of ground solution to (1.1) for α close to N and then there exists u_N such that u_N is a nontrivial solution of the equation (1.3).

Proof. Let $\{u_a\}$ be a family of ground solution to (1.1) for α close to N . Similarly to proof of Theorem 1, define $c_p = \inf\{J_2(u) : u \in K_2\}$, where $K_2 = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J_2'(u) = 0\}$. Given $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$c_{\alpha} \leq \max_{t>0} J(tu)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \max_{t>0} \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + Vu^2) dx - \frac{t^{2p}k}{2p} \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u|^p) |u|^p dx \\
&\quad - \frac{t^2 \log t}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx - \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{t^2}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx \\
&\rightarrow \max_{t>0} \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + Vu^2) dx - \frac{t^{2p}k}{2p} \left(\int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx \right)^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{t^2 \log t}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx - \frac{t^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 \log |u| dx + \frac{t^2}{4} \int_{\Omega} Hu^2 dx \\
&= \max_{t>0} J_2(tu).
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum with respect to $u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$, we deduce that

$$\limsup_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} c_{\alpha} \leq c_p. \quad (3.30)$$

According to Lemma 5 and (3.30), we obtain that $\{u_{\alpha}\}$ is bounded. So, there exists $\{u_j\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ be a sequence converging weakly in $H_0^1(\Omega)$ to $u_N \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. We claim that u_N is a weak solution of the equation (1.1). Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_j \cdot \nabla v + Vu_j v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_{\alpha_j}|^p) |u_j|^{p-2} u v dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\Omega} Hu_j v \log |u_j| dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_N \cdot \nabla v + Vu_N v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^p dx \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^{p-2} u_N v dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\Omega} Hu_N v \log |u_N| dx.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

Since u_j is a ground solution of equation (1.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle J'(u_j), v \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_j \cdot \nabla v + Vu_j v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^{p-2} u v dx \\
&\quad - \int_{\Omega} Hu_j v \log |u_j| dx = 0.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

It follows from (3.31) and (3.32) that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_N \cdot \nabla v + Vu_N v) dx - k \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^p dx \int_{\Omega} |u_N|^{p-2} u_N v dx - \int_{\Omega} Hu_N v \log |u_N| dx \\
&= 0 = \langle J'(u_N), v \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

which concludes the claim. Since u_0 is a weak solution of the equation (1.3), according to (3.25) and Lemma 8, we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|u_j\| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha_j} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} Hu_j^2 \log |u_j| dx \right)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} (|u_0|^p dx)^2 + \int_{\Omega} H u_0^2 \log |u_0| dx = \|u_0\|. \quad (3.33)$$

According to (3.33) and $u_j \rightarrow u_0$, we have $u_j \rightarrow u_0$. Since u_j is a ground solution of equation (1.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_j\|^2 &= k \int_{\Omega} (I_{\alpha} * |u_j|^p) |u_j|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} H u_j^2 \log |u_j| dx \\ &\leq C_2 \|u_j\|^{2p} + C_4 \|u_j\|^4, \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

By (3.34), we deduce

$$1 \leq C_2 \|u_j\|^{2p-2} + C_4 \|u_j\|^2. \quad (3.35)$$

According to (3.35) and $u_j \rightarrow u_0$, we imply that u_0 is a nontrivial solution of the equation (1.3). \square

According to Lemma 7 and Lemma 9, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 3. When $k = 0$, define $K = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J'(u) = 0\}$. It follows from Lemma 3 and Lemma 5 that K is nonempty. So for any $u \in K$, according to (2.1), the condition (H) and Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle J'(u), u \rangle \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} \delta |\nabla u|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u|_2 dx + \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \left(2\delta - \frac{M a^2}{\pi} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + M \left(\frac{3(1 + \log a)}{2} - 2|\Omega|^{1/2} - 1 \right) |u|_2^2 \\ &\quad + (1 - \log |u|_2) \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

Take $a = e^{\frac{4|\Omega|^{1/2}-1}{3}}$, we deduce

$$1 - \log |u|_2 \leq 0. \quad (3.37)$$

It follows from (3.37) that $e^1 \leq \int_{\Omega} u^2$. Next, we claim that J is bounded from below on K . For any $u \in K$, we obtain

$$J(u) - \frac{1}{2} \langle J'(u), u \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \geq \frac{\mu e^1}{4} > 0. \quad (3.38)$$

which concludes the claim. So we may define $c_1 = \inf\{J(u) : u \in K\}$. According to (3.38), we get $c_1 > 0$. Let $\{u_n\} \subseteq K$ be such that $J(u_n) \rightarrow c_1$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By Lemma 5, we know that $\{u_n\}$ is bounded. Therefore, there exists a subsequence (still denote $\{u_n\}$) and $u_n \rightarrow u_0$ in $H_0^1(\Omega)$. By the continuation of J' , we imply that $J(u_0) = c_1$ and $J'(u_0) = 0$. Then, u_0 is a ground state solution of equation (1.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 3. \square

Proof of Remark 3. Define $K_1 = \{u \in H_0^s(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J'(u) = 0\}$. Similarly to proof of Lemma 3 and Lemma 5, we know that K_1 is nonempty. So for any $u \in K_1$, according to the condition (H_1) , fractional logarithmic Sobolev inequality and similarly to proof of Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle J'(u), u \rangle \\ &\geq \delta_1 \int_{\Omega} |(-\Delta)^{s/2} u|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log \frac{|u|}{|u|_2} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 \log |u|_2 dx + \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \\ &\geq \left(\delta_1 - \frac{a^2 M}{\pi^s} \right) \int_{\Omega} (-\Delta)^{s/2} u|^2 dx + M \left(3 + \frac{3}{s} \log a \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \log \frac{s \Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2s})} - 2|\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right) |u|_2^2 + (1 - \log |u|_2) \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx, \end{aligned} \quad (3.39)$$

where $\delta_1 = 1 - S^{-1} |V^-|_{3/2s}$. Take $a = \left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2s})}{(\frac{3}{2})} e^{\frac{2|\Omega|^{1/2}-2}{3}} \right)^{3/s}$, according to (3.39), we deduce

$$1 - \log |u|_2 \leq 0. \quad (3.40)$$

It follows from (3.40) that $e^1 \leq \int_{\Omega} u^2$. Next, we claim that J is bounded from below on K . For any $u \in K$, we obtain

$$J(u) - \frac{1}{2} \langle J'(u), u \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} H u^2 dx \geq \frac{\mu e^1}{4} > 0. \quad (3.41)$$

which concludes the claim. So we may define $c_1 = \inf\{J(u) : u \in K\}$. According to (3.41), we get $c_1 > 0$. Let $\{u_n\} \subseteq K$ be such that $J(u_n) \rightarrow c_1$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly to proof of Lemma 5, we know that $\{u_n\}$ is bounded. Therefore, there exists a subsequence (still denote $\{u_n\}$) and $u_n \rightarrow u_0$ in $H_0^s(\Omega)$. By the continuation of J' , we imply that $J(u_0) = c_1$ and $J'(u_0) = 0$. Then, u_0 is a ground state solution. This completes the proof of Remark 3. \square

4. CONCLUSION

This paper considers the existence of ground state solutions for Choquard equation with logarithmic nonlinearity and the limit of behaviors of ground solution to (1.1) as either $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ or $\alpha \rightarrow N$ by variational method and logarithmic inequality. In addition, we obtain a new existence theorem through the property of logarithmic nonlinearity. Note that fractional Choquard has been widely studied in recent years. In the forthcoming paper, we will consider the existence of ground state solutions for fractional Choquard equation with logarithmic nonlinearity and sign-change potential function on the whole space by variational method and fractional logarithmic inequality. Lacking compactness will be the biggest difficulty.

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