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Well-posedness of stochastic heat equation with distributional drift and skew stochastic heat equation

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Abstract

We study stochastic reaction–diffusion equation

$$\partial_t u_t(x) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 u_t(x) + b(u_t(x)) + \dot{W}_t(x), \quad t > 0, x \in D$$

where b is a generalized function in the Besov space $\mathcal{B}_{q,\infty}^\beta(\mathbb{R})$, $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ and \dot{W} is a space-time white noise on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times D$. We introduce a notion of a solution to this equation and obtain existence and uniqueness of a strong solution whenever $\beta - 1/q \geq -1$, $\beta > -1$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$. This class includes equations with b being measures, in particular, $b = \delta_0$ which corresponds to the skewed stochastic heat equation. For $\beta - 1/q > -3/2$, we obtain existence of a weak solution. Our results extend the work of Bass and Chen (2001) to the framework of stochastic partial differential equations and generalize the results of Gyöngy and Pardoux (1993) to distributional drifts. To establish these results, we exploit the regularization effect of the white noise through a new strategy based on the stochastic sewing lemma introduced in Lê (2020).

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1 | INTRODUCTION

While regularization by noise for ordinary differential equations (ODEs) is quite well understood by now, much less is known about regularization by noise for partial differential equations (PDEs). The goal of this article is to analyze regularization by noise for parabolic PDEs and to build new robust techniques for studying this phenomenon. We consider stochastic heat equation with a drift (stochastic reaction-diffusion equation)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_t(x) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 u_t(x) + b(u_t(x)) + \dot{W}_t(x), & t \in (0, T_0], x \in D, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where b is a generalized function in the Besov space $\mathcal{B}_{q,\infty}^\beta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$, the domain D is either $[0, 1]$ or \mathbb{R} , $T_0 > 0$, \dot{W} is space-time white noise on $[0, T_0] \times D$, and $u_0 : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded measurable function. Note that for $\beta < 0$ this equation is not well-posed in the standard sense: indeed in this case b is not a function but only a distribution and thus the composition $b(u_t(x))$ is a priori not well-defined. We introduce a natural notion of a solution to this equation in the spirit of [3, Definition 2.1]. We show that equation (1.1) has a unique strong solution if $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$, $\beta > -1$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$, see Theorem 2.6. This includes equations where b is measure, in particular, the skewed stochastic heat equation, which corresponds to the case $b = \kappa \delta_0$, $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$. The latter equation is important for the stochastic interface models and appeared in [6] where its well-posedness was left open. We resolve this problem in our paper, see Theorem 2.8 and Corollary 2.9.

Our results extend [3] to the framework of stochastic partial differential equations (SPDEs) and generalize [28, 29] to singular drifts. We exploit the regularization effect of the white noise and develop a new proof strategy based on stochastic sewing [37]. Furthermore, we give several extensions of the stochastic sewing lemma which allow singularities, critical exponents and usage of random controls. In particular, we extend to the stochastic setting deterministic sewing with controls, see, for example, [14, 19, 24, 40]. We would like to stress that in contrast to vast majority of regularization-by-noise papers for ODEs [9, 12, 31, 47, 51] our method uses neither Girsanov transform nor Zvonkin transformation. These two popular techniques are not useful in our setting.

It has been known since 1970s that ill-posed deterministic systems can become well-posed if a random noise is injected into the system. Consider the following simple example. The ODE $dX_t = b(X_t)dt$ with a bounded measurable vector field $b : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is ill-posed. It might have infinitely many or no solutions in some specific cases. Yet, if this deterministic system is perturbed by a Brownian noise B , then the corresponding stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + dB_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \quad (1.2)$$

is well-posed and has a unique strong solution [47, 52]. This phenomenon is called *regularization by noise*, see [15].

Regularization by noise for ODEs has been studied extensively since the pioneering works of Zvonkin and Veretennikov mentioned above and many interesting results are available by now. Strong existence and uniqueness of solutions to (1.2) for the case of possibly unbounded drifts satisfying only a certain integrability condition was proved by Krylov and Röckner in [35], see also related works [13, 16, 50]. Well-posedness of (1.2) in a stronger sense (path-by-path uniqueness) for the case of bounded b was obtained in the celebrated paper [12] of Davie.

Furthermore, it turned out that equation (1.2) makes sense even if b is a distribution. In this case, the term $b(X_t)$ is not defined and one has to define a notion of a solution to this equation. These can be done in a number of ways. Zhang and Zhao [51] proved weak existence and uniqueness of solutions to (1.2) for b belonging to the Besov–Hölder space $B_{\infty, \infty}^{\alpha}$ with $\alpha > -1/2$. Bass and Chen [3] established strong existence and uniqueness of solutions to (1.2) under the same assumptions in dimension one. A critical case when b is the spatial white noise in one dimension is treated by Hu et al. [32]. The specific case of $b = \kappa \delta_0$, $|\kappa| \leq 1$, which corresponds to the skew Brownian motion, was treated by Harisson and Shepp in [31] and extended by Le Gall in [38].

Let us mention that there is nothing special here about B being a Gaussian or a Markov process: indeed, regularization for ODEs driven by various other noise processes (Lévy noise, fractional Brownian noise) also holds, see, for example, [9, 30, 33, 37, 43].

Unfortunately, most of the methods which are used in the ODE/SDE setting are not transferable to the PDE setting. Indeed, the most popular technique, the Zvonkin-Veretennikov transform [13, 43, 47, 52], allows to pass from the analysis of the original SDE with irregular drift, to the analysis of a new SDE (called sometimes “virtual equation” [17]) whose drift and diffusion are easier to handle. Then well-posedness for the original SDE can be derived from the well-posedness of the new SDE. However, to implement this technique, it is absolutely essential that the stochastic system has a good Itô formula. While the Itô formula is also available for SPDEs ([4, 49]), it involves additional renormalized non-linear terms. This makes its application very difficult.

An alternative strategy was suggested in [9, 21], in which the authors work directly with the original SDE, fixing a trajectory of the noise and viewing the equation as a non-linear Young equation. The Girsanov theorem is pivotal to the whole approach: if the noise does not allow for a good version of Girsanov theorem, the obtained results are not optimal, see [21, Lemma 10 and Remark 18]. It seems challenging to extend this method to SPDEs with distributional drifts. One particular problem is that the domain of the non-linear vector field is no longer of finite dimension but is a certain function space.

Thus, it is clear that the analysis of regularization-by-noise for PDEs requires a very different approach. One of the first results in this research area belongs to Gyöngy and Pardoux [28, 29]. The authors used comparison theorems to establish existence and uniqueness of (analytically) weak solutions to (1.1) for the case where the drift b is the sum of a bounded function and an

L_q -integrable function with $q > 2$. Path-by-path uniqueness of solutions to (1.1) for bounded b was obtained recently in [8].

Bounebacher and Zambotti [6] considered stochastic PDEs with measure valued drift. In particular, motivated by problems arising in the study of random interface models, see, for example, [20], they studied the *skew stochastic heat equation*, that is, (1.1) with b being a Dirac delta function. Using Dirichlet form techniques, they obtained existence of a weak solution. However existence and uniqueness of strong solution remained open. Resolving this problem was one of the motivations for our work.

From the above discussion, we note that there is a gap between the ODE and PDE settings. For ODEs numerous results treating distributional drifts are available [3, 9, 31, 42, 51]. On the other hand, almost no such results were known for PDEs, note though the paper [25] and the discussion there. Our goal in this article is to construct a robust general method for proving strong existence and uniqueness to (1.1) in the case where the drift b is a Schwarz distribution. In particular, we treat the skew stochastic heat equation.

Inspired by the finite dimensional setting [3, 9] we define a natural notion of a solution to (1.1) in Definition 2.3 and show that (1.1) has a unique strong solution when b belongs to the Besov space $\mathcal{B}_{q,\infty}^\beta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$, $\beta > -1$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$, see Theorem 2.6, and when b is a finite Radon measure, Theorem 2.8. We also prove strong convergence of smooth approximations to (1.1) in Theorem 2.10. We establish strong existence and uniqueness of the skew stochastic heat equation in Corollary 2.9 and show that this equation appears naturally as a certain scaling limit of “standard” SPDEs where the drifts are continuous integrable functions, see Theorem 2.12.

To obtain these results we develop a new strategy based on certain regularization estimates for SPDEs, see Lemma 5.2. These estimates can be viewed as infinite-dimensional analogues of the corresponding Davie’s bounds for SDEs [12, Proposition 2.1], see also [51, Lemma 5.8]. Note though that Davie’s method involves exact moment computations and is not easily extended to the SPDE setting. Therefore to obtain these regularization estimates, we extend and employ the stochastic sewing technique introduced originally in [37]. We believe that these new stochastic sewing lemmas (Theorems 4.1, 4.5 and 4.7) form a very useful toolkit which might be of independent interest. The usage of regularization estimates are explained briefly in Section 2.2.

We conclude the introduction by commenting on the optimality of our results. It is known [39] that for each fixed space point, the free stochastic heat equation (that is, equation (1.1) with $b \equiv 0$) behaves “qualitatively” like a fractional Brownian motion (fBM) with the Hurst parameter $1/4$, denoted further by $B^{1/4}$. Therefore, one can expect that strong existence and uniqueness for equation (1.1) would hold under the same conditions on b as in the equation

$$dX_t = b(X_t) dt + dB_t^{1/4},$$

that is $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, where $\beta - 1/q > -1$, (see [9, Theorem 1.13] for $q = \infty$ case). This indeed turned out to be the case, see Theorem 2.6, even though the method of [9] could not be transferred to the PDE setting. Note that this class of functions does not include the Dirac delta function, which lies in $\mathcal{B}_q^{-1+1/q}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$. Therefore we had to come up with an additional argument to cover the case $\beta - 1/q = -1$ as well (see Proposition 3.6).

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. We present our main results and a brief overview of the proof strategy in Section 2. Since the proofs are quite technical, for the convenience of the

reader we split them in several steps. In Section 3 we prove the main results. The proofs are based on key propositions, which are stated also in Section 3 and proved in Section 5. Extensions of the stochastic sewing lemma are stated and proved in Section 4. The proofs of crucial regularity results are given in Section 6. A, B, C contains auxiliary technical results which we will use freely throughout the paper.

Convention on constants. Throughout the paper C denotes a positive constant whose value may change from line to line. All other constants will be denoted by C_1, C_2, \dots . They are all positive and their precise values are not important. The dependence of constants on parameters if needed will be indicated, for example, C_β or $C(\beta)$.

2 | MAIN RESULTS

2.1 | Well-posedness of the stochastic heat equation with a distributional drift

We begin by introducing the necessary notation. Let $\mathbf{B}(D)$ be the space of all real bounded measurable functions on D . Let $C_b^\infty = C_b^\infty(D, \mathbb{R})$ be the space of infinitely differentiable real functions on D which are bounded and have bounded derivatives. We denote by $C_c^\infty = C_c^\infty(D, \mathbb{R})$ the set of functions in $C_b^\infty(D, \mathbb{R})$ with compact supports. For $\beta \in (0, 1]$, let C^β be the space of bounded Hölder continuous functions with exponent β . For each $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$, let \mathcal{B}_q^β denote the (nonhomogeneous) Besov space $\mathcal{B}_{q, \infty}^\beta(\mathbb{R})$ of regularity β and integrability q , see Definition A.1. We recall that for $\beta \in (0, 1)$, the space \mathcal{B}_∞^β coincides with the space C^β (see [2, page 99]). For $\beta \in (-1, 0)$ the space \mathcal{B}_∞^β includes all derivatives (in the distributional sense) of functions in $C^{\beta+1}$.

Let $g_t, p_t^{per}, p_t^{Neu}$ be the free-space heat kernel, the heat kernel on $[0, 1]$ with periodic boundary conditions, and the heat kernel on $[0, 1]$ with the Neumann boundary conditions, respectively. That is,

$$g_t(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2t}}, \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}; \quad (2.1)$$

$$p_t^{per}(x, y) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g_t(x - y + n), \quad t > 0, x, y \in [0, 1]; \quad (2.2)$$

$$p_t^{Neu}(x, y) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (g_t(x - y + 2n) + g_t(x + y + 2n)), \quad t > 0, x, y \in [0, 1]. \quad (2.3)$$

Our main results are valid in three different setups: when equation (1.1) is considered on the domain $D = \mathbb{R}$; when (1.1) is considered on the domain $D = [0, 1]$ with the periodic boundary conditions; and when (1.1) is considered on $D = [0, 1]$ with the Neumann boundary conditions. To simplify the notation and to ease the stating of the results we will use the notation p for g, p^{per} or p^{Neu} and D will denote the corresponding domain.

Convention 2.1. From now on if not stated otherwise the pair (D, p) will stand for one of the three options: (\mathbb{R}, g) , $([0, 1], p^{per})$, or $([0, 1], p^{Neu})$.

The specific choice of the domain and of the boundary condition (out of the above three options) will not affect the results and arguments in most places of the paper. In very few places of the paper where the choice of the domain is important we will highlight it.

For bounded measurable functions $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $t > 0$ we put

$$P_t \varphi(x) := \int_D p_t(x, y) \varphi(y) dy, \quad x \in D.$$

It will be convenient to denote the heat semigroup on \mathbb{R} by

$$G_t \psi(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_t(x - y) \psi(y) dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0,$$

for all bounded measurable functions $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Let $T_0 > 0$ and let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}, \mathbb{P})$ be a filtered probability space. For each $m \in [1, \infty]$, the norm of a random variable ξ in $L_m(\Omega)$ is denoted by $\|\xi\|_{L_m}$. Here, as usual, we use the convention $\|\xi\|_{L_\infty} := \text{ess sup}_{\omega \in \Omega} |\xi(\omega)|$ when $m = \infty$. We recall that a random process $W : L_2(D, dx) \times [0, T_0] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called (\mathcal{F}_t) -white noise if for any $\varphi \in L_2(D, dx)$ the process $(W_t(\varphi))_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ is an (\mathcal{F}_t) -Brownian motion with $\mathbb{E}W_t(\varphi)^2 = t\|\varphi\|_{L_2(D, dx)}^2$ and $W_t(\varphi)$ and $W_t(\psi)$ are independent whenever $\varphi, \psi \in L_2(D, dx)$ with $\int_D \varphi(x)\psi(x) dx = 0$.

Set now

$$V_t(x) := \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) W(dr, dy), \quad t \geq 0, x \in D, \tag{2.4}$$

where the integration in (2.4) is a stochastic integration understood in the sense of Walsh ([48, Chapter 2]). It is known that V is a Gaussian random field adapted to (\mathcal{F}_t) and has a continuous version on $[0, T_0] \times D$ which we will use throughout the paper. It follows from (2.4) that V has the local nondeterminism property

$$\|V_t(x) - \mathbb{E}(V_t(x)|\mathcal{F}_s)\|_{L_2} \geq \pi^{-\frac{1}{4}} |t - s|^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{for every } s \leq t \text{ and } x \in D. \tag{2.5}$$

Let us note that we do not analyze in our article equation (1.1) equipped with the Dirichlet boundary conditions. In this case, the right-hand side of (2.5) goes to 0 as x tends to the boundary of the domain.

The uniformity in x in (2.5) plays a key role in our arguments. While it is possible to adapt our proofs to treat Dirichlet boundary condition as well (and we are convinced that our results hold in the setting), we have deliberately decided not to focus on this case in order to emphasize how our approach works and to avoid additional technical difficulties.

Now let us give a notion of a solution to (1.1). It is inspired by the definition in finite dimensional setting in [3, Definition 2.1].

Definition 2.2. Let f be a distribution in \mathcal{B}_q^β with $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$. We say that a sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges to f in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} < \infty$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}} = 0, \quad \text{for any } \beta' < \beta.$$

It is clear that for any $f \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, there is a sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \subset C_b^\infty$ which converges to f in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. For example, one can take $f_n := G_{1/n} f$, see Lemma A.3.

Definition 2.3. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$, $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$ and $T_0 > 0$. Let $u_0 \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. A measurable adapted process $u : (0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a *solution of (1.1) with initial condition u_0* if there exists a process $K : [0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- (1) $u_t(x) = P_t u_0(x) + K_t(x) + V_t(x)$ a.s., where $x \in D$, $t \in (0, T_0]$;
- (2) for any sequence of functions $(b^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ in C_b^∞ converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ we have for any $N > 0$

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq N}} \left| \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) b^n(u_r(y)) dy dr - K_t(x) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty;$$

- (3) a.s. the function u is continuous on $(0, T_0] \times D$.

We note that Definition 2.3 defines a solution to equation (1.1) in three different settings, see Convention 2.1. When $b \in C^\beta$ with $\beta > 0$, we can choose a sequence (b^n) which converges to b in uniformly. Then it is immediate that Definition 2.3 is equivalent to the usual notion of a mild solution of (1.1), that is, P-almost surely $\text{Eq}(u_0; b)$

$$u_t(x) = P_t u_0(x) + \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) b(u_r(y)) dy dr + V_t(x) \quad \forall (t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times D.$$

We say that a solution $u \equiv \{u_t(x) : t \in (0, T_0], x \in D\}$ is a strong solution to (1.1) if it is adapted to the filtration (\mathcal{F}_t^W) . A weak solution of (1.1) is a couple (u, W) on a complete filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, (\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ such that u is adapted to (\mathcal{G}_t) , W is (\mathcal{G}_t) -white noise, and u is a solution to (1.1). We say that strong uniqueness holds for (1.1) if whenever u and \tilde{u} are two strong solutions of (1.1) defined on the same probability space with the same initial condition u_0 , then

$$\mathbb{P}(u_t(x) = \tilde{u}_t(x) \text{ for all } t \in (0, T_0], x \in D) = 1.$$

Consider the following class of solutions.

Definition 2.4. Let $\kappa \in [0, 1]$. We say that a solution u to SPDE (1.1) belongs to the class $\mathcal{V}(\kappa)$ if for any $m \geq 2$, $\sup_{(t,x) \in (0, T_0] \times D} \|u_t(x)\|_{L_m} < \infty$ and

$$\sup_{0 < s \leq t \leq T_0} \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\|u_t(x) - V_t(x) - (P_{t-s}[u_s - V_s](x))\|_{L_m}}{|t - s|^\kappa} < \infty.$$

Remark 2.5. Recalling that $u_t = P_t u_0 + K_t + V_t$, $t > 0$, we see that the numerator in Definition 2.4 is just $\|K_t(x) - P_{t-s} K_s(x)\|_{L_m}$. Thus, class $\mathcal{V}(\kappa)$ contains solutions of (1.1) such that the moments of their drifts satisfy certain regularity conditions.

We are now ready to present our main result. Fix $T_0 > 0$ and recall Convention 2.1.

Theorem 2.6. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$, $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$ and $u_0 \in \mathbf{B}(D)$.

- (i) If $\beta - \frac{1}{q} > -\frac{3}{2}$, then there exists a weak solution to equation (1.1) and this solution is in the class $\mathcal{V}(\kappa)$ for $\kappa \in (0, 1 + \frac{\beta \wedge 0}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}) \setminus \{1\}$.
- (ii) If $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$ and $\beta > -1$, then in the class $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ there exists a unique strong solution to equation (1.1).

Remark 2.7. It follows from the proof of Theorem 2.6 (see Proposition 3.6) that in the case $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1, \beta > -1$, condition (2) of Definition 2.3 can be relaxed. Namely, if a measurable adapted process $u : (0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies conditions (1) and (3) of Definition 2.3, belongs to $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$, and satisfies the following weaker condition (2')

(2') there exists a sequence of functions $b^n \in C_b^\infty$ converging to b in $B_q^{\beta-}$ such that for any $t \in [0, T_0], x \in D$, we have

$$\int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) b^n(u_r(y)) dy dr \rightarrow K_t(x) \text{ in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then it satisfies a stronger condition (2) of Definition 2.3 for any sequence of smooth approximations $b^n \rightarrow b$ in $B_q^{\beta-}$.

Note that the additional assumption in Theorem 2.6(ii) that the solution lies in $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ is a natural extension to the SPDE setting of a very similar condition arising in the analysis of SDEs with the distributional drift. It appears in [3, Definition 2.1], [51, Definition 3.1 and Corollary 5.3], [1, Theorem 2.3], [30, Lemma 31].

Since for any $q \in [1, \infty], L_q(\mathbb{R})$ is continuously embedded in $B_q^0(\mathbb{R})$ ([2, Proposition 2.39]), Theorem 2.6 complements the corresponding results in [28, 29]. Namely, Theorem 2.6(ii) allows $L_1(\mathbb{R})$ -integrable drifts, while the aforementioned papers requires the drift to be $L_q(\mathbb{R})$ -integrable for some $q > 2$. Note that the drift b in [28, 29] can also depend on (t, x) . It is clear that our method can be adapted to this setting; however, for clarity and to highlight the main ideas, we only consider equations of the type (1.1) herein.

Since signed measures belong to B_1^0 ([2, Prop. 2.39]), Theorem 2.6(ii) is also applicable for this class. Other specific cases of drift b for which (1.1) has a unique strong solution include $b(u) = |u|^{-\sigma}, \sigma \in (-1, 0)$ and $b(u) = \zeta^{-1}(u)$, where ζ^{-1} is the Cauchy principal value of $1/u$, defined in (2.9) below. This is due to the fact that $|\cdot|^{-\sigma}$ belongs to $B_{1/\sigma}^0$ while ζ^{-1} belongs to $B_2^{-1/2}$ (see Lemma A.4). In the case when b is a finite non-negative measure on \mathbb{R} , we have the following improved result.

Theorem 2.8. *Let b be a finite non-negative Radon measure. Then for any bounded initial condition u_0 equation (1.1) has a unique strong solution.*

Corollary 2.9. *The skew stochastic heat equation, that is equation (1.1) with $b = \kappa \delta_0, \kappa \in \mathbb{R}$, has a unique strong solution for every bounded measurable initial condition u_0 .*

Note that in Theorem 2.8 and Corollary 2.9, the assumption $u \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ is not required.

Our next result is a stability theorem. Let $(b^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a smooth approximation of b . Theorem 2.10 shows that a solution to SPDE (1.1) with smooth drift b^n converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and that the limit does not depend on the particular choice of the approximating sequence. Such solutions are sometimes called “constructable solutions” [29, Definition 2.2]. We show that in our setting “constructable solutions” coincide with the standard solutions defined above.

Theorem 2.10. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$. Suppose that $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$ and $\beta > -1$. Let $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, $u_0 \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. Let $(b^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a sequence of bounded continuous functions converging in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ to b . Let $(u_0^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a sequence of functions from $\mathbf{B}(D)$ converging to u_0 uniformly on D .

Let u^n be a strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u_0^n; b^n)$. Then there exists a measurable function $u : [0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

(1) for any $N > 0$ we have

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq N}} |u_t^n(x) - u_t(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty; \tag{2.6}$$

(2) u is a strong solution to (1.1) with the initial condition u_0 ;

(3) u satisfies

$$\sup_{0 < s < t \leq T} \sup_{x \in D} \text{ess sup}_{\omega \in \Omega} \frac{E(|u_t(x) - V_t(x) - P_{t-s}(u_s - V_s)(x)|^m | \mathcal{F}_s)}{|t - s|^{3/4}} < \infty \tag{2.7}$$

for every $m \geq 1$. In particular, u belongs to $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$.

Finally, we state two interesting applications of Theorem 2.10. The first one is the comparison principle for the solutions of SPDE (1.1), which extends the standard comparison principle. As usual, for two Schwarz distributions b', b'' we write $b' \leq b''$, if for any **nonnegative** test function $\varphi \in C_b^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ one has $\langle b', \varphi \rangle \leq \langle b'', \varphi \rangle$. It is known (see, e.g., [46, Exercice 22.5]) that $b' \leq b''$ if and only if $b'' - b'$ is a nonnegative Radon measure.

Corollary 2.11. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $q \in [1, \infty]$. Suppose that $\beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$ and $\beta > -1$. Let $b', b'' \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, $u'_0, u''_0 \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. Let u', u'' be the solutions of (1.1) with drifts b', b'' and initial conditions u'_0, u''_0 , respectively. Suppose that

$$u'_0(x) \leq u''_0(x) \quad \text{for almost all } x \in D;$$

$$b' \leq b''.$$

Then almost surely $u'(t, x) \leq u''(t, x)$ for all $t > 0, x \in D$.

Our second applications of Theorem 2.10 shows that the skew stochastic heat equation appears naturally as a scaling limit of certain SPDEs.

Let us introduce the space $C_{uc}((0, T_0] \times D)$ of real continuous functions on $(0, T_0] \times D$ equipped with the topology of uniform convergence over compact sets. It is well-known that this topology is induced by the metric

$$d_{uc}(f, h) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i} \sup_{\substack{x \in D, |x| \leq n \\ t \in [\frac{1}{n}, T_0]}} (|f(t, x) - h(t, x)| \wedge 1), \quad f, h \in C_{uc}((0, T_0] \times D) \tag{2.8}$$

and $C_{uc}((0, T_0] \times D)$ is separable.

We define the Schwarz distributions ζ^{-1} on \mathbb{R} by

$$\zeta^{-1}(\varphi) := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{x} dx \tag{2.9}$$

for each Schwarz function φ . Similarly, for $\alpha \in (-1, 0)$ we put

$$\zeta_+^\alpha(x) := x^\alpha \mathbb{1}(x > 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_-^\alpha(x) := |x|^\alpha \mathbb{1}(x < 0), \tag{2.10}$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

In the following result we consider the stochastic heat equation with $D = \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 2.12. *Let $\rho \in [1, 3/2)$, $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded continuous function. Let $u_0 \in \mathbf{B}(\mathbb{R})$ and for each $\lambda > 0$ let u_λ be the solution to*

$$\partial_t u_\lambda(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 u_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^{-\rho} f(u_\lambda(t, x)) + \dot{W}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{2.11}$$

with the initial condition $u_\lambda(0, \cdot) = u_0(\cdot)$.

(i) *Assume that $\rho = 1$ and*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| > \lambda} \left| f(x) - \frac{c}{x} \right| dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| \leq \lambda} f(x) dx = c_0 \tag{2.12}$$

for some constants $c, c_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the random field

$$\{\lambda^{-1/2} u_\lambda(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) : (t, x) \in (0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}\}$$

converges weakly in the space $C_{uc}((0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ to the solution of the stochastic heat equation

$$\partial_t u(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 u(t, x) = (c \zeta^{-1} + c_0 \delta_0)(u(t, x)) + \dot{W}, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \tag{2.13}$$

with the initial condition $u_0 \equiv 0$.

(ii) *Assume that $\rho \in (1, 3/2)$ and*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) x^{3-2\rho} = c_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) |x|^{3-2\rho} = c_- \tag{2.14}$$

for some constants $c_-, c_+ \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the random field

$$\{\lambda^{-1/2} u_\lambda(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) : (t, x) \in (0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}\}$$

converges weakly in the space $C_{uc}((0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ to the solution of the stochastic heat equation

$$\partial_t u(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 u(t, x) = \left(c_- \zeta_-^{2\rho-3} + c_+ \zeta_+^{2\rho-3} \right) (u(t, x)) + \dot{W}, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \tag{2.15}$$

with the initial condition $u_0 \equiv 0$.

Remark 2.13. It is easy to see that if f is absolutely integrable on \mathbb{R} , then $c = 0$, $c_0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)dx$, and one deduces a convergence to the skew stochastic heat equation from part (i) of the above result. In such case, Theorem 2.12(i) is an analogue of [44] (see also [38, Corollary 3.3]) for stochastic PDEs.

Remark 2.14. It is known that any homogeneous distribution on \mathbb{R} of order $\alpha \in (-1, 0)$ is a linear combination of ζ_+^α and ζ_-^α , and any homogeneous distribution on \mathbb{R} of order -1 is a linear combination of δ_0 and ζ^{-1} , [22, Chapter I]. Therefore, Theorem 2.12 shows that for any homogeneous distribution h of order $\alpha \in [-1, 0)$, one can easily find a continuous function f , so that the corresponding scaling limit of (2.11) converges to stochastic heat equation with drift h .

2.2 | Overview of the proofs of the main results

Before we proceed to the proofs of our main results, we would like to demonstrate our strategy on the following simple example, provide an overview of our arguments, and highlight the main challenges arising in the proofs. We hope that this would help the reader to better understand our method and grasp the main ideas without having to dive into too many technical details.

Thus, in this section we first consider the uniqueness problem for the equation (1.1), where the initial condition $u_0 \equiv 0$, the drift b is a function (not a distribution) and $b \in C^\beta = \mathcal{B}_\infty^\beta$ with $\beta \in (0, 1)$. Furthermore, we consider this equation on the time horizon $[0, \ell]$ rather than $[0, T_0]$, where $\ell \in (0, 1)$ is small enough and to be chosen later.

As mentioned before, in this setting (1.1) is equivalent to Eq(0; b). Assume the contrary and suppose that this equation has two solutions u and v . We define

$$\psi_t := u_t - V_t; \quad \varphi_t := v_t - V_t; \quad z_t := u_t - v_t = \psi_t - \varphi_t, \quad t \in [0, \ell].$$

We note that $z(0) = 0$ and our goal is to prove that $z(t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, \ell]$. We clearly have for any $t \in [0, \ell]$, $x \in D$

$$\|z_t(x)\|_{L_2} = \left\| \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) (b(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b(V_r(y) + \varphi_r(y))) dy dr \right\|_{L_2}. \quad (2.16)$$

A naive (and wrong) approach would be to then use directly the fact that $b \in C^\beta$ and to put the $\|\cdot\|_{L_2}$ norm inside the integral. Then one would get

$$\|z_t(x)\|_{L_2} \leq \|b\|_{C^\beta} \int_0^t \sup_{y \in D} \|z_r(y)\|_{L_2}^\beta dr$$

and hence

$$\sup_{t \in [0, \ell]} \sup_{x \in D} \|z_t(x)\|_{L_2} \leq \ell \|b\|_{C^\beta} \sup_{t \in [0, \ell]} \sup_{x \in D} \|z_t(x)\|_{L_2}^\beta. \quad (2.17)$$

Since $\beta \in (0, 1)$, it is obvious that neither of the above inequalities allows to conclude that $\sup_{y \in D} \|z_t(y)\| = 0$. Instead, our aim is show that the following trade-off holds: one can have (2.17) with the factor $\|z_t(x)\|_{L_2}$ to the power 1 and the price to pay is that factor ℓ will be in a certain power smaller than 1. However this will not obstruct the final conclusion.

To show this we are planning to work directly with the integral in the right-hand side of (2.16) and exploit the regularizing properties of the white noise. Recall that in the SDE setting it is known

that

$$\left\| \int_0^t (b(B_r^H + x_1) - b(B_r^H + x_2)) dr \right\|_{L_2} \leq C \|b\|_{C^\beta} t^{1+H(\beta-1)} |x_1 - x_2|, \quad t \geq 0, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2.18)$$

where B^H denotes the fBM with Hurst index $H \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta > 1 - 1/(2H)$, see [12, Proposition 2.1], [9, Theorem 1.1]. This is a trade-off we are aiming at. Unfortunately, Davie’s argument does not allow for an easy extension beyond the Brownian case; note that, additionally, we would like to replace constants x_1, x_2 in (2.18) by drifts (random fields) ψ, φ which depend on the spatial and time variables.

Therefore, we apply the stochastic sewing lemma (Theorem 4.1) to conclude that for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \ell, \tau \in [1/4, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in D} \|z_t(x) - P_{t-s} z_s(x)\|_{L_2} &= \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_s^t \int_D P_{t-r}(x, y) (b(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b(V_r(y) + \varphi_r(y))) dy dr \right\|_{L_2} \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{C^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([s,t])} (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4}} + C \|b\|_{C^\beta} [z]_{C^{\tau,0}L_2([s,t])} (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4} + \tau}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

where we used the notation

$$\begin{aligned} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([s,t])} &:= \sup_{\substack{r \in [s,t] \\ x \in D}} \|z_r(x)\|_{L_2}; \\ [z]_{C^{\tau,0}L_2([s,t])} &:= \sup_{s \leq s' \leq t' \leq t} \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\|z_{t'}(x) - P_{t'-s'} z_{s'}(x)\|_{L_m}}{|t' - s'|^\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.15. The exponent $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4}$ in (2.19) can be written as $H(\beta - 1) + 1$ for $H = \frac{1}{4}$, which is the same as in (2.18). This is due to the local nondeterministic property of V in (2.5). Note that fBM with $H = 1/4$ satisfies a very similar local nondeterministic property. This provides another connection of our results and the results in [9] concerning regularization by noise for fBM.

Now let us apply (2.19) with $\tau = 3/4 + \beta/4$, divide both sides of the inequality by $|t - s|^{3/4 + \beta/4}$ and take supremum over all $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \ell$. We get

$$[z]_{C^{3/4 + \beta/4, 0}L_2([0, \ell])} \leq C \|b\|_{C^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([0, \ell])} + C \|b\|_{C^\beta} [z]_{C^{3/4 + \beta/4, 0}L_2([0, \ell])} \ell^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4}}. \quad (2.20)$$

Since the constant C does not depend on ℓ , we can choose ℓ small enough so that $C \|b\|_{C^\beta} \ell^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4}} \leq 1/2$. Substituting this back into (2.20), we get

$$[z]_{C^{3/4 + \beta/4, 0}L_2([0, \ell])} \leq C \|b\|_{C^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([0, \ell])}.$$

Applying this bound to (2.19), setting there $s = 0$, and taking there supremum over all $0 \leq t \leq \ell$, we finally obtain

$$\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([0, \ell])} \leq C \|b\|_{C^\beta} (1 + \|b\|_{C^\beta}) \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([0, \ell])} \ell^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4}}. \quad (2.21)$$

Provided that ℓ is small enough, this yields $\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_2([0, \ell])} = 0$, and thus $\text{Eq}(0; b)$ has a unique strong solution.

Weak existences of solutions to (1.1) would follow from similar bounds (see Lemma 5.2) and Prokhorov’s theorem. Finally, strong existence follows from weak existence and strong uniqueness by the Yamada–Watanabe principle (by the method of [26]).

While the uniqueness proof outlined above is quite short and “almost” rigorous, two major obstacles appears when one tries to extend this proof to cover distributional drifts $b \in C^\beta$, $\beta < 0$, and especially the case $b = \delta_0$.

First, for $\beta < 0$ the right-hand side of (2.19) contains the additional factor

$$\sup_{s \leq s' \leq t' \leq t} \sup_{x \in D} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\omega \in \Omega} \frac{\mathbb{E}[|\psi_{t'}(x) - P_{t'-s'}\psi_{s'}(x)|^2 | \mathcal{F}_{s'}]}{|t' - s'|^{1 + \frac{\beta \wedge 0}{4}}} =: [\psi]^2_{C^{1 + \frac{\beta \wedge 0}{4}, 0} L_{2, \infty}([s, t])}. \tag{2.22}$$

When b was a bounded function and $\beta \geq 0$, it was obvious that

$$|\psi_{t'}(x) - P_{t'-s'}\psi_{s'}(x)| = \int_{s'}^{t'} \int_D P_{t'-r}(x, y) b(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) \, dy \, dr \leq |t' - s'| \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |b(z)|$$

and thus this extra factor was finite. Now when b is a distribution, the finiteness of this extra factor is not clear at all (note also the appearance of $\operatorname{ess\,sup}$ there).

The second obstacle is even more hindering. It turns out that the bound (2.19) is valid only for $\beta > -1$ and thus is not applicable to the case where b is the Dirac delta function. This is similar to the fact that the corresponding bound for fBM with the Hurst parameter $1/4$, (2.18), is also known to be valid only for $\beta > -1$, see [9, Theorem 1.1]. While it is true that the Dirac delta function actually has better regularity and belongs to $\mathcal{B}_q^{-1+1/q}$ for any $q \in [1, \infty]$, this does not help much. Indeed, one can show that the bounds (2.18) and (2.19) hold for $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$ with $\beta - 1/q > -1$; however this still does not cover the delta function.

Let us explain now how we are overcoming these obstacles. A crucial role in our approach belongs to Proposition 3.6. It shows that if $u, v \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ are two weak solutions to (1.1) adapted to the same filtration, and if for one of them expression (2.22) is finite, then these solutions coincide. To obtain this proposition we combine the critical stochastic sewing lemma (Theorem 4.5, extension of the stochastic sewing lemma from [37] and [18, Lemma 2.9]) with a very delicate analysis of the solution to (1.1). Bound (2.19) (which is not valid for the case $b = \delta_0$) is replaced by (5.33), see Lemma 5.7. Note that we have to use a certain rough-path inspired expansion of the solution and bound its norm as well, see (5.34). Since new bound (5.33) contains now some logarithmic terms, the final part of the uniqueness proof is less straightforward compared with (2.21), see Section 5.2. Our argument there is a stochastic analogue of Davie’s argument in [11, Theorem 3.6].

Now we are ready to outline our strategy for establishing strong existence and uniqueness for equation (1.1).

Step 1. We show that for any solution $u^{\eta;f}$ to $\operatorname{Eq}(\eta; f)$, where η is a bounded initial condition and f is a smooth function, the additional factor $[u^{\eta;f} - V]_{C^{1 + \frac{\beta}{4}, 0} L_{2, \infty}([0, \ell])}$ from (2.22) is finite and is bounded by a constant which depends only on the norm $\|f\|_{C^\beta}$, see Proposition 3.2. This is done using regularization bounds from Lemma 5.2.

Step 2. At this step we fix two sequences of smooth functions $(b'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}, (b''_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ and denote by u'_n, u''_n the solutions of $\operatorname{Eq}(u_0; b'_n), \operatorname{Eq}(u_0; b''_n)$, respectively. Then, using again bounds from Lemma 5.2, we are able to show that the sequence (u'_n, u''_n) is tight. By Prokhorov’s theorem, this implies that it has a subsequence which converges weakly. We denote its limit by (u', u'') . This is done in Proposition 3.3.

Step 3. Now we show that both u' and u'' solve (1.1), belong to $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ and the factor $[u' - V]_{C^{1+\frac{\epsilon}{4},0}L_{2,\infty}([0,\ell])}$ is finite. This is the content of Proposition 3.4 and Corollary 3.5.

Step 4. Now we have two solutions $u', u'' \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ for which the extra factor from (2.22) is finite. Hence, by Proposition 3.6 discussed above $u' = u''$. This implies, thanks to a Yamada-Watanabe type result from [26, Lemma 1.1], that u' is actually a strong solution to (1.1), see the proof of Theorem 2.10.

Step 5. Now if $v \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ is any other solution (for which the factor from (2.22) is not necessary finite), it still coincides with the strong solution u' constructed at the previous step. This is again due to Proposition 3.6, see the proof of Theorem 2.6(ii).

Step 6. Finally we show that the extra condition $u \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ is automatically satisfied for SPDEs with measure valued drift. This is done in Proposition 3.8 using stochastic sewing lemma with random controls (Theorem 4.7). This proves Theorem 2.8.

Thus, we see that regularization estimates (Lemmas 5.2 and 5.7) play a very important role in our proofs. They are obtained using a flexible toolkit of stochastic sewing, which extends upon the original stochastic sewing from [37]. For the convenience of the reader, all sewing results are stated separately in Section 4.

3 | PROOFS OF THE MAIN RESULTS

In this section we prove the main results stated in Section 2.1. The technical parts, including the regularization estimates, are stated as propositions. The proofs of these propositions are postponed to the following sections. First, we set up some necessary notation.

For $0 \leq S < T$ we denote by $\Delta_{S,T}$ the simplex $\{(s, t) : S \leq s \leq t \leq T\}$. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ be a complete filtered probability space on which the white noise W is defined. We assume that the filtration $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ satisfies the usual condition and that W is (\mathcal{F}_t) -white noise. We will write E^s for the conditional expectation given \mathcal{F}_s

$$E^s[\cdot] := E[\cdot | \mathcal{F}_s], \quad s \geq 0.$$

For a random process $Z : [0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we will denote by (\mathcal{F}_t^Z) its natural filtration.

If $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ is a sub- σ -algebra, then we introduce the conditional quantity

$$\|\xi\|_{L_m | \mathcal{G}} := (E[|\xi|^m | \mathcal{G}])^{\frac{1}{m}}, \tag{3.1}$$

which is a \mathcal{G} -measurable non-negative random variable. It is evident that for $1 \leq m \leq n \leq \infty$ one has

$$\|\xi\|_{L_m} = \|\|\xi\|_{L_m | \mathcal{G}}\|_{L_m} \leq \|\|\xi\|_{L_m | \mathcal{G}}\|_{L_n} \leq \|\xi\|_{L_n}. \tag{3.2}$$

Let $0 \leq S \leq T$. Let $\psi : [S, T] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function. For $\tau \in (0, 1]$, $m, n \in [1, \infty]$ define

$$\begin{aligned} [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])} &:= \sup_{(s,t) \in \Delta_{S,T}} \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\|\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)\|_{L_m}}{|t-s|^\tau}; \\ [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])} &:= \sup_{(s,t) \in \Delta_{S,T}} \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\|\|\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s}\|_{L_n}}{|t-s|^\tau}; \\ \|\psi\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} &:= \sup_{t \in [S,T]} \sup_{x \in D} \|\psi_t(x)\|_{L_m}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

It follows from (3.2) that for $1 \leq m \leq n \leq \infty$

$$[\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])} = [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,m}([S,T])} \leq [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])} \leq [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_n([S,T])}. \tag{3.4}$$

Let $\mathbf{B}L_m$, where $m \geq 1$, be the space of all measurable functions $D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{\mathbf{B}L_m} := \sup_{x \in D} \|f(x)\|_{L_m} < \infty. \tag{3.5}$$

Before we begin the proofs of our main results, we would like to claim that in Theorems 2.6 and 2.10 it suffices to consider only the case $q \in [2, \infty]$, $\beta < 0$. Indeed, recall the following embedding between Besov spaces ([2, Proposition 2.71])

$$\mathcal{B}_{q_1}^\beta \text{ is continuously embedded in } \mathcal{B}_{q_2}^{\beta - \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2}} \text{ for every } 1 \leq q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \infty. \tag{3.6}$$

In Theorem 2.6(ii), when $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, with $q \in [1, 2)$, we use embedding $\mathcal{B}_q^\beta \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}_2^{\bar{\beta}}$ where $\bar{\beta} := \beta - \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{2}$. Note that $\bar{\beta} - \frac{1}{2} = \beta - \frac{1}{q} \geq -1$ and $\bar{\beta} > -1$. This means that the results of Theorem 2.6(ii) for b in \mathcal{B}_q^β with $q \in [1, 2)$ are consequences of those with larger integrability components q . Exactly the same argument is valid for Theorem 2.6(i) and Theorem 2.10. Hence, we assume without loss of generality hereafter that $q \in [2, \infty]$. Similarly, thanks to embedding $\mathcal{B}_q^\beta \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}_q^{-\beta'}$ for all $\beta, \beta' > 0$, we see that the statements of Theorems 2.6 and 2.10 for $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$ with $\beta \geq 0$ follows from the results of these theorems for some $\beta < 0$. Hence, we can also assume without loss of generality that $\beta < 0$. To summarize, we have the following

Assumption 3.1. From now on and till the end of this section we fix $\beta < 0$, $q \in [2, \infty]$, $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$, $u_0 \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. We assume that $\beta - 1/q > -3/2$.

We begin with the proof of the existence of the solutions to (1.1). It consists of several steps.

Proposition 3.2 (A priori estimate). *Let $m \in [2, \infty)$, $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded continuous function in \mathcal{B}_q^β , $\eta \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. Let $u^{\eta;f}$ be the solution to $\text{Eq}(\eta; f)$. Then there exists a constant $C = C(\beta, q, m, T_0) > 0$ independent from η, f such that*

$$[u^{\eta;f} - V]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q},0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta}^2). \tag{3.7}$$

To formulate the next two statements we consider the space $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ of real continuous functions on $[0, T_0] \times D$ equipped with the topology of uniform convergence over compact sets of $[0, T_0] \times D$. It is well-known that $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ is a Polish space and metrizable by the following metric, similar to (2.8),

$$\rho_{uc}(f, h) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \sup_{\substack{x \in D, |x| \leq n \\ t \in [0, T_0]}} (|f(t, x) - h(t, x)| \wedge 1), \quad f, h \in C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D).$$

Proposition 3.3 (Tightness). *Let $(b'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, $(b''_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be two sequences of bounded continuous functions converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$. Let $(u'_{0,n})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, $(u''_{0,n})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be two sequences of functions from $\mathbf{B}(D)$*

which both converge to u_0 uniformly on D . Let u'_n, u''_n be the solutions of $Eq(u'_{0,n}; b'_n), Eq(u''_{0,n}; b''_n)$, respectively. Put

$$\tilde{u}'_n(t, x) := u'_n(t, x) - P_t u'_{0,n}(x), \quad \tilde{u}''_n(t, x) := u''_n(t, x) - P_t u''_{0,n}(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D.$$

Then there exists a subsequence $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ such that $(\tilde{u}'_{n_k}, \tilde{u}''_{n_k}, V)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges weakly in the space $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^3$.

Proposition 3.4 (Stability). *Let $(b^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a sequence of bounded continuous functions converging to b in $B_q^{\beta-}$. Let $(u_0^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a sequence of functions from $\mathbf{B}(D)$ converging to u_0 uniformly on D . Let V^n be a random element having the same law as V . Assume that u^n is a strong solution of $Eq(u_0^n; b^n)$ with V^n in place of V . Let*

$$\tilde{u}^n(t, x) := u^n(t, x) - P_t u_0^n(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D.$$

Suppose that there exist measurable functions $\tilde{u}, V : [0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that the sequence $(\tilde{u}^n, V^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges to (\tilde{u}, V) in $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^2$ in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then the function

$$u(t, x) := \tilde{u}(t, x) + P_t u_0(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D$$

is a solution to (1.1) with the initial condition u_0 and for any $m \in [2, \infty)$ there exists $C = C(\beta, q, m, T_0) > 0$ such that

$$[u - V]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} \leq C \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b^n\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|b^n\|_{B_q^\beta}^2) < \infty. \tag{3.8}$$

The proofs of Propositions 3.2–3.4 are presented in Section 5.1.

Combining the above propositions we obtain the following corollary, which immediately implies Theorem 2.6(i). This corollary will be also important to show the existence of strong solutions to (1.1).

Corollary 3.5. *In the setting of Proposition 3.3 the following holds. There exists a filtered probability space $(\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}, (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}, \hat{P})$, an $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$ -white noise \hat{W} defined on this space, measurable functions $v', v'' : [0, T_0] \times D \times \hat{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that*

- (1) both v' and v'' are adapted to the filtration $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$ and are weak solutions to (1.1) with the initial condition u_0 ;
- (2) there exists a subsequence (n_k) such that $(\tilde{u}'_{n_k}, \tilde{u}''_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges weakly to $(\tilde{v}', \tilde{v}'')$ in the space $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^2$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$\tilde{v}'(t, x) := v'(t, x) - P_t u_0(x), \quad \tilde{v}''(t, x) := v''(t, x) - P_t u_0(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D. \tag{3.9}$$

- (3) for \hat{V} defined as in (2.4) with \hat{W} in place of W the following holds:

$$[v' - \hat{V}]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} + [v'' - \hat{V}]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} < \infty. \tag{3.10}$$

Proof. By Proposition 3.3, there exists a subsequence (n_k) such that $(\tilde{u}'_{n_k}, \tilde{u}''_{n_k}, V)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges weakly in the space $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^3$. By passing to this subsequence, to simplify the notation,

we may assume without loss of generality that $(\tilde{u}'_n, \tilde{u}''_n, V)$ converges weakly. Since this space is Polish, we can apply the Skorohod representation theorem [5, Theorem 6.7] and deduce that there exists a sequence of random elements $(\tilde{v}'_n, \tilde{v}''_n, \hat{V}^n)$ defined on a common probability space $(\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}, \hat{P})$ and a random element $(\tilde{v}', \tilde{v}'', \hat{V})$ such that

$$\text{Law}(\tilde{v}'_n, \tilde{v}''_n, \hat{V}^n) = \text{Law}(\tilde{u}'_n, \tilde{u}''_n, V) \tag{3.11}$$

and $(\tilde{v}'_n, \tilde{v}''_n, \hat{V}^n)$ converges to $(\tilde{v}', \tilde{v}'', \hat{V})$ a.s. in space $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^3$.

Define for $t \in [0, T_0], x \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} v'_n(t, x) &:= \tilde{v}'_n(t, x) + P_t u'_{0,n}(x), & v''_n(t, x) &:= \tilde{v}''_n(t, x) + P_t u''_{0,n}(x), \\ v'(t, x) &:= \tilde{v}'(t, x) + P_t u'_0(x), & v''(t, x) &:= \tilde{v}''(t, x) + P_t u''_0(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since u'_n satisfies $\text{Eq}(u'_{0,n}; b'_n)$, by (3.11) we have that v'_n satisfies $\text{Eq}(u'_{0,n}; b'_n)$ with \hat{V}^n in place of V .

Since u'_n is the strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u'_{0,n}; b'_n)$, the random variable $u'_n(t, x)$ is \mathcal{F}_t^W -measurable, where $t \in (0, T_0], x \in D$. By Lemma B.2, $\mathcal{F}_t^W = \mathcal{F}_t^V$. This and (3.11) implies that $v'_n(t, x)$ is $\mathcal{F}_t^{\hat{V}^n}$ -measurable. By Lemma B.2, there exists a white noise \widehat{W}^n such that (2.4) holds for \widehat{W}^n in place of W and \hat{V}^n in place of \hat{V} and $\mathcal{F}_t^{\hat{V}^n} = \mathcal{F}_t^{\widehat{W}^n}$. Thus $v'_n(t, x)$ is $\mathcal{F}_t^{\widehat{W}^n}$ -measurable. Identity (3.11) implies now that v'_n is a strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u'_{0,n}; b'_n)$ with \hat{V}^n in place of V . Similarly, v''_n is a strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u''_{0,n}; b''_n)$ with \hat{V}^n in place of V .

We see now that all the conditions of Proposition 3.4 are satisfied. Applying this result, we see that v' and v'' are solutions to (1.1) in the sense of Definition 2.3 with \hat{V} in place of V .

Define now $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t := \sigma(v'_r(x), v''_r(x), \hat{V}_r(x), x \in D, r \in [0, t])$. Clearly, v' and v'' are $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t$ measurable.

It follows immediately from the definition of the white noise that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}, \varphi \in C_c^\infty, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ the random variable

$$\int_D \int_s^t \int_D \varphi(x) p_{t-r}(x, y) \widehat{W}^n(dy, dr) dx = \int_D \varphi(x) (\widehat{V}_t^n(x) - P_{t-s} \widehat{V}_s^n(x)) dx$$

is independent of $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_s^{\widehat{W}^n} = \sigma(v'_r(r, x), v''_r(r, x), \widehat{V}_r^n(x), x \in D, r \in [0, s])$. Therefore, Proposition B.1 implies that the random variable $\int_D \varphi(x) (\widehat{V}_t^n(x) - P_{t-s} \widehat{V}_s^n(x)) dx$ is independent of $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_s$. Thus, by Lemma B.2, there exists an $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$ -white noise \widehat{W} such that (2.4) holds for \widehat{W} in place of W and \hat{V} in place of \hat{V} . Hence v' and v'' are weak solutions to (1.1) and they are adapted to the same filtration $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$.

Finally, it remains to note that (3.10) follows now from (3.8). □

Proof of Theorem 2.6(i). Let (b^n) be a sequence of smooth functions converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_p^{\beta-}$. Applying Corollary 3.5 with $b'_n = b''_n = b^n$ and $u'_{0,n} = u''_{0,n} = u_0$ we obtain existence of a weak solution v' . By (3.10),

$$[v' - \hat{V}]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_m([0, T_0])} \leq [v' - \hat{V}]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} < \infty,$$

where the first inequality follows from (3.2). Hence $v' \in \mathcal{V}(1 + \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q})$. □

Now we move on to the proofs of strong existence and uniqueness of solutions to (1.1).

Proposition 3.6 (Uniqueness). *Suppose additionally that $\beta \geq -1 + 1/q$, $\beta > -1$. Let $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ be a solution of SPDE (1.1) starting from the initial condition u_0 . Let $(v_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ be a measurable process $(0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which satisfies conditions (1), (3) of Definition 2.3 and condition (2') of Remark 2.7.*

Suppose that u, v are adapted to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ and belong to the class $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$. Assume further that for some $m \geq 2$

$$[u - V]_{C^{4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0, T_0])} \leq \infty. \tag{3.12}$$

Then $u = v$ a.s.

The proof of Proposition 3.6 is given in Section 5.2.

The proof of strong existence uses the following statement from [26]. For the convenience of the reader we provide it here.

Proposition 3.7 ([26, Lemma 1.1]). *Let (Z_n) be a sequence of random elements in a Polish space (E, ρ) equipped with the Borel σ -algebra. Assume that for every pair of subsequences (Z_{l_k}) and (Z_{m_k}) there exists a further sub-subsequence $(Z_{l_{k_r}}, Z_{m_{k_r}})$ which converges weakly in the space $E \times E$ to a random element $w = (w^1, w^2)$ such that $w^1 = w^2$ a.s.*

Then there exists an E -valued random element Z such that (Z_n) converges in probability to Z .

Proof of Theorem 2.10. We will use Proposition 3.7. Fix a sequence (b_n) of bounded continuous functions converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ and a sequence $(u_{0,n})$ of functions from $\mathbf{B}(D)$ converging to u_0 . Let u_n be the strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u_{0,n}; b_n)$. Define

$$\tilde{u}_n(t, x) := u_n(t, x) - P_t u_{0,n}(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D.$$

Let (b'_n, \tilde{u}'_n) and (b''_n, \tilde{u}''_n) be two arbitrary subsequences of (b_n, \tilde{u}_n) . Applying Corollary 3.5, there exist a filtered probability space $(\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}, (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}, \hat{P})$, an $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$ -white noise \hat{W} defined on this space, and a pair of weak solutions (v', v'') to (1.1) adapted to the filtration $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t)$. We see also that there exists a subsequence (n_k) such that $(\tilde{u}'_{n_k}, \tilde{u}''_{n_k})$ converges to $(\tilde{v}', \tilde{v}'')$ weakly in the space $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^2$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, where $(\tilde{v}', \tilde{v}'')$ are defined in (3.9). We note that (3.10) together with (3.2) implies that for any $m \geq 2$

$$[v' - \hat{V}]_{C^{4,0}L_m([0, T_0])} \leq [v' - \hat{V}]_{C^{4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0, T_0])} < \infty,$$

where we used the fact that $1 + \beta/4 - 1/(4q) \geq 3/4$. Thus the pair (v', \hat{V}) satisfies (3.12) and v' belong to the class $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$. Similarly, $v'' \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$. Thus, we see that all the assumptions of Proposition 3.6 are satisfied and we can conclude that $v' = v''$ a.s. By definition, this implies that $\tilde{v}' = \tilde{v}''$ a.s.

Thus, all the conditions of Proposition 3.7 are met. Hence there exists a $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ -valued random element \tilde{u} such that \tilde{u}_n converges to \tilde{u} in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Set now

$$u(t, x) := \tilde{u}(t, x) + P_t u_0(x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D.$$

Applying Proposition 3.4, we see that u is a solution to (1.1) with the initial condition u_0 . Since $\tilde{u}_n(t, x)$, where $t \in [0, T_0]$, $x \in D$, is \mathcal{F}_t^W -measurable, we see that $\tilde{u}(t, x)$ and, hence $u(t, x)$ are \mathcal{F}_t^W -measurable. Thus, u is a strong solution to (1.1).

From the convergence in probability of \tilde{u}_n to \tilde{u} , we get that for any $N > 0$

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq N}} |\tilde{u}_t^n(x) - \tilde{u}_t(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.13}$$

Further, by the assumptions of the theorem

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{x \in D} |P_t u_0^n(x) - P_t u_0(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in D} |u_0^n(x) - u_0(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{3.14}$$

where we used the fact that $|P_t f(x)| \leq \sup_y |f(y)|$ for any bounded function f . Combining (3.13) and (3.14), we obtain (2.6).

Finally, part (3) of the theorem follows from (3.8) and the fact that $1 + \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q} \geq \frac{3}{4}$. □

Proof of Theorem 2.6(ii). By Theorem 2.10, there exists a strong solution u to (1.1) satisfying (3.12). If v is another strong solution to (1.1) in the class $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$, then, by Proposition 3.6 $u = v$. This shows strong uniqueness of solutions to (1.1). □

Proposition 3.8. *Suppose that b is a non-negative finite measure, then every solution of (1.1) belongs to the class $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$.*

The proof of Proposition 3.8 is given in Section 5.3.

Proof of Theorem 2.8. Let u_0 be a bounded measurable function. Since measures belong to \mathcal{B}_1^0 , Theorem 2.6 yields existence and uniqueness of a strong solution u to (1.1) in $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ starting from u_0 . On the other hand, by Proposition 3.8, every solution to (1.1) belongs to $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ and thus has to coincide with u , thus completing the proof. □

Proof of Corollary 2.11. The proof uses an idea similar to [29, Proof of Theorem 2.4]. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, put $b'_n := G_{1/n} b'$, $b''_n := G_{1/n} b''$. By Lemma A.3, b'_n and b''_n are smooth and bounded. Let u'_n be the strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u'_0; b'_n)$ and let u''_n be the strong solution to $\text{Eq}(u''_0; b''_n)$. Note that $b' \leq b''$ implies $b'_n(x) \leq b''_n(x)$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, thanks to the definition of the partial order. Then, using again that b'_n and b''_n are smooth and bounded, the standard comparison principle (see, for example, [29, Theorem 2.4], [7, Lemma 3.3]) yields

$$u'_n(t, x) \leq u''_n(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in D. \tag{3.15}$$

By Lemma A.3, $b'_n \rightarrow b'$, $b''_n \rightarrow b''$ in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, by passing to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.15), we get for any fixed $t > 0$, $x \in D$ by Theorem 2.10.

$$u'(t, x) \leq u''(t, x), \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Since u' and u'' are continuous, this implies that a.s. $u'(t, x) \leq u''(t, x)$ for all $t > 0$, $x \in D$. □

Proof of Theorem 2.12. Define $f_\lambda(x) = \lambda^{3/2-\rho} f(\lambda^{1/2}x)$,

$$\bar{u}_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^{-1/2} u_\lambda(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x) \quad \text{and} \quad V_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^{-1/2} V(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x).$$

By a change of variables, we have

$$\bar{u}_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^{-1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_t(x - y) u_0(\lambda y) dy + V_\lambda(t, x) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{t-r}(x - y) f_\lambda(\bar{u}_\lambda(r, y)) dr dy.$$

Note that the random fields V_λ and V have the same probability law. Hence, \bar{u}_λ is a weak solution to (1.1) with f_λ in place of b and $\bar{u}_\lambda(0, x) = \lambda^{-1/2} u_0(\lambda x)$. It is straightforward to see that $\bar{u}_\lambda(0, \cdot)$ converges to 0 uniformly on \mathbb{R} . If $\rho = 1$, then by Lemma A.5, f_λ converges to $c\zeta^{-1} + c_0\delta_0$ in $\mathcal{B}_p^{(-1+1/p)-}$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ for any $p \in (1, \infty)$. If $\rho \in (1, 3/2)$, then by Lemma A.6, f_λ converges to $c_-\zeta_-^{2\rho-3} + c_+\zeta_+^{2\rho-3}$ in $\mathcal{B}_\infty^{(2\rho-3)-}$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

Applying Theorem 2.10, we see that if $\rho = 1$, then the process \bar{u}_λ converges weakly in the space $C_{uc}((0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ to the solution of (2.13). Similarly, if $\rho \in (1, 3/2)$ the same theorem implies that the process \bar{u}_λ converges weakly in the space $C_{uc}((0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ to the solution of (2.15). □

4 | STOCHASTIC SEWING LEMMAS

We present three extensions of the stochastic sewing lemma introduced earlier in [37]. More precisely, we incorporate singularities, critical exponents and random controls in the stochastic sewing lemma. In addition, we also provide estimates in some conditional moment norms, inspired by the stochastic sewing in [18]. As we will see in later sections, singularities allow for improvements of regularities and broaden the scope of applications of the stochastic sewing techniques (see for instance Lemma 6.1 and Corollary 6.2 in Section 6). The result with random controls (Theorem 4.7 below) is used in Proposition 3.8 to obtain a priori estimates for solutions to Equation 1.1 when the drift b is a measure. The stochastic sewing result for critical exponent is used to prove Proposition 3.6, that is strong uniqueness for Equation 1.1 when $\beta - 1/q = -1$. Finally, the estimates in conditional moment norms are also used in Proposition 3.2 which is later used in Proposition 3.6 to prevent a loss of integrability. We believe that these results complement [37, Theorem 2.1], [18, Theorem 2.7] and form a toolkit which is also of independent interest and can be useful for other purposes.

4.1 | Statements of stochastic sewing lemmas

Till the end of this section we fix a time horizon $T \in (0, \infty)$ and a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}, \mathbb{P})$. Recall that for $0 \leq S < T$ we denoted by $\Delta_{S, T}$ the simplex $\{(s, t) \in [S, T]^2 : s \leq t\}$. The mesh size of a partition Π of an interval will be denoted by $|\Pi|$. Let $A : \Delta_{S, T} \rightarrow L_m$ be such that $A_{s, t}$ is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S, T}$. For every triplet of times (s, u, t) such that $S \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq T$, we denote

$$\delta A_{s, u, t} := A_{s, t} - A_{s, u} - A_{u, t}.$$

For each $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$, $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ define the function

$$\eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(s, t) := \int_s^t (r - S)^{-\alpha}(T - r)^{-\beta} dr.$$

It is immediate that

$$\eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(s, t) \leq C(\alpha, \beta)(t - s)^{1-\alpha-\beta}. \tag{4.1}$$

Recall the notation $\|\cdot\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_t}$ introduced in (3.1).

Theorem 4.1 (Stochastic sewing lemma). *Let $m \in [2, \infty)$ and $n \in [m, \infty]$ be fixed. Assume that there exist constants $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \geq 0$, $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$, $\alpha_1, \beta_1 \in [0, 1)$ and $\alpha_2, \beta_2 \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that the following conditions hold for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and $u := (s + t)/2$*

$$\|E^s[\delta A_{s,u,t}]\|_{L_n} \leq \Gamma_1(u - S)^{-\alpha_1}(T - u)^{-\beta_1}|t - s|^{1+\varepsilon_1}, \tag{4.2}$$

$$\|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \|L_n \leq \Gamma_2(u - S)^{-\alpha_2}(T - u)^{-\beta_2}|t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.3}$$

Further, suppose that there exists a process $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathcal{A}_t : t \in [S, T]\}$ such that for any $t \in [S, T]$ and any sequence of partitions $\Pi_N := \{S = t_0^N, \dots, t_{k(N)}^N = t\}$ of $[S, t]$ such that $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} |\Pi_N| \rightarrow 0$ one has

$$\mathcal{A}_t = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{k(N)-1} A_{t_i^N, t_{i+1}^N} \text{ in probability.} \tag{4.4}$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, m)$ independent of S, T such that for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ we have

$$\|\|\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s - A_{s,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \|L_n \leq C\Gamma_2 \left(\eta_{S,T}^{(2\alpha_2, 2\beta_2)}(s, t)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |t - s|^{\varepsilon_2} + C\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) |t - s|^{\varepsilon_1} \tag{4.5}$$

and

$$\|E^S[\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s - A_{s,t}]\|_{L_n} \leq C\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) |t - s|^{\varepsilon_1}. \tag{4.6}$$

Remark 4.2. When $n = m$ and $\alpha_i = \beta_i = 0$, $i = 1, 2$, the estimates (4.5) and (4.6) coincide with those in [37, Theorem 2.1]. Using the arguments in the aforementioned paper, one can obtain from (4.2) and (4.3) the existence of the process \mathcal{A} satisfying (4.4). However, by imposing condition (4.4), our presentation on the applications of Theorem 4.1 in later sections is simplified.

Remark 4.3. In view of (3.2), condition (4.3) follows from the following simpler condition. There exist constants $\Gamma_2 \geq 0$, $\varepsilon_2 > 0$, $\alpha_2, \beta_2 \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that for every $S \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $u := (s + t)/2$, $x \in D$ one has

$$\|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_n} \leq \Gamma_2(u - S)^{-\alpha_2}(T - u)^{-\beta_2}|t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.7}$$

Sometimes, it might be useful to apply the following modification of stochastic sewing lemma.

Theorem 4.4. *Suppose that all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied apart from (4.4), which is replaced by the following: there exists a process $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathcal{A}_t : t \in [S, T]\}$ such that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and any sequence of partitions $\Pi_N := \{s = t_0^N, \dots, t_{k(N)}^N = t\}$ of $[s, t]$ such that $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} |\Pi_N| \rightarrow 0$ one has*

$$|\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s| \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{i=0}^{k(N)-1} A_{t_i^N, t_{i+1}^N} \right| \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{4.8}$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, m)$ independent of S, T such that for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ we have

$$\| \mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s \|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \|_{L_n} \leq \| A_{s,t} \|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \|_{L_n} + C \Gamma_2 \left(\eta_{S,T}^{(2\alpha_2, 2\beta_2)}(s, t) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |t-s|^{\varepsilon_2} + C \Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) |t-s|^{\varepsilon_1} \tag{4.9}$$

and

$$\| E^S [\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s] \|_{L_n} \leq \| E^S A_{s,t} \|_{L_n} + C \Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) |t-s|^{\varepsilon_1}. \tag{4.10}$$

The next result, which is used later in the proof of Proposition 3.6, is inspired by the stochastic Davie–Grönwall from [18].

Theorem 4.5 (Stochastic sewing with critical exponent). *Let $m \in [2, \infty)$. Assume that all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied with the choice $n = m$, $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 = \alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$. Suppose additionally that there exist constants $\Gamma_3 > 0$, $\Gamma_4 \geq 0$, $\varepsilon_4 > 0$ such that*

$$\| E^s [\delta A_{s,u,t}] \|_{L_m} \leq \Gamma_3 |t-s| + \Gamma_4 |t-s|^{1+\varepsilon_4}, \tag{4.11}$$

for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and $u := (s+t)/2$. Then there exist a constant $C = C(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_4, m)$ independent of S, T such that for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ we have

$$\| \mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_s - A_{s,t} \|_{L_m} \leq C \Gamma_3 \left(1 + \left| \log \frac{\Gamma_1 T^{\varepsilon_1}}{\Gamma_3} \right| \right) (t-s) + C \Gamma_2 (t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2} + C \Gamma_4 (t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_4}. \tag{4.12}$$

Finally, our last sewing lemma is stochastic sewing lemma with random controls. It is interesting to compare it with the deterministic sewing lemma with controls [19, Theorem 2.2]. We would need the following definition.

Definition 4.6. Let λ be a measurable function $\Delta_{S,T} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$. We say that λ is a *random control* if for any $S \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq T$ one has

$$\lambda(s, u, \omega) + \lambda(u, t, \omega) \leq \lambda(s, t, \omega) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Theorem 4.7 (Stochastic sewing lemma with random controls). *Let $m \in [2, \infty)$. Let λ be a random control. Assume that there exist constants $\Gamma_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1 \geq 0$, such that $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 > 1$ and*

$$\| E^u \delta A_{s,u,t} \| \leq \Gamma_1 |t-s|^{\alpha_1} \lambda(s, t)^{\beta_1} \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{4.13}$$

for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and $u := (s + t)/2$. Assume further that condition (4.3) is satisfied with $n = m$, $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$, $\varepsilon_2 > 0$ and condition (4.4) holds.

Then there exists a map $B : \Delta_{S,T} \rightarrow L_m$ and a constant $C > 0$, such that B is a functional of $((s, t) \mapsto \delta A_{s,(s+t)/2,t})$ and for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$

$$|A_t - A_s - A_{s,t}| \leq C\Gamma_1 |t - s|^{\alpha_1} \lambda(s, t)^{\beta_1} + B_{s,t} \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{4.14}$$

and

$$\|B_{s,t}\|_{L_m} \leq C\Gamma_2 |t - s|^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.15}$$

4.2 | Proofs of stochastic sewing lemmas

The proofs of the results from Section 4.1 make use of the following common notation. For each integer $k \geq 0$ and each $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ with $s > 0$, let $\pi_{[s,t]}^k = \{s = t_0^k < t_1^k < \dots < t_{2^k}^k = t\}$ be the dyadic partition of $[s, t]$.

For each k, i , u_i^k denotes the midpoint of $[t_i^k, t_{i+1}^k]$. Define

$$A_{s,t}^k := \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} A_{t_i^k, t_{i+1}^k}.$$

Let $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ be fixed. For every $k \geq 0$, we have

$$A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k = \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} = I_{s,t}^k + J_{s,t}^k \tag{4.16}$$

where

$$I_{s,t}^k = \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} E^{t_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} \quad \text{and} \quad J_{s,t}^k = \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \left(\delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} - E^{t_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} \right). \tag{4.17}$$

Proof of Theorem 4.1. We estimate $I_{s,t}^k$ by triangle inequality and condition (4.2),

$$\|I_{s,t}^k\|_{L_n} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \left\| E^{t_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} \right\|_{L_n} \leq \Gamma_1 \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (u_i^k - s)^{-\alpha_1} (T - u_i^k)^{-\beta_1} (t_{i+1}^k - t_i^k)^{1+\varepsilon_1}.$$

Using (B.6), it is easy to see that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (u_i^k - s)^{-\alpha_1} (T - u_i^k)^{-\beta_1} (t_{i+1}^k - t_i^k) \leq 2^{1+\alpha_1} \int_s^t (r - s)^{-\alpha_1} (T - r)^{-\beta_1} dr,$$

which implies

$$\|E^s I_{s,t}^k\|_{L_n} \leq \|I_{s,t}^k\|_{L_n} \leq 2^{-k\varepsilon_1} 2^{1+\alpha_1} \Gamma_1 \left(\int_s^t (r - s)^{-\alpha_1} (T - r)^{-\beta_1} dr \right) (t - s)^{\varepsilon_1}. \tag{4.18}$$

To estimate $J_{s,t}^k$, we observe that it is a sum of martingale differences and use the conditional Burkholder–Davis–Gundy (BDG) inequality (see, e.g., [10, Proposition 27]) to obtain

$$\|J_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \leq \kappa_m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \left\| \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} - E^{t_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} \right\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq 2\kappa_m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \left\| \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} \right\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where κ_m is the constant from the conditional BDG inequality. Then, we use the Minkowski inequality, condition (4.3) and similar reasoning as above, to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\|J_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n} &\leq 2\kappa_m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \|\|\delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq 2\kappa_m \left(\Gamma_2^2 \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (u_i^k - s)^{-2\alpha_2} (T - u_i^k)^{-2\beta_2} (t_{i+1}^k - t_i^k)^{1+2\epsilon_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq 2^{-k\epsilon_2} 2^{\frac{3}{2}+\alpha_2} \kappa_m \Gamma_2 \left(\int_s^t (r - s)^{-2\alpha_2} (T - r)^{-2\beta_2} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (t - s)^{\epsilon_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have shown that

$$\|\|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n} \leq 2^{-k\epsilon_1} 4\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) (t - s)^{\epsilon_1} + 2^{-k\epsilon_2} 8\kappa_m \Gamma_2 |\eta_{S,T}^{(2\alpha_2, 2\beta_2)}(s, t)|^{\frac{1}{2}} (t - s)^{\epsilon_2}.$$

This implies that

$$\|\|A_{s,t}^k - A_{s,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n} \leq C\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) (t - s)^{\epsilon_1} + C\Gamma_2 |\eta_{S,T}^{(2\alpha_2, 2\beta_2)}(s, t)|^{\frac{1}{2}} (t - s)^{\epsilon_2} \tag{4.19}$$

for some constant $C = C(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, m)$. By sending $k \rightarrow \infty$, using (4.4) and Fatou’s lemma, we obtain (4.5). We observe that $E^S J_{s,t}^k = 0$, the relation (4.16) also yields $E^S(A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k) = E^S I_{s,t}^k$. In view of the estimate (4.18), we obtain

$$\|E^S(A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k)\|_{L_n} \leq 2^{-k\epsilon_1} 2^{1+\alpha_1} \Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) (t - s)^{\epsilon_1}.$$

This yields

$$\|E^S(A_{s,t}^k - A_{s,t})\|_{L_n} \leq C\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) (t - s)^{\epsilon_1}. \tag{4.20}$$

Sending $k \rightarrow \infty$ and reasoning as previously, we obtain (4.6). □

Proof of Theorem 4.4. The proof goes along exactly the same lines as the proof of Theorem 4.1 till (4.19). Rewriting this inequality, we derive

$$\|\|A_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n} \leq \|\|A_{s,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S}\|_{L_n} C\Gamma_1 \eta_{S,T}^{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)}(s, t) (t - s)^{\epsilon_1} + C\Gamma_2 |\eta_{S,T}^{(2\alpha_2, 2\beta_2)}(s, t)|^{\frac{1}{2}} (t - s)^{\epsilon_2}.$$

By passing to the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using (4.8) and Fatou’s lemma, we obtain (4.9). Inequality (4.10) follows similarly from (4.20), (4.8) and Fatou’s lemma. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.5. The term $J_{s,t}^k$ is estimated as in the proof of Theorem 4.1, which gives

$$\|J_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq 2^{-k\varepsilon_2+2}\kappa_m\Gamma_2(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.21}$$

On the other hand, we estimate $I_{s,t}^k$ differently, using triangle inequality and condition (4.11) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \|E_i^{t_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k}\|_{L_m} \leq \Gamma_3 \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (t_{i+1}^k - t_i^k) + \Gamma_4 \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (t_{i+1}^k - t_i^k)^{1+\varepsilon_4} \\ &= \Gamma_3(t-s) + 2^{-k\varepsilon_4}\Gamma_4(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_4}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, in view of (4.16), we have shown that for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq \Gamma_3(t-s) + 2^{-k\varepsilon_4}\Gamma_4(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_4} + 2^{-k\varepsilon_2+2}\kappa_m\Gamma_2(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.22}$$

However, recalling (4.18), we still have

$$\|I_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq 2^{-k\varepsilon_1+1}\Gamma_1(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_1},$$

which together with (4.21) provides an alternative bound for $\|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m}$. Namely,

$$\|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq 2^{-k\varepsilon_1+1}\Gamma_1(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_1} + 2^{-k\varepsilon_2+2}\kappa_m\Gamma_2(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}. \tag{4.23}$$

Combining (4.22) and (4.23) together, we get that there exists a constant $C = C(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_4, m)$ such that for any fixed integers $0 \leq k \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_{s,t}^N - A_{s,t}\|_{L_m} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^k \|A_{s,t}^{i+1} - A_{s,t}^i\|_{L_m} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{N-1} \|A_{s,t}^{i+1} - A_{s,t}^i\|_{L_m} \\ &\leq C(k\Gamma_3 + 2^{-k\varepsilon_1}\Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1})(t-s) + C\Gamma_4(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_4} + C\Gamma_2(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the first sum we have applied (4.22) and in the second sum we used (4.23). Similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1, we pass now to the limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$ (note that k remains fixed) with the help of Fatou’s lemma and (4.4). We deduce

$$\|A_t - A_s - A_{s,t}\|_{L_m} \leq C(k\Gamma_3 + 2^{-k\varepsilon_1}\Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1})(t-s) + C\Gamma_4(t-s)^{1+\varepsilon_4} + C\Gamma_2(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon_2}.$$

Now, let us fine-tune the parameter k . If $\Gamma_3 \geq \Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1}$, we choose $k = 1$ and the previous inequality implies (4.12). If $\Gamma_3 < \Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1}$, we can choose $k \geq 1$ so that $2^{-k\varepsilon_1}\Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1} \leq \Gamma_3 \leq 2^{(1-k)\varepsilon_1}\Gamma_1T^{\varepsilon_1}$ which optimizes the right-hand side above and contributes the logarithmic factor. This gives (4.12). \square

Proof of Theorem 4.7. We use a slightly different version of (4.16)

$$A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k = \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \mathbb{E}^{u_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} + \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} (\delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k} - \mathbb{E}^{u_i^k} \delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k}) =: \tilde{I}_{s,t}^k + \tilde{J}_{s,t}^k.$$

By (4.13),

$$|\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k| \leq \Gamma_1 |t - s|^{\alpha_1} 2^{-k\alpha_1} \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \lambda(t_i^k, t_{i+1}^k)^{\beta_1} \leq \Gamma_1 |t - s|^{\alpha_1} 2^{-k(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \lambda(s, t)^{\beta_1}, \tag{4.25}$$

where the last inequality follows from the Hölder inequality and superadditivity of the random control λ . Note that $\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k$ is the sum of martingale differences, hence, can be estimated analogously to $J_{s,t}^k$ as in the proof of Theorem 4.1. Applying the BDG and Minkowski inequalities, we have

$$\|\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq 2\kappa_m \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \|\delta A_{t_i^k, u_i^k, t_{i+1}^k}\|_{L_m}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Using condition (4.3) (with $n = m$ and $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$), we have

$$\|\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k\|_{L_m} \leq 2^{-k\epsilon_2} 8\kappa_m \Gamma_2 |t - s|^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon_2}. \tag{4.26}$$

Thus, we get from (4.24) and (4.25)

$$|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}^k| \leq \Gamma_1 |t - s|^{\alpha_1} 2^{-k(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \lambda(s, t)^{\beta_1} + |\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k|, \text{ a.s.} \tag{4.27}$$

Define $B_{s,t} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\tilde{J}_{s,t}^k|$. Using (4.26) and triangle inequality, we see that B satisfies (4.15).

It follows from (4.27) that

$$|A_{s,t}^{k+1} - A_{s,t}| \leq \sum_{i=0}^k |A_{s,t}^{i+1} - A_{s,t}^i| \leq C\Gamma_1 |t - s|^{\alpha_1} \lambda(s, t)^{\beta_1} + B_{s,t}.$$

Sending $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using condition (4.4), we obtain (4.14). □

5 | PROOFS OF KEY PROPOSITIONS

In this section, we present the proofs of the propositions from Section 3. The regularization estimates which are necessary for the proofs are summarized in Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.2 below. The proofs of these lemmas are presented in Section 6.1. We recall (3.5) which defines the space \mathbf{BL}_m .

Lemma 5.1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{B}_p^\gamma$ be a bounded function. Let $m \in [2, \infty)$, $p \in [m, \infty]$ and $\gamma \in (-2, 0)$. There exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, m, p)$ such that for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and any $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable function $\kappa \in \mathbf{BL}_m$ one has*

$$\left\| \int_s^t \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\kappa(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} (t - s)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{5.1}$$

Lemma 5.2. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded continuous function in B_p^γ , $T > 0$, and $\psi : [0, T] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function adapted to the filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$. Let $m \in [2, \infty)$, $n \in [m, \infty)$, $p \in [n, \infty)$ and $\tau \in (0, 1)$ be fixed numbers. Let $\gamma \in (-2 + 1/p, 0)$ and assume that

$$\gamma - \frac{1}{p} + 4\tau > 1. \tag{5.2}$$

Then the following statements hold.

(i) There exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, p, \tau, m) > 0$ independent of T such that for any $S \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_S^T \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \Big\|_{L_n} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} (T - S)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}} + C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} [\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0} L_{m, n}([S, T])} (T - S)^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p} + \tau}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

(ii) Let $\delta \in (0, 1)$. There exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, p, \tau, \delta, m) > 0$ independent of T such that for any $S \in [0, T]$, $x_1, x_2 \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_S^T \int_D (p_{T-r}(x_1, y) - p_{T-r}(x_2, y)) f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} |x_1 - x_2|^\delta \left((T - S)^{1 - \frac{\delta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(\gamma - \frac{1}{p})} + [\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0} L_{m, n}([S, T])} (T - S)^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\delta}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p} + \tau} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

(iii) Let $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and $\bar{T} > 0$. There exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, p, \tau, \delta, m) > 0$ independent of T, \bar{T} such that for any $S \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_S^T \int_D (p_{T+\bar{T}-r}(x, y) - p_{T-r}(x, y)) f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \bar{T}^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \left((T - S)^{1 - \frac{\delta}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(\gamma - \frac{1}{p})} + [\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0} L_{m, n}([S, T])} (T - S)^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\delta}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p} + \tau} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

Remark 5.3. Estimate (5.3) is an analogue of the following estimate by Davie in [12] for Brownian motion

$$\left\| \int_s^t [f(B_r + x_1) - f(B_r + x_2)] dr \right\|_{L_m} \leq C_m \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^d} |f(z)| |t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}} |x_1 - x_2|, \tag{5.6}$$

which holds for every $s \leq t$, $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and bounded measurable $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$. Noting that the map $x \mapsto (f(x + x_1) - f(x + x_2))/(|x_1 - x_2|)$ has finite B_∞^{-1} -norm and therefore (5.6) is indeed an estimate with distributions. A closely related estimate is of the type

$$\left\| E^s \left(\int_s^t f(X_r) dr \right) \right\|_{L_\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} |t - s|^\theta, \tag{5.7}$$

where $p \geq d + 1$, $\theta = \theta(p) = 1 - \frac{d}{2p}$, X is a martingale of the form $X_t = \int_0^t \sigma_r dB_r$, σ is adapted, $\Lambda^{-1} \geq |\sigma_r| \geq \Lambda$ for all r , Λ is a deterministic positive constant. Estimate (5.7) follows from a general result of Krylov in [34] and an argument similar to [27, Corollary 3.2]. When f is a non-negative function, by expanding moment and successively conditioning, one can obtain from the above estimate that for every integer $m \geq 2$, $s \leq t$,

$$\left\| \int_s^t f(X_r) dr \right\|_{L_m} \leq C_m \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} |t - s|^\theta, \tag{5.8}$$

which is comparable to Davie-type estimate (5.6). However, the fact that f is a non-negative function is crucial and in particular, one cannot obtain (5.6) from such an argument.

As observed in [37] for the case of fBM, one can indeed obtain estimates of the types (5.6) and (5.8) from estimates of the type (5.7) by mean of the stochastic sewing lemma for f being a distribution provided that $\theta > 1/2$. This passage is also visible in the proof of Lemma 5.2 in Section 6.

5.1 | Proof of Propositions 3.2-3.4

Proof of Proposition 3.2. We will use the estimate (5.3) from Lemma 5.2. Fix m, f, u_0 satisfying the assumptions of the proposition. Define for brevity

$$\psi(t, x) := u^{\eta;f}(t, x) - V(t, x), \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D.$$

First we note that since the function f is bounded, we have for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$,

$$|\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)| = \left| \int_s^t \int_D P_{t-r}(x, y) f(u_r^{\eta;f}(y)) dy dr \right| \leq \sup_{z \in D} |f(z)| |t - s|,$$

which implies that $[\psi]_{C^{\tau,0} L_{m,\infty}([0, T_0])}$ is finite for any $\tau \in (0, 1]$.

Let us apply now Lemma 5.2 with the following set of parameters: $\gamma = \beta - 1/q$, $n = p = \infty$ and $\tau = 1 + \beta/4 - 1/(4q)$. In other words, we consider f as a distribution $\mathcal{B}_\infty^{\beta-1/q}$, thanks to the embedding $\mathcal{B}_q^\beta \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}_\infty^{\beta-1/q}$ (see (3.6)). Since $\beta - 1/q > -3/2$, we see that (5.2) holds. Therefore, all the assumptions of Lemma 5.2 are satisfied and we obtain from (5.3) that there exists $C > 0$ such that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$

$$\sup_{x \in D} \| |\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)| \|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} (t-s)^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}} \left(1 + [\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q},0} L_{m,\infty}([s,t])} (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}} \right), \tag{5.9}$$

where we used the fact that $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_\infty^{\beta-1/q}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta}$ thanks to (3.6). Fix now $S \in [0, T_0]$ and $\ell \in (0, T_0 - S]$. By dividing both sides of inequality (5.9) by $(t - s)^{1+\beta/4-1/(4q)}$ and taking supremum over all $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S, S+\ell}$, we get

$$[\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q},0} L_{m,\infty}([S, S+\ell])} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} + C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} [\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q},0} L_{m,\infty}([S, S+\ell])} \ell^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}.$$

Note that $3/4 + \beta/4 - 1/(4q) > 0$ (since $\beta - 1/q > -3/2$) and the constant C does not depend on S or ℓ . Hence, by choosing $\ell_0 \in (0, T_0)$ small enough such that

$$C \|f\|_{B_q^\beta} \ell_0^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}} \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

we get that there exists $C_1 > 0$ such that for any $S \in [0, T_0 - \ell_0]$

$$[\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q},0} L_{m,\infty}([S,S+\ell_0])} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}. \tag{5.10}$$

It remains to show that the above estimate implies (3.7). For arbitrary $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$, we choose $N \geq 2$ such that $T_0/N \leq \ell_0 < T_0/(N - 1)$ and define successively $s_0 = s$, $s_k = s_{k-1} + (t - s)/N$ for each $k = 1, \dots, N$. From the following telescopic identities

$$\psi_t - P_{t-s}\psi_s = \sum_{k=1}^N (P_{t-s_k}\psi_{s_k} - P_{t-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}) = \sum_{k=1}^N P_{t-s_k}(\psi_{s_k} - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}),$$

we apply triangle inequality and (B.8) to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \| \|\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_\infty} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \| \|P_{t-s_k}(\psi_{s_k} - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}})(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_\infty} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \sup_{y \in D} \| \|\psi_{s_k}(y) - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

Since $\mathcal{F}_s \subset \mathcal{F}_{s_{k-1}}$, one has

$$\| \|\psi_{s_k}(y) - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} = \| \|\psi_{s_k}(y) - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_{s_{k-1}}} \|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s}.$$

Note that $s_k - s_{k-1} \leq \ell_0$, we can apply (5.10) to obtain that for any $y \in D$

$$\| \|\psi_{s_k}(y) - P_{s_k-s_{k-1}}\psi_{s_{k-1}}(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{B_q^\beta} (s_k - s_{k-1})^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}.$$

Hence we can continue (5.11) in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \| \|\psi_t(x) - P_{t-s}\psi_s(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_\infty} &\leq C_1 \|f\|_{B_q^\beta} \sum_{k=1}^N (s_k - s_{k-1})^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}} \\ &\leq C_1 \|f\|_{B_q^\beta} N^{1-\tau} (t - s)^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $N < 1 + T_0/\ell_0$, this implies (3.7). Note that the restriction $\beta - \frac{1}{q} > -\frac{3}{2}$ implies $N^{1-\tau} \leq C(1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^2)$. □

To prove Propositions 3.3 and 3.4 we will need the following statement. For a bounded continuous function $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a measurable function $\sigma : (0, T_0] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ define

$$K^{h;\sigma}(t, x) := \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y)h(\sigma(r, y))dydr, \quad t \in [0, T_0], \quad x \in D. \tag{5.12}$$

Lemma 5.4. *Let $\beta \leq 0, q \in [2, \infty]$. Assume that $\beta - 1/q > -3/2$. Let h, f be bounded continuous functions in $B_q^\beta, \eta \in \mathbf{B}(D)$. Let $u = u^{\eta;f}$ be the solution to Eq($\eta; f$). Let $\delta \in (0, 1)$. Then there exists a random variable H such that for a.s ω , for any $x_1, x_2 \in D, s, t \in [0, T_0]$*

$$|K^{h;u}(t, x_1) - K^{h;u}(s, x_2)| \leq H(\omega)(1 + |x_1| + |x_2|) \left(|x_1 - x_2|^\delta + |t - s|^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \right), \tag{5.13}$$

and $\mathbb{E}H \leq C \|h\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^3)$, where the constant $C = C(\beta, q, \delta, \nu, T_0) > 0$ is independent of η, h, f .

Proof. In the proof, for brevity, we write $u = u^{\eta;f}, K = K^{h;u}$. Fix $\delta \in (0, 1), m \in [2, \infty)$. Let $\delta' \in (\delta, 1)$. Note that for $x_1, x_2 \in D$ and $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|K(t, x_1) - K(s, x_2)\|_{L_m} &\leq \|K(t, x_1) - K(t, x_2)\|_{L_m} + \|K(t, x_2) - P_{t-s}K(s, x_2)\|_{L_m} \\ &\quad + \|(P_{t-s} - Id)K(s, x_2)\|_{L_m} =: I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned} \tag{5.14}$$

To bound I_1, I_2 , and I_3 we will use Lemma 5.2 with the following parameters:

$$\psi = u - V, \quad \gamma = \beta - \frac{1}{q}, \quad n = m, \quad p = \infty, \quad \tau = 1 + \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}, \quad T = t. \tag{5.15}$$

First, the estimate in Proposition 3.2 and (3.4) give

$$[\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_m([0, T_0])} \leq [\psi]_{C^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}, 0} L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} \leq C \|f\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^2). \tag{5.16}$$

Second, Assumption 3.1 implies that (5.2) holds. Therefore, all the conditions of Lemma 5.2 are satisfied. By part (ii) of the lemma with $S = 0$, we get

$$I_1 \leq C(T_0) \|h\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^3) |x_1 - x_2|^{\delta'}, \tag{5.17}$$

where we also used the bound (5.16).

To bound the second term in (5.14), I_2 , we use Lemma 5.2(i) with the parameters described in (5.15) as well as $n = m, x = x_2, S = s$. We get

$$I_2 = \left\| \int_s^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x_2, y)h(u(r, y))dydr \right\|_{L_m} \leq C(T_0) \|h\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^3) (t - s)^{1+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}, \tag{5.18}$$

where we used again bound (5.16).

Finally, let us bound I_3 . We note that

$$I_3 = \left\| \int_0^s \int_D [p_{t-r}(x, y) - p_{s-r}(x, y)]h(u_r(y))dydr \right\|_{L_m}.$$

In view of (5.16), we can apply Lemma 5.2(iii) to obtain

$$I_3 \leq C(T_0) \|h\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^3) (t - s)^{\frac{\delta'}{2}}.$$

Now combining this with (5.17), (5.18) and substituting into (5.14), we arrive at

$$\|K(t, x_1) - K(s, x_2)\|_{L_m} \leq C(T_0)R \left(|x_1 - x_2|^{\delta'} + |t - s|^{\frac{\delta'}{2}} \right),$$

where we used the fact that $1 + \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q} > \frac{1}{2} > \frac{\delta'}{2}$ and denoted $R := \|h\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|f\|_{B_q^\beta}^3)$. Recall that $\delta \in (0, \delta')$ and m is arbitrarily large. Then, by the Kolmogorov continuity theorem (which is an easy extension of [36, Theorem 1.4.1]), there exists a random variable $H(\omega)$ such that for any $\omega \in \Omega$, $x_1, x_2 \in D$, $s, t \in [0, T_0]$ we have

$$|K(t, x_1) - K(s, x_2)| \leq H(\omega)(1 + |x_1| + |x_2|) \left(|x_1 - x_2|^\delta + |t - s|^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \right),$$

and $EH(\omega) \leq C(T_0)R$. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Proof of Proposition 3.3. Fix the sequences $(b'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, $(b''_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, $(u'_{0,n})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ and $(u''_{0,n})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$. Recall definition (5.12). Put

$$K'_n := K^{b'_n, u'_n}, \quad K''_n := K^{b''_n, u''_n}.$$

Note that

$$\tilde{u}'_n(t) = K'_n(t) + V(t), \quad \tilde{u}''_n(t) = K''_n(t) + V(t). \tag{5.19}$$

For $M > 0$, $\delta \in (0, 1)$, $\nu > 0$ put

$$A_M := \{f \in C([0, T_0] \times D) : f(0, \cdot) = 0 \text{ and for every } x_1, x_2 \in D, s, t \in [0, T_0]$$

$$|f_t(x_1) - f_s(x_2)| \leq M(1 + |x_1| + |x_2|)(|x_1 - x_2|^\delta + |t - s|^{\frac{\delta}{2}})\}.$$

By the Arzela–Ascoli theorem, for each $M > 0$ the set A_M is a compact set in the space $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$. We apply Lemma 5.4 with $h = f = b'_n$, $\eta = u'_{0,n}$. For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we derive from (5.13) and the Chebyshev inequality

$$P(K'_n \notin A_M) \leq C \|b'_n\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|b'_n\|_{B_q^\beta}^3) M^{-1} \leq CRM^{-1},$$

where we denoted $R := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b'_n\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|b'_n\|_{B_q^\beta}^3) < \infty$. Thus, the sequence $(K'_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is tight in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$. Similarly, $(K''_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is tight in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ and obviously the constant sequence $(V)_{n \geq 0}$ is tight in this space as well. Hence the sequence $(K'_n, K''_n, V)_{n \geq 0}$ is tight in $[C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)]^3$. Since this space is separable, by the Prokhorov theorem there exists a sub-sequence $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ such that $(K'_{n_k}, K''_{n_k}, V)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges weakly in the space $[C([0, T_0] \times D)]^3$. Recalling (5.19), we see that $(\tilde{u}'_{n_k}, \tilde{u}''_{n_k}, V)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges weakly. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Proof of Proposition 3.4. Step 1. We show that u is a solution to (1.1). We define for each $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times D$

$$K(t, x) := \tilde{u}(t, x) - V(t, x). \tag{5.20}$$

Let (\bar{b}^n) be an arbitrary sequence of functions in C_b^∞ converging to b in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$. Fix arbitrary $R > 0$. In view of Definition 2.3, we need to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} |K_t^{\bar{b}^n; u}(x) - K_t(x)| = 0 \text{ in probability.} \tag{5.21}$$

By triangle inequality, we decompose for any $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, x \in D, t \in [0, T_0]$

$$\begin{aligned} |K_t^{\bar{b}^n; u}(x) - K_t(x)| &\leq |K_t^{\bar{b}^n; u}(x) - K_t^{\bar{b}^n; u^k}(x)| + |K_t^{\bar{b}^n; u^k}(x) - K_t^{b^k; u^k}(x)| \\ &\quad + |K_t^{b^k; u^k}(x) - K_t(x)| =: I_1(n, k, t, x) + I_2(n, k, t, x) + I_3(k, t, x). \end{aligned} \tag{5.22}$$

Let us estimate successively all the terms in the right-hand side of (5.22). Since for any fixed n the function \bar{b}^n is a smooth bounded function, we have for any $|x| \leq R, x \in D, M > R$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(n, k, t, x) &= \left| \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) (\bar{b}^n(u_r(y)) - \bar{b}^n(u_r^k(y))) \, dy dr \right| \\ &\leq \|\bar{b}^n\|_{C^1} \int_0^t \int_{D \cap \{|y| \leq M\}} p_{t-r}(x, y) |u_r(y) - u_r^k(y)| \, dy dr \\ &\quad + 2\|\bar{b}^n\|_{C^0} \int_0^t \int_{D \cap \{|y| \geq M\}} p_{t-r}(x, y) \, dy dr \\ &\leq \|\bar{b}^n\|_{C^1} T_0 \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{y \in D \\ |y| \leq M}} |u_r(y) - u_r^k(y)| + C\|\bar{b}^n\|_{C^0} T_0 e^{-\frac{(M-R)^2}{T_0}}. \end{aligned}$$

We use triangle inequality and the estimate $|P_t \varphi(x)| \leq \sup_{y \in D} |\varphi(y)|$ valid for any bounded measurable function φ to obtain that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{y \in D \\ |y| \leq M}} |u_r(y) - u_r^k(y)| \leq \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{y \in D \\ |y| \leq M}} |\tilde{u}_r(y) - \tilde{u}_r^k(y)| + \sup_{y \in D} |u_0(y) - u_0^k(y)|.$$

By assumption, the above implies that u^k converges to u in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ in probability. Hence, in the previous estimates for I_1 , we send $k \rightarrow \infty$ then $M \rightarrow \infty$ to see that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_1(n, k, t, x) = 0 \text{ in probability.} \tag{5.23}$$

To bound I_2 we fix $\beta' < \beta$ such that $\beta' - 1/q > -3/2$. This is possible thanks to Assumption 3.1. We apply Lemma 5.4 with $h = \bar{b}^n - b^k, f = b^k, \eta = u_0^k, x_1 = x_2 = x, s = 0, \beta'$ in place of β . We

get that there exists a random variable $H_{n,k}$ such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_2(n, k, t, x) = \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} |K_t^{\bar{b}^n - b^k; u^k}(x)| \leq H_{n,k}(\omega)(1 + R)(1 + T_0)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} EH_{n,k}(\omega) &\leq C \|\bar{b}^n - b^k\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}} (1 + \|b^k\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}}^3) \\ &\leq C(\|\bar{b}^n - b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}} + \|b^k - b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}})(1 + \sup_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b^r\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}}^3), \end{aligned}$$

where again the constant C does not depend on n, k . Thus for any $\varepsilon > 0$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} P(\sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_2(n, k, t, x) > \varepsilon) \\ \leq C\varepsilon^{-1}(\|\bar{b}^n - b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}} + \|b^k - b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}})(1 + \sup_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b^r\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta'}}^3)(1 + R)(1 + T_0). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_2(n, k, t, x) = 0 \quad \text{in probability.}$$

To treat I_3 , we first derive from (5.12) and the definition of u^k that for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\tilde{u}^k = K^{b^k; u^k} + V^k$. Hence, together with (5.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_3(k, t, x) &= \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} |K_t^{b^k; u^k}(x) - K_t(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} (|\tilde{u}_t^k(x) - \tilde{u}_t(x)| + |V_t^k(x) - V_t(x)|). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| \leq R}} I_3(k, t, x) = 0 \quad \text{in probability.} \tag{5.24}$$

Finally, combining (5.23)-(5.24) and (5.22), we obtain (5.21).

Step 2. It remains to show (3.8). It follows from Proposition 3.2, that there exists a constant C such that for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$, $x \in D$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\|u_t^n(x) - V_t^n(x) - P_{t-s}(u_s^n(x) - V_s^n(x))\|_{L_m \mathcal{F}_s} \leq C(t - s)^{1 - \frac{\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}}.$$

Note that we used here that $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b^n\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta}} < \infty$ thanks to the definition of convergence in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$. It follows from the mild formulation of u^n (recall that u^n solves Eq($u_0^n; b^n$) with V^n in place of V),

$$u_t^n(x) - V_t^n(x) - P_{t-s}(u_s^n(x) - V_s^n(x)) = K_t^{b^n; u^n}(x) - P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n; u^n}(x).$$

Hence, we have

$$\|K_t^{b^n; u^n}(x) - P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n; u^n}(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \leq C(t-s)^{1-\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}. \tag{5.25}$$

Putting $s = 0$, the previous estimate implies that

$$\|K_t^{b^n; u^n}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq Ct^{1-\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}. \tag{5.26}$$

On the other hand, we see from (5.24) that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K^{b^n; u^n} = K$ in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ in probability. Hence, by passing to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (5.26) and applying Fatou’s lemma, we see that $\sup_{(t,x) \in [0, T_0] \times D} \|K_t(x)\|_{L_m} < \infty$. By Lemma B.4, we see that $P_{t-s}K_s(x)$ is well-defined as an L_m -integrable random variable. Furthermore, in view of (5.26) and the convergence of $K^{b^n; u^n}$ to K , we obtain from Lemma B.5 that for each fixed $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T_0, x \in D$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n; u^n}(x) = P_{t-s}K_s(x) \text{ in probability.}$$

Therefore, we can pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (5.25) and apply Fatou’s lemma to obtain that

$$\|u_t(x) - V_t(x) - P_{t-s}(u_s(x) - V_s(x))\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} = \|K_t(x) - P_{t-s}K_s(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \leq C(t-s)^{1-\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}},$$

where we also used the definition of K in (5.20). This implies (3.8). □

5.2 | Proof of Proposition 3.6

In this subsection we will use the following additional notation. Let $(S, T) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$. For a measurable function $Z : \Delta_{S, T} \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \tau \in [0, 1], m \geq 1$ we put

$$\|Z\|_{C^{\tau, 0}L_m([S, T])} := \sup_{(s, t) \in \Delta_{S, T}} \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\|Z_{s, t}(x)\|_{L_m}}{|t-s|^\tau}. \tag{5.27}$$

Till the end of the subsection fix the parameters β, q satisfying the conditions of Proposition 3.6 and $b \in \mathcal{B}_q^\beta$. We fix also $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}, (v_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]} \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$, which are as in the statement of Proposition 3.6.

We define

$$\psi_t := u_t - V_t, \varphi_t := v_t - V_t, z_t := u_t - v_t = \psi_t - \varphi_t, \quad t \in [0, T_0].$$

Our goal is to prove that $z(t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, T_0]$. Fix $m \in [2, \infty)$ such that $m \leq q$. We see that (3.12) and the fact that $u, v \in \mathcal{V}(3/4)$ implies that

$$[\psi]_{C^{3/4, 0}L_{m, \infty}([0, T_0])} < \infty, [\psi]_{C^{3/4, 0}L_m([0, T_0])} < \infty, [\varphi]_{C^{3/4, 0}L_m([0, T_0])} < \infty.$$

This in turn yields that for any $t \in [0, T_0]$ one has

$$\varphi_t, \psi_t \in \mathbf{BL}_m, \tag{5.28}$$

where the space \mathbf{BL}_m is introduced in (3.5).

Recall that the process v satisfies condition (2') of Remark 2.7. We fix a sequence of smooth functions (b_n) which appeared there. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ introduce the process

$$H_{s,t}^{n,\psi}(x) := \int_s^t \int_D P_{t-r}(x, y) b_n(V_r(y) + P_{t-r}\psi_s(y)) dy dr, \quad (s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}, x \in D. \tag{5.29}$$

Define $H_{s,t}^{n,\varphi}(x)$ in a similar way with φ_s in place of ψ_s in the right-hand side of (5.29). Note that the expressions $P_{t-r}\psi_s$ and $P_{t-r}\varphi_s$ are well-defined thanks to (5.28) and Lemma B.4.

Our first step in obtaining uniqueness is to pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (5.29).

Lemma 5.5. *For each $x \in D, (s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$ there exist random variables $H_{s,t}^\psi(x), H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)$, such that*

$$H_{s,t}^{n,\psi}(x) \rightarrow H_{s,t}^\psi(x), \quad H_{s,t}^{n,\varphi}(x) \rightarrow H_{s,t}^\varphi(x), \quad \text{in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Furthermore, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$ we have

$$\sup_{x \in D} \|H_{s,t}^\psi(x) - H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(1 + T_0) \|z_s\|_{\mathbf{B}L_m} (t - s)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{5.30}$$

$$\sup_{x \in D} \|H_{s,t}^\psi(x) - H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(1 + T_0) (t - s)^{\frac{3}{4}}. \tag{5.31}$$

The lemma is proved using the stochastic sewing lemma. We postpone the proof till Section 6.2.

Recall the notation (5.12). Denote $K^u := \psi - Pu_0$ and $K^v := \varphi - Pu_0$. It follows from Definition 2.3 and condition (2') of Remark 2.7, that $K^{b^n;u}(t, x) \rightarrow K^u(t, x)$ and $K^{b^n;v}(t, x) \rightarrow K^v(t, x)$ in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $t \in [0, T_0], x \in D$.

Lemma 5.6. *For every fixed $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}, x \in D$ we have*

$$P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n;u}(x) \rightarrow P_{t-s}K_s^u(x), \quad P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n;v}(x) \rightarrow P_{t-s}K_s^v(x) \quad \text{in probability as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows from Lemma 5.5, that we can now define

$$R_{s,t} := (\psi_t - P_{t-s}\psi_s - H_{s,t}^\psi) - (\varphi_t - P_{t-s}\varphi_s - H_{s,t}^\varphi), \quad (s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}. \tag{5.32}$$

The next result is crucial for proving that $z \equiv 0$ and thus obtaining strong uniqueness.

Lemma 5.7. *There exists $\delta = \delta(\beta, q) \in (0, 1/2)$ such that for any $\tau \in (1/2, 1]$ there exists a constant $C = C(T_0, \|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta}, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m(\infty,[0,T_0])}, [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])})$ such that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in D} \|z_t(x) - P_{t-s}z_s(x)\|_{L_m} &\leq C(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])} + \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([s,t])})(t - s)^{\frac{1}{2} + \delta} \\ &\quad + C\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])} |\log(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])})|(t - s), \end{aligned} \tag{5.33}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in D} \|R_{s,t}(x)\|_{L_m} &\leq C(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])} + \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([s,t])})(t - s)^{\frac{1}{2} + \delta} \\ &\quad + C\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])} |\log(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])})|(t - s). \end{aligned} \tag{5.34}$$

The proof is presented in Section 6.2, in which we use the stochastic sewing lemma with critical exponent, Theorem 4.5.

Now we are ready to prove the main result of this subsection: uniqueness of solutions of equation (1.1).

Proof of Proposition 3.6. Step 1. We show that there exist constants ℓ, C such that

$$\|z_t - P_{t-s}z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \leq C\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])}(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta} + C\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])}|\log(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([s,t])})|(t-s) \tag{5.35}$$

for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$ satisfying $t - s \leq \ell$.

We first observe that $\|R\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])}$ is finite. Indeed, from (5.32) and (5.31) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|R\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} &\leq [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} + [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} + \|H^\psi - H^\varphi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} \\ &\leq [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} + [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} + C(1 + T_0)\|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Fix now $(S, T) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$. Let δ be as in Lemma 5.7. Let us apply Lemma 5.7 with $\tau := 1/2 + \delta/2$. Dividing both sides of (5.34) by $(t - s)^{1/2+\delta/2}$ and taking supremum over $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ we deduce for some constant

$$C_1 := C(\|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta}, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])}, [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])})$$

which does not depend on T, S that

$$\begin{aligned} \|R\|_{C^{1/2+\delta/2,0}L_m([S,T])} &\leq C_1(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} + \|R\|_{C^{1/2+\delta/2,0}L_m([S,T])})(T - S)^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \\ &\quad + C_1\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}|\log(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])})|(T - S)^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\delta}{2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.36}$$

Let $\ell = \ell(C_1, \beta, q) < (1 \wedge T_0)$ be such that $C_1\ell^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Then for any $(S, T) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$ such that $T - S \leq \ell$, we derive from (5.36) for $C_2 := 2C_1$ that

$$\|R\|_{C^{1/2+\delta/2,0}L_m([S,T])} \leq C_2\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} + C_2\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}|\log(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])})|(T - S)^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\delta}{2}}.$$

In the above, we have used the fact that $1/2 + \delta/2 \leq 3/4$ and hence

$$\|R\|_{C^{1/2+\delta/2,0}L_m([S,T])} \leq \|R\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} \text{ is finite.}$$

Substituting this into (5.33), we obtain (5.35).

Step 2. We show that the map $t \mapsto \|z_t\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}$ is continuous on $[0, T_0]$. By triangle inequality, we have for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$,

$$\| \|z_t\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} - \|z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \| \leq \|z_t - z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \leq \|z_t - P_{t-s}z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} + \|P_{t-s}z_s - z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}.$$

From (5.35), it is clear that $\lim_{t \downarrow s} \|z_t - P_{t-s}z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} = 0$ and $\lim_{s \uparrow t} \|z_t - P_{t-s}z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} = 0$. It remains to consider the last term in the above estimate.

Since $u = Pu_0 + K^u + V$ and $v = Pv_0 + K^v + V$ by definition, we see that $z = K^u - K^v$. Hence, it suffices to show that $P_{t-s}K_s^u - K_s^u$ and $P_{t-s}K_s^v - K_s^v$ converge to 0 in \mathbf{BL}_m as $t \downarrow s$ and $s \uparrow t$. We

have for each $x \in D, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$

$$P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n;u}(x) - K_s^{b^n;u}(x) = \int_0^s \int_D [p_{t-r}(x, y) - p_{s-r}(x, y)]b^n(u_r(y))dydr.$$

Fix arbitrary $\varepsilon \in (0, 1).$ Let us apply Lemma 5.2(iii) with $f = b^n, \gamma = \beta, p = q, S = 0, T = s, \bar{T} = t - s, \delta = \varepsilon, \tau = 3/4.$ We see that condition (5.2) is satisfied and thus we obtain

$$\|P_{t-s}K_s^{b^n;u}(x) - K_s^{b^n;u}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(\varepsilon, T_0, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])})\|b\|_{B_q^\beta}(t-s)^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}},$$

where we also used the fact that $\|b_n\|_{B_q^\beta} \leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}.$ Applying Lemma 5.6 and Fatou’s lemma, we can pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality to obtain by Fatou’s lemma that

$$\|P_{t-s}K_s^u(x) - K_s^u(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(\varepsilon, T_0, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])})\|b\|_{B_q^\beta}(t-s)^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}.$$

This implies that $\lim \|P_{t-s}K_s^u - K_s^u\|_{BL_m} = 0$ as $t \downarrow s$ and $s \uparrow t.$ The convergence of $P_{t-s}K_s^v - K_s^v$ to 0 is obtained by exactly the same way.

Step 3. We show by contradiction that $z \equiv 0.$ Suppose that $\|z_t\|_{BL_m}$ is not identically 0 on $[0, T_0].$ Choose $k_0 \geq 1$ such that $2^{-k_0} < \sup_{t \in [0, T_0]} \|z_t\|_{BL_m}.$ Then for each integer $k \geq k_0,$ define

$$t_k = \inf\{t \in [0, T_0] : \|z_t\|_{BL_m} \geq 2^{-k}\}.$$

It is evident that each t_k is well defined. In addition, $\|z_t\|_{BL_m} < 2^{-k}$ for $t < t_k$ while $\|z_{t_k}\|_{BL_m} = 2^{-k}$ by continuity shown in the previous step. Consequently, the sequence $\{t_k\}_{k \geq k_0}$ is strictly decreasing. For k sufficiently large so that $t_k - t_{k+1} \leq \ell,$ estimate (5.35) with $(s, t) = (t_{k+1}, t_k)$ yields

$$\|z_{t_k} - P_{t_k-t_{k+1}}z_{t_{k+1}}\|_{BL_m} \leq C2^{-k}(t_k - t_{k+1})^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta} + C2^{-k}k(t_k - t_{k+1}).$$

On the other hand, by (B.8), $\|P_{t_k-t_{k+1}}z_{t_{k+1}}\|_{BL_m} \leq \|z_{t_{k+1}}\|_{BL_m} = 2^{-k-1}$ and hence by triangle inequality,

$$\|z_{t_k} - P_{t_k-t_{k+1}}z_{t_{k+1}}\|_{BL_m} \geq \|z_{t_k}\|_{BL_m} - \|P_{t_k-t_{k+1}}z_{t_{k+1}}\|_{BL_m} \geq 2^{-k-1}.$$

It follows that

$$2^{-k-1} \leq C2^{-k}(t_k - t_{k+1})^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta} + C2^{-k}k(t_k - t_{k+1})$$

which implies that $t_k - t_{k+1} \geq \bar{C}(1+k)^{-1}$ for some constant $\bar{C}.$ This implies that $\sum_{k \geq k_0} (t_k - t_{k+1}) = \infty,$ which is a contradiction because $\{t_k\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $[0, T_0].$ We conclude that $z \equiv 0,$ and hence, $u = v.$ □

5.3 | Proof of Proposition 3.8

Let u be a solution to (1.1) and m be arbitrary in $[2, \infty).$ Since b is a non-negative measure, we can choose a sequence of smooth bounded non-negative functions (b^n) which converges to b in

\mathcal{B}_1^{0-} and $\|b^n\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0} \leq \|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0}$ (see Lemma A.3). For each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $t \in [0, T_0]$, $x \in D$, define

$$K_t^n(x) = \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) b^n(u_r(y)) dy dr.$$

By Definition 2.3, we see that K^n converges to K in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ in probability. By passing through a subsequence, we can assume without loss of generality that this convergence is almost sure. Hence, we can find $\Omega^* \subset \Omega$ such that $P(\Omega^*) = 1$ and that $K^n(\omega)$ converges to $K(\omega)$ in $C_{uc}([0, T_0] \times D)$ for every $\omega \in \Omega^*$. Since $(t, x, \omega) \mapsto K_t^n(x, \omega)$ is non-negative measurable, so is $(t, x, \omega) \mapsto K_t(x, \omega)$. As a consequence $(T, t, x, \omega) \mapsto P_{T-t}K_t(x, \omega)$ is well-defined as a non-negative measurable function. We note that at this stage, we do not rule out the possibility that $P_{T-t}K_t(x, \omega)$ may take infinite value. We divide the proof into several steps.

Step 1. Fix arbitrary $\omega \in \Omega^*$. We show that

$$P_{T-t}K_t(x, \omega) \geq P_{T-s}K_s(x, \omega) \text{ for every } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T \leq T_0 \text{ and } x \in D. \tag{5.37}$$

For simplicity, we omit the dependence on ω . By definition, we have

$$P_{T-t}K_t^n(x) - P_{T-s}K_s^n(x) = \int_s^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) b^n(u_r(y)) dy dr$$

which implies that $P_{T-t}K_t^n(x) \geq P_{T-s}K_s^n(x)$ for every $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T \leq T_0$ and $x \in D$. In particular, setting $T = t$, one gets $P_{t-s}K_s^n(x) \leq K_t^n(x)$. Applying this inequality and Fatou’s lemma, we have

$$P_{t-s}K_s(x) \leq \liminf_n P_{t-s}K_s^n(x) \leq \liminf_n K_t^n(x) = K_t(x).$$

This shows that $P_{t-s}K_s(x) \leq K_t(x)$. Applying P_{T-t} on both sides, we obtain (5.37).

Step 2. Define $\psi = u - V = K + Pu_0$ and

$$A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x) := \int_s^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) dy dr, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T \leq T_0, \quad x \in D.$$

We claim that

$$\|A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C \|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0} |t - s|^{3/4}. \tag{5.38}$$

Indeed, for each integer $j \geq 1$, define $\psi_t^j(x) := (K_t(x) \wedge j) + P_t u_0(x)$ which belongs to \mathbf{BL}_m . We note that measures belong to \mathcal{B}_1^0 , which is embedded in $\mathcal{B}_m^{1/m-1}$ (see (3.6)). Applying Lemma 5.1, we have

$$\left\| \int_s^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s^j(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m} \leq C \|b^n\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0} |t - s|^{3/4}$$

for a universal constant $C > 0$. By the Lebesgue monotone convergence theorem, we have $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} P_{r-s}\psi_s^j(y) = P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)$ for every r, s, y . Then by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, we see that the left-hand side above converges to $\|A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)\|_{L_m}$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Since $\|b^n\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0} \leq \|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^0}$, this implies (5.38).

Step 3. We show by mean of Theorem 4.7 that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$ there exist a non-negative measurable map $(x, \omega) \mapsto L_{s,t}^n(x, \omega)$ and a deterministic finite constant C such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, x \in D} \|L_{s,t}^n(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

and

$$K_t^n(x) - P_{t-s}K_s^n(x) \leq C[K_t(x) - P_{t-s}K_s(x)](t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}} + L_{s,t}^n(x) \tag{5.39}$$

for every $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$, $x \in D$.

Fix $x \in D$, $T \in [0, T_0]$. We define

$$\lambda_{s,t}^T(x) = P_{T-t}K_t(x) - P_{T-s}K_s(x), \quad (s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T}.$$

From (5.37), we see that $0 \leq \lambda_{s,t}^T(x) \leq K_T(x) < \infty$. It is evident that λ is additive, that is $\lambda_{s,t}^T(x) = \lambda_{s,u}^T(x) + \lambda_{u,t}^T(x)$ for every $s \leq u \leq t$. Hence, $(s, t) \mapsto \lambda_{s,t}^T(x)$ is a random control per Definition 4.6.

Define $A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)$ as in the previous step and

$$A_t^{T,n}(x) := \int_0^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) b^n(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr = P_{T-t}K_t^n(x).$$

Then for $u := (s + t)/2$ we have

$$\delta A_{s,u,t}^{T,n}(x) = \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) [b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y))] dy dr.$$

Applying consequently the Fubini theorem, (C.7), Lemma A.3(iv) and Lemma C.3, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} |E^u \delta A_{s,u,t}^{T,n}(x)| &= \left| \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) E^u [b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y))] dy dr \right| \\ &\leq \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) \|G_{\rho_{r-u}(x)} b^n\|_{C^1} |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)| dy dr \\ &\leq C \|b^n\|_{B_1^0} \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) |P_{r-u}\psi_u(y) - P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)| (r-u)^{-1/2} dy dr, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the notation $\rho_t(x) := \text{Var}(V_t(x))$. Since $\psi = Pu_0 + K$, we see that $P_{r-u}\psi_u - P_{r-s}\psi_s = P_{r-u}K_u - P_{r-s}K_s$. Using the elementary inequality

$$|P_{r-u}K_u(y) - P_{r-s}K_s(y)| \leq P_{r-u}|K_u(\cdot) - P_{u-s}K_s(\cdot)|(y)$$

and (5.37), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |E^u \delta A_{s,u,t}^{T,n}(x)| &\leq C \|b^n\|_{B_1^0} \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-u}(x, y) [K_u(y) - P_{u-s}K_s(y)] (r-u)^{-1/2} dy dr \\ &\leq C \|b^n\|_{B_1^0} \lambda_{s,u}^T(x) (t-u)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

As we have shown previously, $(s, t) \mapsto \lambda_{s,t}^T(x)$ is a random control for every fixed T, x . Hence, the above estimate verifies condition (4.13). The estimate (5.38) verifies condition (4.3) (with $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$ and $n = m$). It remains to verify condition (4.4). Let $\Pi := \{0 = t_0, t_1, \dots, t_k = T\}$ be an arbitrary partition of $[0, T]$. Denote by $|\Pi|$ its mesh size. Then we have

$$\left| \mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \right| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) |b^n(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y))| dy dr.$$

For each i , using the fact that b^n is Lipschitz, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) |b^n(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y))| dy dr \\ & \leq \|b^n\|_{C^1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) |\psi_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y)| dy dr. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\psi = Pu_0 + K$, we have $|\psi_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y)| = |K_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} K_{t_i}(y)| = K_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} K_{t_i}(y)$ where we have used (5.37). Hence, combining with the above estimate and applying (5.37) once again yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) |b^n(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b^n(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y))| dy dr \\ & \leq \|b^n\|_{C^1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} [P_{T-r} K_r(x) - P_{T-t_i} K_{t_i}(x)] dr \leq \|b^n\|_{C^1} [P_{T-t_{i+1}} K_{t_{i+1}}(x) - P_{T-t_i} K_{t_i}(x)] (t_{i+1} - t_i). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \right| & \leq \|b^n\|_{C^1} \sum_i [P_{T-t_{i+1}} K_{t_{i+1}}(x) - P_{T-t_i} K_{t_i}(x)] (t_{i+1} - t_i) \\ & \leq \|b^n\|_{C^1} (K_T(x) - P_T K_0(x)) |\Pi|, \end{aligned}$$

which converges to 0 a.s. as $|\Pi| \rightarrow 0$. Thus, condition (4.4) holds.

Applying Theorem 4.7, we have

$$|P_{T-t} K_t^n(x) - P_{T-s} K_s^n(x)| \leq C [P_{T-t} K_t(x) - P_{T-s} K_s(x)] (t - s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + B_{s,t}^{T,n}(x) + |A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)|$$

where $\|B_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C|t - s|^{3/4}$ uniformly in T, n, x . To obtain (5.39), it suffices to put $T = t$, $L_{s,t}^n(x) = B_{s,t}^{t,n}(x) + |A_{s,t}^{t,n}(x)|$. Since $B^{T,n}$ is a functional of $\delta A^{T,n}(x)$, measurability of $(x, \omega) \mapsto L_{s,t}^n(x)$ follows. The uniform moment estimate for $L_{s,t}^n(x)$ follows from those of $B_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)$ and $A_{s,t}^{T,n}(x)$ in (5.38).

Step 4. We show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_r K_t^n(x) = P_r K_t(x)$ in probability for every $t \in [0, T_0]$, $r \in [0, T_0 - t]$ and $x \in D$.

The situation here is similar to Lemma B.5 except for a uniform moment bound for $K_t^n(x)$. We replace this condition by estimate (5.39) and the uniform moment bound for $L_{0,t}^n(x)$. Indeed, let

$x \in D$ be fixed and let $M > 0$ be a positive number. We write

$$P_r K_t^n(x) = \int_{|y| \leq M} p_r(x, y) K_t^n(y) dy + \int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) K_t^n(y) dy.$$

Since K_t^n converges to K_t uniformly on $\{y \in D : |y| \leq M\}$, we see that

$$\int_{|y| \leq M} p_r(x, y) K_t^n(y) dy \text{ converges to } \int_{|y| \leq M} p_r(x, y) K_t(y) dy \text{ a.s.}$$

To treat the second term, we first set $s = 0$ in (5.39) to obtain that

$$|K_t^n(y)| \leq C t^{\frac{1}{2}} K_t(y) + L_{0,t}^n(y) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \forall y \in D.$$

It follows that

$$\int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) K_t^n(y) dy \leq C t^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) K_t(y) dy + \int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) L_{0,t}^n(y) dy.$$

By the Lebesgue monotone convergence theorem and (5.37), we see that a.s.

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|y| \leq M} p_r(x, y) K_t(y) dy = \int_D p_r(x, y) K_t(y) dy \leq K_{t+r}(x) < \infty$$

so that a.s.

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) K_t(y) dy = 0.$$

Lastly,

$$\mathbb{E} \int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) L_{0,t}^n(y) dy \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, z \in D} \|L_{0,t}^n(z)\|_{L_m} \left(\int_{|y| > M} p_r(x, y) dy \right)$$

which converges to 0 as $M \rightarrow \infty$. These facts imply the claim.

Step 5. We define $L_{s,t}(x) = \liminf_n L_{s,t}^n(x)$ then by Fatou's lemma and Step 3, $\|L_{s,t}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C|t - s|^{3/4}$ uniformly in x . In (5.39), we send $n \rightarrow \infty$, applying the convergence in step 4 to obtain that

$$K_t(x) - P_{t-s} K_s(x) \leq C(K_t(x) - P_{t-s} K_s(x))(t - s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + L_{s,t}(x).$$

This implies that $K_t(x) - P_{t-s} K_s(x) \leq 2L_{s,t}(x)$ for $t - s \leq \ell$ and ℓ is such that $C\ell^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$. An application of L_m -norm yields

$$\|K_t(x) - P_{t-s} K_s(x)\|_{L_m} \leq 2\|L_{s,t}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq 2C|t - s|^{3/4}$$

for every $t - s \leq \ell$. Using the identity $K_t - P_{t-s} K_s = \psi_t - P_{t-s} \psi_s$ once again and recalling that $\psi = u - V$, the above estimate shows that $u - V$ belongs to $C^{3/4,0} L_m([S, T])$. This completes the proof of Proposition 3.8.

6 | PROOFS OF REGULARITY LEMMAS

In this section, we present the proofs of Lemmas 5.1, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7. Throughout the section, we fix the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$, which appears in the aforementioned lemmas.

6.1 | Proof of Lemmas 5.1 and 5.2

We begin with the following auxiliary result, which will be crucial also for the proof of Proposition 5.7. The proof relies on the stochastic sewing lemma (Theorem 4.1) and the estimates in Lemma C.3 and Lemma C.4.

Lemma 6.1. *Let $0 \leq S \leq T$. Let $\gamma \in (-2, 0)$, $m \in [2, \infty)$, $n \in [m, \infty]$ and $p \in [n, \infty]$. Let $h : \mathbb{R} \times [S, T] \times D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a globally bounded measurable function. Let $X : [S, T] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function. Suppose further that the following conditions hold:*

- 1) for any fixed $(z, r, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times [S, T] \times D$ the random variable $h(z, r, x)$ is \mathcal{F}_S -measurable;
- 2) there exists a constant $\Gamma_h > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{(r,x) \in [S,T] \times D} \| \|h(\cdot, r, x)\|_{B_p^\gamma} \|_{L_n} \leq \Gamma_h; \tag{6.1}$$

- 3) there exist constants $\Gamma_X > 0$, $\nu \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that for every $r \in [S, T]$, $x \in D$

$$\int_D |X_r(y)| dy \leq \Gamma_X (T - r)^{-\nu}. \tag{6.2}$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, m, n, p)$ which does not depend on $S, T, \Gamma_h, \Gamma_X, h, K$ such that for any $t \in [S, T]$

$$\left\| \left\| \int_S^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y) dy dr \right\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \right\|_{L_n} \leq C \Gamma_h \Gamma_X (T - S)^{-\nu} (t - S)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{6.3}$$

Proof. The proof is based on the stochastic sewing lemma, Theorem 4.1. We put for $S \leq s < t \leq T$,

$$A_{s,t} := \mathbb{E}^s \int_s^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y) dy dr.$$

Put also for $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times D$

$$A_t = \int_S^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y, \omega) dy dr.$$

Note that the integral in the left-hand side of inequality (6.3) is just $A_t - A_S$.

Let us verify that all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied. For any $S \leq s < t \leq T$, $u := (s + t)/2$ we have

$$\delta A_{s,u,t} = \mathbb{E}^s \int_u^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y) dy dr - \mathbb{E}^u \int_u^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y) dy dr.$$

Therefore $E^S \delta A_{s,u,t} = 0$ and thus condition (4.2) holds.

Further, it is easy to see by the conditional Jensen's inequality and Minkowski's integral inequality that for any $x \in D, S \leq s < t \leq T$ and $u := (s + t)/2$

$$\|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_n} \leq 2 \left\| E^u \int_u^t \int_D X_r(y) h(V_r(y), r, y) dy dr \right\|_{L_n} \leq 2 \int_u^t \int_D |X_r(y)| \|E^u h(V_r(y), r, y)\|_{L_n} dy dr. \tag{6.4}$$

Now for fixed $r \in [u, t], y \in D$ we apply bound (C.8) to the function $f : (z, \omega) \mapsto h(z, r, y, \omega)$ which is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_S$ -measurable. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \|E^u h(V_r(y), r, y)\|_{L_n} &\leq C \|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{B_p^\gamma} \|L_n(r - u)^{\frac{\gamma}{4}} (u - S)^{-\frac{1}{2p}} (r - S)^{\frac{1}{4p}} \\ &\leq C \|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{B_p^\gamma} \|L_n(r - u)^{\frac{\gamma}{4}} (u - S)^{-\frac{1}{4p}}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

where the last inequality follows because $r - S \leq 2(u - S)$. Substituting (6.5) into (6.4) and using (6.1), (6.2), we obtain that

$$\|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_n} \leq C \Gamma_h \Gamma_X (u - S)^{-\frac{1}{4p}} (T - u)^{-\nu} (t - u)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4}},$$

where the last inequality follows from (B.7). From the assumptions $\nu \in (0, 1/2), \gamma > -2, p \geq 2$, we see that condition (4.7) holds with $\alpha_2 = 1/(4p) < 1/2, \beta_2 = \nu < 1/2, \varepsilon_2 = 1/2 + \gamma/4 > 0$. Hence, by Remark 4.3 inequality (4.3) is satisfied.

Finally, let us check condition (4.4). Let $\Pi := \{S = t_0, t_1, \dots, t_k = t\}$ be an arbitrary partition of $[S, t]$. Denote by $|\Pi|$ its mesh size. Note that for any $i \in [0, k - 1]$ we have $E_{t_i}(\mathcal{A}_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{A}_{t_i} - A_{t_i, t_{i+1}}) = 0$ and $\mathcal{A}_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{A}_{t_i} - A_{t_i, t_{i+1}}$ is $\mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1}}$ -measurable. Therefore, $\mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_{t_i, t_{i+1}}$ is a sum of martingale differences. Then using orthogonality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \right\|_{L_2}^2 &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \|\mathcal{A}_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{A}_{t_i} - A_{t_i, t_{i+1}}\|_{L_2}^2 \leq C \|h\|_{L_\infty} \Gamma_X \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (T - r)^{-\nu} dr \right)^2 \\ &\leq C \|h\|_{L_\infty} \Gamma_X (T - S)^{1-\nu} \max_{i=0, \dots, (k-1)} \left| \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (T - r)^{-\nu} dr \right| \\ &\leq C \|h\|_{L_\infty} \Gamma_X (T - S)^{1-\nu} |\Pi|^{1-\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_{t_i, t_{i+1}}$ converges to \mathcal{A}_t in probability as $|\Pi| \rightarrow \infty$ and thus condition (4.4) holds.

Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied. Hence, by inequality (4.5), taking into account (B.7) and (3.2) we have for any $t \in [S, T], x \in D$

$$\|\mathcal{A}_t - \mathcal{A}_S\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \|L_n\| \leq \|A_{S,t}\|_{L_n} + C \Gamma_h \Gamma_X (T - S)^{-\nu} (t - S)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{6.6}$$

Applying (C.9) to the function $f : (z, \omega) \mapsto h(z, r, y, \omega)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_{S,t}\|_{L_n} &\leq \int_S^t \int_D |X_r(y)| \|E^S h(V_r(y), r, y)\|_{L_n} dy dr \\ &\leq C \int_S^t \int_D |X_r(y)| \|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{B_p^\gamma} \|L_n(r - S)^{\frac{\gamma}{4}} (t - S)^{-\frac{1}{4p}} dy dr \\ &\leq C \Gamma_h \Gamma_X (T - S)^{-\nu} (t - S)^{1 + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we made use of (6.1), (6.2) and (B.7). Combining this with (6.6), we finally obtain (6.3). \square

An important consequence of Lemma 6.1 is the following statement.

Corollary 6.2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{B}_p^\gamma$ be a bounded function, $\gamma \in (-2, 0)$, $m \in [2, \infty)$, $p \in [m, \infty]$.*

- (i) *Let $X : [0, T] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function satisfying (6.2) for some $\Gamma_X > 0$, $\nu \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Then there exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, m, p, \nu)$ such that for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and any $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable function $\kappa \in \mathbf{BL}_m$ one has*

$$\left\| \left\| \int_s^t \int_D X_r(y) f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\kappa(y)) \, dy dr \right\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s} \right\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X (T-s)^{-\nu} (t-s)^{1+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{6.7}$$

- (ii) *Let $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ and assume that*

$$\gamma > -2 + \lambda. \tag{6.8}$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, \lambda, m, p)$ such that for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T_1$ and any $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable functions $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \in \mathbf{BL}_m$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_s^t \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) [f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\kappa_1(y)) - f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\kappa_2(y))] \, dr \right\|_{L_m} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda (t-s)^{1+\frac{\gamma-\lambda}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.9}$$

- (iii) *Let $\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in (0, 1]$. Assume that (6.8) holds and that*

$$\gamma > -2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2. \tag{6.10}$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, \lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p)$ such that for any $0 \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq 1$, any $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_s$ measurable functions $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \in \mathbf{BL}_m$, any $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_u$ measurable functions $\kappa_3, \kappa_4 \in \mathbf{BL}_m$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_u^t \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) [f(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y)) - f(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\kappa_2(y)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - f(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\kappa_3(y)) + f(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\kappa_4(y))] \, dr \right\|_{L_m} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \sup_{y \in D} \|\kappa_1(y) - \kappa_3(y)\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^{\lambda_1} (t-u)^{1+\frac{\gamma-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}} \\ & \quad + C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 - \kappa_3 + \kappa_4\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda (t-u)^{1+\frac{\gamma-\lambda}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.11}$$

Proof. The results are obtained by choosing suitable n, K and h in Lemma 6.1. In what follows, we fix $0 \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq T$ and x in D . We note that the expressions $P_r \kappa_i(y)$, $i = 1, \dots, 4$ are well defined thanks to Lemma B.4 and the assumption $\kappa_i \in \mathbf{BL}_m$.

(i) We take $n = p$, $h(z, r, y, \omega) := f(z + P_{r-s}[\kappa(\cdot, \omega)](y))$, where $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $r \in [s, t]$, $y \in D$, $\omega \in \Omega$. Let us verify that h satisfies all the assumptions of Lemma 6.1 with s in place of S . Since κ is \mathcal{F}_s -measurable, we see that the random variable $h(z, r, x)$ is \mathcal{F}_s measurable and the first assumption of Lemma 6.1 holds. It follows from (A.4) that

$$\|f(\cdot + P_{r-s}\kappa(y))\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma}.$$

Hence (6.1) holds with $\Gamma_h := \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma}$. Thus all the conditions of Lemma 6.1 are met. Now (6.7) follows directly from inequality (6.3).

(ii) We fix $x \in D$, choose $n = m$ and $X_r(y) := p_{T-r}(x, y)$. Let us apply Lemma 6.1 for the function

$$h : (z, r, y, \omega) \mapsto f(z + P_{r-s}\kappa_1(y)) - f(z + P_{r-s}\kappa_2(y)), \quad z \in \mathbb{R}, r \in [s, t], y \in D, \omega \in \Omega.$$

It is easy to see that (6.2) is satisfied with $\Gamma_X = 1$ and $\nu = 0$. Let us verify that h satisfies all the assumptions of Lemma 6.1 with s in place of S . The first assumption clearly holds. To check the second assumption, we note that (A.5) implies

$$\|f(\cdot + P_{r-s}\kappa_1(y)) - f(\cdot + P_{r-s}\kappa_2(y))\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-\lambda}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} |P_{r-s}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-s}\kappa_2(y)|^\lambda.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-\lambda}}\|_{L_m} &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|P_{r-s}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-s}\kappa_2(y)\|_{L_m}^\lambda \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \sup_{z \in D} \|\kappa_1(z) - \kappa_2(z)\|_{L_m}^\lambda = \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where in the first inequality we used the fact that $\|\|\xi^\lambda\|_{L_m} \leq \|\xi\|_{L_m}^\lambda$ for any random variable ξ and $\lambda \in (0, 1]$; the second inequality follows from (B.8); the third inequality follows from the definition of the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}$, see (3.5). Thus, inequality (6.1) is satisfied with $\Gamma_h := \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda$. Thus all the conditions of Lemma 6.1 are met. Bound (6.9) follows now from (6.3) and (3.2).

(iii) We fix $x \in D$, choose $n = m$, $X_r(y) := p_{T-r}(x, y)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} h(z, r, y, \omega) &:= f(z + P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y)) - f(z + P_{r-u}\kappa_2(y)) \\ &\quad - f(z + P_{r-u}\kappa_3(y)) + f(z + [P_{r-u}(\kappa_3 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_1)](y)), \end{aligned}$$

where $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $r \in [u, t]$, $y \in D$, $\omega \in \Omega$. Let us verify h satisfies the assumptions of Lemma 6.1 with u in place of S .

Again, it is easy to see that the first and the third conditions of Lemma 6.1 are satisfied with $\Gamma_X = 1$ and $\nu = 0$. To check the second condition, we note that (A.6) yields

$$\|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} |P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-u}\kappa_2(y)|^{\lambda_1} |P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-u}\kappa_3(y)|^{\lambda_2}.$$

Using the fact that the functions κ_1 and κ_2 are \mathcal{F}_s -measurable, we derive from the above bound

$$\mathbb{E} \|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}}^m = \mathbb{E} \mathbb{E}^s \|h(\cdot, r, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}}^m$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}^m \mathbb{E} \left[|P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-u}\kappa_2(y)|^{m\lambda_1} \mathbb{E}^s |P_{r-u}(\kappa_1(y)) - P_{r-u}\kappa_3(y)|^{m\lambda_2} \right] \\
 &\leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}^m \|\mathbb{E}^s |P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-u}\kappa_3(y)|^{m\lambda_2}\|_{L_\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[|P_{r-u}\kappa_1(y) - P_{r-u}\kappa_2(y)|^{m\lambda_1} \right] \\
 &\leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}^m \|P_{r-u}[\kappa_1 - \kappa_3](y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|P_{r-u}[\kappa_1 - \kappa_2](y)\|_{L_m}^{m\lambda_2} \\
 &\leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}^m \sup_{y \in D} \| \|\kappa_1(y) - \kappa_3(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \| \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^{m\lambda_2} \| \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^{m\lambda_1} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Here in the penultimate inequality we used the fact that $\mathbb{E}^s[|\xi|^\lambda] \leq (\mathbb{E}^s|\xi|)^\lambda$ for any random variable ξ and $\lambda \in (0, 1]$, $s \geq 0$; in the last inequality we applied bound (B.8).

Thus, inequality (6.1) is satisfied with

$$\Gamma_h := \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \sup_{y \in D} \| \|\kappa_1(y) - \kappa_3(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \| \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^{\lambda_2} \| \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^{\lambda_1} .$$

Bound (6.11) follows now from Lemma 6.1 and part 6.2 of the Corollary. □

Proof of Lemma 5.1. In Corollary 6.2 we choose $X_r(y) = P_{T-r}(x, y)$. In this case, condition (6.2) is satisfied with $\Gamma_X = 1$ and $\nu = 0$. Hence the estimates (6.7) and (3.2) imply (5.1). □

To establish Lemma 5.2, we need the following result.

Lemma 6.3. *Assume that all the conditions of Lemma 5.2 are satisfied. Let $X : [0, T] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function satisfying (6.2) for some $\Gamma_X > 0$, $\nu \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Then there exists a constant $C = C(\gamma, p, \tau, m, n) > 0$ such that for any $S \in [0, T]$*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \left\| \int_S^T \int_D X_r(y) f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \right\|_{L_n} &\leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X (T - S)^{1 + \frac{1}{4}(\gamma - \frac{1}{p}) - \nu} \\
 &\quad + C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X [\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0}L_{m, n}([S, T])} (T - S)^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}(\gamma - \frac{1}{p}) + \tau - \nu} . \tag{6.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof of the lemma is based on the Stochastic Sewing lemma (Theorem 4.1), Corollary 6.2 and dominated convergence arguments.

We can assume without loss of generality that $[\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0}L_{m, n}([S, T])} < \infty$. Indeed, otherwise the right-hand side of (6.12) is infinite. Therefore, recalling (3.2), we have $[\psi]_{C^{\tau, 0}L_m([S, T])} < \infty$. Thus for any $s \in [S, T]$ we have

$$\psi_s \in \mathbf{BL}_m. \tag{6.13}$$

Step 1. Assume first that $f \in C_b^1$. Fix $0 \leq S \leq T$ and put for $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S, T}$

$$A_{s, t} := \int_s^t \int_D X_r(y) f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) dy dr.$$

Note that the expression $P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)$ is well-defined thanks to Lemma B.4 and (6.13). Set now

$$\mathcal{A}_t = \int_S^t \int_D X_r(y) f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr.$$

It is easy to see that the integral in the left-hand side of inequality (6.12) is $\mathcal{A}_T - \mathcal{A}_S$. Let us verify that all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied.

Clearly, for any $S \leq s < u < t \leq T$ we get

$$\delta A_{s,u,t} = \int_u^t \int_D X_r(y) [f(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - f(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y))] dy dr.$$

For fixed $S \leq s < u < r \leq T, y \in D$ introduce a function $h_{r,y} : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$h_{r,y} : (z, \omega) \mapsto f(z + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - f(z + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)).$$

Note that for fixed non-random parameters the random variable $h_{r,y}(z)$ is \mathcal{F}_u -measurable. Hence, applying (C.9) with u, r in place of s, t , respectively, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbb{E}^s \delta A_{s,u,t}| &= \left| \mathbb{E}^s \int_u^t \int_D X_r(y) \mathbb{E}^u h_{r,y}(V_r(y)) dy dr \right| \\ &\leq C \int_u^t \int_D |X_r(y)| (r-u)^{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}} \mathbb{E}^s \|h_{r,y}\|_{B_p^{\gamma-1}} dy dr \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \int_u^t \int_D |X_r(y)| (r-u)^{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}} \mathbb{E}^s |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)| dy dr, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (A.5) with $\lambda = 1$. Applying the integral Minkowski inequality, we derive

$$\|\mathbb{E}^s \delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_n} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \int_u^t \int_D |X_r(y)| (r-u)^{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}} \|\mathbb{E}^s |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)|\|_{L_n} dy dr. \tag{6.14}$$

Using the fact that for any $s \geq 0$ and random variable ξ one has $\mathbb{E}^s |\xi| \leq \|\xi\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s}$ we deduce for any $y \in D$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{E}^s |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)|\|_{L_n} &= \|\mathbb{E}^s [P_{r-u}(P_{u-s}\psi_s - \psi_u)](y)\|_{L_n} \\ &\leq \| [P_{r-u}(P_{u-s}\psi_s - \psi_u)](y) \|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_n} \\ &\leq \sup_{z \in D} \| [P_{u-s}\psi_s(z) - \psi_u(z)] | \mathcal{F}_s \|_{L_m} \|_{L_n} \\ &\leq [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0} L_{m,n}([S,T])} (u-s)^\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where the penultimate inequality follows from (B.8), and in the last inequality we used the definition of the seminorm $[\cdot]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])}$ given in (3.3). Substituting this into (6.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|E^s \delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_n} &\leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])} (u-s)^\tau \int_u^t \int_D |X_r(y)|(r-u)^{-\frac{1}{4}+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}} dy dr \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X[\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])} (T-u)^{-\nu} (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}+\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from assumption (6.2) and inequality (B.7). Since, by assumption, $\gamma/4 - 1/(4p) + \tau > 1/4$, we see that condition (4.2) of Theorem 4.1 holds with $\alpha_1 = 0, \beta_1 = \nu < 1/2, \varepsilon_1 = \gamma/4 - 1/(4p) + \tau - 1/4 > 0$.

Now we move on to the verification of condition (4.3). Applying Corollary 6.2 to the function $k := \psi_s$, we deduce that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$

$$\| \|A_{s,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_n} \leq \| \|A_{s,t}\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X(T-s)^{-\nu} (t-s)^{1+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{6.15}$$

This induces that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and $u \in [s, t]$ one has

$$\| \| \delta A_{s,u,t} \|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|_{L_n} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\alpha} \Gamma_X(T-u)^{-\nu} (t-s)^{1+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}}.$$

Since $\gamma - \frac{1}{p} > -2$ by assumption, we see that condition (4.3) holds with $\alpha_2 = 0, \beta_2 = \nu < 1/2, \varepsilon_2 = 1/2 + \gamma/4 - 1/(4p) > 0$.

Finally, let us check condition (4.4). Let $\Pi := \{S = t_0, t_1, \dots, t_k = t\}$ be an arbitrary partition of $[S, t]$. Denote by $|\Pi|$ its mesh size. Note that contrary to the proof of Lemma 6.1, we cannot use here the orthogonality because the sum $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (\mathcal{A}_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{A}_{t_i} - A_{t_i,t_{i+1}})$ is not a sum of martingale differences. Indeed, in contrast to the proof of Lemma 6.1, $E_{t_i}(\mathcal{A}_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{A}_{t_i}) \neq A_{t_i,t_{i+1}}$. Nevertheless, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \mathcal{A}_{t_i,t_{i+1}} \right\|_{L_m} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D |X_r(y)| \|f(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - f(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i}\psi_{t_i}(y))\|_{L_m} dy dr \\ &\leq C \Gamma_X(1+T) \|f\|_{C^1} [\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])} |\Pi|^\tau. \end{aligned}$$

This verifies condition (4.4).

We see that for $f \in C_b^1$ all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied. Thus, by (4.5), taking into account (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \| \| \mathcal{A}_T - \mathcal{A}_S \|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \|_{L_n} &\leq \| \| A_{S,T} \|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_S} \|_{L_n} + C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X(T-S)^{1+\frac{1}{4}(\gamma-\frac{1}{p})-\nu} \\ &\quad + C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X[\psi]_{C^{\tau,0}L_{m,n}([S,T])} (T-S)^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{\gamma}{4}-\frac{1}{4p}+\tau-\nu}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (6.15) implies (6.12).

Step 2. Let f be a bounded continuous function. For each integer $k \geq 1$, define $f^k = G_{1/k}f$. Then $\{f^k\}$ is a sequence of bounded continuous functions such that $\sup_k \|f^k\|_{B_p^\gamma} \leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}$ (see

Lemma A.3) and $\lim_k f^k(z) = f(z)$ for every $z \in \mathbb{R}$. We apply (6.12) for f^k to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \int_S^T \int_D X_r(y) f^k(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) dy dr \right\|_{L_m | \mathcal{F}_S} \Big\|_{L_n} \\ & \leq C \|f^k\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X(T-S)^{1+\frac{1}{4}(\gamma-\frac{1}{p})-\nu} \\ & \quad + C \|f^k\|_{B_p^\gamma} \Gamma_X[\psi]_{C^{\tau,0} L_{m,n}([S,T])} (T-S)^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{4}(\gamma-\frac{1}{p})+\tau-\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

We now send $k \rightarrow \infty$, using the dominated convergence theorem and the properties of the sequence $\{f^k\}$ described previously to obtain (6.12) for the function f . □

Now we can finally give the proof of Lemma 5.2.

Proof of Lemma 5.2. The result follows immediately from Lemma 6.3 and (3.2) by choosing appropriate kernel X .

In part (i), we choose $X_r(y) = p_{T-r}(x, y)$ which satisfies condition (6.2) with $\nu = 0$ and $\Gamma_X = 1$.

In part (ii), we choose $X_r(y) = p_{T-r}(x_1, y) - p_{T-r}(x_2, y)$, $n = m$. In this case, thanks to (C.2), condition (6.2) holds with $\nu = \delta/2$ and $\Gamma_X = C|x_1 - x_2|^\delta$.

In part (iii), we choose $X_r(y) = p_{T+\bar{T}-r}(x, y) - p_{T-r}(x, y)$, $n = m$. In this case, thanks to (C.4), condition (6.2) holds with $\nu = \delta/2$ and $\Gamma_X = C\bar{T}^{\delta/2}$. □

6.2 | Proof of Lemmas 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7

Now let us move to the proof of the key lemmas needed for the uniqueness proof.

Proof of Lemma 5.5. Fix $x \in D$, $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$, $\beta' \in (-2, \beta)$. For any $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ we apply Corollary 6.2 with $f = b_k - b_l$, $\gamma = \beta'$, $p = q$, $T = t$, $X_r(y) = p_{t-r}(x, y)$, $\Gamma_X = 1$, $\nu = 0$, $\kappa = \psi_s$. Note that $\psi_s \in \mathbf{BL}_m$ by (5.28). Recalling (3.2), we get that there exists a constant $C > 0$ independent of k, l such that

$$\|H_{s,t}^{l,\psi}(x) - H_{s,t}^{k,\psi}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(1 + T_0) \|b_l - b_k\|_{B_q^{\beta'}}.$$

Since the sequence (b_n) converges in $B_q^{\beta'}$, we see that the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to 0 as $n, k \rightarrow \infty$. Hence the sequence of random variables $(H_{s,t}^{k,\psi}(x))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ is Cauchy in L_m . Thus this sequence converges in L_m (and hence in probability). We denote its limit by $H_{s,t}^\psi(x)$.

By exactly the same argument, we see that the sequence $(H_{s,t}^{k,\varphi}(x))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ converges in probability to a limit which we denote by $H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)$. Now, applying the Fatou's lemma we derive for each $x \in D$, $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0,T_0}$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{s,t}^\psi(x) - H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)\|_{L_m} & \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|H_{s,t}^{k,\psi}(x) - H_{s,t}^{k,\varphi}(x)\|_{L_m} \\ & \leq C \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \|\psi_s - \varphi_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda (t-s)^{1-\frac{\lambda}{4}+\frac{\beta}{4}-\frac{1}{4q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality follows from Corollary 6.2 with $f = b_k$, $\gamma = \beta$, $p = q$, $\kappa_1 = \varphi_s$, $\kappa_2 = \psi_s$. Taking into account that by assumption $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|b_k\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} < \infty$ and $\beta - 1/q \geq -1$, we obtain

$$\|H_{s,t}^\psi(x) - H_{s,t}^\varphi(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(1 + T_0)\|\psi_s - \varphi_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m}^\lambda (t - s)^{\frac{3-\lambda}{4}-\frac{\lambda}{4}}.$$

Now by taking $\lambda = 1$ in this bound we get (5.30), and by taking $\lambda = 0$ we get (5.31). □

Proof of Lemma 5.6. Since u belongs to $\mathcal{V}(3/4)$ and $\sup_n \|b_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} < \infty$, we obtain from Lemma 5.2(i) that

$$\sup_{x \in D} \|K_s^{b_n; u}(x)\|_{L_m} \leq C(1 + [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])})(1 + T_0).$$

Therefore for any fixed $x \in D$ the sequence $(K_s^{b_n; u}(x))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ is uniformly integrable. Recalling that $K_s^{b_n; u}(x)$ converges to $K_s^u(x)$ in probability, we get

$$\|K_s^{b_n; u}(x) - K_s^u(x)\|_{L_1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{t-s}K_s^{b_n; u}(x) - P_{t-s}K_s^u(x)\|_{L_1} &= \left\| \int_D P_{t-s}(x, y)(K_s^{b_n; u}(y) - K_s^u(y)) dy \right\|_{L_1} \\ &\leq \int_D P_{t-s}(x, y)\|K_s^{b_n; u}(y) - K_s^u(y)\|_{L_1} dy \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

by the dominated convergence theorem (here we once again made use of (6.2)). Thus, $P_{t-s}K_s^{b_n; u}(x) \rightarrow P_{t-s}K_s^u(x)$ in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The convergence of $P_{t-s}K_s^{b_n; v}(x)$ to $P_{t-s}K_s^v(x)$ in probability is obtained by exactly the same argument. □

Proof of Lemma 5.7. The proof is based on the stochastic sewing lemma with critical exponent, Theorem 4.5. Let us verify that all the conditions of this theorem are satisfied. A key tool for the verification will be Corollary 6.2. Fix $0 \leq S \leq T$, $x \in D$, $\tau > 1/2$. Recall that we are given a sequence of smooth functions $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ such that $b_k \rightarrow b$ in $\mathcal{B}_q^{\beta-}$ and $\|b_k\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta} \leq \|b\|_{\mathcal{B}_q^\beta}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

We put for $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$, $x \in D$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$A_{s,t}^k := \int_s^t \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y)[b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y))] dy dr.$$

We note that $P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)$ and $P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y)$ are well-defined thanks to Lemma B.4 and (5.28).

Put for $(t, x) \in [S, T] \times D$

$$A_t^k = \int_S^t \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y)[b_k(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + \varphi_r(y))] dy dr.$$

From now on we fix $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and will drop the superindex k in A^k and A^k .

Let us verify that all the conditions of Theorem 4.5 are satisfied. We get for any $S \leq s < u < t \leq T$

$$\delta A_{s,u,t} = \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) [b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)) + b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-u}\varphi_u(y))] dydr.$$

We begin by verifying (4.2). For fixed $S \leq s < u < r \leq T, y \in D$ introduce functions $h_{r,y}, l_{r,y} : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$h_{r,y} : (z, \omega) \mapsto b_k(z + P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)) - b_k(z + P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y)) - b_k(z + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)) + b_k(z + P_{r-u}\varphi_u(y) + P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y) - P_{r-s}\psi_s(y));$$

$$l_{r,y} : (z, \omega) \mapsto b_k(z + P_{r-u}\varphi_u(y)) - b_k(z + P_{r-u}\psi_u(y) + P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y) - P_{r-s}\psi_s(y)).$$

Clearly, for fixed non-random parameters the random variables $h_{r,y}(z), l_{r,y}(z)$ are \mathcal{F}_u -measurable. Hence, by (C.9) with u, r in place of s, t , respectively, we deduce for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$|E^s \delta A_{s,u,t}| = \left| E^s \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) E^u [h_{r,y}(V_r(y)) + l_{r,y}(V_r(y))] dydr \right|$$

$$\leq C \int_u^t \int_D p_{T-r}(x, y) \left[(r-u)^{\frac{\beta-1-\lambda}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}} E^s \|h_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1-\lambda}} + (r-u)^{\frac{\beta-1}{4} - \frac{1}{4q}} E^s \|l_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1}} \right] dydr. \tag{6.16}$$

We see that by (A.6) and (B.8)

$$E^s \|h_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1-\lambda}} \leq \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-s}\varphi_s(y)|^\lambda E^s |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)|$$

$$\leq \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} |P_{r-s}z_s(y)|^\lambda \|E^s |P_{r-s}\psi_s(y) - P_{r-u}\psi_u(y)|\|_{L_\infty}$$

$$\leq \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} |P_{r-s}z_s(y)|^\lambda \sup_{z \in D} \| |P_{u-s}\psi_s(z) - \psi_u(z)| \|_{L_1 | \mathcal{F}_s} \|L_\infty$$

$$\leq \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0} L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])} |P_{r-s}z_s(y)|^\lambda (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}}.$$

This, (B.8) and the fact that $\|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}$ imply

$$\|E^s \|h_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1-\lambda}}\|_{L_m} \leq C \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0} L_{m,\infty}([0,1])} \|z\|_{C^{0,0} L_m([S,T])}^\lambda (t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}}. \tag{6.17}$$

In a similar manner, by (A.5) and (B.8) we see that

$$\|E^s \|l_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1}}\|_{L_m} \leq \|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \|P_{r-u}z_u(y) - P_{r-s}z_s(y)\|_{L_m} \leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} \sup_{y \in D} \|z_u(y) - P_{u-s}z_s(y)\|_{L_m}. \tag{6.18}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|E^s \|l_{r,y}\|_{B_q^{\beta-1}}\|_{L_m} &\leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}(\sup_{y \in D} \|\varphi_u(y) - P_{u-s}\varphi_s(y)\|_{L_m} + \sup_{y \in D} \|\psi_u(y) - P_{u-s}\psi_s(y)\|_{L_m}) \\ &\leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}([\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([S,T])} + [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([S,T])})(t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}([\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])} + [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([S,T])})(t-s)^{\frac{3}{4}}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this together with (6.17) into (6.16) and taking $\lambda = 0$, we obtain

$$\|E^s \delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_m} \leq C(T_0, \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])}, [\varphi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])})(t-s)^{\frac{5}{4}},$$

where we used the fact that, by assumptions, $\beta \geq -1 + 1/q$. Thus, condition (4.2) holds.

Now let us verify (4.3). Fix $\varepsilon \in (0, 1 + \beta)$. Let us apply Corollary 6.2(iii) with $f = b_k$, $\gamma = \beta$, $p = q$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = \beta + 1 - \varepsilon$ and

$$\kappa_1 := P_{u-s}\psi_s, \quad \kappa_2 := P_{u-s}\varphi_s, \quad \kappa_3 := \psi_u, \quad \kappa_4 := \varphi_u.$$

One can see that the functions κ_1 and κ_2 are $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{F}_s$ measurable, and the functions κ_3 and κ_4 are $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{F}_u$ measurable, exactly as required by the conditions of Corollary 6.2(iii). Further, we see that $\kappa_i \in \mathbf{BL}_m$, $i = 1, \dots, 4$, thanks to (5.28) and (B.8). Finally, conditions (6.8) and (6.10) are satisfied thanks to our choice of $\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$. Therefore all the conditions of Corollary 6.2(iii) are met. Recall the notation $z := \psi - \varphi$ and note that by (B.8)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} &\leq \|z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \leq \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}, \\ \sup_{y \in D} \|\kappa_1(y) - \kappa_3(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{F}_s} \|L_\infty &\leq [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])}(t-u)^{3/4} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 - \kappa_3 + \kappa_4\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} &\leq \|z_u - P_{u-s}z_s\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \leq \|R_{s,u}\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} + \|H_{s,u}^\psi - H_{s,u}^\varphi\|_{\mathbf{BL}_m} \\ &\leq \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}(t-u)^\tau + C\|b\|_{B_p^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}(t-u)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (5.30) and the definition of the norm $\|\cdot\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}$ given in (5.27). Substituting all this into (6.11) and using the fact that $\|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \leq \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}$, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_m} &\leq C\|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])}^{\gamma+1-\varepsilon} (t-u)^{\frac{5}{4} + \frac{3\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \\ &\quad + C\|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}(t-u)^{\frac{1}{2}+\tau} \\ &\quad + C\|b_k\|_{B_q^\beta} \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}(t-u), \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\|\delta A_{s,u,t}\|_{L_m} \leq C(T_0, \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}, [\psi]_{C^{3/4,0}L_{m,\infty}([0,T_0])})(\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} + \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])})(t-s)^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta}, \tag{6.19}$$

where we have also used that $\beta - 1/q \geq -1$ and we put $\delta := (\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3\beta}{4} - \frac{1}{4q} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \wedge \frac{1}{2}$. Since $\beta > -1 + 1/(3q)$, we see that there exists $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\beta, q) > 0$ small enough such that $\delta > 0$. From now on till the end of the proof we fix such ε . Then (6.19) implies that condition (4.3) is satisfied.

Now let us check (4.4). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \mathcal{A}_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \right\|_{L_1} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) \|b_k(V_r(y) + \psi_r(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y))\|_{L_1} dy dr \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) \|b_k(V_r(y) + \varphi_r(y)) - b_k(V_r(y) + P_{r-t_i} \varphi_{t_i}(y))\|_{L_1} dy dr. \end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side can be further estimated by

$$\begin{aligned} \|b_k\|_{C^1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_D P_{T-r}(x, y) (\|\psi_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} \psi_{t_i}(y)\|_{L_1} + \|\varphi_r(y) - P_{r-t_i} \varphi_{t_i}(y)\|_{L_1}) dy dr \\ \leq CT_0 \|b_k\|_{C^1} (\|\psi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} + \|\varphi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])}) |\Pi|^{3/4}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $|\mathcal{A}_t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \mathcal{A}_{t_i, t_{i+1}}|$ converges to 0 in L_1 as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Hence (4.4) holds.

Finally, let us check (4.11). Substituting (6.17) and (6.18) into (6.16) and taking $\lambda = 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{E}^s \delta \mathcal{A}_{s,u,t}\|_{L_m} &\leq C(1 + T_0) \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} \|\psi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])} \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}(t - s) \\ &+ C(1 + T_0) \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} (t - s)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sup_{y \in D} \|R_{s,u}(y)\| + \sup_{y \in D} \|H_{s,u}^\psi(y) - H_{s,u}^\varphi(y)\|) \\ &\leq C(1 + T_0) \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} (1 + \|\psi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])}) \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}(t - s) \\ &+ C(1 + T_0) \|b\|_{B_q^\beta} \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}(t - s)^{\frac{1}{2} + \tau}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (5.30). Recalling that, by assumptions, we have $\tau > 1/2$, we see that (4.11) holds.

Thus all the conditions of Theorem 4.5 are met. We deduce from (4.12)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{A}_T^k - \mathcal{A}_S^k - A_{S,T}^k\|_{L_m} &\leq C \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} (1 + |\log \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}|) (T - S) \\ &+ C (\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} + \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}) (T - S)^{\frac{1}{2} + \delta} \\ &+ C \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])} (T - S)^{\frac{1}{2} + \tau} \\ &\leq C \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} |\log \|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])}| (T - S) \\ &+ C (\|z\|_{C^{0,0}L_m([S,T])} + \|R\|_{C^{\tau,0}L_m([S,T])}) (T - S)^{\frac{1}{2} + \delta}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.20}$$

where $C = C(T_0, \|b\|_{B_q^\beta}, \|\psi\|_{C^{3/4,0}L_m([0,T_0])}, \tau, \delta)$ is independent of x, S, T .

Now let us pass to the limit in (6.20) as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Recall the notation $K^{h;\sigma}$ introduced in (5.12). Then it is easy to see that

$$\mathcal{A}_T^k - \mathcal{A}_S^k = K_T^{b_k;u}(x) - K_T^{b_k;v}(x) - P_{T-S} \left[K_S^{b_k;u} - K_S^{b_k;v} \right] (x).$$

Applying Lemma 5.6 and Lemma 5.5 we can conclude that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_T^k - \mathcal{A}_S^k - A_{S,T}^k = z_T(x) - P_{T-S} z_S(x) - \left(H_{S,T}^\psi(x) - H_{S,T}^\varphi(x) \right) = R_{S,T}(x),$$

in probability. Inequality (5.34) follows now from (6.20) by Fatou's lemma. Inequality (5.33) follows immediately from (5.34) and (5.30). \square

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APPENDIX A: USEFUL RESULTS ON BESOV SPACES

We give a brief summary on nonhomogeneous Besov space which is sufficient for our purpose. For a more detailed account on the topic, we refer to [2, Chapter 2]. Let ζ , ϖ be the radial functions which are given by [2, Proposition 2.10]. We note that ζ is supported on a ball while ϖ is supported on an annulus. Let h_{-1} and h respectively be the inverse Fourier transform of ζ and ϖ . The nonhomogeneous dyadic blocks Δ_j are defined by

$$\Delta_{-1}f = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h_{-1}(y)f(\cdot - y)dy \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_jf = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h_j(y)f(\cdot - y)dy \quad \text{for } j \geq 0,$$

where $h_j(y) = 2^j h(2^j y)$, $j \geq 0$.

Definition A.1. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. The nonhomogeneous Besov space $\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma = \mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}^\gamma(\mathbb{R})$ consists of all tempered distributions f such that

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} := \sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{j\gamma} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} < \infty.$$

For a distribution f in \mathcal{B}_p^γ , we note that $\Delta_j f$ is a smooth function for each $j \geq -1$. In addition, the Fourier transform of $\Delta_{-1} f$ is supported on a ball \mathcal{B} while for $j \geq 1$ the Fourier transform of $\Delta_j f$ is supported on the annulus $2^j \mathcal{N} \subset 2^j \mathcal{B}$ for some annulus \mathcal{N} .

To obtain various properties of Besov spaces, we will make use of the following Bernstein's inequalities. Let f be a function in $L_p(\mathbb{R})$. For every integer $k \geq 0$, every $\lambda > 0$ and $t > 0$ we have

$$\text{Supp } Ff \subset \lambda \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \|\nabla^k f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C^{k+1} \lambda^k \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\text{Supp } Ff \subset \lambda \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \|G_t f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C e^{-ct\lambda^2} \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\text{Supp } Ff \subset \lambda \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \|G_t f - f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C(t\lambda^2 \wedge 1) \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where Ff denotes the Fourier transform of f . We refer to [2, Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4] for proofs of (A.1) and (A.2). For a proof of (A.3), we refer to [41, Lemma 4].

Lemma A.2. Let f be a tempered distribution on \mathbb{R} , $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, $p \in [1, \infty]$. Then for any $a, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [0, 1]$ one has

$$\|f(a + \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\|f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \leq C |a_1 - a_2|^\alpha \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma+\alpha}}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

and

$$\|f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot) - f(a_3 + \cdot) + f(a_3 + a_2 - a_1 + \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \leq C |a_1 - a_2|^{\alpha_1} |a_1 - a_3|^{\alpha_2} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}}. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Proof. Since $\|\Delta_j f(a + \cdot)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = \|\Delta_j f(\cdot)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$, (A.4) follows from Definition A.1.

For each $j \geq -1$, applying mean value theorem and (A.1), we have

$$\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C |a_1 - a_2| 2^j \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}.$$

By triangle inequality, it is evident that

$$\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq 2 \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}.$$

Hence, by interpolation, we obtain

$$\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C |a_1 - a_2|^{\alpha} 2^{j\alpha} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{A.7})$$

In view of Definition A.1, we multiply both sides with $2^{j\gamma}$ and take supremum over $j \geq -1$ to obtain (A.5).

Similarly, using mean value theorem and (A.1), we have

$$\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot) - f(a_3 + \cdot) + f(a_3 + a_2 - a_1 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C|a_1 - a_2||a_1 - a_3|2^{2j} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot) - f(a_3 + \cdot) + f(a_3 + a_2 - a_1 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \\ &\leq C \min(1, |a_1 - a_2|2^j, |a_1 - a_3|2^j) \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

Interpolating between these inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\Delta_j(f(a_1 + \cdot) - f(a_2 + \cdot) - f(a_3 + \cdot) + f(a_3 + a_2 - a_1 + \cdot))\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \\ &\leq C|a_1 - a_2|^{\alpha_1} |a_1 - a_3|^{\alpha_2} 2^{j(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

We multiply both sides with $2^{j\gamma}$ and take supremum over $j \geq -1$ to obtain (A.6). □

Lemma A.3. For every f in B_p^γ , $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, $p \in [1, \infty]$, we have

- (i) provided that $\gamma < 0$, $\|G_t f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_\gamma \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}$ for all $t > 0$;
- (ii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} G_t f = f$ in $B_p^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ for every $\tilde{\gamma} < \gamma$;
- (iii) $\sup_{t > 0} \|G_t f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \leq \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}$ and
- (iv) provided that $\gamma - \frac{1}{p} < 0$, $\|G_t f\|_{C^1} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} t^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \frac{1}{p} - 1)}$ for all $t > 0$.

Proof. (i) Fix $\gamma < 0$. We have by (A.2) that there exists some constant $c > 0$ such that for every $j \geq 0$

$$\|G_t(\Delta_j f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C e^{-ct2^{2j}} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C e^{-ct2^{2j}} 2^{-j\gamma} \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}.$$

For $j = -1$, we use the trivial bounds

$$\|G_t(\Delta_{-1} f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|\Delta_{-1} f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma}.$$

Since $G_t(\Delta_j f) = \Delta_j(G_t f)$, we have

$$\sum_{j \geq -1} \|\Delta_j(G_t f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} \sum_{j \geq -1} e^{-ct2^{2j}} 2^{-j\gamma}. \tag{A.8}$$

Clearly, if $j \leq x \leq j + 1$, $j \geq -1$, then $e^{-ct2^{2j}} 2^{-j\gamma} \leq e^{-ct2^{2x}} 2^{-(x+1)\gamma}$. Therefore,

$$\sum_{j \geq -1} e^{-ct2^{2j}} 2^{-j\gamma} \leq \int_{-1}^\infty e^{-ct2^{2x}} 2^{-x\gamma} dx \leq Ct^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-cy} y^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}-1} dy \leq Ct^{\frac{\gamma}{2}},$$

thanks to the assumption $\gamma < 0$. Using this and the fact that $\Delta_j(G_t f) = G_t(\Delta_j f)$, we derive from (A.8)

$$\sum_{j \geq -1} \|\Delta_j(G_t f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}.$$

On the other hand, the identity $Id = \sum_{j \geq -1} \Delta_j$ holds in distribution ([2, Proposition 2.12]). The above estimate shows that it also holds in $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ and hence,

$$\|G_t f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq \sum_{j \geq -1} \|\Delta_j(G_t f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}$$

which implies (i).

(ii) From (A.3), we derive that for every $j \geq -1$ and $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$

$$\|G_t(\Delta_j f) - \Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq c(t2^{2j})^\epsilon \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}.$$

This yields

$$2^{j(\gamma-2\epsilon)} \|\Delta_j(G_t f - f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq ct^\epsilon 2^{j\gamma} \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq ct^\epsilon \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma}.$$

By taking supremum over all $j \geq -1$ in the above inequality, we see that $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} G_t f = f$ in $\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-2\epsilon}$. Since ϵ is arbitrary in $(0,1]$, this implies (ii) when $\tilde{\gamma} \in [\gamma - 2, \gamma)$. If $\tilde{\gamma} < \gamma - 2$, then

$$\|G_t f - f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\gamma}}} \leq \|G_t f - f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\gamma-2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

This proves (ii).

(iii) follows immediately from the inequality $\|G_t(\Delta_j f)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|\Delta_j f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$ and Definition A.1.

(iv) We write $G_t f = G_{t/2} G_{t/2} f$, apply standard heat kernel bounds and part (i) to get

$$\|G_t f\|_{C^1} \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|G_{t/2} f\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R})} \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_\infty^{\gamma-1/p}} \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma},$$

where the last inequality follows from the embedding $\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}_\infty^{\gamma-1/p}$. This proves (iv). □

Recall that Schwarz distribution ζ^{-1} is defined in (2.9) and $\zeta_+^\alpha, \zeta_-^\alpha$ are defined in (2.10).

Lemma A.4. *Let $\alpha \in (-1, 0)$. Then we have*

$$\zeta^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}_p^{-1+\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}) \quad \forall p \in (1, \infty] \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_+^\alpha, \zeta_-^\alpha \in \mathcal{B}_p^{\alpha+\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}) \quad \forall p \in (|\alpha|^{-1}, \infty].$$

Proof. By homogeneity, for every $j \geq 0$, $\Delta_j \zeta^{-1}(x) = 2^j \Delta_0 \zeta^{-1}(2^j x)$ so that

$$\|\Delta_j \zeta^{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = 2^{j(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|\Delta_0 \zeta^{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}.$$

Note that

$$\Delta_0 \zeta^{-1}(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{h(x+y) - h(x-y)}{y} dy$$

which is the Hilbert transform of h . It is known that Hilbert transform is bounded on $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ for every $p \in (1, \infty)$. Hence, we have $\|\Delta_0 \zeta^{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$ which is finite. Similarly, we see that

$\|\Delta_{-1}\zeta^{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$ is finite. This shows that ζ^{-1} belong to $\mathcal{B}_p^{-1+\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R})$ for every $p \in (1, \infty)$. That ζ^{-1} belongs to $\mathcal{B}_\infty^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ follows from the Besov embedding $\mathcal{B}_p^{-1+\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}_\infty^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$.

Similarly, we see that $\|\Delta_j \zeta_\pm^\alpha\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = 2^{-j(\alpha+\frac{1}{p})} \|\Delta_0 \zeta_\pm^\alpha\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$. Let $q \in [1, \infty]$ be such that $1 + \frac{1}{p} = \gamma + \frac{1}{q}$. Applying the refined Young convolution inequality ([2, Theorem 1.5]), we see that $\|\Delta_0 \zeta_\pm^\alpha\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|h\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R})}$, which is finite. That $\|\Delta_{-1} \zeta_\pm^\alpha\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}$ is finite follows from the same argument. \square

Lemma A.5. *Let f and c, c_0 be as in Theorem 2.12(i). For each $\lambda > 0$, define $f_\lambda(x) = \lambda f(\lambda x)$. Then f_λ converges in $\mathcal{B}_p^{(-1+\frac{1}{p})_-}(\mathbb{R})$ to the distribution $c\zeta^{-1} + c_0\delta_0$ for every $p \in (1, \infty)$.*

Proof. By Besov embedding, it suffices to obtain the convergence in $\mathcal{B}_p^{(-1+\frac{1}{p})_-}(\mathbb{R})$ for finite p . Fix $p \in (1, \infty), \beta > 0$. Define a distribution

$$\chi := c\zeta^{-1} + c_0\delta_0$$

and put $R(x) := f(x) - c/x$. Fix arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $N > 0$ large enough so that

$$\int_{|x|>N} |R(x)| dx < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \left| c_0 - \int_{|x|<N} f(x) dx \right| < \varepsilon. \tag{A.9}$$

This is possible thanks to the assumptions of the theorem.

For each $j \geq -1$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_j(f_\lambda - \chi)(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_\lambda(x) h_j(y-x) dx - c \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \frac{h_j(y-x) - h_j(y+x)}{x} dx - c_0 h_j(y) \\ &= \lambda \int_{|x|>N/\lambda} R(\lambda x) h_j(y-x) dx - c \int_0^{N/\lambda} \frac{h_j(y-x) - h_j(y+x)}{x} dx \\ &\quad + \lambda \int_{|x|<N/\lambda} f(\lambda x) (h_j(y-x) - h_j(y)) dx - \left(c_0 - \int_{|x|<N} f(x) dx \right) h_j(y) \\ &=: I_{1,j}(y) + I_{2,j}(y) + I_{3,j}(y) + I_{4,j}(y). \end{aligned} \tag{A.10}$$

We begin with $I_{1,j}$. Applying the integral Minkowski inequality, the change of variables $x' = \lambda x$, and recalling (A.9), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_{1,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} &\leq \lambda \|h_j\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \int_{|x|>N/\lambda} |R(\lambda x)| dx = \|h_j\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \int_{|x|>N} |R(x)| dx \\ &\leq 2^{j(1-\frac{1}{p})} (\|h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}) \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{A.11}$$

To bound $I_{2,j}$, we note that for $j \geq 1$

$$\|I_{2,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}^p = 2^{j(p-1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^{2^j N/\lambda} \frac{h(y-x) - h(y+x)}{x} dx \right)^p dy. \tag{A.12}$$

Introduce the following notation. For fixed $\delta > 0$ define the truncated Hilbert, Hilbert, and maximal Hilbert operators H_δ, H , and H^* , correspondingly, by

$$H_\delta(\varphi)(y) = \int_\delta^{+\infty} \frac{\varphi(y-x) - \varphi(y+x)}{x} dx, \quad H(\varphi) = H_0(\varphi), \quad H^*(\varphi)(y) = \sup_{\delta>0} |H_\delta(\varphi)(y)|,$$

for each Schwarz function φ . With this notation in hand, we continue (A.12) in the following way

$$\|I_{2,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = 2^{j(1-1/p)} \|H_0 h - H_{2^j N/\lambda} h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}. \tag{A.13}$$

Note also that the following bound holds:

$$\|I_{2,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = 2^{j(1-1/p)} (\|H_0 h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|H_{2^j N/\lambda} h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}) \leq 2^{j(1-1/p)} (\|H_0 h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|H^*(h)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}). \tag{A.14}$$

Similarly,

$$\|I_{2,-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} = \|H_0 h_{-1} - H_{N/\lambda} h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}. \tag{A.15}$$

To treat $I_{3,j}$ we apply the integral Minkowski inequality and (A.7) with $f = \delta_0$. We get for any $\beta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_{3,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} &\leq \lambda \int_{|x| \leq N/\lambda} |f(\lambda x)| \|h_j(\cdot - x) - h_j(\cdot)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} dx \\ &\leq \lambda \int_{|x| \leq N/\lambda} |f(\lambda x)| |x|^\beta 2^{j\beta} \|h_j\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} dx \\ &= \lambda^{-\beta} 2^{j\beta} \|h_j\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \int_{|x| \leq N} |f(x)| |x|^\beta dx \\ &\leq \lambda^{-\beta} 2^{j(\beta+1-1/p)} (\|h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}) C_N, \end{aligned} \tag{A.16}$$

where $C_N := N^\beta \int_{|x| \leq N} |f(x)| dx$. Finally, it is easy to treat $I_{4,j}$. Using (A.9), we get

$$\|I_{4,j}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq 2^{j(1-1/p)} (\|h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}) \varepsilon.$$

Now we substitute this, (A.11) and (A.16) into (A.10). To bound $I_{2,j}$ we use (A.15) for $j = -1$, (A.13) for $j \in [1, J]$, and (A.14) for $j \geq J$; here J is a parameter to be fixed later. We finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{j \geq -1} 2^{j(-1 + \frac{1}{p} - \beta)} \|\Delta_j(f_\lambda - \chi)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \\ &\leq C (\|h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}) (\varepsilon + \lambda^{-\beta} C_N) + \|H_0 h_{-1} - H_{N/\lambda} h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sup_{\delta \leq 2^j N/\lambda} \|H_0 h - H_\delta h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + 2^{-j\beta} (\|H_0 h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} + \|H^*(h)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})}).$$

Sending first $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, then $J \rightarrow \infty$, then $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$, we see that the left-hand side of the above inequality converges to 0. Here we used the facts that $\|H_0 h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} < \infty$, $\|H^*(h)\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} < \infty$, $\|H_0 h - H_\delta h\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0$, $\|H_0 h_{-1} - H_\delta h_{-1}\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$; all of them are established in [23, Theorem 5.1.12].

Hence, $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} f_\lambda = c\zeta^{-1} + c_0\delta_0$ in $\mathcal{B}_p^{-1+\frac{1}{p}-\beta}$. Since β is arbitrary in $(0,1)$, this implies the convergence in $\mathcal{B}_p^{(-1+\frac{1}{p})_-}$. □

Lemma A.6. *Let f be a continuous function $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that for some $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $c_+, c_- \in \mathbb{R}$ one has*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)x^\alpha = c_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)|x|^\alpha = c_- \tag{A.17}$$

Let $f_\lambda(x) := \lambda^\alpha f(\lambda x)$, where $\lambda > 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f_λ converges to $c_-\zeta_-^{-\alpha} + c_+\zeta_+^{-\alpha}$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ in $\mathcal{B}_p^{(-\alpha+\frac{1}{p})_-}(\mathbb{R})$ for every $p \in (\alpha^{-1}, \infty]$.

Proof. The proof is in the same spirit as the proof of Lemma A.5. Again, by the Besov embedding it is sufficient to consider the case of finite p . Fix $p \in (\alpha^{-1}, \infty)$. Denote

$$\chi(x) := c_-\zeta_-^{-\alpha} + c_+\zeta_+^{-\alpha}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

and put $R(x) := f(x) - \chi(x)$.

Take arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. It follows from (A.17), that there exists $N > 0$ such that

$$|R(x)||x|^\alpha < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } |x| > N. \tag{A.18}$$

For each $j \geq -1$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_j(f_\lambda - \chi)(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f_\lambda(x) - \chi(x))h_j(y-x) dx = \lambda^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} R(\lambda x)h_j(y-x) dx \\ &= \lambda^\alpha \left(\int_{|x| < N/\lambda} + \int_{|x| > N/\lambda} \right) R(\lambda x)h_j(y-x) dx =: I_1(y) + I_2(y). \end{aligned} \tag{A.19}$$

Fix $\beta \in (0, 1 - \alpha)$. To bound I_1 we apply Young inequality with $p', q' > 1$ such that $1/p' + 1/q' = 1 + 1/p$ and the change of variables $x' := \lambda x$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_1\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} &\leq \lambda^\alpha \|h_j\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})} \left(\int_{|x| < N/\lambda} |R(\lambda x)|^{q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &= \lambda^{-\frac{1}{q'} + \alpha} \|h_j\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})} \left(\int_{|x| < N} |R(x)|^{q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C_N \lambda^{-\frac{1}{q'} + \alpha} 2^{j(1-\frac{1}{p'})} (\|h\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})}) \end{aligned}$$

where $C_N := CN(1 + \sup_{|x| \leq N} |f(x)|)$. By choosing now $1/q' = \alpha + \beta < 1$, we get $1/p' = 1 + 1/p - \alpha - \beta < 1$ and thus

$$\|I_1\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_N \lambda^{-\beta} 2^{j(\alpha+\beta-1/p)} (\|h\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})}) \tag{A.20}$$

To deal with I_2 we apply (A.18) to deduce

$$|I_2(y)| \leq \varepsilon \int_{|x| > N/\lambda} |x|^{-\alpha} |h_j(y-x)| dx \leq \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^{-\alpha} |h_j(y-x)| dx.$$

Thus, the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality on \mathbb{R} with $1/p'' = 1 + 1/p - \alpha$ [2, Theorem 1.7] implies

$$\|I_2\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R})} \leq \varepsilon \|h_j\|_{L_{p''}(\mathbb{R})} \leq \varepsilon 2^{j(\alpha-1/p)} (\|h\|_{L_{p''}(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_{p''}(\mathbb{R})}).$$

Combining this with (A.19) and (A.20), we finally get

$$\|f_\lambda - \chi\|_{B_p^{-\alpha-\beta+1/p}} \leq C_N \lambda^{-\beta} (\|h\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(\mathbb{R})}) + \varepsilon (\|h\|_{L_{p''}(\mathbb{R})} + \|h_{-1}\|_{L_{p''}(\mathbb{R})}).$$

Taking now first $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, and recalling then that ε was arbitrary completes the proof. □

APPENDIX B: OTHER AUXILIARY RESULTS

Proposition B.1. *Let Λ be a set and let $(X_{n,\lambda})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a collection of random elements taking values in a metric space E . Let $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a collection of random elements taking values in a metric space \tilde{E} . Suppose that for each fixed n the random element Y_n is independent of $(X_{n,\lambda})_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$. Furthermore, assume that for each fixed $\lambda \in \Lambda$ one has $X_{n,\lambda} \rightarrow X_\lambda$ and $Y_n \rightarrow Y$ in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then Y is independent of $(X_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$.*

Proof. Consider a collection of $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ for some $n \geq 1$. Then we can construct a common subsequence such that

$$X_{n_k, \lambda_j} \rightarrow X_{\lambda_j} \text{ and } Y_{n_k} \rightarrow Y \text{ almost surely as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Let $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : \tilde{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded continuous functions. Then by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem,

$$E \left(\prod_{j=1}^n h_j(X_{n_k, \lambda_j}) g(Y_{n_k}) \right) \rightarrow E \left(\prod_{j=1}^n h_j(X_{\lambda_j}) g(Y) \right) \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

and also

$$\prod_{j=1}^n E(h_j(X_{n_k, \lambda_j})) E(g(Y_{n_k})) \rightarrow \prod_{j=1}^n E(h_j(X_{\lambda_j})) E(g(Y)) \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

We have assumed for each k the random element Y_{n_k} is independent of $(X_{n_k, \lambda_j})_{1 \leq j \leq n}$. Therefore from the above it is immediate that

$$E \prod_{j=1}^n (h_j(X_{\lambda_j}))g(Y) = \prod_{j=1}^n E(h_j(X_{\lambda_j}))E(g(Y))$$

As, $n \geq 1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ and $h_1, h_2 \dots h_n, g$ were arbitrary, the result follows. □

Lemma B.2 (Gaussian process representation). *Let $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$ be a filtered probability space. Let $\tilde{V} : [0, T_0] \times D \times \tilde{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function with the same law as V . Then on the same space there exists a white noise \tilde{W} such that identity (2.4) holds with \tilde{V} in place of V and \tilde{W} in place of W . Furthermore,*

- (i) $\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{W}} = \mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}}$ for any $t \in [0, T_0]$;
- (ii) suppose additionally that there exists a filtration $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t)_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ such that $\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}} \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t$ and for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}, \varphi \in C_c^\infty$ the random variable $\int_D (\tilde{V}_t(x) - P_{t-s} \tilde{V}_s(x)) \varphi(x) dx$ is independent of $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s$. Then \tilde{W} is $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t)$ -white noise.

Proof. The result is probably well-known. However, we give a proof for the sake of completeness. In what follows we will use the following notation:

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_D f(y)g(y) dy,$$

for measurable functions $f, g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for which the above integral is well-defined. It is well-known that (2.4) is equivalent (see, e.g., [45, Theorem 2.1]) to representing V as a solution to the additive stochastic heat equation in a distributional form:

$$\langle V_t, \varphi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \langle V_s, \partial_{yy}^2 \varphi \rangle ds + W_t(\varphi), \quad \text{for any } t \geq 0, \varphi \in C_c^\infty. \tag{B.1}$$

Since \tilde{V} has the same law as V , we immediately get that the functional

$$\tilde{W}_t(\varphi) := \langle \tilde{V}_t, \varphi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \langle \tilde{V}_s, \partial_{yy}^2 \varphi \rangle ds, \quad t \geq 0, \varphi \in C_c^\infty \tag{B.2}$$

has the same distributional properties as W . That is, for any $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$, the process $(\tilde{W}_t(\varphi))_{t \in [0, T_0]}$ is an $(\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}})$ -Brownian motion with $E \tilde{W}_1(\varphi)^2 = \|\varphi\|_{L_2(D, dx)}^2$ and clearly this also holds for any $\varphi \in L_2(D, dx)$ since C_c^∞ is dense in $L^2(D, dx)$. Also $\tilde{W}_t(\varphi)$ and $\tilde{W}_t(\psi)$ are independent whenever $\varphi, \psi \in C_c^\infty$ with $\int_D \varphi(x)\psi(x) dx = 0$, and again since C_c^∞ is dense in $L^2(D, dx)$, this holds for any $\varphi, \psi \in L_2(D, dx)$ with $\int_D \varphi(x)\psi(x) dx = 0$. This immediately implies that \tilde{W} is an $(\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}})$ -white noise. Thus, \tilde{V} is a solution to

$$\langle \tilde{V}_t, \varphi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \langle \tilde{V}_s, \partial_{yy}^2 \varphi \rangle ds + \tilde{W}_t(\varphi), \quad \text{for any } t \geq 0, \varphi \in C_c^\infty, \tag{B.3}$$

with white noise \tilde{W} . Using again [45, Theorem 2.1], we get that (2.4) holds with \tilde{V} in place of V and \tilde{W} in place of W .

To prove (i) note that

$$\tilde{V}_t(x) = \int_0^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) \tilde{W}(dr, dy), \quad t \geq 0, x \in D, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

and thus for any $t \in [0, T_0]$, $\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}} \subset \mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{W}}$. On the other hand, from (B.2) we also immediately get that $\mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{W}} \subset \mathcal{F}_t^{\tilde{V}}$ for any $t \in [0, T_0]$, and (i) follows.

Let us prove part (ii) of the proposition. We need just to show that for any $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$, $\varphi \in L^2(D, dx)$

$$\tilde{W}_t(\varphi) - \tilde{W}_s(\varphi) \text{ is independent of } \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s.$$

Fix arbitrary $(s, t) \in \Delta_{0, T_0}$ and $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$. By (2.4) and stochastic Fubini theorem we get that

$$\int_D (\tilde{V}_t(x) - P_{t-s} \tilde{V}_s(x)) \varphi(x) dx = \int_s^t \int_D P_{t-r} \varphi(y) \tilde{W}(dr, dy).$$

By our assumptions, we get that the above stochastic integral is independent of $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s$. Clearly, since $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_r$ for any $s \leq r$, we get that for any $(s_1, s_2) \in \Delta_{s, t}$,

$$Y_{s_1, s_2} := \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \int_D P_{s_2-r} \varphi(y) \tilde{W}(dr, dy) \text{ is independent of } \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

For any $n \geq 1$ define $s_k^n := s + \frac{(t-s)k}{n}$ for $k = 0, \dots, n$ and a function f^n on $[s, t] \times D$ such that

$$f^n(r, y) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{s_{k-1}^n \leq r < s_k^n} P_{s_k^n - r} \varphi(y), \quad s \leq r \leq t, y \in D.$$

Now we are ready to define the sequence of random variables

$$Y^n := \sum_{k=1}^n Y_{s_{k-1}^n, s_k^n} = \int_s^t \int_D f^n(r, y) \tilde{W}(dr, dy).$$

It is trivial to check that

$$f^n \rightarrow \varphi, \text{ in } L^2([s, t] \times D), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and hence

$$Y^n \rightarrow \int_s^t \int_D \varphi(y) \tilde{W}(dr, dy) = \tilde{W}_t(\varphi) - \tilde{W}_s(\varphi), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where convergence is in $L^2(\Omega)$. By (B.5) and properties of the white noise we get that Y^n is independent of $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s$ for all n , and hence the limit in $L^2(\Omega)$ of this sequence, is also independent of $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s$. Thus we get that $\tilde{W}_t(\varphi) - \tilde{W}_s(\varphi)$ is independent of $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s$, for any $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$. We can easily get the same property for any $\varphi \in L^2(D, dx)$, by approximating such φ in $L^2(D, dx)$ by a sequence of functions $\varphi^n \in C_c^\infty$ and again passing to the limit of corresponding sequence of random variables $\tilde{W}_t(\varphi_n) - \tilde{W}_s(\varphi_n)$. \square

Lemma B.3. For every $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$, $(s, t) \in \Delta_{S,T}$ and $u = (s + t)/2$, we have

$$(u - S)^{-\alpha}(T - u)^{-\beta}(t - s) \leq 2^{1+\alpha} \int_s^t (r - S)^{-\alpha}(T - r)^{-\beta} dr \tag{B.6}$$

and

$$\int_s^t (T - r)^{-\beta}(r - s)^{-\alpha} dr \leq C(T - s)^{-\beta}(t - s)^{1-\alpha}. \tag{B.7}$$

Proof. We have

$$\int_s^t (r - S)^{-\alpha}(T - r)^{-\beta} dr \geq \int_u^t (r - S)^{-\alpha}(T - r)^{-\beta} dr \geq (t - S)^{-\alpha}(T - u)^{-\beta}(t - u).$$

Since $u = (s + t)/2$, $t - S \leq 2(u - S)$, we obtain (B.6) from the above inequalities.

For fixed $s \leq t$, the function $q(T) := \int_s^t (\frac{T-s}{T-r})^\beta (r - s)^{-\alpha} dr$ is decreasing on $T \in [t, \infty)$. Hence we have $q(T) \leq q(t) = (\int_0^1 (1 - r)^{-\beta} r^{-\alpha} dr)(t - s)^{1-\alpha}$. This yields (B.7). \square

Lemma B.4. Let $f : \Omega \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function. Then for any $s, t \geq 0$, $P_t f : \Omega \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable. Further for any $x \in D$, $m \in [1, \infty]$, $n \in [1, \infty]$, and a σ -algebra \mathcal{G} we have

$$\| \|P_t f(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \|_{L_n} \leq \sup_{y \in D} \| \|f(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \|_{L_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \|P_t f(x)\|_{L_m} \leq \sup_{y \in D} \|f(y)\|_{L_m}. \tag{B.8}$$

In addition, if $f \in \mathbf{BL}_m$, there exists a set $\Omega' \subset \Omega$ of full measure such that for any $\omega \in \Omega'$

$$P_t f(x, \omega) < \infty \quad \text{for Lebesgue almost every } (t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times D. \tag{B.9}$$

Proof. It suffices to show the result assuming that f is non-negative. In such case, it is evident that $P_t f : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable. Applying the conditional integral Minkowski inequality, we obtain that

$$\|P_t f(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \leq \int_D p_t(x, y) \|f(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} dy.$$

We then apply Minkowski inequality, to get

$$\| \|P_t f(x)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \|_{L_n} \leq \int_D p_t(x, y) \| \|f(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \|_{L_n} \leq \sup_{y \in D} \| \|f(y)\|_{L_m|\mathcal{G}} \|_{L_n} dy$$

which implies the former estimate in (B.8). The later one in (B.8) follows from the former by setting $n = m$.

Finally, (B.9) follows from (B.8) and the Fubini theorem. \square

Lemma B.5. Let $(\varphi^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a sequence of continuous random fields on D such that φ^n converges to 0 in $C_{uc}(D)$ in probability and that $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, x \in D} \mathbb{E}|\varphi^n(x)| < \infty$. Then for every $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times D$, $P_t \varphi^n(x)$ converges to 0 in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. For every $M > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |P_t \varphi^n(x)| &\leq \int_{|y| \leq M} p_t(x, y) |\varphi^n(y)| dy + \int_{|y| > M} p_t(x, y) |\varphi^n(y)| dy \\ &\leq \sup_{|y| \leq M} |\varphi^n(y)| + \int_{|y| > M} p_t(x, y) |\varphi^n(y)| dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, we have by Chebyshev inequality,

$$P(|P_t \varphi^n(x)| > 2\varepsilon) \leq P(\sup_{|y| \leq M} |\varphi^n(y)| > \varepsilon) + \varepsilon^{-1} \sup_{n, z} E|\varphi^n(z)| \left(\int_{|y| > M} p_t(x, y) dy \right).$$

We send $n \rightarrow \infty$ then $M \rightarrow \infty$ to see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|P_t \varphi^n(x)| > 2\varepsilon) = 0$. This implies the result. □

APPENDIX C: HEAT KERNEL ESTIMATES

In this section we provide a number of standard simple statements characterizing smoothing properties of the heat kernel. Recall that G and P are the heat semigroups on \mathbb{R} and D defined in (2.1) and Convention 2.1, correspondingly.

Lemma C.1. *For $(D, p) \in \{(\mathbb{R}, g), ([0, 1], p^{per}), ([0, 1], p^{Neu})\}$, any $t \in [0, T_0]$, $x \in D$ we have*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} t^{-1/2} \leq p_t(x, x) \leq C(T_0) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} t^{-1/2}. \tag{C.1}$$

Proof. Since $g_t(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}}$, and $p_t(x, x) \geq g_t(0)$ for $p \in \{g, p^{per}, p^{Neu}\}$, the lower bound in (C.1) is trivial. We apply the elementary inequality $e^{-|z|} \leq c|z|^{-1}$ to get

$$p_t^{per}(x, x) = g_t(0) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}: |n| \geq 1} g_t(n) \leq g_t(0) + c \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}: |n| \geq 1} t^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-2}$$

which shows the upper bound in (C.1) for $p = p^{per}$. For p^{Neu} , using the estimate $g_t(2x + 2n) \leq g_t(2n)$ for $x \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$p_t^{Neu}(x, x) \leq 2g_t(0) + 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}: |n| \geq 1} g_t(2n).$$

From here, using the same argument as above, we obtain the upper bound in (C.1) for $p = p^{Neu}$. □

Lemma C.2. *For every $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, there exists a constant $C = C(\alpha, T_0) > 0$ such that for any $s, t \in (0, T_0]$, $s \leq t$, $x, x_1, x_2 \in D$ we have*

$$\int_D |p_t(x_1, y) - p_t(x_2, y)| dy \leq C|x_1 - x_2|^\alpha t^{-\alpha/2}, \tag{C.2}$$

$$\int_D p_t(x, y)|y - x|^\alpha dy \leq Ct^{\alpha/2}, \tag{C.3}$$

$$\int_D |p_t(x, y) - p_s(x, y)|dy \leq Cs^{-\alpha/2}(t - s)^{\alpha/2}. \tag{C.4}$$

Proof. From the elementary estimate

$$|g_t(x_1 - y) - g_t(x_2 - y)| \leq C|x_1 - x_2|^\alpha t^{-\alpha/2}(g_{2t}(x_1 - y) + g_{2t}(x_2 - y))$$

and (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain that

$$|p_t(x_1, y) - p_t(x_2, y)| \leq C|x_1 - x_2|^\alpha t^{-\alpha/2}(p_{2t}(x_1, y) + p_{2t}(x_2, y))$$

for $p \in \{g, p^{per}, p^{Neu}\}$. Integrating over $y \in D$ and note that $\int_D p_{2t}(x, y)dy = 1$ for each $x \in D$, we obtain (C.2) for $p \in \{g, p^{per}, p^{Neu}\}$.

The estimate (C.3) for $p_t(x, y) = g_t(x - y)$ follows easily by a change of variable. For the other cases, we note that $g_t(z + k) \leq cg_t(z)e^{-2\frac{|k|}{t}}$ for every $|z| \leq 2$ and every $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\frac{|n|}{t}} \leq C(T_0)$, we see that from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$\int_D p_t(x, y)|y - x|^\alpha dy \leq C(T_0) \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_t(x - y)|x - y|^\alpha dy.$$

From here, we obtain (C.3) for $p \in \{p^{per}, p^{Neu}\}$ by a change of variable.

To show (C.4), we use the estimate

$$\int_D |p_t(x, y) - p_s(x, y)|dy \leq \int_D \int_D p_{t-s}(x, z)|p_s(z, y) - p_s(x, y)|dydz$$

and (C.2) to obtain that

$$\int_D |p_t(x, y) - p_s(x, y)|dy \leq Cs^{-\alpha/2} \int_D p_{t-s}(x, z)|z - x|^\alpha dz.$$

Taking into account (C.3), we obtain (C.4) from the above inequality. □

Recall that V is defined in (2.4). For $t > 0, x \in D$ put

$$\rho_t(x) := \text{Var}(V_t(x)). \tag{C.5}$$

Lemma C.3. For any $t \in [0, T_0], x \in D$ we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \leq \rho_t(x) \leq C(T_0)\sqrt{t}. \tag{C.6}$$

Proof. We have from (C.1)

$$\rho_t(x) = \text{Var}(V(t, x)) = \int_0^t p_{2(t-r)}(x, x) dr \geq \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi(t-r)}} dr = \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}}.$$

The upper bound on ρ_t is established in exactly the same way. □

Lemma C.4. *Let $0 \leq s \leq u \leq t \leq T_0$. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable function. Then*

$$E^u f(V_t(x)) = G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(P_{t-u} V_u(x)). \tag{C.7}$$

In addition, there exists a universal constant $C = C(T_0) > 0$ such that for every $x \in D$, $\gamma < 0$, $n \in [1, \infty]$ and $p \in [n, \infty]$

$$\|E^u f(V_t(x))\|_{L_n} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} \|L_n(t-u)^{\frac{\gamma}{4}}(u-s)^{-\frac{1}{2p}}(t-s)^{\frac{1}{4p}}, \tag{C.8}$$

$$|E^s f(V_t(x))| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\gamma} (t-s)^{\frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}}. \tag{C.9}$$

Proof. For $s \leq t$ introduce the process

$$Z_{s,t}(x) := V_t(x) - P_{t-s} V_s(x) = \int_s^t \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) W(dr, dy), \quad x \in D, 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

By definition of Z , we have for any $0 \leq s \leq u \leq t, x \in D$

$$V_t(x) = P_{t-u} V_u(x) + Z_{u,t}(x). \tag{C.10}$$

It is immediate to see that $Z_{u,t}(x)$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_s and is Gaussian with zero mean and variance

$$\text{Var}(Z_{u,t}(x)) = \int_u^t p_{2(t-r)}(x, x) dr = \rho_{t-u}(x). \tag{C.11}$$

Using (C.10), this yields

$$E^u f(V_t(x))(\omega) = [G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(\cdot, \omega)](P_{t-u} V_u(x)),$$

which is (C.7).

Next, we show (C.8). To proceed, we further decompose $P_{t-u} V_u(x) = P_{t-s} V_s(x) + P_{t-u} Z_{s,u}(x)$. The random variable $P_{t-u} Z_{s,u}(x) = \int_s^u \int_D p_{t-r}(x, y) W(dr, dy)$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_s and has a Gaussian law with mean zero and variance

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{s,u,t}(x) &:= \text{Var}[P_{t-u} Z_{s,u}(x)] = \int_s^u p_{2(t-r)}(x, x) dr \geq C(\sqrt{t-s} - \sqrt{t-u}) \\ &\geq C(u-s)(t-s)^{-1/2}, \end{aligned} \tag{C.12}$$

where the first inequality follows from (C.1). Hence, using (C.7) and the fact that f is \mathcal{F}_s -measurable, we have

$$E^s |E^u f(V_t(x))|^n = E^s [|G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(P_{t-u} V_u(x))|^n] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_{\rho_{s,u,t}(x)}(z) |G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(P_{t-s} V_s(x) + z)|^n dz, \tag{C.13}$$

where g is the standard Gaussian density (2.1). Now we put $q = \frac{p}{n} \geq 1$, $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$ and apply Hölder inequality and (C.12) to estimate the above integral from above by

$$\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} |G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(P_{t-s} V_s(x) + z)|^p dz \right]^{n/p} \|g_{\rho_{s,u,t}(x)}(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'}} \tag{C.14}$$

The first factor in the above expression equals $\|G_{\rho_{t-u}(x)} f(\cdot, \omega)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}^n$ and thus is bounded above by

$$C \|f(\cdot, \omega)\|_{B_p^\gamma}^n \rho_{t-u}(x)^{\frac{\gamma n}{2}}$$

by Lemma A.3(i). The second factor in (C.14) is bounded by $C \rho_{s,u,t}(x)^{-\frac{n}{2p}}$ for some constant $C > 0$, where we again used Lemma A.3(i) for Dirac delta. Taking into account (C.6), the lower bound for $\rho_{s,u,t}(x)$ in (C.12), we continue (C.13) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^s |E^u f(V_t(x))|^n &\leq C \|f(\cdot, \omega)\|_{B_p^\gamma}^n \rho_{t-u}(x)^{\frac{\gamma n}{2}} \rho_{s,u,t}(x)^{-\frac{n}{2p}} \\ &\leq C(T_0) \|f(\cdot, \omega)\|_{B_p^\gamma}^n (t-u)^{\frac{\gamma n}{4}} (u-s)^{-\frac{n}{2p}} (t-s)^{\frac{n}{4p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation, we get (C.8).

To show (C.9), we use (C.7) with $u = s$. Applying Lemma A.3(i) and the Besov embedding $B_p^\gamma \hookrightarrow B_\infty^{\gamma-1/p}$ (see (3.6)), we deduce

$$|E^s f(V_t(x))| \leq C \|f\|_{B_\infty^{\gamma-1/p}} \rho_{t-s}(x)^{\frac{\gamma}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^\gamma} (t-s)^{\frac{\gamma}{4} - \frac{1}{4p}},$$

where we also used (C.6). This implies (C.9). □