

# Regularity Analysis for Stochastic Partial Differential Equations with Nonlinear Multiplicative Trace Class Noise

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## Abstract

In this article spatial and temporal regularity of the solution process of a stochastic partial differential equation (SPDE) of evolutionary type with nonlinear multiplicative trace class noise is analyzed.

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## 1 Introduction

Spatial and temporal regularity of the solution process of a stochastic partial differential equation (SPDE) of evolutionary type are investigated in this article. More precisely, it is analyzed under which conditions on the noise term of a semilinear SPDE the solution process enjoys values in the domains of fractional powers of the dominating linear operator of the SPDE. It turns out that the essential constituents determining the regularity of the solution process are assumptions on the covariance operator of the driving noise process of the SPDE and appropriate boundary conditions on the diffusion coefficient. While the regularity of (affine) linear SPDEs has been intensively studied in previous results (see, e.g., N. V. Krylov & B. L. Rozovskii [5], B. L. Rozovskii [8], G. Da Prato & J. Zabczyk [3], N. V. Krylov [4], Z. Brzeźniak & J. van Neerven [1], S. Tindel et al. [10] and Z. Brzeźniak et al. [2]), the main purpose of this article is to handle possibly nonlinear diffusion coefficients in SPDEs driven by trace class Brownian noise (see also X. Zhang [12] for a related result).

In order to illustrate the results in this article, we concentrate on the following example SPDE in this introductory section and refer to Section 2 for our general setting and to Section 4 for further example SPDEs. Let  $T > 0$ , let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space with a normal filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  and let

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$H = L^2((0, 1), \mathbb{R})$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert space of equivalence classes of square integrable functions from  $(0, 1)$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, let  $f, b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two continuously differentiable functions with globally bounded derivatives, let  $x_0 : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function with  $\lim_{x \searrow 0} x_0(x) = \lim_{x \nearrow 1} x_0(x) = 0$  and let  $W : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  be a standard  $Q$ -Wiener process with respect to  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  with a covariance operator  $Q : H \rightarrow H$ . It is a classical result (see, e.g., Theorem VI.3.2 in [11]) that the covariance operator  $Q : H \rightarrow H$  of the Wiener process  $W : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  has an orthonormal basis  $g_j \in H$ ,  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , of eigenfunctions with summable eigenvalues  $\mu_j \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . In order to have a more concrete example, we consider the choice  $g_0(x) = 1$ ,  $g_j(x) = \sqrt{2} \cos(j\pi x)$ ,  $\mu_0 = 0$  and  $\mu_j = j^{-r}$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$  and all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  with a given real number  $r \in (1, \infty)$  in the following and refer to Section 4 for possible further examples. Then we consider the SPDE

$$dX_t(x) = \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt + b(x, X_t(x)) dW_t(x) \quad (1)$$

with  $X_t(0) = X_t(1) = 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Under the assumptions above the SPDE (1) has a unique mild solution. Specifically, there exists an up to indistinguishability unique adapted stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  with continuous sample paths which satisfies

$$X_t = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}F(X_s)ds + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}B(X_s)dW_s \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \quad (2)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$  where  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  is the Laplacian with Dirichlet boundary conditions and where  $F : H \rightarrow H$  and  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  are given by  $(F(v))(x) = f(x, v(x))$  and  $(B(v)u)(x) = b(x, v(x)) \cdot u(x)$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $v \in H$  and all  $u \in U_0$ . Here  $U_0 = Q^{\frac{1}{2}}(H)$  with  $\langle v, w \rangle_{U_0} = \langle Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}v, Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}w \rangle_H$  is the image  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert space of  $Q^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (see Appendix C in [7]).

We are then interested to know for which  $\gamma \in [0, \infty)$  in dependence on the decay rate  $r \in (1, \infty)$  of the eigenfunctions of the covariance operator  $Q : H \rightarrow H$  the solution process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  of (1) takes values in  $D((-A)^\gamma)$ . For the SPDE (1) it turns out that

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ X_t \in D((-A)^\gamma) \right] = 1 \quad (3)$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4})$  (see Theorem 1 in Section 3 for the main result of this article and Section 4.1 for the SPDE (1)). Under further assumptions on the diffusion coefficient function  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the solution of (1) has even more regularity which can be seen in Section 4.2.

In the following we relate the results in this article with existing regularity results in the literature and also illustrate how (3) can be established. The regularity of linear SPDEs has been intensively analyzed in the literature (see, e.g., [5, 8, 3, 4, 1, 10]). For instance, in Theorem 6.19 in [3], Da Prato and Zabczyk already showed for the SPDE (1) in the case  $f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  sufficiently small and linear in the second variable that (3) holds for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(4, r+1)}{4})$ . Their key idea in Theorem 6.19 in [3] was to apply the Banach fixed point theorem in an appropriate Banach space of  $D((-A)^\gamma)$ -valued stochastic processes for  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(4, r+1)}{4})$ . This

approach is based on the fact that  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  is linear and globally Lipschitz continuous from  $D((-A)^\gamma) \subset H$  to  $HS(U_0, D((-A)^\gamma)) \subset HS(U_0, H)$  for  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(2, r-1)}{4})$  since  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is assumed to be linear in its second variable. Although their method in Theorem 6.19 in [3] works quite well for linear SPDEs, it can not be generalized to nonlinear SPDEs. More formally, in the case of a nonlinear  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  is in general not globally Lipschitz continuous from  $D((-A)^\gamma)$  to  $HS(U_0, D((-A)^\gamma))$  for  $\gamma > 0$  although  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is assumed to have globally bounded derivatives. Therefore, a contraction argument as in Theorem 6.19 in [3] in a Banach space of  $D((-A)^\gamma)$ -valued stochastic processes for  $\gamma > 0$  can in general not be established for nonlinear SPDEs of the form (1). This difficulty as a key problem of regularity analysis for nonlinear SPDEs has already been pointed out in X. Zhang [12] (see page 456 in [12]).

We now demonstrate our approach to analyze the regularity of (1) which overcomes the lack of Lipschitz continuity of  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  with respect to  $D((-A)^\gamma)$  and  $HS(U_0, D((-A)^\gamma))$  for  $\gamma > 0$  in the nonlinear case. First of all, by exploiting the smoothing effect of the semigroup of the Laplacian in (2), the existence of an up to modifications unique predictable  $D((-A)^\gamma)$ -valued solution process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow D((-A)^\gamma)$  of (1) with

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|X_t\|_{D((-A)^\gamma)}^2 < \infty \quad (4)$$

can be established for all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ . However, we want to show (3) for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4})$  instead of  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ . To this end a key estimate in our approach is the linear growth bound

$$\|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, D((-A)^\alpha))} \leq c \left(1 + \|v\|_{D((-A)^\alpha)}\right) \quad (5)$$

for all  $v \in D((-A)^\alpha)$  and all  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\min(1, r-1)}{4})$  with  $c \in [0, \infty)$  appropriate which we sketch below. (Note that  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  fulfills the linear growth bound (5) although it fails to be globally Lipschitz continuous from  $D((-A)^\alpha)$  to  $HS(U_0, D((-A)^\alpha))$  for  $\alpha > 0$  in general.) Exploiting estimate (5) in an appropriate bootstrap argument will then show (3) for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4})$ . More formally, using that the semigroup is analytic with  $e^{At}(H) \subset D(A)$  for all  $t \in (0, T]$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| (-A)^\gamma e^{A(t-s)} B(X_s) \right\|_{HS(U_0, H)}^2 ds \\ & \leq \int_0^t \left\| (-A)^\vartheta e^{A(t-s)} \right\|_{L(H)}^2 \mathbb{E} \left\| (-A)^{(\gamma-\vartheta)} B(X_s) \right\|_{HS(U_0, H)}^2 ds \\ & \leq \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\vartheta} \mathbb{E} \|B(X_s)\|_{HS(U_0, D((-A)^{(\gamma-\vartheta)}))}^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

and using estimate (5) then shows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| (-A)^\gamma e^{A(t-s)} B(X_s) \right\|_{HS(U_0, H)}^2 ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\vartheta} c^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( 1 + \|X_s\|_{D((-A)^{(\gamma-\vartheta)})} \right)^2 \right] ds \\
& \leq 2c^2 \left( \int_0^t s^{-2\vartheta} ds \right) \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|X_s\|_{D((-A)^{(\gamma-\vartheta)})}^2 \right) \\
& \leq \frac{2c^2(T+1)}{(1-2\vartheta)} \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|X_s\|_{D((-A)^{(\gamma-\vartheta)})}^2 \right) < \infty
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\vartheta \in (\gamma - \frac{\min(1, r-1)}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  and all  $\gamma \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4}]$ . We would like to point out that due to (4) the right hand side of (6) is indeed finite. Of course, (6) then shows that  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B(X_s) dW_s$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , has a modification with values in  $D((-A)^\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4}]$  and thus, (3) holds for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4}]$ .

However, the main difficulty in this approach is to establish the linear growth bound (5) which we sketch in the following. The second moments of stochastic integrals are usually estimated via estimates for Hilbert-Schmidt norms (see, e.g., Proposition 2.3.5 in [7] or also Theorem 5.2 in [3]). In this article we now turn the argument around. More formally, we show (5) by estimating the second moment of an appropriate stochastic integral. More precisely, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, D((-A)^\alpha))}^2 &= \frac{1}{T} \cdot \mathbb{E} \left\| \int_0^T B(v) dW_s \right\|_{D((-A)^\alpha)}^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \cdot \mathbb{E} \|b(\cdot, v) \cdot W_T\|_{D((-A)^\alpha)}^2
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

for all  $v \in D((-A)^\alpha)$  and all  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\min(1, r-1)}{4}]$ . Finally, (7) implies (5) by using appropriate Sobolev embeddings for which we refer to Section 4 for details.

Regularities of nonlinear SPDEs as analyzed here have already been investigated in Zhang's instructive paper [12]. However, in contrast to the results in this article, he investigated which conditions on the coefficients and the noise of an SPDE suffice to ensure that the solution process of the SPDE is infinitely often differentiable in the spatial variable, see Theorem 6.2 in [12]. The solution process of (1) in which we are interested is, however, in general not twice differentiable in the spatial variable and thus, Theorem 6.2 in [12] can in general not be applied to the SPDE (1) here.

The rest of this article is organized as follows. In Section 2 the setting and assumptions used are formulated. Our main result, Theorem 1, which states existence, uniqueness and regularity of solutions of an SPDE with nonlinear multiplicative trace class noise is presented in Section 3. This result is illustrated by various examples in Section 4. The proof of Theorem 1 is postponed to the final section.

## 2 Setting and assumptions

Throughout this article suppose that the following setting and the following assumptions are fulfilled. Fix  $T \in (0, \infty)$ , let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space with a normal filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  and let  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H, \|\cdot\|_H)$  and  $(U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U, \|\cdot\|_U)$  be two separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert spaces. Moreover, let  $Q : U \rightarrow U$  be a trace class operator and let  $W : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow U$  be a standard  $Q$ -Wiener process with respect to  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ .

**Assumption 1** (Linear operator  $A$ ). *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a finite or countable set and let  $(\lambda_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a family of real numbers with  $\inf_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i > -\infty$ . Moreover, let  $(e_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subset H$  be an orthonormal basis of  $H$  and let  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  be a linear operator with*

$$Av = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} -\lambda_i \langle e_i, v \rangle_H e_i \quad (8)$$

for every  $v \in D(A)$  and with  $D(A) = \left\{ w \in H \mid \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} |\lambda_i|^2 |\langle e_i, w \rangle_H|^2 < \infty \right\}$ .

Let  $\eta \in [0, \infty)$  be a nonnegative real number with  $\eta > -\inf_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i$ . By  $V_r := D((\eta - A)^r) \subset H$  equipped with the norm  $\|v\|_{V_r} := \|(\eta - A)^r v\|_H$  for all  $v \in V_r$  and all  $r \in [0, \infty)$  we denote the  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert spaces of domains of fractional powers of the linear operator  $\eta - A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$ .

**Assumption 2** (Drift term  $F$ ). *Let  $F : H \rightarrow H$  be a globally Lipschitz continuous mapping.*

In order to formulate the assumption on the diffusion coefficient of our SPDE, we denote by  $(U_0, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{U_0}, \|\cdot\|_{U_0})$  the separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert space  $U_0 := Q^{\frac{1}{2}}(U)$  with  $\langle v, w \rangle_{U_0} = \left\langle Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}v, Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}w \right\rangle_U$  for all  $v, w \in U_0$  (see, for example, Section 2.3.2 in [7]).

**Assumption 3** (Diffusion term  $B$ ). *Let  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  be a globally Lipschitz continuous mapping and let  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $c \in [0, \infty)$  be real numbers such that  $B(V_\alpha) \subset HS(U_0, V_\alpha)$  and  $\|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)} \leq c(1 + \|v\|_{V_\alpha})$  holds for all  $v \in V_\alpha$ .*

**Assumption 4** (Initial value  $\xi$ ). *Let  $\gamma \in [\alpha, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha)$ ,  $p \in [2, \infty)$  and let  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  be an  $\mathcal{F}_0/\mathcal{B}(V_\gamma)$ -measurable mapping with  $\mathbb{E} \|\xi\|_{V_\gamma}^p < \infty$ .*

Some examples satisfying Assumptions 1-4 are presented in Section 4.

## 3 Main result

The assumptions in Section 2 suffice to ensure the existence of a unique  $V_\gamma$ -valued solution of the SPDE (9).

**Theorem 1** (Existence and regularity of the solution). *Let Assumptions 1-4 in Section 2 be fulfilled. Then there exists an up to modifications unique predictable stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  which fulfills  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|X_t\|_{V_\gamma}^p < \infty$ ,  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|B(X_t)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)}^p < \infty$  and*

$$X_t = e^{At} \xi + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} F(X_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B(X_s) dW_s \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \quad (9)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Moreover, we have

$$\sup_{\substack{t_1, t_2 \in [0, T] \\ t_1 \neq t_2}} \frac{(\mathbb{E} \|X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}\|_{V_r}^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{|t_2 - t_1|^{\min(\gamma-r, \frac{1}{2})}} < \infty \quad (10)$$

for every  $r \in [0, \gamma]$ . Additionally, the solution process  $X_t$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is continuous with respect to  $(\mathbb{E} \|\cdot\|_{V_\gamma}^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

The proof of Theorem 1 is given in Section 5. The parameters  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\gamma \in [\alpha, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha)$  and  $p \in [2, \infty)$  used in Theorem 1 are given in Assumptions 3 and 4.

Estimate (10) and the continuity of the solution process  $X_t$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , with respect to  $(\mathbb{E} \|\cdot\|_{V_\gamma}^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  as asserted in Theorem 1 can also be written as

$$X \in \bigcap_{r \in [0, \gamma]} \mathcal{C}^{\min(\gamma-r, \frac{1}{2})} \left( [0, T], L^p(\Omega; V_r) \right).$$

Let us complete this section with the following remark. If the initial value  $X_0 = \xi$  of the SPDE (9) above is  $H$ -valued only, then  $X_t$  takes values in  $V_r$  for all  $r < \frac{1}{2} + \alpha$  and all  $t \in (0, T]$  nevertheless. More formally, if Assumptions 1-3 are fulfilled and if  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow H$  is an  $\mathcal{F}_0/\mathcal{B}(H)$ -measurable mapping with  $\mathbb{E} \|\xi\|_H^p < \infty$  for some  $p \in [2, \infty)$ , then Theorem 1 shows the existence of a predictable solution process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  of (9) and this process additionally satisfies  $\mathbb{P}[X_t \in V_r] = 1$  with  $\mathbb{E} \|X_t\|_r^p < \infty$  for all  $r \in [0, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha)$  and all  $t \in (0, T]$ .

## 4 Examples

In this section Theorem 1 is illustrated with various examples. To this end let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $H = U = L^2((0, 1)^d, \mathbb{R})$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert space of equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable and Lebesgue square integrable functions from  $(0, 1)^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . As usual we do not distinguish between a square integrable function from  $(0, 1)^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and its equivalence class in  $H$ . For simplicity we restrict our attention to the domain  $(0, 1)^d$  although more complicated domains in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  could be considered. The scalar product and the norm in  $H$  and  $U$  are given by

$$\langle v, w \rangle_H = \langle v, w \rangle_U = \int_{(0, 1)^d} v(x) \cdot w(x) dx$$

and

$$\|v\|_H = \|v\|_U = \left( \int_{(0, 1)^d} |v(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all  $v, w \in H = U$ . Moreover, the Euclidean norm  $\|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} := (|x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_d|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for all  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is used here. Additionally, the notations

$$\|v\|_{C((0, 1)^d, \mathbb{R})} := \sup_{x \in (0, 1)^d} |v(x)| \in [0, \infty]$$

and

$$\|v\|_{C^r((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} := \sup_{x \in (0,1)^d} |v(x)| + \sup_{\substack{x, y \in (0,1)^d \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^r} \in [0, \infty]$$

for all  $r \in (0, 1]$  and all functions  $v : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are used in this section. We also define

$$\begin{aligned} & \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \\ & := \left( \int_{(0,1)^d} |v(x)|^2 dx + \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+2r)}} dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \in [0, \infty] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable functions  $v : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Finally, we denote by  $v \cdot w : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function

$$(v \cdot w)(x) = v(x) \cdot w(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^d,$$

for every  $v, w : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Concerning the covariance operator of the Wiener process, let  $\mathcal{J}$  be a finite or countable set, let  $(g_j)_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \subset U$  be an orthonormal basis of eigenfunctions of  $Q : U \rightarrow U$  and let  $(\mu_j)_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \subset [0, \infty)$  be the corresponding family of eigenvalues (such an orthonormal basis of eigenfunctions exists since  $Q : U \rightarrow U$  is a trace class operator, see Proposition 2.1.5 in [7]). In particular, we have

$$Qu = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \langle g_j, u \rangle_U g_j$$

for all  $u \in U$ . Furthermore, we assume in this section that the eigenfunctions  $g_j \in U$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ , are continuous and satisfy

$$\sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left( \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) < \infty \quad (11)$$

for some  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ . We will give some concrete examples for  $(g_j)_{j \in \mathcal{J}}$  fulfilling (11) later.

For **the linear operator in Assumption 1**, let  $\kappa \in (0, \infty)$  be a fixed real number, let  $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{N}^d$  and let  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , and  $e_i \in H$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , be given by

$$\lambda_i = \kappa \pi^2 ((i_1)^2 + \dots + (i_d)^2), \quad e_i(x) = 2^{\frac{d}{2}} \sin(i_1 \pi x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot \sin(i_d \pi x_d)$$

for all  $x \in (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in (0, 1)^d$  and all  $i = (i_1, \dots, i_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . Hence, the linear operator  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  in Assumption 1 is nothing else but the Laplacian with Dirichlet boundary conditions times the constant  $\kappa \in (0, \infty)$ , i.e.

$$Av = \kappa \cdot \Delta v = \kappa \left( \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \right) v + \dots + \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_d^2} \right) v \right)$$

holds for all  $v \in D(A)$  in this subsection (see, for instance, Section 3.8.1 in [9]).

In view of **the drift term in Assumption 2**, let  $f : (0, 1)^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable function with  $\int_{(0,1)^d} |f(x, 0)|^2 dx < \infty$  and

$\sup_{x \in (0,1)^d} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f \right) (x, y) \right| < \infty$ . Then the (in general nonlinear) operator  $F : H \rightarrow H$  given by

$$(F(v))(x) = f(x, v(x)), \quad x \in (0,1)^d,$$

for all  $v \in H$  satisfies Assumption 2, i.e.

$$\sup_{\substack{v, w \in H \\ v \neq w}} \frac{\|F(v) - F(w)\|_H}{\|v - w\|_H} < \infty$$

holds.

We now describe a class of **diffusion terms satisfying Assumption 3**. To this end let  $b : (0,1)^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable function with

$$\int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, 0)|^2 dx \leq q^2, \quad \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} b \right) (x, y) \right| \leq q, \quad \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} b \right) (x, y) \right\|_{L(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})} \leq q \quad (12)$$

for all  $x \in (0,1)^d$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and some given  $q \in [0, \infty)$ . We remark that every continuously differentiable function from  $(0,1)^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  with globally bounded derivatives fulfills a bound of the form (12) due to the fundamental theorem of calculus. Then let  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  be the (in general nonlinear) operator given by

$$(B(v)u)(x) = (b(\cdot, v) \cdot u)(x) = b(x, v(x)) \cdot u(x), \quad x \in (0,1)^d, \quad (13)$$

for all  $v \in H$  and all  $u \in U_0 \subset U$ . We now check step by step that  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  given by (13) satisfies Assumption 3. First of all,  $B$  is well defined. Indeed, we obviously have  $U_0 \subset L^\infty((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})$  continuously due to (11) and therefore,  $B(v) : U_0 \rightarrow H$  is a bounded linear operator from  $U_0$  to  $H$  for every  $v \in H$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, H)}^2 &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|B(v) \sqrt{\mu_j} g_j\|_H^2 = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|B(v) g_j\|_H^2 \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \left( \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x)) \cdot g_j(x)|^2 dx \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \left( \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x))|^2 dx \right) \left( \sup_{x \in (0,1)^d} |g_j(x)|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, H)} &\leq \|b(\cdot, v)\|_H \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \right) \\ &= \|b(\cdot, v)\|_H \sqrt{\text{Tr}(Q)} \left( \sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \right) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in H$  which shows that  $B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  is well defined. Moreover,



$B : H \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  is globally Lipschitz continuous. More precisely, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(v) - B(w)\|_{HS(U_0, H)}^2 &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|(B(v) - B(w))g_j\|_H^2 \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \left( \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x)) - b(x, w(x))|^2 |g_j(x)|^2 dx \right) \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \left( \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x)) - b(x, w(x))|^2 dx \right) \right) \left( \sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(v) - B(w)\|_{HS(U_0, H)} &\leq q \|v - w\|_H \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \right) \\ &= q \sqrt{\text{Tr}(Q)} \left( \sup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \right) \|v - w\|_H \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v, w \in H$ . Hence, it remains to check

$$B(V_\alpha) \subset HS(U_0, V_\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad \|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)} \leq c(1 + \|v\|_{V_\alpha}) \quad (14)$$

for every  $v \in V_\alpha$  for appropriate  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $c \in [0, \infty)$ . In order to verify (14), several preparations are needed. First of all, since  $\mathcal{J}$  is finite or countable, there exists a nondecreasing sequence  $(\mathcal{J}_K)_{K \in \mathbb{N}}$  of finite subsets of  $\mathcal{J}$  with  $\bigcup_{K \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{J}_K = \mathcal{J}$ . Then we define  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(U_0)$ -measurable mappings  $\chi^K : \Omega \rightarrow U_0$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , by

$$\chi^K(\omega, x) := \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{J}_K \\ \mu_j \neq 0}} \left\langle g_j, \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} W_T(\omega) \right\rangle_U g_j(x)$$

for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $x \in (0, 1)^d$  and all  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} |\chi^K(x)|^2 &= \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{J}_K \\ \mu_j \neq 0}} \mathbb{E} \left| \left\langle g_j, \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} W_T \right\rangle_U g_j(x) \right|^2 = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_K} \mu_j |g_j(x)|^2 \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} |\chi^K(x) - \chi^K(y)|^2 &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j |g_j(x) - g_j(y)|^2 \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{2\delta} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in (0, 1)^d$  and all  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, we need an appropriate characterization of the space  $V_r$  and its norm  $\|\cdot\|_{V_r}$  for  $r \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$  in order to verify (14). More formally, it is known that

$$V_r = \left\{ v \in H \mid \|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} < \infty \right\} \quad (17)$$

holds for all  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$ , that

$$V_r = \left\{ v \in H \mid \|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} < \infty, v|_{\partial(0,1)^d} \equiv 0 \right\} \quad (18)$$

holds for all  $r \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  and that there are real numbers  $C_r \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{C_r} \|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \leq \|v\|_{V_r} \leq C_r \|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \quad (19)$$

holds for all  $v \in V_r$  and all  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  (see, e.g., A. Lunardi [6] or also (A.46) in [3]). In particular, (17) shows

$$\|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} < \infty \quad \implies \quad v \in V_r \quad (20)$$

for all  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable functions  $v : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$ . We remark that (20) does not hold for all  $r \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  instead of  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$  since a  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable function  $v : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\|v\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} < \infty$  does, in general, not fulfill the Dirichlet boundary conditions for  $r \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  (see (18)). Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\ &= \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x))|^2 dx + \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x)) - b(y, v(y))|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+2r)}} dx dy \\ &\leq \int_{(0,1)^d} (q|v(x)| + |b(x, 0)|)^2 dx + 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x)) - b(x, v(y))|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+2r)}} dx dy \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(y)) - b(y, v(y))|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+2r)}} dx dy \\ &\leq 2q^2 \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 + 2q^2 \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} + q^2 \\ &\quad + 2q^2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(2-d-2r)} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mathcal{B}((0, 1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable functions  $v : (0, 1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Using

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^z dx dy \leq \int_{(-1,1)^d} \|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^z dx \leq \int_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{d}\}} \|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^z dx \\ &= \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}} d}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} + 1)} \int_0^{\sqrt{d}} r^{(z+d-1)} dr \leq 3^d \int_0^{\sqrt{d}} r^{(z+d-1)} dr = \frac{3^d d^{\frac{(z+d)}{2}}}{(z+d)} \leq \frac{(3d)^d}{(d+z)} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

for all  $z \in (-d, d)$  then shows

$$\begin{aligned} & \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\ & \leq 2q^2 \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 + (3 - \sqrt{3})^2 q^2 \left( \frac{2 \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}}{(3 - \sqrt{3})^2} + 1 \right) + q^2 \frac{(3d)^d}{(1-r)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mathcal{B}((0,1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable functions  $v : (0,1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in (0,1)$ . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \\ & \leq q \left( \sqrt{2} \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} + (3 - \sqrt{3}) \left( \frac{2 \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}}{(3 - \sqrt{3})^2} + 1 \right) + \frac{(3d)^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-r}} \right) \\ & \leq \frac{q}{(1-r)} \left( \left( \sqrt{2} + \frac{2}{(3 - \sqrt{3})} \right) \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} + (3d)^d \right) \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \leq \frac{q(3d)^d}{(1-r)} \left( 1 + \|v\|_{W^{r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \right) \quad (22)$$

for all  $\mathcal{B}((0,1)^d)/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable functions  $v : (0,1)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in (0,1)$ . In particular, (19) shows

$$\|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \leq \frac{qC_r(3d)^d}{(1-2r)} (1 + \|v\|_{V_r}) < \infty \quad (23)$$

for all  $v \in V_r$  and all  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Due to (19) and (20), it will be essential to estimate  $\mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2$  for  $v \in V_r$  and  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  in order to verify (14). To this end note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\ & = \int_{(0,1)^d} \mathbb{E} |b(x, v(x)) \cdot \chi^K(x)|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{\mathbb{E} |b(x, v(x)) \cdot \chi^K(x) - b(y, v(y)) \cdot \chi^K(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy \\ & \leq 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x))|^2 \mathbb{E} |\chi^K(x)|^2 dx \\ & \quad + 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x))|^2 \mathbb{E} |\chi^K(x) - \chi^K(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy \\ & \quad + 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x)) - b(y, v(y))|^2 \mathbb{E} |\chi^K(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

holds for all  $v \in H$ ,  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  and all  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, (15) and (16) give

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\ & \leq 2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + 2 \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \|b(\cdot, v)\|_H^2 \left( \int_{(-1,1)^d} \|y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(2\delta-4r-d)} dy \right) \end{aligned}$$

and (21) then shows

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\ & \leq 2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \left( 1 + 3^d \int_0^{\sqrt{d}} r^{(2\delta-4r-1)} dr \right) \\ & = 2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{3^d d^{(\delta-2r)}}{(2\delta-4r)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in H$ ,  $r \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$  and all  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sup_{K \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 2 + \frac{(3d)^d}{(\delta-2r)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and (23) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sup_{K \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{qC_r(3d)^d}{(1-2r)} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 2 + \frac{(3d)^d}{(\delta-2r)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \|v\|_{V_r}) \\ & \leq \frac{qC_r(3d)^{2d}}{(\delta-2r)^2} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \|v\|_{V_r}) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

for all  $v \in V_r$  and all  $r \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B(v)g_j\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\
& \leq \int_{(0,1)^d} |b(x, v(x)) \cdot g_j(x)|^2 dx \\
& \quad + \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x)) \cdot g_j(x) - b(y, v(y)) \cdot g_j(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy \\
& \leq 2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_H^2 \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\
& \quad + 2 \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(x, v(x)) - b(y, v(y))|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy \\
& \quad + 2 \int_{(0,1)^d} \int_{(0,1)^d} \frac{|b(y, v(y))|^2 |g_j(x) - g_j(y)|^2}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^{(d+4r)}} dx dy
\end{aligned}$$

and (21) thus gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B(v)g_j\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\
& \leq 2 \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\
& \quad + 2 \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_H^2 \left( \int_{(-1,1)^d} \|y\|^{(2\delta-d-4r)} dy \right) \\
& \leq 2 \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \left( 1 + 3^d \int_0^{\sqrt{d}} r^{(2\delta-4r-1)} dr \right) \\
& \leq \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \|b(\cdot, v)\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \left( 2 + \frac{(3d)^d}{(\delta - 2r)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in H$ ,  $r \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$ . Therefore, (23) shows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B(v)g_j\|_{W^{2r,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \\
& \leq \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} \left( 2 + \frac{(3d)^d}{(\delta - 2r)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{qC_r(3d)^d}{(1 - 2r)} (1 + \|v\|_{V_r}) \\
& \leq \frac{qC_r(3d)^{2d}}{(\delta - 2r)^2} \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} (1 + \|v\|_{V_r}) < \infty \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in V_r$ ,  $r \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$ . Therefore, (20) yields that  $B(v)g_j \in V_r$  holds for all  $v \in V_r$ ,  $r \in (0, \min(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\delta}{2}))$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$ . In particular, we obtain  $B(v)\chi^K(\omega) \in V_r$  for all  $v \in V_r$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$  and all  $r \in (0, \min(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\delta}{2}))$ . Hence, (19) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)} \\
& = \left( \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{J} \\ \mu_j \neq 0}} \|B(v)\sqrt{\mu_j}g_j\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{J}_K \\ \mu_j \neq 0}} \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\langle g_j, \chi^K \rangle_U g_j\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& = \left( \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C_\alpha \left( \sup_{K \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \|B(v)\chi^K\|_{W^{2\alpha,2}((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

and (24) finally shows

$$\|B(v)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)} \leq \frac{q(C_\alpha)^2(3d)^{2d}}{(\delta - 2\alpha)^2} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \|v\|_{V_\alpha}) < \infty \quad (26)$$

for all  $v \in V_\alpha$  and all  $\alpha \in (0, \min(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\delta}{2}))$  which yields (14). To sum up, Assumption 3 is fulfilled for all  $\alpha \in [0, \min(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\delta}{2}))$ .

Concerning **the initial value in Assumption 4**, let  $x_0 : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice continuously differentiable function with  $x_0|_{\partial(0,1)^d} \equiv 0$ . Then the  $\mathcal{F}_0/\mathcal{B}(V_\gamma)$ -measurable mapping  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  given by  $\xi(\omega) = x_0$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  fulfills Assumption 4 for all  $\gamma \in [\alpha, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha)$  and all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ .

Having constructed examples of Assumptions 1-4, we now formulate the SPDE (9) in the setting of this section. More formally, under the setting above the SPDE (9) reduces to

$$dX_t(x) = \left[ \kappa \Delta X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt + b(x, X_t(x)) dW_t(x) \quad (27)$$

with  $X_t|_{\partial(0,1)^d} \equiv 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)^d$ . Moreover, we define a family  $\beta^j : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j \in \{k \in \mathcal{J} \mid \mu_k \neq 0\}$ , of independent standard Brownian motions by

$$\beta_t^j(\omega) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_j}} \langle g_j, W_t(\omega) \rangle_U$$

for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$ . Using this notation, the SPDE (27) can be written as

$$dX_t(x) = \left[ \kappa \Delta X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt + \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{J} \\ \mu_j \neq 0}} \left[ \sqrt{\mu_j} b(x, X_t(x)) g_j(x) \right] d\beta_t^j \quad (28)$$

with  $X_t|_{\partial(0,1)^d} \equiv 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)^d$ . Finally, due to (26), Theorem 1 shows the existence of an up to modifications unique predictable stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  fulfilling (28) for any  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, 2\delta+2)}{4})$ . We now illustrate Theorem 1 using (24), (25) and (26) in the following three more concrete examples.

#### 4.1 A one dimensional stochastic reaction diffusion equation

Consider the situation described above in the case  $d = 1$ . In this subsection we want to give a concrete example for  $(g_j)_{j \in \mathcal{J}}$  and  $(\mu_j)_{j \in \mathcal{J}}$  so that (11) is fulfilled and all above applies. Let  $\mathcal{J} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $g_0(x) = 1$  and let  $g_j(x) = \sqrt{2} \cos(j\pi x)$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$  and all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, let  $r \in (1, \infty)$  and  $\nu \in (0, \infty)$  be given real numbers, let  $\mu_0 = 0$  and let  $\mu_j = \frac{\nu}{j^r}$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This choice ensures that (11) is fulfilled. Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu}{j^r} \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\nu}{j^r} \left( 1 + \sup_{\substack{x, y \in (0,1) \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|\cos(j\pi x) - \cos(j\pi y)|}{|x - y|^\delta} \right)^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\nu}{j^r} \left( 1 + \sup_{\substack{x, y \in (0,1) \\ x \neq y}} \frac{2^{(1-\delta)} |\cos(j\pi x) - \cos(j\pi y)|^\delta}{|x - y|^\delta} \right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\nu}{j^r} \left( 1 + 2^{(1-\delta)} (j\pi)^\delta \right)^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\nu}{j^r} (1 + \pi j^\delta)^2 \leq 8\nu\pi^2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{(2\delta-r)} \right) < \infty \quad (29)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $\delta \in (0, \frac{r-1}{2})$ . Assumption 3 is thus fulfilled for every  $\alpha \in (0, \min(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{r-1}{4})) = (0, \frac{\min(1, r-1)}{4})$  (see (26)). Here the SPDE (28) reduces to

$$dX_t(x) = \left[ \kappa \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2\nu}}{j^{\frac{r}{2}}} b(x, X_t(x)) \cos(j\pi x) \right] d\beta_t^j \quad (30)$$

with  $X_t(0) = X_t(1) = 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Theorem 1 finally yields the existence of an up to modifications unique stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  fulfilling (30) for any  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{\min(3, r+1)}{4})$ . Under further assumptions on  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the solution of (30) enjoys even more regularity which is demonstrated in the following subsection.

## 4.2 More regularity for a one dimensional stochastic reaction diffusion equation

Consider the situation of Subsection 4.1 with  $r = 3$ . Hence, (29) shows that (11) holds for all  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore, (26) gives that Assumption 3 is fulfilled for all  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{4})$ . However, we now additionally assume that the diffusion coefficient  $b : (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  respects the Dirichlet boundary conditions in (28), i.e. we assume that

$$\lim_{x \searrow 0} b(x, x) = \lim_{x \nearrow 1} b(x, x-1) = 0 \quad (31)$$

holds. Under this additional assumption more regularity for the solution process of (28) can be established. More precisely, (18) and (25) yield  $B(v)g_j \in V_s$  for all  $v \in V_s$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$  and all  $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Hence, we obtain that  $B(v)\chi^K(\omega) \in V_s$  holds for all  $v \in V_s$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$  and all  $s \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . This and (24) then imply that (26) holds for all  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Thus, Assumption 3 is even

fulfilled for all  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Theorem 1 finally shows that, under condition (31), the SPDE

$$dX_t(x) = \left[ \kappa \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2\nu}}{j^{\frac{3}{2}}} b(x, X_t(x)) \cos(j\pi x) \right] d\beta_t^j$$

with  $X_t(0) = X_t(1) = 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$  admits an up to modifications unique predictable stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ .

### 4.3 Stochastic reaction diffusion equations with commutative noise

Consider the situation before Subsection 4.1 and assume that the eigenfunctions of the linear operator  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  and of the covariance operator  $Q : U = H \rightarrow H$  coincide. More formally, let  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{I} = \mathbb{N}^d$ , let  $g_j = e_j$  for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ , let  $r \in (d, d+2)$  and  $\nu \in (0, \infty)$  be given real numbers and let  $\mu_j = \nu(j_1 + \dots + j_d)^{-r}$  for all  $j \in (j_1, \dots, j_d) \in \mathcal{J} = \mathbb{N}^d$ . We now check condition (11). To this end note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|g'_j(x)\|_{L(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})} &= \sup_{\substack{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \|v\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} \leq 1}} |g'_j(x)v| \leq \sup_{\substack{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \|v\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} \leq 1}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} g_j \right) (x) \right| \cdot |v_k| \right) \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} g_j \right) (x) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \pi^2 (j_k)^2 2^d \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 2^{\frac{d}{2}} \pi \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

holds for all  $x \in (0, 1)^d$  and all  $j \in (j_1, \dots, j_d) \in \mathcal{J}$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} |g_j(x) - g_j(y)| &\leq \int_0^1 |g'_j(x + r(y-x))(y-x)| dr \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{d}{2}} \pi \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

for all  $x, y \in (0, 1)^d$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} &\leq \|g_j\|_{C((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} + \sup_{\substack{x, y \in (0,1)^d \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|g_j(x) - g_j(y)|}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^\delta} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{d}{2}} + \sup_{\substack{x, y \in (0,1)^d \\ x \neq y}} \frac{(2 \cdot 2^{\frac{d}{2}})^{(1-\delta)} |g_j(x) - g_j(y)|^\delta}{\|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^\delta} \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})} &\leq 2^{\frac{d}{2}} + 2^{(\frac{d}{2}+1)(1-\delta)} \left( 2^{\frac{d}{2}} \pi \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^\delta \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{d}{2}} + 2^{\frac{d}{2}} \pi \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \leq 2^{(\frac{d}{2}+1)} \pi \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

for all  $\delta \in (0, 1]$  and all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ . Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mu_j \|g_j\|_{C^\delta((0,1)^d, \mathbb{R})}^2 &\leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}^d} \nu (j_1 + \dots + j_d)^{-r} 2^{(d+2)} \pi^2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^d (j_k)^2 \right)^\delta \\ &= \nu 2^{(d+2)} \pi^2 \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}^d} \frac{((j_1)^2 + \dots + (j_d)^2)^\delta}{(j_1 + \dots + j_d)^r} \right) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\delta \in (0, \frac{r-d}{2})$  and hence, (11) holds for all  $\delta \in (0, \frac{r-d}{2})$ . Furthermore, since  $g_j = e_j$  holds for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  here, (25) implies  $B(v)g_j \in V_s$  for all  $v \in V_s$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  with  $\mu_j \neq 0$  and all  $s \in (0, \frac{r-d}{4})$  (see (18)). Therefore,  $B(v)\chi^K(\omega) \in V_s$  holds for all  $v \in V_s$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$  and all  $s \in (0, \frac{r-d}{4})$ . This and (24) then imply that (26) holds for all  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{r-d}{4})$ . Thus, Assumption 3 is fulfilled for all  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{r-d}{4})$  here. Theorem 1 finally yields that the SPDE

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t(x) &= \left[ \kappa \Delta X_t(x) + f(x, X_t(x)) \right] dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}^d} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\nu} 2^d \sin(j_1 \pi x_1) \cdots \sin(j_d \pi x_d)}{(j_1 + \dots + j_d)^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}} b(x, X_t(x)) \right] d\beta_t^j \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

with  $X_t|_{\partial(0,1)^d} \equiv 0$  and  $X_0(x) = x_0(x)$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in (0, 1)^d$  enjoys an up to modifications unique predictable solution process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_\gamma$  fulfilling (34) for any  $\gamma \in [0, \frac{r-d+2}{4})$ .

## 5 Proof of Theorem 1

Throughout this section the notation

$$\|Z\|_{L^p(\Omega; E)} := \left( \mathbb{E} \|Z\|_E^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \in [0, \infty]$$

is used for an  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  and an  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{B}(E)$ -measurable mapping  $Z : \Omega \rightarrow E$ . The real number  $p \in [2, \infty)$  is as given in Assumption 4. We also use the following simple lemma (see, e.g., Theorem 37.5 in [9]).

**Lemma 1.** *Let Assumptions 1-4 in Section 2 be fulfilled. Then we have*

$$\left\| (t(\eta - A))^r e^{(A-\eta)t} \right\|_{L(H)} \leq 1, \quad \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \left( e^{(A-\eta)t} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \leq 1$$

for every  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and every  $r \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof of Lemma 1.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (t(\eta - A))^r e^{(A-\eta)t} \right\|_{L(H)} &= \sup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left( (t(\eta + \lambda_i))^r e^{-(\eta + \lambda_i)t} \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in (0, \infty)} (x^r e^{-x}) \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \left( e^{(A-\eta)t} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} &= \sup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left( (t(\eta + \lambda_i))^{-r} \left( 1 - e^{-(\eta + \lambda_i)t} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in (0, \infty)} \frac{(1 - e^{-x})}{x^r} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and every  $r \in [0, 1]$ .  $\square$

The next lemma immediately follows from Lemma 1 above.

**Lemma 2.** *Let Assumptions 1-4 in Section 2 be fulfilled. Then we have*

$$\left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} (e^{At} - I) \right\|_{L(H)} \leq \left( \left\| (\eta - A)^{-1} \right\|_{L(H)} + 1 \right) e^{\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1)$$

for every  $t \in (0, T]$  and every  $r \in [0, 1]$ .

*Proof of Lemma 2.* Due to Lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} (e^{At} - I) \right\|_{L(H)} &\leq \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \left( e^{At} - e^{(A-\eta)t} \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \\ &\quad + \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \left( e^{(A-\eta)t} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \\ &\leq \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} \left\| e^{At} - e^{(A-\eta)t} \right\|_{L(H)} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in (0, T]$  and every  $r \in [0, 1]$ . The estimate  $1 - e^{-x} \leq x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  then shows

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} (e^{At} - I) \right\|_{L(H)} &\leq \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} (e^{\eta t} - 1) + 1 \\ &= \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta t} (1 - e^{-\eta t}) + 1 \\ &\leq \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta t} \eta t + 1 \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (t(\eta - A))^{-r} (e^{At} - I) \right\|_{L(H)} &\leq \left\| (\eta - A)^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta t} \eta t^{(1-r)} + 1 \\ &\leq \left\| (\eta - A)^{-r} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta T} \eta (T + 1) + 1 \\ &\leq \left( \left\| (\eta - A)^{-1} \right\|_{L(H)} + 1 \right) e^{\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in (0, T]$  and every  $r \in [0, 1]$ .  $\square$

We also would like to note the following remark.

**Remark 1.** Let  $Y : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow HS(U_0, H)$  be a predictable stochastic process and let  $r \in [0, \infty)$ . Then we obtain  $e^{At}Y_s(\omega) \in \cap_{u \in [0, \infty)} V_u$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega, s \in [0, T]$  and all  $t \in (0, T]$  since the semigroup is analytic (see Assumption 1). In particular,  $\int_0^t \mathbb{E} \|e^{A(t-s)}Y_s\|_{HS(U_0, V_r)}^2 ds < \infty$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$  implies that the stochastic process  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}Y_s dW_s, t \in [0, T]$ , has a  $V_r$ -valued adapted modification.

Using Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Remark 1 we now present the proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* The real number  $R \in (0, \infty)$  given by

$$R := 1 + \left\| (\eta - A)^{-1} \right\|_{L(H)} + \|F(0)\|_H + \sup_{\substack{v, w \in H \\ v \neq w}} \frac{\|F(v) - F(w)\|_H}{\|v - w\|_H} \\ + \|B(0)\|_{HS(U_0, H)} + \sup_{\substack{v, w \in H \\ v \neq w}} \frac{\|B(v) - B(w)\|_{HS(U_0, H)}}{\|v - w\|_H}$$

is used throughout this proof. Due to Assumptions 1-3 the number  $R$  is indeed finite. Moreover, let  $\mathcal{V}_r$  for  $r \in [0, \infty)$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of equivalence classes of  $V_r$ -valued predictable stochastic processes  $Y : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_r$  that satisfy

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|Y_t\|_{V_r}^p < \infty \quad (35)$$

where two stochastic processes lie in one equivalence class if and only if they are modifications of each other. As usual we do not distinguish between a predictable stochastic process  $Y : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_r$  satisfying (35) and its equivalence class in  $\mathcal{V}_r$  for  $r \in [0, \infty)$ . Then we equip these spaces with the norms

$$\|Y\|_{\mathcal{V}_r, u} := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( e^{ut} \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \right)$$

for all  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_r, u \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $r \in [0, \infty)$ . Note that the pair  $(\mathcal{V}_r, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{V}_r, u})$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach space for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  and every  $r \in [0, \infty)$ . In the next step we consider the mapping  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  given by

$$(\Phi Y)_t := e^{At}\xi + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}F(Y_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}B(Y_s) dW_s \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \quad (36)$$

for every  $t \in [0, T]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . In the following we show that  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  given by (36) is well defined.

To this end note that Assumptions 1 and 4 yield that  $(e^{At}\xi)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is an adapted  $V_\gamma$ -valued stochastic process with continuous sample paths. Hence,  $(e^{At}\xi)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a  $V_\gamma \subset V_\alpha$ -valued predictable stochastic process (see Proposition 3.6 (ii) in [3]). Additionally, we have

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|e^{At}\xi\|_{V_\gamma}^p \leq \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( \|e^{At}\|_{L(H)}^p \mathbb{E} \|\xi\|_{V_\gamma}^p \right) \leq e^{p\eta T} \cdot \mathbb{E} \|\xi\|_{V_\gamma}^p < \infty, \quad (37)$$

which shows that  $(e^{At}\xi)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is indeed in  $\mathcal{V}_\gamma \subset \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ .

Moreover, Lemma 1 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| e^{A(t-s)} F(Y_s) \right\|_{V_\gamma} ds &\leq \int_0^t \left\| (\eta - A)^\gamma e^{A(t-s)} \right\|_{L(H)} \mathbb{E} \|F(Y_s)\|_H ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t \left\| (\eta - A)^\gamma e^{(A-\eta)(t-s)} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta T} R (1 + \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_H) ds \\ &\leq e^{\eta T} R \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\gamma} ds \right) \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_H \right) \end{aligned}$$

and Jensen's inequality therefore implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| e^{A(t-s)} F(Y_s) \right\|_{V_\gamma} ds &\leq R^2 e^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^t s^{-\gamma} ds \right) \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_{V_\alpha} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{R^2 e^{\eta T} T^{(1-\gamma)}}{(1-\gamma)} \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \right) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . This shows that  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} F(Y_s) ds$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is a well defined  $V_\gamma$ -valued (and in particular  $V_\alpha$ -valued) adapted stochastic process for every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ &\leq \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ &\quad + \left\| \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| (\eta - A)^r e^{A(t_2-s)} \right\|_{L(H)} \|F(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\ &\quad + \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \int_0^{t_1} \left\| e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_{\gamma+\varepsilon})} ds \end{aligned}$$

and Lemma 2 thus shows

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| (\eta - A)^r e^{(A-\eta)(t_2-s)} \right\|_{L(H)} e^{\eta T} \|F(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\ &\quad + R e^{\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-r)} \int_0^{t_1} \left\| e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_{\gamma+\varepsilon})} ds \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, 1 - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ .

Therefore, Lemma 1 gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq e^{\eta T} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-r} \|F(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\
& + Re^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma + \varepsilon - r)} \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(\gamma + \varepsilon)} \|F(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq Re^{\eta T} \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-r} ds \right) \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} \right) \\
& + R^2 e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) \frac{T^{(1-\gamma-\varepsilon)}}{(1-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \left[ 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} \right] (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma + \varepsilon - r)}
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, 1 - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . This shows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq \frac{Re^{\eta T}}{(1-\gamma)} \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} \right) (t_2 - t_1)^{(1-r)} \\
& + R^2 e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) \frac{T^{(1-\gamma-\varepsilon)}}{(1-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \left[ 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} \right] (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma + \varepsilon - r)}
\end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} F(Y_s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} F(Y_s) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq \frac{R^3 e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 2) (T + 1)^2}{(1-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \right) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma + \varepsilon - r)} \quad (38)
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, 1 - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Proposition 3.6 (ii) in [3] thus yields that the stochastic process  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} F(Y_s) ds$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , has a modification in  $\mathcal{V}_\gamma \subset \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  for every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ .

In the next step Lemma 1 gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| e^{A(t-s)} B(Y_s) \right\|_{HS(U_0, V_\gamma)}^2 ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \left\| (\eta - A)^{(\gamma-\alpha)} e^{A(t-s)} \right\|_{L(H)}^2 \mathbb{E} \|B(Y_s)\|_{HS(U_0, V_\alpha)}^2 ds \\
& \leq 2c^2 e^{2\eta T} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2(\gamma-\alpha)} \left( 1 + \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right) ds
\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left\| e^{A(t-s)} B(Y_s) \right\|_{HS(U_0, V_\gamma)}^2 ds \\
& \leq 2c^2 e^{2\eta T} \left( \int_0^t s^{2(\alpha-\gamma)} ds \right) \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right) \\
& \leq \frac{2c^2 e^{2\eta T} T^{(1+2\alpha-2\gamma)}}{(1+2\alpha-2\gamma)} \left( 1 + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|Y_s\|_{V_\alpha}^2 \right) < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in [0, T]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Therefore, Remark 1 shows that  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is a well defined  $V_\gamma$ -valued (and in particular  $V_\alpha$ -valued) adapted stochastic process for every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  (cf. the heuristic calculation (6) in the introduction). Moreover, the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in [3] gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& + \left\| \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq p \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_r))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + p \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \left[ \int_0^{t_1} \left\| e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_{\gamma+\varepsilon}))}^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

and Lemma 2 shows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq p \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\alpha)} e^{A(t_2-s)} \right\|_{L(H)}^2 \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + p R e^{\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-r)} \\
& \cdot \left( \int_0^{t_1} \left\| (\eta - A)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-\alpha)} e^{A(t_1-s)} \right\|_{L(H)}^2 \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

and Lemma 1 therefore implies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\
& \leq p e^{\eta T} \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\alpha)} e^{(A-\eta)(t_2-s)} \right\|_{L(H)}^2 \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + p R e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-r)} \\
& \cdot \left( \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{2(\alpha-\gamma-\varepsilon)} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{39}
\end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . In the case  $r \in [\alpha, \gamma]$  we have

$$\left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\alpha)} e^{(A-\eta)s} \right\|_{L(H)} \leq s^{(\alpha-r)} \quad (40)$$

for all  $s \in (0, T]$  (see Lemma 1) and in the case  $r \in [0, \alpha)$  we have

$$\left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\alpha)} e^{(A-\eta)s} \right\|_{L(H)} \leq \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\alpha)} \right\|_{L(H)} \leq R \quad (41)$$

for all  $s \in (0, T]$ . Using (40) and (41) in (39) hence shows

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ & \leq p e^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^{(t_2-t_1)} \left( s^{2(\alpha-r)} + R^2 \right) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) \\ & \quad + p R e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-r)} \left( \int_0^{t_1} s^{2(\alpha-\gamma-\varepsilon)} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \cdot \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ & \leq p e^{2\eta T} \left( \frac{(t_2 - t_1)^{(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - r)}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\alpha - 2\gamma}} + R (t_2 - t_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{p R e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1)^2}{\sqrt{1 + 2\alpha - 2\gamma - 2\varepsilon}} (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma+\varepsilon-r)} \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ & \leq \frac{2p R e^{2\eta T} (T + 1)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma - \varepsilon}} \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) (t_2 - t_1)^{\min(\gamma+\varepsilon-r, \frac{1}{2})} \\ & \quad + \frac{p R e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1)^3}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma - \varepsilon}} \left[ \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right] (t_2 - t_1)^{\min(\gamma+\varepsilon-r, \frac{1}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every

$Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Finally, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{A(t_2-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_r)} \\ & \leq \frac{pRe^{2\eta T} (\eta + 3) (T + 1)^3}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma - \varepsilon}} \left( \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|B(Y_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))} \right) (t_2 - t_1)^{\min(\gamma + \varepsilon - r, \frac{1}{2})} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \gamma)$ ,  $r \in [0, \gamma]$  and every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Proposition 3.6 (ii) in [3] thus yields that  $\int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B(Y_s) dW_s$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , has a modification in  $\mathcal{V}_\gamma \subset \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  for every  $Y \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  and this finally shows the well definedness of  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  in (36) (see (37), (38) and (42)).

In the next step we show that  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  is a contraction with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{V}_\alpha, u}$  for an appropriate  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . The Banach fixed point theorem will then yield the existence of a unique fixed point for  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . More formally, Lemma 7.7 in [3] gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Phi Y)_t - (\Phi Z)_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \\ & \leq \left\| \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} (F(Y_s) - F(Z_s)) ds \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \\ & \quad + \left\| \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} (B(Y_s) - B(Z_s)) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \\ & \leq \int_0^t \|(\eta - A)^\alpha e^{A(t-s)}\|_{L(H)} \|F(Y_s) - F(Z_s)\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\ & \quad + p \left( \int_0^t \|e^{A(t-s)} (B(Y_s) - B(Z_s))\|_{L^p(\Omega; HS(U_0, V_\alpha))}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and the definition of  $R$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Phi Y)_t - (\Phi Z)_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \\ & \leq Re^{\eta T} \int_0^t \|(\eta - A)^\alpha e^{(A-\eta)(t-s)}\|_{L(H)} \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\ & \quad + pRe^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^t \|(\eta - A)^\alpha e^{(A-\eta)(t-s)}\|_{L(H)}^2 \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in [0, T]$  and every  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ . Lemma 1 thus shows

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Phi Y)_t - (\Phi Z)_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; V_\alpha)} \\ & \leq Re^{\eta T} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} ds \\ & \quad + pRe^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\alpha} \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq Re^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} e^{-us} ds \right) \|Y - Z\|_{\mathcal{V}_0, u} \\ & \quad + pRe^{\eta T} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\alpha} e^{-2us} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Y - Z\|_{\mathcal{V}_0, u} \end{aligned}$$



and Hölder's inequality and the definition of  $R$  yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Phi Y)_t - (\Phi Z)_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}_\alpha)} \\ & \leq pR e^{\eta T} \left( \sqrt{T} + 1 \right) \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\alpha} e^{-2us} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Y - Z\|_{\mathcal{V}_{0,u}} \\ & \leq pR^2 e^{\eta T} \left( \sqrt{T} + 1 \right) \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\alpha} e^{-2us} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Y - Z\|_{\mathcal{V}_{\alpha,u}} \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  and every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Finally, we obtain

$$\|\Phi(Y) - \Phi(Z)\|_{\mathcal{V}_{\alpha,u}} \leq pR^2 e^{\eta T} \left( \sqrt{T} + 1 \right) \left( \int_0^T \frac{e^{2us}}{s^{2\alpha}} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Y - Z\|_{\mathcal{V}_{\alpha,u}}$$

for every  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  and every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . This shows that  $\Phi : \mathcal{V}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  is a contraction with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{V}_{\alpha,u}}$  for a sufficiently small  $u \in (-\infty, 0)$ . Hence, there is a unique  $X \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  with  $\Phi X = X$ , i.e.

$$X_t = e^{At} \xi + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} F(X_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B(X_s) dW_s \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.} \quad (43)$$

holds for every  $t \in [0, T]$ . Moreover, since  $X \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  holds, (37), (38) and (42) show that even  $X \in \mathcal{V}_\gamma$  holds. Additionally, note that by Assumption 3

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|B(X_t)\|_{HS(U_0, \mathcal{V}_\alpha)}^p & \leq \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} [c^p (1 + \|X_t\|_{\mathcal{V}_\alpha})^p] \\ & \leq 2^{(p-1)} c^p \left( 1 + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|X_t\|_{\mathcal{V}_\alpha}^p \right) < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

holds since  $(a+b)^p \leq 2^{(p-1)}(a^p + b^p)$  holds for all  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ .

It remains to establish the temporal continuity properties asserted in Theorem 1. To this end note that Lemma 2 implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{At_2} \xi - e^{At_1} \xi\|_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}_r)} \\ & = \left\| e^{At_1} (\eta - A)^{(r-\gamma)} \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) (\eta - A)^\gamma \xi \right\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)} \\ & \leq \|e^{At_1}\|_{L(H)} \left\| (\eta - A)^{(r-\gamma)} \left( e^{A(t_2-t_1)} - I \right) \right\|_{L(H)} \|\xi\|_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}_\gamma)} \\ & \leq R e^{2\eta T} (\eta + 1) (T + 1) \|\xi\|_{L^p(\Omega; \mathcal{V}_\gamma)} (t_2 - t_1)^{(\gamma-r)} \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

for every  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]$  with  $t_1 \leq t_2$  and every  $r \in [0, \gamma]$ . Combining (38), (42) and (45) then yields (10). Finally, (37), (38) and (42) show that  $X_t$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , is continuous with respect to  $(\mathbb{E} \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{V}_\gamma}^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.  $\square$

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