

GLOBAL WELL-POSEDNESS OF THE DYNAMIC Φ^4 MODEL IN THE PLANE

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We show global well-posedness of the dynamic Φ^4 model in the plane. The model is a nonlinear stochastic PDE that can only be interpreted in a “renormalised” sense. Solutions take values in suitable weighted Besov spaces of negative regularity.

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1. Introduction. The aim of this paper is to show global-in-time well-posedness for the stochastic quantisation equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t X = \Delta X - X^{:3:} + aX + \xi, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ X(0, \cdot) = X_0, \end{cases}$$

on the full space \mathbb{R}^2 and in the probabilistically strong sense. Here, ξ denotes a white noise over $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, a is a real parameter and $X^{:3:}$ denotes a renormalised cubic power. This cubic power is sometimes referred to as a ‘‘Wick power’’ or ‘‘normally ordered power’’, and sometimes written in the suggestive form $X^3 - 3\infty X$, where ‘‘ ∞ ’’ stands for a divergent constant that appears in the renormalisation procedure. The initial condition X_0 is assumed to take values in a certain Besov space of negative regularity with weights.

Equation (1.1) describes the natural reversible dynamics for the Euclidean Φ^4_2 quantum field theory. It is given by a Gibbs measure on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2)$ which is formally proportional to

$$(1.2) \quad \exp\left(-\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left[\frac{1}{4}X^{:4:} - \frac{a}{2}X^{:2:}\right]\right) d\nu(X),$$

where ν is the law of a Gaussian-free field. This measure was constructed and investigated intensively in the 1970s and 1980s (see [7] and the references therein). In 1981, Parisi and Wu [20] proposed to construct solutions of (1.1) as a means to obtain samples from (1.2) via an MCMC procedure. In this article, we fully perform the construction of solutions of (1.1). In our companion article [18], we show that solutions of (1.1) on the two-dimensional torus arise as scaling limits for the Glauber dynamics of a ferromagnetic Ising–Kac model near criticality.

Parisi and Wu’s article [20] received a lot of attention over the years, and the construction of solutions of ‘‘renormalised’’ SPDE has been a recurring theme in the stochastic analysis literature. First results were due to Jona-Lasinio and Mitter [14]. Using the Girsanov theorem, they constructed solutions of a modified equation

$$(1.3) \quad \partial_t X = (-\Delta + 1)^{-\varepsilon}(\Delta X - X^{:3:} + aX) + (-\Delta + 1)^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}\xi$$

for $\frac{9}{10} < \varepsilon < 1$, on the two-dimensional torus. Note that (at least formally), this equation also defines reversible dynamics with respect to the Φ^4 measure (1.2).

In the early 1990s, Albeverio and Röckner [2] studied (1.1) using Dirichlet forms. They could show that the Dirichlet form for (1.1) is closable, and thus construct weak solutions of (1.1). Weak uniqueness for solutions on the torus was shown in [21]. In [17], Mikulevicius and Rozovskii developed an alternative approach and constructed martingale solutions of (1.3) on the torus for any value of $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, and showed uniqueness in law for $\varepsilon > 0$. Uniqueness in law for solutions of the original equation (1.1) on the full space remained open in all of these approaches.

A breakthrough result was obtained by da Prato and Debussche in [5]. They considered (1.1) on the two-dimensional torus and showed short time existence and uniqueness in the probabilistically strong sense, via a fixed-point argument in a suitable Besov space. Using the reversible measure (1.2), they also showed nonexplosion for almost every (with respect to this measure) initial datum.

Our argument builds on this result and extends the method developed in [5]. The strategy is similar in spirit to the one-dimensional construction performed in [13]. Following [5], we first construct periodic solutions for a short time on a torus of arbitrary size, using a fixed-point argument. Deviating from [5], we derive a priori estimates that are strong enough to imply nonexplosion on the torus for an arbitrary initial condition in a natural Besov space. We then show that, as the torus grows larger, the family of solutions remains in a compact subset of a suitable Besov space with polynomial weights. This implies the existence of solutions by extracting a converging subsequence.

The proof of uniqueness comes with a twist. The nature of the equation does not allow for a standard Gronwall argument in Besov spaces with polynomial weights. Instead, we “unfold” the information of boundedness in such a space into a scale of bounds in Besov spaces with (stretched) exponential weights. We then perform a Gronwall-type argument using this infinite scale of bounds.

We stress that we do not expect to be able to construct local solutions of (1.1) directly on the full space via a Picard iteration. On the full space, the lack of decay of the stochastic terms forces us to work in spaces with weights, but the nonlinearity $Y \mapsto Y^3$ is not expected to be locally Lipschitz in such spaces. In fact, a construction of short time solutions using a Picard iteration could not make use of the sign of the nonlinear term $-Y^3$, and we do not expect to have local in time existence on the full space if the sign is reversed.

Recently, the three-dimensional version of (1.1) has received a lot of attention. In [10], Hairer developed a theory of “regularity structures”. The construction of solutions of the three-dimensional version of (1.1) on the torus and for short times was one of the key applications given in [10]. In [4], Catellier and Chouk presented another method to derive an equivalent result. Their argument is based on the method of “paracontrolled distributions” which was put forward by Gubinelli, Imkeller and Perkowski in [9]. Yet another method to construct short time solutions of the three-dimensional version of (1.1), using the renormalisation group, was proposed by Kuppiainen in [15]. Four-dimensional versions of (1.1) and (1.2) are not expected to exist [1].

The problem addressed in all of these works is somewhat orthogonal to the problem discussed in this article. More precisely, all of these works develop methods to understand the behaviour of a large class of stochastic equations [including (1.1)] on *small* scales. These methods apply to nonlinear stochastic equations satisfying a certain scaling property (called *subcriticality* in [10]) which permits to view the solution of the nonlinear equation as a perturbation of a linearised stochastic equation. It is not expected that a single general theory can give *global* in time

nonexplosion results for all of these equations in finite or infinite volume; such results will rather have to be obtained case by case. Yet, we hope that the present article will serve as a first step towards proving global-in-time well-posedness for the three-dimensional version of (1.1).

In [11] and [12], Hairer and Labbé obtain global well-posedness for a *parabolic Anderson model* on all of $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d$ for $d = 2, 3$. This model is given by a renormalised version of the stochastic PDE

$$(1.4) \quad \partial_t u = \Delta u + u\eta,$$

where η is a white noise *in space*. To this end, they significantly extend the theory of regularity structures to include weights, and they are able to replace some of the L^∞ -type assumptions from [10] by a more general L^p structure. This part of their work is similar in spirit to our treatment of L^p -based Besov spaces with weights below. But their method differs from ours in an important way: Hairer and Labbé can directly view (1.4) as a fixed-point problem for an operator which is *globally* Lipschitz continuous on some (complicated) space. Their result thus follows by a Picard iteration.

However, our uniqueness argument (see Section 9) seems related to the method employed in [12]. Indeed, once the necessary a priori estimates are established, our argument reduces to a uniqueness statement for the heat equation with irregular potential, very much akin to (1.4).

1.1. *Statement of the main results.* Let ξ be space–time white noise on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2$, and let $a \in \mathbb{R}$. We denote by Z be the solution of the stochastic heat equation

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Z = \Delta Z + \xi, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Z(0, \cdot) = X_0, \end{cases}$$

and denote by $Z^{:2:}$, $Z^{:3:}$ its Wick powers. These Wick powers can, for example, be defined by approximation. Let ρ be a mollifying kernel, that is, a compactly supported, nonnegative smooth function from $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ to \mathbb{R} with $\int \rho = 1$. For $\delta > 0$, set

$$\rho_\delta(t, x) = \delta^{-4} \rho\left(\frac{t}{\delta^2}, \frac{x}{\delta}\right).$$

Let Z_δ be the solution of (1.5) with ξ replaced by the regularised noise $\xi_\delta = \xi * \rho_\delta$. There exist constants c_δ , which diverge logarithmically as δ goes to zero, such that

$$Z_\delta^2 - c_\delta, \quad Z_\delta^3 - 3c_\delta Z_\delta$$

converge to nontrivial limits, which we denote by $Z^{:2:}$ and $Z^{:3:}$. Such a construction is given, for example, in [5, 10]. Below, in Section 5 [see (5.42)] we give an alternative, more direct construction of $Z^{:2:}$ and $Z^{:3:}$. In particular, in Theorem 5.1 and Corollary 4, we show that for every initial condition X_0 in a suitable weighted

Besov space, the $Z^{:n:}$ can be realised as random continuous (in time) functions taking values in a weighed Besov space of negative regularity.

Motivated by [5], we then say that X solves the equation (1.1) if $X = Y + Z$, where Y solves

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Y = \Delta Y + \Psi(Y, Z, Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:}), & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Y(0, \cdot) = 0, \end{cases}$$

with

$$(1.7) \quad \Psi(Y, Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}) = -Y^3 - 3Y^2Z - 3YZ^{(2)} - Z^{(3)} + a(Y + Z).$$

Equation (1.6) can be motivated by approximation—if X_δ solves the nonlinear equation (1.1) with the noise term ξ replaced by its regularisation ξ_δ and if the massive term aX is replaced by the renormalised term $(a + 3c_\delta)X_\delta$, then $Y_\delta = X_\delta - Z_\delta$ solves the regularised version of (1.6). See Remark 3 below and also [18], Section 3, for a much more detailed discussion.

It turns out that Y is a continuous (in time) function taking values in a Besov space of sufficient positive regularity. Hence, the nonlinear terms in (1.7) can be interpreted through multiplicative inequalities in these spaces. We interpret (1.6) in the mild sense, that is, we say that Y solves (1.6) if for every $t \geq 0$,

$$(1.8) \quad Y_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) ds,$$

where $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:})$. Our main result states that there exists exactly one solution of (1.6) taking values in some weighted Besov space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{\beta,\sigma}$. In short, the space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{\beta,\sigma}$ is defined analogously to the usual Besov space with regularity index β and lower indices p, ∞ , except that the integration is taken against a weight of the form $(1 + |x|^2)^{-\sigma/2}$ [see (4.3) for a precise definition].

THEOREM 1.1 (Existence and uniqueness of solutions). *Let $\beta < 2, \sigma > 2, \alpha > 0$ be sufficiently small and $p < \infty$ be sufficiently large. Let $X_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p,\infty}^{-\alpha,\sigma}$, Z be the solution of (1.5), and $Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:}$ denote its Wick powers. With probability one, there exists a unique $Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_+, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9,\infty}^{\beta,\sigma})$ solving (1.6).*

REMARK 1. As explained above, one of the key steps in the construction of solutions on the full space is to show global-in-time existence and uniqueness for solutions on the torus, for arbitrary initial condition in a natural Besov space of negative regularity. This improves on the result from [5] where nonexplosion is only shown for almost every (with respect to the invariant measure) initial datum. This result is stated in Theorem 6.1.

REMARK 2. We expect that our method of proof can be modified to imply that $(\|X_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9,\infty}^{-\alpha,\sigma}})_{t \geq 0}$ is a tight family of random variables. By the Krylov–Bogolyubov

method, this would give a dynamic construction of a Φ^4 measure formally given by (1.2). (For some values of the parameter a , there are several Gibbs measures formally given by (1.2); see [8].)

REMARK 3. As in [10], our solution X could be obtained as the limit of an approximation procedure with diverging constants: Let $\xi_\delta = \xi \star \rho_\delta$ be the regularised white noise defined above. For any $\delta > 0$, let X_δ be the solution of the equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t X_\delta = \Delta X_\delta - (X_\delta^3 - 3c_\delta X_\delta) + aX_\delta + \xi_\delta, \\ X_\delta(0, \cdot) = X_0. \end{cases}$$

The solution X could be defined as the limit of X_δ as δ goes to zero. Solutions constructed in this way coincide with the solutions we construct here, and the proof of this fact is fully within the scope of the method presented here—indeed, essentially only some δ -dependent bounds on Z and its Wick powers in Section 5 would have to be added (see Remark 20 for a discussion). However, this analysis is not too different from the calculations performed in [10], and in order to keep the length of the paper within reason, we refrain from giving this construction.

REMARK 4. As in [5], one could replace the term $-X^3$ by any Wick polynomial of odd degree with negative leading coefficient.

1.2. *Organisation of the paper.* The first half of the paper is devoted to exposing some properties of different scales of weighted Besov spaces. Weighted Besov spaces have already been studied extensively; see, in particular, [6], Chapter 4; [23], Chapter 6, and references therein. Since the precise results that we need are difficult to locate in the literature, and for the reader's convenience, we have chosen to make our paper essentially self-contained. Our presentation essentially follows that of [3], with nontrivial adjustments due to the presence of weights. In Section 2, we provide some preliminary results about functions with compactly supported Fourier transform and Gevrey classes. In Section 3, we develop all the necessary properties of weighted Besov spaces in the case of a stretched exponential weight. We conclude the discussion of weighted Besov spaces in Section 4, by indicating how our results change for different choices of weights.

The actual construction of solutions of (1.1) is performed in the remaining sections. In Section 5, we recall some probabilistic preliminaries, and give a construction of solutions of the stochastic heat equation (1.5) and its Wick powers in different weighted Besov spaces. In Section 6, we show global-in-time well-posedness for (1.6) in the periodic case. As stated above, we use the strategy developed in [5] to construct solutions for a short time, and then derive a priori bounds that are strong enough to show nonexplosion for every initial datum in a Besov space of periodic distributions. In Section 7, we extend these a priori bounds to the more general case of solutions on the plane. These bounds imply that solutions of (1.6)

on tori of diverging size remain in a compact subset of a weighted Besov space. In Section 8, we show that any limiting point is a mild solution of (1.6). Uniqueness is shown in Section 9.

Finally, some standard calculations for Gevrey functions are collected in [Appendix](#) for the reader's convenience.

1.3. Notation. We denote by $\text{Supp } f$ the support of the function f , by $B(0, r)$ the open Euclidean ball of radius r . For $p \in [1, \infty]$, we write L^p for the usual space $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)$, whose norm we denote by $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$. The space of infinitely differentiable functions with compact support is denoted by C_c^∞ . For $I = \mathbb{N}$ or $\mathbb{N} \cup \{-1\}$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$, we let

$$\|(u_n)_{n \in I}\|_{\ell^q} = \left(\sum_{n \in I} |u_n|^q \right)^{1/q},$$

with the usual understanding as a supremum when $q = \infty$. We let

$$(1.9) \quad \ell^q = \left\{ (u_n)_{n \in I} : \|u\|_{\ell^q} < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0 \right\}.$$

(Note that this differs from the usual definition of the space ℓ^q only when $q = \infty$; our definition makes the space separable in every case.)

We denote by \mathcal{S} the Schwartz space of smooth functions with rapid decay at infinity, and we denote the dual space of Schwartz distributions by \mathcal{S}' . We write $\mathcal{F}f$ or \hat{f} for the Fourier transform of f , which is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}f(\zeta) = \hat{f}(\zeta) = \int e^{-ix \cdot \zeta} f(x) dx$$

for $f \in L^1$, and can be extended to any $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ by duality. We also write $\mathcal{F}^{-1}f$ for the inverse Fourier transform, which for $f \in L^1$, takes the form

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int e^{ix \cdot \zeta} f(x) dx.$$

2. Functions with compactly supported Fourier transform. The goal of this section is to show that a function that has a compactly supported Fourier transform satisfies several regularity properties. For instance, for $p \geq q$, the L^p norm of such a function is controlled by its L^q norm, with a constant that depends only on the location of the support of the Fourier transform.

While such results are classical for usual L^p spaces, our subsequent analysis requires that we extend these regularity results to weighted spaces.

Three scales of weights will be used in this paper: stretched exponential weights, polynomial weights and “flat” weights on finite cubes for periodic functions. We could possibly have come up with a general framework that contains these three scales as particular cases. However, we find it clearer to focus first on the case of stretched exponential weights, which is the most delicate. We will then indicate why the argument carries over with only notational change to the other cases.

2.1. *Gevrey classes.* We begin with a brief reminder on Gevrey classes (see also [22], Chapter 1).

DEFINITION 1. The Gevrey class of index $\theta \geq 1$, denoted by \mathcal{G}^θ , is the set of infinitely differentiable functions $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for every compact } K, \text{ there exists } C < \infty \text{ such that for every } n \in \mathbb{N}^d, \\ &\sup_K |\partial^n f| \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta, \end{aligned}$$

where $n!$ stands for $n_1! \cdots n_d!$ and $|n| = n_1 + \cdots + n_d$. We let \mathcal{G}_c^θ be the set of compactly supported functions in \mathcal{G}^θ .

Gevrey classes interpolate between analytic functions ($\theta = 1$) and C^∞ functions. They are stable under addition, multiplication and differentiation. (Stability under multiplication is given by Proposition 23 of the Appendix; the other stability properties are easier to check.) We have

$$\mathcal{G}_c^\theta = \{0\} \iff \theta = 1.$$

In order to show that \mathcal{G}_c^θ is nontrivial for $\theta > 1$ (following [22], Example 1.4.9), we can first show that for $\kappa = 1/(\theta - 1)$, the function

$$\phi : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ x \mapsto \exp(-x^{-\kappa}) \mathbf{1}_{x>0} \end{cases}$$

belongs to \mathcal{G}^θ , and then observe that for any $r > 0$, the function

$$\Phi : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^d \phi(r + x_i) \phi(r - x_i) \end{cases}$$

belongs to \mathcal{G}_c^θ . For a given compact $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, one can then construct a function in \mathcal{G}_c^θ that is constant equal to 1 on K and vanishes outside of a given neighbourhood of K . Indeed, it suffices to take the convolution of an indicator function with Φ (for a suitable choice of r) and renormalise by $\|\Phi\|_{L^1}$.

We will shortly introduce function spaces with weights that decay roughly as $e^{-|x|^\delta}$ ($|x| \rightarrow \infty$) for some $\delta \in (0, 1)$. Functions in \mathcal{G}_c^θ will help us counter-balance the presence of these weights thanks to the following property (which we will in fact use in the “reverse” direction, to construct functions with fast decay at infinity with prescribed Fourier transform in \mathcal{G}_c^θ).

PROPOSITION 1 (Decay of the Fourier transform). *If $f \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$, then there exists $c > 0$ and $C < \infty$ such that*

$$(2.1) \quad |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C e^{-c|\zeta|^{1/\theta}}.$$

The proof is recalled in the Appendix; see Proposition 24.

2.2. *Young and Bernstein inequalities.* A key tool in the derivation of the regularity results we alluded to is Young’s inequality. Our starting point is a version thereof that allows for the presence of weights.

DEFINITION 2. Let $v, w : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$. We say that w is v -moderate if for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$(2.2) \quad w(x + y) \leq v(x)w(y).$$

THEOREM 2.1 (Weighted Young inequality). *Let w be v -moderate. For every $r, p, q \in [1, \infty]$ satisfying*

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{r} + 1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$$

and every measurable functions $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\|(f \star g)w\|_{L^r} \leq \|fv\|_{L^p} \|gw\|_{L^q}.$$

PROOF. We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |f \star g|(x)w(x) &\leq \int |f|(y)|g|(x - y)w(x) \, dy \\ &\stackrel{(2.2)}{\leq} \int |f|(y)|g|(x - y)v(y)w(x - y) \, dy \\ &\leq [(|f|v) \star (|g|w)](x). \end{aligned}$$

The result then follows from the classical Young inequality; see, for example, [3], Lemma 1.4. \square

We let

$$|x|_* = \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}$$

be a smoothened version of the norm $|\cdot|$. Naturally, $|\cdot|_*$ is no longer a norm, but it still satisfies the triangle inequality, since

$$\begin{aligned} |x + y|_*^2 &\leq 1 + |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2|x||y| \leq 2 + |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2|x|_*|y|_* \\ &= (|x|_* + |y|_*)^2. \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 3. Throughout the paper,

$$(2.4) \quad \text{we fix } \delta \in (0, 1) \text{ and } \theta \in (1, 1/\delta).$$

We define

$$(2.5) \quad w_\mu(x) = e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \quad (\mu \in \mathbb{R}),$$

and let L^p_μ be the space $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, w_\mu(x) \, dx)$. We denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_\mu$ the scalar product in L^2_μ .

(Since δ is kept fixed throughout, we choose to leave the dependence on δ implicit in the notation; the number θ will come into play shortly.) We impose from now on that $\mu \geq 0$. Note that

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{w_\mu(x+y)}{w_\mu(y)} = \exp \mu (|y|_*^\delta - |x+y|_*^\delta) \leq \exp \mu ((|x+y|_* + |x|_*)^\delta - |x+y|_*^\delta) \leq \exp \mu |x|_*^\delta,$$

since we assume $\delta < 1$. Hence, the weight w_μ is $w_{-\mu}$ -moderate.

LEMMA 1 (Scaling property). *Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$, $\phi_\lambda = \phi(\cdot/\lambda)$ and $g_\lambda = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\phi_\lambda$. For every $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $\mu_0 > 0$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $\lambda \geq 1$ and $\mu \leq \mu_0$,*

$$\|g_\lambda\|_{L_{-\mu}^p} \leq C\lambda^{d/p'},$$

where $p' \in [1, \infty]$ is the conjugate exponent of p , that is, $1/p + 1/p' = 1$.

PROOF. Since $g_\lambda = \lambda^d g_1(\lambda \cdot)$, the result is clear if $p = \infty$. Otherwise, a change of scale gives

$$\|g_\lambda\|_{L_{-\mu}^p}^p = \lambda^{d(p-1)} \int |g_1|^p(x) e^{\mu|x/\lambda|_*^\delta} dx.$$

By Proposition 1, the latter integral is bounded uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$. □

REMARK 5. Similarly, for every $\gamma \geq 0$, we have $\| |\lambda \cdot|^\gamma g_\lambda \|_{L_{-\mu}^p} \lesssim \lambda^{d/p'}$.

LEMMA 2 (Bernstein’s lemma). *Let B be a ball. For every $\mu_0 > 0$, $k = (k_1, \dots, k_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ and $p \geq q \in [1, +\infty]$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$,*

$$\text{Supp } \hat{f} \subseteq \lambda B \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|\partial^k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq C\lambda^{|k|+d(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{L_{\mu q/p}^q} \quad (|k| = k_1 + \dots + k_d).$$

REMARK 6. Here and in the two lemmas below, we have not been precise concerning the range of allowed functions f . We will only use the lemma for functions belonging to the Schwartz space \mathcal{S} of smooth functions with rapid decay at infinity, so we will prove the result in this setting. It is straightforward to generalise the result to Schwartz distributions (i.e., elements of \mathcal{S}'). This is not the most general class one can think of, since there are functions in $L_{\mu q/p}^q$ that fail to be interpretable as Schwartz distributions (due to a fast growth at infinity). The main issue then is on the interpretation of \hat{f} when $f \in L_{\mu q/p}^q$ does not belong to \mathcal{S}' . We prefer to not delve into this question (but note that if $f \in L_{\mu q/p}^q$, then one can make sense of \hat{f} as an element of the dual of \mathcal{G}_c^θ by Proposition 1).

PROOF OF LEMMA 2. We show the result for finite p and q , the adaptation for the remaining cases being transparent. Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ be such that $\phi = 1$ on B , and let $\phi_\lambda = \phi(\cdot/\lambda)$. We observe that

$$f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{f}\phi_\lambda) = g_\lambda \star f,$$

where $g_\lambda = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\phi_\lambda = \lambda^d g_1(\lambda \cdot)$. Writing $g_\lambda^{(k)} := (\partial^k g_1)_\lambda = \lambda^d (\partial^k g_1)(\lambda \cdot)$, we have

$$\partial^k f = \lambda^{|k|} g_\lambda^{(k)} \star f.$$

By Theorem 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{-|k|} \|\partial^k f\|_{L_\mu^p} &= \|(g_\lambda^{(k)} \star f)w_\mu^{1/p}\|_{L^p} \leq \|g_\lambda^{(k)}w_{-\mu}^{1/p}\|_{L^r} \|fw_\mu^{1/p}\|_{L^q} \\ &= \|g_\lambda^{(k)}w_{-\mu}^{1/p}\|_{L^r} \|f\|_{L_{\mu q/p}^q}, \end{aligned}$$

where r is such that

$$(2.7) \quad 1 + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{q}.$$

Since $\|g_\lambda^{(k)}w_{-\mu}^{1/p}\|_{L^r} = \|g_\lambda^{(k)}\|_{L_{-\mu r/p}^r}$, the result follows by Lemma 1 and (2.7) once we notice that $g_1^{(k)} = \partial^k g_1$ is the (inverse) Fourier transform of a function in \mathcal{G}_c^θ . □

2.3. *Effect of the heat flow.* We now derive two results that quantify the regularizing and continuity properties of the heat semi-group.

LEMMA 3 (Smoothing of the heat flow). *Let \mathcal{C} be an annulus (i.e., a set of the form $\{r \leq |x| \leq R\}$ for some $0 < r < R$) and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $c > 0$ and $C < \infty$ such that for every $p \in [1, +\infty]$, $\mu \leq \mu_0$, $t \geq 0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$,*

$$\text{Supp } \hat{f} \subseteq \lambda \mathcal{C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq C e^{-ct\lambda^2} \|f\|_{L_\mu^p}.$$

PROOF. We show the result for finite p , the adaptation to $p = \infty$ being straightforward (and a classical result since the weights no longer matter in this case). Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ be such that $\phi = 1$ on \mathcal{C} and with support in an annulus, and let $\phi_\lambda = \phi(\cdot/\lambda)$. We observe that

$$e^{t\Delta} f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{f}\phi_\lambda e^{-t|\cdot|^2}) = g_{\lambda,t} \star f,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\lambda,t}(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int e^{ix \cdot \zeta} \phi_\lambda(\zeta) e^{-t|\zeta|^2} d\zeta \\ &= \frac{\lambda^d}{(2\pi)^d} \int e^{i\lambda x \cdot \zeta} \phi(\zeta) e^{-t|\lambda \zeta|^2} d\zeta. \end{aligned}$$

Let us write

$$\bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(x) = \int e^{ix \cdot \zeta} \phi(\zeta) e^{-t|\lambda \zeta|^2} d\zeta,$$

so that $g_{\lambda,t}(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \lambda^d \bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(\lambda x)$. By Proposition 25 of the Appendix,

$$|\bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(x)| \leq C e^{-c\lambda^2 t - c|x|^{1/\theta}}.$$

By Theorem 2.1,

$$\|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{L_\mu^p} = \|(g_{\lambda,t} \star f) w_\mu^{1/p}\|_{L^p} \leq \|g_{\lambda,t} w_{-\mu}^{1/p}\|_{L^1} \|f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

and moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{\lambda,t} w_{-\mu}^{1/p}\|_{L^1} &\leq C e^{-c\lambda^2 t} \lambda^d \int e^{-c|\lambda x|^{1/\theta}} e^{\mu|x|_\ast^{1/p}} dx \\ &\leq C e^{-c\lambda^2 t} \int e^{-c|x|^{1/\theta}} e^{\mu|x/\lambda|_\ast^{1/p}} dx \\ &\stackrel{(\lambda \geq 1)}{\leq} C e^{-c\lambda^2 t} \int e^{-c|x|^{1/\theta}} e^{\mu|x|_\ast^{1/p}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

The integral is bounded uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$, so the result is proved. \square

LEMMA 4 (Time regularity of the heat flow). *Let B be a ball and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $p \in [1, +\infty]$, $\mu \leq \mu_0$, $t \geq 0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$,*

$$\text{Supp } \hat{f} \subseteq \lambda B \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|(1 - e^{t\Delta})f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq C(t\lambda^2 \wedge 1) \|f\|_{L_\mu^p}.$$

PROOF. Lemma 3 makes it clear that showing

$$(2.8) \quad \|(1 - e^{t\Delta})f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq C t \lambda^2 \|f\|_{L_\mu^p}$$

is sufficient. Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ be such that $\phi = 1$ on B . As before, we can write

$$(1 - e^{t\Delta})f = g_{\lambda,t} \star f,$$

but this time with

$$g_{\lambda,t}(x) = \frac{\lambda^d}{(2\pi)^d} \int e^{i\lambda x \cdot \zeta} \phi(\zeta) (1 - e^{-t|\lambda \zeta|^2}) d\zeta,$$

which we can in turn decompose as $g_{\lambda,t}(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \lambda^d \bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(\lambda x)$ for

$$\bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(x) = \int e^{ix \cdot \zeta} \phi(\zeta) (1 - e^{-t|\lambda \zeta|^2}) d\zeta.$$

A minor variation of the proof of Proposition 25 shows that

$$|\bar{g}_{\lambda,t}(x)| \leq C t \lambda^2 e^{-c|x|^{1/\theta}},$$

from which (2.8) follows as in the proof of Lemma 3. \square

3. Weighted Besov spaces. We now introduce weighted Besov spaces, and use the results of the preceding section to deduce several important properties of these spaces. We will study how they relate to each other via continuous (or compact) embeddings and interpolations, their duality properties, the smoothing effect of the heat flow. Besides, a fundamental feature of Besov spaces for our purpose is their multiplicative structure: one can extend the multiplication $(f, g) \rightarrow fg$ to a continuous map on suitable Besov spaces. In large measure, our results parallel those for unweighted Besov spaces (and our arguments are inspired by those of [3], Chapter 2), although the proofs often become more subtle.

3.1. *Definition, continuous embeddings and interpolation.* For future reference, let us define the annulus

$$(3.1) \quad C^* = B(0, 8/3) \setminus B(0, 3/4).$$

It is straightforward to adapt the proof of [3], Proposition 2.10 (using Proposition 23) to show that there exist $\tilde{\chi}, \chi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ taking values in $[0, 1]$ and such that

$$(3.2) \quad \text{Supp } \tilde{\chi} \subseteq B(0, 4/3),$$

$$(3.3) \quad \text{Supp } \chi \subseteq C^*,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \tilde{\chi}(\zeta) + \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \chi(\zeta/2^k) = 1.$$

We use this dyadic partition of unity to decompose any \mathbb{Z}^d -periodic function $f \in C^\infty$ as a sum of functions with localized spectrum. More precisely, we let

$$(3.5) \quad \chi_{-1} = \tilde{\chi}, \quad \chi_k = \chi(\cdot/2^k) \quad (k \geq 0),$$

and for $k \geq -1$ integer,

$$\delta_k f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi_k \hat{f}), \quad S_k f = \sum_{j < k} \delta_j f$$

(where the sum runs over $j \geq -1$), so that at least formally, $S_k f \rightarrow f$ as k tends to infinity. For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \mu > 0, p, q \in [1, +\infty]$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, we define

$$(3.6) \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} := \left[\sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} (2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p})^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} = \|(2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p})_{k \geq -1}\|_{\ell^q},$$

with the usual interpretation as a supremum for $q = \infty$. The Besov space $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ consists of the completion of C_c^∞ with respect to this norm. We denote by $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,0}$ the space obtained in the same way but with L_μ^p replaced by the “flat” space L^p .

REMARK 7. We depart from the habit of defining $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ as the space of distributions for which $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ is finite. Our definition coincides with the usual one as

soon as both p and q are finite, but yields a strictly smaller space when at least one of these indices is ∞ . There are several advantages to this different definition. First, it slightly simplifies the proofs of some estimates, by letting us show the estimate for functions in C_c^∞ and then using a density argument. It also ensures that the Besov spaces are separable, which has a number of advantages when considering probability measures thereon. But perhaps the most important reason is related to the presence of weights. As was already alluded to in Remark 6, there is no canonical embedding of $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ into the space \mathcal{S}' of Schwartz distributions, because elements of $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ are allowed to grow too fast at infinity. On the other hand, one can check that elements of $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ define linear forms on C_c^∞ . Yet, our definition of $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ does not make sense as it stands for general linear forms on C_c^∞ . We believe that it is possible to overcome this problem by making use of results such as Proposition 1, and carry this construction on a less standard space of distributions (we think of the dual of the space of functions whose Fourier transform belongs to \mathcal{G}_c^θ , with a suitable topology). However, we find our approach technically simpler.

In the definition, we are using implicitly the fact that $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ is finite for every $f \in C_c^\infty$; this can easily be checked. Before doing so, we introduce the notation

$$(3.7) \quad \eta_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi_k), \quad \eta = \eta_0,$$

so that for $k \geq 0$, $\eta_k = 2^{kd} \eta(2^k \cdot)$.

LEMMA 5. *Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty]$. If $f \in C_c^\infty$, then $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ is finite.*

PROOF. Observe that for $k \geq 0$,

$$\delta_k f(x) = 2^{kd} \int f(y) \eta(2^k(x - y)) \, dy.$$

The Fourier transform of η vanishes in a neighbourhood of the origin. Hence, for every positive integer n , the function $\tilde{\eta}_n := (-\Delta)^{-n} \eta$ is well-defined and in L^1 , and moreover,

$$(3.8) \quad \delta_k f(x) = 2^{k(d-2n)} \int (-\Delta)^n f(y) \tilde{\eta}_n(2^k(x - y)) \, dy.$$

By the (unweighted) Young inequality,

$$(3.9) \quad \|\delta_k f\|_{L^p} \lesssim 2^{k(d-1-2n)} \|(-\Delta)^n f\|_{L^p}.$$

In particular, for any given $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, the sequence $(\|\delta_k f\|_{L^p})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ decays faster than $2^{-\alpha k}$ as k tends to infinity. \square

REMARK 8. If $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$, then uniformly over μ, p, q ,

$$(3.10) \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha_1,\mu}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha_2,\mu}},$$

where here and throughout, we understand that the inequality above holds for every $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$. Indeed, this is clear if $f \in C_c^\infty$, and then we argue by density. Similarly, if $q_1 \geq q_2$, then

$$(3.11) \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q_1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q_2}^{\alpha,\mu}},$$

while if $p_1 \leq p_2$, then there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $\alpha, \mu \neq 0$ and q ,

$$(3.12) \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq C \mu^{-\frac{d}{8}(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}.$$

REMARK 9. Since

$$(3.13) \quad \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \frac{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}}{2^{\alpha k}},$$

it follows that for every $\beta < \alpha$,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\beta,\mu}} = \sum_{k=-1}^{+\infty} 2^{\beta k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \frac{2^{(\alpha-\beta)}}{1 - 2^{-(\alpha-\beta)}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}.$$

Hence, for every $q, q' \in [1, \infty]$, we have $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q'}^{\beta,\mu}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ uniformly over μ .

REMARK 10. The space $\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{0,\mu}$ is continuously embedded in L_μ^p . Indeed,

$$\|f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \sum_{k=-1}^{+\infty} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{0,\mu}}.$$

REMARK 11. Conversely, L_μ^p is continuously embedded in $\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}^{0,\mu}$. Indeed, by Theorem 2.1,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}^{0,\mu}} = \sup_{k \geq -1} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \sup_{k \geq -1} \|\eta_k\|_{L_{-\mu}^1} \|f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

with $\sup \|\eta_k\|_{L_{-\mu}^1} < \infty$ by Lemma 1. Moreover, for each given μ_0 , the inequality holds uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$.

We also have:

PROPOSITION 2 (Besov embedding). *Let $\alpha \leq \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \geq r \in [1, \infty]$ be such that*

$$\beta = \alpha + d\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p}\right),$$

and let $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $q \in [1, \infty]$ and $\mu \leq \mu_0$,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{r,q}^{\beta,\mu r/p}}.$$

PROOF. It suffices to show the result for $f \in C_c^\infty$. By Lemma 2,

$$\|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim 2^{kd(\frac{1}{r}-\frac{1}{p})} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_{\mu r/p}^r},$$

from which the result follows. \square

Another notable consequence of Bernstein’s lemma is the following.

PROPOSITION 3 (Effect of derivatives). *Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $k = (k_1, \dots, k_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$,*

$$(3.14) \quad \|\partial^k f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha-|k|,\mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \quad (|k| = k_1 + \dots + k_d).$$

REMARK 12. We have not given a meaning to $\partial^k f$ for a general $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$. But once (3.14) is established for arbitrary $f \in C_c^\infty$, we can define $\partial^k f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha-|k|,\mu}$ for any $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ by means of an approximating sequence in C_c^∞ , and (3.14) is then automatically satisfied for every $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3. As for Proposition 2, the result is a direct consequence of Lemma 2, since the latter ensures that

$$\|\delta_l(\partial^k f)\|_{L_\mu^p} = \|\partial^k(\delta_l f)\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim 2^{|k|} \|\delta_l f\|_{L_\mu^p}. \quad \square$$

We now turn to interpolation inequalities between Besov spaces.

PROPOSITION 4 (Interpolation inequalities). *Let $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}$, $p_0, q_0, p_1, q_1 \in [1, \infty]$ and $v \in [0, 1]$. Defining $\alpha = (1 - v)\alpha_0 + v\alpha_1$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ such that*

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-v}{p_0} + \frac{v}{p_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-v}{q_0} + \frac{v}{q_1},$$

we have

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_0,q_0}^{\alpha_0,\mu}}^{1-v} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q_1}^{\alpha_1,\mu}}^v.$$

PROOF. By Hölder’s inequality,

$$\|f\|_{L_\mu^p} = \|f^{1-v+v}\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \|f\|_{L_\mu^{p_0}}^{1-v} \|f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}}^v,$$

hence,

$$2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq (2^{\alpha_0 k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^{p_0}})^{1-v} (2^{\alpha_1 k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}})^v,$$

and the result follows by another application of Hölder’s inequality. \square

3.2. *Effect of the heat flow.* The smoothing effect of the heat flow, as measured in Besov spaces, takes the following form.

PROPOSITION 5 (Smoothing of the heat flow in Besov spaces). *Let $\alpha \geq \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mu_0 > 0$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty]$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $t > 0$,*

$$\|e^{t\Delta} f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq Ct^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\beta,\mu}}.$$

PROOF. Since Δ acts by multiplication in Fourier space, we have $\delta_k(e^{t\Delta} f) = e^{t\Delta}(\delta_k f)$. By Lemma 3,

$$\|e^{t\Delta}(\delta_k f)\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim e^{-ct2^{2k}} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

so

$$2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k(e^{t\Delta} f)\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim t^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}} [(t2^{2k})^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}} e^{-ct2^{2k}}] 2^{\beta k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p}.$$

The term between square brackets is bounded uniformly over t and k . Taking the ℓ^q norm of both sides of the inequality, we get the result. \square

PROPOSITION 6 (Time regularity of the heat flow in Besov spaces). *Let $\alpha \leq \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\beta - \alpha \leq 2$, $\mu_0 > 0$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty]$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $t > 0$,*

$$\|(1 - e^{t\Delta})f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq Ct^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\beta,\mu}}.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k((1 - e^{t\Delta})f)\|_{L_\mu^p} &\lesssim 2^{\alpha k} (t2^{2k} \wedge 1) \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \\ &\lesssim t^{\frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}} [(t2^{2k})^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}} (t2^{2k} \wedge 1)] 2^{\beta k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows since the term between square brackets is bounded uniformly over t and k . \square

REMARK 13. By the same reasoning, we obtain that if $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$, then $t \mapsto e^{t\Delta} f$ is continuous in $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$. Indeed, it suffices to check the continuity at time 0. By Lemma 4, uniformly over k ,

$$\|\delta_k((1 - e^{t\Delta})f)\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

and for every k , the left-hand side above tends to 0 as t tends to 0. If $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$, then this ensures that

$$\|(1 - e^{t\Delta})f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} = \|(2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k((1 - e^{t\Delta})f)\|_{L_\mu^p})_{k \geq -1}\|_{\ell^q} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0,$$

since $2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$ even when $q = \infty$; see (1.9) and Remark 7.

3.3. *Multiplicative structure.* The following lemma provides a convenient way to check whether a function belongs to a Besov space. We refer to [3], Lemma 2.69, for a proof (which is an application of Young’s inequality).

LEMMA 6 (Series criterion I). *Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and let \mathcal{C} be an annulus. There exists $C < \infty$ such that the following holds uniformly over μ . If $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of functions in \mathcal{S} such that*

$$\text{Supp } \hat{f}_k \subseteq 2^k \mathcal{C} \quad \text{and} \quad (2^{\alpha k} \|f_k\|_{L^p_\mu})_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^q,$$

then

$$f := \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} f_k \in \mathcal{B}^{\alpha, \mu}_{p, q} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\alpha, \mu}_{p, q}} \leq C \|(2^{\alpha k} \|f_k\|_{L^p_\mu})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\|_{\ell^q}.$$

REMARK 14. Let $\eta' \in \mathcal{G}^\theta_c$ be supported in an annulus, and $\eta'_k = 2^{kd} \eta'(2^k \cdot)$. By the same reasoning, for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty]$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that

$$\|(2^{\alpha k} \|\eta'_k \star f\|_{L^p_\mu})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\|_{\ell^q} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\alpha, \mu}_{p, q}}.$$

In particular, up to an equivalence of norms, the definition of Besov spaces does not depend on the choice of the functions $\tilde{\chi}$ and χ .

If the support of the Fourier transforms are only localized in balls instead of annuli, we get the same result provided that $\alpha > 0$ (see [3], Lemma 2.84).

LEMMA 7 (Series criterion II). *Let $\alpha > 0$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and let B be a ball. There exists $C < \infty$ such that the following holds uniformly over μ . If $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of functions in \mathcal{S} such that*

$$\text{Supp } \hat{f}_k \subseteq 2^k B \quad \text{and} \quad (2^{\alpha k} \|f_k\|_{L^p_\mu})_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^q,$$

then

$$f := \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} f_k \in \mathcal{B}^{\alpha, \mu}_{p, q} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^{\alpha, \mu}_{p, q}} \leq C \|(2^{\alpha k} \|f_k\|_{L^p_\mu})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\|_{\ell^q}.$$

For $f, g \in C^\infty_c$, we introduce the *paraproduct*

$$f \otimes g = \sum_{j < k-1} \delta_j f \delta_k g = \sum_k S_{k-1} f \delta_k g,$$

and the *product remainder* (or *resonant term*)

$$f \odot g = \sum_{|j-k| \leq 1} \delta_j f \delta_k g,$$

and we write $f \otimes g = g \otimes f$. We have the *Bony decomposition*

$$(3.15) \quad fg = f \otimes g + f \odot g + f \otimes g.$$

The goal is to extend the notion of the product fg to elements f and g of suitable Besov spaces, by showing that each of the terms in this decomposition has a natural extension. Here are the key estimates.

THEOREM 3.1 (Paraproduct estimates). (1) *Let $\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p, p_1, p_2, q \in [1, \infty]$ be such that*

$$\alpha_1 \neq 0, \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1 \wedge 0) + \alpha_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2},$$

where we write $\alpha_1 \wedge 0 = \min(\alpha_1, 0)$. The mapping $(f, g) \mapsto f \otimes g$ (defined for $f, g \in C_c^\infty$) can be extended to a continuous bilinear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu} \times \mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha_2, \mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}$. Moreover, there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over μ ,

$$(3.16) \quad \|f \otimes g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha_2, \mu}}.$$

(2) *Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\alpha := \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 > 0$, and let p, p_1, p_2, q be as above. The mapping $(f, g) \mapsto f \odot g$ can be extended to a continuous bilinear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu} \times \mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha_2, \mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}$. Moreover, there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over μ ,*

$$\|f \odot g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha_2, \mu}}.$$

PROOF. Let $f, g \in C_c^\infty$, and let $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} = B(0, 2/3) + \mathcal{C}^*$, where \mathcal{C}^* was defined in (3.1). One can check that $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is an annulus. By (3.2)–(3.3), for $k \geq 0$, the Fourier spectrum of $S_{k-1} f \delta_k g$ is contained in $2^k \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$. (The term indexed by $k = -1$ is null.) By Lemma 6, in order to estimate $\|f \otimes g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}}$, we need to bound

$$\|(2^{\alpha k} \|S_{k-1} f \delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^p})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\|_{\ell^q}.$$

By Hölder’s inequality,

$$(3.17) \quad \|S_{k-1} f \delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \|S_{k-1} f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}} \|\delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^{p_2}},$$

while by definition,

$$\|\delta_j f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}} \leq 2^{-\alpha_1 j} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}},$$

so that

$$\|S_{k-1} f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}} \leq \sum_{j=-1}^{k-2} \|\delta_j f\|_{L_\mu^{p_1}} \leq \sum_{j=-1}^{k-2} 2^{-\alpha_1 j} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}} \lesssim 2^{-(\alpha_1 \wedge 0)k} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}},$$

and thus

$$\|S_{k-1}f\delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim 2^{-(\alpha_1 \wedge 0)k} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu}} \|\delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^{p_2}}.$$

Multiplying both sides by $2^{\alpha k}$ and taking the ℓ^q norm, we obtain (3.16).

For $f \odot g$, we only know that for some ball \tilde{B} , if $|j - k| \leq 1$, then the Fourier spectrum of $\delta_j f \delta_k g$ is contained in $2^k \tilde{B}$. We must thus rather use Lemma 7 instead of Lemma 6. The proof remains the same, except that we need to impose $\alpha > 0$. \square

REMARK 15. We can also distribute the weights unevenly between the two terms in the right-hand side of (3.16). Indeed, if $\nu_1, \nu_2 > 0$ are such that

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{\nu_1}{p_1} + \frac{\nu_2}{p_2},$$

then

$$(3.18) \quad \|fg\|_{L_\mu^p} = \|fw_\mu^{\nu_1/p_1} gw_\mu^{\nu_2/p_2}\|_{L^p} \leq \|f\|_{L_{\nu_1\mu}^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L_{\nu_2\mu}^{p_2}}$$

by Hölder’s inequality. Using this inequality in (3.17), we see that we can replace the right-hand side of (3.16) by

$$C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, \infty}^{\alpha_1, \mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha_2, \mu_2}}$$

if desired, provided that $\mu_1 = \nu_1\mu$ and $\mu_2 = \nu_2\mu$ satisfy

$$(3.19) \quad \frac{\mu}{p} = \frac{\mu_1}{p_1} + \frac{\mu_2}{p_2}.$$

Theorem 3.1 can be turned into multiplicative inequalities, which will play a central role in our analysis. We treat separately the cases of positive and negative regularity.

COROLLARY 1 (Multiplicative inequality I). *Let $\alpha > 0$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$, $\nu \in [0, 1]$, and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$, if*

$$\beta_1 = \alpha + (1 - \nu)\frac{d}{p}, \quad \beta_2 = \alpha + \nu\frac{d}{p}, \quad \mu_1 = \nu\mu, \quad \mu_2 = (1 - \nu)\mu$$

and if $p_1, p_2 \in [1, \infty]$ are defined by

$$(3.20) \quad \frac{1}{p_1} = \frac{\nu}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1 - \nu}{p},$$

then the mapping $(f, g) \mapsto fg$ can be extended to a continuous linear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p_1, q}^{\alpha, \mu} \times \mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha, \mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}$, and moreover,

$$\|fg\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\alpha, \mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1, q}^{\alpha, \mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2, q}^{\alpha, \mu}} \leq C^2 \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\beta_1, \mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p, q}^{\beta_2, \mu_2}}.$$

PROOF. The first inequality follows from the decomposition (3.15) and Theorem 3.1 with $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$. The second one follows from Proposition 2. \square

REMARK 16. If we assume instead that

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu}{p} = \frac{\mu_1}{p_1} + \frac{\mu_2}{p_2},$$

then by Remark 15, we also have

$$\|fg\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\alpha,\mu_2}}.$$

COROLLARY 2 (Multiplicative inequality II). *Let $\alpha < 0 < \beta$ be such that $\alpha + \beta > 0$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$, $v \in [0, 1]$ and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$, if*

$$\alpha' = \alpha + (1 - v)\frac{d}{p}, \quad \beta' = \beta + v\frac{d}{p}, \quad \mu_1 = v\mu, \quad \mu_2 = (1 - v)\mu,$$

and if $p_1, p_2 \in [1, \infty]$ are defined by (3.20), then the mapping $(f, g) \mapsto fg$ can be extended to a continuous linear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu} \times \mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\beta,\mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$, and moreover,

$$(3.21) \quad \|fg\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\beta,\mu}} \leq C^2 \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha',\mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\beta',\mu_2}}.$$

PROOF. We get from Theorem 3.1 that

$$\|f \otimes g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \lesssim \|f \otimes g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha+\beta,\mu}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\beta,\mu}},$$

and the same estimate holds for $f \odot g$ instead of $f \otimes g$. Moreover,

$$\|f \otimes g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\beta,\mu}}.$$

These estimates lead to the first inequality. The second one follows as before using Proposition 2. \square

REMARK 17. If we assume instead that

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu}{p} = \frac{\mu_1}{p_1} + \frac{\mu_2}{p_2},$$

then by Remark 15, we also have

$$\|fg\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p_2,q}^{\beta,\mu_2}}.$$

3.4. *Duality.* Recall that $(\cdot, \cdot)_\mu$ denotes the scalar product in L^2_μ .

PROPOSITION 7 (Duality). *Let $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that the following holds. Let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$, p' and q' be their respective conjugate exponents, and $\mu \leq \mu_0$. The mapping $(f, g) \mapsto (f, g)_\mu$ (defined for $f, g \in C_c^\infty$) extends uniquely to a continuous bilinear form on $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu} \times \mathcal{B}_{p',q'}^{-\alpha,\mu}$, and moreover,*

$$(3.22) \quad |(f, g)_\mu| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p',q'}^{-\alpha,\mu}}.$$

PROOF. It suffices to show that for every $f, g \in C_c^\infty$,

$$(3.23) \quad \sum_{k,l \geq -1} |(\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu| \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p',q'}^{-\alpha,\mu}}.$$

We decompose the proof into three steps.

Step 1. Let \bar{C} denote the annulus $B(0, 10/3) \setminus B(0, 1/12)$. Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ be such that $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi = 1$ on the annulus \bar{C} , let $\phi_k = \phi(\cdot/2^k)$ and let $\check{\phi}_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\phi_k)$. In this step, we show that for every $l \geq -1$ and every $k \geq l + 2$,

$$(3.24) \quad (\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu = \int \delta_k f \delta_l g (w_\mu \star \check{\phi}_k).$$

By Parseval’s identity,

$$(2\pi)^d (\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu = \int \widehat{\delta_k f}(\zeta_1) \widehat{\delta_l g \star \widehat{w}_\mu}(\zeta_2) \widehat{w}_\mu(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2) d\zeta_1 d\zeta_2.$$

For $l \geq 0$, the integrand on the right-hand side is zero unless $\zeta_1 \in 2^k \mathcal{C}^*$ and $\zeta_2 \in 2^l \mathcal{C}^*$, where we recall that \mathcal{C}^* was defined in (3.1). Since we assume that $k \geq l + 2$, the integrand being nonzero implies that $\zeta_1 - \zeta_2 \in 2^k \bar{C}$. This conclusion remains valid when $l = -1$. Hence, multiplying the integrand by $\phi_k(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)$ does not change the value of the integral, and using Parseval’s identity again, we obtain (3.24).

Step 2. Let $\alpha' \in (\alpha, 1)$. We now show that

$$(3.25) \quad |w_\mu \star \check{\phi}_k| \lesssim 2^{-\alpha'k} w_\mu.$$

By a change of variables,

$$w_\mu \star \check{\phi}_k(x) = \int w_\mu(x - y) \check{\phi}_k(y) dy = \int w_\mu\left(x - \frac{y}{2^k}\right) \check{\phi}(y) dy.$$

Since $\phi(0) = 0$, we have $\int \check{\phi} = 0$, and thus

$$w_\mu \star \check{\phi}_k(x) = \int \left(w_\mu\left(x - \frac{y}{2^k}\right) - w_\mu(x)\right) \check{\phi}(y) dy.$$

Recall that by Proposition 1, $\check{\phi}(y) \lesssim e^{-c|y|^{1/\theta}}$ for some $c > 0$, and that

$$\frac{w_\mu(x - \frac{y}{2^k})}{w_\mu(x)} \leq w_{-\mu}\left(\frac{y}{2^k}\right).$$

We first analyse the integral over $|y| \geq 2^{l_0}$, where $l_0 \geq 0$ will be chosen later, and decompose it as the union of $2^l \leq |y| < 2^{l+1}$, $l \geq l_0$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.26) \quad & \left| \int_{|y| \geq 2^{l_0}} \left(w_\mu\left(x - \frac{y}{2^k}\right) - w_\mu(x) \right) \check{\phi}(y) \, dy \right| \\ & \lesssim w_\mu(x) \sum_{l=l_0}^{+\infty} 2^{dl} \exp(2\mu 2^{\delta(l+1-k)} - c2^{l/\theta}). \end{aligned}$$

The summand in the sum above is bounded by

$$\exp(2\mu 2^{\delta l} - c2^{l/\theta} + dl \log(2)),$$

so if we choose l_0 to be the smallest integer such that $2^{l_0} \geq k^{2\theta}$, then the sum in the right-hand side of (3.26) tends to 0 super-exponentially fast as k tends to infinity. In order to show (3.25), it thus suffices to show that

$$(3.27) \quad \left| \int_{|y| \leq 2k^{2\theta}} \left(w_\mu\left(x - \frac{y}{2^k}\right) - w_\mu(x) \right) \check{\phi}(y) \, dy \right| \lesssim 2^{-\alpha'k} w_\mu(x).$$

By the definition of w_μ , we have $|w_\mu(x - z) - w_\mu(x)| \lesssim |z|w_\mu(x)$ uniformly over $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and z such that $|z| \leq 1$. The left-hand side of (3.27) is thus bounded by a constant times

$$\frac{k^{2\theta}}{2^k} w_\mu(x) \|\check{\phi}\|_{L^1}$$

with $\|\check{\phi}\|_{L^1} < \infty$, so the proof of (3.25) is complete.

Step 3. Combining the results of the two previous steps and Hölder’s inequality, we obtain that for every $l \geq -1$ and every $k \geq l + 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.28) \quad & |(\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu| \lesssim 2^{-\alpha'k} \int |\delta_k f \delta_l g| w_\mu \\ & \lesssim 2^{-\alpha'k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \|\delta_l g\|_{L_\mu^{p'}}. \end{aligned}$$

For any k and l , we also have $|(\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu| \leq \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \|\delta_l g\|_{L_\mu^{p'}}$, so for any k and l , we have

$$(3.29) \quad |(\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu| \lesssim 2^{-\alpha'|k-l|} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \|\delta_l g\|_{L_\mu^{p'}}.$$

Let us write $u_k = \mathbf{1}_{k \geq -1} 2^{-\alpha k} \|\delta_k g\|_{L_\mu^{p'}}$, $v_k = 2^{-(\alpha' - \alpha)|k|}$, and $u \star v$ for the convolution of the sequences u and v (indexed by \mathbb{Z}). By Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,l \geq -1} |(\delta_k f, \delta_l g)_\mu| &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq -1} 2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p} \sum_{l \geq -1} 2^{-\alpha l} \|\delta_l g\|_{L_\mu^{p'}} 2^{\alpha(k-l) - \alpha'|k-l|} \\ &\lesssim \|(2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p})_{k \geq -1}\|_{\ell^q} \|u \star v\|_{\ell^{q'}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the standard Young inequality for sequences, $\|u \star v\|_{\ell^{q'}} \leq \|u\|_{\ell^{q'}} \|v\|_{\ell^1}$, and $\|v\|_{\ell^1} < \infty$, so we obtain (3.23). \square

REMARK 18. Although this will not be used below, note that one can spread the weights unevenly in (3.22) if desired. Using the modified Hölder inequality (3.18) in (3.28) shows that for $\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$ such that

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_1}{p} + \frac{\mu_2}{p'},$$

one has

$$|(f, g)_\mu| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu_1}} \|g\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p',q'}^{-\alpha,\mu_2}}.$$

3.5. *Besov and Sobolev norms.* We now show that for every $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, one can estimate the Besov norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}}$ in terms of $\|f\|_{L_\mu^1}$ and $\|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}$.

PROPOSITION 8 (Estimate in terms of ∇f). *Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\mu_0 > 0$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$,*

$$C^{-1} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq \|f\|_{L_\mu^1}^{1-\alpha} \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}^\alpha + \|f\|_{L_\mu^1}.$$

REMARK 19. In particular, there exists $C < \infty$ such that

$$C^{-1} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1} + \|f\|_{L_\mu^1}.$$

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 8. It suffices to prove the result for $f \in C_c^\infty$. For $\ell \geq 0$, we define the projectors

$$\mathcal{P}_\ell f = \sum_{-1 \leq k \leq \ell} \delta_k f \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_\ell^\perp f = \sum_{k \geq \ell+1} \delta_k f,$$

so that $f = \mathcal{P}_\ell f + \mathcal{P}_\ell^\perp f$, and by the triangle inequality,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \leq \|\mathcal{P}_\ell f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} + \|\mathcal{P}_\ell^\perp f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}}.$$

For the first term, recalling (3.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{P}_\ell f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} &= \sum_{-1 \leq k \leq \ell} 2^{k\alpha} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^1} = \sum_{-1 \leq k \leq \ell} 2^{k\alpha} \|\eta_k \star f\|_{L_\mu^1} \\
 (3.30) \qquad &\leq \sum_{-1 \leq k \leq \ell} 2^{k\alpha} \|\eta_k\|_{L_{-\mu}^1} \|f\|_{L_\mu^1} \lesssim 2^{\ell\alpha} \|f\|_{L_\mu^1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where we used Theorem 2.1 (Young’s inequality) and then Lemma 1. On the other hand, using the fact that for $k \geq 0$, the function η_k has vanishing integral, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\mathcal{P}_\ell^\perp f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq \ell+1} 2^{k\alpha} \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^1} \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq \ell+1} 2^{k\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \eta_k(y) (f(x-y) - f(x)) \, dy \right| e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \, dx \\
 &\leq \sum_{k \geq \ell+1} 2^{k\alpha} 2^{-k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |2^k y \eta_k(y)| \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f(x-y) - f(x)|}{|y|} e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \, dx \right) \, dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (2.6),

$$\int f(x-y) e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \, dx \leq e^{\mu|y|_*^\delta} \|f\|_{L_\mu^1},$$

and as a consequence,

$$\int_{|y|>1} |2^k y \eta_k(y)| \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f(x-y) - f(x)|}{|y|} e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \, dx \right) \, dy \leq 2 \| |2^k \cdot| \eta_k \|_{L_{-\mu}^1} \|f\|_{L_\mu^1},$$

with $\| |2^k \cdot| \eta_k \|_{L_{-\mu}^1} \lesssim 1$ by Remark 5. Moreover, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\frac{|f(x-y) - f(x)|}{|y|} = \frac{1}{|y|} \left| \int_0^1 \nabla f(x - ty) \cdot y \, dt \right| \leq \int_0^1 |\nabla f(x - ty)| \, dt,$$

so using that $\| |2^k \cdot| \eta_k \|_{L^1} \lesssim 1$,

$$\int_{|y| \leq 1} |2^k y \eta_k(y)| \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f(x-y) - f(x)|}{|y|} e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \, dx \right) \, dy \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}.$$

To sum up, we have shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{P}_\ell^\perp f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq \ell+1} 2^{k(\alpha-1)} (\|f\|_{L_\mu^1} + \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}) \\
 (3.31) \qquad &\lesssim 2^{\ell(\alpha-1)} (\|f\|_{L_\mu^1} + \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}),
 \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \lesssim 2^{\ell\alpha} \|f\|_{L_\mu^1} + 2^{\ell(\alpha-1)} (\|f\|_{L_\mu^1} + \|\nabla f\|_{L_\mu^1}).$$

The result then follows by optimizing over ℓ . \square

3.6. *Compact embedding.* Finally, we prove a compactness embedding between Besov spaces. An efficient way to proceed is to show that it follows from a similar result in unweighted Besov spaces. We first need to “project” onto unweighted spaces.

PROPOSITION 9 (Projection on unweighted Besov spaces). *Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and $\phi \in C_c^\infty$. The mapping $f \mapsto \phi f$ extends to a continuous linear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,0}$.*

PROOF. The proof is similar to that of Corollaries 1 and 2. We need a modification of Theorem 3.1 that allows the destination space to be unweighted.

Recall the definition of η and $(\eta_k)_{k \geq 0}$ in (3.7). By Proposition 1,

$$|\eta|(x) \lesssim e^{-c|x|^{1/\theta}}.$$

Let M be such that the support of ϕ is contained in $[-M/2, M/2]^d$. Since for every $k \geq 0$,

$$\delta_k \phi(x) = 2^{kd} \int \phi(y) \eta(2^k(x - y)) dy$$

with ϕ compactly supported, we obtain that for every $k \geq 1$ and $|x| \geq M$ (redefining c to be smaller),

$$(3.32) \quad |\delta_k \phi|(x) \lesssim 2^{kd} e^{-c|2^k x|^{1/\theta}},$$

and thus for every $|x| \geq M$,

$$|S_k \phi|(x) \leq \sum_{j < k} |\delta_j \phi|(x) \lesssim e^{-c|x|^{1/\theta}}.$$

By Lemma 5, we also know that $\|S_k \phi\|_{L^\infty}$ is bounded uniformly over k . Hence, we can mimic the proof of Theorem 3.1 but with (3.17) replaced by

$$\|S_{k-1} \phi \delta_k f\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\delta_k f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

where the implicit constant is uniform over k . We thus obtain that the mapping $f \mapsto \phi \otimes f$ extends to a continuous linear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,0}$. Similarly, for every $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\|S_{k-1} f \delta_k \phi\|_{L^p} \lesssim 2^{-\beta k} \|S_{k-1} f\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

where we used (3.32) and the fact, ensured by Lemma 5, that $\|\delta_k \phi\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim 2^{-\beta k}$ (and where the implicit constants depend on β). Hence, for every $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, the mapping $f \mapsto f \otimes \phi$ extends to a continuous linear map from $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ to $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha+\beta,0}$. Moreover, the same conclusion also holds for the mapping $f \mapsto \phi \odot f$, so the proof is complete. \square

We will also need the following result.

LEMMA 8 (Besov norms on large scales). *Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty$, and for $m \geq 1$, let $\phi_m = \phi(\cdot/m)$. For every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and $\mu > 0$, we have*

$$\sup_{m \geq 1} \|\phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} < \infty.$$

Moreover, if the support of ϕ is contained in an annulus and $p \neq \infty$, then

$$\|\phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

PROOF. The identity $\|\phi_m\|_{L^\infty} = \|\phi\|_{L^\infty}$ is obvious, and for $p < \infty$ we have

$$\|\phi_m\|_{L_\mu^p} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\phi(x/m)|^p w_\mu(x) dx \leq \|\phi\|_{L^\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} w_\mu(x) dx,$$

and in particular, the left-hand side is bounded uniformly over m . Similarly, for any multi-index $k \in \mathbb{N}^d$, we have $\|\partial^k \phi_m\|_{L^\infty} = \frac{1}{m^{|k|}} \|\partial^k \phi\|_{L^\infty}$, so that $\|\partial^k \phi_m\|_{L_\mu^p}$ is bounded uniformly over m .

If in addition, $p < \infty$ and the support of ϕ does not intersect $B(0, \varepsilon)$ (for some $\varepsilon > 0$), we get in the same way that

$$\|\partial^k \phi_m\|_{L_\mu^p} \leq \frac{1}{m^{|k|}} \|\partial^k \phi\|_{L^\infty} \int_{|x| \geq \varepsilon m} w_\mu(x) dx \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

By (3.8), Proposition 1 and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\|\delta_k \phi_m\|_{L_\mu^p} \lesssim 2^{k(d-2n)} \|(-\Delta)^n \phi_m\|_{L_\mu^p},$$

and we thus obtain the announced results. \square

PROPOSITION 10 (Compact embedding). *Let $\alpha > \alpha' \in \mathbb{R}$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ with $p \neq \infty$, and $\mu' > \mu > 0$. The embedding $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha',\mu'}$ is compact.*

PROOF. Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence that is bounded in $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$. We wish to find a subsequence that converges in $\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha',\mu'}$.

Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty$ be such that

$$\phi = 1 \quad \text{on } B(0, 1), \quad \phi = 0 \quad \text{outside of } B(0, 2),$$

let $\phi_m = \phi(\cdot/m)$, $\alpha_1 < \alpha$ and $\mu_1 > \mu$. For every fixed m , up to extracting a subsequence [which we keep denoting by (f_n) for convenience], there exists $f^{(m)} \in \mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,0}$ such that

$$\|\phi_m f_n - f^{(m)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,0}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Indeed, this follows from Lemma 9 and [3], Theorem 2.94. In particular, we have $f^{(m)} \in \mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}$ and

$$\|\phi_m f_n - f^{(m)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

The convergence along a subsequence holds for any given m , and thus up to a diagonal extraction, it holds for every m simultaneously. By the boundedness assumption on the sequence (f_n) and the multiplicative inequalities (Corollaries 1 and 2),

$$\|f^{(m)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi_m f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}} \lesssim \|\phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\tilde{\alpha},\tilde{\mu}}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha,\mu}} \lesssim \|\phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\tilde{\alpha},\tilde{\mu}}},$$

for some $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\mu} > 0$ depending only on α_1, α, μ and μ_1 . By Lemma 8, $\|\phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\tilde{\alpha},\tilde{\mu}}}$ is bounded uniformly over m , so that the same holds for $\|f^{(m)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}}$.

It is clear that for $m \leq k$, the distributions $f^{(m)}$ and $f^{(k)}$ coincide on $B(0, m)$. In particular, for $m \leq k$,

$$f^{(m)} - f^{(k)} = (1 - \phi_{m/2})(f^{(m)} - f^{(k)}).$$

Letting $\alpha_2 < \alpha_1$ and $\mu_2 > \mu_1$, we can use the multiplicative inequalities to obtain, for every $m \leq k$,

$$\|f^{(m)} - f^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_2,\mu_2}} \lesssim \|1 - \phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\mu}}} \|f^{(m)} - f^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}} \lesssim \|1 - \phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\mu}}},$$

for some $\bar{\alpha}$ and $\bar{\mu} > 0$ depending only on $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \mu_1$ and μ_2 (where we used the fact that $\|f^{(m)}\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}}$ is uniformly bounded in the last step). By Lemma 8, it follows that the sequence $(f^{(m)})$ is a Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_2,\mu_2}$, and thus converges to some $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_2,\mu_2}$. We have the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi_m f_n & \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} & f^{(m)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f_n & \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} & f \end{array} \quad (m \rightarrow \infty),$$

where every convergence holds in $\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_2,\mu_2}$, and the bottom horizontal arrow is the convergence we want to show. This convergence is proved by observing that the convergence of $\phi_m f_n$ to f_n as m tends to infinity is uniform in n . Indeed, it suffices to observe that

$$\|f_n - \phi_m f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_2,\mu_2}} \lesssim \|1 - \phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\mu}}} \|f_n\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\alpha_1,\mu_1}} \lesssim \|1 - \phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\mu}}},$$

and to use again the fact that $\|1 - \phi_m\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p,1}^{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\mu}}} \rightarrow 0$ as m tends to infinity. \square

4. Other scales of weights. We now indicate how the above results carry over to polynomial weights, and to flat weights on cubes for periodic functions. Throughout the paper, when we refer to a result of Section 3 in the context of polynomial weights or in the periodic context, it is understood that the result is adapted according to the rules we now explain. In the previous sections, we were careful to give estimates that hold uniformly over $\mu \leq \mu_0$, for some given μ_0 . Such uniformity will only be used for exponential weights, so the reader may leave this aspect aside.

4.1. *Polynomial weights.* For $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$, we let

$$(4.1) \quad \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) = |x|_*^{-\sigma},$$

and write \widehat{L}_σ^p for the space $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx)$. From now on, we will always assume that $\sigma \geq 0$. It is clear that

$$\frac{\widehat{w}_\sigma(x+y)}{\widehat{w}_\sigma(y)} \lesssim |x|_*^\sigma = \widehat{w}_{-\sigma},$$

and $\widehat{w}_{-\sigma}$ is dominated by w_{-1} . Moreover, the weight \widehat{w}_σ is integrable if and only if $\sigma > d$. In Section 2, there is only one place where we assumed the weight to be integrable (that is, $\mu \neq 0$), namely in (3.12). We simply need to replace the assumption that $\mu \neq 0$ by the assumption that $\sigma > d$. That is, if $\sigma > d$ and $p_1 \leq p_2$, then there exists $C < \infty$ such that

$$(4.2) \quad \|f\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p_1,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \leq C \|f\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p_2,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}},$$

which is the analogue of (3.12). All the other estimates of Section 2 are valid for every $\sigma \geq 0$ if one replaces L_μ^p by \widehat{L}_σ^p throughout. As an example, the conclusion of Lemma 2 becomes

$$\text{Supp } \widehat{f} \subseteq \lambda B \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|\partial^k f\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^p} \leq C \lambda^{|k|+d(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{\widehat{L}_{\sigma q/p}^q}.$$

For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma > 0$, $p, q \in [1, +\infty]$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, we define

$$(4.3) \quad \|f\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}} := \|(2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^p})_{k \geq -1}\|_{\ell^q}.$$

The Besov space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}$ is the completion of C_c^∞ with respect to this norm. The results of Section 3 then follow seamlessly, simply replacing $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\mu}$ by $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}$ throughout. As an example, the conclusion of Proposition 2 becomes

$$\|f\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{r,q}^{\alpha,\sigma r/p}}.$$

There is one more place where we used the property that the weight is integrable, namely in Section 3.6 on the compactness embedding (in Lemma 8). Again, we simply need to add the requirement that $\sigma > d$ to obtain the result for polynomial weights. Explicitly, the compactness embedding becomes the following.

PROPOSITION 11 (Compact embedding). *Let $\alpha > \alpha' \in \mathbb{R}$, $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ with $p \neq \infty$ and $\sigma' > \sigma > d$. The embedding $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,1}^{\alpha,\sigma} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,1}^{\alpha',\sigma'}$ is compact.*

4.2. *Flat weights on cubes.* We will also need to use Besov spaces that are tailored for the periodic setting. One natural option would be to base the definition of these Besov spaces on discrete Fourier series (those adapted to the torus under consideration). We choose a slightly different route here: we prefer to view

functions on the torus as periodic functions on the full space, and to use the continuous Fourier transform of these functions instead. The latter approach has two advantages. First, the construction is closer to what was done for the weighted Besov spaces above, so the extension of the previous results to these spaces is more transparent. Secondly, we will build solutions on the full space as limits of solutions on increasingly large tori, so viewing functions on a torus as periodic functions on the full space is more natural for our later purpose.

We say that a function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is M -periodic if for every $z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d$, we have $f(z + \cdot) = f$. We write \tilde{L}_M^p for the L^p space of M -periodic functions equipped with the Lebesgue measure on $[-M/2, M/2]^d$, and $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}$ for the associated norm. We note that if $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are measurable functions with f being M -periodic, then for r, p, q as in Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\|f \star g\|_{\tilde{L}_M^r} \leq C \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p} \|g_M\|_{\tilde{L}_M^q},$$

where

$$g_M := \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} g(\cdot + y).$$

From this modified form of Young’s inequality, one can then proceed as before, since the functions we consider are rapidly decreasing to 0 at infinity. For instance, the analogue of Lemma 2 reads: if f is an M -periodic function with $\text{Supp } \hat{f} \subseteq \lambda B$, then $\|\partial^k f\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p} \leq C \lambda^{|k|+d(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_M^q}$. In short, since the weight is now flat, its powers are trivial and the inequalities simplify. For every M -periodic function $f \in C^\infty$, we define

$$\|f\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,M}} := \|(2^{\alpha k} \|\delta_k f\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p})_{k \geq -1}\|_{\ell^q},$$

and let $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,M}$ be the completion of the set of M -periodic functions in C^∞ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,M}}$. Section 3 then carries over with obvious changes. For instance, for α, β, p and r as in Proposition 2, we have $\|f\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,q}^{\alpha,M}} \leq C \|f\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{r,q}^{\beta,M}}$.

5. The stochastic heat equation and its Wick powers. Now that the necessary facts about weighted Besov spaces are established, the remaining sections are devoted to the actual construction of the solution of the stochastic quantisation equation (1.1). In this section, we provide some probabilistic preliminaries and perform the construction of solution of the stochastic heat equation and its Wick powers in a weighted Besov space.

We start by recalling the definition of a space–time white noise ξ . Formally, ξ is a centred Gaussian distribution on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$ with covariance

$$(5.1) \quad \mathbb{E}\xi(t, x)\xi(t', x') = \delta(t - t')\delta^d(x - x'),$$

where $\delta(\cdot)$ denotes the Dirac delta function and $\delta^d(\cdot)$ is the Dirac delta function over \mathbb{R}^d . Of course, (5.1) does not make sense as it stands, but it can be made rigorous easily, by integrating against a test function $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and postulating that

$$(5.2) \quad \mathbb{E}\xi(\phi)^2 = \|\phi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)}^2.$$

DEFINITION 4. Space–time white noise is a family of centred Gaussian random variables $\{\xi(\phi), \phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)\}$, such that (5.2) holds.

The existence of space–time white noise in the sense of Definition 4 on some probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ follows immediately from the Kolmogorov extension theorem. Furthermore, the mapping $\phi \mapsto \xi(\phi)$ is automatically linear on $\mathcal{H} := L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ [in the sense that for every ϕ_1, ϕ_2 we have almost surely $\xi(\phi_1) + \xi(\phi_2) = \xi(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$]. Below, we will often use the somewhat formal notation

$$\xi(\phi) =: \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d} \phi(z) \xi(dz),$$

although ξ is almost surely not a measure. In particular, for a given $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$, the random variable $\xi(\phi)$ is only defined outside of a set of measure zero, and a priori this set depends on the choice of ϕ .

We will need a periodised (in space) white noise, defined on the same probability space. For every $M > 0$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$, we set

$$(5.3) \quad \xi_M(\phi) = \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d} \phi(z) \xi_M(dz) := \xi(\phi_M),$$

where

$$(5.4) \quad \phi_M(t, x) = \mathbf{1}_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d}(x) \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \phi(t, x + y).$$

For every $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$, we have

$$\phi_M \in L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d),$$

so that (5.3) makes sense. Furthermore, for every ϕ with support contained in $\mathbb{R} \times [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d$, we have $\xi(\phi) = \xi_M(\phi)$ almost surely.

From now on, we assume that \mathcal{F} is the completion of the sigma-algebra generated by $\{\xi(\phi): \phi \in \mathcal{H}\}$. Under this assumption, it is well known that we have the orthogonal decomposition

$$L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathcal{H}^{(k)},$$

where $\mathcal{H}^{(k)}$ denotes the k th homogeneous Wiener chaos. More precisely, $\mathcal{H}^{(0)} = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \{\xi(\phi): \phi \in \mathcal{H}\}$, and for every $k \geq 2$, we have

$$\mathcal{H}^{(k)} = \{I_k(\phi): \phi \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes_{\text{sym}} k}\}.$$

Here, $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes_{\text{sym}} k}$ denotes the set of square integrable, symmetric kernels $\phi: (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and I_k denotes the k -fold iterated stochastic integral (see [19], Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2). Below we will often use the notation,

$$I_k(\phi) = \int_{(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)^k} \phi(z_1, \dots, z_k) \xi(dz_1) \cdots \xi(dz_k).$$

Let us recall that for every kernel $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes_{\text{sym}} k}$, we have the following isometry:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)^k} \phi(z_1, \dots, z_k) \xi(dz_1) \cdots \xi(dz_k) \right)^2 \\ (5.5) \qquad \qquad \qquad = k! \int_{(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)^k} \phi(z_1, \dots, z_k)^2 dz_1 \cdots dz_k. \end{aligned}$$

We also recall Nelson’s estimate (see [19], Section 1.4.3), which states that for every $k \geq 1$ and $p \geq 2$, there exists a $C_{k,p}$ such that for every $X \in \mathcal{H}^{(k)}$,

$$(5.6) \qquad \qquad \qquad (\mathbb{E}|X|^p)^{\frac{2}{p}} \leq C_{k,p} \mathbb{E}X^2.$$

Below we will also need the following *Kolmogorov lemma*. Recall that according to (3.7), for $k \geq -1$, we have $\eta_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\chi_k$.

LEMMA 9. *Let $(t, \phi) \mapsto Z(t, \phi)$ be a map from $\mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ which is linear and continuous in ϕ . Assume that for some $p > 1$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\kappa > \frac{1}{p}$ and all $T > 0$, there exists a function $K_T \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, such that for all $k \geq -1$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s, t \in [-T, T]$,*

$$(5.7) \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathbb{E}|Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \leq K_T(x)^p 2^{-k\alpha p},$$

$$(5.8) \quad \mathbb{E}|Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x)) - Z(s, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \leq K_T(x)^p 2^{-k(\alpha - \kappa)p} |t - s|^{\kappa p}.$$

Then there exists a random distribution \tilde{Z} which takes values in $C(\mathbb{R}, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha',\sigma})$ for any $\alpha' < \alpha - \kappa$ and $\sigma > 2$, and which satisfies for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$(5.9) \qquad \qquad \qquad Z(t, \phi) = (\tilde{Z}(t), \phi) \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

Furthermore, for every $T > 0$, we have

$$(5.10) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{-T \leq t \leq T} \|\tilde{Z}(t, \cdot)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha',\sigma}}^p \leq C(T, \alpha, \alpha', p) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_T(x)^p \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx.$$

We stated this lemma in the case of polynomial weights, but the same statement holds if \widehat{w}_σ is replaced by another integrable weight, for example, stretched exponential. In particular, the following modification of Lemma 9 follows by the same method, and we omit the proof.

LEMMA 10. *Let Z satisfy the assumptions (5.7) and (5.8) of Lemma 9. If in addition, Z has the property that for some fixed $M > 0$ and all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d$,*

$$(5.11) \quad Z(t, \phi) = Z(t, \phi(\cdot - z)) \quad \text{almost surely,}$$

then \tilde{Z} takes values in the Besov space $\tilde{B}_{p,p}^{\alpha',M}$ of periodic functions and

$$(5.12) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{-T \leq t \leq T} \|\tilde{Z}(t)\|_{\tilde{B}_{p,p}^{\alpha',M}}^p \leq C(T, \alpha, \alpha', p) \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d} K_T(x)^p dx.$$

PROOF OF LEMMA 9. For fixed $k \geq -1$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we start by defining a random function $Z_k(t, \cdot)$ which will play the role of $\delta_k \tilde{Z}(t, \cdot)$. The natural definition would be

$$(5.13) \quad Z_k(t, x) = Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x)).$$

Unfortunately, $Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))$ is only defined outside of a set of measure zero which depends on x (and t), so that it is not clear if (5.13) can be made sense of for all x simultaneously. We circumvent this problem by the following trick (which is motivated by the Shannon sampling theorem [16], Section 1.4). Set $\varepsilon_k = \frac{1}{4} \frac{3\pi}{2^{k+3}}$, and let $\tilde{\chi}_k \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be real valued, symmetric, such that $\tilde{\chi}_k$ is constantly equal to 1 on the annulus $B(0, 2^k \frac{8}{3}) \setminus B(0, 2^k \frac{3}{4})$, and such $\tilde{\chi}_k$ vanishes outside the annulus $B(0, 2^k \frac{16}{3}) \setminus B(0, 2^k \frac{3}{8})$ [for $k = -1$ we assume that $\tilde{\chi}_{-1}$ is 1 on the ball $B(0, \frac{4}{3})$ and vanishes outside of $B(0, \frac{8}{3})$]. Finally, define $\tilde{\eta}_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\chi}_k$.

For $x \in \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d$, we define $Z_k(t, x)$ as in (5.13), and for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d$, we set

$$(5.14) \quad Z_k(t, x) = \sum_{y \in \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d} \varepsilon_k^d Z_k(t, y) \tilde{\eta}_k(x - y).$$

As $\tilde{\eta}_k$ is a Schwartz function and the assumption (5.7) implies that, for example,

$$\sum_{y \in \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d} \varepsilon_k^d (1 + |y|)^{-d-1} Z_k(t, y) < \infty$$

almost surely, it follows that (5.14) defines a smooth random function on a set of measure 1. Furthermore, we have for $k \geq 0$

$$(5.15) \quad \text{Supp } \mathcal{F}(Z_k(t, \cdot)) \subseteq B\left(0, 2^k \frac{16}{3}\right) \setminus B\left(0, 2^k \frac{3}{8}\right),$$

and $\text{Supp } \mathcal{F}(Z_{-1}(t, \cdot)) \subseteq B(0, \frac{8}{3})$. Next, we set $\tilde{Z}(t) = \sum_{k \geq -1} Z_k(t, \cdot)$. Equation (5.15) implies that this sum converges almost surely when tested against a test function with smooth and compactly supported Fourier transform. In the estimates below, we show that \tilde{Z} is a well-defined random distribution.

We claim that for fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, \tilde{Z} satisfies (5.9), at least if ϕ has Fourier transform in C_c^∞ . Indeed, we have for such ϕ

$$(\tilde{Z}(t), \phi) = \sum_{k \geq -1} (Z_k(t, \cdot), \phi) = \sum_{k \geq -1} \sum_{y \in \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d} \varepsilon_k^d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Z_k(t, y) \tilde{\eta}_k(x - y) \phi(x) dx.$$

As a next step, we use the fact that both $\tilde{\eta}_k$ and η_k have a Fourier transform supported in the annulus $B(0, 2^k \frac{16}{3}) \setminus B(0, 2^k \frac{3}{8})$ which implies for our choice of ε_k that

$$\sum_{y \in \varepsilon_k \mathbb{Z}^d} \varepsilon_k^d \eta_k(y - \cdot) (\tilde{\eta}_k * \phi(y)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \eta_k(y - \cdot) (\tilde{\eta}_k * \phi(y)) dy = \delta_k \phi(\cdot),$$

where the convergence takes place in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Hence, by continuity of $Z(t, \cdot)$ we can conclude that

$$(\tilde{Z}(t), \phi) = \sum_{k \geq -1} Z(t, \delta_k \phi) = Z(t, \phi).$$

In particular, this implies that for every x , (5.13) holds almost surely.

Now we can estimate for $t \in [-T, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \|Z_k(t, \cdot)\|_{\hat{L}_\sigma^p}^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} |Z_k(t, x)|^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} |Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx \\ &\leq 2^{-k\alpha p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_T(x)^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

This bound in conjunction with (5.15) and the series criterion, Lemma 6, implies that for $\alpha' < \alpha$

$$\mathbb{E} \|\tilde{Z}(t, \cdot)\|_{\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha',\mu}}^p = \sum_{k \geq -1} 2^{k\alpha' p} \mathbb{E} \|Z_k(t, \cdot)\|_{\hat{L}_\sigma^p}^p \leq C(\alpha, \alpha', p) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_T(x)^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx.$$

In particular, almost surely \tilde{Z} is indeed a well-defined distribution in $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha',\mu}$. Furthermore, the assumption that ϕ has compactly supported and smooth Fourier transform can be removed from (5.9) and can be replaced by $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$.

In the same way, we can bound for $s, t \in [-T, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \|Z_k(t, \cdot) - Z_k(s, \cdot)\|_{\hat{L}_\sigma^p}^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} |Z(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x)) - Z(s, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx \\ &\leq |t - s|^{\kappa p} 2^{-k(\alpha - \kappa)p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_T(x)^p \hat{w}_\sigma(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

So after summing over k , the (usual) Kolmogorov criterion permits to pass to a modification of the process $t \mapsto \tilde{Z}(t)$ which satisfies (5.9) and (5.10). \square

With these preliminary results in hand, we can start the construction of the solution of the stochastic heat equation and its Wick powers in weighted Besov spaces, in the case when $d = 2$. The space–time white noise ξ does not satisfy the conditions of Lemma 9, and indeed it can only be realised as a space–time distribution, and not as a continuous function in time taking values in a space of distributions.

However, we do not need to perform this construction. Instead, we start directly by analysing the properties of the solution of the stochastic heat equation

$$(5.16) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Z = \Delta Z + \xi, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Z(0, \cdot) = 0. \end{cases}$$

There are many equivalent ways to interpret this equation. We choose to simply postulate Duhamel’s principle, and to define for every $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and every $t \geq 0$

$$(5.17) \quad Z(t, \phi) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\phi, K(t - r, \cdot - y)) \xi(dr, dy).$$

Here K denotes the standard Gaussian heat kernel, that is, for $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$K(t, x) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}\right).$$

We also define Z_M , the solution of the equation with periodised noise, as in (5.17) with ξ replaced by ξ_M . Furthermore, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define the Wick powers

$$(5.18) \quad \begin{aligned} Z^{:n:}(t, \phi) &= \int_{([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^2)^n} \left(\phi, \prod_{j=1}^n K(t - r_j, \cdot - y_j) \right) \xi(dr_1, dy_1) \cdots \xi(dr_n, dy_n), \end{aligned}$$

and as before $Z_M^{:n:}$ is defined by replacing every occurrence of ξ in (5.18) by ξ_M .

THEOREM 5.1. *For every $M \geq 1$ and every integer $n \geq 1$, there exist modifications $\tilde{Z}^{:n:}$ and $\tilde{Z}_M^{:n:}$ (in the sense of Lemma 9) of $Z^{:n:}$ and $Z_M^{:n:}$.*

For every $T > 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $p > \frac{2}{\alpha}$, there exists a constant $C = C(T, p, \alpha)$ such that for all $M \geq 1$ and $\sigma > 2$,

$$(5.19) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| \tilde{Z}^{:n:}(t) \|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}^p \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx,$$

$$(5.20) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| \tilde{Z}_M^{:n:}(t) \|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}^p \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx.$$

Furthermore, $\tilde{Z}_M^{:n:}$ is M -periodic and

$$(5.21) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| \tilde{Z}_M^{:n:}(t) \|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{-\alpha,M}}^p \leq CM^2.$$

Finally, we have

$$(5.22) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| \tilde{Z}^{:n:}(t) - \tilde{Z}_M^{:n:}(t) \|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}^p \leq CM^{2-\sigma}.$$

Throughout the proof of Theorem 5.1 (including the two lemmas at the end), we use the following conventions: for $x > 0$, we set $\log_+(x) = \log(x) \vee 0$. Furthermore, we set

$$|x|_M = \begin{cases} \inf\{|x + y|; y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2\}, & \text{if } M < \infty, \\ |x|, & \text{if } M = \infty. \end{cases}$$

Sometimes it is convenient to write $Z_\infty^{:n:} = Z^{:n:}$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 5.1. Equation (5.5) and polarisation show that for any $n, \phi_1, \phi_2 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $t_1, t_2 > 0$, and for any $M \in [1, \infty]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}(Z_M^{:n:}(t_1), \phi_1)(Z_M^{:n:}(t_2), \phi_2) \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)(\mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2; x_1 - x_2))^n dx_1 dx_2. \end{aligned}$$

For $M = \infty$, the generalised covariance in the last expression is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{K}_\infty(t_1, t_2; x_1 - x_2) \\ (5.23) \quad &= \int_0^{t_1 \wedge t_2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} K(t_1 - r, x_1 - z)K(t_2 - r, x_2 - z) dr dz \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{|t_1 - t_2|}^{t_1 + t_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_1 - x_2|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell, \end{aligned}$$

while for finite $0 < M < \infty$, we get

$$(5.24) \quad \mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2; x_1 - x_2) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{|t_1 - t_2|}^{t_1 + t_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_1 - x_2 - y|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell.$$

Pointwise bounds on the kernels \mathcal{K}_M are derived in Lemma 11 below.

From the bounds provided in Lemma 11, we get for any $k \geq -1$ any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, any $t \leq T$ and for $1 \leq M \leq \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}|Z_M^{:n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}|Z_M^{:n:}(t, \eta_k)|^2 \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_k(x_1)\eta_k(x_2)(\mathcal{K}_M(t, t, x_1 - x_2))^n dx_1 dx_2 \\ &\stackrel{(5.31)}{\lesssim_{T,n}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_k(x_1)\eta_k(x_2)(1 + \log_+(|x_1 - x_2|_M^{-1}))^n dx_1 dx_2. \end{aligned}$$

The integral involving the kernel 1 poses no problems, because the η_k are uniformly bounded in L^1 . We split the integral over the logarithmic kernel into an

integral over $\{|x_1|, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{4}\}$ and an integral over the remaining part of $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$. For the first integral, we get for $k \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{|x_1| \leq \frac{M}{4}} \int_{|x_2| \leq \frac{M}{4}} \eta_k(x_1) \eta_k(x_2) \log_+(|x_1 - x_2|_M^{-1})^n \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \\
 (5.25) \quad & \lesssim_n \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_0(x_1) \eta_0(x_2) (\log_+(|x_1 - x_2|^{-1}) + k \log(2))^n \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \\
 & \lesssim_n (1 + k^n).
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, we have used the fact that $\eta_k(\cdot) = 2^{2k} \eta_0(2^k \cdot)$. The integral in the second line converges because η_0 is a Schwartz function.

The integral over $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{|x_1|, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{4}\}$ can then easily be seen to be uniformly bounded in k and M using the decay of the η_k . More precisely, one uses the fact that for $k \geq 0$ and any $m > 2$ we have $\eta_k(x) = 2^{2k} \eta(2^k x) \lesssim_m \frac{1}{2^{m-2}|x|^m}$. The integral in the case $k = -1$ can easily be checked to converge as well. Hence, summarising these calculations and applying Nelson’s estimate (5.6) for any $p \geq 2$, we get uniformly over $t \leq T, x \in \mathbb{R}^2, M \in [1, \infty]$ and $k \geq -1$

$$(5.26) \quad \mathbb{E}|Z_M^{:n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \lesssim_{T,n,p} 1 + |k|^{\frac{np}{2}}.$$

In the same way, for $0 \leq t_1, t_2 \leq T$ we have for $M \in [1, \infty]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}|Z_M^{:n:}(t_1, \eta_k(\cdot - x)) - Z_M^{:n:}(t_2, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^2 \\
 & = n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_k(x_1) \eta_k(x_2) \mathcal{Q}_M^n(t_1, t_2, x_1 - x_2) \, dx_1 \, dx_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the kernel \mathcal{Q}^n satisfies for $0 < \lambda \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{Q}_\delta^n(t_1, t_2, x) & = (\mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_1, x))^n + (\mathcal{K}_M(t_2, t_2, x))^n - 2(\mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2, x))^n \\
 & \stackrel{(5.31)(5.32)}{\lesssim_{T,n,\lambda}} \frac{|t_1 - t_2|^\lambda}{|x|_M^{2\lambda}} (1 + \log_+(|x|_M^{-1})^{n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then performing a similar calculation to (5.25) using the fact that $\eta_k(\cdot) = 2^{2k} \eta_0(2^k \cdot)$ and that η_0 is a Schwartz function, as well as Nelson’s estimate, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.27) \quad & \mathbb{E}|Z^{:n:}(t_1, \eta_k(\cdot - x)) - Z^{:n:}(t_2, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \\
 & \lesssim_{T,n,\lambda,p} |t_1 - t_2|^{\frac{\lambda p}{2}} 2^{pk\lambda} |k|^{\frac{p(n-1)}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The bounds (5.26) and (5.27) permit to invoke Lemma 9 (and Lemma 10) to conclude that (5.19), (5.20) and (5.21) hold.

We proceed to bound the difference $\mathcal{D}_M^{:n:} := Z_M^{:n:} - Z^{:n:}$. Unlike the preceding calculation, we need to make use of the decay of the weight in an essential way.

Indeed, for $|x| \geq \frac{M}{16}$ we simply bound

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}|\mathcal{D}_M^{n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \\
 (5.28) \quad & \lesssim_p \mathbb{E}|\mathcal{Z}_M^{n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p + \mathbb{E}|\mathcal{Z}^{n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \\
 & \stackrel{(5.26)}{\lesssim}_{T,n,p} 1 + |k|^{\frac{np}{2}},
 \end{aligned}$$

and in the same way

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.29) \quad & \mathbb{E}|\mathcal{D}_M^{n:}(t_1, \eta_k(\cdot - x)) - \mathcal{D}_M^{n:}(t_2, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \\
 & \lesssim_{T,n,\lambda,p}^{(5.27)} |t_1 - t_2|^{\frac{\lambda p}{2}} 2^{pk\lambda} |k|^{\frac{p(n-1)}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for such x the difference $\mathcal{D}_M^{n:}$ satisfies the bounds required to apply Lemma 9 for a function K_T that does not depend on x . If $|x| \leq \frac{M}{16}$ we write

$$\mathbb{E}|\mathcal{D}_M^{n:}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^2 = n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_k(x_1)\eta_k(x_2)\mathcal{R}_M^n(t; x - x_1, x - x_2) dx_1 dx_2.$$

The kernel appearing in this expression is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{R}_M^n(t; x_1, x_2) \\
 & = (\mathcal{K}(t, t, x_1 - x_2))^n + (\mathcal{K}_M(t, t, x_1 - x_2))^n - 2(\mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2))^n,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.30) \quad & \mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t, x_1, x_2) \\
 & = \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2} \int_0^t \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t - r, x_1 - z)K(t - r, x_2 - z - y) dr dz.
 \end{aligned}$$

Estimates for the kernel $\mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}$ are collected in Lemma 12. These bounds yield for $|x - x_1|, |x - x_2| \leq \frac{M}{8}$ and any $m > 1$

$$|\mathcal{R}_M^n(t; x - x_1, x - x_2)| \lesssim_{T,m} (1 + \log_+(|x_1 - x_2|^{-1})^{n-1}) \frac{1}{M^{2m}}.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{|x_1| \leq \frac{M}{16}} \int_{|x_2| \leq \frac{M}{16}} \eta_k(x_1)\eta_k(x_2)\mathcal{R}_M^n(t; x - x_1, x - x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \\
 & \lesssim_{T,m} \frac{1}{M^{2m}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_k(x_1)\eta_k(x_2)(1 + \log_+(|x_1 - x_2|^{-1})^{n-1}) dx_1 dx_2 \\
 & \stackrel{(5.25)}{\lesssim}_{T,m} \frac{1}{M^{2m}} (1 + |k|^{n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

If one of the x_i satisfies $|x_i| \geq \frac{1}{M^{2m}}$, we can use the fact that the η_k are rescaled Schwartz functions to get the same polynomial decay of arbitrary order in M also

in the integral over the rest of \mathbb{R}^2 . Applying Nelson’s estimate once more and merging with (5.28), we get

$$\mathbb{E}|\mathcal{D}_M^{;n}(t, \eta_k(\cdot - x))|^p \lesssim_{T,m,p} (1 + |k|^{\frac{pn}{2}}) K_T(x),$$

where $K_T(x) = 1$ for $|x| \geq \frac{M}{16}$ and $K_T(x) \lesssim M^{-2m}$ else. Interpolating this bound with (5.29), it is easy to obtain a similar bound for the time increments. Hence, we can conclude by observing that for any m large enough,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} K_T(x) \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx \lesssim_m M^{-2m+2} + \int_{|x| \geq \frac{M}{16}} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) dx \lesssim_\sigma M^{2-\sigma}. \quad \square$$

LEMMA 11. *Let \mathcal{K}_M be defined by (5.23) and (5.24). Then for every $T > 0$ we get uniformly for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $0 \leq t_1, t_2 \leq T$ and $M \in [1, \infty]$*

$$(5.31) \quad \mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2; x) \leq C(T)(1 + \log_+(|x|_M^{-1})).$$

Furthermore, for any $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ and $0 \leq t_1, t_2 \leq T$

$$(5.32) \quad |\mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_1; x) - \mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2; x)| \leq C(T, \lambda) \frac{|t_1 - t_2|^\lambda}{|x|_M^{2\lambda}}.$$

PROOF. We first show (5.31). For $M < \infty$, we can assume without loss of generality that the infimum $\inf\{|x + y| : y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2\}$ is realised for $y = 0$ which implies that $|x| \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Then the term corresponding to $y = 0$ in (5.24) can be bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{|t_1-t_2|}^{t_1+t_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell \\ & \lesssim \int_0^{2T} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell \lesssim \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4\ell}\right) d\ell + \int_1^{1 \vee \frac{2T}{|x|^2}} \frac{1}{\ell} d\ell \\ & \lesssim_T 1 + \log_+(|x|^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

This calculation already shows the desired bound (5.31) in the case $M = \infty$. For $M < \infty$ for $z = |x + y|$, we use the bound

$$\frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{|t_1-t_2|}^{t_1+t_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{|z|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell \lesssim_m \int_0^{2T} \frac{1}{\ell} \left(\frac{\ell}{|z|^2}\right)^m d\ell \lesssim_m \frac{T^m}{|z|^{2m}},$$

valid for every $m > 0$. To bound the sum over $y \neq 0$ in (5.24), we choose an $m > 1$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{|t_1-t_2|}^{t_1+t_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - y|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell \\ & \lesssim_{m,T} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{|x + y|^{2m}} \lesssim_{m,T} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{|y|^{2m}} \lesssim_{m,T} M^{-2m}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we have made use of the fact that $|x| \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{2}}$ implies that $|x + y| \geq (1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})|y|$ for all $y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2$. Hence, (5.31) is established.

To see (5.32), we can again assume without loss of generality that in the case $M < \infty$ we have $|x|_M = |x|$, and hence $|x| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}M$. We get for any $M \in [1, \infty)$

$$(5.33) \quad |\mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_1; x) - \mathcal{K}_M(t_1, t_2; x)| \lesssim \int_{I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2} \exp\left(\frac{|x + y|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell.$$

Here, the intervals I_1 and I_2 are given by

$$I_1 = [0, |t_1 - t_2|] \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = [t_1 + t_2, 2t_1]_+$$

with the convention $[a, b]_+ = [a, b]$ if $a \leq b$ and $[a, b]_+ = [b, a]$ else. In particular, we have $|I_1| = |I_2| = |t_1 - t_2|$ and both intervals are contained in $[0, 2T]$. In the case $M = \infty$ the sum in (5.33) has to be replaced by the single term corresponding to $y = 0$.

For each term in (5.33) we get, setting $z = x + y$ and choosing $m > 0$ appropriately

$$\int_{I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(\frac{|z|^2}{4\ell}\right) d\ell \lesssim_m \int_{I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \left(\frac{\ell}{|z|^2}\right)^m d\ell \lesssim_{m,T} \frac{|t_1 - t_2|^{m \wedge 1}}{|z|^{2m}}.$$

For the term involving $y = 0$, we choose $m = \lambda \in (0, 1]$ in this bound. As above this already establishes (5.32) in the case $M = \infty$. For $M < \infty$, we use an arbitrary $m > 1$ to bound the terms for $y \neq 0$. We then obtain, using as above that $|x + y| \geq (1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})|y|$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \int_{I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{1}{\ell} \exp\left(\frac{|x + y|^2}{2\ell}\right) d\ell &\lesssim_{m,T} |t_1 - t_2| \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{|y|^{2m}} \\ &\lesssim_{m,T} |t_1 - t_2| M^{-2m}. \end{aligned}$$

So, (5.32) follows as well. \square

LEMMA 12. *Let $\mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}$ be defined by (5.30) and $\mathcal{K}_\infty, \mathcal{K}_M$ by (5.23), (5.24). For $0 \leq t \leq T, 1 \leq M < \infty$ and $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $|x_1|, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{8}$, we have*

$$(5.34) \quad \mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2) \leq C(T)(1 + \log_+(|x_1 - x_2|^{-1})).$$

Furthermore, under the same assumptions on t, M, x_1, x_2 we have for every $m > 1$

$$(5.35) \quad |\mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2) - \mathcal{K}_\infty(t, t; x_1 - x_2)| \leq C(T, m) \frac{1}{M^{2m}},$$

$$(5.36) \quad |\mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2) - \mathcal{K}_M(t, t; x_1 - x_2)| \leq C(T, m) \frac{1}{M^{2m}}.$$

PROOF. We start by establishing (5.34). The term in (5.30) corresponding to $y = 0$ can be bounded easily

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t-r, x_1-z)K(t-r, x_2-z) \, dr \, dz \\ & \leq \mathcal{H}_\infty(t, t; x_1-x_2) \stackrel{(5.31)}{\lesssim_T} (1 + \log_+(|x_1-x_2|^{-1})), \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we have used the fact that $|x_1|, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{8}$ implies that $|x_1-x_2|_M = |x_1-x_2|$. For the remaining terms, we use the fact that for $z \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{8}$ and $y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ we have $|x_2-z-y| \geq |y|-|x_2-z| \geq (1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}-\frac{1}{8})|y|$. We obtain for every $m > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (5.37) \quad \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} K(t-r, x_2-z-y) & \lesssim_m \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{t-r} \left(\frac{t-r}{|x_2-z-y|^2} \right)^m \\ & \lesssim_m \frac{(t-r)^{m-1}}{M^{2m}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (5.38) \quad \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \int_0^t \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t-r, x_1-x_2-z)K(t-r, -z-y) \, dr \, dz \\ \lesssim_m \frac{1}{M^{2m}} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (t-r)^{m-1} K(t-r, x_1-x_2-z) \, dr \, dz \\ \lesssim_{m,T} \frac{1}{M^{2m}}. \end{aligned}$$

So, (5.34) follows.

To see (5.35), we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2) - \mathcal{H}_\infty(t, t; x_1-x_2) \\ & = \sum_{y \in M\mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}} \int_0^t \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t-r, x_1-z)K(t-r, x_2-z-y) \, dr \, dz \\ & \quad - \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t-r, x_1-z)K(t-r, x_2-z) \, dr \, dz. \end{aligned}$$

We have already seen above in (5.38) that the first term on the right-hand side is bounded by $\frac{C(m,T)}{M^{2m}}$ for any $m > 1$. For the second term, our assumption $|x_1|, |x_2| \leq \frac{M}{8}$ enters, because it implies that for any $z \notin [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]$ and for $m > 1$ we have

$$K(t-r, x_1-z) \lesssim \frac{1}{t-r} \exp\left(-\frac{M^2}{16(t-r)}\right) \lesssim_m \frac{1}{t-r} \left(\frac{t-r}{M^2}\right)^m.$$

Therefore, we can conclude that

$$\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K(t-r, x_1-z) K(t-r, x_2-z) \, dr \, dz$$

$$\lesssim_m \frac{1}{M^{2m}} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (t-r)^{m-1} K(t-r, x_2-z) \, dr \, dz \lesssim_{m,T} \frac{1}{M^{2m}},$$

and (5.35) is established.

Finally, in a similar way we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{K}_{M,\infty}(t; x_1, x_2) - \mathcal{K}_M(t, t; x_1 - x_2) \\ (5.39) \quad &= \int_0^t \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} (K(t-r, x_1-z) - K_M(t-r, x_1-z)) \\ & \quad \times K_M(t-r, x_2-z) \, dr \, dz. \end{aligned}$$

We use once more the fact that $|x_1 + x_2| \leq \frac{M}{4}$ and argue as in (5.37) to see that uniformly over $z \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2$ we have

$$|K(t-r, x_1-z) - K_M(t-r, x_1-z)| \lesssim_m \frac{1}{t-r} \left(\frac{t-r}{M}\right)^m.$$

So that after integrating out the remaining kernel K_M in (5.39) we get the bound (5.36). \square

It remains to treat the case of nonzero initial condition X_0 for (5.16). We will need the following lemma only in the case $d = 2$, but as it causes no extra effort, we state and prove it for arbitrary spatial dimension.

LEMMA 13. *Let $|\alpha| < 1$, $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\sigma > 2$. Fix $X \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}$. For every $M \geq 1$, there exists an M -periodic distribution $X_M \in \widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,M}$ such that for every test function ϕ with compact support contained in $B(0, \frac{M}{4})$, we have*

$$(5.40) \quad (X_M, \phi) = (X, \phi).$$

Furthermore, the X_M are bounded in $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}$ uniformly in M and converge to X in every space $\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\tilde{\sigma}}$ for $\tilde{\alpha} < \alpha$ and $\tilde{\sigma} > \sigma$.

PROOF. Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty$ be such that

$$\phi = 1 \text{ on } B(0, 1/4), \quad \phi = 0 \text{ outside of } B(0, 1/3),$$

and let $\phi_M = \phi(\cdot/M)$. We define

$$\tilde{X}_M = \phi_M X.$$

By Lemma 8 and the multiplicative inequality, \tilde{X}_M is well-defined as an element of $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}$, and moreover,

$$\sup_{M \geq 1} \|\tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}} < \infty.$$

Since \tilde{X}_M is supported in $B(0, M/3)$, we can define the M -periodic distribution

$$X_M = \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \tilde{X}_M(\cdot - z).$$

This distribution satisfies (5.40). We now show that

$$\sup_{M \geq 1} \|X_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}} < \infty.$$

(It will be clear that the proof can be adapted to yield that for every M , X_M is in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,M}$.) We start by writing, for any $k \geq -1$ and $M \geq 1$,

$$\delta_k X_M = \delta_k X_M^{(\text{in})} + \delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_k X_M^{(\text{in})} &= \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_k \tilde{X}_M(\cdot - z) \mathbf{1}_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d}(\cdot - z), \\ \delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})} &= \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_k \tilde{X}_M(\cdot - z) (1 - \mathbf{1}_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d}(\cdot - z)). \end{aligned}$$

For $\delta_k X_M^{(\text{in})}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta_k X_M^{(\text{in})}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_p^p} &= \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \int |\delta_k \tilde{X}_M(x - z)|^p \mathbf{1}_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d}(x - z) \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d} |\delta_k \tilde{X}_M(x)|^p \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x + z) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

For $x \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x + z) &= \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) + \sum_{\substack{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d \\ z \neq 0}} \frac{1}{|x + z|_*^\sigma} \lesssim \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) + \sum_{\substack{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d \\ z \neq 0}} \frac{1}{|z|^\sigma} \\ &\lesssim \widehat{w}_\sigma(x) + M^{-\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that fact that uniformly over $M \geq 1$, $x \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d$ and $0 \neq z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d$, we have $|z| \lesssim |x + z|$. Observing that uniformly over $M \geq 1$ and $x \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d$, we have $w_\sigma(x) \gtrsim M^{-\sigma}$, we can conclude that

$$\sum_{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d} \widehat{w}_\sigma(x + z) \lesssim \widehat{w}_\sigma(x),$$

and hence $\|\delta_k X_M^{(\text{in})}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p \lesssim \|\delta_k \tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p$.

In order to treat $\delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})}$, we recall that $\delta_k \tilde{X}_M = \eta_k \star \tilde{X}_M$, where $\eta_k = 2^{2k} \eta(2^k \cdot)$ and $\eta \in \mathcal{S}$. Formally,

$$|\delta_k \tilde{X}_M|(x) = \int \eta_k(x - \cdot) \tilde{X}_M = \int \frac{\eta_k(x - \cdot)}{\widehat{w}_\sigma} \phi_{2M} \tilde{X}_M \widehat{w}_\sigma,$$

and arguing by density, we obtain by Proposition 7 that

$$|\delta_k \tilde{X}_M|(x) \leq \left\| \frac{\eta_k(x - \cdot)}{\widehat{w}_\sigma} \phi_{2M} \right\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \|\tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}}.$$

Since $\eta \in \mathcal{S}$, it is straightforward to check [using for instance (3.9)] that for any l , there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $M \geq 1$ and $|x| \geq M$,

$$|\delta_k \tilde{X}_M|(x) \leq \frac{C}{|2^k x|^l} \|\tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}}.$$

This bound allows to give a uniform bound on $\delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})}(x)$. We can assume without loss of generality that $x \in [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^d$ and write

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})}(x) &= \sum_{\substack{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d \\ z \neq 0}} \delta_k \tilde{X}_M(x - z) \lesssim \|\tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \sum_{\substack{z \in M\mathbb{Z}^d \\ z \neq 0}} \frac{C}{2^{kl} |z + x|^l} \\ &\lesssim \|\tilde{X}_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}} 2^{-kl} M^{-l}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the p th power of this uniform bound against \widehat{w}_σ , we obtain the desired bound on $\|\delta_k X_M^{(\text{out})}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p$, and hence the uniform in M bound on $\|X_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}}^p$. The fact that $\|X_M\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,M}}^p < \infty$ follows by the same arguments.

To see the convergence of X_M to X as M tends to infinity, we only need to recall that by Proposition 10 and (3.11), the embedding of $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}$ into $\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,p}^{\alpha,\sigma}$ is compact, and that every accumulation point is identified to be X by (5.40). \square

For $M \geq 1$ and every integer $n \geq 1$, let $Z^{:n}$ and $Z_M^{:n}$ be the modifications constructed in Theorem 5.1 (we drop the tildes for notational convenience). We define

$$V(t) = e^{\Delta t} X_0, \quad V_M(t) = e^{\Delta t} X_{0;M},$$

where $X_{0;M}$ is the periodic distribution constructed from X_0 as in Lemma 13. We also define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{c}(t) &= \int_t^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} K(r, x)^2 dx = \frac{\log(t^{-1})}{8\pi}, \\ \mathfrak{c}_M(t) &= \int_t^1 \int_{[-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2} K_M(r, x)^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that uniformly in $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$(5.41) \quad |c(t) - c_M(t)| \leq 4 \|K \mathbf{1}_M\|_{L^2([0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \leq \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{M} e^{-\frac{M^2}{2}},$$

where $\mathbf{1}_M$ is used as a shorthand for the indicator function of the set $\{(t, x) : x \notin [-\frac{M}{2}, \frac{M}{2}]^2\}$.

Finally, we set

$$(5.42) \quad \begin{aligned} Z_t^{:1:} &= Z_t = Z(t) + V(t), \\ Z_t^{:2:} &= (Z^{:2:}(t) - c(t)) + 2Z(t)V(t) + V(t)^2, \\ Z_t^{:3:} &= (Z^{:3:}(t) - 3c(t)Z(t)) + 3(Z^{:2:}(t) - c(t))V(t) \\ &\quad + 3Z(t)V^2(t) + V(t)^3, \end{aligned}$$

and we define $Z_{t;M}^{:1:}, Z_{t;M}^{:2:}, Z_{t;M}^{:3:}$ by replacing all the distributions $Z, Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:}, V$ and c by $Z_M, Z_M^{:2:}, Z_M^{:3:}, V_M, c_M$ in the definitions above.

REMARK 20. As in Section 1.1, let $\xi_\delta = \xi * \rho_\delta$ be a regularised space–time white noise, and let Z_δ be the solution of the stochastic heat equation (5.16) with ξ replaced by ξ_δ . For every positive δ , Z_δ is a smooth function, and hence arbitrary powers of it can be defined without ambiguity. For each $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the random variable $Z_\delta(t, x)$ is Gaussian, centred and with variance

$$\mathbb{E}Z_\delta(t, x)^2 = \bar{c}_\delta(t) = \|K \mathbf{1}_{[0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^2} * \rho_\delta\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2.$$

For every $t > 0$, this number diverges logarithmically as δ tends to 0, and the time dependence reflects the fact that we chose to work with homogenous initial datum, rather than with a process in equilibrium. Our processes Z, Z^2, Z^3 arise as limits as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ of the Wick powers with respect to this covariance structure, that is,

$$Z_\delta \rightarrow Z, \quad Z_\delta^2 - \bar{c}_\delta(t) \rightarrow Z^{:2:}, \quad Z_\delta^3 - 3\bar{c}_\delta(t)Z_\delta \rightarrow Z^{:3:}.$$

However, in order to be consistent with [5, 10, 18] we prefer to work with processes that arise as limits of an approximation scheme with time-independent renormalisation constant. If we set

$$c_\delta = \bar{c}_\delta(1) = \|K \mathbf{1}_{[0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^2} * \rho_\delta\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2,$$

then

$$Z_\delta^2 - c_\delta \quad \text{and} \quad Z_\delta^3 - 3c_\delta Z_\delta$$

still converge. The numbers $c(t)$ in the definition (5.42) correspond to the limit of $c_\delta - \bar{c}_\delta(1)$ as δ goes to zero.

We summarise the results of this section in the following corollaries. The second integrability index of the weighted Besov spaces will not be important, and from now on we will always choose it as ∞ . The first corollary will be used as input in the construction of the periodic solutions on a torus; see Section 6.

COROLLARY 3. *Fix $0 < \bar{\alpha} \leq 1$ and $T > 0$, $\sigma > 2$ and $p \geq 1$. We assume that $X_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{-\bar{\alpha},\sigma}$.*

Then for $n = 1, 2, 3$, $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} + \frac{2}{p}$ and $\alpha' > \alpha$ we have for every $1 \leq M < \infty$

$$(5.43) \quad \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 < t \leq T} t^{(n-1)\alpha'} \|Z_{t;M}^{:n:}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha,M}}^p < \infty.$$

PROOF. First, we observe that for $M < \infty$ the bound (5.21) implies for all n

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z_M^{:n:}(t)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha,M}}^p < \infty.$$

Indeed, we can chose $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ and $\bar{p} = \frac{4}{\alpha} \vee p$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z_M^{:n:}(t)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha,M}}^p &\leq \left(\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z_M^{:n:}(t)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\bar{\alpha},M}}^{\bar{p}} \right)^{\frac{p}{\bar{p}}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Prop. 2, (3.11)}}{\lesssim} \left(\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z_M^{:n:}(t)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\bar{p},\bar{p}}^{-\bar{\alpha},M}}^{\bar{p}} \right)^{\frac{p}{\bar{p}}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

We get for any $\beta \geq -\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} \|V_M(t)\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{\beta,M}} &\stackrel{\text{Prop. 5}}{\lesssim} t^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \|X_{0;M}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty,\infty}^{-\alpha,M}} \lesssim t^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \|X_{0;M}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{-\bar{\alpha},M}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lem. 13}}{\lesssim} t^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \|X_0\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{-\bar{\alpha},\sigma}}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, (5.41) implies that $c_M(t) \lesssim 1 + (\log(t^{-1}) \vee 0)$ uniformly over $t \in [0, T]$. The desired bound (5.43) then follows from the multiplicative inequality, Corollary 2. \square

The following corollary will be used together with the a priori bounds of Section 7, to show the convergence (along a subsequence) of the periodised solutions when M goes to infinity (see Section 8).

COROLLARY 4. *Fix $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $T > 0$, $\sigma > 2$, $p \geq 3$, and assume that $X_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{-\alpha,\sigma}$. For every $\alpha' > \alpha$ and $\tilde{\sigma} > \sigma$, with probability one, there exists a sequence $(M_k)_k$ going to infinity such that for $n = 1, 2, 3$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_k \sup_{0 < t \leq T} t^{(n-1)\alpha'} \|Z_{t;M_k}^{:n:}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n},\infty}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} &< \infty, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 < t \leq T} t^{(n-1)\alpha'} \|Z_t^{:n:} - Z_{t;M_k}^{:n:}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n},\infty}^{-\alpha',\tilde{\sigma}}} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By (5.19) and (5.22), with probability one, there exists a sequence $(M_k)_k$ going to infinity and such that for $n = 1, 2, 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_k \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z_{M_k}^{n:}(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n}, \infty}^{-\alpha, \sigma}} &< \infty, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|Z^{n:}(t) - Z_{M_k}^{n:}(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n}, \infty}^{-\alpha, \sigma}} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, according to (5.41), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{c}_M(t) &\lesssim 1 + (\log(t^{-1}) \vee 0), \\ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |\mathfrak{c}_M(t) - \mathfrak{c}(t)| &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the implicit constant in the first inequality is uniform in M . Finally, Lemma 13 and Proposition 5 imply that

$$\|V_M(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p, \infty}^{\gamma, \sigma}} \lesssim t^{-\frac{\gamma-\alpha}{2}}, \quad \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t^{\frac{\gamma-\alpha'}{2}} \|V_M(t) - V(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p, \infty}^{\gamma, \sigma}} = 0,$$

where the first inequality is valid for any $\gamma \geq -\alpha$ and the second for $\gamma \geq -\alpha'$.

This bound and the multiplicative inequalities in Corollaries 1 and 2 imply that for any $\alpha'' > \alpha$ and $\gamma \geq -\alpha$ in the first inequality and for $\alpha'' > \alpha'$ and $\gamma \geq -\alpha'$ in the second inequality, we get for $n = 1, 2, 3$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \|V_M^n(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n}, \infty}^{\gamma, \sigma}} &\lesssim t^{-\frac{(n-1)\alpha'' + \gamma + n\alpha}{2}}, \\ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t^{\frac{(n-1)\alpha'' + \gamma + (n-1)\alpha + \alpha'}{2}} \|V_M^n(t) - V^n(t)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{p}{n}, \infty}^{\gamma, \sigma}} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We can always choose α'' such that $\frac{\alpha'' + \alpha}{2} < \alpha'$. Then the desired bound follows from another application of the multiplicative inequality, Corollary 2, using at several places the fact that according to (3.11) decreasing the integrability index p only makes a Besov norm weaker. \square

6. Construction of solutions on the torus. The aim of this section is to show existence and uniqueness of global solutions of (1.6) in the periodic case.

Since for the most part, the index q in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p, q}^{\alpha, M}$ will not play an important role in our analysis, we introduce the slightly lighter notation

$$(6.1) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha, M} := \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p, \infty}^{\alpha, M}.$$

Let $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 1/3$ (that we think of as being small), $\beta \in (1, 2)$ (that we think of as being close to 2) and $T > 0$. For $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)})$ in the set

$$\mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{-\alpha, M}) \times \mathcal{C}((0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{-\alpha, M}) \times \mathcal{C}((0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{-\alpha, M}),$$

we write

$$(6.2) \quad \|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M} := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|Z_t\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \vee t^{\alpha'} \|Z_t^{(2)}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \vee t^{2\alpha'} \|Z_t^{(3)}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}})$$

(recall that $a \vee b$ stands for the maximum between a and b). We let $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M$ be the set of \underline{Z} such that this norm is finite. For $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M})$, $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M$ and $t \leq T$, we write

$$(6.3) \quad \Psi(Y_t, \underline{Z}_t) = -Y_t^3 - 3Y_t^2 Z_t - 3Y_t Z_t^{(2)} - Z_t^{(3)} + a(Y_t + Z_t).$$

The multiplicative inequalities imply that $\Psi(Y_t, \underline{Z}_t)$ is well-defined for every $t > 0$ [it actually suffices that Y belong to $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M})$ for some $\alpha'' > \alpha$]. For a given $Y_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}$ and $T > 0$, we wish to solve

$$(6.4) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Y = \Delta Y + \Psi(Y, \underline{Z}), & \text{on } [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Y(0, \cdot) = Y_0, \end{cases}$$

which we interpret in the mild form. That is, we say that Y solves (6.4) if $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M})$ and if for every $t \leq T$,

$$Y_t = e^{t\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) ds.$$

We let

$$(6.5) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$$

be the set of solutions of (6.4).

The goal of this section is to prove the following global existence and uniqueness result for (6.4).

THEOREM 6.1 (Global existence and uniqueness on the torus). *For every $\beta \in (1, 2)$, the following holds for $0 < \alpha < \alpha'$ sufficiently small. Let $T > 0$, $M > 0$, $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M$ and $Y_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}$. There exists exactly one solution of equation (6.4) over the time interval $[0, T]$. In other words, the set $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$ is a singleton.*

We start by proving the following local existence result.

THEOREM 6.2 (Local existence and uniqueness on the torus). *Let $p \in [1, \infty)$ be such that*

$$(6.6) \quad \frac{\alpha' + \beta}{2} + 3\left(\alpha' + \frac{1}{p}\right) < 1,$$

let $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M$ and $K > 0$. There exists T^* (depending on $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M}$ and K) such that for every $Y_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}$ satisfying $\|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}^p_M} \leq K$, equation (6.4) has

exactly one solution over the time interval $[0, T^* \wedge T]$. In other words, the set $\tilde{S}_{\infty}^{T^* \wedge T, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$ is a singleton.

REMARK 21. The condition on α', β and p displayed in (6.6) can be improved. Note that it suffices to assume α' to be sufficiently small to ensure that a $p \in [1, \infty)$ exists that satisfies (6.6).

PROOF OF THEOREM 6.2. An important aspect of the theorem is that we want T^* to depend on Y_0 only through the bound K on $\|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}$. In order to achieve this, we split the construction of a solution into two steps. In the first step, we construct a mild solution using only the information that $Y_0 \in \tilde{L}_M^p$; the price to pay for this is that the solution will be defined in a larger space than anticipated. In the second step, we show using the additional information that $Y_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\beta, M}$ that the solution thus constructed belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T^*], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\beta, M})$. Finally, we argue about uniqueness in a third step.

Step 1. In view of (6.6), we can choose $\alpha'' > \alpha'$ such that

$$\frac{\alpha'' + \beta}{2} + 3\left(\alpha'' + \frac{1}{p}\right) < 1.$$

We construct a solution of (6.4) in $\mathcal{C}((0, T^*], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\alpha'', M})$ by a fixed-point argument. Let γ be such that

$$(6.7) \quad \gamma > \alpha'' + \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\alpha'' + \beta}{2} + 3\gamma < 1.$$

For notational convenience, we assume that $T \geq 1$. For any $T^* \leq 1$, we define the norm

$$\|Y\|_{T^*} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T^*} t^{\gamma} \|Y_t\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\alpha'', M}},$$

and the ball

$$\mathcal{B}_{T^*} = \{Y \in \mathcal{C}((0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\alpha'', M}) : \|Y\|_{T^*} \leq 1\}.$$

For $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{T^*}$, we let

$$(6.8) \quad \mathcal{M}_{T^*} Y(t) = e^{t\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) ds \quad (t \leq T^*).$$

Our aim is to show that for T^* small enough, the operator \mathcal{M}_{T^*} is a contraction from \mathcal{B}_{T^*} into itself. To begin with, it is clear that for every t , $\mathcal{M}_{T^*} Y(t)$ is M -periodic. We now argue that for T^* sufficiently small, \mathcal{M}_{T^*} maps \mathcal{B}_{T^*} into itself. (The periodic versions of) Propositions 2 and 5 ensure that

$$\|e^{t\Delta} Y_0\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}^{\alpha'', M}} \lesssim \|e^{t\Delta} Y_0\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha'' + \frac{2}{p}, M}} \lesssim t^{-(\frac{\alpha''}{2} + \frac{1}{p})} \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p^0, M} \lesssim t^{-(\frac{\alpha''}{2} + \frac{1}{p})} \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p},$$

where we used Remark 11 in the last step. From this, one can check that $t \mapsto e^{t\Delta} Y_0$ is in $\mathcal{C}((0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M})$, and moreover,

$$\|e^{\cdot\Delta} Y_0\|_{T^*}$$

can be made arbitrarily small by taking T^* small enough (in terms of K) since $\gamma > \frac{\alpha''}{2} + \frac{1}{p}$.

Concerning the integral term in (6.8), we observe that by the multiplicative inequalities (and the trivial embedding of Besov spaces $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha, M}$ as α varies),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} &\lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}}^3 + \|Y_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}}^2 \|Z_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \\ (6.9) \qquad &+ \|Y_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \\ &+ \|Z_s^{(3)}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} + \|Y_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}} + \|Z_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^M}$ is finite [see (6.2)], if $Y \in \mathcal{B}_{T^*}$, then

$$\|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \lesssim s^{-3\gamma} + s^{-2\gamma} + s^{-\gamma-\alpha'} + s^{-2\alpha'} \lesssim s^{-3\gamma},$$

since we assume that $\gamma > \alpha'' > \alpha'$. As a consequence, using Proposition 5 again,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) \, ds \right\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\alpha''}{2}} \|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \, ds \\ &\stackrel{(\alpha \leq \alpha'')}{\lesssim} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha''} s^{-3\gamma} \, ds \\ &\lesssim t^{1-\alpha''-3\gamma}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used the fact that $\alpha'' < 1$ and that by (6.7), we have $3\gamma < 1$. Using (6.7) once more and $\beta > 1$, we see that $1 - \alpha'' - 2\gamma > 2 - \beta - \alpha'' - 6\gamma > 0$, so that the right-hand side above multiplied by t^γ tends to 0 as t tends to 0. The fact that the process $t \mapsto \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) \, ds$ taking values in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha, M}$ is continuous poses no additional difficulty. Hence, we have shown that the $\|\cdot\|_{T^*}$ -norm of this process can be made arbitrarily small provided that we choose T^* small enough.

This concludes the proof that for T^* sufficiently small, the operator \mathcal{M}_{T^*} maps \mathcal{B}_{T^*} into itself. The contraction property then follows along similar lines.

Step 2. We now take the solution $Y \in \mathcal{C}((0, T^*], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M})$ constructed in Step 1 and show that it actually belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T^*], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M})$. Recall that

$$Y_t = e^{t\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) \, ds,$$

and that we already know that

$$t^\gamma \|Y_t\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha'', M}} < \infty.$$

By Remark 13, the function $t \mapsto e^{t\Delta} Y_0$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T^*], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M})$. Similarly to what was done in the previous step, we can estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) \, ds \right\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha, M}} \, ds \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} s^{-3\gamma} \, ds \\ &\lesssim t^{1-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}-3\gamma}, \end{aligned}$$

since we have $\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} < 1$ and $3\gamma < 1$. The continuity of $t \mapsto \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) \, ds$ in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}$ at any point in $(0, T^*]$ follows along the same lines. The continuity at time 0 follows from the fact that [recall (6.7) and $\alpha < \alpha''$]

$$\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} + 3\gamma < 1.$$

Step 3. For T^* as defined by Step 1, let $Y, \tilde{Y} \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T^*, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$. We wish to show that $Y = \tilde{Y}$. Since $Y, \tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M})$, it follows from the reasoning in Step 1 that one can find $T^{**} \leq T^*$ depending only on

$$\sup_{t \leq T^*} \|Y_t\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t \leq T^*} \|\tilde{Y}_t\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta, M}}$$

such that both Y and \tilde{Y} belong to $\mathcal{B}_{T^{**}}$. Since $T^{**} \leq T^*$, the argument in Step 1 ensures that $\mathcal{M}_{T^{**}}$ is a contraction from $\mathcal{B}_{T^{**}}$ into itself. As a consequence, Y and \tilde{Y} coincide on $[0, T^{**}]$. We can then iterate the reasoning (keeping the same T^{**}) and thus guarantee that Y and \tilde{Y} coincide on the whole interval $[0, T^*]$. (Note that this argument is easily adapted to show the uniqueness part of Theorem 6.1.) \square

In order to upgrade the local existence result to a global one, we need a control of the \tilde{L}_M^p norm of the solution. We recall that we denote by $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$ the set of solutions to (6.4).

THEOREM 6.3 (A priori estimate on the torus). *Let p be an even positive integer such that*

$$(6.10) \quad \alpha'(p+2) < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\alpha' + \beta}{2} + 3\left(\alpha' + \frac{1}{p}\right) < 1,$$

let $T > 0, M > 0$ and $\underline{Z} \in \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_\infty^M$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that if $Y \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T^, M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$ for some $T^* \leq T$, then*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T^*} \|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p} \leq \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p} + C.$$

At a formal level, the idea for proving this a priori bound consists in testing equation (6.4) against Y^{p-1} , which leads to a useful identity concerning $\partial_t \|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p$. The rigorous derivation will need several preliminary steps, starting with a time regularity estimate.

PROPOSITION 12 (Time regularity of solutions). *Let $Y \in \tilde{S}_\infty^{T,M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$, and assume that (6.10) holds for some p . For every $\kappa < \beta/2$, Y is κ -Hölder continuous as a function from $[0, T]$ to \tilde{L}_M^∞ .*

PROOF. We show Hölder regularity of Y at time 0, the adaptation to arbitrary times in $[0, T]$ being straightforward. For conciseness, we write

$$(6.11) \quad \Psi_s := \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s).$$

By definition of the notion of solution, we have

$$Y_t = e^{t\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi_s \, ds.$$

The fact that $t \mapsto e^{t\Delta} Y_0$ is κ -Hölder continuous as a function $[0, T] \rightarrow \tilde{L}_M^\infty$ is a consequence of Proposition 6 (and Remarks 9 and 10) and of the fact that $Y_0 \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta,M}$. For the time integral, we use (6.9) again (but with the additional information that $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta,M})$) to obtain that

$$(6.12) \quad \|\Psi_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha,M}} \lesssim s^{-2\alpha'},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi_s \, ds \right\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha,M}} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} \|\Psi_s\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha,M}} \, ds \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} s^{-2\alpha'} \, ds \\ &\stackrel{(\alpha \leq \alpha')}{\lesssim} t^{1-3\alpha'}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows since $1 - 3\alpha' > \beta/2$ by (6.10). \square

We denote by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_M$ the scalar product in \tilde{L}_M^2 .

REMARK 22. By Proposition 7, for every $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, the mapping $(f, g) \mapsto \langle f, g \rangle_M$ extends to a continuous bilinear form on $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\gamma,M} \times \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{1,1}^{-\gamma,M}$, and thus also on $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\gamma,M} \times \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\gamma+\varepsilon,M}$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$ by Remarks 8 and 9. In particular, by Lemma 5, we see that for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and M -periodic $\phi \in C^\infty$, the mapping $f \mapsto \langle f, \phi \rangle_M$ extends to a continuous linear form on $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\alpha,M}$.

PROPOSITION 13 (A mild solution is a weak solution). *If $Y \in \tilde{S}_\infty^{T,M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$, then for every $\phi \in \tilde{B}_\infty^{1,M}$ and $t \leq T$,*

$$(6.13) \quad \langle Y_t, \phi \rangle_M - \langle Y_0, \phi \rangle_M = \int_0^t [-\langle \nabla Y_s, \nabla \phi \rangle_M + \langle \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s), \phi \rangle_M] ds.$$

PROOF. *Step 1.* Recall our notation (6.11). We first show that for every M -periodic $\phi \in C^\infty$ and $t \leq T$,

$$(6.14) \quad \langle Y_t, \phi \rangle_M - \langle Y_0, \phi \rangle_M = \int_0^t [\langle Y_s, \Delta \phi \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, \phi \rangle_M] ds.$$

Since Y is a mild solution of (6.4),

$$\int_0^t \langle Y_s, \Delta \phi \rangle_M ds = \int_0^t \left\langle e^{s\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^s e^{(s-u)\Delta} \Psi_u du, \Delta \phi \right\rangle_M ds.$$

Observe that for every $s > 0$,

$$\langle e^{s\Delta} Y_0, \Delta \phi \rangle_M = \langle \Delta e^{s\Delta} Y_0, \phi \rangle_M = \partial_s \langle e^{s\Delta} Y_0, \phi \rangle_M,$$

so that

$$\int_0^t \langle e^{s\Delta} Y_0, \Delta \phi \rangle_M ds = \langle e^{t\Delta} Y_0, \phi \rangle_M - \langle Y_0, \phi \rangle_M.$$

Similarly, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \int_0^s \Delta e^{(s-u)\Delta} \Psi_u du ds &= \int_0^t \int_u^t \Delta e^{(s-u)\Delta} \Psi_u ds du \\ &= \int_0^t (e^{(t-u)\Delta} - \text{Id}) \Psi_u du. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the two, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \langle e^{s\Delta} Y_0, \Delta \phi \rangle_M ds \\ &= \left\langle e^{t\Delta} Y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-u)\Delta} \Psi_u du, \phi \right\rangle_M - \int_0^t \langle \Psi_u, \phi \rangle_M du - \langle Y_0, \phi \rangle_M, \end{aligned}$$

which is (6.14).

Step 2. We now conclude the proof. First, the mapping $f \mapsto \langle \nabla f, \nabla \phi \rangle_M$ is continuous over $\tilde{B}_\infty^{\beta,M}$, so we have $\langle Y_s, \Delta \phi \rangle_M = -\langle \nabla Y_s, \nabla \phi \rangle_M$. Hence, for every $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$,

$$\langle Y_t, \phi \rangle_M - \langle Y_0, \phi \rangle_M = \int_0^t [-\langle \nabla Y_s, \nabla \phi \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, \phi \rangle_M] ds.$$

It then suffices to argue by density using (6.12), Proposition 3 and Remark 22. \square

We are now ready to derive a rigorous version of the identity on $\partial_t \|Y_t\|_{L^p_M}$ alluded to before.

PROPOSITION 14 (Testing against Y_t^{p-1}). *Let $Y \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_\infty^{T,M}(Y_0, \underline{Z})$. For every even positive integer p such that (6.10) holds,*

$$\frac{1}{p} (\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p) = \int_0^t [-(p-1)\langle \nabla Y_s, Y_s^{p-2} \nabla Y_s \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, Y_s^{p-1} \rangle_M] ds.$$

REMARK 23. We could of course extend Proposition 13 to allow for functions ϕ that depend smoothly on time. This would bring about the additional term

$$(6.15) \quad \int_0^t \langle Y_s, \partial_s \phi_s \rangle_M ds.$$

However, since $t \mapsto Y_t^{p-1}$ is only Hölder continuous in time (see Proposition 12), it is not clear a priori how to make sense of (6.15) for $\phi = Y^{p-1}$. In essence, the argument below consists in noticing that we can make sense of Young integrals when both the integrand and the integrator are Hölder continuous for an exponent strictly above $1/2$.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 14. We begin by observing that, for any $0 \leq u \leq v \leq T$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_v\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_u\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p &= \langle Y_v, Y_v^{p-1} \rangle_M - \langle Y_u, Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M \\ &= \langle Y_v, Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M - \langle Y_u, Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M + \langle Y_v, Y_v^{p-1} - Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M, \end{aligned}$$

so by Proposition 13,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_v\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_u\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \langle Y_v, Y_v^{p-1} - Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M \\ = \int_u^v [-\langle \nabla Y_s, \nabla (Y_u^{p-1}) \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, Y_u^{p-1} \rangle_M] ds. \end{aligned}$$

For any subdivision $\underline{t} = (t_0, \dots, t_n)$ such that $0 = t_0 \leq \dots \leq t_n = t$, we thus have

$$\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \mathfrak{G}(\underline{t}) = \mathfrak{J}(\underline{t}),$$

where we used the shorthand notation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{G}(\underline{t}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-1} - Y_{t_i}^{p-1} \rangle_M, \\ \mathfrak{J}(\underline{t}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} [-\langle \nabla Y_s, \nabla (Y_{t_i}^{p-1}) \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, Y_{t_i}^{p-1} \rangle_M] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since $t \mapsto Y_t$ is a continuous function from $[0, T]$ to $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta,M}$ with $\beta > 1$, in particular $t \mapsto \nabla Y_t$ is a continuous function from $[0, T]$ to \tilde{L}_M^∞ by Proposition 3. Using also (6.12), one can check that as the subdivision gets finer and finer,

$$\mathfrak{J}(\underline{t}) \rightarrow \int_0^t [-(p-1)\langle \nabla Y_s, Y_s^{p-2} \nabla Y_s \rangle_M + \langle \Psi_s, Y_s^{p-1} \rangle_M] ds.$$

We now argue that as the subdivision \underline{t} gets finer and finer,

$$(6.16) \quad \mathfrak{S}(\underline{t}) \rightarrow \frac{p-1}{p} (\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p).$$

Note that

$$(6.17) \quad Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-1} - Y_{t_i}^{p-1} = (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})(Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-2} + \dots + Y_{t_i}^{p-2}).$$

We show that the contribution of each term in the sum above is asymptotically the same as the contribution of the first one. For instance with the last term,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-2} \rangle_M - \langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})Y_{t_i}^{p-2} \rangle_M \\ &= \langle (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})^2, Y_{t_{i+1}}(Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-3} + \dots + Y_{t_i}^{p-3}) \rangle_M. \end{aligned}$$

Since $t \mapsto Y_t$ is bounded in \tilde{L}_M^p , an application of Hölder’s inequality leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-2} \rangle_M - \langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})Y_{t_i}^{p-2} \rangle_M| \\ &= |\langle Y_{t_{i+1}}(Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-3} + \dots + Y_{t_i}^{p-3}), (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i})^2 \rangle_M| \lesssim \|Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^2 \\ &\lesssim |t_{i+1} - t_i|^{2\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

for some $\kappa > 1/2$; see Proposition 12. We can argue similarly for the other terms in the sum (6.17). This estimate implies that as the subdivision \underline{t} gets finer and finer, the difference between $\mathfrak{S}(\underline{t})$ and

$$(6.18) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle Y_{t_{i+1}}, (p-1)Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-2}(Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i}) \rangle_M$$

tends to 0. The same argument also shows that the difference between

$$\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (\|Y_{t_{i+1}}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_{t_i}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p)$$

and

$$(6.19) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1, pY_{t_{i+1}}^{p-1}(Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i}) \rangle_M$$

tends to 0. Since the quantity in (6.18) is $(p-1)/p$ times that in (6.19), these two observations imply (6.16). \square

PROOF OF THEOREM 6.3. Recall that $\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)$ is defined as a sum of terms, see (6.3). If we decompose it as $\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) = -Y_s^3 + \Psi'(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)$, we can then

rewrite the identity of Proposition 14 as

$$(6.20) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p} (\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p) + \int_0^t [(p-1)\|Y_s^{p-2}|\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} + \|Y_s^{p+2}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}] \, ds \\ &= \int_0^t \langle \Psi'(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s), Y_s^{p-1} \rangle_M \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

We will now show that the integrand on the right-hand side is controlled by the integrand on the left-hand side. For notational convenience, we write

$$A_s = \|Y_s^{p-2}|\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}, \quad B_s = \|Y_s^{p+2}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}.$$

Decomposing Ψ' as a sum of terms, we see that the first term we need to estimate is $\langle Y_s^2 Z_s, Y_s^{p-1} \rangle_M = \langle Y_s^{p+1}, Z_s \rangle_M$. By Proposition 7, we have

$$|\langle Y_s^{p+1}, Z_s \rangle_M| \lesssim \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\tilde{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,M}} \|Z_s\|_{\tilde{B}_{\infty}^{-\alpha,M}}.$$

By Proposition 8, we get

$$\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\tilde{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,M}} \lesssim \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}^{1-\alpha} \|Y_s^p \nabla Y_s\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}^{\alpha} + \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1},$$

and by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

$$\|Y_s^p \nabla Y_s\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1}^2 \leq \|Y_s^{p-2}|\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} \|Y_s^{p+2}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} = A_s B_s.$$

Moreover, Jensen’s inequality implies that $\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} \lesssim B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}$ (where the implicit constant depends on M). Using also the fact that $\sup_{s \leq T} \|Z_s\|_{\tilde{B}_{\infty}^{-\alpha,M}} < \infty$, we get

$$(6.21) \quad |\langle Y_s^{p+1}, Z_s \rangle_M| \lesssim A_s^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} B_s^{\frac{\alpha}{2} + (1-\alpha)\frac{p+1}{p+2}} + B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}.$$

This term is controlled by an arbitrarily small constant times $(A_s + B_s)$. Indeed, we observe that since

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + (1-\alpha)\frac{p+1}{p+2} \right) < 1,$$

one can define exponents $\gamma_1 < 1, \gamma_2 < 1$ such that

$$\frac{\alpha}{2\gamma_1} + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + (1-\alpha)\frac{p+1}{p+2} \right) = 1,$$

and Young’s inequality (the one for products, not for convolutions) implies that

$$|\langle Y_s^{p+1}, Z_s \rangle_M| \lesssim A_s^{\gamma_1} + B_s^{\gamma_2} + B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}.$$

Since $\sup_{x \geq 0} (-x + x^\gamma) < \infty$ for any $\gamma < 1$, it is clear that the right-hand side above is bounded by $\frac{1}{10}(A_s + B_s)$ plus a universal constant.

Estimating the other terms coming from Ψ' is similar. For instance, the second term we need to estimate is $\langle Y_s Z_s^{(2)}, Y_s^{p-1} \rangle_M = \langle Y_s^p, Z_s^{(2)} \rangle_M$. By the same reasoning,

$$|\langle Y_s^p, Z_s^{(2)} \rangle_M| \lesssim \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,M}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\tilde{B}_{\infty}^{-\alpha,M}},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{B}_{1,1}^{\alpha,M}} &\lesssim \|Y_s^{p-1} \nabla Y_s\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} + \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{A_s} \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} + \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{L}_M^1} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{A_s B_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}}} + B_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}} \\ &\lesssim A_s^{1-\frac{1}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{1}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where for simplicity, we used Remark 19 instead of the full strength of Proposition 8 in the first line, and then the Cauchy–Schwarz, Jensen and Young inequalities. Since $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_M^{\infty}}$ is finite [see (6.2)], we have $\|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\tilde{B}_{\infty}^{-\alpha,M}} \lesssim s^{-\alpha'}$, and thus

$$|\langle Y_s^p, Z_s^{(2)} \rangle_M| \lesssim (A_s^{1-\frac{1}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{1}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}}) s^{-\alpha'}.$$

Observing that $\sup_{x \geq 0} (-x + ax^\gamma) \lesssim a^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}}$, we obtain that

$$(6.22) \quad -\frac{A_s + B_s}{10} + |\langle Y_s^p, Z_s^{(2)} \rangle_M| \lesssim s^{-\alpha'(p+2)}.$$

Similarly,

$$|\langle Y_s^{p-1}, Z_s^{(3)} \rangle_M| \lesssim (A_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{2}{p+2}} + B_s^{1-\frac{3}{p+2}}) s^{-2\alpha'},$$

so that

$$(6.23) \quad -\frac{A_s + B_s}{10} + |\langle Y_s^{p-1}, Z_s^{(3)} \rangle_M| \lesssim s^{-\alpha'(p+2)}.$$

The contribution of the term $a(Y + Z)$ can be similarly controlled by A and B , with no divergence for small s . In short, we have shown that

$$\frac{1}{p} (\|Y_t\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\tilde{L}_M^p}^p) \lesssim \int_0^t s^{-\alpha'(p+2)} ds.$$

The integral on the right-hand side is finite since $\alpha'(p + 2) < 1$, so the proof is complete. \square

PROOF OF THEOREM 6.1. We assume that α' is sufficiently small that there exists a positive integer such that (6.10) holds. In order to construct a global solution, we take T^* from Theorem 6.2 according to the a priori bound on the \tilde{L}_M^p

norm of the solution provided by Theorem 6.3, and then simply glue together local solutions until the time interval $[0, T]$ is covered. Uniqueness was already obtained in Step 3 of Theorem 6.2. \square

7. A priori estimates. The goal of this section is to derive strong a priori estimates on solutions of (1.6). This will enable us to show that “periodised” solutions of (1.6) constructed in the previous section all belong to suitable compact subsets of polynomially weighted Besov spaces.

Our setting bears similarities with that of the previous section. One main difference with what was done before is that we will work with polynomially weighted Besov spaces instead of “periodised” ones. We assume throughout that $\sigma > d = 2$, and introduce the slightly lighter notation

$$\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha,\sigma} := \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p,\infty}^{\alpha,\sigma}.$$

Let $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 1/6$, $\beta \in (1, 2)$, $T > 0$ and $p \geq 1$. For $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)})$ in the set

$$\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}) \times \mathcal{C}((0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}) \times \mathcal{C}((0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}),$$

we write

$$(7.1) \quad \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} = \sup_{0 < t \leq T} (\|Z_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \vee t^{\alpha'} \|Z_t^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \vee t^{2\alpha'} \|Z_t^{(3)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}}).$$

We let $\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma$ be the set of \underline{Z} such that this norm is finite. For $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta,\sigma})$, $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}) \in \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma$ and $t \leq T$, we write

$$(7.2) \quad \Psi_t = \Psi(Y_t, \underline{Z}_t) = -Y_t^3 - 3Y_t^2 Z_t - 3Y_t Z_t^{(2)} - Z_t^{(3)} + a(Y_t + Z_t).$$

The multiplicative inequalities imply that $\Psi(Y_t, \underline{Z}_t)$ is well-defined for every $t > 0$, since we assume $p \geq 1$. Since we will ultimately only be interested in solutions with $Y_0 = 0$, we take advantage of this simplification right away and only consider solutions of

$$(7.3) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Y = \Delta Y + \Psi(Y, \underline{Z}), & \text{on } [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Y(0, \cdot) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Again, we will interpret this equation in the mild form. More precisely, we write $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$ if $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta,\sigma})$ and if for every $t \leq T$,

$$Y_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s) ds.$$

We will assume throughout that

p is an even positive integer such that

$$(7.4) \quad \alpha'(p + 2) < 3/4 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\alpha' + \beta}{2} + 3\alpha' < 1.$$

Our strategy parallels that of the previous section in that, informally, we want to multiply (7.3) by Y^{p-1} and integrate to get information on $\partial_t \|Y_t\|_{L_\sigma^p}^p$. In order to carry the argument rigorously, we first need to assert that solutions of (7.3) have sufficient time regularity.

PROPOSITION 15 (Time regularity of solutions). *Let $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{3p}^\sigma$ and $\kappa < \beta/2$. If $Y \in \widehat{S}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$, then Y is κ -Hölder continuous as a function from $[0, T]$ to \widehat{L}_σ^p .*

The proof makes use of the following simple consequence of the multiplicative inequalities, which will be used again later on.

LEMMA 14 (Estimating Ψ). *Let $\tilde{\alpha} > \alpha$. There exists $C < \infty$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} C^{-1} \|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} &\leq \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^{3p}}^3 + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^2 \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \\ &\quad + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{B}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} + \|Z_s^{(3)}\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \\ &\quad + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^{3p}} + \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Recalling the decomposition of Ψ in (7.2), we begin by observing that, due to Remark 11,

$$\|Y_s^3\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s^3\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^p} = \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^{3p}}^3.$$

We proceed to estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_s^2 Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} &\lesssim \|Y_s^2\|_{\widehat{B}_{\frac{3p}{2}}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \\ &\lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^2 \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used Corollary 2 in the first step and Corollary 1 in the second one. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_s Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} &\lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{2p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{B}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \\ &\lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{B}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used Remark 8 [or (4.2)] in the last step. For the same reasons,

$$\|Z_s^{(3)} + Y_s + Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Z_s^{(3)}\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^{3p}} + \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{B}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}. \quad \square$$

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 15. As before, we only discuss Hölder regularity at time 0. By Lemma 14 and since $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{3p}^\sigma$ and $Y \in C([0, T], \widehat{B}_{3p}^{\beta,\sigma})$ (with $\beta \geq 1$), we have

$$(7.5) \quad \|\Psi_s\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} = \|\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)\|_{\widehat{B}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim s^{-2\alpha'}$$

(where the implicit constant depends on Y and \underline{Z}). Hence, by Proposition 5,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi_s \, ds \right\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha,\sigma}} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} \|\Psi_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha,\sigma}} \, ds \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} s^{-2\alpha'} \, ds \\ &\lesssim t^{1-3\alpha'}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\alpha' > \alpha$. The conclusion then follows by Remark 10 since $1 - 3\alpha' > \beta/2$ by (7.4). \square

REMARK 24. As the proof reveals, the index of Hölder regularity in Proposition 15 could be improved (for instance, one can choose $\kappa = \beta/2$). We prefer to stick to the present version, because it corresponds to the general statement with initial condition $Y_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta,\sigma}$ (compare with Proposition 12).

The fact that mild solutions are weak solutions remains valid in the present context (the proof being the same as that of the first step of Proposition 13). We denote by (\cdot, \cdot) the scalar product in the unweighted L^2 space.

PROPOSITION 16 (A mild solution is a weak solution). *If $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma$ and $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$, then for every $\phi \in C_c^\infty$ and $t \leq T$,*

$$(7.6) \quad (Y_t, \phi) = \int_0^t [(Y_s, \Delta\phi) + (\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s), \phi)] \, ds.$$

This can be upgraded to the following statement. We denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_\sigma$ the scalar product in \widehat{L}_σ^2 , which can be extended to distributions outside of \widehat{L}_σ^2 through Proposition 7.

PROPOSITION 17 (Weights and more general test functions). *There exists C such that the following holds. For every $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma$, $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$ and $\phi \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1,\sigma}$ (with p' the conjugate exponent of p),*

$$(7.7) \quad (Y_t, \phi)_\sigma = \int_0^t [-(\nabla Y_s, \nabla \phi)_\sigma + (\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s), \phi)_\sigma] \, ds + \text{Err}(t),$$

where the error term satisfies

$$(7.8) \quad |\text{Err}(t)| \leq C \int_0^t (|\nabla Y_s|, |\phi|)_\sigma \, ds.$$

PROOF. We first argue that (7.7) holds for smooth, compactly supported ϕ , and then conclude by density.

Step 1. For any $\phi \in C_c^\infty$,

$$(Y_s, \Delta\phi) = -(\nabla Y_s, \nabla\phi)$$

in the sense of distributions. In fact, since $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta, \sigma})$ with $\beta > 1$, in particular ∇Y_s belongs to $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^{3p}$ (in the sense that each coordinate of ∇Y belongs to this space, see Proposition 3) and the right-hand side above can be interpreted as a space integral. We apply Proposition 16 with $\phi \widehat{w}_\sigma$ as a test function [recall that \widehat{w}_σ was defined in (4.1)]. We observe that the gradient of this function is

$$(\nabla\phi)\widehat{w}_\sigma - \underbrace{\frac{\sigma \nabla(|\cdot|_*)}{|\cdot|_*}}_{=:G} \phi \widehat{w}_\sigma.$$

We have established (7.7) for $\phi \in C_c^\infty$ and with

$$(7.9) \quad \text{Err}(t) = \int_0^t (\nabla Y_s, G\phi)_\sigma \, ds.$$

Step 2. We now conclude by density. In view of Proposition 3, we have $\nabla Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta-1, \sigma})$ (in the sense that each coordinate of ∇Y belongs to this space). Hence, for smooth, compactly supported ϕ and $\tilde{\phi}$,

$$\int_0^t |(\nabla Y_s, \nabla\phi)_\sigma - (\nabla Y_s, \nabla\tilde{\phi})_\sigma| \, ds \lesssim \|\nabla\phi - \nabla\tilde{\phi}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'',1}^{1-\beta, \sigma}} \lesssim \|\phi - \tilde{\phi}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'',1}^{2-\beta, \sigma}}$$

by Propositions 7 and 3, where p'' is the conjugate exponent of $3p$. Similarly, we infer from (7.5) that

$$\int_0^t |(\Psi_s, \phi)_\sigma - (\Psi_s, \tilde{\phi})_\sigma| \, ds \lesssim \|\phi - \tilde{\phi}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p',1}^{\alpha, \sigma}}.$$

The other terms can be treated similarly (using also the fact that G is uniformly bounded). Since $\alpha < 1$, $2 - \beta < 1$ and $p'' \leq p'$, we can use Remark 8 [cf. also (4.2)] and obtain by density that for every $\phi \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1, \sigma}$,

$$(Y_t, \phi)_\sigma = \int_0^t [-(\nabla Y_s, \nabla\phi)_\sigma + (\Psi_s, \phi)_\sigma] \, ds + \text{Err}(t)$$

with $\text{Err}(t)$ given by (7.9). The bound (7.8) follows from the fact that G is bounded. \square

PROPOSITION 18 (Testing against Y_t^{p-1}). *Recall that we assume (7.4). There exists $C < \infty$ such that if $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{3p}^\sigma$ and $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T, \sigma}(\underline{Z})$, then*

$$\frac{1}{p} \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p = \int_0^t [-(p-1)(\nabla Y_s, Y_s^{p-2} \nabla Y_s)_\sigma + (\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s), Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma] \, ds + \text{Err}_p(t),$$

with

$$|\text{Err}_p(t)| \leq C \int_0^t (|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_s|^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds.$$

PROOF. We first check that we can use Proposition 17 with $\phi = Y_t^{p-1}$ for a fixed t , that is, we check that $Y_t^{p-1} \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1,\sigma}$, where p' is the conjugate exponent of p . By the multiplicative inequality (Corollary 1),

$$\|Y_t^{p-1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{(p-1)p'}^{1,\sigma}}^{p-1} = \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}^{1,\sigma}}^{p-1}.$$

Since $Y_t \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\beta,\sigma}$ and $\beta > 1$, we have indeed $Y_t^{p-1} \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1,\sigma}$. As a consequence, we can proceed as in the beginning of the proof of Proposition 14, that is, write

$$\|Y_v\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p - \|Y_u\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p - (Y_v, Y_v^{p-1} - Y_u^{p-1})_\sigma = (Y_v, Y_u^{p-1})_\sigma - (Y_u, Y_u^{p-1})_\sigma,$$

and then use Proposition 17 to obtain that for any subdivision $\underline{t} = (t_0, \dots, t_n)$ with $0 = t_0 \leq \dots \leq t_n = t$,

$$\|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p - \mathfrak{G}(\underline{t}) = \mathfrak{J}_1(\underline{t}) + \mathfrak{J}_2(\underline{t}) + \text{Err}(\underline{t}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{G}(\underline{t}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (Y_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}^{p-1} - Y_{t_i}^{p-1})_\sigma, \\ \mathfrak{J}_1(\underline{t}) &= - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (\nabla Y_s, \nabla(Y_{t_i}^{p-1}))_\sigma \, ds, \\ \mathfrak{J}_2(\underline{t}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (\Psi_s, Y_{t_i}^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\text{Err}(\underline{t})| \leq C \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_{t_i}|^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds.$$

By Proposition 3, the function $t \mapsto \nabla Y_t$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\beta-1,\sigma})$. Moreover, a direct adaptation of the argument at the beginning of this proof shows that $t \mapsto Y_t^{p-1}$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1,\sigma})$, and as a consequence, the function $t \mapsto \nabla Y_t^{p-1}$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{0,\sigma})$. By Proposition 7 (and since $\beta > 1$), this suffices to ensure that as the subdivision \underline{t} gets finer and finer,

$$\mathfrak{J}_1(\underline{t}) \rightarrow - \int_0^t (\nabla Y_s, \nabla(Y_s^{p-1}))_\sigma \, ds,$$

and similarly,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_{t_i}|^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds \rightarrow \int_0^t (|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_s|^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds.$$

Now, using (7.5) and the fact that $t \mapsto \Psi_t$ is in $\mathcal{C}((0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{-\alpha, \sigma})$, together with the fact already seen that $t \mapsto Y_t^{p-1}$ is in $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'}^{1, \sigma})$, we obtain that as the subdivision gets finer and finer,

$$\mathfrak{I}_2(\underline{t}) \rightarrow \int_0^t (\Psi_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma \, ds.$$

There remains to check that as the subdivision \underline{t} gets finer and finer,

$$\mathfrak{S}(\underline{t}) \rightarrow \frac{p-1}{p} (\|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p - \|Y_0\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p).$$

The proof is the same as that of the similar statement (6.16) in the proof of Proposition 14. We only need to verify that the function $t \mapsto Y_t$ is κ -Hölder continuous as a function from $[0, T]$ to $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p$, for some $\kappa > 1/2$. This is guaranteed by Proposition 15.

PROPOSITION 19 (A priori estimate in $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p$). *Recall that we assume (7.4). For every $K < \infty$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that if $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^{\sigma}$ satisfies $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma} \leq K$, $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T, \sigma}(\underline{Z})$ and $t \leq T$, then*

$$(7.10) \quad \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p + \int_0^t \|Y_s^{p-2} |\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1} \, ds \leq C.$$

PROOF. As in the proof of Theorem 6.3, the starting point is to decompose $\Psi(Y_s, \underline{Z}_s)$ into $-Y_s^3 + \Psi'_s$, so that the identity derived in Proposition 18 becomes

$$(7.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p} \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^p}^p + \int_0^t [(p-1) \|Y_s^{p-2} |\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1} + \|Y_s^{p+2}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}] \, ds \\ & \leq \int_0^t [(\Psi'_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma + C(|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_s|^{p-1})_\sigma] \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

We write

$$A_s = \|Y_s^{p-2} |\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}, \quad B_s = \|Y_s^{p+2}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}.$$

We will now show that the integrand in the right-hand side of (7.11) is bounded by a linear combination of terms of the form $C \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2} A_s^{\gamma_3} B_s^{\gamma_4}$. We will then summarize all the terms into Table 1, analyse the value of the exponents $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4$ and conclude. The integrand in the right-hand side of (7.11) is a sum of two terms. We begin with the second one:

$$(|\nabla Y_s|, |Y_s|^{p-1})_\sigma \leq A_s^{1/2} \|Y_s^p\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}^{1/2} \lesssim A_s^{1/2} B_s^{p/2(p+2)},$$

by the Cauchy–Schwarz and Hölder’s inequalities. This estimate is reported on the first line of Table 1.

TABLE 1

Each term in the first column is bounded by a sum of terms of the form $C \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\alpha,\sigma}}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2} A_s^{\gamma_3} B_s^{\gamma_4}$ for the values of $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4$ displayed on the corresponding lines. Recall that $v, \bar{v}, \bar{v} \in (0, 1)$

	γ_1	γ_2	γ_3	γ_4	$1 - \gamma_3 - \gamma_4$
$(\nabla Y_s , Y_s ^{p-1})_\sigma$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{p}{2(p+2)}$	$\frac{1}{p+2}$
$ (Y_s^2 Z_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma $	1	0	$\frac{3(1-v)}{8}$	$\frac{3(1-v)}{8} + \frac{p+1}{p+2} \frac{1+3v}{4}$	$> \frac{1}{4(p+2)}$
	1	0	0	$\frac{p+1}{p+2}$	$\frac{1}{p+2}$
$ (Y_s Z_s^{(2)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma $	1	α'	$\frac{1-\bar{v}}{2}$	$\frac{p}{p+2} \frac{1+\bar{v}}{2}$	$> \frac{1}{p+2}$
	1	α'	0	$\frac{p}{p+2}$	$\frac{2}{p+2}$
$ (Z_s^{(3)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma $	1	$2\alpha'$	$\frac{1-\bar{v}}{2}$	$\frac{p-1}{p+2} \frac{1+\bar{v}}{2}$	$> \frac{3}{2(p+2)}$
	1	$2\alpha'$	0	$\frac{p-1}{p+2}$	$\frac{3}{p+2}$
$(Y_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma$	0	0	0	$\frac{p}{p+2}$	$\frac{2}{p+2}$

We now move to the study of $(\Psi'_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma$. We decompose Ψ'_s into a sum of terms that we will analyse in turn:

$$\Psi' = -3Y^2Z - 3YZ^{(2)} - Z^{(3)} + aZ + aY,$$

$$|(Y_s^2 Z_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| = |(Y_s^{p+1}, Z_s)_\sigma| \lesssim \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'',1}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}},$$

where we used Proposition 7 for the inequality, and where p'' is the conjugate exponent of $3p$. On the one hand,

$$\|Z_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \leq \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{\alpha,\sigma}}.$$

On the other hand, we would like to use Proposition 8 to estimate $\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'',1}^{\alpha,\sigma}}$. Compared with the proof of Theorem 6.3, a new difficulty appears since Proposition 8 gives an estimate of the norm in Besov spaces with lower indices equal to 1, while we have $p'' > 1$ here. We solve this difficulty by appealing to an interpolation inequality, for which we now introduce some notation. Let

$$(7.12) \quad q = \frac{p+2}{p+1} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{p+2}{3p} \in (0, 1),$$

so that

$$(7.13) \quad \frac{1}{p''} = \frac{1-v}{1} + \frac{v}{q}.$$

Note that $1-v \geq 1/3$, while $\alpha < 1/4$ since we assume $\alpha < \alpha'$ and $(p+2)\alpha' < 1$. Hence, there exists $\alpha_1 < 0$ such that

$$(7.14) \quad \alpha = \frac{3(1-v)}{4} + v\alpha_1.$$

The interpolation inequality (Proposition 4) now reads

$$\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p'',1}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \leq \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{1,1}^{3/4,\sigma}}^{1-\nu} \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{q,1}^{\alpha_1,\sigma}}^\nu.$$

Since $\alpha_1 < 0$, by Remarks 9 and 11,

$$\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{q,1}^{\alpha_1,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^q} = B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}},$$

while by Proposition 8,

$$\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{1,1}^{3/4,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s^p |\nabla Y_s|\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}^{3/4} \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}^{1/4} + \|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1}.$$

By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

$$\|Y_s^p |\nabla Y_s|\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1} \leq \sqrt{A_s B_s},$$

while by Hölder’s inequality,

$$\|Y_s^{p+1}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_\sigma^1} \lesssim B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}.$$

To sum up, we have shown that

$$\begin{aligned} |(Y_s^2 Z_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| &\lesssim \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} B_s^{\nu \frac{p+1}{p+2}} \left(A_s^{\frac{3}{8}} B_s^{\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{p+1}{p+2}} + B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}} \right)^{1-\nu} \\ &\lesssim \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} A_s^{\frac{3(1-\nu)}{8}} B_s^{\frac{3(1-\nu)}{8} + \frac{p+1}{p+2} \frac{1+3\nu}{4}} \\ &\quad + \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_p^\sigma} B_s^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

We summarize this computation by two lines of Table 1.

We now turn to the evaluation of

$$|(Y_s Z_s^{(2)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| \lesssim \|Y_s^p\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\bar{p},1}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}},$$

where \bar{p} denotes the conjugate exponent of $2p$. We first note that

$$\|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{2p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \leq \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} s^{-\alpha'}.$$

We then prepare the ground for the adequate interpolation inequality by setting

$$\tilde{q} = \frac{p+2}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\nu} = \frac{p+2}{4p},$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{\bar{p}} = \frac{1-\tilde{\nu}}{1} + \frac{\tilde{\nu}}{\tilde{q}}.$$

Since $1 - \tilde{\nu} \geq 1/2$ and $\alpha < 1/4$, there exists $\tilde{\alpha}_1 < 0$ such that

$$\alpha = \frac{1 - \tilde{\nu}}{2} + \tilde{\nu}\alpha_1,$$

and the interpolation inequality is

$$\|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{p,1}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \leq \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{1,1}^{1/2,\sigma}}^{1-\tilde{\nu}} \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{q,1}^{\tilde{\alpha}_1,\sigma}}^{\tilde{\nu}}.$$

We have

$$\|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{q,1}^{\tilde{\alpha}_1,\sigma}} \lesssim B_s^{\frac{p}{p+2}},$$

while for simplicity, we can now use Proposition 8 in the form given by Remark 19:

$$\|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{1,1}^{1/2,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s^{p-1}|\nabla Y_s|\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0^1} + \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0^1}.$$

The estimation is completed by the following two observations:

$$\|Y_s^{p-1}|\nabla Y_s|\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0^1} \leq \sqrt{A_s \|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0^1}},$$

$$\|Y_s^p\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0^1} \lesssim B_s^{\frac{p}{p+2}}.$$

To sum up, we have shown the estimate

$$|(Y_s Z_s^{(2)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| \lesssim \|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} s^{-\alpha'} B_s^{\frac{\tilde{\nu}}{p+2}} (A_s^{1/2} B_s^{\frac{p}{2(p+2)}} + B_s^{\frac{p}{p+2}})^{1-\tilde{\nu}},$$

which is summarized on the corresponding two lines of Table 1.

The same analysis can be performed for

$$|(Z_s^{(3)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma|,$$

by setting

$$\bar{q} = \frac{p+2}{p-1}, \quad \bar{\nu} = \frac{p+2}{3p},$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{p'} = \frac{1 - \bar{\nu}}{1} + \frac{\bar{\nu}}{\bar{q}},$$

and proceeding as before. This leads to the estimate

$$|(Z_s^{(3)}, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| \lesssim \|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} s^{-2\alpha'} B_s^{\frac{\bar{\nu}}{p+2}} (A_s^{1/2} B_s^{\frac{p-1}{2(p+2)}} + B_s^{\frac{p-1}{p+2}})^{1-\bar{\nu}},$$

which we report again in Table 1. The same argument also leads to

$$|(Z_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma| \lesssim \|\underline{Z}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} B_s^{\frac{\bar{\nu}}{p+2}} (A_s^{1/2} B_s^{\frac{p-1}{2(p+2)}} + B_s^{\frac{p-1}{p+2}})^{1-\bar{\nu}},$$

whose contribution can be absorbed into that of the previous term (so we do not report it in the table). Finally, we have

$$(Y_s, Y_s^{p-1})_\sigma = \|Y_s^p\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^1} \lesssim B_s^{\frac{p}{p+2}},$$

and we have finished to fill the table.

In order to conclude the proof, we have to show how to control a term of the form $C\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2} A_s^{\gamma_3} B_s^{\gamma_4}$ by the terms A_s and B_s that appear on the left-hand side of (7.11). We note first that we always have $\tilde{\gamma} := \gamma_3 + \gamma_4 < 1$. Moreover, Young’s inequality for products ensures that

$$A_s^{\gamma_3} B_s^{\gamma_4} \leq A_s^{\tilde{\gamma}} + B_s^{\tilde{\gamma}}.$$

Finally, we observe that $\sup_{x \geq 0} (-x + ax^{\tilde{\gamma}}) \lesssim a^{\frac{1}{1-\tilde{\gamma}}}$, and as a consequence,

$$-\frac{A_s}{10} + C\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2} A_s^{\tilde{\gamma}} \lesssim (\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2})^{\frac{1}{1-\tilde{\gamma}}},$$

and similarly with A_s replaced by B_s . Hence, it follows from (7.11) that

$$\|Y_t\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^p}^p + \int_0^t \|Y_s^{p-2} |\nabla Y_s|^2\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^1} ds \lesssim \sum \int_0^t (\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma}^{\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2})^{\frac{1}{1-\tilde{\gamma}}} ds,$$

where the sum is over all $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \tilde{\gamma} = \gamma_3 + \gamma_4$ described in Table 1. In order for the integral to be finite, we need to ensure that $\gamma_2 < 1 - \tilde{\gamma}$ in all cases. This is granted by the assumption that $\alpha'(p + 2) < 3/4$ (the critical case being the third line from the bottom in the table). \square

We now upgrade the \widehat{L}_σ^p estimate to an estimate on a Besov norm of the solution. We do it in two steps: in the proposition below, we derive a time-averaged estimate.

PROPOSITION 20 (Weak a priori estimate in Besov spaces). *Let $p \geq 4$ be an even positive integer such that (7.4) holds, and let $\tilde{\alpha}$ be such that*

$$(7.15) \quad \alpha \leq \tilde{\alpha} \leq \alpha + \frac{1}{p}.$$

For every $K < \infty$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that if $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma$ satisfies $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_p^\sigma} \leq K$ and $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$, then

$$\int_0^T \|Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^{p-1} ds \leq C.$$

PROOF. Let $\nu = 2/(p - 1) \in (0, 1)$. Since $p\tilde{\alpha} \leq \alpha p + 1 < \alpha'(p + 2) + 1 < 2$, we have $\tilde{\alpha} < \nu$. Hence, there exists $\alpha_0 < 0$ and $\alpha_1 \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\tilde{\alpha} = (1 - \nu)\alpha_0 + \nu\alpha_1.$$

By the definition of ν , we also have

$$\frac{3}{p} = \frac{1 - \nu}{p} + \frac{\nu}{1}.$$

By the interpolation inequality (Proposition 4),

$$(7.16) \quad \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\alpha,\sigma}} \leq \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha_0,\sigma}}^{1-\nu} \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_1^{\alpha_1,\sigma}}^\nu.$$

Since $\alpha_0 < 0$, Remark 11 and Proposition 19 ensure that

$$(7.17) \quad \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\alpha_0,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^p} \lesssim 1$$

(where the implicit constant depends in particular on K). Moreover, by Remark 9 and Proposition 8 (which we only use in the weaker form provided by Remark 19 here), we have

$$\|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_1^{\alpha_1,\sigma}} \lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^1} + \|\nabla Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^1} \lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^2} + \|\nabla Y_s\|_{\widehat{L}_\sigma^2}.$$

Using Proposition 19 with $p = 2$ [noting that (7.4) is clearly satisfied for $p = 2$], we obtain that

$$(7.18) \quad \int_0^t \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_1^{\alpha_1,\sigma}}^2 ds \lesssim 1.$$

Combining (7.16), (7.17) and (7.18), we arrive at

$$\int_0^t \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\alpha,\sigma}}^{2/\nu} ds \lesssim 1,$$

which is the announced result. \square

We now conclude with a pointwise-in-time estimate of the Besov norm of solutions.

PROPOSITION 21 (Strong a priori estimate in Besov spaces). *Let $p \geq 10$ be an even positive integer such that (7.4) holds, and assume furthermore that*

$$(7.19) \quad \frac{p - 1}{p - 4} \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} < 1.$$

For every $K < \infty$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that if $\underline{Z} \in \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma$ satisfies $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_{3p}^\sigma} \leq K$ and $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$, then

$$\sup_{t \leq T} \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma}} \leq C.$$

PROOF. Let $\tilde{\alpha} \in (\alpha, \alpha + 1/p]$. Recall from Lemma 14 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} &\lesssim \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^3 + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^2 \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} \|Z_s^{(2)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{2p/9}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \\ &\quad + \|Z_s^{(3)}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} + \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}} + \|Z_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{-\alpha,\sigma}}. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of $\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^{\sigma}}$ in (7.1) and Remark 8 [or (4.2)], it follows that

$$\|\Psi_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim (\|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^3 + s^{-2\alpha'}) (\|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^{\sigma}} + 1),$$

so that

$$(7.20) \quad \|\Psi_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{-\alpha,\sigma}} \lesssim (\|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^3 + s^{-2\alpha'})$$

(where the implicit constant depends in particular on K). By the definition of $Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z})$,

$$Y_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi_s \, ds,$$

so by Proposition 5 and (7.20),

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma}} &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} (\|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^3 + s^{-2\alpha'}) \, ds \\ &\lesssim 1 + \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}} \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^3 \, ds, \end{aligned}$$

since $\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} + 2\alpha' < 1$ by (7.4). By Hölder’s inequality, since we assume

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{p-1}} \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} < 1,$$

it follows that the remaining integral is smaller than a constant times

$$\left(\int_0^t \|Y_s\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/3}^{\tilde{\alpha},\sigma}}^{p-1} \, ds \right)^{3/(p-1)},$$

so Proposition 20 enables us to conclude. \square

REMARK 25. Informally, we started from

$$\partial_t Y = \Delta Y + \Psi(Y, \underline{Z}),$$

multiplied by Y^{p-1} and integrated to get an estimate on the L^p norm, which we then upgraded to obtain Proposition 21. A similar strategy enables to find an a priori estimate on the modulus of continuity of the solutions. Indeed, for any fixed $s \in [0, T]$, we write an equation for $\tilde{Y}_t := Y_t - Y_s$ ($s \leq t \leq T$), test it against \tilde{Y}_t^{p-1} ,

and proceed as before. We obtain that under the assumptions of Proposition 21, the set

$$\{Y \in S_{3p}^{T,\sigma}(\underline{Z}), \|\underline{Z}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} \leq K\}$$

is a family of uniformly equicontinuous functions in $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma})$.

8. Construction of solutions in the plane.

THEOREM 8.1 (Existence of solutions in the plane). *Let $T > 0, \beta < 2, \alpha > 0$ be sufficiently small, p be sufficiently large, and $\sigma > 2$. Let $X_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{3p}^{-\alpha,\sigma}$, and let $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:})$ be as in (5.42) [that is, Z is the solution of (1.5), and $Z^{:n:}$ are its Wick powers]. With probability one, there exists $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma})$ solving (1.6).*

PROOF. Recall that we denote the periodic approximations of \underline{Z} by

$$\underline{Z}_{:,M} = (Z_{:,M}, Z_{:,M}^{:2:}, Z_{:,M}^{:3:}).$$

By Corollary 3, for any $\alpha' > \alpha$ and every integer $M \geq 1$, the quantity

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|Z_{t,M}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha-\frac{2}{3p},M}} \vee t^{\alpha'+\frac{2}{3p}} \|Z_{t,M}^{:2:}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha-\frac{2}{3p},M}} \vee t^{2(\alpha'+\frac{2}{3p})} \|Z_{t,M}^{:3:}\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{-\alpha-\frac{2}{3p},M}})$$

is finite almost surely. For $\alpha + \frac{2}{3p} < \alpha' + \frac{2}{3p}$ sufficiently small, Theorem 6.1 ensures that there exists $Y_{:,M} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_\infty^{\beta,M})$ such that

$$(8.1) \quad Y_{t,M} = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \Psi(Y_{s,M}, \underline{Z}_{s,M}) \, ds.$$

In particular, $Y_{:,M} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\beta,\sigma})$.

We further impose that $p \geq 3^4$ be sufficiently large that

$$\frac{p-1}{p-4} \frac{\beta}{2} < 1,$$

and then $0 < \alpha < \alpha'$ sufficiently small that (7.4) and (7.19) hold. We learn from Corollary 4 that with probability one, there exists a subsequence $(M_k)_k$ tending to infinity and such that

$$\sup_k \|\underline{Z}_{:,M_k}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_{3p}^\sigma} < \infty.$$

By Proposition 21, it thus follows that with probability one,

$$(8.2) \quad \sup_k \sup_{t \leq T} \|Y_{t,M_k}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma}} < \infty.$$

By Remark 25, with probability one, $(Y_{:,M_k})_k$ is a family of uniformly equicontinuous functions in $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta,\sigma})$. By Proposition 10 (or Proposition 11), for

every $\sigma' > \sigma$, we can thus extract a subsequence that converges uniformly in $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta, \sigma'})$ to some Y ; and moreover, $Y \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/9}^{\beta, \sigma})$. It then suffices to pass to the limit in (8.1) to obtain (1.8), using the fact ensured by Corollary 4 that for $n = 1, 2, 3$, with probability one, $\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t^{(n-1)\alpha'} \|Z_{t; M_k}^{:n:} - Z_t^{:n:}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{\frac{3p}{n}}^{-\alpha', \sigma'}} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$. \square

9. Uniqueness of solutions in the plane. Consider the parabolic Anderson problem

$$(9.1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t Y = \Delta Y + WY & (\text{on } [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2), \\ Y(0, \cdot) = 0, \end{cases}$$

interpreted in the mild sense:

$$(9.2) \quad Y_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} (W_s Y_s) ds.$$

We want to find sufficient conditions on W and Y to guarantee that $Y = 0$.

THEOREM 9.1 (Uniqueness for the parabolic Anderson problem). *Assume that there exists $K < \infty$, $p \geq 1$, $\mu_0 > 0$ and $\alpha, \alpha', b \in (0, \infty)$ such that for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $t \leq T$,*

$$(9.3) \quad \|W_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{-\alpha, \mu}} \leq K t^{-\alpha'} \mu^{-b}.$$

Let Y be a solution of (9.1) such that for some $C < \infty$, $\tilde{\alpha} > \alpha$ and $c < \infty$, it holds for every $\mu \leq \mu_0$ and $t \leq T$ that

$$(9.4) \quad \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \mu}} \leq C \mu^{-c}.$$

If

$$(9.5) \quad \frac{\alpha + \tilde{\alpha}}{2} + \frac{1}{p} + b < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\alpha + \tilde{\alpha}}{2} + \frac{1}{p} + \alpha' < 1,$$

then $Y = 0$.

REMARK 26. The constant c does not appear in the condition (9.5). This is a manifestation of the fact that (9.4) can be somewhat weakened if desired, as the reader can easily check from the proof.

The proof relies on the following estimate.

PROPOSITION 22 (Recursive estimate). *Let $\tilde{\alpha} > \alpha$, $p \geq 1$, $a > 0$ and $\mu > 0$. There exists $C > 0$ such that for every $n \geq 1$,*

$$(9.6) \quad \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{n^a}}} \leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\tilde{\alpha}}{2}-\frac{1}{p}} \|W_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{-\alpha, \mu n}} \|Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}} ds,$$

where

$$(9.7) \quad \mu_n = \frac{\mu}{n^a} - \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}.$$

PROOF. Note that

$$\frac{1}{(p/2)} \frac{\mu}{2n^a} = \frac{\mu}{p} \left(\frac{1}{n^a} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^a} \right) + \frac{\mu}{p(n+1)^a} = \frac{\mu_n}{p} + \frac{1}{p} \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}.$$

It thus follows from Remark 17 that

$$(9.8) \quad \|W_s Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p/2}^{-\alpha, \frac{\mu}{2n^a}}} \lesssim \|W_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{-\alpha, \mu_n}} \|Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}}}$$

We now observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{n^a}}} &\leq \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)\Delta}(W_s Y_s)\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{n^a}}} \, ds \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\tilde{\alpha}}{2}-\frac{1}{p}} \|W_s Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{-\alpha-\frac{2}{p}, \frac{\mu}{n^a}}} \, ds \\ &\lesssim \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\tilde{\alpha}}{2}-\frac{1}{p}} \|W_s Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_{\frac{p}{2}}^{-\alpha, \frac{\mu}{2n^a}}} \, ds, \end{aligned}$$

where we used Proposition 5 in the second step, and Proposition 2 in the third. The conclusion follows by (9.8). \square

We now prepare for a Gronwall-type argument via the following lemma.

LEMMA 15 (Iterated integrals). *Let $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \geq 0$ be such that $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 < 1$, and define recursively*

$$\begin{aligned} I_0(t) &= 1, \\ I_{n+1}(t) &= \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2} I_n(s) \, ds \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned}$$

For every $\tilde{\gamma} > \gamma_1$ and $T < \infty$, there exists $C < \infty$ such that uniformly over $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \leq T$,

$$(9.9) \quad I_n(t) \leq \frac{C}{(n!)^{1-\tilde{\gamma}}}.$$

PROOF. Let $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ and, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$J_n = \int_0^1 (1-u)^{-\gamma_1} u^{-\gamma_2+n(1-\gamma)} \, du.$$

We first show by induction on n that

$$(9.10) \quad I_n(t) = t^{n(1-\gamma)} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} J_k.$$

The case $n = 0$ is trivial (we understand the product as being 1). For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, a change of variables gives

$$I_{n+1}(t) = t^{1-\gamma} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{-\gamma_1} u^{-\gamma_2} I_n(tu) \, du,$$

so (9.10) implies the same statement with n replaced by $n + 1$.

In order to conclude, it suffices to show that there exists $C < \infty$ such that for every n sufficiently large,

$$(9.11) \quad J_n \leq C \left(\frac{\log n}{n} \right)^{1-\gamma_1}.$$

We consider n sufficiently large that $-\gamma_2 + n(1-\gamma) \geq 0$. For any $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, we can decompose the integral defining J_n along $\int_0^{1-\varepsilon} + \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1$ and obtain that

$$J_n \leq \varepsilon^{-\gamma_1} (1-\varepsilon)^{-\gamma_2+n(1-\gamma)} + (1-\gamma_1)^{-1} \varepsilon^{1-\gamma_1}.$$

Choosing $\varepsilon = c(\log n)/n$ for some constant c gives an upper bound that is asymptotically equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{n}{c \log n} \right)^{\gamma_1} n^{-c(1-\gamma)} + (1-\gamma_1)^{-1} \left(\frac{c \log n}{n} \right)^{1-\gamma_1}.$$

It then suffices to fix c sufficiently large to obtain (9.11), and thus conclude the proof. \square

PROOF OF THEOREM 9.1. In view of (9.5), there exists $a > 0$ such that

$$(9.12) \quad (1+a)b < 1 - \frac{\alpha + \tilde{\alpha}}{2} - \frac{1}{p}.$$

We fix $\mu = \mu_0$. By Proposition 22 and the assumption in (9.3), there exists $C > 0$ such that for every $n \geq 1$,

$$\|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{n^a}}} \leq C \mu_n^{-b} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{\alpha+\tilde{\alpha}}{2} - \frac{1}{p}} s^{-\alpha'} \|Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}} \, ds,$$

where μ_n is as in (9.7). We define $\gamma_1 = \frac{\alpha+\tilde{\alpha}}{2} + \frac{1}{p}$, $\gamma_2 = \alpha'$, and $I_n(t)$ as in Lemma 15 [note that $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 < 1$ by (9.5)]. By induction, we obtain

$$(9.13) \quad \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \mu}} \leq C^n \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \mu_k \right)^{-b} I_n(t) \sup_{s \leq t} \|Y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha}, \frac{\mu}{(n+1)^a}}.$$

As n tends to infinity, we have

$$\mu_n \sim \frac{a\mu}{n^{1+a}},$$

so in particular (for some possibly larger $C < \infty$),

$$\left(\prod_{k=1}^n \mu_k\right)^{-b} \leq C^n (n!)^{(1+a)b}.$$

In view of (9.12), we can define $\tilde{\gamma}$ such that $\gamma_1 < \tilde{\gamma} < 1$ and

$$(9.14) \quad (1+a)b < 1 - \tilde{\gamma}.$$

By Lemma 15 and (9.4), the right-hand side of (9.13) is thus bounded by

$$C^n \frac{(n!)^{(1+a)b}}{(n!)^{1-\tilde{\gamma}}} \left(\frac{(n+1)^a}{\mu}\right)^c.$$

This quantity tends to 0 with n by (9.14), so $\|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha},\mu}} = 0$ for every $t \leq T$, and thus $Y = 0$. \square

THEOREM 9.2 (Uniqueness of solutions). *Let $T > 0$, $\beta < 2$, $\sigma > 2$, $\alpha > 0$ be sufficiently small, and p be sufficiently large (depending on σ). Let $X_0 \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{-\alpha,\sigma}$, and let $\underline{Z} = (Z, Z^{:2:}, Z^{:3:})$ be as in (5.42) [i.e., Z is the solution of (1.5), and $Z^{:n:}$ are its Wick powers]. With probability one, if $Y^{(1)}, Y^{(2)} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\beta,\sigma})$ are two solutions of (1.6), then $Y^{(1)} = Y^{(2)}$.*

PROOF. The process $Y := Y^{(1)} - Y^{(2)}$ solves

$$Y_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} W_s Y_s \, ds,$$

where

$$W = -(Y^{(1)})^2 - Y^{(1)}Y^{(2)} - (Y^{(2)})^2 - 3(Y^{(1)} + Y^{(2)})Z - 3Z^{:2:} + a.$$

We verify that for suitable choices of parameters, the conditions of Theorem 9.1 are satisfied. Observe that

$$\sup_{\mu} \mu^{cp} e^{-\mu|x|_*^\delta} \lesssim |x|_*^{-\delta cp},$$

and as a consequence,

$$(9.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \sup_{\mu} \mu^c \|\cdot\|_{L_\mu^p} &\lesssim \|\cdot\|_{\widehat{L}_{\delta cp}^p}, \\ \sup_{\mu} \mu^c \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\tilde{\alpha},\mu}} &\lesssim \|\cdot\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\tilde{\alpha},\delta cp}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the solutions $Y^{(1)}, Y^{(2)}$ are in $\mathcal{C}([0, T], \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{\beta, \sigma})$, we get that for some $c < \infty$,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sup_{\mu \leq \mu_0} \mu^c \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^{\beta, \mu}} < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

By Remark 8 and up to a redefinition of c , we also have that for every $\tilde{\alpha} \leq \beta$,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sup_{\mu \leq \mu_0} \mu^c \|Y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p/2}^{\tilde{\alpha}, \mu}} < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

By Corollary 4, with probability one,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|Z_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_p^{-\alpha, \sigma}} \vee t^{\alpha'} \|Z_t^{:2}\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/2}^{-\alpha, \sigma}}) < \infty.$$

By the multiplicative inequalities, it follows that with probability one,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} t^{\alpha'} \|W_t\|_{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{p/2}^{-\alpha, \sigma}} < \infty.$$

Using (9.15), we see that for any given $b > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \alpha'$, we can choose p sufficiently large that

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sup_{\mu \leq \mu_0} \mu^b t^{\alpha'} \|W_t\|_{\mathcal{B}_{p/2}^{-\alpha, \mu}} < \infty.$$

The conclusion thus follows from Theorem 9.1. \square

APPENDIX: GEVREY CLASSES

We begin by recalling two classical facts about Gevrey classes: first, the stability of \mathcal{G}^θ under multiplication; second, that the Fourier transform of a function in \mathcal{G}_c^θ has fast decay at infinity. We then prove a third result that was needed in Section 2.3, whose proof is in large measure a combination of the proofs of these two more classical facts.

PROPOSITION 23 (Stability under multiplication). *For every $\theta \geq 1$, the Gevrey class \mathcal{G}^θ is stable under multiplication.*

PROOF. Let $f, g \in \mathcal{G}^\theta$, and let K be a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^d . There exists $C < \infty$ such that for every $x \in K$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^d$,

$$|\partial^n f|(x), |\partial^n g|(x) \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta.$$

We have

$$\partial^n (fg) = \sum_{m \leq n} \binom{n}{m} \partial^{n-m} f \partial^m g,$$

where we use the multi-index notation $\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!m!}$. The number of m 's such that $|m| \leq |n|$ is $\binom{|n|+d}{d}$, so it suffices to show that on K ,

$$\binom{n}{m} |\partial^{n-m} f \partial^m g| \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta.$$

On K , the left-hand side above is bounded by

$$n! C^{|n|+1} [(n-m)!m!]^{\theta-1},$$

and since $(n-m)!m! \leq n!$, the proof is complete. \square

PROPOSITION 24 (Decay of the Fourier transform). *If $f \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$, then there exists $c > 0$ and $C < \infty$ such that*

$$(A.1) \quad |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C e^{-c|\zeta|^{1/\theta}}.$$

PROOF. It suffices to show that (A.1) holds uniformly over $|\zeta| \geq 1$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}^d$, writing $\zeta^n = \zeta_1^{n_1} \cdots \zeta_d^{n_d}$, we observe that

$$|\zeta^n \hat{f}(\zeta)| = |\widehat{\partial^n f}(\zeta)| \leq \int |\partial^n f| \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta,$$

where we used the fact that f is compactly supported and in \mathcal{G}^θ in the last step. As a consequence, for every positive integer m , letting $M = \lfloor m/\theta \rfloor$ (the integer part of m/θ) and $\overline{M} = M + 1$, we have

$$|\zeta|^{\lfloor m/\theta \rfloor} |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \stackrel{(|\zeta| \geq 1)}{\leq} |\zeta|^{\overline{M}} |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C^{\overline{M}} (|\zeta_1|^{\overline{M}} + \cdots + |\zeta_d|^{\overline{M}}) |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C^{\overline{M}+1} (\overline{M}!)^\theta$$

(we use C as a generic constant whose value can change from an inequality to another). One can then check that the right-hand side above is bounded by

$$C^{M+1} (M!)^\theta \leq C^{M+1} M^{\theta M} \leq C^{m+1} m^m.$$

We have thus shown that uniformly over $|\zeta| \geq 1$ and m ,

$$|\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C \left(\frac{Cm}{|\zeta|^{1/\theta}} \right)^m.$$

Since

$$e^{c|\zeta|^{1/\theta}} |\hat{f}(\zeta)| = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(c|\zeta|^{1/\theta})^m}{m!} |\hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(cCm)^m}{m!}$$

and $m! \geq (m/e)^m$, it suffices to choose $c > 0$ sufficiently small that $cCe < 1$ to obtain the result. \square

PROPOSITION 25 (Exponential decay). *Let $\phi \in \mathcal{G}_c^\theta$ be supported in an annulus \mathcal{C} , and let*

$$\bar{g}_t(x) = \int e^{ix \cdot \zeta} \phi(\zeta) e^{-t|\zeta|^2} d\zeta.$$

There exists $C < \infty$ and $c > 0$ such that uniformly over $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $t \geq 0$,

$$|\bar{g}_t(x)| \leq C e^{-ct - c|x|^{1/\theta}}.$$

PROOF. It suffices to show that there exists $C < \infty$ and $c > 0$ such that uniformly over $\zeta \in \mathcal{C}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^d$,

$$(A.2) \quad \partial^n (e^{-t|\zeta|^2}) \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta e^{-ct}.$$

Indeed, given this, the proof of Proposition 23 shows that uniformly over ζ ,

$$\partial^n (\phi(\zeta) e^{-t|\zeta|^2}) \leq C^{|n|+1} (n!)^\theta e^{-ct},$$

and then we can repeat the proof of Proposition 24 to obtain the result.

We now show that (A.2) holds with $\theta = 1$. Let us write $f(y) = e^{ty}$ and $g(\zeta) = -|\zeta|^2$. By Faà di Bruno’s formula, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_n \leq d$,

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial \zeta_{i_1} \dots \partial \zeta_{i_n}} f(g(\zeta)) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} f^{(|\pi|)}(g(\zeta)) \prod_{B \in \pi} \frac{\partial^{|B|}}{\prod_{k \in B} \partial \zeta_{i_k}} g(\zeta),$$

where Π is the set of partitions of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Because of the form of g , the term indexed by B in the last product is zero unless $|B| \leq 2$. It thus suffices to focus on showing that

$$\left| \sum f^{(|\pi|)}(g(\zeta)) \right| \leq C^{|n|+1} n! e^{-ct},$$

where the sum runs over partitions π whose constituents have at most two elements. Moreover, $f^{(|\pi|)}(y) = t^{|\pi|} e^{ty}$, and there are

$$\frac{n!}{m_1! m_2! 2^{m_2}}$$

partitions of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ by m_1 singletons and m_2 sets of 2 elements ($m_1 + 2m_2 = n$). Let $r \in (0, 2)$ be such that $|\zeta|^2 \leq r \Rightarrow \zeta \notin \mathcal{C}$. It suffices to check that

$$(A.3) \quad \left| \sum_{m_1+2m_2=n} \frac{n!}{m_1! m_2! 2^{m_2}} t^{m_1+m_2} e^{-tr} \right| \leq C^{|n|+1} n! e^{-ct}.$$

Since $2^N = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k}$, we have $(m_1 + m_2)! \leq 2^{m_1+m_2} m_1! m_2!$, and thus, for $m_1 + 2m_2 = n$,

$$\frac{1}{m_1! m_2!} t^{m_1+m_2} \leq 2^n \frac{t^{m_1+m_2}}{(m_1 + m_2)!} = \left(\frac{4}{r}\right)^n \frac{(tr/2)^{m_1+m_2}}{(m_1 + m_2)!} \leq \left(\frac{4}{r}\right)^n e^{tr/2}.$$

This implies (A.3) (with $c = r/2$), and thus completes the proof. \square

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