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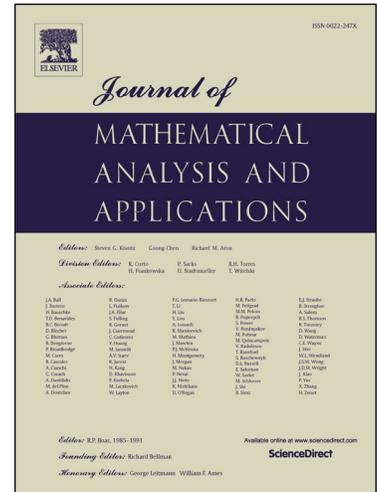
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## Abstract

In this article we develop a framework for studying parabolic semilinear stochastic evolution equations (SEEs) with singularities in the initial condition and singularities at the initial time of the time-dependent coefficients of the considered SEE. We use this framework to establish existence, uniqueness, and regularity results for mild solutions of parabolic semilinear SEEs with singularities at the initial time. We also provide several counterexample SEEs that illustrate the optimality of our results.

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## 1 Introduction

There are a number of existence, uniqueness, and regularity results for mild solutions of semilinear stochastic evolution equations (SEEs) in the literature; see, e.g., [10, 11, 4, 28, 16, 18, 21, 27]

and the references mentioned therein. In this work we extend the above cited results by adding singularities in the initial condition and by introducing singularities at the initial time of the time-dependent coefficients of the considered SEE; see also Chen & Dalang [7, 8] for related results. To be more specific, in the first main result of this work (see Proposition 2.7) we establish a general perturbation estimate (see (3) below) for a general class of stochastic processes which allows us to derive a priori bounds (see, e.g., (5) below) for solutions and numerical approximations of SEEs with singularities at the initial time. This perturbation estimate, in turn, is used to prove the second main result of this article (see Theorem 2.9) which establishes existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for solutions of SEEs with singularities at the initial time (see (4) and (5) below). As an application of our perturbation estimate and this second main result of our article, we reveal a regularity barrier (see (8) below) for the initial condition of the considered SEE under which the considered SEE has a unique solution which is Lipschitz continuous with respect to initial values (see Corollary 2.10). By means of several counterexamples (see Propositions 3.2, 3.4, and 3.5) we also demonstrate that this regularity barrier can in general not essentially be improved (cf. (10) and (11) below). We illustrate the above findings in the case of possibly nonlinear stochastic heat equations on an interval such as the continuous version of the parabolic Anderson model on an interval (cf. Corollary 3.1, Proposition 3.2, and Proposition 3.3). Existence, uniqueness, and regularity results for possibly nonlinear stochastic heat equations on the whole real line with rough initial values, that is, signed Borel measures with exponentially growing tails over  $\mathbb{R}$  as initial values can be found in Chen & Dalang [7, 8] (see Theorem 2.4 in Chen & Dalang [8] for an existence and uniqueness result and a priori estimates and see Theorem 3.1 in Chen & Dalang [7] for a Hölder regularity result). Moreover, Proposition 2.11 in Chen & Dalang [8] disproves the existence of a solution of the considered stochastic heat equation in the case of a specific rough initial value, that is, the derivative of the Dirac delta measure at zero as the initial value.

To illustrate the results of this article in more details, we assume the following setting throughout this introductory section. Let  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H)$  and  $(U, \|\cdot\|_U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U)$  be nontrivial separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert spaces. Let  $T \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} \in (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $\hat{\beta} \in (-\infty, 1/2)$ ,  $L_0, \hat{L}_0, L_1, \hat{L}_1 \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $\kappa = \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1)$  satisfy  $\kappa(\alpha + \hat{\alpha}) < 3/2$ . Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  be a stochastic basis. Let  $(W_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be an  $\text{Id}_U$ -cylindrical  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -Wiener process. Let  $A: D(A) \subseteq H \rightarrow H$  be a generator of a strongly continuous analytic semigroup with  $\text{spectrum}(A) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Re}(z) < \eta\}$ . Let  $(H_r, \|\cdot\|_{H_r}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{H_r})$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , be a family of interpolation spaces associated to  $\eta - A$  (cf., e.g., [26, Section 3.7]). Let  $\mathbf{F}: [0, T] \times \Omega \times H \rightarrow H_{-\alpha}$  be a  $(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(H))/\mathcal{B}(H_{-\alpha})$ -measurable mapping, let  $\mathbf{B}: [0, T] \times \Omega \times H \rightarrow HS(U, H_{-\beta})$  be a  $(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(H))/\mathcal{B}(HS(U, H_{-\beta}))$ -measurable mapping, and assume for all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; H)$  that

$$\|\mathbf{F}(t, X) - \mathbf{F}(t, Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq L_0 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|\mathbf{F}(t, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq \hat{L}_0 t^{-\hat{\alpha}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B}(t, X) - \mathbf{B}(t, Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq L_1 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|\mathbf{B}(t, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq \hat{L}_1 t^{-\hat{\beta}}. \quad (2)$$

In displays (3)–(11) below we illustrate the above framework through several examples and applications. Our first result is a suitable *perturbation estimate* for predictable stochastic processes. We employ the following additional notation to formulate this perturbation estimate.

For every  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$  and every sufficiently regular predictable stochastic processes  $Y: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  let  $I(\cdot, Y) = (I(t, Y))_{t \in [0, T]}: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  be a predictable stochastic process which satisfies for all  $t \in [0, T]$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $I(t, Y) = Y_t - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) ds - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s$ . Proposition 2.7 below then proves that there exists a function  $\Theta = (\Theta_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)])$  and a wide class of  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes  $Y^1, Y^2: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  it holds that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \leq \Theta_\lambda \left( \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|I(t, Y^1) - I(t, Y^2)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \right). \quad (3)$$

We also note that we explicitly specify the function  $\Theta = (\Theta_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in Proposition 2.7 below. Estimate (3) follows from an appropriate application of a generalized Gronwall-type inequality (see the proof of Proposition 2.7 below for details).

We use inequality (3) to establish an existence, uniqueness, and regularity result for SEEs with singularities at the initial time. More precisely, in Theorem 2.9 below we prove that there exists a function  $\Theta = (\Theta_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all suitable  $\delta, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_0}; H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}})$  it holds (i) that there exists a suitable up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}}$  which satisfies for all  $t \in [0, T]$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$X_t = e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, X_s) dW_s \quad (4)$$

and (ii) that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \leq \Theta_\lambda \left[ 1 + \frac{\sup_{t \in (0, T]} (t^\delta \|e^{tA} \xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)})}{T^\delta} \right] < \infty. \quad (5)$$

In Theorem 2.9 we also explicitly specify the function  $\Theta = (\Theta_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We would like to point out that inequality (5) under the generality of (1) and (2) is a crucial ingredient to establish essentially sharp weak convergence rates for numerical approximations of SEEs with possibly smooth initial values (see the last paragraph in this introductory section for more details). Inequality (5) follows from the perturbation estimate (3) (with  $Y^1 = X$  and  $Y^2 = 0$  in the notation of (3)).

We now illustrate Theorem 2.9 and (4)–(5), respectively, by some examples. In particular, in Corollary 2.10 below we prove by an application of Theorem 2.9 that for all  $F \in \text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})$ ,  $B \in \text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))$ ,  $\hat{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})]$  it holds (i) that there exist up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes  $X^x: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\delta}$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ , which fulfill for all  $q \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X^x((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\delta \|X_s^x\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$X_t^x = e^{tA} x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} F(X_s^x) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s^x) dW_s \quad (6)$$

and (ii) that

$$\forall \delta \in [0, \hat{\delta}), q \in [2, \infty): \sup_{\substack{x, y \in H_{-\delta} \\ x \neq y}} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \max \left\{ \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\max\{1, \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}}\}}, \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}}} \right\} < \infty. \quad (7)$$

Here and below for two  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  and  $(W, \|\cdot\|_W)$  we denote by  $\text{Lip}(V, W)$  the set of all Lipschitz continuous functions from  $V$  to  $W$  and for two  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  and  $(W, \|\cdot\|_W)$  and a function  $f \in \text{Lip}(V, W)$  we denote by  $|f|_{\text{Lip}(V, W)} \in [0, \infty)$  the Lipschitz semi-norm associated to  $f$  (see (13) in Subsection 1.1 below for details). The finiteness of the second element in the set in the maximum in (7) follows from the perturbation estimate (3) (with  $Y^1 = X^x$  and  $Y^2 = X^y$  for  $x, y \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$  in the notation of (3)) and the finiteness of the first element in the set in the maximum in (7) is a consequence from (5), which, in turn, also follows from the perturbation estimate (3) (see above and the proof of Corollary 2.10 for details). Roughly speaking, Corollary 2.10 establishes the existence of mild solutions of the SEE (6) and also establishes the Lipschitz continuity of the solutions with respect to the initial conditions for any initial condition in  $H_{-\delta}$  and any  $\delta < \hat{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})]$  (see (7)). In Corollary 3.1, Proposition 3.2, Proposition 3.4, and Proposition 3.5 below we demonstrate that the *regularity barrier*

$$\hat{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})] = \begin{cases} 1/2 & : B \text{ is not a constant function} \\ 1 & : B \text{ is a constant function} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

for the regularity of the initial conditions revealed in Corollary 2.10 (and Proposition 2.7 and Theorem 2.9, respectively) can, in general, not essentially be improved. In particular, Corollary 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 below prove in the case where  $H = U = L^2((0, 1); \mathbb{R})$ , where  $\beta \in (1/4, 1/2)$ , where  $A: D(A) \subseteq H \rightarrow H$  is the Laplacian with periodic boundary conditions on  $H$ , and where  $B \in L(H, HS(H, H_{-\beta}))$  satisfies  $\forall u, v \in H: B(v)u = v \cdot u$  ( $B$  is not a constant function) that it holds (i) that there exist up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes  $X^x: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\delta}$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1/2)$ , which fulfill for all  $q \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X^x((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\delta \|X_s^x\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$X_t^x = e^{tA}x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s^x) dW_s, \quad (9)$$

(ii) that

$$\forall \delta \in [0, 1/2), q \in [2, \infty), t \in (0, T]: \sup_{\substack{x, y \in H, \\ x \neq y}} \left[ \frac{\|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}}} \right] < \infty, \quad (10)$$

and (iii) that

$$\forall \delta \in (1/2, \infty), q \in [2, \infty), t \in (0, T]: \sup_{\substack{x, y \in H, \\ x \neq y}} \left[ \frac{\|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^q(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}}} \right] = \infty. \quad (11)$$

The SEE (9) is sometimes referred to as a continuous version of the *parabolic Anderson model* in the literature (see, e.g., Carmona & Molchanov [6]). In addition, Proposition 3.2 below *disproves* the existence of square integrable solutions of the SEE (9) with initial conditions in  $(\cup_{\delta \in \mathbb{R}} H_\delta) \setminus H_{-1/2}$ . The noise in the counterexample SEE (9) is spatially very rough and one

might question whether the regularity barrier (8) can be overcome in the case of more regular spatially smooth noise. In Proposition 3.4 below we answer this question to the negative by presenting another counterexample SEE with a non-constant diffusion coefficient but a spatially smooth noise for which we disprove the existence of square integrable solutions with initial conditions in  $(\cup_{\delta \in \mathbb{R}} H_\delta) \setminus H_{-1/2}$  (cf., however, also Proposition 3.3 below). Proposition 3.5 below also provides a further counterexample SEE which illustrates the sharpness of the regularity barrier (8) in the case where  $B$  is a constant function.

Proposition 2.7, Theorem 2.9, and Corollary 2.10 outlined above (see (3)–(7)) are of particular importance for establishing regularity properties for Kolmogorov backward equations associated to parabolic semilinear SEEs and, thereby, for establishing essentially sharp probabilistically *weak convergence rates* for numerical approximations of parabolic semilinear SEEs (cf., e.g., Lemmas 4.4–4.6 in Debussche [12], Lemma 3.3 in Wang & Gan [30], (4.2)–(4.3) in Andersson & Larsson [1], Propositions 5.1–5.2 and Lemma 5.4 in Bréhier [2], Lemma 3.3 in Wang [29], (79) in Conus et al. [9], Proposition 7.1, Lemma 10.5, and Lemma 10.10 in Kopec [20], and (183)–(184) in Jentzen & Kurniawan [17]). The analytically weak norm for the initial condition in (7) as well as the singularities in the nonlinear coefficients of the SEE in (1) and (2) above translate in an analytically weak norm for the approximation errors in the probabilistically weak error analysis which, in turn, results in essentially sharp probabilistically weak convergence rates (cf., e.g., Theorem 2.2 in Debussche [12], Theorem 2.1 in Wang & Gan [30], Theorem 1.1 in Andersson & Larsson [1], Theorem 1.1 in Bréhier [2], Theorem 5.1 in Bréhier & Kopec [3], Corollary 1 in Wang [29], Corollary 5.2 in Conus et al. [9], Theorem 6.1 in Kopec [20], and Corollary 8.2 in [17]). The perturbation inequality in Proposition 2.7 (see (3) above) is also useful to establish essentially sharp probabilistically *strong convergence rates* for numerical approximations and perturbations of SEEs (cf., e.g., Proposition 4.1 in Conus et al. [9] and Proposition 4.3 in [17]).

## 1.1 Notation

Throughout this article the following notation is used. For two measurable spaces  $(A, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(B, \mathcal{B})$  we denote by  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  the set of all  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}$ -measurable functions. For a set  $A$  we denote by  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  the power set of  $A$  and we denote by  $\#_A: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  the counting measure on  $A$ . For a Borel measurable set  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  we denote by  $\mu_A: \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  the Lebesgue-Borel measure on  $A$ . For a real number  $T \in (0, \infty)$  and a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with a normal filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  (see, e.g., Definition 2.1.11 in [23]) we call the quadruple  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  a stochastic basis. For a real number  $T \in (0, \infty)$  and a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  we denote by  $\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  the sigma-algebra given by

$$\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}) = \sigma_{[0, T] \times \Omega}(\{(s, t] \times A : s, t \in [0, T], s < t, A \in \mathcal{F}_s\} \cup \{\{0\} \times A : A \in \mathcal{F}_0\}) \quad (12)$$

(the predictable sigma-algebra associated to  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ ). We denote by  $[\cdot]_h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h \in (0, \infty)$ , the functions which satisfy for all  $h \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  that  $[t]_h = \min([t, \infty) \cap \{0, h, -h, 2h, -2h, \dots\})$ . For  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  and  $(W, \|\cdot\|_W)$  we denote by  $|\cdot|_{\text{Lip}(V, W)}: \mathcal{C}(V, W) \rightarrow$

$[0, \infty]$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{Lip}(V,W)} : \mathcal{C}(V,W) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  the functions which satisfy<sup>1</sup> for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}(V,W)$  that

$$|f|_{\text{Lip}(V,W)} = \sup \left( \left\{ \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|_W}{\|x - y\|_V} : x, y \in V, x \neq y \right\} \cup \{0\} \right), \quad (13)$$

$$\|f\|_{\text{Lip}(V,W)} = \|f(0)\|_W + |f|_{\text{Lip}(V,W)}$$

and we denote by  $\text{Lip}(V,W)$  the set given by  $\text{Lip}(V,W) = \{f \in \mathcal{C}(V,W) : |f|_{\text{Lip}(V,W)} < \infty\}$ . We denote by  $\mathbb{B} : (0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  the function with the property that for all  $x, y \in (0, \infty)$  it holds that  $\mathbb{B}(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt$  (Beta function). We denote by  $E_{\alpha,\beta} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in (-\infty, 1)$ , the functions which satisfy for all  $\alpha, \beta \in (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$  that

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}[x] = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{B}(1 - \beta, k(1 - \beta) + 1 - \alpha) \quad (14)$$

(generalized exponential function; cf. Lemma 7.1.1 in Chapter 7 in Henry [14], (1.0.3) in Chapter 1 in Gorenflo et al. [13], and Lemma 2.6 below). For a separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert space  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H)$ , real numbers  $T \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $a, \lambda \in (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $b \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$ , and a generator  $A : D(A) \subseteq H \rightarrow H$  of a strongly continuous analytic semigroup with spectrum  $(A) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(z) < \eta\}$  we denote by  $\chi_{A,\eta}^{r,T}, \kappa_{A,\eta}^{s,T} \in [0, \infty)$  the real numbers given by

$$\chi_{A,\eta}^{r,T} = \sup_{t \in (0,T]} t^r \|(\eta - A)^r e^{tA}\|_{L(H)} \quad (15)$$

and  $\kappa_{A,\eta}^{s,T} = \sup_{t \in (0,T]} t^{-s} \|(\eta - A)^{-s} (e^{tA} - \text{Id}_H)\|_{L(H)}$  (cf., e.g., [24, Lemma 11.36]) and we denote by  $\Theta_{A,\eta,p,T}^{a,b,\lambda} : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  the function which satisfies for all  $L, \hat{L} \in [0, \infty)$  that

$$\Theta_{A,\eta,p,T}^{a,b,\lambda}(L, \hat{L}) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \left| E_{2\lambda, \max\{a, 2b\}} \left[ \left| \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{a,T} L \sqrt{2} T^{(1-a)}}{\sqrt{1-a}} + \chi_{A,\eta}^{b,T} \hat{L} \sqrt{p(p-1) T^{(1-2b)}} \right|^2 \right] \right|^{1/2} & : (\lambda, \hat{L}) \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}) \times (0, \infty) \\ E_{\lambda,a} \left[ \chi_{A,\eta}^{a,T} L T^{(1-a)} \right] & : \hat{L} = 0 \\ \infty & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

For a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ , a measurable space  $(S, \mathcal{S})$ , and an  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{S}$ -measurable function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow S$  we denote by  $[f]_{\mu, \mathcal{S}}$  the set given by

$$[f]_{\mu, \mathcal{S}} = \{g \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{S}) : (\exists A \in \mathcal{F} : \mu(A) = 0 \text{ and } \{\omega \in \Omega : f(\omega) \neq g(\omega)\} \subseteq A)\} \quad (17)$$

and, as usual, we often do not distinguish between an  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{S}$ -measurable function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow S$  and its equivalence class  $[f]_{\mu, \mathcal{S}}$ .

<sup>1</sup>the set  $\{0\}$  is incorporated in the union in (13) to ensure that the argument of the supremum is not empty in the case where  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  is the trivial  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach space.

## 1.2 Setting

Throughout this article the following setting is frequently used. Consider the notation in Section 1.1, let  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H)$  and  $(U, \|\cdot\|_U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U)$  be separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Hilbert spaces with  $\#_H(H) > 1$ , let  $T \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  be a stochastic basis, let  $(W_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be an  $\text{Id}_U$ -cylindrical  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -Wiener process, let  $A: D(A) \subseteq H \rightarrow H$  be a generator of a strongly continuous analytic semigroup with  $\text{spectrum}(A) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Re}(z) < \eta\}$ , let  $(H_r, \|\cdot\|_{H_r}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{H_r})$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , be a family of interpolation spaces associated to  $\eta - A$ .

## 2 Stochastic evolution equations (SEEs) with singularities at the initial time

In the main result of this section, see Theorem 2.9 in Subsection 2.4 below, we establish existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for solutions of certain SEEs with time-dependent coefficients and singularities at the initial time. In Subsection 2.1 below we formulate the precise framework which we employ to state Theorem 2.9 in Subsection 2.4 below. The framework in Subsection 2.1 is similar to the hypothesis used in the introductory section above.

### 2.1 Setting

Throughout this section the following setting is frequently used. Assume the setting in Section 1.2, let  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} \in (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $\hat{\beta} \in (-\infty, 1/2)$ ,  $L_0, \hat{L}_0, L_1, \hat{L}_1 \in [0, \infty)$  satisfy  $[\alpha + \hat{\alpha}] \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) < 3/2$ , and let  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(H_{-\alpha}))$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(H), \mathcal{B}(HS(U, H_{-\beta})))$  satisfy for all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; H)$  that

$$\|\mathbf{F}(t, X) - \mathbf{F}(t, Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq L_0 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|\mathbf{F}(t, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq \hat{L}_0 t^{-\hat{\alpha}}, \quad (18)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B}(t, X) - \mathbf{B}(t, Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq L_1 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|\mathbf{B}(t, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq \hat{L}_1 t^{-\hat{\beta}}. \quad (19)$$

### 2.2 Predictable stochastic processes with singularities at the initial time

The next result, Lemma 2.1, is an elementary lemma that slightly generalizes Proposition 3.6 (ii) in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10].

**Lemma 2.1** (Existence of predictable modifications). *Let  $T \in [0, \infty)$ , let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  be a stochastic basis, let  $(E, d_E)$  be a complete and separable metric space, and let  $Y: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$  be an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -adapted stochastic process which satisfies for all  $t \in (0, \infty) \cap (-\infty, T]$  that  $\limsup_{[0, T] \ni s \rightarrow t} \mathbb{E}[\min\{1, d_E(Y_s, Y_t)\}] = 0$ . Then there exists an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$  which satisfies for all  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $\mathbb{P}(X_t = Y_t) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* First, we observe that the assumption that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space ensures that  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  and this implies that  $[0, T] \times \Omega \neq \emptyset$ . The assumption that  $Y: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$  is a mapping from  $[0, T] \times \Omega$  to  $E$  therefore ensures that  $E \neq \emptyset$ . Hence, there exists an element  $e_0 \in E$ . In the next step assume without loss of generality that  $T > 0$ , let  $Z^N: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , be the functions with the property that for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that  $Z_t^N = Y_{\max\{[t]_{T/N} - T/N, 0\}}$ , and let  $w: (0, T] \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be the function with the property that for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, T]$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that

$$w(\varepsilon, N) = \sup_{\substack{t_1, t_2 \in [\varepsilon, T], \\ |t_1 - t_2| \leq T/N}} \mathbb{E}[\min\{1, d_E(Y_{t_1}, Y_{t_2})\}]. \quad (20)$$

The assumption that  $\forall t \in (0, T]: \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \mathbb{E}[\min\{1, d_E(Y_s, Y_t)\}] = 0$  ensures that for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, T]$  it holds that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} w(\varepsilon, N) = 0$ . This implies that there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $N_k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the property that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that

$$w(\frac{1}{k}, N_k) < \frac{1}{2^k}. \quad (21)$$

Next let  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$  be the mapping with the property that for all  $(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$  it holds that

$$X_t(\omega) = \begin{cases} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Z_t^{N_k}(\omega) & : (Z_t^{N_k}(\omega))_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is convergent} \\ e_0 & : \text{else} \end{cases}. \quad (22)$$

The fact that for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $Z^N$  is  $\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})/\mathcal{B}(E)$ -measurable, the assumption that  $(E, d_E)$  is complete and separable, and, e.g., Exercise 1.74 in Chapter 1 in Hoffmann-Jørgensen [15] imply that

$$\{(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega: (Z_t^{N_k}(\omega))_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is convergent}\} \in \text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}). \quad (23)$$

This together with the fact that for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $Z^N$  is  $\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})/\mathcal{B}(E)$ -measurable, and, e.g., Exercise 1.74 in Chapter 1 in Hoffmann-Jørgensen [15] ensure that  $X$  is  $\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})/\mathcal{B}(E)$ -measurable. It thus remains to prove that  $X$  is a modification of  $Y$ . For this we note that for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t \in (\frac{T}{N}, T]$  it holds that

$$\mathbb{E}[\min\{1, d_E(Y_t, Z_t^N)\}] = \mathbb{E}[\min\{1, d_E(Y_t, Y_{[t]_{T/N} - T/N})\}] \leq w(t - \frac{T}{N}, N). \quad (24)$$

This together with (21), the fact that  $\forall \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in (0, T]$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_2: w(\varepsilon_1, N) \geq w(\varepsilon_2, N)$ , and the fact that  $\forall t \in (0, T]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cap (\frac{T+1}{t}, \infty): \frac{1}{k} < t - \frac{T}{N_k}$  ensure that for all

$t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left\{ 1, d_E(Y_t, Z_t^{N_k}) \right\} \right] = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left\{ 1, d_E(Y_t, Y_{\lceil t \rceil_{T/N_k} - T/N_k}) \right\} \right] \\
 & = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cap (0, (T+1)/t]} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left\{ 1, d_E(Y_t, Y_{\lceil t \rceil_{T/N_k} - T/N_k}) \right\} \right] \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cap ((T+1)/t, \infty)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left\{ 1, d_E(Y_t, Y_{\lceil t \rceil_{T/N_k} - T/N_k}) \right\} \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{T+1}{t} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cap ((T+1)/t, \infty)} w(t - \frac{T}{N_k}, N_k) \leq \frac{T+1}{t} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cap ((T+1)/t, \infty)} w(\frac{1}{k}, N_k) \\
 & \leq \frac{T+1}{t} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cap ((T+1)/t, \infty)} \frac{1}{2^k} < \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

This implies that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_E(Z_t^{N_k}, Y_t) = 0$  (see, e.g., item (ii) of Theorem 6.12 in Klenke [19]). This and (22) ensure for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that  $\mathbb{P}(X_t = Y_t) = 1$ . This and the fact that  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}: X_0 = Z_0^N = Y_0$  complete the proof of Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

The next result, Lemma 2.2 below, presents a well-known fact regarding a measurability property of Banach spaces. In the formulation of Lemma 2.2 we employ the convention that for all  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces  $(V_0, \|\cdot\|_{V_0})$  and  $(V_1, \|\cdot\|_{V_1})$  we write  $V_1 \subseteq V_0$  continuously if and only if it holds (i) that  $V_1$  is a subset of  $V_0$  and (ii) that there exists a real number  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $v \in V_1$  it holds that  $\|v\|_{V_0} \leq C\|v\|_{V_1}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $(V_k, \|\cdot\|_{V_k})$ ,  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ , be separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces with  $V_1 \subseteq V_0$  continuously. Then*

$$\mathcal{B}(V_1) = \{B \in \mathcal{P}(V_1): (\exists A \in \mathcal{B}(V_0): B = A \cap V_1)\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(V_0). \tag{26}$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $\varphi: V_1 \rightarrow V_0$  and  $\phi: V_1 \rightarrow V_1$  be the mappings with the property that for all  $v \in V_1$  it holds that  $\varphi(v) = \phi(v) = v$ . Next observe that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}(V_1, V_0)$ . This implies that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}(V_1), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$ . Hence, we obtain that

$$\{B \in \mathcal{P}(V_1): (\exists A \in \mathcal{B}(V_0): B = A \cap V_1)\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(V_1). \tag{27}$$

Moreover, note that the fact that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}(V_1), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  allows us to apply, e.g., Parthasarathy [22, Theorem 2.4 in Chapter V] (with  $(X, \mathcal{B}) = (V_1, \mathcal{B}(V_1))$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{C}) = (V_0, \mathcal{B}(V_0))$ , and  $\varphi = \varphi$  in the notation of [22, Theorem 2.4 in Chapter V]) to obtain that for all  $C \in \mathcal{B}(V_1)$  it holds that  $V_1 = \varphi(V_1) \in \mathcal{B}(V_0)$  and  $C = \phi(C) = (\phi^{-1})^{-1}(C) \in \{B \in \mathcal{P}(V_1): (\exists A \in \mathcal{B}(V_0): B = A \cap V_1)\}$ . This implies that

$$\mathcal{B}(V_1) \subseteq \{B \in \mathcal{P}(V_1): (\exists A \in \mathcal{B}(V_0): B = A \cap V_1)\}. \tag{28}$$

Combining (27), (28), and the fact that  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}(V_0)$  completes the proof of Lemma 2.2.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** (Non-stochastic integral). *Assume the setting in Section 2.1, let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda \in (-\infty, 1)$ , and let  $Y : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  be an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process which satisfies  $Y((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$  and  $\sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ . Then*

- (i) for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s)\|_H ds < \infty$ ,
- (ii) there exists an up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process  $\bar{Y} : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  such that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\bar{Y}_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) ds$ ,
- (iii) it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^{(\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\} + \alpha - 1)} \|\bar{Y}_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} &\leq \left( \hat{L}_0 + L_0 \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right) \\ &\cdot |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha, 1 - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

- (iv) and for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1 - \alpha)$ ,  $s, t \in (0, T]$  with  $s < t$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{Y}_t - \bar{Y}_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} &\leq |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \left( \hat{L}_0 + L_0 \sup_{u \in (0, T]} u^\lambda \|Y_u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right) |t - s|^\varrho \\ &\cdot \left[ \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |t - s|^{(1 - \alpha - \varrho)}}{(1 - \alpha) \min\{s^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}, t^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}\}} + \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha - \varrho, 1 - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\})}{s^{(\varrho + \alpha + \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\} - 1)}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $K \in [0, \infty)$  be the real number given by  $K = \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}$ . We observe that (18) implies that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} ds \\ &\leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} \left( \|\mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) - \mathbf{F}(s, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} + \|\mathbf{F}(s, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \right) ds \\ &\leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} \left( L_0 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_0 s^{-\hat{\alpha}} \right) ds \\ &\leq (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} \max\{s^{-\lambda}, s^{-\hat{\alpha}}\} ds \\ &\leq (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \int_0^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} s^{-\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}} ds \\ &\leq (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha, 1 - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}) t^{(1 - \alpha - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\})}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

In particular, this ensures that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s)\|_H ds < \infty$ .

Moreover, we note that for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1 - \alpha]$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, T]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \, ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{(t_1-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \, ds \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\
 & \leq \int_0^{t_1} \left\| (e^{(t_2-s)A} - e^{(t_1-s)A}) \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \, ds + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \, ds \\
 & \leq \left\| (\text{Id}_H - e^{(t_2-t_1)A}) \right\|_{L(H_\varrho, H)} \int_0^{t_1} \left\| e^{(t_1-s)A} \right\|_{L(H_{-\alpha}, H_\varrho)} \left\| \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \, ds \\
 & \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| e^{(t_2-s)A} \right\|_{L(H_{-\alpha}, H)} \left\| \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \, ds.
 \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Assumption (18) hence implies that for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1 - \alpha]$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, T]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \, ds - \int_0^{t_1} e^{(t_1-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) \, ds \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\
 & \leq \kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(\alpha + \varrho)} \left( L_0 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_0 s^{-\hat{\alpha}} \right) \, ds \\
 & \quad + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-\alpha} \left( L_0 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_0 s^{-\hat{\alpha}} \right) \, ds \\
 & \leq (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) \kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(\alpha + \varrho)} \max\{s^{-\lambda}, s^{-\hat{\alpha}}\} \, ds \\
 & \quad + (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-\alpha} \max\{s^{-\lambda}, s^{-\hat{\alpha}}\} \, ds \\
 & \leq (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \left[ \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-\alpha} s^{-\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}} \, ds \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(\alpha + \varrho)} s^{-\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}} \, ds \right] \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |t_2 - t_1|^{(1-\alpha)}}{(1-\alpha) \min\{|t_1|^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}, |t_2|^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}\}} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha - \varrho, 1 - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\})}{|t_1|^{(\varrho + \alpha + \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\} - 1)}} \right] (KL_0 + \hat{L}_0) |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Combining (31), (33), and Lemma 2.1 completes the proof of Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** (Stochastic integral). *Assume the setting in Section 2.1, let  $\delta, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho = \max\{\lambda + (\hat{\beta} - \lambda) \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1), \hat{\beta}\}$  satisfy  $\lambda \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) < 1/2$ , and let  $Y: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  be an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process which satisfies  $Y((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$  and  $\sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ . Then*

(i) *for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s)\|_{HS(U, H)}^2 \, ds < \infty$ ,*

(ii) there exists an up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process  $\bar{Y} : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H$  such that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\bar{Y}_t = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s$ ,

(iii) it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^{(\rho + \beta - 1/2)} \|\bar{Y}_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1 - 2\rho) \\ &\cdot |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \left( \hat{L}_1 + L_1 \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right) < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

(iv) and for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1/2 - \beta)$ ,  $s, t \in (0, T]$  with  $s < t$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{Y}_t - \bar{Y}_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} &\leq |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) \left( \hat{L}_1 + L_1 \sup_{u \in (0, T]} u^\lambda \|Y_u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right) |t - s|^\varrho \\ &\cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} \left[ \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} |t - s|^{(1/2 - \beta - \varrho)}}{\min\{s^\rho, t^\rho\} \sqrt{1 - 2\beta}} + \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \beta, T} |\mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta - 2\varrho, 1 - 2\rho)|^{1/2}}{s^{\rho + \varrho + \beta - 1/2}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $K \in [0, \infty)$  satisfy  $K = \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}$ . We observe that (19) implies for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H))}^2 ds \\ &\leq |\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T}|^2 \int_0^t (t - s)^{-2\beta} \left( L_1 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_1 s^{-\hat{\beta}} \right)^2 ds \\ &\leq |\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T}|^2 (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1)^2 \int_0^t (t - s)^{-2\beta} \max\{s^{-2(\lambda + (\hat{\beta} - \lambda) \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1))}, s^{-2\hat{\beta}}\} ds \\ &\leq |\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T}|^2 (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1)^2 |T \vee 1|^{2|\lambda - \hat{\beta}|} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) \int_0^t (t - s)^{-2\beta} s^{-2\rho} ds \\ &\leq |\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T}|^2 (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1)^2 |T \vee 1|^{2|\lambda - \hat{\beta}|} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1 - 2\rho) t^{(1 - 2\beta - 2\rho)}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

This implies, in particular, that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s)\|_{HS(U, H)}^2 ds < \infty$ . In addition, (36) and the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] ensure that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H))}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1) |T \vee 1|^{|\lambda - \hat{\beta}|} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1) \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1 - 2\rho) t^{(1/2 - \beta - \rho)}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Furthermore, we observe that the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] proves that for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1/2 - \beta)$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, T]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$  it holds

that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{(t_1-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^{t_1} \left\| (\text{Id}_H - e^{(t_2-t_1)A}) e^{(t_1-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H))}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \quad + \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H))}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\| e^{(t_2-s)A} \right\|_{L(H_{-\beta}, H)}^2 \left\| \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \quad + \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^{t_1} \left\| e^{(t_1-s)A} \right\|_{L(H_{-\beta}, H_\varrho)}^2 \left\| \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\| (\text{Id}_H - e^{(t_2-t_1)A}) \right\|_{L(H_\varrho, H)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Assumption (19) hence ensures that for all  $\varrho \in [0, 1/2 - \beta)$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, T]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \int_0^{t_2} e^{(t_2-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s - \int_0^{t_1} e^{(t_1-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\
 & \leq \kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho+\beta, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(2\beta+2\varrho)} \left( L_1 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_1 s^{-\hat{\beta}} \right)^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \quad + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - s)^{-2\beta} \left( L_1 \|Y_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \hat{L}_1 s^{-\hat{\beta}} \right)^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} \kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho+\beta, T} (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1) |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1)} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \\
 & \quad \cdot \left[ \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{-(2\beta+2\varrho)} s^{-2\rho} ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1)} (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1) \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} |t_2 - t_1|^{(1-2\beta)}}{\min\{|t_1|^\rho, |t_2|^\rho\} \sqrt{1-2\beta}} \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho+\beta, T} |t_2 - t_1|^\varrho \sqrt{\mathbb{B}(1-2\beta-2\varrho, 1-2\rho)}}{|t_1|^{(\rho+\varrho+\beta-1/2)}} + \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} |t_2 - t_1|^{(1/2-\beta)}}{\min\{|t_1|^\rho, |t_2|^\rho\} \sqrt{1-2\beta}} \right] \\
 & \quad \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta} \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(L_1)} (KL_1 + \hat{L}_1).
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Combining (37), (39), and Lemma 2.1 completes the proof of Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

Theorem 2.9 in Subsection 2.4 below establishes existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for SEEs with singularities at the initial time. Our proof of Theorem 2.9 employs the Banach fixed point theorem on a suitable vector space of (equivalence classes of) predictable

stochastic processes with singularities at the initial time. In order to be in the position to apply the Banach fixed point theorem we need to verify that this suitable vector space of predictable stochastic processes is complete. This is precisely the subject of Lemma 2.5 below. In Lemma 2.5 below  $V_0$  and  $V_1$  are Banach spaces with  $V_1 \subseteq V_0$  continuously and we consider stochastic processes which take values in the possibly larger Banach space  $V_0$  at the initial time  $t = 0$  and which take values in the possibly smaller Banach space  $V_1$  at any later time  $t > 0$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Consider the notation in Section 1.1, let  $(V_k, \|\cdot\|_{V_k})$ ,  $k \in \{0, 1\}$ , be separable  $\mathbb{R}$ -Banach spaces with  $V_1 \subseteq V_0$  continuously, let  $T \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$  be a filtered probability space, let  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  be the set given by*

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ X \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0)) : \begin{array}{l} X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq V_1, \\ \|X_0\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_0)} + \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_1)} < \infty \end{array} \right\}, \quad (40)$$

let  $|\cdot|_{\mathcal{L}} : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be the mapping which satisfies for all  $X \in \mathcal{L}$  that

$$|X|_{\mathcal{L}} = \|X_0\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_0)} + \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_1)}], \quad (41)$$

and let  $X^N \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfy  $\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [N, \infty)} |X^n - X^m|_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$ . Then there exists a  $Y \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} |X^N - Y|_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$ .

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $N_k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a strictly increasing sequence such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $|X^{N_{k+1}} - X^{N_k}|_{\mathcal{L}} < \frac{1}{2^k}$ , let  $\mathcal{Y} : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_0$  be the mapping with the property for all  $(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$  it holds that

$$\mathcal{Y}_t(\omega) = \begin{cases} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_t^{N_k}(\omega) & : (X_t^{N_k}(\omega))_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is convergent in } V_0 \\ 0 & : \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad (42)$$

let  $\phi : V_0 \rightarrow V_0$  be the mapping with the property that for all  $x \in V_0$  it holds that  $\phi(x) = \mathbb{1}_{V_1}(x) \cdot x$ , and let  $Y : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow V_0$  be the mapping with the property for all  $(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$  it holds that  $Y_t(\omega) = \phi(\mathbb{1}_{(0, T] \times \Omega}(t, \omega) \cdot \mathcal{Y}_t(\omega)) + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\} \times \Omega}(t, \omega) \cdot \mathcal{Y}_0(\omega)$ . The assumption that  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N} : X^N \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  and, e.g., Exercise 1.74 in Chapter 1 in Hoffmann-Jørgensen [15] imply that  $\{(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega : (X_t^{N_k}(\omega))_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is convergent in } V_0\} \in \text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]})$ . This together with the assumption that  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N} : X^N \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  and, e.g., Exercise 1.74 in Chapter 1 in Hoffmann-Jørgensen [15] ensure that  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$ . Furthermore, observe that, e.g., Lemma 2.2 and the fact that

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{B}(V_0) : \phi^{-1}(A) = \phi^{-1}(A \cap V_1) = \begin{cases} A \cap V_1 & : 0 \notin A \\ (V_0 \setminus V_1) \cup (A \cap V_1) & : 0 \in A \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

ensure that  $\phi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}(V_0), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$ . Combining this with the fact that  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  establishes that  $Y \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}), \mathcal{B}(V_0))$  and  $Y((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq V_1$ . In the next

step we note that the assumption that  $\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n,m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [N, \infty)} |X^n - X^m|_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$  shows that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n,m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [N, \infty)} \|X_t^n - X_t^m\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \\ &= \begin{cases} \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n,m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [N, \infty)} \|X_t^n - X_t^m\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_1)} & : t > 0 \\ \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n,m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [N, \infty)} \|X_0^n - X_0^m\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_0)} & : t = 0 \end{cases}. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Hence, we obtain for every  $t \in [0, T]$  that there exists a  $\mathfrak{Y}_t \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_t}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))$  such that  $\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|X_t^N - \mathfrak{Y}_t\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} = 0$ . The fact that  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : |X^{N_{k+1}} - X^{N_k}|_{\mathcal{L}} < \frac{1}{2^k}$  therefore proves that for every  $t \in [0, T]$  there exists a  $\mathfrak{Y}_t \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_t}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathfrak{Y}_t - X_t^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \\ &\leq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\|\mathfrak{Y}_t - X_t^{N_m}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} + \|X_t^{N_m} - X_t^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))}) \\ &= \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} (X_t^{N_{k+1}} - X_t^{N_k}) \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \|X_t^{N_{k+1}} - X_t^{N_k}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} t^{-\mathbb{1}(0,T](t) \cdot \lambda} |X_t^{N_{k+1}} - X_t^{N_k}|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq t^{-\mathbb{1}(0,T](t) \cdot \lambda} \left( \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} \right) = t^{-\mathbb{1}(0,T](t) \cdot \lambda} 2^{(1-n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

This and, e.g., item (ii) of Theorem 6.12 in Klenke [19] assure that for every  $t \in [0, T]$  there exists a  $\mathfrak{Y}_t \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_t}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $\|\mathfrak{Y}_t - X_t^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \leq t^{-\mathbb{1}(0,T](t) \cdot \lambda} 2^{(1-n)}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{M \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N} \cap [M, \infty)} \left\{ \|\mathfrak{Y}_t - X_t^{N_m}\|_{V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t)} < \frac{1}{k} \right\} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left( \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathfrak{Y}_t - X_t^{N_m}\|_{V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t)} = 0 \right) = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

The assumption that  $V_1 \subseteq V_0$  continuously hence ensures that for all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $\|Y_t - X_t^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_{\mathbb{1}(0,T]}(t))} \leq t^{-\mathbb{1}(0,T](t) \cdot \lambda} 2^{(1-n)}$ . This shows that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $\|Y_0 - X_0^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_0)} + \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|Y_t - X_t^{N_n}\|_{\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; V_1)}] \leq 2^{(2-n)}$ . Therefore, we get that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $Y - X^{N_n} \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $|Y - X^{N_n}|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq 2^{(2-n)}$ . Hence, we obtain that  $Y \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |Y - X^{N_n}|_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.5.  $\square$

### 2.3 A perturbation estimate for stochastic processes

Lemma 2.6 is a consequence of the generalized Gronwall inequality from Lemma 7.1.1 in Chapter 7 in Henry [14] (cf. also Exercise 4 in Chapter 7 in Henry [14]).

**Lemma 2.6.** Consider the notation in Section 1.1, let  $\alpha, \beta \in (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $T \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $e \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}([0, T]), \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$  satisfy for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that  $\int_0^T e(s) ds < \infty$  and  $e(t) \leq \frac{a}{t^\alpha} + \int_0^t \frac{be(s)}{(t-s)^\beta} ds$ . Then for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that  $e(t) \leq \frac{a}{t^\alpha} \mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta} [bt^{(1-\beta)}]$ .

In the next result, Proposition 2.7, we prove a strong perturbation result that will be used several times throughout the paper. We refer to (16) in Subsection 1.1 above for the introduction of the real numbers  $\Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \lambda}(L_0, L_1)$  appearing on the right hand side of inequality (49) in Proposition 2.7.

**Proposition 2.7** (Perturbation estimate). Assume the setting in Section 2.1, let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $Y^1, Y^2: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  be  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes which satisfy  $\cup_{k \in \{1, 2\}} Y^k((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$  and

$$\limsup_{\lambda \nearrow \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)]} \max_{k \in \{1, 2\}} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|Y_t^k\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty. \quad (47)$$

Then

(i) it holds for all  $t \in [0, T]$  that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^k)\|_H + \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^k)\|_{HS(U, H)}^2 ds < \infty\right) = 1 \quad (48)$$

and

(ii) it holds for all  $\lambda \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)])$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\lambda \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right] \leq \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \lambda}(L_0, L_1) \\ & \cdot \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\lambda \left\| Y_t^1 - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^1) ds - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^1) dW_s \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^2) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^2) dW_s - Y_t^2 \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $r \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)])$ , let  $\Xi \in [0, \infty]$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi = & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^r \left\| Y_t^1 - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^1) ds - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^1) dW_s \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^2) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^2) dW_s - Y_t^2 \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

and let  $C \in [0, \infty)$  satisfy

$$C = \left| E_{2r, \max\{\alpha, 2\beta\}} \left[ \left| \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} L_0 \frac{\sqrt{2} T^{(1-\alpha)}}{\sqrt{1-\alpha}} + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} L_1 \sqrt{p(p-1) T^{(1-2\beta)}} \right|^2 \right] \right|^{1/2}. \quad (51)$$

We observe that item (i) of Lemma 2.3 and item (i) of Lemma 2.4 establish that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that  $\mathbb{P}(\sum_{k=1}^2 \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^k)\|_H + \|e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^k)\|_{HS(U,H)}^2 ds < \infty) = 1$ . It thus remains to prove (49). For this we assume without loss of generality in the following that  $\Xi < \infty$ . Next we note that the triangle inequality shows that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} &\leq \left\| Y_t^1 - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^1) ds - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^1) dW_s \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^2) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^2) dW_s - Y_t^2 \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} (\mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^1) - \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s^2)) ds \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} (\mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^1) - \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s^2)) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

This and the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] imply that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} &\leq t^{-r} \Xi + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} L_0 \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} \|Y_s^1 - Y_s^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} ds \\ &\quad + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} L_1 \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\beta} \|Y_s^1 - Y_s^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}^2 ds \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Combining this with Lemma 2.6 proves (49) in the case  $L_1 = 0$ . It thus remains to prove (49) in the case  $L_1 > 0$ . For this we observe that (53) together with Hölder's inequality ensures that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} &\leq t^{-r} \Xi \\ &\quad + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} L_0 \left[ T^{\max\{2\beta-\alpha,0\}} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} ds \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\max\{\alpha,2\beta\}} \|Y_s^1 - Y_s^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\ &\quad + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} L_1 \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} T^{\max\{\alpha-2\beta,0\}} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\max\{\alpha,2\beta\}} \|Y_s^1 - Y_s^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}^2 ds \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

The fact that  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}: (a+b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2$  hence yields that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}^2 &\leq \frac{2}{t^{2r}} |\Xi|^2 + \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\max\{\alpha,2\beta\}} \|Y_s^1 - Y_s^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)}^2 ds \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2} \chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} L_0 T^{1/2-\alpha+\max\{\beta,\alpha/2\}}}{\sqrt{1-\alpha}} + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} L_1 \sqrt{p(p-1)} T^{\max\{\alpha/2,\beta\}-\beta} \right]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Combining this with Lemma 2.6 and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} & E_{2r, \max\{\alpha, 2\beta\}} \left[ T^{(1-\max\{\alpha, 2\beta\})} \left| \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} L_0 \frac{\sqrt{2} T^{1/2-\alpha+\max\{\beta, \alpha/2\}}}{\sqrt{1-\alpha}} + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} L_1 \sqrt{p(p-1)} T^{\max\{\alpha/2, \beta\}-\beta} \right|^2 \right] \\ &= E_{2r, \max\{\alpha, 2\beta\}} \left[ \left| \frac{\sqrt{2} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} L_0 T^{(1-\alpha)}}{\sqrt{1-\alpha}} + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} L_1 \sqrt{p(p-1)} T^{(1-2\beta)} \right|^2 \right] = C^2. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

ensures that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}^2 \leq \frac{2}{t^{2r}} |\Xi|^2 C^2. \quad (57)$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^r \|Y_t^1 - Y_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \leq \sqrt{2} \Xi C. \quad (58)$$

This finishes the proof of Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

In the next result, Corollary 2.8, we illustrate Proposition 2.5 by a simple example. In particular, Corollary 2.8 ensures uniqueness of solutions of SEEs with singularities at the initial time. We refer, e.g., to item (i) of Theorem 7.4 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] for an existence and uniqueness result for SEEs without singularities at the initial time.

**Corollary 2.8** (Initial conditions). *Assume the setting in Section 2.1, let  $\delta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)]]$ , and let  $X^1, X^2: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\delta}$  be  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes which fulfill for all  $k \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X^k((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\limsup_{\lambda \nearrow \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)]} \sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\lambda \|X_s^k\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that*

$$X_t^k = e^{tA} X_0^k + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, X_s^k) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, X_s^k) dW_s. \quad (59)$$

Then it holds for all  $\lambda \in [\delta, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)]]$  that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|X_t^1 - X_t^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\delta, T} T^{(\lambda-\delta)} \|X_0^1 - X_0^2\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\delta})} \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \lambda}(L_0, L_1). \quad (60)$$

## 2.4 Existence, uniqueness, and regularity for SEEs with singularities at the initial time

In Theorem 2.9 below we establish existence, uniqueness, and regularity for SEEs with singularities at the initial time. The following remark helps to access the formulation of Theorem 2.9.

**Remark.** Assume the setting in Section 2.1 and let  $\delta \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)])$ . Observe that the assumptions that  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} < 1$ ,  $\beta < 1/2$ ,  $\hat{\beta} < 1/2$ , and  $\mathbb{1}_{(0,\infty)}(L_1) \cdot [\alpha + \hat{\alpha}] < 3/2$  ensure that

$$\max\{\delta, \alpha + \hat{\alpha} - 1, \beta + \hat{\beta} - 1/2\} < \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)]. \quad (61)$$

We now present the promised existence, uniqueness, and regularity results for SEEs with singularities at the initial time.

**Theorem 2.9.** Assume the setting in Section 2.1 and let  $\delta \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1)])$ ,  $\lambda \in [\max\{\delta, \alpha + \hat{\alpha} - 1, \beta + \hat{\beta} - 1/2\}, \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1))]$ ,  $\rho = \max\{\lambda + (\hat{\beta} - \lambda)\mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(L_1), \hat{\beta}\}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_0}; H_{-\max\{\delta,0\}})$  satisfy  $\sup_{t \in (0,T]} t^\delta \|e^{tA}\xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} < \infty$ . Then

- (i) there exists an up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -predictable stochastic process  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\max\{\delta,0\}}$  which satisfies for all  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\sup_{s \in (0,T]} s^\lambda \|X_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} < \infty$ , that  $\mathbb{P}(\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{F}(s, X_s)\|_H + \|e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{B}(s, X_s)\|_{HS(U,H)}^2 ds < \infty) = 1$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$X_t = e^{tA}\xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{F}(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{B}(s, X_s) dW_s, \quad (62)$$

- (ii) it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in (0,T]} \left[ t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \right] &\leq T^\lambda \Theta_{A,\eta,p,T}^{\alpha,\beta,\lambda}(L_0, L_1) \left[ \frac{\sup_{t \in (0,T]} (t^\delta \|e^{tA}\xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)})}{T^\delta} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} \hat{L}_0 \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha, 1 - \hat{\alpha})}{T^{(\alpha + \hat{\alpha} - 1)}} + \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} \hat{L}_1 |p(p-1) \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1 - 2\hat{\beta})|^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2} T^{(\beta + \hat{\beta} - 1/2)}} \right] < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

- (iii) and for all  $\varrho \in [0, \min\{1 - \alpha, 1/2 - \beta\})$ ,  $s, t \in (0, T]$  with  $s < t$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_s - X_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} &\leq |s - t|^\varrho \left\{ \frac{\kappa_{A,\eta}^{\varrho,T} \chi_{A,\eta}^{\varrho + \max\{\delta,0\},T} \|\xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H_{-\max\{\delta,0\}})}}{s^{(\varrho + \max\{\delta,0\})}} \right. \\ &\quad + |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\alpha}} \left( \hat{L}_0 + L_0 \sup_{u \in (0,T]} u^\lambda \|X_u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} |s - t|^{(1 - \alpha - \varrho)}}{(1 - \alpha) \min\{s^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}, t^{\max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\}}\}} + \frac{\kappa_{A,\eta}^{\varrho,T} \chi_{A,\eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha - \varrho, 1 - \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\})}{s^{(\varrho + \alpha + \max\{\lambda, \hat{\alpha}\} - 1)}} \right] \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} |T \vee 1|^{\lambda - \hat{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{(0,\infty)}(L_1) \left( \hat{L}_1 + L_1 \sup_{u \in (0,T]} u^\lambda \|X_u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} |s - t|^{(1/2 - \beta - \varrho)}}{\min\{s^\rho, t^\rho\} \sqrt{1 - 2\beta}} + \frac{\kappa_{A,\eta}^{\varrho,T} \chi_{A,\eta}^{\varrho + \beta, T} |\mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta - 2\varrho, 1 - 2\rho)|^{1/2}}{s^{(\rho + \varrho + \beta - 1/2)}} \right] \left. \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathbb{L}$  be the sets given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ X \in \mathcal{M}(\text{Pred}((\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}, \mathcal{B}(H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}})) : X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H, \right. \\ \left. \|X_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}})} + \sup_{t \in (0, T]} t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty \right\}, \quad (65)$$

and  $\mathbb{L} = \{ \{ Y \in \mathcal{L} : \inf_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{P}(Y_t = X_t) = 1 \} \subseteq \mathcal{L} : X \in \mathcal{L} \}$ , let  $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{L}, r} : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{L}, r} : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , be the functions which satisfy for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{L}$  that

$$|X|_{\mathbb{L}, r} = \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [e^{rt} t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \quad \text{and} \quad \|X\|_{\mathbb{L}, r} = \|X_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}})} + |X|_{\mathbb{L}, r}, \quad (66)$$

and let  $C_r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , satisfy for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  that

$$C_r = \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{L_0 e^{rts} t^{(1-\alpha)}}{s^\alpha (1-s)^\lambda} ds \right] + \chi_{A, T}^{\beta, T} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{|L_1|^2 e^{2rts} t^{(1-2\beta)}}{s^{2\beta} (1-s)^{2\lambda}} ds \right] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (67)$$

Here and below we do not distinguish between an element  $X \in \mathcal{L}$  and its equivalence class  $\{ Y \in \mathcal{L} : \inf_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{P}(Y_t = X_t) = 1 \} \in \mathbb{L}$ . We observe that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$t^\lambda \|e^{tA} \xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \leq T^{(\lambda-\delta)} \sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\delta \|e^{sA} \xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty. \quad (68)$$

This ensures that

$$([0, T] \times \Omega \ni (t, \omega) \mapsto e^{tA} \xi(\omega) \in H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}}) \in \mathcal{L}. \quad (69)$$

Combining this with Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 shows that there exists a unique mapping  $\Phi : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$  which satisfies that for all  $Y \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\Phi(Y)_t = e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) dW_s. \quad (70)$$

Our next aim is to prove that there exists a real number  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Phi$  is a contraction on the normed  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space  $(\mathbb{L}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{L}, r})$ . Banach's fixed point theorem together with Lemma 2.5 will then allow us to prove (i). Observe that the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] proves that for all  $Y, Z \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds

that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\Phi(Y)_t - \Phi(Z)_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} &\leq \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} (\mathbf{F}(s, Y_s) - \mathbf{F}(s, Z_s)) \, ds \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \\
 &\quad + \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} (\mathbf{B}(s, Y_s) - \mathbf{B}(s, Z_s)) \, dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \\
 &\leq \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-\alpha}, H)} \|\mathbf{F}(Y_s) - \mathbf{F}(Z_s)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \, ds \\
 &\quad + \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-\beta}, H)}^2 \|\mathbf{B}(Y_s) - \mathbf{B}(Z_s)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}^2 \, ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t L_0 (t-s)^{-\alpha} \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \, ds \\
 &\quad + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t |L_1|^2 (t-s)^{-2\beta} \|Y_s - Z_s\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}^2 \, ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |Y - Z|_{\mathbb{L}, r} \int_0^t L_0 (t-s)^{-\alpha} s^{-\lambda} e^{-rs} \, ds \\
 &\quad + \chi_{A, T}^{\beta, T} |Y - Z|_{\mathbb{L}, r} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t |L_1|^2 (t-s)^{-2\beta} s^{-2\lambda} e^{-2rs} \, ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \left[ \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t L_0 e^{-rs} (t-s)^{-\alpha} s^{-\lambda} \, ds + \chi_{A, T}^{\beta, T} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t |L_1|^2 e^{-2rs} (t-s)^{-2\beta} s^{-2\lambda} \, ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\
 &\quad \cdot |Y - Z|_{\mathbb{L}, r} < \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

Hence, we obtain that for all  $Y, Z \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 0]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\Phi(Y) - \Phi(Z)\|_{\mathbb{L}, r} \\
 &= \|\Phi(Y)_0 - \Phi(Z)_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\max\{\delta, 0\}})} + \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ e^{rt} t^\lambda \|\Phi(Y)_t - \Phi(Z)_t\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right] \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \int_0^t \frac{L_0 e^{r(t-s)} t^\lambda}{(t-s)^\alpha s^\lambda} \, ds + \chi_{A, T}^{\beta, T} \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t \frac{|L_1|^2 e^{2r(t-s)} t^{2\lambda}}{(t-s)^{2\beta} s^{2\lambda}} \, ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] |Y - Z|_{\mathbb{L}, r}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

This, (67), and the integral transformation theorem with the diffeomorphisms  $(0, 1) \ni s \mapsto t(1-s) \in (0, t)$  for  $t \in (0, T]$  show that for all  $Y, Z \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 0]$  it holds that

$$\|\Phi(Y) - \Phi(Z)\|_{\mathbb{L}, r} \leq |Y - Z|_{\mathbb{L}, r} C_r. \tag{73}$$

Next note that Lebesgue's theorem of dominated convergence ensures that for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds that the functions

$$[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \int_0^1 \frac{L_0 e^{rts} t^{(1-\alpha)}}{s^\alpha (1-s)^\lambda} \, ds = L_0 t^{(1-\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{e^{rts}}{s^\alpha (1-s)^\lambda} \, ds \in [0, \infty) \tag{74}$$

and

$$[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \int_0^1 \frac{|L_1|^2 e^{2rts} t^{(1-2\beta)}}{s^{2\beta} (1-s)^{2\lambda}} ds = t^{(1-2\beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{|L_1|^2 e^{2rts}}{s^{2\beta} (1-s)^{2\lambda}} ds \in [0, \infty) \quad (75)$$

are continuous. This and the fact that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow -\infty} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{L_0 e^{rts} t^{(1-\alpha)}}{s^\alpha (1-s)^\lambda} ds \right] = \limsup_{r \rightarrow -\infty} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{|L_1|^2 e^{2rts} t^{(1-2\beta)}}{s^{2\beta} (1-s)^{2\lambda}} ds \right] = 0 \quad (76)$$

allows us to apply Dini's theorem (see, e.g., Theorem 7.13 in Rudin [25]) to obtain that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow -\infty} C_r = 0. \quad (77)$$

The Banach fixed point theorem together with Lemma 2.5 and (72) hence establishes (i), that is, there exists an up-to-modifications unique  $X \in \mathcal{L}$  which fulfills that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that  $\mathbb{P}\left(\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{F}(s, X_s)\|_H + \|e^{(t-s)A}\mathbf{B}(s, X_s)\|_{HS(U,H)}^2 ds < \infty\right) = 1$  and (62). In the next step we observe that (iii) follows directly from item (iv) of Lemma 2.3, from item (iv) of Lemma 2.4, and from the fact that  $\forall \varrho \in [0, 1], t \in (0, T], s \in (0, t): \|e^{tA}\xi - e^{sA}\xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H)} \leq \frac{|t-s|^\varrho}{s^{(\varrho+\max\{\delta,0\})}} \kappa_{A,\eta}^{\varrho,T} \chi_{A,\eta}^{\varrho+\max\{\delta,0\},T} \|\xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P};H_{-\max\{\delta,0\})}$ . It thus remains to prove (ii). For this we apply Proposition 2.7 (with  $Y^1 = X, Y^2 = 0$ , and  $r = \lambda$  in the notation of Proposition 2.7) to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\lambda \|X_t\|_{L^p(\Omega; H)}] \leq \Theta_{A,\eta,p,T}^{\alpha,\beta,\lambda}(L_0, L_1) \\ & \cdot \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\lambda \left\| X_t - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, X_s) ds - \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, X_s) dW_s \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, 0) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, 0) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right] \\ & = \Theta_{A,\eta,p,T}^{\alpha,\beta,\lambda}(L_0, L_1) \\ & \cdot \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\lambda \left\| e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, 0) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, 0) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

Next we note that the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy type inequality in Lemma 7.7 in Da Prato & Zabczyk [10] implies that for all  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, 0) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, 0) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \\ & \leq \left\| e^{tA} \xi \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, 0) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} ds + \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, 0) \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\ & \leq \left\| e^{tA} \xi \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} \hat{L}_0 \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} s^{-\hat{\alpha}} ds + \chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} \hat{L}_1 \left[ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2\beta} s^{-2\hat{\beta}} ds \right]^{1/2} \\ & \leq \left\| e^{tA} \xi \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} + \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\alpha,T} \hat{L}_0 \mathbb{B}(1-\alpha, 1-\hat{\alpha})}{t^{(\alpha+\hat{\alpha}-1)}} + \frac{\chi_{A,\eta}^{\beta,T} \hat{L}_1 \sqrt{p(p-1) \mathbb{B}(1-2\beta, 1-2\hat{\beta})}}{\sqrt{2} t^{(\beta+\hat{\beta}-1/2)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

This shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\lambda \left\| e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{F}(s, 0) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \mathbf{B}(s, 0) dW_s \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right] \\
 & \leq T^{(\lambda - \delta)} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\delta \|e^{tA} \xi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \hat{L}_0 T^{(\lambda + 1 - \alpha - \hat{\alpha})} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha, 1 - \hat{\alpha}) \\
 & \quad + \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \hat{L}_1 T^{(\lambda + 1/2 - \beta - \hat{\beta})} \sqrt{p(p-1)} \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1 - 2\hat{\beta})}{\sqrt{2}} < \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{80}$$

Combining this with (78) proves (ii). The proof of Theorem 2.9 is thus completed.  $\square$

In Theorem 2.9 above we establish existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for SEEs with singularities at the initial time where the coefficients of the SEEs (see (62) above) under consideration may be both time-dependent and random (see Subsection 2.1 above for details). The following result, Corollary 2.10 below, specializes Theorem 2.9 to the specific case where the coefficients of the SEEs under consideration (see (81) below) may only depend on the solution but may neither be time-dependent nor random anymore (compare (62) above with (81) below).

**Corollary 2.10.** *Assume the setting in Section 1.2 and let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $F \in \text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})$ ,  $B \in \text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))$ ,  $\hat{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})]$ . Then*

- (i) *there exist up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes  $X^x : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\delta}$ ,  $x \in \cup_{\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})} H_{-\delta}$ , which fulfill for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X^x((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\delta \|X_s^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that*

$$X_t^x = e^{tA} x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} F(X_s^x) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s^x) dW_s, \tag{81}$$

- (ii) *for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$  it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{x \in H_{-\delta}} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\max\{1, \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}}\}} \right] \leq \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \delta} (|F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}, |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}) \left[ \chi_{A, \eta}^{\delta, T} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \|F(0)\|_{H_{-\alpha}} T^{(\delta + 1 - \alpha)}}{(1 - \alpha)} + \frac{\sqrt{p(p-1)} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \|B(0)\|_{HS(U, H_{-\beta})} T^{(\delta + 1/2 - \beta)}}{\sqrt{2 - 4\beta}} \right] < \infty,
 \end{aligned} \tag{82}$$

- (iii) *for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$  it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{\substack{x, y \in H_{-\delta}, \\ x \neq y}} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}}} \right] \\
 & \leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\delta, T} \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \delta} (|F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}, |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}) < \infty,
 \end{aligned} \tag{83}$$

(iv) and for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $\varrho \in [0, \min\{1 - \alpha, 1/2 - \beta\})$  it holds that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T]} \sup_{s \in (0, t)} \sup_{x \in H_{-\delta}} \left[ \frac{s^{(\varrho + \delta)} \|X_s^x - X_t^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\max\{1, \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}}\} |s - t|^\varrho} \right] < \infty. \quad (84)$$

*Proof of Corollary 2.10.* Throughout this proof let  $L_0, L_1, \hat{L}_0, \hat{L}_1 \in [0, \infty)$  be the real numbers given by  $L_0 = |F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}$ ,  $L_1 = |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}$ ,  $\hat{L}_0 = \|F(0)\|_{H_\alpha}$ , and  $\hat{L}_1 = \|B(0)\|_{HS(U, H_\beta)}$ . We note that for all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{P}; H)$  it holds that

$$\|F(X) - F(Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq L_0 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|F(0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H_{-\alpha})} \leq \hat{L}_0, \quad (85)$$

$$\|B(X) - B(Y)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq L_1 \|X - Y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}, \quad \|B(0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \leq \hat{L}_1. \quad (86)$$

We can hence apply Corollary 2.8 and Theorem 2.9. More specifically, an application of Theorem 2.9 (with  $\delta = \delta$ ,  $\lambda = \delta$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta} = 0$ ,  $L_0 = |F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}$ ,  $\hat{L}_0 = \|F(0)\|_{H_{-\alpha}}$ ,  $L_1 = |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}$ , and  $\hat{L}_1 = \|B(0)\|_{HS(U, H_{-\beta})}$  for  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$  in the notation of Theorem 2.9) proves (i), proves that for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ t^\delta \|X_t^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \right] \leq \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \delta} (|F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}, |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}) \\ & \cdot \left[ \chi_{A, \eta}^{\delta, T} \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}} + \chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} \|F(0)\|_{H_{-\alpha}} T^{(\delta+1-\alpha)} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha, 1) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} \|B(0)\|_{HS(U, H_{-\beta})} T^{(\delta+1/2-\beta)} |p(p-1) \mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta, 1)|^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right] < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

and proves that for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $\varrho \in [0, \min\{1 - \alpha, 1/2 - \beta\})$ ,  $s, t \in (0, T]$  with  $s < t$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|X_s^x - X_t^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} \leq |s - t|^\varrho \\ & \cdot \left\{ \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \delta, T} \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}}}{s^{(\varrho + \delta)}} + |T \vee 1|^\delta \left[ \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\alpha, T} |s - t|^{(1-\alpha-\varrho)}}{(1-\alpha) s^\delta} + \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \alpha, T} \mathbb{B}(1 - \alpha - \varrho, 1 - \delta)}{s^{(\varrho + \alpha + \delta - 1)}} \right] \right. \\ & \cdot (\|F(0)\|_{H_{-\alpha}} + |F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})} \sup_{u \in (0, T]} u^\delta \|X_u^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}) + |T \vee 1|^{\delta \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})} \\ & \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} (\|B(0)\|_{HS(U, H_{-\beta})} + |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))} \sup_{u \in (0, T]} u^\delta \|X_u^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}) \\ & \cdot \left[ \frac{\chi_{A, \eta}^{\beta, T} |s - t|^{(1/2-\beta-\varrho)}}{s^{\delta \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})} \sqrt{1 - 2\beta}} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\kappa_{A, \eta}^{\varrho, T} \chi_{A, \eta}^{\varrho + \beta, T} |\mathbb{B}(1 - 2\beta - 2\varrho, 1 - 2\delta \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))})|)^{1/2}}{s^{(\delta \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(|B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}) + \varrho + \beta - 1/2)}} \right] \left. \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

Observe that (87) establishes (ii) and note that (ii) and (88) establish (iv). In addition, an application of Corollary 2.8 (with  $X^1 = X^x$ ,  $X^2 = X^y$ ,  $\delta = \delta$ , and  $\lambda = \delta$  for  $x, y \in H_{-\delta}$ ,

$\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$  in the notation of Corollary 2.8) ensures that for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, \hat{\delta})$ ,  $x, y \in H_{-\delta}$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in (0, T]} [t^\delta \|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}] \\ & \leq \chi_{A, \eta}^{\delta, T} \|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}} \Theta_{A, \eta, p, T}^{\alpha, \beta, \delta} (|F|_{\text{Lip}(H, H_{-\alpha})}, |B|_{\text{Lip}(H, HS(U, H_{-\beta}))}) < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (89)$$

This establishes (iii). The proof of Corollary 2.10 is thus completed.  $\square$

### 3 Examples and counterexamples for SEEs with irregular initial values

Corollary 2.10 in Subsection 2.4 above establishes existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for solutions of parabolic SEEs. In this section we first illustrate the statement of Corollary 2.10 in the case of semilinear stochastic heat equations with space-time white noise and periodic boundary conditions; see Corollary 3.1 in Subsection 3.2 below. Roughly speaking, Corollary 3.1 shows existence and uniqueness of solutions of the considered stochastic heat equation provided that the initial value lies in  $\cup_{\delta \in (-1/2, \infty)} H_\delta$  where  $H_r$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a family of interpolation spaces associated to the Laplacian with periodic boundary conditions. Corollary 3.1 applies, in particular, to the continuous version of the parabolic Anderson model. Thereafter, we illustrate in Proposition 3.2 in Subsection 3.2, in Proposition 3.4 in Subsection 3.3, and in Proposition 3.5 in Subsection 3.4 by means of several example SEEs that the statement of Corollary 2.10 can in general not be improved. Moreover, we illustrate in Proposition 3.3 in Subsection 3.2 in the case of a specific linear example SEE with regular noise that the statement of Corollary 2.10 can be improved. More specifically, note that Corollary 2.10 establishes existence, uniqueness, and regularity properties for solutions of SEEs in the case where the initial condition  $x$  takes values in the  $H_{-\delta}$  space where the parameter  $\delta$  satisfies  $\delta < \hat{\delta}$  and Proposition 3.3 establishes that a specific SEE with linear coefficients and regular noise admits for all  $x \in \cup_{r \in \mathbb{R}} H_r$  a solution without any regularity barrier for the initial value. The proof of Proposition 3.3 exploits the fact that the SEE is linear and the fact that the noise is regular (see Proposition 3.2 for a result in which the regularity barrier  $\hat{\delta}$  cannot be improved in the case of linear SEEs with irregular noise and see Proposition 3.4 for a result in which the regularity barrier  $\hat{\delta}$  cannot be improved in the case of nonlinear SEEs with regular noise).

#### 3.1 Setting

Assume the setting in Section 1.2, let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a set, let  $h_n \in H$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{I}$ , be an orthonormal basis of  $H$ , let  $\lambda: \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which satisfies  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} (-\lambda_n) < \eta$ , assume that  $D(A) = \{v \in H: \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} |\lambda_n \langle h_n, v \rangle_H|^2 < \infty\}$ , and assume for all  $v \in D(A)$  that  $Av = -\sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \lambda_n \langle h_n, v \rangle_H h_n$ .

#### 3.2 Stochastic heat equations with linear multiplicative noise

Corollary 3.1 below specializes Corollary 2.10 above by choosing  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H) = (U, \|\cdot\|_U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U) = (L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})})$ , by choosing  $A$  to be the Laplacian with

periodic boundary conditions on  $H$ , by choosing  $F$  (the drift coefficient of the SEE under consideration) to be a Nemytskii operator, and by choosing  $B$  (the nonlinear diffusion coefficient of the SEE under consideration) to be a multiplication operator (see Corollary 3.1 below for details).

**Corollary 3.1.** *Assume the setting in Section 3.1, assume that  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H) = (U, \|\cdot\|_U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U) = (L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})})$ , assume that  $A$  is the Laplacian with periodic boundary conditions on  $H$ , let  $\beta \in (1/4, 1/2)$ ,  $f, b \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ , and let  $F: H \rightarrow H$  and  $B: H \rightarrow HS(H, H_{-\beta})$  satisfy for all  $v \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  that  $F([v]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}) = [\{f(v(x))\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$  and  $B([v]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})})[u]_{(0,1), \mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})} = [\{b(v(x)) \cdot u(x)\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$ . Then*

- (i) *there exist up-to-modifications unique  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic processes  $X^x: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_{-\delta}$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1/2)$ , which fulfill for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $x \in H_{-\delta}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  that  $X^x((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\sup_{s \in (0, T]} s^\delta \|X_s^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)} < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that*

$$X_t^x = e^{tA}x + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}F(X_s^x) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s^x) dW_s \quad (90)$$

- (ii) *and for all  $p \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1/2)$  it holds that*

$$\sup_{\substack{x, y \in H_{-\delta}, \\ x \neq y}} \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \left[ \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\max\{1, \|x\|_{H_{-\delta}}\}} + \frac{t^\delta \|X_t^x - X_t^y\|_{L^p(\mathbb{P}; H)}}{\|x - y\|_{H_{-\delta}}} \right] < \infty. \quad (91)$$

The next result, Proposition 3.2 below, considers specialized hypotheses of Corollary 2.10 above by choosing  $F$  to be 0 and by choosing  $B$  to be linear. Proposition 3.2 thus deals with the continuous version of the parabolic Anderson model with periodic boundary conditions. Under these hypotheses Proposition 3.2 shows that the regularity barrier  $-1/2$  cannot be exceeded in the sense that any integrable solution (see (92) below) must have an initial condition which takes  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. values in  $H_{-1/2}$  (see (i) in Proposition 3.2 below).

**Proposition 3.2.** *Assume the setting in Section 3.1, assume that  $(H, \|\cdot\|_H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H) = (U, \|\cdot\|_U, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_U) = (L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})})$ , assume that  $\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\nu \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $r \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$ , assume for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that  $h_0 = [\{1\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$ ,  $h_n = [\{\sqrt{2} \cos(2n\pi x)\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$ ,  $h_{-n} = [\{\sqrt{2} \sin(2n\pi x)\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 0$ , and  $\lambda_n = \lambda_{-n} = -\nu n^2$ , let  $\xi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{B}(H_\delta))$  and  $B \in L(H, HS(H, H_{-\beta}))$  satisfy for all  $v \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mu_{(0,1)}; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  that  $B([v]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})})[u]_{(0,1), \mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})} = [\{v(x) \cdot u(x)\}_{x \in (0,1)}]_{\mu_{(0,1)}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})}$ , and let  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  be an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process which satisfies for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that  $X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that*

$$\mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty, \quad (92)$$

and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $X_t = e^{tA}\xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s) dW_s$ . Then

(i) it holds that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1/2}) = 1$  and

(ii) it holds for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that

$$2^{-1/2} \eta^{-r} (1 - e^{-2\eta t})^{1/2} \|\xi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P}; H_{-1/2})} \leq \|X_t\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P}; H_{-r})} < \infty. \quad (93)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $\kappa_k \in [0, \infty]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , be the extended real numbers which satisfy for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  that

$$\kappa_k = \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{-r-1}}^2}{\|x\|_{H_{-r}}^2}. \quad (94)$$

Observe that the product rule for differentiation and the fact that the mapping  $\mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \ni v \mapsto [v]_{(0,1)} \mu_{(0,1), \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})} \in H_{1/2}$  is continuous ensures that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that  $\forall u, v \in \cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s$ :  $u \cdot v \in \cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s$  and  $\sup_{u, v \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|u \cdot v\|_{H_n}}{\|u\|_{H_n} \|v\|_{H_n}} < \infty$ . This implies that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{-n}}}{\|x\|_{H_{-n}}} = \sup_{x, u \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\langle u, B(x)h_k \rangle_H|}{\|x\|_{H_{-n}} \|u\|_{H_n}} \\ &= \sup_{x, u \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\langle u \cdot h_k, x \rangle_H|}{\|x\|_{H_{-n}} \|u\|_{H_n}} = \sup_{x, u \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\langle (\eta - A)^n (u \cdot h_k), (\eta - A)^{-n} x \rangle_H|}{\|x\|_{H_{-n}} \|u\|_{H_n}} \\ &\leq \sup_{u \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|u \cdot h_k\|_{H_n}}{\|u\|_{H_n}} < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

Hence, we obtain that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_k &= \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{-r-1}}^2}{\|x\|_{H_{-r}}^2} \\ &\leq \|(\eta - A)^{-r-1-\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}\|_{L(H)}^2 \left[ \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}}{\|x\|_{H_{-r}}} \right]^2 \\ &\leq \|(\eta - A)^{-r-1-\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}\|_{L(H)}^2 \left[ \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|x\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}}{\|x\|_{H_{-r}}} \right]^2 \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}}{\|x\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}} \right]^2 \\ &= \|(\eta - A)^{-r-1-\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}\|_{L(H)}^2 \|(\eta - A)^{r+\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}\|_{L(H)}^2 \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \sup_{x \in (\cap_{s \in \mathbb{R}} H_s) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|B(x)h_k\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}}{\|x\|_{H_{\lceil -r-1 \rceil_1}}} \right]^2 < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

In the next step we observe that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_t\|_{H_{-r}}^2 &= \left\| e^{tA}\xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \\ &= \|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2 + 2 \left\langle e^{tA}\xi, \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} + \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

Combining (97) with Itô's isometry and the assumption that  $\forall t \in (0, T]: \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty$  proves that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|X_t\|_{H_{-r}}^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + 2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle e^{tA}\xi, \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + 2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle e^{tA}\xi, \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \mid \mathcal{F}_0 \right] \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2 \right] ds \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2 \right] ds \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] ds < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

Moreover, we note that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $s \in (0, t)$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 &= \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B \left( e^{sA}\xi + \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u \right) h_k \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \\ &= \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 + \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B \left( \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u \right) h_k \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \left\langle e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) h_k, e^{(t-s)A} B \left( \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u \right) h_k \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \\ &\geq \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \left\langle e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) h_k, \int_0^s e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u) h_k \right\rangle_{H_{-r}}. \end{aligned} \quad (99)$$

This and assumption (92) imply that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $s \in (0, t)$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^s \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) h_n) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 du \right] \\
 & \leq \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-r-1}, H_{-r})}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^s \|B(e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) h_n) h_k\|_{H_{-r-1}}^2 du \right] \\
 & \leq \kappa_k \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-r-1}, H_{-r})}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^s \|e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) h_n\|_{H_{-r}}^2 du \right] \\
 & = \kappa_k \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-r-1}, H_{-r})}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^s \|e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2 du \right] < \infty
 \end{aligned} \tag{100}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \leq \kappa_k \|e^{(t-s)A}\|_{L(H_{-r-1}, H_{-r})}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{sA} \xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] < \infty. \tag{101}$$

Combining (99) with (100)–(101) proves that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $s \in (0, t)$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \\
 & \quad + 2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k, \int_0^s e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u) h_k \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \right] \\
 & = \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \\
 & \quad + 2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k, \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^s e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u) h_k \middle| \mathcal{F}_0 \right] \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \right] \\
 & = \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{102}$$

Combining this with (98) ensures that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \infty &> \mathbb{E} \left[ \|X_t\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{tA} \xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi) h_k\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] ds \\
 &\geq \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi)\|_{HS(H, H_{-r})}^2 \right] ds = \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|(\eta - A)^{-r} e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA} \xi)\|_{HS(H)}^2 \right] ds \\
 &= \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|B(e^{sA} \xi) e^{(t-s)A} (\eta - A)^{-r}\|_{HS(H)}^2 \right] ds \\
 &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|B(e^{sA} \xi) e^{(t-s)A} (\eta - A)^{-r} h_n\|_H^2 \right] ds \\
 &\geq \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|B(e^{sA} \xi) e^{(t-s)A} (\eta - A)^{-r} h_0\|_H^2 \right] ds \\
 &= \eta^{-2r} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|B(e^{sA} \xi) h_0\|_H^2 \right] ds = \eta^{-2r} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \|e^{sA} \xi\|_H^2 \right] ds \\
 &= \eta^{-2r} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle e^{sA} h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right] ds = \eta^{-2r} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t e^{-2(\nu n^2 + \eta)s} e^{2\eta s} \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right] ds \\
 &\geq \eta^{-2r} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^t e^{-2(\nu n^2 + \eta)s} \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right] ds = \eta^{-2r} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(1 - e^{-2(\nu n^2 + \eta)t}) \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right]}{2(\nu n^2 + \eta)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\eta^{2r}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - e^{-2(\nu n^2 + \eta)t}) \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right] \\
 &\geq \frac{(1 - e^{-2\eta t})}{2\eta^{2r}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{E} \left[ |\langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{103}$$

In particular, we obtain that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right] < \infty$ . Therefore, it holds that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1/2}) = 1$ . This and (103) complete the proof of Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3** (Positive example). *Assume the setting in Section 3.1, let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{B}(H_\delta))$ ,  $(L_i)_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}} \subseteq L(H)$ ,  $B \in L(H, HS(\mathbb{R}^k, H))$  satisfy for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ ,  $v \in H$ ,  $u \in D(A)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$  that  $L_i(D(A)) \subseteq D(A)$ ,  $L_i L_j u - L_j L_i u = L_i A u - A L_i u = 0$ , and  $B(v) \mathbf{y} = \sum_{l=1}^k y_l L_l v$ , assume that  $W = (W^{(1)}, W^{(2)}, \dots, W^{(k)}) : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is a  $k$ -dimensional standard  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -Brownian motion with continuous sample paths, and let  $X : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  satisfy for all  $t \in [0, T]$  that*

$$X_t = \exp\left(tA + \sum_{i=1}^k [W_t^{(i)} L_i - \frac{1}{2} t (L_i)^2]\right) \xi. \tag{104}$$

*Then  $X$  has continuous sample paths and for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}^k, H_r)}^2 ds < \infty$  and  $X_t = e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s$ .*

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $r \in [0, \infty)$  and let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^k \times H_r, H_r)$  be the mapping with the property that for all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $v \in H_r$  it holds

that  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{y}, v) = \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k [y_i L_i - \frac{1}{2} t (L_i)^2]) v$ . Note that the assumption that  $W$  has continuous sample paths ensures that  $X$  also has continuous sample paths. Next observe that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^k \times H_r, H_r)$ . Itô's formula (cf., e.g., Theorem 2.4 in Brzeźniak, Van Neerven, Veraar & Weis [5]) therefore implies that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \varphi \right) (s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}^k, H_r)}^2 ds &= \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^k \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \varphi \right) (s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) \right\|_{H_r}^2 ds \\ &= \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^k \left\| e^{(t-s)A} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \varphi \right) (s, W_s, e^{sA} \xi) \right\|_{H_r}^2 ds = \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}^k, H_r)}^2 ds < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (105)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= \varphi(t, W_t, e^{tA} \xi) = \varphi(0, 0, e^{tA} \xi) + \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \varphi \right) (u, W_u, e^{tA} \xi) du \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \varphi \right) (s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) dW_s + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_i^2} \varphi \right) (s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) ds \\ &= e^{tA} \xi - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (L_i)^2 \varphi(s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \int_0^t (L_i)^2 \varphi(s, W_s, e^{tA} \xi) ds = e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s. \end{aligned} \quad (106)$$

Combining this and (105) completes the proof of Proposition 3.3.  $\square$

### 3.3 Stochastic heat equations with nonlinear multiplicative noise

**Proposition 3.4.** *Assume the setting in Section 1.2, let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r, \beta \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $w \in H_{-\beta} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{B}(H_\delta))$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{C}(H, HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-\beta}))$  satisfy for all  $v \in H$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  that  $B(v)u = u \|v\|_H w$ , assume that  $W: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a one-dimensional standard  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -Brownian motion, and let  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow H_\delta$  be an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable stochastic process which fulfills for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that  $X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ , that  $\mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA} \xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $X_t = e^{tA} \xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s$ . Then for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1/2}) = 1$  and*

$$2^{-1/2} e^{-|\eta|t} \left(1 - e^{-2[\eta - \sup(\sigma_p(A))]t}\right)^{1/2} \|e^{tA} w\|_{H_{-r}} \|\xi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P}; H_{-1/2})} \leq \|X_t\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P}; H_{-r})} < \infty. \quad (107)$$

*Proof.* Note that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_t\|_{H_{-r}}^2 &= \|e^{tA} \xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2 + 2 \left\langle e^{tA} \xi, \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\rangle_{H_{-r}} \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) dW_s \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

Equation (108) together with Itô's isometry and the assumption that  $\forall t \in [0, T]: \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty$  hence prove that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[\|X_t\|_{H_{-r}}^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle e^{tA}\xi, \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s) dW_s \right\rangle_{H_{-r}}\right] \\
 &\quad + \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s) dW_s\right\|_{H_{-r}}^2\right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle e^{tA}\xi, \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s) dW_s \middle| \mathcal{F}_0\right]\right\rangle_{H_{-r}}\right] \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2] ds \\
 &= \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{109}$$

Next we note that for all  $t \in (0, T], s \in (0, t)$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 &= \left\|e^{(t-s)A}B\left(e^{sA}\xi + \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u\right)\right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \\
 &= \left\|e^{sA}\xi + \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u\right\|_H^2 \|e^{(t-s)A}w\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \\
 &= \|e^{(t-s)A}B(e^{sA}\xi)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 + \left\|e^{(t-s)A}B\left(\int_0^s e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u\right)\right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\|e^{(t-s)A}w\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \left\langle e^{sA}\xi, \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u \right\rangle_H \\
 &\geq \|e^{(t-s)A}B(e^{sA}\xi)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 + 2\|e^{(t-s)A}w\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \left\langle e^{sA}\xi, \int_0^s e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u \right\rangle_H \\
 &= \|e^{(t-s)A}B(e^{sA}\xi)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\|e^{(t-s)A}w\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \left\langle (\eta - A)^r e^{sA}\xi, \int_0^s (\eta - A)^{-r} e^{(s-u)A}B(X_u) dW_u \right\rangle_H.
 \end{aligned} \tag{110}$$

In addition, the assumption that  $\forall t \in (0, T]: \mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] < \infty$  implies that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\mathbb{E}[\|e^{tA}\xi\|_{H_r}^2] \leq \|e^{\frac{t}{2}A}\|_{L(H_{-r}, H_r)}^2 \mathbb{E}[\|e^{\frac{t}{2}A}\xi\|_{H_{-r}}^2] < \infty. \tag{111}$$

Itô's isometry and the assumption that  $\forall t \in (0, T]: \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\|e^{(t-s)A}B(X_s)\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2] ds < \infty$

hence prove that for all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $s \in (0, t)$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(X_s) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right] \\
 & \quad + 2 \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle (\eta - A)^r e^{sA}\xi, \int_0^s (\eta - A)^{-r} e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u \right\rangle_H \right] \\
 & = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right] \\
 & \quad + 2 \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle (\eta - A)^r e^{sA}\xi, \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^s (\eta - A)^{-r} e^{(s-u)A} B(X_u) dW_u \middle| \mathcal{F}_0 \right] \right\rangle_H \right] \\
 & = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{112}$$

Furthermore, we observe that for all  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $s \in (0, t)$  it holds that

$$\left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}} \leq \left\| e^{sA} \right\|_{L(H)} \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}} \leq e^{\eta s} \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}} \leq e^{\max\{\eta, 0\}t} \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}. \tag{113}$$

Combining (112) with (109) and (113) ensures that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \infty & > \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| X_t \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{tA} \xi \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \right] + \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right] ds \\
 & \geq \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{(t-s)A} B(e^{sA}\xi) \right\|_{HS(\mathbb{R}, H_{-r})}^2 \right] ds = \int_0^t \left\| e^{(t-s)A} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{sA} \xi \right\|_H^2 \right] ds \\
 & \geq e^{-2\max\{\eta, 0\}t} \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| e^{sA} \xi \right\|_H^2 \right] ds \\
 & = e^{-2\max\{\eta, 0\}t} \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle e^{sA} h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right] ds \\
 & = e^{-2\max\{\eta, 0\}t} \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \int_0^t e^{-2(\lambda_n + \eta)s} e^{2\eta s} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right] ds \\
 & \geq e^{-2|\eta|t} \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \int_0^t e^{-2(\lambda_n + \eta)s} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right] ds \\
 & = e^{-2|\eta|t} \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \frac{(1 - e^{-2(\lambda_n + \eta)t}) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right]}{2(\lambda_n + \eta)} \\
 & = \frac{\left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2}{2e^{2|\eta|t}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} (1 - e^{-2(\lambda_n + \eta)t}) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right] \\
 & \geq \frac{(1 - e^{-2(\inf_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \lambda_n + \eta)t}) \left\| e^{tA} w \right\|_{H_{-r}}^2}{2e^{2|\eta|t}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{114}$$

This and the assumption that  $w \neq 0$ , in particular, assure that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \left| \langle (\eta - A)^{-1/2} h_n, \xi \rangle_H \right|^2 \right] < \infty$ . Hence, we obtain that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1/2}) = 1$ . This and (114) complete the proof of Proposition 3.4.  $\square$

### 3.4 Nonlinear heat equations

**Proposition 3.5.** *Assume the setting in Section 3.1, assume  $0 \in \mathbb{I}$ , let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $w \in H$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}(H_\delta))$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{C}(H, H)$  satisfy for all  $v \in H$  that  $\langle h_0, w \rangle_H > 0$ ,  $w = \langle h_0, w \rangle_H h_0$ , and  $F(v) = \|v\|_H w$ , and let  $X \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B}([0, T]) \otimes \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}(H_\delta))$  satisfy for all  $t \in (0, T]$  that  $X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $\int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)A} F(X_s)\|_{H_\delta} ds < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that  $X_t = e^{tA}\xi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} F(X_s) ds$ . Then for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1}) = 1$  and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_{h_0} + |\eta|)t} [1 - e^{-(\inf_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \lambda_n + \eta)t}] \|\xi - \langle h_0, \xi \rangle_H h_0\|_{H_{-1}} \\ & \leq \langle h_0, X_t - e^{tA}\xi \rangle_H \leq \|X_t - e^{tA}\xi\|_H < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (115)$$

*Proof.* Throughout this proof let  $P \in L(H_{\min\{\delta, 0\}})$  be the linear operator with the property that for all  $v \in H$  it holds that  $P(v) = v - \langle h_0, v \rangle_H h_0$ . We observe that the assumption that  $X((0, T] \times \Omega) \subseteq H$  implies that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \infty & > \|X_t - e^{tA}\xi\|_H = \langle h_0, X_t - e^{tA}\xi \rangle_H = \int_0^t \langle h_0, e^{(t-s)A} F(X_s) \rangle_H ds \\ & = \int_0^t \langle h_0, e^{(t-s)A} w \rangle_H \|X_s\|_H ds = \int_0^t \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + \eta)(t-s)} e^{\eta(t-s)} \|X_s\|_H ds \\ & \geq \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{\min\{\eta, 0\}t} \int_0^t e^{-(\lambda_0 + \eta)(t-s)} \|PX_s\|_H ds \\ & = \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{\min\{\eta, 0\}t} \int_0^t e^{-(\lambda_0 + \eta)(t-s)} \|e^{sA} P\xi\|_H ds \\ & \geq \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + \max\{\eta, 0\})t} \int_0^t \|e^{sA} P\xi\|_H ds \\ & = \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + \max\{\eta, 0\})t} \int_0^t \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \{0\}} |e^{-(\lambda_n + \eta)s} e^{\eta s} \langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2 \right]^{1/2} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (116)$$

This and the Minkowski integral inequality imply that for all  $t \in (0, T]$  it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\begin{aligned} \infty & > \|X_t - e^{tA}\xi\|_H \geq \langle h_0, X_t - e^{tA}\xi \rangle_H \\ & \geq \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + |\eta|)t} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \{0\}} \left| \int_0^t |e^{-(\lambda_n + \eta)s} \langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H| ds \right|^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ & = \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + |\eta|)t} \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{[1 - e^{-(\lambda_n + \eta)t}]^2 |\langle h_n, \xi \rangle_H|^2}{|\lambda_n + \eta|^2} \right]^{1/2} \\ & \geq \langle h_0, w \rangle_H e^{-(\lambda_0 + |\eta|)t} [1 - e^{-(\inf_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \lambda_n + \eta)t}] \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \{0\}} |(\eta - A)^{-1} b, \xi|_H^2 \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (117)$$

The assumption that  $\langle h_0, w \rangle_H > 0$  hence implies that it holds  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{I}} |(\eta - A)^{-1} h_n, \xi|_H^2 < \infty. \quad (118)$$

This ensures that  $\mathbb{P}(\xi \in H_{-1}) = 1$ . This together with (117) completes the proof of Proposition 3.5.  $\square$

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