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Behavior with respect to the Hurst index of the Wiener Hermite integrals and application to SPDEs

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ABSTRACT

We consider the Wiener integral with respect to a d -parameter Hermite process with Hurst multi-index $\mathbf{H} = (H_1, \dots, H_d) \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^d$ and we analyze the limit behavior in distribution of this object when the components of \mathbf{H} tend to 1 and/or $\frac{1}{2}$. As examples, we focus on the solution to the stochastic heat equation with additive Hermite noise and to the Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process.

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1. Introduction

The Hermite processes are self-similar processes with long-memory and stationary increments. These properties made them good models for many applications. The Hermite processes constitute a non-Gaussian extension of the fractional Brownian motion. Their Hurst parameter, which is contained in the interval $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, characterizes the main properties of this process. The reader may consult the monographs [20] or [26] for a complete exposition on Hermite processes.

Our work deals with stochastic partial differential equations (SPDEs) driven by the Hermite process. Starting with the seminal work [28], many researchers explored the possibility of solving SPDEs with general noises more general than the standard space-time white noise. In our work, such a stochastic perturbation is chosen to be the Hermite noise. Recently, various types of stochastic integral and stochastic equations driven by Hermite noises have been considered by many authors. We refer, among others, to [3], [10], [11], [12], [17], [25], [8], [13], [21], [22]. Our purpose is to analyze the asymptotic behavior in distribution of the solution to the stochastic heat equation with additive Hermite noise, when the Hurst parameter (which is also the self-similarity index of the Hermite process) converges to the extreme values of its interval of

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definition, i.e. when it tends to one and to one half. Our work continues a recent line of research that concerns the limit behavior in distribution with respect to the Hurst parameter of Hermite and related fractional-type stochastic processes. In particular, the papers [5] and [2] deal with the asymptotic behavior of the generalized Rosenblatt process, the work [1] studies the multiparameter Hermite processes while the paper [22] investigates the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with Hermite noise of order $q = 2$.

The solution to the heat equation with Hermite noise in \mathbb{R}^d is a $(d+1)$ -parameter random field depending on a Hurst index $\mathbf{H} \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^{d+1}$. We prove that the solution converges in distribution to a Gaussian limit when at least one of the components of \mathbf{H} converges to $\frac{1}{2}$ and to a random variable in a Wiener chaos of higher order when at least one of the components of \mathbf{H} tends to 1 (and none of them converges to $\frac{1}{2}$). Moreover, the limit always coincides in distribution with the solution to the stochastic heat equation driven by the limit of the Hermite noise. The results show that these models offer a large flexibility, covering a large class of probability distributions, from Gaussian laws to distribution of random variables in Wiener chaos of higher order.

For the proofs we use various techniques, such as the Malliavin calculus and the Fourth Moment Theorem for the normal convergence, the properties of the Wiener integrals with respect to the Hermite process and the so-called power counting theorem. Since the solution to the Hermite-driven heat equation can be expressed as a Wiener integral with respect to a Hermite sheet, we start our analysis by some more general results, i.e. by studying the behavior with respect to the Hurst index of such Wiener integrals. This allows to consider other examples, in particular the Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process.

We organized our paper as follows. Section 2 contains some preliminaries. We introduce the multidimensional Hermite processes and the Wiener integral with respect to them. We also recall some known results concerning the asymptotic behavior of the Hermite sheet. In Section 3, we state general results on the asymptotic behavior of the Wiener-Hermite integrals with respect to the Hurst parameter. We will give two applications of the main results obtained. In Section 4 we analyze the asymptotic behavior of the mild solution of the stochastic heat equation with Hermite noise and finally Section 5 contains the case of the Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process. Appendix A contains the basic elements of the stochastic analysis on Wiener spaces needed in the paper.

2. Preliminaries

In this preliminary section we will introduce the Hermite sheet and the Wiener integral with respect to this multiparameter process. We also recall the main findings from [1] concerning the behavior of the Hermite sheet with respect to its Hurst multi-index. We start with some multidimensional notation, that we will use throughout our work.

2.1. Notation

For $d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ we will work with multi-parametric processes indexed by elements of \mathbb{R}^d . We shall use bold notation for multi-indexed quantities, i.e., $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$, $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_d)$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d)$, $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b} = \prod_{i=1}^d a_i b_i$, $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^d |a_i - b_i|^{\alpha_i}$, $\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{b} = (a_1/b_1, a_2/b_2, \dots, a_d/b_d)$, $[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] = \prod_{i=1}^d [a_i, b_i]$, $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \prod_{i=1}^d (a_i, b_i)$, $\sum_{i=1}^d (a_i, b_i)$, $\sum_{i=0}^{\mathbf{N}} a_i = \sum_{i_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{i_d=0}^{N_d} a_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d}$ if $\mathbf{N} = (N_1, \dots, N_d)$, $\mathbf{a}^\mathbf{b} = \prod_{i=1}^d a_i^{b_i}$, and $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{b}$ iff $a_1 < b_1, a_2 < b_2, \dots, a_d < b_d$ (analogously for the other inequalities).

We write $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{1}$ to indicate the product $\prod_{i=1}^d (a_i - 1)$. By β we denote the Beta function $\beta(p, q) = \int_0^1 z^{p-1} (1-z)^{q-1} dz$, $p, q > 0$ and we use the notation

$$\beta(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \prod_{i=1}^d \beta(a^{(i)}, b^{(i)})$$

if $\mathbf{a} = (a^{(1)}, \dots, a^{(d)})$ and $\mathbf{b} = (b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(d)})$.

Let us recall that the increment of a d -parameter process X on a rectangle $[\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}] \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_d)$, $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_d)$, with $\mathbf{s} \leq \mathbf{t}$ (denoted by $\Delta X([\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}])$) is given by

$$\Delta X([\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}]) = \sum_{r \in \{0,1\}^d} (-1)^{d-\sum_{i=1}^d r_i} X_{\mathbf{s}+\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{t}-\mathbf{s})}. \quad (1)$$

When $d = 1$ one obtains $\Delta X([\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}]) = X_t - X_s$ while for $d = 2$ one gets $\Delta X([\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}]) = X_{t_1, t_2} - X_{t_1, s_2} - X_{s_1, t_2} + X_{s_1, s_2}$.

2.2. Hermite processes and Wiener-Hermite integrals

We recall the definition and the basic properties of multiparameter Hermite processes. For a more complete presentation, we refer to [9], [20] or [26]. Let $q \geq 1$ integer and the Hurst multi-index $\mathbf{H} = (H_1, H_2, \dots, H_d) \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^d$. The *Hermite sheet of order q and with self-similarity index \mathbf{H}* , denoted $(Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{t}), \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d)$ in the sequel, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{t}) &= c(\mathbf{H}, q) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d,q}} \int_0^{t^{(1)}} \dots \int_0^{t^{(d)}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^q (s_1 - y_{1,j})_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-H_1}{q}\right)} \dots (s_d - y_{d,j})_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-H_d}{q}\right)} \right) \\ &\quad ds_d \dots ds_1 \, dW(y_{1,1}, \dots, y_{d,1}) \dots dW(y_{1,q}, \dots, y_{d,q}) \\ &= c(\mathbf{H}, q) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d,q}} \int_0^{\mathbf{t}} \prod_{j=1}^q (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{y}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} d\mathbf{s} \, dW(\mathbf{y}_1) \dots dW(\mathbf{y}_q) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for every $\mathbf{t} = (t^1, \dots, t^d) \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$, where $x_+ = \max(x, 0)$. The above stochastic integral is a multiple stochastic integral with respect to the Wiener sheet $(W(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d)$, see Section A.1. The constant $c(\mathbf{H}, q)$ ensures that $\mathbf{E}(Z_{\mathbf{H}}^q(\mathbf{t}))^2 = \mathbf{t}^{2\mathbf{H}}$ for every $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$. As pointed out before, when $q = 1$, (2) is the fractional Brownian sheet with Hurst multi-index $\mathbf{H} = (H_1, H_2, \dots, H_d) \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^d$. For $q \geq 2$ the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ is not Gaussian and for $q = 2$ we denominate it as the *Rosenblatt sheet*.

The Hermite sheet is a \mathbf{H} -self-similar stochastic process and it has stationary increments. Its paths are Hölder continuous of order $\delta < \mathbf{H}$, see [20] or [26]. Its covariance is the same for every $q \geq 1$ and it coincides with the covariance of the d -parameter fractional Brownian motion, i.e.

$$\mathbf{E} Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{t}) Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(t_i^{2H_i} + s_i^{2H_i} - |t_i - s_i|^{2H_i} \right) \right) =: R_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}), \quad t_i, s_i \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

We will denote by $|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ the space of measurable functions $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|}^2 < \infty$$

where

$$\|f\|_{|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|}^2 := \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{1}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} |f(\mathbf{u})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{v})| |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} \quad (4)$$

$$= \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} du^{(1)} \dots du^{(d)} dv^{(1)} \dots dv^{(d)} \\ \times f(u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)}) f(v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(d)}) \prod_{j=1}^d |u^{(j)} - v^{(j)}|^{2H_j-2}$$

where $\mathbf{u} = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)})$, $\mathbf{v} = (v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(d)}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Notice that the space $|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ satisfies the following inclusion (see Remark 3 in [9])

$$L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset L^{\frac{1}{\mathbf{H}}}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|. \quad (5)$$

The Wiener integral with respect to the Hermite sheet $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ has been defined in [9] (following the idea of [15] in the one-parameter case). In particular, it is well-defined for measurable integrands $f \in |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ via the formula

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d,q}} (Jf)(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_q) dW(\mathbf{y}_1) \dots dW(\mathbf{y}_q) \quad (6)$$

where $(W(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d)$ is a d -parameter Wiener process and

$$(Jf)(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_q) = c(\mathbf{H}, q) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{u} f(\mathbf{u}) (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}_1)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \dots (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}_q)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \quad (7)$$

with $c(\mathbf{H}, q)$ from (2). The stochastic integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d,q}} (Jf)(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_q) dW(\mathbf{y}_1) \dots dW(\mathbf{y}_q)$ is a multiple Wiener-Itô integral with respect to the Wiener sheet W .

We have the isometry formula, for $f, g \in |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s}) \right) = \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{u}) g(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} \\ := \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}}. \quad (8)$$

By $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}}^2$ we denote $\langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}}$.

2.3. Behavior of the Hermite sheet with respect to the Hurst parameter

In a first step, we analyze the convergence of the integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s})$ when the Hurst indices H_i goes to 1 and/or $\frac{1}{2}$.

Let us introduce the following notation: if $\{j_1, \dots, j_k\} \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$ with $1 \leq k \leq d$ we will denote

$$A_k = \{j_1, \dots, j_k\}, \quad \mathbf{H}_{A_k} = (H_{j_1}, \dots, H_{j_k}) \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)^k, \quad \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_{A_k} = t^{(j_1)} \dots t^{(j_k)} \text{ if } \mathbf{t} = (t^{(1)}, \dots, t^{(d)}). \quad (9)$$

We will separate our study into following two situations:

1. At least one parameter converges to 1 and none to $\frac{1}{2}$. Then the limit will be a non-Gaussian random variable related to the Hermite distribution.

2. At least one parameter H_i converges to $\frac{1}{2}$ and the other indices are fixed in $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ or converges to 1, i.e. if A_k is as above, $B_p = \{l_1, \dots, l_p\} \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$ with $p + k \leq d$ and $A_k \cap B_p = \emptyset$, we assume $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\mathbf{H}_{B_p} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p$. In this case we will see that the limit of $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s})$ is a centered Gaussian random variable with an explicit variance.

We start by recalling the main result in [1] concerning the asymptotic behavior of the Hermite sheet.

Theorem 1. Let $(Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{t}))_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ be given by (2) and let A_k, B_p be as in (9). Fix $T > 0$.

1. Assume $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Assume that the parameters $H_j, j \in \bar{A}_k$ are fixed. Then the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly in $C([0, T]^d)$ to the d -parameter stochastic process $(X_{\mathbf{t}})_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ defined by

$$X_{\mathbf{t}} = \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_{A_k} Z_{\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{A}_k}) \quad (10)$$

where $(Z_{\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{A}_k}))_{\mathbf{t}_{\bar{A}_k} \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{d-k}}$ is a $(d-k)$ -parameter Hermite process of order q with Hurst index $\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^{d-k}$.

2. Assume $(H_1, \dots, H_d) \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly in $C([0, T]^d)$ to the d -parameter stochastic process $(X_{\mathbf{t}})_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ defined by

$$X_{\mathbf{t}} = \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_d \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z) \quad (11)$$

where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ and H_q is the q th Hermite polynomial (see (64)).

3. Assume $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Assume that the parameters $H_j, j \in \bar{A}_k$ are fixed. Then the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly in $C([0, T]^d)$ to a d -parameter centered Gaussian process $(X(\mathbf{t}))_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ with covariance

$$\mathbf{E} X_{\mathbf{t}} X_{\mathbf{s}} = \left(\prod_{a \in A_k} (t^{(a)} \wedge s^{(a)}) \right) \left(\prod_{b \in \bar{A}_k} R_{H_b}(t^{(b)}, s^{(b)}) \right) \quad (12)$$

with R_{H_b} defined in (3).

4. Assume $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\mathbf{H}_{B_p} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p$. Assume that the H_j with $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus (A_k \cup B_p)$ are fixed. Then the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly in $C([0, T]^d)$ to a d -parameter Gaussian process $(X(\mathbf{t}))_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ with covariance

$$\mathbf{E} X_{\mathbf{t}} X_{\mathbf{s}} = \left(\prod_{a \in A_k} (t^{(a)} \wedge s^{(a)}) \right) \left(\prod_{b \in B_p} t^{(b)} s^{(b)} \right) \left(\prod_{c \in \bar{A}_k \cup \bar{B}_p} R_{H_c}(t^{(c)}, s^{(c)}) \right). \quad (13)$$

We will use the above result in order to get the limit behavior with respect to the Hurst parameter of the Hermite Wiener integral.

3. Convergence of the Wiener-Hermite integrals with respect to the Hurst parameter

Let us start the analysis of the behavior of the Wiener-Hermite integral (6) when the components of the self-similarity index \mathbf{H} tends to their extreme values. As mentioned above, we will separate our study into two cases: at least one component of \mathbf{H} converges to 1 (and no component tends to $\frac{1}{2}$) and at least one component of \mathbf{H} converges to one-half.

3.1. Convergence around 1

We need to introduce new spaces for the deterministic integrand in (6). Working on these spaces will ensure the convergence of the Hermite-Wiener integral.

Let A_k be as in (9) and assume $1 \leq k < d$. We introduce the space $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$ of measurable functions $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &:= \sum_{j=1}^k \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{u}_{A_j} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j})| |\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{u}_{A_j} \|f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}}} < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}}}$ defined in (4). Notice that for $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$, the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{u}) \quad (16)$$

is well-defined in $L^1(\Omega)$. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{u}) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{u}) \right| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \left(\mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{u}) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_k} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_k})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_k})| |\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_k} - \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_k}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq (\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \sum_{j=1}^k \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{u}_{A_j} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j})| |\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

If $k = d$, we define $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k} = \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_d}$ to be the set of measurable functions $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}} &:= \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \\
&+ \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{u}_{A_j} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j})| |\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&:= \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_{d-1}}} < \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Remark 1. Notice that the order of integration in (16) is important. That is, the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(u_{\bar{A}_k}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} f(\mathbf{u})$$

is not necessarily well-defined for $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$.

We have the following non-central limit theorem.

Proposition 1. Let A_k be as in (9) and assume $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \cap |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$.

- Assume $1 \leq k < d$ and

$$\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)^{d-k} \text{ is fixed.}$$

Then the family of random variables $\left(X^{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{H} \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)^d\right)$

$$X^{\mathbf{H}} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}) \tag{18}$$

converges in distribution to the random variable

$$X := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)}) dZ_{\bar{A}_k}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) dZ_{\bar{A}_k}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{A}_k}) \right) d\mathbf{u}_{A_k}. \tag{19}$$

- Assume $k = d$ and

$$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Then the limit in distribution of the family $\left(X^{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{H} \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)^d\right)$ given by (18) is

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)}) d\mathbf{u} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z)$$

with $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ and H_q the Hermite polynomial of degree q (64).

Proof. We will check the convergence of the characteristic function of $X^{\mathbf{H}}$. That is, we will show that for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} \rightarrow_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X}.$$

The idea is to approximate first X by a sequence of random variables that can be written in terms of the linear combinations of $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ and to use the result in Theorem 1. Consider a sequence of step functions

$$f_n(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{l=1}^n a_l 1_{(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{l=1}^n a_l 1_{(t_l^{(1)}, t_{l+1}^{(1)})}(u^{(1)}) \dots 1_{(t_l^{(d)}, t_{l+1}^{(d)})}(u^{(d)})$$

(where we used again the notation $\mathbf{u} = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)})$ and $\mathbf{t}_l = (t_l^{(1)}, \dots, t_l^{(d)})$ for $l = 1, \dots, n$) such that

$$\|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \text{ and } \|f_n - f\|_{|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \quad (20)$$

The choice of such a sequence $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is possible because for any positive function $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \cap |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$, there exists an increasing sequence of step functions in $f_n \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \cap |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ which converges pointwise to f and satisfies $|f_n - f| \leq |f|$, and by dominated convergence theorem, it converges in $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$ and in $|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$. Then, we use the fact that a general function can be decomposed into its positive and negative parts.

Consider the Hermite Wiener integral of f_n with respect to the Hermite sheet

$$X^{n,\mathbf{H}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(\mathbf{u}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j (\Delta Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d})((\mathbf{t}_j, \mathbf{t}_{j+1}])$$

with $\Delta Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ given by (1). Then we know from [9], Section 3 that $X^{n,\mathbf{H}}$ converges in $L^2(\Omega)$ to $X^{\mathbf{H}}$ if f_n converges to f in $|\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ due to the isometry of the Hermite Wiener integral (8). So we have

$$X^{n,\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} X^{\mathbf{H}} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{s}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{s}) \text{ in } L^2(\Omega).$$

Consequently, we can write

$$\lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} = \lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{n,\mathbf{H}}}. \quad (21)$$

Now, we aim at exchanging the two limits above. Recall that if $f_j, j \geq 1$ is a sequence of functions on $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ converging uniformly to f on D and if a is a limit point for D , then $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_j(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ provided that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x), \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_j(x)$ exist. Therefore it suffices to show that $\mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{n,\mathbf{H}}}$ converges uniformly with respect to \mathbf{H}_{A_k} to $\mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}}$.

By the mean value theorem

$$\left| \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{n,\mathbf{H}}} - \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} \right| \leq |\alpha| \mathbf{E} |X^{n,\mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}| \leq |\alpha| \left(\mathbf{E} |X^{n,\mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Thus, in order to invert the limits in (21), it suffices to show that for some $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k} \mathbf{E} |X^{n,\mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}|^2 \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

that is proved in Lemma 1 below. The relation (21) becomes

$$\lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{n,\mathbf{H}}}. \quad (22)$$

Assume $k < d$. Since, from Theorem 1 $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly to the process $(U_{\mathbf{t}})_{\mathbf{t} \geq 0}$ given by

$$U_{\mathbf{t}} = \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_{A_k} Z_{\bar{A}_k}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{A}_k})$$

it follows from (22) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d})((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}])} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta U)((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}])}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

At this point we need to study the convergence as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of the sequence

$$X^n := \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta U)((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]) \quad (24)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If $A_k = \{j_1, \dots, j_k\}$, let us use the notation

$$(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]_{A_k} = (t_l^{(j_1)}, t_{l+1}^{(j_1)}] \times \dots \times (t_l^{(j_k)}, t_{l+1}^{(j_k)}].$$

Then it is not difficult to see that

$$(\Delta U)((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]) = (\Delta \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_{A_k})(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]_{A_k} (\Delta Z_{\overline{A_k}}^{q,d-k})(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]_{\overline{A_k}}$$

and therefore the sequence (24) can be expressed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} X^n &= \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta U)((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]) = \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_{A_k})(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]_{A_k} (\Delta Z_{\overline{A_k}}^{q,d-k})(\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]_{\overline{A_k}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(d)}) d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} dZ_{\overline{A_k}}^{q,d-k}(\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we show that

$$X^n \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} X \text{ in } L^1(\Omega) \quad (25)$$

where the random variable X is given by (19). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}|X^n - X| &= \mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) (f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) - f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}})) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) (f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) - f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}})) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \left(\mathbf{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) (f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}}) - f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A_k}})) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A_k}} d\mathbf{w}_{\overline{A_k}} |\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A_k}} - \mathbf{w}_{\overline{A_k}}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}}-2} \right. \\ &\quad \times (f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A_k}}) - f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A_k}})) (f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{w}_{\overline{A_k}}) - f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{w}_{\overline{A_k}})) \left. \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq (\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\overline{A_k}}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the last convergence comes from (20). We obtain from (23) and (25)

$$\lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^n} = \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X}$$

and the proof is complete for $1 \leq k < d$.

If $k = d$, the proof is similar. We know that the process $Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}$ converges weakly in $C[0, T]$ to the process

$$\langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_d \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z).$$

Using the same lines as above, we get

$$\lim_{\mathbf{H} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^{\mathbf{H}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^n}$$

and in this case the sequence (24) becomes

$$X^n = \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle_d) [\mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_{i+1}] \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z)$$

Clearly, by (20)

$$\mathbf{E} |X^n - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u} \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z)| \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_n(\mathbf{u}) - f(\mathbf{u})| d\mathbf{u} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

using the definition of the norm in $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$ for $k = d$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha X^n} = \mathbf{E} e^{i\alpha (\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z)}. \quad \square$$

The below lemma has been needed in the proof of Proposition 1.

Lemma 1. Let A_k be as in (9) with $1 \leq k \leq d$. Assume $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k} \cap |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$ and consider a sequence $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ of step functions on \mathbb{R}^d such that (20) holds true. Let

$$X^{n, \mathbf{H}} = \sum_{l=1}^n a_l (\Delta Z_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d})((\mathbf{t}_l, \mathbf{t}_{l+1}]).$$

Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough

$$\sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k} \mathbf{E} |X^{n, \mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}|^2 \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Proof. From the isometry property (8) and from (20) we have for every $\mathbf{H} \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^d$,

$$\mathbf{E} |X^{n, \mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}|^2 \rightarrow 0. \quad (26)$$

Let us show that the above convergence is uniform with respect to $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k$. By (8),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E} |X^{n,\mathbf{H}} - X^{\mathbf{H}}|^2 &= \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(\mathbf{u}) f_n(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} \\
&\quad - 2\mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} \\
&\quad + \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} \\
&:= G(\mathbf{H}_{A_k})
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

with the function G considered on the interval $[\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k$. Assume $k < d$. Let $\mathbf{1}(A_k) = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Then from (27)

$$\begin{aligned}
&G(\mathbf{1}(A_k)) \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{v}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k} f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k}) f_n(\mathbf{v}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}) |\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} - \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k}-2} \\
&\quad - 2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{v}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k} f_n(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{v}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}) |\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} - \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k}-2} \\
&\quad + \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{v}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k} f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k}) f(\mathbf{v}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}) |\mathbf{u}_{\overline{A}_k} - \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k}-2}
\end{aligned}$$

and this can be written

$$\begin{aligned}
&G(\mathbf{1}(A_k)) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{v}_{A_k} \langle (f_n - f)(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \cdot), (f_n - f)(\mathbf{v}_{A_k}, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{H_{\overline{A}_k}}} \\
&\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{v}_{A_k} \|(f_n - f)(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{H}_{H_{\overline{A}_k}}} \|(f_n - f)(\mathbf{v}_{A_k}, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{H}_{H_{\overline{A}_k}}} \\
&= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \|(f_n - f)(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{H}_{H_{\overline{A}_k}}} \right)^2 \\
&= \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} - 1) \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{u}_{A_k} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{w}_{\overline{A}_k} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_k}, \mathbf{w}_{\overline{A}_k})| |\mathbf{v}_{\overline{A}_k} - \mathbf{w}_{\overline{A}_k}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\
&\leq \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k} - 1) \|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\overline{A}_k}}^2
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

where we used the definition (15).

Now, the function G is continuous on $[\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k$ so there exists $\mathbf{H}_0 = (H_{0,1}, \dots, H_{0,k}) \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k$ such that

$$\sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^k} G(\mathbf{H}_{A_k}) = G(\mathbf{H}_0).$$

If $\mathbf{H}_0 = \mathbf{1}(A_k)$, then the conclusion follows from (28) and the assumption (20). If \mathbf{H}_0 has the form

$$\mathbf{H}_0 = (1, \dots, 1, H_{0,j+1}, \dots, H_{0,k})$$

with $j < k$ then a similar calculation to (28) shows that

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbf{H}_0) &\leq \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j} (2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j} - 1) \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{u}_{A_j} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j} |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j})| \cdot |f(\mathbf{u}_{A_j}, \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j})| |\mathbf{v}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{w}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\ &\leq \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j} (2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_j} - 1) \|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

and again $G(\mathbf{H}_0) \rightarrow 0$ as $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ from (20).

Otherwise, if all $H_{0,i}, i = 1, \dots, k$ are in $[\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1)$, then the conclusion follows from (26).

If $k = d$, the conclusion follows in the same way. Let G be given by (27) and let $\mathbf{H}_0 = (H_{0,1}, \dots, H_{0,k}) \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^d$ such that

$$\sup_{\mathbf{H} \in [\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon, 1]^g} G(\mathbf{H}) = G(\mathbf{H}_0).$$

If $\mathbf{H}_0 = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, notice that in this case $G(\mathbf{1}_d) = G(1, \dots, 1) = \|f_n - f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$. If \mathbf{H}_0 has the form

$$\mathbf{H}_0 = (1, \dots, 1, H_{0,j+1}, \dots, H_{0,d})$$

with $j < d$ then $G(\mathbf{H}_0)$ satisfies (29) and consequently it converges to zero from the assumption (20). If all components of \mathbf{H}_0 are strictly contained in the interval $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, then we conclude by (26). \square

3.2. Convergence around $\frac{1}{2}$

In this section, we will study the convergence in distribution of the Hermite Wiener integral (18) when at least one Hurst index converges to one half. Actually, we will assume (recall notation (9) from the previous section)

$$\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

and

$$\mathbf{H}_{B_p} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

with $1 \leq k \leq d, 0 \leq p \leq d$ and $p + k \leq d$. Note that $k \geq 1$ means that at least one Hurst parameter converges to $\frac{1}{2}$ while $p \geq 0$ means that some Hurst parameters (possibly zero) converges to 1.

We have the following result.

Proposition 2. Assume A_k is as in (9) and $B_p = \{l_1, \dots, l_p\} \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$ with $0 \leq p \leq d, 1 \leq k \leq d, p + k \leq d$ and $A_k \cap B_p = \emptyset$ (if $p = 0$ then $B_p = \emptyset$). Let $f \in |\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{H}}|$. Assume that the following limit exists

$$\lim_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^k} \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} := \sigma_{f, \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^2 \quad (30)$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} d\mathbf{u}' d\mathbf{v}' f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{u}') f(\mathbf{v}) f(\mathbf{v}') \\ & \times |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}} < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

If

$$\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{H}_{B_p} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k \cup \bar{B}_p} \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)^{d-k-p} \text{ is fixed}$$

then the Hermite Wiener integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u})$ converges in distribution to the Gaussian law $N(0, \sigma_{f, \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^2)$.

Proof. Recall that by (6), $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}) = I_q(Jf)$ with the operator J defined in (7). We can apply the Fourth Moment Theorem to study the normal convergence of (18).

First notice that by assumption (30), we have

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) dZ_{\mathbf{H}}^{q,d}(\mathbf{u}) \right)^2 = \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v}$$

converges to $\sigma_{f, \mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}}^2$. Therefore, in order to apply the Fourth Moment Theorem (see Theorem 4 in the Appendix A), it suffices to show that

$$\|Jf \otimes_r Jf\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d(2q-2r)})} \rightarrow 0$$

for every $r = 1, \dots, q-1$.

Now, as in the proof of Theorem 3 in [1] (based on relation (13) in this reference)

$$\begin{aligned} (Jf \otimes_r Jf)(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{2q-2r}) &= \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^r} Jf(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{q-r}) Jf(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{y}_{q-r-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{2q-2r}) d\mathbf{u}_1 \dots d\mathbf{u}_r \\ &= c(\mathbf{H}, q)^2 \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^r} d\mathbf{u}_1 \dots d\mathbf{u}_r \\ &\quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{u}) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{q-r} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) d\mathbf{u} \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{v}) \left(\prod_{j=q-r+1}^{2q-2r} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{y}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) d\mathbf{v} \\ &= c(\mathbf{H}, q)^2 \beta \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}, \frac{2-2\mathbf{H}}{q} \right)^r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{v}) |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} \\ &\quad \left(\prod_{j=1}^{q-r} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) \left(\prod_{j=q-r+1}^{2q-2r} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{y}_j)_+^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}\right)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

by using the Fubini theorem and again relation (13) in [1], this leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|Jf \otimes_r Jf\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d(2q-2r)})}^2 \\
 &= c(\mathbf{H}, q)^4 \beta \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}, \frac{2-2\mathbf{H}}{q} \right)^{2r} \beta \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-\mathbf{H}}{q}, \frac{2-2\mathbf{H}}{q} \right)^{2q-2r} \\
 & \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} du dv du' dv' (\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{u}') f(\mathbf{v}) f(\mathbf{v}') \\
 & \quad \times |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{q!^2} (\mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - 1))^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} du dv du' dv' f(\mathbf{u}) f(\mathbf{u}') f(\mathbf{v}) f(\mathbf{v}') \\
 & \quad \times |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)r}{q}} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'|^{\frac{2(\mathbf{H}-1)(q-r)}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last quantity converges to zero under assumption (31). \square

Notice that $q = 2$ and $d = 1$ we retrieve the results in [22]. For $f = 1$, the results in this section reduces to those in Theorem 1 from [1].

4. Applications to the stochastic heat equation with Hermite noise

We will apply the main results in the previous section to some particular cases. First, we look to the solution to the heat equation driven by an Hermite noise. That is, we consider the following linear stochastic heat equation driven by an additive Hermite sheet with $d + 1$ parameters

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Delta u(t, \mathbf{x}) + \dot{Z}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(t, \mathbf{x}), & t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0, \mathbf{x}) = 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

We denoted by Δ the Laplacian on \mathbb{R}^d and $Z_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1} = \{Z_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(t, \mathbf{x}); t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ denotes the $(d + 1)$ -parameter Hermite sheet whose covariance is given by

$$\mathbf{E} \left(Z_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(s, \mathbf{x}) Z_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(t, \mathbf{y}) \right) = R_{H_0}(t, s) R_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

if $(H_0, \mathbf{H}) = (H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d) \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)^{d+1}$. We denoted by $\mathbf{H} = (H_1, \dots, H_d)$ and

$$R_H(t, s) = \frac{1}{2} (|t|^{2H} + |s|^{2H} - |t - s|^{2H}), \quad R_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \prod_{j=1}^d R_{H_j}(x_j, y_j)$$

if $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d), \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

The solution to (32) is understood in the mild sense. That is, the *mild* solution to (32) is a square-integrable process $u = \{u(t, \mathbf{x}); t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ defined by:

$$u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(t - s, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) Z_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(ds, d\mathbf{y}), \quad t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (33)$$

living in the space of jointly measurable random fields $(X(t, \mathbf{x}), t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that for every $T > 0$, $\sup_{t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{E} |X(t, \mathbf{x})|^2 < \infty$.

The above integral is a Wiener integral with respect to the Hermite sheet, as introduced in Section 2 and $G(t, \mathbf{x})$ is the Green function (or the fundamental solution) that satisfies $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0$, i.e.

$$G(t, \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} (2\pi t)^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x}|^2}{2t}\right) & \text{if } t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \\ 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

The stochastic heat equation (32) admits a unique mild solution $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}))_{t \geq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ if and only if (see [21])

$$d < 4H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d (2H_i - 1) := \gamma. \quad (35)$$

In this case, for every $T > 0$, $\sup_{t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{E}(u(t, \mathbf{x})^2) < \infty$.

We will use the following Parseval-type formula (see Lemma A1 in [4]): for every $f, g \in L^2(a, b)$ and for every $0 < \alpha < 1$

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b du dv f(u) g(v) |u - v|^{-(1-\alpha)} = q_\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\tau|^{-\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{a,b} f(\tau) \overline{\mathcal{F}_{a,b} g(\tau)} \quad (36)$$

where $(\mathcal{F}_{a,b} f)(\xi) = \int_a^b f(y) e^{-i\xi y} dy$ (we use the notation $\mathcal{F}f = \mathcal{F}_{-\infty, \infty} f$) and

$$q_\alpha = (2^{1-\alpha} \pi^{1/2})^{-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha/2)}{\Gamma((1-\alpha)/2)}. \quad (37)$$

We recall that the Fourier transform of the function $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow G(u, \mathbf{y})$ is $\mathcal{F}G(u, \cdot)(\xi) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}u|\xi|^2}$.

4.1. Limit behavior of the solution when the Hurst index tends to 1

The expression “Hurst index tends to 1” means that at least one component of the Hurst multi-index tends to 1. We will apply Proposition 1 to obtain the asymptotic behavior of the solution (33) when at least one of the Hurst parameters H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d converges to 1 and the other parameters are fixed.

Theorem 2. Assume (35) and let A_k be as in (9). Fix $T > 0$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then

1. If

$$(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \text{ and } H_j, j \in \overline{A_k} \text{ are fixed}$$

then the stochastic process $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ converges weakly in $C[0, T]$ to the process $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ defined by

$$u(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_0^t du \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{y}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}}}^{q, d-k}(\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A_k}}) G(t-u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}). \quad (38)$$

2. If $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $H_0, H_j, j \in \overline{A_k}$ are fixed, then $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ converges weakly in $C[0, T]$ to the stochastic process $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$

$$u(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{y}_{A_k} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{H_0, \mathbf{H}, \bar{A}_k}^{q, d+1-k}(u, \mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_k}) G(t-u, \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}).$$

3. If $(H_0, \mathbf{H}) \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$, then the weak limit of $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ in $C[0, T]$ is $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ with

$$u(t, \mathbf{x}) = \left(\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(t-u, \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} du \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} H_q(Z).$$

Remark 2. As usual, by the weak convergence of the family $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ to $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ in $C[0, T]$ for fixed $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we mean the weak convergence of the family of distributions of $u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(\cdot, \mathbf{x})$ to the law of $u(\cdot, \mathbf{x})$ in $(C[0, T], \mathcal{B}(C[0, T]))$.

Proof. Consider the function F defined on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$F : (u, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow 1_{(0, t)}(u) (2\pi(t-u))^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{2(t-u)}}. \quad (39)$$

We first show the convergence of finite dimensional distributions. Consider the case 1. Let us show that this function belongs to $|\mathcal{H}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}| \cap \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$, with these two spaces defined by (4) and (15) respectively. We know from [4] that, under (35), the function F (39) belongs to the space $|\mathcal{H}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}|$.

Let us check that this function belongs to the space $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}$. Writing

$$F(u, \mathbf{y}) = F(u, \mathbf{y}_{A_k}, \mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_k}) = (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}_{A_k}|^2}{2u}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_k}|^2}{2u}}$$

we have by the definition of the norm in $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}$ (see (15)),

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}_k}} &= \sum_{j=1}^k \int_0^t du \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{y}_{A_j} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} d\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j} \right. \\ &\quad \times (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{A_j}|^2}{2u}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{A_j}|^2}{2u}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} |\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2H_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \left. \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k \int_0^t du \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} d\mathbf{y}_{A_j} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{j}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{A_j}|^2}{2u}} \\ &\quad \times \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} d\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d-j}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d-j}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} |\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2H_{\bar{A}_j}-2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By using Parseval's identity (36)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} d\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d-j}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} (2\pi u)^{-\frac{d-j}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^2}{2u}} |\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_j} - \mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_j}|^{2H_{\bar{A}_j}-2} = C_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\xi e^{-u|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{1-2H_{\bar{A}_j}}$$

so with $C_j, C > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\|F\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\overline{A}_k}} &= \sum_{j=1}^k C_j \int_0^t du \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\xi e^{-u|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{1-2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_j}} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \int_0^t u^{-\frac{d-j}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a \in \overline{A}_j} (2H_a - 1)} du\end{aligned}$$

and the last integral is finite if for every $j = 1, \dots, k$

$$1 - \frac{d-j}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a \in \overline{A}_j} (2H_a - 1) > 0 \text{ or } d < 4 + j + \sum_{a \in \overline{A}_j} (2H_a - 1). \quad (40)$$

The last bound is true due to (35), so the function F given by (39) belongs to $|\mathcal{H}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}| \cap \mathcal{H}_{\overline{A}_k}$.

Take $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}, t_j \geq 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, N$ and denote by

$$Y_N(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t_j, \mathbf{x}) = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j 1_{(0, t_j)}(u) G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \right) dZ_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(u, \mathbf{y}). \quad (41)$$

From the above computations, the integrand $\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j 1_{(0, t_j)}(u) G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$ in (41) belongs to $|\mathcal{H}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}| \cap \mathcal{H}_{\overline{A}}$. Therefore, by Proposition 1, the sequence $Y_N(x)$ (41) converges, as $(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$ to

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \int_0^{t_j} du \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{y}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} dZ_{\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_k}}^{q, d-k}(\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A}_k}) G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j u(t_j, \mathbf{x})$$

with u defined in (38). This gives the convergence of the finite dimensional distribution of $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ to the finite dimensional distributions of $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$.

For the case 2., we have similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\|F\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\overline{A}_k}} &= \sum_{j=1}^k C_j \left| \int_0^t \int_0^t dudv |u - v|^{2H_0 - 2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-j}} d\xi e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u+v)|\xi|^2} |\xi|^{1-2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A}_j}} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \left| \int_0^t \int_0^t dudv |u - v|^{2H_0 - 2} (u + v)^{-\frac{d-j}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \in \overline{A}_j} (2H_a - 1)} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

and the above integral is finite under (35). For the case 3., we notice in addition that the function F given by (39) belongs to $L^1(\mathbb{R}^{d+1})$.

Concerning the tightness, we recall that (see [26]), for every $s, t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\mathbf{E} |u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}) - u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(s, \mathbf{x})|^2 \leq C |t - s|^\gamma$$

with $\gamma > 0$ from (35) and C is a constant not depending on s, t, \mathbf{x} . Since $u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x})$ is an element of the $(q+1)$ th Wiener chaos, we use the hypercontractivity property for multiple stochastic integrals to get for every $p \geq 2$

$$\mathbf{E} |u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}) - u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(s, \mathbf{x})|^{2p} \leq C |t - s|^{\gamma p} \quad (42)$$

and the tightness follows from (42) and the Billingsley criterion (see [6, Theorem 12.3] or [7]). \square

Remark 3. Notice that when $(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$, the condition (35) “converges” to (40).

4.2. Limit behavior when the Hurst index tends to $\frac{1}{2}$

Fix $T > 0$. When at least one of the components of Hurst multi-index goes to one-half, we have a central limit theorem.

Theorem 3.

1. Assume

$$(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \quad (43)$$

and

$$d < 1 + \frac{k}{2} + \sum_{a \in \overline{A_k}} H_a. \quad (44)$$

Then the process $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ given by (33) converges weakly in $C[0, T]$ to the process $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ where u is the mild solution to the heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Delta u(t, \mathbf{x}) + \dot{W}_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(t, \mathbf{x}), & t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0, \mathbf{x}) = 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases} \quad (45)$$

where $(W_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, A_1 \times A_2), t \in [0, T], A_1 \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^k), A_2 \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^{d-k}))$ is a Gaussian field with covariance

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} [W_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, A_1 \times A_2) W_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(s, B_1 \times B_2)] \\ &= (t \wedge s) \lambda_k(A_1 \cap B_1) \int_{A_2 \cap B_2} \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - \mathbf{1}) |\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A_k}} - \mathbf{z}_{\overline{A_k}}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - 2} d\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A_k}} d\mathbf{z}_{\overline{A_k}}. \end{aligned}$$

We denoted by λ_k the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^k .

2. If $\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $\mathbf{H}_{B_p} \rightarrow (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and

$$d < 2H + \frac{k}{2} + \sum_{a \in \overline{A_k}} H_a, \quad (46)$$

then the process $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ given by (33) converges weakly in $C[0, T]$ to the process $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ where u is the mild solution to the heat equation (45) where the Gaussian noise has the following covariance

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} [W_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, A_1 \times A_2) W_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(s, B_1 \times B_2)] \\ &= R_{H_0}(t, s) \lambda_k(A_1 \cap B_1) \int_{A_2 \cap B_2} \mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} (2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - \mathbf{1}) |\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A_k}} - \mathbf{z}_{\overline{A_k}}|^{2\mathbf{H}_{\overline{A_k}} - 2} d\mathbf{y}_{\overline{A_k}} d\mathbf{z}_{\overline{A_k}}. \end{aligned}$$

3. If $(H_0, \mathbf{H}) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ and $d = 1$, then the weak limit of $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}, t \in [0, T])$ in $C[0, T]$ is the solution to the heat equation (45) driven by a space-time white noise.

Remark 4. The conditions (44), (46) and $d = 1$ are the “limits” of (35) in the cases 1., 2. and 3. respectively.

Proof. We will prove that the finite dimensional distributions of $(u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ converge to those of $(u(t, \mathbf{x}), t \in [0, T])$ which satisfies (45). In order to apply Proposition 2, we need to check conditions (30) and (31).

Checking condition (30). Consider the case 1., i.e. assume (43) and (44).

Take $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}, t_j \geq 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, N$ and denote by

$$Y_N(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j u_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}(t_j, \mathbf{x}) = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j 1_{(0, t_j)}(u) G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \right) dZ_{H_0, \mathbf{H}}^{q, d+1}(u, \mathbf{y}).$$

We first check condition (30) for $Y_N(\mathbf{x})$. Let us calculate $\mathbf{E}(Y_N(\mathbf{x})^2)$. By using the isometry (8),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(Y_N(\mathbf{x}))^2 &= \sum_{j, k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k H_0(2H_0 - 1) \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{1}) \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{t_j} du \int_0^{t_k} dv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dy \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dz G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) G(t_k - v, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, if $\mathbf{x} = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)})$, $\mathbf{y} = (y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(d)})$, $\mathbf{z} = (z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(d)})$ we have

$$G(t - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = 1_{(0, t)}(u) \prod_{a=1}^d (2\pi(t - u))^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|x^{(a)} - y^{(a)}|^2}{2(t-u)}}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dy \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dz G(t_j - u, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) G(t_k - v, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}|^{2\mathbf{H}-2} \\ &= \prod_{a=1}^d \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy^{(a)} dz^{(a)} (2\pi(t_j - u))^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi(t_k - v))^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{|x^{(a)} - y^{(a)}|^2}{2(t_j - u)}} e^{-\frac{|x^{(a)} - z^{(a)}|^2}{2(t_k - v)}} |y^{(a)} - z^{(a)}|^{2H_a-2}. \end{aligned}$$

We will apply the Parseval identity (36) with

$$\alpha = 2H_a - 1 \text{ for every } a = 1, \dots, d.$$

We get, for every $a = 1, \dots, d$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy^{(a)} dz^{(a)} (2\pi(t_j - u))^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi(t_k - v))^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{|x^{(a)} - y^{(a)}|^2}{2(t_j - u)}} e^{-\frac{|x^{(a)} - z^{(a)}|^2}{2(t_k - v)}} |y^{(a)} - z^{(a)}|^{2H_a-2} \\ &= q_{2H_a-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_j - u)|\tau|^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_k - v)|\tau|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by the change of variables $\tilde{\tau} = (t_j + t_k - 2u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_j - u)|\tau|^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t_k - v)|\tau|^2} \\ &= (t_j + t_k - u - v)^{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2H_a-1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2} = (t_j + t_k - u - v)^{H_a-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E}(Y_N(\mathbf{x}))^2 \\ &= \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k H_0(2H_0 - 1) \mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{1}) q_{2\mathbf{H}-1} \\ & \quad \times \int_0^{t_j} du \int_0^{t_k} dv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t_j + t_k - u - v)^{H_1+\dots+H_d-d} \prod_{a=1}^d \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2} \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

where q_{2H_a-1} is defined in (37) and

$$q_{2\mathbf{H}-1} = \prod_{a=1}^d q_{2H_a-1}.$$

Notice that for every $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, we have

$$H(2H - 1)\Gamma(H - \frac{1}{2}) = H(2H - 1) \frac{\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})}{H - \frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow_{H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} 2\Gamma(1) = 2$$

and then

$$H(2H - 1)q_{2H-1} \rightarrow_{H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} (2\pi)^{-1}. \quad (48)$$

Relation (48) implies

$$\mathbf{H}(2\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{1})q_{2\mathbf{H}-1} \rightarrow_{(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}} (2\pi)^{-k} q_{2\mathbf{H}_{A_k}-1}. \quad (49)$$

Let

$$\gamma := H_1 + \dots + H_d - d. \quad (50)$$

We have, by integrating by parts

$$\begin{aligned} & H_0(2H_0 - 1) \int_0^t \int_0^s dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \\ &= H_0(2H_0 - 1) \int_0^s \int_0^s dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \\ & \quad + H_0(2H_0 - 1) \int_s^t \int_0^s dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \\ &= H_0(2H_0 - 1) 2 \int_0^s \int_0^u dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \\ & \quad + H_0(2H_0 - 1) \int_s^t \int_0^s dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2H_0 \int_0^s du u^{2H_0-1} (t+s-u)^{-\gamma} \\
&\quad - H_0 \int_s^t du u^{2H_0-1} ((t+s-u)^{-\gamma} - (u-s)^{2H_0-1} (t-u)^{-\gamma}) \\
&\quad + 2H_0 \gamma \int_0^s du \int_0^u dv (u-v)^{2H_0-1} (t+s-u-v)^{-\gamma-1} \\
&\quad + H_0 \gamma \int_s^t du \int_0^u dv (u-v)^{2H_0-1} (t+s-u-v)^{-\gamma-1} \\
&= 2H_0 \int_0^s du u^{2H_0-1} (t+s-u)^{-\gamma} \\
&\quad + H_0 \int_s^t du u^{2H_0-1} ((t+s-u)^{-\gamma} - (u-s)^{2H_0-1} (t-u)^{-\gamma}) \\
&\quad + H_0 \gamma \int_0^t du \int_0^u dv |u-v|^{2H_0-1} (t+s-u-v)^{-\gamma-1}
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

$$\tag{52}$$

Assuming (43), from (50)

$$\gamma \rightarrow - \left(d - \frac{k}{2} - \sum_{a \in \bar{A}_k} H_a \right) := \gamma_0$$

and, by taking the limit as $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma_0$ and $H_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ in (52), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&H_0(2H_0-1) \int_0^t \int_0^s du dv |u-v|^{2H_0-2} (t+s-u-v)^{-\gamma} \\
&\rightarrow \int_0^s du (t+s-u)^{-\gamma_0} + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t du ((t+s-u)^{-\gamma_0} - (t-u)^{-\gamma_0}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_0 \int_0^t du \int_0^u dv (t+s-u-v)^{-\gamma_0-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(-\gamma_0+1)} ((t+s)^{-\gamma_0+1} - |t-s|^{-\gamma_0+1}).
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Consequently, as the limit (43) holds true, by plugging (49) and (53) into (47), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}Y_N(\mathbf{x})^2 &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2-\gamma_0+1} (2\pi)^{-k} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k ((t_j+t_k)^{-\gamma_0+1} - |t_j-t_k|^{-\gamma_0+1}) q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{a \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2} \prod_{a \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2-\gamma_0+1} (2\pi)^{-k} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \left((t_j + t_k)^{-\gamma_0+1} - |t_j - t_k|^{-\gamma_0+1} \right) \\
 &\quad \times q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} (\sqrt{2\pi})^k \prod_{a \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2-\gamma_0+1} (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k (t_j + t_k)^{-\gamma_0+1} - |t_j - t_k|^{-\gamma_0+1} \\
 &\quad \times q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} \prod_{a \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau |\tau|^{1-2H_a} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if u is the solution to (45), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j u(t_j, \mathbf{x}) \right)^2 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \int_0^{t_j \wedge t_k} du \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\mathbf{y}_{A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_k} d\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_k} \\
 &\quad \times (2\pi(t_j - u))^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{A_k}|^2}{2(t_j - u)}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{\bar{A}_k}|^2}{2(t_j - u)}} (2\pi(t_k - u))^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_{A_k}|^2}{2(t_k - u)}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{z}_{\bar{A}_k}|^2}{2(t_k - u)}} \\
 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \int_0^{t_j \wedge t_k} du (2\pi)^{-k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\xi e^{-(t_j+t_k-2u)|\xi|^2} q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-k}} d\tau e^{-(t_j+t_k-2u)|\tau|^2} |\tau|^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \in \bar{A}_k} (2H_a - 1)} \\
 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \int_0^{t_j \wedge t_k} du (t_j + t_k - 2u)^{-\gamma_0} (2\pi)^{-k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\xi e^{-|\xi|^2} q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} \prod_{a \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau e^{-|\tau|^2} |\tau|^{1-2H_a} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2-\gamma_0+1} (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \left((t_j + t_k)^{-\gamma_0+1} - |t_j - t_k|^{-\gamma_0+1} \right) q_{2\mathbf{H}_{\bar{A}_k}-1} \prod_{a \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau e^{-|\tau|^2} |\tau|^{1-2H_a}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The point 2. follows similarly. Let us discuss point 3. Assume H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d converge all to $\frac{1}{2}$. Notice that in this case condition (35) implies $d < 2$ so $d = 1$! Then, from (50)

$$\gamma \rightarrow \frac{d}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Therefore, from (52), as $H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &H_0(2H_0 - 1) \int_0^t \int_0^s dudv |u - v|^{2H_0-2} (t + s - u - v)^{-\gamma} \\
 &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t du \left((t - u)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (t + s - u)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t du \int_0^s dv (t + s - u - v)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
 &= \left((t + s)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

and we obtain, by combining (54) and (47), by taking the limit (43)

$$\mathbf{E} Y_N(\mathbf{x})^2 \rightarrow (2\pi)^{-1} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \left((t_j + t_k)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |t_j - t_k|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\tau|^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \left((t_j + t_k)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |t_j - t_k|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \sqrt{2\pi} \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \lambda_j \lambda_k \left((t_j + t_k)^{\frac{1}{2}} - |t_j - t_k|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

which coincides with the $\mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j u(t_j, \mathbf{x}) \right)^2$ where u is the solution of the heat equation (45) driven by a space-time white noise (see [23] or [26]).

Checking condition (31). In order to check condition (31), we need to show in the case 1. (the other situations are similar) that for every $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4 \in [0, T]$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I := & \sup_{(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^{k+1}} \int_0^{t_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{t_4} du_4 |u_1 - u_2|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1|^{-\beta_0} \\
 & \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_4 \frac{1}{(2\pi(t_1 - u_1))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}_1|^2}{2(t_1 - u_1)}} \frac{1}{(2\pi(t_2 - u_2))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}_2|^2}{2(t_2 - u_2)}} \\
 & \times \frac{1}{(2\pi(t_3 - u_3))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}_3|^2}{2(t_3 - u_3)}} \frac{1}{(2\pi(t_4 - u_4))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}_4|^2}{2(t_4 - u_4)}} \\
 & |\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2|^{-\alpha} |\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_3|^{-\alpha} |\mathbf{y}_3 - \mathbf{y}_4|^{-\beta} |\mathbf{y}_4 - \mathbf{y}_1|^{-\beta} < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\alpha = \frac{2(1 - \mathbf{H})r}{q}, \quad \beta = \frac{2(1 - \mathbf{H})(q - r)}{q}, \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{2(1 - H_0)r}{q}, \quad \beta_0 = \frac{2(1 - H_0)(q - r)}{q}$$

for every $r = 1, \dots, q - 1$. After the change of variables $t_i - u_i = \tilde{u}_i$, $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$, we will have to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I = & \sup_{(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^{k+1}} \int_0^{t_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{t_4} du_4 \\
 & |u_1 - u_2 - (t_1 - t_2)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3 - (t_2 - t_3)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4 - (t_3 - t_4)|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1 - (t_4 - t_1)|^{-\beta_0} \\
 & \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_4 \frac{1}{(2\pi u_1)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_1|^2}{2u_1}} \frac{1}{(2\pi u_2)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_2|^2}{2u_2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi u_3)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_3|^2}{2u_3}} \frac{1}{(2\pi u_4)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{y}_4|^2}{2u_4}} \\
 & |\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2|^{-\alpha} |\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_3|^{-\alpha} |\mathbf{y}_3 - \mathbf{y}_4|^{-\beta} |\mathbf{y}_4 - \mathbf{y}_1|^{-\beta} < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we write for the integrals $d\mathbf{y}_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} d\mathbf{y}_4 \dots &= \prod_{j \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u_1}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2u_1}} \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u_4}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2u_4}} \\
 &\times \prod_{j \in \bar{A}_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u_1}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2u_1}} \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u_4}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2u_4}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We will separate the integral $dy_1^{(j)}$, for every $j = 1, \dots, d$, as follows

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} = \int_{|y_1|^{(j)} > \sqrt{2T}} dy_1^{(j)} + \int_{|y_1|^{(j)} \leq \sqrt{2T}} dy_1^{(j)}$$

and similarly for the integrals $dy_2^{(j)}, dy_3^{(j)}, dy_4^{(j)}$. We use the fact that on the set

$$y^2 > 2T > 2u$$

the function

$$u \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2u}} \text{ is increasing}$$

and we majorize

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2u}} \text{ by } \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2T}}$$

On the other hand, on the set

$$y^2 \leq 2T$$

we majorize

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2u}} \text{ by a constant.}$$

In this way, the quantity I can be bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq C \sup_{(H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k}) \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^{k+1}} \int_0^{t_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{t_4} du_4 \\ &\quad |u_1 - u_2 - (t_1 - t_2)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3 - (t_2 - t_3)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4 - (t_3 - t_4)|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1 - (t_4 - t_1)|^{-\beta_0} \\ &\quad \prod_{j \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| > \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\ &\quad \times \dots \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| > \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\ &\quad \times |y_1^{(j)} - y_2^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_2^{(j)} - y_3^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_3^{(j)} - y_4^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} |y_4^{(j)} - y_1^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} \\ &\quad \times R \end{aligned}$$

with $\alpha_j = \frac{2(1-H_j)r}{q}$, $\beta_j = \frac{2(1-H_j)(q-r)}{q}$ for every $j = 1, \dots, d$ and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \prod_{j \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\ &\quad \times \dots \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\ &\quad \times |y_1^{(j)} - y_2^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_2^{(j)} - y_3^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_3^{(j)} - y_4^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} |y_4^{(j)} - y_1^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
I &\leq C \sup_{H_0 \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_0^{t_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{t_4} du_4 \\
&\quad |u_1 - u_2 - (t_1 - t_2)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3 - (t_2 - t_3)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4 - (t_3 - t_4)|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1 - (t_4 - t_1)|^{-\beta_0} \\
&\quad \sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^k} \prod_{j \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\
&\quad \dots \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\
&\quad |y_1^{(j)} - y_2^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_2^{(j)} - y_3^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_3^{(j)} - y_4^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} |y_4^{(j)} - y_1^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} \\
&\quad \times R.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that R does not depend on H_0, \mathbf{H}_{A_k} and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sup_{H_0 \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_0^{t_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{t_4} du_4 \\
&\quad |u_1 - u_2 - (t_1 - t_2)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3 - (t_2 - t_3)|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4 - (t_3 - t_4)|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1 - (t_4 - t_1)|^{-\beta_0} \\
&\leq \int_0^T du_1 \dots \int_0^T du_4 |u_1 - u_2|^{-\alpha_0} |u_2 - u_3|^{-\alpha_0} |u_3 - u_4|^{-\beta_0} |u_4 - u_1|^{-\beta_0}
\end{aligned}$$

which is finite by Lemma 3.3 in [2] since

$$2\alpha + 2\beta + 4 = 2(2H - 2) + 4 = 4H > 1.$$

Therefore, in order to conclude, it remains to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sup_{\mathbf{H}_{A_k} \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]^k} \prod_{j \in A_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1^{(j)} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4^{(j)} \\
&\quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_1^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_1^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-\frac{|y_4^{(j)}|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_4^{(j)}| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\
&\quad \times |y_1^{(j)} - y_2^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_2^{(j)} - y_3^{(j)}|^{-\alpha_j} |y_3^{(j)} - y_4^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} |y_4^{(j)} - y_1^{(j)}|^{-\beta_j} < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Assume for simplicity $A_k = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. To check that the above quantity is finite, it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 \left(e^{-\frac{|y_1|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_1| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \dots \left(e^{-\frac{|y_4|^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4| \geq \sqrt{2T}} + 1_{|y_4| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \right) \\
&\quad \times |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta} < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Using $\prod_{i=1}^4 (A_i + B_i) = A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 + A_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 + \dots + B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4$, the last integrals can be expressed as a sum of several terms, involving integrals on the sets $|y_i| \geq \sqrt{2T}$ and $|y_i| \leq \sqrt{2T}$.

Let us start with the first summand, namely

$$T_1 := \sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 e^{-\frac{y_1^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1| \geq \sqrt{2T}} e^{-\frac{y_2^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_2| \geq \sqrt{2T}} e^{-\frac{y_3^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_3| \geq \sqrt{2T}} e^{-\frac{y_4^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_4| \geq \sqrt{2T}}$$

$$\times |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta}.$$

Since $|y_1 - y_2|^2 \leq 2(y_1^2 + y_2^2)$ we have

$$|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2 \leq 4(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2) \quad (55)$$

so

$$e^{-\frac{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2}{2T}} \leq e^{-\frac{1}{8T}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2)}.$$

Hence, T_1 can be bounded as follows

$$T_1 \leq \sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 e^{-\frac{1}{8T}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2)} \\ |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta}.$$

We apply the power counting theorem, see the Appendix A. Consider the set of affine functionals

$$T' = \{y_1 - y_2, y_2 - y_3, y_3 - y_4, y_4 - y_1\}.$$

The only padded subset of T' is T' itself. We apply the power counting theorem with

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4) = \left(-\frac{2(1-H)r}{q}, -\frac{2(1-H)r}{q}, -\frac{2(1-H)(q-r)}{q}, -\frac{2(1-H)(q-r)}{q} \right)$$

and

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4) = (-\gamma, -\gamma, -\gamma, -\gamma)$$

with $\gamma > 0$ arbitrarily large. We have (d_0 and d_∞ are given by (69) and (70) respectively)

$$d_0(T') = r(T') + \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i = 3 + 2(2H - 2) = 4H - 1 > 0 \text{ for } H > \frac{1}{4}$$

and

$$d_\infty(\emptyset) = 4 - 1 - 4\gamma < 0 \text{ if } \gamma > \frac{3}{4}.$$

Therefore T_1 is finite. Let us regard the last summand, i.e.

$$T_2 := \sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 1_{|y_1| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \dots 1_{|y_4| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \\ \times |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta} < \infty.$$

This is clearly finite by Lemma 3.3 in [2] since

$$2\alpha + 2\beta + 4 = 4H - 4 + 4 = 4H > 1$$

when $H > \frac{1}{4}$.

The other summands can be handled by combining the arguments used for the two terms above. For instance, consider

$$T_3 := \sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 e^{-\frac{y_1^2}{2T}} 1_{|y_1| \geq \sqrt{2T}} 1_{|y_2| \leq \sqrt{2T}} 1_{|y_3| \leq \sqrt{2T}} 1_{|y_4| \leq \sqrt{2T}} \\ \times |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta}.$$

We use the bound (which follows from (55))

$$y_1^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2) - (y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2)$$

and then

$$e^{-\frac{y_1^2}{2T}} \leq e^{-\frac{1}{8T}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2)} e^{\frac{y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2}{2T}} \\ \leq C e^{-\frac{1}{8T}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2)}.$$

The term T_3 is thus bounded by

$$T_3 \leq C \sup_{H \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_1 \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy_4 e^{-\frac{1}{8T}(|y_1 - y_2|^2 + |y_2 - y_3|^2 + |y_3 - y_4|^2 + |y_4 - y_1|^2)} \\ \times |y_1 - y_2|^{-\alpha} |y_2 - y_3|^{-\alpha} |y_3 - y_4|^{-\beta} |y_4 - y_1|^{-\beta}$$

and we follow the proof for the first term. \square

Remark 5. Notice that the limit process in Theorem coincides in distribution with a bifractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameters $H = \frac{1}{2}, K = -\gamma_0 + 1 = d - \frac{k}{2} - \sum_{a \in \bar{A}_k} H_a$ (in the case i.), $H = \frac{1}{2}, K = d - \frac{k}{2} - \sum_{a \in \bar{A}_k} H_a + (2H - 1)$ (in the case ii.) and $H = K = \frac{1}{2}$ (in the case iii.) We refer to [14], [26], [27] for the definition of the bifractional Brownian motion and for the link between this process and the solution to the heat equation.

5. Applications to Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

Let $Z^{q,1} := Z^q$ be a (one-parameter) Hermite process defined by (2). The Hermite Ornstein Uhlenbeck process has been introduced in [15]. It is defined as the solution of Langevin equation driven by Hermite noise.

$$X_t = \xi - \lambda \int_0^t X_s ds + \sigma Z_H^q(t), \quad t \geq 1 \quad (56)$$

where $\lambda, \sigma > 0$ and the initial condition ξ is a random variable in $L^2(\Omega)$. The unique solution of (56) is given by

$$Y^H(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \left(\xi + \sigma \int_0^t e^{\lambda u} dZ_H^q(u) \right), \quad t \geq 0 \quad (57)$$

where the integral $\int_0^t e^{\lambda u} dZ^q(u)$ exists in the Riemann-Stieljes sense.

In particular, by taking the initial condition $\xi = \sigma \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\lambda u} dZ^H(u)$ in (57). The unique solution to (56), denoted in the sequel by $(X^H(t))_{t \geq 0}$, can be expressed as

$$X^H(t) = \sigma \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-u)} dZ_H^q(u), \quad t \geq 0 \quad (58)$$

and the stochastic integral in (58) can be also understood in the Wiener sense. The process $(X^H(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a stationary process, H -self similar process with stationary increments.

In [22] the authors have established the asymptotic behavior with respect to H of the Rosenblatt Ornstein Uhlenbeck process which is the solution of (56) driven by the Rosenblatt process, i.e. $q = 2$. The proof was based on the analysis of the cumulants, but it is well-known that this method does not work for a Wiener chaos of order $q \geq 3$. In this section, we will study the behavior as $H \rightarrow 1$ and as $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ of the processes $(X^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ and $(Y^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ when $q > 2$. The results obtained give a complete picture for the asymptotic behavior of the Hermite Ornstein Uhlenbeck of any order $q \geq 1$.

5.1. Asymptotic behavior of the non stationary Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck

Assume that the initial condition ξ does not depend on H .

Proposition 3.

- 1 Assume $H \rightarrow 1$. Then the process $(Y^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ converges weakly, in the space of the continuous functions $C[0, T]$ to the process $(Y(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ given by

$$Y(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \xi + \sigma (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) \frac{H_q(Z)}{\sqrt{q!}} \quad (59)$$

with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

- 2 Assume $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, the process $(Y^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ converges weakly, in the space of the continuous functions $C[0, T]$ as $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ to the standard Ornstein Uhlenbeck process $(Y_0(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ given by

$$Y_0(t) = e^{-\lambda} \left(\xi + \sigma \int_0^t e^{\lambda u} dW(u) \right) \quad (60)$$

that is a Gaussian process with mean $\mathbf{E}Y_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{E}\xi$ for any $t \geq 0$ and covariance function

$$\text{Cov}(Y_0(t), Y_0(s)) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\lambda} \left(e^{-\lambda|t-s|} - e^{-\lambda(t+s)} \right)$$

for every $s, t \geq 0$.

Proof. Consider $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t_1, \dots, t_N \in [0, T]$. We will study the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions of Y^H .

$$\begin{aligned} Y_N &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i Y^H(t_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N e^{-\lambda t_i} \xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i 1_{[0, t_i]}(u) e^{-\lambda(t_i-u)} dZ_H^q(u) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N e^{-\lambda t_i} \xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) dZ_H^q(u) \end{aligned}$$

with $f(u) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i 1_{[0, t_i]}(u) e^{-\lambda(t_i - u)}$.

Notice that in this case the space \mathcal{H}_{A_k} given by (15) coincides with $L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Since it is clear that f belongs to $|\mathcal{H}_H| \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$ (see [22]), we get immediately by Proposition 1 the convergence as $H \rightarrow 1$ of $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) dZ_H^q(u)$ to $(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) du) \frac{H_q(Z)}{\sqrt{q!}}$.

In order to prove the convergence when $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, we will apply Proposition 2. Using the same arguments as for the proof of Proposition 5 in [22], we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} H(2H-1) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) f(v) |u-v|^{2H-2} du dv = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f(u))^2 du \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \int_0^{t_i \wedge t_j} e^{-\lambda(t_i + t_j - 2u)} du = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \frac{\sigma^2}{2\lambda} \left(e^{-\lambda|t_i - t_j|} - e^{-\lambda(t_i + t_j)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which coincides with the variance of $\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j Y_0(t_j)$. The proof is completed by showing that (31) is satisfied. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} du_1 \dots du_4 f(u_1) \dots f(u_4) |u_1 - u_2|^{H-1} |u_2 - u_3|^{H-1} |u_3 - u_4|^{H-1} |u_4 - u_1|^{H-1} \\ & \leq \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_4=1}^d |\alpha_{j_1} \dots \alpha_{j_4}| \int_0^T \dots \int_0^T du_1 \dots du_4 \\ & \quad \times |u_1 - u_2|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_2 - u_3|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_3 - u_4|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} |u_4 - u_1|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

is finite and continuous in H on the set $(\frac{1}{4}, 1]$. This follows from Lemma 3.3 in [2] or by applying the power counting theorem with $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4) = \left(\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)r}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q} \right)$. We recall (see [22]) that for $p \geq 1$,

$$\mathbf{E}|Y^H(t) - Y^H(s)|^{2p} \leq C_p (\mathbf{E}|Y^H(t) - Y^H(s)|^2)^p \leq c|t - s|^p. \quad (61)$$

The tightness follows from (61) and Bilingsley criterium (see [7]). \square

5.2. Asymptotic behavior of the stationary Hermite Ornstein-Uhlenbeck

Now we will study the asymptotic behavior of (58). The difference to the non-stationary case is that the function f from the last proof has support of infinite Lebesgue measure and we need to use an argument based on the power counting theorem when H tends to one half. The proof of these results is similar to the proofs of Proposition 6 and Proposition 7 in [22].

Proposition 4.

- 1 Assume $H \rightarrow 1$. Then the process $(X^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ converges weakly, in the space of the continuous functions $C[0, T]$ to the process $(X(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ defined by

$$X(t) = \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \frac{H_q(Z)}{\sqrt{q!}} \quad (62)$$

with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

2 Assume $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, the process $(X^H(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ converges weakly, in the space of the continuous functions $C[0, T]$ as $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ to the stationary Ornstein Uhlenbeck process $(X_0(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ given by

$$X_0(t) = \sigma \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-u)} dW(u) \quad (63)$$

which is a stationary centered Gaussian process with covariance function

$$\text{Cov}(X_0(t), X_0(s)) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\lambda} e^{-\lambda|t-s|}$$

for every $s, t \geq 0$.

Proof. Consider $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t_1, \dots, t_N \in [0, T]$. We will study the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions of Y^H .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i X^H(t_i) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma \alpha_i 1_{[-\infty, t_i]}(u) e^{-\lambda(t_i-u)} dZ_H^q(u) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(u) dZ_H^q(u) \end{aligned}$$

with $g(u) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i 1_{[-\infty, t_i]}(u) e^{-\lambda(t_i-u)}$.

The computations in proofs of Proposition 6 and Proposition 7 in [22] show that g belongs to $|\mathcal{H}_H| \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$, we get immediately by Proposition 1 that the random variable $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i X^H(t_i)$ converges to $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i X(t_i)$ as $H \rightarrow 1$.

When $H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, the proof with slight changes, follows along the same lines as the proof of Proposition 7 in [22]. We have

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X^H(t_j) \right)^2 \xrightarrow{H \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X_0(t_j) \right)^2.$$

It remains to prove that the condition (31) holds true. We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^4} du_1 \dots du_4 g(u_1) \dots g(u_4) |u_1 - u_2|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_2 - u_3|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_3 - u_4|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} |u_4 - u_1|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} \\ &\leq \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_4=1}^d |\alpha_{j_1} \dots \alpha_{j_4}| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{j_1}} du_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^{t_{j_4}} du_m e^{-\lambda(t_{j_1}-u_1)} \dots e^{-\lambda(t_{j_4}-u_4)} \\ &\quad |u_1 - u_2|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_2 - u_3|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_3 - u_4|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} |u_4 - u_1|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} \\ &= \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_4=1}^d |\alpha_{j_1} \dots \alpha_{j_4}| \int_0^\infty du_1 \dots \int_0^\infty du_4 e^{-\lambda(u_1 + \dots + u_4)} \\ &\quad \times |u_1 - u_2 - (t_{j_1} - t_{j_2})|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_2 - u_3 - (t_{j_1} - t_{j_2})|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} \\ &\quad |u_3 - u_4 - (t_{j_3} - t_{j_4})|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} |u_4 - u_1 - (t_{j_4} - t_{j_1})|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq e^{\frac{\lambda}{2}(|t_{j_1}-t_{j_2}|+\dots+|t_{j_4}-t_{j_1}|)} \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_4=1}^d |\alpha_{j_1} \dots \alpha_{j_4}| \int_0^\infty du_1 \dots \int_0^\infty du_4 \\ e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2}(|u_1-u_2-(t_{j_1}-t_{j_2})|+\dots+|u_4-u_1-(t_{j_4}-t_{j_1})|)} \\ \times \left(1 \vee |u_1-u_2-(t_{j_1}-t_{j_2})|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}}\right) \left(1 \vee |u_2-u_3-(t_{j_1}-t_{j_2})|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}}\right) \\ \left(1 \vee |u_3-u_4-(t_{j_3}-t_{j_4})|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}}\right) \left(1 \vee |u_4-u_1-(t_{j_4}-t_{j_1})|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}}\right)$$

We apply the power counting theorem on the set T' defined by

$$T' = \{u_1 - u_2 - (t_{j_1} - t_{j_2}), \dots, u_4 - u_1 - (t_{j_4} - t_{j_1})\}$$

with

$$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4) = \left(\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)r}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}, \frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q} \right) \text{ and } (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_4) = (-\gamma, \dots, -\gamma)$$

with $\gamma \in (\frac{3}{4}, 1]$. Since T' is the only padded subset of T' , we have

$$d_0(T') = 4 - 1 + \frac{4(H-1)(q-r)}{q} + \frac{4(H-1)(q-r)}{q} = 4H - 1 > 0 \text{ if } H > \frac{1}{4}$$

and

$$d_\infty(\emptyset) = 4 - 1 - 4\gamma < 0 \text{ if } \gamma > 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Therefore, the function

$$H \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} du_1 \dots du_4 |g(u_1) \dots g(u_m)| |u_1 - u_2|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_2 - u_3|^{\frac{2(H-1)r}{q}} |u_3 - u_4|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}} |u_4 - u_1|^{\frac{2(H-1)(q-r)}{q}}$$

is finite and continuous on the set $D = \{H \in (0, 1], H > \frac{1}{4}\}$. The conclusion follows from Proposition 2.

Again the tightness is obtained by (61). \square

Appendix A

The basic tools from the analysis on Wiener space and the power counting theorem proven in [24] are presented in this appendix.

A.1. Multiple stochastic integrals and the Fourth Moment Theorem

Here, we shall only recall some elementary facts; our main reference is [18]. Consider \mathcal{H} a real separable infinite-dimensional Hilbert space with its associated inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$, and $(B(\varphi), \varphi \in \mathcal{H})$ an isonormal Gaussian process on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, \mathbb{P})$, which is a centered Gaussian family of random variables such that $\mathbf{E}(B(\varphi)B(\psi)) = \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$, for every $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{H}$. Denote by I_q the q th multiple stochastic integral with respect to B . This I_q is actually an isometry between the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}^{\odot q}$ (symmetric tensor product) equipped with the scaled norm $\frac{1}{\sqrt{q!}} \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\otimes q}}$ and the Wiener chaos of order q , which is defined as the closed linear span of the random variables $H_q(B(\varphi))$ where $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$, $\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1$ and H_q is the Hermite polynomial of degree $q \geq 1$ defined by:

$$H_q(x) = (-1)^q \exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \frac{d^q}{dx^q} \left(\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (64)$$

The isometry of multiple integrals can be written as: for $p, q \geq 1$, $f \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes p}$ and $g \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes q}$,

$$\mathbf{E}\left(I_p(f)I_q(g)\right) = \begin{cases} q! \langle \tilde{f}, \tilde{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^{\otimes q}} & \text{if } p = q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (65)$$

It also holds that:

$$I_q(f) = I_q(\tilde{f}),$$

where \tilde{f} denotes the canonical symmetrization of f and it is defined by:

$$\tilde{f}(x_1, \dots, x_q) = \frac{1}{q!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_q} f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(q)}),$$

in which the sum runs over all permutations σ of $\{1, \dots, q\}$.

In the particular case when $\mathcal{H} = L^2(T, \mathcal{B}(T), \mu)$, the r th contraction $f \otimes_r g$ is the element of $\mathcal{H}^{\otimes(p+q-2r)}$, which is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} & (f \otimes_r g)(s_1, \dots, s_{p-r}, t_1, \dots, t_{q-r}) \\ &= \int_{T^r} du_1 \dots du_r f(s_1, \dots, s_{p-r}, u_1, \dots, u_r) g(t_1, \dots, t_{q-r}, u_1, \dots, u_r), \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

for every $f \in L^2([0, T]^p)$, $g \in L^2([0, T]^q)$ and $r = 1, \dots, p \wedge q$.

An important property of finite sums of multiple integrals is the hypercontractivity. Namely, if $F = \sum_{k=0}^n I_k(f_k)$ with $f_k \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes k}$ then

$$\mathbf{E}|F|^p \leq C_p (\mathbf{E}F^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} \quad (67)$$

for every $p \geq 2$.

We will use the following famous result initially proven in [19] that characterizes the convergence in distribution of a sequence of multiple integrals toward the Gaussian law.

Theorem 4. Fix $n \geq 2$ and let $(F_k, k \geq 1)$, $F_k = I_n(f_k)$ (with $f_k \in \mathcal{H}^{\odot n}$ for every $k \geq 1$), be a sequence of square-integrable random variables in the n th Wiener chaos such that $\mathbf{E}[F_k^2] \rightarrow 1$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. The following are equivalent:

1. the sequence $(F_k)_{k \geq 0}$ converges in distribution to the normal law $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$;
2. $\mathbf{E}[F_k^4] = 3$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$;
3. for all $1 \leq l \leq n-1$, it holds that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k \otimes_l f_k\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\otimes 2(n-l)}} = 0$;

Another equivalent condition can be stated in term of the Malliavin derivatives of F_k , see [16].

A.2. Power counting theorem

We need to recall some notation and results from [24] which are needed in order to check the integrability assumption from Proposition 2.

Consider a set $T = \{M_1, \dots, M_m\}$ of linear functions on \mathbb{R}^m . The power counting theorem (see Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.1 in [24]) gives sufficient conditions for the integral

$$I = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} du_1 \dots du_m f_1(M_1(u_1, \dots, u_m)) \dots f_m(M_m(u_1, \dots, u_m)) \quad (68)$$

to be finite, where $f_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ are such that $|f_i|$ is bounded above on (a_i, b_i) ($0 < a_i < b_i < \infty$) and

$$|f_i(y)| \leq c_i |y|^{\alpha_i} \text{ if } |y| < a_i \text{ and } |f_i(y)| \leq c_i |y|^{\beta_i} \text{ if } |y| > b_i.$$

For a subset $W \subset T$ we denote by $s_T(W) = \text{span}(W) \cap T$. A subset W of T is said to be *padded* if $s_T(W) = W$ and any functional $M \in W$ also belongs to $s_T(W \setminus \{M\})$. Denote by $\text{span}(W)$ the linear span generated by W and by $r(W)$ the number of linearly independent elements of W .

Then Theorem 1.1 in [24] says that the integral I (68) is finite if

$$d_0(W) = r(W) + \sum_{s_T(W)} \alpha_i > 0 \quad (69)$$

for any subset W of T with $s_T(W) = W$ and

$$d_\infty(W) = r(T) - r(W) + \sum_{T \setminus s_T(W)} \beta_i < 0 \quad (70)$$

for any proper subset W of T with $s_T(W) = W$, including the empty set. If $\alpha_i > -1$ then it suffices to check (69) for any padded subset $W \subset T$. Also, it suffices to verify (70) only for padded subsets of T if $\beta_i \geq -1$.

The condition (69) implies the integrability at the origin while (70) gives the integrability of I at infinity.

There is a similar result if one starts with a set T of affine functionals instead of linear functionals.

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