

## Distribution dependent SDEs for Navier-Stokes type equations\*

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### Abstract

To characterize Navier-Stokes type equations where the Laplacian is extended to a singular second order differential operator, we propose a class of SDEs depending on the distribution in future. The well-posedness and regularity estimates are derived for these SDEs.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the following incompressible Navier-Stokes equation on  $E := \mathbb{R}^d$  or  $\mathbb{R}^d/\mathbb{Z}^d$ :

$$\partial_t u_t = \kappa \Delta u_t - (u_t \cdot \nabla) u_t - \nabla \varphi_t, \quad t \in [0, T] \quad (1.1)$$

with  $\nabla \cdot u_t := \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_i u_t^i = 0$ , where  $T > 0$  is a fixed time,

$$u := (u^1, \dots, u^d) : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \varphi : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

and  $u_t \cdot \nabla := \sum_{i=1}^d u_t^i \partial_i$ . This equation describes viscous incompressible fluids, where  $u$  is the velocity field of a fluid flow,  $\varphi$  is the pressure, and  $\kappa > 0$  is the viscosity constant.

Besides existing probabilistic characterizations on Navier-Stokes equations, see [1] and references therein, in this paper we propose a new type stochastic differential equation (SDE) depending on distributions in the future, such that the solution of (1.1) is explicitly given by the initial datum  $u_0$  and the pressure  $\varphi$ . By proving the well-posedness of the SDE, we derive the well-posedness of (1.1) in  $C_b^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) with given pressure (which is however a part of solution in Navier-Stokes equations), see [3] for an analytic characterization on the pressure to ensure  $\nabla \cdot u_t = 0$ .

Indeed, we will prove a more general result for the following Navier-Stokes type equation on  $E := \mathbb{R}^d$  or  $E := \mathbb{R}^d/\mathbb{Z}^d$ :

$$\partial_t u_t = L_t u_t - (u_t \cdot \nabla) u_t + V_t, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$L_t := \text{tr}\{a_t \nabla^2\} + b_t \cdot \nabla$$

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and

$$V, b : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad a : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \otimes d}$$

are measurable, and  $a_t(x)$  is positive definite for  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times E$ .

To characterize (1.2), we consider the following SDE on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  where differentials are in  $s \in [t, T]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dX_{t,s}^x &= \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^x) dW_s \\ &+ \left\{ b_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) - \left[ \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{s,T}^y) + \mathbb{E} \int_s^T V_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr \right]_{y=X_{t,s}^x} \right\} ds, \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

$$t \in [0, T], s \in [t, T], X_{t,t}^x = x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where  $(W_s)_{s \in [0, T]}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion on a complete filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{F}_s\}_{s \in [0, T]}, \mathbb{P})$ . When  $E = \mathbb{T}^d := \mathbb{R}^d / \mathbb{Z}^d$ , by extending a function  $f$  from domain  $E$  to domain  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as

$$f(x+k) = f(x), \quad x \in [0, 1)^d, k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \tag{1.4}$$

we also have the SDE (1.3) for the case  $E = \mathbb{T}^d$ .

Regarding  $s$  as the present time, the SDE (1.3) depends on the distribution of  $(X_{s,r})_{r \in [s, T]}$  coming from the future. So, this is a future distribution dependent equation, but is essentially different from McKean-Vlasov SDEs which depend on the distribution at present rather than future. We will use  $X := (X_{t,s}^x)_{0 \leq t \leq s \leq T, x \in E}$  to formulate the solution to (1.2).

Let  $D_T := \{(t, s) : 0 \leq t \leq s \leq T\}$ . We define the solution  $X$  of (1.3) as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** A family  $X := (X_{t,s}^x)_{(t,s,x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d}$  of random variables on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is called a solution of (1.3), if  $X_{t,s}^x$  is  $\mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $0 \leq t \leq s \leq T$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. continuous in  $(t, s, x)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} \int_t^T \left\{ \|a_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x)\| + \left| b_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) - \left[ \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{s,T}^y) + \mathbb{E} \int_s^T V_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr \right]_{y=X_{t,s}^x} \right| \right\} ds < \infty$$

for  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$\begin{aligned} X_{t,s}^x &= x + \int_t^s \sqrt{2a_{T-r}}(X_{t,r}^x) dW_r \\ &+ \int_t^s \left\{ b_{T-r}(X_{t,r}^x) - \left[ \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{r,T}^y) + \mathbb{E} \int_r^T V_{T-r}(X_{r,\theta}^y) d\theta \right]_{y=X_{t,r}^x} \right\} dr, \end{aligned} \quad (t, s, x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d.$$

We will allow the operator  $L_t$  to be singular, where the drift contains a locally integrable term introduced in [4] for singular SDEs. For any  $p, q > 1$  and  $0 \leq t < s$ , we write  $f \in \tilde{L}_q^p(t, s)$  if  $f = (f_r(x))_{(r,x) \in [t,s] \times \mathbb{R}^d}$  is a measurable function on  $[t, s] \times \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\|f\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p(t,s)} := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_t^s \|f_r 1_{B(z,1)}\|_{L^p}^q dr \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty,$$

where  $B(z, 1)$  is the unit ball at  $z$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$  is the  $L^p$ -norm for the Lebesgue measure. We denote  $f \in \tilde{H}_q^{2,p}(t, s)$  if  $|f| + |\nabla f| + \|\nabla^2 f\| \in \tilde{L}_q^p(t, s)$ . When  $(t, s) = (0, T)$  we simply denote

$$\tilde{L}_q^p = \tilde{L}_q^p(0, T), \quad \tilde{H}_q^{2,p} = \tilde{H}_q^{2,p}(0, T).$$

We will take  $(p, q)$  from the following class:

$$\mathcal{K} := \left\{ (p, q) : p, q > 2, \frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < 1 \right\}.$$

We now make the following assumption on the operator  $L_t$ .

(H) Let  $b_t = b_t^{(0)} + b_t^{(1)}$ , and when  $E = \mathbb{T}^d$  we extend  $a_t, b_t^{(0)}$  and  $b_t^{(1)}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as in (1.4).

(1)  $a$  is positive definite with

$$\|a\|_\infty + \|a^{-1}\|_\infty := \sup_{(t,x) \in [0,T] \times E} \|a_t(x)\| + \sup_{(t,x) \in [0,T] \times E} \|a_t(x)^{-1}\| < \infty,$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|x-y| \leq \varepsilon, t \in [0,T]} \|a_t(x) - a_t(y)\| = 0.$$

(2) There exist  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{(p_i, q_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq l} \subset \mathcal{K}$  and  $0 \leq f_i \in \tilde{L}_{q_i}^{p_i}, 0 \leq i \leq l$ , such that

$$|b^{(0)}| \leq f_0, \quad \|\nabla a\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^l f_i.$$

(3)  $\|b^{(1)}(0)\|_\infty := \sup_{(t,x) \in [0,T]} |b^{(1)}(0)| < \infty$ , and

$$\|\nabla b^{(1)}\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in [0,T]} \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|b_t^{(1)}(x) - b_t^{(1)}(y)|}{|x - y|} < \infty. \tag{1.5}$$

Under this assumption, we will prove the well-posedness of (1.3) and solve (1.2) in the class

$$\mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0) := \left\{ u : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d; \|u\|_\infty + \|\nabla u\|_\infty + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty \right\}.$$

Recall that  $W^{1,\infty}(E; \mathbb{R}^d)$  is the space of all weakly differentiable functions  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\|f\|_\infty + \|\nabla f\|_\infty < \infty$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume (H). Let  $u_0 \in W^{1,\infty}(E; \mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\int_0^T \|V_t\|_\infty^2 dt < \infty$ . Then the following assertions hold.

(1) The SDE (1.3) has a unique solution  $X := (X_{t,s}^x)_{(t,s,x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d}$ .

(2) If  $u$  solves (1.2) and  $u \in \mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$ , then

$$u_t(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ u_0(X_{T-t,T}^x) + \int_{T-t}^T V_{T-s}(X_{T-t,s}^x) ds \right], \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times E. \tag{1.6}$$

Moreover, there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for any  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $j, j' \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\|\nabla^i u_t\|_\infty \leq ct^{-\frac{i-j}{2}} \|\nabla^j u_0\|_\infty + c \int_{T-t}^T (s+t-T)^{-\frac{i-j'}{2}} \|\nabla^{j'} V_{T-s}\|_\infty ds, \quad t \in (0, T]. \tag{1.7}$$

(3) If  $b^{(1)} = 0$  and  $u_0, V_t \in \mathcal{C}_b^2$  with  $\int_0^T \|V_t\|_{\mathcal{C}_b^2}^2 dt < \infty$ , then  $u$  given by (1.6) solves (1.2), and  $u$  is in the class  $\mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$ .

In the next two sections, we prove assertions (1) and (2)-(3) of Theorem 1.1 respectively, where in Section 2 the well-posedness is proved for a more general equation than (1.3). Finally, in Section 4 we apply Theorem 1.1 to the equation (1.1).

## 2 Proof of Theorem 1.1(1)

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  equipped with the weak topology, let  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  be the distribution of a random variable  $\xi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let

$$\Gamma := C(D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d; \mathcal{P})$$

be the space of continuous maps from  $D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ . For any  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\Gamma$  is a complete space under the metric

$$\rho_\lambda(\gamma^1, \gamma^2) := \sup_{(t,s,x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\lambda(T-t)} \|\gamma_{t,s,x}^1 - \gamma_{t,s,x}^2\|_{var}, \quad \gamma^1, \gamma^2 \in \Gamma,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{var}$  is the total variation norm defined by

$$\|\mu - \nu\|_{var} := \sup_{|f| \leq 1} |\mu(f) - \nu(f)|, \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}$$

for  $\mu(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f d\mu$ . Note that the convergence in  $\|\cdot\|_{var}$  is stronger than the weak convergence.

We consider the following more general equation than (1.3):

$$\begin{aligned} dX_{t,s}^x &= \left\{ b_{T-s}^{(1)}(X_{t,s}^x) + Z_s(X_{t,s}^x, \mathcal{L}_X) \right\} ds + \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^x) dW_s, \\ t &\in [0, T], s \in [t, T], X_{t,t}^x = x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_X \in \Gamma$  is defined by  $\{\mathcal{L}_X\}_{t,s,x} := \mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^x}$ , and

$$Z : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

is measurable.

It is easy to see that (2.1) covers (1.3) for

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t(x, \gamma) &:= b_{T-t}^{(0)}(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u_0(y) \gamma_{t,T,x}(\mathbf{d}y) - \int_t^T ds \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V_{T-s}(y) \gamma_{t,s,x}(\mathbf{d}y), \\ (t, x, \gamma) &\in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

The solution of (2.1) is defined as in Definition 1.1 using  $b_{T-s}^{(1)}(X_{t,s}^x) + Z_s(X_{t,s}^x, \mathcal{L}_X)$  replacing

$$b_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) - \left[ \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{s,T}^y) + \mathbb{E} \int_s^T V_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr \right]_{y=X_{t,s}^x}.$$

We make the following assumption.

(A)  $b^{(1)}$  and  $a$  satisfy (H), and there exists  $(p_0, q_0) \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $f_0 \in \tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}$  such that

$$|Z_t(x, \gamma)| \leq f_0(t, x), \quad (t, x, \gamma) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Gamma.$$

Moreover, there exists  $0 \leq g \in L^2([0, T])$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |Z_t(x, \gamma^1) - Z_t(x, \gamma^2)| \leq g_t \sup_{(s,x) \in [t,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \|\gamma_{t,s,x}^1 - \gamma_{t,s,x}^2\|_{var}, \quad t \in [0, T], \gamma^1, \gamma^2 \in \Gamma.$$

When  $\|u_0\|_\infty + \int_0^T \|V_t\|_\infty^2 dt < \infty$ , (H) implies (A) for  $Z$  given by (2.2). So, Theorem 1.1(1) follows from the following result, which also includes regularity estimates on the solution.

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume (A). Then the following assertions hold.

(1) (2.1) has a unique solution, and the solution has the flow property

$$X_{t,r}^x = X_{s,r}^{X_{t,s}^x}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq s \leq r \leq T, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \tag{2.3}$$

(2) For any  $j \geq 1$ ,

$$\nabla_v X_{t,s}^x := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{X_{t,s}^{x+\varepsilon v} - X_{t,s}^x}{\varepsilon}, \quad s \in [t, T]$$

exists in  $L^j(\Omega \rightarrow C([t, T]; \mathbb{R}^d), \mathbb{P})$ , and there exists a constant  $c(j) > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{(t,x) \in [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \in [t,T]} |\nabla_v X_{t,s}^x|^j \right] \leq c(j) |v|^j, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (2.4)$$

(3) For any  $0 \leq t < s \leq T$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $f \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

$$\nabla_v \{ \mathbb{E} f(X_{t,s}^x) \} (x) = \frac{1}{s-t} \mathbb{E} \left[ f(X_{t,s}^x) \int_t^s \left\langle (\sqrt{2a_{T-r}})^{-1} (X_{t,r}^x) \nabla_v X_{t,r}^x, dW_r \right\rangle \right]. \quad (2.5)$$

*Proof.* (a) We first explain the idea of proof using fixed point theorem on  $\Gamma$ . For any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , we consider the following classical SDE

$$\begin{aligned} dX_{t,s}^{\gamma,x} &= \left\{ b_{T-s}^{(1)}(X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}) + Z_s(X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}, \gamma) \right\} ds + \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}) dW_s, \\ t \in [0, T], s \in [t, T], X_{t,t}^{\gamma,x} &= x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

By [2, Theorem 2.1] for  $[t, T]$  replacing  $[0, T]$ , see also [4] for  $b^{(1)} = 0$ , this SDE is well-posed, such that for any  $j \geq 1$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , the directional derivative

$$\nabla_v X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x} := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x+\varepsilon v} - X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}}{\varepsilon}, \quad s \in [t, T]$$

exists in  $L^j(\Omega \rightarrow C([t, T]; \mathbb{R}^d), \mathbb{P})$ , and there exists a constant  $c(j) > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{(t,x) \in [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \in [t,T]} |\nabla_v X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}|^j \right] \leq c(j) |v|^j, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (2.7)$$

and for any  $f \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

$$\nabla_v \{ \mathbb{E} f(X_{t,s}^{\gamma,\cdot}) \} (x) = \frac{1}{s-t} \mathbb{E} \left[ f(X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}) \int_t^s \left\langle (\sqrt{2a_{T-r}})^{-1} (X_{t,r}^{\gamma,x}) \nabla_v X_{t,r}^{\gamma,x}, dW_r \right\rangle \right]. \quad (2.8)$$

By the pathwise uniqueness of (2.6), the solution satisfies the flow property

$$X_{t,r}^{\gamma,x} = X_{s,r}^{\gamma, X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq s \leq r \leq T, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (2.9)$$

Moreover,

$$\Phi(\gamma)_{t,s,x} := \mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^{\gamma,x}}, \quad (t, s, x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d$$

defines a map  $\Phi : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$ . If  $\Phi$  has a unique fixed point  $\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma$ , then (2.6) with  $\gamma = \bar{\gamma}$  reduces to (2.1), the well-posedness of (2.6) implies that of (2.1), and the unique solution is given by

$$X_{t,s}^x = X_{t,s}^{\bar{\gamma},x}.$$

Then (2.3), (2.4) and (2.5) follow from (2.9), (2.7) and (2.8) for  $\gamma = \bar{\gamma}$  respectively. Therefore, it remains to prove that  $\Phi$  has a unique fixed point.

(b) By the fixed point theorem, we only need to find constants  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\rho_\lambda(\Phi(\gamma^1), \Phi(\gamma^2)) \leq \delta \rho_\lambda(\gamma^1, \gamma^2), \quad \gamma^1, \gamma^2 \in \Gamma. \quad (2.10)$$

Below, we prove this estimate using Girsanov's theorem.

For  $i = 1, 2$ , consider the SDE

$$dX_{t,s}^{i,x} = \left\{ b_{T-s}^{(1)}(X_{t,s}^{i,x}) + Z_s(X_{t,s}^{i,x}, \gamma^i) \right\} ds + \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^{i,x}) dW_s, \\ t \in [0, T], s \in [t, T], X_{t,t}^{i,x} = x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

By the definition of  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\Phi(\gamma^i)_{t,s,x} = \mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^{i,x}}, \quad i = 1, 2, (t, s, x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d. \tag{2.11}$$

Let

$$\xi_s := (\sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^{1,x}))^{-1} \{ Z_s(X_{t,s}^{1,x}, \gamma^1) - Z_s(X_{t,s}^{1,x}, \gamma^2) \}, \quad s \in [t, T].$$

By (A), there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$|\xi_s| \leq Kg_s \sup_{(r,x) \in [s,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \|\gamma_{s,r,x}^1 - \gamma_{s,r,x}^2\|_{var}. \tag{2.12}$$

By Girsanov theorem,

$$\tilde{W}_s := W_s - \int_t^s \xi_r dr, \quad s \in [t, T]$$

is a Brownian motion under the weighted probability  $d\mathbb{Q}_t := R_t d\mathbb{P}$ , where

$$R_t := e^{\int_t^T \langle \xi_s, dW_s \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T |\xi_s|^2 ds}.$$

With this new Brownian motion, the SDE for  $X^1$  becomes

$$dX_{t,s}^{1,x} = \left\{ b_{T-s}^{(1)}(X_{t,s}^{1,x}) + Z_s(X_{t,s}^{1,x}, \gamma^2) \right\} ds + \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^{1,x}) d\tilde{W}_s, \quad s \in [t, T].$$

By the (weak) uniqueness for the SDE with  $i = 2$ , we derive

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^{1,x} | \mathbb{Q}_t} = \mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^{2,x}} = \Phi(\gamma^2)_{t,s,x},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{X_{t,s}^{1,x} | \mathbb{Q}_t}$  is the distribution of  $X_{t,s}^{1,x}$  under  $\mathbb{Q}_t$ . Combining this with (2.11), we get

$$\|\Phi(\gamma^1)_{t,s,x} - \Phi(\gamma^2)_{t,s,x}\|_{var} = \sup_{|f| \leq 1} |\mathbb{E}[f(X_{t,s}^{1,x}) - f(X_{t,s}^{2,x}) R_t]| \leq \mathbb{E}|R_t - 1|. \tag{2.13}$$

By Pinsker's inequality and the definition of  $R_t$ , we obtain

$$(\mathbb{E}|R_t - 1|)^2 \leq 2\mathbb{E}[R_t \log R_t] = 2\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_t}[\log R_t] = 2\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_t} \int_t^T |\xi_s|^2 ds, \tag{2.14}$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$  is the expectation under the probability  $\mathbb{Q}_t$ . Combining (2.13) and (2.14) with (2.12), and using the definition of  $\rho_\lambda$ , we arrive at

$$\|\Phi(\gamma^1)_{t,s,x} - \Phi(\gamma^2)_{t,s,x}\|_{var} \leq \left( 2K^2 \int_t^T g_s^2 \sup_{(r,y) \in [s,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \|\gamma_{s,r,y}^1 - \gamma_{s,r,y}^2\|_{var}^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq \rho_\lambda(\gamma^1, \gamma^2) \left( 2K^2 \int_t^T g_s^2 e^{2\lambda(T-s)} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Therefore

$$\rho_\lambda(\Phi(\gamma^1), \Phi(\gamma^2)) \leq \varepsilon_\lambda \rho_\lambda(\gamma^1, \gamma^2),$$

where

$$\varepsilon_\lambda := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( 2K^2 \int_t^T g_s^2 e^{-2\lambda(s-t)} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \downarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \uparrow \infty.$$

By taking large enough  $\lambda > 0$ , we prove (2.10) for some  $\delta < 1$ . □

For later use we present the following consequence of Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.2.** Assume (A) and let

$$P_{t,s}f(x) := \mathbb{E}[f(X_{t,s}^x)], \quad (t, s, x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d, f \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Then there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for any function  $f$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla P_{t,s}f\|_\infty &\leq c \min \left\{ (s-t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_\infty, \|\nabla f\|_\infty \right\}, \\ \|\nabla^2 P_{t,s}f\|_\infty &\leq c(s-t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla f\|_\infty, \quad 0 \leq t < s \leq T. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By (2.5) we have

$$\|\nabla P_{t,s}f\|_\infty \leq c(t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_\infty$$

for some constant  $c > 0$ . Next, by chain rule and (2.4),

$$|\nabla P_{t,s}f(x)| = |\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(X_{t,s}^x), \nabla X_{t,s}^x \rangle]| \leq c \|\nabla f\|_\infty, \quad (t, s, x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d$$

holds for some constant  $c > 0$ . Moreover,

$$\nabla P_{t,s}f(x) = \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(X_{t,s}^x), \nabla X_{t,s}^x \rangle] = \mathbb{E}[g(X_{t,s}^x)],$$

where  $g(X_{t,s}^x) := \langle \nabla f(X_{t,s}^x), \mathbb{E}[\nabla X_{t,s}^x | X_{t,s}^x] \rangle$ . Combining this with (2.5) and (2.4), we find a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla^2 P_{t,s}f(x)\| &\leq \|\nabla \mathbb{E}[g(X_{t,s}^x)]\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s-t} \mathbb{E} \left[ |g(X_{t,s}^x)| \cdot \left| \int_s^t \left\langle (\sqrt{2a_{T-r}})^{-1} (X_{t,r}^x) \nabla_v X_{t,r}^x, dW_r \right\rangle \right| \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t-s} (\mathbb{E}|g(X_{t,s}^x)|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \mathbb{E} \int_t^s \|a^{-1}\|_\infty \|\nabla X_{t,r}^x\|^2 dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq c \|\nabla f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then the proof is finished. □

### 3 Proofs of Theorem 1.1(2)-(3)

We will need the following lemma implied by [5, Theorem 2.1, Theorem 3.1, Lemma 3.3], see also [4] and references within for the case  $b^{(1)} = 0$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Assume (A)(1), (A)(3) and  $\|b^{(0)}\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty$  for some  $(p_0, q_0) \in \mathcal{K}$ . Let  $\sigma_t = \sqrt{2a_t}$ . Then the following assertions hold.

- (1) For any  $p, q > 1$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 \leq T$  and  $f \in \tilde{L}_q^p(t_0, t_1)$ , the PDE

$$(\partial_t + L_t)u_t = \lambda u_t + f_t, \quad t \in [t_0, t_1], u_{t_1} = 0, \tag{3.1}$$

has a unique solution in  $\tilde{H}_q^{2,p}(t_0, t_1)$ . If  $(2p, 2q) \in \mathcal{K}$ , then there exist a constant  $c > 0$  such that for any  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 \leq T$  and  $f \in \tilde{L}_q^p(t_0, t_1)$ , the solution satisfies

$$\|u\|_\infty + \|\nabla u\|_\infty + \|(\partial_t + \nabla_{b^{(1)}})u\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p(t_0, t_1)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p(t_0, t_1)} \leq c \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p(t_0, t_1)}.$$

- (2) Let  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a continuous adapted process on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b_s(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma_s(X_s) dW_s, \quad t \in [0, T]. \tag{3.2}$$

For any  $p, q > 1$  with  $(2p, 2q) \in \mathcal{K}$ , there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for any  $X_t$  satisfying (3.2),

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_t^s |f_r(X_r)| dr \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right) \leq c \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p(t, s)}, \quad (t, s) \in D_T, f \in \tilde{L}_q^p(t, s).$$

(3) Let  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < 1$ . For any  $u \in \tilde{H}_q^{2,p}$  with  $\|(\partial_t + b^{(1)})u\|_{\tilde{L}_q^p} < \infty$ ,  $\{u_t(X_t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a semimartingale satisfying

$$du_t(X_t) = L_t u_t(X_t) dt + \langle \nabla u_t(X_t), \sigma_t(X_t) dW_t \rangle, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

In the following we consider  $E = \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbb{T}^d$  respectively.

**3.1**  $E = \mathbb{R}^d$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1(2).* Let  $u \in \mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$  solve (1.2). Then

$$u \in \tilde{H}_{q_0}^{2,p_0}, \quad \|(\partial_t + b^{(1)} \cdot \nabla)u\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty \tag{3.3}$$

as required by Lemma 3.1(3). It remains to prove (1.6), which together with Corollary 2.2 implies (1.7).

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_t &:= \text{tr}\{a_{T-t}\nabla^2\} + \tilde{b}_t \cdot \nabla, \\ \tilde{b}_t(x) &:= b_{T-t}(x) - \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{t,T}^x) - \mathbb{E} \int_t^T V_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) ds, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Since  $\|u_0\|_\infty + \int_0^T \|V_t\|_\infty dt < \infty$ ,  $\|b^{(0)}\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty$  implies  $\tilde{b}_t(x) := b_{T-t}^{(1)}(x) + \tilde{b}_t^{(0)}(x)$  with  $\|\tilde{b}^{(0)}\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty$ . Then (A) holds for  $\tilde{b}$  replacing  $b$ , so that by (3.3) and Lemma 3.1(3), the following Itô's formula holds for  $X_{t,s}^x$  solving (1.3):

$$du_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) = (\partial_s + \mathcal{L}_s)u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) ds + \{\nabla u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x)\}^* \sqrt{2a_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x)} dW_s, \quad s \in [t, T], \tag{3.5}$$

where  $(\nabla u)_{ij}^* := (\partial_j u^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ . By (1.2) and (3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\partial_s + \mathcal{L}_s)u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) + V_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) \\ &= \left\{ \left[ u_{T-s}(y) - \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{s,T}^y) - \mathbb{E} \int_s^T V_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr \right]_{y=X_{t,s}^x} \cdot \nabla \right\} u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the follow property (2.3) and (3.5), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}u_0(X_{t,T}^x) - u_{T-t}(x) = \mathbb{E}[u_{T-T}(X_{t,T}^x) - u_{T-t}(X_{t,t}^x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \int_t^T \left\{ \left( u_{T-s}(y) - \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{s,T}^y) - \mathbb{E} \int_s^T V_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr \right)_{y=X_{t,s}^x} \cdot \nabla \right\} u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) ds \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E} \int_t^T V_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) ds, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned}$$

Letting

$$h_t := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left| u_{T-t}(x) - \mathbb{E}u_0(X_{t,T}^x) - \mathbb{E} \int_t^T V_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x) ds \right|, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

we arrive at

$$h_t \leq \int_t^T h_s \|\nabla u\|_\infty ds, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

By Gronwall's inequality we prove  $h_t = 0$  for  $t \in [0, T]$ , hence (1.6) holds. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1(3).* (a) Let  $P_{t,s}f = \mathbb{E}[f(X_{t,s}^x)]$  for  $f \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , where  $X_{t,s}^x$  solves (1.3). For  $u$  given by (1.6) we have

$$u_t = P_{T-t,T}u_0 + \int_{T-t}^T P_{T-t,s}V_{T-s} ds, \quad t \in [0, T]. \tag{3.6}$$



By  $\|u_0\|_\infty + \int_0^T \|V_t\|_\infty dt < \infty$  and (1.7), we find a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|u\|_\infty + \|\nabla u\|_\infty \leq c, \quad \|\nabla^2 u_t\|_\infty \leq ct^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \in (0, T]. \tag{3.7}$$

Moreover, the SDE (1.3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} dX_{t,s}^x &= \sqrt{2a_{T-s}}(X_{t,s}^x)dW_s + \{b_{T-s} - u_{T-s}\}(X_{t,s}^x)ds, \\ t \in [0, T], s \in [t, T], X_{t,t}^x &= x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

and the generator in (3.4) reduces to

$$\mathcal{L}_s := \text{tr}\{a_{T-s}\nabla^2\} + \{b_{T-s} - u_{T-s}\} \cdot \nabla, \quad s \in [0, T].$$

(b) We prove the Kolmogorov backward equation

$$\partial_t P_{t,s}f = -\mathcal{L}_t P_{t,s}f, \quad f \in \mathcal{C}_b^2, t \in [0, s], s \in (0, T]. \tag{3.9}$$

For any  $f \in \mathcal{C}_b^2$ , by Itô's formula we have

$$P_{t,s}f(x) = f(x) + \int_t^s P_{t,r}(\mathcal{L}_r f)(x)dr, \quad (t, s) \in D_T, \tag{3.10}$$

where  $\int_t^s P_{t,r}(\mathcal{L}_r f)(x)dr = \mathbb{E} \int_t^s \mathcal{L}_r f(X_{t,r}^x)dr$  exists, since Krylov's estimate in Lemma 3.1(2) holds under (A) and  $\|u\|_\infty < \infty$ .

By (3.10), we obtain the Kolmogorov forward equation

$$\partial_s P_{t,s}f = P_{t,s}(\mathcal{L}_s f), \quad s \in [t, T]. \tag{3.11}$$

On the other hand,  $b^{(1)} = 0$  and (A) imply

$$\|\mathcal{L}f\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} \leq c_0 \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}_b^2} \tag{3.12}$$

for some constant  $c_0 > 0$ . By Lemma 3.1(1), for any  $s \in (0, T]$ , the PDE

$$(\partial_t + \mathcal{L}_t)\tilde{u}_t = -\mathcal{L}_t f, \quad t \in [0, s], \tilde{u}_s = 0 \tag{3.13}$$

has a unique solution  $\tilde{u} \in \mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$ , such that

$$\|\nabla^2 \tilde{u}\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}(0,s)} \leq c_1 \|\mathcal{L}f\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}(0,s)} \tag{3.14}$$

holds for some constant  $c_1 > 0$  independent of  $s$ . By Itô's formula in Lemma 3.1(3),

$$d\tilde{u}_t(X_{0,t}^x) = -\mathcal{L}_t f(X_{0,t}^x) + \langle \nabla f(X_{0,t}^x), \sqrt{2a_{T-t}}(X_{0,t}^x)dW_t \rangle, \quad t \in [0, s].$$

This and (3.11) imply

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \tilde{u}_s(x) &= \tilde{u}_t(x) - \int_t^s (P_{t,r}\mathcal{L}_r f)(x)dr \\ &= \tilde{u}_t(x) - \int_t^s \frac{d}{dr}(P_{t,r}f)dr = \tilde{u}_t(x) - P_{t,s}f(x) + f(x), \quad t \in [0, s]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\tilde{u}_t = P_{t,s}f - f, \quad t \in [0, s]. \tag{3.15}$$

Combining this with (3.13) we derive (3.9).

(c) By (3.7) and (3.9), we see that  $u$  solves (1.6) with  $u \in \mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$  provided

$$\|\nabla^2 u\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}} < \infty. \tag{3.16}$$

By (3.12), (3.14) and (3.15), we find a constant  $c_2 > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, s]} \|\nabla^2 P_{t,s}f\|_{\tilde{L}_{q_0}^{p_0}(0,s)} \leq c_2 \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}_b^2}, \quad s \in (0, T], f \in \mathcal{C}_b^2.$$

Combining this with (3.6),  $b^{(1)} = 0$  and  $\|u_0\|_{\mathcal{C}_b^2} + \int_0^T \|V_t\|_{\mathcal{C}_b^2} dt < \infty$ , we prove (3.16).  $\square$

3.2  $E = \mathbb{T}^d$

In this case, all functions on  $E$  are extended to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as in (1.4), so that the proof for  $E = \mathbb{R}^d$  works also for the present setting if we could verify the following periodic property for the solution of (1.3):

$$X_{t,s}^{x+k} = X_{t,s}^x + k, \quad (t, s) \in D_T, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d. \tag{3.17}$$

Let  $\tilde{X}_{s,t}^x := X_{t,s}^x + k$ . Since the coefficients of (1.3) satisfies (1.4),  $\tilde{X}_{t,s}^x$  solves (1.3) with  $\tilde{X}_{t,t}^x = x + k$ . By the uniqueness of (1.3) ensured by Theorem 1.1(1), we derive (3.17).

4 Application to (1.1)

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $C_b^n$  be the class of real functions  $f$  on  $E$  having derivatives up to order  $n$  such that

$$\|f\|_{C_b^n} := \sum_{i=0}^n \|\nabla^i f\|_\infty < \infty,$$

where  $\nabla^0 f := f$ . Moreover, for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we denote  $f \in C_b^{n+\alpha}$  if  $f \in C_b^n$  such that

$$\|f\|_{C_b^{n+\alpha}} := \|f\|_{C_b^n} + \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|\nabla^n f(x) - \nabla^n f(y)\|}{|x - y|^\alpha} < \infty.$$

Consider the following future distribution dependent SDE on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$dX_{t,s}^x = \left[ \mathbb{E} \int_s^T \nabla \varphi_{T-r}(X_{s,r}^y) dr - \mathbb{E} u_0(X_{s,T}^y) \right]_{y=X_{t,s}^x} ds + \sqrt{2\kappa} dW_s, \quad X_{t,t}^x = x, \quad s \in [t, T]. \tag{4.1}$$

See Definition 1.1 below for the definition of solution. When  $E = \mathbb{T}^d := \mathbb{R}^d/\mathbb{Z}^d$ , we extend  $u_0$  and  $\varphi_t$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  periodically, i.e. for a function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{T}^d$ , it is extended to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as in (1.4). With this extension, we also have the SDE (4.1) for the case  $E = \mathbb{T}^d$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** If there exists  $n \geq 2$  such that  $u_0 \in C_b^n$  and  $\varphi_t \in C_b^n$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  with

$$\int_0^T (\|\nabla \varphi_t\|_\infty^2 + \|\varphi_t\|_{C_b^n}) dt < \infty.$$

Then (4.1) is well-posed and (1.1) has a unique solution satisfying

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_t\|_{C_b^n} < \infty, \tag{4.2}$$

and the solution is given by

$$u_t(x) = \mathbb{E} u_0(X_{T-t,T}^x) - \mathbb{E} \int_{T-t}^T \nabla \varphi_{T-s}(X_{T-t,s}^x) ds. \tag{4.3}$$

We only prove for  $E = \mathbb{R}^d$  as the case for  $E = \mathbb{T}^d$  follows by extending functions from  $\mathbb{T}^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as in (1.4).

Let  $I_d$  be the  $d \times d$  identity matrix. By Theorem 1.1 with  $b = 0, a = \kappa I_d$  and  $V = -\nabla \varphi$ , for any  $(p_0, q_0) \in \mathcal{K}$ , (1.1) has a unique solution in the class  $\mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$ , and by (4.3),

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(x) &:= \mathbb{E} u_0(X_{T-t,T}^x) - \mathbb{E} \int_{T-t}^T \nabla \varphi_{T-s}(X_{T-t,s}^x) ds \\ &= P_{T-t,T} u_0(x) - \int_{T-t}^T P_{T-t,s} \nabla \varphi_{T-s}(x) ds, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

By (3.8) for the present  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $X_{t,s}^x$  solves the SDE

$$dX_{t,s}^x = \sqrt{2\kappa}dW_s - u_{T-s}(X_{t,s}^x)ds, \quad X_{t,t}^x = x, t \in [0, T], s \in [t, T], \tag{4.5}$$

and the generator is

$$\mathcal{L}_s := \kappa\Delta - u_{T-s} \cdot \nabla, \quad s \in [0, T].$$

It remains to prove (4.2). To this end, we present the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $P_{t,s}f := \mathbb{E}[f(X_{t,s}^x)]$  for the SDE (4.5). Let  $m \geq 1$  such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_t\|_{C_b^m} + \|f\|_{C_b^{m+1}} < \infty, \tag{4.6}$$

then  $\sup_{(t,s) \in D_T} \|P_{t,s}f\|_{C_b^{m+1}} < \infty$ .

*Proof.* By (4.5) and  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_t\|_{C_b^m} < \infty$ , we have

$$\sup_{(t,s,x) \in D_T \times \mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla^i X_{t,s}^x\|] < \infty, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

By chain rule, this implies that for some constant  $c_0 > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{(t,s) \in D_T} \|P_{t,s}g\|_{C_b^m} \leq c_0 \|g\|_{C_b^m}, \quad g \in C_b^m. \tag{4.7}$$

Let  $P_t^0 = e^{\kappa\Delta t}$ . By  $\partial_r P_{r-t}^0 = P_{r-t}^0 \kappa\Delta$  and (3.9), we have

$$\partial_r P_{r-t}^0 P_{r,s}f = P_{r-t}^0 \langle \nabla P_{r,s}f, u_{T-r} \rangle, \quad r \in [t, s].$$

So,

$$P_{t,s}f = P_{s-t}^0 f - \int_t^s P_{r-t}^0 \langle \nabla P_{r,s}f, u_{T-r} \rangle dr. \tag{4.8}$$

It is well known that for any  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$  there exists a constant  $c_{\alpha,\beta} > 0$  such that

$$\|P_t^0 g\|_{C_b^{\alpha+\beta}} \leq c_{\alpha,\beta} t^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \|g\|_{C_b^\beta}, \quad t > 0, g \in C_b^\beta. \tag{4.9}$$

This together with (4.8) implies that for some constants  $c_1, c_2 > 0$ ,

$$\|P_{t,s}f\|_{C_b^{m+\frac{1}{2}}} \leq c_1 \|f\|_{C_b^{m+\frac{1}{2}}} + c_1 \int_t^s (t+r-s)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \|\langle \nabla P_{r,s}f, u_{T-r} \rangle\|_{C_b^{m-1}} dr.$$

Combining this with (4.7) and  $\|f\|_{C_b^m} + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_t\|_{C_b^m} < \infty$ , we obtain

$$\sup_{(t,s) \in D_T} \|P_{t,s}f\|_{C_b^{m+\frac{1}{2}}} < \infty.$$

By this together with (4.8) and (4.6), we find a constant  $c_2 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{(t,s) \in D_T} \|P_{t,s}f\|_{C_b^{m+1}} &\leq c_2 \|f\|_{C_b^{m+1}} \\ &+ c_2 \sup_{(t,s) \in D_T} \int_t^s (t+r-s)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \|\langle \nabla P_{r,s}f, u_{T-r} \rangle\|_{C_b^{m-\frac{1}{2}}} dr < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

We now prove (4.2) as follows. By  $u \in \mathcal{U}(p_0, q_0)$ , we have

$$\|u\|_\infty + \|\nabla u\|_\infty < \infty.$$

Combining this with (4.4) and Lemma 4.2, we prove (4.2) by inducing in  $m$  up to  $m = n$ .

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