

**WELL POSEDNESS FOR THE STOCHASTIC  
CAHN-HILLIARD EQUATION DRIVEN BY LÉVY  
SPACE-TIME WHITE NOISE**

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study a stochastic Cahn-Hilliard equation driven by Lévy space-time white noise with Neumann boundary conditions. We establish the global existence and uniqueness of a mild solution under some regularity and boundedness on the coefficients.

1. INTRODUCTION

We consider the following stochastic version of the Cahn-Hilliard partial differential equation with initial and homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions:

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \Delta^2 u = \Delta f(u) + \sigma(u)\dot{F}, & \text{in } [0, T] \times D, \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial \Delta u}{\partial n} = 0 & \text{on } [0, T] \times \partial D, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta$  denotes the Laplace operator,  $D := [0, \pi]^d$  ( $d \leq 3$  is the space dimension),  $u_0$  is the initial function,  $\sigma(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function satisfying some assumptions given below, and  $\dot{F}$  is a  $d + 1$ -parameter Lévy space-time white noise which actually consists of a Brownian sheet, denoted by  $\dot{W}$ , on  $D \times [0, \infty)$  and a Poisson space-time white noise on  $D \times [0, \infty)$  (the detail will be given below in this section).

The deterministic Cahn-Hilliard equation (i.e.  $\sigma = 0$ ) was proposed in [3, 4] to describe the evolution of the phase separation of a binary alloy when temperature has been quenched from a value  $T_0$ , above the critical

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temperature  $T_c$ , to a temperature less than  $T_c$ . The function  $u$  represents a scaled concentration, and  $-\Delta u + f(u)$  represents the chemical potential. The function  $f$  is the derivative of the homogeneous free energy  $E$ . In its original form,  $E$  contains a logarithmic term, which makes the study of this equation delicate. In some circumstances,  $E$  can be approximated by a polynomial of even degree with a strictly positive dominant coefficient. The Neumann boundary conditions reflect the conservation of mass and insulation from outside. This case has been extensively studied (see for instance [8, 9, 6] and references therein).

The stochastic Cahn-Hilliard equation, such as in the case  $\dot{F} = \dot{W}$  (Gaussian space-time white noise), has been studied by several authors (see e.g. Da Prato and Debussche [13] and Cardon-Weber [5]). In the case when  $\dot{F}$  is a Lévy space-time white noise, the local well posedness of the solution to problem (P) has already been proved by Bo and Wang [2] under some mild assumptions on the coefficients, where they failed to solve the global solution and left it as a challenging problem.

Enlightened by the approach used by Cardon-Weber [5], Gyöngy [10] and Da Prato and Gatarek [14], and noticing the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality which was proved in Knoche [11], we prove the global well posedness of the solution to the problem (P) in a weak sense, and our local well posedness is better than Bo and Wang's [2].

For this aim, we first introduce Lévy space-time white noise and stochastic integration (see [2, 16, 1]).

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}, P)$  be a filtered probability space with filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  satisfying the usual conditions and  $(E_i, \mathcal{E}_i, \mu_i) (i = 1, 2)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measurable spaces. We call  $N : (E_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mu_1) \times (E_2, \mathcal{E}_2, \mu_2) \times (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \cup \{\infty\}$  a Poisson noise on  $(E_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mu_1)$  if, for any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{E}_1, B \in \mathcal{E}_2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,

$$P(\omega \in \Omega : N(\mathbf{A}, B, \omega) = n) = \frac{e^{-\mu_1(\mathbf{A})\mu_2(B)}(\mu_1(\mathbf{A})\mu_2(B))^n}{n!}.$$

In particular, when  $(E_1, \mathcal{E}_1, \mu_1) = ([0, \infty) \times D, \mathcal{B}([0, \infty) \times D), dt \times dx)$ , we define the compensated random martingale measure

$$M(B, A, t) := N([0, t] \times A, B) - t\mu_1(A)\mu_2(B),$$

by assuming that  $\mu_1([0, t] \times A)\mu_2(B) < \infty$  for all  $(t, A, B) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{B}(D) \times \mathcal{E}_2$ . Furthermore, let  $p : [0, \infty) \times D \times E_2 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ -predictable function satisfying

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t \int_A \int_B |p(s, x, y)|^2 \mu_2(dy) dx ds \right) < \infty, \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{B}(D) \times \mathcal{E}_2$ . We define a stochastic integral process

$$\left\{ R_t := \int_0^{t+} \int_A \int_B p(s, x, y) M(dy, dx, ds) : t \geq 0 \right\},$$

which is a square integrable  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  martingale. Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denote respectively the quadratic variation and the conditional quadratic variation of a process (refer to page 97 of Protter [15] for definitions). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle R, R \rangle_t &= \int_0^t \int_A \int_B |p(s, x, y)|^2 \mu_2(dy) dx ds, \\ [R, R]_t &= \int_0^{t+} \int_A \int_B |p(s, x, y)|^2 N(ds \times dx, dy). \end{aligned}$$

It is well known that a Lévy space-time white noise has the following structure:

$$\dot{F}(x, t) = \dot{W}(x, t) + \int_{U_0} h_1(t, x, y) \dot{M}(dy, x, t) + \int_{E_2/U_0} h_2(t, x, y) \dot{N}(dy, x, t),$$

for some  $U_0 \in \mathcal{E}_2$  such that  $\mu_2(E_2/U_0) < \infty$ , where  $h_1, h_2 : [0, \infty) \times D \times E_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are measurable functions, and  $\dot{W}(t, x)$  is a Gaussian space-time white noise on  $D \times [0, \infty)$ ; i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}[\dot{W}(x, t)\dot{W}(x', t')] = \delta(t - t')\delta(x - x')$ ,  $\dot{M}$  and  $\dot{N}$  are the Radon-Nikodym derivatives defined by

$$\dot{M}(dy, x, t) = \frac{M(dy, dx, dt)}{dt \times dx}, \quad \dot{N}(dy, x, t) = \frac{N(dy, dx, dt)}{dt \times dx},$$

for  $(t, x, y) \in [0, \infty) \times D \times E_2$ .

Now we give a definition of the solution in a weak sense (as in Walsh [17]). We say that  $u$  is a weak solution of problem (P) if, for all  $\phi \in C^4(D)$  with

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial \Delta \phi}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D,$$

$u$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D u(t, x) \phi(x) dx &= \int_D u_0(x) \phi(x) dx - \int_0^t \int_D \Delta^2 \phi(x) u(s, x) dx ds \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_D \Delta \phi(x) f(u(s, x)) dx ds + \int_0^t \int_D \phi(x) \sigma(u(s, x)) W(dx, ds) \\ &+ \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{U_0} \phi(x) \sigma(u(s-, x)) h_1(s, x, z) M(dz, dx, ds) \\ &+ \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2/U_0} \phi(x) \sigma(u(s-, x)) h_2(s, x, z) N(ds \times dx, dz). \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 contains some preliminaries on some useful estimates. In Section 3, we give the local well posedness of the solution to the problem  $(P)$  under some mild assumptions. In the last section, the main results and their proofs are presented.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we first give some estimates about the Green’s function  $G$  generated by the operator  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Delta^2$  on the domain  $[0, \infty) \times D$ . The estimates are from Eidelman and Ivasisen [7] on Green’s functions on smooth domains and were extended to the domain  $D$  by Cardon-Weber [5].

Let  $A$  denote the operator  $-\Delta$  on the domain  $\mathcal{D}(A) = \{u \in H^2(D) : \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on } \partial D\}$ . The following family  $(\varepsilon_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  is a basis of eigenfunctions of  $A$  in  $L^2(D)$ . If  $d = 1$ ,

$$\varepsilon_k(x) = \cos(kx)\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \text{ if } k \neq 0, \text{ and } \varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}};$$

and for  $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,

$$\varepsilon_k(x) = \prod_{i=1}^d \varepsilon_{k_i}(x_i),$$

associated with the eigenvalues  $\lambda_k = \sum_{i=1}^d k_i^2 = |k|^2$ . The semigroup  $S(t)$  generated by  $-A^2$  is denoted by  $S(t) = e^{-tA^2}$ ; that is, for  $z \in L^2(D)$ ,

$$S(t)z = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-\lambda_k^2 t} \langle z, \varepsilon_k \rangle \varepsilon_k,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the usual scalar product in  $L^2(D)$ ; this is a convolution semigroup with the Green’s function  $G$  defined by

$$G(t, x, y) = \sum_{\mathbb{N}^d} e^{-\lambda_k^2 t} \varepsilon_k(x) \varepsilon_k(y).$$

We lists some useful properties about the Green’s function (see Cardon-Weber [5] for details) to the following work.

**Lemma 2.1.** *There exist  $C > 0$  and  $c > 0$  such that, for  $t \in (0, T]$ ,  $x, y \in D$ ,  $\alpha$  a dimensional exponent satisfying  $|\alpha| \leq 3$ ,*

$$|G(t, x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{t^{d/4}} \exp\left(-c \frac{|x - y|^{4/3}}{|t|^{1/3}}\right); \tag{2.1}$$

$$|\partial_x^\alpha G(t, x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{t^{(d+|\alpha|)/4}} \exp\left(-c \frac{|x - y|^{4/3}}{|t|^{1/3}}\right); \tag{2.2}$$

$$|\partial_t G(t, x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{t^{(d+4)/4}} \exp\left(-c \frac{|x - y|^{4/3}}{|t|^{1/3}}\right). \tag{2.3}$$

The following result (Gyöngy [10]) gives precise estimates of the regularizing effect of convolution with  $G$ ,  $\Delta G$  and  $G^2$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $J$  be defined, for all  $v \in L^1([0, T], L^\rho(D))$ ,  $0 \leq t_0 \leq t \leq T$ , and  $x \in D$ , by*

$$J(v)(t_0, t, x) = \int_{t_0}^t \int_D H(t - s, x, y)v(s, y)dyds.$$

*Then, for any  $\rho \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $q \in [\rho, \infty]$  and  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\rho} + 1 \in [0, 1]$ ,  $J$  is a bounded operator from  $L^1([0, T], L^\rho(D))$  to  $L^\infty([0, T], L^q(D))$  such that:*

1. *If  $H(t, x, y) = G(s, x, y)$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|J(v)(t_0, t, \cdot)\|_q \leq C \int_{t_0}^t (t - s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} \|v(s, \cdot)\|_\rho ds. \tag{2.4}$$

2. *If  $H(t, x, y) = \Delta G(s, x, y)$  (if  $d = 3$ , we also need  $r < 3$ ; and if  $d = 2$ ,  $r \neq \infty$ ), there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|J(v)(t_0, t, \cdot)\|_q \leq C \int_{t_0}^t (t - s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} \|v(s, \cdot)\|_\rho ds. \tag{2.5}$$

3. *If  $H(t, x, y) = G^2(s, x, y)$  (if  $d = 3$ , we also need  $r < \frac{3}{2}$ ; and if  $d = 2$ ,  $r \neq \infty$ ), there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|J(v)(t_0, t, \cdot)\|_q \leq C \int_{t_0}^t (t - s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{2}} \|v(s, \cdot)\|_\rho ds. \tag{2.6}$$

By the way, we give the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality from Knoche [11], which is very useful like the Burkholder inequality.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $p : [0, \infty) \times D \times E_2 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ -predictable and satisfy (1.1). We denote by  $X$  the integral process*

$$\{X_t := \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2} p(s, y, z)M(dz, dy, ds) : t \geq 0\}.$$

*Then, for any  $T > 0$  and  $q \geq 2$ , there exists a constant  $C(q, T) > 0$  such that*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} (\mathbb{E}|X_t|^q) \leq C(q, T) \left( \int_0^T \int_D \int_{E_2} (\mathbb{E}[|p(s, y, z)|^q])^{\frac{2}{q}} \mu_2(dz)dyds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}}. \tag{2.7}$$

Now we give an equivalent form of equation (1.2) represented by the Green function's  $G$  as follows, which will be used to prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution to the problem (P),

$$u(t, x) = \int_D G(t, x, y)u_0(y)dy + \int_0^t \int_D \Delta G(t - s, x, y)f(u(s, y))dyds \tag{2.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2/U_0} G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) h_2(s, y, z) \mu_2(dz) dy ds \\
 & + \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) W(dy, ds) \\
 & + \int_0^{t^+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s-, y)) (h_1(s, y, z) I_{U_0}(z) \\
 & + h_2(s, y, z) I_{E_2/U_0}(z)) \mu_2(dz) dy ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. LOCAL SOLUTION

In this section, we apply the estimates of the Green’s function to the existence and uniqueness of solutions for a similar equation with truncated coefficients. This yields the existence and uniqueness of the solution on the time interval  $[0, \tau)$ , where  $\tau$  is a stopping time.

Let  $n > 0$  and denote by  $K_n$ , defined on  $[0, \infty)$ , a  $C^1$  function such that  $|K'_n| \leq 2$  and

$$K_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < n \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq n + 1. \end{cases}$$

Let

$$g(t, y) = \int_{E_2/U_0} h_2(t, y, z) \mu_2(dz)$$

and

$$h(t, y, z) = h_1(s, y, z) I_{U_0}(z) + h_2(s, y, z) I_{E_2/U_0}(z).$$

Then we prove the local well posedness for the equation obtained from the problem (P) by truncating the operators determined by  $f$  and  $\sigma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_n(t, x) & = \int_D G(t, x, y) u_0(y) dy & (3.1) \\
 & + \int_0^t \int_D \Delta G(t-s, x, y) K_n(\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q) f(u_n(s, y)) dy ds \\
 & + \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y) K_n(\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q) \sigma(u_n(s, y)) g(s, y) dy ds \\
 & + \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y) K_n(\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q) \sigma(u_n(s, y)) W(dy, ds) \\
 & + \int_0^{t^+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y) K_n(\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q) \sigma(u_n(s-, y)) h(s, y, z) M(dz, dy, ds).
 \end{aligned}$$

We quote the definition of the local solution to problem (P) coming from [2]. Define

$$\tau_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q \geq n\}.$$

Let  $\tau = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n$ , and define  $u(t, \cdot) := u_n(t, \cdot)$  on  $\{t < \tau_n < \tau\}$ . Then  $u(t, \cdot)$  is a solution to (3.1) on  $\{t < \tau\}$ . This solution is called a local solution.

Before giving the local solution, we give some reasonable assumptions about the problem (P):

- (a)  $f$  is a polynomial of degree 3 with positive dominant coefficients;
- (b)  $\sigma$  is Lipschitzian and has linear growth; i.e., there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\sigma(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For  $g, h$  and  $\mu_2$ ,

- (c)  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|g(t, \cdot)\|_q < \infty$ ;
- (d)  $G(t - s, x, y)h(s, y, z)$  is  $L^q([0, t] \times D^2 \times E_2)$ ,  $ds \times dx \times dy \times \mu_2(E_2)$  integrable, for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ;
- (e)  $\mu_2(E_2) < \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose the assumptions (a)-(e) are satisfied. Let  $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $q \in (4, \infty)$ . Then, for every  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable  $u_0 : D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{E}(\|u_0(\cdot)\|_q^q) < \infty$ , there exists a unique local solution  $\{u(t, x) : (t, x) \in [0, T] \times D\}$  to the problem (P) and there exists a stopping time  $\tau$  such that  $\mathbb{E}(\|u(t \wedge \tau, \cdot)\|_q^q) < \infty$ , for any  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

We want to use a fixed-point argument to prove Theorem 3.1. So we first introduce our working space.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be all  $L^q(D)$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}_t$  adapted r.c.l.l. processes  $u(t, x)$  such that the norm

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \left( \sup_{t \in [0, T]} (\mathbb{E}(\|u(t, \cdot)\|_q^q)) \right)^{1/q} \tag{3.2}$$

is finite. Then, under the norm (3.2),  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Banach space.

For convenience, let us define operators  $A_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} A_0(u_0)(t, x) &= \int_D G(t, x, y)u_0(y)dy, \\ A_1(u)(t, x) &= \int_0^t \int_D \Delta G(t - s, x, y)K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)f(u(s, y))dyds, \\ A_2(u)(t, x) &= \int_0^t \int_D G(t - s, x, y)K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(u(s, y))W(dy, ds), \\ A_3(u)(t, x) &= \int_0^{t^+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t - s, x, y)K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \sigma(u(s^-, y))h(s, y, z)M(dz, dy, ds), \\ A_4(u)(t, x) &= \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y)K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(u(s, y))g(s, y)dyds, \\ Y(u)(t, x) &:= A_0(u_0)(t, x) + \sum_{i=1}^4 A_i(u)(t, x). \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove the local well posedness of the solution to the problem (P), i.e., Theorem 3.1, we first give the following propositions:

**Proposition 1.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1, for any  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $A_i(u) \in \mathcal{H}$ .*

**Proof.** We always assume that  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  in the following proof. Using (2.1) and Young's inequality for  $1/q = 1 + 1/q - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_0(u_0)\|_q &= \left\| \int_D G(t, \cdot, y)u_0(y)dy \right\|_q \tag{3.3} \\ &\leq Kt^{-\frac{d}{4}} \left\| \int_D \exp(-C\frac{|\cdot-y|^{\frac{4}{3}}}{t^{\frac{1}{3}}})u_0(y)dy \right\|_q \\ &\leq Kt^{-\frac{d}{4}} \left\| \exp(-C\frac{|\cdot-y|^{\frac{4}{3}}}{t^{\frac{1}{3}}}) \right\|_1 \|u_0(\cdot)\|_q \leq K\|u_0(\cdot)\|_q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $A_0(u_0) \in \mathcal{H}$ , under the condition  $\mathbb{E}(\|u_0\|_q^q) < \infty$ .

As for  $A_1(u)$ , we apply (2.5) with  $\rho = q/3$ ; we have  $1/r = 1 - 2/q$ , which satisfies  $r_1 \neq \infty$  if  $d = 3$  and  $r_1 < 3$  if  $d = 3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_1(u)\|_q &\leq \int_0^t |t-s|^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} \|f(u(s, \cdot))K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\|_\rho ds \\ &\leq C(n+1)^3 T^{1+d/(4r_1)-(d+2)/4}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $A_1(u) \in \mathcal{H}$ .

As for  $A_2(u)$ , applying Burkholder's inequality, assumption (b), and (2.6) with  $1/r = 1/(q/2) - 1/\rho + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_2(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q &= \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left\| \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y)\sigma(u(s, y))K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)W(dy, ds) \right\|_q^q \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left\| \int_0^t \int_D G^2(t-s, x, y)\sigma^2(u(s, y))K_n^2(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)dyds \right\|_{\frac{q}{2}}^{\frac{q}{2}} \tag{3.4} \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{2}} \|\sigma^2(u(s, y))K_n^2(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\|_\rho ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{2}} \|(1+u^2(s, \cdot))K_n^2(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\|_\rho ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{2}} (1+(n+1)^2) ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} \leq C(T)(n+1)^q. \end{aligned}$$

In the last inequality, one can set  $\rho = q/2$ , and  $r = 1$ . Thus we have  $A_2(u) \in \mathcal{H}$ .

As for  $A_3(u)$ , let  $q > 4$ . By assumptions (b), (d) and Lemma 2.3, using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_3(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q &= \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left( \left\| \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s^-, y)) \right. \right. & (3.5) \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) h(s, y, z) M(dz, dy, ds) \right\|_q^q \right) \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E} \left( \left\| \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) h(s, y, z) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times M(dz, dy, ds) \right\|_q^q \right) dx \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \left( \left\| \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} (\mathbb{E} |G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times h(s, y, z) \right\|_q^{\frac{2}{q}} \mu_2(dz) dy ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \\ &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \left| \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y) h(s, y, z)|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) (\mathbb{E} (1 + |u(s, y)|)^q)^{2/q} \mu_2(dz) dy ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \\ &\leq C(T) \|n+1\|^q \mathbb{C} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \left| \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y) h(s, y, z)|^q \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \mu_2(dz) dy ds \right| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $A_3(u) \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Applying (2.4) with  $\rho = q/2$  and  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\rho} + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_4(u)\|_q &\leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} \|g(s, \cdot) \sigma(u(s, \cdot)) K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\|_\rho ds & (3.6) \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} (\|g(s, \cdot)\|_{q/2} + \|g(s, \cdot) u(s, \cdot)\|_{q/2}) K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) ds \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} (C(q) \|g(s, \cdot)\|_q + (n+1) \|g(s, \cdot)\|_q) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|g(t, \cdot)\|_q \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} ds.$$

Since  $q > 4$  and  $\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4} > -1$ , it follows that  $\|A_4(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \infty$ .

This completes the proof of this proposition.  $\sharp$

**Proposition 2.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1, the operator  $Y$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ ; i.e., there exists a constant  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  such that*

$$\|Y(u) - Y(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \kappa \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

for any  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}$ ; we have the following estimates. One can see ([2, 5]) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) f(u(s, \cdot)) - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|) f(v(s, \cdot))\|_{\rho} &\leq C_n \|u(s, \cdot) - v(s, \cdot)\|_q, \\ \|K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) \sigma(u(s, \cdot)) - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|) \sigma(v(s, \cdot))\|_{\rho} &\leq C_n \|u(s, \cdot) - v(s, \cdot)\|_q. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $\rho \in [1, q]$  and  $r \neq \infty$  if  $d = 3$  and  $r < 3$  if  $d = 3$  such that  $1/q = 1/r + 1/\rho - 1$ , then, for  $A_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_1(u) - A_1(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q &\leq C_n \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \int_0^t |t-s|^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} \|u(s, \cdot) - v(s, \cdot)\|_q ds \\ &\leq C_n \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left[ \left( \int_0^t |t-s|^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} ds \right)^{q-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \int_0^t |t-s|^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} \mathbb{E} \|u(s, \cdot) - v(s, \cdot)\|_q^q ds \right] \leq C_n T^{q(\frac{2-d}{4} + \frac{d}{4r})} \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $T_1$  such that  $C_n T^{q(\frac{2-d}{4} + \frac{d}{4r})} < 1$ . Then the map  $A_1$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ ; Burkholder's inequality, (2.1), (2.6) and assumption (b) imply,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|A_2(u) - A_2(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q \\ &\leq C(q) \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_0^t \int_D G^2(t-s, x, y) (K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) \sigma(u(s, \cdot)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|) \sigma(v(s, \cdot)))^2 dy ds \right|^{q/2} \right) dx \\ &\leq C(n, q) \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{2}} \|u(s, \cdot) - v(s, \cdot)\|_q^2 ds \right|^{q/2} \right) \\ &\leq C(n, q) T^{q(-d/2 + d/(4r))} \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $T_2$  such that  $C(n, q)T^{q(-d/2+d/(4r))} < 1$ . Then the map  $A_2$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $q > 4$ . By assumptions (b), (d) and Lemma 2.3, using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A_3(u) - A_3(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q &= \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}(\|A_3(u(t, \cdot)) - A_3(v(t, \cdot))\|_q^q) \\
&\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E}(|\int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)(K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(u(s^-, y)) \\
&\quad - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(v(s^-, y)))M(dz, dy, ds)|^q dx \\
&\leq C(q) \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D (|\int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} (\mathbb{E}|G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)(K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(u(s^-, y)) \\
&\quad - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(v(s^-, y)))|^q)^{\frac{2}{q}} \mu_2(dz) dy ds)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \\
&\leq C(q) \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D |\int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)|^2 \\
&\quad \times (\mathbb{E}(|K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(u(s^-, y)) \\
&\quad - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|_q)\sigma(v(s^-, y))|)^q)^{2/q} \mu_2(dz) dy ds)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \\
&\leq C(q) \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D |\int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} \mathbb{E}(|K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q)u(s, y) - K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|_q)v(s, y))|^q \\
&\quad \times \mu_2(dz) dy ds (\int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)|^{\frac{2q}{q-2}} \mu_2(dz) dy ds)^{\frac{q}{2}})^{\frac{q-2}{2}} dx \\
&\leq C(n, q)T\mu_2(E_2)\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)|^q \mu_2(dz) dy ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Choose  $T_3$  such that

$$C(n, q)T\mu_2(E_2) \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y)h(s, y, z)|^q \mu_2(dz) dy ds < 1.$$

Then the map  $A_3$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Applying (2.4), with  $\rho = q/2$  and  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\rho} + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A_4(u) - A_4(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q &\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} \|g(s, \cdot)(\sigma(u(s, \cdot))K_n(\|u(s, \cdot) \\
&\quad - \sigma(v(s, \cdot))K_n(\|v(s, \cdot)\|_q))\|_{\rho} ds \\
&\leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} C(n, q) \|g(s, \cdot)\|_q \|u(s, y) - v(s, y)\|_q^q ds \\
&\leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|g(t, \cdot)\|_q T^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4} + 1} \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^q.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $q > 4$  and  $\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4} > -1$ , choose  $T$  such that

$$C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|g(t, \cdot)\|_q T^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4} + 1} < 1.$$

Then the map  $A_4$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Finally, let  $T = \frac{1}{4} \min\{T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4\} < 1$ . The map  $Y$  is a contraction on  $\mathcal{H}$ , thus we complete the proof of this proposition.  $\square$

Using Proposition 1, Proposition 2, and the fixed-point argument on the space  $\mathcal{H}$  endowed with the norm 3.2, one can get Theorem 3.1.

**Remark 1.** Bo and Wang [2] have proved that Theorem 3.1 holds for  $q \in (8, \infty)$  under the same assumptions in Theorem 3.1. We can improve the result if we use the norm (3.2), but Bo and Wang define a norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  (depending on  $(\lambda, q)$ ) on  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}} = (\sup_{t \in [0, T]} e^{-\lambda t} (\mathbb{E}(\|u(t, \cdot)\|_q^q))^{1/q}$ .

#### 4. GLOBAL SOLUTION

By uniqueness of the solution to (3.1), the local property of stochastic integrals yields, for  $m > n$ ,  $u_m(t, \cdot) = u_n(t, \cdot)$  if  $t \leq \tau_n$ , so that we can define a process  $u$  by  $u(t, \cdot) = u_n(t, \cdot)$  on  $t \leq \tau_n$ . Set  $\tau_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n$ ; clearly  $u$  is a solution to (3.1) on the interval  $[0, \tau_\infty)$ , and is unique. We just need to prove that  $\tau_\infty = +\infty$  almost surely, and use an argument similar to that of reference [13, 5].

In order to obtain the global solution, we need stronger conditions than the assumptions given in Section 3:

(b)'  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded and Lipschitzian function;

(d)'  $G(t - s, x, y)h(s, y, z)$  is  $L^{2q}([0, t] \times D^2 \times E_2)$ ,  $ds \times dx \times dy \times \mu_2(E_2)$  integrable, for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .

Now we can give our main result, the global well posedness of the problem (P), in the present paper.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose the assumptions (a), (b)', (c), (d)' and (e) are satisfied. Let  $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $q \in (4, \infty)$ . Then for every  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable  $u_0 : D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{E}(\|u_0(\cdot)\|_q^q) < \infty$ , for any  $T > 0$ , there exists a unique solution  $\{u(t, x) : (t, x) \in [0, T] \times D\}$  to the problem (P) such that  $\mathbb{E}(\|u(t, \cdot)\|_q^q) < \infty$ , for any  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

Before proving this theorem, we first prove two a priori estimates in the following two propositions.

Let  $H, L$  be defined respectively by

$$H(u)(t, x) = A_1(u)(t, x),$$

$$L(u)(t, x) = A_2(u)(t, x) + A_3(u)(t, x) + A_4(u)(t, x).$$

It is obvious that, for all  $L^q(D)$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}_t$  adapted r.c.l.l. processes  $u(t, x)$ , the following norm

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_1} = \left( \sup_{t \in [0, T]} (\mathbb{E}(\|u(t, \cdot)\|_q^\beta)) \right)^{1/\beta} \quad (4.1)$$

is finite. Thus  $\mathcal{H}_1$  is a Banach space.

**Proposition 3.** *Let the assumptions (a), (b)', (c), (d)' and (e) hold; then we have*

$$\sup_n \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{x \in D} \mathbb{E}(|L(u_n)(t, x)|^\delta) < +\infty,$$

for  $\delta \in [1, 2q]$ .

**Proof.** Assume the assumptions (a), (b)', (c), (d)' and (e) hold. We have the following facts, for  $u \in \mathcal{H}_1$ .

As for  $A_2(u)(t, x)$ , similar to (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_2(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^\beta \\ & \leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_0^t \int_D G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) K_n(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) W(dy, ds) \right|^\beta \right) dx \\ & \leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_0^t \int_D G^2(t-s, x, y) \sigma^2(u(s, y)) K_n^2(\|u(s, \cdot)\|_q) dy ds \right|^\beta \right) dx \\ & \leq C(T) \|\sigma\|_\infty^\beta \leq \infty. \end{aligned}$$

As for  $A_3(u)(t, x)$ , similar to (3.5), for  $\beta \leq 2q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_3(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^\beta = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}(\|A_3(u(t, \cdot))\|_q^\beta) \\ & \leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_0^{t+} \int_D \int_{E_2} G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) h(s, y, z) M(dz, dy, ds) \right|^\beta \right) dx \\ & \leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \left| \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} (\mathbb{E} |G(t-s, x, y) \sigma(u(s, y)) h(s, y, z)|^\beta)^{\frac{2}{\beta}} \mu_2(dz) dy ds \right|^{\frac{\beta}{2}} dx \\ & \leq C(T) \|\sigma\|_\infty^\beta \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \left| \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y) h(s, y, z)|^2 \mu_2(dz) dy ds \right|^{\frac{\beta}{2}} dx \\ & \leq C(T) \|\sigma\|_\infty^\beta \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_D \int_0^t \int_D \int_{E_2} |G(t-s, x, y) h(s, y, z)|^{2q} \mu_2(dz) dy ds dx. \end{aligned}$$

For  $A_4(u)(t, x)$ , similar to (3.6), we have

$$\|A_4(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^\beta \leq C \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|g(s, \cdot)\|_q^\beta \|\sigma\|_\infty^\beta \left( \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4}} ds \right)^\beta.$$

Since  $q > 4$  and  $\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d}{4} > -1$ , it follows that  $\|A_4(u)\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^\beta < \infty$ . The above estimates tell us that

$$\sup_n \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{x \in D} \mathbb{E}(|L(u_n)(t, x)|^\delta) < \infty,$$

where  $\delta \in [1, 2q]$ . Thus we complete the proof of this proposition.  $\square$

We just need to prove a uniform upper estimate for  $H(u_n)$ . To this end we note first that  $v_n = u_n - L(u_n)$  is a solution of the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial t}(t, x) + \Delta^2 v_n(t, x) \\ - \Delta[K_n(\|v_n(t, \cdot) + L(u_n)(t, \cdot)\|_q) f(v_n(t, x) + L(u_n)(t, x))] = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

with the initial boundary conditions

$$v_n(0, \cdot) = u_0(\cdot), \quad \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial \delta v_n}{\partial n} = 0.$$

Again the above problem can be made rigorous as problem (P). For any  $\phi \in C^4(D)$  such that  $\phi$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial \Delta \phi}{\partial n} = 0$  on  $\partial D$ ,  $u$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D [v_n(t, x) - u_0(x)] \phi(x) dx &= - \int_0^t \int_D v_n(s, x) \Delta^2 \phi(x) dx ds \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_D K_n(\|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_q) f(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x)) \Delta \phi(x) dx ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using the Galerkin method, we can prove that, for every  $T > 0$ ,  $v_n$  is the weak solution on  $[0, T]$  to the above system, and  $v_n \in L^2([0, T], W^{2,2}(D))$ , where  $W^{2,2}(D)$  denotes the Sobolev space.

**Proposition 4.** *Let the assumptions (a), (b)', (c), (d)' and (e) hold; then we have, for  $\kappa \in [1, q/3]$ ,*

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|H(u_n)(t, \cdot)\|_q^\kappa) < \infty.$$

**Proof.** Recall that, for  $A = -\Delta, \alpha \neq 0$ , and  $u \in \text{Dom}(A^\alpha)$ , by convention, denote by  $\mathbb{N}^{d,*}$  the set  $\mathbb{N}^d / \{0\}$ , then

$$A^\alpha = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}^{d,*}} \lambda_k^\alpha \langle \varepsilon_k, u \rangle \varepsilon_k.$$

$A^\alpha u$  exists for every  $u$  such that  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}^{d,*}} \lambda_k^{2\alpha} \langle \varepsilon_k, u \rangle^2 < \infty$ . In what follows, for a function  $u : [0, T] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we set

$$m(u)(t) = \langle \varepsilon_0, u(t, \cdot) \rangle = \pi^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int_D u(t, x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{u}(t, y) = u(t, y) - m(u)(t).$$

Notice that  $A^\alpha \tilde{u}(t, y) = A^\alpha u(t, y)$  for  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Apply  $A^{-1}$  to equation (4.2) and take its scalar product in  $L^2(D)$  with  $\tilde{v}_n(t, \cdot)$ ; this leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 - \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(0, \cdot)\|_2^2 + \int_0^t \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \\ & + \int_0^t K_n(\|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_q) \int_D f(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x)) \tilde{v}_n(t, x) dx ds = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us deal with the last term in the above inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D f(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x)) \tilde{v}_n(t, x) dx \\ & = \int_D f(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x))(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x)) dx \\ & \quad - \int_D f(v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x))(L(u_n)(s, x) + m(v_n)(s)) dx = I + II. \end{aligned}$$

The polynomial  $f$  is of degree 3 with positive dominant coefficient, hence,  $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$ , and there exists  $a, C$  and  $c > 0$  such that

$$I \geq \frac{7}{8} a \|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4 - c.$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} II & \leq \frac{5}{4} \int_D |v_n(s, x) + L(u_n)(s, x)|^3 (|L(u_n)(s, x)| + |m(v_n)(s)|) dx \\ & \quad + C \int_D (|L(u_n)(s, x)| + |m(v_n)(s)|) dx \\ & \leq \frac{5}{8} a \|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4 + C(|m(v_n)(s)|^4 + \|L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $K_n$  is a positive bounded function,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 - \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(0, \cdot)\|_2^2 + \int_0^t \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{v}_n(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \\ & + \frac{a}{4} \int_0^t K_n(\|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_q) \|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4 ds \\ & \leq \int_0^t C(1 + |m(v_n)(s)|^4 + \|L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the scalar product of the solution to the equation with the function  $\varepsilon_0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle v_n(t, \cdot), \varepsilon_0 \rangle = 0, \langle v_n(0, \cdot), \varepsilon_0 \rangle = \langle u_0(\cdot), \varepsilon_0 \rangle,$$

hence,  $m(u_0) = \langle \varepsilon, u_0 \rangle$ . Since  $A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{u} = A^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_0$ , it follows that, for every  $T > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{v}_n(T, \cdot)\|_2^2 - \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_0(\cdot)\|_2^2 + \int_0^T \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}v_n(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \\ & + \frac{a}{4} \int_0^T K_n(\|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_q) \|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4 ds \\ & \leq \int_0^T C(1 + |m(u_0)(s)|^4 + \|L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4) ds. \end{aligned}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t K_n(\|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_q) \|v_n(s, \cdot) + L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_4^4 ds \tag{4.3} \\ & \leq C_T(1 + |m(u_0)|^4 + \|L(u_n)(s, \cdot)\|_\infty^4) ds + \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{v}_n(0, \cdot)\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

We now take the scalar product in  $L^2(D)$  of equation (4.2) with  $v_n$ ; using Green's formula, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \|v_n\|_2^2 + \|\Delta v_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 \\ & = K_n(\|v_n(t, \cdot) + L(u_n(t, \cdot))\|_q) \int_D f(v_n(t, x) + L(u_n)(t, x)) \Delta v_n(t, x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing (4.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|v_n\|_2^2 + \int_0^t [\|\Delta[v_n(t, \cdot)]\|_2^2 + m(v_n(s, \cdot))^2] ds \\ & \leq \|u_0\|_2^2 + C_T(1 + \|L(u_n)\|_\infty^6) + C_T(1 + \|L(u_n)\|_\infty^6) [\|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_0\|_2^2 + m(u_0)^4]. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3 tells us that, for  $\kappa \in [1, q/3]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_n \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|v_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^{2\kappa}) < \infty, \\ & \sup_n \mathbb{E}(\int_0^T [\|\Delta[v_n(t, \cdot)]\|_2^2 + m(v_n(s, \cdot))^2] ds)^\kappa < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by Sobolev's embedding theorem there exists  $C > 0$  such that, for  $r \geq 2, d < 4$ , if  $u \in W^{2,2}(D)$ ,

$$\|u\|_{L^r(D)} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{2,2}(D)}.$$

Thus, for  $2 \leq r < \infty$ ,

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}([\int_0^T \|v_n(t, \cdot)\|_r^2 dt]^\kappa) < \infty.$$



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$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^{2\kappa}) < \infty, \quad \sup_n \mathbb{E}([\int_0^T \|\Delta u_n(t, \cdot)\|_r^2 ds]^\kappa) < \infty.$$

Let us use the interpolation method to prove that  $u_n$  belongs almost surely to  $L^a([0, T], L^q(D))$ , with  $2 \leq q \leq r, a \geq 1 \vee \frac{2q}{r}$ . The Hölder inequality implies that, if  $q = 2(1 - \lambda) + r\lambda$ , for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , that

$$\int_0^T \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q^a dt \leq \int_0^T \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^{2a(1-\lambda)/q} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_r^{ar\lambda/q} dt.$$

Taking  $\lambda = 2q/(ar)$ , we obtain

$$\int_0^T \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q^a dt \leq \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_2^{2a(1-\lambda)/q} \int_0^T \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_r^2 dt$$

for  $q \in [2, \infty)$  and  $a \in [q, \infty)$  and

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}([\int_0^T \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q^a dt]^\kappa) < \infty,$$

$$\|H(u_n)(t, \cdot)\|_q \leq C \int_0^t (t-s)^{\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4}} (\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q^3 + 1) ds.$$

Let  $\gamma, \gamma' \in (1, \infty)$  be conjugate exponents, with  $\gamma$  close enough to unity to ensure  $(\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4})\gamma > -1$ ; the Hölder inequality implies that

$$\|H(u_n)(t, \cdot)\|_q \leq C [\int_0^t (t-s)^{(\frac{d}{4r} - \frac{d+2}{4})\gamma} ds]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} [\int_0^t (\|u_n(s, \cdot)\|_q^3 + 1)^{\gamma'} ds]^{\frac{1}{\gamma'}}.$$

We obtain

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|H(u_n)(t, \cdot)\|_q^\kappa) < \infty.$$

Thus we end the proof of this proposition. □

**The proof of Theorem (4.1).** Noticing Proposition 3, Proposition 4, and the estimates (3.3), we have

$$\sup_n \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q^\kappa) < \infty.$$

We can now conclude that  $\tau_\infty = +\infty$  almost surely; indeed, for every  $T > 0$ ,

$$P(\tau_n \leq T) = P(\sup_{t \leq T} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q \geq n) \leq \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \leq T} \|u_n(t, \cdot)\|_q^{2\kappa}) n^{-2\kappa},$$

so that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\tau_n \leq T) = 0$ . Therefore, we can construct the solution to the problem (P) on every interval  $[0, T]$ . Then we obtain the main theorem in this paper. □

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