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SPLITTING UP METHOD FOR THE 2D STOCHASTIC NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we deal with the convergence of an iterative scheme for the 2-D stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations on the torus suggested by the Lie-Trotter product formulas for stochastic differential equations of parabolic type. The stochastic system is split into two problems which are simpler for numerical computations. An estimate of the approximation error is given either with periodic boundary conditions. In particular, we prove that the strong speed of the convergence in probability is almost $1/2$. This is shown by means of an $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ convergence localized on a set of arbitrary large probability. The assumptions on the diffusion coefficient depend on the fact that some multiple of the Laplace operator is present or not with the multiplicative stochastic term. Note that if one of the splitting steps only contains the stochastic integral, then the diffusion coefficient may not contain any gradient of the solution.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Assume that D is a regular bounded open domain of \mathbb{R}^2 with boundary ∂D and let \mathbf{n} denote the external normal field to the boundary. Our results remain valid also for the case of space-periodic solutions, see section 4 for details. Moreover, in the latter case, our convergence rates are better than in the general case, see 5. We consider the Navier-Stokes Equations in D

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta u(t, x) + (u(t, x) \cdot \nabla)u(t, x) + \nabla p(t, x) = G(t, u(t, x))\dot{W}(t, x), \quad (1.1)$$

$t \in [0, T]$, $x \in D$, with the incompressibility condition

$$\nabla \cdot u(t, x) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad x \in D, \quad (1.2)$$

the boundary condition

$$\langle u, \mathbf{n} \rangle = 0 \text{ on } \partial D \quad (1.3)$$

and the initial condition

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad x \in D. \quad (1.4)$$

Here, u is the velocity, p is the pressure, ν is the viscosity coefficient, W is an infinite dimensional Wiener process and G is an operator valued function acting on divergence free vector fields. Details will be given in the next sections.

The well-posedness of the system (1.1)-(1.2) has been extensively investigated. Under very general conditions on the operator G we refer to [13] for martingale stationary solutions; the uniqueness of the 2-dimensional case has been investigated in [20]. For the strong solutions and more general models in hydrodynamic we refer to [9]. For a comprehensive setting and higher dimension, we refer to [12] and the references therein.

In this paper, we deal with the convergence of some iterative schemes suggested by the Lie-Trotter product formulas for the stochastic differential equations of parabolic type. The stochastic system is split into two problems which are simpler for numerical computations. Other numerical schemes have been used in the literature. This method has been used for purely theoretical purposes of proving the existence of solutions of stochastic geometric heat equation in [14]. Let us mention two recent papers on the topic of numerical approximations to 2D stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations.

Carelli and Prohl [7] studied the speed of the strong convergence of some fully and implicit semi-discrete Euler time and finite element based space-time discretization schemes. As in [19] for the stochastic Burgers equation, they proved the $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ convergence of the error term localized by a set (depending on the discretization), whose probability converges to 1 as the time mesh decreases to 0. They assume that the initial condition $u_0 \in L^8(\Omega, V)$, and that the diffusion coefficient of the multiplicative noise may depend on the gradient of the solution. These authors studied the speed of convergence in probability (introduced by Printemps in [19]) of the fully implicit scheme to the solution in two different spaces $C([0, T]; H) \cap L^2(0, T; V)$ and $C([0, T]; V') \cap L^2(0, T; H)$ (here V and H are the usual functional spaces used for the Navier-Stokes equations, they will be defined later on). They showed that these are equal respectively to $1/4 - \alpha$ and $1/2 - \alpha$ for some positive α . Finally, they showed that the difference between the fully and the semi-implicit schemes converges to 0 in probability in $C([0, T]; V') \cap L^2(0, T; H)$ with the speed $1/2 - \alpha$. The speed of convergence of some space-time discretization was also investigated. Note that in the present paper, no projection on divergence-free fields is made and the pressure term is part of the discretized process.

Using the semi-group and the cubature techniques, Dörsek [10] studied the weak speed of convergence of a certain Strang time-splitting scheme combined with a Galerkin approximation in the space variable for the SNSEs with an additive noise. Two equations were solved alternatively on each time interval of the subdivision to approximate the Galerkin approximation: one deterministic equation only contains the bilinear term and the other one is the stochastic heat equation. The weak speed of convergence of this approximation was given in terms of the largest eigenvalue N of the space of eigenvectors of the Stokes operator where the projection is done: if a function φ belongs to $\mathcal{C}^6(L^2(D))$ with some exponential control of its derivatives of order up to 6, then the speed of convergence of the error term between the Strang time splitting v_n^N with time mesh T/n of the Galerkin approximation u^N , i.e. $|\mathbb{E}(\varphi(u^N(t))) - \mathbb{E}(\varphi(v_n^N(t)))|$, is estimated from above in terms of N and n . Finally, let us note that in [10] the noise is both additive and finite-dimensional and that the initial condition again belongs to the space V .

One of the aims of the current paper is to show that a certain splitting method for the stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations with multiplicative noise is convergent.

Our splitting method is implemented using on each time interval two consecutive steps. In the first step, the deterministic Navier-Stokes Equations (with modified viscosity) is solved. The corresponding solution is denoted by u^n . In the second step the linear parabolic Stokes equation (again with a modified viscosity) with a stochastic perturbation is solved. The corresponding solution is denoted by y^n . The goal of the paper is twofold. On one hand, we establish the "strong" speed of convergence in $L^2(D)$ uniformly on the time grid after the two steps have been performed, that is for the difference $|y^n(t_k^-) - u(t_k)|$. We furthermore prove that the same speed of convergence holds in $L^2(0, T; V)$ for $u^n - u$ and $y^n - u$. The regularity assumptions on the diffusion coefficient and on the initial condition are similar to that in [7]. For instance we assume $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|_V^8 < \infty$, but either the topology we use is sharper for a similar speed of convergence or the speed of convergence is doubled in the same topological space. While the first step consists in solving the deterministic Navier-Stokes equations, the next step consists only of computing the stochastic integral (with no smoothing Stokes operator), no gradient is allowed in the diffusion coefficient and in that case the regularity of the corresponding process y^n is weaker than that of the terminal process. Following the definition introduced in [19], we deduce that the speed of convergence in probability (in the above functional spaces) of this splitting scheme is almost 1/2. When the second step of the splitting contains some part of the viscosity together with the stochastic integral, due to the smoothing effect of the Stokes operator, the diffusion coefficient may contain some gradient terms provided that the stochastic parabolicity condition holds. In fact the convergence of the scheme requires a stronger control of the gradient part in the diffusion coefficient. The main result states an $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ convergence of the error term localized on a set which depends on the solution and whose probability can be made as close to 1 as required. Furthermore, for technical reasons, the speed of convergence is obtained for $z^n - u$ in $L^\infty(0, T; H) \cap L^2(0, T; V)$, where z^n is a theoretical process which is defined in terms of u^n and y^n and such that $z^n(t_k) = y^n(t_k^-) = u^n(t_{k+1}^+)$.

In section 7 of a paper [5] by the first named authour with Carelli and Prohl, the convergence of the finite element approximation for the 2-D stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations by using the local monotonicity trick of Barbu, see for instance [1] and [21], was proved. The use of the Barbu trick allowed the authours to identify the strong solution without using a compactness method. In this respect that paper is similar to ours. However, the time-splitting approximation we use in the current paper as well as the proofs are completely different.

The strong convergence of the splitting method has already been studied in a series of papers by Gyöngy and Krylov ([15], [16]) but for parabolic stochastic PDEs with some degenerate stochastic parabolicity condition. However, the linear setting used in these papers does not cover the hydrodynamical models used in the present one. The splitting method was also studied in [6] for SPDEs including the stochastic linear Schrödinger equations.

Section 2 describes the properties on the hydrodynamical models, the noise, the assumptions on the diffusion coefficients ensuring well-posedness of the solution in various functional spaces. It also describes both splitting schemes, depending on the fact that some multiple of the Stokes operator is kept with the stochastic integral or not. Section 3 proves several a priori bounds such as the control of the

norms of the approximating processes independently of the time mesh, as well as the control of the difference of both processes introduced in the steps of the algorithm in terms of the time mesh. Note that the abstract properties of the operators needed to prove the results in sections 2 and 3 are satisfied not only by the stochastic 2D Navier-Stokes Equations, but also by various hydrodynamical models, such as the Boussinesq, magneto-hydrodynamical and Bénard models; the framework also contains the shell and dyadic models of turbulence (see e.g. [9]). Sections 4 and 5 focus on the 2D Navier-Stokes Equations on the torus ; they require some further properties involving the Stokes operator and the non linearity, more regularity on the initial condition and additional properties on the "diffusion" coefficient G . Section 4 provides further a priori bounds "shifting" the spatial regularity. Section 5 proves the $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ convergence of a localized version of both algorithms with some explicit control on the constant used in the localization. This enables us to deduce the speed of convergence in probability.

As usual, we denote by C (resp. $C(T)$) a positive constant (resp. a positive constant depending on T) which may change from line to line, but does not depend on n .

2. PRELIMINARIES AND ASSUMPTIONS

2.1. Functional setting. We at first describe the functional setting and the operators of the 2D Navier-Stokes Equations. As in [23] we denote by \mathcal{V} the space of infinitely differentiable divergence free and compactly supported vector fields u on D .

Let the Hilbert space $(H, |\cdot|)$ be the closure of \mathcal{V} in the $\mathbb{L}^2 = L^2(D, \mathbb{R}^2)$ space. Let also E be the Hilbert space consisting of all $u \in \mathbb{L}^2$ such that $\operatorname{div} u \in L^2(D)$. It is known, see [23, Theorem I.1.2], that there exists a unique bounded linear map $\gamma_{\mathbf{n}} : E \rightarrow H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial D)$, where $H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial D)$ is the dual space of $H^{1/2}(\partial D)$ (and equal to the image in $L^2(\partial D)$ of the trace operator $\gamma_0 : H^{1,2}(D) \rightarrow L^2(\partial D)$) such that

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{n}}(u) = \text{the restriction of } u \cdot \mathbf{n} \text{ to } \partial D, \quad \text{if } u \in C^\infty(\overline{D}). \quad (2.1)$$

Then, it is known that H is equal to the space of all vector fields $u \in E$ such that $\gamma_{\mathbf{n}}(u) = 0$. Let us denote by V the separable Hilbert space which is equal to the closure in the space $\mathbb{H}^{1,2} = H^{1,2}(D, \mathbb{R}^2)$ of the space \mathcal{V} equipped with the inner product inherited from $\mathbb{H}^{1,2}$ and with corresponding norm denoted by $\|\cdot\|$. Identifying H with its dual space H' , and H' with the corresponding natural subspace of the dual space V' , we have the standard Gelfand triple $V \subset H \subset V'$ with continuous dense embeddings. Let us note that the duality pairing between V and V' agrees with the inner product of H .

Moreover, we set $D(A) = \mathbb{H}^{1,2} \cap V$ and we define the linear operator $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$ as $Au = -P\Delta u$, where $P : \mathbb{L}^2 \rightarrow H$ is the orthogonal projection called the Leray-Helmholtz projection. It is known, see [8], that A is self-adjoint, positive and has a compact inverse.

The fractional powers of the operator A will be denoted by A^α , $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. It is known that V coincides with $D(A^{1/2})$ with equivalent norms and in what follow we can use on V the norm $\|u\| = |A^{1/2}u| = \sqrt{\int_D |\nabla u(x)|^2 dx}$.

Let $b(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the continuous trilinear form defined by

$$b(u, v, z) = \int_D (u \cdot \nabla v) \cdot z,$$

which, by the incompressibility condition satisfies

$$b(u, v, v) = 0, \quad u, v \in V.$$

By the Riesz Lemma there exists a continuous bilinear map $B : V \times V \rightarrow V'$ such that

$$\langle B(u, v), z \rangle = b(u, v, z), \quad \text{for all } u, v, z \in V, \quad (2.2)$$

which also satisfies

$$\langle B(u, v), z \rangle = -\langle B(u, z), v \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle B(u, v), v \rangle = 0 \quad u, v, z \in V. \quad (2.3)$$

Moreover, as it has been pointed out by V. Barbu [1] and proved in [21, Proposition 2.2] the following Assumption is satisfied with the space $X = \mathbb{L}^4(D)$.

Assumption 2.1. (1) *There exists a Banach space X such that $V \subset X \subset H$ continuously and densely and there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$|u|_X^2 \leq C|u||u|, \quad u \in V. \quad (2.4)$$

(2) *For $\eta > 0$, there exists a constant $C_\eta > 0$ such that for all $u_i \in V$, $i = 1, 2, 3$,*

$$|\langle B(u_1, u_2), u_3 \rangle| \leq C|u_1|_X|u_2|_X|u_3|. \quad (2.5)$$

Remark 2.2. *It is easy to see the Assumption 2.1 (2) implies that for any $\eta > 0$ there exists $C_\eta > 0$ such that for all $u_i \in V$, $i = 1, 2, 3$,*

$$|\langle B(u_1, u_2), u_3 \rangle| \leq \eta \|u_3\|^2 + C_\eta |u_1|_X^2 |u_2|_X^2. \quad (2.6)$$

Moreover, the last property together with (2.3) implies that for all $(u_i)_{i=1}^3 \in V$,

$$|\langle B(u_1, u_1) - B(u_2, u_2), u_1 - u_2 \rangle| \leq \eta \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 + C_\eta |u_1 - u_2|_X^4. \quad (2.7)$$

Note that this abstract setting (where one only assumes that the operators A and B satisfy the conditions in subsection (2.3) - (2.7)) includes several classical hydrodynamical settings subject to random perturbations, such as the 2D Navier-Stokes Equations, the 2D Boussinesq model for Bénard convection, the 2D Magneto-Hydrodynamics equations, the 2D magnetic Bénard problem, the 3D Leray α -model for Navier-Stokes Equations, the GOY and Sabra shell models of turbulence, and dyadic models; see [9] for more details. To be precise we assume that

- (i) $(H, |\cdot|)$ is a Hilbert space,
- (ii) A is a linear positive unbounded operator in H ,
- (iii) $V = D(A^{1/2})$ endowed with the norm $\|\cdot\|$ is a Hilbert space,
- (iv) a bilinear map $B : V \times V \rightarrow V'$ satisfies (2.3)
- (v) Assumption 2.1 holds for some Banach space X .

In the sequel, we will work in this abstract framework containing the above example of the 2D Navier-Stokes Equations.

We assume that K is a separable Hilbert space, $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F})_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ is a filtered probability space and $W = (W(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a K -cylindrical Wiener process on that probability space.

Hence, the stochastic hydrodynamical systems (including the stochastic 2D Navier-Stokes Equations) are rewritten in the abstract form

$$\begin{cases} du + (Au + B(u, u) - f)dt = G(u)dW, \\ u(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

For simplicity we will assume that $f = 0$.

We also introduce a Coriolis type of term $R : [0, T] \times H \rightarrow H$, for example $R(t, (u_1, u_2)) = c_0(-u_2, u_1)$ (precise assumptions are given below), and set for $t \in [0, T]$ and $u \in V$:

$$F(t, u) = Au + B(u, u) + R(t, u)$$

and consider the evolution equation.

$$du(t) + F(t, u(t))dt = G(u(t))dW(t), \quad u(0) = u_0. \quad (2.8)$$

2.2. Assumptions and results on the stochastic NSEs in H . Through the paper, we will assume that $u_0 \in H$ (or $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, H)$). Let us denote by $\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)$ the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from K to H .

Assumption (G1): Let us assume that G is a continuous mapping $G : [0, T] \times V \mapsto \mathcal{T}_2(K, H)$, (resp $G : [0, T] \times H \mapsto \mathcal{T}_2(K, H)$ for $\varepsilon = 0$) and that there exist positive constants $(K_i)_{i=0}^3$ and $(L_i)_{i=1}^2$, such that for any $t \in [0, T]$, $u, u_1, u_2 \in V$,

$$|G(t, u)|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 \leq K_0 + K_1|u|^2 + \varepsilon K_2\|u\|^2, \quad (2.9)$$

$$|G(t, u_2) - G(t, u_1)|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 \leq L_1|u_2 - u_1|^2 + \varepsilon L_2\|u_2 - u_1\|^2. \quad (2.10)$$

Assumption (R1): Let us assume that R is a continuous mapping $R : [0, T] \times H \rightarrow H$ such that for some positive constants R_0 and R_1

$$|R(t, 0)| \leq R_0, \quad |R(t, u) - R(t, v)| \leq R_1|u - v|, \quad u, v \in H. \quad (2.11)$$

There is huge literature for the well posedness of 2D Stochastic Navier-Sokes equations. The following result is similar to that proved in [7] for the 2D Navier-Stokes Equations. We refer to [9] for the result given below. Indeed, the a priori estimates in Proposition A.2 of [9] imply that the sequence $u_{n,h}$ of Galerkin approximations satisfies $\sup_n \sup_{h \in \mathcal{A}_M} \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |u_{n,h}(t)|^{2p}) < \infty$ and the subsequence used in Step 1 of the proof of Theorem 2.4 in [9] can be supposed to be weak-star convergent to u_h in $L^{2p}(\Omega, L^\infty(0, T; H))$. In our case, there is no random control, that is $h = 0$.

Theorem 2.3. *Let us assume that assumptions (G1) and (R1) are satisfied with $K_2 \leq L_2 < 2$. Then, for any $T > 0$ and any \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable H -valued random variable such that $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^4 < \infty$, there exists a unique adapted process u such that*

$$u \in C([0, T]; H) \cap L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^4(0, T; X) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and P -a.s., u is solution of the equation (2.8), that is in the weak formulation, for all $t \in [0, T]$ and $\phi \in D(A)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u(t), \phi \rangle + \int_0^t \langle u(s), A\phi \rangle ds + \int_0^t \langle B(u(s), u(s)), \phi \rangle ds + \int_0^t \langle R(s, u(s)), \phi \rangle ds \\ = \langle u_0, \phi \rangle + \int_0^t \langle G(s, u(s))dW, \phi \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Moreover, if $q \in [2, 1 + \frac{2}{K_2})$, then there exists a positive constant $C = C_q(T)$ such that if $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^q < \infty$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |u(t)|^q + \int_0^T \|u(s)\|^2 (1 + |u(s)|^{q-2}) ds \right) \leq C(1 + \mathbb{E}|u_0|^q). \quad (2.13)$$

Finally, if $K_2 < \frac{2}{3}$, then

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |u(s)|_X^4 ds \leq C(1 + \mathbb{E}|u_0|^4). \quad (2.14)$$

2.3. Description of the scheme. Let $\Pi = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T\}$ be a finite partition of a given interval $[0, T]$ with constant mesh $h = T/n$. We will consider the following splitting scheme similar to one introduced in [3] for deterministic NSEs. Let $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ and let $F_\varepsilon : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow V'$ be defined by:

$$F_\varepsilon(t, u) = (1 - \varepsilon)Au + B(u, u) + R(t, u). \quad (2.15)$$

Note that $F_0 = F$.

Step 1. Set $t_{-1} = -\frac{T}{n}$. For $t \in [t_{-1}, 0)$ set $y^n(t) = u^n(t) = u_0$ and $\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_0$.

The scheme (y^n, u^n) is defined by induction as follows. Let $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ and suppose we have defined processes $u^n(t)$ and $y^n(t)$ for $t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i)$ such that $y^n(t_i^-)$ is an H -valued \mathcal{F}_{t_i} -measurable function. This clearly holds for $i = 0$. Then we define $u^n(t)$, $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$ as the unique solution of the (deterministic) problem with positive viscosity $1 - \varepsilon$ and with "initial" condition $y^n(t_i^-)$ at time t_i , that is :

$$\frac{d}{dt} u^n(t) + F_\varepsilon(t, u^n(t)) = 0, \quad t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}), \quad u^n(t_i^+) = y^n(t_i^-). \quad (2.16)$$

Note that $u^n(t_{i+1}^-)$ is a well defined H -valued \mathcal{F}_{t_i} measurable random variable. Thus we can define $y^n(t)$, $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$ as the unique solution of the (random) problem with "initial" condition the \mathcal{F}_{t_i} -measurable random variable $u^n(t_{i+1}^-)$ at time t_i :

$$dy^n(t) + \varepsilon Ay^n(t)dt = G(t, y^n(t)) dW(t), \quad t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}), \quad y^n(t_i^+) = u^n(t_{i+1}^-). \quad (2.17)$$

Indeed, if $\varepsilon > 0$, it is classical that, provided that the stochastic parabolicity condition holds (that is $\varepsilon K_2, \varepsilon L_2$ are small enough), there exists a unique weak solution to (2.17), see e.g. [17]. If $\varepsilon = 0$, the smoothing effect of A does not act anymore, but the coefficient G satisfies the usual growth and Lipschitz conditions for the H -norm. Therefore, in both cases $y^n(t_{i+1}^-)$ is a well defined H -valued $\mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1}}$ measurable random variable.

Finally, let $u^n(T^+) = y^n(T^-)$.

Remark 2.4. As in [3], we notice that the processes u^n and y^n are not continuous.

In order to prove the convergence of the above scheme, we will need to establish a priori estimates on u^n and y^n . They will be different if $\varepsilon = 0$ and $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$. We at first introduce some notation. Recall that $\Pi = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T\}$. Set

$$\begin{cases} d_n(t) := t_i, & d_n^*(t) := t_{i+1} & \text{for } t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-2, \\ d_n(t) := t_{n-1} & d_n^*(t) := t_n & \text{for } t \in [t_{n-1}, t_n]. \end{cases}$$

With the above notations, the processes u^n and y^n can be rewritten as follows: For every $t \in [0, T]$ we have:

$$u^n(t) = u_0 - \int_0^t F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds + \int_0^{d_n(t)} [-\varepsilon Ay^n(s) ds + G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s)], \quad (2.18)$$

$$y^n(t) = u_0 - \int_0^{d_n^*(t)} F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds + \int_0^t [-\varepsilon Ay^n(s) ds + G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s)]. \quad (2.19)$$

3. A PRIORI ESTIMATES FOR THE INITIAL DATA IN H AND GENERAL STOCHASTIC HYDRODYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

We at first suppose that the conditions **(G1)** and **(R1)** are satisfied.

Lemma 3.1. *Let u_0 be \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable and such that $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^2 < \infty$, and fix $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$. Let Assumptions **(G1)** and **(R1)** be satisfied with $K_2 \leq L_2 < 2$. Then there exists a positive constant C , depending on $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^2$, ε , T and the constants R_i and K_i such that for every integer $n \geq 1$:*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left(|y^n(t)|^2 + \sup_{s \in [d_n(t), d_n^*(t)]} |u^n(s)|^2 \right) + \mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|u^n(s)\|^2 ds \leq C. \quad (3.1)$$

Furthermore, if $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ we can choose the constant C such that:

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds \leq C. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. Let $\alpha = 2R_0 + K_0$ and $a = 2(R_0 + R_1) + K_1$. We use an induction argument to prove that for $l = -1, \dots, n-1$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]} |u^n(t)|^2 \right) + \sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]} \mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^2 \leq \mathbb{E} |u_0|^2 e^{\frac{(l+1)\alpha T}{n}} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{l+1} e^{\frac{j\alpha T}{n}}, \quad (3.3)$$

where we use the convention $\sum_{j=p}^q e^{\frac{jK_1 T}{N}} = 0$ if $p > q$. Note that (3.3) clearly holds for $l = -1$. Assume that (3.3) holds for $l = -1, 0, \dots, i-1$. Take the scalar product of (2.16) by u^n and integrate over $(t_i, t]$ for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$; the anti-symmetry property of B and Assumption **(R1)** yield

$$\begin{aligned} |u^n(t)|^2 + 2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_{t_i}^t \|u^n(s)\|^2 ds &= |y^n(t_i^-)|^2 \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{t_i}^t \langle B(u^n(s), u^n(s)), u^n(s) \rangle ds + 2 \int_{t_i}^t \langle R(s, u^n(s)), u^n(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq |y^n(t_i^-)|^2 + 2R_0 \frac{T}{n} + 2 \int_{t_i}^t (R_0 + R_1) |u^n(s)|^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

The Itô Lemma yields for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$:

$$\mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^2 + 2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds = \mathbb{E} |u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + 2\mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t |G(s, y^n(s))|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 ds$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}|u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + \frac{K_0 T}{n} + K_1 \int_{t_i}^t \mathbb{E}|y^n(s)|^2 ds + \varepsilon K_2 \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds. \quad (3.5)$$

Since $K_2 < 2$ we may neglect the integrals of the V -norm in both inequalities (3.4) and (3.5). Taking expected values in (3.4), using the Gronwall Lemma and the induction hypothesis, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} |u^n(t)|^2 \right) &\leq \left(\mathbb{E}|y^n(t_i^-)|^2 + \frac{2R_0 T}{n} \right) e^{\frac{2(R_0+R_1)T}{n}} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}|u_0|^2 e^{\frac{\alpha i T}{n} + \frac{2(R_0+R_1)T}{n}} + \frac{2R_0 T}{n} e^{\frac{2(R_0+R_1)T}{n}} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^i e^{\frac{j\alpha T}{n} + \frac{2(R_0+R_1)T}{n}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} \mathbb{E}|y^n(t)|^2 &\leq \left(\mathbb{E}|u^n(t_{i+1})|^2 + \frac{K_0 T}{n} \right) e^{\frac{K_1 T}{n}} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}|u_0|^2 e^{\frac{i\alpha T + aT}{n}} + \frac{2R_0 T}{n} e^{\frac{aT}{n}} + \frac{K_0 T}{n} e^{\frac{K_1 T}{n}} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} e^{\frac{aT}{n}} \sum_{j=1}^i e^{\frac{j\alpha T}{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha \geq 2R_0$ and $a \geq 2(R_0 + R_1)$, we deduce that the induction hypothesis (3.3) holds true for $l = i + 1$. Hence we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{0 \leq t < T} \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{d_n(t) \leq s < d_n^*(t)} |u^n(s)|^2 \right) \vee \left(\sup_{0 \leq t < T} \mathbb{E}|y^n(t)|^2 \right) &\leq |u_0|^2 e^{\frac{naT}{n}} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\frac{j\alpha T}{n}} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}|u_0|^2 e^{aT} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} e^{\frac{aT}{n}} \frac{e^{aT} - 1}{e^{\frac{aT}{n}} - 1} \leq \mathbb{E}|u_0|^2 e^{aT} + \frac{\alpha}{a} e^{2aT}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves part of (3.1). Using this last inequality in (3.5), and in (3.4) after taking expected values, yields for every $i = 0, \dots, n-1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + 2(1 - \varepsilon) \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \|u^n(s)\|^2 ds &\leq \mathbb{E}|y^n(t_i^-)|^2 + \frac{CT}{n}, \\ \mathbb{E}|y^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + (2 - K_2)\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds &\leq \mathbb{E}|u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + \frac{CT}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Adding all these inequalities from $i = 0$ to $i = n-1$ concludes the proof of (3.1) and proves (3.2) when $\varepsilon > 0$. \square

As usual, we can use higher moments of the H -norms and deduce the following.

Lemma 3.2. *Fix $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ and let Assumptions **(G1)** and **(R1)** be satisfied with $L_2 < 2$ and $K_2 < \frac{2}{2^{p-1}}$ for some real number $p \geq 2$. Then there exists a positive constant $C := C(\varepsilon, T)$ such that for every integer $n \geq 1$:*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left[\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{s \in [d_n(t), d_n^*(t)]} |u^n(s)|^{2p} \right) + \mathbb{E}|y^n(t)|^{2p} \right] + \mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|u^n(s)\|^2 |u^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \leq C. \quad (3.6)$$

Furthermore, if $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ then C can be chosen such that:

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|y^n(s)\|^2 |y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \leq C. \quad (3.7)$$

Proof. By repeating an argument similar to that used in the proof of Lemma 3.1 we can show that for $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ and for all $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$

$$\begin{aligned} |u^n(t)|^{2p} + 2p(1-\varepsilon) \int_{t_i}^t |u^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \|u^n(s)\|^2 ds &= |y^n(t_i^-)|^{2p} \\ &\quad - 2p \int_{t_i}^t [\langle B(u^n(s), u^n(s)), u^n(s) \rangle + \langle R(s, u^n(s)), u^n(s) \rangle] |u^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \\ &\leq |y^n(t_i^-)|^{2p} + 2p \frac{R_0 T}{n} + 2p(R_0 + R_1) \int_{t_i}^t |u^n(s)|^{2p} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Thus, the Gronwall Lemma implies

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} |u^n(t)|^{2p} \leq \left[\mathbb{E} |y^n(t_i^-)|^{2p} + 2p \frac{R_0 T}{n} \right] e^{2p(R_0 + R_1) \frac{T}{n}}.$$

On the other hand, for fixed $i = 0, \dots, n-1$, the Itô Lemma yields for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$

$$\begin{aligned} |y^n(t)|^{2p} + 2p \varepsilon \int_{t_i}^t |y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds &= |u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^{2p} \\ &\quad + p \int_{t_i}^t \langle G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s), y^n(s) \rangle |y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \\ &\quad + p \int_{t_i}^t \left(|G(s, y^n(s))|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 |y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} + 2(p-1) |G^*(s, y^n(s)) y^n(s)|_K^2 |y^n(s)|^{2(p-2)} \right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using assumption **(G1)**, we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^{2p} + 2p \varepsilon \int_{t_i}^t \mathbb{E} |y^n(s)|^2 \|y^n(s)\|^{2(p-1)} ds &\leq \mathbb{E} |u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^{2p} \\ &\quad + p(2p-1) \left[\frac{K_0 T}{n} + (K_0 + K_1) \int_{t_i}^t \mathbb{E} |y^n(s)|^{2p} ds + K_2 \varepsilon \int_{t_i}^t \mathbb{E} |y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Since $K_2 < \frac{2}{2p-1}$, in inequality (3.9) we may neglect the integrals containing the V -norms of $u(t)$ and by applying the Gronwall Lemma we then infer that

$$\sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} \mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^{2p} \leq \left(\mathbb{E} |u^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^{2p} + \frac{2p(p-1)K_0 T}{n} \right) e^{\frac{2p(p-1)(K_0 + K_1) T}{n}}.$$

Let us put

$$b := 2p(R_0 + R_1) + p(2p-1)(K_0 + K_1) \text{ and } \beta := 2pR_0 + p(2p-1)K_1;$$

then by a mathematical induction argument (see the proof of Lemma 3.1 for a similar one), we infer that for $i = 0, \dots, n-1$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} |u^n(t)|^{2p} \right) \vee \left(\sup_{t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}} \mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^{2p} \right) \leq \mathbb{E} |u_0|^{2p} e^{(i+1) \frac{\beta T}{n}} + \frac{\beta T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} e^{(jb) \frac{T}{n}}.$$

Hence we deduce:

$$\left(\sup_{0 \leq t < T} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{s \in [d_n(t), d_n^*(t)]} |u^n(s)|^{2p} \right] \right) \vee \left(\sup_{0 \leq t < T} \mathbb{E} |y^n(t)|^{2p} \right) \leq \mathbb{E} |u_0|^{2p} e^{bT} + \frac{\beta}{b} e^{2bT}. \quad (3.10)$$

Adding (3.8) and (3.9) for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ and using (3.10), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}|y^n(T^-)|^{2p} + p[2 - (2p-1)K_2] \varepsilon \int_0^T \mathbb{E}|y^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \|y^n(s)\|^2 ds \\ & + 2p(1-\varepsilon) \int_0^T \mathbb{E}|u^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} \|u^n(s)\|^2 ds \leq \mathbb{E}|u_0|^{2p}(1 + bTe^{bT}) + \beta T(1 + e^{2bT}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof using once more the fact that $(2p-1)K_2 < 2$ when $\varepsilon > 0$. \square

Finally we will prove an upper estimate of the H norm of the difference of both processes u^n and y^n .

Proposition 3.3. *Let us assume that u_0 is \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable such that $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^4 < \infty$ and that the Assumptions **(G1)** and **(R1)** hold with $K_2 < \frac{2}{3}$ and $L_2 < 2$. Then for any $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, there exists a positive constant C such that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |u^n(t) - y^n(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{CT}{n}. \quad (3.11)$$

Proof. Case 1: Let $\varepsilon = 0$; then (2.17) and Assumption **(G1)** prove that for any $t \in [0, T)$,

$$\mathbb{E}|y^n(t) - u^n(d_n^*(t))|^2 = \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t \|G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K,H)}^2 ds \leq \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t [K_0 + K_1|y^n(s)|^2] ds.$$

Therefore, Fubini's theorem and (3.1) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T |y^n(t) - u^n(d_n^*(t))|^2 dt & \leq C \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [1 + |y^n(s)|^2] \int_s^{d_n^*(s)} dt \\ & \leq C \frac{T}{n}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

We next prove that for any $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |u^n(d_n^*(t)^-) - u^n(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{CT}{n}. \quad (3.13)$$

This estimate together with (3.12) concludes the proof of (3.11) when $\varepsilon = 0$. The evolution equation (2.18) shows that

$$|u^n(d_n^*(t)^-) - u^n(t)|^2 = 2 \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle u^n(s) - u^n(t), du^n(s) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i(t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(t) &= -2(1-\varepsilon) \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle Au^n(s), u^n(s) - u^n(t) \rangle ds, \\ T_2(t) &= -2 \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle B(u^n(s), u^n(s)), u^n(s) - u^n(t) \rangle ds, \\ T_3(t) &= -2 \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle R(s, u^n(s)), u^n(s) - u^n(t) \rangle ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 3.1 and the Young inequality, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \int_0^T T_1(t) dt \right| &= \left| (1 - \varepsilon) \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} [-2\|u^n(s)\|^2 + 2\|u^n(s)\|\|u^n(t)\|] ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| (1 - \varepsilon) \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \left[-2\|u^n(s)\|^2 + 2\|u^n(s)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|u^n(t)\|^2 \right] ds \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \|u^n(t)\|^2 \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} ds \leq \frac{CT}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, using the upper estimate (2.5), the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the Fubini Theorem, Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, and (2.4), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \int_0^T T_2(t) dt \right| &\leq 2 \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} |u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^2 \|u^n(t)\| ds \\ &\leq 2 \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|u^n(t)\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \left[\int_t^{d_n^*(t)} |u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^2 ds \right]^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \frac{T}{n} \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} |u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^4 ds \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\frac{T}{n} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds |u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^4 \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{CT}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Assumption **(R1)**, the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the Fubini Theorem and (3.1), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \int_0^T T_3(t) dt \right| &\leq C \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} [1 + |u^n(s)|^2] ds \\ &\quad + C \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |u^n(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \left[\int_t^{d_n^*(t)} (1 + |u^n(s)|) ds \right]^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [1 + |u^n(s)|^2] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt + C \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \frac{T}{n} \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} (1 + |u^n(s)|)^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{CT}{n} + C \left(\frac{T}{n} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds (1 + |u^n(s)|)^2 \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{CT}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of (3.13) and hence of (3.11) when $\varepsilon = 0$.

Case 2: Suppose that $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$. Then for $t \in (0, T]$ we have

$$y^n(t) - u^n(t) = - \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds - \varepsilon \int_{d_n(t)}^t A y^n(s) ds + \int_{d_n(t)}^t G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s).$$

Therefore, the Itô Lemma implies that

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |y^n(t) - u^n(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{i=1}^5 \bar{T}_i,$$

where

$$\bar{T}_1 = 2(1 - \varepsilon) \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle Au^n(s), y^n(s) - u^n(s) \rangle ds,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{T}_2 &= 2\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle B(u^n(s), u^n(s)), y^n(s) - u^n(s) \rangle ds, \\
\bar{T}_3 &= 2\mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \langle R(s, u^n(s)), y^n(s) - u^n(s) \rangle ds, \\
\bar{T}_4 &= -2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_{d_n(t)}^t \langle Ay^n(s), y^n(s) - u^n(s) \rangle ds, \\
\bar{T}_5 &= \mathbb{E} \int_0^T dt \int_{d_n(t)}^t \|G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K,H)}^2 ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us note that since $A = A^*$ is non negative, we have, for all $y, u \in D(A)$:

$$\langle Au, y - u \rangle = \langle A(u - y), y - u \rangle + \langle Ay, y - u \rangle \leq \langle Ay, y - u \rangle, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2\langle Au, y - u \rangle &\leq \langle Au, y - u \rangle + \langle Ay, y - u \rangle = \langle A(y + u), y - u \rangle \\
&= \langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle Au, u \rangle \leq \langle Ay, y \rangle = \|y\|^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

Therefore, the Fubini Theorem, the Cauchy Schwarz inequality, and the estimate (3.2) yield

$$\bar{T}_1 \leq (1 - \varepsilon)\mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds \|y^n(s)\|^2 \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \leq C \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{n}.$$

Similarly, the Cauchy Schwarz inequality and the upper estimates (3.1) and (3.2) yield

$$\bar{T}_4 \leq 2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [2\|y^n(s)\|^2 + \|u^n(s)\|^2] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \leq C \frac{\varepsilon}{n}.$$

The Fubini Theorem and the upper estimates (2.6) with $\eta = 1$, (3.1), (3.2), (3.6), (2.5) and (2.4) yield

$$\bar{T}_2 \leq C\mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [\|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 + C_1|u^n(s)|_X^4] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \leq C \frac{T}{n}.$$

Using Assumption **(R1)**, the Fubini Theorem and (3.1), we deduce that

$$\bar{T}_3 \leq C\mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [1 + |u^n(s)|^2] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \leq C \frac{T}{n}.$$

Finally, Assumption **(G1)**, (3.2) and the Fubini Theorem yield

$$\bar{T}_5 \leq \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [K_0 + K_1|y^n(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2\|y^n(s)\|^2] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt \leq C \frac{T}{n}.$$

This concludes the proof of (3.11) when $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$. \square

4. STOCHASTIC NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS WITH PERIODIC BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

In this section we will discuss the stochastic NSEs with periodic (in space) boundary conditions, or as it is usually called, on a 2-D torus. The difference between the periodic boundary conditions and the Dirichlet ones investigated in the previous section is that in addition to the properties satisfied for both cases, the periodic case has also one additional (4.1), see below. This assumption allows one not only to solve the problem with the initial datum u_0 belonging to V but also to get a priori bounds similar to that of (2.13) for the solution and to that of Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 for the scheme, shifting regularity by one level.

All what we have discussed throughout the paper until now applies to the case when the Dirichlet boundary conditions are replaced by the periodic boundary conditions. In the latter case it is customary to study our problem in the 2-dimensional torus \mathbb{T}^2 (of fixed dimensions $L \times L$), instead of a regular bounded domain D . All the mathematical background can be found in the small book [22] by Temam. In particular, the space \mathbb{H} is equal to

$$\mathbb{H} = \{u \in \mathbb{L}_0^2 : \operatorname{div}(u) = 0 \text{ and } \gamma_{\mathbf{n}}(u)|_{\Gamma_{j+2}} = -\gamma_{\mathbf{n}}(u)|_{\Gamma_j}, j = 1, 2\},$$

where γ_n is defined in (2.1) and $\mathbb{L}_0^2 = L_0^2(\mathbb{T}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ is the Hilbert space consisting of those $u \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ which satisfy $\int_{\mathbb{T}^2} u(x) dx = 0$ and $\Gamma_j, j = 1, \dots, 4$ are the four (not disjoint) parts of the boundary of $\partial(\mathbb{T}^2)$ defined by

$$\Gamma_j = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in [0, L]^2 : x_j = 0\}, \Gamma_{j+2} = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in [0, L]^2 : x_j = L\}, j = 1, 2.$$

Similarly, the space V is equal to

$$V = \{u \in \mathbb{L}_0^2 \cap H^{1,2}(\mathbb{T}^2, \mathbb{R}^2) : \operatorname{div} u = 0 \text{ and } u|_{\partial(\mathbb{T}^2)} = 0\}.$$

The Stokes operator A can be defined in a natural way and it satisfies all the properties known in the bounded domain case. In particular A is positive and the following identity involving the Stokes operator A and the nonlinear term B holds:

$$\langle Au, B(u, u) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} = 0, \quad u \in D(A); \quad (4.1)$$

see [22, Lemma 3.1] for a proof.

We will also need to strengthen the assumptions on the initial condition u_0 and on the coefficients G and R to obtain a uniform control of the V -norm of the solution. This is done in the following subsection.

4.1. A priori estimates for the initial data in V for the Stochastic NSEs on a torus. Given $u \in V$, recall that we define $\operatorname{curl} u = \partial_{x_1} u_2 - \partial_{x_2} u_1$. The following results are classical; see e.g. [24], or [4] where they are used in a stochastic framework.

$$|\Delta u|^2 = |\nabla \operatorname{curl} u|^2, \quad \text{for } u \in \operatorname{Dom}(A), \quad (4.2)$$

$$|\nabla u|_{L^2} \leq C |\operatorname{curl} u|_{L^2}, \quad \text{for } u \in V, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\langle \operatorname{curl} B(u, u), v \rangle = \langle B(u, \operatorname{curl} u), v \rangle, \quad \text{for } u, v \in \operatorname{Dom}(A). \quad (4.4)$$

To ease notations, we denote by $|\operatorname{curl} u|$ the L^2 -norm of the one-dimensional function $\operatorname{curl} u$.

Suppose that the coefficients G and R satisfy the following assumptions:

Assumption (G2): $G : [0, T] \times D(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_2(K, V)$ (resp. $G : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_2(K, H)$ if $\varepsilon = 0$), and there exist positive constants $K_i, i = 0, 1, 2$ and $L_i, i = 1, 2$ such that for every $t \in [0, T]$, and $u, v \in D(A)$ (resp. $u, v \in V$):

$$|\operatorname{curl} G(t, u)|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, V)}^2 \leq K_0 + K_1 |\operatorname{curl} u|^2 + \varepsilon K_2 |Au|^2, \quad (4.5)$$

$$|\operatorname{curl} G(t, u) - \operatorname{curl} G(t, v)|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, V)}^2 \leq L_1 |\operatorname{curl}(u - v)|^2 + \varepsilon L_2 |Au - Av|^2. \quad (4.6)$$

Assumption (R2): Let us assume that R is a measurable mapping $R : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow V$ such that for some positive constants R_0 and R_1

$$|\operatorname{curl} R(t, u)|_{L^2} \leq R_0, \quad |\operatorname{curl} [R(t, u) - R(t, v)]|_{L^2} \leq R_1 |\operatorname{curl}(u - v)|_{L^2}, \quad u, v \in V. \quad (4.7)$$

Let us put $\xi(t) = \operatorname{curl} u(t)$ where u is the solution to (2.8). Then ξ solves the following equation on $[0, T]$ with initial condition $\xi(0) = \operatorname{curl} u_0$:

$$d\xi(t) + [A\xi(t) + \operatorname{curl} B(u(t), u(t)) + \operatorname{curl} R(t, u(t))]dt = \operatorname{curl} G(u(t)) dW(t).$$

An easy modification of the arguments in the proof of Proposition 2.2 in [4] proves the following.

Theorem 4.1. *Let us assume that u_0 is a V -valued, \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable with $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^{2p} < \infty$ for some real number $p \geq 2$. Assume that the assumptions (G1) and (G2) are satisfied with $K_2 < \frac{2}{2p-1}$ and $L_2 < 2$, and that the assumptions (R1) and (R2) hold true. Then the process u solution of (2.8) is such that $u \in C([0, T]; V) \cap L^2(0, T; D(A))$ a.s. Moreover, there exists a positive constant C such that*

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u(t)\|^{2p} + \int_0^T |Au(s)|^2 (1 + \|u(s)\|^{2(p-1)}) ds \right) \leq C(1 + \mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^{2p}). \quad (4.8)$$

In the rest of this subsection we suppose that the coefficients G (resp. R) satisfy both Assumptions (G1), (G2) (resp. (R1) and (R2)). This will enable us to upper estimate the V -norm of the difference $y^n - u^n$, and hence to strengthen the inequality (3.11).

For every $t \in [0, T]$ let $\xi^n(t) = \operatorname{curl} u^n(t)$ and $\eta^n(t) = \operatorname{curl} y^n(t)$. Equations (2.16) and (2.17) imply that $\xi^n(t) = \eta^n(t) = \operatorname{curl} u_0$ for $t \in [t_{-1}, t_0]$ and for $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ and $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d\xi^n(t) + [(1 - \varepsilon)A\xi^n(t) + \operatorname{curl} B(u^n(t), u^n(t)) + \operatorname{curl} R(t, u^n(t))]dt &= 0, \\ \xi^n(t_i^+) &= \eta^n(t_i^-), \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d\eta^n(t) + \varepsilon A\eta^n(t)dt &= \operatorname{curl} G(t, y^n(t)) dW(t), \\ \eta^n(t_i^+) &= \xi^n(t_{i+1}^-). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

The processes $(\xi^n(t), t_i \leq t < t_{i+1})$ (resp. $(\eta^n(t), t_i \leq t < t_{i+1})$) are well-defined processes which are \mathcal{F}_{t_i} -measurable (resp. (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted). Furthermore, these equations

can be reformulated as follows for $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\xi^n(t) = \operatorname{curl} u_0 - \int_0^t \operatorname{curl} F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds + \int_0^{d_n(t)} [-\varepsilon A \eta^n(s) ds + \operatorname{curl} G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s)], \quad (4.11)$$

$$\eta^n(t) = \operatorname{curl} u_0 - \int_0^{d_n^*(t)} \operatorname{curl} F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds + \int_0^t [-\varepsilon A \eta^n(s) ds + \operatorname{curl} G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s)]. \quad (4.12)$$

We at first prove the following analog of Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2.

Lemma 4.2. *Assume that p is a integer such that $p \geq 2$. Assume that G satisfies Assumptions **(G1)** and **(G2)** with $K_2 < \frac{2}{2p-1}$ and $L_2 < 2$, and R satisfies Assumptions **(R1)** and **(R2)**. Let u_0 be an \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable, V -valued random variable such that $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^{2p} < \infty$. Then for $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, there exists a positive constant C such that for every integer $n \geq 1$*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}(\|u^n(t)\|^{2p} + \|y^n(t)\|^{2p}) + \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (1 + \|u^n(t)\|^{2(p-1)}) |Au^n(t)|^2 dt \leq C. \quad (4.13)$$

Furthermore, if $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$, there exists a positive constant C such that for every integer $n \geq 1$

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (1 + \|y^n(t)\|^{2(p-1)}) |Ay^n(t)|^2 dt \leq C. \quad (4.14)$$

Proof. We briefly sketch the proof, which is similar to that of Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2. Let us fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. First note that, using Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, (4.2) and (4.3), it is easy to see that the upper estimates (4.13) and (4.14) can be deduced from similar upper estimates where $\|u^n\|$, $\|y^n\|$, $|Au^n|$ and $|Ay^n|$ are replaced by $|\xi^n|$, $|\eta^n|$, $\|\xi^n\|$ and $\|\eta^n\|$ respectively. We prove by induction that for $l \in \{-1, 0, \dots, n-1\}$,

$$\left[\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [t_l, t_{l+1})} |\xi^n(t)|^2 \right) \vee \left(\sup_{t \in [t_l, t_{l+1})} \mathbb{E} |\eta^n(t)|^2 \right) \right] \leq \mathbb{E} |\operatorname{curl} u_0|^2 e^{\frac{(l+1)aT}{n}} + \frac{\alpha T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{l+1} e^{\frac{jaT}{n}}, \quad (4.15)$$

$$\left[\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [t_l, t_{l+1})} |\xi^n(t)|^{2p} \right) \vee \left(\sup_{t \in [t_l, t_{l+1})} \mathbb{E} |\eta^n(t)|^{2p} \right) \right] \leq \mathbb{E} |\operatorname{curl} u_0|^{2p} e^{\frac{(l+1)bT}{n}} + \frac{\beta T}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{l+1} e^{\frac{jbT}{n}}, \quad (4.16)$$

where $a := 2(R_0 + R_1) + K_1$, $\alpha := 2R_0 + K_0$, $b := 2p(R_0 + R_1) + p(2p-1)(K_0 + K_1)$ and $\beta := 2pR_0 + p(2p-1)K_1$. Indeed, these inequalities hold for $l = -1$. Suppose that they hold for $l \leq i-1$, $i < n-1$; we prove them for $l = i$.

We at first prove (4.15) for $l = i$. The identities (4.9), (4.4) and Assumption **(R2)** imply that for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\xi_n(t)|^2 + 2(1-\varepsilon) \int_{t_i}^t \|\xi^n(s)\|^2 ds &= |\eta^n(t_i^-)|^2 - 2 \int_{t_i}^t \langle \operatorname{curl} R(s, u^n(s)), \xi^n(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq |\eta^n(t_i^-)|^2 + 2 \frac{R_0 T}{n} + 2(R_0 + R_1) \int_{t_i}^t |\xi^n(s)|^2 ds, \end{aligned}$$

while the identities (4.10) and (4.2), the Itô Lemma and Assumption **(G2)** imply

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|\eta^n(t)|^2 + 2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\eta^n(s)\|^2 ds &= \mathbb{E}|\xi^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\operatorname{curl} G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K,H)}^2 ds \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}|\xi^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^2 + \frac{K_0 T}{n} + K_1 \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t |\eta^n(s)|^2 ds + \varepsilon K_2 \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\eta^n(s)\|^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then arguments similar to that used in the proof of Lemma 3.1 yield (4.15) and then for every $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ and C independent of n

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}(\|u^n(t)\|^2 + \|y^n(t)\|^2) + \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T |Au^n(t)|^2 dt \leq C.$$

Furthermore, for $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ we have

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |Ay^n(t)|^2 dt \leq C.$$

We then prove (4.16) for $l = i$. Using once more (4.4) and Assumption **(R2)**, we deduce that for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\xi^n(t)|^{2p} + 2p(1 - \varepsilon) \int_{t_i}^t \|\xi^n(s)\|^2 |\xi^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \\ = |\eta^n(t_i^-)|^{2p} - 2p \int_{t_i}^t \langle \operatorname{curl} R(s, u^n(s)), \xi^n(s) \rangle |\xi^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \\ \leq |\eta^n(t_i^-)|^{2p} + 2p \frac{R_0 T}{n} + 2p(R_0 + R_1) \int_{t_i}^t |\xi^n(s)|^{2p} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, (4.10), the Itô Lemma and Assumption **(G2)** imply that for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|\eta^n(t)|^{2p} + 2p\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\eta^n(s)\|^2 |\eta^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \\ = \mathbb{E}|\xi^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^{2p} + 2p(p-1) \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\operatorname{curl} G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K,H)}^2 |\eta^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds \\ \leq \mathbb{E}|\xi^n(t_{i+1}^-)|^{2p} + 2p(p-1) \frac{K_0 T}{n} + 2p(p-1)(K_0 + K_1) \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t |\eta^n(s)|^{2p} ds \\ + 2p(p-1)\varepsilon K_2 \mathbb{E} \int_{t_i}^t \|\eta^n(s)\|^2 |\eta^n(s)|^{2(p-1)} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then arguments similar to those used in Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 yield (4.16), and then (4.13) and (4.14). This concludes the proof of the proposition since $(2p-1)K_2 < 2$ when $\varepsilon > 0$. \square

We finally find an estimate from above on the V norm of the difference of u^n and y^n . This estimate will be used to obtain the speed of convergence of the scheme.

Proposition 4.3. *Assume that u_0 is \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable with $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^4 < \infty$; let $T > 0$ and $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$. Assume that Assumptions **(G1)** and **(G2)** are satisfied with $K_2 < 2/3$*

and $L_2 < 2$, and that Assumptions **(R1)** and **(R2)** hold. Then there exists a positive constant $C := C(T)$, such that for every integer $n \geq 1$

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|y^n(t) - u^n(t)\|^2 dt \leq \frac{C}{n}. \quad (4.17)$$

Proof. Using (3.11) and (4.3), we see that the proof of (4.17) reduces to check that

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |\eta^n(t) - \xi^n(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{C}{n}. \quad (4.18)$$

We only prove this inequality when $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$. The proof in the case $\varepsilon = 0$ can be done by adapting the arguments in the proof of Proposition 3.3. So let us assume that $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$. Then the Itô Lemma, (4.13) and (4.14) imply that for any $t \in (0, T)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} |\eta^n(t) - \xi^n(t)|^2 &= -2 \mathbb{E} \int_t^{d_n^*(t)} \left[(1 - \varepsilon) \langle A\xi^n(s), \eta^n(s) - \xi^n(s) \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle B(u^n(s), \xi^n(s)), \eta^n(s) - \xi^n(s) \rangle + \langle \text{curl } R(s, u^n(s)), \eta^n(s) - \xi^n(s) \rangle \right] ds \\ &\quad - 2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t \langle A\eta^n(s), \eta^n(s) - \xi^n(s) \rangle + \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t \|\text{curl } G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

Integrating on $[0, T]$, using (2.6) with $\eta = 1$, Assumptions **(R2)** and **(G2)**, the Fubini Theorem and Lemma 4.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T |\eta^n(t) - \xi^n(t)|^2 dt &\leq 2 \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds \left[(1 - \varepsilon) |Au^n(s)| |A(y^n(s) - u^n(s))| + |A(u^n(s) - y^n(s))|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 |u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^2 |\xi^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^2 \right] \int_{d_n(s)}^s dt + 2\varepsilon \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds (|Au^n(s)|^2 + |Ay^n(s)|^2) \int_s^{d_n^*(s)} dt \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \int_0^T ds [K_0 + K_1 |\eta^n(s)|^2 + K_2 \varepsilon |Ay^n(s)|^2] \int_s^{d_n^*(s)} dt \\ &\leq \frac{CT}{n} \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (|Au^n(s)|^2 + |Ay^n(s)|^2 + \|u^n(s)\|^4 + |u^n(s)|^4 + |\xi^n(s)|^2 |Au^n(s)|^2) ds \\ &\leq \frac{CT}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality can be deduced from Lemmas 3.2 and 4.2. This concludes the proof. \square

4.2. A priori estimates for the process z^n . For technical reasons, let us consider the process $(z^n(t), t \in [0, T])$ defined by

$$z^n(t) = u_0 - \int_0^t F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) ds - \varepsilon \int_0^{d_n(t)} Ay^n(s) ds + \int_0^t G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s). \quad (4.19)$$

Note that for $\varepsilon = 0$ the process $z^n(t)$ coincides with $u^n(t^+)$ and $y^n(t^-)$ on the time grid, i.e.,

$$z^n(t_k) = y^n(t_k^-) = u^n(t_k^+) \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n. \quad (4.20)$$

The following lemma gives upper estimates of the differences $z^n - u^n$ and $z^n - y^n$ in various topologies.

Lemma 4.4. *Let $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ and let u_0 be \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable.*

(i) *Assume that u_0 is H -valued with $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^{2p} < \infty$ for some integer $p \geq 2$. Suppose that Assumption **(G1)** holds with $K_2 < \frac{2}{2p-1}$ and $L_2 < 2$ and that Assumption **(R1)** is satisfied. Then there exists a positive constant $C := C(T, \varepsilon)$ such that for every integer $n \geq 1$,*

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}|z^n(t) - u^n(t)|^{2p} \leq \frac{C}{n^p}. \quad (4.21)$$

(ii) *Assume that u_0 is V -valued with $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^4 < \infty$, let Assumptions **(G1)** and **(G2)** hold with $K_2 < \frac{2}{3}$ and $L_2 < 2$ and let Assumptions **(R1)** and **(R2)** be satisfied. Then there exists a positive constant $C := C(T, \varepsilon)$ such that for every integer $n \geq 1$,*

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (\|z^n(t) - u^n(t)\|^2 + \|z^n(t) - y^n(t)\|^2) dt \leq \frac{C}{n}. \quad (4.22)$$

Proof. For $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$z^n(t) - u^n(t) = \int_{d_n(t)}^t G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s).$$

Let the assumptions of (i) be satisfied. Since $\mathbb{E}|u_0|^{2p} < \infty$ and $K_2 < \frac{2}{2p-1}$, the Burkholder-Davies-Gundy and Hölder inequalities together with Assumption **(G1)** and Lemma 3.2 imply that for any $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|z^n(t) - u^n(t)|^{2p} &\leq C_p \mathbb{E} \left| \int_{d_n(t)}^t \|G(s, y^n(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 ds \right|^p \\ &\leq C_p \left(\frac{T}{n}\right)^{p-1} \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t \left| K_0 + K_1 |y^n(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2 \|y^n(s)\|^2 \right|^p ds \\ &\leq \frac{C_p(T)}{n^{p-1}} \left[K_0^p + K_1^p \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}|y^n(t)|^{2p} + \varepsilon^p K_2^p \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}\|y^n(t)\|^{2p} \right] \frac{T}{n} \leq \frac{C_p(T)}{n^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Let the assumptions of (ii) hold true and let $\zeta^n(t) = \text{curl } z^n(t)$; then

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta^n(t) &= \text{curl } u_0 - \int_0^t [(1 - \varepsilon)A\zeta^n(s) + \text{curl } B(u^n(s), u^n(s)) + \text{curl } R(s, u^n(s))] ds \\ &\quad - \varepsilon \int_0^{d_n(t)} A\eta^n(s) ds + \int_0^t \text{curl } G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\zeta^n(t) - \xi^n(t) = \int_{d_n(t)}^t \text{curl } G(s, y^n(s)) dW(s)$; the Itô Lemma, the Fubini Theorem and Assumption **(G2)** imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \mathbb{E}|\zeta^n(t) - \xi^n(t)|^2 ds &= \int_0^T \mathbb{E} \int_{d_n(t)}^t |\text{curl } G(s, y^n(s))|_{\mathcal{T}_2(k, H)}^2 ds dt \\ &\leq \int_0^T [K_0 + K_1 |\eta^n(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2 |Ay^n(s)|^2] \left(\int_s^{d_n^*(s)} dt \right) ds \\ &\leq \frac{T}{n} \left[K_0 T + \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (K_1 |\eta^n(t)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2 |Ay^n(t)|^2) dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Lemma 4.2 and (4.21) applied with $p = 1$ yield

$$\int_0^T \mathbb{E} \|z^n(t) - u^n(t)\|^2 dt \leq \frac{C(T)}{n}.$$

This upper estimate and Proposition 4.3 conclude the proof of (4.22). \square

5. SPEED OF CONVERGENCE FOR THE SCHEME IN THE CASE OF THE STOCHASTIC NSEs ON A 2D TORUS

In this entire section we consider the Stochastic NSEs on a 2D torus. Thus, we suppose that u_0 is \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable such that $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^8 < \infty$ and fix some $T > 0$. We also assume that Assumptions **(G1)** and **(G2)** are satisfied with $K_2 < \frac{2}{7}$ and $L_2 < 2$, and that the Assumptions **(R1)** and **(R2)** hold true. Our aim is to prove the convergence of the scheme in the H norm uniformly on the time grid and in $L^2(0, T; V)$.

The non linearity of the Navier-Stokes Equations requires to impose a localization in order to obtain an $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ convergence. However, the probability of this localization set converges to 1, which yields a speed of convergence in probability as defined by Printems in [19]. Thus, for every $M > 0$, $t \in [0, T]$ and any integer $n \geq 1$, let

$$\Omega_M^n(t) := \left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \int_0^t (|u(s, \omega)|_X^4 + |u^n(s, \omega)|_X^4) ds \leq M \right\}. \quad (5.1)$$

This definition shows that $\Omega_M^n(t) \subset \Omega_M^n(s)$ for $s \leq t$ and that $\Omega_M^n(t) \in \mathcal{F}_t$ for any $t \in [0, T]$. Furthermore, Lemma 3.1 shows that $\sup_{n \geq 1} P(\Omega_M^n(T)^c) \rightarrow 0$ as $M \rightarrow \infty$. Let $\tau_M^n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \int_0^t (|u(s, \omega)|_X^4 + |u^n(s, \omega)|_X^4) ds \geq M\} \wedge T$; we clearly have $\tau_M^n = T$ on the set $\Omega_M^n(T)$.

The following proposition proves that, localized on the set $\Omega_M^n(T)$, the strong speed of convergence of z^n to u (resp. of u^n and y^n to u) in $L^\infty(0, T; H)$ (resp. in $L^2(0, T; V)$) is $1/2$.

Proposition 5.1. *Let $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, u_0 be \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable such that $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^8 < \infty$. Suppose that the Assumptions **(G1)**, **(G2)**, **(R1)** and **(R2)** hold with $K_2 < \frac{2}{7}$, $L_2 < 2$ with εL_2 strictly smaller than $2(1 - \varepsilon)$. Then there exist positive constants $C(T)$ and \tilde{C}_2 such that for every for every $M > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:*

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, \tau_M^n]} |z^n(t) - u(t)|^2 + \int_0^{\tau_M^n} [\|u^n(t) - u(t)\|^2 + \|y^n(t) - u(t)\|^2] dt \right) \leq \frac{K(T, M)}{n}, \quad (5.2)$$

where z^n is defined by (4.19), u is the solution to (2.8) and

$$K(M, T) = C(T) \exp(C(T)e^{\tilde{C}_2 M}).$$

Proof. First of all let us observe that in view of Proposition 4.3 we only have to prove inequality (5.2) for the first two terms on the left hand side. For this aim let

us fix $M > 0$ and a natural number $n \geq 1$. To ease notation we put $\tau := \tau_M^n$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} z^n(t \wedge \tau) - u(t \wedge \tau) &= - \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) - F(s, u(s))] ds - \varepsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} Ay^n(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [G(s, y^n(s)) - G(s, u(s))] dW(s), \text{ for any } t \in [0, T]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

The Itô Lemma yields that

$$|z^n(t \wedge \tau) - u(t \wedge \tau)|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 T_i(t) + I(t), \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T],$$

where, also for $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= 2 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle [G(s, y^n(s)) - G(s, u(s))] dW(s), z^n(s) - u(s) \rangle, \quad (5.4) \\ T_1(t) &= -2 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle F_\varepsilon(s, u^n(s)) - F_\varepsilon(s, u(s)), z^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_2(t) &= -2\varepsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} \langle Ay^n(s) - Au(s), z^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_3(t) &= -2\varepsilon \int_{d_n(t \wedge \tau)}^{t \wedge \tau} \langle Au(s), z^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_4(t) &= \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |G(s, y^n(s)) - G(s, u(s))|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

We at first upper estimate the above term $T_1(t)$ as follows: $T_1(t) \leq \sum_{i=1}^5 T_{1,i}(t)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,1}(t) &= -2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle Au^n(s) - Au(s), u^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_{1,2}(t) &= -2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle Au^n(s) - Au(s), z^n(s) - u^n(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_{1,3}(t) &= -2 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle B(u^n(s), u^n(s)) - B(u(s), u(s)), u^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds, \\ T_{1,4}(t) &= -2 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \left\langle [B(u^n(s) - u(s), u^n(s)) + B(u(s), u^n(s) - u(s)), z^n(s) - u^n(s)] \right\rangle ds, \\ T_{1,5}(t) &= -2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle R(s, u^n(s)) - R(s, u(s)), z^n(s) - u(s) \rangle ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

The definition of the V -norm implies that

$$T_{1,1}(t) = -2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds, \quad (5.7)$$

while the Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequalities yield that for any $\eta > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,2}(t) &\leq 2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\| \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \eta(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{\eta} \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

Using (2.7) we deduce that for any $\eta > 0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,3}(t) &\leq 2\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + 2C_\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - u(s)|^2 |u(s)|_X^4 ds \\ &\leq 2\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + 4C_\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 |u(s)|_X^4 ds \\ &\quad + 4C_\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u^n(s)|^2 |u(s)|_X^4 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Furthermore, condition (2.6) on B , property (2.4) of the space X and the Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequalities yield for any $\eta > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,4}(t) &\leq 2 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [2\eta \|z^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 + C_\eta |u^n(s) - u(s)|_X^2 (|u^n(s)|_X^2 + |u(s)|_X^2)] ds \\ &\leq 8\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + 8\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|z^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\quad + 2CC_\eta \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - z^n(s)|^4 ds \right)^{1/4} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [|u^n(s)|_X^8 + |u(s)|_X^8] ds \right)^{1/4} \\ &\quad + 2CC_\eta \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 [|u(s)|_X^4 + |u^n(s)|_X^4] ds \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq 10\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + 8\eta \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|z^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\quad + C \frac{C_\eta}{\eta} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - z^n(s)|^4 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [|u(s)|_X^8 + |u^n(s)|_X^8] ds \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad + C \frac{C_\eta}{\eta} \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 [|u(s)|_X^4 + |u^n(s)|_X^4] ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

Finally, Assumption **(R1)** and the triangular and Cauchy Schwarz inequalities imply

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,5}(t) &\leq 2R_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - u(s)| |z^n(s) - u(s)| ds \\ &\leq 3R_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 ds + R_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u^n(s)|^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

First note that $T_2 = -2\epsilon \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \langle \nabla(y^n(s) - u(s)), \nabla(z^n(s) - u(s)) \rangle ds$. Replacing u by u^n , and using the Cauchy-Schwarz and Young inequalities we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(t) &\leq -2\epsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds + 2\epsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} \|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\| \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\| ds \\ &\quad + 2\epsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\| [\|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\| + \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|] ds \\ &\leq 2\epsilon \int_0^{d_n(t \wedge \tau)} \|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\| \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\| ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

The Cauchy Schwarz and Young inequality imply that for every $\eta > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_3(t) &\leq 2\epsilon \int_{d_n(t \wedge \tau)}^{t \wedge \tau} \|u(s)\| (\|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\| + \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|) ds \\ &\leq \epsilon \eta \int_{d_n(t \wedge \tau)}^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\quad + \frac{\epsilon}{\eta} \left(\int_{d_n(t \wedge \tau)}^{t \wedge \tau} \|u(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{d_n(t \wedge \tau)}^{t \wedge \tau} \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

Finally, since $\epsilon L_2 < 2(1 - \epsilon)$ we can choose $\alpha > 0$ such that $\epsilon L_2 < 2(1 - \epsilon) - (2 + L_2)\alpha$; thus the Assumption **(G1)** yields

$$\begin{aligned} T_4(t) &\leq L_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [|y^n(s) - u(s)|^2 + \epsilon L_2 \|y^n(s) - u(s)\|^2] ds \\ &\leq 2L_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 ds + \epsilon L_2(1 + \alpha) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\quad + 2L_1 \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |y^n(s) - z^n(s)|^2 ds + \epsilon L_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

Fix $\eta > 0$ such that $13\eta < \alpha$. Put

$$X(t) := \sup_{s \in [0, t \wedge \tau]} |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2, \quad Y(t) := \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T].$$

Then inequalities (5.3)–(5.14) imply that

$$X(t) + \alpha Y(t) \leq \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \varphi(s) X(s) ds + \sup_{s \in [0, t \wedge \tau]} |I(t)| + Z(t), \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T],$$

where $I(t)$ is defined by (5.4), while the processes φ and Z are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(s) &= 4C_\eta |u(s)|_X^4 + C \frac{C_\eta}{\eta} (|u(s)|_X^4 + |u^n(s)|_X^4) + 3R_1 + 2L_1, \\ Z(t) &= \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \left[\left(\frac{1 - \epsilon}{\eta} + 2\epsilon + 4L_1 \right) \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 + |z^n(s) - u^n(s)|^2 (R_1 + 4C_\eta |u(s)|_X^4) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[\epsilon L_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) + 2\epsilon + 4L_1 \right] \|y^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 \right] ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{C_n}{\eta} C \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - z^n(s)|^4 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [|u^n(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^8 + |u(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^8] ds \right)^{1/2} \\
& + \frac{\varepsilon}{\eta} \left(\int_{d_n(t) \wedge \tau}^{t \wedge \tau} \|u(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{d_n(t) \wedge \tau}^{t \wedge \tau} \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The definition of the stopping time τ implies the existence of constants C_1 and C_2 larger than 1 and independent of n such that:

$$\int_0^\tau \varphi(s) ds \leq (3R_1 + 2L_1)T + M(4C_\eta + C \frac{C_\eta}{\eta}) = C_1T + C_2M := C(\varphi).$$

Since $V \subset X$, using Propositions 3.3, 4.3 and 5.1, we deduce the existence of a constant $C(T)$ depending on T (and not on n) such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[Z(T)] & \leq \left[\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\eta} + R_1 + 4\varepsilon + 8L_1 + \varepsilon L_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \right] \frac{C}{n} \\
& + 4C_\eta \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |z^n(s) - u^n(s)|^4 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|u(s)\|^8 ds \right)^{1/2} \\
& + C \frac{C_\eta}{\eta} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^{T \wedge \tau} |u^n(s) - z^n(s)|^4 ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^{T \wedge \tau} (\|u^n(s)\|^8 + \|u(s)\|^8) ds \right)^{1/2} \\
& + \frac{\varepsilon}{\eta} \left(\frac{T}{n} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|u(s)\|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|z^n(s) - u^n(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{C(T)}{n}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.15}$$

Furthermore, Assumption **(G1)**, the Burkholder-Davies-Gundy, the Cauchy-Schwarz and the Young inequalities imply that for any $\beta > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{s \leq t \wedge \tau} |I(s)| \right) & \leq 12 \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \|G(s, y^n(s)) - G(s, u(s))\|_{\mathcal{T}_2(K, H)}^2 |z^n(s) - u(s)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq \beta \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{s \leq t \wedge \tau} |z^n(s) - u(s)| \right) + \frac{36}{\beta} \mathbb{E} \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} [L_1 |y^n(s) - u(s)|^2 + \varepsilon L_2 \|y^n(s) - u(s)\|^2] ds \\
& \leq \beta \mathbb{E} X(t) + \frac{36L_1(1 + \delta_1)}{\beta} \int_0^t \mathbb{E} X(s) ds + \frac{36\varepsilon L_2(1 + \delta_2)}{\beta} \mathbb{E} Y(t) + \frac{\tilde{C}}{n},
\end{aligned} \tag{5.16}$$

where $\tilde{C} = C \left(\frac{36L_1}{\beta(1+\delta_1)} + \frac{36\varepsilon L_2}{\beta(1+\delta_2)} \right)$. Choose $\beta > 0$ such that $2\beta(1 + C(\varphi)e^{C(\varphi)}) = 1$. Then suppose that εL_2 is small enough to ensure that

$$72(1 + \delta_2)\varepsilon \frac{1}{\beta} L_2 (1 + C(\varphi)e^{C(\varphi)}) \leq \alpha.$$

Using the argument similar to that used in the proof of Lemma 3.9 in [11] we deduce that

$$X(t) + \alpha Y(t) \leq \left[Z + \sup_{s \leq t \wedge \tau} |I(s)| \right] (1 + C(\varphi)e^{C(\varphi)}).$$

Then taking expectation, using (5.16), the Gronwall lemma and (5.15), we deduce

$$\mathbb{E} X(T) + \alpha \mathbb{E} Y(T) \leq 2(1 + C(\varphi)e^{C(\varphi)}) \left[\mathbb{E}(Z) + \frac{\tilde{C}}{n} \right] \exp \left[144L_1(1 + \delta_1)(1 + C(\varphi)e^{C(\varphi)})^2 \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{C(T) + \tilde{C}}{n} \exp [C(T)e^{3C_2M}]$$

for some positive constant $C(T)$ which does not depend on n . This completes the proof of (5.2) \square

The following theorem proves that, properly localized, the sequences u^n and y^n converge strongly to u in $L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$ for various topologies, and that the "localized" speed of convergence of these processes is $1/2$.

Theorem 5.2. *Let $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$; suppose that Assumptions **(R1)**, **(R2)**, **(G1)** and **(G2)** hold with L_2 small enough and $K_2 < \frac{2}{7}$, and let u_0 be \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable with $\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|^8 < \infty$. Then the processes u^n and y^n defined in section 2.3 converge to the solution u to the stochastic Navier-Stokes Equations (2.8) on a 2-D torus. More precisely, given any $M > 0$ there exist positive constants $C(T)$ and \tilde{C}_2 , which do not depend on n and M , such that for any integer $n = 1, \dots$ we have*

$$\mathbb{E}\left[1_{\Omega_M^n(t)} \sup_{k=0, \dots, n-1} \left(\sup_{s \in [t_k, t_{k+1})} (|u^n(s^+) - u(s)|^2 + |y^n(s^+) - u(s)|^2) \right)\right] \leq \frac{K(M, T)}{n} \quad (5.17)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[1_{\Omega_M^n(t)} \int_0^t [\|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 + \|y^n(s) - u(s)\|^2] ds\right] \leq \frac{K(M, T)}{n}, \quad (5.18)$$

where $K(M, T) := C(T) \exp [C(T)e^{3M}]$, and

$$\Omega_M^n(t) = \left\{ \omega : \int_0^t (|u(s)(\omega)|_X^4 + |u^n(s)(\omega)|_X^4) ds \leq M \right\} \text{ for } t \in [0, T].$$

Proof. First note that on $\Omega_n(t)$ we have $\tau_n \geq t$. Hence using Propositions 5.1, we deduce that (5.18) holds true. Furthermore, the Cauchy Schwarz inequality and (4.14) prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{k=1, \dots, n} |z^n(t_k) - y^n(t_k^-)|^2\right) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{k=1, \dots, n} \varepsilon^2 \left| \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} Ay^n(s) ds \right|^2\right) \\ &\leq \varepsilon^2 \frac{T}{n} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{k=1, \dots, n} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |Ay^n(s)|^2 ds\right) \leq \frac{C(T)\varepsilon^2}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since $z^n(t_k) = u^n(t_k^+) = y^n(t_k^-)$, Proposition 5.1 yields

$$\mathbb{E}\left[1_{\Omega_M^n(t)} \sup_{k=0, \dots, n} (|u^n(t_k^+) - u(t_k)|^2 + |y^n(t_k^-) - u(t_k)|^2)\right] \leq \frac{K(M, T)}{n}. \quad (5.19)$$

Finally, using Assumption **(G1)**, Young's inequality and Lemma 4.2, we obtain that for any $k = 0, \dots, n-1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |y^n(t) - y^n(t_k^+)|^2\right) &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|y^n(t_k^-)\|^2 + [K_0 + K_1 |y^n(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2 \|y^n(s)\|^2]\right) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |y^n(s) - y^n(t_k^+)|^2 [K_0 + K_1 |y^n(s)|^2 + K_2 \varepsilon \|y^n(s)\|^2] ds\right)^{1/2}\right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |y^n(t) - y^n(t_k^+)|^2\right) + C \frac{T}{n} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}\|y^n(s)\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |y^n(t) - y^n(t_k^+)|^2\right) \leq \frac{C(T)}{n}. \quad (5.20)$$

Using the Itô Lemma, the inequalities (2.5) and (4.8), the Schwarz and Young inequality, the Assumptions **(G1)** and the Burkholder Davies Gundy inequality, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |u(t) - u(t_k^+)|^2\right) &\leq \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} \int_{t_k}^t \left[-2\|u(s)\|^2 + 2\|u(s)\| \|u(t_k^+)\| \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |u(s)|_{\mathbb{X}}^2 \|u(s) - u(t_k^+)\|^2 + (R_0 + R_1|u(s)|) |u(s) - u(t_k^+)| \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (K_0 + K_1|u(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2\|u(s)\|^2) \right] ds\right) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |u(s) - u(t_k^+)|^2 [K_0 + K_1|u(s)|^2 + \varepsilon K_2\|u(s)\|^2] ds\right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |u(t) - u(t_k^+)|^2\right) + \frac{C}{n} \left(1 + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E}\|u(s)\|^4\right), \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |u(t) - u(t_k^+)|^2\right) \leq \frac{C(T)}{n}. \quad (5.21)$$

A similar simpler argument using the inequalities (2.5) and (4.13) yields

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} |u^n(t) - u^n(t_k^+)|^2\right) \leq \frac{C}{n} \left(1 + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} [\mathbb{E}\|u^n(s)\|^4 + \|y^n(t)\|^4]\right) \leq \frac{C(T)}{n}. \quad (5.22)$$

The inequalities (5.20)–(5.22) and (5.19) conclude the proof of (5.17). \square

Corollary 5.3. *Let $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$; assume that the assumptions of Theorem 5.2 are satisfied. For any integer $n \geq 1$ let $\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T)$ denote the error term defined by*

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T) = \sup_{k=1, \dots, n} |u^n(t_k) - u(t_k)| + \left(\int_0^T \|u^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds\right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_0^T \|y^n(s) - u(s)\|^2 ds\right)^{1/2}.$$

Then $\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T)$ converges to 0 in probability with the speed almost 1/2. To be precise, for any sequence $(z_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ converging to ∞ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T) \geq \frac{z(n)}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 0. \quad (5.23)$$

Proof. Let $z(n) \rightarrow \infty$ and let $M(n) := \ln(\ln(\ln(z(n))))$; then $M(n) \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, using (2.13) and (4.13) for $p = 2$ and the Markov inequality, we deduce that $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_{M(n)}^c(T) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Finally, note that $C(T)(\ln(\ln z(n)))^3 - \ln(z(n)) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any positive constant $C(T)$. Therefore, using the inequalities (5.17) and (5.18), the explicit forms of $K(T, M(n))$, the choice of $M(n)$ and Markov's inequality, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T) \geq \frac{z(n)}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &\leq \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{M(n)}^c(T)) + \frac{n}{z(n)^2} \mathbb{E}\left(1_{\Omega_{M(n)}(T)} \tilde{\varepsilon}_n(T)^2\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{M(n)}^c(T)) + C(T) \frac{n}{z(n)^2} \frac{1}{n} \exp[C(T)(\ln(\ln(z(n))))^3] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$; this concludes the proof. \square

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