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Parabolic bootstrap for some non-linear equations

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Abstract

We obtain the well-posedness and Schauder estimates for a class of system of linear, quasi-linear and non-linear second order partial differential equations. We deduce existence and uniqueness of a global smooth solution of a non-linear and non-local equation that we call “semi” incompressible Navier Stokes equation in \mathbb{R}^3 .

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1 Introduction

The main goal of this article is to establish the global well-posedness of a smooth solution \mathbf{u} for a class of non-linear parabolic equation. Specifically, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we consider the Cauchy problem, for any $(t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where the operator \mathbb{A} is point-wisely bounded and possibly non-local, \mathbb{C} is “sub-linear”, see Assumptions $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{A})$, $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{C})$ and (\mathbf{F}) further; and $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{u}$ are \mathbb{R}^r -valued functions, $r \in \mathbb{N}$. The Burgers’ equation in a particular case of (1.1).

The strategy developed here is based on the Schaefer fixed point theorem whose the cornerstone is the *a priori* estimates that we obtain by first considering the usual linear parabolic problem,

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{c}(t, x) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where \mathbf{b} is $\mathbb{R}^r \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$ -valued, \mathbf{c} is \mathbb{R}^r -valued and a is $\mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$ -valued. The function \mathbf{b} will depend on \mathbf{u} , this dependency on \mathbf{u} must be locally bounded.

Importantly, we obtain a *parabolic bootstrap* which provides a additional controls of the solution than stated in the classical books by Ladyjenskaïa , Solonnikov and Ural’ceva [LSU68], and by Lieberman [Lie96].

The backbone of the controls of the above linear equation (1.2), is to consider the probabilistic representation of the solution by the Feynman-Kac stochastic formula, which easily yields the boundedness of the uniform norm. Next, some Grönwall’s lemma applications allow us to obtain Schauder estimates for the *a priori* controls and to use compactness argument requires for the Schaefer fixed point theorem.

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Usual Picard iteration for non-linear parabolic yields difficulties to obtain a global existence of smooth solution, i.e. for a general initial condition \mathbf{g} and time horizon $T > 0$.

Thanks to our approach, we can also perform an other fixed-point argument to consider the equation, that we call “semi” Navier-Stokes equation,

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where \mathbb{P} stands for the Leray-Hopf projector, which is a projector on the divergence free function space, see Section 2. The analysis is essentially based on the energy estimates inspired by the Leray’s estimates for the usual Navier-Stokes equation [Ler34], associated with Feynman-Kac representation; additional controls in Lebesgue space, thanks to harmonic analysis, are also used.

In the standard Navier-Stokes equation, the Leray-Hopf projector is applied on $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$ instead of only \mathbf{u} in equation (1.3).

From the quasi-linear equation, we deal with some non-linear equations of the type :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x))(t, x) + \mathbf{c}(t) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where \mathbf{P} is a locally bounded operator, see Assumption $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{P})$ latter.

When $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x))(t, x) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x)^{\otimes 2}$ and $a(t) = \kappa > 0$, this is a multidimensional version of KPZ equation without white noise as source function, see [KPZ86].

The method developed in this article could be adapted to equation associated with other differential operator. Some non-local operators could be considered like a α -stable operator or a fractional Laplacian operator, see e.g. [CdRMP19], as soon as there is a suitable probabilistic representation.

The paper is organised as following. We define useful notations in Section 2. In Section 3, we gather some tools required for our analysis: fixed-point argument and some computations rules. Next in Section 4, we develop the crucial analysis of linear parabolic equation (1.2). Thanks to these computations, we state in Section 5 our first main result on non-linear equation, the Schauder estimates with uniqueness of quasi-linear equation (1.1). The proof of the strong well-posedness of a solution of the quasi-linear equation (1.1) satisfying Schauder estimates is developed in Section 6. With some substantial extra computations, we succeed in adapting the method for “semi” Navier-Stokes equation (1.3) in Section 7. We extend the results to a fully non-linear of the first order equation (1.4) in Section 8. Finally, we develop in Appendix Section A a precise proof of the Schauder estimates for a usual heat equation.

2 Notations and Definitions

2.1 Constants

From now on, we denote by $C > 0$ and $c > 1$ generic constants that may change from line to line but only depends on known parameters such as γ, d, r .

In our analysis we state some controls where the upper-bounds are of the type $\mathbf{N}_{(\cdot)}(\cdot) > 0$ which is defined in the identity given by the index; and the dependency in the parenthesis is increasing, namely if $x_1 \leq x_2$ then $\mathbf{N}_{(\cdot)}(\cdot, x_1, \cdot) \leq \mathbf{N}_{(\cdot)}(\cdot, x_2, \cdot)$.

These cumbersome notations are useful to track the dependency on some non-linearity in the *a priori* controls.

2.2 Tensor and Differential notations for real valued

2.2.1 Unidimensional valued-problem

For any $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we use the decomposition $z = z_1 e_1 + \dots + z_d e_d$, where (e_1, \dots, e_d) is the canonical base of \mathbb{R}^d .

We usually use the notation ∂_t for the derivative in time $t \in [0, T]$, also ∂_{z_k} , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, is the derivative in the variable z_k .

Next, D_z denotes the gradient in the variable $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$, in other words $D_z = \partial_{z_1} e_1 + \dots + \partial_{z_d} e_d$. When there is no ambiguity, we will also write D for the gradient or the Jacobian matrix.

The divergence writes $D_z \cdot$ also denoted by $D \cdot$, and is defined for any \mathbb{R} -function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ by $D_z \cdot f = \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_{z_k} f$.

For any $f : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, we define the Hessian matrix $D_z^2 f = (\partial_{z_i} \partial_{z_j} f)_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$, and the usual Laplacian operator $\Delta f = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \partial_{z_i} \partial_{z_j} f$.

More generally, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $D_z^k f$ denotes the order k tensor $(\partial_{z_{i_1}} \dots \partial_{z_{i_k}} f)_{(i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \llbracket 1, d \rrbracket^k}$. For any multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, we write $D_z^\alpha f = \partial_{z_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_{z_d}^{\alpha_d} f$, in particular if for $i \in \llbracket 1, d \rrbracket$, $\alpha_i = 0$ there is no derivative in z_i in the expression of $D_z^\alpha f$.

We also denote for any $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{N}^m$, the order of this multi-index by $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$.

The symbols $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ and $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ stand respectively for the well-known floor and ceiling functions defined for any $\chi \in \mathbb{R}$ by:

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \chi \rfloor &:= \max\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \leq \chi\}, \\ \lceil \chi \rceil &:= \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq \chi\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

2.2.2 Multidimensional valued problem

From now on, the symbol “ \cdot ” between two tensors is the usual tensor contraction. For example, if $M \in \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$ and $N \in \mathbb{R}^d$ then $M \cdot N$ is a $d \times d$ matrix. If the two considered tensors are vectors then “ \cdot ” matches with the scalar product.

Let us explicitly precise the used tensor notations in the linear Cauchy problem (4.1). In the whole article, “ \cdot ” denotes the usual tensor contraction, namely for any $(t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \left(\langle \mathbf{b}_i, D\mathbf{u}_i \rangle(t, x) \right)_{i \in \llbracket 1, r \rrbracket}, \tag{2.2}$$

for $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_i)_{i \in \llbracket 1, r \rrbracket}$ and $\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{b}_i)_{i \in \llbracket 1, r \rrbracket}$, also D is the \mathbb{R}^d gradient operator and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ stand for the usual \mathbb{R}^d scalar product. Furthermore, “ \cdot ” corresponds to a double tensor contraction. Namely, we set

$$\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) = \left(\text{Tr}(D^2 \mathbf{u}_i a(t)) \right)_{i \in \llbracket 1, r \rrbracket}, \tag{2.3}$$

where $D^2 \mathbf{u}_i = (\partial_{x_j} \partial_{x_k} \mathbf{u}_i)_{1 \leq j, k \leq d}$ is the usual Hessian matrix of \mathbf{u}_i , and Tr is the matrix trace operator. In (2.3) above, $D^2 \mathbf{u}_i a$ is a usual matrix product.

Finally, we denote tensor product by

$$\mathbf{c}(t, x) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) := \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \mathbf{c}_{ij}(t, x) \mathbf{u}_j(t, x) \right)_{1 \leq i \leq r}. \tag{2.4}$$

2.3 Hölder spaces

In this section, we provide some useful notations and functional spaces. For all $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\|\cdot\|_{C^{k+\beta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}$, with $m \in \{1, d\}$ and $\ell \in \{1, d, d \otimes d\}$ the considered dimensions¹, $\delta \in (0, 1)$, is

¹we write $\mathbb{R}^{d \otimes d}$ for $\mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$ the space of square matrices of size d .

the usual homogeneous Hölder norm, see for instance [Lun95]. Precisely, for all $\psi \in C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{N}^m$, we set the semi-norm:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|_{C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} &:= \sum_{i=1}^k \sup_{|\alpha|=i} \|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} + \sup_{|\alpha|=k} [\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi]_\delta, \\ [\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi]_\delta &:= \sup_{(x,y) \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^2, x \neq y} \frac{|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi(x) - \mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi(y)|}{|x - y|^\delta}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

the notation $|\cdot|$ is the Euclidean norm on the considered space.

If $\delta = 1$, the space matches with the usual Lipschitz space we write:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|_{C^{k+1}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} &:= \sum_{i=1}^k \sup_{|\alpha|=i} \|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} + \sup_{|\alpha|=k} [\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi]_1, \\ [\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi]_1 &:= \sup_{(x,y) \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^2, x \neq y} \frac{|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi(x) - \mathbf{D}^\alpha \psi(y)|}{|x - y|}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

We denote by:

$$C_b^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell) := \{\psi \in C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell) : \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} < +\infty\},$$

the associated subspace with bounded elements (non-homogeneous Hölder space). The corresponding Hölder norm is defined by:

$$\|\psi\|_{C_b^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} := \|\psi\|_{C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)} + \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}. \quad (2.7)$$

For the sake of notational simplicity, from now on, we write:

$$\|\psi\|_{L^\infty} := \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}, \quad \|\psi\|_{C^{k+\delta}} := \|\psi\|_{C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}, \quad \|\psi\|_{C_b^{k+\delta}} := \|\psi\|_{C_b^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}.$$

For time dependent functions, $\varphi_1 \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell))$ and $\varphi_2 \in L^\infty([0, T]; C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell))$ we define the norms:

$$\|\varphi_1\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{k+\delta})} := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\varphi_1(t, \cdot)\|_{C_b^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}, \quad \|\varphi_2\|_{L^\infty(C^{k+\delta})} := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\varphi_2(t, \cdot)\|_{C^{k+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^\ell)}.$$

In this article, we will be as precise as possible on the norm controls. We do not necessarily upper-bound by the complete norm of the consider function space. For instance, even if $f \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^\ell))$, we will sometimes give some controls in term of $\|f\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}$ instead of $\|f\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}$ which is crucial to our proof of the Schauder estimates.

For the study of the ‘‘semi’’ Navier-Stokes like equation, we need to define for all $\beta > 0$, $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$, the useful notation:

$$\|\psi\|_\beta := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |x|^\beta) |\psi(x)|, \quad \|\varphi\|_{L^\infty, \beta} := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |x|^\beta) |\varphi(t, x)|. \quad (2.8)$$

For this problem, we also consider the Lebesgue space with usual notations that we do not detail here.

Finally, the Leray projector \mathbb{P} is defined for any function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, sufficiently integrable by

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{P}\varphi(x) = \varphi(x) - D(-\Delta)^{-1} D \cdot \varphi(x). \quad (2.9)$$

This is a projector on the divergence free functions space, i.e. we have $D \cdot \mathbb{P}\varphi = 0$.

3 Tools for the proof

3.1 The fixed-point theorem

Our proof of the global existence of a smooth solution to non-linear equations relies on a fixed-point strategy, the Schaefer also called Leray Schauder theorem established in [LS34] and [Sch55].

Theorem 1 (Schaefer/Leray-Schauder's Fixed Point Theorem). *Let E be a Banach space and $\mathcal{H} : E \rightarrow E$ a continuous mapping. We suppose that \mathcal{H} is compact and if there is a constant $M > 0$ such that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$, $e = \mu\mathcal{H}(e) \implies \|e\|_E \leq M$. Hence, there is $e \in E$ such that $\mathcal{H}(e) = e$.*

This topological result has the major property that it does not require any contraction with usual Banach fixed-point theorem. That is why we succeed in getting global Schauder estimates without any assumption of smallness in T or \mathbf{g} .

All long the paper, we use some crucial Gaussian estimates stated in the following section.

3.2 Fundamental tools for the Gaussian function

3.2.1 Absorbing property and cancellation

Let us recall a well-known and important result about the Gaussian function: for any $\delta > 0$, there is $C = C(\delta) > 1$ such that:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, |x|^\delta e^{-|x|^2} \leq C e^{-C^{-1}|x|^2}. \quad (3.1)$$

Furthermore, we will also often use the cancellation principle: for all $f \in C^\gamma$, $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\sigma > 0$

$$D_x \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} f(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} [f(y) - f(x)] dy, \quad (3.2)$$

as the Gaussian function, up to a renormalisation by a multiplicative constant, is a probabilistic distribution we get $D_x \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} dy = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi\sigma)^{\frac{d}{2}} \left| D_x \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} f(y) dy \right| &\leq (2\pi\sigma)^{\frac{d}{2}} [f]_\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} \frac{|y-x|}{\sigma} |y-x|^\gamma dy \\ &\leq C(2\pi\sigma)^{\frac{d}{2}} [f]_\gamma \sigma^{\frac{\gamma-1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-C^{-1}\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma}} dy \\ &= C[f]_\gamma \sigma^{\frac{\gamma-1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The penultimate identity comes from the absorbing property (3.1).

For $\tilde{G}\psi(tx) := \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h_\nu(t-s, x-y)\psi(s, y) dy ds$, we also have the standard results.

Proposition 2. *There is a constant $C = C(d, \gamma) > 0$ such that for any $\zeta \in L^\infty([0, T]; C^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}))$, $\gamma \in (0, 1]$, we have for the uniform norms controls*

$$\|\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty} \leq CT\|\zeta\|_{L^\infty}, \quad (3.4)$$

for the spatial derivatives

$$\|D\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\nu^{-\frac{1+\gamma}{2}} T^{\frac{1+\gamma}{2}} \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \quad \|D^2\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty} \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} T^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}. \quad (3.5)$$

We also have the Hölder moduli controls

$$\|D^2\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \leq C\nu^{-1}\|f\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \quad \|\partial_t\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \leq C\|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}. \quad (3.6)$$

For the sake of completeness, the proof is recalled in Appendix.

3.2.2 Queues and integrability controls

In this section, we consider $d = r = 3$ as for the “semi” Navier-Stokes equation. For any $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$ satisfying $\|g\|_\beta < +\infty$, $\beta > 0$, there is $C_\beta = C_\beta(\beta) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 + |x|)^\beta \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h_\nu(t, x - y) g(y) dy \right| \\
& \leq 2^\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |x - y|^\beta h_\nu(t, x - y) |g(y)| dy + 2^\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h_\nu(t, x - y) (1 + |y|)^\beta |g(y)| dy \\
& \leq C_\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\nu t)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} h_{c\nu}(t, x - y) |g(y)| dy + 2^\beta \|g\|_\beta \\
& \leq C_\beta (\nu t)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + 2^\beta \|g\|_\beta \\
& \leq C_\beta (1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \|g\|_\beta.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Also, for all $\varphi \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)$, $p \in (1, +\infty)$, by Hölder inequality we get for any $1 < q < +\infty$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$:

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h_\nu(t, x - y) \varphi(y) dy \right| \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^p} \|h_\nu(t, x - \cdot)\|_{L^q},$$

with

$$\|h_\nu(t, x - \cdot)\|_{L^q} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{e^{-\frac{p|x-y|^2}{4\nu t}}}{(4\pi\nu t)^{\frac{3p}{2}}} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left(\frac{(p^{-1}4\pi\nu t)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(4\pi\nu t)^{\frac{3p}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = p^{-\frac{3}{2p}} (4\pi\nu t)^{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{1-p}{p})}. \tag{3.8}$$

We can write, thanks to integral Minkowski inequality, see for instance [HLP52], for any $p \geq 1$,

$$\left\| \tilde{G}\psi(t, \cdot) \right\|_{L^p} \leq \int_0^t \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} h_\nu(t, \cdot - y) \psi(s, y) dy \right\|_{L^p} ds \leq \int_0^t \|\psi(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} ds.$$

3.3 A circular argument

We provide a short result which is used in the *a priori* controls.

Lemma 1. *For any $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$, if there are $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $\eta \in (0, 1)$ such that*

$$x \leq ax^\eta + b, \tag{3.9}$$

then

$$x \leq 2b + 2^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}} a^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}}.$$

Proof of Lemma 1. From (3.9), we get

$$x \leq 2 \max(ax^\eta, b),$$

there are two possibilities:

$$\begin{cases} ax^\eta \leq b & \implies x \leq 2b, \\ ax^\eta \geq b & \implies x \leq 2^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}} a^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}}, \end{cases}$$

the result follows. □

4 Linear parabolic equation

The goal of this section is to study the operator giving the solution of the linear parabolic equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) - \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{c}(t, x) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) = -\mathbf{f}(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Assumptions

(E) There is a positive real $\nu > 0$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\nu |x|^2 \leq \langle xa(t), x \rangle \leq \|a\|_{L^\infty} |x|^2.$$

This uniform ellipticity hypothesis is important to ensure that the solution of (4.1) exists. We could consider degenerate function a with Hörmander hypo-elliptic condition, see for instance [CDRHM18].

Theorem 3 (Schauder estimates for linear parabolic equation). *Let us suppose (E). For $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ be given. For all $\mathbf{b} \in L^\infty([0, T], C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r \otimes \mathbb{R}^d))$, $\mathbf{c} \in L^\infty([0, T], C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$, $\mathbf{f} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ and $\mathbf{g} \in C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, there is a unique strong solution \mathbf{u} lying in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)) \cap C_b^1([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ of (4.1).*

The control of $\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})}$ is already known, see [Fri64], but the novelty here, is the sharpness in each control in terms of regularity required for \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{g} in the Schauder estimates. After preliminaries in Section 4.1 to introduce corresponding notations, we develop in Section 4.3 the proof of these Schauder estimates.

Remark 1. *We can consider more general matrix diffusion a , precisely depending on the space x , but in this case we cannot derive a suitable probabilistic representation of the parabolic equation. To bypass this problem, we can use a suitable proxy. We introduce a freezing parameter $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ which allows us to linearise parabolic equation (4.1) around this freezing point.*

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) a(t, \xi)) = \mathbf{f}(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) a_\Delta(t, x, \xi)), \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases}$$

where

$$a_\Delta(t, x, \xi) := a(t, \xi) - a(t, x).$$

The idea is to consider a new source function $-f(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) a_\Delta(t, x, \xi))$ where the second term is supposed to have a small contribution. This can be done thanks to a cut locus like in the choice of the freezing point through a separation of a diagonal/off-diagonal regimes and for a small final time T . After this procedure, we could perform a circular argument to conclude as it was done in [CDRHM18].

4.1 Identification of the linear parabolic operator.

Let us define the corresponding parabolic differential operator for all $\varphi \in C_b^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\mathbf{L}\varphi(t, x) := \mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\varphi(t, x) + \mathbf{D}^2 \varphi(t, x) : a(t). \quad (4.2)$$

With our assumption, we know from [Fri64] that equation (4.1) has a unique strong (point-wise) solution satisfying Schauder estimates. The following subsection set a constructive method in order to get Schauder estimates of \mathbf{u} . It remains to compute these Schauder estimates as sharp as possible.

4.2 Approximation procedure

We first suppose that $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$, the study of the general case is performed further. In other words, we consider for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ the following Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{b}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{c}(t, x) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) = -\mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

We approximate this Kolmogorov equation by the *proxy* heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) + \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) = -\mathbf{f}(t, x), \\ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(0, x) = \mathbf{0}, \end{cases} \quad (4.4)$$

where for all $\varphi \in C_b^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}}\varphi(t, x) := \mathbf{D}^2 \varphi(t, x) : a(t). \quad (4.5)$$

The associated heat kernel is the Gaussian density:

$$\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \det(A_{s,t})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \langle A_{s,t}^{-1}(x-y), x-y \rangle\right), \quad (4.6)$$

where

$$A_{s,t} := \int_t^s a(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s}. \quad (4.7)$$

Observe that because for any $t \in [0, T]$, $\det(a(t)) > 0$ from assumption **(E)**, the kernel $\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y)$ is a probabilistic density. In particular, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s, t \in [0, T]$ we have $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) dy = 1$ and $\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) > 0$, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Moreover, from assumption **(UE)** we have:

$$|\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y)| \leq (4\pi\nu(s-t))^{-\frac{d}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4\|a\|_{L^\infty}(s-t)}\right) =: \bar{p}(s, t, x, y). \quad (4.8)$$

and from (3.1), for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$ there is a constant $C = C(\alpha, d) > 1$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} |D^\alpha \tilde{p}^\xi(s, t, x, y)| &\leq C(4\pi\nu(s-t))^{-\frac{d}{2}} (\nu(s-t))^{-\frac{|\alpha|}{2}} \exp\left(-C^{-1} \frac{|x-y|^2}{4\|a\|_{L^\infty}(s-t)}\right) \\ &=: C(\nu(s-t))^{-\frac{|\alpha|}{2}} \bar{p}_{C^{-1}}(s, t, x, y). \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

For the sake of notational simplicity, we will identify $\bar{p}_{C^{-1}}(s, t, x, y)$ with $\bar{p}(s, t, x, y)$.

For any $\mathbf{f} \in C_0^{1,2}((0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, we define the *proxy* Green operator:

$$\forall (t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \tilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{f}(t, x) := \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbf{f}(s, y) dy ds. \quad (4.10)$$

We define as well, the corresponding semi-group, i.e. for any $\mathbf{g} \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$,

$$\tilde{P}\mathbf{g}(t, x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{p}(0, t, x, y) \mathbf{g}(y) dy. \quad (4.11)$$

We are now in position to give the PDE associated with the density $\tilde{p}(s, t, s, y)$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{f}$.

Proposition 4. *Let \mathbf{f} in $C_0^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ then, point-wisely, for any $s \in [0, T]$,*

$$\forall (t, x, z) \in (s, T] \times (\mathbb{R}^d)^2, \left(\partial_t + \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_t\right) \tilde{p}(s, t, x, z) = 0, \quad (4.12)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{f}(t, x) + \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_t \tilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{f}(t, x) = \mathbf{f}(t, x), & \forall (t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{f}(0, x) = \mathbf{0}, \end{cases} \quad (4.13)$$

the above differential relation is to be understood point-wise.

We carefully point out that obtaining (4.13) requires the derivatives to be point-wise defined. Due to the specific form of \tilde{p} and a , we directly perform this operation.

4.3 Schauder estimates

We describe, in this section, the various steps that will lead to our main result and provide a new approach to Schauder's estimates. For the uniform control of the solution, we crucially use a stochastic representation, which allows to regard the fundamental solution of the PDE as a probability density. Next, for the other Schauder controls we combine the Duhamel formula, considered as a perturbative formula around the heat equation, with the already estimated uniform norm through a Grönwall lemma.

4.3.1 Feynman-Kac representation

For the particular case of the uniform L^∞ control of the solution of the smooth linear parabolic equation (4.1), we can readily use the Feynman-Kac formula associated with the stochastic process:

$$dX_t = \begin{cases} dX_t^1 &= -\mathbf{b}_1(T-s, X_t^1)ds + \sqrt{2}\sigma(t)dB_t^1, \\ &\vdots \\ dX_t^r &= -\mathbf{b}_r(T-s, X_t^r)dt + \sqrt{2}\sigma(t)dB_t^r, \end{cases} \in \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^r, \quad (4.14)$$

where the coefficients are such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= (\mathbf{b}_i)_{1 \leq i \leq r}, \\ a &= \sigma^* \sigma, \end{aligned}$$

where σ matches with the Cholesky decomposition of the second order term a of the linear parabolic equation (4.1), which is still regular thanks to the elliptic hypothesis **(E)**.

Lemma 2. *For any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$, we can write the solution to (4.1) by*

$$\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} [\mathbf{g}(X_T)] - \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} \left[\int_0^t \mathbf{f}(s, X_{T-s}) - \mathbf{c}(s, X_{T-s}) \otimes \mathbf{u}(s, X_{T-s}) ds \right].$$

Proof. For any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$, let us introduce $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) := \mathbf{u}(T-t, x)$ which solves:

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) + \tilde{\mathbf{b}}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) + \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(t, x) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) : \tilde{a}(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(t, x), & t \in [0, T], \\ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(T, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (4.15)$$

with $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}(t, x) := \mathbf{f}(T-t, x)$, $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}(t, x) := \mathbf{b}(T-t, x)$, $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(t, x) := \mathbf{c}(T-t, x)$ and $\tilde{a}(t) := a(T-t)$. With these notations, it is well-known that for bounded continuous matrix diffusion (which is guaranteed by assumptions on a) and for $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r \otimes \mathbb{R}^d))$ continuous in time, we can apply Itô's lemma

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(T, X_T) - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, X_t) \\ &= \int_t^T \left(\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) - \tilde{\mathbf{b}}(s, X_s) \cdot \mathbf{D}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) + \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) : \tilde{a}(s) \right) ds + \int_t^T \tilde{\sigma}(s) \mathbf{D}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) dB_s. \end{aligned}$$

Because $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ is solution of (4.15), we obtain

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, X_t) = \mathbf{g}(X_T) - \int_t^T \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(s, X_s) - \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s, X_s) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) ds - \int_t^T \tilde{\sigma}(s) \mathbf{D}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) dB_s.$$

Taking the expecting value, we get

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} [\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, X_t)] = \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} [\mathbf{g}(X_T)] - \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} \left[\int_t^T \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(s, X_s) - \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s, X_s) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(s, X_s) ds \right],$$

by definition and by variable change, $\tilde{s} = T - s$, we can write

$$\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(T-t, x) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t^\lambda=x}[\mathbf{g}(X_T)] - \mathbb{E}_{X_t=x} \left[\int_0^t \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(T-\tilde{s}, X_{T-\tilde{s}}) - \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(T-s, X_{T-s}) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(T-s, X_{T-s}) d\tilde{s} \right].$$

The result follows directly. \square

This formulation readily leads to the control:

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds.$$

Next, by Grönwall's lemma we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \exp \left(\int_0^t \|\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \right) \\ &\leq \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \exp \left(t\|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

Let us to point out that the above control (4.16) does not depend on \mathbf{b} (neither on a). This crucial fact allows us to perform suitable *a priori* controls for a fixed-point argument to get solution of non-linear equations.

4.3.2 Control of gradient

From Duhamel formula, we readily write

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x)| &\leq C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \otimes (\mathbf{b}(s, y) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)) dy ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \otimes (\mathbf{c}(s, y) \otimes \mathbf{u}(s, y)) dy ds \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ &\quad + C\mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \end{aligned}$$

By Grönwall's lemma, we then derive

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \right) \exp \left(C\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} [\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

4.3.3 Control of Hessian

Similarly, we obtain from cancellation techniques, see (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} [\mathbf{b}(s, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma ds \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} [\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot) \otimes \mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma ds \right|, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{b}(s, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma &\leq \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} [\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma, \\ [\mathbf{c}(s, \cdot) \otimes \mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma &\leq \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} [\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

By interpolation inequality, we write

$$[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma \leq 2^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}^\gamma, \quad (4.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)]_\gamma &\leq 2^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^\gamma \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.19)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \left(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}^\gamma \right) \\ &\quad + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(4.19)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.20)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \\ &\quad + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}^\gamma. \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

Therefore, we then derive from Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq 2\mathbf{N}_{(4.20)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) + (2C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}})^{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.21)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

From this inequality and (4.18), we also deduce readily, by interpolation, that

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)]_\gamma &\leq 2^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \\ &\quad \times \mathbf{N}_{(4.21)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)})^\gamma \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.22)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

4.3.4 Control of the Hölder modulus of the Hessian

From Proposition 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + [\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}]_\gamma \\ &\quad + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \left(\|\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \right) \\ &\leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + [\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}]_\gamma \\ &\quad + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \left(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1+\nu^{-\frac{1}{2}})\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + [\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}]_\gamma \\
&\quad + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1+\nu^{-\frac{1}{2}})\left(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}\mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})\right. \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}\|\mathbf{N}_{(4.22)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}\mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&\quad \left. + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}\mathbf{N}_{(4.19)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})\right) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.23)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}). \tag{4.23}
\end{aligned}$$

4.3.5 Control of the uniform norm of the time derivative

It is direct from the Duhamel formula and Proposition 2 that, for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\partial_t\mathbf{u}(t, x)| &\leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \nu\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)},
\end{aligned}$$

which yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
|\partial_t\mathbf{u}(t, x)| &\leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\quad + C(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty} + t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)})\mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&\quad + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}\mathbf{N}_{(4.22)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \\
&\quad + C(\|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} + \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)})\mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}\mathbf{N}_{(4.19)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.24)}(t, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}). \tag{4.24}
\end{aligned}$$

4.3.6 Control of the spatial Hölder of the time derivative

Similarly to the previous control and from Proposition 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial_t\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq (1 + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}))\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}})[\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}]_\gamma \\
&\quad + (1 + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}))(\|\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \\
&\leq (1 + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}))\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + C[\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}]_\gamma \\
&\quad + \left(1 + C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}})\right)\left(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}\mathbf{N}_{(4.22)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)})\right. \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}\mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&\quad + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}\mathbf{N}_{(4.19)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&\quad \left. + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}\mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})\right) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(4.25)}(T, \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}). \tag{4.25}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the stated Schauder estimates.

5 Quasi-linear equations

This current section is dedicated to the general case of quasi-linear equation when the first order term depends on the solution itself. In the next part, i.e. Section 7, a non-local case, that we call ‘‘semi’’ Navier-Stokes equation, is treated where the proof requires some extra computations.

For $0 < r \leq d$, we consider the non-linear equation defined for a given $T > 0$ (arbitrary big) by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where we recall that $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$ stands for the Jacobian matrix by blocks, “ \cdot ” for the tensor contraction. In other words,

$$\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} = \left(\sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} (\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}))_j \partial_{x_j}(\mathbf{u})_i \right)_{1 \leq i \leq r}. \quad (5.2)$$

The dimensions d and r can be different and can be arbitrary “big”. The associated non-linear differential operator is defined as following, for any $\varphi \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, by

$$\forall (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathbf{L}\varphi(t, x) := \mathbb{A}(\varphi)(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\varphi(t, x) - \mathbf{D}^2 \varphi(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbb{C}(\varphi)(t, x). \quad (5.3)$$

Assumptions

(P_A) There is a non-negative real function $\mathcal{M}_A : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ locally bounded such that, for all $\mathbf{b} \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $\gamma \in (0, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathcal{M}_A(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)} + \|\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)} &\leq \mathcal{M}_A(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

for $\gamma = 1$, we naturally suppose $\|\mathbf{D}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})\|_{L^\infty} \leq \mathcal{M}_A(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty})$.

(P_C) There is a non-negative function $c \in L^\infty([0, T], \mathbb{R}_+)$ such that, for all $\mathbf{b} \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq c(t) \|\mathbf{b}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}, \\ \|\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)} &\leq c(t) \|\mathbf{b}(t, \cdot)\|_{C_b^\gamma}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

(F) There are non-negative real functions $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_A, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_C : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ locally bounded such that, for any $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$,

$$\|\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b}_1) - \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b}_2)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_A(\|\mathbf{b}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty}), \quad (5.6)$$

and

$$\|\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b}_1) - \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b}_2)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_C(\|\mathbf{b}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty}). \quad (5.7)$$

Importantly, the operators \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{C} can be non-local, as it will be the case for “semi” Navier-Stokes equation (which requires a particular analysis as it does not satisfy the above assumptions).

Remark 2. *We can suppose some dependency on the current time in the upper-bounds, even with some time singularities (a priori only integrable ones). But for the sake of clarity, we choose to avoid this case which should not imply substantial difficulties.*

For example, we can choose the operators:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) &= \mathbf{b}(t, x), \quad (\text{multidimensional Burgers like equation}), \\ \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) &= |\mathbf{b}|^k(t, x) \mathbf{b}(t, x), \quad k \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad (\text{generalized multidimensional Burgers like equation}), \\ \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(t, x - y) |\mathbf{b}|^k(t, y) \mathbf{b}(t, y) dy, \quad k \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \text{for any } \rho \in L^\infty([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})), \\ \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) &= \exp(|\mathbf{b}|(t, x)) \mathbf{b}(t, x). \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

Remark 3. *The first example, the “multidimensional viscous Burgers’ equation” is a particular case of this problem whose the Schauder estimates are already established in [Unt17] but with high regularity for f called therein the forcing term.*

Theorem 5 (Schauder estimates for quasi-linear equation). *We suppose (\mathbf{E}) , $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{A})$, $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{C})$ and (\mathbf{F}) . For $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ be given. For all $\mathbf{f} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ and $\mathbf{g} \in C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, there is a unique strong solution $\mathbf{u} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)) \cap C_b^1([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ of (5.1).*

The idea of the proof is to combine the Schaefer/Leray Schauder theorem, see Theorem 1, with our Schauder estimates in Theorem 3, which allows us to bypass some usual difficulties related with quasi-linear equations, see e.g. Remark and warning page 507 in [Eva98] where we see the difficulty to build a sequence which at the limit converges towards the quasi-linear equation (no Cauchy sequence without smallness assumption on the initial condition). A fixed point approach is not new for non-linear equations, we can refer for instance to the steady-states solutions of incompressible Navier-Stokes in [LR16] p530.

6 Proof of Theorem 5

For a given $\mathbb{B} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$, we approximate this quasi-linear equation by a multidimensional version of the linear parabolic equation previously studied. We first consider the following parabolic equation, for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) + \mathbb{B}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) + \mathbb{D}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), \\ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{b})(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (6.9)$$

where the drift term and the zero order term write:

$$\mathbb{B}(t, x) = \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, x), \quad \mathbb{D}(t, x) := \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})(t, x). \quad (6.10)$$

We define the associated differential operator, for any $\varphi \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, by

$$\mathbb{V}(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_t(\mathbf{b})\varphi(t, x) := \mathbb{B}(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\varphi(t, x) - \mathbf{D}^2\varphi(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbb{D}(t, x). \quad (6.11)$$

It is well-known, see [Fri64], that there are Green operator and semi-group, respectively denoted by $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{b})$ and $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{b})$, such that the solution of (6.9) writes, for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{b})(t, x) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{b})\mathbf{f}(t, x) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{b})\mathbf{g}(t, x) =: \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}](t, x). \quad (6.12)$$

The aim is to prove that we can consider $\mathbf{b} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ by use of Schaeffer fixed-point argument.

6.1 *A priori* boundedness of the fixed-point

In this section, we perform, the crucial *a priori* controls of a fixed-point. Namely, we suppose that $\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{u}]$; the case $\mathbf{u} = \mu \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{u}]$, $\mu \in [0, 1)$, is even more direct. In particular, the boundedness of such a \mathbf{u} is quiet direct thanks to Schauder estimates in Theorem 3, replacing in the upper bounds \mathbf{b} by $\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u})$, \mathbf{c} by $\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})$, and from assumptions (\mathbf{E}) , $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{A})$, $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{C})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.23)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.21)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}) \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|\partial_t \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.24)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|\partial_t \mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.25)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}), \end{aligned}$$

Importantly, from the fourth inequality, the boundedness of the norm $\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}$ is already done:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.17)}\left(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}\right) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.13)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (6.13)$$

We also deduce from interpolation inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq 2^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}^{1-\gamma} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}^\gamma \\
&\leq 2^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(4.16)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})^{1-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(6.13)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})^\gamma \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}).
\end{aligned} \tag{6.14}$$

Thanks to this inequality, we can directly derive the other Schauder estimates:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.23)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.15)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}),
\end{aligned} \tag{6.15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.21)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.16)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}),
\end{aligned} \tag{6.16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial_t\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.24)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^2}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.17)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^\gamma}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}),
\end{aligned} \tag{6.17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial_t\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} &\leq \mathbf{N}_{(4.25)}(T, \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})), \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(6.18)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}, \|c\|_{L^\infty}).
\end{aligned} \tag{6.18}$$

The *a priori* Schauder estimates are then established.

6.2 Compactness of the parabolic operator

To show that the operator is compact, we aim to obtain the sequential characteristic: for each bounded sequence $(\mathbf{b}_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ there is a subsequence of $\mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}_m]$ which converges in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$, i.e. $\mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\cdot]$ is relatively compact.

6.2.1 Truncation procedure

The usual way to deduce convergence of a subsequence is to use Arzela-Ascoli theorem, however the starting space has to be compact. Hence, to apply this theorem we need to use a smooth cut-off $\theta_{y,R} \in \mathcal{D}$ in a ball $B_d(y, R) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, the ball with R as radius in \mathbb{R}^d and $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as center, defined by

$$\theta_{y,R}(x) = \theta_y\left(\frac{x}{R}\right), \tag{6.19}$$

where $\theta_y : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]^d$ is a C^∞ function such that

$$\theta_y(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } |x - y| < 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } |x - y| > 2. \end{cases}$$

For $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ solution of the linear equation (6.9), we consider now the function defined, for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$, by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{y,R}(t, x) := \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, \theta_{y,R}(x)), \tag{6.20}$$

with the important particular case

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{x,R}(t, x) = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, x). \tag{6.21}$$

But to directly get the suitable convergence when $R \rightarrow +\infty$, we need some integrability properties of $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$, to do first let us consider the weak formulation of the parabolic equation (4.1) which allows to consider a truncated solution as in (6.20). We pass to the strong solution in Section 6.2.4.

6.2.2 Weak solution

Let us take a smooth function φ_R supported on $B_d(0, R)$. We can write a weak formulation of the solution $\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}]$, i.e. for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) [\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, y) + \mathbb{B}(t, y) \cdot \mathbf{D} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, y) + \mathbb{D}(t, y) - \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t, y) : a(t)] dy &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{f}(t, y) dy, \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(0, y) dy &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{g}(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

recalling that \mathbb{B} and \mathbb{D} are defined in (6.10).

Thanks to the definition of the support of φ_R , the first line of the above equation equivalently writes

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) [\partial_t \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{B}_{x,R}(t, y) \cdot \mathbf{D} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{D}_{x,R}(t, y) - \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{x,R}(t, y) : a(t)] dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{f}(t, y) dy, \end{aligned} \tag{6.22}$$

with $\mathbb{B}_{x,R}(t, y) = \mathbb{B}(t, \theta_{x,R}(y)) = \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{b})(t, \theta_{x,R}(y))$ and $\mathbb{D}_{x,R}(t, y) = \mathbb{D}(t, \theta_{x,R}(y)) = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b})(t, \theta_{x,R}(y))$.

Hence, for each bounded sequence $(\mathbf{b}_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$, from Schauder estimates stated in Theorem 3 we know that $(t, y) \mapsto \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}_m](t, \theta_{x,R}(y)) =: \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}_m]_{x,R}(t, y)$ is also bounded in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$; and, thanks to the Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, there is a subsequence of $\mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}_m]_{x,R}$ which converges in the Banach space $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$. In other words, the operator $\mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{b}_m]_{x,R}$ is relatively compact in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$.

6.2.3 Weak solution to strong equation

At this stage, we can apply Leray–Schauder theorem, i.e. Theorem 1 to the operator $\mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\cdot]_{x,R}$ which is continuous and compact in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$, and any fixed-point is *a priori* bounded, see Section 6.1; hence there is a smooth function $\mathbf{u}_{x,R} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(B_d(x, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, such that

$$\forall (t, y) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) = \mathcal{H}_L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})[\mathbf{u}_{x,R}]_{x,R}(t, y),$$

which is, in particular, a weak solution of quasi-linear equation writing for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) [\partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) \cdot \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) - \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) : a(t)] dy \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{f}(t, y) dy, \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(0, y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_R(x-y) \mathbf{g}(y) dy. \end{cases} \tag{6.23}$$

Moreover, from the *a priori* Schauder estimates performed in Section 6.1, we also get that $\mathbf{u}_{x,R} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r)) \cap C_b^1([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(B_d(0, R), \mathbb{R}^r))$.

6.2.4 From weak to strong solution

Thanks to the regularity of the above solution \mathbf{u}_R of the weak quasi-linear equation (6.23) we can expect to solve this equation point-wisely (in a strong form). To do so, let us introduce a smooth Dirac sequence $(\psi_m)_{m \geq 0}$ with compact support $B_d(0, R)$ such that $\int \psi_m = 1$; we can choose for instance the Landau example which is, in dimension 1, defined by $\psi_m(x) = \frac{(2m+1)!}{2^{2m+1}(m!)^2} (1 - \frac{x^2}{R^2})^m \mathbb{1}_{x \in [-R, R]}$.

The idea now is to show that we can pass to the limit when $m \rightarrow +\infty$ in the weak formulation (6.23). This is in fact possible thanks to the already known regularity of $\mathbf{u}_{x,R}$ stated in Theorem 5.

Let us define for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\mathbf{u}(t, x) := \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, x), \quad (6.24)$$

in the spirit of (6.21) but for the weak solution of the quasi-linear equation defined only in a compact set. This function $\mathbf{u}(t, x)$ is a good candidate to be the strong solution of the quasi-linear equation (5.1).

Now, we show that replacing φ_R by ψ_m in (6.23) and letting m going to $+\infty$ yields point-wisely to the strong formulation of the quasi-linear equation. Namely, we aim to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) [\partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) + \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) \\ & \quad - \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) : a(t) - \mathbf{f}(t, y)] dy \\ &= \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) - \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) - \mathbf{f}(t, x). \end{aligned}$$

We write for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, thanks to the well-known regularisation by convolution controls and Schauder estimates the following results.

- The time derivative part:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) \partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) dy - \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) [\partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) - \partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, x)] dy \right| \\ &\leq C m^{-\gamma} \|\partial_t \mathbf{u}_{x,R}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \\ &\leq C m^{-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(6.18)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})}) \\ &\xrightarrow{m \rightarrow +\infty} 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6.25)$$

- The first non-linear part, which is dealt thanks to assumptions $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{A})$ and (\mathbf{F}) :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) dy - \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) \right| \\ & \leq C m^{-\gamma} [\mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_{x,R}\|_{L^\infty} + \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{A}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}) \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_{x,R}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}] \\ & \leq C m^{-\gamma} \mathbf{N}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})}) \\ & \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow +\infty} 0, \end{aligned} \quad (6.26)$$

where $\mathbf{N}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})})$ is a constant depending on $d, r, \gamma, \nu, T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}$, and $\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})}$ given by interpolation and by Schauder estimates.

- The second non-linear part, thanks to assumption (\mathbf{F}) :

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_{x,R})_{x,R}(t, y) dy - \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})(t, x) \right| &\leq C m^{-\gamma} \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{C}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}) \\ &\leq C m^{-\gamma} \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{N}_{(6.14)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|c\|_{L^\infty})) \\ &\xrightarrow{m \rightarrow +\infty} 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6.27)$$

- The second order part:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_m(x-y) \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}_{x,R}(t, y) : a(t) dy - \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) \right| \\ & \leq C \|a\|_{L^\infty} m^{-\gamma} \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}_{x,R}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \\ & \leq C \|a\|_{L^\infty} m^{-\gamma} \mathbf{N}_{(6.15)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})}) \\ & \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow +\infty} 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6.28)$$

The convergence of the other contributions in (6.23) are even more direct. Hence, from (6.25)-(6.28), we obtain that \mathbf{u} defined in (6.24) is a strong solution to quasi-linear equation (5.1) which satisfies Schauder estimates.

6.3 Uniqueness of the solution to quasi-linear equation

We establish uniqueness of the solution of the quasi-linear equation (5.1) for any finite $T > 0$.

Let us consider two smooth solutions \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 of (5.1) lying in $L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^r \mathbb{R}^r))$ such that there is a positive mapping $\mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T)$ depending on $\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)}$ and $\|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^{2+\gamma}}$ (also on r, d and γ) satisfying:

$$\|\mathbf{u}_1\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})} + \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L^\infty(C_b^{2+\gamma})} \leq \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T). \quad (6.29)$$

We also define $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2$, which is solution, for any $(t, x) \in (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$, of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{U}(t, x) + [\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_1)(t, x) - \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)(t, x)] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_1(t, x) + \mathbb{A}[\mathbf{u}_2](t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(t, x) + [\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_1)(t, x) - \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_2)(t, x)] \\ = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{U}(t, x) : a(t), \\ \mathbf{U}(0, x) = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad (6.30)$$

From Duhamel's principle, we readily derive that for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\mathbf{U}(t, x) = \underbrace{\tilde{P}\mathbf{U}(0, x)}_{=\mathbf{0}} - \tilde{G}[\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_1) - \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_1(t, x) - \tilde{G}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(t, x) - \tilde{G}[\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_1) - \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_2)](t, x). \quad (6.31)$$

We directly get:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{G}[\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_1) - \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_1(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_1\|_{L^\infty} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathbb{A}}(\|\mathbf{u}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L^\infty}) \\ &\leq C \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds, \end{aligned} \quad (6.32)$$

from assumption **(F)**.

Also we write by integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{G}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &= \sup_{t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{D} \cdot (\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)(s, y)) \mathbf{U}(s, y) dy ds \right| \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (\|\mathbf{D}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)\|_{L^\infty} + (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2)\|_{L^\infty}) \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \end{aligned}$$

and by assumptions **(P_A)**, for $\gamma = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{G}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq C \int_0^t (\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{A}}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L^\infty}) + (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{A}}(\|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L^\infty})) \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ &\leq C \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (6.33)$$

We finally obtain by assumption **(F)**:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{G}[\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_1)(t, \cdot) - \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u}_2)(t, \cdot)]\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathbb{C}}(\|\mathbf{u}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{u}_2\|_{L^\infty}) ds \\ &\leq \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T), \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T)) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (6.34)$$

Combining (6.31) with (6.32), (6.33) and (6.34) readily yields:

$$\|\mathbf{U}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(T) \int_0^t \|\mathbf{U}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \quad (6.35)$$

We deduce from Grönwall's lemma that $\|\mathbf{U}\|_{L^\infty} = 0$, which, in particular, means that $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2$, the smooth solution of quasi-linear equation (5.1) is then unique.

7 A “semi” Navier-Stokes equation

In this part, we set the dimension² $d = r = 3$. We consider the following semi-linear equation, that we call “semi” Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](t, x) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (7.1)$$

where $\nu > 0$ is called *viscosity* in fluid mechanic context, and \mathbb{P} is the Leray-Hopf projector defined in (2.9).

We point out that in the non-linear contribution, the Leray projector applies on \mathbf{u} and not on $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$ required for the usual Navier Stokes equation, see [LR16]. If \mathbf{u} is divergence free, in such a case the Cauchy problem (7.1) would match with the incompressible Navier Stokes equation, but this hypothesis has no reason to be generally true...

For the sake of simplicity, in this section, we do not specify the exact norm in the upper-bounds of the type $\mathbf{N}_{(\cdot)}(\cdot)$, as the upper-bounds require several extra norms (in Lebesgue space and some queuing controls). We write instead upper-bounds as $\mathbf{N}_{(\cdot)}(T, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})$, where the index still refers to the associated identity. This is all the more relevant here, as we do not have exactly a usual parabolic bootstrap. Indeed in the Schauder estimates below, some L^2 norms are in the r.h.s. which is due to the required energy control.

Theorem 6 (Schauder estimates for semi Navier-Stokes equation). *For $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ be given. For all source functions $\mathbf{f} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)) \cap L^2([0, T]; L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3))$ and $\mathbf{g} \in C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)$ satisfying*

$$\sup_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty, \beta} + \sup_{|\alpha| \leq 2} \|\mathbf{D}^\alpha \mathbf{g}\|_\beta < +\infty,$$

there is a unique strong solution $\mathbf{u} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)) \cap C_b^1([0, T]; C_b^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^3))$ of (7.1) satisfying the energy estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2, \\ \int_0^T \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds &\leq \nu^{-1} \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2} e^{\frac{s}{2}} \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^s \|\mathbf{f}(\tilde{s}, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tilde{s} \right) ds \right), \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

the Schauder estimates, and also the queuing controls

$$\|\partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \leq \mathbf{N}_{(7.32), (7.26), (7.17), (7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \quad (7.3)$$

Remark 4. *If $\mathbb{P}u$ is solution of an incompressible Navier-Stokes, then we can prove that this solution is unique and is “physically reasonable”, see [LR16]; and thanks to the queuing controls, we can readily derive the smoothness of the projection of \mathbf{u} on the divergence free function space. Unfortunately, to prove this assumption seems to be highly not trivial, or even false in most cases.*

²This dimension assumption is crucial for the harmonic analysis required in the Poisson equation implied by the Leray-Hopf projector.

Remark 5. *There is no dependency on ν in the L^2 norm in (7.2) and in the uniform control $\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \leq T\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}$, see (7.8) below, then we can expect some regular behaviour in a turbulent regime phenomenon, when $\nu \rightarrow 0$.*

We need to specifically study this equation as the operator \mathbb{P} does not satisfy *a priori* assumptions $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbb{A})$ nor (\mathbf{F}) .

To use Schaeffer theorem, we need to consider continuous compact operator in Banach space with bounded fixed points. The proof of continuity of the consider operator is very similar to the Navier-Stokes operator, see Section 16.5 dans [LR16]. In order to obtain compactness, we use Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, but we need to consider a starting compact space as in the previous quasi-linear case. Thanks to the queuing controls of the norm $\|\cdot\|_\beta$, we can growth the compact size to infinity in a easier way than in Section 6.2.

7.1 Compactness

The Duhamel formulation of the solution (7.1) is

$$\mathbf{u}(t, x) = \tilde{G}\mathbf{f}(t, x) + \tilde{P}\mathbf{g}(t, x) + \tilde{G}(\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u})(t, x). \quad (7.4)$$

Hence, the operator to consider is for any $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)$:

$$\mathcal{H}\psi(t, x) := \tilde{G}\mathbf{f}(t, x) + \tilde{P}\mathbf{g}(t, x) + \tilde{G}(\mathbb{P}[\psi] \cdot \mathbf{D}\psi)(t, x). \quad (7.5)$$

To establish compactness of this operator, we have to show that for any bounded sequence of functions $(\psi_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of the Banach space E there is a subsequence of $\mathcal{H}\psi_m$ converging in E , i.e. \mathcal{H} is relatively compact.

Let us choose as Banach space E , the space of all functions φ lying in $L^\infty([0, T]; C^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)) \cap C^1([0, T]; C^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3))$ such that

$$\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty, \beta} + \|\mathbf{D}\varphi\|_{L^\infty, \beta} < +\infty. \quad (7.6)$$

By the controls stated in Theorem 6 and computations performed further, we see that $\mathcal{H}\psi_m$ is uniformly continuous. Therefore, by Arzelà–Ascoli theorem there is a subsequence $(\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k})_{k \geq 1}$ uniformly converging in all compacts of $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$ toward a limit $\mathcal{H}\psi$ lying in E .

In particular, for any $R > 0$, $\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k}$ uniformly converges on $[0, T] \times B_3(0, R)$ towards $\mathcal{H}\psi$. Furthermore, for any $t \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \|\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k}(t, \cdot) - \mathcal{H}\psi(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{|x| > R} |\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k}(t, x) - \mathcal{H}\psi(t, x)| \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{|x| > R} (1 + |x|)^{-\beta} (\|\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta + \|\mathcal{H}\psi(t, \cdot)\|_\beta) \\ &\leq \frac{C_\beta}{R} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \|\psi_m\|_E \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow +\infty} 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\|\psi_m\|_E$ depends on the associated norms to E . In other words, $(\mathcal{H}\psi_{m_k})_{k \geq 1}$ uniformly converges on the whole space $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$ towards $\mathcal{H}\psi$.

7.1.1 Energy estimates

Considering \mathbf{u} a solution to the “semi” Navier-Stokes equation (7.1), and taking the scalar product with \mathbf{u} of the solution yields:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u},$$

this is equivalent to

$$\partial_t |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D} |\mathbf{u}|^2 = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

We can then integrate in time and space:

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 - \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D} |\mathbf{u}|^2(s, y) dy ds = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds.$$

By integration by parts, we derive that:

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 - \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 - \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}]) |\mathbf{u}|^2(s, y) dy ds = - \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nu |\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}|^2(s, y) dy ds + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds.$$

From $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] = 0$, we derive the following crucial formula

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nu |\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}|^2(s, y) dy ds = \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds. \quad (7.7)$$

Next, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nu |\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}|^2(s, y) dy ds \leq \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2} ds,$$

and by Young's inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds.$$

We deduce from Grönwall's lemma:

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq e^{\frac{t}{2}} \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds \right),$$

and so

$$\int_0^t \|\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds \leq \nu^{-1} \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2} e^{\frac{s}{2}} \left(\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^s \|\mathbf{f}(\tilde{s}, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 d\tilde{s} \right) ds \right).$$

7.1.2 L^∞ controls

We directly derive, as previously, from Feynman-Kac representation, see Section 4.3.1, because the corresponding *drift* $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3))$, see (7.16) further, which is smooth enough to get a probabilistic representation and the uniform control of the type 4.16; namely:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty} \leq T \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.8)}(T, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}). \quad (7.8)$$

7.1.3 A first control of the gradient

From Duhamel formula, we get for any $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\|\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D} \mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D} \tilde{\rho}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right|.$$

By Hölder inequality, we have for any $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$:

$$\|\mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D} \mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \int_0^t \|\mathbf{D} \tilde{\rho}(s, t, x, \cdot)\|_{L^q} \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} ds. \quad (7.9)$$

By similar computation as (3.8), from (3.1), we write

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, \cdot)\|_{L^q} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\leq C[\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\bar{p}(s, t, x, \cdot)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&= Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{-\frac{3q}{2} + \frac{3}{2}}{q}} \\
&= Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} [\nu(t-s)]^{-2 + \frac{3}{2q}},
\end{aligned}$$

which is an integrable singularity, if $-2 + \frac{3}{2q} > -1$. In other words, we suppose

$$q < \frac{3}{2}, p > \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{\frac{3}{2} - 1} = 3. \quad (7.10)$$

Next, it is clear that

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot)\|_{L^p}.$$

To control the L^p norm of the Leray projector, we need a Calderón-Zygmund inequality, see e.g. Theorem 9.9 in [GT83].

Lemma 3. For any $1 < p < +\infty$, $\varphi \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)$, there is a constant $\mathcal{C}_p = \mathcal{C}_p(p) > 0$ such that

$$\|\mathbb{P}\varphi\|_{L^p} \leq \mathcal{C}_p(d+1)\|\varphi\|_{L^p}. \quad (7.11)$$

From this result, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} &\leq 4\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \\
&\leq 4\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2}{p}},
\end{aligned}$$

by interpolation inequality. Also from (7.8) and (7.2)

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 4\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} (s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}},$$

where we denote $\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2 = \int_0^T \|\mathbf{f}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 ds$.

Hence, from (7.9)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\quad + Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} \mathcal{C}_p \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-2 + \frac{3}{2q}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} (s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

By Grönwall Lemma, we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq \left(C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp \left(Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} \mathcal{C}_p \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-2 + \frac{3}{2q}} (s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} ds \right) \\
&\leq \left(C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp \left(Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} \mathcal{C}_p (t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2 + \frac{3}{2q}} ds \right) \\
&\leq \left(C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp \left(\mathcal{C}_p \frac{2q^{1-\frac{3}{2q}} C}{3-2q} (t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \nu^{-2 + \frac{3}{2q}} t^{\frac{3-2q}{2q}} \right).
\end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

Hence, we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{Du}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\
& \leq \left(C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \\
& \quad \inf_{1 \leq q < \frac{3}{2}, p^{-1}+q^{-1}=1} \exp \left(\mathcal{C}_p \frac{2q^{1-\frac{3}{2q}} C}{3-2q} (t \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \nu^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}} t^{\frac{3-2q}{2q}} \right) \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.13)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}).
\end{aligned}$$

7.1.4 A second control of the gradient

From Duhamel formula and queue controls stated in (3.7), we get for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$|\mathbf{Du}(t, x)| \leq C(1+[\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(1+|x|)^{-\beta} \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\beta} + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_{\beta} \right) + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \otimes \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{Du}(s, y) dy ds \right|.$$

By Hölder inequality, we have for any $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$:

$$\|\mathbf{Du}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq C(1+[\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(1+|x|)^{-\beta} \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\beta} + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_{\beta} \right) + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, \cdot) \otimes \mathbf{Du}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^q} \|\mathbb{P}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^p} ds. \quad (7.13)$$

From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, \cdot) \mathbf{Du}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^q} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbf{Du}(s, y)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\leq Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} (1+[\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \|\mathbf{Du}\|_{\beta} (\nu(t-s))^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}} (1+|x|)^{-\beta}, \quad (7.14)
\end{aligned}$$

from identity (3.7), the above time singularity is an integrable singularity, if $-2+\frac{3}{2q} > -1$. In other words, we suppose

$$q < \frac{3}{2}, p > \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}-1} = 3. \quad (7.15)$$

From Lemma 3,

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 6\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 6\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2}{p}},$$

by interpolation inequality.

Furthermore, we obtain thanks to the uniform control (7.8) and to the energy control (7.2)

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 6\mathcal{C}_p (s \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}},$$

Hence, from (7.13) and (7.14)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{Du}(t, \cdot)\|_{\beta} \\
& \leq C(1+[\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) ([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\beta} + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_{\beta}) \\
& \quad + Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} \mathcal{C}_p (1+[\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \int_0^t (t-s)^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}} \|\mathbf{Du}(s, \cdot)\|_{\beta} (s \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2 \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

By Grönwall Lemma, we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{Du}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_\beta) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}}\mathcal{C}_p(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}}(s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}}(\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} ds\right) \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_\beta) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}}\mathcal{C}_p(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}}(\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}} ds\right) \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_\beta) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(\mathcal{C}_p(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})\frac{2q^{1-\frac{3}{2q}}C}{3-2q}(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}}(\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}}\nu^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}}t^{\frac{3-2q}{2q}}\right). \tag{7.16}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{Du}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})([\nu t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_\beta) \inf_{1 \leq q < \frac{3}{2}, p^{-1}+q^{-1}=1} \\
& \quad \left\{ \exp\left(\mathcal{C}_p(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})\frac{2q^{1-\frac{3}{2q}}C}{3-2q}(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}}(\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}}\nu^{-2+\frac{3}{2q}}t^{\frac{3-2q}{2q}}\right) \right\} \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.17}
\end{aligned}$$

From a precise analysis of the Poisson equation, it is well known that:

$$\|\mathbb{P}\mathbf{Du}\|_{L^\infty, \beta-2} \leq C\|\mathbf{Du}\|_\beta, \tag{7.18}$$

see e.g. [LR16]. We can now give a first point-wise estimate of the Leray-Hopf projector of the gradient of the solution, i.e.

$$\|\mathbb{P}\mathbf{Du}\|_{L^\infty, \beta-2} \leq C\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(T, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.19}$$

7.1.5 A second point-wise control of the velocity

From Duhamel formula, we get for any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$|\mathbf{u}(t, x)| \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(1 + |x|)^{-\beta} \left(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{g}\|_\beta \right) + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{Du}(s, y) dy ds \right|.$$

By Hölder inequality, we have for any $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$:

$$|\mathbf{u}(t, x)| \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(1 + |x|)^{-\beta} \left(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{Dg}\|_\beta \right) + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \int_0^t \|\tilde{p}(s, t, x, \cdot) \mathbf{Du}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^q} \|\mathbb{P}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^p} ds. \tag{7.20}$$

From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\tilde{p}(s, t, x, \cdot) \mathbf{Du}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^q} & = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbf{Du}(s, y)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \leq Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}}(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})\|\mathbf{Du}\|_\beta(\nu(t-s))^{-\frac{3(q-1)}{2q}}(1 + |x|)^{-\beta} \\
& \leq Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}}(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})\mathbf{N}_{(7.13)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(\nu(t-s))^{-\frac{3(q-1)}{2q}}(1 + |x|)^{-\beta},
\end{aligned}$$

from 3.7, the above time singularity is an integrable singularity, if $\frac{3(q-1)}{2q} > 1$. In other words, we suppose

$$q < 3, p > \frac{3}{3-1} = \frac{3}{2}. \tag{7.21}$$

Next, by the Calderòn-Zygmund control stated in Lemma 3,

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 4\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 4\mathcal{C}_p \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2}{p}},$$

by interpolation inequality.

Also from (7.8) and (7.2)

$$\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}](s, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq 4\mathcal{C}_p (s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}}.$$

Hence, from (7.20)

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \\ & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left(([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + Cq^{-\frac{3}{2q}} \mathcal{C}_p \int_0^t \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(\nu(t-s))^{-\frac{3(q-1)}{2q}} (s\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} ds \right) \\ & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left(([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \mathcal{C}_p \frac{Cq^{1-\frac{3}{2q}}}{3-q} \nu^{-\frac{3(q-1)}{2q}} t^{\frac{3-q}{2q}} \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (7.22)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \\ & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left(([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \inf_{1 \leq q < 3, p^{-1}+q^{-1}=1} \mathcal{C}_p \frac{q^{1-\frac{3}{2q}}}{3-q} \nu^{-\frac{3(q-1)}{2q}} t^{\frac{3-q}{2q}} \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{p-2}{p}} (\sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2 L^2}^2)^{\frac{2}{p}} \right) \\ & =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \end{aligned} \quad (7.23)$$

Let us also precise that, like in (7.18), we have the crucial point-wise estimate of the Leray-Hopf projector of the solution, i.e.

$$\|\mathbb{P}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty, \beta-2} \leq C\|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty, \beta} \leq C\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(T, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \quad (7.24)$$

7.1.6 A first control of the Hessian

Still by Duhamel formula, for any $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} & \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \\ & \quad + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbf{D}(\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u})(s, y) dy ds \right| \\ & \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right| \\ & \quad + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right|. \end{aligned}$$

We can use the previous point-wise controls to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} & \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ & \quad + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ & \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C\nu^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \\ & \quad + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds. \end{aligned}$$

We finally get by Grönwall's lemma:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\
& \leq \left(C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})ds \right) \\
& \leq \left(C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \exp\left(C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.25)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.25}
\end{aligned}$$

7.1.7 A second control of the Hessian

We also have, for any $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, x)| \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})(1 + |x|)^{-\beta} (t^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty, \beta} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{\rho}(s, t, x, y)\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)dy ds \right| \\
& \quad + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{\rho}(s, t, x, y) \otimes \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, y)dy ds \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

We can use the previous point-wise controls to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(\beta)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) + C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta ds \\
& \quad + C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_\beta ds \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left(([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_\beta) + [\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& \quad + \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

We finally get by Grönwall's lemma:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_\beta + C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})ds \right) \\
& \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_\beta + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_\beta + Ct^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& \quad \times \exp\left(C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}})[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right) \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.26)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.26}
\end{aligned}$$

7.1.8 Control of the Hölder modulus of Hessian

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\gamma & \leq \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}}(1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}})\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \\
& \quad + \left[\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{D}\tilde{\rho}(s, t, \cdot, y)\mathbf{D}(\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u})(s, y)dy ds \right]_\gamma. \tag{7.27}
\end{aligned}$$

Let us separate the diagonal and the off-diagonal cases as in Appendix. For any $(x, x') \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$, we first write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{t+|x-x'|^2}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) - \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x', y)] \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right| \\
& \leq |x - x'| \times \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_{t+|x-x'|^2}^t [\nu(t-s)]^{\frac{\gamma-3}{2}} ds \\
& \leq C\nu^{\frac{\gamma-3}{2}} |x - x'|^\gamma \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)\|_{L^\infty}^{1-\gamma} (\|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(s, y)\|_{L^\infty})^\gamma \\
& \leq C\nu^{\frac{\gamma-3}{2}} |x - x'|^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}^{1-\gamma}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.13)}^{1-\gamma}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \left(C\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) + C\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.25)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right)^\gamma \\
& =: |x - x'|^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{(7.28)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.28}
\end{aligned}$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_0^{t+|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) - \mathbf{D}^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x', y)] \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right| \\
& \leq \|\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y)\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_{t+|x-x'|^2}^t [\nu(t-s)]^{\frac{\gamma-2}{2}} ds \\
& \leq C\nu^{\frac{\gamma-2}{2}} |x - x'|^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}^{1-\gamma}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.13)}^{1-\gamma}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \left(C\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) + C\mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.25)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right)^\gamma \\
& =: |x - x'|^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{(7.29)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.29}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, gathering (7.27)-(7.29)

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)]_\gamma & \leq C\nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + C\|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \mathbf{N}_{(7.28)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) + \mathbf{N}_{(7.29)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.30)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.30}
\end{aligned}$$

7.1.9 A control of the time derivative

For any $t \in [0, T]$, it is direct that:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x)| & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) (1 + |x|)^{-\beta} (\nu^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(\beta)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{g}\|_\beta) + \left| \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x) \right| \\
& \quad + \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \partial_t \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, y) dy ds \right|. \tag{7.31}
\end{aligned}$$

As previously, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_\beta & \leq C(1 + [\nu t]^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) \left((\nu^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(\beta)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{g}\|_\beta) + \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [\nu^{-1} t]^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{N}_{(7.17)}^2(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) + \mathbf{N}_{(7.23)}(s, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \mathbf{N}_{(7.26)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})) \right) \\
& =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.32)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.32}
\end{aligned}$$

7.1.10 Spatial Hölder modulus of the time derivative

The last estimate readily derives from Section 7.1.8:

$$[\partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)]_\gamma \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)} + \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} + \mathbf{N}_{(7.28)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) + \mathbf{N}_{(7.29)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) =: \mathbf{N}_{(7.33)}(t, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}). \tag{7.33}$$

The Schauder estimates are then established.

8 Non-linear equations

For $0 < r \leq d$, we consider the non-linear equation defined for a given $T > 0$ (arbitrary big) by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u}(t, x) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x)) + \mathbf{c}(t) \otimes \mathbf{u}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{u}(0, x) = \mathbf{g}(x), \end{cases} \quad (8.1)$$

where \mathbf{P} is a locally bounded function. We point out that here the first input of \mathbf{P} does not depend on the current point x and the second input the non-linearity is supposed to be local.

For the sake of simplicity, we do not consider a general non-linearity $\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})$ as in quasi-linear equation (5.1). For such a non-linearity, we would consider a hypothesis of the kind $\|\mathbf{D}\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{u})\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{L^\infty}$.

Assumptions

(P_P) There is a non-negative real function $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{P}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ locally bounded such that, for all $\mathbf{b} \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$, $\mathbf{c} \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $\gamma \in (0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(t, x) \mapsto \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}(t, x))\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{P}}(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty})(1 + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}), \\ \|(t, x) \mapsto \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}(t, x))\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)} &\leq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{P}}(\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^\gamma)})(1 + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}), \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

with, for $\gamma = 1$, $\|(t, x) \mapsto \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}(t, x))\|_{L^\infty} \leq \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{P}}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{b}\|_{L^\infty})(1 + \|\mathbf{c}(t, \cdot)\|_{C_b^1})$, with $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}(t, x))$ the Gateau derivative of $b \mapsto \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b}(t, x))$ for a given \mathbf{c} .

(F_P) There is a non-negative function $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathbf{P}} : \mathbb{R}_+^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ locally bounded such that, for all $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2 \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$,

$$\|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{b}_1) - \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{b}_2)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathbf{P}}(\|\mathbf{b}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{b}_2\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}_1\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}_2\|_{L^\infty}). \quad (8.3)$$

Theorem 7. *We suppose (E), (P_P) and (F_P). For $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ be given. For all $\mathbf{f} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$, $\mathbf{g} \in C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $\mathbf{c} \in L^\infty([0, T], \mathbb{R}^r)$, there is a unique strong solution $\mathbf{u} \in L^\infty([0, T]; C_b^{2+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r)) \cap C_b^1([0, T]; C_b^{k+\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^r))$ of (8.1).*

Proof of Theorem 7. Continuity and compactness of the associated operator is very similar to the quasi-linear case. In the current proof, we detail the *a priori* controls. Nevertheless, in the current non-linear case, we first need to upper-bound the gradient.

Control of $\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}$

Let us denote $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$, thanks to chain rules, we get

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}(t, x))) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x)) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{v}(t, x),$$

where $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}$ stands for the Gateau derivative of the operator w.r.t. the second entry. By differentiating the Cauchy problem (8.1), we then derive for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v}(t, x) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, x)) \cdot \mathbf{D}\mathbf{v}(t, x) + \mathbf{c}(t) \otimes \mathbf{v}(t, x) = \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{v}(t, x) : a(t) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}(t, x), & t \in (0, T], \\ \mathbf{v}(0, x) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}(x). \end{cases} \quad (8.4)$$

From the Feynman-Kac representation, see Section 4.3.1, we directly derive that

$$\|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} = \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq t \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{c}(s)\| \|\mathbf{v}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds.$$

Let us point out that we cannot easily perform a control of an integration by part to consider less regularity of the source functions. Indeed, the probability density relies on the stochastic process associated with the Kolmogorov equation (8.4) whose the gradient behaviour may depend on the corresponding drift (which also depends on \mathbf{u}), see for instance [Aro59] and [Fri64].

Next, the Grönwall's lemma yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &= \|\mathbf{v}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq (t\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}) \exp\left(\int_0^t |\mathbf{c}(s)| ds\right) \\ &:= \mathbf{N}_{(8.5)}(t, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (8.5)$$

Control of $\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}$

Coming back to the initial Cauchy problem (8.1), we derive from Duhamel formula

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}(s), \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot))\|_{L^\infty} ds + \int_0^t |\mathbf{c}(s)| \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds.$$

By assumption $(\mathbf{P}_\mathbf{P})$, we get

$$\|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty})(1 + \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}) ds + \int_0^t |\mathbf{c}(s)| \|\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds,$$

and by Grönwall lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \left(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}) ds\right) \exp\left(\int_0^t \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}) + |\mathbf{c}(s)| ds\right) \\ &\leq \left(t\|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \int_0^t \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{N}_{(8.5)}(t, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})) ds\right) \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(\int_0^t \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{N}_{(8.5)}(t, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})) + |\mathbf{c}(s)| ds\right) \\ &=: \mathbf{N}_{(8.6)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}). \end{aligned} \quad (8.6)$$

Control of $\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty}$

For the Hessian estimates, we differentiate twice Duhamel formulation and we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}(s), \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot))\|_{L^\infty} \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\mathbf{c}(s)| \times \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ &\leq C[\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\quad + \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M}_\mathbf{P}(\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty})(1 + \mathbf{N}_{(8.6)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})) \|\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{u}(s, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} ds \\ &\quad + C\|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(8.5)}(t, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}); \end{aligned}$$

also Grönwall's lemma yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \left([\nu^{-1}t]^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty} + \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty} \mathbf{N}_{(8.6)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}) \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp \left(\int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{DP}}(N_{(8.5)}(t, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{g}\|_{L^\infty}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})) \right. \\
&\quad \left. (1 + \mathbf{N}_{(8.6)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty})) ds \right) \\
&=: \mathbf{N}_{(8.7)}(t, \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^\infty(C_b^1)}, \|\mathbf{g}\|_{C_b^1}, \|\mathbf{c}\|_{L^\infty}).
\end{aligned} \tag{8.7}$$

The remaining Schauder estimates directly derives from Theorem 3. □

A Reminders on the heat kernel properties

Let us detail now the proof of Proposition 2 thanks to the recalled properties stated in Section 3.2.

Proof of Proposition 2. For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $t \in [0, T]$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, we recall

$$|D_x^\alpha \tilde{G}\zeta(t, x)| = \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x^\alpha \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \zeta(s, y) dy ds \right|.$$

The first uniform norm is direct.

Uniform norms of the spatial derivatives

- Control of $\|D\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty}$

By cancellation, i.e. for any $s \in [0, t]$ we have $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \zeta(s, x) dy = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
|D\tilde{G}\zeta(t, x)| &= \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) [\zeta(s, y) - \zeta(s, x)] dy ds \right| \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) |y-x|^\gamma dy ds,
\end{aligned}$$

from (4.9) and the regularity of ζ . We deduce from (3.1):

$$\begin{aligned}
|D\tilde{G}\zeta(t, x)| &\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (t-s)^{\frac{-1+\gamma}{2}} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) dy ds \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{\frac{-1+\gamma}{2}} ds \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \nu^{\frac{-1+\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{1+\gamma}{2}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

- Control of $\|D^2\tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty}$

Similarly, by cancellation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|D_x^2 \tilde{G}\zeta(t, x)| &= \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) [\zeta(s, y) - \zeta(s, x)] dy ds \right| \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [\nu(t-s)]^{-1} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) |y-x|^\gamma dy ds,
\end{aligned}$$

from (4.9) and the regularity of ζ . We deduce from identity (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
|D_x^2 \tilde{G}\zeta(t, x)| &\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [\nu(t-s)]^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) dy ds \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \int_0^t [\nu(t-s)]^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} ds \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

Hölder moduli of the spatial variable

- Control of $\|D^2 \tilde{G}\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}$

For any $(x, x') \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$, we aim to prove that there is $C > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |D^2 \tilde{G}\zeta(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}\zeta(t, x')| \leq C \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'|^\gamma.$$

We basically differentiate the *diagonal/off-diagonal* regimes. Let us define the associated Green kernels:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x) &:= \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \zeta(s, y) \mathbb{1}_{t-s \leq |x-x'|^2} dy ds, \\
\tilde{G}^{\text{off-diag}}\zeta(t, x) &:= \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \zeta(s, y) \mathbb{1}_{t-s > |x-x'|^2} dy ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

* *diagonal*: if $(t-s) \leq |x-x'|^2$, we get by triangular inequality

$$|D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x')| \leq |D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x)| + |D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x')|.$$

Inequality (A.2) and the *diagonal* considered regime yield

$$\begin{aligned}
|D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{diag}}\zeta(t, x')| &\leq 2C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} t^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \mathbb{1}_{t \leq |x-x'|^2} \\
&\leq C \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'|^\gamma.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.4}$$

* *off-diagonal*: if $(t-s) > |x-x'|^2$, we write by a Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}
&|D^2 \tilde{G}_\zeta^{\text{off-diag}}(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}_\zeta^{\text{off-diag}}(t, x')| \\
&= \left| \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [D_x^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) - D_x^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x', y)] \zeta(s, y) dy ds \right| \\
&= \left| \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^1 (x-x') \cdot D_x^3 \tilde{p}(s, t, x' + \mu(x-x'), y) d\mu \zeta(s, y) dy ds \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

We write by cancellation,

$$\begin{aligned}
&|D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{off-diag}}\zeta(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{off-diag}}\zeta(t, x')| \\
&= \left| \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^1 (x-x') \cdot D_x^3 \tilde{p}(s, t, x' + \mu(x-x'), y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. [\zeta(s, y) - \zeta(s, x' + \mu(x-x'))] d\mu dy ds \right| \\
&\leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'| \\
&\quad \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^1 [\nu(t-s)]^{-\frac{3}{2}} \tilde{p}(s, t, x' + \mu(x-x'), y) |y - x' + \mu(x-x')|^\gamma d\mu dy ds.
\end{aligned}$$

We get by (3.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
& |D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{off-diag}} \zeta(t, x) - D^2 \tilde{G}^{\text{off-diag}} \zeta(t, x')| \\
& \leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'| \\
& \quad \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^1 [\nu(t-s)]^{\frac{-3+\gamma}{2}} \bar{p}(s, t, x' + \mu(x-x'), y) d\mu dy ds \\
& \leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'| \int_0^{t-|x-x'|^2} [\nu(t-s)]^{\frac{-3+\gamma}{2}} ds \\
& \leq C \nu^{\frac{-3+\gamma}{2}} \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} |x - x'|^\gamma.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

Finally, by inequalities (A.4) and (A.5), we get:

$$\|D^2 \tilde{G} \zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \leq C \nu^{-1+\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}. \tag{A.6}$$

- Control of $\|\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta\|_{L^\infty}$

By chain rules,

$$\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta(t, x) = -\zeta(t, y) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial_t \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) \zeta(s, y) dy ds. \tag{A.7}$$

We already know that $\zeta \in L^\infty(C^\gamma)$, we then have to show that the second contribution in the r.h.s. lies in the same Hölder space. To do that, let us first remark that from the heat equation:

$$\partial_t \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) = \text{Tr}(D_x^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) a(s)). \tag{A.8}$$

Hence we can rewrite (A.7) by:

$$\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta(t, x) = -\zeta(t, y) + \text{Tr} \left(\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_x^2 \tilde{p}(s, t, x, y) a(s) \zeta(s, y) dy ds \right). \tag{A.9}$$

From (A.6) and (A.7), we readily have:

$$\|\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty} + C[\nu T]^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}. \tag{A.10}$$

- Control of $\|\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}$

We directly deduce from (A.6):

$$\|\partial_t \tilde{G} \zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \leq \nu^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} (1 + \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)} \leq C \|\zeta\|_{L^\infty(C^\gamma)}. \tag{A.11}$$

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