

## SQUARE-MEAN ALMOST PERIODIC SOLUTIONS NONAUTONOMOUS STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. This paper concerns the square-mean almost periodic solutions to a class of nonautonomous stochastic differential equations on a separable real Hilbert space. Using the so-called ‘Acquistapace-Terreni’ conditions, we establish the existence and uniqueness of a square-mean almost periodic mild solution to those nonautonomous stochastic differential equations.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real (separable) Hilbert space. The present paper is mainly concerned with the existence of mean-almost periodic solutions to the class of nonautonomous semilinear stochastic differential equations

$$dX(t) = A(t)X(t) dt + F(t, X(t)) dt + G(t, X(t)) dW(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A(t)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  is a family of densely defined closed linear operators satisfying the so-called ‘Acquistapace-Terreni’ conditions [1], that is, there exist constants  $\lambda_0 \geq 0, \theta \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi), L, K \geq 0$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta > 1$  such that

$$\Sigma_\theta \cup \{0\} \subset \rho(A(t) - \lambda_0), \quad \|R(\lambda, A(t) - \lambda_0)\| \leq \frac{K}{1 + |\lambda|} \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\|(A(t) - \lambda_0)R(\lambda, A(t) - \lambda_0)[R(\lambda_0, A(t)) - R(\lambda_0, A(s))]\| \leq L|t - s|^\alpha |\lambda|^\beta$$

for  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \in \Sigma_\theta := \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} - \{0\} : |\arg \lambda| \leq \theta\}$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H})$  and  $G : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}, L_2^0)$  are jointly continuous satisfying some additional conditions, and  $W(t)$  is a Wiener process.

The existence of almost periodic (respectively, periodic) solutions to autonomous stochastic differential equations has been studied by many authors, see, e.g. [1, 3, 6, 12]. In Da Prato-Tudor [5], the existence of an almost periodic solution to (1.1) in the case when  $A(t)$  is periodic, that is,  $A(t+T) = A(t)$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for some  $T > 0$  was established. In this paper, it goes back to study the existence and uniqueness of a square-mean almost periodic solution to (1.1) when the operators  $A(t)$  satisfy

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‘Acquistapace-Terreni’ conditions (Theorem 3.3). Next, we make extensive use of our abstract result to establish the existence of mean-almost periodic solutions to a  $n$ -dimensional system of some stochastic (parabolic) partial differential equations.

The organization of this work is as follows: in Section 2, we recall some preliminary results that we will use in the sequel. In Section 3, we give some sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of a square-mean almost periodic solution to (1.1). Finally, an example is given to illustrate our main results.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the rest of this paper, we assume that  $(\mathbb{K}, \|\cdot\|_K)$  and  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|)$  are real separable Hilbert spaces, and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  is a probability space. The space  $L_2(\mathbb{K}, \mathbb{H})$  stands for the space of all Hilbert-Schmidt operators acting from  $\mathbb{K}$  into  $\mathbb{H}$ , equipped with the Hilbert-Schmidt norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$ .

For a symmetric nonnegative operator  $Q \in L_2(\mathbb{K}, \mathbb{H})$  with finite trace we assume that  $\{W(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a  $Q$ -Wiener process defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  with values in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Recall that  $W$  can be obtained as follows: let  $\{W_i(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be independent  $K$ -valued  $Q$ -Wiener processes, then

$$W(t) = \begin{cases} W_1(t) & \text{if } t \geq 0, \\ W_2(-t) & \text{if } t \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

is  $Q$ -Wiener process with  $\mathbb{R}$  as time parameter. We let  $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma\{W(s), s \leq t\}$ .

The collection of all strongly measurable, square-integrable  $\mathbb{H}$ -valued random variables, denoted by  $L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H})$ , is a Banach space when it is equipped with norm  $\|X\|_{L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H})} = (\mathbf{E}\|X\|^2)^{1/2}$ , where the expectation  $\mathbf{E}$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{E}[g] = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega) d\mathbf{P}(\omega).$$

Let  $\mathbb{K}_0 = Q^{1/2}K$  and let  $L_2^0 = L_2(\mathbb{K}_0, \mathbb{H})$  with respect to the norm

$$\|\Phi\|_{L_2^0}^2 = \|\Phi Q^{1/2}\|_2^2 = \text{Trace}(\Phi Q \Phi^*).$$

Throughout, we assume that  $A(t) : D(A(t)) \subset L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  is a family of densely defined closed linear operators on a common domain  $D = D(A(t))$ , which is independent of  $t$  and dense in  $L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$ , and  $F : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}) \mapsto L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  and  $G : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}) \mapsto L^2(\mathbf{P}; L_2^0)$  are jointly continuous functions.

We suppose that the system

$$\begin{aligned} u'(t) &= A(t)u(t) \quad t \geq s, \\ u(s) &= x \in L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}), \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

has an associated evolution family of operators  $\{U(t, s) : t \geq s \text{ with } t, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , which is uniformly asymptotically stable.

If  $\mathbb{B}_1, \mathbb{B}_2$  are Banach spaces, then the notation  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{B}_1, \mathbb{B}_2)$  stands for the Banach space of bounded linear operators from  $\mathbb{B}_1$  into  $\mathbb{B}_2$ . When  $\mathbb{B}_1 = \mathbb{B}_2$ , this is simply denoted  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{B}_1)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A family of bounded linear operators  $\{U(t, s) : t \geq s \text{ with } t, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on  $L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  is called an evolution family of operators for (2.1) whenever the following conditions hold:

- (a)  $U(t, s)U(s, r) = U(t, r)$  for every  $r \leq s \leq t$ ;

- (b) for each  $x \in \mathbb{X}$  the function  $(t, s) \rightarrow U(t, s)x$  is continuous and  $U(t, s) \in \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}), D)$  for every  $t > s$ ; and  
 (c) the function  $(s, t] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}))$ ,  $t \rightarrow U(t, s)$  is differentiable with

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(t, s) = A(t)U(t, s).$$

For additional details on evolution families, we refer the reader to the book by Lunardi [9].

For the reader's convenience, we review some basic definitions and results for the notion of square-mean almost periodicity.

Let  $(\mathbb{B}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space.

**Definition 2.2.** A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B})$  is said to be continuous whenever

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow s} \mathbf{E} \|X(t) - X(s)\|^2 = 0.$$

**Definition 2.3.** [3] A continuous stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B})$  is said to be square-mean almost periodic if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $l(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that any interval of length  $l(\varepsilon)$  contains at least a number  $\tau$  for which

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|X(t + \tau) - X(t)\|^2 < \varepsilon.$$

The collection of all stochastic processes  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B})$  which are square-mean almost periodic is then denoted by  $AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$ .

The next lemma provides with some properties of the square-mean almost periodic processes.

**Lemma 2.4** ([3]). *If  $X$  belongs to  $AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$ , then*

- (i) *the mapping  $t \rightarrow \mathbf{E} \|X(t)\|^2$  is uniformly continuous;*  
 (ii) *there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $\mathbf{E} \|X(t)\|^2 \leq M$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

Let  $\mathbf{CUB}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$  denote the collection of all stochastic processes  $X : \mathbb{R} \mapsto L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B})$ , which are continuous and uniformly bounded. It is then easy to check that  $\mathbf{CUB}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$  is a Banach space when it is equipped with the norm:

$$\|X\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} (\mathbf{E} \|X(t)\|^2)^{1/2}.$$

**Lemma 2.5** ([3]).  *$AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B})) \subset \mathbf{CUB}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$  is a closed subspace.*

In view of the above, the space  $AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}))$  of square-mean almost periodic processes equipped with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  is a Banach space.

Let  $(\mathbb{B}_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  and  $(\mathbb{B}_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$  be Banach spaces and let  $L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1)$  and  $L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_2)$  be their corresponding  $L^2$ -spaces, respectively.

**Definition 2.6.** [3] *A function  $F : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_2)$ ,  $(t, Y) \mapsto F(t, Y)$ , which is jointly continuous, is said to be square-mean almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $Y \in \mathbb{K}$  where  $\mathbb{K} \subset L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1)$  is a compact if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $l(\varepsilon, \mathbb{K}) > 0$  such that any interval of length  $l(\varepsilon, \mathbb{K})$  contains at least a number  $\tau$  for which*

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|F(t + \tau, Y) - F(t, Y)\|_2^2 < \varepsilon$$

for each stochastic process  $Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ .

**Theorem 2.7** ([3]). *Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_2)$ ,  $(t, Y) \mapsto F(t, Y)$  be a square-mean almost periodic process in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $Y \in \mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K} \subset L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1)$  is compact. Suppose that  $F$  is Lipschitz in the following sense:*

$$\mathbf{E}\|F(t, Y) - F(t, Z)\|_2^2 \leq M\mathbf{E}\|Y - Z\|_1^2$$

for all  $Y, Z \in L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1)$  and for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $M > 0$ . Then for any square-mean almost periodic process  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{B}_1)$ , the stochastic process  $t \mapsto F(t, \Phi(t))$  is square-mean almost periodic.

### 3. MAIN RESULT

Throughout this section, we require the following assumptions:

(H0) The operators  $A(t)$ ,  $U(r, s)$  commute and that the evolution family  $U(t, s)$  is asymptotically stable. Namely, there exist some constants  $M, \delta > 0$  such that

$$\|U(t, s)\| \leq Me^{-\delta(t-s)} \quad \text{for every } t \geq s.$$

In addition,  $R(\lambda_0, A(\cdot)) \in AP(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H})))$  for  $\lambda_0$  in (1.2);

(H1) The function  $F : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$ ,  $(t, X) \mapsto F(t, X)$  be a square-mean almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $X \in \mathcal{O}$  ( $\mathcal{O} \subset L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  being a compact subspace). Moreover,  $F$  is Lipschitz in the following sense: there exists  $K > 0$  for which

$$\mathbf{E}\|F(t, X) - F(t, Y)\|^2 \leq K\mathbf{E}\|X - Y\|^2$$

for all stochastic processes  $X, Y \in L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

(H2) The function  $G : \mathbb{R} \times L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{L}_2^0)$ ,  $(t, X) \mapsto G(t, X)$  be a square-mean almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $X \in \mathcal{O}'$  ( $\mathcal{O}' \subset L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  being a compact subspace). Moreover,  $G$  is Lipschitz in the following sense: there exists  $K' > 0$  for which

$$\mathbf{E}\|G(t, X) - G(t, Y)\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 \leq K'\mathbf{E}\|X - Y\|^2$$

for all stochastic processes  $X, Y \in L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H})$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

In order to study (1.1) we need the following lemma which can be seen as an immediate consequence of [10, Proposition 4.4].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Suppose  $A(t)$  satisfies the ‘Acquistapace-Terreni’ conditions,  $U(t, s)$  is exponentially stable and  $R(\lambda_0, A(\cdot)) \in AP(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbf{P}, \mathbb{H})))$ . Let  $h > 0$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $l(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that every interval of length  $l$  contains at least a number  $\tau$  with the property that*

$$\|U(t + \tau, s + \tau) - U(t, s)\| \leq \varepsilon e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}(t-s)}$$

for all  $t - s \geq h$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -progressively process  $\{X(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is called a mild solution of (1.1) on  $\mathbb{R}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= U(t, s)X(s) + \int_s^t U(t, \sigma)F(\sigma, X(\sigma)) d\sigma \\ &\quad + \int_s^t U(t, \sigma)G(\sigma, X(\sigma)) dW(\sigma) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

for all  $t \geq s$  for each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now, we are ready to present our main result.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Under assumptions (H0)—(H2), then (1.1) has a unique square-mean almost period mild solution, which can be explicitly expressed as follows:*

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) F(\sigma, X(\sigma)) d\sigma + \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) G(\sigma, X(\sigma)) dW(\sigma) \quad \text{for each } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

whenever

$$\Theta := M^2 \left( 2 \frac{K}{\delta^2} + \frac{K' \cdot \text{Tr}(Q)}{\delta} \right) < 1.$$

*Proof.* First of all, note that

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) F(\sigma, X(\sigma)) d\sigma + \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) G(\sigma, X(\sigma)) dW(\sigma) \quad (3.2)$$

is well-defined and satisfies

$$X(t) = U(t, s)X(s) + \int_s^t U(t, \sigma) F(\sigma, X(\sigma)) d\sigma + \int_s^t U(t, \sigma) G(\sigma, X(\sigma)) dW(\sigma)$$

for all  $t \geq s$  for each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , and hence  $X$  given by (3.1) is a mild solution to (1.1).

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi X(t) &:= \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) F(\sigma, X(\sigma)) d\sigma, \\ \Psi X(t) &:= \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \sigma) G(\sigma, X(\sigma)) dW(\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

Let us show that  $\Phi X(\cdot)$  is square-mean almost periodic whenever  $X$  is. Indeed, assuming that  $X$  is square-mean almost periodic and using (H1), Theorem 2.7, and Lemma 3.1, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , one can find  $l(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that any interval of length  $l(\varepsilon)$  contains at least  $\tau$  with the property that

$$\|U(t + \tau, s + \tau) - U(t, s)\| \leq \varepsilon e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}(t-s)}$$

for all  $t - s \geq \varepsilon$ , and

$$\mathbf{E} \|F(\sigma + \tau, X(\sigma + \tau)) - F(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|^2 < \eta$$

for each  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\eta(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Moreover, it follows from Lemma 2.4 (ii) that there exists a positive constant  $K_1$  such that

$$\sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|F(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|^2 \leq K_1.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Phi X)(t + \tau) - (\Phi X)(t)\| \\ &= \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t+\tau} U(t + \tau, s) F(s, X(s)) ds - \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s) F(s, X(s)) ds \right\| \\ &= \left\| \int_0^\infty U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) F(t + \tau - s, X(t + \tau - s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^\infty U(t, t - s) F(t - s, X(t - s)) ds \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \int_0^\infty U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) [F(t + \tau - s, X(t + \tau - s)) - F(t - s, X(t - s))] ds \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \left( \int_\varepsilon^\infty + \int_0^\varepsilon \right) [U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) - U(t, t - s)] F(t - s, X(t - s)) ds \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}\|\Phi X(t+\tau) - \Phi X(t)\|^2 \\
& \leq 3\mathbf{E}\left[\int_0^\infty \|U(t+\tau, t+\tau-s)\| \|F(t+\tau-s, X(t+\tau-s))\right. \\
& \quad \left.- F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2 \\
& \quad + 3\mathbf{E}\left[\int_\varepsilon^\infty \|U(t+\tau, t+\tau-s) - U(t, t-s)\| \|F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2 \\
& \quad + 3\mathbf{E}\left[\int_0^\varepsilon \|U(t+\tau, t+\tau-s) - U(t, t-s)\| \|F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2 \\
& \leq 3M^2\mathbf{E}\left[\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} \|F(t+\tau-s, X(t+\tau-s)) - F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2 \\
& \quad + 3\varepsilon^2\mathbf{E}\left[\int_\varepsilon^\infty e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}s} \|F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2 \\
& \quad + 3M^2\mathbf{E}\left[\int_0^\varepsilon 2e^{-\delta s} \|F(t-s, X(t-s))\| ds\right]^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}\|\Phi X(t+\tau) - \Phi X(t)\|^2 \\
& \leq 3M^2\left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} ds\right) \\
& \quad \times \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} \mathbf{E}\|F(t+\tau-s, X(t+\tau-s)) - F(t-s, X(t-s))\|^2 ds\right) \\
& \quad + 3\varepsilon^2\left(\int_\varepsilon^\infty e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}s} ds\right)\left(\int_\varepsilon^\infty e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}s} \mathbf{E}\|F(t-s, X(t-s))\|^2 ds\right) \\
& \quad + 12M^2\left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} ds\right)\left(\int_0^\varepsilon e^{-\delta s} \mathbf{E}\|F(t-s, X(t-s))\|^2 ds\right)^2 \\
& \leq 3M^2\left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} ds\right)^2 \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E}\|F(\sigma+\tau, X(\sigma+\tau)) - F(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|^2 \\
& \quad + 3\varepsilon^2\left(\int_\varepsilon^\infty e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}s} ds\right) \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E}\|F(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|^2 \\
& \quad + 12M^2\left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\delta s} ds\right) \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E}\|F(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|^2 \\
& \leq 3\frac{M^2}{\delta^2}\eta + 3\varepsilon^2\frac{4}{\delta^2}K_1 + 12M^2\varepsilon^2K_1,
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\Phi X(\cdot)$  is square-mean almost periodic.

Similarly, assuming that  $X$  is square-mean almost periodic and using (H2), Theorem 2.7, and Lemma 3.1, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , one can find  $l(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that any interval of length  $l(\varepsilon)$  contains at least  $\tau$  with the property that

$$\|U(t+\tau, s+\tau) - U(t, s)\| \leq \varepsilon e^{-\frac{\delta}{2}(t-s)}$$

for all  $t-s \geq \varepsilon$ , and

$$\mathbf{E}\|G(\sigma+\tau, X(\sigma+\tau)) - G(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 < \eta$$

for each  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\eta(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Moreover, it follows from Lemma 2.4 (ii) that there exists a positive constant  $K_2$  such that

$$\sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|G(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 \leq K_2.$$

The next step consists of proving the square-mean almost periodicity of  $\Psi X(\cdot)$ . Of course, this is more complicated than the previous case because of the involvement of the Wiener process  $W$ . To overcome such a difficulty, we make extensive use of the properties of  $\tilde{W}$  defined by  $\tilde{W}(s) := W(s + \tau) - W(\tau)$  for each  $s$ . Note that  $\tilde{W}$  is also a Wiener process and has the same distribution as  $W$ .

Now, let us make an appropriate change of variables to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \|(\Psi X)(t + \tau) - (\Psi X)(t)\|^2 \\ &= \left\| \int_0^\infty U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) G(t + \tau - s, X(t + \tau - s)) d\tilde{W}(s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^\infty U(t, t - s) G(t - s, X(t - s)) d\tilde{W}(s) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq 3\mathbf{E} \left\| \int_0^\infty U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) [G(t + \tau - s, X(t + \tau - s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - G(t - s, X(t - s))] d\tilde{W}(s) \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + 3\mathbf{E} \left\| \int_\varepsilon^\infty [U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) - U(t, t - s)] G(t - s, X(t - s)) d\tilde{W}(s) \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + 3\mathbf{E} \left\| \int_0^\varepsilon [U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) - U(t, t - s)] G(t - s, X(t - s)) d\tilde{W}(s) \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then using an estimate on the Ito integral established in [7, Proposition 1.9], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \|(\Psi X)(t + \tau) - (\Psi X)(t)\|^2 \\ &\leq 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q \int_0^\infty \|U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s)\|^2 \mathbf{E} \|G(t + \tau - s, X(t + \tau - s)) \\ &\quad - G(t - s, X(t - s))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 ds \\ &\quad + 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q \int_\varepsilon^\infty \|U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) - U(t, t - s)\|^2 \mathbf{E} \|G(t - s, X(t - s))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 ds \\ &\quad + 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q \int_0^\varepsilon \|U(t + \tau, t + \tau - s) - U(t, t - s)\|^2 \mathbf{E} \|G(t - s, X(t - s))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 ds \\ &\leq 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q M^2 \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-2\delta s} ds \right) \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \|G(\sigma + \tau, X(\sigma + \tau)) - G(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 \\ &\quad + 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q \varepsilon^2 \left( \int_\varepsilon^\infty e^{-\delta s} ds \right) \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|G(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 \\ &\quad + 6 \operatorname{Tr} Q M^2 \left( \int_0^\varepsilon e^{-2\delta s} ds \right) \sup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|G(\sigma, X(\sigma))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2^0}^2 \\ &\leq 3 \operatorname{Tr} Q \left[ \eta \frac{M^2}{2\delta} + \varepsilon \frac{K_2}{\delta} + 2\varepsilon K_2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\Psi X(\cdot)$  is square-mean almost periodic. Define

$$(\Lambda X)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)F(s, X(s)) ds + \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)G(s, X(s)) dW(s).$$

In view of the above, it is clear that  $\Lambda$  maps  $AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}; \mathbb{H}))$  into itself. To complete the proof, it suffices to prove that  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed-point. Clearly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\Lambda X)(t) - (\Lambda Y)(t)\| \\ &= \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)[F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))] ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)[G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))] dW(s) \right\| \\ &\leq M \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))\| ds \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)[G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))] dW(s) \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(a + b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E}\|(\Lambda X)(t) - (\Lambda Y)(t)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2M^2 \mathbf{E} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))\| ds \right)^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \mathbf{E} \left( \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s)[G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))] dW(s) \right\| \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

We evaluate the first term of the right-hand side as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))\| ds \right)^2 \\ &\leq \mathbf{E} \left[ \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} ds \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))\|^2 ds \right) \right] \\ &\leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} ds \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \mathbf{E} \|F(s, X(s)) - F(s, Y(s))\|^2 ds \right) \\ &\leq K \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} ds \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} \mathbf{E} \|X(s) - Y(s)\|^2 ds \right) \\ &\leq K \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} ds \right)^2 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|X(t) - Y(t)\|^2 \\ &= K \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} ds \right)^2 \|X - Y\|_\infty^2 \\ &\leq \frac{K}{\delta^2} \cdot \|X - Y\|_\infty^2. \end{aligned}$$

As to the second term, we use again an estimate on the Ito integral established in [7] to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \left( \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, s) [G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))] dW(s) \right\|^2 \right) \\ & \leq \text{Tr } Q \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t \|U(t, s) [G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))]\|^2 ds \right] \\ & \leq \text{Tr } Q \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t \|U(t, s)\|^2 \|G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2}^2 ds \right] \\ & \leq \text{Tr } Q \cdot M^2 \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-2\delta(t-s)} \mathbf{E} \|G(s, X(s)) - G(s, Y(s))\|_{\mathbb{L}_2}^2 ds \\ & \leq \text{Tr } Q \cdot M^2 K' \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-2\delta(t-s)} ds \right) \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{E} \|X(s) - Y(s)\|^2 \\ & \leq \text{Tr } Q \cdot \frac{M^2 K'}{2\delta} \cdot \|X - Y\|_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by combining, it follows that

$$\mathbf{E} \|(\Lambda X)(t) - (\Lambda Y)(t)\| \leq M^2 \left( 2\frac{K}{\delta^2} + \frac{K' \cdot \text{Tr } Q}{\delta} \right) \|X - Y\|_{\infty},$$

and therefore,

$$\|\Lambda X - \Lambda Y\|_{\infty} \leq M^2 \left( 2\frac{K}{\delta^2} + \frac{K' \cdot \text{Tr } Q}{\delta} \right) \|X - Y\|_{\infty} = \Theta \cdot \|X - Y\|_{\infty}.$$

Consequently, if  $\Theta < 1$ , then (1.1) has a unique fixed-point, which obviously is the unique square-mean almost periodic solution to (1.1).  $\square$

#### 4. EXAMPLE

Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded subset whose boundary  $\partial\mathcal{O}$  is of class  $C^2$  and being locally on one side of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

Consider the parabolic stochastic partial differential equation

$$d_t X(t, \xi) = \{A(t, \xi)X(t, \xi) + F(t, X(t, \xi))\} dt + G(t, X(t, \xi)) dW(t), \tag{4.1}$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n n_i(\xi) a_{ij}(t, \xi) d_i X(t, \xi) = 0, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \xi \in \partial\mathcal{O}, \tag{4.2}$$

where  $d_t = \frac{d}{dt}$ ,  $d_i = \frac{d}{dx_i}$ ,  $n(\xi) = (n_1(\xi), n_2(\xi), \dots, n_n(\xi))$  is the outer unit normal vector, the family of operators  $A(t, \xi)$  are formally given by

$$A(t, \xi) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij}(t, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) + c(t, \xi), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \xi \in \mathcal{O},$$

$W$  is a real valued Brownian motion, and  $a_{ij}, c$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) satisfy the following conditions:

(H3)

- (i) The coefficients  $(a_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  are symmetric, that is,  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Moreover,  $a_{ij} \in C_b^\mu(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\mathbf{P}, C(\overline{\mathcal{O}}))) \cap C_b(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\mathbf{P}, C^1(\overline{\mathcal{O}}))) \cap AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}, L^2(\mathcal{O})))$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $c \in C_b^\mu(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\mathbf{P}, L^2(\mathcal{O}))) \cap C_b(\mathbb{R}, L^2(\mathbf{P}, C(\overline{\mathcal{O}}))) \cap AP(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbf{P}, L^1(\mathcal{O})))$  for some  $\mu \in (1/2, 1]$ .

(ii) There exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t, \xi) \eta_i \eta_j \geq \varepsilon_0 |\eta|^2,$$

for all  $(t, \xi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \overline{\mathcal{O}}$  and  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Under above assumptions, the existence of an evolution family  $U(t, s)$  satisfying (H0) is obtained, see, eg., [10].

Set  $\mathbb{H} = L^2(\mathcal{O})$ . For each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  define an operator  $A(t)$  on  $L^2(\mathbf{P}; H)$  by

$$\mathcal{D}(A(t)) = \{X \in L^2(\mathbf{P}, H^2(\mathcal{O})) : \sum_{i,j=1}^n n_i(\cdot) a_{ij}(t, \cdot) d_i X(t, \cdot) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\mathcal{O}\}$$

and  $A(t)X = A(t, \xi)X(\xi)$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{D}(A(t))$ .

Thus under assumptions (H1)–(H3), then the system (4.1)–(4.2) has a unique mild solution, which obviously is square-mean almost periodic, whenever  $M$  is small enough.

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