Singular behavior of the solution to the stochastic heat equation on a polygonal domain

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Abstract We study the stochastic heat equation with trace class noise and zero Dirichlet boundary condition on a bounded polygonal domain $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. It is shown that the solution u can be decomposed into a regular part u_R and a singular part u_S which incorporates the corner singularity functions for the Poisson problem. The decomposition is formulated in terms of L_2 -Sobolev spaces with possibly negative order of regularity in time to account for the effect of the temporal irregularity of the noise. The regular part u_R admits spatial Sobolev regularity of order $s = 2$, while the spatial Sobolev regularity of u_S is restricted by $s < 1 + \pi/\gamma$, where γ is the largest interior angle at the boundary $\partial\mathcal{O}$. We obtain estimates for the Sobolev norm of u_R and the Sobolev norms of the coefficients of the singularity functions. The proof is based on a Laplace transform argument w.r.t. the time variable. The result is of interest in the context of numerical methods for stochastic PDEs.

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1 Introduction

Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a (possibly non-convex) bounded polygonal domain, $T \in (0, \infty)$ and let $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D : D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D) \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{O})$ be the Laplace operator on $\mathcal{O}$ with zero Dirichlet boundary condition. In this paper, we analyse the regularity and the singular

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behavior of the $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ -valued mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to the stochastic heat equation

$$\begin{aligned} du(t) &= [\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D u(t) + F(u(t))]dt + G(u(t))dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \\ u(0) &= u_0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a Wiener process in some Hilbert space U , and the nonlinear operators F and G are assumed to satisfy appropriate global Lipschitz conditions.

We are in particular interested in an explicit bound for the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev regularity of u , which is closely connected to the order of convergence that can be achieved by *uniform* numerical approximation methods if the error is measured in $L_2(\mathcal{O})$. In this respect, our result complements the Besov regularity results in [2, 3], which are related to the order of convergence for *non-uniform, adaptive* approximation methods. We refer to [7] or [2, Sect. 1] for details on the connection between regularity and approximation.

It is well known that the solutions to boundary value problems on non-smooth domains may have singularities at the boundary. In the *deterministic* setting, the singular behavior of the solutions has been analysed by many authors, e.g., by Borsuk and Kondratiev [1], Dauge [5], Grisvard [11–14], Jerison and Kenig [18, 19], Kozlov, Maz'ya and Roßmann [23, 24, 32] and Kweon [30], just to mention a few. For piecewise smooth domains, the singularities can be described more or less explicitly. In the *stochastic* parabolic case, singularities at the boundary occur naturally even on smooth domains, cf. [8], [26, Sect. 1]. The reason is the low regularity of the noise term in time, which is in general incompatible with the boundary data unless the noise vanishes near the boundary. Thus, there are (at least) two possible sources for singularities of the solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1): The corners of the boundary $\partial\mathcal{O}$ (as in the deterministic case) and the irregularity of the driving Wiener process $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$.

The Dirichlet boundary value problem for stochastic parabolic equations has been studied with the help of weighted Sobolev spaces $H_{p, \theta}^s(\mathcal{O})$, $s \geq 0$, by N.V. Krylov and collaborators; see, e.g., Krylov [26], Krylov and Lototsky [28, 29] and Kim [21, 22]. These spaces are such that the higher order derivatives of functions belonging to them are allowed to explode at the boundary. They have been used in the first place to handle the influence of the noise at the boundary for equations on smooth domains ([21, 26, 28, 29]), but they are also well-suited to treat stochastic equations on non-smooth domains ([22]). However, the regularity results in terms of weighted Sobolev spaces do not imply explicit bounds for the regularity in scales of Sobolev spaces without weights. Moreover, the results in [22] are the outcome of a worst-case analysis: the only assumption on the domain $\mathcal{O}$ is that the Hardy inequality holds, but no specific geometric features of simple domains (such as polygonal domains) are exploited to optimize the results for such domains. As a consequence, there is no explicit description of the singularities of the solution that are due to the shape of the domain. The situation is in a certain sense similar when considering regularity results that have been obtained in the framework of other approaches to stochastic PDEs, such as the semigroup

approach; see, e.g., Da Prato and Zabczyk [4], Jentzen and Röckner [17], Kruse and Larsson [25], van Neerven, Veraar and Weis [39,40]. There, the spatial regularity of the solution is typically measured in terms of the domains of fractional powers of the governing linear operator; in our case, in terms of the spaces $D((-\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})^{s/2})$, $s \geq 0$. However, for non-smooth domains, the regularity of the solution in this scale differs from the regularity in the L_2 -Sobolev scale $H^s(\mathcal{O})$, $s \geq 0$. For instance, for non-convex polygonal domains, the functions in $D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})$ are in general *not* in the Sobolev space $H^{1+\pi/\gamma}(\mathcal{O})$, where $\gamma \in (\pi, 2\pi)$ is the largest interior angle at a vertex of $\partial\mathcal{O}$, cf. [11]. Thus, if one applies the typical regularity results from the semigroup approach to SPDEs to equations on non-smooth domains, the spatial singularities of the solution process induced by the shape of the domain remain somewhat hidden behind the abstract framework. The same is true for the respective results in Gess [10]. Semilinear stochastic PDEs are also investigated in Hofmanová [16]; the results therein are of a different nature since periodic boundary conditions are considered.

We present a regularity result concerning the solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) which, on the one hand, gives an explicit bound for the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev regularity of u and, on the other hand, describes the singular behavior of u induced by the shape of the domain. It is based on and improves in several directions the corresponding result in [31, Chapter 4].

To give a first description of the result, assume for simplicity that, in a neighborhood of zero, the domain $\mathcal{O}$ coincides with the sector

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = (x_1, x_2) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta), \ r > 0, \ \theta \in (0, \gamma)\},$$

where $\gamma \in (\pi, 2\pi)$. Also assume that all interior angles at vertices of $\partial\mathcal{O}$ except the one at zero are smaller than π . Set $\alpha := \pi/\gamma \in (1/2, 1)$ and consider the corner singularity function for the Poisson problem

$$S(x) := \eta(x)r^\alpha \sin(\alpha\theta), \quad x = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in \mathcal{O},$$

where η is a smooth cut-off function that equals one near zero and vanishes in a neighborhood of the sides of $\partial\mathcal{O}$ which do not end at zero. It is known that the function S belongs to $H^s(\mathcal{O})$ if, and only if, $s < 1 + \alpha$; see [11, Theorem 1.4.5.3].

Assume that the noise term in (1.1) is regular enough for u to take values in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev space of order one with zero Dirichlet boundary condition. Denote by u_+ the extension of u by zero to the whole time axis $\mathbb{R}$, pick $\varepsilon > 0$ and let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ be the underlying probability space. Then, under some additional technical conditions, Theorem 3.3 below states that there exist

$$\begin{aligned} u_{+, \mathbb{R}} &\in L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \\ &\cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Phi \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$$

with $\text{supp } \Phi(\omega) \subset [0, \infty)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$, such that the decomposition

$$u_+ = u_{+,R} + \Phi * E_0 S \quad (1.2)$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. Here $\hat{\otimes}$ denotes the Hilbert-Schmidt tensor product, $*$ is the convolution in time, and $E_0 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an auxiliary kernel function with support in $[0, \infty) \times \mathcal{O}$. Using a suitable extension operator, we obtain in Corollary 3.7 a corresponding decomposition

$$u = u_R + u_S \quad (1.3)$$

in $L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. The regular part u_R satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u_R \in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \\ \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \end{aligned}$$

and the singular part u_S contains the corner singularity function S . The precise meaning of the decompositions (1.2) and (1.3) is explained in Sects. 2 and 3 below. We also derive estimates for the norms of $u_{+,R}$, u_R and Φ , and we show that $1 + \alpha$ is an upper bound for the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev regularity of $\Phi * E_0 S$ and u_S in the sense that

$$\Phi(\omega) * E_0 S \notin H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}), \quad u_S(\omega) \notin (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}), \quad r \geq 0,$$

whenever $\Phi(\omega)$ is not zero. We refer to Remark 3.5 below concerning the question whether this bound is strict. The random element $\Phi \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$ is determined by u , F , G and W .

The appearance of negative smoothness parameters in time is owed to the low temporal regularity of the driving Wiener process $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$. It is, so to speak, the price we pay for unveiling the structure of that part of the spatial singular behavior of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ which is due to the specific geometry of $\mathcal{O}$. The decomposition (1.2) can be considered as a stochastic version of Grisvard's result for the deterministic heat equation; cf. [12, Sect. 5], [13, Sect. 5.2]. We follow Grisvard's ansatz of using the Laplace transform w.r.t. the time variable t in order to turn the equation into an elliptic equation with parameter. The solution to the elliptic equation can then be decomposed explicitly into a regular and a singular part. In a last step, the Laplace transform is inverted. The main difficulty in the stochastic case is to handle the irregularity of the noise and, connected with it, to handle the fact that the stochastic integrals are not defined pathwise, but in an $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -sense. Besides, it takes a careful analysis to keep track of the measurability in $\omega \in \Omega$ of all random objects appearing in the course of the calculations. We use Itô's formula to transform Eq. (1.1) into a random elliptic equation with complex parameter. The main technical tool to derive the necessary estimates for the regular and the singular part of the solution to the transformed equation is Lemma 5.6, which describes the effect of the temporal irregularity of the noise in an appropriate way. After choosing suitable versions of all random objects, the inverse

transform can be carried out ω by ω . We use a framework of tensor products of (duals of) Sobolev spaces to make sense of the resulting objects, which are random generalized functions in time when applied to spatial testfunctions.

Our result extends to general bounded polygonal domains $\mathcal{O}$; see Appendix 2. We remark that only non-convex angles at $\partial\mathcal{O}$ cause the appearance of a singular part of the solution u as in (1.2), (1.3). This is because we restrict our attention to those corner singularities that influence the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev regularity of u up to order two. However, for the deterministic elliptic case it is known that also convex angles induce certain corner singularities of the solution which affect the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -Sobolev regularity of order higher than two; see [11, Sect. 5.1].

Let us also remark that we do not assume compatibility of the noise and the zero Dirichlet boundary condition as in [8]. If $\mathcal{O}$ is convex, the singular part of the solution to Eq. (1.1) vanishes and we have $u \in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}))$. This is not a contradiction to the fact that ‘incompatible’ noise leads to singularities of the spatial derivatives of u near the boundary, so that for fixed $t \in [0, T]$ the random variable $u(t)$ does in general not take values in $H^2(\mathcal{O})$.

The article is structured as follows. In Sect. 2 we describe the setting and all assumptions concerning Eq. (1.1) (Sect. 2.1), the framework of tensor products of Sobolev spaces and how the solution process $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ is embedded into this framework (Sect. 2.2). We follow the semigroup approach to SPDEs in Sect. 2.1, but we note that this is not essential and that other approaches could be used to derive similar results. Some supplementary details concerning tensor products are postponed to Appendix 1. In Sect. 3 we formulate our main result for the case of polygonal domains with exactly one non-convex corner in Theorem 3.3. Here, Corollary 3.7 is stated and proved, and the results are illustrated with concrete examples. The extensions of Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7 to the general case of arbitrary bounded polygonal domains are stated Appendix 2. Auxiliary results concerning the Laplace transform (Sect. 4.1) and the Helmholtz equation (Sect. 4.2) are collected in Sect. 4. The proof of Theorem 3.3 is given in Sect. 5, which consists of three subsections concerning the Laplace transform of Eq. (1.1) (Sect. 5.1), the decomposition of the transformed equation (Sect. 5.2) and the inverse transform (Sect. 5.3).

1.1 Notation and conventions

The Borel- σ -algebra on a normed space $X = (X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ w.r.t. the topology induced by the norm $\|\cdot\|_X$ is denoted by $\mathcal{B}(X)$. If X is a Banach space, $(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$ a σ -finite measure space and $1 \leq p < \infty$, we write $L_p(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu; X)$ for the space of all $(\mu$ -equivalence classes of) strongly measurable functions $f : M \rightarrow X$ with finite L_p -norm $\|f\|_{L_p(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu; X)} := (\int_M \|f\|_X^p d\mu)^{1/p}$. If the context is clear, we also write $L_p(M; X)$ instead of $L_p(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu; X)$. In particular, we write $L_p(\Omega; X)$ instead of $L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}; X)$, where $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ is the probability space underlying Eq. (1.1). For $X = \mathbb{C}$ we omit the notation of the image space, i.e., $L_p(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu) := L_p(M, \mathcal{M}, \mu; \mathbb{C})$. If D is a measurable subset of $\mathbb{R}^d$ we set $L_2(D) := L_2(D, \mathcal{B}(D), \lambda^d; \mathbb{C})$ and $L_2(D; \mathbb{R}) := L_2(D, \mathcal{B}(D), \lambda^d; \mathbb{R})$, where λ^d denotes Lebesgue measure. $\lambda := \lambda^1$ is the one-dimensional Lebesgue measure. The

L_2 -Sobolev-Slobodeckij space of order $s \geq 0$ on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is denoted by $H^s(D)$. $H_0^s(D)$ is the closure of the space of compactly supported, smooth testfunctions $C_0^\infty(D)$ within $H^s(D)$. If M or D is the open interval $(0, T)$, we write $L_2(0, T; X)$, $H^s(0, T)$ and $H_0^s(0, T)$ instead of $L_2((0, T); X)$, $H^s((0, T))$ and $H_0^s((0, T))$. The spaces of rapidly decreasing, smooth functions and tempered distributions on $\mathbb{R}^d$ are denoted by $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, respectively. All spaces of (generalized) functions are understood as complex vector spaces of $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions, unless explicitly indicated otherwise, e.g., by writing $L_2(D; \mathbb{R})$, $H^s(D; \mathbb{R})$ and $H_0^s(D; \mathbb{R})$. By $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we denote the Fourier transform on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, normed according to $(\mathcal{F}f)(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\xi x} f(x) dx$, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. All derivatives of (locally integrable) functions defined on domains in $\mathbb{R}^d$ are meant in the distributional sense. The duality form of a topological vector space X and its (topological) dual X' is denoted by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{X \times X'}$, i.e., $\langle x, x' \rangle_{X \times X'} := x'(x)$ for all $x \in X$, $x' \in X'$. The (topological) dual $\mathcal{H}'$ of a Hilbert-space $\mathcal{H}$ is always endowed with the strong dual topology and the respective norm $\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{H}'} := \sup_{\|h\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} |\langle h, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}'}|$. The notation $X \hookrightarrow Y$ means that a topological vector space X is linearly and continuously embedded into another topological vector space Y . Inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ of complex Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}$ are assumed to be conjugate linear in the second argument. Composite expressions following an expectation sign ‘ $\mathbb{E}$ ’ are evaluated prior to taking the expectation, e.g., $\mathbb{E} \| \dots \|_{\mathcal{H}}^p := \mathbb{E} (\| \dots \|_{\mathcal{H}}^p)$. For separable Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$, we denote by $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{G})$, $\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{G})$, $\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{G})$ the spaces linear and bounded operators, Hilbert-Schmidt operators and nuclear operators, respectively. If $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{G}$, we write $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, $\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{H})$ and $\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{H})$ instead of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{H})$, $\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{H})$ and $\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{H}; \mathcal{H})$. Throughout the paper, C denotes a positive and finite constant which may change its value with every new appearance.

2 Setting and assumptions

2.1 Stochastic heat equation

Throughout this paper, $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ denotes a simply connected and bounded open subset of $\mathbb{R}^2$ with polygonal boundary $\partial\mathcal{O}$ such that $\mathcal{O}$ lies only on one side of $\partial\mathcal{O}$. The generic element in $\mathbb{R}^2$ is denoted by $x = (x_1, x_2)$. Let

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}} : D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}) \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{O})$$

be the Dirichlet-Laplacian with domain

$$D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}) = \left\{ v \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) : \Delta v := \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} v + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}) \right\}.$$

By $(e^{t\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}})_{t \geq 0}$ we denote the analytic semigroup of contractions on $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ generated by $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}$. Note that the operators $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}$ and $e^{t\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}}$, $t \geq 0$, map real-valued functions to real-valued functions, i.e., they can also be considered as operators on $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ be a complete probability space, $T \in (0, \infty)$ and let $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a normal filtration of sub- σ -algebras of $\mathcal{A}$. On $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ let $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a U -valued Wiener process w.r.t. $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$, U being a real and separable Hilbert space. The covariance operator and the reproducing kernel Hilbert space of W are denoted by $Q \in \mathcal{L}_1(U)$ and $(U_0, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{U_0}) := (Q^{1/2}U, \langle Q^{-1/2} \cdot, Q^{-1/2} \cdot \rangle_U)$, respectively. Here $Q^{-1/2}$ is the pseudo-inverse of $Q^{1/2}$. Standard references for this setting are [4, 35, 36].

We are interested in the regularity of the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1), where F and G are mappings from $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ to $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ and to $\mathcal{L}(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$, respectively. We make the following assumptions on F , G and the initial condition u_0 .

Assumption 2.1 G takes values in the space $\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ of Hilbert-Schmidt operators; the mappings $F : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ and $G : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ are globally Lipschitz continuous. The initial condition u_0 satisfies

$$u_0 \in L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})) \cap L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$$

for some $p > 2$.

By a *mild solution* to Eq. (1.1) we mean an $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -predictable $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ -valued stochastic process $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ such that $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|u(t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 < \infty$ and for every $t \in [0, T]$ the equality

$$u(t) = e^{t\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} u_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} F(u(s)) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} G(u(s)) dW(s)$$

holds $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely. It is well-known that in the described setting the concept of a mild solution is equivalent to the concept of a so-called weak solution; see, e.g., [35, Theorem 9.15]. The following existence and regularity result is a consequence of [4, Theorem 7.4] and [25, Theorems 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2], compare also [35, Theorem 11.8] and [17].

Theorem 2.2 *Given Assumption 2.1, there exists a unique (up to modifications) mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1). It has a unique (up to indistinguishability) continuous modification in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$, i.e., a modification $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ such that for all $\omega \in \Omega$ the trajectory*

$$[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \tilde{u}(\omega, t) := \tilde{u}(t)(\omega) \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$$

is continuous. This modification satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\tilde{u}(t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^p < C(1 + \mathbb{E} \|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^p). \quad (2.1)$$

Moreover, for all $t \in [0, T]$ we have $u(t) \in L_2(\Omega; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$. The mapping $t \mapsto u(t)$ is continuous from $[0, T]$ to $L_2(\Omega; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ and $1/2$ -Hölder continuous from $[0, T]$ to $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$.

In the sequel we also write $u(\omega, t)$ or $u(\omega, t, \cdot)$ instead of $u(t)(\omega)$, and a trajectory $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto u(\omega, t) \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ may be denoted by $u(\omega)$ or $u(\omega, \cdot)$. This notation is motivated by the viewpoint of considering the solution as a scalar function of $(\omega, t, x) \in \Omega \times [0, T] \times \mathcal{O}$, which turns out to be convenient for our purpose.

Let us look at concrete examples for W , U , U_0 and F , G .

Example 2.3 (i) (additive trace class noise) Let W be an $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ -valued Wiener process and set $U := L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$. Define $G : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ as the constant mapping with value $\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}|_{U_0} \in \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$. Recall that the reproducing kernel Hilbert space U_0 of W is embedded into $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ via a Hilbert-Schmidt embedding. Let f be a real-valued function on $\mathcal{O} \times \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following condition: There exist $C > 0$ and $b \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ such that, for all $x \in \mathcal{O}$ and $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|f(x, \xi)| \leq b(x) + C|\xi|, \quad |f(x, \xi) - f(x, \eta)| \leq C|\xi - \eta|.$$

Define $F : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ by

$$(F(v))(x) := f(x, v(x)), \quad v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}), \quad x \in \mathcal{O}.$$

Then, the conditions on F and G in Assumption 2.1 are fulfilled and Eq. (1.1) is an abstract formulation of the problem

$$\begin{cases} du(t, x) = [\Delta u(t, x) + f(x, u(t, x))]dt + dW(t, x), & (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{O}, \\ u(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \partial\mathcal{O}, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathcal{O}. \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

(ii) (multiplicative noise with sufficient smoothness) Let W be an $H^s(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ -valued Wiener process for some $s > 1$ and set $U := H^s(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$. Such a process can be obtained, e.g., by applying an integral operator on $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ with sufficiently smooth kernel $k \in L_2(\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ to a cylindrical Wiener process on $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$. Let g be a real-valued function on $\mathcal{O} \times \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the same condition as formulated for the function f in (i). Define $G : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ by

$$(G(v)w)(x) := g(x, v(x))w(x), \quad v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}), \quad w \in U_0, \quad x \in \mathcal{O},$$

and let F be defined as in (i). Then, the conditions on F and G in Assumption 2.1 are fulfilled (note that we have the Hilbert-Schmidt embedding $U_0 \hookrightarrow U = H^s(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ and the Sobolev embedding $H^s(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow C_b(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$) and Eq. (1.1) is an abstract formulation of Problem (2.2) if the first line in (2.2) is replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} du(t, x) = & [\Delta u(t, x) + f(x, u(t, x))]dt \\ & + g(x, u(t, x))dW(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) (multiplicative finite-dimensional noise) Let $W = (W_1, \dots, W_d)$ be a d -dimensional Wiener process and set $U := U_0 := \mathbb{R}^d$. Let $g_1, \dots, g_d$ be real-valued functions on $\mathcal{O} \times \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the same condition as formulated for the function f in (i). Define $G : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (G(v)w)(x) &:= \sum_{k=1}^d g_k(x, v(x))w_k, \quad v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}), \\ w &= (w_1, \dots, w_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad x \in \mathcal{O}, \end{aligned}$$

and let F be defined as in (i). Then, the conditions on F and G in Assumption 2.1 are fulfilled and Eq. (1.1) is an abstract formulation of Problem (2.2) if the first line in (2.2) is replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} du(t, x) = & [\Delta u(t, x) + f(x, u(t, x))]dt \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^d g_k(x, u(t, x))dW_k(t), \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.4 All the noise terms in Example 2.3 can be rewritten in the general form $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x, u(t, x))dW_k(t)$, where the g_k 's are suitably chosen functions on $\mathcal{O} \times \mathbb{R}$ and the W_k 's are independent one-dimensional Wiener processes; compare, e.g., [27, Sect. 8.2].

2.2 The solution process as a tensor product-valued random variable

Our main result, Theorem 3.3, and Corollary 3.7 are formulated in terms of tensor products of Sobolev spaces of possibly negative order. In the present subsection we define the tensor product spaces, point out their natural embeddings and describe how the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) can be considered as a tensor product-valued random variable. Since the tensor product spaces we consider are rather non-standard in the context of stochastic evolution equations, we collect some supplementary details and references in Appendix 1.

With regard to the natural embeddings of tensor products of Sobolev spaces, it is convenient to define the (Hilbert-Schmidt) tensor product of two Hilbert spaces as the space of Hilbert-Schmidt functionals on the cartesian product of the *duals* of these spaces. Let $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ be separable complex Hilbert spaces with orthonormal bases $(h_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, respectively. Following [20, Sect. 2.6] we call a *Hilbert-Schmidt functional* on $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{G}$ a bounded bilinear functional $f : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $(h, g) \mapsto f(h, g)$ such that $\sum_{j, k \in \mathbb{N}} |f(h_j, g_k)|^2 < \infty$. The infinite sum does not depend on the specific choice of the orthonormal bases, and its square root defines a norm that makes the

space of Hilbert-Schmidt functionals into a separable Hilbert space; see [20, Sect. 2.6]. Here, boundedness of f means $\sup_{\|h\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \|g\|_{\mathcal{G}} \leq 1} |f(h, g)| < \infty$.

Definition 2.5 The Hilbert-Schmidt tensor product $\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ of two separable complex Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ is defined as the space of Hilbert-Schmidt functionals on $\mathcal{H}' \times \mathcal{G}'$ with norm given by

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}} := \left(\sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{N}} |f(h'_j, g'_k)|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G},$$

$(h'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(g'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ being arbitrary orthonormal bases of $\mathcal{H}'$ and $\mathcal{G}'$. For $h \in \mathcal{H}$ and $g \in \mathcal{G}$ we denote by $h \otimes g \in \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ the functional defined by

$$h \otimes g(h', g') := \langle h, h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}'} \langle g, g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}'} = h'(h)g'(g), \quad h' \in \mathcal{H}', g' \in \mathcal{G}'.$$

Given an arbitrary domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, we denote by $H^s(D)$ the $L_2(D)$ -Sobolev-Slobodeckij space of order $s \geq 0$; see, e.g., [11, 13] or [38] for the definition. It is well known that for $0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2$ the space $H^{s_2}(D)$ is densely embedded into $H^{s_1}(D)$ via the identity operator.

Convention 2.6 We identify $L_2(D)$ with its (topological) dual space $(L_2(D))'$ via the isometric isomorphism $L_2(D) \ni v \mapsto \langle \cdot, \bar{v} \rangle_{L_2(D)} \in (L_2(D))'$. Thus, by duality, we obtain a chain of continuous and dense (linear) embeddings

$$\begin{aligned} H^{s_2}(D) &\hookrightarrow H^{s_1}(D) \hookrightarrow L_2(D) \\ &= (L_2(D))' \hookrightarrow (H^{s_1}(D))' \hookrightarrow (H^{s_2}(D))', \quad 0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Moreover, for $s \geq 0$ we identify $H^s(D)$ with its bidual $(H^s(D))'' := ((H^s(D))')'$ via the canonical isometric isomorphism $\mathbf{1} : H^s(D) \rightarrow (H^s(D))''$ given by $(\mathbf{1}(f))(g) = g(f)$ for $f \in H^s(D)$, $g \in (H^s(D))'$. We also write $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{(H^s(D))' \times H^s(D)}$ for the duality form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{(H^s(D))' \times (H^s(D))''}$.

As usual, for $s \geq 0$ we denote by $H_0^s(D)$ the closure of $C_0^\infty(D)$ in $H^s(D)$ and by $H^{-s}(D) := (H_0^s(D))'$ its dual space. If $D = \mathbb{R}^d$, we have $H^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^d) = (H^s(\mathbb{R}^d))'$ with equal norms, and (2.3) reads

$$\begin{aligned} H^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^d) &\hookrightarrow H^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ &= (L_2(\mathbb{R}^d))' \hookrightarrow H^{-s_1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow H^{-s_2}(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad 0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7 are formulated in terms of tensor product spaces of the form $(H^r(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^s(\mathcal{O})$, $(H^r(I))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^r(I) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, $r, s \geq 0$, where $I = (0, T)$ or $I = \mathbb{R}$. By Definition 2.5 and Convention 2.6, the elements of the spaces $(H^r(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^s(\mathcal{O})$, $(H^r(I))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^r(I) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ are Hilbert-Schmidt functionals on $H^r(I) \times (H^s(\mathcal{O}))' = (H^r(I))'' \times (H^s(\mathcal{O}))'$, on $H^r(I) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) = (H^r(I))'' \times (H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))'$, and on $(H^r(I))' \times L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (H^r(I))' \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$, respectively.

According to Proposition 6.1 in Appendix 1, for $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2$ and $0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2$ we have natural embeddings

$$\begin{aligned} (H^{r_1}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^{s_2}(\mathcal{O}) &\hookrightarrow (H^{r_2}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^{s_1}(\mathcal{O}), \\ (H^{r_1}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) &\hookrightarrow (H^{r_2}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow (H^{r_2}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^1(\mathcal{O}), \\ H^{r_2}(I) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}) &\hookrightarrow H^{r_1}(I) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

given by the tensor products of the respective embeddings of the (duals of) Sobolev spaces on I and $\mathcal{O}$. For instance, the first embedding in (2.4) is given by the tensor product $1 \hat{\otimes} j$ of the embeddings $1 : (H^{r_1}(I))' \hookrightarrow (H^{r_2}(I))'$ and $j : H^{s_2}(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow H^{s_1}(\mathcal{O})$ as in (2.3). The image $1 \hat{\otimes} j(f) \in (H^{r_2}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^{s_1}(\mathcal{O})$ of some $f \in (H^{r_1}(I))' \hat{\otimes} H^{s_2}(\mathcal{O})$ is nothing but the restriction of the bilinear functional $f : H^{r_1}(I) \times (H^{s_2}(\mathcal{O}))' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ to the smaller domain $H^{r_2}(I) \times (H^{s_1}(\mathcal{O}))'$.

Let us describe in which sense the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) will be considered as a tensor-product valued random variable. To this end, take an arbitrary (predictable) version of u . We know from Theorem 2.2 that $u(t) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely for all $t \in [0, T]$. By the Kuratowski-Suslin theorem we have $H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \in \mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$, so that $P := \{(\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T] : u(\omega, t) \notin H_0^1(\mathcal{O})\}$ belongs to $\mathcal{P}$, the predictable σ -algebra w.r.t. the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$. Consequently, by redefining $u(\omega, t) := 0$ for all $(\omega, t) \in P$ we obtain a predictable ($\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ -measurable) modification of our original solution such that $u(\omega, t) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ for all $(\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]$. We fix this modification $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ from now on. From the $\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ -measurability of u and a standard approximation argument we obtain the $\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{B}(H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ -measurability of u . Moreover, since $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \|u(t)\|_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 < \infty$ by Theorem 2.2 and $H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, we have

$$u \in L_2(\Omega \times [0, T], \mathcal{P}, \mathbb{P} \otimes dt; H_0^1(\mathcal{O})). \quad (2.5)$$

By $u_+ = (u_+(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ we denote the extension of u by zero to the whole real line. We will consider u and u_+ as random variables with values in certain subspaces of $L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, respectively.

Proposition 2.7 *Let $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$. After possibly redefining u on a $\mathbb{P}$ -null set, the definitions of the mappings*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u} : \Omega &\rightarrow L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}), \quad \omega \mapsto \tilde{u}(\omega), \\ \hat{u} : \Omega &\rightarrow H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}), \quad \omega \mapsto \hat{u}(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_+ : \Omega &\rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}), \quad \omega \mapsto \tilde{u}_+(\omega), \\ \hat{u}_+ : \Omega &\rightarrow H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}), \quad \omega \mapsto \hat{u}_+(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= \tilde{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \int_0^T \langle u(\omega, t), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} \phi(t) dt, \\ \phi &\in L_2(0, T), \quad \varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}), \\ \hat{u}(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= \hat{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \left\langle u(\omega, \cdot), \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'}, \phi \Big\rangle_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \times (H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T))'}, \\ \phi &\in (H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T))', \quad \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}_+(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= \tilde{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \langle u_+(\omega, t), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} \phi(t) dt, \\ \phi &\in L_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}), \\ \hat{u}_+(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= \hat{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \left\langle u_+(\omega, \cdot), \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'}, \phi \Big\rangle_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}, \\ \phi &\in H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}),\end{aligned}$$

are meaningful. Here, $\langle u(\omega, \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'}$ and $\langle u_+(\omega, \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'}$ denote the functions $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \langle u(\omega, t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \langle u_+(\omega, t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} \in \mathbb{C}$, respectively. The mappings $\tilde{u}$, $\hat{u}$, $\tilde{u}_+$ and $\hat{u}_+$ belong to the spaces $L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$, $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$, $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$, respectively.

Proof The assertions concerning $\tilde{u}$ and $\tilde{u}_+$ follow from (2.5), the theorems of Tonelli and Fubini, Proposition 3.18 in [4], and the fact that we have the natural isometric isomorphisms $L_2(0, T; H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cong L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and $L_2(\mathbb{R}; H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cong L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$.

Set $r := 1/2 - \varepsilon$. To verify the assertion concerning $\hat{u}$, we observe that the $1/2$ -Hölder continuity of the mapping $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto u(t) \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ stated in Theorem 2.2 implies

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{\|u(t) - u(s)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2}{|t - s|^{1+2r}} ds dt < \infty. \quad (2.6)$$

In particular, the double integral inside the expectation is finite $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely. We redefine $u(\omega) = u(\omega, \cdot) := 0$ for all ω in the exceptional set. As a consequence, we have $\langle u(\omega, \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} \in H^r(0, T)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$. Using Parseval's equality in $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^r(0, T)$, we also obtain that $\hat{u}(\omega)$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt functional on $(H^r(0, T))' \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$, i.e., $\hat{u}(\omega) \in H^r(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, for all $\omega \in \Omega$. Moreover, $\int_{\Omega} \|\hat{u}(\omega)\|_{H^r(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \mathbb{P}(d\omega)$ is equal to the expectation in (2.6)

and thus finite. The $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^r(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ -measurability of $\hat{u}$ is a consequence of the representation

$$\hat{u}(\omega) = \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\langle u(\omega, \cdot), \varphi'_k \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} \left\langle \phi'_j \right\rangle_{H^r(0, T) \times (H^r(0, T))'} \phi_j \otimes \varphi_k, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (2.7)$$

where $(\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are orthonormal bases of $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^r(0, T)$ with respective dual orthonormal bases $(\phi'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} := (\langle \cdot, \phi_j \rangle_{H^r(0, T)})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\varphi'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} := (\langle \cdot, \varphi_k \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $(L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$ and $(H^r(0, T))'$, and where the infinite sum converges in $H^r(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$. Since $L_2(0, T)$ is dense in $(H^r(0, T))'$, we can choose $(\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(\phi'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in such a way that $\phi'_j \in L_2(0, T)$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. In this case the duality forms on $H^r(0, T) \times (H^r(0, T))'$ appearing in (2.7) are integrals w.r.t. dt , so that their $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C})$ -measurability follows with similar arguments as used in the first part of the proof.

Finally, the assertion concerning $\hat{u}_+$ follows analogously to the assertion concerning $\hat{u}$ if one uses in addition the following fact, holding for $0 \leq r < 1/2$: The extension w_+ of a function $w \in H^r(0, T)$ by zero to the whole real line belongs to $H^r(\mathbb{R})$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that $C^{-1} \|w_+\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|w\|_{H^r(0, T)} \leq C \|w_+\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})}$, $w \in H^r(0, T)$; see [11, Corollary 1.4.4.5]. $\square$

We will always take for granted the redefinition of u on a $\mathbb{P}$ -null set mentioned in Proposition 2.7. This means in particular that *all* trajectories $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto u(\omega, t) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ belong to $L_2(0, T; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$.

Note that the spaces $L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, $H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, $H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ are continuously embedded into the larger spaces $L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, respectively. We have $\tilde{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) = \hat{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ and $\tilde{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) = \hat{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$, $\phi \in L_2(0, T)$ and $\phi \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, respectively. Thus, for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $\tilde{u}(\omega)$ and $\hat{u}(\omega)$ coincide as elements in the larger space $L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, and $\tilde{u}_+(\omega)$ and $\hat{u}_+(\omega)$ coincide as elements in $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$. In particular, we have the equalities $\tilde{u} = \hat{u}$ and $\tilde{u}_+ = \hat{u}_+$ in $L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ and in $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$, respectively, and the definitions below are consistent.

Convention 2.8 We identify the mild solution u to Eq. (1.1) with the mapping from Ω to $L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ determined by the mappings $\tilde{u}$ and $\hat{u}$ in Proposition 2.7. In this sense we have

$$u \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \\ \hookrightarrow L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})).$$

We set $u(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \tilde{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ for $\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in L_2(0, T)$, $\varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$ and $u(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \hat{u}(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ for $\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in (H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T))'$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$.

Analogously, we identify the extension u_+ of u by zero to the whole real line with the mapping from Ω to $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ determined by the mappings $\tilde{u}_+$ and $\hat{u}_+$ in Proposition 2.7, so that

$$u_+ \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \\ \hookrightarrow L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})).$$

We set $u_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \tilde{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ for $\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$ and $u_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \hat{u}_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi)$ for $\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$.

Note that, due to the embeddings (2.4), we have in particular

$$u \in L_2(\Omega; (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})), \quad u_+ \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$$

for all $r \geq 0$ as well as

$$u \in L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \\ u_+ \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})).$$

3 Main result

Before formulating the main result we need to introduce some further notation. In order to keep the notational complexity at a reasonable level we make the following additional assumption on the domain $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. We remark, however, that our results readily generalize to arbitrary bounded polygonal domains as defined in Sect. 2.1; see Appendix 2 for the formulation of the results in the general case.

Assumption 3.1 The domain $\mathcal{O}$ has *exactly one non-convex corner*. The corresponding vertex is zero and the corresponding interior angle is denoted by $\gamma \in (\pi, 2\pi)$. In a neighborhood of zero, $\mathcal{O}$ coincides with the sector

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta), \ r > 0, \ \theta \in (0, \gamma)\}.$$

Let $\eta \in C^\infty(\overline{\mathcal{O}}; \mathbb{R})$ be a smooth cut-off function that depends only on $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$, equals one in a neighborhood of zero and vanishes in a neighborhood of the sides of $\partial\mathcal{O}$ which do not end at zero. Set $\alpha := \pi/\gamma \in (1/2, 1)$ and define $S \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ by

$$S(x) := \eta(x)r^\alpha \sin(\alpha\theta), \quad x = (x_1, x_2) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in \mathcal{O}. \quad (3.1)$$

The function S belongs to $H^s(\mathcal{O})$ if, and only if, $s < 1 + \alpha$; see [11, Theorem 1.4.5.3]. It represents the corner singularity for the Poisson problem on $\mathcal{O}$ with zero-Dirichlet boundary condition; see [11], [13]. That is, given $g \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $w \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ with $-\Delta w = g$, there exist a unique function $w_R \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and a unique constant $c \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $w = w_R + cS$. It follows from [13, Proposition 2.5.6] (compare also [12, Sect. 2]) that $c = \langle g, v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$, where $v_0 \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ is defined as $v_0 = (1/\pi)(\psi_0 - \varphi_0)$ with

$$\psi_0(x) := \eta(x)r^{-\alpha} \sin(\alpha\theta), \quad x = (x_1, x_2) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in \mathcal{O},$$

and $\varphi_0 \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})$ being the unique solution in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ to the problem $\Delta\varphi_0 = \Delta\psi_0$. (Note that ψ_0 does not belong to $H^1(\mathcal{O})$, but it satisfies $\Delta\psi_0 \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ since it is harmonic near zero.) For $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})$ we define $v(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ by

$$\begin{aligned} v(z) &:= v_0 - z(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})^{-1} v_0 \\ &= \left[\operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - z(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})^{-1} \right] \frac{1}{\pi} (\psi_0 - \varphi_0), \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where $(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}})^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ is the z -resolvent of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbb{D}}$.

Further, we define a kernel function $E_0 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} E_0(t, x) &:= \mathbf{1}_{(0, \infty)}(t) (2\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} t^{-3/2} r e^{-r^2/(4t)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ x = (x_1, x_2) &= (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

For fixed $x \in \mathcal{O}$ the function $t \mapsto E_0(t, x)$ is the inverse Laplace transform of $(0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R} \ni z \mapsto e^{-r\sqrt{z}} \in \mathbb{C}$; see [9, Sect. 8.4] or [15, Exercise 3A/3].

Finally, let Assumption 2.1 hold, let $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be the mild solution to Eq. (1.1) and define

$$H(z) := \int_0^T e^{-zt} F(u(t)) dt + \int_0^T e^{-zt} G(u(t)) dW(t) - e^{-zT} u(T) + u_0, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (3.4)$$

The first integral in (3.4) is an ω -wise Bochner integral in $L_2(\mathcal{O})$. For every $\omega \in \Omega$, all integrals $\int_0^T e^{-zt} F(u(\omega, t)) dt$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$, exist and we have $\int_0^T e^{-zt} F(u(t)) dt \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ due to the global Lipschitz property of F and the completeness of $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$. The second integral in (3.4) is an $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued stochastic integral; for fixed ω and t , $e^{-zt} G(u(\omega, t))$ is the operator in $\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ that maps $w \in U_0$ to $e^{-zt} G(u(\omega, t))w \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$. By Itô's isometry and the Lipschitz property of G we have $\int_0^T e^{-zt} G(u(t)) dW(t) \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$, so that we obtain $H(z) \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. We will later show (Lemma 5.2) that the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$ has a holomorphic modification, i.e., a modification such that for all $\omega \in \Omega$ the mapping $\mathbb{C} \ni z \mapsto H(\omega, z) := H(z)(\omega) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ is holomorphic. We fix such a modification once and for all.

Remark 3.2 The Hilbert-space theory of infinite-dimensional stochastic integrals is usually developed in terms of *real* Hilbert-spaces, cf. [4, 33–36]. In the context of stochastic integrals such as in (3.4) we will in general consider $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions as $\mathbb{R}^2$ -valued functions, and we will in general understand the stochastic integrals in terms of the respective real Hilbert-spaces of $\mathbb{R}^2$ -valued functions. We do not indicate this explicitly, but we will point out this identification whenever it is needed.

Here is our main result.

Theorem 3.3 *Let Assumptions 2.1 and 3.1 hold, let $\varepsilon > 0$ and set $\alpha := \pi/\gamma$. Let $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be the mild solution to Eq. (1.1) and let u_+ be its extension by*

zero to the whole real line, considered as an element of $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ as described in Sect. 2.2.

There exist

$$u_{+,R} \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\Phi \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$$

with $\text{supp } \Phi(\omega) \subset [0, \infty)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$ (in the sense of distributions) such that the decomposition

$$u_+ = u_{+,R} + \Phi * E_0 S \quad (3.6)$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and in $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. Here $\Phi * E_0 S$ denotes the element of $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ that acts on test functions $(\phi, \varphi) \in H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O})$ via

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega, \phi, \varphi) \\ &:= \left\langle \Phi(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx, \phi \right\rangle_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where S and E_0 are given by (3.1) and (3.3), $\int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx$ denotes the (locally integrable) function $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(t, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \in \mathbb{C}$, and $*$ is the usual convolution of Schwartz distributions.

We have

$$(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}) \quad \text{on } \{\omega \in \Omega : \Phi(\omega) \neq 0\} \quad (3.8)$$

and Φ is determined $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely in terms of its Fourier transform w.r.t. the time variable $t \in \mathbb{R}$ as follows: For $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$[\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(\Phi(\omega))](\xi) = \left\langle H(\omega, i\xi), \overline{v(i\xi)} \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \quad \text{for } \lambda\text{-almost every } \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.9)$$

where v and H are defined by (3.2) and (3.4).

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \Big(&\|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 \\ &+ \|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|\Phi\|_{H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \Big) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C\mathbb{E}\left(\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2\right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on ε , T , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1), and where $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ denotes the modification of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ that is continuous in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$.

The proof of Theorem 3.3 is given in Sect. 5. Some remarks concerning Theorem 3.3 seem to be in order.

- Remark 3.4** (i) The spaces $L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}))$, $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$, $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ appearing in Theorem 3.3 are contained in the larger space $L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$; compare the embeddings (2.4). The existence of $u_{+,R}$ as in (3.5) should be read as the existence of a specific element of this larger space. Accordingly, the equality (3.6) is in particular an equality in the space $L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$.
- (ii) It is a common convention not to distinguish explicitly between functions and equivalence classes of functions. The existence of $\Phi \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$ stated in Theorem 3.3 is meant as the existence of an $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$ -measurable, square integrable function $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ such that, for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $\text{supp } \Phi(\omega) \subset [0, \infty)$ and the mapping $(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega) : H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by (3.7) is a Hilbert-Schmidt functional on $H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O})$ that extends to a Hilbert-Schmidt functional on $H^\varepsilon(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$, i.e., $(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega) \in (H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap (H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. In particular, the assertion (3.8) is meaningful.
- (iii) The assertion ' $\Phi(\omega) \neq 0$ ' in (3.8) means that there exists $\phi \in H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\langle \Phi(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})} \neq 0$.
- (iv) Note that the expectation on the right hand side of (3.10) is finite due to Theorem 2.2 and the linear growth property of F and G , which follows from the global Lipschitz property.

Remark 3.5 In view of (3.8) it is natural to ask for the range of parameters r such that, $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely, the singular part $\Phi * E_0 S$ takes values in $H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha-\delta}(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\delta > 0$. The construction of $\Phi * E_0 S$ in Sect. 5.3.2 and standard estimates imply that this is satisfied at least for all $r > 1/2 + (3/4)\alpha$. An analogue statement for the singular part u_S in Corollary 3.7 below holds if the extension operator $\mathcal{E}$ below satisfies an additional continuity assumption.

Remark 3.6 We have $u \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ as a consequence of Theorem 2.2 whereas $u_{+,R}$, $\Phi * E_0 S \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$. Since the techniques used in the proof of Theorem 2.2 and the methods we use for the proof of Theorem 3.3 are completely different, it is a nontrivial question whether $u_{+,R}$ and $\Phi * E_0 S$ also take values in $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$.

The following corollary describes a corresponding decomposition of u in $L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. We use a linear extension operator (in the sense of distributions) mapping $H^r(0, T)$ continuously to $H^r(\mathbb{R})$ for $r = -1/2 + \varepsilon$, $r = \varepsilon$ and $r = 1/2 + \varepsilon$. For the construction of such an operator we refer to [38, Sect. 4.2]. We remark that the spaces $H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T) = (H_0^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T))'$ and $(H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T))'$ coincide since $1/2 - \varepsilon < 1/2$; see, e.g., [11, Corollary 1.4.4.5].

Corollary 3.7 *Let the setting of Theorem 3.3 be given with $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$ and consider the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) as an element of $L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ as described in Sect. 2.2. Let $\mathcal{E}$ be a linear extension operator that maps $H^r(0, T)$ continuously to $H^r(\mathbb{R})$ for $r = -1/2 + \varepsilon$, $r = \varepsilon$ and $r = 1/2 + \varepsilon$. Define $u_R, u_S \in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ by*

$$u_R(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := u_{+,R}(\omega, \mathcal{E}\phi, \varphi), \quad u_S(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega, \mathcal{E}\phi, \varphi),$$

$\omega \in \Omega, \phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T), \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$, where $u_{+,R}$ and $\Phi * E_0 S$ are as in Theorem 3.3. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} u_R &\in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \\ &\quad \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})), \\ u_S &\in L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})), \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

and the decomposition

$$u = u_R + u_S \quad (3.12)$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and in $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. For $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$u_S(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}) \iff u_S(\omega) \not\equiv 0 \iff \Phi(\omega) \not\equiv 0. \quad (3.13)$$

Moreover, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on $\varepsilon, T, \mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1), such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} &\left(\|u_R\|_{(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_R\|_{(H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_R\|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right) \\ &\leq C \mathbb{E} \left(\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

where $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ denotes the modification of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ that is continuous in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$.

The assertion ‘ $u_S(\omega) \neq 0$ ’ in (3.13) means that there exist $\phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T)$ and $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ with $u_S(\omega, \phi, \varphi) \neq 0$.

Proof of Corollary 3.7 Assertions (3.11), (3.12) and Estimate (3.14) follow from the continuity assumptions on the extension operator $\mathcal{E}$ and the corresponding properties of $u_{+,R}$ and $\Phi * E_0 S$.

Let us verify (3.13). The implications in direction “ $\Rightarrow$ ” are obvious, so it remains to prove that the implication

$$\Phi(\omega) \neq 0 \implies u_S(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}) \quad (3.15)$$

holds for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$. Let $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathbb{R}); L_2(0, T))$ be the restriction of functions in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ to $(0, T)$, i.e., $\mathcal{R}\phi = \phi|_{(0, T)}$ for $\phi \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, so that $\mathcal{R}|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} \in \mathcal{L}(H^r(\mathbb{R}); H^r(0, T))$ for all $r \geq 0$. We define $u_R^{\mathcal{R}}, u_S^{\mathcal{R}} \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ by

$$u_R^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := u_R(\omega, \mathcal{R}\phi, \varphi), \quad u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := u_S(\omega, \mathcal{R}\phi, \varphi).$$

$\omega \in \Omega, \phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}), \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$. Due to (3.11) and the boundedness of $\mathcal{R}$ we even have $u_R^{\mathcal{R}} \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})), u_S^{\mathcal{R}} \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$. Moreover, the implication

$$u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}) \implies u_S(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$$

holds, so that (3.15) follows if we can show

$$\Phi(\omega) \neq 0 \implies u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}) \quad (3.16)$$

for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Assume that (3.16) was not true and let $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\mathbb{P}(A) > 0$ such that, for all $\omega \in A$, $\Phi(\omega) \neq 0$ and $u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) \in H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$ for some $r = r(\omega) \geq 1/2 + \varepsilon$. Then, since $u_{+,S}(\omega) \notin H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$ by Theorem 3.3, we have $u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) - u_{+,S}(\omega) \notin H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in A$. Therefore, the $\mathbb{P}$ -almost sure equality $u_+ = u_{+,R} + u_{+,S} = u_R^{\mathcal{R}} + u_S^{\mathcal{R}}$ implies

$$u_{+,R}(\omega) - u_R^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) = u_S^{\mathcal{R}}(\omega) - u_{+,S}(\omega) \notin H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$$

for $\omega \in A \setminus N$, where $N \subset \mathcal{A}$ has $\mathbb{P}$ -measure zero. But this is a contradiction to the fact that both $u_{+,R}$ and $u_R^{\mathcal{R}}$ take values in $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O})$. $\square$

Next, we give two concrete examples for applications of Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7, respectively, to equations of the type (1.1). In the first example we have $u_S \neq 0$ with probability one.

Example 3.8 Let the Wiener process $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ -valued, i.e., $U = L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$, and assume that the range of its covariance operator $Q \in \mathcal{L}_1(L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ is dense in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$. For $u_0 \in L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})) \cap L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ with $p > 2$ consider the equation

$$du(t) = \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D u(t) dt + dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad u(0) = u_0,$$

which fits into our abstract setting with $F(v) := 0$ and $G(v) := \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} |_{U_0}$ for all $v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$, cf. Example 2.3 (i). (Let us remark that, since we are considering an equation with additive noise, the assumption $u_0 \in L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ is not really needed here to obtain the results of Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7; we do not go into details.) Fix $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$ and let $u_{+, \mathbb{R}}, \Phi, u_{\mathbb{R}}$ and u_S be as in Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7. Using Itô's isometry, one sees that in this setting the term on the right hand side in the estimates (3.10) and (3.14) simplifies to $C(\mathbb{E}\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|Q^{1/2}\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))}^2)$.

Let us show that $u_{+, S}$ and u_S are non-zero $\mathbb{P}$ -almost-surely. To this end, we have to show that Φ defined by (3.9) is non-zero $\mathbb{P}$ -almost-surely. Recall that we have fixed a holomorphic modification of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$. The resolvent map $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D) \ni u \mapsto (z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ is holomorphic too, so that the function $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto \langle H(\omega, i\xi), \overline{v(i\xi)} \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \in \mathbb{C}$ is infinitely smooth for all $\omega \in \Omega$. Thus, the Fourier transform $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto [\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi} \Phi(\omega)](\xi) \in \mathbb{C}$ has an infinitely smooth, hence continuous version for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$; we consider these continuous versions from now on. Consequently, it is enough to show that $[\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi} \Phi(\omega)](0) = \langle H(\omega, 0), \overline{v(0)} \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} = \langle H(\omega, 0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}$ is non-zero for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \\ &= \left\langle \int_0^T (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D}) dW(t) + u_0 - e^{T\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} u_0, v_0 \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Setting $\Psi(t)w := \langle (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D})w, v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}$ for $w \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(\left\langle \int_0^T (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D}) dW(t), v_0 \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) &= \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \int_0^T \Psi(t) dW(t) \right|^2 \right) \\ &= \int_0^T \|Q^{1/2}(\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D})v_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

due to Itô's isometry, Parseval's identity and the symmetry of $Q^{1/2}$. Clearly, the kernel of $\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D}$ is zero for all $t < T$. Since the kernel of $Q^{1/2} = (Q^{1/2})^*$ is zero too (due to our assumption that the range of Q is dense in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$) and since $v_0 \neq 0$, the last integral is strictly positive. This means that the Gaussian random variable $\langle \int_0^T (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D}) dW(t), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}$ is not degenerate and thus its probability distribution has a density w.r.t. Lebesgue measure. Note that $u_0 - e^{T\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} u_0$ in (3.17) is $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable and thus independent of $\int_0^T (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D}) dW(t)$. It follows that the probability distribution of $\langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}$ has a density w.r.t. Lebesgue measure, hence $\langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}$ is non-zero $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely.

We end this section with a toy example which shows that it may happen that $u_S \neq 0$ with probability greater than zero and less than one.

Example 3.9 Let the Wiener process $W = (W(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be one-dimensional, i.e., $U = U_0 = \mathbb{R}$, and consider the domain $\mathcal{O} = (-1, 1)^2 \setminus (-1, 0]^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Define $u_0 \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ by

$$u_0(x) := \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2), \quad x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathcal{O},$$

so that $-\Delta u_0 = 2\pi^2 u_0$. Let $v_0 = v(0) = (1/\pi)(\psi_0 - \varphi_0)$ be as in (3.2) and define $G : L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})) = \mathcal{L}_2(\mathbb{R}; L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}))$ by

$$G(v) := u_0 + g(\|v\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})})v_0, \quad v \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R}),$$

where $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Lipschitz-continuous with $\text{supp } g = [c, \infty)$ for some $c > 0$. Then the equation

$$du(t) = \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D u(t) dt + G(u(t)) dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad u(0) = u_0,$$

fits into the setting of Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.7, and we have $0 < \mathbb{P}(u_S \neq 0) < 1$.

To prove the latter assertion, we fix a continuous version of the Fourier transform $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto [\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi} \Phi(\omega)](\xi) \in \mathbb{C}$ for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$ as in Example 3.8. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}([\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi} \Phi](0) \neq 0) \leq \mathbb{P}(\Phi \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}(u_S \neq 0)$$

and

$$\langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} = \int_0^T g(\|u(t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}) \left\| (\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D})^{1/2} v_0 \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 dW(t).$$

The last equality follows by inserting the definition of $H(0)$ and using the fact that $\langle w, v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} = 0$ for all $w \in \Delta(H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$, a consequence of Green's formula; see [13, Theorem 2.3.3 and Lemma 2.5.4]. By Itô's isometry,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(\langle H(0), v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \int_0^T g \left(\|u(t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \right)^2 \left\| \left(\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} - e^{(T-t)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} \right)^{1/2} v_0 \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^4 dt \end{aligned}$$

and therefore we know that $\mathbb{P}(u_S \neq 0) > 0$ if

$$\mathbb{P} \otimes \lambda \left(\left\{ (\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T] : g \left(\|u(\omega, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \right) > 0 \right\} \right) > 0. \quad (3.18)$$

Note that $g \left(\|u(\omega, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \right) > 0$ if, and only if, $\|u(\omega, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} > c$. Due to the orthogonality of u_0 and v_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 &= \|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2 (X(t))^2 \\ &+ \left\| \int_0^t g \left(\|u(s)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} \right) e^{(t-s)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D} v_0 dW(s) \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have set $X(t) := e^{-t2\pi^2} + \int_0^t e^{-(t-s)2\pi^2} dW(s)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \otimes \lambda \left(\left\{ (\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T] : \|u(\omega, t)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})} > c \right\} \right) \\ & \geq \mathbb{P} \otimes \lambda \left(\left\{ (\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T] : |X(\omega, t)| > \frac{c}{\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}} \right\} \right) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

by standard properties of the one-dimensional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process $X = (X(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$. This proves (3.18), hence $\mathbb{P}(u_S \neq 0) > 0$. To see that $\mathbb{P}(u_S \neq 0) < 1$, we fix a continuous modification of X and estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(u_S \equiv 0) &\geq \mathbb{P} \left(u \in L_2(0, T; H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cong L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}) \right) \\ &\geq \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X(t)| < \frac{c}{\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}} \right) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The penultimate estimate holds because $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ defined by

$$\tilde{u}(t) := \mathbb{1}_{\left\{ \sup_{s \leq t} |X(s)| < \frac{c}{\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}} \right\}} X(t) u_0 + \mathbb{1}_{\left\{ \sup_{s \leq t} |X(s)| \geq \frac{c}{\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})}} \right\}} u(t)$$

is a predictable modification of u (due to the uniqueness of the solution to Eq. (1.1)) so that the equality $u(\omega, \cdot) = \tilde{u}(\omega, \cdot)$ holds in $L_2(0, T; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$.

4 Auxiliary results

4.1 A Paley–Wiener type theorem

As mentioned in the introduction, Theorem 3.3 will be proved with the help of a Laplace transform argument. If we used only the Fourier transform instead, we would run into technical troubles when carrying out the inverse transform leading to the singular part $\Phi * E_0 S$. Moreover, we would not be able to show that the support of $\Phi(\omega) \in H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, defined for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$ by (3.9), is contained in $[0, \infty)$. The latter is a consequence of a Paley–Wiener type result, which we present in this subsection. Its proof is similar to the ones of Theorems 8.2–3 and 8.4–1 in [42]. However, since our assertion is slightly different, we present it here for the sake of completeness.

The Laplace transform of a tempered distribution $\phi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ with $\text{supp } \phi \subseteq [0, \infty)$ can be defined, at least for all $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$, by setting

$$(\mathcal{L}\phi)(z) := \left\langle \lambda e^{-z(\cdot)}, \phi \right\rangle_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})}, \quad (4.1)$$

cf. [42, Chapter 8]. Here, λ is a $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ -function with support bounded on the left, which equals one in a neighborhood of $[0, \infty)$, and $e^{-z(\cdot)}$ denotes the function $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-zt} \in \mathbb{C}$. The right hand side in (4.1) makes sense since $\lambda e^{-z(\cdot)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ and the definition obviously does not depend on the specific choice of the function λ . If ϕ is a regular distribution, then $(\mathcal{L}\phi)(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} \phi(t) dt$. Remember that we use the normalization $(\mathcal{F}\phi)(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi t} \phi(t) dt$, $\phi \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ for the Fourier transform with its usual generalization to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$.

Theorem 4.1 *Let $f : [0, \infty) \times i\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be continuous on $[0, \infty) \times i\mathbb{R}$ and holomorphic on $(0, \infty) \times i\mathbb{R}$. Assume that there exists a polynomial P such that*

$$|f(z)| \leq P(|z|), \quad z \in [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}.$$

Then, the inverse Fourier transform

$$\phi := \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f(i \cdot)) \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$$

of the boundary function $f(i \cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\xi \mapsto f(i\xi)$ satisfies

$$\text{supp } \phi \subset [0, \infty).$$

Moreover, $(\mathcal{L}\phi)(z) = f(z)$ for all $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$.

The following well-known facts concerning the Laplace transform will be used in the proof of Theorem 4.1 (statements (i), (ii)) and in Sect. 5.3 (statement (iii)); for proofs see [42, Sects. 5.4, 8.3, 8.5].

Lemma 4.2 *Let $\phi, \eta \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\text{supp } \phi, \text{supp } \eta \subset [0, \infty)$. The following statements hold:*

- (i) $(\mathcal{L}\phi)(c + i \cdot) = \mathcal{F}(e^{-c(\cdot)}\phi)$, $c > 0$,
- (ii) $[\mathcal{L}(\frac{d^n}{dt^n}\phi)](z) = z^n(\mathcal{L}\phi)(z)$, $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
- (iii) The convolution $\phi * \eta$ is also an element of $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$, $\text{supp}(\phi * \eta) \subset [0, \infty)$, and

$$[\mathcal{L}(\phi * \eta)](z) = (\mathcal{L}\phi)(z) \cdot (\mathcal{L}\eta)(z), \quad z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}.$$

In the first statement of Lemma 4.2, the expressions $(\mathcal{L}\phi)(c + i \cdot)$ and $e^{-c(\cdot)}$ denote the functions $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto (\mathcal{L}\phi)(c + i\xi) \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-ct} \in \mathbb{R}$, respectively. The term $e^{-c(\cdot)}\phi$ is understood as the product of a $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ -function and a distribution in $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$. Using that ϕ belongs to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ and that the support of ϕ is bounded on the left, it is easy to show that $e^{-c(\cdot)}\phi$ is continuous w.r.t. the topology on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, i.e. $e^{-c(\cdot)}\phi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$. One has $\langle \eta, e^{-c(\cdot)}\phi \rangle_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})} = \langle \lambda e^{-c(\cdot)}\eta, \phi \rangle_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})}$ for $\eta \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, where $\lambda \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ has support bounded on the left and equals one in a neighborhood of $[0, \infty)$.

Proof of Theorem 4.1 Due to the polynomial boundedness of f , the boundary function $f(i \cdot)$ belongs to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ and $\phi = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f(i \cdot))$ defines an element in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$. Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $\tilde{f} : [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\tilde{f}(z) := (1 + z)^{-N} f(z)$ satisfies

$$|\tilde{f}(z)| \leq \frac{C}{1 + |z|^2}, \quad z \in [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}. \quad (4.2)$$

Set $\tilde{\phi} := \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\tilde{f}(i \cdot))$, where $\tilde{f}(i \cdot)$ denotes the function $\tilde{f}(i \cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\xi \mapsto \tilde{f}(i\xi)$. Then $\phi = (\text{id}_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})} + \frac{d}{dt})^N \tilde{\phi}$ by the analogue of Lemma 4.2(ii) for the Fourier transform. We also have $\text{supp } \phi \subset \text{supp } \tilde{\phi}$ and, if $\text{supp } \tilde{\phi} \subset [0, \infty)$, $(\mathcal{L}\phi)(z) = (1 + z)^N (\mathcal{L}\tilde{\phi})(z)$ for all $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$ by Lemma 4.2(ii). Therefore it suffices to show

$$\text{supp } \tilde{\phi} \subset [0, \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{L}\tilde{\phi})(z) = \tilde{f}(z), \quad z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}. \quad (4.3)$$

For $c, b > 0$ let $\Gamma_{c,b}$ be the closed, rectangular path of integration with vertices $-ib, c - ib, c + ib, ib$ and counterclockwise orientation. By Cauchy's integral theorem we know

$$\oint_{\varepsilon + \Gamma_{c,b}} e^{tz} \tilde{f}(z) dz = 0, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (4.4)$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $\tilde{f}$ is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of $[0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$, (4.4) remains true for $\varepsilon = 0$. Considering the limit $b \rightarrow \infty$ and using (4.2) we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ti\xi} \tilde{f}(i\xi) d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{t(c+i\xi)} \tilde{f}(c + i\xi) d\xi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and therefore

$$\tilde{\phi}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{t(c+i\xi)} \tilde{f}(c + i\xi) d\xi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (4.5)$$

for all $c > 0$. Note that $\tilde{\phi}$ can be assumed to be continuous since $\mathcal{F}\tilde{\phi} = \tilde{f}(i \cdot) \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ due to (4.2).

To prove the first assertion in (4.3) we denote further by $\Lambda_{c,b}$ the closed, rectangular path of integration with vertices $c - ib$, $(c + b) - ib$, $(c + b) + ib$, $c + ib$ and counterclockwise orientation, $c, b > 0$. Fix $t < 0$ and $c > 0$ and observe that

$$0 = \oint_{\Lambda_{c,b}} e^{tz} \tilde{f}(z) dz \longrightarrow - \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{t(c+i\xi)} \tilde{f}(c+i\xi) d\xi, \quad b \rightarrow \infty,$$

by Cauchy's integral theorem and (4.2). Thus $\tilde{\phi}(t) = 0$ for all $t < 0$ by (4.5).

The second assertion in (4.3) now follows by multiplying both sides of (4.5) with e^{-ct} , applying the Fourier transform and using Lemma 4.2(i).

4.2 Estimates for the Helmholtz equation

The application of the Laplace transform w.r.t. the time variable to Eq. (1.1) will lead to a Helmholtz equation on $\mathcal{O}$ with zero Dirichlet boundary condition and stochastic right hand side, cf. Lemma 5.1. In this subsection we consider the same equation with deterministic right hand side. We derive a decomposition of its solution into a regular and a singular part (based on the decomposition of the solution to the Poisson problem) and state estimates from [12], [14] for the $H^2(\mathcal{O})$ -norm of the regular part and the coefficient of the singular part. In Sect. 5.2, this decomposition and these estimates will be applied to the solution to the random Helmholtz equation resulting from Eq. (1.1).

Given $g \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$, we are interested in the unique solution w in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ to the problem

$$-\Delta w + zw = g. \quad (4.6)$$

We may rewrite (4.6) in the form of a Poisson equation,

$$-\Delta w = \tilde{g} := \left[\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - z(z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} \right] g.$$

By what has been said at the beginning of Sect. 3, there exists a unique $c \in \mathbb{C}$, given by $c = \langle \tilde{g}, v_0 \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$, such that $w - cS$ belongs to $H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$. In what follows we write $w = w(z)$ and $c = c(z)$ to indicate the dependence on z . Thus,

$$w(z) - c(z)S \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O}). \quad (4.7)$$

Note that we can rewrite $c(z)$ in the form

$$c(z) = \langle g, \overline{v(z)} \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \quad (4.8)$$

with $v(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ as in (3.2).

For $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ we have $S - e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, and consequently

$$w(z) - c(z)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \quad (4.9)$$

with the same constant $c(z) \in \mathbb{C}$ as in (4.7). Here and below we make slight abuse of notation and write $e^{-r\sqrt{z}}$ for the function

$$\mathcal{O} \ni x = (x_1, x_2) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \mapsto e^{-r\sqrt{z}} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

By $\sqrt{z}$ we mean the complex root of $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ whose real part is nonnegative. It turns out that defining the regular part $w_R(z)$ of $w(z)$ as the function in (4.9) instead of the one in (4.7), i.e., setting $w_R(z) := w(z) - c(z)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S$, leads to a faster asymptotic decay of the $H^2(\mathcal{O})$ -norm of $w_R(z)$ in dependence of z . For this reason we define $w_R(z)$ as above, so that

$$w(z) = w_R(z) + c(z)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S. \quad (4.10)$$

The following result is taken from [12, Sect. 2]; compare also [13, Sect. 2.5.2], [14, Theorem 5.1]. Recall that we have set $\alpha = \pi/\gamma$, where $\gamma \in (\pi, 2\pi)$ is the interior angle of $\partial\mathcal{O}$ at zero.

Theorem 4.3 *Consider the decomposition (4.10) of the solution $w = w(z) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ to Eq. (4.6). Given any angle $\theta_0 \in (0, \pi)$, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on θ_0 , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1), such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_R(z)\|_{H^2(\mathcal{O})} + |z|^{1/2}\|w_R(z)\|_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O})} + |z|\|w_R(z)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ & + (1 + |z|)^{(1-\alpha)/2}|c(z)| \leq C\|g\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \end{aligned}$$

for all $g \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\arg z| \leq \theta_0$.

Remark 4.4 The proof of Theorem 4.3 is based on an alternative representation of the function $v(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ in (4.8) that we have defined in (3.2). For $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$, let $\psi(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ be given by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z)(x) &:= \psi(z, x) \\ &:= \eta(x)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}r^{-\alpha}\sin(\alpha\theta), \quad x = (x_1, x_2) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in \mathcal{O}, \end{aligned}$$

with $\eta \in C^\infty(\overline{\mathcal{O}}; \mathbb{R})$ as in (3.1). One can show that $(-\Delta + z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})\psi(z) \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$, cf. [12, Lemma 2.3], [13, Lemma 2.5.4]. Let $\varphi(z)$ be the unique solution in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ to the problem $(-\Delta + z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})\varphi(z) = (-\Delta + z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})\psi(z)$. Then, the arguments in [12, Sect. 2] and [13, Sect. 2.5.2] imply

$$v(z) = \frac{1}{\pi}(\psi(z) - \varphi(z)).$$

Note that this representation of $v(z)$ is slightly different from the one derived in [12, Sect. 2]; its proof follows along the lines of [13, Sect. 2.5.2].

5 Proof of the main result

In this section we present the proof of Theorem 3.3. We suppose that all assumptions of Sects. 2 and 3 are fulfilled.

5.1 Laplace transform of the stochastic heat equation

Let us denote the ω -wise, vector-valued Laplace transform w.r.t. t of the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) by

$$U(z) := \int_0^T e^{-zt} u(t) dt, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (5.1)$$

The integral in (5.1) is an ω -wise Bochner integral in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$. As a consequence of (2.5) we have $U(z) \in L_2(\Omega; H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Recall from Sect. 3 the definition (3.4) of $H(z)$ and the fact that $H(z) \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

The following lemma describes how the Laplace transform w.r.t. t turns Eq. (1.1) into a random Helmholtz equation.

Lemma 5.1 *For all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ we have, $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely,*

$$\langle \nabla U(z), \nabla \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{C}^2)} + \langle zU(z), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} = \langle H(z), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O}). \quad (5.2)$$

Thus, for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ the equality

$$-\Delta U(z) + zU(z) = H(z)$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$.

Proof Because of the separability of $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ it suffices to show that, for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\varphi \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, the equality $\langle \nabla U(z), \nabla \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{C}^2)} + \langle zU(z), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} = \langle H(z), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$ holds $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely.

Since the mild solution u to Eq. (1.1) is also a weak solution (cf. [35, Theorem 9.15]), we have, for all $t \in [0, T]$ and all real-valued $\varphi \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u(t) - u_0, \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} &= \int_0^t \left[\langle u(s), \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \langle F(u(s)), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \right] ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \langle G(u(s))[\cdot], \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} dW(s) \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

$\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely. Here, for fixed $\omega \in \Omega$, $\langle G(u(\omega, s))[\cdot], \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$ denotes the operator in $\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathcal{L}_2(U_0; \mathbb{R}^2)$ defined by $\langle G(u(\omega, s))[\cdot], \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} w := \langle G(u(\omega, s))w, \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$ for $w \in U_0$. Obviously, (5.3) extends to complex-valued test functions $\varphi \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$.

As a consequence of (5.3), for all $\varphi \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$ the process $(\langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})_{t \in [0, T]}$ has a modification that is a continuous semimartingale in $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$. For this modification, (5.3) holds $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely for all $t \in [0, T]$ simultaneously. Let us fix a φ and

this modification and apply Itô's formula (see [33], [34]) to the $\mathbb{C}^2$ -valued continuous semimartingale

$$\left((e^{-zt}, \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}) \right)_{t \in [0, T]}$$

and the function $f : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (z_1, z_2) \mapsto f(z_1, z_2) = z_1 \cdot z_2$. We identify these objects in the usual way with the corresponding $\mathbb{R}^4$ -valued semimartingale and the function $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \mapsto f(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2, x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2)$, compare Remark 3.2. For clarity we indicate multiplications of two complex numbers by dots in the following calculations. Itô's formula gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle e^{-zT} \cdot u(T) - u_0, \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ &= \int_0^T \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot de^{-zt} + \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot d\langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \int_0^T D^2 f(e^{-zt}, \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}) d\llbracket (e^{-z(\cdot)}, \langle u(\cdot), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}) \rrbracket_t, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

where the last integral equals zero since the cross-variation of a process with bounded variation and a continuous process is zero, and $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial y_1} f = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial y_2} f = 0$. (Actually, this application of Itô's formula is nothing but integration by parts, compare [33, Sect. 26.9].)

A common monotone class argument yields that the $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ -valued semimartingale integral $\int_0^T \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot de^{-zt}$ is an ω -wise Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, so that we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot de^{-zt} &= \int_0^T \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot (-z) \cdot e^{-zt} dt \\ &= -\left\langle z \cdot \int_0^T e^{-zt} u(t) dt, \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

$\int_0^T e^{-zt} u(t) dt$ being an ω -wise Bochner integral in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$. (To be more precise, since we are dealing with complex multiplication, each component of the $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ -valued semimartingale integral $\int_0^T \langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot de^{-zt}$ is a sum of ω -wise Lebesgue-Stieltjes integrals for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$.) By (5.3) and a standard rule from stochastic calculus (see [33, Sect. 26.4]) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot d\langle u(t), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} &= \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot \left[\langle u(t), \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \langle F(u(t)), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \right] dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot \langle G(u(t))[\cdot], \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} dW(t). \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

Due to the construction of the stochastic integral,

$$\int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot \langle G(u(t))[\cdot], \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} dW(t) = \left\langle \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot G(u(t)) dW(t), \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}, \quad (5.7)$$

and due to the construction of the Bochner integral and the fact that $U(z) = \int_0^T e^{-zt} u(t) dt$ takes values in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot \left[\langle u(t), \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \langle F(u(t)), \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \right] dt \\ &= \left\langle \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot u(t) dt, \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \left\langle \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot F(u(t)) dt, \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ &= -\langle \nabla U(z), \nabla \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{C}^2)} + \left\langle \int_0^T e^{-zt} \cdot F(u(t)) dt, \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

The combination of (5.4), (5.5), (5.6), (5.7) and (5.8) finishes the proof. $\square$

If we find a continuous modification of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$, then for this modification Lemma 5.1 will immediately be strengthened: The assertion

$$-\Delta U(z) + zU(z) = H(z) \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

will hold $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely. In order to be able to apply Theorem 4.1 in a later step of our proof, we even show that $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$ has a holomorphic modification.

Lemma 5.2 *The $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$ defined by (3.4) has a holomorphic modification.*

Proof An application of Itô's formula implies the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T e^{-zt} G(u(t)) dW(t) &= e^{-zT} \int_0^T G(u(t)) dW(t) \\ &\quad + z \int_0^T e^{-zt} \left(\int_0^t G(u(s)) dW(s) \right) dt \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

holding $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely for every fixed $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Taking a modification of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued process $\left(\int_0^t G(u(s)) dW(s) \right)_{t \in [0, T]}$ such that all trajectories $t \mapsto \left(\int_0^t G(u(s)) dW(s) \right)(\omega)$ belong to $L_2(0, T; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$, it is not difficult to check that the right hand side of (5.9) defines a holomorphic modification of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued process $\left(\int_0^T e^{-zt} G(u(t)) dW(t) \right)_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$. As the function $\mathbb{C} \ni z \mapsto \int_0^T e^{-zt} F(u(\omega, t)) dt - e^{-zT} u(\omega, T) + u_0 \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ is also holomorphic for all $\omega \in \Omega$, we obtain a holomorphic modification of $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$. $\square$

For ω -wise argumentations concerning the random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$ we always refer to a fixed holomorphic modification from now on.

Remark 5.3 Alternatively to using Itô's formula, one can prove Lemma 5.2 with the help of Lemma 5.6 below.

5.2 Decomposition of the transformed equation

The results of Sect. 5.1 imply that there exists $\Omega_0 \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_0) = 1$ such that, for all $\omega \in \Omega_0$ and all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $U(\omega, z) = \int_0^T e^{-zt} u(\omega, t) dt \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$ satisfies

$$-\Delta U(\omega, z) + zU(\omega, z) = H(\omega, z). \quad (5.10)$$

Here and in the sequel we write $U(\omega, z)$ and $H(\omega, z)$ instead of $U(z)(\omega)$ and $H(z)(\omega)$.

We apply the results of Sect. 4.2. For $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$ define

$$\begin{aligned} c(\omega, z) &:= \langle H(\omega, z), \overline{v(z)} \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ &= \left\langle \left[\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \right]^{-1} H(\omega, z), v_0 \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

where $v(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and $v_0 = v(0) \in L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$ are as in (3.2); compare (4.8). Also, for $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ we set

$$U_R(\omega, z) := \left(z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D \right)^{-1} H(\omega, z) - c(\omega, z) e^{-r\sqrt{z}} S, \quad (5.12)$$

compare (4.9). Then $U_R(\omega, z) \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$, and for all $\omega \in \Omega_0$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ we have a decomposition of $U(\omega, z)$ of the type (4.10),

$$U(\omega, z) = U_R(\omega, z) + c(\omega, z)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S. \quad (5.13)$$

Let us collect some properties of $c(\omega, z)$ and $U_R(\omega, z)$.

Lemma 5.4 (i) For $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$, let $c(\omega, z) \in \mathbb{C}$ be defined by (5.11). The mappings

$$c(z) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \omega \mapsto c(z)(\omega) := c(\omega, z), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D),$$

are $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C})$ -measurable. All trajectories

$$c(\omega, \cdot) : \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad z \mapsto c(\omega, z), \quad \omega \in \Omega,$$

are holomorphic.

(ii) For $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$, let $U_R(\omega, z) \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ be defined by (5.12). The mappings

$$U_R(z) : \Omega \rightarrow H^2(\mathcal{O}), \quad \omega \mapsto U_R(z)(\omega) := U_R(\omega, z), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0),$$

are $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^2(\mathcal{O}))$ -measurable. All trajectories

$$U_R(\omega, \cdot) : \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow H^2(\mathcal{O}), \quad z \mapsto U_R(\omega, z), \quad \omega \in \Omega,$$

are continuous on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ and holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$.

Proof (i) The measurability property is obvious. The holomorphy property follows from the holomorphy of the resolvent map $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D) \ni z \mapsto (z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ and the holomorphy of $\mathbb{C} \ni z \mapsto H(\omega, z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

(ii) Since $\|w\|_{H^2(\mathcal{O})} \leq C \|\Delta w\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$ for all $w \in H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ with a constant $C > 0$ that does not depend w (see, e.g., [13, Theorem 2.2.3]), it suffices to verify the assertions with $U_R(\omega, z)$ replaced by $\Delta U_R(\omega, z)$ and with $H^2(\mathcal{O})$ replaced by $L_2(\mathcal{O})$. For all $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U_R(\omega, z) &= \Delta(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} H(\omega, z) - c(\omega, z) \Delta(e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S) \\ &= \left[z(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} - \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \right] H(\omega, z) - c(\omega, z) \Delta(e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S). \end{aligned}$$

Now the measurability property is obvious. As in (i) one sees that the mapping

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D) \ni z \mapsto \left[z(z \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} - \operatorname{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \right] H(\omega, z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$$

is holomorphic for all $\omega \in \Omega$. A direct calculation and an application of the dominated convergence theorem shows that the mapping $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0) \ni z \mapsto \Delta(e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ is continuous on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$ and holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$. $\square$

As a direct consequence of Theorem 4.3 we have

Lemma 5.5 *Consider the decomposition (5.13) of $U(\omega, z) = \int_0^T e^{-zt} u(\omega, t) dt \in H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$, which holds for all $\omega \in \Omega_0$ and all $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$, where $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_0) = 1$. Given any angle $\theta_0 \in (0, \pi)$, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on θ_0 , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1), such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|U_R(\omega, z)\|_{H^2(\mathcal{O})} + |z|^{1/2} \|U_R(\omega, z)\|_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O})} + |z| \|U_R(\omega, z)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \\ & + (1 + |z|)^{(1-\alpha)/2} |c(\omega, z)| \leq C \|H(\omega, z)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \end{aligned}$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega_0$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\arg z| \leq \theta_0$.

In combination with Lemma 5.4 and Lemma 5.5, the following results will enable us to derive assertions concerning the Sobolev regularity and the supports of the inverse Fourier transforms of $\xi \mapsto U_R(\omega, i\xi)$ and $\xi \mapsto c(\omega, i\xi)$.

Lemma 5.6 *Consider the linear and continuous mapping*

$$X : L_2(0, T) \rightarrow L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O})), \quad \phi \mapsto X(\phi)$$

defined by

$$X(\phi) := \int_0^T \phi(t) F(u(t)) dt + \int_0^T \phi(t) G(u(t)) dW(t), \quad \phi \in L_2(0, T), \quad (5.14)$$

and let $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists an operator-valued random variable

$$\tilde{X} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$$

such that the assertion

$$X(\phi)(\omega) = \tilde{X}(\omega)(\phi) \text{ for } \mathbb{P}\text{-almost all } \omega \in \Omega \quad (5.15)$$

holds for all $\phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T)$.

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \|\tilde{X}\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 & \leq C \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \mathbb{E} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 \right), \quad (5.16) \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on ε and T , and where $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ denotes the modification of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ that is continuous in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$, cf. Theorem 2.2.

Proof We set $r := 1/2 + \varepsilon$. Let $(\phi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an orthonormal basis of $H^r(0, T)$ and let $(\phi'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} := (\langle \cdot, \phi_k \rangle_{H^r(0, T)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the respective dual orthonormal basis of $(H^r(0, T))'$. As described in Appendix 1, we identify $\phi'_k \otimes X(\phi_k)(\omega) \in (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ with the element in $\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ that maps $\phi \in H^r(0, T)$ to $\langle \phi'_k, \phi \rangle_{(H^r(0, T))' \times H^r(0, T)} X(\phi_k)(\omega) = \phi'_k(\phi) X(\phi_k)(\omega) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$. It is determined $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely by (5.14). For $n, N \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{k=n}^N \phi'_k \otimes X(\phi_k) \right\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 &= \sum_{k=n}^N \mathbb{E} \|X(\phi_k)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \\ &\leq 2 \left(\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt + \mathbb{E} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 \right) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=n}^N \|\phi_k\|_{L_2(0, T)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.17)$$

Here we have used Hölder's inequality and Itô's isometry. Note that $\mathbb{E} \|X(\phi_k)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2$ and $\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt$ do not depend on the specific choice of a (measurable) modification of u . Moreover, both expectations $\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt$ and $\mathbb{E} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2$ are finite due to Assumption 2.1 and Theorem 2.2.

Since for $r > 1/2$ the embedding map $H^r(0, T) \hookrightarrow L_2(0, T)$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator — see Theorem 4.10.2 and Remark 4.10.2/4 in [38] — the right hand side of (5.17) tends to zero as $n, N \rightarrow \infty$. This means that the limit

$$\tilde{X} := L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))\text{-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \phi'_k \otimes X(\phi_k)$$

exists, and (5.16) holds with a constant $C > 0$ that depends only on r and T .

Next, note that the evaluation at some $\phi \in H^r(0, T)$ is a continuous mapping from $L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$ to $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ and that the mapping $H^r(0, T) \ni \phi \mapsto X(\phi) \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ is continuous. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}(\cdot)(\phi) &= L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))\text{-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \phi'_k(\phi) X(\phi_k) \\ &= X \left(H^r(0, T)\text{-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \phi'_k(\phi) \phi_k \right) \\ &= X \left(H^r(0, T)\text{-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \langle \phi, \phi_k \rangle_{H^r(0, T)} \phi_k \right) \\ &= X(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\phi \in H^r(0, T)$, where $\tilde{X}(\cdot)(\phi)$ denotes the random variable $\Omega \ni \omega \mapsto \tilde{X}(\omega)(\phi) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$. $\square$

Remark 5.7 The restriction of the mapping X in Lemma 5.6 to the domain $C_0^\infty((0, T)) \subset L_2(0, T)$ is an $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued, generalized stochastic process on $(0, T)$. It can be interpreted as the distributional time-derivative of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued stochastic process

$$\left(\int_0^t F(u(s)) ds + \int_0^t G(u(s)) dW(s) \right)_{t \in (0, T)}. \quad (5.18)$$

Since the embedding $H_0^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T) \hookrightarrow H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T)$ is isometric, hence continuous, the ω -wise restriction of the mapping $\tilde{X}$ in Lemma 5.6 to the domain $H_0^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T)$ belongs to $L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H_0^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$. Thus, (5.15) asserts that the distributional time-derivative of (5.18) has a modification that extends to an element in $L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H_0^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$. Identifying the spaces $\mathcal{L}_2(H_0^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ and $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}((0, T)) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ as described in Appendix 1, we have, in a formal sense,

$$F(u) + G(u) \frac{dW(t)}{dt} \in L_2\left(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}((0, T)) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})\right).$$

Remark 5.8 For the sake of clarity we have distinguished notationally between the evaluation $X(\phi)(\omega)$ of the $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ -valued operator X and the evaluation $\tilde{X}(\omega)(\phi)$ of the operator-valued random variable $\tilde{X}$ in the formulation and the proof of Lemma 5.6.

In what follows it will be more convenient to write $\tilde{X}(\omega, \phi)$ instead of $\tilde{X}(\omega)(\phi)$ and to denote the mapping $\omega \mapsto \tilde{X}(\omega, \phi)$ by $\tilde{X}(\cdot, \phi)$ or $\tilde{X}(\phi)$ instead of $\tilde{X}(\cdot)(\phi)$. This is coherent with our notation for evaluations of the solution $u \in L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ at $\omega \in \Omega$ and test functions $\phi \in L_2(0, T)$, $\varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$ introduced in Sect. 2.2. We will use similar notation for all other operator-valued random variables to appear below and explain its precise meaning whenever need be.

Lemma 5.9 *Let $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$ and let*

$$\tilde{X} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$$

be as in Lemma 5.6. There exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on ε , such that, $\mathbb{P}$ -almost surely,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1/2-\varepsilon} \|H(i\xi)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \\ & \leq C \left(\|\tilde{X}\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|H(z)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} &\leq \sqrt{2T} e^{|\operatorname{Re} z| T \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, 0]}(\operatorname{Re} z)} \|\tilde{X}\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))} (1 + |z|) \\ &\quad + e^{|\operatorname{Re} z| T \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, 0]}(\operatorname{Re} z)} \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

Proof As in the proof of Lemma 5.6 we set $r := 1/2 + \varepsilon$. Fix a version of the random variable $\tilde{X} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$ from Lemma 5.6 and observe that, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, we have

$$H(\omega, z) = \tilde{X}(\omega, e^{-z(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}) - e^{-zT} u(\omega, T) + u_0(\omega) \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{C},$$

where $e^{-z(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}$ denotes the function $(0, T) \ni t \mapsto e^{-zt} \in \mathbb{C}$. (Recall that we consider a fixed holomorphic, hence continuous, modification of the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -valued random field $(H(z))_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$.)

Assertion (5.20) follows from

$$\|H(z)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \leq \|\tilde{X}\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))} \|e^{-z(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}\|_{H^r(0, T)} + \|u_0 - e^{-zT} u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$$

together with

$$\|e^{-z(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}\|_{H^r(0, T)} \leq \sqrt{2T} \|e^{-z(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}\|_{C^1((0, T))} \leq \sqrt{2T} e^{|\operatorname{Re} z| T \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, 0]}(\operatorname{Re} z)} (1 + |z|)$$

and

$$\|u_0 - e^{-zT} u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \leq \|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + e^{|\operatorname{Re} z| T \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty, 0]}(\operatorname{Re} z)} \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}.$$

In order to prove (5.19) we write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \|H(i\xi)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi &\leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \|\tilde{X}(e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)})\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \|u_0 - e^{-i\xi T} u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (5.21)$$

and estimate each term separately. Clearly,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \|u_0 - e^{-i\xi T} u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \leq C (\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})})^2 \quad (5.22)$$

where $C = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} d\xi$ is finite since $r > 1/2$.

To estimate the first term on the right hand side of the inequality (5.21), we extend $\tilde{X} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$ to an $\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(\mathbb{R}); L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ -valued random-variable by setting

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, \phi) := \tilde{X}(\omega, \phi|_{(0, T)}), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad \phi \in H^r(\mathbb{R}).$$

This definition makes sense since $\|\phi|_{(0, T)}\|_{H^r(0, T)} \leq \|\phi\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})}$, and we have

$$\|\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(\mathbb{R}); L_2(\mathcal{O}))} \leq \|\tilde{X}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}, \quad \omega \in \Omega. \quad (5.23)$$

Moreover, for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, \lambda(\cdot)e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}) = \tilde{X}(\omega, e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}). \quad (5.24)$$

Here and below $\lambda(\cdot)$ is a $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ -function which equals one in a neighborhood of $[0, T]$.

Next, let $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an orthonormal basis of $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, define $\tilde{X}_k \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}))$ by

$$\langle \tilde{X}_k(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^r(\mathbb{R})} := \langle \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, \phi), \varphi_k \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad \phi \in H^r(\mathbb{R}).$$

With the natural embedding of $H^{-r}(\mathbb{R})$ into $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ the identity $\langle \tilde{X}_k(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^r(\mathbb{R})} = \langle \tilde{X}_k(\omega), \phi \rangle_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})}$ holds for $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$. Also, for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$[\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(\tilde{X}_k(\omega))](\xi) = \langle \tilde{X}_k(\omega), \lambda(\cdot)e^{-i\xi(\cdot)} \rangle_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})} \quad \text{for } \lambda\text{-almost all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (5.25)$$

see, e.g., [42, Theorem 7.4-3]. Using (5.24), Parseval's identity, (5.25) and the fact that $\|(1 + \xi^2)^{-r/2} \mathcal{F} \cdot\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}, d\xi)}$ is an equivalent norm for $H^{-r}(\mathbb{R})$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \left\| \tilde{X}(e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}|_{(0, T)}) \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \left\| \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\lambda(\cdot)e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}) \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \left| \langle \tilde{X}_k, \lambda(\cdot)e^{-i\xi(\cdot)} \rangle_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})} \right|^2 d\xi \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} |[\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi} \tilde{X}_k](\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\tilde{X}_k\|_{H^{-r}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

For fixed $\omega \in \Omega$, let $\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}^*(\omega) = \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}^*(\omega, \cdot) \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathcal{O}); H^r(\mathbb{R}))$ be the adjoint operator of $\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega) = \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, \cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_2(H^r(\mathbb{R}); L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ in the Hilbert space sense. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{X}_k(\omega)\|_{H^{-r}(\mathbb{R})} &= \sup_{\phi \in H^r(\mathbb{R})} \langle \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega, \phi), \varphi_k \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} = \sup_{\phi \in H^r(\mathbb{R})} \langle \phi, \tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}^*(\omega, \varphi_k) \rangle_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} \\ &= \|\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}^*(\omega, \varphi_k)\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} \end{aligned}$$

and $\|\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}^*(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(L_2(\mathcal{O}); H^r(\mathbb{R}))} = \|\tilde{X}_{\text{ext}}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(\mathbb{R}); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}$. Together with (5.23) and (5.26) this yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-r} \left\| \tilde{X}(\omega, e^{-i\xi(\cdot)}|_{(0,T)}) \right\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \leq C \|\tilde{X}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^r(0,T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2, \quad \omega \in \Omega. \quad (5.27)$$

The combination of (5.21), (5.22) and (5.27) yields (5.19). $\square$

5.3 Inverse transform

We are now ready to invert the vector-valued Laplace transform of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0,T]}$ in terms of the decomposition (5.13).

It will be convenient to introduce the notation

$$M(\omega) := \|\tilde{X}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0,T); L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 + \|u(\omega, T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_0(\omega)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (5.28)$$

so that $M \in L_1(\Omega)$. Here we consider again an arbitrary fixed version of the random variable $\tilde{X} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathcal{L}_2(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T); L_2(\mathcal{O})))$ introduced in Lemma 5.6.

5.3.1 Inverse transform of U_R

Lemma 5.5 and Lemma 5.9 imply that, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1/2-\varepsilon} \left(\|U_R(\omega, i\xi)\|_{H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + |\xi| \|U_R(\omega, i\xi)\|_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right. \\ \left. + \xi^2 \|U_R(\omega, i\xi)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right) d\xi \leq CM(\omega), \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

where the constant $C > 0$ depends only on ε , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1). For convenience, let us redefine $U_R(\omega, z) := 0$ for $z \in [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$ and all $\omega \in \Omega$ such that (5.29) does not hold.

For $\varphi \in (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'$ and $\omega \in \Omega$ we define

$$u_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega) := \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow t}^{-1} \langle U_R(\omega, i \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'}, \quad (5.30)$$

where $\langle U_{\mathbf{R}}(\omega, i \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'}$ denotes the function

$$\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto \langle U_{\mathbf{R}}(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

By Theorem 4.1, Lemma 5.4, (5.29) and the fact that $\|(1 + \xi^2)^{(-1/2-\varepsilon)/2} \mathcal{F} \cdot\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}, d\xi)}$ is an equivalent norm for $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, we have $u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^\varphi(\omega) \in H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$. Moreover, for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and all $\varphi \in (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^\varphi(\omega)\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}^2 &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1/2-\varepsilon} |\langle U_{\mathbf{R}}(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'}|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq CM(\omega) \|\varphi\|_{(H^2(\mathcal{O}))'}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on ε , $\mathcal{O}$ and η .

For all $\omega \in \Omega$ the linear and bounded mapping $u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^{(\cdot)}(\omega) : (H^2(\mathcal{O}))' \rightarrow H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi \mapsto u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^\varphi(\omega)$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator: If $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an orthonormal basis of $(H^2(\mathcal{O}))'$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^{(\cdot)}(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}_2((H^2(\mathcal{O}))'; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))}^2 &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^{\varphi_k}(\omega)\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1/2-\varepsilon} |\langle U_{\mathbf{R}}(\omega, i\xi), \varphi_k \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'}|^2 d\xi \\ &= C \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-1/2-\varepsilon} \|U_{\mathbf{R}}(\omega, i\xi)\|_{H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 d\xi \\ &\leq CM(\omega). \end{aligned} \tag{5.31}$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned} u_{+, \mathbf{R}}(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= u_{+, \mathbf{R}}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \langle u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^\varphi(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}, \\ \omega &\in \Omega, \quad \phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi \in (H^2(\mathcal{O}))', \end{aligned} \tag{5.32}$$

i.e., $u_{+, \mathbf{R}}(\omega) = L^{-1}(u_{+, \mathbf{R}}^{(\cdot)}(\omega))$, where L is the canonical isomorphism from $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})$ to $\mathcal{L}_2((H^2(\mathcal{O}))'; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$ described in Appendix 1; compare (6.1). Thus,

$$\|u_{+, \mathbf{R}}(\omega)\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \leq CM(\omega), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \tag{5.33}$$

with a constant $C > 0$ that depends only on ε , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1).

Next, we show that $u_{+,R}(\omega) \in H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})$ also belongs to the spaces $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_{+,R}(\omega)\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_{+,R}(\omega)\|_{H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 \\ & + \|u_{+,R}(\omega)\|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \leq CM(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (5.34)$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega$, where $C > 0$ depends only on ε , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1). For $\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in H^\varepsilon(\mathbb{R})$ and $\varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$, set

$$\tilde{u}_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega) := \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow t}^{-1} \langle U_R(\omega, i \cdot), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} \quad (5.35)$$

and

$$\tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) := \tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := \langle \tilde{u}_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^\varepsilon(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (5.36)$$

The latter definition is meaningful since $\tilde{u}_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega) \in H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and $\varphi \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$, which follows analogously to the argument for $u_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega)$ above if one uses the estimate for the $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ -norm of $U_R(\omega, z)$ in (5.29). Moreover, also in analogy to the argument above, we obtain

$$\|\tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega)\|_{H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 \leq CM(\omega), \quad \omega \in \Omega. \quad (5.37)$$

Recall that both $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ are naturally embedded into the larger space $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ as described in Sect. 2.2. The definitions (5.30), (5.32), (5.35), (5.36) and the embeddings and identifications of Sobolev spaces and their duals described in Sect. 2.2 clearly imply

$$u_{+,R}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) = \tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega, \phi, \varphi), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}), \quad \phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}).$$

According to Proposition 6.1, this means that $u_{+,R}(\omega)$ and $\tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega)$ coincide if both are considered as elements in the larger space $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$. In this sense, we have $u_{+,R}(\omega) \in H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and the estimate (5.37) holds with $\tilde{u}_{+,R}(\omega)$ replaced by $u_{+,R}(\omega)$. Finally, using in addition the estimate for the $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ -norm of $U_R(\omega, z)$ in (5.29), a similar reasoning implies that $u_{+,R}(\omega)$ belongs to $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and that the estimate (5.34) holds.

The $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}))$ -measurability of $u_{+,R}$ follows with standard arguments if one uses the representation

$$u_{+,R}(\omega) = H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O}) - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \langle u_{+,R}^{\varphi'_k}(\omega), \phi'_j \rangle_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})} \phi_j \otimes \varphi_k$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega$, where $(\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are orthonormal bases of $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ and $H^2(\mathcal{O})$ with respective dual orthonormal bases $(\phi'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\varphi'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$

and $(H^2(\mathcal{O}))'$. Analogously one obtains the $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ -measurability and the $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ -measurability of $u_{+, \mathbb{R}}$.

5.3.2 Inverse transform of $c e^{-r\sqrt{z}} S$

By Lemma 5.5 and Lemma 5.9 we have, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon} |c(\omega, i\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq CM(\omega) \quad (5.38)$$

and

$$|c(\omega, z)| \leq C\sqrt{M(\omega)}(1 + |z|)^{(1+\alpha)/2}, \quad z \in [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}, \quad (5.39)$$

where the constant $C > 0$ depends only on ε , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off function η in (3.1), and where $M(\omega)$ is defined by (5.28). We redefine $c(\omega, z) := 0$ for $z \in [0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$ and all $\omega \in \Omega$ such that (5.38) and (5.39) does not hold.

We set

$$\Phi(\omega) := \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow t}^{-1}(c(\omega, i \cdot)), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (5.40)$$

where $c(\omega, i \cdot)$ denotes the function $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto c(\omega, i\xi) \in \mathbb{C}$. Theorem 4.1, Lemma 5.4, (5.38), (5.39) and the fact that $\|(1 + \xi^2)^{(-\alpha/2-\varepsilon)/2} \mathcal{F} \cdot\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}, d\xi)}$ is an equivalent norm for $H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, imply that $\Phi(\omega) \in H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\text{supp } \Phi(\omega) \subset [0, \infty), \quad (5.41)$$

and

$$\|\Phi(\omega)\|_{H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq CM(\omega) \quad (5.42)$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega$, where $C > 0$ depends only on s , $\mathcal{O}$ and η . Moreover,

$$[\mathcal{L}(\Phi(\omega))](z) = c(\omega, z), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}. \quad (5.43)$$

Next, fix $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ and consider the function $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(t, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \in \mathbb{C}$, where E_0 is defined by (3.3); we denote it by $\int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx$. A direct calculation gives

$$\left| \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(t, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right| \leq C \left(t^{-1/2} + e^{-C/(4t)} (t^{-1} + t^{-1/2}) \right) \|\varphi\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})},$$

where $C > 0$ does not depend on t . In particular, the right sided function $\int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx$ belongs to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$. For $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$, its Laplace transform is

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-zt} \left[\int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(t, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right] dt = \int_{\mathcal{O}} e^{-r\sqrt{z}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx, \quad (5.44)$$

where, as in Sect. 4.2, $e^{-r\sqrt{z}}$ denotes the function $\mathcal{O} \ni x = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \mapsto e^{-r\sqrt{z}} \in \mathbb{C}$. This is due to the identity

$$\frac{r}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} t^{-3/2} e^{-r^2/(4t)} dt = e^{-r\sqrt{z}}, \quad r > 0, \quad z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R},$$

a proof of which can be found in [9, Sect. 8.4], compare also [15, Exercise 3A/3].

By Lemma 4.2(iii), (5.43) and (5.44) we obtain

$$\left[\mathcal{L} \left(\Phi(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right) \right] (z) = c(\omega, z) \int_{\mathcal{O}} e^{-r\sqrt{z}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in (0, \infty) + i\mathbb{R}$. This, together with Theorem 4.1 and the uniqueness of the Fourier and the Laplace transform, implies the equality in $S'(\mathbb{R})$

$$\mathcal{F} \left(\Phi(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right) = \int_{\mathcal{O}} c(\omega, i \cdot) e^{-r\sqrt{i(\cdot)}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (5.45)$$

where the expression on the right hand side denotes the function $\mathbb{R} \ni \xi \mapsto \int_{\mathcal{O}} c(\omega, i\xi) e^{-r\sqrt{i\xi}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx \in \mathbb{C}$. Thus, for $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$ and $\omega \in \Omega$ we may set, in analogy to (5.30),

$$\begin{aligned} u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega) &:= \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow t}^{-1} \left\langle c(\omega, i \cdot) e^{-r\sqrt{i(\cdot)}} S, \varphi \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} \\ &= \Phi(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (5.46)$$

Similar to the argument for $u_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega)$ above, using (5.38) and $\|e^{-r\sqrt{i\xi}} S\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \leq \|S\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}$, one sees that for all $\omega \in \Omega$ the mapping $\varphi \mapsto u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega)$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator from $L_2(\mathcal{O})$ to $H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$. It follows in particular that $(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) &:= (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega, \phi, \varphi) \\ &:= \left\langle \Phi(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_0(\cdot, x) S(x) \varphi(x) dx, \phi \right\rangle_{H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})} \\ &= \langle u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega), \phi \rangle_{H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}, \\ &\quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad \phi \in H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.47)$$

belongs to $H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Now we verify the assertion (3.8) in Theorem 3.3. It suffices to show that, for all $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $\Phi(\omega) \neq 0$, the linear mapping $L_2(\mathcal{O}) \ni \varphi \mapsto u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega) \in H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$

can *not* be extended to an element of $\mathcal{L}((H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}))'; H^{-\rho}(\mathbb{R}))$ for any $\rho \geq 0$. (Recall that we have $L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}))' \hookrightarrow (H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}))'$ by Convention 2.6.) Due to (5.46) and since $\|(1 + \xi^2)^{-\rho/2} \mathcal{F} \cdot \|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}, d\xi)}$ is an equivalent norm for $H^{-\rho}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\|u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega)\|_{H^{-\rho}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \geq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-\rho} \left| c(\omega, i\xi) \int_{\mathcal{O}} e^{-r\sqrt{i\xi}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right|^2 d\xi.$$

By the definition (5.40) of $\Phi(\omega)$ we know that $\Phi(\omega) \neq 0$ if, and only if, $c(\omega, i \cdot) \neq 0$. In this case there exists a bounded set $B = B(\omega) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ of positive Lebesgue measure and $\delta_0 = \delta_0(\omega) > 0$ such that $|c(\omega, i\xi)| \geq \delta_0$ for all $\xi \in B$. W.l.o.g. we can assume that $B \subset [0, \infty)$; the case $B \subset (-\infty, 0]$ is treated similarly. Let $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$ be real-valued with $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \overline{\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon}$, where $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon := \mathcal{O} \cap \{x = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) : r < \varepsilon\}$ with $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(B) > 0$ such that $\cos(-r \sin(\pi/4)\sqrt{\xi}) \geq \delta_1 > 0$ for all $\xi \in B$ and $r \leq \varepsilon$. Then, for all $\xi \in B$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathcal{O}} e^{-r\sqrt{i\xi}} S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right| &\geq C \left| \int_{\mathcal{O}} \cos(-r \sin(\pi/4)\sqrt{\xi}) S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right| \\ &\geq C \delta_1 \left| \int_{\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon} S(x) \varphi(x) dx \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ depends on $\mathcal{O}$ and B . Since the restriction of S to $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon$ does not belong to $H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon)$ (see [11, Theorem 1.4.5.3]), one can find a sequence $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}) \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon))'$ which is bounded in $(H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon))'$ and satisfies $|\int_{\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon} S(x) \varphi_k(x) dx| \rightarrow \infty$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$. Identifying each φ_k with its extension by zero to $\mathcal{O}$, the sequence $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}) = (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'$ is bounded in $(H^{1+\alpha}(\mathcal{O}))'$ and we have $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{+,S}^{\varphi_k}(\omega)\|_{H^{-\rho}(\mathbb{R})} = \infty$, which implies the assertion.

5.3.3 Combining the results

For $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, the decomposition $U(\omega, i\xi) = U_R(\omega, i\xi) + c(\omega, i\xi)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S$ holds for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ as an equality in the space $D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$, cf. (5.13). In particular, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$\langle U(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle = \langle U_R(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle + \langle c(\omega, i\xi)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S, \varphi \rangle, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}), \quad (5.48)$$

where we abbreviate $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'}$. By the definition (5.1) of U and the embedding $L_2(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$, the left hand side in (5.48) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} &= \int_0^T e^{-i\xi t} \langle u(\omega, t), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} dt \\ &= [\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(\langle u_+(\omega), \varphi \rangle_{H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})})](\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (5.49)$$

Similarly, by the definition (5.30) of $u_{+,R}^\varphi$ and the embedding $L_2(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'$, the first term on the right hand side in (5.48) equals

$$\langle U_R(\omega, i\xi), \varphi \rangle_{H^2(\mathcal{O}) \times (H^2(\mathcal{O}))'} = [\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(u_{+,R}^\varphi(\omega))](\xi), \quad (5.50)$$

and the second term on the right hand side in (5.48) is

$$\langle c(\omega, i\xi)e^{-r\sqrt{z}}S, \varphi \rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O}) \times (L_2(\mathcal{O}))'} = [\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(u_{+,S}^\varphi(\omega))](\xi) \quad (5.51)$$

due to (5.46).

The combination of (5.48), (5.49), (5.50), (5.51), together with the definitions (5.32), (5.47) and the uniqueness of the Fourier transform, implies that, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$u_+(\omega, \phi, \varphi) = u_{+,R}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) + (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega, \phi, \varphi), \quad \phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O}), \quad (5.52)$$

where we use the notation introduced in Convention 2.8. Thus, for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$, we have $u_+(\omega) = u_{+,R}(\omega) + (\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)$ as an equality in the space $H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$. It has been shown in Sects. 2.2 and 5.3.1 that both $u_+(\omega)$ and $u_{+,R}(\omega)$ even belong to $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$. As a consequence, $(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)$ belongs to $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$. That is, the bilinear mapping

$$(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega) : H^{\alpha/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

extends for $\mathbb{P}$ -almost all $\omega \in \Omega$ continuously to the domains $H^\varepsilon(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O})$; these extensions belong to $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ and $H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$, respectively. For all $\omega \in \Omega$ such that (5.52) does not hold we redefine $\Phi(\omega) := 0$, so that $(\Phi * E_0 S)(\omega)$ belongs to $H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}) \cap H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Estimates (2.1), (5.16), (5.34) and the measurability of $u_{+,R}$ proved at the end of Sect. 5.3.1 imply the assertion (3.5) in Theorem 3.3. In particular, we obtain that $\Phi * E_0 S$ belongs to $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. Moreover, from the definition (5.40) of Φ , the estimates (2.1), (5.16), (5.39), Lemma 5.4(i) and the continuity of the inverse Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow t}^{-1} : L_2(\mathbb{R}, (1 + \xi^2)^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon} d\xi; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$, one can derive the $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}(H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$ -measurability of Φ . This, together with the estimates (2.1), (5.16) and (5.42), yields $\Phi \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}))$. Together with (5.41), this finishes the proof of the first assertion of Theorem 3.3.

The assertion (3.8) has been verified at the end of Sect. 5.3.2. The assertion (3.9) is a consequence of (5.11) and (5.40). Finally, the estimate (3.10) follows from (5.16), (5.34) and (5.42). Theorem 3.3 is proved.

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6 Appendix 1: Tensor products

In this section we present some supplementary details concerning tensor products of Hilbert spaces as introduced in Sect. 2.2. Our main references in this context are Kadison and Ringrose [20, Sect. 2.6] and Trèves [37, Part III]; compare also Defant and Floret [6, Sects. 2 and 26], Weidmann [41, Sect. 3.4].

In the sequel, $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ are separable complex Hilbert spaces and $\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ is their Hilbert-Schmidt tensor product according to Definition 2.5.

We first note that the family of functionals

$$h_j \otimes g_k : \mathcal{H}' \times \mathcal{G}' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (h', g') \mapsto \langle h_j, h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}'} \langle g_k, g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}'}, \quad j, k \in \mathbb{N},$$

is an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ whenever $(h_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are orthonormal bases of $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$. This follows from [20, Proposition 2.6.2], the fact that $(\langle \cdot, h_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\langle \cdot, g_k \rangle_{\mathcal{G}})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are orthonormal bases of $\mathcal{H}'$ and $\mathcal{G}'$, and the identities $\langle h', \langle \cdot, h_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}'} = \langle h_j, R_{\mathcal{H}} h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle h_j, h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}'}$, $\langle g', \langle \cdot, g_k \rangle_{\mathcal{G}} \rangle_{\mathcal{G}'} = \langle g_k, R_{\mathcal{G}} g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G}} = \langle g_k, g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}'}$. Here $R_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $R_{\mathcal{G}}$ denote the conjugate linear Riesz mappings from $\mathcal{H}'$ to $\mathcal{H}$ and from $\mathcal{G}'$ to $\mathcal{G}$, respectively.

In the course of the proof of Theorem 3.3 we also make use of the fact that the definition of $\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ as the space of Hilbert-Schmidt functionals on $\mathcal{H}' \times \mathcal{G}'$ entails the isometric isomorphisms to spaces of Hilbert-Schmidt operators

$$K : \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{H}'; \mathcal{G}) \quad \text{and} \quad L : \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{G}'; \mathcal{H})$$

given by

$$f(h', g') = \langle (Kf)h', g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}'} = \langle (Lf)g', h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}'}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}, \quad h' \in \mathcal{H}', \quad g' \in \mathcal{G}', \quad (6.1)$$

compare [20, Sect. 2.6]. We may therefore consider elements $f \in \mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$ as operators $Kf \in \mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{H}'; \mathcal{G})$ or $Lf \in \mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{G}'; \mathcal{H})$ whenever this point of view appears to be convenient. In doing so, we omit the explicit notation of the mappings K and L if no confusion is possible.

For Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2$ and bounded linear operators $S \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1; \mathcal{H}_2)$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1; \mathcal{G}_2)$, we denote by $S \hat{\otimes} T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1; \mathcal{H}_2 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_2)$ the bounded linear extension of the tensor product $S \otimes T : \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2 \otimes \mathcal{G}_2$ given by $S \otimes T (h \otimes g) := (Sh) \otimes (Tg)$, $h \in \mathcal{H}_1$, $g \in \mathcal{G}_1$. Here, $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{G}$ denotes the algebraic tensor product of $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G}$, i.e., the vector space of all bilinear functionals on $\mathcal{H}' \times \mathcal{G}'$ of the form $\sum_{j=1}^N h_j \otimes g_j$, where $h_j \in \mathcal{H}$, $g_j \in \mathcal{G}$, $j = 1, \dots, N$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$; compare [6, Sect. 2.2], [37, Chapter 42]. Note that $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{G}$ lies dense in $\mathcal{H} \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}$.

The following proposition leads to a useful characterization of embeddings of tensor products of Sobolev spaces.

Proposition 6.1 *Let $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2$ be separable complex Hilbert spaces and let $i_1 : \mathcal{H}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$, $j_1 : \mathcal{G}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}_2$ be continuous linear embeddings. Then, the tensor product map $i_1 \hat{\otimes} j_1 : \mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_2$ is a continuous linear embedding that acts on elements $f \in \mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1$ via*

$$(\mathbf{1} \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{j})(f))(h', g') = f(\mathbf{i}'(h'), \mathbf{j}'(g')), \quad h' \in \mathcal{H}'_2, \quad g' \in \mathcal{G}'_2,$$

where $\mathbf{i}' : \mathcal{H}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'_1$ and $\mathbf{j}' : \mathcal{G}'_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'_1$ are the dual operators to $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$.

Proof Let $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(e_l)_{l \in \mathbb{N}}$ be orthonormal bases of $\mathcal{H}_1$ and $\mathcal{G}_1$, respectively, with dual orthonormal bases $(b'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} := (\langle \cdot, b_k \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(e'_l)_{l \in \mathbb{N}} := (\langle \cdot, e_l \rangle_{\mathcal{G}_1})_{l \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $\mathcal{H}'_1$ and $\mathcal{G}'_1$. Fix $f \in \mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1$. Since $(b_k \otimes e_l)_{k, l \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1$ and since $\langle f, b_k \otimes e_l \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1} = f(b'_k, e'_l)$, we have the expansion

$$f = \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{N}} f(b'_k, e'_l) b_k \otimes e_l$$

in the space $\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1$. Here, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1}$ denotes the inner product associated to $(\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{H}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_1})$. The tensor product $\mathbf{1} \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{j}$ maps f to

$$\mathbf{1} \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{j}(f) = \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{N}} f(b'_k, e'_l) \mathbf{i}(b_k) \otimes \mathbf{j}(e_l),$$

where the infinite sum converges unconditionally in $\mathcal{H}_2 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{G}_2$. Therefore, for all $h' \in \mathcal{H}'_2$ and $g' \in \mathcal{G}'_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{1} \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{j}(f))(h', g') &= \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{N}} f(b'_k, e'_l) \langle \mathbf{i}(b_k), h' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2 \times \mathcal{H}'_2} \langle \mathbf{j}(e_l), g' \rangle_{\mathcal{G}_2 \times \mathcal{G}'_2} \\ &= \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{N}} f(b'_k, e'_l) \langle b_k, \mathbf{i}'(h') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1 \times \mathcal{H}'_1} \langle e_l, \mathbf{j}'(g') \rangle_{\mathcal{G}_1 \times \mathcal{G}'_1} \\ &= f(\mathbf{i}'(h'), \mathbf{j}'(g')), \end{aligned}$$

where the infinite sum converges unconditionally in $\mathbb{C}$. The injectivity of $\mathbf{1} \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{j}$ follows from the injectivity of $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ and the bilinear structure of the tensor product spaces. $\square$

7 Appendix 2: General bounded polygonal domains

In this section we state the extension of our main result to general bounded polygonal domains. It can be verified by following the lines of Sect. 5, using instead of the results of Sect. 4.2 their generalization to the Helmholtz equation on arbitrary bounded polygonal domains; see [13, Chapter 2].

Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a general bounded polygonal domain as specified at the beginning of Sect. 2.1. By $V_j \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we denote the vertices of the boundary $\partial \mathcal{O}$, numbered according to their order within $\partial \mathcal{O}$ in counter-clockwise orientation. The respective interior angles of $\partial \mathcal{O}$ at these vertices are denoted by $\gamma_j \in (0, 2\pi)$. With each vertex V_j we associate a system of polar coordinates $(r_j, \theta_j) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, 2\pi)$ with origin at V_j . For any point P in the plane, the r_j -coordinate is the distance from P to V_j and the θ_j -coordinate is the angle between the line segments $V_j V_{j+1}$ and $V_j P$; see Fig. 1 below.

Fig. 1 General bounded polygonal domain $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

In analogy to (3.1), we set $\alpha_j := \pi/\gamma_j$ and define corner singularity functions $S_j : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ associated to every vertex V_j such that $\gamma_j > \pi$ by

$$S_j(r_j, \theta_j) := \eta_j(r_j, \theta_j) r_j^{\alpha_j} \sin(\alpha_j \theta_j). \quad (7.1)$$

Here $\eta_j \in C^\infty(\overline{\mathcal{O}}; \mathbb{R})$ is a truncation function which does not depend on the θ_j -coordinate, equals one near V_j and vanishes in a neighborhood of the sides of $\partial\mathcal{O}$ which do not end at V_j . We choose these truncation functions in such a way that their supports are disjoint. Further, for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gamma_j > \pi$ we define $\psi_j \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ by

$$\psi_j(r_j, \theta_j) := \eta_j(r_j, \theta_j) r_j^{-\alpha_j} \sin(\alpha_j \theta_j),$$

and $\varphi_j \in D(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$ is the unique solution in $H_0^1(\mathcal{O})$ to the problem $\Delta\varphi_j = \Delta\psi_j$. In analogy to (3.2), we define functions $v_j(z) \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gamma_j > \pi$ by

$$v_j(z) := \left[\text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - z(z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} \right] \frac{1}{\pi} (\psi_j - \varphi_j), \quad (7.2)$$

where $(z \text{id}_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} - \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ is the z -resolvent of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^D$. In analogy to (3.3), we define kernel functions $E_j : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gamma_j > \pi$ by

$$\begin{aligned} E_j(t, x) &:= \mathbf{1}_{(0, \infty)}(t) (2\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} t^{-3/2} r_j e^{-r_j^2/(4t)}, \\ t &\in \mathbb{R}, \quad x = (r_j \cos \theta_j, r_j \sin \theta_j) \in \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned} \quad (7.3)$$

Now we can formulate the generalization of Theorem 3.3.

Theorem 7.1 Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a bounded polygonal domain with interior angles $\gamma_j \in (0, 2\pi)$, $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, as described above. Let Assumptions 2.1 and 3.1 hold, let $\varepsilon > 0$ and set $\alpha_j := \pi/\gamma_j$. Let $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ be the mild solution to Eq. (1.1) and let u_+ be its extension by zero to the whole real line, considered as an element of $L_2(\Omega; L_2(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ as described in Sect. 2.2.

There exist

$$u_{+,R} \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \\ \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$$

and

$$\Phi_j \in L_2(\Omega; H^{-\alpha_j/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})), \quad j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ such that } \gamma_j > \pi,$$

with $\text{supp } \Phi_j(\omega) \subset [0, \infty)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$ (in the sense of distributions) such that the decomposition

$$u_+ = u_{+,R} + \sum_{\gamma_j > \pi} \Phi_j * E_j S_j$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and in $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. Here $\Phi_j * E_j S_j$ denotes the element of $L_2(\Omega; H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ that acts on test functions $(\phi, \varphi) \in H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times L_2(\mathcal{O})$ via

$$(\Phi_j * E_j S_j)(\omega)(\phi, \varphi) := (\Phi_j * E_j S_j)(\omega, \phi, \varphi) \\ := \left\langle \Phi_j(\omega) * \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_j(\cdot, x) S_j(x) \varphi(x) dx, \phi \right\rangle_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \times H^{-1/2+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}, \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (7.4)$$

where S_j and E_j are given by (7.1) and (7.3), $\int_{\mathcal{O}} E_j(\cdot, x) S_j(x) \varphi(x) dx$ denotes the (locally integrable) function $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \int_{\mathcal{O}} E_j(t, x) S_j(x) \varphi(x) dx \in \mathbb{C}$, and $*$ is the usual convolution of Schwartz distributions.

We have

$$(\Phi_j * E_j S_j)(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} H^{-r}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha_j}(\mathcal{O}) \quad \text{on } \{\omega \in \Omega : \Phi_j(\omega) \neq 0\}$$

and Φ_j is determined in terms of its Fourier transform w.r.t. the time variable $t \in \mathbb{R}$ as follows: For $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$[\mathcal{F}_{t \rightarrow \xi}(\Phi_j(\omega))](\xi) = \left\langle H(\omega, i\xi), \overline{v_j(i\xi)} \right\rangle_{L_2(\mathcal{O})} \quad \text{for } \lambda\text{-almost every } \xi \in \mathbb{R},$$

where v_j and H are defined by (7.2) and (3.4).

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(\|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{-1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \|u_{+,R}\|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \sum_{\gamma_j > \pi} \|\Phi_j\|_{H^{-\alpha_j/2-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right) \\ & \leq C \mathbb{E} \left(\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on ε , T , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off functions η_j in (7.1), and where $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ denotes the modification of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ that is continuous in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$.

Similar to the proof of Corollary 3.7, using the disjointness of the supports of the corner singularity functions S_j , one obtains the following decomposition of u within $L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$.

Corollary 7.2 *Let the setting of Theorem 7.1 be given with $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$ and consider the mild solution $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ to Eq. (1.1) as an element of $L_2(\Omega; L_2(0, T) \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ as described in Sect. 2.2. Let $\mathcal{E}$ be a linear extension operator that maps $H^s(0, T)$ continuously to $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ for $s = -1/2 + \varepsilon$, $s = \varepsilon$ and $s = 1/2 + \varepsilon$. For $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\gamma_j > \pi$, define $u_R, u_{S,j} \in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$ by*

$$u_R(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := u_{+,R}(\omega, \mathcal{E}\phi, \varphi), \quad u_{S,j}(\omega, \phi, \varphi) := (\Phi_j * E_j S_j)(\omega, \mathcal{E}\phi, \varphi),$$

$\omega \in \Omega$, $\phi \in H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T)$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathcal{O})$, where $u_{+,R}$ and $\Phi_j * E_j S_j$ are as in Theorem 7.1.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} u_R & \in L_2(\Omega; (H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \\ & \quad \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})), \\ u_{S,j} & \in L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})) \cap L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})), \end{aligned}$$

for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gamma_j > \pi$, and the decomposition

$$u = u_R + \sum_{\gamma_j > \pi} u_{S,j}$$

holds as an equality in $L_2(\Omega; (H^\varepsilon(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O}))$ and in $L_2(\Omega; H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0, T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O}))$. For $\mathbb{P}$ -almost every $\omega \in \Omega$,

$$u_{S,j}(\omega) \notin \bigcup_{r \geq 0} (H^r(0, T))' \hat{\otimes} H^{1+\alpha_j}(\mathcal{O}) \iff u_{S,j}(\omega) \not\equiv 0 \iff \Phi_j(\omega) \not\equiv 0.$$

Moreover, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on ε , T , $\mathcal{O}$ and the cut-off functions η_j in (7.1), such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(\|u_R\|_{(H^{1/2+\varepsilon}(0,T))' \hat{\otimes} H^2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_R\|_{(H^\varepsilon(0,T))' \hat{\otimes} H_0^1(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u_R\|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(0,T) \hat{\otimes} L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 \right) \\ & \leq C \mathbb{E} \left(\|u_0\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \|u(T)\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 + \int_0^T \|F(u(t))\|_{L_2(\mathcal{O})}^2 dt \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|G(\tilde{u}(t))\|_{\mathcal{L}_2(U_0; L_2(\mathcal{O}))}^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ denotes the modification of $u = (u(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ that is continuous in $L_2(\mathcal{O}; \mathbb{R})$.

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