# Strong convergence of propagation of chaos for McKean-Vlasov SDEs with singular interactions

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- Let *E* be a Polish space and  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(E)$  a probability measure on *E*.
- Let (μ<sup>N</sup>)<sub>N∈ℕ</sub> be a sequence of symmetric probability measures on the product space E<sup>N</sup>, where symmetric means that for any permutation (x<sub>i1</sub>, · · · , x<sub>iN</sub>) of (x<sub>1</sub>, · · · , x<sub>N</sub>),

$$\mu^{N}(\mathrm{d} x_{i_{1}},\cdots,\mathrm{d} x_{i_{N}})=\mu^{N}(\mathrm{d} x_{1},\cdots,x_{N}).$$

• One says that  $(\mu^N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $\mu$ -chaotic if for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

 $\mu^{N,k}$  weakly converges to  $\mu^{\otimes k}$  as  $k \leq N \to \infty$ , (1.1)

where  $\mu^{N,k}(dx_1, \dots, dx_k) = \mu^N(dx_1, \dots, dx_k, E, \dots, E)$  is the *k*-fold marginal distribution of  $\mu^N$ . Note that (1.1) holds if and only if (1.1) holds for only k = 2.

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### Introduction: Kac's Chaos

Let ξ<sup>N</sup> := (ξ<sup>N,1</sup>,..., ξ<sup>N,N</sup>) be a family of *E*-valued random variables. If the law of ξ<sup>N</sup> is symmetric and μ-chaotic, one says that ξ<sup>N</sup> is μ-chaotic. It is also equivalent to a law of large numbers

 $\eta_{\boldsymbol{\xi}^N}(\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y}) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{\boldsymbol{\xi}^{N,j}}(\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y}) \in \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{E}) \text{ converges to } \mu \text{ in law.}$ (1.2)

More precisely, for any  $\varphi \in C_b(E)$ ,

$$\eta_{\xi^N}(\varphi) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \varphi(\xi^{N,j}) \to \mu(\varphi) := \int_E \varphi(x) \mu(\mathrm{d} x), \quad \text{in law}.$$

- ξ<sup>N</sup> can be regarded as N-random particles in state space E. Kac's chaos means that if one observes the distribution of any k-particles, then they become statistically independent as N goes to infinity.
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## Introduction: Propagation of chaos

- Let (ξ<sup>N</sup><sub>t≥0</sub> := (ξ<sup>N,1</sup><sub>t</sub>, · · · , ξ<sup>N,N</sup><sub>t≥0</sub>) be a family of E<sup>N</sup>-valued continuous stochastic processes, which can be thought of as the evolution of N-particles.
- Let (ξ<sub>t</sub>)<sub>t≥0</sub> be a limit *E*-valued continuous stochastic process defined on the same probability space.
- Let  $\mu_t^N$  be the law of  $\xi_t^N$  in  $E^N$  and  $\mu_t$  be the law of  $\xi_t$  in E.
- Suppose that μ<sub>0</sub><sup>N</sup> is μ<sub>0</sub>-chaotic at time 0. One says that propagation of chaos holds if for any time t > 0, μ<sub>t</sub><sup>N</sup> is μ<sub>t</sub>-chaotic.
- This is a basic assumption in the derivation of Bolzmann equations. Appears also in data science, mean-field games and the training of neural networks.

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### Introduction: Propagation of chaos

- As the evolution of particle distributions, the probability measures  $\mu_t^N$  and  $\mu_t$  satisfy Fokker-Planck-Kolmogorov equation in the weak sense. Therefore, it can be studied by purely PDE's method.
- As stochastic processes, one would like to ask the following stronger convergence in a probabilistic sense: for each t > 0,

$$\lim_{\mathbf{V}\to\infty}\mathbb{E}|\xi_t^{\mathbf{N},\mathbf{1}}-\xi_t|=\mathbf{0},$$

or in the functional path sense

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{s \in [0,t]} |\xi_s^{N,1} - \xi_s| \right) = 0.$$
 (1.3)

• (Rate of Convergence) For any T > 0 and some  $C_T$  and  $\gamma > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{\boldsymbol{s}\in[0,T]}|\xi_{\boldsymbol{s}}^{\boldsymbol{N},1}-\xi_{\boldsymbol{s}}|\right)\leqslant \boldsymbol{C}_{\boldsymbol{T}}\boldsymbol{N}^{-\gamma}.$$

## Introduction: Interaction particle system

- Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d$  be Borel measurable functions.
- For a (sub)-probability measure  $\mu$  over  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , we define

$$b(t, x, \mu) := F(t, x, (\phi_t \circledast \mu)(x)),$$

where  $\phi_t(x, y) := \phi(t, x, y)$  and

$$(\phi_t \circledast \mu)(\boldsymbol{x}) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_t(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) \mu(\mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{y}).$$

• Let  $\mathbf{X}_t^N := (X_t^{N,1}, \dots, X_t^{N,N})$  be the evolution of *N*-particles governed by stochastic system associated with above *b* and  $\sigma$ .

#### Introduction: Interaction particle system

• Consider the following interacting system of N-particles,

$$\mathrm{d}X_t^{N,i} = b\Big(t, X_t^{N,i}, \eta_{\mathbf{X}_t^N}\Big)\mathrm{d}t + \sigma\Big(t, X_t^{N,i}\Big)\mathrm{d}W_t^i, \quad i = 1, \cdots, N, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\eta_{\mathbf{X}_{t}^{N}}$  stands for the empirical distribution measure of  $\mathbf{X}_{t}^{N}$ , and  $\{W^{i}, i \in N\}$  is a sequence of independent standard Brownian motions on some stochastic basis  $(\Omega, \mathscr{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathscr{F}_{t})_{t \ge 0})$ .

The infinitesimal generator of the above system is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_t^N \varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{tr} \left( a(t, x^i) \cdot \nabla_{x^i}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \right) + \mathcal{F} \left( t, x^i, \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \phi_t(x^i, x^j) \right) \cdot \nabla_{x^i} \varphi(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (x^1, \dots, x^N) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^N$  and  $a = \frac{1}{2}\sigma\sigma^*$ . Here and below we use Einstein's convention for summation.

#### Introduction: McKean-Vlasov equation

Formally, it is expected that η<sub>X<sup>N</sup><sub>t</sub></sub> weakly converges to the distribution μ<sub>Xt</sub> of the solution to the following distribution-dependent (or McKean-Vlasov) SDE (abbreviated as DDSDE) when N → ∞:

$$\mathrm{d}X_t = b(t, X_t, \mu_{X_t})\mathrm{d}t + \sigma(t, X_t)\mathrm{d}W_t^1. \tag{1.5}$$

 µ := (μ<sub>Xt</sub>)t≥0 solves the following nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation
 in distributional sense:

$$\partial_t \mu = \partial_i \partial_j (\mathbf{a}_{ij} \mu) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{b}(\mu) \mu).$$

 When *b* is Lipschitz continuous in *x* and μ, McKean(1986) and Sznitman(1991) showed the following result:

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{s\in[0,T]}|X_{s}^{N,1}-X_{s}|^{2}\right)\leqslant\frac{C(b,\sigma,T)}{N}.$$
(1.6)

• Consider the following interaction particle system:

$$\mathrm{d}X_t^{N,i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} K\Big(X_t^{N,i} - X_t^{N,j}\Big) \mathrm{d}t + \nu \mathrm{d}W_t^i,$$

where K(x) is the interaction kernel.

- Osada (1987) firstly showed the propagation of chaos for the point vortices associated with the 2d Navier-Stokes equation with large viscosity (singular interaction kernel like  $K(x) = x^{\perp}/|x|^2$ ).
- Fournier, Hauray and Mischler (2014) dropped the assumption of large viscosity by the classical martingale method.

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### **Beyond Lipschitz**

- Jabin and Wang (2018) obtained a first quantitative convergence rate about the relative entropy between the law of particle system and the tensorized limit law with kernels  $K \in W^{-1,\infty}$  and K(x) = -K(-x).
- Serfaty (2020) showed the propagation of chaos for first order system with Coulomb potential or a super-Coulombic Riesz potential with |*K*(*x*)| ≤ *C*|*x*|<sup>-α</sup>, where *d* − 2 < α < *d* and *d* ≥ 2.
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## **Beyond Lipschitz**

- Röckner and Zhang (2021) showed the strong well-posedness for DDSDE with K ∈ L<sup>p</sup>(ℝ<sup>d</sup>) for some p > d.
- Tomašević (2020) uses the partial Girsanov transform to derive the propagation of chaos under  $K \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for some p > d and the extra assumption that the set of discontinuous points of the interaction kernel has Lebesgue measure zero.
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### Difficulties

• Consider the following SDE in  $\mathbb{R}^{3d}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mathrm{d}X_t^1 = \left[\phi\left(X_t^1, X_t^2\right) + \phi\left(X_t^1, X_t^3\right)\right] \mathrm{d}t + \mathrm{d}W_t^1, \\ \mathrm{d}X_t^2 = \left[\phi\left(X_t^2, X_t^1\right) + \phi\left(X_t^2, X_t^3\right)\right] \mathrm{d}t + \mathrm{d}W_t^2, \\ \mathrm{d}X_t^3 = \left[\phi\left(X_t^3, X_t^1\right) + \phi\left(X_t^3, X_t^2\right)\right] \mathrm{d}t + \mathrm{d}W_t^3, \end{cases}$$
(1.7)

where  $|\phi(x, y)| \leq h(x - y)$  and  $h \in L^p$  with p > d. For i = 1, 2, 3, let  $\phi_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) := \sum_{j \neq i} \phi(x_i, x_j)$ .

• As a function of  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{3d}$ , one only has

 $\phi_i \in L^{\infty}_{\mathbf{X}^*_i} L^p_{\mathbf{X}^*_i} \subset L^p_{\mathbf{X}} \text{ locally}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \tag{1.8}$ 

where  $x_i^*$  stands for the remaining variables except for  $x_i$ .

• It does not satisfy the conditions in Krylov-Röckner's work.

### Main Results

Let *d* ∈ N. For a multi-index *p* = (*p*<sub>1</sub>, · · · , *p<sub>d</sub>*) ∈ (0, ∞]<sup>*d*</sup> and any permutation *x* ∈ *X*, the mixed L<sup>*p*</sup><sub>*x*</sub>-space is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\mathbb{L}^{p}_{\mathbf{x}}} := \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}}\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}}\cdots\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}}|f(x_{1},\cdots,x_{d})|^{p_{d}}\mathrm{d}x_{i_{d}}\right]^{\frac{p_{d-1}}{p_{d}}}\cdots\mathrm{d}x_{i_{2}}\right]^{\frac{p_{1}}{p_{2}}}\mathrm{d}x_{i_{1}}\right]^{\frac{1}{p_{1}}}$$

• When  $\boldsymbol{p} = (\boldsymbol{p}, \cdots, \boldsymbol{p}) \in (0, \infty]^d$ , the mixed  $\mathbb{L}^{\boldsymbol{p}}_{\mathbf{x}}$ -space is the usual  $L^{\boldsymbol{p}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -space. Note that for general  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'$  and  $\boldsymbol{p} \neq \boldsymbol{p}'$ ,

$$\mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{X}}^{\mathbf{p}'} \neq \mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{X}}^{\mathbf{p}} \neq \mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{X}'}^{\mathbf{p}}.$$

• For multi-indices  ${\pmb p}, {\pmb q} \in (0,\infty]^d,$  we denote

$$\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\rho}} := \left(\frac{1}{\rho_1}, \cdots, \frac{1}{\rho_d}\right), \quad \left|\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\rho}}\right| = \frac{1}{\rho_1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\rho_d},$$

 $\boldsymbol{p} > \boldsymbol{q} \ (\text{resp. } \boldsymbol{p} \geqslant \boldsymbol{q}; \ \boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{q}) \Longleftrightarrow \boldsymbol{p}_i > q_i \ (\text{resp. } \boldsymbol{p}_i \geqslant q_i; \ \boldsymbol{p}_i = q_i).$ 

• Let  $\chi : \mathbb{R}^d \to [0, 1]$  be a smooth cutoff function with  $\chi|_{B_1} = 1$  and  $\chi|_{B_2^c} = 0$ . For fixed r > 0, we set

$$\chi_z^r(\mathbf{x}) := \chi((\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{z})/r), \ \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

• For  $\boldsymbol{p} \in [1,\infty]^d$ , we introduce the following localized  $L^{\boldsymbol{p}}$ -space:

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{p}} := \Big\{ f \in L^{1}_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^{d}), \|\|f\|\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{p}}} := \sup_{z} \|\chi_{z}^{r}f\|_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{p}}} < \infty \Big\}.$$

• For a finite time interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $q \in [1, \infty]$ ,

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathrm{I}}^{q}(\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{p}) := \Big\{ f \in L^{1}_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathrm{I} \times \mathbb{R}^{d}), \|\|f\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathrm{I}}^{q}(\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{p})} := \sup_{z} \|\chi_{z}^{r}f\|_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathrm{I}}^{q}(\mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{x}}^{p})} < \infty \Big\},$$

where for a Banach space  $\mathbb{B}$  we set

$$\mathbb{L}^{q}_{\mathrm{I}}(\mathbb{B}) := L^{q}(\mathrm{I}; \mathbb{B}).$$

• We introduce the following index sets:

$$\mathscr{I}^o := \left\{ (q, \boldsymbol{p}) \in (2, \infty)^{1+d} : |\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{p}}| + \frac{2}{q} < 1 \right\}$$

and

 $\mathscr{X} := \{ \mathbf{x} = (x_{i_1}, \cdots, x_{i_d}) : \text{any permutation of } (x_1, \cdots, x_d) \}.$ 

There are  $\kappa_0 \ge 1$ ,  $\gamma_0 \in (0, 1]$  such that for all  $t \ge 0$  and  $x, x', \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

 $\kappa_0^{-1}|\xi| \leqslant |\sigma(t, \mathbf{x})\xi| \leqslant \kappa_0 |\xi|, \|\sigma(t, \mathbf{x}) - \sigma(t, \mathbf{x}')\|_{HS} \leqslant \kappa_0 |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^{\gamma_0},$ 

where  $\|\cdot\|_{HS}$  is the usual Hilbert-Schmidt norm of a matrix. Moreover, for some  $(q_0, \mathbf{p}_0) \in \mathscr{I}^o$  and  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathscr{X}$  and any T > 0,

$$\|\nabla\sigma\|_{\mathbb{L}^{q_0}_T(\widetilde{\mathbb{L}}^{p_0}_{\mathbf{x}_0})} \leqslant \kappa_0.$$

Suppose that  $\phi_t(x, x) = 0$  and for some measurable  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\kappa_1 > 0$ ,

$$|F(t,x,r)| \leq h(t,x) + \kappa_1 |r|, |F(t,x,r) - F(t,x,r')| \leq \kappa_1 |r-r'|,$$

and for some  $(q, p) \in \mathscr{I}^o$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathscr{X}$  and for any T > 0,

$$\|\|h\|\|_{\mathbb{L}^{q}_{T}(\widetilde{\mathbb{L}^{p}_{\mathbf{x}}})}^{q} + \int_{0}^{T} \sup_{\boldsymbol{y}\in\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left[ \|\phi_{t}(\cdot,\boldsymbol{y})\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{L}^{p}_{\mathbf{x}}}}^{q} + \|\phi_{t}(\boldsymbol{y},\cdot)\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{L}^{p}_{\mathbf{x}}}}^{q} \right] \mathrm{d}t \leqslant \kappa_{1}.$$
 (2.1)

**Example 1** Let  $d \ge 2$  and  $\phi_t(x, y) = c_t(x, y)/|x - y|^{\alpha}$ , where  $c_t(x, y)$  is bounded measurable and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . It is easy to see that (2.1) holds for q close to  $\infty$  and  $p \in (d, \frac{d}{\alpha})$  with  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < 1$ .

**Example 2** Let  $d \ge 1$  and  $\phi_t(x, y) = c_t(x, y)/\prod_{i=1}^d |x_i - y_i|^{\alpha_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  satisfies  $\alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_d < 1$  and  $c_t(x, y)$  is bounded measurable. Note that one can choose q close to  $\infty$  and  $p_i > 2$  close to  $1/\alpha_i$  so that  $|\frac{1}{p}| + \frac{2}{q} < 1$  and (2.1) holds.

#### Theorem 1

Under ( $\mathbf{H}^{\sigma}$ ) and ( $\mathbf{H}^{b}$ ), for any initial values  $\mathbf{X}_{0}^{N}$  and  $X_{0}$ , there are unique strong solutions  $\mathbf{X}_{t}^{N}$  and  $X_{t}$  to particle system (1.4) and DDSDE (1.5), respectively. Moreover, letting  $\mu_{0}^{N}$  be the law of  $\mathbf{X}_{0}^{N}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{dN}$  and  $\mu_{0}$  the law of  $X_{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{d}$ , we have the following strong convergence results:

**(Singular kernel)** Suppose that  $\mu_0^N$  is symmetric and  $\mu_0$ -chaotic,

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\mathbb{E}|X_0^{N,1}-X_0|^2=0.$$

Then for any  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\lim_{N\to\infty} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t\in[0,T]} |X_t^{N,1} - X_t|^{2\gamma}\right) = 0.$$
 (2.2)

#### Continue...

**(Bounded kernel)** If h and  $\phi$  in (**H**<sup>b</sup>) are bounded measurable and

$$\kappa_2 := \sup_{N} \mathcal{H}\left(\mu_0^N | \mu_0^{\otimes N}\right) < \infty, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\mu_0^{\otimes N} \in \mathcal{P}((\mathbb{R}^d)^N)$  is the *N*-tensor of  $\mu_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  stands for the relative entropy, then for any  $\delta > 2$  and  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , there are constants  $C_i = C_i(T, \gamma, \delta, \Theta) > 0$ , i = 1, 2 independent of  $\phi$  and  $\kappa_2$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t\in[0,T]}|X_t^{N,1}-X_t|^{2\gamma}\right)\leqslant C_1\mathrm{e}^{C_2\|\phi\|_{\infty}^{\delta}}\left(\mathbb{E}|X_0^{N,1}-X_0|^2+\frac{\kappa_2+1}{N}\right)^{\gamma}.$$

#### Example

• Let d = 1. Consider the following rank-based interaction:

$$b(t, x, \mu) = F(t, x, \mu(-\infty, x]).$$
(2.4)

- The interaction kernel is φ(x, y) = 1<sub>(-∞,x]</sub>(y) = 1<sub>x-y≥0</sub>, which is bounded and discontinuous.
- If we let  $V(x) := \mu((-\infty, x])$ ,  $\sigma(t, x) = \sqrt{2}$  and F(t, x, r) = g(r), then V solves the following Burgers type equation:

$$\partial_t V = \Delta V + \left(\int_0^V g(r) \mathrm{d}r\right)'.$$

• For g(r) = r, this is the classical Burgers equation.

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#### Theorem 2

#### Suppose that ( $\mathbf{H}^{\sigma}$ ) holds, and

$$|F(t,x,r)| \leqslant \kappa_1, \quad |F(t,x,r) - F(t,x,r')| \leqslant \kappa_1 |r-r'|, \qquad (2.5)$$

and for  $\varepsilon_N \in (0, 1)$  with  $\varepsilon_N \to 0$  as  $N \to \infty$ ,

$$\phi_t(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \phi_{\varepsilon_N}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) = \varepsilon_N^{-d} \phi((\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})/\varepsilon_N),$$

where  $\phi$  is a bounded probability density function in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with support in the unit ball. Then for any initial value  $X_0$  with bounded density  $\rho_0$ , there is a unique strong solution X to density-dependent SDE

$$dX_t = F(t, X_t, \rho_{X_t}(X_t))dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dW_t,$$
(2.6)

such that for each t > 0,  $X_t$  admits a density  $\rho_t$  with

$$\|\rho_t\|_{\infty} \leqslant C(T,\Theta) \|\rho_0\|_{\infty}, \ t \in [0,T].$$
(2.7)

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Moreover, under (2.3), for any T > 0,  $\beta \in (0, \gamma_0)$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  and  $\delta > 2$ , there are constants  $C_i = C_i(T, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \Theta) > 0$ , i = 1, 2, 3 such that for all  $N \ge 2$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t\in[0,T]}|X_t^{N,1}-X_t|^{2\gamma}\right)\leqslant C_1e^{C_2\varepsilon_N^{-\delta d}}\left(\mathbb{E}|X_0^{N,1}-X_0|^2+\frac{\kappa_2+1}{N}\right)^{\gamma}+C_3\varepsilon_N^{2\beta\gamma}.$$

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- Zvonkin's transformation and heat kernel estimates to show the strong well-posedness for particle system.
- Partial Girsanov's transformation to derive some uniform estimate for particle system.
- Martingale approach to show the weak convergence.
- Zvonkin's method to show the strong convergence.
- Open question: The rate of weak convergence!

## Thank you for your attention!