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ABSTRACT

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We obtain a local two weight Tb theorem with an energy side condition for higher dimensional fractional Calderón-Zygmund operators. Our proof follows the proof for the corresponding one-dimensional Tb theorem in [54], but facing a number of new difficulties, most of which arise from the failure of Hytönen's one-dimensional two weight A_2 inequality in higher dimensions. We provide a counterexample in two dimensions that shows why the analogue of Hytönen's one-dimensional result does not extend to higher dimensions. Thus, in order to obtain a local T_b theorem in higher dimensions, we use new arguments to control the difficult nearby form.

We also provide refined constants for strong (p, p) inequality of the averaging Hardy operator with respect to a probability measure as well as when two measures that satisfy a special weak type inequality are involved. We obtain these results as corollaries of a more general theorem for operators with the property

$$\mu\{x \in X : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{c}{\lambda} \int_{\{|Tf|>\lambda\}} |f(x)| d\mu(x)$$

on a probability space (X, μ) .

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 *Tb* theory

Boundedness properties of Calderón-Zygmund singular integrals arise in the most critical cases of the study of virtually all partial differential equations, from Schrödinger operators in quantum mechanics to Navier-Stokes equations in fluid flow, as well as in the investigation of a number of topics in geometry and analysis. In particular, the study of boundedness of these operators from one weighted space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \sigma)$ to another $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \omega)$, not only extends the scope of application in many cases, but reveals the important properties of the kernels associated with the individual operators under consideration, often hidden without such investigation into two weight norm inequalities. The purpose of this monograph is to prove a general characterization regarding boundedness of Calderón-Zygmund singular integrals from $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \sigma)$ to $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \omega)$, for locally finite positive Borel measures σ and ω , subject to some natural buffer conditions. This result, a so-called local two weight *Tb* theorem in \mathbb{R}^n , includes much, if not most, of the known theory on two weight L^2 -boundedness of singular integrals. We now digress to a brief history of that part of this theory that is relevant to our purpose here.

Given a Calderón-Zygmund kernel $K(x, y)$ in Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n , a classical problem for some time was to identify optimal cancellation conditions on K so that there would exist

an associated singular integral operator $Tf(x) \sim \int K(x,y) f(y) dy$ bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. After a long history, involving contributions by many authors¹, this effort culminated in the decisive $T1$ theorem of David and Journé [10], in which boundedness of an operator T on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ associated to K , was characterized by

$$T\mathbf{1}, T^*\mathbf{1} \in BMO,$$

together with a weak boundedness property for some $\eta > 0$,

$$\left| \int_Q T\varphi(x) \psi(x) dx \right| \lesssim \sqrt{\|\varphi\|_\infty |Q| + \|\varphi\|_{Lip\eta} |Q|^{1+\frac{\eta}{n}}} \sqrt{\|\psi\|_\infty |Q| + \|\psi\|_{Lip\eta} |Q|^{1+\frac{\eta}{n}}},$$

for all $\varphi, \psi \in Lip\eta$ with $supp\varphi, supp\psi \subset Q$, and all cubes $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$;

equivalently by two testing conditions taken uniformly over indicators of cubes,

$$\int_Q |T\mathbf{1}_Q(x)|^2 dx \lesssim |Q| \quad \text{and} \quad \int_Q |T^*\mathbf{1}_Q(x)|^2 dx \lesssim |Q|, \quad \text{all cubes } Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The optimal cancellation conditions, which in the words of Stein were ‘a rather direct consequence of’ the $T1$ theorem, were given in [55, Theorem 4, page 306], involving integrals of the kernel over shells:

$$\int_{|x-x_0|<N} \left| \int_{\varepsilon<|x-y|<N} K^\alpha(x,y) dy \right|^2 dx \leq \mathfrak{A}_{K^\alpha} \int_{|x_0-y|<N} dy,$$

for all $0 < \varepsilon < N$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

together with a dual inequality.

¹see e.g. [55, page 53] for references to the earlier work in this direction

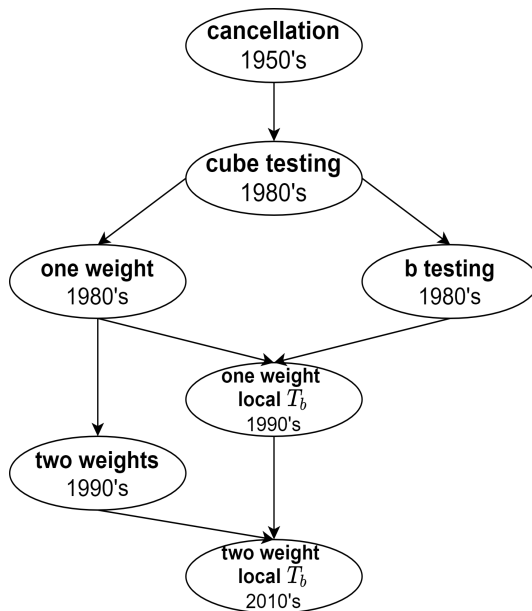


Figure 1.1.1: History

We now come to a point of departure for two separate threads of further research on cancellation conditions. The first thread treats extensions of these testing conditions to the boundedness of Calderón-Zygmund operators on more general weighted spaces $L^2(w) \rightarrow L^2(w)$, and even from one weighted space to another, $L^2(\sigma) \rightarrow L^2(w)$. The second thread replaces the family of testing functions $\{\mathbf{1}_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ with families $\{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ more amenable to the boundedness of the operator at hand, subject of course to some sort of nondegeneracy conditions. Finally the two threads recombine in the theorem of this paper. See diagram above.

1.1.1 Weighted spaces

An obvious next step was to replace Lebesgue measure with a fixed A_2 weight w ,

$$\sup_{\text{cubes } Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx \right) \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \frac{1}{w(x)} dx \right) \lesssim 1 ,$$

and ask when T is bounded on $L^2(w)$, i.e. satisfies the one weight norm inequality. For elliptic Calderón-Zygmund operators T , this question is reduced to the David Journé theorem using two results from decades ago, namely the 1956 Stein-Weiss interpolation with change of measures theorem [56], and the 1974 Coifman and Fefferman extension [7] of the one weight Hilbert transform inequality of Hunt, Muckenhoupt and Wheeden [20], to a large class of general Calderón-Zygmund operators T^2 . A motivating example, for the case of the conjugate function H on the unit circle, arose in the Helson-Szegö theorem that characterized the boundedness of H on $L^2(w)$ by the existence of bounded functions u and v on the circle with $\|v\|_\infty < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $w = e^{u+Hv}$. The equivalence with the A_2 condition on w follows from the results just mentioned, and the question of a direct argument linking the Helson-Szegö condition to the A_2 condition has remained a tantalizing puzzle for decades since. See [55, pages 222-227] for this and other applications of one weight theory, such as to the Dirichlet problem for elliptic divergence form operators with bounded measurable coefficients.

However, for a pair of *different* measures (σ, ω) , the question is wide open in general, and we now focus our discussion on the main problem considered in this monograph, that of characterizing boundedness of a *general* Calderón-Zygmund operator T from one $L^2(\sigma)$ space to another $L^2(\omega)$ space, subject to natural buffer conditions on the weight pair (σ, ω) . First we note that for the primordial singular integral, namely the Hilbert transform H in dimension one, the two weight inequality was completely solved by establishing the NTV conjecture (of Nazarov-Treil-Volberg) in the two part paper [29];[26], see also [21] for the general case permitting common point masses, where it was shown that H is bounded from

²Indeed, if T is bounded on $L^2(w)$, then by duality it is also bounded on $L^2\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$, and the Stein-Weiss interpolation theorem with change of measure shows that T is bounded on unweighted $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Conversely, if T is bounded on unweighted $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the proof in [7] shows that T is bounded on $L^2(w)$ using $w \in A_2$.

$L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$ if and only if the testing and one-tailed Muckenhoupt conditions hold, i.e.

$$\int_I |H(\mathbf{1}_I \sigma)|^2 d\omega \lesssim \int_I d\sigma \text{ and } \int_I |H(\mathbf{1}_I \omega)|^2 d\sigma \lesssim \int_I d\omega,$$

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|I|}{|I|^2 + |x - c_I|^2} d\sigma(x) \right) \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I d\omega \right) \lesssim 1, \text{ and its dual,}$$

uniformly over all intervals $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. For α -fractional Riesz transforms in higher dimensions $n \geq 2$, it is known (except when $\alpha = n - 1$) that the two weight norm inequality *with doubling measures* is equivalent to the fractional one-tailed Muckenhoupt and $T1$ cube testing conditions, see [30, Theorem 1.4] and [51, Theorem 2.11]. Here a positive measure μ is doubling if

$$\int_{2Q} d\mu \lesssim \int_Q d\mu, \quad \text{all cubes } Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

However, these results rely on certain ‘positivity’ properties of the gradient of the kernel (which for the Hilbert transform kernel $\frac{1}{y-x}$ is simply $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{y-x} > 0$ for $x \neq y$), something that is not available for general elliptic, or even strongly elliptic, fractional Calderón-Zygmund operators.

Then in [Saw] this $T1$ theorem was extended to arbitrary *smooth* Calderón-Zygmund operators and \mathcal{A}_2 measure pairs (σ, ω) with doubling comparable measures, where a pair of doubling measures σ and ω are *comparable* in the sense of Coifman and Fefferman [7], if the measures are mutually absolutely continuous, uniformly at all scales - i.e. there exist $0 < \beta, \gamma < 1$ such that

$$\frac{|E|_\sigma}{|Q|_\sigma} < \beta \implies \frac{|E|_\omega}{|Q|_\omega} < \gamma \text{ for all Borel subsets } E \text{ of a cube } Q.$$

1.1.2 Tb theorems

The $T1$ theorem of David and Journé [10], which characterized boundedness of a singular integral operator by testing over indicators $\mathbf{1}_Q$ of cubes Q , was extended to a Tb theorem by David, Journé and Semmes [11], in which the indicators $\mathbf{1}_Q$ were replaced by testing functions $b\mathbf{1}_Q$ for an accretive function b , i.e. $0 < c \leq \operatorname{Re} b \leq |b| \leq C < \infty$, which could be chosen in a way that the verification of the b -testing conditions is easy, while verifying the 1-testing conditions could be more difficult.

Then, M. Christ [6] obtained a *local* Tb theorem for homogeneous spaces, in which the testing functions are $b_Q\mathbf{1}_Q$, where the accretive functions b_Q can be *chosen to differ* for *each* cube Q . Many authors, including G. David [8]; Nazarov, Treil and Volberg [38], [37]; Auscher, Hofmann, Muscalu, Tao and Thiele [3], Hytönen and Martikainen [24], and more recently Lacey and Martikainen [27], set about proving extensions of the local Tb theorem, for example to include a single upper doubling weight together with weaker upper bounds on the function b . But these extensions were modelled on the ‘nondoubling’ methods that arose in connection with upper doubling measures in the analytic capacity problem and were thus constrained to a single weight - a setting in which both the Muckenhoupt and energy conditions follow from the upper doubling condition. Good references for that are Mattila, Melnikov and Verdera [34], G. David [8], [9], X. Tolsa [57], and also Volberg [58]. Applications of the local Tb theorem included boundedness of layer potentials, see e.g. [1] and references there; and the Kato problem, see [19], [18] and [2].

More recently, E. Sawyer, C.Y. Shen and I. Uriarte-Tuero [54] obtained a general two weight Tb theorem for the Hilbert transform on the real line. In this dissertation, we extend [54] to higher dimensions.

The main two weight local Tb theorem:

Theorem 1.1.1 (local Tb in higher dimensions). *Let T^α denote a Calderón-Zygmund operator on \mathbb{R}^n , and let σ and ω be locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n that satisfy the energy and Muckenhoupt buffer conditions. Then T_σ^α , where $T_\sigma^\alpha f \equiv T^\alpha(f\sigma)$, is bounded from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$ if and only if the \mathbf{b} -testing and \mathbf{b}^* -testing conditions*

$$\int_I |T_\sigma^\alpha b_I|^2 d\omega \leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}}\right)^2 |I|_\sigma \quad \text{and} \quad \int_J |T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_J^*|^2 d\sigma \leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*}\right)^2 |J|_\omega, \quad (1.1.1)$$

taken over two families of test functions $\{b_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{P}}$ and $\{b_J^\}_{J \in \mathcal{P}}$, where b_I and b_J^* are only required to be nondegenerate in an average sense, and to be just slightly better than L^2 functions themselves, namely L^p for some $p > 2$.*

The families of test functions $\{b_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{P}}$ and $\{b_J^*\}_{J \in \mathcal{P}}$ in the Tb theorem above are nondegenerate and slightly better than L^2 functions, but otherwise remain at the disposal of the reader. It is this flexibility in choosing families of test functions that distinguishes this characterization as compared to the corresponding $T1$ theorem. The Tb theorem here generalizes many of the one-weight Tb theorems, since in the upper doubling case, the Muckenhoupt \mathfrak{A}_2 condition and the energy condition easily follow from the upper doubling condition. Recall that in the one-weight case with doubling and upper doubling measures μ , there has been a long and sustained effort to relax the integrability conditions of the testing functions: see e.g. S. Hofmann [16] and Alfonseca, Auscher, Axelsson, Hofmann and Kim [1]. Subsequently, Hytönen- Martikainen [24] assumed Tb in $L^s(\mu)$ for some $s > 2$, and the one weight theorem with testing functions b in $L^2(\mu)$ was attained by Lacey-Martikainen [27], but their argument strongly uses methods not immediately available in the two weight setting.

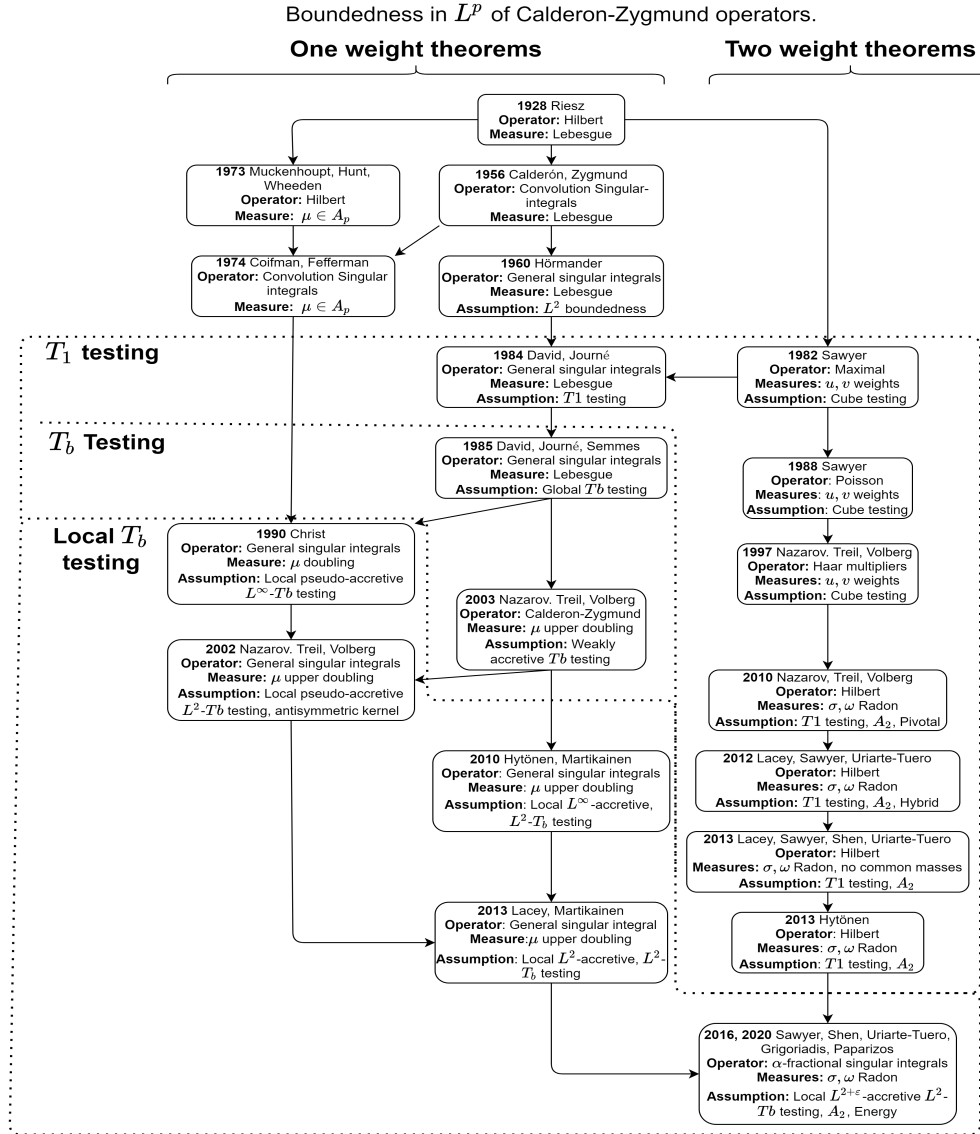


Figure 1.1.2: Theory development

The previous diagram details the relevant history of two weight theory. Many important contributions are omitted, such as those dealing with L^p, L^q assumptions in the case of Lebesgue measure, see for example [17] and references there, and results for dyadic operators, see for example [3] and references there. As is evident from the diagram, Theorem 1.1.1 (and its precursor for $n = 1$) is the first local T_b theorem for two weights.

The next two chapters are also part of the dissertation of Christos Grigoriadis as they constitute joint work with him [13], [14].

Chapter 2

Hytönen's off-testing constant in higher dimensions is unbounded

A number of difficulties arise in generalizing to higher dimensions the work that was done in [54] for dimension $n = 1$. The main difficulty lies in the strictly-one dimensional nature of a fundamental inequality of Hytönen, namely that local testing, i.e. testing the integral of $|T_\sigma \mathbf{1}_Q|^2$ over the cube Q , together with the A_2 condition, imply full testing, meaning that $|T_\sigma \mathbf{1}_Q|^2$ is integrated over the entire space \mathbb{R}^n . For the proof of full testing, Hytönen uses an inequality for the Hardy operator that is true only in dimension $n = 1$ - in fact we prove that this property of the Hardy operator is not available in higher dimensions. Before stating the theorem we need to define the fractional energy and the off testing conditions.

Definition 2.0.1. *We say that the pair (σ, ω) satisfies the energy (resp. dual energy) condition if*

$$(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 \equiv \sup_{Q=\dot{\cup}Q_r} \frac{1}{\sigma(Q)} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \sigma)}{|Q_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{Q_r}^\omega\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{Q_r} \omega)}^2 < \infty$$
$$(\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*})^2 \equiv \sup_{Q=\dot{\cup}Q_r} \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \omega)}{|Q_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{Q_r}^\sigma\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{Q_r} \sigma)}^2 < \infty$$

where the supremum is taken over arbitrary decompositions of a cube Q using a pairwise

disjoint union of subcubes Q_r , where $P^\alpha(Q, \mu)$ is the standard Poisson integral and

$$m_I^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{\mu(I)} \int x d\mu(x) = \left\langle \frac{1}{|I|^\mu} \int x_1 d\mu(x), \dots, \frac{1}{|I|^\mu} \int x_n d\mu(x) \right\rangle.$$

Definition 2.0.2. The off-testing constants $\mathcal{T}_{\text{off},\alpha}$ and $\mathcal{R}_{j,\text{off},\alpha}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 by

$$\mathcal{T}_{\text{off},\alpha}^2 = \sup_Q \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Q} \left(\int_Q \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2-\alpha}} d\omega(y) \right)^2 d\sigma(x)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{m,\text{off},\alpha}^2 = \sup_Q \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Q} \left(\int_Q \frac{t_m - x_m}{|x-t|^{3-\alpha}} d\omega(t) \right)^2 d\sigma(x), \quad 1 \leq m \leq 2$$

for all cubes $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ whose sides are parallel to the axes.

Theorem 2.0.3. For $0 \leq \alpha < 2$, there exists a pair of locally finite Borel measures σ, ω in \mathbb{R}^2 such that the fractional Muckenhoupt $\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ and the energy $\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$ constants are finite but the off-testing constant $\mathcal{T}_{\text{off},\alpha}$ is not.

Theorem 2.0.4. For $0 \leq \alpha < 2$, there exists a pair of locally finite Borel measures σ, ω in \mathbb{R}^2 such that the fractional Muckenhoupt $\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ and the energy $\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$ constants are finite but the off-testing constants $\mathcal{R}_{m,\text{off},\alpha}$ are not.

We begin with the proof of Theorem 2.0.3. The proof of Theorem 2.0.4 will be very similar and we will only have to deal with the cancellation occurring in the kernel with Lemma 2.3.1 being useful.

Proof of Theorem 2.0.3. First we build two measures in \mathbb{R} , generalizing the work done in [28], and then they will be used for our two dimensional construction.

2.1 The One-Dimensional Construction

Given $0 \leq \alpha < 2$, choose $\frac{1}{3} \leq b < 1$ such that $\frac{1}{9} \leq \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{2-\alpha} \leq \frac{1}{3}$. Let $s_0^{-1} = \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{2-\alpha}$.

Recall the middle- b Cantor set E_b and the Cantor measure $\ddot{\omega}$ on the closed interval $I_1^0 = [0, 1]$.

At the k th generation in the construction, there is a collection $\{I_j^k\}_{j=1}^{2^k}$ of 2^k pairwise disjoint closed intervals of length $|I_j^k| = \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k$. The Cantor set is defined by $E_b = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=1}^{2^k} I_j^k$

and the Cantor measure $\ddot{\omega}$ is the unique probability measure supported in E with the property that is equidistributed among the intervals $\{I_j^k\}_{j=1}^{2^k}$ at each scale k , i.e

$$\ddot{\omega}(I_j^k) = 2^{-k}, \quad k \geq 0, 1 \leq j \leq 2^k.$$

We denote the removed open middle b th of I_j^k by G_j^k and by z_j^k its center. Following closely [28], we define

$$\ddot{\sigma} = \sum_{k,j} s_j^k \delta_{z_j^k}$$

where the sequence of positive numbers s_j^k is chosen to satisfy $\frac{s_j^k \ddot{\omega}(I_j^k)}{|I_j^k|^{4-2\alpha}} = 1$, i.e.

$$s_j^k = \left(\frac{2}{s_0^2}\right)^k, \quad k \geq 0, 1 \leq j \leq 2^k.$$

2.1.1 The Testing Constant is Unbounded

. Consider the following operator

$$\ddot{T}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{2-\alpha}} dy$$

Note that

$$\ddot{T}\ddot{\omega}(\ddot{z}_1^k) = \int_{I_1^0} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y)}{|\ddot{z}_1^k - y|^{2-\alpha}} \geq \int_{I_1^k} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y)}{|\ddot{z}_1^k - y|^{2-\alpha}} \geq \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_1^k)}{\left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k\right)^{2-\alpha}} \approx \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

since $|\ddot{z}_1^k - y| \leq |\ddot{z}_1^k|$ for $y \in I_1^k$ and $\ddot{z}_1^k = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k$. Similar inequalities hold for the rest of \ddot{z}_j^k . This implies that the following testing condition fails:

$$\int_{I_1^0} \left(\ddot{T}(\mathbf{1}_{I_1^0} \ddot{\omega})(x) \right)^2 d\ddot{\sigma}(y) \gtrsim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} s_j^k \cdot \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^{2k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} \frac{1}{2^k} = \infty \quad (2.1.1)$$

2.1.2 The \ddot{A}_2 Condition

. Let us now define

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{|I|}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^2} \right)^{2-\alpha} d\mu(x)$$

and the following variant of the A_2^α condition:

$$\ddot{A}_2^\alpha(\ddot{\sigma}, \ddot{\omega}) = \sup_I \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma}) \cdot \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega})$$

where the supremum is taken over all intervals in \mathbb{R} . We verify that \ddot{A}_2^α is finite for the pair $(\ddot{\sigma}, \ddot{\omega})$. The starting point is the estimate

$$\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell) = \sum_{(k,j): \ddot{z}_j^k \in I_r^\ell} s_j^k = \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} 2^{k-\ell} s_j^k = 2^{-\ell} \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{s_0}\right)^k \approx \left(\frac{2}{s_0}\right)^\ell = s_r^\ell$$

and from this, it immediately follows,

$$\frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_j^\ell)\ddot{\omega}(I_j^\ell)}{|I_j^\ell|^{4-2\alpha}} \approx \frac{s_j^\ell\ddot{\omega}(I_j^\ell)}{|I_j^\ell|^{4-2\alpha}} = 1, \text{ for } \ell \geq 0, 1 \leq j \leq 2^\ell. \quad (2.1.2)$$

Now from the definition of $\ddot{\sigma}$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{P}(I_r^\ell, \ddot{\sigma}) &\leq \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \int_{I_1^0 \setminus I_r^\ell} \left(\frac{|I_r^\ell|}{(|I_r^\ell| + |x - x_{I_r^\ell}|)^2} \right)^{2-\alpha} d\ddot{\sigma}(x) \\ &\leq \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \sum_{m=0}^{\ell} \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{2^{k-m} s_j^k |I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}}{\left(|I_r^\ell| + b \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right)^m \right)^{4-2\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \sum_{m=0}^{\ell} \frac{2^{-m} |I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha} \left(\frac{4}{s_0^2} \right)^m}{\left(b \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right)^{m-\ell} |I_r^\ell| \right)^{4-2\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \frac{b^{2\alpha-4}}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} \right)^\ell \sum_{m=0}^{\ell} 2^m \\ &\lesssim \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \frac{s_r^\ell}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} \approx \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.3)$$

and using the uniformity of $\ddot{\omega}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{P}(I_r^\ell, \ddot{\omega}) &\leq \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \int_{I_1^0 \setminus I_r^\ell} \left(\frac{|I_r^\ell|}{(|I_r^\ell| + |x - x_{I_r^\ell}|)^2} \right)^{2-\alpha} d\ddot{\omega}(x) \\ &\leq \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} \frac{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha} \ddot{\omega}(I_{j_k}^k)}{\left(|I_r^\ell| + b \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right)^{k-1} \right)^{4-2\alpha}} \\ &\leq \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} \frac{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha} \ddot{\omega}(I_{j_k}^k)}{\left(b \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right)^{k-1-\ell} |I_r^\ell| \right)^{4-2\alpha}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.4)$$

$$\lesssim \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} + \frac{2^{-\ell}}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} = 2 \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}},$$

where $I_{j_k}^k \subset I_t^{k-1}$, $I_r^\ell \subset I_t^{k-1}$ and $I_{j_k}^k \cap I_r^\ell = \emptyset$, and where all the implied constants in the above calculations depend only on α . From (2.1.3), (2.1.4) and (2.1.2), we see that

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_r^\ell, \ddot{\sigma}) \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_r^\ell, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim 1.$$

Let us now consider an interval $I \subset I_1^0$ and let $A > 1$ be fixed. Then, let k be the smallest integer such that $\ddot{z}_j^k \in AI$; if there is no such k , then $AI \not\subseteq G_j^\ell$, for some ℓ . We have the following cases:

Case 1. Assume that $I \subset AI \not\subseteq G_j^k \subset I_j^k$. If $|x_I - \ddot{z}_j^k| \leq \text{dist}(x_I, \partial G_j^k)$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma}) \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) &= |I|^{4-2\alpha} \int_{I_1^0} \frac{d\ddot{\sigma}(x)}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^{4-2\alpha}} \int_{I_1^0} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(x)}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^{4-2\alpha}} \quad (2.1.5) \\ &\lesssim |I|^{4-2\alpha} \left(\frac{s_j^k}{|I|^{4-2\alpha}} + \frac{1}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \int_{I_1^0 \setminus G_j^k} \frac{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha} d\ddot{\sigma}(x)}{(|I_j^k| + |x - x_{I_j^k}|)^{4-2\alpha}} \right) \frac{\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_j^k, \ddot{\omega})}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \frac{|I|^{4-2\alpha}}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s_j^k}{|I|^{4-2\alpha}} + \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_j^k)}{|I_j^k|^{4-2\alpha}} \right) \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_j^k)}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \lesssim \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_j^k) \ddot{\omega}(I_j^k)}{|I_j^k|^{4-2\alpha}} \approx 1 \end{aligned}$$

where in the first inequality we used the fact that $|x - x_I| \approx |x - \ddot{z}_j^k| \gtrsim |I_j^k|$ when $x \notin G_j^k$, since x_I is "close" to the center of G_j^k , and for the second inequality we used (2.1.3) and (2.1.4).

If $|x_I - \ddot{z}_j^k| > \text{dist}(x_I, \partial G_j^k)$, we can assume $b \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{m-1} \leq |I| \leq b \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^m$ for some $m > k$, since for $m = k$ we have $|I| \approx |I_j^k|$, $|x - x_I| \gtrsim |x - x_{I_j^k}|$ for $x \notin G_j^k$ and we can repeat the proof of (2.1.5). Now let I_t^m be the m -th generation interval that is closer to I that touches the boundary of G_j^k . We have, using $|x_{I_t^m} - \ddot{z}_j^\ell| \lesssim |x_I - \ddot{z}_j^\ell|$, for all $\ell \geq 1, 1 \leq j \leq 2^\ell$,

$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma}) \lesssim \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_t^m, \ddot{\sigma})$ and $\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_t^m, \ddot{\omega})$, which imply

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma})\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim 1.$$

Case 2. Now assume $G_j^k \subset AI$. If $I_j^k \cap I = \emptyset$, then, using the minimality of k , $I \subset G_t^m$ for some $m < k$ and we can repeat the proof of (2.1.5). If $I_j^k \cap I \neq \emptyset$ then $|I| \lesssim |I_j^k|$ since otherwise AI would contain \ddot{z}_t^{k-1} , contradicting the minimality of k if we fix A big enough depending only on α . Hence we have:

$$|G_j^k| + |x - \ddot{z}_j^k| \leq |G_j^k| + |x_I - \ddot{z}_j^k| + |x - x_I| \leq \left(A + \frac{A}{2}\right) |I| + |x - x_I|$$

which implies that

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma}) \lesssim \int_{I_1^0} \frac{|I|^{2-\alpha}}{\left(|G_j^k| + |x - \ddot{z}_j^k|\right)^{4-2\alpha}} d\ddot{\sigma}(x) \lesssim \frac{|I|^{2-\alpha}}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \int_{I_1^0} \frac{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}}{\left(|I_j^k| + |x - \ddot{z}_j^k|\right)^{4-2\alpha}} d\ddot{\sigma}(x)$$

and similarly

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim \frac{|I|^{2-\alpha}}{|I_t^k|^{2-\alpha}} \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_j^k, \ddot{\omega}) \leq \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I_j^k, \ddot{\omega}).$$

which implies

$$\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma})\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim 1$$

Case 3. If neither $G_j^k \cap AI \neq G_j^k$ nor $G_j^k \cap AI \neq AI$, note that $G_j^k \subset 3AI$ and we repeat again the proof of Case 2.

Thus, for any interval $I \subset I_1^0$, we have shown that $\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\sigma})\ddot{\mathcal{P}}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \lesssim 1$, which implies

$$\ddot{\mathcal{A}}_2^\alpha(\ddot{\sigma}, \ddot{\omega}) < \infty. \tag{2.1.6}$$

2.1.3 The Energy Constants $\check{\mathcal{E}}$ and $\check{\mathcal{E}}^*$

Now define the following variant of the energy constants

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathcal{E}} &= \sup_{I=\dot{\bigcup}_{r \geq 1} I_r} \frac{1}{\check{\sigma}(I)} \sum_{r \geq 1} \check{\omega}(I_r) E(I_r, \check{\omega})^2 \check{\mathbb{P}}(I_r, \mathbf{1}_I \check{\sigma})^2 \\ \check{\mathcal{E}}^* &= \sup_{I=\dot{\bigcup}_{r \geq 1} I_r} \frac{1}{\check{\omega}(I)} \sum_{r \geq 1} \check{\sigma}(I_r) E(I_r, \check{\sigma})^2 \check{\mathbb{P}}(I_r, \mathbf{1}_I \check{\omega})^2\end{aligned}$$

where the supremum is taken over the different intervals I and all the different decompositions of $I = \dot{\bigcup}_{r \geq 1} I_r$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbb{P}}(I, \mu) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|I|}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^{3-\alpha}} d\mu(x), \\ E(I, \mu)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu(I)^2} \int_I \int_I \frac{(x - x')^2}{|I|^2} d\mu(x') d\mu(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(I)} \cdot \|x - m_I^\mu\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_I \mu)}^2 \leq 1.\end{aligned}$$

We first show that $\check{\mathcal{E}}$ is bounded. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mathbb{P}}(I, \check{\sigma}) &= \int \frac{|I|}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^{3-\alpha}} d\check{\sigma}(x) \lesssim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\check{\sigma}((2^n + 1)I)}{(2^n |2^n I|)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \inf_{x \in I} M^\alpha \check{\sigma}(x) 2^{-n} \lesssim \inf_{x \in I} M^\alpha \check{\sigma}(x)\end{aligned}$$

where $M^\alpha \mu(x) = \sup_{I \ni x} \frac{1}{|I|^{2-\alpha}} \int_I d\mu$ and the implied constants depend only on α . Thus, given an interval $I = \dot{\bigcup}_{r \geq 1} I_r$, we have:

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} \check{\omega}(I_r) \check{\mathbb{P}}^2(I_r, \mathbf{1}_I \check{\sigma}) \leq \sum_{r \geq 1} \check{\omega}(I_r) \inf_{x \in I} (M^\alpha \mathbf{1}_I \check{\sigma})^2(x) \leq \int_I (M^\alpha \mathbf{1}_I \check{\sigma})^2(x) d\check{\omega}(x)$$

and so we are left with estimating the right hand term of the above inequality. We will prove the inequality

$$\int_{I_r^\ell} \left(M^\alpha \mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma} \right)^2 (x) d\ddot{\omega}(x) \leq C \ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell). \quad (2.1.7)$$

where the constant C depends only on α . This will be enough, since for an interval I containing a point mass \ddot{z}_r^ℓ but no masses \ddot{z}_j^k for $k < \ell$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_I (M^\alpha \ddot{\sigma})^2 (x) d\ddot{\omega}(x) &= \int_{I \cap I_r^\ell} \left(M^\alpha \mathbf{1}_{I \cap I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma} \right)^2 (x) d\ddot{\omega}(x) \leq \int_{I_r^\ell} \left(M^\alpha \mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma} \right)^2 (x) d\ddot{\omega}(x) \\ &\leq \ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell) \approx \ddot{\sigma}(I) \end{aligned}$$

Since the measure $\ddot{\omega}$ is supported in the Cantor set E_b , we can use the fact that for $x \in I_r^\ell \cap E_b$,

$$M^\alpha (\mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma})(x) \lesssim \sup_{(k,j): x \in I_j^k} \frac{1}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \int_{I_j^k \cap I_r^\ell} d\ddot{\sigma} \approx \sup_{(k,j): x \in I_j^k} \frac{s_0^{-2(k \vee \ell)} 2^{k \vee \ell}}{s_0^{-k}} \approx \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I_r^\ell)}{|I_r^\ell|^{2-\alpha}} \approx \left(\frac{2}{s_0} \right)^\ell$$

Fix m and let the approximations $\ddot{\omega}^{(m)}$ and $\ddot{\sigma}^{(m)}$ to the measures ω and $\ddot{\sigma}$ given by

$$d\ddot{\omega}^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^m} 2^{-m} \frac{1}{|I_i^m|} \mathbf{1}_{I_i^m}(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{\sigma}^{(m)} = \sum_{k < m} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} s_j^k \delta_{z_j^k}.$$

For these approximations we have in the same way the estimate for $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{2^m} I_i^m$,

$$M^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma}^{(m)} \right) (x) \lesssim \sup_{(k,j): x \in I_j^k} \frac{1}{|I_j^k|^{2-\alpha}} \int_{I_j^k \cap I_r^\ell} d\ddot{\sigma} \approx \sup_{(k,j): x \in I_j^k} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{s_0} \right)^{k \vee \ell} \left(\frac{2}{s_0} \right)^{k \vee \ell}}{\left(\frac{1}{s_0} \right)^k} \leq C \left(\frac{2}{s_0} \right)^\ell$$

Thus for each $m \geq n \geq \ell$ we have

$$\int_{I_r^\ell} M^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma}^{(n)} \right)^2 d\ddot{\omega}^{(m)} \leq C \sum_{i: I_i^m \subset I_r^\ell} \left(\frac{2}{s_0} \right)^{2\ell} 2^{-m} = C 2^{m-\ell} \left(\frac{2}{s_0} \right)^{2\ell} 2^{-m} = C s_r^\ell \approx C \int_{I_r^\ell} d\ddot{\sigma}$$

Now since $\ddot{\omega}^m$ converges weakly to $\ddot{\omega}$ and using the fact that M^α is lower semi-continuous we get:

$$\int_{I_r^\ell} M^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma}^{(n)} \right)^2 d\ddot{\omega} \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{I_r^\ell} M^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_r^\ell} \ddot{\sigma}^{(n)} \right)^2 d\ddot{\omega}^{(m)} \leq C \ddot{\sigma}(I_r)$$

Now, taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, by monotone convergence we get (2.1.7). This proves

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} \ddot{\omega}(I_r) \ddot{P}^2(I_r, \mathbf{1}_{I_r} \ddot{\sigma}) \leq C \ddot{\sigma}(I) \quad (2.1.8)$$

which in turn implies $\ddot{\mathcal{E}} < \infty$ as $E(I_r, \ddot{\omega}) \leq 1$.

Finally, we show that the dual energy constant $\ddot{\mathcal{E}}^*$ is finite. Let us show that for $I \subset I_1^0$

$$\ddot{\sigma}(I) E(I, \ddot{\sigma})^2 \ddot{P}(I, \ddot{\omega})^2 \lesssim \ddot{\omega}(I). \quad (2.1.9)$$

as if we let $\{I_r : r \geq 1\}$ be any partition of I , (2.1.9) gives

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} \ddot{\sigma}(I_r) E(I_r, \ddot{\sigma})^2 \ddot{P}(I_r, \ddot{\omega})^2 \lesssim \sum_{r \geq 1} \ddot{\omega}(I_r) = \ddot{\omega}(I).$$

Now let us establish (2.1.9). We can assume that $E(I, \ddot{\sigma}) \neq 0$. Let k be the smallest integer for which there is a r with $\ddot{z}_r^k \in I$. And let n be the smallest integer so that for some

s we have $\ddot{z}_s^{k+n} \in I$ and $\ddot{z}_s^{k+n} \neq \ddot{z}_r^k$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} E(I, \ddot{\sigma})^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\ddot{\sigma}(I)^2} \int_I \int_I \frac{|x - x'|^2}{|I|^2} d\ddot{\sigma}(x) d\ddot{\sigma}(x') \\ &= \frac{1}{\ddot{\sigma}(I)^2} \left[\ddot{\sigma}(\ddot{z}_r^k) \int_I \frac{|x - \ddot{z}_r^k|^2}{|I|^2} d\ddot{\sigma}(x) + \int_I \int_{I \setminus \{\ddot{z}_r^k\}} \frac{|x - x'|^2}{|I|^2} d\ddot{\sigma}(x) d\ddot{\sigma}(x') \right] \\ &\lesssim \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(\ddot{z}_r^k) \ddot{\sigma}(I \setminus \{\ddot{z}_r^k\})}{\ddot{\sigma}(I)^2} + \frac{\ddot{\sigma}(I \setminus \{\ddot{z}_r^k\})}{\ddot{\sigma}(I)} \lesssim \left(\frac{2}{s_0^2} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Finally, $\ddot{\sigma}(I) \approx \left(\frac{2}{s_0^2} \right)^k$, $\ddot{\omega}(I) \approx 2^{-k-n}$, and $\ddot{P}(I, \ddot{\omega}) \approx \left(\frac{s_0}{2} \right)^k$, which proves (2.1.9).

2.2 The Two Dimensional Construction

It is time now to define the two dimensional measures that prove the statement of Theorem

2.0.3. For any set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ let

$$\omega(E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \ddot{\omega}_n(E)$$

where $\ddot{\omega}_0(E) = \ddot{\omega}(E_x \cap I_1^0)$, E_x the projection of E on the x-axis, and $\ddot{\omega}_n$ are copies of $\ddot{\omega}_0$ at the intervals $[a_n, a_n + 1] \times \{0\}$ with $k_n = a_{n+1} - (a_n + 1)$ to be determined later. In the same way, let

$$\sigma(E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \ddot{\sigma}_n(E)$$

where $\ddot{\sigma}_0(E) = \ddot{\sigma}([E \cap (I_1^0 \times \{\gamma_0\})]_x)$, and $\ddot{\sigma}_n$ are copies of $\ddot{\sigma}_0$ at the intervals $[a_n, a_n + 1] \times \{\gamma_n\}$,

where the height γ_n will be determined later. Check Figure 2.2.1.

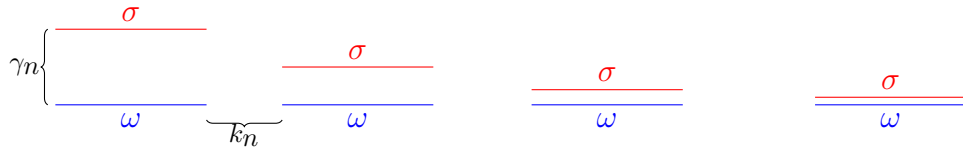


Figure 2.2.1: The two measures

2.2.1 The \mathcal{A}_2 conditions.

We will now prove that both \mathcal{A}_2^α and $\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ constants are bounded. Let Q be a cube in \mathbb{R}^2 , $J_0^n = [a_n, a_n + 1] \times \{0\}$ and $J_{\gamma_n}^n = [a_n, a_n + 1] \times \{\gamma_n\}$. We take cases for Q . If Q intersects only one of the intervals J_0^n , say J_0^0 for convenience, and $(Q \cap J_0^0)_x =: J_0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{Q^{c\sigma}}) \frac{\omega(Q)}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}} &\lesssim \ddot{\mathcal{P}}(J_0, \ddot{\sigma}) \frac{\ddot{\omega}(J_0)}{|J_0|^{2-\alpha}} + \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{(J_{\gamma_1}^1)^{c\sigma}}) \frac{\ddot{\omega}(I_1^0)}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}} \\ &\leq \ddot{\mathcal{A}}_2^\alpha(\ddot{\sigma}, \ddot{\omega}) + C < \infty \end{aligned}$$

using (2.1.6) and taking k_n large enough so that the second summand is bounded independently of the interval ($k_n = 4^{2n \cdot \max\{(2-\alpha)^{-1}, 1\}}$ would do here). If Q intersects more than one of the intervals J_0^n , it is easy to see, using that Q is very big (since it intersects more than one of the intervals) and that k_n is also large, that:

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{Q^{c\sigma}}) \frac{\omega(Q)}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}} \lesssim 1$$

which of course shows that \mathcal{A}_2^α is bounded. Essentially using the same calculations we see that $\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ is bounded as well.

2.2.2 Off-Testing Constant

Let us now check that the off-testing constant is not bounded. Choose the cube $Q_n = [a_n, a_n + 1] \times [0, -1]$. Then,

$$\frac{1}{\omega(Q_n)} \int_{Q_n^c} \left[\int_{Q_n} \frac{d\omega(y)}{|x-y|^{2-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\sigma(x) \geq \frac{1}{\ddot{\omega}(I_1^0)} \int_{I_1^0} \left[\int_{I_1^0} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y_1)}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \gamma_n^2}^{2-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\ddot{\sigma}(x_1)$$

for $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$. Taking γ_n such that the last expression on the display above equals n (note that this is feasible, since for $\gamma_n = 0$, (2.1.1) gives infinity in the latter expression above) we have

$$\mathcal{T}_{off,\alpha}^2 \geq \frac{1}{\omega(Q_n)} \int_{Q_n^c} \left[\int_{Q_n} \frac{d\omega(y)}{|x-y|^{2-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\sigma(x) \geq n$$

and by letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain that the off-testing constant is not bounded.

2.2.3 The Energy Conditions

. For the energy condition \mathcal{E}_2^α first, let Q be a cube and $Q = \dot{\cup} Q_r$, where $\{Q_r\}_{r=1}^\infty$ is a decomposition of Q . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{\sigma(Q)} \sum_{r=1}^\infty \left(\frac{P^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \sigma)}{|Q_r|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{Q_r}^\omega \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{Q_r} \omega)}^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma(Q)} \sum_{r=1}^\infty \omega(Q_r) (P^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \sigma))^2$$

Assume that Q intersects m intervals of the form J_0^n . Then we have $m - 2 \lesssim \sigma(Q) \lesssim m$.

The case $m = 1$ is exactly the same as the one dimensional analog for $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$. Assume $m = 2$.

Now we need to take cases for Q_r :

- (i) Let Q^1 be the set of cubes Q_r that intersect only one of the intervals J_0^n . Then we have, following the proof of (2.1.8), that

$$\sum_{Q_r \in Q^1} \omega(Q_r) (\mathbb{P}^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_{Q\sigma}))^2 \leq C\sigma(Q)$$

- (ii) If Q_r intersects both of the intervals J_0^n then this Q_r is unique since the family $\{Q_r\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$ forms a decomposition of Q . Therefore we have:

$$\omega(Q_r) (\mathbb{P}^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_{Q\sigma}))^2 \lesssim \frac{\omega(Q_r)\sigma(Q)}{|Q_r|^{2-\alpha}} \lesssim \sigma(Q)$$

using the fact that $|Q_r| \gtrsim 4^2$ since it intersects two of the intervals J_0^n and $\omega(Q_r) \lesssim 2, \sigma(Q) \lesssim 2$.

For $m \geq 3$, again we take cases for Q_r :

- (i) If Q_r intersects only one J_0^n we again have, following the proof of (2.1.8), that

$$\sum_{Q_r \in Q^1} \omega(Q_r) (\mathbb{P}^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_{Q\sigma}))^2 \leq C\sigma(Q)$$

- (ii) If Q_r intersects more than one of the intervals J_0^n , the last one being $J_0^{n_0}$ we have

$$\omega(Q_r) (\mathbb{P}^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_{Q\sigma}))^2 \lesssim \frac{\omega(Q_r)\sigma(Q_r^-)^2}{|Q_r|^{2-\alpha}} + \omega(Q_r) \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{4^{2k}|Q_r|^{2-\alpha}} \lesssim 2$$

where Q_r^- contains all the intervals J_0^n such that $n \leq n_0$. Again in the last inequality we use the fact that Q_r is very big since it intersects at least two intervals J_0^n . Now

since Q_r form a decomposition of Q we can have at most $m - 1$ of these.

Combining the above cases, we obtain

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \omega(Q_r) (\mathbb{P}^\alpha(Q_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \sigma))^2 \leq C\sigma(Q) + 2m - 2 \leq 2C\sigma(Q)$$

and that proves the energy condition is bounded.

The dual energy $\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$ can also be proved bounded with the same calculations as in the energy condition following the proof of (2.1.9) instead of (2.1.8) as in the first case above.

This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.0.3. \square

2.3 The Riesz transform lemma

To obtain the same result for the Riesz transforms, we need to deal with the fact that the kernel is not positive. This prevents us from placing the masses for $\check{\sigma}$ at the center of the intervals G_j^k , as we did in the proof of Theorem 2.0.3. Since otherwise, if the point-mass $\check{\sigma}$ is located at the center of G_j^k , it would result in the cancellation of much of the mass not letting us deduce that the off testing condition for the Riesz transform is unbounded. The following lemma, whose proof follows closely the work in [28] but with a two dimensional twist, helps us overcome this problem, showing that, while not being able to place the point masses in the middle of G_j^k , we can place them far from the boundary. This enables us to show that the $\check{\mathcal{A}}_2$ condition is bounded, like in the proof of Theorem 2.0.3. First we need to define the operator

$$\check{R}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(x-y)f(y)}{|x-y|^{3-\alpha}} dy$$

Lemma 2.3.1. *For $k \geq 1$, $1 \leq j \leq 2^k$, write $G_j^k = (a_j^k, b_j^k)$. Then there exists $0 < c < 1$*

that depends only on α such that

$$\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_j^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \approx \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

where $\ddot{\omega}$ is the measure defined above.

Proof. Fix k . We have

$$\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_1^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \leq \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_j^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \leq \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_{2^k}^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right)$$

from monotonicity. So it is enough to prove the following:

$$\left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k \lesssim \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_1^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \leq \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_{2^k}^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \lesssim \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

We start with right hand inequality. Following the definitions of $\ddot{R}, \ddot{\omega}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_{2^k}^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) &\leq \int_{[0, a_{2^k}^k]} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y)}{\left(a_{2^k}^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b - y\right)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^k \frac{2^{-\ell}}{\left(a_{2^k}^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b - \left[1 - \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{\ell-1} \left(\frac{1+b}{2}\right)\right]\right)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\approx \frac{2^{-k}}{c^{2-\alpha} s_0^{-k}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} \frac{2^{-\ell}}{s_0^{-\ell} \left[\frac{1+b}{2} + \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{k-\ell+1} \left[cb - \frac{1+b}{2}\right]\right]^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{-k}}{c^{2-\alpha} s_0^{-k}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} \frac{2^{-\ell}}{s_0^{-\ell} \left[\frac{1+b}{2} - \frac{1+b}{2} \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{k-\ell+1}\right]^{2-\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

since $a_{2^k}^k = 1 - \left(\frac{1+b}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k$. The square bracket inside the last fraction is minimized for

$\ell = k - 1$ and we get the inequality

$$\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_{2^k}^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \lesssim \frac{2^{-k}}{c^{2-\alpha}s_0^{-k}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^\ell \lesssim \frac{1}{c^{2-\alpha}} \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

where the implied constants depend again only on α . We should note here that the summand with $\ell = k$ is the dominant one in the above inequality.

Now we consider the left hand inequality. We have that $\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\left(a_1^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right)$ equals

$$\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\mathbf{1}_{I_1^{k+1}}\left(a_1^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^{k+1} \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\mathbf{1}_{I_2^\ell}\left(a_1^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \quad (2.3.1)$$

and following the argument for the previous inequality we see that

$$\left| \sum_{\ell=1}^{k+1} \ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}\mathbf{1}_{I_2^\ell}\left(a_1^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right) \right| \leq A \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

where A depends only on α but not on c . The first summand of (2.3.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{I_1^{k+1}} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y)}{\left(a_1^k + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b - y\right)^{2-\alpha}} &\geq \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-\ell-1}}{\left(\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^\ell + c\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b\right)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &\approx \frac{s_0^k}{2^k} \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-\ell+k-1}}{\left(\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{\ell-k} + cb\right)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{s_0^k}{2^k} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-\ell-1}}{\left(\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^\ell + cb\right)^{2-\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing c small enough not depending on k (since the last sum does not depend on k), we

obtain

$$\int_{I_1^{k+1}} \frac{d\ddot{\omega}(y)}{\left(a_1^k + c \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k b - y\right)^{2-\alpha}} \geq C_1 \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$$

with $C_1 > 2A$ and we conclude our lemma. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.0.4. Set $z_j^k = a_j^k + cb \left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^k$ and define the measure $\dot{\sigma} = \sum_{k,j} s_j^k \delta_{z_j^k}$ where

$$s_j^k = \left(\frac{2}{s_0^2}\right)^k$$

as before. Following verbatim the calculations of Theorem 2.0.3, one can show that $\ddot{\mathcal{A}}_2(\dot{\sigma}, \ddot{\omega}) < \infty$. Now define the measures ω and σ , as before, for any measurable set

$E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ by

$$\omega(E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \ddot{\omega}_n(E) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \dot{\sigma}_n(E)$$

where $\dot{\sigma}_0(E) = \dot{\sigma}([E \cap (I_1^0 \times \{\gamma_0\})]_x)$, and $\dot{\sigma}_n$ are copies of $\dot{\sigma}_0$ at the intervals $[a_n, a_n+1] \times \{\gamma_n\}$,

and where the height γ_n will be determined later. Again, as before, it is easy to see that both

\mathcal{A}_2^α and $\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ and both \mathcal{E}_2^α and $\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$ are bounded. Let us now finish the proof by showing

that the off-testing constant for the Riesz transforms are unbounded. From Lemma 2.3.1 we

have $\ddot{R}\ddot{\omega}(z_j^k) \gtrsim \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^k$ which implies

$$\int_{I_1^0} \left(\ddot{R}(\mathbf{1}_{I_1^0}\ddot{\omega})(x)\right)^2 d\dot{\sigma}(y) \gtrsim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} s_j^k \cdot \left(\frac{s_0}{2}\right)^{2k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} \frac{1}{2^k} = \infty. \quad (2.3.2)$$

Now choose the cube $Q_n = [a_n, a_n + 1] \times [0, -1]$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{1,off,\alpha}^2 &\geq \frac{1}{\omega(Q_n)} \int_{Q_n^c} \left[\int_{Q_n} \frac{(x_1 - y_1)d\omega(y)}{|x - y|^{3-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\sigma(x) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\omega(Q_n)} \int_{I_1^0} \left[\int_{I_1^0} \frac{(x_1 - y_1)d\ddot{\omega}(y_1)}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \gamma_n^2}^{3-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\dot{\sigma}(x_1) = \frac{n}{\omega(Q_n)} \end{aligned}$$

by choosing the height γ_n so that $\int_{I_1^0} \left[\int_{I_1^0} \frac{(x_1 - y_1) d\ddot{w}(y_1)}{\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \gamma_n^2}^{3-\alpha}} \right]^2 d\ddot{\sigma}(x_1) = n$ by (2.3.2). Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we see that the off-testing constant is unbounded. \square

Chapter 3

A two weight local Tb theorem for n -dimensional Fractional Integrals

3.0.1 Introduction

With full testing in hand, we obtain a number of properties that greatly simplify matters but we do not have this tool as we have shown in the previous chapter. Here are the main challenges encountered in passing from the one-dimensional setting to the higher dimensional analog.

1. **The nearby form.** The main difficulty in proving the Tb theorem in dimensions $n > 1$ arises in treating the nearby form in this chapter. Full testing is used repeatedly everywhere in this chapter, and a demanding technical approach involving random surgery and averaging, is needed throughout this chapter. In particular, to obtain estimates over adjacent cubes, we decomposed one of the cubes into a smaller rectangle that is separated from the other cube by a halo. The separated part is estimated by the Muckenhoupt's A_2 condition, while the halo is estimated by applying probability over grids. A typical example is the following: Let I be a cube in the grid associated to the function f and J a cube in the grid associated to the function g . Let also b_I, b_J^* be the testing functions used in the theorem for these cubes.

We would like to estimate $\int T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I \setminus J} \right) b_J^* \mathbf{1}_J d\omega$. The domains of integration inside the operator and inside the integral are adjacent. In dimension $n = 1$ we could use Hytönen's result. Now we instead argue by splitting the integral as follows:

$$\left| \int T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I \setminus J} \right) b_J^* \mathbf{1}_J d\omega \right| \leq \left| \int T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I \setminus (1+\delta)J} \right) b_J^* \mathbf{1}_J d\omega \right| + \left| \int T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{(I \setminus J) \cap (1+\delta)J} \right) b_J^* \mathbf{1}_J d\omega \right|.$$

The first term on the right hand side, where the domains inside the operator and the integral are disjoint with positive distance, is bounded by a constant multiple, depending on δ and n , times the A_2 constant. Using averaging over grids, the second term on the right hand side is bounded by $\delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}$ where the small δ gain comes from the fact that $|(I \setminus J) \cap (1+\delta)J|^{\frac{1}{n}} \approx \delta |I|$ where $|\cdot|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of the cube.

2. Splitting forms. Here we begin with a pair of smooth compactly supported functions (f, g) and we would like to decompose the functions into their Haar expansions. However, when we select a grid \mathcal{G} for f , the support of f may not be contained in any of the dyadic cubes in the grid \mathcal{G} , with a similar problem when selecting a grid \mathcal{H} for g . To deal with this, we follow NTV by adding and subtracting certain averages for these terms, resulting in four integrals to be controlled by our hypotheses. In the one dimensional setting, full testing was used to eliminate three out of the four such integrals that appear after decomposing the functions in sums of martingale differences. Here in this paper, the argument was adjusted to avoid using full testing by averaging over the two grids \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} associated with f and g .

3. **Pointwise Lower Bound Property (PLBP).** In [54] for $n = 1$, the *PLBP* was used to control terms involving certain ‘modified dual martingale differences’ in which a factor b_Q had been removed. Moreover, it was proved there that, without loss of generality, the p -weakly accretive families of testing functions b_Q and b_Q^* for $Q \in \mathcal{P}$ could be assumed to satisfy the *pointwise lower bound property*, written *PLBP*:

$$|b_Q(x)| \geq c_1 > 0 \quad \text{for } Q \in \mathcal{P} \text{ and } \sigma\text{-a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

for some positive constant c_1 . However, this reduction to assuming *PLBP* depended heavily on Hytönen’s \mathcal{A}_2 characterization for supports on disjoint intervals, something that is unavailable in higher dimensions as the following theorem shows:

To circumvent this difficulty we used an observation (that goes back to Hytönen and Martikainen) that under the additional assumption that the *breaking cubes* Q , those for which there is a dyadic child Q' of Q with $b_{Q'} \neq \mathbf{1}_{Q'} b_Q$, satisfy an appropriate Carleson measure condition.

4. **Indented corona.** In Section 3.6 (dealing with the stopping form) we construct an ‘indented corona’. In dimension $n = 1$ this construction simply reduces to consideration of the ‘left and right ends’ of the intervals. In the absence of ‘right and left ends’ in higher dimensions, this simple construction is replaced by a more intricate tower of Carleson cubes.

3.1 The local Tb theorem and proof preliminaries

3.1.1 Standard fractional singular integrals

Let $0 \leq \alpha < n$. We define a standard α -fractional CZ kernel $K^\alpha(x, y)$ to be a real-valued function defined on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying the following fractional size and smoothness conditions of order $1 + \delta$ for some $\delta > 0$: For $x \neq y$,

$$\begin{aligned} |K^\alpha(x, y)| &\leq C_{CZ} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} & (3.1.1) \\ |\nabla K^\alpha(x, y)| &\leq C_{CZ} |x - y|^{\alpha-n-1} \\ |\nabla K^\alpha(x, y) - \nabla K^\alpha(x', y)| &\leq C_{CZ} \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{|x - y|} \right)^\delta |x - y|^{\alpha-n-1}, \quad \frac{|x - x'|}{|x - y|} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

and the last inequality also holds for the adjoint kernel in which x and y are interchanged.

We note that a more general definition of kernel has only order of smoothness $\delta > 0$, rather than $1 + \delta$, but the use of the Monotonicity and Energy Lemmas in arguments below involves first order Taylor approximations to the kernel functions $K^\alpha(\cdot, y)$.

3.1.1.1 Defining the norm inequality

We now turn to a precise definition of the weighted norm inequality

$$\|T_\sigma^\alpha f\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}, \quad f \in L^2(\sigma). \quad (3.1.2)$$

For this we introduce a family $\left\{ \eta_{\delta, R}^\alpha \right\}_{0 < \delta < R < \infty}$ of nonnegative functions on $[0, \infty)$ so that the truncated kernels $K_{\delta, R}^\alpha(x, y) = \eta_{\delta, R}^\alpha(|x - y|) K^\alpha(x, y)$ are bounded with compact sup-

port for fixed x or y . Then the truncated operators

$$T_{\sigma,\delta,R}^\alpha f(x) \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K_{\delta,R}^\alpha(x,y) f(y) d\sigma(y), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (3.1.3)$$

are pointwise well-defined, and we will refer to the pair $(K^\alpha, \{\eta_{\delta,R}^\alpha\}_{0 < \delta < R < \infty})$ as an α -fractional singular integral operator, which we typically denote by T^α , suppressing the dependence on the truncations.

Definition 3.1.1. *We say that an α -fractional singular integral operator T^α satisfies the norm inequality (3.1.2) provided*

$$\|T_{\sigma,\delta,R}^\alpha f\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}, \quad f \in L^2(\sigma), 0 < \delta < R < \infty.$$

It turns out that, in the presence of the Muckenhoupt conditions (3.1.7) below, the norm inequality (3.1.2) is essentially independent of the choice of truncations used, and this is explained in some detail in [52]. Thus, as in [52], we are free to use the tangent line truncations described there throughout the proofs of our results.

3.1.2 Weakly accretive functions

Denote by \mathcal{P} the collection of cubes in \mathbb{R}^n . Note that we include an L^p upper bound in our definition of ‘ p -weakly accretive family’ of functions.

Definition 3.1.2. *Let $p \geq 2$ and let μ be a locally finite positive Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^n . We say that a family $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ of functions indexed by \mathcal{P} is a p -weakly μ -accretive family*

of functions on \mathbb{R}^n if for $Q \in \mathcal{P}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{supp } b_Q \subset Q \\ 0 < c_{\mathbf{b}} & \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_{\mu}} \int_Q b_Q d\mu \leq \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_{\mu}} \int_Q |b_Q|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}} < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.4)$$

3.1.3 \mathbf{b} -testing conditions

Suppose σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . The \mathbf{b} -testing conditions for T^{α} and \mathbf{b}^* -testing conditions for the dual $T^{\alpha,*}$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q |T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_Q|^2 d\omega & \leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha}}^{\mathbf{b}} \right)^2 |Q|_{\sigma}, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q, \\ \int_Q |T_{\omega}^{\alpha,*} b_Q^*|^2 d\sigma & \leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} \right)^2 |Q|_{\omega}, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.5)$$

3.1.4 Poisson integrals and the Muckenhoupt conditions

Let μ be a locally finite positive Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^n , and suppose Q is a cube in \mathbb{R}^n . Recall that $|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \ell(Q)$ for a cube Q . The two α -fractional Poisson integrals of μ on a cube Q are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} P^{\alpha}(Q, \mu) & \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |x - x_Q| \right)^{n+1-\alpha}} d\mu(x), \\ \mathcal{P}^{\alpha}(Q, \mu) & \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |x - x_Q| \right)^2} \right)^{n-\alpha} d\mu(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $|x - x_Q|$ denotes distance between x and the center x_Q of Q and $|Q|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of the cube Q . We refer to P^α as the *standard* Poisson integral and to \mathcal{P}^α as the *reproducing* Poisson integral. Note that these two kernels satisfy for all cubes Q and positive measures μ ,

$$0 \leq P^\alpha(Q, \mu) \leq CP^\alpha(Q, \mu), \quad n-1 \leq \alpha < n,$$

$$0 \leq \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mu) \leq CP^\alpha(Q, \mu), \quad 0 \leq \alpha < n-1.$$

We now define the *one-tailed constant with holes* \mathcal{A}_2^α using the reproducing Poisson kernel \mathcal{P}^α . On the other hand, the standard Poisson integral P^α arises naturally throughout the proof of the *Tb* theorem in estimating oscillation of the fractional singular integral T^α , and in the definition of the energy conditions below.

Definition 3.1.3. *Suppose σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . The one-tailed constants \mathcal{A}_2^α and $\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}$ with holes for the weight pair (σ, ω) are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_2^\alpha &\equiv \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{Q^c} \sigma) \frac{|Q|_\omega}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} < \infty, \\ \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*} &\equiv \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{Q^c} \omega) \frac{|Q|_\sigma}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Note that these definitions are the conditions with ‘holes’ introduced by Hytönen [22] - the supports of the measures $\mathbf{1}_{Q^c} \sigma$ and $\mathbf{1}_{Q^c} \omega$ in the definition of \mathcal{A}_2^α are disjoint, and so any common point masses of σ and ω do not appear simultaneously in the factors of any of the products $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mathbf{1}_{Q^c} \sigma) \frac{|Q|_\omega}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$. Recall, the definition of the classical Muckenhoupt

condition

$$A_2^\alpha = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{|Q|_\omega}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \frac{|Q|_\sigma}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$$

but it will find no use in the two weight setting with common point masses permitted.

Initially, these definitions of Muckenhoupt type were given in the following ‘one weight’ case, $d\omega(x) = w(x) dx$ and $d\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{w(x)} dx$, where $\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha(\lambda w, (\lambda w)^{-1}) = \mathcal{A}_2^\alpha(w, w^{-1})$ is homogeneous of degree 0. Of course the two weight version is homogeneous of degree 2 in the weight pair, $\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha(\lambda\sigma, \lambda\omega) = \lambda^2 \mathcal{A}_2^\alpha(\sigma, \omega)$, while all of the other conditions we consider in connection with two weight norm inequalities, including the operator norm $\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(\sigma, \omega)$ itself, are homogeneous of degree 1 in the weight pair. This awkwardness regarding the homogeneity of Muckenhoupt conditions could be rectified by simply taking the square root of \mathcal{A}_2^α and renaming it, but the current definition is so entrenched in the literature, in particular in connection with the A_2 conjecture, that we will leave it as is.

3.1.4.1 Punctured A_2^α conditions

The *classical* A_2^α characteristic fails to be finite when the measures σ and ω have a common point mass - simply let Q in the sup above shrink to a common mass point. But there is a substitute that is quite similar in character that is motivated by the fact that for large cubes Q , the sup above is problematic only if just *one* of the measures is *mostly* a point mass when restricted to Q .

Given an at most countable set $\mathfrak{P} = \{p_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ in \mathbb{R}^n , a cube $Q \in \mathcal{P}$, and a positive locally finite Borel measure μ , define

$$\mu(Q, \mathfrak{P}) \equiv |Q|_\mu - \sup \{\mu(p_k) : p_k \in Q \cap \mathfrak{P}\}, \quad (3.1.6)$$

where the supremum is actually achieved since $\sum_{p_k \in Q \cap \mathfrak{P}} \mu(p_k) < \infty$ as μ is locally finite. The quantity $\mu(Q, \mathfrak{P})$ is simply the $\tilde{\mu}$ measure of Q where $\tilde{\mu}$ is the measure μ with its largest point mass from \mathfrak{P} in Q removed. Given a locally finite positive measure pair (σ, ω) , let $\mathfrak{P}_{(\sigma, \omega)} = \{p_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be the at most countable set of common point masses of σ and ω . Then the weighted norm inequality (3.1.2) typically implies finiteness of the following *punctured* Muckenhoupt conditions:

$$A_2^{\alpha, punct}(\sigma, \omega) \equiv \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{\omega(Q, \mathfrak{P}_{(\sigma, \omega)})}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \frac{|Q|_{\sigma}}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}},$$

$$A_2^{\alpha, *, punct}(\sigma, \omega) \equiv \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{|Q|_{\omega}}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \frac{\sigma(Q, \mathfrak{P}_{(\sigma, \omega)})}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}}.$$

In particular, all of the above Muckenhoupt conditions \mathcal{A}_2^{α} , $\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha, *}$, $A_2^{\alpha, punct}$ and $A_2^{\alpha, *, punct}$ are necessary for boundedness of an elliptic α -fractional singular integral T_{σ}^{α} from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$. It is convenient to define

$$\mathfrak{A}_2^{\alpha} \equiv \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha} + \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha, *} + A_2^{\alpha, punct} + A_2^{\alpha, *, punct}. \quad (3.1.7)$$

3.1.5 Energy Conditions

Here is the definition of the strong energy conditions, which we sometimes refer to simply as the energy conditions. Let

$$m_I^{\mu} \equiv \frac{1}{|I|_{\mu}} \int x d\mu(x) = \left\langle \frac{1}{|I|_{\mu}} \int x_1 d\mu(x), \dots, \frac{1}{|I|_{\mu}} \int x_n d\mu(x) \right\rangle$$

be the average of x with respect to the measure μ , which we often abbreviate to m_I when the measure μ is understood.

Definition 3.1.4. *Let $0 \leq \alpha < n$. Suppose σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . Then the strong energy constant \mathcal{E}_2^α is defined by*

$$(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 \equiv \sup_{I=\dot{\cup}I_r} \frac{1}{|I|^\sigma} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(I_r, \mathbf{1}_{I\sigma})}{|I_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{I_r}^\omega \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{I_r}\omega)}^2, \quad (3.1.8)$$

where the supremum is taken over arbitrary decompositions of a cube I using a pairwise disjoint union of subcubes I_r . Similarly, we define the dual strong energy constant $\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$ by switching the roles of σ and ω :

$$(\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*})^2 \equiv \sup_{I=\dot{\cup}I_r} \frac{1}{|I|^\omega} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(I_r, \mathbf{1}_{I\omega})}{|I_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{I_r}^\sigma \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{I_r}\sigma)}^2. \quad (3.1.9)$$

These energy conditions are necessary for boundedness of elliptic and gradient elliptic operators, including the Hilbert transform (but not for certain elliptic singular operators that fail to be gradient elliptic) - see [53] and [54]. It is convenient to define

$$\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$$

as well as

$$\mathcal{N}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{V}_\alpha \equiv \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha. \quad (3.1.10)$$

3.1.6 The two weight local Tb Theorem

Here we derive a local Tb theorem based in part on the *proof* of the $T1$ theorem in [48], and in part on the *proof* of a one weight Tb theorem in Hytönen and Martikainen [24]. Recall from [53] that an α -fractional singular integral T^α with kernel K^α is said to be *elliptic* if $|K^\alpha(x, y)| \geq c|x - y|^{\alpha-1}$ and *gradient elliptic* if the kernel $K^\alpha(x, y)$ satisfies

$$|\nabla K^\alpha(x, y)| \geq c|x - y|^{\alpha-n-1}. \quad (3.1.11)$$

The Hilbert transform kernel $K(x, y) = \frac{1}{y-x}$ satisfies (3.1.11) with $\alpha = 0$, $n = 1$. In dimension $n = 1$ the Muckenhoupt conditions are necessary for norm boundedness of elliptic operators by results in [28], [22] and [51], and the energy conditions are necessary for norm boundedness of gradient elliptic operators by results in [53]. Moreover, in dimension $n = 1$, Hytönen [22, Corollary 3.10] proves that full testing is controlled by testing and the Muckenhoupt conditions for the Hilbert transform, and this is easily extended to $0 \leq \alpha < 1$:

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha} + \sqrt{\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha} + \sqrt{\mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}}.$$

Theorem 3.1.5. *Suppose that σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose that T^α is a standard α -fractional singular integral operator on \mathbb{R}^n , and set $T_\sigma^\alpha f = T^\alpha(f\sigma)$ for any smooth truncation of T_σ^α , so that T_σ^α is a priori bounded from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$. Assume the Muckenhoupt and energy conditions hold, i.e. $\mathcal{A}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}, \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,punct}, \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*punct}, \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha, \mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*} < \infty$. Finally, let $p > 2$ and let $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ be a p -weakly σ -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ be a p -weakly ω -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n . Then for $0 \leq \alpha < n$, the operator T_σ^α is bounded from*

$L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$ with operator norm $\mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha}$, i.e.

$$\|T_\sigma^\alpha f\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}, \quad f \in L^2(\sigma),$$

uniformly in smooth truncations of T^α if and only if the \mathbf{b} -testing conditions for T^α and the \mathbf{b}^* -testing conditions for the dual $T^{\alpha,*}$ both hold. Moreover, we have

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha.$$

Remark 3.1.6. In the special case that $\sigma = \omega = \mu$, the classical Muckenhoupt A_2^α condition is

$$\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{|Q|_\mu}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \frac{|Q|_\mu}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} < \infty,$$

which is the upper doubling measure condition with exponent $n - \alpha$, i.e.

$$|Q|_\mu \leq C \ell(Q)^{n-\alpha}, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q,$$

which of course prohibits point masses in μ . Both Poisson integrals are then bounded,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{P}^\alpha(Q, \mu) &\lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(2^k |Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^{n+1-\alpha}} \left|2^k Q\right|_\mu \lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(2^k |Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^{n+1-\alpha}} \left(2^k \ell(Q)\right)^{n-\alpha} = 2 \\ \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mu) &\lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(2^k |Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^2}\right)^{n-\alpha} \left|2^k Q\right|_\mu \lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\left(2^k |Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^2}\right)^{n-\alpha} \left(2^k \ell(Q)\right)^{n-\alpha} = C_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and it follows easily that the equal weight pair (μ, μ) satisfies not only the Muckenhoupt \mathfrak{A}_2^α

condition, but also the strong energy condition \mathfrak{E}_2^α :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(I_r, \mathbf{1}_{I\sigma})}{|I_r|} \right)^2 \|x - m_{I_r}^\omega\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 &\leq C \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left\| \frac{x - m_{I_r}^\omega}{|I_r|} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \\ &\leq C \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |I_r|_\omega \leq C |I|_\omega = C |I|_\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

since $\omega = \sigma$. Thus Theorem 3.1.5, when restricted to a single weight $\sigma = \omega$, recovers a slightly weaker, due to our assumption that $p > 2$, version of the one weight theorem of Lacey and Martikainen [27, Theorem 1.1] for dimension $n = 1$. On the other hand, the possibility of a two weight theorem for a 2-weakly μ -accretive family is highly problematic, as one of the key proof strategies used in [27] in the one weight case is a reduction to testing over f and g with controlled L^∞ norm, a strategy that appears to be unavailable in the two weight setting.

In order to prove Theorem 3.1.5, it is convenient to establish some improved properties for our p -weakly μ -accretive family, and also necessary to establish some improved energy conditions related to the families of testing functions \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{b}^* . We turn to these matters in the next two subsections.

3.1.7 Reduction to real bounded accretive families

We begin by noting that if b_Q satisfies (3.1.4) with $\mu = \sigma$, and satisfies a given \mathbf{b} -testing condition for a weight pair (σ, ω) , then Reb_Q satisfies

$$\left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q |Reb_Q|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)$$

and the given \mathbf{b} -testing condition for (σ, ω) with Reb_Q in place of b_Q .

Thus we may assume throughout the proof of Theorem 3.1.5 that our p -weakly μ -accretive families $\mathbf{b} \equiv \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ and $\mathbf{b}^* \equiv \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{G}}$ consist of **real-valued** functions.

Next we show that the assumption of testing conditions for a fractional integral T^α and p -weakly μ -accretive testing functions $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ and $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ with $p > 2$ can always be replaced with real-valued ∞ -weakly μ -accretive testing functions, thus reducing the Tb theorem for the case $p > 2$ to the case when $p = \infty$. We now proceed to develop a precise statement. We extend (3.1.4) to $2 < p \leq \infty$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } b_Q \subset Q, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (3.1.12) \\ 1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q b_Q d\mu \leq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q |b_Q|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) < \infty & \text{for } 2 < p < \infty \\ \|b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}(\infty) < \infty & \text{for } p = \infty \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3.1.7. *Let $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, and let σ and ω be locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n , and let T^α be a standard α -fractional elliptic and gradient elliptic singular integral operator on \mathbb{R}^n . Set $T_\sigma^\alpha f = T^\alpha(f\sigma)$ for any smooth truncation of T_σ^α , so that T_σ^α is a priori bounded from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$. Finally, define the sequence of positive extended real numbers*

$$\{p_m\}_{m=0}^\infty = \left\{ \frac{2}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^m} \right\}_{m=0}^\infty = \left\{ \infty, 6, \frac{18}{5}, \frac{162}{65}, \dots \right\}.$$

Suppose that the following statement is true:

(\mathcal{S}_∞) *If $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is an ∞ -weakly σ -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n and if $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is an ∞ -weakly ω -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n , then the operator*

norm $\mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha}$ of T_σ^α from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$, i.e. the best constant in

$$\|T_\sigma^\alpha f\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}, \quad f \in L^2(\sigma),$$

uniformly in smooth truncations of T^α , satisfies

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(\infty) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(\infty)) \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right),$$

where $C_{\mathbf{b}}(\infty), C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(\infty)$ are the accretivity constants in (3.1.12), and the constants implied by \lesssim depend on α and the constant C_{CZ} in (3.1.1).

Then for each $m \geq 0$, the following statements hold:

(\mathcal{S}_m) Let $p \in (p_{m+1}, p_m]$. If $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is a p -weakly σ -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n , and if $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is a p -weakly ω -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n , then the operator norm $\mathfrak{N}_{T_\sigma^\alpha}$ of T_σ^α from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$, **uniformly** in smooth truncations of T^α , satisfies

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^{3^{m+1}} \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right),$$

where $C_{\mathbf{b}}(p), C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)$ are the accretivity constants in (3.1.4), and the constants implied by \lesssim depend on p, α , and the constant C_{CZ} in (3.1.1).

Proof of Proposition 3.1.7. We will prove it by induction. We first prove (\mathcal{S}_0). So fix $p \in (p_1, p_0) = (6, \infty)$, and let $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ be a p -weakly σ -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ be a p -weakly ω -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n . Let $0 < \varepsilon < 1$

(to be chosen differently at various points in the argument below) and define

$$\lambda = \lambda(\varepsilon) = \left(\frac{p}{p-2} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} \quad (3.1.13)$$

and a new collection of test functions,

$$\widehat{b}_Q \equiv 2b_Q \left(\mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| \leq \lambda\}} + \frac{\lambda}{|b_Q|} \mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} \right), \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (3.1.14)$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma &= \int_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} \left[\int_0^{|b_Q|} 2tdt \right] d\sigma \\ &= \int \int_{\{(x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty) : \max\{t,\lambda\} < |b_Q(x)|\}} 2tdtd\sigma(x) \\ &= \int_0^\lambda \int_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \lambda < |b_Q(x)|\}} d\sigma(x) 2tdt + \int_\lambda^\infty \int_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : t < |b_Q(x)|\}} d\sigma(x) 2tdt \\ &= \lambda^2 |\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}|_\sigma + \int_\lambda^\infty |\{|b_Q| > t\}|_\sigma 2tdt, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma &\leq \lambda^2 \frac{1}{\lambda^p} \left(\int |b_Q|^p d\sigma \right) + \int_\lambda^\infty \frac{1}{t^p} \left(\int |b_Q|^p d\sigma \right) 2tdt \quad (3.1.15) \\ &\leq \left\{ \lambda^{2-p} + \int_\lambda^\infty 2t^{1-p} dt \right\} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p |Q|_\sigma \\ &= \frac{p}{p-2} \lambda^{2-p} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p |Q|_\sigma = \varepsilon |Q|_\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

by (3.1.13). Thus we have the lower bound,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \widehat{b}_Q d\sigma \right| &= 2 \left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma - \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{|b_Q|} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} d\sigma \right| \\
&\geq 2 \left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \right| - 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |b_Q|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\geq 2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \varepsilon |Q|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon} \geq 1 > 0, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.1.16}$$

For an upper bound we have

$$\left\| \widehat{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2\lambda = 2\lambda(\varepsilon) = 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}},$$

which altogether shows that

$$C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}}(\infty) \leq 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} = 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{p-2}} \tag{3.1.17}$$

if we choose $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{4}$. Similarly we have

$$C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}^*}(\infty) \leq 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} = 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)^{\frac{p}{p-2}} (\varepsilon^*)^{-\frac{1}{p-2}}$$

for $0 < \varepsilon^* \leq \frac{1}{4}$. Moreover, we also have, using (3.1.15),

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha \widehat{b}_Q|^2 d\omega} &\leq 2\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha b_Q|^2 d\omega} + 2\sqrt{\int_Q \left| T_\sigma^\alpha \mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q|>\lambda\}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{|b_Q|} - 1 \right) b_Q \right|^2 d\omega} \\
&\leq 2\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} + 2\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\int_{\{|b_Q|>\lambda\}} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma} \\
&\leq 2 \left\{ \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right\} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma}, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q,
\end{aligned}$$

which shows that

$$\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}} \leq 2\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}. \quad (3.1.18)$$

Now we apply the fact that (\mathcal{S}_∞) holds to obtain

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim \left(C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}}(\infty) + C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}^*}(\infty) \right) \left\{ \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}} + \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha, *}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\}$$

and take $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^*$ to conclude, using (3.1.17) and (3.1.18), that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} &\lesssim C_{implied} (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{p-2}} \left\{ \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha, *}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\} \\
&\quad + C_{implied} (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}
\end{aligned} \quad (3.1.19)$$

Now we choose

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\Gamma} (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^{-\frac{\frac{p}{p-2}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2}}}$$

with $\Gamma = (2C_{implied})^4$, which satisfies $\Gamma \geq 1$, so that the final term on the right satisfies

$$C_{implied} (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \leq C_{implied} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}$$

where we have used $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2} \geq \frac{1}{4}$ for $p > 6$. This term can then be absorbed into the left hand side of (3.1.19) to obtain

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \frac{p}{p-2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{p-2}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2}} \right\} \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha, *}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\}$$

Since

$$\frac{p}{p-2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{p-2}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p-2}} \right\} = \left(1 + \frac{2}{p-2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{p-4} \right) \leq 3 \text{ for } p > 6,$$

we get

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p))^3 \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha, *}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\},$$

which completes the proof of (\mathcal{S}_0) .

We now show that (\mathcal{S}_p) holds for all $p \in (p_{m+1}, p_m]$. So fix $m \geq 1$, $p \in (p_{m+1}, p_m]$, and suppose that $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is a p -weakly σ -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n and that

$\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is a p -weakly ω -accretive family of functions on \mathbb{R}^n . Note that the sequence

$\{p_m\}_{m=0}^\infty = \left\{ \frac{2}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^m} \right\}_{m=0}^\infty$ satisfies the recursion relation

$$p_{m+1} = \frac{6}{1 + \frac{4}{p_m}}, \text{ equivalently, } p_m = \frac{4}{\frac{6}{p_{m+1}} - 1}, \quad m \geq 0.$$

Choose $q \in (p_m, p_{m-1}]$ so that

$$p > \frac{6}{1 + \frac{4}{q}} = \frac{6q}{q+4}, \text{ i.e. } q < \frac{4}{\frac{6}{p} - 1} = \frac{4p}{6-p}, \quad (3.1.20)$$

which can be done since $p > p_{m+1} = \frac{2}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m+1}}$ is equivalent to $p_m = \frac{2}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^m} < \frac{4}{\frac{6}{p} - 1}$,

which leaves room to choose q satisfying $p_m < q < \frac{4}{\frac{6}{p} - 1}$.

Now let $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ (to be fixed later), define $\lambda = \lambda(\varepsilon)$ as in (3.1.13), and define \widehat{b}_Q as in (3.1.14). Recall from (3.1.15) and (3.1.16) that we then have

$$\int_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma \leq \varepsilon |Q|_\sigma \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \widehat{b}_Q d\sigma \right| \geq 1, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P},$$

if we choose $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{4}$. We of course have the previous upper bound

$$\|\widehat{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2\lambda = 2\lambda(\varepsilon) = 2 \left(\frac{p}{p-2} C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}}$$

and while this turned out to be sufficient in the case $m = 0$, we must do better than $O\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}}$ in the case $m \geq 1$. In fact we compute the L^q norm instead, recalling that $q > p$ and using Chebysev's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q |\widehat{b}_Q|^q d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q \left| b_Q \left(\mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| \leq \lambda\}} + \frac{\lambda}{|b_Q|} \mathbf{1}_{\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}} \right) \right|^q d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_{\{|b_Q| \leq \lambda\}} \left[\int_0^{|b_Q|} qt^{q-1} dt \right] d\sigma + \frac{\lambda^q |\{|b_Q| > \lambda\}|_\mu}{|Q|_\mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_0^\lambda \left[\int_{\{t < |b_Q| \leq \lambda\}} d\sigma \right] qt^{q-1} dt + C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \lambda^{q-p} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_0^\lambda \left[\frac{1}{t^p} \int |b_Q|^p d\sigma \right] qt^{q-1} dt + C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \lambda^{q-p} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq 2C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left(\int_0^\lambda qt^{q-p-1} dt + \lambda^{q-p} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= 2C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left(\frac{2q-p}{q-p} \lambda^{q-p} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}}(q)$ satisfies the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}}(q) &\leq 2C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left(\frac{2q-p}{q-p}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[\left(\frac{p}{p-2}C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}} \right]^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \\ &\lesssim C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{p}{q}\left(\frac{q-2}{p-2}\right)} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}} \lesssim C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{3}{2}} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}}, \end{aligned}$$

a significant improvement over the bound $O\left(\varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{p-2}}\right)$. Here we have used that if $p > \frac{6q}{q+4}$, then

$$\frac{p}{q} \left(\frac{q-2}{p-2}\right) < \frac{\frac{6q}{q-4} q-2}{\frac{6q}{q-4}-2} \frac{q-2}{q} < \frac{3}{2}$$

as the function $x \mapsto \frac{x}{x-2}$ is decreasing when $x > 2$. Moreover, from (3.1.18) we also have

$$\mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}} \leq 2\mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}\mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha}.$$

We can do the same for the dual testing functions $\mathbf{b}^* = \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ and then altogether, provided $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{4}$, we have both

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \widehat{b}_Q d\sigma \right| \leq \|\widehat{b}_Q\|_{L^q(\sigma)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}(p)^{\frac{3}{2}} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}}, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \\ \mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}} &\leq 2\mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}\mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \left| \frac{1}{|Q|_\omega} \int_Q \widehat{b}^*_Q d\omega \right| \leq \|\widehat{b}^*_Q\|_{L^q(\omega)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)^{\frac{3}{2}} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}}, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \\ \mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}^*}} &\leq 2\mathfrak{T}_{T\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}\mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

We now use these estimates, together with the fact that (\mathcal{S}_{m-1}) holds, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} &\lesssim \left(C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}}(q) + C_{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}^*}(q) \right)^{3^n} \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\widehat{\mathbf{b}}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\} \\
&\lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \frac{3}{2} 3^n \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}} \left\{ \left[\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right] + \left[\mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right] + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\} \\
&\lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \frac{3}{2} 3^n \left(\varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}} \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\} + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

We can absorb the term $(C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \frac{3}{2} 3^n \sqrt{\varepsilon} \varepsilon^{-\frac{1-p}{p-2}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}$ into the left hand side as before, by choosing

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\Gamma} (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \left(\frac{\frac{3}{2} 3^n}{\frac{1-p}{p-2} - \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

with Γ sufficiently large, depending only on the implied constant, since (3.1.20) gives $\frac{6-p}{2} < \frac{2}{q}$, and hence

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-p}{p-2} = \frac{p \left(1 + \frac{2}{q} \right) - 4}{2p-4} > \frac{p \left(1 + \frac{6-p}{2} \right) - 4}{2p-4} = \frac{1}{4}. \quad (3.1.21)$$

Thus,

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) \frac{3}{2} 3^{n(1+1)} \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\}.$$

Here we have used that (3.1.21) implies $\frac{\frac{1-p}{p-2}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-p}{p-2}} < 4 \frac{1-p}{p-2} \leq 1$. So we finally have

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim (C_{\mathbf{b}}(p) + C_{\mathbf{b}^*}(p)) 3^{n+1} \left\{ \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha \right\},$$

which completes the proof of Proposition 3.1.7. \square

Thus we may assume for the proof of Theorem 3.1.5 given below that $p = \infty$ and that the testing functions are real-valued and satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp} b_Q &\subset Q, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \\ 1 &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q b_Q d\mu \leq \|b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}(\infty) < \infty, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1.22}$$

3.1.8 Reverse Hölder control of children

Here we begin to further reduce the proof of Theorem 3.1.5 to the case of bounded real testing functions $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ having reverse Hölder control

$$\left| \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} b_Q d\sigma \right| \geq c \|\mathbf{1}_{Q'} b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} > 0, \tag{3.1.23}$$

for all children $Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)$ with $|Q'|_\sigma > 0$ and $Q \in \mathcal{P}$.

3.1.8.1 Control of averages over children

Lemma 3.1.8. *Suppose that σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that T^α is a standard α -fractional elliptic and gradient elliptic singular integral operator on \mathbb{R}^n , and set $T_\sigma^\alpha f = T^\alpha(f\sigma)$ for any smooth truncation of T_σ^α , so that T_σ^α is a priori bounded from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$. Let $Q \in \mathcal{P}$ and let $\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q)$ be the best constant in the local inequality*

$$\sqrt{\int_{Q'} |T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_Q f)|^2 d\omega} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \sqrt{\int_Q |f|^2 d\sigma}, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbf{1}_Q \sigma).$$

Suppose that b_Q is a real-valued function supported in Q such that

$$1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \leq \|\mathbf{1}_Q b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}},$$

$$\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha b_Q|^2 d\omega} \leq \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma}.$$

Then for every $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2^{n+1}C_{\mathbf{b}}^3}$, there exists a real-valued function \tilde{b}_Q supported in Q such that

$$(1). \quad 1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \leq \|\mathbf{1}_Q \tilde{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}}) C_{\mathbf{b}},$$

$$(2). \quad \sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha \tilde{b}_Q|^2 d\omega} \leq \left[\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) + 2C_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \right] \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma},$$

$$(3). \quad 0 < \|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq \frac{16C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\delta} \left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right|, \quad Q_i \in \mathfrak{C}(Q).$$

Proof. Let $0 < \delta < 1$ and fix $Q \in \mathcal{P}$. By assumption we have

$$1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \leq \|\mathbf{1}_Q b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}.$$

Let Q_i be the children of Q . We now define \tilde{b}_Q . First we note that the inequality

$$\left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} b_Q d\sigma \right| < \frac{\delta}{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \tag{3.1.24}$$

cannot hold for *all* Q_i , since otherwise we obtain the contradiction

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \right| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \left| \int_{Q_i} b_Q d\sigma \right| < \frac{\delta}{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} |Q_i|_\sigma \|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \\ &\leq \frac{\delta}{C_{\mathbf{b}}} |Q|_\sigma \|\mathbf{1}_Q b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq \delta \left| \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \right| < \left| \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \right|. \end{aligned}$$

If (3.1.24) holds for none of the Q_i , then we simply define $\tilde{b}_Q = b_Q$, and trivially all the conclusions of the Lemma 3.1.8 hold. If (3.1.24) holds for at least one of the children, say Q_{i_0} , then we define \tilde{b}_Q differently according to how large the $L^1(\sigma)$ -average $\frac{1}{|Q_{i_0}|_\sigma} \int_{Q_{i_0}} |b_Q| d\sigma$ is. In this case, define \tilde{G} to be the set of indices for which (3.1.24) holds and G the set of indices for which (3.1.24) fails. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b}_Q &\equiv \sum_{i \in G} b_Q \mathbf{1}_Q + \sum_{i \in G_0} \delta \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} + \sum_{i \in G_+} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in B_-} \left(p_i - n_i (1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta}) \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} + \sum_{i \in B_+} \left((1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta}) p_i - n_i \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_0 &\equiv \left\{ i \in \tilde{G} : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma = 0 \right\} \\ G_+ &\equiv \left\{ i \in \tilde{G} : 0 < \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta} \right\}, \\ B_- &\equiv \left\{ i \in \tilde{G} : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma > \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta} \text{ and } \int_{Q_i} n_i d\sigma > \int_{Q_i} p_i d\sigma \right\}, \\ B_+ &\equiv \left\{ i \in \tilde{G} : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma > \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta} \text{ and } \int_{Q_i} p_i d\sigma \geq \int_{Q_i} n_i d\sigma \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

and p_i, n_i are the positive and negative parts of b_Q respectively on Q_i , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}_{Q_i}(x) b_Q(x) &= p_i(x) - n_i(x), \\ \mathbf{1}_{Q_i}(x) |b_Q(x)| &= p_i(x) + n_i(x), \end{aligned}$$

Now let us check the conclusions of the Lemma 3.1.8. For (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma + \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \sum_{i \in B_-} \int_{Q_i} n_i \sqrt{C_b \delta} d\sigma - \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \sum_{i \in B_+} \int_{Q_i} p_i \sqrt{C_b \delta} d\sigma \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma + \sqrt{C_b \delta} C_b \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \sum_{i \in B_-} |Q_i|_\sigma \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma + C_b^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\delta}
\end{aligned}$$

and choosing δ small enough we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \leq \left\| \mathbf{1}_Q \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)},$$

which in turn is bounded by

$$\sup_{Q_i \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_{Q_i} \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2 \left(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \right) C_{\mathbf{b}}$$

by taking the different cases on Q_i :

- (a) For $i \in G_0$, $\left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_{Q_i} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq \delta$,
- (b) For $i \in G_+$, $\left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_{Q_i} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}$,
- (c) For $i \in B_- \cup B_+$, $\left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_{Q_i} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}}) C_{\mathbf{b}}$.

This completes the proof for (1).

For (2), we have from Minkowski's inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha \tilde{b}_Q|^2 d\omega} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha b_Q|^2 d\omega} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha (\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q)|^2 d\omega} \\
&\leq \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma} \\
&= \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \sum_{Q_i \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma}
\end{aligned}$$

and this last term is bounded by:

$$\left(\sum_{i \in G} + \sum_{i \in G_0} + \sum_{i \in G_+} + \sum_{i \in B_-} + \sum_{i \in B_+} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma}$$

and since we have:

(a) for $i \in G$,

$$\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma = 0$$

(b) for $i \in G_0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \left(\int_{Q_i} \delta^2 d\sigma + \int_{Q_i} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \left(\delta^2 |Q_i|_\sigma + C_{\mathbf{b}} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right) = \delta^2 \frac{|Q_i|_\sigma}{|Q|_\sigma}
\end{aligned}$$

by the accretivity of b_Q and the definition of G_0 .

(c) for $i \in G_+$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\omega &= \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \left| \left(\frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right) - b_Q \right|^2 d\sigma \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \left(\int_{Q_i} \left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right|^2 d\sigma + \int_{Q_i} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \left(\int_{Q_i} C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta d\sigma + C_{\mathbf{b}} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right) \\
&\leq (C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta + C_{\mathbf{b}} \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta}) \frac{|Q_i|_\sigma}{|Q|_\sigma} \leq 2C_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{|Q_i|_\sigma}{|Q|_\sigma}.
\end{aligned}$$

(d) for $i \in B_-$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma &= \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta n_i|^2 d\sigma = C_{\mathbf{b}} \delta \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |n_i|^2 d\sigma \\
&\leq C_{\mathbf{b}}^3 \delta \frac{|Q_i|_\sigma}{|Q|_\sigma}.
\end{aligned}$$

(e) and for $i \in B_+$, the same estimate as in the previous case,

we obtain

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha \tilde{b}_Q|^2 d\omega} \leq \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) + 2 \cdot 2^n C_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q).$$

where the dimensional constant comes from

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|Q|_\sigma}} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \sqrt{|Q_i|_\sigma} \leq 2^n.$$

Now we are left with verifying (3). Note that

(a) for $i \in G$, the inequality (3.1.24) does not hold and as $\tilde{b}_Q = b_Q$ there, immediately we

obtain

$$\|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq \left| \frac{C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\delta} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right|$$

(b) for $i \in G_0 \cup G_+$,

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)}}{\left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right|} = 1 < \frac{C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\delta}$$

(c) for $i \in B_-$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)}}{\left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right|} &\leq \frac{(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta}) C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} [p_i - n_i (1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta})] d\sigma \right|} \\ &\leq \frac{(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta}) C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\left| \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} n_i d\sigma \right|} \\ &\leq \frac{2(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta}) C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma} \\ &\leq \frac{4C_{\mathbf{b}}}{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} = \frac{4}{\delta}, \end{aligned}$$

as, by taking $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{4C_{\mathbf{b}}^3}$, we have $1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} < 2$.

(d) and for $i \in B_+$ similarly as in the previous case.

In order to obtain the inequalities for \tilde{b}_Q in the conclusion of Lemma 3.1.8, we simply multiply the above function \tilde{b}_Q by a factor of 2.

Finally, if $|b_Q| \geq c_1 > 0$, we easily see that $|\tilde{b}_Q| \geq |b_Q| \geq c_1 > 0$ as well. This completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.8. \square

3.1.8.2 Control of averages in coronas

Let \mathcal{D}_Q be the grid of dyadic subcubes of Q . In the construction of the triple corona below, we will need to repeat the construction in the previous subsection for a subdecomposition $\{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of dyadic subcubes $Q_i \in \mathcal{D}_Q$ of a cube Q . Define the corona corresponding to the subdecomposition $\{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ by

$$\mathcal{C}_Q \equiv \mathcal{D}_Q \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{D}_{Q_i} .$$

Lemma 3.1.9. *Suppose that σ and ω are locally finite positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that T^α is a standard α -fractional elliptic and gradient elliptic singular integral operator on \mathbb{R}^n , and set $T_\sigma^\alpha f = T^\alpha(f\sigma)$ for any smooth truncation of T_σ^α , so that T_σ^α is a priori bounded from $L^2(\sigma)$ to $L^2(\omega)$. Let $Q \in \mathcal{P}$ and let $\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q)$ be the best constant in the local inequality*

$$\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_Q f)|^2 d\omega} \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \sqrt{\int_Q |f|^2 d\sigma}, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbf{1}_Q \sigma).$$

Let $\{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{D}_Q$ be a collection of pairwise disjoint dyadic subcubes of Q . Suppose that b_Q is a real-valued function supported in Q such that

$$1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} b_Q d\sigma \leq \|\mathbf{1}_{Q'} b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}, \quad Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q,$$

$$\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha b_Q|^2 d\omega} \leq \mathfrak{F}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma}.$$

Then for every $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{4C_{\mathbf{b}}^3}$, there exists a real-valued function \tilde{b}_Q supported in Q such that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \leq \left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2 \left(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \right) C_{\mathbf{b}}, \quad Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q, \\ \sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha \tilde{b}_Q|^2 d\omega} &\leq \left[2\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{b_Q}(Q) + 4C_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathfrak{R}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \right] \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma}, \\ 0 < \left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} &\leq \frac{16C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\delta} \left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right|, \quad 1 \leq i < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if $|b_Q| \geq c_1 > 0$, then we may take $|\tilde{b}_Q| \geq c_1$ as well.

The additional gain in the lemma is in the final line that controls the degeneracy of \tilde{b}_Q at the ‘bottom’ of the corona \mathcal{C}_Q by establishing a reverse Hölder control. Note that if we combine this control with the accretivity control in the corona \mathcal{C}_Q , namely

$$\left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2 \left(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \right) C_{\mathbf{b}} \leq 2 \left(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \right) C_{\mathbf{b}} \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma,$$

we obtain reverse Hölder control throughout the entire collection $\mathcal{C}_Q \cup \{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$:

$$\left\| \mathbf{1}_I \tilde{b}_{Q'} \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\delta, \mathbf{b}} \left| \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I \tilde{b}_{Q'} d\sigma \right|, \quad I \in \mathfrak{C}(Q'), Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q.$$

This has the crucial consequence that the martingale and dual martingale differences $\Delta_{Q'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ and $\square_{Q'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ associated with these functions as defined in (3.1.38), satisfy

$$\left| \Delta_{Q'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} h \right|, \left| \square_{Q'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} h \right| \leq C_{\delta, \mathbf{b}} \sum_{I \in \mathfrak{C}(Q')} \left(\frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I |h| d\sigma + \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} |h| d\sigma \right) \mathbf{1}_I. \quad (3.1.25)$$

However, the defect in this lemma is that we lose the weak testing condition for \tilde{b}_Q in the corona even if we had assumed it at the outset for b_Q .

Proof. The proof of Lemma 3.1.9 is similar to that of the Lemma 3.1.8. Indeed, we define

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{b}_Q &\equiv \sum_{i \in G_0} \delta \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} + \sum_{i \in G_+} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in B_-} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} [p_i - n_i (1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta})] d\sigma \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in B_+} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} [(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta}) p_i - n_i] d\sigma \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \\
&\quad + b_Q \mathbf{1}_{Q \setminus \cup_{i=1}^\infty Q_i},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
G_0 &\equiv \left\{ i : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma = 0 \right\}, \\
G_+ &\equiv \left\{ i : 0 < \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma \leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} \right\}, \\
B_- &\equiv \left\{ i : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma > \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} \text{ and } \int_{Q_i} n_i d\sigma > \int_{Q_i} p_i d\sigma \right\}, \\
B_+ &\equiv \left\{ i : \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} |b_Q| d\sigma > \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}\delta} \text{ and } \int_{Q_i} p_i d\sigma \geq \int_{Q_i} n_i d\sigma \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

and p_i, n_i the positive and negative parts of b_Q on each Q_i . The proof of Lemma 3.1.8 can be applied verbatim. We emphasise only that when estimating the testing condition, we need the bound

$$\int_Q |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma \leq C(C_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{i=1}^\infty |Q_i|_\sigma \leq C(C_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} |Q|_\sigma.$$

□

Remark 3.1.10. *The estimate $\int_Q |\tilde{b}_Q - b_Q|^2 d\sigma \leq C(C_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{i=1}^\infty |Q_i|_\sigma$ in the last line of the above proof is of course too large in general to be dominated by a fixed multiple of $|Q|_\sigma$*

for $Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q$, and this is the reason we have no control of weak testing for \tilde{b}_Q in the rest of the corona even if we assume weak testing for b_Q in the corona \mathcal{C}_Q . This defect is addressed in the next subsection below.

3.1.9 Three corona decompositions

We will use multiple corona constructions, namely a Calderón-Zygmund decomposition, an accretive/testing decomposition, and an energy decomposition, in order to reduce matters to the stopping form, which is treated in Section 3.6 by adapting the bottom/up stopping time and recursion of M. Lacey in [26]. We will then iterate these corona decompositions into a single corona decomposition, which we refer to as the *triple corona*. More precisely, we iterate the first generation of common stopping times with an infusion of the reverse Hölder condition on children, followed by another iteration of the first generation of weak testing stopping times. Recall that we must show the bilinear inequality

$$\left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha f) g d\omega \right| \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}, \quad f \in L^2(\sigma) \text{ and } g \in L^2(\omega).$$

3.1.9.1 The Calderón-Zygmund corona decomposition

In this section, we introduce the Calderón-Zygmund stopping times \mathcal{F} for a function $\phi \in L^2(\mu)$ relative to a cube S_0 and a positive constant $C_0 \geq 4$. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}}$ be the collection of Calderón-Zygmund stopping cubes for ϕ defined so that $F \subset S_0$, $S_0 \in \mathcal{F}$, and

for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$ with $F \subsetneq S_0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|F|_\mu} \int_F |\phi| d\mu &> C_0 \frac{1}{|\pi_{\mathcal{F}} F|_\mu} \int_F |\phi| d\mu; \\ \frac{1}{|F'|_\mu} \int_{F'} |\phi| d\mu &\leq C_0 \frac{1}{|\pi_{\mathcal{F}} F|_\mu} \int_F |\phi| d\mu \quad \text{for } F \subsetneq F' \subset \pi_{\mathcal{F}} F. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by $\pi_{\mathcal{F}} F$ be the smallest member of \mathcal{F} that *strictly* contains F . For a cube $I \in \mathcal{D}$ let $\pi_{\mathcal{D}} I$ be the \mathcal{D} -parent of I in the grid \mathcal{D} . For $F, F' \in \mathcal{F}$, we say that F' is an \mathcal{F} -child of F if $\pi_{\mathcal{F}}(F') = F$ (it could be that $F = \pi_{\mathcal{D}} F'$), and we denote by $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)$ the set of \mathcal{F} -children of F . We call $\pi_{\mathcal{F}}(F')$ the \mathcal{F} -parent of $F' \in \mathcal{F}$.

To achieve the construction above we use the following definition.

Definition 3.1.11. *Let $C_0 \geq 4$. Given a dyadic grid \mathcal{D} and a cube $S_0 \in \mathcal{D}$, define $\mathcal{S}(S_0)$ to be the maximal \mathcal{D} -subcubes $I \subset S_0$ such that*

$$\frac{1}{|I|_\mu} \int_I |\phi| d\mu > C_0 \frac{1}{|S_0|_\mu} \int_{S_0} |\phi| d\mu ,$$

and then define the Calderón-Zygmund stopping cubes of S_0 to be the collection

$$\mathcal{F} = \{S_0\} \cup \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_m$$

where $\mathcal{S}_0 = \mathcal{S}(S_0)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{m+1} = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_m} \mathcal{S}(S)$ for $m \geq 0$.

Define the corona of F by

$$\mathcal{C}_F \equiv \{F' \in \mathcal{D} : F \supset F' \not\supseteq H \text{ for some } H \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)\}.$$

The stopping cubes \mathcal{F} above satisfy a Carleson condition:

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}: F \subset \Omega} |F|_\mu \leq C |\Omega|_\mu, \quad \text{for all open sets } \Omega.$$

Indeed,

$$\sum_{F' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)} |F'|_\mu \leq \sum_{F' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)} \frac{\int_{F'} |\phi| d\mu}{C_0 \frac{1}{|F|_\mu} \int_F |\phi| d\mu} \leq \frac{1}{C_0} |F|,$$

and standard arguments now complete the proof of the Carleson condition.

We emphasize that accretive functions b play no role in the Calderón-Zygmund corona decomposition.

3.1.9.2 The accretive/testing corona decomposition

We use a corona construction modelled after that of Hytönen and Martikainen [24], that delivers a *weak corona testing condition* that coincides with the testing condition itself **only** at the tops of the coronas. This corona decomposition is developed to optimize the choice of a new family of real valued testing functions $\{\widehat{b}_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ taken from the vector $\mathbf{b} \equiv \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ so that we have

1. the telescoping property at our disposal in each accretive corona,
2. a weak corona testing condition remains in force for the new testing functions \widehat{b}_Q that coincides with the testing condition at the tops of the coronas,
3. the tops of the coronas, i.e. the stopping cubes, enjoy a Carleson condition.

We will henceforth refer to the old family as the *original* family, and denote it by $\{b_Q^{orig}\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$.

The original family will reappear later in helping to estimate the nearby form.

Let σ and ω be locally finite Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^n . We assume that the vector of ‘testing functions’ $\mathbf{b} \equiv \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a ∞ -weakly σ -accretive family, i.e. for $Q \in \mathcal{D}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } b_Q &\subset Q, \\ 0 < c_{\mathbf{b}} &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|_{\mu}} \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \leq \|b_Q\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\mathbf{b}} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and also that $\mathbf{b}^* \equiv \{b_Q^*\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a ∞ -weakly ω -accretive family, and we assume in addition the testing conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_Q b_Q)|^2 d\omega &\leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}}\right)^2 |Q|_\sigma, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q, \\ \int_Q |T_\omega^{\alpha,*}(\mathbf{1}_Q b_Q^*)|^2 d\sigma &\leq \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha,*}}^{\mathbf{b}^*}\right)^2 |Q|_\omega, \quad \text{for all cubes } Q. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.1.12. Given a cube S_0 , define $\mathcal{S}(S_0)$ to be the maximal subcubes $I \subset S_0$ such that satisfy one of the following

$$\begin{aligned} (a). \quad &\left| \frac{1}{|I|_\mu} \int_I b_{S_0} d\sigma \right| < \gamma, \text{ or} \\ (b). \quad &\int_I |T_\sigma^\alpha(b_{S_0})|^2 d\omega > \Gamma \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}}\right)^2 |I|_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

where the positive constants γ, Γ satisfy $0 < \gamma < 1 < \Gamma < \infty$. Then define the \mathbf{b} -accretive stopping cubes of S_0 to be the collection

$$\mathcal{F} = \{S_0\} \cup \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_m$$

where $\mathcal{S}_0 = \mathcal{S}(S_0)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{m+1} = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_m} \mathcal{S}(S)$ for $m \geq 0$.

For $\varepsilon > 0$ chosen small enough depending on $p > 2$, the \mathbf{b} -accretive stopping cubes satisfy

a σ -Carleson condition relative to the measure σ , and the new testing functions $\{\tilde{b}_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$, defined by $\tilde{b}_S = \mathbf{1}_S b_{S_0}$ for $S \in \mathcal{C}_{S_0}$, satisfy *weak* testing inequalities. The following lemma is essentially in [24], but we include a proof for completeness.

Lemma 3.1.13. *For γ small enough and Γ large enough, we have the following:*

(1). *For every open set Ω we have we have the inequality,*

$$\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset \Omega} |S|_\sigma \leq C |\Omega|_\sigma . \quad (3.1.26)$$

(2). *For every cube $S \in \mathcal{C}_{S_0}$ we have the weak corona testing inequality,*

$$\int_S \left| T_\sigma^\alpha b_{S_0} \right|^2 d\omega \leq C \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \right)^2 |S|_\sigma . \quad (3.1.27)$$

Proof. Inequality (3.1.27) is immediate from the definition of \mathcal{F} in the definition 3.1.12. We now address the Carleson condition (3.1.26). A standard argument reduces matters to the case where Ω is a cube $Q \in \mathcal{F}$ with $|Q|_\sigma > 0$. It suffices to consider each of the two stopping criteria separately. We first address the stopping condition $\left| \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I b_{S_0} d\sigma \right| < \gamma$. Throughout this proof we will denote the union of these children $\mathcal{S}(Q)$ of Q by $E(Q) \equiv \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}(Q)} S$. Then

we have

$$\left| \int_{E(Q)} b_Q d\sigma \right| \leq \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(Q)} \left| \int_S b_Q d\sigma \right| < \gamma \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(Q)} |S|_\sigma \leq \gamma |Q|_\sigma ,$$

which together with our hypotheses on b_Q gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|Q|_\sigma &\leq \left| \int_Q b_Q d\sigma \right| \leq \left| \int_{E(Q)} b_Q d\sigma \right| + \left| \int_{Q \setminus E(Q)} b_Q d\sigma \right| \\
&\leq \gamma |Q|_\sigma + \sqrt{\int_{Q \setminus E(Q)} |b_Q|^2 d\sigma} \sqrt{|Q \setminus E(Q)|_\sigma} \\
&\leq \gamma |Q|_\sigma + C_{\mathbf{b}} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} \sqrt{|Q \setminus E(Q)|_\sigma}.
\end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the inequality yields

$$(1 - \gamma) |Q|_\sigma \leq C_{\mathbf{b}} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} \sqrt{|Q \setminus E(Q)|_\sigma}$$

or

$$\frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{C_{\mathbf{b}}^2} |Q|_\sigma \leq |Q \setminus E(Q)|_\sigma,$$

which in turn gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(Q)} |S|_\sigma &= |E(Q)| = |Q|_\sigma - |Q \setminus E(Q)|_\sigma \\
&\leq |Q|_\sigma - \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{C_{\mathbf{b}}^2} |Q|_\sigma = \left(1 - \frac{(1 - \gamma)^2}{C_{\mathbf{b}}^2} \right) |Q|_\sigma \equiv \beta |Q|_\sigma,
\end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \beta < 1$ since $1 \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}$. If we now iterate this inequality, we obtain for each $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q \\ \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{(k)}(S) = Q}} |S|_{\sigma} &= \sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q \\ \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{(k-1)}(S) = Q}} \sum_{S' \in \mathcal{S}(S)} |S'|_{\sigma} \leq \sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q \\ \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{(k-1)}(S) = Q}} \beta |S|_{\sigma} \\
&\vdots \\
&\leq \sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q \\ \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{(1)}(S) = Q}} \beta^{k-1} |S|_{\sigma} \leq \beta^k |Q|_{\sigma} .
\end{aligned}$$

Finally then

$$\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q} |S|_{\sigma} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F}: S \subset Q \\ \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{(k)}(S) = Q}} |S|_{\sigma} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta^k |Q|_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{1-\beta} |Q|_{\sigma} = \frac{C_{\mathbf{b}}^2}{(1-\gamma)^2} |Q|_{\sigma} .$$

Now we turn to the second stopping criterion $\int_I |T_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(b_{S_0})|^2 d\omega > \Gamma (\mathfrak{I}_{T^{\alpha}}^{\mathbf{b}})^2 |I|_{\sigma}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{S \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(S_0)} |S|_{\sigma} &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma (\mathfrak{I}_{T^{\alpha}}^{\mathbf{b}})^2} \sum_{S \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(S_0)} \int_S |T_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(b_{S_0})|^2 d\omega \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma (\mathfrak{I}_{T^{\alpha}}^{\mathbf{b}})^2} \int_{S_0} |T_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(b_{S_0})|^2 d\omega \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma} |S_0|_{\sigma} .
\end{aligned}$$

Iterating this inequality gives

$$\sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F} \\ S \subset S_0}} |S|_{\sigma} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma^k} |S_0|_{\sigma} = \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1} |S_0|_{\sigma} ,$$

and then

$$\sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F} \\ S \subset \Omega}} |S|_\sigma = \sum_{\substack{\text{maximal } S_0 \in \mathcal{F} \\ S_0 \subset \Omega}} \sum_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{F} \\ S \subset S_0}} |S|_\sigma \leq \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1} \sum_{\substack{\text{maximal } S_0 \in \mathcal{F} \\ S_0 \subset \Omega}} |S_0|_\sigma = \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1} |\Omega|_\sigma .$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.13. \square

3.1.9.3 The energy corona decompositions

Given a weight pair (σ, ω) , we construct an energy corona decomposition for σ and an energy corona decomposition for ω , that uniformize estimates (c.f. [38], [28], [48] and [49]). In order to define these constructions, we recall that the energy condition constant \mathcal{E}_2^α is given by

$$(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 \equiv \sup_{\substack{Q \in \mathcal{P} \\ Q = \dot{\cup} J_r}} \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(J_r, \mathbf{1}_Q \sigma)}{|J_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2 ,$$

where $\dot{\cup} J_r$ is an arbitrary subdecomposition of Q into cubes $J_r \in \mathcal{P}$ and interchanging the roles of σ and ω we have the constant $\mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$. Also recall that $\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha = \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \mathcal{E}_2^{\alpha,*}$. In the next definition we restrict the cubes Q to a dyadic grid \mathcal{D} , but keep the subcubes J_r unrestricted.

Definition 3.1.14. *Given a dyadic grid \mathcal{D} and a cube $S_0 \in \mathcal{D}$, define $\mathcal{S}(S_0)$ to be the maximal \mathcal{D} -subcubes $I \subset S_0$ such that*

$$\sup_{I \supset \dot{\cup} J_r} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(J_r, \mathbf{1}_I \sigma)}{|J_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2 \geq C_{en} \left[(\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha)^2 + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha \right] |I|_\sigma , \quad (3.1.28)$$

where the cubes $J_r \in \mathcal{P}$ are pairwise disjoint in I , \mathfrak{E}_2^α is the energy condition constant, and C_{en} is a sufficiently large positive constant depending only on α . Then define the σ -energy

stopping cubes of S_0 to be the collection

$$\mathcal{F} = \{S_0\} \cup \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_m$$

where $\mathcal{S}_0 = \mathcal{S}(S_0)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{m+1} = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_m} \mathcal{S}(S)$ for $m \geq 0$.

We now claim that from the energy condition $\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha < \infty$, we obtain the σ -Carleson estimate,

$$\sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}: S \subset I} |S|_\sigma \leq 2|I|_\sigma, \quad I \in \mathcal{D}. \quad (3.1.29)$$

Indeed, for any $S_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{S \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(S_1)} |S|_\sigma &\leq \frac{1}{C_{en}(\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha + (\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2)} \sum_{S \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(S_1)} \sup_{S \supset \dot{\cup} J_r} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J_r, \mathbf{1}_S \sigma)}{|J_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{C_{en}(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2} (\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 |S_1|_\sigma = \frac{1}{C_{en}} |S_1|_\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

upon noting that the union of the subdecompositions $\dot{\cup} J_r \subset S$ over $S \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(S_1)$ is a subdecomposition of S_1 , and the proof of the Carleson estimate is now finished by iteration in the standard way.

Finally, we record the reason for introducing energy stopping times. If

$$\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_S)^2 \equiv \sup_{I \in \mathcal{C}_S} \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \sup_{I \supset \dot{\cup} J_r} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J_r, \mathbf{1}_I \sigma)}{|J_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2 \quad (3.1.30)$$

is (the square of) the α -stopping energy of the weight pair (σ, ω) with respect to the corona

\mathcal{C}_S , then we have the *stopping energy bounds*

$$\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_S) \leq \sqrt{C_{en}} \sqrt{(\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha)^2 + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}, \quad S \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (3.1.31)$$

where \mathfrak{A}_2^α and the energy constant \mathfrak{E}_2^α are controlled by the assumptions in Theorem 3.1.5.

3.1.10 Iterated coronas and general stopping data

We will use a construction that permits *iteration* of the above three corona decompositions by combining Definitions 3.1.11, 3.1.12 and 3.1.14 into a single stopping condition. However, there is one remaining difficulty with the triple corona constructed in this way, namely if a stopping cube $I \in \mathcal{A}$ is a child of a cube Q in the corona \mathcal{C}_A , then the modulus of the average $\left| \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I b_Q d\sigma \right|$ of b_Q on I may be far smaller than the sup norm of $|b_Q|$ on the child I , indeed it may be that $\frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I b_Q d\sigma = 0$. This of course destroys any reasonable estimation of the martingale and dual martingale differences $\Delta_Q^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ and $\square_Q^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ used in the proof of Theorem 3.1.5, and so we will use Lemma 3.1.9 on the function b_A to obtain a new function \tilde{b}_A for which this problem is circumvented at the ‘bottom’ of the corona, i.e. for those $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_\mathcal{A}(A)$. We then refer to the stopping times $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_\mathcal{A}(A)$ as ‘shadow’ stopping times since we have lost control of the weak testing condition relative to the new function \tilde{b}_A . Thus we must redo the weak testing stopping times for the new function \tilde{b}_A , but also stopping if we hit one of the shadow stopping times. Here are the details.

Definition 3.1.15. *Let $C_0 \geq 4$, $0 < \gamma < 1$ and $1 < \Gamma < \infty$. Suppose that $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is an ∞ -weakly σ -accretive family on \mathbb{R}^n . Given a dyadic grid \mathcal{D} and a cube $Q \in \mathcal{D}$, define the collection of ‘shadow’ stopping times $\mathcal{S}_{shadow}(Q)$ to be the maximal \mathcal{D} -subcubes $I \subset Q$ such that one of the following holds:*

(a).

$$\frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I |f| d\sigma > C_0 \frac{1}{|Q|_\sigma} \int_Q |f| d\sigma ,$$

(b).

$$\left| \frac{1}{|I|_\mu} \int_I b_Q d\sigma \right| < \gamma \text{ or } \int_I |T_\sigma^\alpha (b_Q)|^2 d\omega > \Gamma \left(\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \right)^2 |I|_\sigma ,$$

(c).

$$\sup_{I \supset \dot{\cup} J_r} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{P^\alpha (J_r, \sigma)}{|J_r|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2 \geq C_{en} \left[(\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha)^2 + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha \right] |I|_\sigma .$$

Now we apply Lemma 3.1.9 to the function b_Q with $\mathcal{S}_{shadow}(Q) \equiv \{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ to obtain a new function \tilde{b}_Q satisfying the properties

$$\text{supp } \tilde{b}_Q \subset Q , \tag{3.1.32}$$

$$1 \leq \frac{1}{|Q'|_\sigma} \int_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \leq \left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq 2 \left(1 + \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}}} \right) C_{\mathbf{b}} , \quad Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q ,$$

$$\sqrt{\int_Q |T_\sigma^\alpha b_Q|^2 d\omega} \leq \left[2\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}}(Q) + 4C_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \delta^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}(Q) \right] \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} ,$$

$$\left\| \mathbf{1}_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq \frac{16C_{\mathbf{b}}}{\delta} \left| \frac{1}{|Q_i|_\sigma} \int_{Q_i} \tilde{b}_Q d\sigma \right| , \quad 1 \leq i < \infty .$$

Note that each of the functions $\tilde{b}_{Q'} \equiv \mathbf{1}_{Q'} \tilde{b}_Q$, for $Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q$, now satisfies the crucial reverse Hölder property

$$\left\| \mathbf{1}_I \tilde{b}_{Q'} \right\|_{L^\infty(\sigma)} \leq C_{\delta, \mathbf{b}} \left| \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I \tilde{b}_{Q'} d\sigma \right| , \quad \text{for all } I \in \mathfrak{C}(Q') , Q' \in \mathcal{C}_Q .$$

Indeed, if I equals one of the Q_i then the reverse Hölder condition in the last line of (3.1.32) applies, while if $I \in \mathcal{C}_Q$ then the accretivity in the second line of (3.1.32) applies.

Since we have lost the weak testing condition in the corona for this new function \tilde{b}_Q , the next step is to run again the weak testing construction of stopping times, but this time starting with the new function \tilde{b}_Q , and also stopping if we hit one of the ‘shadow’ stopping times Q_i . Here is the new stopping criterion.

Definition 3.1.16. Let $C_0 \geq 4$ and $1 < \Gamma < \infty$. Let $\mathcal{S}_{shadow}(Q) \equiv \{Q_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be as in Definition 3.1.15. Define $\mathcal{S}_{iterated}(Q)$ to be the maximal \mathcal{D} -subcubes $I \subset Q$ such that either

$$\int_I |T_\sigma^\alpha(\tilde{b}_Q)|^2 d\omega > \Gamma \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^\tilde{\mathbf{b}} \right)^2 |I|_\sigma ,$$

or

$$I = Q_i \text{ for some } 1 \leq i < \infty.$$

Thus for each cube Q we have now constructed *iterated stopping children* $\mathcal{S}_{iterated}(Q)$ by first constructing shadow stopping times $\mathcal{S}_{shadow}(Q)$ using one step of the triple corona construction, then modifying the testing function to have reverse Hölder controlled children, and finally running again the weak testing stopping time construction to get $\mathcal{S}_{iterated}(Q)$. These iterated stopping times $\mathcal{S}_{iterated}(Q)$ have control of CZ averages of f and energy control of σ and ω , simply because these controls were achieved in the shadow construction, and were unaffected by either the application of Lemma 3.1.9 or the rerunning of the weak testing stopping criterion for \tilde{b}_Q . And of course we now have weak testing within the corona determined by Q and $\mathcal{S}_{iterated}(Q)$, and we also have the crucial reverse Hölder condition on all the children of cubes in the corona. With all of this in hand, here then is the definition of the construction of iterated coronas.

Definition 3.1.17. Let $C_0 \geq 4$, $0 < \gamma < 1$ and $1 < \Gamma < \infty$. Suppose that $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}}$ is

an ∞ -weakly σ -accretive family on \mathbb{R}^n . Given a dyadic grid \mathcal{D} and a cube S_0 in \mathcal{D} , define the iterated stopping cubes of S_0 to be the collection

$$\mathcal{F} = \{S_0\} \cup \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_m$$

where $\mathcal{S}_0 = \mathcal{S}_{\text{iterated}}(S_0)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{m+1} = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_m} \mathcal{S}_{\text{iterated}}(S)$ for $m \geq 0$, and where $\mathcal{S}_{\text{iterated}}(Q)$ is defined in Definition 3.1.16.

It is useful to append to the notion of stopping times \mathcal{S} in the above σ -iterated corona decomposition a positive constant A_0 and an additional structure $\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}$ called stopping bounds for a function f . We will refer to the resulting triple $(A_0, \mathcal{F}, \alpha_{\mathcal{F}})$ as constituting stopping data for f . If \mathcal{F} is a grid, we define $F' \prec F$ if $F' \subsetneq F$ and $F', F \in \mathcal{F}$. Recall that $\pi_{\mathcal{F}}F'$ is the smallest $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F' \prec F$.

Suppose we are given a positive constant $A_0 \geq 4$, a subset \mathcal{F} of the dyadic grid \mathcal{D} (called the stopping times), and a corresponding sequence $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}} \equiv \{\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}}$ of nonnegative numbers $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \geq 0$ (called the stopping bounds). Let $(\mathcal{F}, \prec, \pi_{\mathcal{F}})$ be the tree structure on \mathcal{F} inherited from \mathcal{D} , and for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$ denote by $\mathcal{C}_F = \{I \in \mathcal{D} : \pi_{\mathcal{F}}I = F\}$ the corona associated with F :

$$\mathcal{C}_F = \{I \in \mathcal{D} : I \subset F \text{ and } I \not\subset F' \text{ for any } F' \prec F\}.$$

Definition 3.1.18. *We say the triple $(A_0, \mathcal{F}, \alpha_{\mathcal{F}})$ constitutes stopping data for a function $f \in L^1_{loc}(\sigma)$ if*

$$(1). \quad E_I^\sigma |f| \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \text{ for all } I \in \mathcal{C}_F \text{ and } F \in \mathcal{F},$$

$$(2). \quad \sum_{F' \prec F} |F'|_\sigma \leq A_0 |F|_\sigma \text{ for all } F \in \mathcal{F},$$

$$(3). \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)^2 |F|_{\sigma} \leq A_0^2 \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2,$$

$$(4). \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F') \text{ whenever } F', F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ with } F' \subset F.$$

Property (1) says that $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)$ bounds the averages of f in the corona \mathcal{C}_F , and property (2) says that the cubes at the tops of the coronas satisfy a Carleson condition relative to the weight σ . Note that a standard ‘maximal cube’ argument extends the Carleson condition in property (2) to the inequality

$$\sum_{F' \in \mathcal{F}: F' \subset A} |F'|_{\sigma} \leq A_0 |A|_{\sigma} \text{ for all open sets } A \subset \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (3.1.33)$$

Property (3) is the quasi-orthogonality condition that says the sequence of functions $\{\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \mathbf{1}_F\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}}$ is in the vector-valued space $L^2(\ell^2; \sigma)$ with control and is often referred to as a Carleson embedding theorem, and property (4) says that the control on stopping data is nondecreasing on the stopping tree \mathcal{F} . We emphasize that we are *not* assuming in this definition the stronger property that there is $C > 1$ such that $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F') > C\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)$ whenever $F', F \in \mathcal{F}$ with $F' \subsetneq F$. Instead, the properties (2) and (3) substitute for this lack. Of course the stronger property *does* hold for the familiar *Calderón-Zygmund* stopping data determined by the following requirements for $C > 1$,

$$E_{F'}^{\sigma} |f| > CE_F^{\sigma} |f| \text{ whenever } F', F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ with } F' \subsetneq F,$$

$$E_I^{\sigma} |f| \leq CE_F^{\sigma} |f| \text{ for } I \in \mathcal{C}_F,$$

which are themselves sufficiently strong to automatically force properties (2) and (3) with $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) = \mathbb{E}_F^{\sigma} |f|$.

We have the following useful consequence of (2) and (3) that says the sequence $\{\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \mathbf{1}_F\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}}$ has a *quasi-orthogonal* property relative to f with a constant C'_0 depending only on C_0 :

$$\left\| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \mathbf{1}_F \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \leq C'_0 \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2. \quad (3.1.34)$$

Proposition 3.1.19. *Let $f \in L^2(\sigma)$, let \mathcal{F} be as in Definition 3.1.17, and define stopping data $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}$ by $\alpha_F = \frac{1}{|F|_{\sigma}} \int_F |f| d\sigma$. Then there is $A_0 \geq 4$, depending only on the constant C_0 in Definition 3.1.11, such that the triple $(A_0, \mathcal{F}, \alpha_{\mathcal{F}})$ constitutes stopping data for the function f .*

Proof. This is an easy exercise using (3.1.26) and (3.1.29), and is left for the reader. \square

3.1.11 Reduction to good functions

We begin with a specification of the various parameters that will arise during the proof, as well as the extension of goodness introduced in [24].

Definition 3.1.20. *The parameters \mathbf{r} , τ and ρ will be fixed below to satisfy*

$$\tau > \mathbf{r} \text{ and } \rho > \mathbf{r} + \tau,$$

where \mathbf{r} is the goodness parameter fixed in (3.2.16).

Let $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ to be chosen later. Define J to be ε -good in a cube K if

$$d(J, \text{skel}K) > 2|J|^{\varepsilon} |K|^{1-\varepsilon},$$

where the skeleton $skelK \equiv \bigcup_{K' \in \mathfrak{C}(K)} \partial K'$ of a cube K consists of the boundaries of all the children K' of K . Define $\mathcal{G}_{(k,\varepsilon)-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ to consist of those $J \in \mathcal{G}$ such that J is good in every supercube $K \in \mathcal{D}$ that lies at least k levels above J . We also define J to be ε -good in a cube K and beyond if $J \in \mathcal{G}_{(k,\varepsilon)-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ where $k = \log_2 \frac{\ell(K)}{\ell(J)}$. We can now say that $J \in \mathcal{G}_{(k,\varepsilon)-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ if and only if J is ε -good in $\pi^k J$ and beyond. As the goodness parameter ε will eventually be fixed throughout the proof, we sometimes suppress it, and simply say " J is good in a cube K and beyond" instead of " J is ε -good in a cube K and beyond".

As pointed out on page 14 of [24] by Hytönen and Martikainen, there are subtle difficulties associated in using dual martingale decompositions of functions which depend on the entire dyadic grid, rather than on just the local cube in the grid. We will proceed at first in the spirit of [24]. The goodness that we will infuse below into the main ‘below’ form $B_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ will be the Hytönen-Martikainen ‘weak’ goodness: every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{G}$ that arises in the form $B_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ will satisfy $J \in \mathcal{G}_{(k,\varepsilon)-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ where $\ell(I) = 2^k \ell(J)$.

It is important to use *two* independent random grids, one for each function f and g simultaneously, as this is necessary in order to apply probabilistic methods to the dual martingale averages $\square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}}$ that depend, not only on I , but also on the underlying grid in which I lives. The proof methods for functional energy from [49] and [48] relied heavily on the use of a single grid, and this must now be modified to accommodate two independent grids.

3.1.11.1 Parameterizations of dyadic grids

It is important to use two independent grids, one for each function f and g simultaneously, as it is necessary in order to apply probabilistic methods to the dual martingale averages $\square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}}$ that depend not only on I but also on the underlying grid in which I lives.

Now we recall the construction from the paper [52]. We momentarily fix a large positive

integer $M \in \mathbb{N}$, and consider the tiling of \mathbb{R}^n by the family of cubes $\mathbb{D}_M \equiv \left\{ I_\alpha^M \right\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}}$ having side length 2^{-M} and given by $I_\alpha^M \equiv I_0^M + \alpha \cdot 2^{-M}$ where $I_0^M = [0, 2^{-M})$. A *dyadic grid* \mathcal{D} built on \mathbb{D}_M is defined to be a family of cubes \mathcal{D} satisfying:

1. Each $I \in \mathcal{D}$ has side length $2^{-\ell}$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $\ell \leq M$, and I is a union of $2^{n(M-\ell)}$ cubes from the tiling \mathbb{D}_M ,
2. For $\ell \leq M$, the collection \mathcal{D}_ℓ of cubes in \mathcal{D} having side length $2^{-\ell}$ forms a pairwise disjoint decomposition of the space \mathbb{R}^n ,
3. Given $I \in \mathcal{D}_i$ and $J \in \mathcal{D}_j$ with $j \leq i \leq M$, it is the case that either $I \cap J = \emptyset$ or $I \subset J$.

We now momentarily fix a *negative* integer $N \in -\mathbb{N}$, and restrict the above grids to cubes of side length at most 2^{-N} :

$$\mathcal{D}^N \equiv \left\{ I \in \mathcal{D} : \text{side length of } I \text{ is at most } 2^{-N} \right\}.$$

We refer to such grids \mathcal{D}^N as a (truncated) dyadic grid \mathcal{D} built on \mathbb{D}_M of size 2^{-N} . There are now two traditional means of constructing probability measures on collections of such dyadic grids, namely parameterization by choice of parent, and parameterization by translation.

Construction #1: Consider first the special case of dimension $n = 1$. For any

$$\beta = \{\beta_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_M^N} \in \omega_m^N \equiv \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}_M^N},$$

where $\mathbb{Z}_M^N \equiv \{\ell \in \mathbb{Z} : N \leq \ell \leq M\}$, define the dyadic grid \mathcal{D}_β built on \mathbb{D}_m of size 2^{-N} by

$$\mathcal{D}_\beta = \left\{ 2^{-\ell} \left([0, 1) + k + \sum_{i: \ell < i \leq M} 2^{-i+\ell} \beta_i \right) \right\}_{N \leq \ell \leq M, k \in \mathbb{Z}} \quad (3.1.35)$$

Place the uniform probability measure ρ_M^N on the finite index space $\omega_M^N = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}_M^N}$, namely that which charges each $\beta \in \omega_M^N$ equally. This construction is then extended to Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n by taking products in the usual way and using the product index space $\Omega_M^N \equiv (\omega_M^N)^n$ and the uniform product probability measure $\mu_M^N = \rho_M^N \times \dots \times \rho_M^N$.

Construction #2: Momentarily fix a (truncated) dyadic grid \mathcal{D} built on \mathbb{D}_M of size 2^{-N} . For any

$$\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N \equiv \left\{ 2^{-M} \mathbb{Z}_+^n : |\gamma_i| < 2^{-N} \right\},$$

where $\mathbb{Z}_+^n = (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})^n$, define the dyadic grid \mathcal{D}^γ built on \mathbb{D}_m of size 2^{-N} by

$$\mathcal{D}^\gamma \equiv \mathcal{D} + \gamma.$$

Place the uniform probability measure ν_M^N on the finite index set Γ_M^N , namely that which charges each multiindex γ in Γ_M^N equally.

The two probability spaces $\left(\{\mathcal{D}_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Omega_M^N}, \mu_M^N \right)$ and $\left(\{\mathcal{D}^\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N}, \nu_M^N \right)$ are isomorphic since both collections $\{\mathcal{D}_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Omega_M^N}$ and $\{\mathcal{D}^\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N}$ describe the set \mathbf{A}_M^N of **all** (truncated) dyadic grids \mathcal{D}^γ built on \mathbb{D}_m of size 2^{-N} , and since both measures μ_M^N and ν_M^N are the uniform measure on this space. The first construction may be thought of as being *parameterized by scales* - each component β_i in $\beta = \{\beta_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_M^N} \in \omega_M^N$ amounting to a choice of the two possible tilings at level i that respect the choice of tiling at the level below - and since any grid in \mathbf{A}_M^N is determined by a choice of scales, we see that $\{\mathcal{D}_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Omega_M^N} = \mathbf{A}_M^N$. The second construction may be thought of as being *parameterized by translation* - each $\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N$ amounting to a choice of translation of the grid \mathcal{D} fixed in construction #2 - and since any grid in \mathbf{A}_M^N is determined by any of the cubes at the top level, i.e. with side length 2^{-N} , we

see that $\{\mathcal{D}^\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N} = \mathbf{A}_M^N$ as well, since every cube at the top level in \mathbf{A}_M^N has the form $Q + \gamma$ for some $\gamma \in \Gamma_M^N$ and $Q \in \mathcal{D}$ at the top level in \mathbf{A}_M^N (i.e. every cube at the top level in \mathbf{A}_M^N is a union of small cubes in \mathbb{D}_m , and so must be a translate of some $Q \in \mathcal{D}$ by an amount 2^{-M} times an element of \mathbb{Z}_+). Note also that in all dimensions, $\#\Omega_M^N = \#\Gamma_M^N = 2^{n(M-N)}$. We will use $\mathbf{E}_{\Omega_M^N}$ to denote expectation with respect to this common probability measure on \mathbf{A}_M^N .

Notation 3.1.21. *For purposes of notation and clarity, we now suppress all reference to M and N in our families of grids, and in the notations Ω and Γ for the parameter sets, and we use \mathbf{P}_Ω and \mathbf{E}_Ω to denote probability and expectation with respect to families of grids, and instead proceed as if all grids considered are unrestricted. The careful reader can supply the modifications necessary to handle the assumptions made above on the grids \mathcal{D} and the functions f and g regarding M and N .*

3.1.12 Formulas

We need the following formulas defined on Appendix A of [54].

$$\mathbb{E}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \equiv \mathbf{1}_Q(x) \frac{1}{\int_Q b_Q d\mu} \int_Q f b_Q d\mu, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (3.1.36)$$

$$\mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \equiv \mathbf{1}_Q(x) b_Q(x) \frac{1}{\int_Q b_Q d\mu} \int_Q f d\mu, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P},$$

$$\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \equiv \mathbf{1}_Q(x) \frac{1}{\int_Q b_Q d\mu} \int_Q f d\mu, \quad Q \in \mathcal{P}. \quad (3.1.37)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) &\equiv \left(\sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbb{E}_{Q'}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right) - \mathbb{E}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) = \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbf{1}_{Q'}(x) \left(\mathbb{E}_{Q'}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) - \mathbb{E}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right) \quad (3.1.38) \\ \square_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) &\equiv \left(\sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right) - \mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) = \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbf{1}_{Q'}(x) \left(\mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) - \mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right)\end{aligned}$$

We also need

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_Q^\mu f &\equiv \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(Q)} \left(\frac{1}{|Q'|_\mu} \int_{Q'} |f| d\mu \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q'}, \quad (3.1.39) \\ \widehat{\nabla}_Q^\mu f &\equiv \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(Q)} \left(\frac{1}{|Q'|_\mu} \int_{Q'} |f| d\mu + \frac{1}{|Q|_\mu} \int_Q |f| d\mu \right) \mathbf{1}_{Q'},\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_Q^\mu f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2. \quad (3.1.40)$$

and

$$\square_Q^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f = \left[\sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right] - \mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f = \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)} \mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, bQ} f - \mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, bQ} f, \quad (3.1.41)$$

$$\mathbb{F}_Q^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f = \mathbf{1}_Q \frac{b_{\pi Q}}{\int_Q b_{\pi Q} d\mu} \int_Q f d\mu, \quad (3.1.42)$$

$$\square_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} = \square_Q^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \square_Q^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} + \square_{Q, brok}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \quad \text{and} \quad \square_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} = \square_Q^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} + \square_{Q, brok}^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \quad (3.1.43)$$

$$\square_{Q, brok}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f = \sum_{Q' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(Q)} \mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, bQ'} f - \mathbb{F}_{Q'}^{\mu, bQ} f,$$

$$\left| \square_{Q, brok}^{\mu, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \lesssim \left| \widehat{\nabla}_Q^\mu f \right|, \quad (3.1.44)$$

with similar equalities and inequalities for Δ and \mathbb{E} . Here $\mathfrak{C}_{brok}(Q)$ denotes the set of broken children, i.e. those $Q' \in \mathfrak{C}(Q)$ for which $b_{Q'} \neq \mathbf{1}_{Q'} b_Q$, and more generally and typically,

$\mathfrak{C}_{brok}(Q) = \mathfrak{C}(Q) \cap \mathcal{A}$ where \mathcal{A} is a collection of stopping cubes that includes the broken children and satisfies a σ -Carleson condition and πQ is the dyadic father of Q .

Define another modified dual martingale difference by

$$\square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \equiv \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) - \mathbb{F}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \quad (3.1.45)$$

where we have removed the averages over broken children from $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$, but left the average over I intact. On any child I' of I , the function $\square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f$ is thus a constant multiple of b_I , and so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f &= b_I \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\frac{1}{b_I} \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) = b_I \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right); \quad (3.1.46) \\ \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f &\equiv \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\frac{1}{b_I} \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \\ &= \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} \left[\frac{1}{\int_{I'} b_I d\mu} \int_{I'} f d\mu - \frac{1}{\int_I b_I d\mu} \int_I f d\mu \right] - \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} \left[\frac{1}{\int_I b_I d\mu} \int_I f d\mu \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus for $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ we have

$$\square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f = b_A \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) = b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f, \quad (3.1.47)$$

where the averages $E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right)$ satisfy the following telescoping property for all $K \in (\mathcal{C}_A \setminus \{A\}) \cup \left(\bigcup_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} A' \right)$ and $L \in \mathcal{C}_A$ with $K \subset L$:

$$\sum_{I: \pi K \subset I \subset L} E_{I_K}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) = \begin{cases} -E_L^{\sigma} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_L^{\sigma} f & \text{if } K \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A) \\ E_K^{\sigma} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_K^{\sigma} f - E_L^{\sigma} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_L^{\sigma} f & \text{if } K \in \mathcal{C}_A \end{cases}, \quad (3.1.48)$$

where $\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_K^\sigma$ is defined in (3.1.37) above.

Finally, in analogy with the broken differences $\Delta_{Q,brok}^{\mu,\pi,\mathbf{b}}$ and $\square_{Q,brok}^{\mu,\pi,\mathbf{b}}$ introduced above, we define

$$\Delta_{I,brok}^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}} f \equiv \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbb{E}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f \quad \text{and} \quad \square_{I,brok}^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}} f \equiv \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f, \quad (3.1.49)$$

so that

$$\Delta_I^{\mu,\mathbf{b}} = \Delta_I^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}} + \Delta_{I,brok}^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}} \quad \text{and} \quad \square_I^{\mu,\mathbf{b}} = \square_I^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}} + \square_{I,brok}^{\mu,b,\mathbf{b}}. \quad (3.1.50)$$

These modified differences and the identities (3.1.47) and (3.1.48) play a useful role in the analysis of the nearby and paraproduct forms.

Lemma 3.1.22. *For dyadic cubes R and Q we have*

$$\Delta_R^{\mu,b} \Delta_Q^{\mu,b} = \begin{cases} \Delta_Q^{\mu,b} & \text{if } R = Q \\ 0 & \text{if } R \neq Q \end{cases}.$$

For the reader's convenience we now collect the various martingale and probability estimates that will be used in the proof that follows. First we summarize the martingale identities and estimates that we will use in our proof. Suppose μ is a positive locally finite Borel measure, and that \mathbf{b} is a ∞ -weakly μ -controlled accretive family. Then,

Martingale identities: Both of the following identities hold pointwise μ -almost every-

where, as well as in the sense of strong convergence in $L^2(\mu)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty, \ell(I) \geq 2^{-N}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \\ f &= \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty, \ell(I) \geq 2^{-N}} \Delta_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \mathbb{E}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f. \end{aligned}$$

Frame estimates: Both of the following frame estimates hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 &\approx \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \left\| \square_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \right\} \\ &\approx \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \left\| \Delta_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.51)$$

Weak upper Riesz estimates: Define the pseudoprojections,

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f &\equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f, \\ \left(\Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \right)^* f &\equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \left(\square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \right)^* f = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \Delta_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.52)$$

We have the ‘upper Riesz’ inequalities for pseudoprojections $\Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}}$ and $\left(\Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \right)^*$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 &\leq C \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \left\| \square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2, \\ \left\| \left(\Psi_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \right)^* f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 &\leq C \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \left\| \Delta_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \sum_{I \in \mathcal{B}} \left\| \left(\widehat{\nabla}_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} \right)^* f \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.53)$$

for all $f \in L^2(\mu)$ and all subsets \mathcal{B} of the grid \mathcal{D} . Here the positive constant C and depends only on the accretivity constants, and is *independent* of the subset \mathcal{B} and the testing family \mathbf{b} . The Haar martingale differences $\Delta_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}}$ are independent of both the testing families and

the grid, while the Carleson averaging operators ∇_Q^μ depend on the grid only through the choice of broken children of Q .

3.1.13 Monotonicity Lemma

As in virtually all proofs of a two weight $T1$ theorem (see e.g. [26], [29], [49] and/or [48]), the key to starting an estimate for any of the forms we consider below, is the Monotonicity Lemma and the Energy Lemma, to which we now turn. In dimension $n = 1$ ([29], [26]) the Haar functions have opposite sign on their children, and this was exploited in a simple but powerful monotonicity argument. In higher dimensions, this simple argument no longer holds and that Monotonicity Lemma is replaced with the Lacey-Wick formulation of the Monotonicity Lemma (see [30], and also [48]) involving the smaller Poisson operator. As the martingale differences with test functions b_Q here are no longer of one sign on children, we will adapt the Lacey-Wick formulation of the Monotonicity Lemma to the operator T^α and the dual martingale differences $\{\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}\}_{J \in \mathcal{G}}$, bearing in mind that the operators $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ are no longer projections, which results in only a one-sided estimate with additional terms on the right hand side. It is here that we need the crucial property that the Range of $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ is orthogonal to constants, $\int (\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi) d\sigma = \int (\Delta_J^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}^*} 1) \Psi d\omega = \int (0) \Psi d\omega = 0$.

We will also need the smaller Poisson integral used in the Lacey-Wick formulation of the Monotonicity Lemma,

$$P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \mu) \equiv \int \frac{|J|^{\frac{1+\delta}{n}}}{(|J| + |y - c_J|)^{n+1+\delta-\alpha}} d\mu(y),$$

which is discussed in more detail below.

Lemma 3.1.23 (Monotonicity Lemma). *Suppose that I and J are cubes in \mathbb{R}^n such that*

$J \subset \gamma J \subset I$ for some $\gamma > 1$, and that μ is a signed measure on \mathbb{R}^n supported outside I . Let $0 < \delta < 1$ and let $\Psi \in L^2(\omega)$. Finally suppose that T^α is a standard fractional singular integral on \mathbb{R}^n with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, and suppose that \mathbf{b}^* is an ∞ -weakly μ -controlled accretive family on \mathbb{R}^n . Then we have the estimate

$$\left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim C_{\mathbf{b}^*} C_{CZ} \Phi^\alpha(J, |\mu|) \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star, \quad (3.1.54)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^\alpha(J, |\mu|) &\equiv \frac{P^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\spadesuit + \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)}, \\ \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\equiv \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left(E_{J'}^\omega |x - z| \right)^2, \\ \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star 2} &\equiv \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left[E_{J'}^\omega |\Psi| \right]^2. \end{aligned}$$

All of the implied constants above depend only on $\gamma > 1$, $0 < \delta < 1$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$.

Using $\nabla_J^\omega h = \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} \left(E_{J'}^\omega |h| \right) \mathbf{1}_{J'}$ defined in (3.1.39), we can rewrite the expressions $\left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$ and $\left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star 2}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\equiv \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left\| \nabla_J^\omega (x - z) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2, \\ \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star 2} &\equiv \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_J^\omega \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Using $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} = \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} + \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*}$, we write

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| &= \left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \left(\square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} + \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \right) \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\leq \left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| + \left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\equiv \text{I} + \text{II}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\left\langle 1, \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} h \right\rangle_\omega = 0$, we use $m_J = \frac{1}{|J|_\omega} \int_J x d\omega(x)$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
T^\alpha \mu(x) - T^\alpha \mu(m_J) &= \int [(K^\alpha)(x, y) - (K^\alpha)(m_J, y)] d\mu(y) \\
&= \int \left[\nabla(K^\alpha)^T(\theta(x, m_J), y) \cdot (x - m_J) \right] d\mu(y)
\end{aligned}$$

for some $\theta(x, m_J) \in J$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{I} &= \left| \int [T^\alpha \mu(x) - T^\alpha \mu(m_J)] \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&= \left| \int \left\{ \int \nabla(K^\alpha)^T(\theta(x, m_J)) d\mu(y) \right\} \cdot (x - m_J) \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&\leq \left| \int \left\{ \int \nabla(K^\alpha)^T(m_J, y) d\mu(y) \right\} \cdot (x - m_J) \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&\quad + \left| \int \left\{ \int [\nabla(K^\alpha)^T(\theta(x, m_J), y) - \nabla(K^\alpha)^T(m_J, y)] d\mu(y) \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cdot (x - m_J) \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&\equiv \text{I}_1 + \text{I}_2
\end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{I}_1 &= \left| \left[\int \nabla(K^\alpha)(m_J, y) d\mu(y) \right]^T \cdot \int (x - m_J) \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&\leq n \int \int |\nabla(K^\alpha)(m_J, y)| d|\mu|(y) \left| \Delta_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right| \left| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) \right| d\omega(x) \\
&\lesssim n \cdot C_{CZ} \frac{P^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{I}_2 &\lesssim C_{CZ} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int |x - m_J| \left| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) \right| d\omega(x) \\
&\lesssim C_{CZ} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|} \sqrt{\int_J |x - m_J|^2 d\omega(x)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
&\lesssim C_{CZ} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}.
\end{aligned}$$

For term II we fix $z \in \bar{J}$ for the moment. Then since

$$\left\langle \mathbf{1}, \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} h \right\rangle_\omega = \left\langle \mathbf{1}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} h - \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} h \right\rangle_\omega = 0$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{II} &= \left| \left\langle T^\alpha \mu, \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&= \left| \int \left\{ \int \nabla(K^\alpha)^T(\theta(x, z), y) d\mu(y) \right\} \cdot (x - z) \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) d\omega(x) \right| \\
&\leq C_{CZ} \frac{P^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \int |x - z| \cdot \left| \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi(x) \right| d\omega(x) \\
&\leq C_{CZ} \frac{P^\alpha(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{E}_{brok}(J)} \int_{J'} |x - z| \cdot \mathbf{1}_{J'} E_{J'}^\omega |\Psi| d\omega(x)
\end{aligned}$$

having used the reverse Hölder control of children (3.1.23) to obtain

$$\left| \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right| = \left| \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(JQ)} \left(\mathbb{F}_{J'}^{\omega, b_{J'}} - \mathbb{F}_{J'}^{\omega, b_J} \right) \Psi \right| \lesssim \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} \mathbf{1}_{J'} E_{J'}^{\omega} |\Psi|,$$

and since

$$\int_{J'} |x - z| \cdot \mathbf{1}_{J'} E_{J'}^{\omega} |\Psi| d\omega(x) = \int_{J'} \frac{|x - z| \mathbf{1}_{J'} \int_{J'} |\Psi| d\omega(x)}{\sqrt{|J'|_{\omega}}} d\omega(x)$$

we get

$$\text{II} \leq C_{CZ} \frac{P^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - z| \right)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left[E_{J'}^{\omega} |\Psi| \right]^2}.$$

Combining the estimates for terms I and II, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle T^{\alpha} \mu, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\rangle_{\omega} \right| \\ & \lesssim C_{CZ} \frac{P^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & + C_{CZ} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & + C_{CZ} \frac{P^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \inf_{z \in \bar{J}} \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - z| \right)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left[E_{J'}^{\omega} |\Psi| \right]^2} \end{aligned}$$

and then noting that the infimum over $z \in \mathbb{R}$ is achieved for $z \in \bar{J}$, and using the triangle inequality on $\square_J^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*} = \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} - \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \pi, \mathbf{b}^*}$ we get (3.1.54). \square

The right hand side of (3.1.54) in the Monotonicity Lemma will be typically estimated

in what follows using the frame inequalities for any cube K ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \subset K} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} &\lesssim \|\Psi\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2, \\ \sum_{J \subset K} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\lesssim \int_K |x - m_K|^2 d\omega(x), \end{aligned}$$

together with these inequalities for the square function expressions. To see the last one, write $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and note that for $J \subset K$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &= \int_J \left| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right|^2 d\omega = \int_J \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x_i \right|^2 d\omega \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \int_K |x_i - m_{K_i}|^2 d\omega = \|x - m_K\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_K \omega)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

using the one-variable result from [54].

Lemma 3.1.24. *For any cube K we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \subset K} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left[E_{J'}^{\omega} |\Psi|(x) \right]^2 &\lesssim \int_K |\Psi(x)|^2 d\omega(x), \quad (3.1.55) \\ \text{and } \sum_{J \subset K} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - z| \right)^2 &\lesssim \int_K |x - m_K|^2 d\omega(x). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The first inequality in (3.1.55) is just the Carleson embedding theorem since the cubes $\{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J) : J \subset K\}$ satisfy an ω -Carleson condition, and the second inequality in (3.1.55) follows by choosing $z = m_K$ to obtain

$$\inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - z| \right)^2 \leq \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - m_K| \right)^2,$$

and then applying the Carleson embedding theorem again:

$$\sum_{J \subset K} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{E}_{\text{brok}}(J)} |J'|_{\omega} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} |x - m_K| \right)^2 \lesssim \int_K |x - m_K|^2 d\omega(x).$$

□

3.1.13.1 The smaller Poisson integral

The expressions

$$\inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)}{|J|} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}$$

are typically easier to sum due to the small Poisson operator $P_{1+\delta}^{\alpha}(J, |\mu|)$. To illustrate, we show here one way in which we can exploit the additional decay in the Poisson integral $P_{1+\delta}^{\alpha}$.

Suppose that J is good in I with $\ell(J) = 2^{-s} \ell(I)$ (see Definition 3.2.5 below for ‘goodness’).

We then compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^{\alpha}(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\approx \int_{A \setminus I} \frac{|J|^{\frac{\delta}{n}}}{|y - c_J|^{n+1+\delta-\alpha}} d\sigma(y) \\ &\leq \int_{A \setminus I} \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\text{dist}(c_J, I^c)} \right)^{\delta} \frac{1}{|y - c_J|^{n+1-\alpha}} d\sigma(y) \\ &\lesssim \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\text{dist}(c_J, I^c)} \right)^{\delta} \frac{P^{\alpha}(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}, \end{aligned}$$

and use the goodness inequality,

$$\text{dist}(c_J, I^c) \geq 2\ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \ell(J)^{\varepsilon} \geq 2 \cdot 2^{s(1-\varepsilon)} \ell(J),$$

to conclude that

$$\left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \lesssim 2^{-s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \quad (3.1.56)$$

Now we can estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{J \subset K: J \text{ good in } K} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{K^c} |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\ & \leq \sqrt{\sum_{\substack{J \subset K \\ J \text{ good in } K}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{K^c} |\mu|)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2} \sqrt{\sum_{\substack{J \subset K \\ J \text{ good in } K}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{J \subset K: J \text{ good in } K} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{K^c} |\mu|)}{|J|} \right)^2 \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{J \subset K: J \text{ good in } K \\ \ell(J)=2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{K^c} |\mu|)}{|J|} \right)^2 \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\ & \leq \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{J \subset K: J \text{ good in } K \\ \ell(J)=2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \left(2^{-s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{K^c \sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\ & \leq \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha (K, \mathbf{1}_{K^c \sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{J \subset K: J \text{ good in } K \\ \ell(J)=2^{-s}\ell(I)}} 2^{-2s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{K\omega})}^2 \\ & \lesssim \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha (K, \mathbf{1}_{K^c \sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|x - z\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{K\omega})}^2, \end{aligned}$$

and where we have used (3.5.10), which gives in particular

$$\mathbb{P}^\alpha (J, \mu \mathbf{1}_{I^c}) \lesssim \left(\frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I)} \right)^{1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha)} \mathbb{P}^\alpha (I, \mu \mathbf{1}_{I^c}).$$

for $J \subset I$ and $d(J, \partial I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}$. We will use such arguments repeatedly in the sequel.

Armed with the Monotonicity Lemma and the lower frame inequality

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \square_I^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star 2} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 ,$$

we can obtain a \mathbf{b}^* -analogue of the Energy Lemma as in [49] and/or [48].

3.1.13.2 The Energy Lemma

Suppose now we are given a subset \mathcal{H} of the dyadic grid \mathcal{G} . Due to the failure of both martingale and dual martingale pseudoprojections $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$ (see below for definition) to satisfy inequalities of the form $\left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$ when the children ‘break’, it is convenient to define the ‘square function norms’ $\left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$ and $\left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}$ of the pseudoprojections

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \text{ and } \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g ,$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left(E_{J'}^\omega |x - z| \right)^2 \\ \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} &\equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left[E_{J'}^\omega |g| \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any subset $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$. The average $E_J^\omega |x - z|$ above is taken with respect to the variable x , i.e. $E_J^\omega |x - z| = \frac{1}{|J|_\omega} \int |x - z| d\omega(x)$, and it is important that the infimum $\inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}}$ is taken *inside* the sum $\sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}}$.

Note that we are defining here square function expressions related to pseudoprojections, which depend not only on the functions $Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x$ and $P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$, but also on the particular representations $\sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x$ and $\sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$. This slight abuse of notation should not cause confusion, and it provides a useful way of bookkeeping the sums of squares of norms of martingale and dual martingale differences $\left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$ and $\left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$, along with the norms of the associated Carleson square function expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left\| \nabla_J^\omega(x - z) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left(E_{J'}^\omega |x - z| \right)^2 \\ \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \nabla_J^\omega \Psi \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left[E_{J'}^\omega |\Psi| \right]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note also that the upper weak Riesz inequalities yield the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 &\lesssim \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \leq \left\| Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\ \left\| P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 &\lesssim \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \leq \left\| P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \end{aligned}$$

We will exclusively use $\left\| Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$ in connection with energy terms, and use

$\left\| P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2}$ and $\left\| P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}$ in connection with functions $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ and $g \in L^2(\omega)$.

Finally, note that $Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x = Q_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} (x - m)$ for any constant m .

Recall that

$$\Phi^\alpha(J, \nu) \equiv \frac{P^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\spadesuit + \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} .$$

Lemma 3.1.25 (Energy Lemma). *Let J be a cube in \mathcal{G} . Let Ψ_J be an $L^2(\omega)$ function supported in J with vanishing ω -mean, and let $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$ be such that $J' \subset J$ for every $J' \in \mathcal{H}$. Let ν be a positive measure supported in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \gamma J$ with $\gamma > 1$, and for each $J' \in \mathcal{H}$, let $d\nu_{J'} = \varphi_{J'} d\nu$ with $|\varphi_{J'}| \leq 1$. Suppose that \mathbf{b}^* is an ∞ -weakly μ -controlled accretive family on \mathbb{R}^n . Let T^α be a standard α -fractional singular integral operator with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \langle T^\alpha(\nu_{J'}), \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim C_\gamma \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \Phi^\alpha(J', \nu) \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^\star \\ & \lesssim C_\gamma \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \Phi^\alpha(J', \nu)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star 2}} \\ & \lesssim \left(\frac{P^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|} \left\| \mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\spadesuit + \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \right) \left\| \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^\star \end{aligned}$$

and in particular the ‘energy’ estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle T^\alpha \varphi \nu, \Psi_J \rangle_\omega| \\ & \leq C_\gamma \left(\frac{P^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathcal{Q}_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\spadesuit + \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \right) \left\| \sum_{J' \subset J} \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^\star \end{aligned}$$

where $\left\| \sum_{J' \subset J} \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star} \lesssim \|\Psi_J\|_{L^2(\mu)}$, and the ‘pivotal’ bound

$$|\langle T^\alpha(\varphi\nu), \Psi_J \rangle_\omega| \lesssim C_\gamma \mathsf{P}^\alpha(J, |\nu|) \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \|\Psi_J\|_{L^2(\omega)},$$

for any function φ with $|\varphi| \leq 1$.

Proof. Using the Monotonicity Lemma 3.1.23, followed by $|\nu_{J'}| \leq \nu$, the Poisson equivalence

$$\frac{\mathsf{P}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \approx \frac{\mathsf{P}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}, \quad J' \subset J \subset \gamma J, \quad \text{supp } \nu \cap \gamma J = \emptyset, \quad (3.1.57)$$

and the weak frame inequalities for dual martingale differences, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \langle T^\alpha(\nu_{J'}), \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \Phi^\alpha(J', |\mu|) \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^{\star} \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{\mathsf{P}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \Delta_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad + \left(\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{\mathsf{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', |\mu|)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{J'} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'}\omega)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim \frac{\mathsf{P}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathsf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \|\Psi_J\|_{L^2(\omega)} + \frac{1}{\gamma^{\delta'}} \frac{\mathsf{P}_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| x - m_J \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)} \|\Psi_J\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from the following calculation using Haar projections Δ_K^ω :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'}\omega)}^2 \tag{3.1.58} \\
&= \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J'' \subset J'} \left\| \Delta_{J''}^\omega x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \\
&= \sum_{J'' \subset J} \left\{ \sum_{J': J'' \subset J' \subset J} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \right\} \left\| \Delta_{J''}^\omega x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \\
&\lesssim \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \sum_{J'' \subset J} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J'', \nu)}{|J''|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \Delta_{J''}^\omega x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J'' \subset J} \left\| \Delta_{J''}^\omega x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which in turn follows from (recalling $\delta = 2\delta'$ and $|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_{J'}| \approx |J|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_J|$ and

$$\frac{|J|}{|J| + |y - c_J|} \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \text{ for } y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \gamma J)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{J': J'' \subset J' \subset J} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 = \\
& \sum_{J': J'' \subset J' \subset J} |J'|^{\frac{2\delta}{n}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \gamma J} \frac{1}{\left(|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_{J'}| \right)^{n+1+\delta-\alpha}} d\nu(y) \right)^2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{J': J'' \subset J' \subset J} \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \frac{|J'|^{\frac{2\delta}{n}}}{|J|^{\frac{2\delta}{n}}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \gamma J} \frac{|J|^{\frac{\delta'}{n}}}{\left(|J|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_J| \right)^{n+1+\delta'-\alpha}} d\nu(y) \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \left(\sum_{J': J'' \subset J' \subset J} \frac{|J'|^{\frac{2\delta}{n}}}{|J|^{\frac{2\delta}{n}}} \right) \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally we obtain the ‘energy’ estimate from the equality

$$\Psi_J = \sum_{J' \subset J} \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \Psi_J, \quad (\text{since } \Psi_J \text{ has vanishing } \omega\text{-mean}),$$

and we obtain the ‘pivotal’ bound from the inequality

$$\sum_{J'' \subset J} \left\| \Delta_{J''}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \lesssim \|(x - m_J)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \leq |J|^2 |J|_\omega .$$

□

3.1.14 Organization of the proof

We adapt the proof of the main theorem in [51], but beginning instead with the decomposition of Hytönen and Martikainen [24], to obtain the norm inequality

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}^*} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} + \mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha$$

under the *a priori* assumption $\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} < \infty$, which is achieved by considering one of the truncations $T_{\sigma, \delta, R}^\alpha$ defined in (3.1.3) above. This will be carried out in the next four sections of this paper. In the next section we consider the various form splittings and reduce matters to the *disjoint* form, the *nearby* form and the *main below* form. Then these latter three forms are taken up in the subsequent three sections, using material from the appendices.

A major source of difficulty will arise in the infusion of goodness for the cubes J into the below form where the sum is taken over all pairs (I, J) such that $\ell(J) \leq \ell(I)$. We will infuse goodness in a weak way pioneered by Hytönen and Martikainen in a one weight setting. This weak form of goodness is then exploited in all subsequent constructions by

typically replacing J by $J^{\mathbf{x}}$ in defining relations, where $J^{\mathbf{x}}$ is the smallest cube K for which J is good w.r.t. K and beyond.

Another source of difficulty arises in the treatment of the nearby form in the setting of two weights. The one weight proofs in [24] and [27] relied strongly on a property peculiar to the one weight setting - namely the fact already pointed out in Remark 3.1.6 above that both of the Poisson integrals are bounded, namely $P^\alpha(Q, \mu) \lesssim 1$ and $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \mu) \lesssim 1$. We will circumvent this difficulty by combining a recursive energy argument with the full testing conditions assumed for the *original* testing functions b_Q^{orig} , before these conditions were suppressed by corona constructions that delivered only weak testing conditions for the new testing functions b_Q .

Of particular importance will be a result proved in Appendice A of [14] that follows from known work with some new twists. We show that the functional energy for an arbitrary pair of grids is controlled by the Muckenhoupt and energy side conditions. The somewhat lengthy proof of this latter assertion is similar to the corresponding proof in the $T1$ setting - see e.g. [51] - but requires a different decomposition of the stopping cubes into ‘Whitney cubes’ in order to accomodate the weaker notion of goodness used here.

3.2 Form splittings

Notation 3.2.1. *Fix grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} . We will use \mathcal{D} to denote the grid associated with $f \in L^2(\sigma)$, and we will use \mathcal{G} to denote the grid associated with $g \in L^2(\omega)$.*

Now we turn to the probability estimates for martingale differences and halos that we will use. Recall that given $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, $0 < \lambda_i < \frac{1}{2}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, the λ -halo of J is

defined to be

$$\partial_{\vec{\lambda}} J \equiv \left(1 + \vec{\lambda}\right) J \setminus \left(1 - \vec{\lambda}\right) J.$$

Suppose μ is a positive locally finite Borel measure, and that \mathbf{b} is a p -weakly μ -controlled accretive family for some $p > 2$. Then the following probability estimate holds.

Bad cube probability estimates. Suppose that \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} are independent random dyadic grids. With $\Psi_{\mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}^*} g \equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}} \square_J^{\mu, \mathbf{b}^*} g$ equal to the pseudoprojection of g onto k -bad \mathcal{G} -cubes, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \left(\left\| \Psi_{\mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \right) &\lesssim \mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \left(\sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}} \left[\left\| \square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\mu} g \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \right] \right) \\ &\leq C e^{-k\varepsilon} \|g\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.1)$$

where the first inequality is the ‘weak upper half Riesz’ inequality from Appendix A of [54] for the pseudoprojection $\Psi_{\mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\mu, \mathbf{b}^*}$, and the second inequality is proved using the frame inequality in (3.2.10) below.

Halo probability estimates. Suppose that \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} are independent random grids. Using the *parameterization by translations* of grids and taking the average over certain translates $\tau + \mathcal{D}$ of the grid \mathcal{D} we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I' \in \mathcal{D}: \ell(I') \approx \ell(J')} \int_{J' \cap \partial_{\delta} I'} d\omega &\lesssim \delta \int_{J'} d\omega, \quad J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J), J \in \mathcal{G}, \\ \mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J') \approx \ell(I')} \int_{I' \cap \partial_{\delta} J'} d\sigma &\lesssim \delta \int_{I'} d\sigma, \quad I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I), I \in \mathcal{D}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.2)$$

and where the expectations $\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}}$ and $\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}}$ are taken over grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} respectively. Indeed, it is geometrically evident that for any fixed pair of side lengths $\ell_1 \approx \ell_2$, the average of the measure $|J' \cap \partial_\delta I'|_\omega$ of the set $J' \cap \partial_\delta I'$, as a cube $I' \in \mathcal{D}$ with side length $\ell(I') = \ell_1$ is translated across a cube $J' \in \mathcal{G}$ of side length $\ell(J') = \ell_2$, is at most $C|J'|_\omega$. Using this observation it is now easy to see that (3.2.2) holds.

In the σ -iterated corona construction we redefined the family $\mathbf{b} = \{b_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ so that the new functions b_Q^{new} are given in terms of the original functions b_Q^{orig} by $b_Q^{new} = \mathbf{1}_Q b_A^{orig}$ for $Q \in \mathcal{C}_A^\sigma$, and of course we then dropped the superscript *new*. We continue to refer to the triple stopping cubes A as ‘breaking’ cubes even if b_A happens to equal $\mathbf{1}_A b_{\pi A}$. The results of Appendix A of [54] apply with this more inclusive definition of ‘breaking’ cubes, and the associated definition of ‘broken’ children, since only the Carleson condition on stopping cubes is relevant here.

This and Proposition 3.1.19 give us the *triple corona decomposition* of $f = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f$, where the pseudoprojection $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma$ is defined as:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \square_I^{\mu, \mathbf{b}} f$$

We now record the main facts proved above for the triple corona.

Lemma 3.2.2. *Let $f \in L^2(\sigma)$. We have*

$$f = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f$$

both in the sense of norm convergence in $L^2(\sigma)$ and pointwise σ -a.e. The corona tops \mathcal{A} and stopping bounds $\{\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)\}_{A \in \mathcal{A}}$ satisfy properties (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Definition 3.1.18,

hence constitute stopping data for f . Moreover, $\mathbf{b} = \{b_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a ∞ -weakly σ -controlled accretive family on \mathcal{D} with corona tops $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{D}$, where $b_I = \mathbf{1}_I b_A$ for all $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$, and the weak corona forward testing condition holds uniformly in coronas, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I |T_\sigma^\alpha b_A|^2 d\sigma \leq C, \quad I \in \mathcal{C}_A^\sigma.$$

Similar statements hold for $g \in L^2(\omega)$.

We have defined corona decompositions of f and g in the σ -iterated triple corona construction above, but in order to start these corona decompositions for f and g respectively within the dyadic grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} , we need to first restrict f and g to be supported in a large common cube Q_∞ . Then we cover Q_∞ with 2^n pairwise disjoint cubes $I_\infty \in \mathcal{D}$ with $\ell(I_\infty) = \ell(Q_\infty)$, and similarly cover Q_∞ with 2^n pairwise disjoint cubes $J_\infty \in \mathcal{G}$ with $\ell(J_\infty) = \ell(Q_\infty)$. We can now use the broken martingale decompositions, together with random surgery, to reduce matters to consideration of the four forms

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}: J \subset J_\infty} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega,$$

with I_∞ and J_∞ as above, and where we can then use the cubes I_∞ and J_∞ as the starting cubes in our corona constructions below. Indeed, the identities in [24, Lemma 3.5]), give

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty, \ell(I) \geq 2^{-N}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \\ g &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}: J \subset J_\infty, \ell(J) \geq 2^{-N}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g + \mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g, \end{aligned}$$

which can then be used to write the bilinear form $\int (T_\sigma f) g d\omega$ as a sum of the forms

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{2^{n+1} \text{ pairs} \\ (I_\infty, J_\infty)}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D} \\ I \subset I_\infty}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G} \\ J \subset J_\infty}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega + \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D} \\ I \subset I_\infty}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}: J \subset J_\infty} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega + \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right\} \quad (3.2.3) \end{aligned}$$

taken over the 2^{n+1} pairs of cubes (I_∞, J_∞) above. The second, third and fourth sums in (3.2.3) can be controlled using testing and random surgery. For example, for the second sum we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right| &\leq \left| \int_{I_\infty \cap J_\infty} \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) T_\omega^{\alpha, *} \left(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) d\sigma \right| \\ &+ \left| \int_{I_\infty \cap ((1+\delta)J_\infty \setminus J_\infty)} \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) T_\omega^{\alpha, *} \left(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) d\sigma \right| \\ &+ \left| \int_{I_\infty \setminus (1+\delta)J_\infty} \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) T_\omega^{\alpha, *} \left(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) d\sigma \right| \\ &\equiv A_1 + A_2 + A_3 \end{aligned}$$

So we are left with bounding A_1, A_2, A_3 . We have

$$A_1 \leq \left(\int_{I_\infty} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{J_\infty} \left| T_\omega^{\alpha, *} \left(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and since $\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g = b_{J_\infty}^* \frac{E_{J_\infty}^\omega g}{E_{J_\infty}^\omega b_{J_\infty}^*}$ is $b_{J_\infty}^*$ times an ‘accretive’ average of g on J_∞ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &\leq \left\| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left(\int_{J_\infty} |T_\omega^{\alpha, *}(1_{J_\infty} b_{J_\infty}^*)|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |E_{J_\infty}^\omega g| \cdot \frac{1}{c_{\mathbf{b}^*} |J_\infty|_\omega} \\ &\lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^{\alpha, *}}^{\mathbf{b}^*} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used the frame estimates (3.1.51) and the dual testing condition on $b_{J_\infty}^*$.

For A_2 we use expectation on the grid \mathcal{G} .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}^{\mathcal{G}} A_2 &\leq \mathbf{E}^{\mathcal{G}} \int_{I_\infty \cap [(1+\delta)J_\infty \setminus J_\infty]} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| |T_\omega^{\alpha, *}(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g)| d\sigma \\ &\leq \mathbf{E}^{\mathcal{G}} \left(\int_{I_\infty \cap [(1+\delta)J_\infty \setminus J_\infty]} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int |T_\omega^{\alpha, *}(\mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g)|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(\mathbf{E}^{\mathcal{G}} \int_{I_\infty \cap [(1+\delta)J_\infty \setminus J_\infty]} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \int |g|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(C\delta \int_{I_\infty} \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: I \subset I_\infty} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \int |g|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C\delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

Finally for A_3 we use lemma 3.4.3 since $\text{dist}(I_\infty \setminus (1+\delta)J_\infty, J_\infty) \approx \delta \ell(J_\infty)$ to get

$$A_3 \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha \delta^{\alpha-n}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}.$$

Altogether we get

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left| \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D} \\ I \subset I_\infty}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \mathbb{F}_{J_\infty}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right| \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{F}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \delta^{\alpha-n} + \delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

Similarly we deal with the third and fourth sum of (3.2.3). We are left to deal with the first sum in (3.2.3).

3.2.1 The Hytönen-Martikainen decomposition and weak goodness

Now we turn to the various splittings of forms, beginning with the two weight analogue of the decomposition of Hytönen and Martikainen [24]. Let \mathbf{b} (respectively \mathbf{b}^*) be a ∞ -weakly σ -controlled (respectively ω -controlled) accretive family. Fix the stopping data \mathcal{A} and $\{\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)\}_{A \in \mathcal{A}}$ and dual martingale differences $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ constructed above with the triple iterated coronas, as well as the corresponding data for g . We are left with the estimation of the bilinear form $\int (T_\sigma f) g d\omega$ to that of the sum

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega,$$

We split the form $\langle T_\sigma^\alpha f, g \rangle_\omega$ into the sum of two essentially symmetric forms by cube size,

$$\begin{aligned} \int (T_\sigma f) g d\omega &= \left\{ \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}: J \in \mathcal{G} \\ \ell(J) \leq \ell(I)}} + \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}: J \in \mathcal{G} \\ \ell(J) > \ell(I)}} \right\} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega, \quad (3.2.4) \\ &\equiv \Theta(f, g) + \Theta^*(f, g) \end{aligned}$$

and focus on the first sum,

$$\Theta(f, g) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I)} \left\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \right\rangle_{\omega},$$

since the second sum is handled dually, but is easier due to the missing diagonal. Before introducing goodness into the sum, we follow [24] and split the form $\Theta(f, g)$ into 3 pieces:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) > 2\ell(J)^{\varepsilon} \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} + \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^{\varepsilon} \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} + \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) < \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^{\varepsilon} \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \right\} \left\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \right\rangle_{\omega} \\ & \equiv \Theta_1(f, g) + \Theta_2(f, g) + \Theta_3(f, g), \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ will be chosen to satisfy $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha}$ later. Now the disjoint form $\Theta_1(f, g)$ can be handled by ‘long-range’ and ‘short-range’ arguments which we give in a section below, and the nearby form $\Theta_3(f, g)$ will be handled using surgery methods and a new recursive argument involving energy conditions and the ‘original’ testing functions discarded in the corona construction. The remaining form $\Theta_2(f, g)$ will be treated further in this section after introducing weak goodness.

3.2.1.1 Good cubes with ‘body’

. We begin with the weaker extension of goodness introduced in [24], except that we will make it a bit stronger by replacing the skeleton ‘*skel* K ’ of a cube K , as used in [24], by a larger collection of points ‘*body* K ’, which we call the dyadic body of K . This modification will prove useful in establishing the Straddling Lemma in the treatment of the stopping form in Section 3.6 below. Let \mathcal{P} denote the collection of all cubes in \mathbb{R}^n . The content of the

next four definitions is inspired by, or sometimes identical with, that already appearing in the work of Nazarov, Treil and Volberg in [36] and [38].

Definition 3.2.3. *Given a dyadic cube $K \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we define $W(K)$ to be the Whitney cubes in K . Namely, $S \in W(K)$ if:*

- $3S \subset K$.
- $S' \cap S \neq \emptyset$ and $3S' \subset K$ imply $S' \subset S$.

Definition 3.2.4. *We define the dyadic body ‘body K ’ of a dyadic cube $K \in \mathbb{R}^n$ by*

$$\text{body}K = \bigcup_{S \in W(K)} \partial S$$

where ∂S is the boundary of S .

Definition 3.2.5. *Let $0 < \epsilon < 1$. For dyadic cubes $J, K \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\ell(J) \leq \ell(K)$ we define J to be ϵ -good in K if*

$$\text{dist}(J, \text{body}K) > 2\ell(J)^\epsilon \ell(K)^{1-\epsilon} \tag{3.2.5}$$

and we say it is ϵ -bad in K if (3.2.5) fails.

Definition 3.2.6. *Let \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} be two dyadic grids in \mathbb{R}^n . Define $\mathcal{G}_{(k,\epsilon)\text{-good}}^{\mathcal{D}}$ to consist of those cubes $J \in \mathcal{G}$ such that J is ϵ -good inside every cube $K \in \mathcal{D}$ with $K \cap J \neq \emptyset$ and $\ell(K) \geq 2^k \ell(J)$.*

3.2.1.2 Grid probability

As pointed out on page 14 of [24] by Hytönen and Martikainen, there are subtle difficulties associated in using dual martingale decompositions of functions which depend on the entire

dyadic grid, rather than on just the local cube in the grid. We will proceed at first in the spirit of [24], and the goodness that we will infuse below into the main ‘below’ form $B_{\in \mathbf{r}}(f, g)$ will be the Hytönen-Martikainen ‘weak’ version of NTV goodness, but using the body ‘*body* I ’ of a cube rather than its skeleton ‘*skel* I ’: every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{G}$ that arises in the form $B_{\in \mathbf{r}}(f, g)$ will satisfy $J \in \mathcal{G}_{(k, \varepsilon)\text{-good}}^{\mathcal{D}}$ where $\ell(I) = 2^k \ell(J)$.

Now we return to the martingale differences $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ and $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ with controlled families \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{b}^* in \mathbb{R}^n . When we want to emphasize that the grid in use is \mathcal{D} or \mathcal{G} , we will denote the martingale difference by $\square_{I, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$, and similarly for $\square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$. Recall Definition 3.2.5 for the meaning of when a cube J is ε -bad with respect to another cube K .

Definition 3.2.7. *We say that $J \in \mathcal{P}$ is k -bad in a grid \mathcal{D} if there is a cube $K \in \mathcal{D}$ with $\ell(K) = 2^k \ell(J)$ such that J is ε -bad with respect to K (context should eliminate any ambiguity between the different use of k -bad when $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and ε -bad when $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$).*

Following [54] we know that in one dimension for an interval J and grids \mathcal{D}_0

$$\mathbf{P}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}_0}(\mathcal{D}_0 : J \text{ is } k\text{-bad in } \mathcal{D}_0) \equiv \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathcal{D}_0 : J \text{ is } k\text{-bad in } \mathcal{D}_0\}} d\mu_{\Omega}(\mathcal{D}_0) \leq C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k}. \quad (3.2.6)$$

Thus we conclude:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}_0}(\mathcal{D}_0 : J \text{ is } k\text{-good in } \mathcal{D}_0) \geq 1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k}. \quad (3.2.7)$$

Now for a cube J to be good in our n -dimensional setting, it needs to be good in each side.

So, we conclude that

$$\mathbf{P}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{D} : J \text{ is } k\text{-good in } \mathcal{D}) \geq (1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n. \quad (3.2.8)$$

and therefore a cube is bad with probability bounded by:

$$\mathbf{P}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{D} : J \text{ is } k\text{-bad in } \mathcal{D}) \leq 1 - (1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n. \quad (3.2.9)$$

Then we obtain from (3.2.9), using the lower frame inequality, the expectation estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_\Omega \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_{k\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}} \left[\left\| \square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right] d\mu_\Omega(\mathcal{D}) \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \left[\left\| \square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right] \int_\Omega \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathcal{D} : J \text{ is } k\text{-bad in } \mathcal{D}\}} d\mu_\Omega(\mathcal{D}) \\ &\leq (1 - (1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n) \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \left[\left\| \square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right] \\ &\leq (1 - (1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n) \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega$ denotes the ‘broken’ Carleson averaging operator in (3.1.39) that depends on the broken children in the grid \mathcal{G} . Altogether then it follows easily that

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \left(\sum_{J \in \bigcup_{\ell=k}^\infty \mathcal{G}_{\ell\text{-bad}}^{\mathcal{D}}} \left[\left\| \square_{J, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right] \right) \leq (1 - (1 - C\varepsilon k 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n) \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \quad (3.2.10)$$

for some large positive constant C .

From such inequalities summed for $k \geq \mathbf{r}$, it can be concluded as in [38] that there is an absolute choice of \mathbf{r} depending on $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ so that the following holds. Let $T : L^2(\sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\omega)$ be a bounded linear operator. We then have the following traditional inequality for

two random grids in the case that \mathbf{b} is an ∞ -weakly μ -controlled accretive family:

$$\|T\| \leq 2 \sup_{\|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}=1} \sup_{\|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}=1} \mathbf{E}_{\Omega} \mathbf{E}_{\Omega'} \left| \left\langle \sum_{I, J \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}\text{-good}}^{\mathcal{G}}} T \left(\square_{I, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) f, \square_{J, \mathcal{D}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} \right|. \quad (3.2.11)$$

However, this traditional method of introducing goodness is flawed here in the general setting of dual martingale differences, since these differences are no longer orthogonal projections, and as emphasized in [24], we cannot simply add back in bad cubes whenever we want telescoping identities to hold - but these are needed in order to control the right hand side of (3.2.11). In fact, in the analysis of the form $\Theta(f, g)$ above, it is necessary to have goodness for the cubes J and telescoping for the cubes I . On the other hand, in the analysis of the form $\Theta^*(f, g)$ above, it is necessary to have just the opposite - namely goodness for the cubes I and telescoping for the cubes J .

Thus, because in this unfortunate set of circumstances we can no longer ‘add back in’ bad cubes to achieve telescoping, we are prevented from introducing goodness in the *full* sum (3.2.4) over all I and J , prior to splitting according to side lengths of I and J . Thus the infusion of goodness must come *after* the splitting by side length, but one must work much harder to introduce goodness directly into the form $\Theta(f, g)$ *after* we have restricted the sum to cubes J that have smaller side length than I . This is accomplished in the next subsection using the *weaker form of NTV goodness* introduced by Hytönen and Martikainen in [24] (that permits certain additional pairs (I, J) in the good forms where $\ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}}\ell(I)$ and yet J is *bad* in the traditional sense), and that will prevail later in the treatment of the far below forms $\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^1(f, g)$, and of the local forms $\mathbb{B}_{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}^A(f, g)$ (see Subsection 3.7) where the need for using the ‘body’ of a cube will become apparent in dealing

with the stopping form, and also in the treatment of the functional energy in Appendix B of [54].

3.2.1.3 Weak goodness

Let \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} be dyadic grids. It remains to estimate the form $\Theta_2(f, g)$ which, following [24], we will split into a ‘bad’ part and a ‘good’ part. For this we introduce our main definition associated with the above modification of the weak goodness of Hytönen and Martikainen, namely the definition of the cube R^{\boxtimes} in a grid \mathcal{D} , given an arbitrary cube $R \in \mathcal{P}$.

Definition 3.2.8. *Let \mathcal{D} be a dyadic grid. Given $R \in \mathcal{P}$, let R^{\boxtimes} be the smallest (if any such exist) \mathcal{D} -dyadic supercube Q of R such that R is good inside **all** \mathcal{D} -dyadic supercubes K of Q . Of course R^{\boxtimes} will not exist if there is no \mathcal{D} -dyadic cube Q containing R in which R is good. For cubes $R, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ let $\kappa(Q, R) = \log_2 \frac{\ell(Q)}{\ell(R)}$. For $R \in \mathcal{P}$ for which R^{\boxtimes} exists, let $\kappa(R) \equiv \kappa(R^{\boxtimes}, R)$.*

Note that we typically suppress the dependence of R^{\boxtimes} on the grid \mathcal{D} , since the grid is usually understood from context. If R^{\boxtimes} exists, we thus have that R is good inside all \mathcal{D} -dyadic supercubes K of R with $\ell(K) \geq \ell(R^{\boxtimes})$. Note in particular the monotonicity property for $J', J \in \mathcal{P}$:

$$J' \subset J \implies (J')^{\boxtimes} \subset J^{\boxtimes}.$$

Here now is the decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta_2(f, g) &= \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: J^{\star} \not\subseteq I, \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \\
&+ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: J^{\star} \subseteq I, \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \\
&\equiv \Theta_2^{bad}(f, g) + \Theta_2^{good}(f, g) ,
\end{aligned}$$

and where if J^{\star} fails to exist, we assume by convention that $J^{\star} \not\subseteq I$, i.e. J^{\star} is *not* strictly contained in I , so that the pair (I, J) is then included in the bad form $\Theta_2^{bad}(f, g)$. We will in fact estimate a larger quantity corresponding to the bad form, namely

$$\Theta_2^{bad\ddagger}(f, g) \equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: J^{\star} \not\subseteq I, \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right| \quad (3.2.12)$$

with absolute value signs *inside* the sum.

Remark 3.2.9. *We now make some general comments on where we now stand and where we are going.*

1. *In the first sum $\Theta_2^{bad}(f, g)$ above, we are roughly keeping the pairs of cubes (I, J) such that J is bad with respect to some ‘nearby’ cube having side length larger than that of I .*
2. *We have defined energy and dual energy conditions that are independent of the testing families (because the definition of $\mathbf{E}(J, \omega) = \mathbb{E}_J^{\omega, x} \mathbb{E}_J^{\omega, x'} \left(\left| \frac{x-x'}{\ell(J)} \right|^2 \right)$ does not involve*

pseudoprojections $\square_{J, \mathcal{D}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$), but the functional energy condition defined below does involve the dual martingale pseudoprojections $\square_{J, \mathcal{D}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$.

3. Using the notion of weak goodness above, we will be able to eliminate all pairs of cubes with J bad in I , which then permits control of the short range form in Section 3.3 and the neighbour form in Section 3.5 provided $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha}$. Defining shifted coronas in terms of J^{\boxtimes} will then allow existing arguments to prove the Intertwining Proposition and obtain control of the functional energy in Appendix B of [54], as well as permitting control of the stopping form in Section 3.6, but all of this with some new twists, for example the introduction of a top/down ‘indented corona’ in the analysis of the stopping form.
4. The nearby form $\Theta_3(f, g)$ is handled in Section 3.4 using the energy condition assumption along with the original testing functions b_Q^{orig} discarded during the construction of the testing/accretive corona.

These remarks will become clear in this and the following sections. Recall that we earlier defined in Definition 3.2.6, the set $\mathcal{G}_{k-good}^{\mathcal{D}} = \mathcal{G}_{(k, \varepsilon)-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ to consist of those $J \in \mathcal{G}$ such that J is ε -good inside every cube $K \in \mathcal{D}$ with $K \cap J \neq \emptyset$ that lies at least k levels ‘above’ J , i.e. $\ell(K) \geq 2^k \ell(J)$. We now define an analogous notion of $\mathcal{G}_{k-bad}^{\mathcal{D}}$.

Definition 3.2.10. *Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Define the set $\mathcal{G}_{k-bad}^{\mathcal{D}} = \mathcal{G}_{(k, \varepsilon)-bad}^{\mathcal{D}}$ to consist of all $J \in \mathcal{G}$ such that there is a \mathcal{D} -cube K with sidelength $\ell(K) = 2^k \ell(J)$ for which J is ε -bad with respect to K .*

Note that for grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} , the complement of $\mathcal{G}_{k-good}^{\mathcal{D}}$ is the union of $\mathcal{G}_{\ell-bad}^{\mathcal{D}}$ for $\ell \geq k$,

i.e.

$$\mathcal{G} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{k-good}^{\mathcal{D}} = \bigcup_{\ell \geq k} \mathcal{G}_{\ell-bad}^{\mathcal{D}}.$$

Now assume $\varepsilon > 0$. We then have the following important property, namely for all cubes R , and all $k \geq \mathbf{r}$ (where the goodness parameter \mathbf{r} will be fixed given $\varepsilon > 0$ in (3.2.16) below):

$$\# \left\{ Q : \kappa(Q, R) = k \text{ and } d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon} \right\} \lesssim 1. \quad (3.2.13)$$

As in [24], set

$$\mathcal{G}_{bad,n}^{\mathcal{D}} \equiv \{ J \in \mathcal{G} : J \text{ is } \varepsilon\text{-bad with respect to some } K \in \mathcal{D} \text{ with } \ell(K) \geq n \}.$$

We will now use the set equality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ J \in \mathcal{G} : J^{\mathbf{x}} \not\subset I, \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I), d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \right\} \quad (3.2.14) \\ &= \left\{ R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : \mathbf{r} \leq \kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R), d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which the careful reader can prove by painstakingly verifying both containments.

Assuming only that \mathbf{b} is 2-weakly μ -controlled accretive, and following the proof in [24], we use (3.2.14) to show that for any fixed grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} , and any bounded linear operator T_σ^α we have the following inequality for the form $\Theta_2^{bad_1, strict}(f, g)$, defined to be $\Theta_2^{bad_1}(f, g)$

as in (3.2.12) with the pairs (I, J) removed when $J^{\mathbf{x}} = I$. We use $\varepsilon_{Q,R} = \pm 1$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta_2^{bad\sharp, strict}(f, g) &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : \mathbf{r} \leq \kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle \right| \\
&= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : \mathbf{r} \leq \kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \varepsilon_{Q,R} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle \\
&\leq \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : \mathbf{r} \leq \kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \varepsilon_{Q,R} \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle \right| \\
&\leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : \mathbf{r} \leq \kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \varepsilon_{Q,R} \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
&\leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}} : k=\kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \varepsilon_{Q,R} \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)},
\end{aligned}$$

by Minkowski's inequality, and we continue with

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq 2\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \square_{Q, \mathcal{D}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \left(\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}}: k=\kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left(\left\| \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{R, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, 2^k \ell(R)}^{\mathcal{D}}}} \left(\left\| \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{R, \mathcal{G}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\nabla_{R, \mathcal{G}}^\omega$ denotes the ‘broken’ Carleson averaging operator in (3.1.39) that depends on the grid \mathcal{G} , and

1. the penultimate inequality uses Cauchy-Schwarz in Q and the weak upper Riesz inequalities (3.1.53) for

$$\sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, \ell(Q)}^{\mathcal{D}}: k=\kappa(Q, R) < \kappa(R) \\ d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \varepsilon_{Q, R} \square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*},$$

once for the sum when $\varepsilon_{Q, R} = 1$, and again for the sum when $\varepsilon_{Q, R} = -1$. However, we note that since

the sum in R is pigeonholed by $k = \kappa(Q, R)$, the R 's are pairwise disjoint cubes and the pseudoprojections $\square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$ are pairwise orthogonal. Thus we could instead apply Cauchy-Schwarz first in R , and then in Q as was done in [24], but we must still apply weak upper Riesz inequalities as above.

2. and the final inequality uses the frame inequality (3.1.51) together with (3.2.13), namely the fact that there are at most C cubes Q such that $\kappa(Q, R) \geq \mathbf{r}$ is fixed and $d(R, Q) \leq 2\ell(R)^\varepsilon \ell(Q)^{1-\varepsilon}$.

Now it is easy to verify that we have the same inequality for the pairs $(J^{\mathfrak{A}}, J)$ that were removed, and then we take grid expectations and use the probability estimate (3.2.10) to obtain for $\varepsilon' = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ that $\mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \left(\Theta_2^{bad\mathfrak{A}}(f, g) \right)$ is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \leq \mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, 2^k \ell(R)}^{\mathcal{D}}} \left(\|\square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \|\nabla_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega} g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{3.2.15} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left(\mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{R \in \mathcal{G}_{bad, 2^k \ell(R)}^{\mathcal{D}}} \left(\|\square_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \|\nabla_{R, \mathcal{G}}^{\omega} g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim 2^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon' \mathbf{r}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{k=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} \left((1 - (C_1 2^{-\varepsilon k})^n) \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C_{good} 2^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon \mathbf{r}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly we can now fix \mathbf{r} sufficiently large depending on $\varepsilon > 0$ so that

$$C_{good} 2^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon \mathbf{r}} < \frac{1}{100}, \tag{3.2.16}$$

and then the final term above, namely $C_{good} 2^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon \mathbf{r}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$, can be absorbed at the end of the proof in Subsection 3.7. Note that (3.2.16) fixes our choice of the parameter \mathbf{r} for any given $\varepsilon > 0$. Later we will choose $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha}$. It is this type of weak goodness that we will exploit in the local forms $\mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{E}_{\mathbf{r}}}^A(f, g)$ treated below in Section 3.5.

We are now left with the following ‘good’ form to control:

$$\Theta_2^{good}(f, g) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J^{\mathbf{X}} \subsetneq I: \\ \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega.$$

The first thing we observe regarding this form is that the cubes J which arise in the sum for $\Theta_2^{good}(f, g)$ must lie entirely inside I since $J \subset J^{\mathbf{X}} \subsetneq I$. Then in the remainder of the paper, we proceed to analyze

$$\Theta_2^{good}(f, g) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J^{\mathbf{X}} \subsetneq I: \\ \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega, \quad (3.2.17)$$

in the same way we analyzed the below term $\mathbf{B}_{\in \mathbf{r}}(f, g)$ in [48]; namely, by implementing the canonical corona splitting and the decomposition into paraproduct, neighbour and stopping forms, but now with an additional broken form. We have (κ, ε) -goodness available for all the cubes $J \in \mathcal{G}$ arising in the form $\Theta_2^{good}(f, g)$, and moreover, the cubes $I \in \mathcal{D}$ arising in the form $\Theta_2^{good}(f, g)$ for a fixed J are tree-connected, so that telescoping identities hold for these cubes I . This will prove decisive in the following three sections of the paper.

The forms $\Theta_1(f, g)$ and $\Theta_3(f, g)$ are analogous to the disjoint and nearby forms $\mathbf{B}_\cap(f, g)$ and $\mathbf{B}_\nearrow(f, g)$ in [48] respectively. In the next two sections, we control the disjoint form $\Theta_1(f, g)$ in essentially the same way that the disjoint form $\mathbf{B}_\cap(f, g)$ was treated in [48] and in earlier papers of many authors beginning with Nazarov, Treil and Volberg (see e.g. [58]), and we control the nearby form $\Theta_3(f, g)$ using the probabilistic surgery of Hytönen and Martikainen building on that of NTV, together with a new deterministic surgery involving the energy condition and the original testing functions. But first we recall, in the following subsection, the characterization of boundedness of one-dimensional forms supported on

disjoint cubes [22].

3.3 Disjoint form

Here we control the disjoint form $\Theta_1(f, g)$ by further decomposing it as follows:

$$\Theta_1(f, g) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \int (T_\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) > \max(\ell(I), 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon})}} + \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ \ell(I) \geq d(J, I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \right\} \int (T_\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega$$

$$\equiv \Theta_1^{long}(f, g) + \Theta_1^{short}(f, g),$$

where $\Theta_1^{long}(f, g)$ is a ‘long range’ form in which J is far from I , and where $\Theta_1^{short}(f, g)$ is a short range form. It should be noted that the goodness plays no role in treating the disjoint form.

3.3.1 Long range form

Lemma 3.3.1. *We have*

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) > \ell(I)}} \left| \int (T_\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right| \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

Proof. Since J and I are separated by at least $\max\{\ell(J), \ell(I)\}$, we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \sigma \right) &\approx \int_I \frac{\ell(J)}{|y - c_J|^{n+1-\alpha}} \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(y) \right| d\sigma(y) \\ &\lesssim \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \frac{\ell(J) \sqrt{|I|_\sigma}}{d(I, J)^{n+1-\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\int_I \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(y) \right| d\sigma(y) \leq \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma}$. Thus if $A(f, g)$ denotes the left hand side of the conclusion of Lemma 3.3.1, we have using first the Energy Lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} A(f, g) &\lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J : \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(I, J) \geq \ell(I)}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \frac{\ell(J)}{d(I, J)^{n+1-\alpha}} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \\ &\equiv \sum_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} A(I, J); \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } A(I, J) \equiv \frac{\ell(J)}{d(I, J)^{n+1-\alpha}} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J|_\omega};$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{P} \equiv \{(I, J) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{G} : \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \text{ and } d(I, J) \geq \ell(I)\}.$$

Now let $\mathcal{D}_N \equiv \{K \in \mathcal{D} : \ell(K) = 2^N\}$ for each $N \in \mathbb{Z}$. For $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we further decompose $A(f, g)$ by pigeonholing the sidelengths of I and J by 2^N and 2^{N-s} respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} A(f, g) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} A_N^s(f, g); \\ A_N^s(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_N^s} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} A(I, J) \\ \text{where } \mathcal{P}_N^s &\equiv \{(I, J) \in \mathcal{D}_N \times \mathcal{G}_{N-s} : d(I, J) \geq \ell(I)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let $\mathbb{P}_M^\sigma = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{D}_M} \square_K^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ denote the dual martingale pseudoprojection onto $\text{Span}\left\{ \square_K^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} \right\}_{K \in \mathcal{D}_M}$. Since the cubes K in \mathcal{D}_M are pairwise disjoint, the pseudoprojections

$\square_K^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ are mutually orthogonal, which means that $\|\mathbf{P}_M^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{D}_M} \|\square_K^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2$. We claim that

$$|A_N^s(f, g)| \leq C 2^{-s} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|\mathbf{P}_N^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \|\mathbf{P}_{N-s}^\omega g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star, \quad \text{for } s \geq 0 \text{ and } N \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (3.3.1)$$

With this proved, we can then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A(f, g) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} A_N^s(f, g) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} A_N^s(f, g) \\ &\leq C \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} 2^{-s} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\mathbf{P}_N^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \|\mathbf{P}_{N-s}^\omega g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\ &\leq C \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} 2^{-s} \left(\sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\mathbf{P}_N^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\mathbf{P}_{N-s}^\omega g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} 2^{-s} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} = C \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove (3.3.1), we pigeonhole the distance between I and J :

$$\begin{aligned} A_N^s(f, g) &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} A_{N, \ell}^s(f, g); \\ A_{N, \ell}^s(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{N, \ell}^s} \|\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g\|_{L^2(\omega)} A(I, J) \\ \text{where } \mathcal{P}_{N, \ell}^s &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{D}_N \times \mathcal{G}_{N-s} : d(I, J) \approx 2^{N+\ell} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If we define $\mathcal{H}(A_{N, \ell}^s)$ to be the bilinear form on $\ell^2 \times \ell^2$ with matrix $[A(I, J)]_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{N, \ell}^s}$, then it remains to show that the norm $\|\mathcal{H}(A_{N, \ell}^s)\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}$ of $\mathcal{H}(A_{N, \ell}^s)$ on the sequence space ℓ^2 is bounded by $C 2^{-s-\ell} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}$. In turn, this is equivalent to showing that the norm $\|\mathcal{H}(B_{N, \ell}^s)\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}$ of the bilinear form $\mathcal{H}(B_{N, \ell}^s) \equiv \mathcal{H}(A_{N, \ell}^s)^{tr} \mathcal{H}(A_{N, \ell}^s)$ on the sequence

space ℓ^2 is bounded by $C^2 2^{-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha$. Here $\mathcal{H} \left(B_{N,\ell}^s \right)$ is the quadratic form with matrix kernel $\left[B_{N,\ell}^s (J, J') \right]_{J, J' \in \mathcal{D}_{N-s}}$ having entries:

$$B_{N,\ell}^s (J, J') \equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_N: d(I, J) \approx d(I, J') \approx 2^{N+\ell}} A(I, J) A(I, J'), \quad \text{for } J, J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s}.$$

We are reduced to showing the bilinear form inequality,

$$\left\| \mathcal{H} \left(B_{N,\ell}^s \right) \right\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} \leq C 2^{-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha \quad \text{for } s \geq 0, \ell \geq 0 \text{ and } N \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We begin by computing $B_{N,\ell}^s (J, J')$:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{N,\ell}^s (J, J') &= \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}_N \\ d(I, J) \approx d(I, J') \approx 2^{N+\ell}}} \frac{\ell(J)}{d(I, J)^{n+1-\alpha}} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \frac{\ell(J')}{d(I, J')^{n+1-\alpha}} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}_N \\ d(I, J) \approx d(I, J') \approx 2^{N+\ell}}} \frac{|I|_\sigma}{d(I, J)^{n+1-\alpha} d(I, J')^{n+1-\alpha}} \cdot \ell(J) \ell(J') \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that

$$\left\| B_{N,\ell}^s \right\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2} \lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha, \quad (3.3.2)$$

by applying the proof of Schur's lemma. Fix $\ell \geq 0$ and $s \geq 0$. Choose the Schur function $\beta(K) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|K|_\omega}}$. Fix $J \in \mathcal{D}_{N-s}$. We now group those $I \in \mathcal{D}_N$ with $d(I, J) \approx 2^{N+\ell}$ into finitely many groups G_1, \dots, G_C for which the union of the I in each group is contained in a cube of side length roughly $\frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell}$, and we set $I_k^* \equiv \bigcup_{I \in G_k} I$ for $1 \leq k \leq C$ (note that I_k^*

is not a cube). We then have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s}} \frac{\beta(J)}{\beta(J')} B_{N,\ell}^s(J, J') \\
= & \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ d(J', J) \leq \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \frac{\beta(J)}{\beta(J')} B_{N,\ell}^s(J, J') + \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ d(J', J) > \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \frac{\beta(J)}{\beta(J')} B_{N,\ell}^s(J, J') \\
\equiv & A + B,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A & \lesssim \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ d(J, J') \leq \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}_N \\ d(I, J) \approx 2^{N+\ell}}} |I|_\sigma \right\} \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} |J'|_\omega \\
& = \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ d(J, J') \leq \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^C |I_k^*|_\sigma \right\} \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} |J'|_\omega \\
& = \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} \sum_{k=1}^C \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ d(J, J') \leq \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} |I_k^*|_\sigma |J'|_\omega \\
& \lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} \sum_{k=1}^C \frac{|I_k^*|_\sigma}{2^{(\ell+N)(n-\alpha)}} \frac{\left| \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2} J \right|_\omega}{2^{(\ell+N)(n-\alpha)}} \lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha,
\end{aligned}$$

since I_k^* is contained in a cube \tilde{I}_k^* such that $|I_k^*| \approx |\tilde{I}_k^*|$, with an implied constant depending only on dimension, and $\tilde{I}_k^*, \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2} J$ are well separated. If we let Q_k be the smallest

cube containing the set

$$E_k \equiv \bigcup_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{D}_{N-s}: d(I_k^*, J') \approx 2^{N+\ell} \\ d(J, J') > \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} J'$$

we then have

$$\begin{aligned} B &\lesssim \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{D}_{N-s} \\ d(J, J') > \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \left\{ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_N} |I|_\sigma \right\} \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} |J'|_\omega \\ &\lesssim \sum_{\substack{J' \in \mathcal{D}_{N-s} \\ d(J, J') > \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2}}} \left\{ \sum_{k: d(I_k^*, J') \approx 2^{N+\ell}} |I_k^*|_\sigma \right\} \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} |J'|_\omega \\ &\lesssim \frac{2^{2(N-s)}}{2^{2(\ell+N)(n+1-\alpha)}} \sum_{k=1}^C |I_k^*|_\sigma |E_k|_\omega \\ &\lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} \sum_{k=1}^C \frac{|I_k^*|_\sigma}{2^{(\ell+N)(n-\alpha)}} \frac{|Q_k|_\omega}{2^{(\ell+N)(n-\alpha)}} \lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

since I_k^* is contained in a cube \tilde{I}_k^* such that $|I_k^*| \approx |\tilde{I}_k^*|$, with an implied constant depending only on dimension, and $\tilde{I}_k^*, \frac{1}{100} 2^{N+\ell+2} J$ are well separated. Thus we can now apply Schur's

argument with $\sum_J (a_J)^2 = \sum_{J'} (b_{J'})^2 = 1$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{J, J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s}} a_J b_{J'} B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J') = \sum_{J, J' \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s}} a_J \beta(J) b_{J'} \beta(J') \frac{B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J')}{\beta(J) \beta(J')} \\
& \leq \sum_J (a_J \beta(J))^2 \sum_{J'} \frac{B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J')}{\beta(J) \beta(J')} + \sum_{J'} (b_{J'} \beta(J'))^2 \sum_J \frac{B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J')}{\beta(J) \beta(J')} \\
& = \sum_J (a_J)^2 \left\{ \sum_{J'} \frac{\beta(J)}{\beta(J')} B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J') \right\} + \sum_{J'} (b_{J'})^2 \left\{ \sum_J \frac{\beta(J')}{\beta(J)} B_{N, \ell}^s(J, J') \right\} \\
& \lesssim 2^{-2s-2\ell} A_2^\alpha \left(\sum_J (a_J)^2 + \sum_{J'} (b_{J'})^2 \right) = 2^{1-2s-2\ell} \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of (3.3.2). We can now sum in ℓ to get (3.3.1) and we are done.

This completes our proof of the long range estimate

$$\mathcal{A}(f, g) \lesssim \sqrt{A_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} .$$

□

3.3.2 Short range form

The form $\Theta_1^{short}(f, g)$ is handled by the following lemma.

Lemma 3.3.2. *We have*

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I) \\ \ell(I) \geq d(J, I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \int (T_\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right| \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

Proof. The pairs (I, J) that occur in the sum above satisfy $J \subset 4I \setminus I$, so we consider

$$\mathcal{P} \equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{G} : \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I), \ell(I) \geq d(J, I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}, J \subset 4I \setminus I \right\}$$

For $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$, the ‘pivotal’ estimate from the Energy Lemma 3.1.25 gives

$$\left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, |\Delta_I^\sigma f| \sigma \right) \sqrt{|J|_\omega}.$$

Now we pigeonhole the lengths of I and J and the distance between them by defining

$$\mathcal{P}_{N,d}^s \equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : \ell(I) = 2^N, \ell(J) = 2^{N-s}, 2^{d-1} \leq d(I, J) \leq 2^d, J \subset 4I \setminus I \right\}.$$

Note that the closest a cube J can come to I is determined by:

$$2^d \geq 2\ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \ell(J)^\varepsilon = 2^{1+N(1-\varepsilon)} 2^{(N-s)\varepsilon} = 2^{1+N-\varepsilon s},$$

which implies $N - \varepsilon s + 1 \leq d \leq N$.

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \lesssim \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, |\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f| \sigma \right) \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{d=N-\varepsilon s+1}^N \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{P}_{N,d}^s} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, |\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f| \sigma \right) \sqrt{|J|_\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \sigma \right) &= \int_I \frac{\ell(J)}{(\ell(J) + |y - c_J|)^{n+1-\alpha}} \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(y) \right| d\sigma(y) \\ &\lesssim \frac{2^{N-s}}{2^{d(n+1-\alpha)}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

and apply Cauchy-Schwarz in J and use $J \subset 4I \setminus I$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ \lesssim &\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{d=N-\varepsilon s-1}^N \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_N} \frac{2^{N-s} 2^{N(n-\alpha)}}{2^{d(n+1-\alpha)}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \frac{\sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \sqrt{|4I \setminus I|_\omega}}{2^{N(n-\alpha)}} \\ &\cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ J \subset 4I \setminus I \text{ and } d(I, J) \approx 2^d}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2} \\ \lesssim &(1 + \varepsilon s) \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{2^{N-s} 2^{N(n-\alpha)}}{2^{(N-\varepsilon s)(n+1-\alpha)}} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_N} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{\sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}_{N-s} \\ J \subset 4I \setminus I}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2} \\ \lesssim &(1 + \varepsilon s) \sum_{s=\rho}^{\infty} 2^{-s[1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha)]} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

where in the third line above we have used $\sum_{d=N-\varepsilon s-1}^N 1 \lesssim 1 + \varepsilon s$, and in the last line

$\frac{2^{N-s} 2^{N(n-\alpha)}}{2^{(N-\varepsilon s)(n+1-\alpha)}} = 2^{-s[1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha)]}$ followed by Cauchy-Schwarz in I and N , using that we have bounded overlap, depending only on dimension and the goodness constant in the quadruples of I for $I \in \mathcal{D}_N$. More precisely, if we define $f_k \equiv \Psi_{\mathcal{D}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_k} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ and

$g_k \equiv \Psi_{\mathcal{G}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}^*} g = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}_k} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$, then we have the quasi-orthogonality inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_N\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g_{N-s}\|_{L^2(\omega)} &\leq \left(\sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_N\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \|g_{N-s}\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

We have assumed that

$$0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha} \quad (3.3.3)$$

in the calculations above, and this completes the proof of Lemma 3.3.2. \square

3.4 Nearby form

We dominate the nearby form $\Theta_3(f, g)$ by

$$|\Theta_3(f, g)| \leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: 2^{-rn}|I| < |J| \leq |I| \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega \right|,$$

and prove the following proposition that controls the expectation, over two independent grids, of the nearby form $\Theta_3(f, g)$. It should be noted that weak goodness plays no role in treating the nearby form. Note also that in various steps we will use a small $\delta > 0$. In all those different instances δ is free of any dependence. Our goal is the following proposition.

Proposition 3.4.1. *Suppose T^α is a standard fractional singular integral with $0 \leq \alpha < n$. Let $\theta \in (0, 1)$ be sufficiently small depending only on α, n . Then there is a constant C_θ such that for $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ and $g \in L^2(\omega)$, and dual martingale differences $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ and $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ with*

∞ -weakly accretive families of test functions \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{b}^* , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: 2^{-\mathbf{r}n}|I| < |J| \leq |I| \\ d(J,I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
& \lesssim \left(C_\theta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \sqrt{\theta} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} .
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.1}$$

The following diagram is a sketch of the proof of proposition (3.4.1).

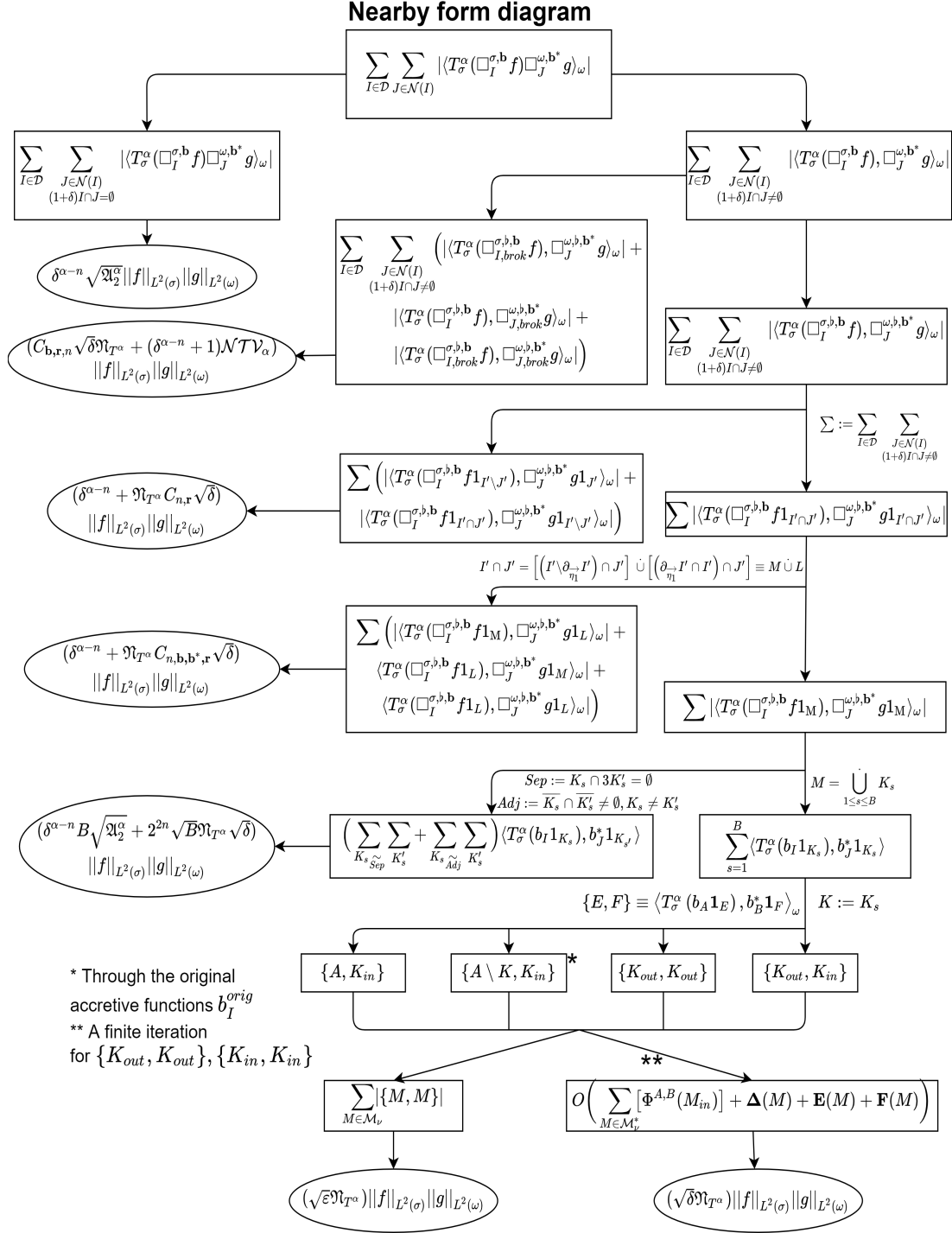


Figure 3.4.1: Nearby form

Before we proceed any further let us mention that we will repeatedly use the inequality

$$\left\| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \lesssim \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \quad (3.4.2)$$

Lemma 3.4.2. *For $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ and $I \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ we have $\left\| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \lesssim \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star}$.*

Proof. Let $I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$. Since $I' \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$, from the corona construction we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{|I'|_{\sigma}} \int_{I'} b_A d\sigma \right| > \gamma. \quad (3.4.3)$$

Now let $\{I'_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the collection of maximal subcubes S of I' such that

$$\left| \frac{1}{|S|_{\sigma}} \int_S b_A d\sigma \right| < \gamma^2.$$

Let $E = \bigcup_j I'_j$. We then have

$$\left| \int_E b_A d\sigma \right| \leq \sum_j \left| \int_{I'_j} b_A d\sigma \right| < \gamma^2 \sum_j |I'_j|_{\sigma} \leq \gamma^2 |I'|_{\sigma}$$

which together with (3.4.3) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma |I'|_{\sigma} &< \left| \int_{I'} b_A d\sigma \right| = \left| \int_E b_A d\sigma \right| + \left| \int_{I' \setminus E} b_A d\sigma \right| \\ &\leq \gamma^2 |I'|_{\sigma} + \sqrt{\int_{I' \setminus E} |b_A|^2 d\sigma} \sqrt{|I' \setminus E|_{\sigma}} \\ &\leq \gamma^2 |I'|_{\sigma} + C_{\mathbf{b}} |I' \setminus E|_{\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used the ∞ -accretivity of b_A . Rearranging the inequality

yields successively

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(1-\gamma)|I'|_\sigma &\leq C_{\mathbf{b}}|I'\setminus E|_\sigma; \\ \frac{\gamma(1-\gamma)}{C_{\mathbf{b}}}|I'|_\sigma &\leq |I'\setminus E|_\sigma,\end{aligned}$$

which in turn gives

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_j |I'_j|_\sigma &= |I'|_\sigma - |I'\setminus E|_\sigma \\ &\leq |I'|_\sigma - \frac{\gamma(1-\gamma)}{C_{\mathbf{b}}}|I'|_\sigma = \left(1 - \frac{\gamma(1-\gamma)}{C_{\mathbf{b}}}\right)|I'|_\sigma \equiv \beta|I'|_\sigma\end{aligned}\tag{3.4.4}$$

where $0 < \beta < 1$ since $1 \leq C_{\mathbf{b}}$. This implies

$$|I'|_\sigma \leq \frac{1}{1-\beta}|I'\setminus E|_\sigma$$

Having that in hand and the fact that $\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f$ is constant on I' , say $\mathbf{1}_{I'}\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f = c_{I'}$ we can now calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{I'}\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f\right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 &= \int_{I'} \left|\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f\right|^2 d\sigma = |I'|_\sigma |c_{I'}|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|I'\setminus E|_\sigma} \int_{I'\setminus E} |b_A|^2 d\sigma \\ &\quad \frac{|I'|_\sigma}{\gamma^4} |c_{I'}|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma^4} \frac{|I'|_\sigma}{|I'\setminus E|_\sigma} \int_{I'\setminus E} |b_A|^2 |c_{I'}|^2 d\sigma \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\gamma^4} \frac{|I'|_\sigma}{|I'\setminus E|_\sigma} \int_{I'} \left|b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f\right|^2 d\sigma \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\gamma^4} \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_{I'} \left|b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}f\right|^2 d\sigma,\end{aligned}$$

and thus for $I' \in \mathcal{C}_A$ we obtain

$$\int_{I'} \left| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma \lesssim \int_{I'} \left| b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2 d\sigma,$$

which in turn gives, after summing over all $I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{C}_A(A)$,

$$\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{C}_A(A)} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \lesssim \left\| \mathbf{1}_I b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \leq \left\| b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2.$$

Now if $I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{A}$, from the definition of $\widehat{\nabla}_Q^\mu f$ in (3.1.39),

$$\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \lesssim \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2.$$

Now we are ready to prove (3.4.2). As $b_A = b_I$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 &= \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{C}_A(A)} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \cap \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \\ &\lesssim \left\| b_I \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} &\lesssim \left\| b_I \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} + \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} = \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} + \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \\ &\leq \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} + \left\| \square_{I, \text{broken}}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} + \left\| \widehat{\nabla}_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \lesssim \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now from quasiorthogonality and (3.4.2) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2 &\lesssim \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \left\| \widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \lesssim \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \\ &\lesssim \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \left(\left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_J^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \lesssim \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

We also need the following lemma, that controls the above inner product for cubes of positive distance.

Lemma 3.4.3. *Given the ∞ -weakly accretive families of test functions \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{b}^* and cubes $Q, R \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, we have*

$$|\langle T_\sigma^\alpha(b_Q \mathbf{1}_Q), b_R^* \mathbf{1}_{R \setminus (1+\delta)Q} \rangle_\omega| \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} \sqrt{|R|_\omega} \quad (3.4.5)$$

where the implied constant depends on the accretivity constants of the families \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^* and the dimension n .

Proof. We have that $\left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha(b_Q \mathbf{1}_Q), b_R^* \mathbf{1}_{R \setminus (1+\delta)Q} \right\rangle_\omega \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{R \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |T_\sigma^\alpha(b_Q \mathbf{1}_Q)| |b_R^*| d\omega \\ &\leq \left(\int_{R \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |T_\sigma^\alpha(b_Q \mathbf{1}_Q)|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{R \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |b_R^*|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} \left(\int_Q |x-y|^{\alpha-n} |b_Q(y)| d\sigma(y) \right)^2 d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_R |b_R^*|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lesssim \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} \left(\int_Q (\delta |x - c_Q|)^{\alpha-n} |b_Q(y)| d\sigma(y) \right)^2 d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|R|_\omega} \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |x - c_Q|^{2(\alpha-n)} d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_Q |b_Q(y)| d\sigma(y) \right) \sqrt{|R|_\omega} \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |x - c_Q|^{2(\alpha-n)} d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |Q|_\sigma \sqrt{|R|_\omega} \\
&\leq \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|Q|_\sigma} \sqrt{|R|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} |x - c_Q|^{2(\alpha-n)} d\omega(x) \right) |Q|_\sigma &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)Q} \left(\frac{|Q|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{|x - c_Q|^2} \right)^{n-\alpha} d\omega(x) \right) \frac{|Q|_\sigma}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \\
&\lesssim \mathcal{P}^\alpha(Q, \omega) \frac{|Q|_\sigma}{|Q|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \leq \mathcal{A}_2^{\alpha,*}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

As usual, we continue to write the independent grids for f and g as \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} respectively.

Write the dual martingale averages $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ and $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$ as linear combinations

$$\begin{aligned}
\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f &= b_I \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) + \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} b_{I'} \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_{I'}} f - b_I \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_I^{\sigma, b_I} f, \\
\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g &= b_J^* \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(J)} \mathbf{1}_{J'} E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) + \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} b_{J'}^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{J'}^{\omega, b_{J'}^*} g - b_J^* \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} \mathbf{1}_{J'} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_J^{\omega, b_J^*} g,
\end{aligned}$$

of the appropriate function b times the indicators of their children, denoted I' and J' respectively. We will regroup the terms as needed below.

On the natural child I' , the expression $\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = \frac{1}{b_I} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ simply denotes the dual martingale average with b_I removed, so that we need not assume $|b_I|$ is bounded below in order

to make sense of $\frac{1}{b_I} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$. Similar comments apply to the expressions

$\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_{I'}} f = \frac{1}{b_{I'}} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_{I'}} f$ and $\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_I^{\sigma, b_I} f = \frac{1}{b_I} \mathbb{F}_I^{\sigma, b_I} f$. Now if we set

$$\mathcal{N}(I) = \{J \in \mathcal{G} : 2^{-rn}|I| < |J| \leq |I|, d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}\}$$

for the cubes or similar size to I , the left hand side of (3.4.1) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{II} &\equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J = \emptyset}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ &+ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.6)$$

When working in higher dimensions, run the proof pretending you have Hytönen's estimate (which is of course not true due to the result in chapter 2). Then wherever we were supposed to use Hytönen, we use the delta separation trick. The δ -separated part is easily seen to be bounded by the Muckenhoupt conditions, and the δ -close part will get a $\sqrt{\delta}$ estimate. But δ can be chosen at the end, is independent of everything else (it is the Hytönen-delta, not related to anything else in the proof). So, provided the proof only deals with finite estimates and finitely many constructions (like the Cantor set construction, that only does finitely many iterations), those $\sqrt{\delta}$ terms will be absorbable at the end. Here are the details:

3.4.1 The case of δ -separated cubes.

In this subsection we are estimating \mathbf{I} in (3.4.6) by using Lemma 3.4.3.

Definition 3.4.4. *We say that the cubes J and I are δ -separated, where $\delta > 0$, if $J \cap (1 +$*

$\delta)I = \emptyset$.

For the first sum in (3.4.6) we have, following the proof of Lemma 3.4.3, the satisfactory estimate

$$\left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}.$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \leq \int_{J \setminus (1+\delta)I} \left| T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right| d\omega \\ & \leq \left(\int_{J \setminus (1+\delta)I} \left| T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_J \left| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)I} |x - c_I|^{2(\alpha-n)} d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_I \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| d\sigma(y) \right) \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (1+\delta)I} |x - c_I|^{2(\alpha-n)} d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|I|_\sigma} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & \leq \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

So combining all the above we get for the δ -separated cubes that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{I} &\leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J = \emptyset}} \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
&\leq \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J = \emptyset}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J = \emptyset}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.7}$$

where the implied constant in the last line depends only on the goodness parameter \mathbf{r} and the finite repetition of I and J in each sum respectively.

3.4.2 The case of δ -close cubes.

Now we turn to the second sum in (3.4.6) which we will bound by using random surgery and expectation.

Definition 3.4.5. *We say that the cubes J and I are δ -close, if $J \cap (1 + \delta)I \neq \emptyset$.*

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&+ \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&+ \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&+ \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega .
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.8}$$

The estimation of the latter three inner products, i.e. those in which a broken operator $\square_{I,brok}^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}$ or $\square_{J,brok}^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*}$ arises, is simpler, but still requires the use of random surgery in order to avoid the full testing condition that was available in one dimension. Indeed, recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\square_{I,brok}^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f &= \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f = \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^{\sigma} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f \right) b_{I'} \\ \square_{J,brok}^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g &= \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} \mathbb{F}_{J'}^{\omega,\mathbf{b}^*} g = \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(J)} \left(E_{J'}^{\omega} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{J'}^{\omega,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right) b_{J'}^*\end{aligned}$$

so that if at least one broken difference appears in the inner product, as is the case for the latter three inner products in (3.4.8), we need to use random surgery to get the necessary bound. For example, the fourth term satisfies

$$\left| \left\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} \left(\square_{I,brok}^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} \right| = \left| \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^{\sigma} \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_{I'}, \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} \right|$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_{I'}, \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} &= \left\langle \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J} T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_{I'}, \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} + \left\langle \mathbf{1}_{J \setminus (1+\delta)I'} T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_{I'}, \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} \\ &\quad + \left\langle \mathbf{1}_{(J \setminus I') \cap (1+\delta)I'} T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_{I'}, \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_{\omega} \\ &\equiv A(f, g) + B(f, g) + C(f, g)\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) A(f, g) \right| \\
& \leq C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \mathfrak{F}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{F}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \left\| \nabla_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(\left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \left\| \square_{J, brok}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{F}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star
\end{aligned}$$

Next by Lemma 3.4.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) B(f, g) \right| & \leq \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
& \leq \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, using Cauchy-Schwarz, the norm inequality and accretivity we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \left| \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) C(f, g) \right| \\
& \leq C_{\mathbf{b}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \sqrt{|I'|}_\sigma \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left[E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right]^2 \left| \left((J \setminus I') \cap (1 + \delta)I' \right) \cap J' \right|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}, n} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left[E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right]^2 \left| \left((J \setminus I') \cap (1 + \delta)I' \right) \cap J' \right|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, it is geometrically evident that for the Lebesque measure we have

$$\left| \left((J \setminus I') \cap (1 + \delta)I' \right) \cap J' \right| \lesssim \delta |J'|.$$

Taking averages over the grid \mathcal{D} we get the same inequality for the ω measure:

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \left| \left((J \setminus I') \cap (1 + \delta)I' \right) \cap J' \right|_\omega \lesssim \delta |J'|_\omega.$$

Thus, if we fix J' , there are only finitely many I' involved that contribute (are non-zero), and then the expectation in \mathcal{D} can "go through" the sum in I' to get the estimate

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \left| \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \left(E_{I'}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) C(f, g) \right| \leq C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}, n} \sqrt{\delta} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}.$$

The constant $C_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{r},n}$ depends on the accretivity constant of the family \mathbf{b} , the dimension n and the *finite* repetition of the intervals J' appearing in the sum.

The third term in (3.4.8) is handled similarly if we change to $\left\langle \square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} \left(\square_{J,brok}^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right\rangle_\sigma$, the dual operator. For the second term in (3.4.8) the proof is somewhat different: it does not use probability, it is easier because the terms involving g can be estimated as the terms involving f in the proof just done for the fourth term, and then using Carleson estimates. So combining the above we get the following

$$\begin{aligned} & E_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ (1+\delta)I \cap J \neq \emptyset}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \quad + \left(C_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{r},n} \sqrt{\delta} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} + (\delta^{\alpha-n} + 1) \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.9)$$

Thus it remains to consider the first inner product $\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega$ on the right hand side of (3.4.9), which we call the problematic term, and write it as

$$\begin{aligned} P(I, J) & \equiv \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ & = \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I), J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I'} \square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{1}_{J'} \square_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ & = \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I), J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I'} b_I \right), \mathbf{1}_{J'} b_J^* \right\rangle_\omega E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega,b,\mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.10)$$

It now remains to show that

$$E_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} E_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} |P(I, J)| \lesssim \left(C_\theta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \sqrt{\theta} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \quad (3.4.11)$$

Suppose now that $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ for $A \in \mathcal{A}$, and that $J \in \mathcal{C}_B$ for $B \in \mathcal{B}$. Then the inner product in the third line of (3.4.10) becomes

$$\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{I'}) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \rangle_\omega = \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A \mathbf{1}_{I'}) , b_B^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \rangle_\omega ,$$

and we will write this inner product in either form, depending on context. We also introduce the following notation:

$$P_{(I,J)} (E, F) \equiv \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_E) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_F \rangle_\omega , \quad \text{for any sets } E \text{ and } F,$$

so that

$$P(I, J) = \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \text{ and } J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) P_{(I,J)} (I', J') E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) .$$

The first thing we do is reduce matters to showing inequality (3.4.11) in the case that $P_{(I,J)} (I', J')$ is replaced by

$$P_{(I,J)} (I' \cap J', I' \cap J')$$

in the terms $P(I, J)$ appearing in (3.4.11). To see this, write $\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{I'}) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \rangle_\omega$ as

$$\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \setminus J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \right\rangle_\omega + \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J' \setminus I'} \right\rangle_\omega + \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right\rangle_\omega$$

Set

$$\text{I} = \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \setminus J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \right\rangle_\omega$$

$$\text{II} = \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J' \setminus I'} \right\rangle_\omega \quad \text{and} \quad \text{III} = \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right) , b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \right\rangle_\omega$$

For the first one, we have

$$I \leq \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \setminus (1+\delta)J'} \right), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \right\rangle_\omega \right| + \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_I \mathbf{1}_{(I' \setminus J') \cap (1+\delta)J'} \right), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{J'} \right\rangle_\omega \right| \equiv I_1 + I_2$$

Using Lemma 3.4.3, $I_1 \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}$ and for I_2 we need to use random surgery.

Summing all the terms for I_2 and using Lemma 3.4.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E}_\Omega^\mathcal{G} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left(\int_{(I' \setminus J') \cap (1+\delta)J'} |b_I|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (3.4.12) \\ & \quad \cdot \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \left(\int_{J'} |b_J|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^\mathcal{G} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \\ & \quad \cdot \left| (I' \setminus J') \cap (1+\delta)J' \right|_\sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| |J'|_\omega^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^\mathcal{G} \left(\sum \left[E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right]^2 \left| (I' \setminus J') \cap (1+\delta)J' \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum \left[E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right]^2 |J'|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{n, \mathbf{r}} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left(\sum_I \sum_{I'} \left[E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right]^2 \mathbf{E}_\Omega^\mathcal{G} \sum_J \sum_{J'} \left| (I' \setminus J') \cap (1+\delta)J' \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{n, \mathbf{r}} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left(\sum_I \sum_{I'} \left[E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right]^2 \delta |I'|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{n, \mathbf{r}} \sqrt{\delta} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get the bound for II.

We are left then with III where we are integrating over $I' \cap J'$. We have to overcome two difficulties at this step. First, $I' \cap J'$ is not necessarily a cube, so we cannot apply any of the testing conditions available. Second, $I' \cap J'$, even if it is a cube, does not need to belong in either of the grids \mathcal{D} or \mathcal{G} . We would like to split $I' \cap J'$ in smaller cubes of the grid \mathcal{G} .

The problem is that the boundary of $I' \cap J'$ does not necessarily align with the grid \mathcal{G} . To deal with this, we cut a slice around $I' \cap J'$ so that what is left inside can be split in cubes of the grid \mathcal{G} . This small slice will be bounded using once again random surgery. While for the remaining cubes, we will use a more involved random surgery technique along with the \mathcal{A}_2 and testing condition.

Here are the details: Let $\eta_0 = 2^{-m}$ for m large enough. For any cube L we define the $\vec{\eta}_1$ -halo for $\vec{\eta}_1 = (\eta_1^1, \dots, \eta_1^n)$ by

$$\partial_{\vec{\eta}_1} L = (1 + \vec{\eta}_1)L - (1 - \vec{\eta}_1)L$$

where $(1 + \vec{\eta}_1)L$ means a dilation of each coordinate of L according to the corresponding coordinates of $1 + \vec{\eta}_1$. Choose the coordinates of $\vec{\eta}_1$ such that $\frac{\eta_0}{2} \leq \eta_1^i < \eta_0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ and such that if

$$I' \cap J' = \left[(I' \setminus \partial_{\vec{\eta}_1} I') \cap J' \right] \dot{\cup} \left[(\partial_{\vec{\eta}_1} I' \cap I') \cap J' \right] \equiv M \dot{\cup} L \quad (3.4.13)$$

then M consists of $B \lesssim 2^{n \cdot m}$ cubes $K_s \in \mathcal{G}$ with $\ell(K_s) \geq 2^{-m-1} \ell(J')$. Note that either M or L might be empty depending on where J' is located, but this is not a problem. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{I' \cap J'} \rangle_\omega &= \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_L \rangle_\omega + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega \\ &\quad + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_L \rangle_\omega + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega \end{aligned}$$

The first two can be estimated using Lemma 3.4.3 and a random surgery. It is important to mention here that the averages will be taken on the grid \mathcal{D} , so that we do not have common

intersection among the different translations of the halo. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_L \rangle_\omega &= \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{L \setminus (1+\delta)M} \rangle_\omega + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{L \cap (1+\delta)M} \rangle_\omega \\ &\equiv A_1 + A_2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega &= \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{M \setminus (1+\delta)L} \rangle_\omega + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{M \cap (1+\delta)L} \rangle_\omega \\ &\equiv A_3 + A_4 \end{aligned}$$

The first terms on the right hand side of both displays, A_1 and A_3 , are bounded, by applying the proof of Lemma 3.4.3 for M and L and using the fact that M consists of $B \lesssim 2^{nm}$ cubes.

The bound is a constant multiple of $2^n \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}$, which when plugged into the left hand side of (3.4.11) we get by using Cauchy-Schwarz that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| (A_1 + A_3) \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \quad (3.4.14) \\ &\lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\ &\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

For A_2 (and similarly for A_4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I), J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \cdot \left\| T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \cdot \quad (3.4.15) \\
& \quad \cdot \left\| b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{L \cap (1+\delta)M} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left| M \right|_\sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| L \cap (1+\delta)M \right|_\omega^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*, \mathbf{r}, n} \left(\sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right|^2 \left| M \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2 \left| L \cap (1+\delta)M \right|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*, \mathbf{r}, n} \sqrt{\delta} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

by noting that $(1+\delta)M \cap L$ is a halo of width δ , much smaller than η_0 (so as to get the estimate by $\sqrt{\delta}$, not $\sqrt{\eta_0}$). Although an estimate of $\sqrt{\eta_0}$ is easy to obtain (as L already has width η_0) and is sufficient for the purposes of this term, the estimate of $\sqrt{\delta}$ will be crucially used later in (3.4.19) to kill the B term. Note also that we can take the averages over all directions, so that we avoid common intersection along the different translations. Notice that L, M are "moving" together. This is not a problem since by "moving" they cover different parts of the cube J' .

Thus we only need to estimate $\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_L \rangle_\omega + \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega$. Applying

one more time random surgery to the first term we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_L), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_L \rangle_\omega E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \lesssim \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sqrt{\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left(\int_{\partial \eta_1 I' \cap J'} |b_J^*|^2 d\omega \right) \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2}
\end{aligned}$$

using (3.4.2) and the frame inequalities again. Then using Cauchy-Schwarz on the expectation $\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}}$, this is dominated by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{\sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} \left(\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}: 2^{-\mathbf{r}n} |I| < |J| \leq |I| \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)}} \left| \partial_{\overrightarrow{\eta_1}} I' \cap J' \right|_\omega \right) \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2} \\
& \lesssim \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{\sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} 2^{\mathbf{r}} \left(\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I' \in \mathcal{D}: |J'| \leq |I'| \leq 2^{\mathbf{r}} |J'|} \left| \partial_{\eta_0} I' \cap J' \right|_\omega \right) \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2} \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\eta_0} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq \sqrt{\lambda} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we have used $\eta_1^i \leq \eta_0$, and then

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{I' \in \mathcal{D}: |J'| \leq |I'| \leq 2^{\mathbf{r}} |J'|} \left| \partial_{\eta_0} I' \cap J' \right|_\omega \lesssim \eta_0 |J'|_\omega$$

as long as we choose $\eta_0 \ll 2^{-r}$.

This leaves us to estimate the term $\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega$. It is at this point that we will use the decomposition $M = \bigcup_{1 \leq s \leq B} K_s$ constructed above. We have

$$\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_M), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_M \rangle_\omega = \sum_{s, s'=1}^B \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}} \rangle_\omega$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{s=1}^B \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_s} \rangle_\omega + \left(\sum_{\substack{K_s \sim_{Sep} K_{s'} \\ K_s \sim_{Adj} K_{s'}}} \right) \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}} \rangle_\omega \quad (3.4.16)$$

where we call $K_s \sim_{Sep} K_{s'}$ the separated cubes, i.e. $3K_s \cap K_{s'} = \emptyset$, while by $K_s \sim_{Adj} K_{s'}$ are the adjacent cubes, i.e. $K_s \cap K_{s'} = \emptyset$ and $\overline{K_s} \cap \overline{K_{s'}} \neq \emptyset$. The separated terms sum can be estimated directly by $\sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}$. Indeed, as in the proof of Lemma 3.4.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}} \rangle_\omega &\lesssim \left(\int_{K_{s'}} \left(\int_{K_s} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} |b_I(y)| d\sigma(y) \right)^2 d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{s'}|_\omega} \\ &\lesssim \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus K_s} |x-x_{K_s}|^{2\alpha-2n} d\omega(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |K_s|_\sigma \sqrt{|K_{s'}|_\omega} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_s|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{s'}|_\omega} \end{aligned}$$

thus,

$$\sum_{\substack{K_s \sim_{Sep} K_{s'}}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}} \rangle_\omega \leq C_b \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim_{Sep} K_{s'}}} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_s|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{s'}|_\omega} \quad (3.4.17)$$

which plugged into (3.4.10) appropriately, we get the bound $B\sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}\sqrt{|I'|_\sigma}\sqrt{|J'|_\omega}$.

To deal with the adjacent cubes term in (3.4.16), we write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ Adj}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}} \right\rangle_\omega = \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ Adj}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \left\langle b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} (b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}}) \right\rangle_\sigma \\
= & \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ Adj}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \left\langle b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} (b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}}) \right\rangle_\sigma \\
& + \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ Adj}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \left\langle b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s \setminus (1+\delta)K_{s'}}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} (b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}}) \right\rangle_\sigma \\
\equiv & \tilde{\text{I}} + \tilde{\text{II}}
\end{aligned}$$

For $\tilde{\text{II}}$ we use Lemma 3.4.3 to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\text{II}} & \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left(\sum_{s=1}^B |K_s|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{s=1}^B \left(\sum_{s' \geq s} |K_{s'}|_\omega^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} B \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.18}$$

while summing $\tilde{\text{I}}$ over

$$\mathcal{T} = \{I \in \mathcal{D}, J \in \mathcal{N}(I), I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I), J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(J)\}$$

and using Cauchy-Schwarz, accretivity, taking averages and using Jensen, we get

(3.4.19)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^* g} \right) \right| \left| \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ \text{Adj}}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \left\langle b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}}, T_\omega^{\alpha, *}(b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_{s'}}) \right\rangle_\sigma \right| \\
& \lesssim \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^* g} \right) \right| \left| \sum_{\substack{K_s \sim \\ \text{Adj}}} \sum_{K_{s'}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{s'}|_\omega} \right| \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^* g} \right) \right| \left(\sum_{s=1}^B |K_{s'}|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{s=1}^B \left(\sum_{s \leq s'} \sqrt{|K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}|_\sigma} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^* g} \right) \right| \sqrt{|J'|_\omega} \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{s=1}^B \left(\sum_{s \leq s'} |K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}|_\sigma \cdot \sum_{s \leq s'} 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{B} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left(\sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D} \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{nat}}(I)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) \right|^2 \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{nat}}(J)}} \sum_{s=1}^B \sum_{s \leq s'} |K_s \cap (1+\delta)K_{s'}|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{B} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left(\sum_{\mathcal{T}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} f} \right) \right|^2 2^n \delta |I'|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} 2^{2n} \sqrt{B} \sqrt{\delta} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

because there are up to 2^n adjacent cubes $K_{s'}$ for a given K_s . The implied constant depends on \mathbf{r} of the nearby form. Note that δ is independent of B or \mathbf{r} and will later be chosen small enough so that the terms containing the norm inequality constant will be absorbed.

Thus now we are left only with the first term of (3.4.16), i.e. we need to estimate

$$\sum_{s=1}^B \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_I \mathbf{1}_{K_s}), b_J^* \mathbf{1}_{K_s} \rangle_\omega$$

Before proceeding further it will prove convenient to introduce some additional notation, namely we will write the energy estimate in the second display of the Energy Lemma as

$$|\langle T^\alpha \nu, \Psi_J \rangle_\omega| \lesssim C_{\gamma, \delta} P_\delta^\alpha Q^\omega(J, \nu) \|\Psi_J\|_{L^2(\mu)} \quad \text{if } \int \Psi_J d\omega = 0 \text{ and } \gamma J \cap \text{supp} \nu = \emptyset \quad (3.4.20)$$

where

$$P_\delta^\alpha Q^\omega(J, \nu) \equiv \frac{P^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|} \left\| \mathbf{Q}_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\spadesuit + \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} .$$

The use of the compact notation $P_\delta^\alpha Q^\omega(J, \nu)$ to denote the complicated expression on the right hand side will considerably reduce the size of many subsequent displays.

We now consider the inner product $\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A \mathbf{1}_K), b_B^* \mathbf{1}_K \rangle_\omega$ and estimate the case when

$$K \in \mathcal{G}, K \subset I' \cap J', I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I), J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J), I \in \mathcal{C}_A^A, J \in \mathcal{C}_B^B, \ell(K) = 2^{-m-1} \ell(J').$$

For subsets $E, F \subset A \cap B$ and cubes $K \subset A \cap B$ we define

$$\{E, F\} \equiv \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A \mathbf{1}_E), b_B^* \mathbf{1}_F \rangle_\omega , \quad (3.4.21)$$

and K_{in} the 2^n grandchildren of K that do not intersect the boundary of K while K_{out} the

rest $4^n - 2^n$ grandchildren of K that intersect its boundary i.e.

$$K_{in} = \left\{ K'' \in \mathfrak{C}^{(2)}(K) : \partial K'' \cap \partial K = \emptyset \right\}$$

$$K_{out} = \left\{ K'' \in \mathfrak{C}^{(2)}(K) : \partial K'' \cap \partial K \neq \emptyset \right\}$$

We can write

$$\{K, K\} = \{A, K_{in}\} - \{A \setminus K, K_{in}\} + \{K_{out}, K_{out}\} + \{K_{in}, K_{out}\}. \quad (3.4.22)$$

Note that the first two terms on the right hand side of (3.4.22) decompose the inner product $\{K, K_{in}\}$, which ‘includes’ one of the difficult symmetric inner product $\{K_{in}, K_{in}\}$, and where the other difficult symmetric inner products are contained in $\{K_{out}, K_{out}\}$, which can be handled recursively. Thus the difficult symmetric inner products are ultimately controlled by testing on the cube A to handle the ‘paraproduct’ term $\{A, K_{in}\}$, and by using the energy condition and a trick that resurrects the original testing functions $\{b_J^{*,orig}\}_{J \in \mathcal{G}}$, discarded in the corona constructions above, to handle the ‘stopping’ term $\{A \setminus K, K_{in}\}$. More precisely, these original testing functions $b_J^{*,orig}$ are the testing functions obtained after reducing matters to the case of bounded testing functions.

The first term on the right side of (3.4.22) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} |\{A, K_{in}\}| &= \left| \int_{K_{in}} (T_\sigma^\alpha b_A) b_B^* d\omega \right| \leq \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \quad (3.4.23) \\ &\leq \|b_B^*\|_\infty \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

We now turn to the term $\{A \setminus K, K_{in}\}$. Decompose $\mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^*$ as

$$\mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* = \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(b_B^* - \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega,$$

and then apply the Energy Lemma to the function

$$k_{K_{in}}^* \equiv \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(b_B^* - \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} k_{K_{in}}^{*,j}$$

which does indeed satisfy $\square_{K'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} k_{K_{in}}^* = 0$ unless K' is a dyadic subcube of K that is contained in K_{in} . (Furthermore, we could even replace grandchildren by m -grandchildren in this argument in order that $\square_{K'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} k_{K_{in}}^* = 0$ unless K' is a dyadic m -grandchild of K that is contained in K_{in} , but we will not need this.) We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), k_{K_{in}}^* \right\rangle_\omega \\ &+ \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) \right\rangle_\omega \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.24)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), k_{K_{in}}^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), k_{K_{in}}^{*,\ell} \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ &\leq C_{\eta_0, n} \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_\delta^\alpha Q^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right) \right] \|k_{K_{in}}^*\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

where the constant C_{η_0} depends on the constant C_γ in the statement of the Monotonicity Lemma with $\gamma = \frac{1}{1-\eta_0}$ since $\frac{1}{1-\eta_0} K_{in} \cap (A \setminus K) = \emptyset$, and where we have written $\left\{ K_{in}^\ell \right\}_{\ell=1}^{2^n}$

with K_{in}^ℓ denoting the inner grandchildren of K .

Thus we see that $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ and $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ in the Energy Lemma can be taken to be pseudo-projection onto K_{in} , i.e. $\mathbf{P}_{K_{in}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}: J \subset K_{in}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ and $\mathbf{Q}_{K_{in}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}: J \subset K_{in}} \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$, and we will see below that the cubes K_{in} that arise in subsequent arguments will be pairwise disjoint. Furthermore, the energy condition will be used to control these full pseudoprojections $\mathbf{P}_{K_{in}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ when taken over pairwise disjoint decompositions of cubes by subcubes of the form K_{in} .

However, the second line of (3.4.24) remains problematic because we cannot use any type of testing in K_{in}^ℓ with b_B^* since K_{in}^ℓ does not necessarily belong to \mathcal{C}_B , and this is our point in which we exploit the original testing functions $b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig}$.

3.4.2.1 Return to the original testing functions

From the discussion above, we recall the identity (3.4.24) and the estimate (3.4.25). We also have the analogous identity and estimate with $b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig}$ in place of $\mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^*$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig} \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig} - \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig} d\omega \right) \right\rangle_\omega \\ & \quad + \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*, orig} d\omega \right) \right\rangle_\omega \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} - \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} d\omega \right) \right\rangle_\omega \right| \quad (3.4.26) \\
& \lesssim \mathbb{P}_\delta^\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right) \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \left(b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} - \frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} d\omega \right) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq \ell \leq 2^n$, where the implied constants depend on L^∞ norms of testing functions and the constant in the Energy Lemma. Using the notation

$$\left\{ K_{out}, K_{in}^\ell \right\}^{orig} \equiv \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}}, b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\omega \text{ for } 1 \leq \ell \leq 2^n.$$

note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{A \setminus K, K_{in}\} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\{ K_{out}, K_{in}^\ell \right\}^{orig} \\
& = \{A \setminus K, K_{in}\} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\omega \\
& \quad + \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left[\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_A \right), b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\omega - \left\langle b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\sigma \right] \\
& \equiv \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}
\end{aligned}$$

Now for \mathbf{B} , using Energy Lemma to the function

$$\Psi_J^\ell = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} - \left(\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell}$$

for $1 \leq \ell \leq 2^n$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathbf{B}| &= \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega - \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&+ O \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(K_{in}^\ell \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{K_{in}^\ell}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \right) \right] \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \\
&+ O \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(K_{in}^\ell \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \left\| x - m_{K_{in}^\ell} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \right) \right] \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \\
&\lesssim \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_\delta^\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right) \right] \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

having used the triangle inequality to get

$$\left\| \Psi_J^\ell \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \lesssim \left| \frac{\int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right| \sqrt{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} + \sqrt{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \lesssim \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}, \quad 1 \leq \ell \leq 2^n$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega - \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\lesssim \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_\delta^\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right) \right] \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}''} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(b_B^* - \frac{1}{|K_{in}''|} \int_{K_{in}''} b_B^* d\omega \right) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
&\lesssim \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_\delta^\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right) \right] \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used accretivity and triangle inequality. We turn our attention in term **C**. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A \mathbf{1}_A), b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
& \lesssim \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \sqrt{\int_{K_\ell''} |T_\sigma^\alpha b_A|^2 d\omega} \sqrt{\int_{K_{in}^\ell} |b_{K_\ell''}^{*,orig}|^2 d\omega} \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\int_{K_{in}} |T_\sigma^\alpha b_A|^2 d\omega} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\left| \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\sigma \right| \equiv \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{I} &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}}, \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}^\ell} T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\sigma \\
\text{II} &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in} \setminus (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\sigma \\
\text{III} &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \left\langle b_A \mathbf{1}_{(K_{in} \setminus K_{in}^\ell) \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell}, T_\omega^{\alpha,*} b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\rangle_\sigma
\end{aligned}$$

The first term I is bounded using the dual testing condition. Indeed,

$$\text{I} \leq \|b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}}\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathfrak{T}^* C_{\mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{|K_{in}^\ell|} \leq 2^n \mathfrak{T}^* C_{\mathbf{b}^*} \|b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}}\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}$$

The second term II is bounded using Lemma 3.4.3. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{II} &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{in} \setminus (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \\ &\leq 2^n \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{III} &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left\| T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A \mathbf{1}_{(K_{in} \setminus K_{in}^\ell) \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell}) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| b_{K_{in}^\ell}^{*,orig} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ &\leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left| (K_{in} \setminus K_{in}^\ell) \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \\ &\equiv \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \cdot \Delta(K) \end{aligned}$$

where we have defined

$$\Delta(K) = \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left| (K_{in} \setminus K_{in}^\ell) \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}^\ell \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}$$

This last term will be iterated and a final random surgery will give us the desired bound.

3.4.2.2 A finite iteration and a final random surgery.

Letting

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{A,B}(K_{in}) &= \left\| \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha (b_A) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_\delta^\alpha Q^\omega \left(K_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \right) \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \\ &\quad + \left(\mathfrak{T}^\alpha + \mathfrak{T}^{\alpha,*} + \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \end{aligned} \tag{3.4.27}$$

and simplifying more our notation

$$\{K_{out}, K_{in}\}^{orig} \equiv \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^* d\omega}{\frac{1}{|K_{in}^\ell|_\omega} \int_{K_{in}^\ell} b_B^{*,orig} d\omega} \right) \{K_{out}, K_{in}^\ell\}^{orig}$$

we have so far that (3.4.22) is written as

$$\{K, K\} = \{K_{out}, K_{in}\}^{orig} + \{K_{out}, K_{out}\} + \{K_{in}, K_{out}\} + O(\Phi^{A,B}(K_{in}) + \Delta(K))$$

Now

$$\{K_{out}, K_{out}\} = \sum_{\ell} \{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^\ell\} + \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell = \emptyset}} \{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m\} + \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell \neq \emptyset}} \{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m\}$$

where $K_{out}^\ell, 1 \leq \ell \leq 4^n - 2^n$, are the outer grandchildren of K . For the second sum above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell = \emptyset}} \{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m\} \right| &\lesssim \sqrt{2}^\alpha \sum_{\ell} \sqrt{|K_{out}^\ell|_\sigma} \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell = \emptyset}} \sqrt{|K_{out}^m|_\omega} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{2}^\alpha \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\omega} \end{aligned}$$

where the implied constant depends on dimension and the accretivity of functions involved and since $\text{dist}(K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m) \geq \ell(K_{out}^\ell)$ there is no δ . For the third sum, we need to use random

surgery again. Using Lemma 3.4.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m\}| &= \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^\ell} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^m} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\leq \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^\ell \setminus (1+\delta)K_{out}^m} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^m} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| + \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^\ell \cap (1+\delta)K_{out}^m} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{out}^m} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\leq \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}^\ell|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{out}^m|_\omega} + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}^m|_\omega} \sqrt{|K_{out}^\ell \cap (1+\delta)K_{out}^m|_\sigma}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, summing

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_\ell \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell \neq \emptyset}} |\{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^m\}| \tag{3.4.28} \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\omega} + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_\ell \sum_{\substack{m \neq \ell \\ K_{out}^m \cap K_{out}^\ell \neq \emptyset}} \sqrt{|K_{out}^m|_\omega} \sqrt{|K_{out}^\ell \cap (1+\delta)K_{out}^m|_\sigma} \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\omega} + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_\ell \left(\sum_{m \neq \ell} |K_{out}^\ell \cap (1+\delta)K_{out}^m|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\mathbf{E}(K) = \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_\ell \left(\sum_{m \neq \ell} |K_{out}^\ell \cap (1+\delta)K_{out}^m|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\omega}$$

We will iterate this term below and we will the necessary bound. We now turn to $\{K_{in}, K_{out}\}$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&|\{K_{in}, K_{out}\}| \\
&\leq \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out} \setminus (1+\delta)K_{in}} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| + \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{K_{out} \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}} \right), \mathbf{1}_{K_{in}} b_B^* \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \sqrt{|K_{out} \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}|_\sigma}
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly $|\{K_{out}, K_{in}\}^{orig}|$ is bounded by

$$\lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} + \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega} \sqrt{|K_{out} \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}|_\sigma}$$

Let

$$\mathbf{F}(K) = \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|K_{out} \cap (1+\delta)K_{in}|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K_{in}|_\omega}$$

Using the bounds we found above we have from (3.4.22),

$$\begin{aligned} |\{K, K\}| &\lesssim \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} |\{K_{out}^\ell, K_{out}^\ell\}| + O(\Phi^{A,B}(K_{in})) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{\Delta}(K) + \mathbf{E}(K) + \mathbf{F}(K) + C_{\delta, \eta_0, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K|_\omega} \end{aligned}$$

Iterating the first term above a *finite* number of times, using again the norm inequality and a final random surgery we get the bound we need. Indeed, for $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\{K, K\}| &\leq \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} |\{M, M\}| + O \left(\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*} [\Phi^{A,B}(M_{in})] + \mathbf{\Delta}(M) + \mathbf{E}(M) + \mathbf{F}(M) \right) \\ &\quad + C_{\delta, \eta_0, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*} \sqrt{|M|_\sigma} \sqrt{|M|_\omega} \\ &\equiv A(K) + B(K) + C(K) = A_{(I', J')}(K) + B_{(I', J')}(K) + C_{(I', J')}(K) \quad (3.4.29) \end{aligned}$$

where the collections of cubes $\mathcal{M}_\nu = \mathcal{M}_\nu(K)$ and $\mathcal{M}_\nu^* = \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)$ are defined recursively by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_0 &\equiv \{K\}, \\ \mathcal{M}_{k+1} &\equiv \bigcup_{M \in \mathcal{M}_k} \{M_{out}^\ell\}, \quad k \geq 0, \\ \mathcal{M}_\nu^* &\equiv \bigcup_{k=0}^{\nu} \mathcal{M}_k.\end{aligned}$$

We will include the subscript (I', J') in the notation when we want to indicate the pair (I', J') that are defined after (3.4.13). Now the term $C(K)$ can be estimated by

$$C(K) = C_{\delta, \eta_0, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*} \sqrt{|M|_\sigma} \sqrt{|M|_\omega} \leq \nu C_{\delta, \eta_0, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \sqrt{|K|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K|_\omega} \quad (3.4.30)$$

where ν is chosen below depending on η_0 . For the first term $A(K)$, we will apply the norm inequality and use probability, namely

$$\begin{aligned}|A(K)| &\leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} \sqrt{|M|_\sigma} \sqrt{|M|_\omega} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} |M|_\sigma} \sqrt{\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} |M|_\omega} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} |M|_\sigma} \sqrt{|K|_\omega},\end{aligned}$$

where $\sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}}$ is an upper bound for the testing functions involved, followed by

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left(\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu} |M|_\sigma \right) \leq \varepsilon |I'|_\sigma,$$

for a sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, where *roughly speaking*, we use the fact that the cubes $M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu$ depend on the grid \mathcal{G} and form a relatively small proportion of I' , which captures only a small amount of the total mass $|I'|_\sigma$ as the grid is translated relative to the grid \mathcal{D} that contains I' .

Here are the details. Recall that the cubes K are taken from the set of consecutive cubes $\{K_i\}_{i=1}^B$ that lie in $I' \cap J'$, that the cubes $M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)$ have length $\frac{1}{4^{n\nu}}\ell(K_i)$, and that there are $(4^n - 2^n)^\nu$ such cubes in $\mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)$ for each i . Thus we have

$$\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K)} |M| = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K)} \frac{1}{4^{n\nu}} |K| = (4^n - 2^n)^\nu \frac{1}{4^{n\nu}} |K|$$

and $\left(\frac{4^n - 2^n}{4^n}\right)^\nu \rightarrow 0$ as $\nu \rightarrow \infty$, which implies

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)} |M|_\sigma \right) \leq B \left(\frac{4^n - 2^n}{4^n} \right)^\nu |I'|_\sigma \leq \varepsilon |I'|_\sigma$$

where we have used that the variable B is at most 2^{nm} and where the final inequality holds if ν is chosen large enough such that $B \left(\frac{4^n - 2^n}{4^n}\right)^\nu \leq \varepsilon$. Then we have by Cauchy-Schwarz

applied first to $\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)}$ and then to $\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B |A(K_i)| \right) &\leq \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)} |M|_\sigma \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}} \quad (3.4.31) \\ &\leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu(K_i)} |M|_\sigma \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{\varepsilon |I'|_\sigma \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}} = \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{b}} C_{\mathbf{b}^*}} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}}, \end{aligned}$$

as required.

Now we turn to summing up the remaining terms

$B(K) = C \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*} \Phi^{A,B}(M_{in}) + \mathbf{\Delta}(M) + \mathbf{E}(M) + \mathbf{F}(M)$ above. In the case when the cube I' is a *natural* child of I , i.e. $I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)$ so that $I' \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{A}}$, we have

$$\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{M_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \int_{M_{in}} |T_\sigma^\alpha b_A|^2 d\omega \leq \int_{I'} |T_\sigma^\alpha b_A|^2 d\omega \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \right)^2 |I'|_\sigma$$

by the weak testing condition for I' in the corona \mathcal{C}_A . Also,

$$\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} |M_{in}|_\omega \leq |K|_\omega \leq |J'|_\omega$$

because of the crucial fact that the cubes $\{M_{in}\}_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)}$ form a pairwise disjoint subdecomposition of $K \subset I' \cap J'$ (for any $\nu \geq 1$). Of course, this implies

$$\left(\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} (\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha, *} + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha)^2 |M_{in}|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} |M_{in}|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim (\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha, *} + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha) \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma |J'|_\omega}$$

and using the definition of $\mathbf{P}_\delta^\alpha \mathbf{Q}^\omega(J, v)$ in (3.4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbf{P}_\delta^\alpha \mathbf{Q}^\omega \left(M_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma \right)^2 \\ & \lesssim \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(M_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_A \sigma \right)}{|M_{in}^\ell|} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{M_{in}^\ell} \right\|_{L^2 \left(\mathbf{1}_{M_{in}^\ell} \omega \right)}^2 \\ & \lesssim (\mathfrak{E}_2^\alpha + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha) |I'|_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

upon using the stopping energy condition for I' in the corona \mathcal{C}_A , i.e. the failure of (3.1.28),

in the corona \mathcal{C}_A with the subdecomposition

$$I' \supset \bigcup_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{2^n} M_{in}^\ell$$

Combining these four bounds together with the definition of $\Phi^{A,B}$ in (3.4.27), after applying Cauchy-Schwarz, gives

$$\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_\nu^*(K)} \Phi^{A,B}(M_{in}) \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \cdot \mathcal{N}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{V}_\alpha \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma |J'|_\omega}$$

In particular then, if we now sum over *natural* children I' of $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ and the associated children J' of $J \in \mathcal{N}(I)$, where

$$\mathcal{N}(I) \equiv \left\{ J \in \mathcal{G} : 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) < \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \text{ and } d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \right\}.$$

we obtain the following corona estimate, using the collection of K that is defined after

(3.4.13),

(3.4.32)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ K \in \mathcal{K}(I', J')}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left| B_{(I', J')} (K) \right| \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \cdot B \cdot \mathcal{NTV}_\alpha \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma |J'|_\omega} \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \cdot B \cdot \mathcal{NTV}_\alpha \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)} |I'|_\sigma \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \cdot B \cdot \mathcal{NTV}_\alpha \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, nearby}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, nearby} = \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \mathcal{N}(I)$, and the final line uses (3.4.2) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(I)} |I'|_\sigma \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right|^2 &= \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \left\| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \leq \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2}
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly for the sum in J and J' , once we note that given $J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, nearby}$, there are only boundedly many $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ for which $J \in \mathcal{N}(I)$.

In order to deal with this sum in the case when the child I' is broken, we must take the estimate one step further and sum over those broken cubes I' whose parents belong to the corona \mathcal{C}_A , i.e. $\{I' \in \mathcal{D} : I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I) \text{ for some } I \in \mathcal{C}_A\}$. Of course this collection is

precisely the set of \mathcal{A} -children of A , i.e.

$$\{I' \in \mathcal{D} : I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I) \text{ for some } I \in \mathcal{C}_A\} = \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A). \quad (3.4.33)$$

To obtain the same corona estimate when summing over broken I' , we will exploit the fact that the cubes $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ are pairwise disjoint. But first we note that when I' is a broken child, neither weak testing nor stopping energy is available. But if we sum over such broken I' , and use (3.4.33) to see that the broken children are pairwise disjoint, we obtain the following estimate where for convenience we use the notation $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu} \equiv \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{K}(I', J')} \mathcal{M}_{\nu}^*(K)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ K \in \mathcal{K}(I', J')}} \left| E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left| B_{(I', J')}(K) \right| \left| E_{J'}^{\omega} \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\ & \lesssim \delta^{\alpha-n} \cdot B \cdot \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_{\alpha} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \left| E_{I'}^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \sqrt{|J'|_{\omega}} \left| E_{J'}^{\omega} \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\ & \cdot \left(\sum_{M \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu}} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{M_{in}} T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \sum_{M \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_{\delta}^{\alpha} Q^{\omega} \left(M_{in}^{\ell}, \mathbf{1}_A \sigma \right)^2 + \sum_{M \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu}} |M_{in}|_{\sigma} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \lesssim B \delta^{\alpha-n} \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_{\alpha} \left(\sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \sum_{M \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu}} \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{1}_{M_{in}} T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} P_{\delta}^{\alpha} Q^{\omega} \left(M_{in}^{\ell}, \mathbf{1}_A \sigma \right)^2 |M_{in}|_{\sigma} \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \cdot \left(\frac{1}{|A|_{\sigma}} \int_A |f| d\sigma \right) \left(\sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{G}, \text{nearby}} \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A: \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}(I)} |J'|_{\omega} \left| E_{J'}^{\omega} \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

which gives that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J \in \mathcal{N}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I) \& J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J) \\ K \in \mathcal{K}(I', J')}} \left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \left| B_{(I', J')} (K) \right| \left| E_{J'}^\omega \left(\widehat{\square}_J^{\omega, b, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right| \\
& \lesssim \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \sqrt{|A|_\sigma \left(\frac{1}{|A|_\sigma} \int_A |f| d\sigma \right)^2} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\omega \mathcal{G}_{nearby} g \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.34}$$

because

$$\left| E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\int_I b_I d\sigma} \int_I f d\sigma \right| \lesssim \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I |f| d\sigma \lesssim \frac{1}{|A|_\sigma} \int_A |f| d\sigma$$

if $I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)$ and $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$, and because

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \sum_{M \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\nu} \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{1}_{M_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^n} \mathbb{P}_\delta^\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\omega \left(M_{in}^\ell, \mathbf{1}_{A\sigma} \right)^2 + |M_{in}|_\sigma \right\} \\
& \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \mathfrak{C}_2^\alpha + 1 \right)^2 |A|_\sigma
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4.35}$$

Indeed, in this last inequality (3.4.35), we have used first the testing condition,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} \sum_{M \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_\nu} \left\| \mathbf{1}_{M_{in}} T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 & \leq \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{N}(I) \\ J' \in \mathfrak{C}(J)}} |I|_\sigma \\
& \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)}} |I|_\sigma \leq \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} |A|_\sigma
\end{aligned}$$

where in the first inequality we used the fact that the M_{in} that appear are all disjoint and form a subdecomposition of $I' \subset I$ and then used testing. On the second inequality we used the bounded overlap of J for any given I , since we are in the case of nearby cubes, and we get the last inequality because the $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$, which have a broken child I' , are disjoint and form a subdecomposition of A . The same argument can be applied for the second sum of (3.4.35) upon using the energy condition for all $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ which have a broken child I' and using the finite repetition again since we are in the nearby form.

The inequality (3.4.34) is a suitable estimate since

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \sqrt{|A|_\sigma \left(\frac{1}{|A|_\sigma} \int_A |f| d\sigma \right)^2} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{nearby}}}^\omega g \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\sigma)}$$

by quasiorthogonality and the frame inequalities (3.1.40) and (3.1.51), together with the bounded overlap of the ‘nearby’ coronas $\left\{ \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{nearby}} \right\}_{A \in \mathcal{A}}$. We are left with estimating $\mathbf{\Delta}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ that we get after the iteration.

Let us first deal with $\mathbf{\Delta}$. By $K_{i,\ell}^j$ we mean a grandchild of a cube K_i^j and K_i^j comes from K_i after having iterated j times, so $K_{i,\ell}^j$ is a $(2j+2)$ -child of K_i . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^\nu \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \mathbf{\Delta}(K_{i,\ell}^j) \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*, \nu} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^\nu \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \left(\sum_{q=1}^{2^n} \left| (K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^j \setminus K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^{j,q}) \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^{j,q} \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|K_{i,\ell}^j|_\omega} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*, \nu} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^\nu \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{q=1}^{2^n} \left| (K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^j \setminus K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^{j,q}) \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^{j,q} \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega} \end{aligned}$$

where $K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^{j,q}$ is one of the inner grandchildren of $K_{i,\ell, \text{in}}^j$. Now fixing $q = q_0$ and taking

averages over the grid \mathcal{G} we get

$$\mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} \left| (K_{i,\ell,in}^j \setminus K_{i,\ell,in}^{j,q}) \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell,in}^{j,q} \right|_{\sigma} \leq C_n \delta |I|_{\sigma}$$

the constant depends on dimension since for the same i, j we can have intersection as ℓ moves. Adding the different q we get finally

$$\mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} \Delta(K_{i,\ell}^j) \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{b}^*,\nu,n} \sqrt{\delta} \sqrt{|I'|_{\sigma}} \sqrt{|J'|_{\omega}}. \quad (3.4.36)$$

For \mathbf{F} we get,

$$\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} \mathbf{F}(K_{i,\ell}^j) \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{b}^*} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} \left| K_{i,\ell,out}^j \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell,in}^j \right|_{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|J'|_{\omega}}$$

and again averaging over grids \mathcal{G} , we get the bound

$$\mathbf{E}_{\Omega}^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^n-2^n} \mathbf{F}(K_{i,\ell}^j) \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T\alpha} C_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{b}^*} \sqrt{\delta} \sqrt{|I'|_{\sigma}} \sqrt{|J'|_{\omega}} \quad (3.4.37)$$

Note here that upon choosing δ small enough there is no repetition in the different terms

that arise. Finally, for \mathbf{E} , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \mathbf{E}(K_{i,\ell}^j) \tag{3.4.38} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{q=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \left(\sum_{r>q} \left| K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,q} \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,r} \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\left| K_{i,\ell,out}^j \right|_\omega} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{q=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{r>q} \left| K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,q} \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,r} \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{q=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{r>q} \left| K_{i,\ell,out}^j \right|_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \cdot C_{n,\nu} \left(\sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{q=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \sum_{r>q} \left| K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,q} \cap (1+\delta)K_{i,\ell,out}^{j,r} \right|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking averages,

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{4^{n-2^n}} \mathbf{E}(K_{i,\ell}^j) \leq \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \cdot C_{n,\nu} \sqrt{\delta} \sqrt{|I'|_\sigma} \sqrt{|J'|_\omega}$$

The constant $C_{n,\nu}$ comes from the intersection of the sets $K_{i,\ell,out}^j$.

Recall that after splitting in the cases of δ -separated and δ -close cubes, we got the bound (3.4.7) in the separated case and after an initial application of random surgery, we reduced the proof of Proposition 3.4.1 to establishing inequality (3.4.11). Then using the bounds in (3.4.12), (3.4.14), (3.4.15), (3.4.16), (3.4.17), (3.4.18) we reduced $P(I, J)$ to getting a bound for $\{K, K\}$ in the notation used in (3.4.21). Then using the estimates in (3.4.30), (3.4.31), (3.4.32) and (3.4.34) together with (3.4.29), (3.4.36), (3.4.37) and (3.4.38) establishes probabilistic control of the sum of all the inner products $\{K, K\}$ taken over appropriate cubes K , yielding (3.4.11) as required if we choose $\varepsilon, \lambda, \eta_0$ and δ sufficiently small. And combining

all the above bounds we proved proposition 3.4.1, namely we got the bound

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: 2^{-\mathbf{r}n}|I| < |J| \leq |I| \\ d(J,I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \\ \left(C_\theta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \sqrt{\theta} \mathfrak{R}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

3.5 Main below form

Now we turn to controlling the main below form (3.2.17),

$$\Theta_2^{good}(f, g) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{J \not\subseteq I: \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)} \int \left(T_\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g d\omega.$$

To control $\Theta_2^{good}(f, g) \equiv \mathbf{B}_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ we first perform the *canonical corona splitting* of $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ into a diagonal form and a far below form, namely $\mathbb{T}_{diagonal}(f, g)$ and $\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}(f, g)$ as in [48]. This *canonical splitting* of the form $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ involves the corona pseudoprojections $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$ acting on f and the *shifted* corona pseudoprojections $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ acting on g , where B is a stopping cube in \mathcal{A} . The stopping cubes \mathcal{B} constructed relative to $g \in L^2(\omega)$ play no role in the analysis here, except to guarantee that the frame and weak Riesz inequalities hold for g and $\left\{ \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\}_{J \in \mathcal{G}}$. Here the shifted corona $\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ is defined to include those cubes $J \in \mathcal{G}$ such $J^{\mathfrak{X}} \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{D}}$. Recall that the parameters τ and ρ are fixed to satisfy

$$\tau > \mathbf{r} \text{ and } \rho > \mathbf{r} + \tau,$$

where \mathbf{r} is the goodness parameter already fixed in (3.2.16).

Definition 3.5.1. For $B \in \mathcal{A}$ we define the shifted \mathcal{G} -corona by

$$\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift} = \left\{ J \in \mathcal{G} : J^{\mathfrak{X}} \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{D}} \right\}.$$

We will use repeatedly the fact that the shifted coronas $\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift}$ are pairwise disjoint in B :

$$\sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift}}(J) \leq \mathbf{1}, \quad J \in \mathcal{D}. \quad (3.5.1)$$

The forms $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}(f, g)$ are no longer linear in f and g as the ‘cut’ is determined by the coronas $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift}$, which depend on f as well as the measures σ and ω . However, if the coronas are held fixed, then the forms can be considered bilinear in f and g . It is convenient at this point to introduce the following shorthand notation:

$$\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} \equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift} : J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I \\ \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega. \quad (3.5.2)$$

Caution One must not assume, from the notation on the left hand side above, that the function $T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right)$ is simply integrated against the function $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G},shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$. Indeed, the sum on the right hand side is taken over pairs (I, J) such that $J^{\mathfrak{X}} \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{D}}$ and $J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I$ and $\ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)$.

3.5.1 The canonical splitting and local below forms

We then have the canonical splitting determined by the coronas $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}$ for $A \in \mathcal{A}$ (the stopping times \mathcal{B} play no explicit role in the canonical splitting of the below form, other than to

guarantee the weak Riesz inequalities for the dual martingale pseudoprojections $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}(f, g) \tag{3.5.3} \\
&= \sum_{A, B \in \mathcal{A}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} \\
&= \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} + \sum_{\substack{A, B \in \mathcal{A} \\ B \subsetneq A}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\substack{A, B \in \mathcal{A} \\ B \supsetneq A}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} + \sum_{A \cap B = \emptyset} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_B}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} \\
&\equiv \mathbf{T}_{diagonal}(f, g) + \mathbf{T}_{farbelow}(f, g) + \mathbf{T}_{farabove}(f, g) + \mathbf{T}_{disjoint}(f, g).
\end{aligned}$$

Now the final two terms $\mathbf{T}_{farabove}(f, g)$ and $\mathbf{T}_{disjoint}(f, g)$ each vanish since there are no pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \times \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ with both (i) $J^{\star} \subsetneq I$ and (ii) either $B \subsetneq A$ or $B \cap A = \emptyset$. The far below form $\mathbf{T}_{farbelow}(f, g)$ requires functional energy, which we discuss in a moment.

Next we follow this splitting by a further decomposition of the diagonal form into local below forms $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho}^A(f, g)$ given by the individual corona pieces

$$\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) \equiv \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega^{\in \rho, \varepsilon} \tag{3.5.4}$$

and prove the following estimate:

$$\left| \mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) \right| \lesssim \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \left(\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \sqrt{|A|_\sigma} + \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \mathcal{G}_{, shift} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star.$$

This reduces matters to the local forms since we then have from Cauchy-Schwarz that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| \mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) \right| &\lesssim \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \left(\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)^2 |A|_\sigma + \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

by the lower frame inequalities

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$$

using also quasi-orthogonality $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(f)^2 |A|_\sigma \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2$ in the stopping cubes \mathcal{A} , and the pairwise disjointedness of the shifted coronas $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$:

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \leq \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{D}}.$$

From now on we will often write \mathcal{C}_A in place of $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}$ when no confusion is possible.

Finally, the local forms $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho, \varepsilon}^A(f, g)$ are decomposed into stopping $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$, paraproduct $\mathbf{B}_{paraproduct}^A(f, g)$ and neighbour $\mathbf{B}_{neighbour}^A(f, g)$ forms. The paraproduct and neighbour terms are handled as in [48], which in turn follows the treatment originating in [38], and this leaves only the stopping form $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$ to be bounded, which we treat last by adapting the bottom/up stopping time and recursion of M. Lacey in [26].

However, in order to obtain the required bounds of the above forms into which the below form $\mathbf{B}_{\in \rho}(f, g)$ was decomposed, we need functional energy. Recall that the vector-valued

function \mathbf{b} in the accretive coronas ‘breaks’ only at a collection of cubes satisfying a Carleson condition. We define $\mathcal{M}_{(\mathbf{r},\varepsilon)\text{-deep}}(F)$ to consist of the *maximal* \mathbf{r} -deeply embedded dyadic \mathcal{G} -subcubes of a \mathcal{D} -cube F - see (??) in Appendix B of [54] for more detail.

Definition 3.5.2. *Let $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha = \mathfrak{F}_\alpha(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G})$ be the smallest constant in the ‘functional energy’ inequality below, holding for all $h \in L^2(\sigma)$ and all σ -Carleson collections $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{D}$ with Carleson norm $C_{\mathcal{F}}$ bounded by a fixed constant C :*

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_{(\mathbf{r},1)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{D}}(F)} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(M, h\sigma)}{|M|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}; M}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \leq \mathfrak{F}_\alpha \|h\|_{L^2(\sigma)}, \quad (3.5.5)$$

The main ingredient used in reducing control of the below form $\mathbb{B}_{\in\rho}(f, g)$ to control of the functional energy \mathfrak{F}_α constant and the stopping form $\mathbb{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$, is the Intertwining Proposition from [48]. The control of the functional energy condition by the energy and Muckenhoupt conditions must also be adapted in light of the p -weakly accretive function \mathbf{b} that only ‘breaks’ at a collection of cubes satisfying a Carleson condition, but this poses no real difficulties. The fact that the usual Haar bases are orthonormal is here replaced by the weaker condition that the corresponding broken Haar ‘bases’ are merely frames satisfying certain lower and weak upper Riesz inequalities, but again this poses no real difference in the arguments. Finally, the fact that goodness for J has been replaced with weak goodness, namely $J^{\spadesuit} \subsetneq I$, again forces no real change in the arguments.

We then use the paraproduct / neighbour / stopping splitting mentioned above to reduce

boundedness of $B_{\in\rho,\varepsilon}^A(f, g)$ to boundedness of the associated stopping form

$$B_{stop}^A(f, g) \equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J \not\subseteq I \\ \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)}} \left(E_{I_J}^\sigma \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J} b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \quad (3.5.6)$$

where f is supported in the cube A and its expectations $E_I^\sigma |f|$ are bounded by $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ for $I \in \mathcal{C}_A^\sigma$, the dual martingale support of f is contained in the corona \mathcal{C}_A^σ , and the dual martingale support of g is contained in $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$, and where I_J is the \mathcal{D} -child of I that contains J .

3.5.2 Diagonal and far below forms

Now we turn to the *diagonal* and the *far below* terms $\mathbb{T}_{diagonal}(f, g)$ and $\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}(f, g)$, where in [48] the far below terms were bounded using the Intertwining Proposition and the control of functional energy condition by the energy conditions, but of course under the restriction there that the cubes J were good. Here we write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{T}_{farbelow}(f, g) &= \sum_{\substack{A, B \in \mathcal{A} \\ B \subsetneq A}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \left(\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right) \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: B \subsetneq I} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &\quad - \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: B \subsetneq I} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ \ell(J) > 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^1(f, g) - \mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^2(f, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5.7)$$

since if $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ and $J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$, with $J^{\blackstar} \subsetneq I$ and $B \subsetneq A$, then we must have $B \subsetneq I$.

First, we note that expectation of the second sum $\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^2(f, g)$ is controlled by (3.4.1) in Proposition 3.4.1, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left| \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: B \subsetneq I} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ \ell(J) > 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
& \lesssim \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I) < \ell(J) \leq \ell(I) \\ d(J, I) \leq 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
& \lesssim \left(C_\theta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \sqrt{\theta} \mathfrak{R}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}.
\end{aligned}$$

The form $\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^1(f, g)$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}^1(f, g) &= \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}: B \subsetneq I} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), g_B \right\rangle_\omega; \\
\text{where } g_B &\equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_B^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g
\end{aligned}$$

and the Intertwining Proposition 3.5.7 can now be applied to this latter form to show that it is bounded by $\mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \mathfrak{F}_\alpha$. Then Proposition ?? can be applied to show that $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha \lesssim \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha + \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha$, which completes the proof that

$$|\mathbb{T}_{farbelow}(f, g)| \lesssim \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \quad (3.5.8)$$

3.5.3 Intertwining Proposition

First we adapt the relevant definitions and theorems from [48].

Definition 3.5.3. A collection \mathcal{F} of dyadic cubes is σ -Carleson if

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}: F \subset S} |F|_\sigma \leq C_{\mathcal{F}} |S|_\sigma, \quad S \in \mathcal{F}.$$

The constant $C_{\mathcal{F}}$ is referred to as the Carleson norm of \mathcal{F} .

Definition 3.5.4. Let \mathcal{F} be a collection of dyadic cubes in a grid \mathcal{D} . Then for $F \in \mathcal{F}$, we define the shifted corona $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ in analogy with Definition 3.5.1 by

$$\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift} = \left\{ J \in \mathcal{G} : J^{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{C}_F \right\}.$$

Note that the collections $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ are pairwise disjoint in F . Let $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)$ denote the set of \mathcal{F} -children of F . Given any collection $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$ of cubes, a family \mathbf{b}^* of dual testing functions, and an arbitrary cube $K \in \mathcal{P}$, we define the corresponding dual pseudoprojection $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ and its localization $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{H}; K}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ to K by

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} = \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}} \Delta_H^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}; K}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} = \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}: H \subset K} \Delta_H^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}. \quad (3.5.9)$$

Recall from Definition 3.5.2 that $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha = \mathfrak{F}_\alpha(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G}) = \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{\mathbf{b}^*}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G})$ is the best constant in (3.5.5), i.e.

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}_{(\mathbf{r}, 1)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{D}}(F)} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(M, h\sigma)}{|M|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}; M}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \leq \mathfrak{F}_\alpha \|h\|_{L^2(\sigma)}.$$

Remark 3.5.5. If in (3.5.5), we take $h = \mathbf{1}_I$ and \mathcal{F} to be the trivial Carleson collection $\{I_r\}_{r=1}^\infty$ where the cubes I_r are pairwise disjoint in I , then we obtain the deep energy

condition in Definition ??, but with $\mathbf{P}_F^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ in place of $\mathbf{P}_J^{\text{weakgood}, \omega}$. However, the pseudoprojection $\mathbf{P}_J^{\text{weakgood}, \omega}$ is larger than $\mathbf{P}_F^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$, and so we just miss obtaining the deep energy condition as a consequence of the functional energy condition. Nevertheless, this near miss with $h = \mathbf{1}_I$ explains the terminology ‘functional’ energy.

We will need the following ‘indicator’ version of the estimates proved above for the disjoint form.

Lemma 3.5.6. *Suppose T^α is a standard fractional singular integral with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, that $\rho > \mathbf{r}$, that $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ and $g \in L^2(\omega)$, that $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{D}^\sigma$ and $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{D}^\omega$ are σ -Carleson and ω -Carleson collections respectively, i.e.,*

$$\sum_{F' \in \mathcal{F}: F' \subset F} |F'|_\sigma \lesssim |F|_\sigma, \quad F \in \mathcal{F}, \text{ and } \sum_{G' \in \mathcal{G}: G' \subset G} |G'|_\omega \lesssim |G|_\omega, \quad G \in \mathcal{G},$$

that there are numerical sequences $\{\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)\}_{F \in \mathcal{F}}$ and $\{\beta_{\mathcal{G}}(G)\}_{G \in \mathcal{G}}$ such that

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)^2 |F|_\sigma \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \text{ and } \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \beta_{\mathcal{G}}(G)^2 |G|_\omega \leq \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2, \quad (3.5.10)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(F) \\ d(J, F) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(F)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_F \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & + \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{D}: \ell(I) \leq \ell(G) \\ d(I, G) > 2\ell(I)^\varepsilon \ell(G)^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f), \mathbf{1}_G \beta_{\mathcal{G}}(G) \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5.11)$$

The proof of this lemma is similar to those of Lemmas 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 in Section 3.3 above, using the square function inequalities for $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$, $\nabla_{I, \mathcal{F}}^\sigma$ and $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$, $\nabla_{J, \mathcal{G}}^\omega$.

Proposition 3.5.7 (The Intertwining Proposition). *Let \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} be grids, and suppose that \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{b}^* are ∞ -weakly σ -accretive families of cubes in \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} respectively. Suppose that $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{D}$ is σ -Carleson and that the \mathcal{F} -coronas*

$$\mathcal{C}_F \equiv \{I \in \mathcal{D} : I \subset F \text{ but } I \not\subset F' \text{ for } F' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)\}$$

satisfy

$$E_I^\sigma |f| \lesssim E_F^\sigma |f| \text{ and } b_I = \mathbf{1}_I b_F, \quad \text{for all } I \in \mathcal{C}_F, F \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^\mathcal{D} \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{I: I \not\supseteq F} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| &\lesssim \\ \left(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha + \mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \delta^{\alpha-n} + \delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the implied constant depends on the σ -Carleson norm $C_{\mathcal{F}}$ of the family \mathcal{F} .

Proof. We write the sum on the left hand side of the display above as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{I: I \not\supseteq F} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\sum_{I: I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (f_F^*), g_F \rangle_\omega; \end{aligned}$$

where $f_F^* \equiv \sum_{I: I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ and $g_F \equiv \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$.

Note that g_F is supported in F . By the telescoping identity for $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}$, the function f_F^*

satisfies

$$\mathbf{1}_F f_F^* = \sum_{I: I_\infty \supset I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = \mathbb{F}_F^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - \mathbf{1}_F \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = b_F \frac{E_F^\sigma f}{E_F^\sigma b_F} - \mathbf{1}_F b_{I_\infty} \frac{E_{I_\infty}^\sigma f}{E_{I_\infty}^\sigma b_{I_\infty}}.$$

where I_∞ is the starting cube for corona constructions in \mathcal{D} . However, we cannot apply the testing condition to the function $\mathbf{1}_F b_{I_\infty}$, and since $E_{I_\infty}^\sigma f$ does not vanish in general, we will instead add and subtract the term $\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (f_F^*), g_F \rangle_\omega &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\sum_{I: I_\infty \supset I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \sum_{I: I_\infty \supset I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &\quad - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega, \end{aligned} \tag{3.5.12}$$

where the second sum on the right hand side of the identity satisfies

$$\mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \delta^{\alpha-n} + \delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

Indeed, as

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \left[\int_{I_\infty \cap J_\infty} + \int_{J_\infty \cap ((1+\delta)I_\infty \setminus I_\infty)} + \int_{J_\infty \setminus (1+\delta)I_\infty} \right] \left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^\omega}^{\mathcal{G}, shift} g \right) T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) d\omega \\ &\equiv A_1 + A_2 + A_3 \end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy-Schwarz and Riesz inequalities, the term A_1 is controlled by testing, the term A_3 by Muckenhoupt's condition using lemma 3.4.3 and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} A_2 &\leq \left(C\delta \int_{I_\infty} \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{P}_{C_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^\omega g \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \int |f|^2 d\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C\delta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

The advantage now is that with

$$f_F \equiv \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + f_F^* = \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \sum_{I: I_\infty \supset I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$$

then in the first term on the right hand side of (3.5.12), the telescoping identity gives

$$\mathbf{1}_F f_F = \mathbf{1}_F \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f + \sum_{I: I_\infty \supset I \not\supseteq F} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) = \mathbb{F}_F^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = b_F \frac{E_F^\sigma f}{E_F^\sigma b_F},$$

which shows that f_F is a controlled constant times b_F on F .

The cubes I occurring in this sum are linearly and consecutively ordered by inclusion, along with the cubes $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ that contain F . More precisely we can write

$$F \equiv F_0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq F_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq F_n \subsetneq F_{n+1} \subsetneq \dots F_N = I_\infty$$

where $F_m = \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^m F$ for all $m \geq 1$. We can also write

$$F = F_0 \equiv I_0 \subsetneq I_1 \subsetneq I_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq I_k \subsetneq I_{k+1} \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq I_K = F_N = I_\infty$$

where $I_k = \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^k F$ for all $k \geq 1$. There is a (unique) subsequence $\{k_m\}_{m=1}^N$ such that

$$F_m = I_{k_m}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq N.$$

Then we have

$$f_F(x) \equiv \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^K \square_{I_\ell}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad g_F \equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g.$$

Assume now that $k_m \leq k < k_{m+1}$. We denote by $\theta(I)$ the $2^n - 1$ siblings of I , i.e. $\tilde{I} \in \theta(I)$ implies $\tilde{I} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(\pi_{\mathcal{D}} I) \setminus \{I\}$. There are two cases to consider here:

$$\tilde{I}_k \notin \mathcal{F} \text{ and } \tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}.$$

We first note that in either case, using a telescoping sum, we compute that for

$$x \in \tilde{I}_k \subset F_{m+1} \setminus F_m,$$

we have the formula

$$\begin{aligned} f_F(x) &= \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) + \sum_{\ell=k+1}^K \square_{I_\ell}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \\ &= \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) - \mathbb{F}_{I_{k+1}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) + \sum_{\ell=k+1}^{K-1} \left(\mathbb{F}_{I_\ell}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) - \mathbb{F}_{I_{\ell+1}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right) + \mathbb{F}_{I_\infty}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \\ &= \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) . \end{aligned}$$

Now fix $x \in \tilde{I}_k$. If $\tilde{I}_k \notin \mathcal{F}$, then $\tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{C}_{F_{m+1}}$, and we have

$$|f_F(x)| = \left| \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right| \lesssim \left| b_{\tilde{I}_k}(x) \right| \frac{E_{\tilde{I}_k}^\sigma |f|}{\left| E_{\tilde{I}_k}^\sigma b_{\theta(I_k)} \right|} \lesssim E_{F_{m+1}}^\sigma |f|, \quad (3.5.13)$$

since the testing functions $b_{\tilde{I}_k}$ are bounded and accretive, and $E_{\tilde{I}_k}^\sigma |f| \lesssim E_{F_{m+1}}^\sigma |f|$ by hypothesis. On the other hand, if $\tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}$, then $I_{k+1} \in \mathcal{C}_{F_{m+1}}$ and we have

$$|f_F(x)| = \left| \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f(x) \right| \lesssim E_{\tilde{I}_k}^\sigma |f|.$$

Note that $F^c = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \theta(I_k)$. Now we write

$$\begin{aligned} f_F &= \varphi_F + \psi_F, \\ \varphi_F &\equiv \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{I}_k \in \theta(I_k) \\ \tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}}} \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_F = f_F - \varphi_F; \\ \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha f_F, g_F \rangle_\omega &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \varphi_F, g_F \rangle_\omega + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \psi_F, g_F \rangle_\omega, \end{aligned}$$

and note that $\varphi_F = 0$ on F , and $\psi_F = b_F \frac{E_F^\sigma f}{E_F^\sigma b_F}$ on F . We can apply the first line in (3.5.11) using $\tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}$ to the first sum above since $J \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ implies $J \subset J^{\mathbf{X}} \subset F \subset I_k$, which

implies that $d(J, \tilde{I}_k) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(\tilde{I}_k)^{1-\varepsilon}$. Thus we obtain after substituting F' for \tilde{I}_k below,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \varphi_F, g_F \rangle_\omega \right| &= \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{I}_k \in \theta(I_k) \\ \tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}}} \mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{I}_k \in \theta(I_k) \\ \tilde{I}_k \in \mathcal{F}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{\tilde{I}_k}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{F' \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \mathcal{G}: \ell(J) \leq \ell(F') \\ d(J, F') > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(F')^{1-\varepsilon}}} \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbb{F}_{F'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} .
\end{aligned}$$

Turning to the second sum, we note that for $k_m \leq k < k_{m+1}$ and $x \in \tilde{I}_k$ with $\tilde{I}_k \notin \mathcal{F}$, we have

$$|\psi_F(x)| \lesssim \left| b_{\tilde{I}_k} \right| E_{\tilde{I}_k}^\sigma |f| \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}_k}(x) \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F_{m+1}) \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}_k}(x)$$

Note that for σ -almost all $x \in I_\infty$ there exists a unique $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $x \in F \setminus \bigcup_{F' \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)} F'$ since the family \mathcal{F} is a Carleson family. Also from the stopping criteria we have $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F')$ for $F' \subset F$. Hence we get the following inequality for $x \notin F$,

$$|\psi_F(x)| \lesssim \Phi(x) \mathbf{1}_{F^c}(x) , \quad (3.5.14)$$

where we have defined

$$\Phi \equiv \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \mathbf{1}_{F \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(F)} .$$

Now we write

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \psi_F, g_F \rangle_\omega = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (\mathbf{1}_F \psi_F), g_F \rangle_\omega + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (\mathbf{1}_{F^c} \psi_F), g_F \rangle_\omega \equiv \text{I} + \text{II}.$$

Then by cube testing,

$$|\langle T_\sigma^\alpha (b_F \mathbf{1}_F), g_F \rangle_\omega| = |\langle \mathbf{1}_F T_\sigma^\alpha (b_F \mathbf{1}_F), g_F \rangle_\omega| \lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|F|_\sigma} \|g_F\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star,$$

and so quasi-orthogonality, together with the fact that on F , $\psi_F = b_F \frac{E_F^\sigma f}{E_F^\sigma b_F}$ is a constant $c = \frac{E_F^\sigma f}{E_F^\sigma b_F}$ times b_F , where $|c|$ is bounded by $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)$, give

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{I}| &= \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha (\mathbf{1}_F c b_F), g_F \rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \left| \langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_F, g_F \rangle_\omega \right| \\ &\lesssim \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F) \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha} \sqrt{|F|_\sigma} \|g_F\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\ &\lesssim \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha} \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left[\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \|g_F\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now $\mathbf{1}_{F^c} \psi_F$ is supported outside F , and each J in the dual martingale support $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}$ of $g_F = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}}^\omega g$ is in particular *good* in the cube F , and as a consequence, each such cube J as above is contained in some cube M for $M \in \mathcal{W}(F)$. This containment will be used in the analysis of the term $\text{II}_{\mathcal{G}}$ below.

In addition, each J in the dual martingale support $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}$ of $g_F = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}}^\omega g$ is $\left(\left[\frac{3}{\varepsilon}\right], \varepsilon\right)$ -deeply embedded in F , i.e. $J \in \left[\frac{3}{\varepsilon}\right], \varepsilon F$ the definition of $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}}$. As a consequence, each such cube J as above is contained in some cube M for $M \in \mathcal{M}\left(\left[\frac{3}{\varepsilon}\right], \varepsilon\right)\text{-deep, } \mathcal{D}(F)$. This containment will be used in the analysis of the term $\text{II}_{\mathcal{B}}$ below.

Notation 3.5.8. Define $\rho \equiv \left\lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil$, so that for every $J \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$, there is $M \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)-deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)$ such that $J \subset M$.

The collections $\mathcal{W}(F)$ and $\mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)-deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)$ used here, and in the display below, are defined in (??) in Appendix B of [54]. Finally, since the cubes $M \in \mathcal{W}(F)$, as well as the cubes $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\left(\left\lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil, \varepsilon\right)-deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)$, satisfy $3M \subset F$, we can apply (3.1.54) in the Monotonicity Lemma 3.1.23 using (3.5.14) with $\mu = \mathbf{1}_{F^c} \psi_F$ and J' in place of J there, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|\text{II}| &= \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_{F^c} \psi_F), g_F \rangle_\omega \right| = \left| \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \langle T_\sigma^\alpha(\mathbf{1}_{F^c} \psi_F), \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \rangle_\omega \right| \\
&\lesssim \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \frac{P^\alpha(J', \mathbf{1}_{F^c} |\psi_F| \sigma)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \mathbf{1}_{F^c} |\psi_F| \sigma)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\lesssim \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{W}(F)} \frac{P^\alpha(M, \mathbf{1}_{F^c} \Phi \sigma)}{|M|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{C}_{F;M}^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \|g_{F;M}\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\quad + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon), \mathcal{G}}^{deep}(F)} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_{F;J}^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \mathbf{1}_{F^c} |\psi_F| \sigma)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'} \omega)} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\equiv \text{II}_G + \text{II}_B .
\end{aligned}$$

where $g_{F;M}$ denotes the pseudoprojection $g_{F;M} = \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G}, shift}: J' \subset M} \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$.

Note: We could also bound II_G by using the decomposition $\mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)-deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)$ of F into certain maximal \mathcal{G} -cubes, but the ‘smaller’ choice $\mathcal{W}(F)$ of \mathcal{D} -cubes is needed for II_G in order to bound it by the corresponding functional energy constant \mathfrak{F}_α , which can then be controlled by the energy and Muckenhoupt constants in Appendix B of [54].

Then from Cauchy-Schwarz, the functional energy condition, and

$$\|\Phi\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(F)^2 |F|_{\sigma} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 ,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{II}_G| &\leq \left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{W}(F)} \left(\frac{\text{P}^\alpha(M, \mathbf{1}_{Fc}\Phi\sigma)}{|M|} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{C}_{F;M}^{\mathcal{G},\text{shift}}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{M \in \mathcal{W}(F)} \|g_{F;M}\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\lesssim \mathfrak{F}_\alpha \|\Phi\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left[\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \|g_F\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim \mathfrak{F}_\alpha \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} , \end{aligned}$$

by the pairwise disjointedness of the coronas $\mathcal{C}_{F;M}^{\mathcal{G},\text{shift}}$ jointly in F and M , which in turn follows from the pairwise disjointedness (3.5.1) of the shifted coronas $\mathcal{C}_F^{\mathcal{G},\text{shift}}$ in F , together with the pairwise disjointedness of the cubes M . Thus we obtain the pairwise disjointedness of both of the pseudoprojections $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_{F;M}^{\mathcal{G},\text{shift}}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ and $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{C}_{F;M}^{\mathcal{G},\text{shift}}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ jointly in F and M .

In term II_B the quantities $\|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'\omega})}^2$ are no longer additive except when the cubes J' are pairwise disjoint. As a result we will use (3.1.58) in the form,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J' \subset J} \left(\frac{\text{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \nu)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'})}^2 &\lesssim \frac{1}{\gamma^{2\delta'}} \left(\frac{\text{P}_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J'' \subset J} \left\| \Delta_{J''}^\omega x \right\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\lesssim \left(\frac{\text{P}_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \nu)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J)}^2 , \end{aligned} \tag{3.5.15}$$

and exploit the decay in the Poisson integral $\text{P}_{1+\delta'}^\alpha$ along with weak goodness of the cubes J . As a consequence we will be able to bound II_B *directly* by the strong energy condition

(3.1.8), without having to invoke the more difficult functional energy condition. For the decay we compute that for $J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho,\varepsilon)\text{-deep},\mathcal{G}}(F)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\mathrm{P}^\alpha_{1+\delta'}(J, \mathbf{1}_{F^c}|\psi_F|\sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\approx \int_{F^c} \frac{|J|^{\frac{\delta'}{n}}}{|y - c_J|^{n+1+\delta'-\alpha}} |\psi_F|(y) d\sigma \\
&\leq \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \int_{\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{t+1}F \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\mathrm{dist}(c_J, (\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F)^c)} \right)^{\delta'} \frac{|\psi_F|(y)}{|y - c_J|^{n+1-\alpha}} d\sigma \\
&\lesssim \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\mathrm{dist}(c_J, (\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F)^c)} \right)^{\delta'} \frac{\mathrm{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{t+1}F \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} |\psi_F|\sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}},
\end{aligned}$$

and then use the weak goodness inequality and the fact that $J \subset F$

$$\mathrm{dist}\left(c_J, (\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F)^c\right) \geq 2\ell\left(\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F\right)^{1-\varepsilon} \ell(J)^\varepsilon \geq 2 \cdot 2^{t(1-\varepsilon)} \ell(F)^{1-\varepsilon} \ell(J)^\varepsilon \geq 2^{t(1-\varepsilon)+1} \ell(J),$$

to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\mathrm{P}^\alpha_{1+\delta'}(J, \mathbf{1}_{F^c}|\psi_F|\sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 &\lesssim \left(\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\mathrm{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{t+1}F \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} |\psi_F|\sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \quad (3.5.16) \\
&\lesssim \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \left(\frac{\mathrm{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{t+1}F \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} |\psi_F|\sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Now we again apply

Cauchy-Schwarz and (3.5.16) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_B &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)}^{deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_{F; J}^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \mathbf{1}_{Fc}|\psi_F|\sigma)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'\omega})} \left\| \square_{J'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)}^{deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)} \sum_{J' \in \mathcal{C}_{F; J}^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J', \mathbf{1}_{Fc}|\psi_F|\sigma)}{|J'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J'}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J'\omega})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \left[\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \|g_F\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)}^{deep, \mathcal{G}}(F)} \left(\frac{P_{1+\delta'}^\alpha(J, \mathbf{1}_{Fc}|\psi_F|\sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\
&\equiv \sqrt{\Pi_{\text{energy}}} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)},
\end{aligned}$$

and it remains to estimate Π_{energy} . From (3.5.16) and the strong energy condition (3.1.8),

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_{\text{energy}} &= \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{G}}(F)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta'}^\alpha (J, \mathbf{1}_{Fc} | \psi_F | \sigma)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{G}}^{deep}(F)} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{\pi_{\mathcal{F}}^{t+1} F \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} | \psi_F | \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{F \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}^{(t+1)}(G)} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{G}}^{deep}(F)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{G \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} | \psi_F | \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(G)^2 \sum_{F \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{F}}^{(t+1)}(G)} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{M}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)\text{-deep}, \mathcal{G}}^{deep}(F)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{G \setminus \pi_{\mathcal{F}}^t F} | \psi_F | \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J\omega})}^2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2^{-t\delta'(1-\varepsilon)} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}(G)^2 (\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 |G|_\sigma \lesssim (\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Intertwining Proposition 3.5.7. \square

The task of controlling functional energy is taken up in Appendix B of [54] below.

3.5.4 Paraproduct, neighbour and broken forms

In this subsection we reduce boundedness of the local below form $\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{E}, \varepsilon}^A(f, g)$ defined in (3.5.4) to boundedness of the associated stopping form

$$\mathbb{B}_{\text{stop}}^A(f, g) \equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} \\ J \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \left(E_{IJ}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} b_A \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega, \quad (3.5.17)$$

where the modified difference $\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}$ must be carefully chosen in order to control the corresponding paraproduct form below. Indeed, below we will decompose

$$\mathbf{B}_{\in \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) = \mathbf{B}_{paraproduct}^A(f, g) - \mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{neighbour}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{brok}^A(f, g),$$

and we will show that

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| \mathbf{B}_{\in \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) \right| \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{I}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{I}_2^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

and the bound of $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$ will be the main subject of the next section.

Note that the modified dual martingale differences $\square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}$ and $\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}}$,

$$\square_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \equiv \square_I^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f - \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f = b_A \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbf{1}_{I'} E_{I'}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right) = b_A \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f,$$

satisfy the following telescoping property for all $K \in (\mathcal{C}_A \setminus \{A\}) \cup \left(\bigcup_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} A' \right)$ and $L \in \mathcal{C}_A$ with $K \subset L$:

$$\sum_{I: \pi K \subset I \subset L} E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma,b,\mathbf{b}} f \right) = \begin{cases} -E_L^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_L^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f & \text{if } K \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A) \\ E_K^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_K^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f - E_L^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_L^{\sigma,\mathbf{b}} f & \text{if } K \in \mathcal{C}_A \end{cases}.$$

Fix $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ for the moment. We will use

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}_I &= \mathbf{1}_{I_J} + \sum_{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}}, \\ \mathbf{1}_{I_J} &= \mathbf{1}_A - \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta(I_J)$ denotes the $2^n - 1$ \mathcal{D} -children of I other than the child I_J that contains J . We begin with the splitting

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega + \sum_{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega + \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&\quad + \sum_{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&\equiv \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III} .
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.1.47) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{I} &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega = \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left[b_A \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right], \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} b_A \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega - E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J} b_A \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega
\end{aligned}$$

Since the function $\mathbb{F}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ is a constant multiple of b_{I_J} on I_J , we can define $\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \equiv \frac{1}{b_{I_J}} \mathbb{F}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f$ and then

$$\text{II} = \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_J} \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega = \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)}(I_J) E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_{I_J}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega$$

where the presence of the indicator function $\mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)}(I_J)$ simply means that term II vanishes

unless I_J is an \mathcal{A} -child of A . We now write these terms as

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega &= E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&\quad - E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J} b_A \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&\quad + \sum_{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&\quad + \mathbf{1}_{\{I_J \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)\}} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_{I_J}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega,
\end{aligned}$$

where the four lines are respectively a paraproduct, stopping, neighbour and broken term.

The corresponding NTV splitting of $\mathbf{B}_{\in \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon}^A(f, g)$ using (3.5.4) and (3.5.2) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{\in \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon}^A(f, g) &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f \right), \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} g \right\rangle_{\in \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} \\ J^{\mathbf{X}} \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= \mathbf{B}_{\text{paraproduct}}^A(f, g) - \mathbf{B}_{\text{stop}}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{\text{neighbour}}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{\text{brok}}^A(f, g),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{\text{paraproduct}}^A(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} \\ J^{\mathbf{X}} \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
\mathbf{B}_{\text{stop}}^A(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} \\ J^{\mathbf{X}} \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J} b_A \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
\mathbf{B}_{\text{neighbour}}^A(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, \text{shift}} \\ J^{\mathbf{X}} \not\subseteq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \sum_{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega
\end{aligned}$$

correspond to the three original NTV forms associated with 1-testing, and where

$$\mathbb{B}_{brok}^A(f, g) \equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \mathbf{1}_{\{I_J \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)\}} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_{I_J}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \quad (3.5.18)$$

"vanishes" since $J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I$ and $I_J \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ imply that $J^{\blacktriangleright} \notin \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}}$, contradicting $J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$.

Remark 3.5.9. *The inquisitive reader will note that the pairs (I, J) arising in the above sum with $J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I$ replaced by $J^{\blacktriangleright} = I$ are handled in the probabilistic estimate (3.2.15) for the bad form $\Theta_2^{bad\ddagger}$ defined in (3.2.12).*

3.5.4.1 The paraproduct form

The paraproduct form $\mathbb{B}_{paraproduct}^A(f, g)$ is easily controlled by the testing condition for T^α together with weak Riesz inequalities for dual martingale differences. Indeed, recalling the telescoping identity (3.1.48), and that the collection $\{I \in \mathcal{C}_A : \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)\}$ is tree connected for all $J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{paraproduct}^A(f, g) &= \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \left\{ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A : J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)} E_{I_J}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \left\{ \mathbf{1}_{\{J : I^\ddagger(J), J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}} E_{I^\ddagger(J)_J}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\ddagger(J)_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - E_A^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_A^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\} \\ &= \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\{ \mathbf{1}_{\{J : I^\ddagger(J), J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}} E_{I^\ddagger(J)_J}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\ddagger(J)_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - E_A^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_A^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \end{aligned}$$

where $I^\sharp(J)$ denotes the smallest cube $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$ such that $J^{\blacktriangleright} \subsetneq I$ and $\ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}}\ell(I)$, and of course $I^\sharp(J)_J$ denotes its child containing J . Note that by construction of the modified difference operator $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}}$, the only time the average $\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^\sigma f$ appears in the above sum is when $I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{C}_A$, since the case $I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{A}$ has been removed to the broken term. This is reflected above with the inclusion of the indicator $\mathbf{1}_{\{J: I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}}$. It follows that we have the bound

$$\left| \mathbf{1}_{\{J: I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}} E_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| + \left| E_A^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_A^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \lesssim E_A^\sigma |f| \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$$

Thus from Cauchy-Schwarz, the upper weak Riesz inequalities for the pseudoprojections $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g$ and the bound on the coefficients $\lambda_J \equiv \left(\mathbf{1}_{\{J: I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}} E_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - E_A^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_A^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right)$ given by $|\lambda_J| \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{B}_{paraproduct}^A(f, g) \right| &= \tag{3.5.19} \\ & \left| \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha b_A, \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\{ \left(\mathbf{1}_{\{J: I^\sharp(J)_J \in \mathcal{C}_A\}} E_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{I^\sharp(J)_J}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - E_A^\sigma \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_A^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right\} \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \right| \\ & \leq \| \mathbf{1}_A T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \|_{L^2(\omega)} \left\| \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \lambda_J \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \| \mathbf{1}_A T_\sigma^\alpha b_A \|_{L^2(\omega)} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \\ & \leq \mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \sqrt{|A|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star. \end{aligned}$$

3.5.4.2 The neighbour form

Next, the neighbour form $B_{neighbour}^A(f, g)$ is easily controlled by the \mathfrak{A}_2^α condition using the pivotal estimate in Energy Lemma 3.1.25 and the fact that the cubes $J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ are good in I and beyond when the pair (I, J) occurs in the sum. In particular, the information encoded in the stopping tree \mathcal{A} plays no role here, apart from appearing in the corona projections on the right hand side of (3.5.25) below. We have

$$B_{neighbour}^A(f, g) = \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \\ J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \text{ and } \tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J)} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \quad (3.5.20)$$

where we keep in mind that the pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{G}$ that arise in the sum for $B_{neighbour}^A(f, g)$ satisfy the property that $J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I$, so that J is good with respect to all cubes K of size at least that of $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$, which includes I . Recall that I_J is the child of I that contains J , and that $\theta(I_J)$ denotes its $2^n - 1$ siblings in I , i.e. $\theta(I_J) = \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \setminus \{I_J\}$. Fix (I, J) momentarily, and an integer $s \geq \mathbf{r}$. Using $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} = \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} + \square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}}$ and the fact that $\square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f$ is a constant multiple of $b_{\tilde{I}}$ on the cube \tilde{I} , we have the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right| &= \left| \left(E_{\tilde{I}}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) b_{\tilde{I}} \right| \leq C_{\mathbf{b}} \left| E_{\tilde{I}}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right|, \\ \left| \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right| &\leq \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(\tilde{I}) E_{\tilde{I}}^\sigma |f|, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \leq C \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \left(\left| E_{\tilde{I}}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right| + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(\tilde{I}) E_{\tilde{I}}^\sigma |f| \right), \quad (3.5.21)$$

which will be used below after an application of the Energy Lemma. We can write

$\mathbf{B}_{neighbour}^A(f, g)$ as

$$\sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A \& J \in \mathcal{G}_{(\kappa(I_J, J), \varepsilon)}^{\mathcal{D}} \\ \cap \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \& J^{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq I}} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{I} \in \theta(I_J) \\ d(J, \tilde{I}) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(\tilde{I})^{1-\varepsilon} \\ \text{and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\mathbf{r}} \ell(I)}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{I}} \square_I^\sigma, \mathbf{b} f \right), \square_J^\omega, \mathbf{b}^* g \right\rangle_\omega$$

where we have included the conditions

$$J \in \mathcal{G}_{(\kappa(I_J, J), \varepsilon)}^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } d(J, \tilde{I}) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(\tilde{I})^{1-\varepsilon}$$

in the summation since they are already implied the remaining four conditions, and will be used in estimates below.

We will also use the following fractional analogue of the Poisson inequality in [58].

Lemma 3.5.10. *Suppose $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $J \subset I \subset K$ and that $d(J, \partial I) > 2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon}$ for some $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha}$. Then for a positive Borel measure μ we have*

$$\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I}) \lesssim \left(\frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I)} \right)^{1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha)} \mathbf{P}^\alpha(I, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I}). \quad (3.5.22)$$

Proof. We have

$$\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I}) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \frac{1}{|2^k J|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \int_{(2^k J) \cap (K \setminus I)} d\mu,$$

and $(2^k J) \cap (K \setminus I) \neq \emptyset$ requires

$$d(J, K \setminus I) \leq c2^k \ell(J),$$

for some dimensional constant $c > 0$. Let k_0 be the smallest such k . By our distance assumption we must then have

$$2\ell(J)^\varepsilon \ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \leq d(J, \partial I) \leq c2^{k_0}\ell(J),$$

or

$$2^{-k_0+1} \leq c \left(\frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I)} \right)^{1-\varepsilon}.$$

Now let k_1 be defined by $2^{k_1} \equiv \frac{\ell(I)}{\ell(J)}$. Then assuming $k_1 > k_0$ (the case $k_1 \leq k_0$ is similar)

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I} \right) &\approx \left\{ \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_1} + \sum_{k=k_1}^{\infty} \right\} 2^{-k} \frac{1}{|2^k J|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \int_{(2^k J) \cap (K \setminus I)} d\mu \\ &\lesssim 2^{-k_0} \frac{|I|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}}{|2^{k_0} J|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \left(\frac{1}{|I|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \int_{(2^{k_1} J) \cap (K \setminus I)} d\mu \right) + 2^{-k_1} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(I, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I} \right) \\ &\lesssim \left(\frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I)} \right)^{(1-\varepsilon)(n+1-\alpha)} \left(\frac{\ell(I)}{\ell(J)} \right)^{n-\alpha} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(I, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I} \right) + \frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I)} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(I, \mu \mathbf{1}_{K \setminus I} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is the inequality (3.5.22). □

Now fix $I_0 = I_J, I_\theta \in \theta(I_J)$ and assume that $J \Subset_{\mathbf{r}, \varepsilon} I_0$. Let $\frac{\ell(J)}{\ell(I_0)} = 2^{-s}$ in the pivotal estimate from Energy Lemma 3.1.25 with $J \subset I_0 \subset I$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \rangle_\omega \right| \lesssim \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \sigma \right) \\ &\lesssim \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \cdot 2^{-(1-\varepsilon)(n+1-\alpha)s} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \left| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| \sigma \right) \\ &\lesssim \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \cdot 2^{-(1-\varepsilon)(n+1-\alpha)s} \mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \mathbf{E}_{I_\theta}^\sigma f \cdot \sigma \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here we are using (3.5.22) in the third line, which applies since $J \subset I_0$, and we have used (3.5.21) in the fourth line and the shorthand notation

$$\mathbf{E}_{I_\theta}^\sigma f \equiv \left| E_{I_\theta}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(I_\theta) E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f|$$

where the cube I on the right hand side is determined uniquely by the cube $I_\theta \in \theta(I_J)$.

In the sum below, we keep the side lengths of the cubes J fixed at 2^{-s} times that of I_0 , and of course take $J \subset I_0$. We also keep the underlying assumptions that $J \in \mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$ and that $J \in \mathfrak{G}_{(\kappa(I_J, J), \varepsilon)}^{\mathcal{D}}$ in mind without necessarily pointing to them in the notation.

Matters will shortly be reduced to estimating the following term:

$$\begin{aligned} A(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) &\equiv \sum_{J: 2^{s+1}\ell(J)=\ell(I): J \subset I_0} \left| \langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(\mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \rangle_\omega \right| \\ &\leq 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s} \left(\mathbf{E}_{I_\theta}^\sigma f \right) P^\alpha(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \sigma) \sum_{\substack{J: J \subset I_0 \\ 2^{s+1}\ell(J)=\ell(I)}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \sqrt{|J|_\omega} \\ &\leq 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s} \left(\mathbf{E}_{I_\theta}^\sigma f \right) P^\alpha(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \sigma) \sqrt{|I_0|_\omega} \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s)^2 \equiv \sum_{J \in \mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}: 2^{s+1}\ell(J)=\ell(I): J \subset I_0} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2.$$

The last line follows upon using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the fact that $J \in \mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$. We also note that since $2^{s+1}\ell(J) = \ell(I)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{I_0 \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I)} \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s)^2 &\equiv \sum_{J \in \mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}: 2^{s+1}\ell(J)=\ell(I): J \subset I} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \quad (3.5.23) \\ \sum_{I \in \mathfrak{C}_A} \sum_{I_0 \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I)} \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s)^2 &\leq \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.4.2) we obtain

$$\left| E_{I_\theta}^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \leq \sqrt{E_{I_\theta}^\sigma \left| \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right|^2} \lesssim \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star |I_\theta|_\sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.5.24)$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{I_\theta}^\sigma f &\equiv \left| E_{I_\theta(I_J)}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right| + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(I_\theta) E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f| \\ &\lesssim \left(\left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(I_\theta) |I_\theta|_\sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f| \right) |I_\theta|_\sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and thus $A(I, I_0, I_\theta, s)$ is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} &2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s} \left(\left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(I_\theta) |I_\theta|_\sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f| \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) |I_\theta|_\sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{P}^\alpha(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \sigma) \sqrt{|I_0|_\omega} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s} \left(\left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star + \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{C}_A(A)}(I_\theta) |I_\theta|_\sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f| \right) \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathbf{P}^\alpha(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \sigma) \lesssim \frac{|I_\theta|_\sigma}{|I_\theta|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$ shows that

$$|I_\theta|_\sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{P}^\alpha(I_0, \mathbf{1}_{I_\theta} \sigma) \sqrt{|I_0|_\omega} \lesssim \frac{\sqrt{|I_\theta|_\sigma} \sqrt{|I_0|_\omega}}{|I_\theta|^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}$$

where the implied constant depends on α and the dimension. An application of Cauchy-

Schwarz to the sum over I using (3.5.23) then shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{\substack{I_0, I_\theta \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \\ I_0 \neq I_\theta}} A(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s}} \sqrt{\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \|\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} + \sum_{I_\theta \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} |I_\theta|_\sigma (E_{I_\theta}^\sigma |f|)^2} \\
& \quad \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \left(\sum_{\substack{I_0, I_\theta \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \\ I_0 \neq I_\theta}} \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \right)^2} \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s}} \sqrt{\|\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} + \sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} |A'|_\sigma (E_{A'}^\sigma |f|)^2} \\
& \quad \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \left(\sum_{\substack{I_0 \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \\ I_0 \neq I_\theta}} \Lambda(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \right)^2} \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha 2^{-(1-\varepsilon(n+1-\alpha))s}} \left(\|\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} + \sqrt{\sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} |A'|_\sigma (E_{A'}^\sigma |f|)^2} \right) \left\| \mathbb{P}_A^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}
\end{aligned}$$

This estimate is summable in $s \geq \mathbf{r}$ since $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{n+1-\alpha}$, and so the proof of

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \mathbb{B}_{neighbour}^A(f, g) \right| & \leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \sum_{\substack{I_0 \text{ and } I_\theta \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(I) \\ I_0 \neq I_\theta}} \sum_{s=\mathbf{r}}^{\infty} A(I, I_0, I_\theta, s) \tag{3.5.25} \\
& \lesssim \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \left(\|\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^\sigma f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} + \sqrt{\sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)} |A'|_\sigma \alpha_A(A')^2} \right) \left\| \mathbb{P}_A^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}
\end{aligned}$$

is complete since $E_{A'}^\sigma |f| \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A')$.

Now if we sum in $A \in \mathcal{A}$ the inequalities (3.5.19), (3.5.25) and (3.5.18) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| \mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{E}_{\mathbf{r}, \varepsilon}}^A(f, g) + \mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) \right| \\
& \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \sqrt{\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathfrak{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}} \\
& \quad \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)^2 |A|_\sigma + \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathfrak{C}_A^\sigma}^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} + \sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A')^2 |A'|_\sigma \right\}} \\
& \lesssim \left(\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha}^{\mathbf{b}} + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

The stopping form is the subject of the following section.

3.6 The stopping form

Here we deal with the stopping form. We modify the adaptation of the argument of M. Lacey in to apply in the setting of a Tb theorem for an α -fractional Calderón-Zygmund operator T^α in \mathbb{R}^n using the Monotonicity Lemma 3.1.23, the energy condition, and the weak goodness of Hytönen and Martikainen [24]. We directly control the pairs (I, J) in the stopping form according to the \mathcal{L} -coronas (constructed from the ‘bottom up’ with stopping times involving the energies $\left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$) to which I and J^{\star} are associated. However, due to the fact that the cubes I need no longer be good in any sense, we must introduce an additional top/down ‘indented’ corona construction on top of the bottom/up construction of M. Lacey, and in connection with this we introduce a Substraddling Lemma. We then control the stopping form by absorbing the case when both I and J^{\star} belong to the same \mathcal{L} -corona, and by

using the Straddling and Substraddling Lemmas, together with the Orthogonality Lemma, to control the case when I and J^{\blacktriangleright} lie in different coronas, with a geometric gain coming from the separation of the coronas. This geometric gain is where the new ‘indented’ corona is required.

Apart from this change, the remaining modifications are more cosmetic, such as

- the use of the weak goodness of Hytönen and Martikainen [24] for pairs (I, J) arising in the stopping form, rather than goodness for all cubes J that was available in [26], [49], [51] and [52]. For the most part definitions such as admissible collections are modified to require $J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset I$;
- the pseudoprojections $\square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ are used in place of the orthogonal Haar projections, and the frame and weak Riesz inequalities compensate for the lack of orthogonality.

Fix grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} . We will prove the bound

$$\left| \mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) \right| \lesssim \mathcal{NTV}_\alpha \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}, \quad (3.6.1)$$

where we recall that the nonstandard ‘norms’ are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} &\equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2, \\ \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} &\equiv \sum_{J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

and that the stopping form is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)}} \left(E_{I_J}^\sigma \widehat{\square}_I^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_J} \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega \\
&= \sum_{\substack{I: \pi I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-(\rho-1)} \ell(I)}} \left(E_I^\sigma \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega
\end{aligned}$$

where we have made the ‘change of dummy variable’ $I_J \rightarrow I$ for convenience in notation (recall that the child of I that contains J is denoted I_J). Changing $\rho - 1$ to ρ we have:

$$\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g) = \sum_{\substack{I: \pi I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \\ J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subsetneq I \text{ and } \ell(J) \leq 2^{-\rho} \ell(I)}} \left(E_I^\sigma \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega,$$

For $A \in \mathcal{A}$ recall that we have defined the *shifted* \mathcal{G} -corona by

$$\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \equiv \left\{ J \in \mathcal{G} : J^{\mathfrak{X}} \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}} \right\},$$

and also defined the *restricted* \mathcal{D} -corona by

$$\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}, restrict} \equiv \mathcal{C}_A \setminus \{A\} \equiv \mathcal{C}'_A.$$

Definition 3.6.1. Suppose that $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and that $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}, restrict} \times \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$. We say that the collection of pairs \mathcal{P} is A -admissible if

- (good and (ρ, ε) -deeply embedded) For every $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$, and $J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subset I \subsetneq A$.
- (tree-connected in the first component) if $I_1 \subset I_2$ and both $(I_1, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ and $(I_2, J) \in \mathcal{P}$,

then $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ for every I in the geodesic $[I_1, I_2] = \{I \in \mathcal{D} : I_1 \subset I \subset I_2\}$.

From now on we often write \mathcal{C}_A and \mathcal{C}'_A in place of $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}, restrict}$ respectively when there is no confusion. The basic example of an admissible collection of pairs is obtained from the pairs of cubes summed in the stopping form $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$,

$$\mathcal{P}^A \equiv \left\{ (I, J) : I \in \mathcal{C}'_A \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{G}_{(\rho, \varepsilon)\text{-good}}^{\mathcal{D}} \cap \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \text{ where } J \Subset_{\rho, \varepsilon} I \right\}. \quad (3.6.2)$$

Definition 3.6.2. *Suppose that $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and that \mathcal{P} is an A -admissible collection of pairs.*

Define the associated stopping form $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ by

$$\mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \equiv \sum_{(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left(E_I^\sigma \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \left(b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \right), \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega.$$

Proposition 3.6.3. *Suppose that $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and that \mathcal{P} is an A -admissible collection of pairs.*

Then the stopping form $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ satisfies the bound

$$\left| \mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \right| \lesssim \left(\varepsilon_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \quad (3.6.3)$$

With the above proposition in hand, we can complete the proof of (3.6.1) by summing

over the stopping cubes $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with the choice \mathcal{P}^A of A -admissible pairs for each A :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| \mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}^A}(f, g) \right| \\
& \lesssim \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\
& \lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left(\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}
\end{aligned}$$

by the lower Riesz inequality $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2$, quasi-orthogonality

$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(f)^2 |A|_\sigma \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2$ in the stopping cubes \mathcal{A} , and by the pairwise disjointedness of

the shifted coronas $\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$: $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}} \leq \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{D}}$.

To prove Proposition 3.6.3, we begin by letting

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_1 \mathcal{P} & \equiv \left\{ I \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}, restrict} : (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \text{ for some } J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} \right\}, \\
\Pi_2 \mathcal{P} & \equiv \left\{ J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift} : (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \text{ for some } I \in \mathcal{C}'_A \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

consist of the first and second components respectively of the pairs in \mathcal{P} , and writing

$$\mathbf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) = \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \left\langle T_\sigma^\alpha \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}}, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\rangle_\omega;$$

$$\text{where } \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}} \equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A : (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \text{ (since } b_I = b_A \text{ for } I \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{)}.$$

By the tree-connected property of \mathcal{P} , and the telescoping property of dual martingale differ-

ences, together with the bound $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ on the averages of f in the corona \mathcal{C}_A , we have

$$\left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}} \right| \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)}, \quad (3.6.4)$$

where $I_{\mathcal{P}}(J) \equiv \bigcap \{I : (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}\}$ is the smallest cube I for which $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$. It is important to note that J is good with respect to $I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)$ by our infusion of weak goodness above. Another important property of these functions is the sublinearity:

$$\left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}} \right| \leq \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_1} \right| + \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_2} \right|, \quad \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 \dot{\cup} \mathcal{P}_2. \quad (3.6.5)$$

Now apply the Monotonicity Lemma 3.1.23 to the inner product $\langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} \varphi_J, \square_J^{\omega} g \rangle_{\omega}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \langle T_{\sigma}^{\alpha} \varphi_J, \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \rangle_{\omega} \right| &\lesssim \frac{\mathsf{P}^{\alpha} \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &+ \frac{\mathsf{P}_{1+\delta}^{\alpha} \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| x - m_J^{\omega} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2}^{\star} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathsf{B}_{stop}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \right| &\leq \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \frac{\mathsf{P}^{\alpha} \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &+ \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \frac{\mathsf{P}_{1+\delta}^{\alpha} \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| x - m_J^{\omega} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2}^{\star} \\ &\equiv \left| \mathsf{B}_{stop, 1, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \right| + \left| \mathsf{B}_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathsf{P} \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6.6)$$

where we have dominated the stopping form by two sublinear stopping forms that involve the

Poisson integrals of order 1 and $1 + \delta$ respectively, and where the smaller Poisson integral $\mathbf{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha$ is multiplied by the larger quantity $\|x - m_J^\omega\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)}$. This splitting turns out to be successful in separating the two energy terms from the right hand side of the Energy Lemma, because of the two properties (3.6.4) and (3.6.5) above. It remains to show the two inequalities:

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta^\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{P})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star, \quad (3.6.7)$$

for $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ satisfying where $E_I^\sigma |f| \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ for all $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$; and where $\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{P}) \equiv \{\pi_{\mathcal{D}} I : I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{P}\}$; and

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathcal{P}\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \quad (3.6.8)$$

where we only need the case $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^A$ in this latter inequality as there is no recursion involved in treating this second sublinear form. We consider first the easier inequality (3.6.8) that does not require recursion.

3.6.1 The bound for the second sublinear inequality

Now we turn to proving (3.6.8), i.e.

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathcal{P}\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

where since

$$|\varphi_J| = \left| \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A: (I,J) \in \mathcal{P}} E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \right| \leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A: (I,J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left| E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \right|,$$

the sublinear form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathcal{P}}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ can be dominated and then decomposed by pigeonholing the ratio of side lengths of J and I :

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \\ &= \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}(J)} \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\ &\leq \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{P_{1+\delta}^\alpha \left(J, \left| E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J \omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\ &\equiv \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta}^{A, \mathcal{P}; s}(f, g); \end{aligned}$$

We will now adapt the argument for the stopping term starting on page 42 of [28], where the geometric gain from the assumed ‘Energy Hypothesis’ there will be replaced by a geometric gain from the smaller Poisson integral $P_{1+\delta}^\alpha$ used here.

First, we exploit the additional decay in the Poisson integral $P_{1+\delta}^\alpha$ as follows. Suppose

that $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ with $\ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)$. We then compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha \left(J, |b_A| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\approx \int_{A \setminus I} \frac{|J|^{\frac{\delta}{n}}}{|y - c_J|^{n+1+\delta-\alpha}} |b_A(y)| d\sigma(y) \\ &\leq \int_{A \setminus I} \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\text{dist}(c_J, I^c)} \right)^\delta \frac{1}{|y - c_J|^{n+1-\alpha}} |b_A(y)| d\sigma(y) \\ &\lesssim \left(\frac{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\text{dist}(c_J, I^c)} \right)^\delta \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, |b_A| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}, \end{aligned}$$

and using the goodness of J in I ,

$$d(c_J, I^c) \geq 2\ell(I)^{1-\varepsilon} \ell(J)^\varepsilon \geq 2 \cdot 2^{s(1-\varepsilon)} \ell(J),$$

to conclude, using accretivity, that

$$\left(\frac{\mathbb{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha \left(J, |b_A| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \lesssim 2^{-s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I \sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}}. \quad (3.6.9)$$

We next claim that for $s \geq 0$ an integer,

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathbb{P}^\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}; s}(f, g) \lesssim 2^{-s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{D}}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}$$

from which (3.6.8) follows upon summing in $s \geq 0$. Now using both

$$\begin{aligned} \left| E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \right| \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \int_I \left| \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right| d\sigma &\leq \left\| \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|_\sigma}}, \\ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left\| \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 &\lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\left\| \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \left\| \nabla_{\pi I}^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \right) \approx \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

we apply Cauchy-Schwarz in the I variable above to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, 1+\delta, \mathbf{P}\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}; s}(f, g) \right]^2 \\ & \lesssim \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{C}'_A}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left[\sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|_\sigma}} \sum_{\substack{J: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \frac{\mathbf{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I\sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the frame inequality for $\square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*}$ we can then estimate the sum inside the square brackets by

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{J: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right\} \sum_{\substack{J: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I\sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)}^2 \\ & \lesssim \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} A(s)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A(s)^2 \equiv \sup_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \sum_{\substack{J: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{1+\delta}^\alpha(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I\sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)}^2$$

Finally then we turn to the analysis of the supremum in last display. From the Poisson decay

(3.6.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(s)^2 & \lesssim \sup_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} 2^{-2s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \sum_{\substack{J: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(J) = 2^{-s}\ell(I)}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I\sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_J\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_J\omega)}^2 \\ & \lesssim 2^{-2s\delta(1-\varepsilon)} \left[(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha)^2 + \mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha \right], \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, from Definition 3.1.14, as $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$, we have that I is *not* a stopping cube in \mathcal{A} , and hence that (3.1.28) *fails* to hold, delivering the estimate above since $J \in_{\rho, \varepsilon} I$ good must be contained in some $K \in \mathcal{M}_{(\mathbf{r}, \varepsilon)\text{-deep}}(I)$, and since $\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(J, |b_I| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I^\sigma})}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, |b_I| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I^\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}}$. The terms $\|\mathbb{P}_J^\omega x\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$ are additive since the J 's are pigeonholed by $\ell(J) = 2^{-s} \ell(I)$.

3.6.2 The bound for the first sublinear inequality

Now we turn to proving the more difficult inequality (3.6.7). Denote by $\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ the best constant in

$$|\mathbb{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \leq \mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{P})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star, \quad (3.6.10)$$

where $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ satisfies $E_I^\sigma |f| \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ for all $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$, and $g \in L^2(\omega)$ and $\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{P}) = \{\pi I : I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{P}\}$. We refer to $\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ as the *restricted* norm relative to the collection \mathcal{P} . Inequality (3.6.7) follows once we have shown that $\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} \lesssim \varepsilon_2^\alpha + \sqrt{2\alpha}$.

The following general result on mutually orthogonal admissible collections will prove very useful in establishing (3.6.7). Given a set $\{\mathcal{Q}_m\}_{m=0}^\infty$ of admissible collections for A , we say that the collections \mathcal{Q}_m are *mutually orthogonal*, if each collection \mathcal{Q}_m satisfies

$$\mathcal{Q}_m \subset \bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} \{\mathcal{A}_{m,j} \times \mathcal{B}_{m,j}\}$$

where the sets $\{\mathcal{A}_{m,j}\}_{m,j}$ and $\{\mathcal{B}_{m,j}\}_{m,j}$ are each pairwise disjoint in their respective dyadic grids \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} :

$$\sum_{m,j=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{A}_{m,j}} \leq \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{D}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{m,j=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_{m,j}} \leq \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{G}}.$$

Lemma 3.6.4. *Suppose that $\{\mathcal{Q}_m\}_{m=0}^\infty$ is a set of admissible collections for A that are*

mutually orthogonal. Then $\mathcal{Q} \equiv \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_m$ is admissible, and the sublinear stopping form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g)$ has its restricted norm $\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}$ controlled by the supremum of the restricted norms $\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m}$:

$$\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}} \leq \sup_{m \geq 0} \mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m}.$$

Proof. If $J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_m$, then $\varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} = \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}_m}$ and $I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J) = I_{\mathcal{Q}_m}(J)$, since the collection $\{\mathcal{Q}_m\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$ is mutually orthogonal. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g) &= \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_m} \frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}_m} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}_m}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m}(f, g), \end{aligned}$$

and we can continue with the definition of $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m}$ and Cauchy-Schwarz to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g) &\leq \sum_{m \geq 0} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}_m)}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_m}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &\leq \left(\sup_{m \geq 0} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m} \right) \sqrt{\sum_{m \geq 0} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}_m)}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2}} \sqrt{\sum_{m \geq 0} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_m}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}} \\ &\leq \left(\sup_{m \geq 0} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_m} \right) \sqrt{\left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2}} \sqrt{\left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we turn to proving inequality (3.6.7) for the sublinear form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g)$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(J, |\varphi_J| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &\lesssim \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right) \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{P})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}; \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi_J \equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} \left(E_I^\sigma \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) b_A \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I}$ is supported in $A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)$

and $I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)$ denotes the smallest cube $I \in \mathcal{D}$ for which $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$. We recall the stopping energy from (3.1.30),

$$\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A)^2 \equiv \sup_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A} \frac{1}{|I|_\sigma} \sup_{I \supset \dot{\cup}_{r=1}^\infty J_r} \sum_{r=1}^\infty \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(J_r, \mathbf{1}_A \sigma)}{|J_r|} \right)^2 \|x - m_{J_r}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{J_r} \omega)}^2,$$

where the cubes $J_r \in \mathcal{G}$ are pairwise disjoint in I .

What now follows is an adaptation to our sublinear form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ of the arguments of M. Lacey in [26], together with an additional ‘indented’ corona construction. We have the following Poisson inequality for cubes $B \subset A \subset I$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(A, \mathbf{1}_{I \setminus A} \sigma \right)}{|A|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\approx \int_{I \setminus A} \frac{1}{(|y - c_A|)^{n+1-\alpha}} d\sigma(y) \tag{3.6.11} \\ &\lesssim \int_{I \setminus A} \frac{1}{(|y - c_B|)^{n+1-\alpha}} d\sigma(y) \approx \frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(B, \mathbf{1}_{I \setminus A} \sigma \right)}{|B|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \end{aligned}$$

where the implied constants depend on n, α .

Fix $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Following [26] we will use a ‘decoupled’ modification of the stopping energy

$\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A)$ to define a ‘size functional’ of an A -admissible collection \mathcal{P} . So suppose that \mathcal{P} is an A -admissible collection of pairs of cubes, and recall that $\Pi_1\mathcal{P}$ and $\Pi_2\mathcal{P}$ denote the cubes in the first and second components of the pairs in \mathcal{P} respectively.

Definition 3.6.5. For an A -admissible collection of pairs of cubes \mathcal{P} , and a cube $K \in \Pi_1\mathcal{P}$, define the projection of \mathcal{P} ‘relative to K ’ by

$$\Pi_2^K\mathcal{P} \equiv \left\{ J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P} : J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset K \right\},$$

where we have suppressed dependence on A .

Definition 3.6.6. We will use as the ‘size testing collection’ of cubes for \mathcal{P} the collection

$$\Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P} \equiv \{ K \in \mathcal{D} : K \subset I \text{ for some } I \in \Pi_1\mathcal{P} \},$$

which consists of all cubes contained in a cube from $\Pi_1\mathcal{P}$.

Continuing to follow Lacey [26], we define two ‘size functionals’ of \mathcal{P} as follows. Recall that for a pseudoprojection $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^\omega$ on x we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{H}} \left(\left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 + \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{J' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(J)} |J'|_\omega \left(E_{J'}^\omega |x - z| \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.6.7. If \mathcal{P} is A -admissible, define an initial size condition $\mathcal{S}_{\text{initsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})$ by

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{initsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\Pi_2^K\mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}. \quad (3.6.12)$$

The following key fact is essential.

Key Fact #1:

$$\text{If } K \subset A \text{ and } K \notin \mathcal{C}_A, \text{ then } \Pi_2^K \mathcal{P} = \emptyset. \quad (3.6.13)$$

To see this, suppose that $K \subset A$ and $K \notin \mathcal{C}_A$. Then $K \subset A'$ for some $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)$, and so if there is $J' \in \Pi_2^K \mathcal{P}$, then $(J')^{\blacktriangleright} \subset K \subset A'$, which implies that $J' \notin \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$, which contradicts $\Pi_2^K \mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}, shift}$. We now observe from (3.6.13) that we may also write the initial size functional as

$$\mathcal{S}_{initsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|^\sigma} \left(\frac{\text{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K^\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^K \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}. \quad (3.6.14)$$

However, we will also need to control certain pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ using testing cubes K which are strictly smaller than J^{\blacktriangleright} , namely those $K \in \mathcal{C}_A$ such that $K \subset J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K$. For this, we need a second key fact regarding the cubes J^{\blacktriangleright} , that will also play a crucial role in controlling pairs in the indented corona below, and which is that J is always contained in one of the *inner* 2^n grandchildren of J^{\blacktriangleright} . For $M \in \mathcal{D}$, denote by M_{\searrow} and M_{\nearrow} any of the inner and outer respectively grandchildren of M and by M_J and M^{\flat} the child and grandchild respectively of M that contains J , provided they exist.

Key Fact #2:

$$3J \subset J^{\flat} \text{ and } J^{\flat} \text{ is an inner grandchild of } J^{\blacktriangleright} \quad (3.6.15)$$

To see this, suppose that the child $J_J^{\blacktriangleright}$ of J^{\blacktriangleright} contains J ($J_J^{\blacktriangleright}$ exists because J is good in

$J^{\mathfrak{X}}$). Then observe that J is by definition ε -bad in $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$, i.e.

$$\text{dist}\left(J, \text{body}J^{\mathfrak{X}}\right) \leq 2|J|^{\frac{\varepsilon}{n}} \left|J^{\mathfrak{X}}\right|^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{n}}$$

and so cannot lie in any of the $4^n - 2^n$ outermost grandchildren $J^{\mathfrak{X}}_{\nearrow}$. Indeed, if $J \subset J^{\mathfrak{X}}_{\nearrow}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}\left(J, \text{body}J^{\mathfrak{X}}\right) &= \text{dist}\left(J, \text{body}J^{\mathfrak{X}}_{\nearrow}\right) \leq 2|J|^{\frac{\varepsilon}{n}} \left|J^{\mathfrak{X}}_{\nearrow}\right|^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{n}} \\ &= 2^\varepsilon |J|^{\frac{\varepsilon}{n}} \left|J^{\mathfrak{X}}\right|^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{n}} < 2|J|^{\frac{\varepsilon}{n}} \left|J^{\mathfrak{X}}\right|^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

contradicting the fact that J is ε -good in $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$. Thus we must have $J \subset J^b$, and of course we get that J^b is an inner grandchild of $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$, (where the body of $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$ does not intersect the interior of J^b , thus permitting J to be ε -good in $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$). Finally, the fact that J is ε -good in $J^{\mathfrak{X}}$ implies that $3J \subset J^b$.

This second key fact is what underlies the construction of the indented corona below, and motivates the next definition of augmented projection, in which we allow cubes K satisfying $J \subset K \subsetneq J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}K$, as well as $K \in C_A$, to be tested over in the augmented size condition below.

Definition 3.6.8. *Suppose \mathcal{P} is an A -admissible collection.*

(1). *For $K \in \Pi_1\mathcal{P}$, define the augmented projection of \mathcal{P} relative to K by*

$$\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}}\mathcal{P} \equiv \left\{J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P} : J \subset K \text{ and } J^{\mathfrak{X}} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}K\right\}.$$

(2). Define the corresponding augmented size functional $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P})$ by

$$\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$$

We note that the augmented projection $\Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}$ includes cubes J for which $J \subset K \subsetneq J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset \pi_D^{(2)} K$, and hence J need not be ε -good inside K . Then by the second key fact (3.6.15), and using that the boundaries of J^{\blacktriangleright} lie in the *body* of J^{\blacktriangleright} , we have two consequences,

$$K \in \left\{ J^{\blacktriangleright}, J^{\flat} \right\} \text{ and } 3J \subset J^{\flat} \subset 3J^{\flat} \subset J^{\blacktriangleright} \text{ for } J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P},$$

which will play an important role below.

The augmented size functional $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P})$ is a ‘decoupled’ form of the stopping energy $\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A)$ restricted to \mathcal{P} , in which the cubes J appearing in $\mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A)$ no longer appear in the Poisson integral in $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P})$, and it plays a crucial role in Lacey’s argument in [26]. We note two essential properties of this definition of size functional:

1. **Monotonicity** of size: $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{Q})$ if $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{Q}$,
2. **Control** by energy and Muckenhoupt conditions: $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P}) \lesssim \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}$.

The monotonicity property follows from $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \subset \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{Q}$ and $\Pi_2^K \mathcal{P} \subset \Pi_2^K \mathcal{Q}$. The control property is contained in the next lemma, which uses the stopping energy control for the form $\mathbf{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$ associated with A .

Lemma 3.6.9. *If \mathcal{P}^A is as in (3.6.2) and $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{P}^A$, then*

$$\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P}) \leq \mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A) \lesssim \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha}.$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P})^2 &= \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^K \mathcal{P} \cup \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\
&\lesssim \sup_{K \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_A \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \|x - m_K\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_K \omega)}^2 \leq \mathbf{X}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_A)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which is the first inequality in the statement of the lemma. The second inequality follows from (3.1.31). \square

There is an important special circumstance, introduced by M. Lacey in [26], in which we can bound our forms by the size functional, namely when the pairs all straddle a subpartition of A , and we present this in the next subsection. In order to handle the fact that the cubes in $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ need no longer enjoy any goodness, we will need to formulate a Substraddling Lemma to deal with this situation as well. See **Remark on lack of usual goodness** after (3.6.41), where it is explained how this applies to the proof of (3.6.40). Then in the following subsection, we use the bottom/up stopping time construction of M. Lacey, together with an additional ‘indented’ top/down corona construction, to reduce control of the sublinear stopping form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g)$ in inequality (3.6.7) to the three special cases addressed by the Orthogonality Lemma, the Straddling Lemma and the Substraddling Lemma.

3.6.3 \spadesuit Straddling, Substraddling, Corona-Straddling Lemmas

We begin with the Corona-straddling Lemma in which the straddling collection is the set of \mathcal{A} -children of A , and applies to the ‘corona straddling’ subcollection of the initial admissible

collection \mathcal{P}^A - see (3.6.2). Define the ‘corona straddling’ collection \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A by

$$\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A \equiv \bigcup_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}^A : J \subset A' \subsetneq J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} A' \right\}. \quad (3.6.16)$$

Note that \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A is an A -admissible collection that consists of just those pairs (I, J) for which J^{\blacktriangleright} is either the \mathcal{D} -parent or the \mathcal{D} -grandparent of a stopping cube $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$. The bound for the norm of the corresponding form is controlled by the energy condition.

Lemma 3.6.10. *We have the sublinear form bound*

$$\mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \leq C\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha.$$

Proof. The key point here is our assumption that $J \subset A' \subsetneq J^{\blacktriangleright} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} A'$ for $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A$, which implies that in fact $3J \subset A'$ since $J \cap \text{body}(\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} A') = \emptyset$ because J is ε -good in $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} A'$. We start with

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}(f, g) &= \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &= \sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A \\ 3J \subset A'}} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}(J)} \sigma \right)}{|J|} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \equiv \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A : (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi_I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I}.$$

If $J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A$ and $J \subset A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$, then either $A' = J^b$ or $A' = J_J^{\star}$ and we have

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}}(J) \sigma \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A', \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}} \sigma \right)}{|A'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A', \mathbf{1}_{A \sigma} \right)}{|A'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} & \text{if } A' = J^b \\ \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A'_J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}} \sigma \right)}{|A'_J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \lesssim \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A', \mathbf{1}_{A \sigma} \right)}{|A'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} & \text{if } A' = J_J^{\star} \end{cases}$$

Since $\left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}_{cor}^A} \right| \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \mathbf{1}_A$ by (3.6.4), we can then bound $|\mathbb{B}_{stop, \Delta}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}(f, g)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A', \mathbf{1}_{A \sigma} \right)}{|A'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A; A'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A; A'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ & \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \left(\sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(A', \mathbf{1}_{A \sigma} \right)}{|A'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| x - m_{A'}^\sigma \right\|_{L^2(\mathbf{1}_{A' \sigma})}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \cdot \left(\sum_{A' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A)} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A; A'}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \sqrt{|A|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ & \leq \mathcal{E}_2^\alpha \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \sqrt{|A|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{C}_A^{shift}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we have used the strong energy constant \mathcal{E}_2^α in (3.1.8). \square

Definition 3.6.11. We say that an admissible collection of pairs \mathcal{P} is reduced if it contains no pairs from \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A , i.e.

$$\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A = \emptyset.$$

Recall that in terms of J^b we rewrite

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P} &= \left\{ J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P} : J \subset K \text{ and } J^{\boxtimes} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K \right\} \\ &= \left\{ J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P} : J \subset K \text{ and } J^b \subset K \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.6.12. *Given a reduced admissible collection of pairs \mathcal{Q} for A , and a subpartition $\mathcal{S} \subset \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ of pairwise disjoint cubes in A , we say that \mathcal{Q} **straddles** \mathcal{S} if for every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}$ there is $S \in \mathcal{S} \cap [J, I]$ with $J^b \subset S$. To avoid trivialities, we further assume that for every $S \in \mathcal{S}$, there is at least one pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}$ with $J^b \subset S \subset I$. Here $[J, I]$ denotes the geodesic in the dyadic tree \mathcal{D} that connects $J^{\mathcal{D}}$ to I , where $J^{\mathcal{D}}$ is the minimal cube in \mathcal{D} that contains J .*

Definition 3.6.13. *For any dyadic cube $S \in \mathcal{D}$, define the Whitney collection $\mathcal{W}(S)$ to consist of the maximal subcubes K of S whose triples $3K$ are contained in S . Then set $\mathcal{W}^*(S) \equiv \mathcal{W}(S) \cup \{S\}$.*

The following geometric proposition will prove useful in proving the b Straddling Lemma 3.6.15 below. For $S \in \mathcal{S}$, let $\mathcal{Q}^S \equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q} : J^b \subset S \subset I \right\}$.

Proposition 3.6.14. *Suppose \mathcal{Q} is reduced admissible and b straddles a subpartition \mathcal{S} of A . Fix $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Define*

$$\varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}^S} [h] \equiv \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S : (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b} h} \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I},$$

assume that $h \in L^2(\sigma)$ is supported in the cube A , and that there is a cube $H \in \mathcal{C}_A$ with

$H \supset S$ such that

$$E_I^\sigma |h| \leq CE_H^\sigma |h|, \quad \text{for all } I \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}} \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A \text{ with } I \supset S.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}: J^\flat \subset S} \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} [h] \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ & \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S|} \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ & \quad + \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sum_{K \in \mathcal{W}(S)} \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma} \right)}{|K|} \left\| \mathbf{Q}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}. \end{aligned}$$

The sum over Whitney cubes $K \in \mathcal{W}(S)$ is only required to bound the sum of those terms on the left for which $J^\flat \subset S''$ for some $S'' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}(S)$.

Proof. Suppose first that $J^\flat = S \in \mathcal{C}'_A$. Then $3S = 3J^\flat \subset J^{\spadesuit} \subset I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)$ and using (3.6.4) with $\alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H)$ in place of $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} & \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus J^{\spadesuit}\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \\ & \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus J^{\spadesuit}\sigma} \right)}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\text{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose next that $J^b = S' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(S)$. Then $3S' = 3J^b \subset J^{\spadesuit} \subset I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)$ and (3.6.4) give

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus J^{\spadesuit}\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \\ &\lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(S', \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus J^{\spadesuit}\sigma} \right)}{|S'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \\ &\leq \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(S', \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S'|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \approx \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus in these two cases, by Cauchy-Schwarz, the left hand side of our conclusion is bounded by a multiple of

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left(\sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} \\ J^b \subset S}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} \\ J^b \subset S}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, suppose that $J^b \subset S''$ for some $S'' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}(S)$. Then $J^{\spadesuit} \subset S$, and Key Fact #2 in (3.6.15) shows that $3J^b \subset J^{\spadesuit}$, so that $3J^b \subset J^{\spadesuit} \subset S \subset I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)$. Thus we have $J^b \subset K = K[J]$ for some $K \in \mathcal{W}(S)$ and so by (3.6.4) again,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &\lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(J, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \\ &\lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma} \right)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma} \right)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we apply Cauchy-Schwarz again, but noting that $J^b \subset K$ this time, to obtain that the

left hand side of our conclusion is bounded by a multiple of

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) & \sum_{K \in \mathcal{W}(S)} \frac{P^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left(\sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} \\ J^b \subset K}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} \\ J^b \subset K}} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sum_{K \in \mathcal{W}(S)} \frac{P^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.6.14. \square

Recall the family of operators $\left\{ \square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \right\}_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^A}$, where for $I \in \mathcal{C}_A^A$, the dual martingale difference $\square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}}$ is defined in (3.1.41), and satisfies

$$\square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f = \left[\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right] - \mathbb{F}_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f = \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_A} f - \mathbb{F}_I^{\sigma, b_A} f.$$

Since $\square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}}$ is the transpose of $\Delta_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}}$ for $I \in \mathcal{C}_A^A$, the first line of Lemma 3.1.22 (where the superscript π is suppressed for convenience) shows that $\left\{ \square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \right\}_{I \in \mathcal{C}_A^A}$ is a family of projections, and the second line of Lemma 3.1.22 shows it is an orthogonal family, i.e.

$$\square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \square_K^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} = \begin{cases} \square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} & \text{if } I = K \\ 0 & \text{if } I \neq K \end{cases}, \quad I, K \in \mathcal{C}_A^A.$$

The orthogonal projections

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} & \equiv \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \square_I^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} = \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}} \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}}, \\ \text{where } \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}) & \equiv \{ \pi_{\mathcal{D}} I : I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q} \} \text{ and } \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{A}'}, \end{aligned}$$

thus satisfy the equalities

$$\square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f = \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \text{ and } \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f = \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \quad (3.6.17)$$

for $I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{C}_A^{A \text{ restrict}}$, which will permit us to apply certain projection tricks used for Haar projections in the proof of $T1$ theorems.

However, in our sublinear stopping form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}$, the dual martingale projections in use in the function

$$\varphi_f^{\mathcal{Q}^S} \equiv \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S: (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I}, \quad (3.6.18)$$

given in Proposition 3.6.14 above, are the modified pseudoprojections $\left\{ \widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} \right\}_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}}$, where $\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}}$ differs from the orthogonal projection $\square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}}$ for $I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} & \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f - \square_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \\ &= \left\{ \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{nat}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b A} f \right) - \mathbb{F}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b A} f \right\} - \left\{ \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b A} f \right) - \mathbb{F}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b A} f \right\} \\ &= - \sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b A} f. \end{aligned}$$

But the "box support" $Supp_{box}$ of this last expression $\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{brok}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b A} f$ consists of the broken children of πI , $\mathfrak{C}_{brok}(\pi I)$, and is contained in the set

$$\bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \bigcup_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \cap \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(\pi I)} \{I'\}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Supp}_{\text{box}} \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_A} f \right) &\subset \{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A) : I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(\pi I) \text{ for some } I \in \mathcal{C}'_A\} \\ &= \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A} \bigcup_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{A}}(A) \cap \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}(\pi I)} \{I'\}. \end{aligned}$$

But $I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S \subset \mathcal{C}'_A$ is a *natural* child of πI , and so

$$I \cap \text{Supp}_{\text{box}} \left(\sum_{I' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\text{brok}}(\pi I)} \mathbb{F}_{I'}^{\sigma, b_A} f \right) = \emptyset$$

It now follows that we have

$$E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, b, \mathbf{b}} f \right) = E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right), \quad \text{for } I \in \mathcal{C}'_A \quad (3.6.19)$$

Returning to (3.6.18), we have from (3.6.17) and (3.6.19) the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}^S} &\equiv \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S: (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \\ &= \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S: (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \left(\mathbb{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6.20)$$

which will play a critical role in proving the following *b*Straddling and Substraddling lemmas.

The *b*Straddling Lemma is an adaptation of Lemmas 3.19 and 3.16 in [26].

Lemma 3.6.15. *Let \mathcal{Q} be a reduced admissible collection of pairs for A , and suppose that $\mathcal{S} \subset \Pi_1^{\text{below}} \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ is a subpartition of A such that \mathcal{Q} *b*straddles \mathcal{S} . Then we have the*

restricted sublinear norm bound

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}} \leq C_{\mathbf{r}} \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{loysize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \leq C_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q}), \quad (3.6.21)$$

where $\mathcal{S}_{loysize}^{\alpha, A; S}$ is an S -localized size condition with an S -hole given by

$$\mathcal{S}_{loysize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \mathcal{W}^*(S) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \quad (3.6.22)$$

Proof. We begin by using that the reduced collection \mathcal{Q} bstraddles \mathcal{S} to write

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g) &= \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}\left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma}\right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\ &= \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{S, aug} \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}\left(J, \left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}^S} \right| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}}(J)\sigma}\right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}^S} \equiv \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S: (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^*} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I}.$$

At this point we invoke the identity (3.6.20),

$$\varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}^S} = \sum_{I \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^S: (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^S} b_A E_I^{\sigma} \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} \left(\mathbb{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I},$$

so that

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g) = |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(h, g), \quad \text{where } h \equiv \mathbb{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f.$$

We will treat the sublinear form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(h, g)$ with $h = \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f$ using a small variation on the corresponding argument in Lacey [26]. Namely, we will apply a Calderón-Zygmund stopping time decomposition to the function $h = \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f$ on the cube A with ‘obstacle’ $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathfrak{C}_A(A)$, to obtain stopping times $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{C}_A$ with the property that for all $H \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{A\}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} H \in \mathcal{C}_A \text{ is not strictly contained in any cube from } \mathcal{S}, \\ E_H^\sigma |h| > \Gamma E_{\pi_{\mathcal{H}} H}^\sigma |h|, \\ E_{H'}^\sigma |h| \leq \Gamma E_{\pi_{\mathcal{H}} H}^\sigma |h| \text{ for all } H \subsetneq H' \subset \pi_{\mathcal{H}} H \text{ with } H' \in \mathcal{C}_A. \end{aligned}$$

More precisely, define generation 0 of \mathcal{H} to consist of the single cube A . Having defined generation n , let generation $n + 1$ consist of the union over all cubes M in generation n of the maximal cubes M' in \mathcal{C}_A that are contained in M with $E_{M'}^\sigma |h| > \Gamma E_M^\sigma |h|$, but are *not* strictly contained in any cube S from \mathcal{S} or contained in any cube A' from $\mathfrak{C}_A(A)$ - thus the construction stops at the obstacle $\mathcal{S} \cup \mathfrak{C}_A(A)$. Then \mathcal{H} is the union of all generations $n \geq 0$.

Denote by

$$\mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}} \equiv \{H' \in \mathcal{C}_A : H' \subset H \text{ but } H' \not\subset H'' \text{ for any } H'' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(H)\}$$

the usual \mathcal{H} -corona associated with the stopping cube H , but restricted to \mathcal{C}_A , and let $\alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) = E_H^\sigma |f|$ as is customary for a Calderón-Zygmund corona. Since these coronas $\mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}}$ are all contained in \mathcal{C}_A , we have the stopping energy from the \mathcal{A} -corona \mathcal{C}_A at our disposal,

which is crucial for the argument. Furthermore, we denote by

$$\mathcal{Q}_H \equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q} : J \in \mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}, bshift} \right\}, \quad \text{with } \mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}, bshift} \equiv \left\{ J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} : J^b \in \mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}} \right\} \quad (3.6.23)$$

the restriction of the pairs (I, J) in \mathcal{Q} to those for which J lies in the flat shifted \mathcal{H} -corona $\mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}, bshift}$. Since the \mathcal{H} -stopping cubes satisfy a σ -Carleson condition for Γ chosen large enough, we have the quasiorthogonal inequality

$$\sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}} \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H)^2 |H|_{\sigma} \lesssim \|h\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2, \quad (3.6.24)$$

which below we will see reduces matters to proving inequality (3.6.21) for the family of reduced admissible collections $\{\mathcal{Q}_H\}_{H \in \mathcal{H}}$ with constants independent of H :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}_H} \leq C_{\mathbf{r}} \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}_H) \leq C_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q}_H), \quad H \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Given $S \in \mathcal{S}$, define $H_S \in \mathcal{H}$ to be the minimal cube in \mathcal{H} that contains S , and then define

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}} \equiv \{H_S \in \mathcal{H} : S \in \mathcal{S}\}.$$

Note that a given $H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}$ may have many cubes $S \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $H = H_S$, and we denote the collection of these cubes by $\mathcal{S}_H \equiv \{S \in \mathcal{S} : H_S = H\}$. We will organize the straddling cubes \mathcal{S} as

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}} \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} S$$

where each $S \in \mathcal{S}$ occurs exactly once in the union on the right hand side, i.e. the collections $\{\mathcal{S}_H\}_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}}$ are pairwise disjoint.

We now momentarily fix $H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}$, and consider the reduced admissible collection \mathcal{Q}_H , so that its projection onto the second component $\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H$ of \mathcal{Q}_H is *contained* in the corona $\mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}, \text{bshift}}$. Then the collection \mathcal{Q}_H bstraddles the set $\mathcal{S}_H = \{S \in \mathcal{S} : H_S = H\}$. Moreover, $\mathcal{Q}_H = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}: S \subset H} \mathcal{Q}_H^S$ and $\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H^S = \Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H$.

Recall that a Whitney cube K was required in the right hand side of the conclusion of Proposition 3.6.14 only in the case that $J^\flat \subset S''$ for some $S'' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}(S)$, which of course implies $3J^\flat \subset J^{\boxtimes} \subset S$. In this case we claim that $K \in \mathcal{C}_A$. Indeed, suppose in order to derive a contradiction, that $K \notin \mathcal{C}_A$. Then $J^{\boxtimes} \not\subset K$, and hence $3J^{\boxtimes} \not\subset S$. Since $J^{\boxtimes} \subset S$, it follows that J^{\boxtimes} shares a common part of the boundary with S (since if not, then $3J^{\boxtimes} \subset S$, a contradiction). Now Key Fact #2 in (3.6.15) implies that the inner grandchild containing J , J^\flat , is contained in K where $K \notin \mathcal{C}_A$. This then implies that the pair (I, J) belongs to the corona straddling subcollection $\mathcal{P}_{\text{cor}}^A$, contradicting the assumption that \mathcal{Q} is reduced.

Thus we have $S \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}} \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ and $K \in \mathcal{W}(S) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ and we can use Proposition (3.6.14) with $H = H_S$ to bound $|\mathbf{B}|_{\text{stop}, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g)$ by first summing over $H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}$ and then over $S \in \mathcal{S}_H$. Indeed, \mathcal{Q}_H bstraddles $\mathcal{S}_H \equiv \{S \in \mathcal{S} : H_S = H\}$, so that $\left| \varphi_J^{\mathcal{Q}_H} \right| \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{Q}_H}(J)}$ by (3.6.4), and so the sum over $S \in \mathcal{S}_H$ of the first term on the right side of the conclusion

of Proposition (3.6.14) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \sqrt{|S|_\sigma} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|S|_\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma})}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\
& \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|S|_\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(S, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma})}{|S|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \right\} \\
& \quad \cdot \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \sqrt{|S|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2^{S, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\
& \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \mathcal{S}_{\text{locsize}}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}_H) \right\} \sqrt{|H|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H$ is as in Definition 3.6.8, and the corresponding sum over $S \in \mathcal{S}_H$ of the second term is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{W}(S) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{\sqrt{|K|_\sigma}}{\sqrt{|K|_\sigma}} \frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus S\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H^S}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{Q}_H^S}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\
& \lesssim \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \mathcal{S}_{\text{locsize}}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}_H) \left(\sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{W}(S)} |K|_\sigma \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star} \\
& \leq \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_H} \mathcal{S}_{\text{locsize}}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}_H) \right\} \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sqrt{|H|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of $|\mathbf{B}|_{\text{stop}, \Delta}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g)$, we now sum the previous inequalities over the cubes $H \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}}$ to obtain the following string of inequalities (explained in detail after the

display)

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta^\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}(f, g) &\leq \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \right\} \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H) \sqrt{|H|_\sigma} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\leq \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \right\} \sqrt{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \alpha_{\mathcal{H}}(H)^2 |H|_\sigma} \sqrt{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}} \\
&\lesssim \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \right\} \|h\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \sqrt{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star 2}} \\
&\leq \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \right\} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star \\
&\lesssim \left\{ \sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \right\} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^\star \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^\star
\end{aligned}$$

where in the first line we have used $\mathcal{Q} = \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \mathcal{Q}_H$, which follows from the fact that each J^b is contained in a unique $S \in \mathcal{S}$; in the third line we have used the quasiorthogonal inequality (3.6.24); in the fourth line we have used that the sets $\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H \subset \mathcal{C}_H^{\mathcal{H}, bshift}$ are pairwise disjoint in H and have union $\Pi_2 \mathcal{Q} = \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}_S} \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}_H$. In the final line, we have used first the equality (3.1.43), second the fact that the functions $\square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f$ have pairwise disjoint supports, third the upper weak Riesz inequality and fourth the estimate (3.1.44) - which relies on the reverse

Hölder property for children in Lemma 3.1.9 - to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 &= \left\| \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f - \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \\
&\lesssim \left\| \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \left\| \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \\
&\lesssim \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \left\| \square_{I, brok}^{\sigma, \pi, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \left\| \square_I^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 + \sum_{I \in \pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})} \left\| \nabla_I^\sigma f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^2 \quad (3.6.25) \\
&\lesssim \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\pi(\Pi_1 \mathcal{Q})}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star 2}
\end{aligned}$$

We now use the fact that the supremum in the definition of $\mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q})$ is taken over $K \in \mathcal{W}^*(S) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ to conclude that

$$\sup_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}(\mathcal{Q}) \leq \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q}),$$

and this completes the proof of Lemma 3.6.15. \square

In a similar fashion we can obtain the following Substraddling Lemma.

Definition 3.6.16. *Given a reduced admissible collection of pairs \mathcal{Q} for A , and a \mathcal{D} -cube L contained in A , we say that \mathcal{Q} **substraddles** L if for every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}$ there is $K \in \mathcal{W}(L) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ with $J \subset K \subset 3K \subset I \subset L$.*

Lemma 3.6.17. *Let L be a \mathcal{D} -cube contained in A , and suppose that \mathcal{Q} is an admissible*

collection of pairs that straddles L . Then we have the sublinear form bound

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q}).$$

Proof. We will show that \mathcal{Q} straddles the subset \mathcal{W}_L of Whitney cubes for L given by

$$\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{Q}}(L) \equiv \{K \in \mathcal{W}(L) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A : J \subset K \subset 3K \subset I \subset L \text{ for some } (I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}\}.$$

It is clear that $\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{Q}}(L) \subset \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ is a subpartition of A . It remains to show that for every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{Q}$ there is $K \in \mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{Q}}(L) \cap [J, I]$ such that $J^b \subset K$. But our hypothesis implies that there is $K \in \mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{Q}}(L)$ with $J \subset K \subset 3K \subset I \subset L$. We now consider two cases.

Case 1: If $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(3)} K \subset L$, then since K is maximal Whitney cube, it is contained in an *outer* grandchild of $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(3)} K$ and $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(1)} K$ has to share an endpoint with L . Then so does $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(3)} K$. Recall, from Key Fact #2 in (3.6.15), $3J \subset J^b$, an *inner* grandchild of J^{\boxtimes} . We thus have $J^{\boxtimes} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K$ (if not; $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K \subset J^{\boxtimes}$ which implies that J^b has the same endpoint as L , a contradiction). This implies that $J^b \subset K$.

Case 2: If $\pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(3)} K \not\subset L$, then $K \subset 3K \subset I \subset L$ implies that $I = L = \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K$. Thus we have $J^{\boxtimes} \subset I = \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)} K$, which again gives $J^b \subset K$.

Now that we know \mathcal{Q} straddles the subset $\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{Q}}(L)$, we can apply Lemma 3.6.15 to obtain the required bound $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q})$. \square

3.6.4 The bottom/up stopping time argument of M. Lacey

Before introducing Lacey's stopping times, we note that the Corona-straddling Lemma 3.6.10 allows us to remove the 'corona straddling' collection \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A of pairs of cubes in (3.6.16) from

the collection \mathcal{P}^A in (3.6.2) used to define the stopping form $\mathbb{B}_{stop}^A(f, g)$. The collection $\mathcal{P}^A \setminus \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A$ is of course also A -admissible.

We assume for the remainder of the proof that all admissible collections \mathcal{P} are reduced, i.e.

$$\mathcal{P}^A \cap \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A = \emptyset, \text{ as well as } \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A = \emptyset \text{ for all } A\text{-admissible } \mathcal{P}. \quad (3.6.26)$$

For a cube $K \in \mathcal{D}$, we define

$$\mathcal{G}[K] \equiv \{J \in \mathcal{G} : J \subset K\}$$

to consist of all cubes J in the other grid \mathcal{G} that are contained in K . For an A -admissible collection \mathcal{P} of pairs, define two atomic measures $\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$ in the upper half space \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} by

$$\omega_{\mathcal{P}} \equiv \sum_{J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \delta_{(c_{J^{\spadesuit}}, \ell(J^{\spadesuit}))} \quad (3.6.27)$$

and

$$\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}} \equiv \sum_{J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \delta_{(c_{J^{\flat}}, \ell(J^{\flat}))}, \quad (3.6.28)$$

where J^{\flat} is the inner grandchild of J^{\spadesuit} that contains J

Note that each cube $J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P}$ has its ‘energy’ $\left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$ in the measure $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$ assigned to exactly one of the 2^n points $(c_{J^{\flat}}, \frac{1}{4}\ell(J^{\spadesuit}))$ in the upper half plane \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} since J is contained in one of $J_{\searrow}^{\spadesuit}$, namely in J^{\flat} , by Key Fact #2 in (3.6.15). Note also that the atomic measure $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$ differs from the measure μ in (??) in Appendix B of [54] - which is used there to control the functional energy condition - in that here we bundle together all the J' s having a common J^{\flat} . This is in order to rewrite the *augmented* size functional in terms of the

measure $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$. We can get away with this here, as opposed to in Appendix B of [54], due to the ‘smaller and decoupled’ nature of the augmented size functional to which we will relate $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$.

Define the tent $\mathbf{T}(L)$ over a cube L to be the convex hull of the cube $L \times \{0\}$ and the point $(c_L, \ell(L)) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$. Then for $J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P}$ we have $J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}}\mathcal{P}$ iff $\{J \subset K \text{ and } J^{\boxtimes} \subset \pi_{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}K\}$ iff $J^{\flat} \subset K$ iff $(c_{J^{\flat}}, \ell(J^{\flat})) \in \mathbf{T}(K)$. We can now rewrite the augmented size functional of \mathcal{P} in Definition 3.6.8 as

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)). \quad (3.6.29)$$

It will be convenient to write

$$\Psi^{\alpha}(K; \mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)),$$

so that we have simply

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2 = \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{\Psi^{\alpha}(K; \mathcal{P})^2}{|K|_{\sigma}}.$$

Remark 3.6.18. *The functional $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K))$ is increasing in K , while the functional*

$\frac{P^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}}$ is ‘almost decreasing’ in K : if $K_0 \subset K$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} &= \int_{A \setminus K} \frac{d\sigma(y)}{\left(|K|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_K|\right)^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \int_{A \setminus K} \frac{(\sqrt{n})^{n+1-\alpha} d\sigma(y)}{\left(|K_0|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_{K_0}|\right)^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq \int_{A \setminus K_0} \frac{C_{\alpha, n} d\sigma(y)}{\left(|K_0|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |y - c_{K_0}|\right)^{n+1-\alpha}} = C_{\alpha, n} \frac{P^\alpha(K_0, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K_0} \sigma)}{|K_0|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \end{aligned}$$

since $|K_0| + |y - c_{K_0}| \leq |K| + |y - c_K| + \frac{1}{2} \text{diam}(K)$ for $y \in A \setminus K$.

Recall that if \mathcal{P} is an admissible collection for a dyadic cube A , the corresponding sub-linear form in (3.6.7) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) &\equiv \sum_{J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}} \frac{P^\alpha\left(J, |\varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}}| \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I_{\mathcal{P}}(J)} \sigma\right)}{|J|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit} \left\| \square_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}; \\ \text{where } \varphi_J^{\mathcal{P}} &\equiv \sum_{I \in \mathcal{C}'_A: (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}} b_A E_I^\sigma \left(\widehat{\square}_{\pi I}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}} f \right) \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus I}. \end{aligned}$$

In the notation for $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$, we are omitting dependence on the parameter α , and to avoid clutter, we will often do so from now on when the dependence on α is inconsequential.

Recall further that the ‘size testing collection’ of cubes $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}$ for the initial size testing functional $\mathcal{S}_{initsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})$ is the collection of all subcubes of cubes in $\Pi_1 \mathcal{P}$, and moreover, by Key Fact #1 in (3.6.13), that we can restrict the collection to $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$. This latter set is used for the augmented size functional.

Assumption

We may assume that the corona \mathcal{C}_A is finite, and that each A -admissible collection \mathcal{P} is a finite collection, and hence so are $\Pi_1\mathcal{P}$, $\Pi_1^{below}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ and $\Pi_2\mathcal{P}$, provided all of the bounds we obtain are independent of the cardinality of these latter collections.

Consider $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, where $\rho = 1 + \varepsilon$ will be chosen later in (3.6.37). Begin by defining the collection \mathcal{L}_0 to consist of the *minimal* dyadic cubes K in $\Pi_1^{below}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ such that

$$\frac{\Psi^\alpha(K; \mathcal{P})^2}{|K|_\sigma} \geq \varepsilon \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2.$$

where we recall that

$$\Psi^\alpha(K; \mathcal{P})^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)).$$

Note that such minimal cubes exist when $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ because $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2$ is the supremum over $K \in \Pi_1^{below}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ of $\frac{\Psi^\alpha(K; \mathcal{P})^2}{|K|_\sigma}$. A key property of the minimality requirement is that

$$\frac{\Psi^\alpha(K'; \mathcal{P})^2}{|K'|_\sigma} < \varepsilon \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2, \quad (3.6.30)$$

whenever there is $K' \in \Pi_1^{below}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ with $K' \subsetneq K$ and $K \in \mathcal{L}_0$.

We now perform a stopping time argument ‘from the bottom up’ with respect to the atomic measure $\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$ in the upper half space. This construction of a stopping time ‘from the bottom up’, together with the subsequent applications of the Orthogonality Lemma and the Straddling Lemma, comprise the key innovations in Lacey’s argument [26]. However, in our situation the cubes I belonging to $\Pi_1^{below}\mathcal{P}$ are no longer ‘good’ in any sense, and we must

include an additional top/down stopping criterion in the next subsection to accommodate this lack of ‘goodness’. The argument in [26] will apply to these special stopping cubes, called ‘indented’ cubes, and the remaining cubes form towers with a common endpoint, that are controlled using all three straddling lemmas.

We refer to \mathcal{L}_0 as the initial or level 0 generation of stopping cubes. Set

$$\rho = 1 + \varepsilon. \tag{3.6.31}$$

As in [49], [51] and [52], we follow Lacey [26] by recursively defining a finite sequence of generations $\{\mathcal{L}_m\}_{m \geq 0}$ by letting \mathcal{L}_m consist of the *minimal* dyadic cubes L in $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ that contain a cube from some previous level \mathcal{L}_ℓ , $\ell < m$, such that

$$\omega_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(L)) \geq \rho \omega_{\mathcal{P}} \left(\bigcup_{\substack{L' \in \bigcup_{\ell=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{L}_\ell \\ L' \subset L}} \mathbf{T}(L') \right). \tag{3.6.32}$$

Since \mathcal{P} is finite this recursion stops at some level M . We then let \mathcal{L}_{M+1} consist of all the maximal cubes in $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ that are not already in some \mathcal{L}_m with $m \leq M$. Thus \mathcal{L}_{M+1} will contain either none, some, or all of the maximal cubes in $\Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}$. We do not of course have (3.6.32) for $A' \in \mathcal{L}_{M+1}$ in this case, but we do have that (3.6.32) fails for subcubes K of $A' \in \mathcal{L}_{M+1}$ that are not contained in any other $L \in \mathcal{L}_m$ with $m \leq M$, and this is sufficient for the arguments below.

We now decompose the collection of pairs (I, J) in \mathcal{P} into collections \mathcal{P}^{small} and \mathcal{P}^{big} according to the location of I and J^b , but only after introducing below the indented corona \mathcal{H} . The collection \mathcal{P}^{big} will then essentially consist of those pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ for which there

are $L', L \in \mathcal{H}$ with $L' \subsetneq L$ and such that $J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{H}}$ and $I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$. The collection $\mathcal{P}^{b\text{small}}$ will consist of the remaining pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ for which there is $L \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $J^\flat, I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$, along with the pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $I \subset I_0$ for some $I_0 \in \mathcal{L}_0$. This will cover all pairs (I, J) in $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{P}_A$, since for such pairs, $I \in \mathcal{C}'_A$ and $J \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{G}\text{shift}}$, which in turn implies $I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$ and $J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{H}}$ for some $L, L' \in \mathcal{H}$. But a considerable amount of further analysis is required to prove (3.6.7).

First recall that $\mathcal{L} \equiv \bigcup_{m=0}^{M+1} \mathcal{L}_m$ is the tree of stopping $\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$ -energy cubes defined above. By the construction above, the maximal elements in \mathcal{L} are the maximal cubes in $\Pi_1^{\text{below}} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$. For $L \in \mathcal{L}$, denote by $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}}$ the *corona* associated with L in the tree \mathcal{L} ,

$$\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}} \equiv \{K \in \mathcal{D} : K \subset L \text{ and there is no } L' \in \mathcal{L} \text{ with } K \subset L' \subsetneq L\},$$

and define the *b shifted* \mathcal{L} -corona by

$$\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}, b\text{shift}} \equiv \{J \in \mathcal{G} : J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}}\}.$$

Now the parameter m in \mathcal{L}_m refers to the level at which the stopping construction was performed, but for $L \in \mathcal{L}_m$, the corona children L' of L are *not* all necessarily in \mathcal{L}_{m-1} , but may be in \mathcal{L}_{m-t} for t large.

At this point we introduce the notion of geometric depth d in the tree \mathcal{L} by defining

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_0 &\equiv \{L \in \mathcal{L} : L \text{ is maximal}\}, & (3.6.33) \\
\mathcal{G}_1 &\equiv \{L \in \mathcal{L} : L \text{ is maximal wrt } L \subsetneq L_0 \text{ for some } L_0 \in \mathcal{G}_0\}, \\
&\vdots \\
\mathcal{G}_{d+1} &\equiv \{L \in \mathcal{L} : L \text{ is maximal wrt } L \subsetneq L_d \text{ for some } L_d \in \mathcal{G}_d\}, \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

We refer to \mathcal{G}_d as the d^{th} generation of cubes in the tree \mathcal{L} , and say that the cubes in \mathcal{G}_d are at depth d in the tree \mathcal{L} (the generations \mathcal{G}_d here are *not* related to the grid \mathcal{G}), and we write $d_{\text{geom}}(L)$ for the geometric depth of L . Thus the cubes in \mathcal{G}_d are the stopping cubes in \mathcal{L} that are d levels in the *geometric* sense below the top level. While the geometric depth d_{geom} is about to be superseded by the ‘indented’ depth d_{indent} defined in the next subsection, we will return to the geometric depth in order to iterate Lacey’s bottom/up stopping criterion when proving the second line in (3.6.36) in Proposition 3.6.19 below.

3.6.5 The indented corona construction

Now we address the lack of goodness in $\Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$. For this we introduce an additional top/down stopping time \mathcal{H} over the collection \mathcal{L} . Given the initial generation

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{\text{maximal } L \in \mathcal{L}\} = \{\text{maximal } I \in \Pi_1^{\text{below}}\mathcal{P}\},$$

define subsequent generations \mathcal{H}_k as follows. For $k \geq 1$ and each $H \in \mathcal{H}_{k-1}$, let

$$\mathcal{H}_k(H) \equiv \{\text{maximal } L \in \mathcal{L} : 3L \subset H\}$$

consist of the next \mathcal{H} -generation of \mathcal{L} -cubes below H , and set $\mathcal{H}_k \equiv \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k-1}} \mathcal{H}_k(H)$. Finally

set $\mathcal{H} \equiv \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_k$. We refer to the stopping cubes $H \in \mathcal{H}$ as *indented* stopping cubes since

$3H \subset \pi_{\mathcal{H}}H$ for all $H \in \mathcal{H}$ at indented generation one or more, i.e. each successive such H

is ‘indented’ in its \mathcal{H} -parent. This property of indentation is precisely what is required in

order to generate geometric decay in indented generations at the end of the proof. We refer

to k as the *indented depth* of the stopping cube $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$, written $k = d_{\text{indent}}(H)$, which is a

refinement of the geometric depth d_{geom} introduced above. We will often revert to writing

the dummy variable for cubes in \mathcal{H} as L instead of H . For $L \in \mathcal{H}$ define the \mathcal{H} -corona $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$

and \mathcal{H} -bshifted corona $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}, \text{bshift}}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} &\equiv \{I \in \mathcal{D} : I \subset L \text{ and } I \not\subset L' \text{ for any } L' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}, \text{bshift}} &\equiv \{J \in \mathcal{G} : J^{\flat} \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We will also need recourse to the coronas $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$ restricted to cubes in \mathcal{L} , i.e.

$$\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{L}) \equiv \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} \cap \mathcal{L} = \{T \in \mathcal{L} : T \subset L \text{ and } T \not\subset L' \text{ for any } L' \in \mathcal{H} \text{ with } L' \subsetneq L\}.$$

and

$$\mathcal{T}(L) \equiv \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}, \text{restrict}}(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{L\}$$

We emphasize the distinction ‘indented generation’ as this refers to the indented depth rather than either the level of initial stopping construction of \mathcal{L} , or the geometric depth. The point of introducing the tree \mathcal{H} of indented stopping cubes, is that the inclusion $3L \subset \pi_{\mathcal{H}}L$ for all $L \in \mathcal{H}$ with $d_{indent}(L) \geq 1$ turns out to be an adequate substitute for the standard ‘goodness’ lost in the process of infusing the weak goodness of Hytönen and Martikainen in Subsection 3.2.1 above.

3.6.5.1 Flat shifted coronas

We now define the bshifted admissible collections of pairs $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}$ using the coronas

$$\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H},bshift} \equiv \left\{ J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P} : J^b \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} \right\} \text{ and } \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L},bshift} \equiv \left\{ J \in \Pi_2\mathcal{P} : J^b \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}} \right\}.$$

In these flat shifted \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{L} coronas, we have effectively shift the cubes J two levels ‘up’ by requiring $J^b \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}}$, but because \mathcal{P} is admissible, we always have $J^{\boxtimes} \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{A},restrict}$. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}, J \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{H},bshift} \text{ for some } L' \in \mathcal{H}_{d_{indent}(L)+t}, L' \subset L \right\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} &= \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H},bshift} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} &= \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-small} \cup \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-small} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} : \text{there is no } L' \in \mathcal{T}(L) \text{ with } J^b \subset L' \subset I \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} : I \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus \{L'\}, J \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{L},bshift} \text{ for some } L' \in \mathcal{T}(L) \right\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} : \text{there is } L' \in \mathcal{T}(L) \text{ with } J^b \subset L' \subset I \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

with one exception: if $L \in \mathcal{H}_0$ we set $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-small} \equiv \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \equiv \emptyset$ since in this case L fails to satisfy (3.6.32) as pointed out above. Finally, for $L \in \mathcal{H}$ we further decompose $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-small}$ as

$$\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-small} = \bigcup_{L' \in \mathcal{T}(L)} \mathcal{P}_{L',0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{L',0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{L}} \setminus \{L'\} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{L}, bshift} \right\}$

Then we set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}^{big} &\equiv \left\{ \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} \right\}; \\ \mathcal{P}^{small} &\equiv \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6.34)$$

We observed above that every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ is included in either \mathcal{P}^{small} or \mathcal{P}^{big} , and it follows that every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}$ is thus included in either \mathcal{P}^{small} or \mathcal{P}^{big} , simply because the pairs (I, J) have been shifted up by two dyadic levels in the cube J . Thus the coronas $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}$ are now even *smaller* than the regular coronas $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\mathcal{L}-small}$, which permits the estimate (3.6.35) below to hold for the larger augmented size functional. On the other hand, the coronas $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}$ are now bigger than before, requiring the stronger straddling lemmas above in order to obtain the estimates (3.6.36) below. More specifically, we will see that stopping forms with pairs in \mathcal{P}^{big} will be estimated using the \mathfrak{b} Straddling and Substraddling Lemmas (Substraddling applies to part of $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}$ and \mathfrak{b} Straddling applies to the remaining part of $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}$ and to $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}$), and it is here that the removal of the corona-straddling collection \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A is essential, while forms with pairs in \mathcal{P}^{small} will be absorbed.

3.6.6 Size estimates

Now we turn to proving the *size estimates* we need for these collections. Recall that the *restricted* norm $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ is the best constant in the inequality

$$|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}(f, g) \leq \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_1 \mathcal{P}}^{\sigma, \mathbf{b}} f \right\|_{L^2(\sigma)}^{\star} \left\| \mathbb{P}_{\Pi_2 \mathcal{P}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} g \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\star}$$

where $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ satisfies $E_I^\sigma |f| \leq \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(A)$ for all $I \in \mathcal{C}_A$, and $g \in L^2(\omega)$.

Proposition 3.6.19. *Suppose ρ in (3.6.31) is greater than 1, and \mathcal{P} is a reduced admissible collection of pairs for a dyadic cube A . Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^{b\text{big}} \cup \mathcal{P}^{b\text{small}}$ be the decomposition satisfying above, i.e.*

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} \right\} \cup \left(\bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-\text{small}} \right)$$

Then all of these collections $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-\text{small}}$, $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}$ are reduced admissible, and we have the estimate

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-\text{small}} \right)^2 \leq (\rho - 1) \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P})^2, \quad L \in \mathcal{L} \quad (3.6.35)$$

and the localized norm bounds,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}} &\leq C \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P}), \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta \omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}} &\leq C \rho^{-\frac{t}{2}} \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P}), \quad t \geq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6.36)$$

Using this proposition on size estimates, we can finish the proof of (3.6.7), and hence the

proof of (3.6.1).

Corollary 3.6.20. *The sublinear stopping form inequality (3.6.7) holds.*

Proof. Recall that $\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}$ is the best constant in the inequality (3.6.10). Since

$\left\{ \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \right\}_{L \in \mathcal{L}}$ is a mutually orthogonal family of A -admissible pairs, the Orthogonality

Lemma 3.6.4 implies that

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}} \leq \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}}$$

Using this, together with the decomposition of \mathcal{P} and (3.6.36) above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} &\leq \sup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}} + \sum_{t=1}^{M+1} \sup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}} + \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}} \\ &\lesssim \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}) + \left(\sum_{t=1}^{M+1} \rho^{-\frac{t}{2}} \right) \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}) + \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}} \end{aligned}$$

Since the admissible collection \mathcal{P}^A in (3.6.2) that arises in the stopping form is finite, we can define \mathfrak{L} to be the best constant in the inequality

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} \leq \mathfrak{L} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}) \text{ for all } A\text{-admissible collections } \mathcal{P}.$$

Now choose \mathcal{P} so that

$$\frac{\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}}{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})} > \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\mathcal{Q} \text{ is } A\text{-admissible}} \frac{\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}}}{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{Q})}.$$

Then using $\sum_{t=1}^{M+1} \rho^{-\frac{t}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L} &< 2 \frac{\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}}}{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})} \leq \frac{C \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}) + C \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}}}{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})} \\ &\leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1} + C \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathfrak{L} \frac{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small})}{\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})} \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1} + C \mathfrak{L} \sqrt{\rho-1} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.6.35) in the last line. If we choose $\rho > 1$ so that

$$C \sqrt{\rho-1} < \frac{1}{2}, \quad (3.6.37)$$

then we obtain $\mathfrak{L} \leq 2C \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1}$. Together with Lemma 3.6.9, this yields

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}} \leq \mathfrak{L} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}) \leq 2C \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}-1} \left(\mathcal{E}_2^\alpha + \sqrt{\mathfrak{A}_2^\alpha} \right)$$

as desired, and completes the proof of inequality (3.6.7). \square

Thus, in view of Conclusion 3.6.4, it remains only to prove Proposition 3.6.19 using the Orthogonality and Straddling and Substraddling Lemmas above, and we now turn to this task.

Proof of Proposition 3.6.19. We split the proof into three parts.

Proof of (3.6.35): To prove the inequality (3.6.35), suppose first that $L \notin \mathcal{L}_{M+1}$. In the case that $L \in \mathcal{L}_0$ is an initial generation cube, then from (3.6.30) and the fact that every

$I \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small}$ satisfies $I \subsetneq L$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2 &= \sup_{K' \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{\Psi^\alpha \left(K'; \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2}{|K'|_\sigma} \\ &\leq \sup_{K' \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A : K' \subsetneq L} \frac{\Psi^\alpha \left(K'; \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2}{|K'|_\sigma} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} (\mathcal{P})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that $L \notin \mathcal{L}_0$ in addition to $L \notin \mathcal{L}_{M+1}$. Pick a pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small}$. Then I is in the restricted corona $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}'}$ and J is in the \flat shifted corona $\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L},\flat shift}$. Since $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small}$ is a finite collection, the definition of $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)$ shows that there is an cube $K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ so that

$$\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma} \right)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}} (\mathbf{T}(K)).$$

Note that $K \subsetneq L$ by definition of $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small}$. Now let t be such that $L \in \mathcal{L}_t$, and define

$$t' = t'(K) \equiv \max \{ s : \text{there is } L' \in \mathcal{L}_s \text{ with } L' \subset K \},$$

and note that $0 \leq t' < t$. First, suppose that $t' = 0$ so that K does not contain any $L' \in \mathcal{L}$.

Then it follows from the construction at level $\ell = 0$ that

$$\frac{1}{|K|_\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}^\alpha \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma} \right)}{|K|} \right)^2 \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}} (\mathbf{T}(K)) < \varepsilon \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} (\mathcal{P})^2,$$

and hence from $\rho = 1 + \varepsilon$ we obtain

$$\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2 < \varepsilon \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} (\mathcal{P})^2 = (\rho - 1) \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} (\mathcal{P})^2.$$

Now suppose that $t' \geq 1$. Then K fails the stopping condition (3.6.32) with $m = t' + 1$, since otherwise it would contain a cube $L'' \in \mathcal{L}_{t'+1}$ contradicting our definition of t' , and so

$$\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)) < \rho \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{V}(K)) \text{ where } \mathbf{V}(K) \equiv \bigcup_{L' \in \bigcup_{\ell=0}^{t'} \mathcal{L}_\ell : L' \subset K} \mathbf{T}(L').$$

Now we use the crucial fact that the positive measure $\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}$ is *additive* and finite to obtain from this that

$$\omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K) \setminus \mathbf{V}(K)) = \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)) - \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{V}(K)) \leq (\rho - 1) \omega_{\flat\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{V}(K)). \quad (3.6.38)$$

Now recall that

$$\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{Q})^2 \equiv \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{Q} \cap C'_A} \frac{1}{|K|^\sigma} \left(\frac{P^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K} \sigma)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{Q}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}.$$

We claim it follows that for each $J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{L}-small}$ the support $(c_{J^b}, \ell(J^b))$ of the atom $\delta_{(c_{J^b}, \ell(J^b))}$ is contained in the set $\mathbf{T}(K)$, but not in the set

$$\mathbf{V}(K) \equiv \bigcup \left\{ \mathbf{T}(L') : L' \in \bigcup_{\ell=0}^{t'} \mathcal{L}_\ell : L' \subset K \right\}.$$

Indeed, suppose in order to derive a contradiction, that $(c_{J^b}, \ell(J^b)) \in \mathbf{T}(L')$ for some $L' \in \mathcal{L}_\ell$ with $0 \leq \ell \leq t'$. Recall that $L \in \mathcal{L}_t$ with $t' < t$ so that $L' \subsetneq L$. Thus $(c_{J^b}, \ell(J^b)) \in \mathbf{T}(L')$ implies $J^b \subset L'$, which contradicts the fact that

$$J \in \Pi_2^K \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \subset \Pi_2 \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} = \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_L^\mathcal{L} \setminus \{L\} \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{L}, bshift} \right\}$$

implies $J^b \in \mathcal{C}_L^\mathcal{L}$ - because $L' \notin \mathcal{C}_L^\mathcal{L}$.

Thus from the definition of $\omega_{b\mathcal{P}}$ in (3.6.28), the ‘energy’ $\left\| \mathbb{Q}_{\Pi_2^K, aug \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}}^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}$ is at most the $\omega_{b\mathcal{P}}$ -measure of $\mathbf{T}(K) \setminus \mathbf{V}(K)$. Using now

$$\omega_{b\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}}(\mathbf{T}(K)) = \omega_{b\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small}}(\mathbf{T}(K) \setminus \mathbf{V}(K)) \leq \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K) \setminus \mathbf{V}(K))$$

and (3.6.38), we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2 &\leq \\ &\sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|^\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K) \setminus \mathbf{V}(K)) \\ &\leq (\rho - 1) \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|^\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{V}(K)) \end{aligned}$$

and we can continue with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{L}-small} \right)^2 &\leq (\rho - 1) \sup_{K \in \Pi_1^{below} \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|^\sigma} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^\alpha(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K\sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)) \\ &\leq (\rho - 1) \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2. \end{aligned}$$

In the remaining case where $L \in \mathcal{L}_{M+1}$ we can include L as a testing cube K and the same reasoning applies. This completes the proof of (3.6.35).

To prove the other inequality (3.6.36) in Proposition 3.6.19, we will use the \flat Straddling and Substraddling Lemmas to bound the norm of certain ‘straddled’ stopping forms by the augmented size functional $\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}$, and the Orthogonality Lemma to bound sums of ‘mutually orthogonal’ stopping forms. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}^{b\text{big}} &= \left\{ \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} \right\} \equiv \mathcal{Q}_0^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} \cup \mathcal{Q}_1^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_0^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} &\equiv \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}, \quad \mathcal{Q}_1^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} \equiv \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \mathcal{P}_t^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}, \quad \mathcal{P}_t^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} \equiv \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

Proof of the second line in (3.6.36): We first turn to the collection

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_1^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} &= \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} = \bigcup_{t \geq 1} \mathcal{P}_t^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}, \\ \mathcal{P}_t^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}} &\equiv \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}, \quad t \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}} = \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}, J \in \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{H}, \text{bshift}} \text{ for some } L' \in \mathcal{H}_{d_{\text{indent}}(L)+t}, L' \subset L \right\}.$$

We now claim that the second line in (3.6.36) holds, i.e.

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_t^{b\mathcal{H}-\text{big}}} \leq C\rho^{-\frac{t}{2}} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A}(\mathcal{P}), \quad t \geq 1, \quad (3.6.39)$$

which recovers the key geometric gain obtained by Lacey in [26], except that here we are

only gaining this decay relative to the indented subtree \mathcal{H} of the tree \mathcal{L} .

The case $t = 1$ can be handled with relative ease since decay is not relevant here. Indeed, $\mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}$ straddles the collection $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$ of \mathcal{H} -children of L , and so the localized \mathfrak{b} Straddling Lemma 3.6.15 applies to give

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}} \right) \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P}),$$

and then the Orthogonality Lemma 3.6.4 applies to give

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_1^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}-big}} \leq \sup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathfrak{N}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P}),$$

since $\left\{ \mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}} \right\}_{L \in \mathcal{L}}$ is mutually orthogonal as $\mathcal{P}_{L,1}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}} \subset \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} \times \mathcal{C}_{L'}^{\mathcal{H}, \mathfrak{b}shift}$ with $L \in \mathcal{H}_k$ and $L' \in \mathcal{H}_{k+1}$ for indented depth $k = k(L)$. The case $t = 2$ is equally easy.

Now we consider the case $t \geq 2$, where it is essential to obtain geometric decay in t . We remind the reader that all of our admissible collections $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}$ are *reduced* by Conclusion 3.6.4. We again apply Lemma 3.6.15 to $\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}$ with $\mathcal{S} = \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$, so that for any $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}$, there is $H' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$ with $J^{\mathfrak{b}} \subset H' \subsetneq I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}$. But this time we must use the stronger localized bounds $\mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; S}$ with an S -hole, that give

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}} &\leq C \sup_{H' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)} \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; H'} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}} \right), \quad t \geq 0; \\ \mathcal{S}_{locsize}^{\alpha, A; H'} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}} \right)^2 &= \sup_{K \in \mathcal{W}^*(H') \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha} \left(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus H' \sigma} \right)}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{H}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathfrak{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that

$$\sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\flat \mathcal{H}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \leq \rho^{-(t-2)} \omega_{\flat \mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)), \quad (3.6.40)$$

for $t \geq 2$, $K \in \mathcal{W}^*(H') \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$, $H' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$

so that we then have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus H' \sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\flat \mathcal{H}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\ & \leq \rho^{-(t-2)} \frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus K \sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \omega_{\flat \mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K)) \leq \rho^{-(t-2)} \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})^2 \end{aligned}$$

by (3.6.29), and hence conclude the required bound for $\mathfrak{N}_{\text{stop}, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\flat \mathcal{H}}}$, namely that

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{\text{stop}, \Delta \omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\flat \mathcal{H}}} \quad (3.6.41) \\ & \leq C \sup_{H' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)} \sup_{K \in \mathcal{W}^*(H') \cap \mathcal{C}'_A} \sqrt{\frac{1}{|K|_{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(K, \mathbf{1}_{A \setminus H' \sigma})}{|K|^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{\flat \mathcal{H}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2}} \\ & \leq C \sqrt{\rho^{-(t-2)} \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P})} = C' \rho^{-\frac{t}{2}} \mathcal{S}_{\text{augsize}}^{\alpha, A}(\mathcal{P}). \end{aligned}$$

Remark on lack of usual goodness: To prove (3.6.40), it is essential that the cubes $H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2}$ at the next indented level down from $H^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$ are each contained in one of the Whitney cubes $K \in \mathcal{W}(H^{k+1}) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ for some $H^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$. And this is the reason we introduced the indented corona - namely so that $3H^{k+2} \subset H^{k+1}$ for some

$H^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$, and hence $H^{k+2} \subset K$ for some $K \in \mathcal{W}(H^{k+1})$. In the argument of Lacey in [26], the corresponding cubes were good in the usual sense, and so the above triple property was automatic.

So we begin by fixing $K \in \mathcal{W}^*(H^{k+1}) \cap \mathcal{C}'_A$ with $H^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{H}}(L)$, and noting from the above that each $J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^b \mathcal{H}$ satisfies

$$J^b \subset H^{k+t} \subset H^{k+t-1} \subset \dots \subset H^{k+2} \subset K$$

for $H^{k+j} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+j}$ uniquely determined by J^b . Thus for $t \geq 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^b \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &= \sum_{\substack{H^{k+t} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+t} \\ H^{k+t} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{J \in \Pi_2^{K, \text{aug}} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^b \mathcal{H} \\ J^b \subset H^{k+t}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{H^{k+t} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+t} \\ H^{k+t} \subset K}} \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(H^{k+t})) \end{aligned}$$

In the case $t = 2$ we are done since the final sum above is at most $\omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(K))$.

Now suppose $t \geq 3$. In order to obtain geometric gain in t , we will apply the stopping criterion (3.6.32) in the following form,

$$\sum_{L' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(L_0)} \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(L')) = \omega_{b\mathcal{P}} \left(\bigcup_{L' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(L_0)} \mathbf{T}(L') \right) \leq \frac{1}{\rho} \omega_{b\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{T}(L_0)), \quad \text{for all } L_0 \in \mathcal{L} \quad (3.6.42)$$

where we have used the fact that the *maximal* cubes L' in the collection

$$\bigcup_{\ell=0}^{m-1} \{L' \in \mathcal{L}_{\ell} : L' \subset L_0\}$$

for $L_0 \in \mathcal{L}_m$ (that appears in (3.6.32)) are precisely the \mathcal{L} -children of L_0 in the tree \mathcal{L} (the cubes L' above are strictly contained in L_0 since $\rho > 1$ in (3.6.32)), so that

$$\bigcup_{L' \in \Gamma} L' = \bigcup_{L' \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(L_0)} L' \text{ where } \Gamma \equiv \bigcup_{\ell=0}^{m-1} \{L' \in \mathcal{L}_\ell : L' \subset L_0\}.$$

In order to apply (3.6.42), we collect the pairwise disjoint cubes $H^{k+t} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+t}$ such that $H^{k+t} \subset H^{k+2} \subset K$, into groups according to which cube $L^{k'+t-2} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-2}$ they are contained in, where $k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})$ is the geometric depth of H^{k+2} in the tree \mathcal{L} introduced in (3.6.33). It follows that each cube $H^{k+t} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+t}$ is contained in a unique cube $L^{d_{geom}(H^{k+2})+t-2} \in \mathcal{G}_{d_{geom}(H^{k+2})+t-2}$. Thus we obtain from the previous inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}_{L,t} \mathcal{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\leq \sum_{\substack{H^{k+t} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+t} \\ H^{k+t} \subset K}} \omega_{\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(H^{k+t} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-2} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-2} \\ L^{k'+t-2} \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \omega_{\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'+t-2} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and this last expression is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-3} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-3} \\ k'+t-3 \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-2} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-2} \\ L^{k'+t-2} \subset L^{k'+t-3} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \omega_{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'+t-2} \right) \right) \right\} \\
\leq & \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-3} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-3} \\ L^{k'+t-3} \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho} \omega_{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'+t-3} \right) \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we have used (3.6.42) with $L_0 = L^{k'+t-3}$ on the sum in braces. We then continue (if necessary) with

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathfrak{P}_{L,t} \mathfrak{H}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} & \leq \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-3} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-3} \\ L^{k'+t-3} \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \omega_{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'+t-3} \right) \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\rho^2} \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'+t-4} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'+t-4} \\ L^{k'+t-4} \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \omega_{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'+t-4} \right) \right) \\
& \vdots \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\rho^{t-2}} \sum_{\substack{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2} \\ H^{k+2} \subset K}} \sum_{\substack{L^{k'} \in \mathcal{G}_{k'}: L^{k'} \subset H^{k+2} \\ \text{where } k' = d_{geom}(H^{k+2})}} \omega_{\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(L^{k'} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $L^{k'} \subset H^{k+2}$ implies $L^{k'} = H^{k+2}$, we now obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{J \in \Pi_2^{K, aug} \mathcal{P}_{L,t}^{b\mathcal{H}}} \left\| \Delta_J^{\omega, \mathbf{b}^*} x \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^{\spadesuit 2} &\leq \frac{1}{\rho^{t-2}} \sum_{H^{k+2} \in \mathcal{H}_{k+2}: H^{k+2} \subset K} \omega_{b\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} \left(H^{k+2} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\rho^{t-2}} \omega_{b\mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbf{T} (K) \right) \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of (3.6.40), and hence that of (3.6.41). Finally, an application of the Orthogonality Lemma 3.6.4 proves (3.6.39).

Proof of the first line in (3.6.36): At last we turn to proving the first line in (3.6.36).

Recalling that $\mathcal{T}(L) = \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{L\}$, we consider the collection

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_0^{b\mathcal{H}-big} &= \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \\ \text{where } \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} &= \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} : \text{there is } L' \in \mathcal{T}(L), J^b \subset L' \subset I \right\}, L \in \mathcal{H} \\ \text{and } \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}} &= \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P} : I \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}, J \in \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}, bshift} \text{ for some } L \in \mathcal{H} \right\}, L \in \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$$

and begin by claiming that

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \right) \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} (\mathcal{P}), \quad L \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (3.6.43)$$

To see this, we fix $L \in \mathcal{H}$ and order the cubes of $\mathcal{T}(L) = \left\{ L^{k,i} \right\}_{k,i}$, where $1 \leq i \leq n_k$ where $L^0 = L$ and $L^{1,i}$ are the maximal cubes in L^0 and then $L^{k+1,i}$ are the maximal cubes inside a cube $L^{k,j}$ of some previous generation. Then $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}$ can be decomposed as follows,

remembering that $J^\flat \subset I \subset L$ for $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} \subset \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} &= \dot{\bigcup}_{k,i} \left\{ \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \dot{\cup} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \dot{\cup} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \right\} \\
&= \left(\dot{\bigcup}_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \right) \dot{\cup} \left(\dot{\bigcup}_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \right) \dot{\cup} \left(\dot{\bigcup}_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} \right); \\
\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} : I \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \text{ and } J^\flat \subset L_{out,in}^{k,i} \right\}, \\
\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} : I \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \text{ and } J^\flat \subset L_{out,out}^{k,i} \right\}, \\
\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}} &\equiv \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} : I \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \text{ and } J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \text{ and } J^\flat \cap L^{k,i} = \emptyset \right\} \\
&= \left\{ (I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big} : I = L^{k-1,i} \text{ and } J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \text{ and } J^\flat \cap L_{out}^{k-1,i} = \emptyset, \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where by $L_{in}^{k,i}$ we denote the union of the children of $L^{k,i}$ that do not touch the boundary of L , by $L_{out,in}^{k,i}$ the union of the grandchildren of $L^{k,i}$ that do not touch the boundary of L while their father does, and by $L_{out,out}^{k,i}$ the grandchildren of $L^{k,i}$ that touch the boundary of L and where in the last line we have used the fact that if $I, J^\flat \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}}$ and there is $L' \in \mathcal{T}(L)$ with $J^\flat \subset L' \subset I$, then we must have $I = L^{k-1,i}$. All of the pairs $(I, J) \in \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\flat\mathcal{H}-big}$ are included in either $\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$, $\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ or $\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ for some k , since if $J^\flat \supset L^{k,i}$, then J^\flat shares boundary with L , which contradicts the fact that $3J^\flat \subset J^\sharp \subset I \subset L$.

We can easily deal with the ‘in’ collection $\mathcal{Q}^{in} \equiv \dot{\bigcup}_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ by applying a *trivial* case of the \flat Straddling Lemma to $\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ with a single straddling cube, followed by an application of the Orthogonality Lemma to \mathcal{Q}^{in} . More precisely, every pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ satisfies $J^\flat \subset L^{k-1,i} = I$, so that the reduced admissible collection $\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\flat\mathcal{L}}$ \flat straddles the trivial

choice $\mathcal{S} = \{L^{k-1,i}\}$, the singleton consisting of just the cube $L^{k-1,i}$. Then the inequality

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta^\omega}^{A,\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}} \right),$$

follows from \mathcal{b} Straddling Lemma 3.6.15. The collection $\left\{ \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}} \right\}_{k,i}$ is mutually orthogonal since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}} &\subset \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}} \times \mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L},\mathcal{b}shift} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}}} &\leq \mathbf{1} \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L},\mathcal{b}shift}} \leq \mathbf{1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$ is reduced and admissible (each $J \in \Pi_2 \left(\bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}} \right)$ is paired with a single I , namely the top of the \mathcal{L} -corona to which $J^{\mathcal{b}}$ belongs), the Orthogonality Lemma 3.6.4 applies to obtain the estimate

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta^\omega}^{A,\bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}} \leq \sup_{\substack{1 \leq k \\ 1 \leq i \leq n_k}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta^\omega}^{A,\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}} \leq C \sup_{\substack{1 \leq k \\ 1 \leq i \leq n_k}} \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{R}_{L_{in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}} \right) \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{H}-big} \right) \quad (3.6.44)$$

Now we turn to estimating the norm of the ‘out-in’ collection $\mathcal{Q}^{out,in} \equiv \bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$. First

we note that $L_{out,in}^{k,i} \in \mathcal{C}_A^{\mathcal{A},restrict}$ if $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$ since $\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$ is reduced, i.e. doesn’t contain any pairs (I, J) with $J^{\mathcal{b}} \subset A'$ for some $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)$. Next we note that $\mathcal{Q}^{out,in}$ is admissible since if $J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}^{out,in}$, then $J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$ for a unique index (k, i) , and of course $\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{\mathcal{b}\mathcal{L}}$ is admissible, so that the cubes I that are paired with J are tree-connected.

Thus we can apply the Straddling Lemma 3.6.15 to the reduced admissible collection $\mathcal{Q}^{out,in}$

with the ‘straddling’ set $\mathcal{S} \equiv \left(\bigcup_{k,i} \bigcup_{L' \in L^{k,i}} L' \right) \cap \mathcal{C}_A^{A,restrict}$ to obtain the estimate

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,in}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}} = \widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \mathcal{Q}^{out,in}} \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{Q}^{out,in} \right) \leq C \mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha, A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \right) \quad (3.6.45)$$

As for the remaining ‘out-out’ form $|\mathbf{B}|_{stop, \Delta\omega}^{A, \bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}}(f, g)$, if the cube pair $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$, then either $J^b \subset L' \in L_{out,out}^{k,i} \subsetneq J^{\boxtimes}$ or $J^{\boxtimes} \subset L' \in L_{out,out}^{k,i}$. But $J^b \subset L' \subsetneq J^{\boxtimes}$ implies that either $J^b = L' \subsetneq J^{\boxtimes} \subset I \subset L$, which is impossible since J^b cannot share an endpoint with L , or that $J^b = L'' \in L'_{in}$ and $J^{\boxtimes} = L^{k,i}$. So we conclude that if $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$, then

$$\text{either } J^{\boxtimes} \subset L_{out,out}^{k,i} \text{ or } \{J^{\boxtimes} = L^{k,i} \text{ and } J \subset L_{out,out}^{k,i}\}. \quad (3.6.46)$$

In either case in (3.6.46), there is a unique cube $K[J] \in \mathcal{W}(L)$ that contains J . It follows that there are now two remaining cases:

Case 1: $K[J] \in \mathcal{C}'_A$,

Case 2: $K[J] \subset A' \subsetneq I$ for some $A' \in \mathfrak{C}_A(A)$.

However, since $J^b \subset K[J]$, as $K[J]$ is the maximal cube whose triple is contained in L , and since $\mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$ is reduced, the pairs (I, J) in **Case 2** lie in the ‘corona straddling’ collection \mathcal{P}_{cor}^A that was removed from all A -admissible collections in (3.6.26) of Conclusion 3.6.4 above, and thus there are no pairs in **Case 2** here. Thus we conclude that $K[J] \in \mathcal{C}'_A$.

We now claim that $3K[J] \subset I$ for all pairs $(I, J) \in \bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^k}^{b\mathcal{L}}$. To see this, suppose that $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$ for some $k \geq 1$, $1 \leq i \leq n_k$. Then by (3.6.46) we have both that $K[J] \subset L_{out,out}^{k,i}$ and $L^{k,i} \subsetneq I$. But then $K[J] \subset L_{out,out}^{k,i}$ implies that $3K[J] \subset L^{k,i} \subset I$ as

claimed.

Now the ‘out-out’ collection $\mathcal{Q}^{out,out} \equiv \bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$ is admissible, since if $J \in \Pi_2 \mathcal{Q}^{out,out}$ and $I_j \in \Pi_1 \mathcal{Q}^{out,out}$ with $(I_j, J) \in \mathcal{Q}^{out,out}$ for $j = 1, 2$, then $I_j \in \mathcal{C}_{L^{k_j-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}}$ for some k_j and i and all of the cubes $I \in [I_1, I_2]$ lie in one of the coronas $\mathcal{C}_{L^{k-1,i}}^{\mathcal{L}}$ for k between k_1 and k_2 . And of course for those coronas we have $J \in L_{out,out}^{k,i}$. Thus $(I, J) \in \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^k}^{b\mathcal{L}} \subset \mathcal{Q}^{out,out}$ and we have proved the required connectedness. From the containment $3K[J] \subset I \subset L$ for all $(I, J) \in \bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}$, we now see that the reduced admissible collection $\mathcal{Q}^{out,out}$ *substraddles* the cube L . Hence the Substraddling Lemma 3.6.17 yields the bound

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta\omega}^{A,\bigcup_{k,i} \mathcal{R}_{L_{out,out}^{k,i}}^{b\mathcal{L}}} = \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta\omega}^{A,\mathcal{Q}^{out,out}} \leq C\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{Q}^{out,out} \right) \leq C\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} \left(\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} \right). \quad (3.6.47)$$

Combining the bounds (3.6.44), (3.6.45) and (3.6.47), we obtain (3.6.43).

Finally, we observe that the collections $\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}$ themselves are *mutually orthogonal*, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big} &\subset \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}} \times \mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H},bshift}, \quad L \in \mathcal{H}, \\ \sum_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H}}} &\leq \mathbf{1} \text{ and } \sum_{L \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_L^{\mathcal{H},bshift}} \leq \mathbf{1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus an application of the Orthogonality Lemma 3.6.4 shows that

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta\omega}^{A,\mathcal{Q}_0^{b\mathcal{H}-big}} \leq \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}_{stop,\Delta\omega}^{A,\mathcal{P}_{L,0}^{b\mathcal{H}-big}} \leq C\mathcal{S}_{augsize}^{\alpha,A} (\mathcal{P}).$$

Altogether, the proof of Proposition 3.6.19 is now complete. \square

This finishes the proofs of the inequalities (3.6.7) and (3.6.1).

3.7 Finishing the proof

At this point we have controlled, either directly or probabilistically, the norms of all of the forms in our decompositions - namely the disjoint, nearby, far below, paraproduct, neighbour, broken and stopping forms - in terms of the Muckenhoupt, energy and *functional energy* conditions, along with an arbitrarily small multiple of the operator norm. Thus it only remains to control the functional energy condition by the Muckenhoupt and energy conditions, since then, using $\int (T_\sigma^\alpha f) g d\omega = \Theta(f, g) + \Theta^*(f, g)$ with the further decompositions above, we will have shown that for any fixed tangent line truncation of the operator T_σ^α we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha f) g d\omega \right| &= \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha f) g d\omega \right| \leq \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{E}_\Omega^{\mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^3 (|\Theta_i(f, g)| + |\Theta_i^*(f, g)|) \\ &\leq (C_\eta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \eta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}) \|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)} \|g\|_{L^2(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

for $f \in L^2(\sigma)$ and $g \in L^2(\omega)$, for an arbitrarily small positive constant $\eta > 0$, and a correspondingly large finite constant C_η . Note that the testing constants \mathfrak{T}_{T^α} and $\mathfrak{T}_{T^\alpha, *}$ in $\mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ already include the supremum over all tangent line truncations of T^α , while the operator norm \mathfrak{N}_{T^α} on the left refers to a *fixed* tangent line truncation of T^α . This gives

$$\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} = \sup_{\|f\|_{L^2(\sigma)}=1} \sup_{\|g\|_{L^2(\omega)}=1} \left| \int (T_\sigma^\alpha f) g d\omega \right| \leq C_\eta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha + \eta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha},$$

and since the truncated operators have finite operator norm \mathfrak{N}_{T^α} , we can absorb the term $\eta \mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha}$ into the left hand side for $\eta < 1$ and obtain $\mathfrak{N}_{T^\alpha} \leq C'_\eta \mathcal{N} \mathcal{T} \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ for each tangent line truncation of T^α . Taking the supremum over all such truncations of T^α finishes the proof of Theorem 3.1.5.

The task of controlling functional energy is taken up in Appendix B of [54], after first

establishing weak frame and weak Riesz inequalities for martingale and dual martingale differences (except for the lower weak Riesz inequality for the martingale difference $\Delta_Q^{\mu, \mathbf{b}}$).

Chapter 4

Refined constants for the averaging Hardy operator

4.1 Introduction

Let μ be a non-atomic measure on $(0, \infty)$. We define the μ -averaging Hardy operator as

$$A_\mu f(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0, x)} f(t) d\mu(t), \quad x \in (0, \infty) \quad (4.1.1)$$

for any non-negative function f . If \mathcal{L} is the Lebesgue measure, (4.1.1) becomes

$$A_{\mathcal{L}} f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

and the classical Hardy inequality holds:

$$\|A_{\mathcal{L}} f\|_{L^p} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{L^p}. \quad (4.1.2)$$

for all non-negative $f \in L^p((0, \infty))$ and the constant $\frac{p}{p-1}$ is sharp. This result is due to Hardy [15] in the course of attempts to simplify the proof of Hilbert's double series theorem. This inequality has been studied a lot and a complete discussion is included in [25] and [42].

More recently, Nikolidakis [40] improved inequality (4.1.2) by proving a sharp integral inequality valid for non-negative functions defined $[0, 1]$ with given L^1 norm:

Theorem A. *Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be in $L^p([0, 1])$, $p > 1$ with $\int_0^1 f dt = \phi$. Then for any $1 \leq q \leq p$,*

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f dt \right)^p dx < \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^q \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f dt \right)^{p-q} f(x)^q dx - \frac{q}{p-1} \phi^p \quad (4.1.3)$$

Moreover, inequality (4.1.3) is sharp in the sense that, the constant $\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^q$ cannot be decreased, while the constant $\frac{q}{p-1}$ cannot be increased for any fixed ϕ .

Meanwhile, Melas [31] calculated the Bellman function

$$\mathcal{D}_p(\phi, \Phi) := \sup \left\{ \int_X (M_{\mathcal{T}} f)^p d\mu : f \in L^p(X, \mu), \int_X f d\mu = \phi, \int_X f^p d\mu = \Phi \right\}$$

where (X, μ) is a non-atomic probability space, $0 < \phi^p \leq \Phi$ and $M_{\mathcal{T}}$ a tree like maximal operator, and showed that

$$\mathcal{D}_p(\phi, \Phi) = \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \Phi,$$

where $\psi_p(z) = pz^{p-1} - (p-1)z^p$. Melas [32] also showed that

$$\mathcal{D}_p(\phi, \Phi) = \sup_{\substack{f:(0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \\ \text{decreasing} \\ \text{continuous}}} \left\{ \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f dt \right)^p dx : \int_0^1 f dx = \phi, \int_0^1 f^p dx = \Phi \right\}$$

via a symmetrization principle of dyadic maximal operator with respect to the averaging Hardy operator. Finally, Nikolidakis [41] characterized the extremal sequences of functions for the latter expression of \mathcal{D}_p related to the averaging Hardy operator.

In this note, we calculate

$$\mathcal{B}_p(\mu, \phi, \Phi) := \sup_{f \geq 0} \left\{ \int_{(0, \infty)} |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\mu : \int_{(0, \infty)} f d\mu = \phi, \int_{(0, \infty)} f^p d\mu = \Phi \right\}$$

where $((0, \infty), \mu)$ is a non-atomic probability space.

Definition 4.1.1. Let $1 < p < \infty$. A pair of two positive numbers (ϕ, Φ) is called p -admissible if $\phi^p \leq \Phi$.

Let (X, μ) be a probability space and (ϕ, Φ) a p -admissible pair. We may write

$$L^p(X, \mu) = \bigcup_{\substack{(\phi, \Phi) \\ p\text{-admissible}}} \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu)$$

where

$$\mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi} = \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu) = \left\{ f \in L^p(X, \mu) : \int |f| d\mu = \phi \text{ and } \int |f|^p d\mu = \Phi \right\}.$$

In these smaller classes of functions we have refined bounds:

Theorem 4.1.2. Let μ be a non-atomic probability Radon measure on $(0, \infty)$. For any non-negative $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$,

$$\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)}$$

where $\psi_p(z) = pz^{p-1} - (p-1)z^p$. Moreover, the inequality is sharp.

Corollary 4.1.3. ([32]) For non-negative $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, 1), \mathcal{L})$, we have the sharp inequality:

$$\|A_{\mathcal{L}}f\|_{L^p((0,1))} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0,1))}.$$

On the other hand, it is known that the dyadic maximal function M_d satisfies the following sharp special weak type (1,1) inequality

$$\mathcal{L}\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |M_d f(x)| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{|M_d f| > \lambda\}} |f(x)| dx$$

for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and every $\lambda > 0$, from which is easy to get the inequality

$$\|M_d f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

for every $p > 1$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The constant $\frac{p}{p-1}$ is the best possible [4, 5, 59]. Melas' result [31] refines this inequality when restricted to functions on $[0, 1]^n$.

Being inspired from that, let T be an operator defined on a space (X, μ) that satisfies the special weak type inequality

$$\mu\{x \in X : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{[\mu]}{\lambda} \int_{\{|Tf| > \lambda\}} |f(x)| d\mu(x) \quad (4.1.4)$$

for any $\lambda > 0$ and $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$. By $[\mu]$ denote the best possible constant in (4.1.4). Then, we easily conclude,

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(X, \mu)} \leq \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \|f\|_{L^p(X, \mu)} \quad (4.1.5)$$

for every $1 < p < \infty$ and every $f \in L^p(X, \mu)$ provided that $\int |Tf|^p d\mu < \infty$. Inequality (4.1.5) can be refined as the following theorem shows. To state it we need to define a

function on $(0, \infty)$:

$$A \mapsto k_{p,f,T}(A) = \frac{[\mu]pA^{p-1} \int_{\{|Tf|>A\}} |f|d\mu - (p-1)A^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu}.$$

Theorem 4.1.4. *Let (X, μ) be a non-atomic probability space and T be an operator satisfying (4.1.4). Then for $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu)$,*

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(X, \mu)} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\max_{A>0} k_{p,f,T}(A) \right) \|f\|_{L^p(X, \mu)}, \quad (4.1.6)$$

provided that $\int |Tf|^p d\mu < \infty$. Here $\tilde{\psi}_p(z) = [\mu]pz^{p-1} - (p-1)z^p$ defined on $[[\mu], \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1}]$. In the special case that $|Tf(x)| > [\mu]\phi$ for all $x \in X$, then

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(X, \mu)} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\frac{[\mu]^p \phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p(X, \mu)}.$$

Moreover,

$$[\mu] \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\frac{[\mu]^p \phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\max_{A>0} k_{p,f,T}(A) \right) \leq \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1}.$$

Theorem 4.1.2 and Corollary 4.1.3 easily follow now from Theorem 4.1.4.

We also have a result for the two-weight setting, which is an application of Theorem 4.1.4 but it is not anywhere near as developed as the one-weight case. In particular,

Theorem 4.1.5. *Suppose two non-atomic Radon measures ω, μ satisfy the special weak type inequality*

$$\omega\{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\} \leq \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{\{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\}} f(t) d\mu(t),$$

with μ being a probability measure. If $L = \omega(0, \infty)$, then for every non-negative $f \in$

$\mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu),$

$$\int_{(0, \infty)} |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega \leq \left(K \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p - (K - L) \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \int_{(0, \infty)} f^p d\mu.$$

4.2 Proof Of Theorem 4.1.4

The idea of the proof has been used in [33], [12] and [41].

Proof. Let $0 < \int |f|^p d\mu < \infty$. For A to be determined later, using (4.1.4) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \int |Tf|^p d\mu &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mu\{|Tf| > \lambda\} d\lambda \\ &\leq A^p + \int_A^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mu\{|Tf| > \lambda\} d\lambda \\ &\leq A^p + [\mu] \int_A^\infty p\lambda^{p-2} \int_{\{|Tf| > \lambda\}} |f| d\mu d\lambda \\ &= A^p + [\mu] p \int_{\{|Tf| > A\}} |f| \int_A^{|Tf|} \lambda^{p-2} d\lambda d\mu \\ &= A^p + \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \int_{\{|Tf| > A\}} |f| \left(|Tf|^{p-1} - A^{p-1} \right) d\mu \\ &= A^p + \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \int_{\{|Tf| > A\}} |f| |Tf|^{p-1} d\mu - \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} A^{p-1} \int_{\{|Tf| > A\}} |f| d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Set $E_A = \{|Tf| > A\}$. Using Hölder's inequality with exponents p and $\frac{p}{p-1}$, we obtain

$$\int |Tf|^p d\mu \leq A^p + \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \left(\int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int |Tf|^p d\mu \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} - \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} A^{p-1} \int_{E_A} |f| d\mu$$

Dividing both sides by $\int |f|^p d\mu$ and rearranging we obtain,

$$\frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} A^{p-1} \frac{\int_{E_A} |f| d\mu}{\int |f|^p d\mu} - \frac{A^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \leq \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \left(\frac{\int |Tf|^p d\mu}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} - \frac{\int |Tf|^p d\mu}{\int |f|^p d\mu}$$

or equivalently,

$$\frac{[\mu]pA^{p-1} \int_{E_A} |f|d\mu - (p-1)A^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \leq [\mu]p \left(\frac{\int |Tf|^p d\mu}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} - (p-1) \frac{\int |Tf|^p d\mu}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \quad (4.2.1)$$

Consider for any $p > 1$ the function

$$\tilde{\psi}_p(z) = [\mu]pz^{p-1} - (p-1)z^p, \quad z > 0.$$

Notice that $\tilde{\psi}'_p(z) = p(p-1)z^{p-2}([\mu] - z)$. Thus, $\tilde{\psi}_p(z) \leq [\mu]^p$ for all $z > 0$. Set

$$k_{p,f,T}(A) = \frac{[\mu]pA^{p-1} \int_{E_A} |f|d\mu - (p-1)A^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu}.$$

Rewriting inequality (4.2.1), we have, for all $A > 0$,

$$k_{p,f,T}(A) \leq \tilde{\psi}_p \left(\frac{\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mu)}}{\|f\|_{L^p(\mu)}} \right). \quad (4.2.2)$$

By (4.1.5), we may assume that $\frac{\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mu)}}{\|f\|_{L^p(\mu)}} \in \left[[\mu], \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \right]$ since otherwise we have nothing to prove. Here is the place where $\int |Tf|^p d\mu$ has to be finite, because the proof of (4.1.5) requires it. Note that

$$k_{p,f,T}(A) = \tilde{\psi}_p \left(\frac{A}{\int_{E_A} |f|d\mu} \right) \frac{\left(\int_{E_A} |f|d\mu \right)^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \leq [\mu]^p \frac{\left(\int_{E_A} |f|d\mu \right)^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \leq [\mu]^p$$

and that the restriction $\tilde{\psi}_p : \left[[\mu], \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1} \right] \rightarrow [0, [\mu]^p]$ is strictly decreasing and onto. Since the

inverse of $\tilde{\psi}_p, \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} : [0, [\mu]^p] \rightarrow \left[[\mu], \frac{[\mu]^p}{p-1} \right]$, is also strictly decreasing,

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mu)} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(k_{p,f,T}(A_0)) \|f\|_{L^p(\mu)}$$

where A_0 is chosen so that $0 < k_{p,f,T}(A_0) \leq [\mu]^p$ and $k_{p,f,T}(A_0)$ is maximum.

It is easy to see that

$$k_{p,f,T}(A) \leq L_{p,f}(A) := \frac{[\mu]pA^{p-1} \int |f|d\mu - (p-1)A^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu},$$

and the function $A \mapsto L_{p,f}(A)$ is increasing on $\left[0, [\mu] \int |f|d\mu \right]$ with

$$L_{p,f}\left([\mu] \int |f|d\mu\right) = \frac{([\mu] \int |f|d\mu)^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \text{ and } L_{p,f}(0) = 0.$$

In the special case that $E_{A_1} = X$, for some $A_1 > 0$, let $A_0 = \sup\{A : |Tf(x)| > A, \text{ for all } x \in X\}$, thus $k_{p,f,T}(A_0) = L_{p,f}(A_0)$. If $A_0 < [\mu] \int |f|d\mu$, since ψ^{-1} is decreasing and $0 < L_{p,f}(A) \leq [\mu]^p$, inequality (4.2.2) implies

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mu)} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(L_{p,f}(A_0)) \|f\|_{L^p(\mu)},$$

while if $A_0 \geq [\mu] \int |f|d\mu$, we have $\{|Tf| > [\mu] \int |f|d\mu\} = X$ and inequality (4.2.2) implies

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mu)} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}\left(\frac{[\mu]^p (\int |f|d\mu)^p}{\int |f|^p d\mu}\right) \|f\|_{L^p(\mu)}.$$

□

Remark 4.2.1. *Inequality (4.1.4) together with Hölder's inequality imply that*

$$\mu\{x \in X : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{[\mu]}{\lambda^q} \int_{\{|Tf|>\lambda\}} |f(x)|^q d\mu(x)$$

for $1 \leq q < p$. Using this in the proof of Theorem 4.1.4, one can show that for $1 \leq q < p$, we have

$$\left(\int |Tf|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(k_{p,q,f,T}(A_0)) \left(\int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$$

for some $A_0 > 0$ and a function $k_{p,q,f,T}$ that depends on k, p, q, f and T . Moreover,

$$[\mu] \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\frac{q[\mu]^{p/q} \left(\int |f|^q d\mu \right)^{p/q}}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \right) \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(k_{p,q,f,T}(A_0)) \leq \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1}.$$

Remark 4.2.2. *If we assume the special weak type (r, q) inequality*

$$\mu\{x \in X : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\} \leq \frac{[\mu]}{\lambda^q} \left(\int_{\{|Tf|>\lambda\}} |f(x)|^r d\mu(x) \right)^{q/r}$$

for $1 \leq r \leq q < p$, then again we have

$$\left(\int |Tf|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(k_{p,q,f,T}(A_0)) \left(\int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$$

for some $A_0 > 0$ and a function $k_{p,q,f,T}$ that depends on k, p, q, f and T . Moreover,

$$[\mu] \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1} \left(\frac{q[\mu]^{p/q} \left(\int |f|^q d\mu \right)^{p/q}}{\int |f|^p d\mu} \right) \leq \tilde{\psi}_p^{-1}(k_{p,q,f,T}(A_0)) \leq \frac{[\mu]p}{p-1}.$$

4.3 Applications

Lemma 4.3.1. *For any Radon measure μ on $(0, \infty)$, $1 < p < \infty$ and $f \geq 0$, we have*

$$\int_{(0, \infty)} |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\mu(x) < \infty.$$

Proof. First of all note that inequality (4.1.4) is satisfied. Indeed, the set $E_\lambda = \{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\}$ is open for any $\lambda > 0$, because of the regularity of μ . This implies that E_λ can be written as $E_\lambda = \bigcup I_j$, where I_j are maximal pairwise disjoint open intervals. It follows that

$$\mu(E_\lambda) = \sum_j \mu(I_j) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_j \int_{I_j} f d\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\bigcup I_j} f d\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{E_\lambda} f d\mu$$

Let $N > 0$ and $f_N = \min(f, N)$. Then, by (4.1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0, \infty)} (A_\mu f_N)^p d\mu &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-2} \int_{\{A_\mu f_N > \lambda\}} f_N d\mu d\lambda \\ &= \frac{p}{p-1} \int_{(0, \infty)} f_N (A_\mu f_N)^{p-1} d\lambda d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{p}{p-1} \left(\int_{(0, \infty)} (f_N)^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_{(0, \infty)} (A_\mu f_N)^p d\mu \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

With the left-hand side being positive and finite, this inequality gives

$$\int_{(0, \infty)} (A_\mu f_N)^p d\mu \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \int_{(0, \infty)} (f_N)^p d\mu$$

Letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, the conclusion follows by the monotone convergence theorem. \square

Now, recall the *distribution function* of f with respect to μ is the function $\mu_f(\lambda) :$

$[0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty]$ defined by

$$\mu_f(\lambda) = \mu\{x \in X : |f(x)| > \lambda\}$$

and the *decreasing rearrangement* of f is the function $f^* : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty]$ defined by

$$f^*(t) = \inf\{\lambda \geq 0 : \mu_f(\lambda) \leq t\}$$

The functions f and f^* are equimeasurable, that is,

$$\mu\{x \in X : |f(x)| > \lambda\} = \mathcal{L}\{t > 0 : f^*(t) > \lambda\}$$

for any $\lambda > 0$.

For a probability space (X, μ) define the quantities

$$\mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \sup \left\{ \int_X |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\mu : 0 \leq f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu) \right\}.$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \sup \left\{ \int_X |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\mu : 0 \leq f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu), \text{ decreasing} \right\}.$$

Lemma 4.3.2. *For any non-negative decreasing $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, 1), \mathcal{L})$,*

$$\|A_{\mathcal{L}} f\|_{L^p((0,1))} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p(0,1)},$$

where $\psi_p(z) = pz^{p-1} - (p-1)z^p$. Moreover, if $\mathbb{E}_p(f) = 1 - \phi^p/\Phi$,

$$\left[\psi_p^{-1}(1 - \mathbb{E}_p(f))\right]^p < \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p - \frac{p}{p-1}(1 - \mathbb{E}_p(f)). \quad (4.3.1)$$

Proof. It is easy to see that

$$\mathcal{L}\{x \in (0, 1) : A_{\mathcal{L}}f(x) > \lambda\} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{A_{\mathcal{L}}f > \lambda\}} f(x) d\mu(x).$$

Let f be a decreasing function. Then, $A_{\mathcal{L}}f(x) \geq \int_0^1 f(t) dt$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$ and Theorem 4.1.4 and Lemma 4.3.1 imply

$$\|A_{\mathcal{L}}f\|_{L^p((0,1))} \leq \psi_p^{-1}(1 - \mathbb{E}_p(f)) \|f\|_{L^p((0,1))}$$

Now, consider the decreasing function $f_\alpha(x) = \frac{\phi}{\alpha} x^{-1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}$. For $\alpha = \psi_p^{-1}\left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi}\right)$, it is easy to see that

$$\int_0^1 f_\alpha dx = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 f_\alpha^p dx = \frac{\phi^p}{\psi_p(\alpha)} = \Phi$$

An easy calculation shows that

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f_\alpha dt\right)^p dx = \left(\psi_p^{-1}\left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi}\right)\right)^p \int_0^1 f_\alpha^p dx.$$

Thus we have shown that $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \left[\psi_p^{-1}\left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi}\right)\right]^p \Phi$.

To obtain (4.3.1), consider the function

$$g(y) = \left[\psi_p^{-1}(1 - y)\right]^p - \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p + \frac{p}{p-1}(1 - y),$$

for $0 \leq y < 1$. Then

$$g'(y) = \frac{-\psi_p^{-1}(1-y)}{(p-1)\left(1-\psi_p^{-1}(1-y)\right)} - \frac{p}{p-1} > 0$$

which implies that g is strictly increasing on $(0, 1)$. Since $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1^-} g(y) = 0$ and g is continuous at 0, we proved (4.3.1) for $0 \leq E_p(f) < 1$. \square

Proof of Corollary 4.1.3. Due to Lemma 4.3.2 and the inequality

$$\int_0^t f(x)dx \leq \int_0^t f^*(x)dx, \quad t \in (0, 1),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 (A_{\mathcal{L}}f^*)^p dt &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mathcal{L} \left\{ t \in (0, 1) : \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^* dx > \lambda \right\} d\lambda \\ &\geq \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mathcal{L} \left\{ t \in (0, 1) : \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f dx > \lambda \right\} d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^1 (A_{\mathcal{L}}f)^p dt \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p \Phi$, and we have calculated the sharp constant of Corollary 4.1.3. \square

To the best of our knowledge, the proof of Corollary 4.1.3 as a consequence of Theorem 4.1.4 is the simplest.

If we restrict Theorem A to $\mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, 1), \mathcal{L})$ and let $q = p$, Corollary 4.1.3 provides a better bound. Indeed, set

$$\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} = 1 - E_p(f)$$

where $0 \leq E_p(f) < 1$ (by Hölder's inequality). Then, inequality (4.1.3) can be rewritten as

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f dt \right)^p dx < \left[\left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p - \frac{p}{p-1} (1 - E_p(f)) \right] \int_0^1 f^p dt.$$

and inequality (4.3.1) provides an improvement to (4.1.3).

Lemma 4.3.3. *Let μ be a non-atomic probability Radon measure on $(0, \infty)$. Then*

$$\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)}$$

for decreasing $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$.

Proof. Let f be a decreasing function. Then $A_\mu f(x) \geq \int_{(0, \infty)} f(t) d\mu(t)$ for all $x \in (0, \infty)$.

Theorem 4.1.4 and Lemma 4.3.1 give

$$\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0, \infty), \mu)},$$

which implies that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(0, \infty)) \leq \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p \Phi = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}).$$

□

Proof of Theorem 4.1.2. Now consider a decreasing function $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, 1), \mathcal{L})$. For every $t \in (0, 1)$, let

$$S_t := \{x \in (0, \infty) : \mu(0, x) = t\}.$$

For $\lambda \geq 0$ and for all $t \in (0, 1)$ and $x \in S_t$, define a non-negative function g on $(0, \infty)$ with

the property

$$\mu_g^x(\lambda) := \mu\{y \in (0, x) : g(y) > \lambda\} = \mathcal{L}\{y \in (0, t) : f(y) > \lambda\}$$

Then, for every $x \in S_t$,

$$\int_{(0,x)} g d\mu = \int_0^\infty \mu_g^x(\lambda) d\lambda = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{L}\{y \in (0, t) : f(y) > \lambda\} d\lambda = \int_0^t f(y) dy.$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0,x)} g(u) d\mu(u) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f(u) du, \text{ for } f \geq 0,$$

Notice that for any $\lambda > 0$,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{t \in (0, 1) : \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f(u) du > \lambda\right\} = \mathcal{L}(0, t_\lambda) = t_\lambda$$

for some $t_\lambda \in (0, 1)$. From the discussion above we obtain that for all $x \in S_{t_\lambda}$,

$$\mu\left\{x \in S_{t_\lambda} : \frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0,x)} g d\mu > \lambda\right\} = \mu(0, \sup S_{t_\lambda}) = t_\lambda$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu g|^p d\mu &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mu\left\{y \in (0, \infty) : \frac{1}{\mu(0, y)} \int_{(0,y)} g d\mu > \lambda\right\} d\lambda \\ &\geq \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} t_\lambda d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \mathcal{L}\left\{y \in (0, 1) : \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f dx > \lambda\right\} d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^1 \left|\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f(x) dx\right|^p dt \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, $g \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(\mu)$ as $\int_{(0, \infty)} g d\mu = \int_0^1 f dy = \phi$ and $\int_{(0, \infty)} g^p d\mu = \int_0^1 f^p dy = \Phi$. This shows that $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(0, \infty)) \geq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$.

For every $x \in (0, \infty)$, there exists $t \in (0, 1)$ such that $\mu(0, x) = t$. Notice that there could exist $y \neq x$, such that $\mu(0, y) = t$ (which means that $\mu(x, y) = 0$ in the case that $x < y$). Let $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$. Then from the well-known inequality

$$\frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0, x)} f(t) d\mu(t) \leq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(u) du, \text{ for } f \geq 0 \quad (4.3.2)$$

we get

$$\mu \left\{ x \in (0, \infty) : \frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0, x)} f d\mu > \lambda \right\} \leq \mu(0, x_\lambda) \leq t_\lambda$$

where $x_\lambda = \sup\{x : \frac{1}{\mu(0, x)} \int_{(0, x)} f d\mu > \lambda\}$ and $t_\lambda = \mathcal{L} \left\{ t \in (0, 1) : \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(u) du > \lambda \right\}$. This implies that $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(0, \infty)) \leq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$.

On the other hand, trivially $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(0, \infty)) \leq \mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(0, \infty))$. Now take a function $h \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$ and let $G(x) = \int_{(0, x)} d\mu$, Then the pushforward measure

$$G_{\#}\mu(E) := \mu(G^{-1}(E))$$

for any $E \subset (0, 1)$ is equal to Lebesgue measure of E . Indeed, let $(c, d) \subset (0, 1)$. Since $\mu(0, \infty) = 1$, there exist $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$ such that $\mu(0, \alpha) = c$ and $\mu(0, \beta) = d$. In other words, $G(\alpha) = c$ and $G(\beta) = d$. Then $G^{-1}((c, d)) = (\alpha, \beta)$ and

$$\mu\left(G^{-1}((c, d))\right) = \mu(\alpha, \beta) = \mu(0, \beta) - \mu(0, \alpha) = d - c = \mathcal{L}(c, d).$$

Since (c, d) is an arbitrary interval, the pushforward measure $G_{\#}\mu$ is the Lebesgue measure

on $(0, 1)$.

Notice that G is increasing and onto $(0, 1)$, but it may not be invertible. However, G has an inverse, G^{-1} , when restricted on $\text{supp } \mu$. Since $G((0, \infty) \setminus \text{supp } \mu)$ is an at most countable set, say $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$, the function $h \circ G^{-1}$ is defined on $(0, 1) \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ and by changing variables

$$\int_{\text{supp } \mu} h d\mu = \int_{\text{supp } \mu} (h \circ G^{-1}) \circ G d\mu = \int_{(0,1) \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}} h \circ G^{-1} dx$$

Let $(h \circ G^{-1})^*$ be the decreasing rearrangement of $h \circ G^{-1}$. Notice that

$$\mu\{h > \lambda\} = |\{h \circ G^{-1} > \lambda\}| = |\{(h \circ G^{-1})^* > \lambda\}| = \mu\{(h \circ G^{-1})^* \circ G > \lambda\}|,$$

thus, $(h \circ G^{-1})^* \circ G$ is decreasing and equimeasurable to h with respect to μ . Notice also that for every $x \in S_t$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0,x)} h d\mu &= \int_{(0,t) \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}} h \circ G^{-1} dx \leq \int_{(0,t) \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}} (h \circ G^{-1})^* dx \\ &= \int_{(0,x)} (h \circ G^{-1})^* \circ G d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) \leq \tilde{\mathcal{B}}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$.

These imply $\mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p \Phi$. □

Remark 4.3.4. (i) *Let us point out that the supremum with respect to any probability measure is attained and is equal to*

$$\sup \mathcal{B}(\mu, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}|_{(0,1)}, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$$

where the supremum is taken over all probability measures μ .

(ii) If $\mu(0, \infty) = L < \infty$, then the measure $\sigma = \mu/L$ is a probability measure. By Theorem 4.1.2,

$$\|A_\sigma f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\sigma)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{(\int_{(0,\infty)} f d\sigma)^p}{\int_{(0,\infty)} f^p d\sigma} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\sigma)},$$

which implies that for $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$,

$$\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{L^{p-1}\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)}.$$

(iii) If $\mu(0, \infty) = \infty$ for a σ -finite measure μ , we consider the measure $\frac{\mathbf{1}_{(0,N)}}{N}\mu$, and letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)}.$$

Here we point out that

$$\sup_{f \in L^p((0,\infty),\mu)} \frac{\|A_\mu f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)}}{\|f\|_{L^p((0,\infty),\mu)}} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} = \sup_{f \in L^p(0,\infty)} \frac{\|A_{\mathcal{L}} f\|_{L^p(0,\infty)}}{\|f\|_{L^p(0,\infty)}}$$

Corollary 4.3.5 ([31]). *Let (X, μ) be a non-atomic probability space and $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}(X, \mu)$.*

Then

$$\|M_{\mathcal{T}} f\|_{L^p(X,\mu)} \leq \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \|f\|_{L^p(X,\mu)}$$

where $M_{\mathcal{T}}$ is the dyadic-like maximal function defined by

$$M_{\mathcal{T}} \phi(x) = \sup_{x \in I \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{1}{\mu(I)} \int_I |\phi| d\mu$$

for every $\phi \in L^1(X, \mu)$ where \mathcal{T} is a family of measurable subsets of X such that

(a) $X \in \mathcal{T}$ and for every $I \in \mathcal{T}$ we have $\mu(I) > 0$.

(b) For every $I \in \mathcal{T}$ there corresponds an at most countable subset $\mathcal{C}(I) \subset \mathcal{T}$ containing at least two elements such that the elements of $\mathcal{C}(I)$ are pairwise disjoint subsets of I and $I = \cup \mathcal{C}(I)$.

(c) $\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{T}_{(m)}$ where $\mathcal{T}_{(0)} = \{X\}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{(m+1)} = \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{T}_{(m)}} \mathcal{C}(I)$.

(d) $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{I \in \mathcal{T}_{(m)}} \mu(I) = 0$.

The operator $M_{\mathcal{T}}$ satisfies (4.1.4) with $[\mu] = 1$ and the result follows from Theorem 4.1.4. The sharpness of the constant has been proven by Melas [31], by calculating a Bellman function.

4.4 Two Weights

Now we turn our attention to inequalities of two measures. We will need the following lemmas whose proofs are provided in [23].

Lemma 4.4.1. *For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, any measure w on $[t, \infty)$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, we have*

$$\int_{[t, \infty)} w[x, \infty)^{-\alpha} dw(x) \leq \frac{w[t, \infty)^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha}.$$

Lemma 4.4.2. *For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, any measure σ on $(0, t]$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, we have*

$$\int_{(0, t]} \sigma(0, x]^{-\alpha} d\sigma(x) \leq \frac{\sigma(0, t]^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha}.$$

Definition 4.4.3. Let μ be a measure. We define the μ -Hardy operator as

$$H_\mu f(x) \equiv H(\mu f) = \int_{(0,x]} f(t) d\mu(t), \quad f \geq 0.$$

Theorem 4.4.4. The two-measure $(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$ Hardy inequality, for $1 \leq p < \infty$,

$$\left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |H(\tilde{\sigma}g)|^p d\omega \right)^{1/p} \leq N_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |g|^p d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^{1/p}, \quad g \geq 0 \quad (4.4.1)$$

holds if and only if

$$G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \equiv \sup_{r>0} \left(\omega[r, \infty)^{1/p} \tilde{\sigma}(0, r]^{1/p'} \right) < \infty$$

Moreover, $G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \leq N_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \leq p^{1/p} (p')^{1/p'} G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$, for $1 < p < \infty$ while $G_1(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) = N_1(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$.

The proof is essentially due to [35], while the proof for $p = 2$ is written in [23]. We write it here for general p for completeness.

Proof. For $1 < p < \infty$ and $h(t) = \left(\int_{(0,t]} \left(\int_{(0,x]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right) d\tilde{\sigma}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{pp'}}$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0,\infty)} |H(g\tilde{\sigma})|^p d\omega &= \int_{(0,\infty)} \left(\int_{(0,x]} g(t) d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \right)^p d\omega(x) \\ &= \int_{(0,\infty)} \left(\int_{(0,x]} g(t) h(t) h(t)^{-1} d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \right)^p d\omega(x) \\ &\leq \int_{(0,\infty)} \left(\int_{(0,x]} g(t)^p h(t)^p d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \right) \left(\int_{(0,x]} h(t)^{-p'} d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \right)^{p/p'} d\omega(x) \\ &= \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \left[\int_{[t,\infty)} \left(\int_{(0,x]} h(t)^{-p'} d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^{p-1} d\omega(x) \right] d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.4.2 and definition of G_p ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{(0,\infty)} |H(g\tilde{\sigma})|^p d\omega &\leq \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \left[\int_{[t,\infty)} \left(p' \left\{ \int_{(0,x]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right\}^{1/p'} \right)^{p-1} d\omega(x) \right] d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \\
&\leq \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \left[\int_{[t,\infty)} \left(p' G_p \cdot \omega[x, \infty)^{-1/p} \right)^{p-1} d\omega(x) \right] d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \\
&= G_p^{p-1} (p')^{p-1} \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \left[\int_{[t,\infty)} \omega[x, \infty)^{-1/p'} d\omega(x) \right] d\tilde{\sigma}(t)
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.4.1 and definition of G_p ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{(0,\infty)} |H(g\tilde{\sigma})|^p d\omega &\leq G_p^{p-1} (p')^{p-1} p \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \omega[t, \infty)^{-1/p} d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \\
&\leq G_p^p (p')^{p-1} p \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p \left(\int_{(0,t]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^{-1/p'} d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \\
&= G_p^p (p')^{p-1} p \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p h(t)^p h(t)^{-p} d\tilde{\sigma}(t) \\
&= G_p^p (p')^{p-1} p \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t)^p d\tilde{\sigma}(t)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $N_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \leq p^{1/p} (p')^{1/p'} G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$. For $p = 1$, by changing the order of integration,

$$\int_{(0,\infty)} H(g\tilde{\sigma}) d\omega \leq \sup_{r>0} \omega[r, \infty) \int_{(0,\infty)} g(t) d\tilde{\sigma}(t)$$

So, $N_1 \leq G_1$.

Conversely, for $1 \leq p < \infty$, letting $g(t) = \mathbf{1}_{(0,r]}(t)$ and since for $x \geq r$, $H(g\tilde{\sigma})(x) \geq$

$$H(g\tilde{\sigma})(r) = \int_{(0,r]} d\tilde{\sigma},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{(0,r]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^{p-1} \int_{[r,\infty)} d\omega \int_{(0,r]} d\tilde{\sigma} &= \left(\int_{(0,r]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^p \int_{[r,\infty)} d\omega \leq \int_{(0,\infty)} |H(g\tilde{\sigma})|^p d\omega \\ &\leq N_p^p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \int_{(0,\infty)} |g|^p d\tilde{\sigma} = N_p^p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \int_{(0,r]} |g|^p d\tilde{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\left(\int_{(0,r]} d\tilde{\sigma} \right)^{p-1} \int_{[r,\infty)} d\omega \leq N_p^p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$. Taking supremum over all $r > 0$,

$$G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \leq N_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega).$$

□

4.4.1 A three-weight norm inequality

Now consider the inequality

$$\left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |H_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega(x) \right)^{1/p} \leq K_p(\mu, \sigma, \omega) \left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |f(x)|^p d\sigma(x) \right)^{1/p}, \quad (4.4.2)$$

for $f \geq 0$ and the three measures μ, σ, ω .

It is easy to check that (4.4.2) holds only if $d\mu(t) = m(t)d\sigma(t)$ and so it implies that

$$\int_{(0,\infty)} \left| \int_{(0,x]} f(t)m(t)d\sigma(t) \right|^p d\omega(x) \leq K_p^p(\mu, \sigma, \omega) \int_{(0,\infty)} |f(x)|^p d\sigma(x).$$

Setting $f(t)m(t)d\sigma(t) = g(t)d\tilde{\sigma}$ and $f(x)^p d\sigma = g(x)^p d\tilde{\sigma}$, which imply that

$$d\tilde{\sigma} = \frac{f(t)m(t)}{g(t)} d\sigma(t) = \frac{f(t)^p}{g(t)^p} d\sigma(t) \text{ and } m(t) = \frac{f(t)^{p-1}}{g(t)^{p-1}},$$

we have that (4.4.2) is equivalent to the two measure $(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega)$ Hardy inequality (4.4.1). Moreover,

$$G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) \leq K_p(\mu, \sigma, \omega) \leq p^{1/p}(p')^{1/p'} G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega).$$

where $G_p(\tilde{\sigma}, \omega) = \sup_{r>0} \left(\omega[r, \infty)^{1/p} \tilde{\sigma}(0, r]^{1/p'} \right) = \sup_{r>0} \left[\omega[r, \infty)^{1/p} \left(\int_{(0,r]} m^{p'} d\sigma \right)^{1/p'} \right]$.

Corollary 4.4.5. ([35]) *If ω and σ are Borel measures and $1 \leq p < \infty$, then*

$$\left(\int_{(0,\infty)} \left| \int_0^x f(t) dt \right|^p d\omega(x) \right)^{1/p} \leq C \left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |f(x)|^p d\sigma(x) \right)^{1/p}, \quad f \geq 0$$

if and only if

$$B = \sup_{r>0} \left[\omega[r, \infty)^{1/p} \left(\int_{(0,r]} m^{p'} d\sigma \right)^{1/p'} \right] < \infty,$$

where $dx = m(x)d\sigma(x)$. Moreover, $B \leq C \leq p^{1/p}(p')^{1/p'} B$, for $1 < p < \infty$ while $B = C$ for $p = 1$.

Corollary 4.4.6. *The inequality*

$$\left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega(x) \right)^{1/p} \leq M_p(\mu, \sigma, \omega) \left(\int_{(0,\infty)} |f(x)|^p d\sigma(x) \right)^{1/p}, \quad f \geq 0 \quad (4.4.3)$$

holds if and only if

$$G_p \equiv \sup_{r>0} \left[\int_{[r,\infty)} \frac{d\omega(x)}{\left(\int_{(0,x]} m(t)d\sigma(t) \right)^p} \right]^{1/p} \left(\int_{(0,r]} m^{p'} d\sigma \right)^{1/p'} < \infty$$

where $d\mu(t) = m(t)d\sigma(t)$. Moreover, $G_p \leq M_p(\mu, \sigma, \omega) \leq p^{1/p}(p')^{1/p'} G_p$.

Proof. The inequality (4.4.3) is equivalent to the two-measure (τ, ν) Hardy inequality (4.4.1) for $d\tau = m^{p'} d\sigma$ and $d\nu = d\omega / \left(\int_{(0,x]} m d\sigma \right)^p$. The result then follows from Theorem 4.4.4. \square

In the special case that $\omega = \sigma = \mu$ with $d\mu(x) = m(x)dx$ for $m \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mu)$,

$$\int_{[r,\infty)} \mu(0, x]^{-p} d\mu(x) = \int_{[r,\infty)} \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)^p} dx = \frac{g(r)^{1-p}}{p-1} = \frac{\mu(0, r]^{1-p}}{p-1}$$

where $g(x) = \int_0^x m(t)dt$, we have that $G_p = \frac{1}{(p-1)^{1/p}}$ and the (4.4.3) becomes

$$\left(\int_0^\infty |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\mu(x) \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \left(\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p d\mu(x) \right)^{1/p}, \quad f \geq 0$$

Thus, the inequality of Corollary 4.1.2 is a refinement of this.

Theorem 4.4.7. *Let ω, μ be two Radon measures on $(0, \infty)$ and define*

$$s := \inf\{x \in (0, \infty) : \mu \text{ charges the interval } (0, x)\}.$$

The following are equivalent:

(i) *For $\lambda > 0$ and $f \geq 0$, the special weak type (1,1)*

$$\omega\{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\} \leq \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{\{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\}} f(t) d\mu(t) \quad (4.4.4)$$

(ii) *For any collection of open intervals $\{(a_j, b_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in (s, ∞) ,*

$$\sum_j \omega(a_j, b_j) \leq K \sum_j \mu(a_j, b_j). \quad (4.4.5)$$

(iii) *The restriction $\omega|_{(s, \infty)}$ of ω at (s, ∞) is absolutely continuous with respect to μ and*

$$\text{the density } \frac{d\omega|_{(s, \infty)}}{d\mu} \in L^\infty \text{ with } \left\| \frac{d\omega|_{(s, \infty)}}{d\mu} \right\|_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq K.$$

Remark: The definition of s is not needed to show the equivalence of the conditions (ii) and (iii) but it is important to circumvent the cases where the measures are not absolutely continuous and satisfy (4.4.4) trivially. For example, $d\omega = \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}dx$ and $d\mu = \mathbf{1}_{(2,\infty)}dx$.

Proof. Without loss of generality, assume that $s = 0$, that is, μ charges every open interval of the form $(0, \delta)$. Let us show first that (ii) implies (iii). Let A be a Borel set such that $\mu(A) = 0$. As μ is regular, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an open set $E \supset A$ such that $\mu(E) < \epsilon$. Since E is open, it can be written as a union of open intervals, i.e. $E = \bigcup_j (a_j, b_j)$. Thus, $\sum_j \mu(a_j, b_j) < \epsilon$. The hypothesis implies that $\sum_j \omega(a_j, b_j) < K\epsilon$, or equivalently, $\omega(E) < K\epsilon$. Since ϵ is arbitrary, $\omega(A) = 0$. Thus, $\omega \ll \mu$ and $\omega(A) = \int_A m(t)d\mu(t)$ for some non negative function m and any Borel set A . If we assume that there exists a Borel set A such that $\mu(A) > 0$ and $m(t) > K$, for all $t \in A$, then using Borel regularity, we cover A by open intervals (a_j, b_j) such that $\sum_j \mu(a_j, b_j) = \mu(A) + \epsilon$ and we obtain

$$\sum_j \omega(a_j, b_j) \geq \omega(A) = \int_A m(t)d\mu(t) > K\mu(A) = K \left[\sum_j \mu(a_j, b_j) - \epsilon \right].$$

As ϵ is arbitrary, we have a contradiction.

Now we show that (iii) implies (ii). By the hypothesis, there exists a non negative function m such that for any measurable set A , $\omega(A) = \int_A m(t)d\mu(t)$ with $\|m\|_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq K$. Consider any collection of open intervals $\{(a_j, b_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then

$$\sum_j \omega(a_j, b_j) = \sum_j \int_{(a_j, b_j)} m(t)d\mu(t) \leq K \sum_j \mu(a_j, b_j)$$

To prove that (ii) implies (i), notice that the set $E_\lambda = \{x \in (0, \infty) : A_\mu f(x) > \lambda\}$ is open for any $\lambda > 0$. Thus, $E_\lambda = \bigcup I_j$ where I_j are maximal pairwise disjoint open intervals

and

$$\begin{aligned}\omega\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} &= \sum_j \omega(I_j) \leq K \sum_j \mu(I_j) = \frac{K}{\lambda} \sum_j \int_{I_j} f(t) d\mu(t) \\ &= \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{\{A_\mu f > \lambda\}} f(t) d\mu(t).\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove that (i) implies (ii). It is enough to show (4.4.4) implies (4.4.5) for an interval (a, b) . Because then, for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \omega(a_j, b_j) \leq K \sum_{j=1}^N \mu(a_j, b_j) \leq K \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(a_j, b_j)$$

and letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain (4.4.5).

Fix $\lambda > 0$. Given an interval (a, b) with $\mu(a, b) \neq 0$, we find a function f and an interval $J \supset (a, b)$ such that $J = \{A_\mu f > \lambda\}$ and $\mu(J) = \mu(a, b) + \delta$, for $\delta \geq 0$. As a first case, suppose that μ charges the subintervals $(a, a + c)$ and $(b - c, b)$ for some $0 < c < b - a$. Consider the function

$$f = \lambda \mathbf{1}_{(0, a)} + (\lambda + \eta) \mathbf{1}_{(a, t)} + (\lambda - 2\eta) \mathbf{1}_{(t, k)} + \lambda \mathbf{1}_{(k, b)},$$

where $a < t < k < b$, $0 < 2\eta < \lambda$ and $\int_{(a, t)} d\mu = 2 \int_{(t, k)} d\mu$. Then, f satisfies the conditions

$$\int_0^a f d\mu = \lambda \int_0^a d\mu, \quad \int_0^b f d\mu = \lambda \int_0^b d\mu, \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^x f d\mu > \lambda \int_0^x d\mu$$

for all $x \in (a, b)$ with the reverse inequality holding otherwise. Thus, $\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} = (a, b)$

and

$$\omega(a, b) = \omega\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} \leq \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{\{A_\mu f > \lambda\}} f d\mu = \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{(a, b)} f d\mu = K\mu(a, b).$$

On the other hand, suppose that $\mu(a, a+c) = 0$ while $\mu(b-c, b) \neq 0$, for some $0 < c < b-a$. By definition of p , there is a point $a_1 < a$ such that $\mu(a_1, a) = \epsilon$. Then, following the previous case, we construct a function f such that $\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} = (a_1, b)$ and

$$\omega(a, b) \leq \omega(a_1, b) \leq K\mu(a_1, b) = K(\mu(a, b) + \epsilon)$$

As ϵ is arbitrary, we obtain (4.4.5).

In the case that $\mu(a, a+c) \neq 0$ while $\mu(b-c, b) = 0$, for some $0 < c < b-a$, either there is f such that $\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} = (a, \infty)$, when $\mu(b, \infty) = 0$, or there is f such that $\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} = (a, b_1)$, where $b_1 > b$ with $\mu(b, b_1) = \epsilon$. Thus, $\omega(a, b) \leq K\mu(a, b)$.

Finally, if $\mu(a, b) = 0$, as above, we find an open interval $J \supset (a, b)$ and a function f such that $\{A_\mu f > \lambda\} = J$ and $\mu(J) = \epsilon$. This implies that $\omega(a, b) = 0$.

□

For measures ω, μ that satisfy (4.4.4), define

$$\mathcal{B}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \sup \left\{ \int |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega : 0 \leq f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu) \right\}$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \sup \left\{ \int |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega : 0 \leq f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu) \text{ decreasing} \right\}$$

Theorem 4.4.8. *Suppose two non-atomic Radon measures ω, μ on $(0, \infty)$ satisfy the special*

weak type inequality (4.4.4), where μ is a probability measure and $L = \omega(0, \infty)$. Then for every non-negative $f \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$,

$$\int_{(0, \infty)} |A_\mu f(x)|^p d\omega \leq \left(K \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p - (K - L) \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \int_{(0, \infty)} f^p d\mu. \quad (4.4.6)$$

There is a decreasing function $g \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$ such that the equality in (4.4.6) is attained if and only if $\omega = K\mu$.

Proof. First, let f be a decreasing function. Notice that if $L = K$, by (4.4.5), $\omega = K\mu$. Let us assume that $\omega(0, \infty) = L < K$. For A , such that $\{A_\mu f > A\} = (0, \infty)$ to be determined later and using (4.4.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int |A_\mu f|^p d\omega &= \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \omega\{|A_\mu f| > \lambda\} d\lambda \\ &\leq LA^p + \int_A^\infty p\lambda^{p-1} \omega\{|A_\mu f| > \lambda\} d\lambda \\ &\leq LA^p + K \int_A^\infty p\lambda^{p-2} \int_{\{|A_\mu f| > \lambda\}} f d\mu d\lambda \\ &= LA^p + Kp \int f \int_A^{|A_\mu f|} \lambda^{p-2} d\lambda d\mu \\ &= LA^p + \frac{Kp}{p-1} \int f \left(|A_\mu f|^{p-1} - A^{p-1} \right) d\mu \\ &= LA^p + \frac{Kp}{p-1} \int f |A_\mu f|^{p-1} d\mu - \frac{Kp}{p-1} A^{p-1} \int f d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Using Hölder's inequality with exponents p and $p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$, we obtain

$$\int |A_\mu f|^p d\omega \leq LA^p + \frac{Kp}{p-1} \left(\int f^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int |A_\mu f|^p d\mu \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} - \frac{Kp}{p-1} A^{p-1} \int f d\mu$$

Dividing both sides by $\int f^p d\mu$ and rearranging we obtain,

$$(p-1) \frac{\int |A_\mu f|^p d\omega}{\int f^p d\mu} + \frac{KpA^{p-1} \int f d\mu - L(p-1)A^p}{\int f^p d\mu} \leq Kp \left(\frac{\int |A_\mu f|^p d\mu}{\int f^p d\mu} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \quad (4.4.7)$$

Now, by Corollary 4.1.2, the right hand side is bounded by

$$Kp \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^{p/p'}$$

and as $A \mapsto \frac{KpA^{p-1} \int f d\mu - L(p-1)A^p}{\int f^p d\mu}$ is increasing on $\left[0, \frac{K}{L} \int f d\mu\right]$, inequality (4.4.7)

gives

$$(p-1) \frac{\int |A_\mu f|^p d\omega}{\int f^p d\mu} + \frac{(Kp - Lp + L)(\int f d\mu)^p}{\int f^p d\mu} \leq Kp \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^{p/p'}$$

for $A = \int f d\mu$ (we choose this A , as $\{A_\mu f(x) > A\} = (0, \infty)$ since f decreasing). This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu f|^p d\omega &\leq \frac{Kp}{p-1} \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^{p/p'} \int_{(0,\infty)} f^p d\mu - \frac{Kp - Lp + L}{p-1} \left(\int_{(0,\infty)} f d\mu \right)^p \\ &= \left(Kp' \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^{p/p'} - \frac{Kp - Lp + L}{p-1} \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \int_{(0,\infty)} f^p d\mu \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.8)$$

We claim that

$$p' \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^{p/p'} - \frac{1}{p-1} \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} = \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p$$

Indeed, consider the function

$$g(y) = p' \left[\psi_p^{-1}(1-y) \right]^{p/p'} - \frac{1}{p-1}(1-y) - \left[\psi_p^{-1}(1-y) \right]^p, \quad 0 \leq y < 1$$

Then, for $0 < y < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} g'(y) &= \frac{-p [\psi_p^{-1}(1-y)]^{p-2}}{p(p-1) [\psi_p^{-1}(1-y)]^{p-2} (1 - \psi_p^{-1}(1-y))} + \frac{1}{p-1} + \frac{\psi_p^{-1}(1-y)}{(p-1) (1 - \psi_p^{-1}(1-y))} \\ &= -\frac{1}{p-1} + \frac{1}{p-1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that g is constant and as g is continuous at 0, we obtain that $g \equiv 0$ on $[0, 1)$.

Thus, inequality (4.4.8) gives

$$\int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu f|^p d\omega \leq \left(K \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p - (K-L) \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \int_{(0,\infty)} f^p d\mu$$

Thus, $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) \leq \left(K \left[\psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \right]^p - (K-L) \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right) \Phi$.

To obtain equality in (4.4.6), notice that $\omega = K\mu$ if and only if there is a decreasing function g such that $\omega\{A_\mu g > \lambda\} = \frac{K}{\lambda} \int_{\{A_\mu g > \lambda\}} g d\mu$. Choose g to be the extremizer of Theorem 4.1.2.

Finally, if $h \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$ is such that $\mathcal{B}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$ is attained, following the proof of Theorem 4.1.2, we obtain a decreasing function $g \in \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}((0, \infty), \mu)$ such that $\int_{(0,x)} h d\mu \leq \int_{(0,x)} g d\mu$. This implies that $\int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu g|^p d\omega \geq \int_{(0,\infty)} |A_\mu h|^p d\omega$ which in turn gives $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi}) = \mathcal{B}_p(\mu, \omega, \mathfrak{F}_p^{\phi, \Phi})$. \square

Conjecture 4.4.9. *Suppose two non-atomic Radon measures (ω, μ) satisfy the special weak type inequality (4.4.4), μ is a probability measure and $\omega(0, \infty) = L \leq K$. For the p -admissible pair (ϕ, Φ) ,*

$$\left(K \psi_p^{-1} \left(\frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right)^p - (K-L) \frac{\phi^p}{\Phi} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq p^{1/p} (p')^{1/p'} \sup_{r>0} \left[\int_{[r,\infty)} \frac{d\omega(x)}{\left(\int_{(0,x]} d\mu \right)^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_{(0,r]} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}$$

If $\omega = K\mu$ is absolutely continuous, the conjecture is true.

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