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A global space-time estimate for dispersive operators through its local estimate <sup>☆</sup>



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ABSTRACT

We will show that a local space-time estimate implies a global space-time estimate for dispersive operators. In order for this implication we consider a Littlewood-Paley type square function estimate for dispersive operators in a time variable and a generalization of Tao’s epsilon removal lemma in mixed norms. By applying this implication to the fractional Schrödinger equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{2+1}$  we obtain the sharp global space-time estimates with optimal regularity from the previous known local ones.

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1. Introduction

Let us consider a Cauchy problem of a dispersive equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u + \Phi(D)u = 0, \\ u(0) = f, \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\Phi(D)$  is the corresponding Fourier multiplier to the function  $\Phi$ . We assume that  $\Phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  is a real-valued function satisfying the following conditions:

Condition 1.1.

- $|\nabla\Phi(\xi)| \neq 0$  for all  $\xi \neq 0$ .

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- There is a constant  $\mu \geq 1$  such that  $\mu^{-1} \leq |\Phi(\xi)| \leq \mu$  for any  $\xi$  with  $|\xi| = 1$ .
- There is a constant  $m \geq 1$  such that  $\Phi(\lambda\xi) = \lambda^m \Phi(\xi)$  for all  $\lambda > 0$  and all  $\xi \neq 0$ .
- The Hessian  $H_\Phi(\xi)$  of  $\Phi$  has rank at least 1 for all  $\xi \neq 0$ .

The solution  $u$  to (1.1) becomes the Schrödinger operator  $e^{-it\Delta}f$  if  $\Phi(\xi) = |\xi|^2$  and the wave operator  $e^{it\sqrt{-\Delta}}f$  if  $\Phi(\xi) = |\xi|$ . When  $\Phi(\xi) = |\xi|^m$  for  $m > 1$ , the solution is called the fractional Schrödinger operator  $e^{it(\sqrt{-\Delta})^{m/2}}f$ .

Let  $e^{it\Phi(D)}f$  denote the solution to (1.1). Our interest is to find suitable pairs  $(q, r)$  which satisfy the global space-time estimate

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C\|f\|_{\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the homogeneous  $L^2$  Sobolev space of order  $s$ . By scaling invariance the regularity  $s = s(r, q)$  should be defined as

$$s = n\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}\right) - \frac{m}{r}. \tag{1.3}$$

This problem for  $\mu = 1$  has been studied by many researchers. For the Schrödinger operator, Planchon [15] conjectured that the estimate (1.2) is valid if and only if  $r \geq 2$  and  $\frac{n+1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{n}{2}$ . Kenig–Ponce–Vega [11] showed the conjecture is true for  $n = 1$ . In higher dimensions  $n \geq 2$  it was proven by Vega [22] that (1.2) holds for  $q \geq \frac{2(n+2)}{n}$  and  $\frac{n+1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{n}{2}$ . When  $n = 2$  Rogers [16] showed it for  $2 \leq r < \infty$ ,  $q > \frac{16}{5}$  and  $\frac{3}{q} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$ , and later the excluded endline  $\frac{3}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 1$  was obtained by Lee–Rogers–Vargas [12]. When  $n \geq 3$ , Lee–Rogers–Vargas [12] improved the previous known result to  $r \geq 2$ ,  $q > \frac{2(n+3)}{n+1}$  and  $\frac{n+1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{n}{2}$ . Recently it is shown by Du–Kim–Wang–Zhang [6] that the estimate (1.2) with  $r = \infty$ , that is, the maximal estimate fails for  $n \geq 3$ . For a case of the wave operator it is known that (1.2) holds for  $(r, q)$  pairs such that  $2 \leq r \leq q$ ,  $q \neq \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{n-1}{2q} \leq \frac{n-1}{4}$  (see [9,10,14,19]) or such that  $q = \infty$  and  $2 \leq r < \infty$  (see [7, Proposition 4]). Particularly, when  $r = \infty$ , Rogers–Villarroya [17] showed that (1.2) with regularity  $s > n(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}) - \frac{1}{r}$  is valid for  $q \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ . For the fractional Schrödinger operator the known range of  $(r, q)$  for which the estimates hold is that  $2 \leq r \leq q$ ,  $q \neq \infty$  and  $\frac{n}{2q} + \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{n}{4}$  (see [1,2,4,13,21]).

The case of  $\mu > 1$  has an interesting in its own right. The solution  $u$  is formally written as

$$u(t, x) = e^{it\Phi(D)}f(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x \cdot \xi + t\Phi(\xi))} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$

From this form we see that the space-time Fourier transform of  $u$  is supported in the surface  $S = \{(\xi, \Phi(\xi))\}$ . It is known that the operator  $u$  is related to the curvature of  $S$  such as the sign of Gaussian curvature and the number of nonvanishing principle curvature. The Schrödinger operator corresponds to a paraboloid which has a positive Gaussian curvature, and the wave operator corresponds to a cone whose Gaussian curvature is zero. We are also interested in operators corresponding to a surface with negative Gaussian curvature. When  $\mu > 1$  there is a surface with negative Gaussian curvature. For instance, the surface  $\{(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_1^4 + 2\xi_1^3\xi_2 - 2\xi_1\xi_2^3 + \xi_2^4)\}$  has negative Gaussian curvature on a neighborhood of the point  $(1, 0, 1)$ .

In this paper we will establish a local-to-global approach as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mathbb{I} = (0, 1)$  be a unit interval and  $\mathbb{B} = B(0, 1)$  a unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $q_0, r_0 \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $s(r, q)$  defined as (1.3) and  $\Phi$  satisfy Condition 1.1. Suppose that the local estimate*

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{B}; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{I}))} \leq C_\epsilon \|f\|_{H^{s(r_0, q_0)+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \tag{1.4}$$

holds for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then for any  $q_0 < q < \infty$  and  $r_0 < r < \infty$ , the global estimate

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{s(r,q)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \tag{1.5}$$

holds, where  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the inhomogeneous  $L^2$ -Sobolev space of order  $s$  and  $\dot{H}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes homogeneous one.

The maximal estimate, which is (1.4) with  $r_0 = \infty$ , is related to pointwise convergence problems. When  $n = 2$  it was proven that the maximal estimates with  $m > 1$  and  $\mu = 1$  are valid for  $q_0 = 3$  and  $s > \frac{1}{3}$  (see [3,5]). By interpolating with a Strichartz estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{it\Phi(D)} f\|_{L_x^4(\mathbb{B}; L_t^4(\mathbb{I}))} &\leq \|e^{it\Phi(D)} f\|_{L_x^4(\mathbb{R}^2; L_t^4(\mathbb{R}))} \\ &\leq \|e^{it\Phi(D)} f\|_{L_t^4(\mathbb{R}; L_x^4(\mathbb{R}^2))} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{2-m}{4}}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{2-m}{4}}(\mathbb{R}^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

we have (1.5) for the line  $\frac{3}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 1$  with  $r \geq 4$ . The case of  $2 \leq r < 4$  follows from [22] (see also [12]). By Theorem 1.2, we can obtain the following global space-time estimates which is the Planchon conjecture for  $n = 2$  except the endline.

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $m > 1$  and  $\mu = 1$ . For  $2 \leq r < \infty$  and  $\frac{3}{q} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$ , the global estimate*

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^2; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{1-\frac{2}{q}-\frac{m}{r}}(\mathbb{R}^2)}.$$

*Notation.* Throughout this paper let  $C > 0$  denote various constants that vary from line to line, which possibly depend on  $n, q, r, m$  and  $\mu$ . We use  $A \lesssim B$  to denote  $A \leq CB$ , and if  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$  we denote by  $A \sim B$ .

**2. Proof of Theorem 1.2**

In this section we prove Theorem 1.2 by using two propositions. In subsection 2.1 we consider a Littlewood–Paley type inequality by which the initial data  $f$  can be assumed to be Fourier supported in  $\{1/2 \leq |\xi| \leq 2\}$ . In subsection 2.2 we prove a mixed norm version of Tao’s  $\epsilon$ -removable lemma by which the global estimates with a compact Fourier support are reduced to local ones. In subsection 2.3 we show the two propositions imply Theorem 1.2.

*2.1. A Littlewood-Paley type inequality*

We discuss a Littlewood-Paley type inequality for the operator  $e^{it\Phi(D)}$  in a time variable.

Let a cut-off function  $\phi \in C_0^\infty([\frac{1}{2}, 2])$  satisfy  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi(2^{-k}x) = 1$  for  $x \neq 0$ . We define Littlewood-Paley projection operators  $P_k$  and  $\widehat{P}_k$  by

$$\widehat{P_k f}(\xi) = \phi(2^{-k}|\xi|)\hat{f}(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{P_k g}(\tau) = \phi(2^{-mk}|\tau|)\hat{g}(\tau)$$

for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , respectively.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\Phi$  satisfies Condition 1.1. Then for  $1 < r < \infty$ ,*

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} f(x)\|_{L^r_t(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{m,\mu} \left\| \left( \sum_{\substack{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}: \\ |k-j| \leq \frac{\log_2 \mu}{m} + 2}} |\widetilde{P}_j e^{it\Phi(D)} P_k f(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^r_t(\mathbb{R})}$$

for all Schwartz functions  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** For simplicity,

$$F(t) := e^{it\Phi(D)} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad F_k(t) := e^{it\Phi(D)} P_k f(x).$$

Since the projection operators are linear, we have an identity

$$F(t) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widetilde{P}_j F(t) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \widetilde{P}_j F_k(t).$$

We claim that  $\widetilde{P}_j F_k(t) = 0$  if

$$|k - j| > \frac{\log_2 \mu}{m} + 2. \tag{2.1}$$

Indeed, the Fourier transform  $\widehat{f}$  of a Schwartz function  $f$  may be written as

$$\widehat{f}(\tau) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{it\tau} \psi\left(\frac{t}{R}\right) f(t) dt,$$

where  $\psi \in C_0^\infty([-2, 2])$  with  $\psi = 1$  in  $[-1, 1]$ . Using this equation we have

$$\widehat{\widetilde{P}_j F_k}(\tau) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \phi\left(\frac{|\tau|}{2^m j}\right) \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{it(\tau + \Phi(\xi))} \psi\left(\frac{t}{R}\right) dt \right) \phi\left(\frac{|\xi|}{2^k}\right) \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$

In the right side of the above equation, we see that the range of  $(\tau, \xi)$  is contained in

$$2^{m(j-1)} \leq |\tau| \leq 2^{m(j+1)} \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{(k-1)} \leq |\xi| \leq 2^{(k+1)}.$$

From Condition 1.1 we have a bound

$$\mu^{-1} 2^{m(k-1)} \leq |\Phi(\xi)| \leq \mu 2^{m(k+1)}.$$

Then it follows that for  $k$  and  $j$  satisfying (2.1),

$$|\tau + \Phi(\xi)| > 0.$$

By the integration by parts it implies that there exists a constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{it\tau} e^{it\Phi(\xi)} \psi\left(\frac{t}{R}\right) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{C_0 R}.$$

From this estimate and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we obtain  $\widehat{\widetilde{P}_j F_k} = 0$ , which implies the claim.

By the claim, the Littlewood-Paley theory and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{it\Phi(D)}f(x)\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})} &= \left\| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widetilde{P}_j \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} F_k(\cdot, x) \right) \right\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; |k-j| \leq \frac{\log 2 \mu}{m} + 2} \widetilde{P}_j F_k(\cdot, x) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})} \\ &\leq C_{m,\mu} \left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; |k-j| \leq \frac{\log 2 \mu}{m} + 2} |\widetilde{P}_j F_k(\cdot, x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the desired inequality.  $\square$

Using the above lemma we can have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $2 \leq q, r < \infty$ . Suppose that  $\Phi$  satisfies Condition 1.1. If the estimate*

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \tag{2.2}$$

holds for all  $f$  with  $\text{supp } \hat{f} \subset \{1/2 \leq |\xi| \leq 2\}$ , then the estimate

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C_{m,\mu} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{q} - \frac{m}{r}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

holds for all  $f$ .

**Proof.** The Minkowski inequality and Lemma 2.1 allow that

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C_{m,\mu} \left\| \left( \sum_{|k-j| \leq \frac{\log 2 \mu}{m} + 2} \left\| \widetilde{P}_j(e^{it\Phi(D)}P_k f) \right\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Since  $\widetilde{P}_j$  is bounded in  $L^p$ , it is bounded by

$$C_{m,\mu} \left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|e^{it\Phi(D)}P_k f\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

By the Minkowski inequality we thus have

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C_{m,\mu} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|e^{it\Phi(D)}P_k f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Apply (2.2) to the right side of the above estimate after rescaling. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{it\Phi(D)}f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} &\leq C_{m,\mu} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{2k(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{q} - \frac{m}{r})} \|P_k f\|_2^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= C_{m,\mu} \|f\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{q} - \frac{m}{r}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2. Local-to-global arguments

We will show that the global estimate (2.2) is obtained from its local estimate. Adopting the arguments in [20], we consider the dual estimate of (2.2).

Let  $S = \{(\xi, \Phi(\xi)) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} : 1/2 \leq |\xi| \leq 2\}$  be a compact hypersurface with the induced (singular) Lebesgue measure  $d\sigma$ . We define the Fourier restriction operator  $\mathfrak{R}$  for a compact surface  $S$  by the restriction of  $\widehat{f}$  to  $S$ , i.e.,

$$\mathfrak{R}f = \widehat{f}|_S.$$

Its adjoint operator  $\mathfrak{R}^*f = \widehat{f d\sigma}$  can be written as  $e^{it\Phi(D)}g$  with

$$\widehat{g}(\xi) := f(\xi, \Phi(\xi))J_\Phi(\xi),$$

where  $J_\Phi$  is the Jacobian determinant of  $\Phi$ .

Let  $\rho > 0$  be the decay of  $\widehat{d\sigma}$ , i.e.,

$$|\widehat{d\sigma}(x)| \lesssim (1 + |x|)^{-\rho}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}. \quad (2.3)$$

It is known that  $\rho$  is determined by the number of nonzero principal curvatures of the surface  $S$ , which is equal to the rank of the Hessian  $H_\Phi$ . Specifically, if  $H_\Phi$  has rank at least  $k$  then

$$\rho = k/2,$$

see [18, subsection 5.8, VIII]. From Condition 1.1 we have  $k \geq 1$ .

When a function  $f$  has a compact Fourier support, the  $\widehat{f d\sigma}$  decays away from the support of  $\widehat{f}$  because of the decay of  $\widehat{d\sigma}$ . Thus if  $f$  and  $g$  are compactly Fourier supported and their supports are far away from each other then the interaction between  $\widehat{f d\sigma}$  and  $\widehat{g d\sigma}$  is negligible.

**Definition 2.3.** A finite collection  $\{Q(z_i, R)\}_{i=1}^N$  of balls in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with radius  $R > 0$  is called  $(N, R)$ -sparse if the centers  $\{z_i\}$  are  $(NR)^\gamma$ -separated where  $\gamma := n/\rho (\geq 2)$ .

From the definition of  $(N, R)$ -sparse we have a kind of orthogonality as follows. Let  $\phi$  be a radial Schwartz function such that  $\phi > 0$  on the ball  $B(0, \delta^{-1})$ ,  $\phi \geq 1/2$  on the unit ball  $B(0, 1)$ , and the Fourier transform  $\widehat{\phi}$  is supported in the ball  $B(0, \delta)$  where  $0 < \delta < 1$  is a constant.

**Lemma 2.4** ([20, in the proof of Lemma 3.2]). Let  $\{Q(z_i, R)\}_{i=1}^N$  be a  $(N, R)$ -sparse collection for  $R > 1$  and  $\phi_i(z) = \phi(R^{-1}(z - z_i))$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Then there is a constant  $C$  independent of  $N$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N f_i * \widehat{\phi}_i|_S \right\|_2 \leq CR^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_2^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $f_i \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ .

A proof of the above lemma is given in Appendix A.

Let  $\mathbb{I}_R = (0, R)$  denote an  $R$ -interval and  $\mathbb{B}_R$  the ball of radius  $R$  centered at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Using Lemma 2.4 we have an intermediate result.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $R > 1$  and  $1 < q, r \leq 2$ . Suppose that there is a constant  $A(R)$  such that*

$$\|\mathfrak{R}(\chi_{\mathbb{I}_R \times \mathbb{B}_R} f)\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq A(R) \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $f \in L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))$ . Then for any  $(N, R)$ -sparse collection  $\{Q(z_i, R)\}_{i=1}^N$  there is a constant  $C$  independent of  $N$  such that

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq CA(R) \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $f$  supported in  $\cup_{i=1}^N Q(z_i, R)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f_i = f\chi_{Q(z_i, R)}$ . Then,

$$\mathfrak{R}f_i = \hat{f}_i|_S = \widehat{f_i\phi_i}|_S = (\hat{f}_i * \hat{\phi}_i)|_S,$$

where  $\phi_i(z)$  is defined as in Lemma 2.4. Since  $\hat{\phi}_i$  is supported on the ball  $B(0, \frac{2}{3R})$ , we may restrict the support of  $\hat{f}_i$  to a  $O(1/R)$ -neighborhood of the surface  $S$  and write

$$\mathfrak{R}f_i = (\hat{f}_i|_{\mathcal{N}_{1/R}(S)} * \hat{\phi}_i)|_S$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_{1/R}(S)$  is a  $O(1/R)$ -neighborhood of the surface  $S$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}$  be another restriction operator defined by  $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}f = \hat{f}|_{\mathcal{N}_{1/R}(S)}$ . If  $f$  is supported in  $\cup_{i=1}^N Q(z_i, R)$ , we write

$$\mathfrak{R}f = \sum_{i=1}^N (\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}f_i * \hat{\phi}_i)|_S.$$

By Lemma 2.4,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq CR^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}f_i\|_{L^2(\mathcal{N}_{1/R}(S))}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Since the estimate (2.5) is translation invariant, by a slice argument we have

$$\|\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}f_i\|_{L^2(\mathcal{N}_{1/R}(S))} \leq CR^{-1/2} A(R) \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}.$$

By combining the previous two estimates,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq CA(R) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

If  $1 \leq r \leq q \leq 2$  then by  $\ell^r \subset \ell^q \subset \ell^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^2 \right)^{1/2} &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^q \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}^q dx \right)^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}^r \right)^{q/r} dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $1 \leq q \leq r \leq 2$  one can use the embedding  $\ell^r \subset \ell^2$  and the Minkowski inequality to get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^2 \right)^{1/2} &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{L_t^r(\mathbb{R})}^r \right)^{q/r} dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have (2.6).  $\square$

We now extend the  $(N, R)$ -sparse sets to the whole space. For this we need the following decomposition lemma.

**Lemma 2.6** ([20]). *Let  $E$  be a subset in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|E| > 1$ . Suppose that  $E$  is a finite union of finitely overlapping cubes of side-length  $c \sim 1$ . Then for each  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are subsets  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_K$  of  $E$  with*

$$E = \bigcup_{k=1}^K E_k$$

such that each  $E_k$  has  $O(|E|^{1/K})$  number of  $(O(|E|), |E|^{O(\gamma^{k-1})})$ -sparse collections

$$\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{O(|E|^{1/K})}$$

of which the union  $\mathbf{S}_1 \cup \mathbf{S}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{S}_{O(|E|^{1/K})}$  is a covering of  $E_k$ .

This lemma is a precise version of Lemma 3.3 in [20]. A detailed proof can be found in Appendix A.

Using the above lemma we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $1 < q_0, r_0 < \infty$ . Suppose that for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and any  $(N, R)$ -sparse collection  $\{Q(z_i, R)\}_{i=1}^N$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the estimate*

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C_\epsilon R^\epsilon \|f\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{R}))} \quad (2.7)$$

holds for all  $f$  supported in  $\cup_{i=1}^N Q(z_i, R)$ . Then for any  $1 \leq q < q_0$  and  $1 \leq r < r_0$ , the estimate

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}$$

holds for all  $f \in L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))$ .

**Proof.** By interpolation (see [8]), it suffices to show that for  $1 \leq q < q_0$  and  $1 \leq r < r_0$ , the restricted type estimate

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} \quad (2.8)$$



for all subset  $E$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . We may assume  $|E| > 1$ , otherwise the estimate is trivial. Indeed,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^\infty(S)} \leq C|E| \leq C.$$

Since the set  $S$  is compact, there is a bump function  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty$  supported in a cube of sidelength  $2c \sim 1$  and centered at the origin such that  $\hat{\varphi}$  is positive on a cube of sidelength  $(2c)^{-1}$  that contains  $S$ . By the Poisson summation formula we may assume that  $\sum_{k \in c\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}} \varphi(\cdot - k) = 1$ .

Let  $c$ -lattice cubes  $\{\Delta_k\}$  cover the set  $E$ . We claim that if the estimate

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\left(\sum_k \chi_{\Delta_k}\right)\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k \chi_{\Delta_k}\right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))}$$

holds for any  $1 \leq q < q_0$  and  $1 \leq r < r_0$ , then we have (2.8). By interpolation the above estimate implies that for any  $1 \leq q < q_0$  and  $1 \leq r < r_0$ ,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\left(\sum_k a_k \chi_{\Delta_k}\right)\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k a_k \chi_{\Delta_k}\right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))},$$

for all real sequences  $\{a_k\}$ . Let  $\varphi_k$  be a translation of  $\varphi$  which is supported in  $2\Delta_k$ . Since  $\varphi_k$  decays rapidly away from  $\Delta_k$ , the above inequality implies

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\left(\sum_k a_k \varphi_k\right)\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k a_k \varphi_k\right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} + C^{-N} \tag{2.9}$$

where  $N \geq 1$  is a large number.

By replacing  $\chi_E$  with  $\sum_k \chi_E \varphi_k$ ,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k \hat{\chi}_E * \hat{\varphi}_k\right\|_{L^2(d\sigma)}.$$

Using  $\|\hat{f}\|_\infty \leq C\|f\|_1$  we have

$$|\hat{\chi}_E * \hat{\varphi}_k(z)| \leq C \int \chi_E \varphi_k.$$

Since  $\frac{1}{|\Delta_k|} \hat{\varphi}_k$  is a positive Schwartz function and  $\frac{1}{|\Delta_k|} \hat{\varphi}_k \lesssim 1$  on  $S$ , we have that for any  $z \in S$ ,

$$|\hat{\chi}_E * \hat{\varphi}_k(z)| \leq C a_k \hat{\varphi}_k(z),$$

where

$$a_k := \frac{1}{|\Delta_k|} \int \chi_E \varphi_k.$$

Thus,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k a_k \hat{\varphi}_k\right\|_{L^2(d\sigma)}.$$

Apply (2.9). Then,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C\left\|\sum_k a_k \varphi_k\right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} + C^{-N}. \tag{2.10}$$

Since the supports of  $\varphi_k$  are finitely overlapped, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_k a_k \varphi_k \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} &\leq C \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_k \|a_k \varphi_k(x)\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R})}^r \right)^{q/r} dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C \left( \sum_k a_k^q \|\varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))}^q \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

By Hölder's inequality,

$$a_k = \frac{1}{|\Delta_k|} \int \chi_E \varphi_k \leq C \frac{\|\chi_E \varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} \|\varphi_k\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n; L^{r'}(\mathbb{R}))}}{\|\varphi_k\|_1}.$$

By calculation we can see  $\|\varphi_k\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n; L^{r'}(\mathbb{R}))} \|\varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} \sim \|\varphi_k\|_1$ , and

$$a_k \|\varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \|\chi_E \varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))}.$$

By inserting this estimate,

$$\left\| \sum_k a_k \varphi_k \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \left( \sum_k \|\chi_E \varphi_k\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))}^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

Since the supports of  $\varphi_k$  are finitely overlapped, the above estimate is

$$\leq C \left\| \sum_k \chi_E \varphi_k \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))} = C \|\chi_E\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L^r(\mathbb{R}))}.$$

By combining this estimate with (2.10) we obtain (2.8). The claim is proved.

By the claim, the set  $E$  in (2.8) can be considered as the union of  $c$ -cubes  $\Delta_k$ . We denote by  $\text{proj}(E)$  the projection of  $E$  onto the  $x$ -plane. For each grid point  $x \in c\mathbb{Z}^n \cap \text{proj}(E)$ , we define  $E_x$  to be the union of  $c$ -cubes in  $E$  that intersect  $\mathbb{R} \times \{x\}$ . Let  $E^j$  be the union of  $E_x$  which satisfies

$$2^{j-1} < \text{the number of } c\text{-cubes contained in } E_x \leq 2^{j+1}$$

for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , (see Fig. 1). Then,

$$E = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} E^j.$$

By using Lemma 2.6 with

$$K := \frac{\log(1/\epsilon)}{2 \log \gamma} + 1,$$

the  $E^j$  is decomposed into  $E_k^j$ 's which are covered by  $O(|E^j|^{1/K})$  number of  $(O(|E^j|), |E^j|^{C\gamma^{k-1}})$ -sparse collections. We apply (2.7) to these sparse collections and obtain

$$\|\mathfrak{R}\chi_{E_k^j}\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C_\epsilon |E^j|^{1/K} (|E^j|^{C\gamma^{k-1}})^\epsilon \|\chi_{E_k^j}\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{R}))}.$$

Summing over  $k$ , we have

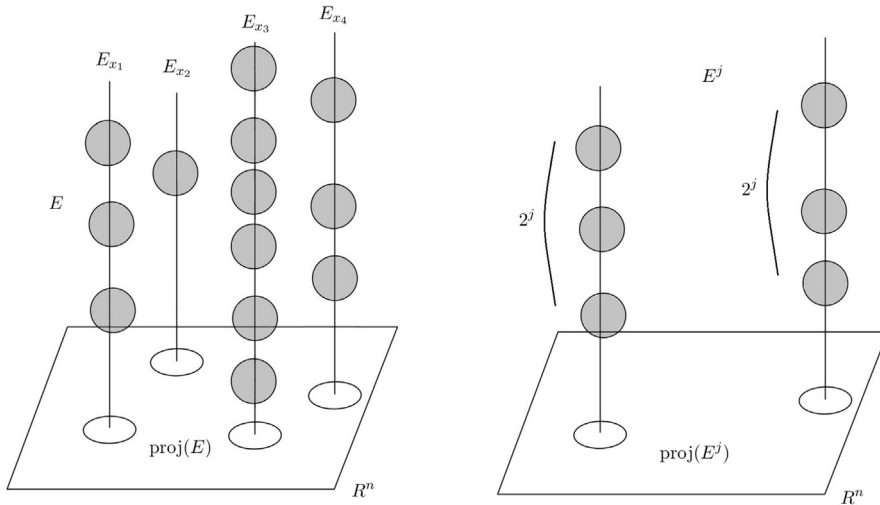


Fig. 1. The sets  $E$ ,  $\text{proj}E$ ,  $E_x$  and  $E^j$  in the proof of Proposition 2.7.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Re\chi_{E^j}\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K \|\Re\chi_{E_k^j}\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \\ &\leq C_\epsilon |E^j|^{1/K} (|E^j|^{C\gamma^{K-1}})^\epsilon \|\chi_{E^j}\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{R}))} \end{aligned}$$

where  $K$  is absorbed into  $C_\epsilon$ . Since  $|E^j| \leq 2^{j+1}|\text{proj}(E^j)|$ , we have

$$\|\Re\chi_{E^j}\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C_\epsilon 2^{j(\frac{1}{r_0} + \delta(\epsilon))} |\text{proj}(E^j)|^{\frac{1}{q_0} + \delta(\epsilon)},$$

where

$$\delta(\epsilon) := \frac{1}{K} + C\gamma^{K-1}\epsilon.$$

Since  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta(\epsilon) = 0$ , we can take  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$0 < \delta(\epsilon) + \epsilon \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{q_0}, \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0}\right).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Re\chi_E\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} &\leq \sum_{j \geq 1} \|\Re\chi_{E^j}\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \\ &\leq C_\epsilon \sum_{j \geq 1} 2^{j(\frac{1}{r_0} + \delta(\epsilon))} |\text{proj}(E^j)|^{\frac{1}{q_0} + \delta(\epsilon)} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j \geq 1} 2^{-\epsilon j} 2^{\frac{1}{r}j} |\text{proj}(E^j)|^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j \geq 1} 2^{-\epsilon j} \|\chi_E\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \\ &\leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Combining Proposition 2.5 and Proposition 2.7 we obtain an extension of Tao’s epsilon removal lemma as follows.

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $1 < q_0, r_0 \leq 2$ . Suppose that*

$$\|\mathfrak{R}(\chi_{\mathbb{I}_R \times \mathbb{B}_R} f)\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C_\epsilon R^\epsilon \|f\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{R}))}$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $R > 1$  and all  $f \in L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Then for any  $1 \leq q < q_0$  and  $1 \leq r < r_0$ ,

$$\|\mathfrak{R}f\|_{L^2(d\sigma)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))}$$

for all  $f \in L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))$ .

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 1.2. The theorem follows from Proposition 2.2 and Proposition 2.8 as follows.

### 2.3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Let  $P_0$  be the Littlewood-Paley projection operator as in subsection 2.1. By rescaling  $x \mapsto 2^{-k}x$  and  $t \mapsto 2^{-mk}t$ , the estimate (1.4) implies

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} P_0 f\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{B}_{2^k}; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{I}_{2^k}))} \leq C_\epsilon 2^{k\epsilon} \|P_0 f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for all  $k \geq 1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $m \geq 1$ , we have

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} P_0 f\|_{L_x^{q_0}(\mathbb{B}_{2^k}; L_t^{r_0}(\mathbb{I}_{2^k}))} \leq C_\epsilon 2^{k\epsilon} \|P_0 f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

By Proposition 2.8 and duality,

$$\|e^{it\Phi(D)} P_0 f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}^n; L_t^r(\mathbb{R}))} \leq C \|P_0 f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

By Proposition 2.2, we obtain the desired estimate.  $\square$

## Appendix A

### A.1. Proof of Lemma 2.4

We divide the left side of (2.4) into two parts

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N f_i * \hat{\phi}_i \right\|_S^2 = \sum_i \|f_i * \hat{\phi}_i\|_S^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \int f_i * \hat{\phi}_i \overline{f_j * \hat{\phi}_j} d\sigma.$$

We may assume that  $N \geq 2$  because if  $N = 1$  then the estimate is trivial. By a basic restriction estimate we have  $\|f_i * \hat{\phi}_i\|_S \lesssim R^{1/2} \|f_i\|_2$  (for details see [20,23]). Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i * \hat{\phi}_i\|_S^2 \lesssim R \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_2^2. \tag{A.1}$$

By Parseval's identity,

$$\int f_i * \hat{\phi}_i \overline{f_j * \hat{\phi}_j} d\sigma = \int \overline{f_j} \phi_j ((f_i \phi_i) * \widehat{d\sigma}),$$

where the  $\check{\cdot}$  denotes the inverse Fourier transform. It is bounded by

$$\left(\sup_{z,w} |\phi_j^{1/2}(z)\phi_i^{1/2}(w)\widehat{d\sigma}(z-w)|\right) \|\check{f}_i\phi_i^{1/2}\|_1 \|\check{f}_j\phi_j^{1/2}\|_1.$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and Plancherel’s theorem,

$$\|\check{f}_i\phi_i^{1/2}\|_1 \lesssim R^{(n+1)/2} \|f_i\|_2.$$

By (2.3),

$$\sup_{z,w} |\phi_j^{1/2}(z)\phi_i^{1/2}(w)\widehat{d\sigma}(z-w)| \lesssim |z_i - z_j - 2R|^{-\rho}.$$

Since  $|z_i - z_j| \geq (NR)^\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \geq 2$ ,  $N \geq 2$  and  $R > 1$ ,

$$|z_i - z_j - 2R| \geq |z_i - z_j| - 2R \gtrsim |z_i - z_j|/2.$$

Thus,

$$\sup_{z,w} |\phi_j^{1/2}(z)\phi_i^{1/2}(w)\widehat{d\sigma}(z-w)| \lesssim |z_i - z_j|^{-\rho}.$$

Combining these estimates we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \neq j} \int f_i * \widehat{\phi_i} \overline{f_j * \widehat{\phi_j}} d\sigma &\lesssim R^{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}, i \neq j} |z_i - z_j|^{-\rho} \|f_i\|_2 \|f_j\|_2 \\ &\lesssim R^{n+1} N \max_{i,j} |z_i - z_j|^{-\rho} \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|z_i - z_j| \geq (NR)^\gamma \geq N^{\frac{1}{\rho}} R^{\frac{n}{\rho}}$ , it follows that

$$\sum_{i \neq j} \int f_i * \widehat{\phi_i} \overline{f_j * \widehat{\phi_j}} d\sigma \lesssim R \sum_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_2^2.$$

From the above estimate and (A.1) we obtain (2.4).  $\square$

### A.2. Proof of Lemma 2.6

Fix  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define  $R_0 = 1$  and  $R_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  recursively by

$$R_k = |E|^\gamma R_{k-1}^\gamma. \tag{A.2}$$

From this definition we have  $R_k = |E|^{\frac{\gamma^{k+1}-\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$ . Let  $E_0 = \emptyset$ . We define  $E_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  to be the set of all  $x \in E \setminus \cup_{j=0,1,2,\dots,k-1} E_j$  such that

$$|E \cap B(x, R_k)| \leq |E|^{k/K}. \tag{A.3}$$

Then,  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^K E_k$ . From this construction it follows that for  $x \in E_k$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots, K$ ,

$$|E \cap B(x, R_{k-1})| > |E|^{(k-1)/K}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

We cover  $E_k$  with finitely overlapping  $R_k$ -balls  $\mathbf{C}_{E_k} := \{B_i = B(x_i, R_k) : x_i \in E_k\}$ . Since  $E$  is a finite union of cubes of side-length  $c \sim 1$ , it is obvious that  $\#\mathbf{C}_{E_k} \lesssim |E|$ . For each  $B_i \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k}$  we cover  $E_k \cap B_i$  with finitely overlapping  $R_{k-1}$ -balls  $\mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i} := \{B'_{ij} = B'(y_j, R_{k-1}) : y_j \in E_k \cap B_i\}$ , that is,

$$E_k \cap B_i = \bigcup_{B'_{ij} \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i}} E_k \cap B'_{ij}.$$

Since  $((E \setminus E_k) \cap B'_{ij}) \subset ((E \setminus E_k) \cap B_i)$  for all  $j$ , we have

$$(E_k \cap B_i) \cup ((E \setminus E_k) \cap B_i) \supset \bigcup_{B'_{ij} \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i}} (E_k \cap B'_{ij}) \cup ((E \setminus E_k) \cap B'_{ij}),$$

thus

$$E \cap B_i \supset \bigcup_{B'_{ij} \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i}} E \cap B'_{ij}.$$

By finitely overlapping,

$$\#\mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i} \lesssim \max_{B'_{ij} \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i}} \frac{|E \cap B_i|}{|E \cap B'_{ij}|}.$$

By (A.3) and (A.4) the above is bounded by  $C|E|^{1/K}$ , and we have  $\#\mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i} \leq C|E|^{1/K}$  for all  $i$ . Thus,

$$E_k \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{O(|E|)} \bigcup_{j=1}^{O(|E|^{1/K})} B'_{ij}.$$

We choose  $O(R_k)$ -separated balls  $\{B'_{ij(i)}\}_{i=1}^{O(|E|)}$ . Then it is a  $(O(|E|), R_{k-1})$ -sparse collection because of (A.2). Since  $R_{k-1} = |E|^{O(\gamma^{k-1})}$  and every  $B_i \in \mathbf{C}_{E_k}$  has the covering  $\mathbf{C}_{E_k \cap B_i}$  of cardinality  $O(|E|^{1/K})$ , there are  $O(|E|^{1/K})$  number of  $(O(|E|), |E|^{O(\gamma^{k-1})})$ -sparse collections  $\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{O(|E|^{1/K})}$  such that

$$E_k \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{O(|E|^{1/K})} \bigcup_{B' \in \mathbf{S}_j} B'. \quad \square$$

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