# MULTILINEAR COMMUTATORS FOR FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS IN NON-HOMOGENEOUS SPACES

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Abstract \_

Under the assumption that  $\mu$  is a non-doubling measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the authors obtain the  $(L^p, L^q)$ -boundedness and the weak type endpoint estimate for the multilinear commutators generated by fractional integrals with RBMO( $\mu$ ) functions of Tolsa or with  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  functions for  $r \geq 1$ , where  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  is a space of Orlicz type satisfying that  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu) = \operatorname{RBMO}(\mu)$  if r = 1 and  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu) \subset \operatorname{RBMO}(\mu)$  if r > 1.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mu$  be a positive Radon measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which only satisfies the following growth condition

$$\mu(B(x,r)) \le Cr^n$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and r > 0, where n is a fixed number and  $0 < n \le d$ . The doubling condition on  $\mu$ , namely, there exists some positive constant C such that

$$\mu(B(x,2r)) \le C\mu(B(x,r))$$

for all  $x \in \operatorname{supp} \mu$  and r > 0, is an essential assumption in the classical theory of harmonic analysis. But recently, many classical results have been proved still valid if the underlying measure  $\mu$  is substituted by a non-doubling Radon measure as in (1.1); see [10], [17], [18], [11], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23], [12], [13], [8], [6], [14], [2], [4], [5], [7] and their references.

The purpose of this paper is to prove the  $(L^p, L^q)$ -boundedness and the weak type estimate for any multilinear commutator generated by the fractional integral  $I_{\alpha}$  related to a measure  $\mu$  as in (1.1) for  $0 < \alpha < n$ 

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with any RBMO( $\mu$ ) function of Tolsa in [20] or with any  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  function for  $r \geq 1$ , motivated by [16], [3] for commutators on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  in the case that  $\mu$  is the d-dimensional Lebesgue measure there. Here, for  $0 < \alpha < n$  and all  $x \in \operatorname{supp}(\mu)$ ,

$$I_{\alpha}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{n - \alpha}} f(y) \, d\mu(y).$$

The behavior of such fractional integrals on a metric space was recently studied by García-Cuerva and Gatto in [4]. Chen and Sawyer [2] showed that the first order commutator generated by  $I_{\alpha}$  and RBMO( $\mu$ ) function enjoys the same ( $L^p, L^q$ ) mapping properties as in the case that  $\mu$  is the Lebesgue measure. However, it seems that the argument used in [2] does not apply to the multilinear commutator here, we will employ some ideas used in [2] and some new ideas different from ones used in [2].

Before stating our results, let us introduce some notation and recall some definitions. Throughout this paper, we only consider closed cubes with sides parallel to coordinate axes. Let  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\beta > \alpha^n$ . We say that a cube Q is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -doubling cube if  $\mu(\alpha Q) \leq \beta \mu(Q)$ , where  $\alpha Q$  denotes the cube with the same center as Q and  $l(\alpha Q) = \alpha l(Q)$ . In what follows, for definiteness, if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not specified, by a doubling cube we mean a  $(2, 2^{d+1})$ -doubling cube. Especially, for any given cube Q, we denote by  $\widetilde{Q}$  the smallest doubling cube which contains Q and has the same center as Q.

Let  $0 \le \gamma < n$ . Given two cubes  $Q \subset R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , set

$$K_{Q,R}^{(\gamma)} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{Q,R}} \left[ \frac{\mu(2^k Q)}{l(2^k Q)^n} \right]^{1-\gamma/n},$$

where  $N_{Q,R}$  is the smallest positive integer k such that  $l(2^kQ) \geq l(R)$ . If  $\gamma = 0$ , then we denote  $K_{Q,R}^{(0)}$  by  $K_{Q,R}$ . Tolsa in [20] first introduced the concept of  $K_{Q,R}$  and gave its several useful properties. Chen and Sawyer in [2] introduced  $K_{Q,R}^{(\gamma)}$  and established some properties on  $K_{Q,R}^{(\gamma)}$  similar to those on  $K_{Q,R}$ .

Using  $K_{Q,R}$ , Tolsa in [20] introduced the space RBMO( $\mu$ ) with the non-doubling measure  $\mu$ , which is proved to be a good substitute of the classical space BMO in this case.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\rho > 1$  be some fixed constant. We say that a function  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mu)$  is in RBMO( $\mu$ ) if there exists some constant C > 0 such that for any cube Q centered at some point of supp ( $\mu$ ),

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\rho Q)} \int_{Q} \left| f(y) - m_{\widetilde{Q}}(f) \right| d\mu(y) \le C$$

and

$$|m_Q(f) - m_R(f)| \le CK_{Q,R}$$

for any two doubling cube  $Q \subset R$ , where  $m_Q(f)$  denotes the mean of f over cube Q. The minimal constant C as above is the RBMO( $\mu$ ) norm of f and is denoted by  $||f||_*$ .

It has been shown in [20] that the definition of RBMO( $\mu$ ) is independent of chosen constant  $\rho$ . In this paper, we need to choose different  $\rho$  in the proof of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2 below, respectively.

For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < n$  and  $b_i \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, the multilinear commutator,  $I_{\alpha; b_1, ..., b_m}$ , is defined by  $[b_m, ..., [b_2, [b_1, I_\alpha]] ...]$ , that is,

(1.2) 
$$I_{\alpha; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m} f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \prod_{j=1}^m \left[ b_j(x) - b_j(y) \right] \frac{f(y)}{|x - y|^{n - \alpha}} d\mu(y).$$

When m=1, the operator  $I_{\alpha;\,b_1,\ldots,b_m}$  is just the commutator  $[b_1,I_\alpha]$ , which is a variant on the non-doubling measure of the classical commutator studied by Chanillo in [1]. In [16], Pérez and Trujillo-González studied the boundedness of multilinear operators of this type generated by Calderón-Zygmund operators with  $\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  functions or with  $\mathrm{Osc}_{\exp L^r}$  functions for  $r\geq 1$  in the case that  $\mu$  is the d-dimensional Lebesgue measure. An extensive study of multilinear operators of this type can also be founded in [9]. In [7], the authors obtained the corresponding results of multilinear operators generated by Calderón-Zygmund operators with RBMO( $\mu$ ) functions or with  $\mathrm{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  functions for  $r\geq 1$  in the case that  $\mu$  is a non doubling measure. The multilinear commutator  $I_{\alpha;\,b_1,\ldots,b_m}$  can be regarded as a natural variant of these multilinear operators in [9], [16], [7].

Chen and Sawyer in [2] proved that  $I_{\alpha;b_1}$  as in (1.2) is bounded from  $L^p(\mu)$  to  $L^q(\mu)$  provided that  $1 and <math>1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ . For  $m \ge 2$ , a conclusion similar to that for the case m = 1 in [2] can be obtained as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b_j \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ , j = 1, 2, ..., m. For  $\alpha \in (0, n)$ , let  $I_{\alpha; b_1, b_2, ..., b_m}$  be as in (1.2). Then there exists a constant C > 0 such that for all  $f \in L^p(\mu)$ ,

$$||I_{\alpha;b_1,b_2,...,b_m}f||_{L^q(\mu)} \le C \prod_{j=1}^m ||b_j||_* ||f||_{L^p(\mu)},$$

where  $1 and <math>1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ .

Remark 1.1. It is well-known that the commutator  $[b,I_{\alpha}]$  is a bounded operator from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  provided  $1 and <math>1/q = 1/p - \alpha/d$ , if and only if  $b \in \mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if the measure  $\mu$  is the d-dimensional Lebesgue measure; see [1]. However, it is still open if  $b \in \mathrm{RBMO}(\mu)$  is a necessary condition for the  $(L^p(\mu), L^q(\mu))$ -boundedness of the multilinear commutators  $I_{\alpha; b_1, \dots, b_m}$  on non doubling measures.

To consider the endpoint case of Theorem 1.1, we introduce the following function space, which is a variant with a non-doubling measure of the space  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}$  in [16].

**Definition 1.2.** For  $r \geq 1$ , a locally integrable function f is said to belong to the space  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  if there is a constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that

(i) for any Q,

$$||f - m_{\widetilde{Q}}(f)||_{\exp L^r, Q, \mu/\mu(2Q)}$$

$$=\inf\left\{\lambda>0:\frac{1}{\mu(2Q)}\int_{Q}\exp\left(\frac{|f(x)-m_{\widetilde{Q}}(f)|}{\lambda}\right)^{r}d\mu(x)\leq2\right\}\leq C_{1},$$

(ii) for any doubling cubes  $Q_1 \subset Q_2$ ,

$$|m_{Q_1}(f) - m_{Q_2}(f)| \le C_1 K_{Q_1, Q_2}.$$

The minimal constant  $C_1$  satisfying (i) and (ii) is the  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  norm of f and is denoted by  $||f||_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)}$ .

Obviously, for any  $r \geq 1$ ,  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r(\mu)} \subset \operatorname{RBMO}(\mu)$ . Moreover, from John-Nirenberg's inequality in [20] (see also Lemma 3.1 below), it follows that  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L(\mu)} = \operatorname{RBMO}(\mu)$ . We remark that it was pointed by Pérez and Trujillo-González in [16] that if  $\mu$  is the d-dimensional Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the counterpart in [16] of the space  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  when r > 1 is a proper subspace of the classical space  $\operatorname{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . However, it is still unknown if the space  $\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^r}(\mu)$  is a proper subspace of the space  $\operatorname{RBMO}(\mu)$  when  $\mu$  is a non-doubling measure?

To state the weak type estimate for the multilinear commutator  $I_{\alpha;\,b_1,\ldots,b_m}$ , we still need to introduce the following notation. For  $1\leq j\leq m$ , we denote by  $C_j^m$  the family of all finite subset  $\sigma=\{\sigma(1),\ldots,\sigma(j)\}$  of  $\{1,2,\ldots,m\}$  with j different elements. For any  $\sigma\in C_j^m$ , the complementary sequence  $\sigma'$  is given by  $\sigma'=\{1,2,\ldots,m\}\setminus\sigma$ . For any  $\sigma=\{\sigma(1),\sigma(2),\ldots,\sigma(j)\}\in C_j^m$ , we write for any m-tuple  $r=(r_1,r_2,\ldots,r_m)$ ,  $1/r_\sigma=1/r_{\sigma(1)}+\cdots+1/r_{\sigma(j)}$  and  $1/r_{\sigma'}=1/r-1/r_\sigma$ , where  $1/r=1/r_1+\cdots+1/r_m$ .

The following weak type estimate is the main result of this paper, which is new even when m=1, namely, Theorem 1.2 is also new even for the commutator of the first order,  $[b_1, I_{\alpha}]$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $q_0 = n/(n-\alpha)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r_i \ge 1$  and  $b_i \in \operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_i}(\mu)}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$ . Let  $I_{\alpha; b_1, \ldots, b_m}$  be as in (1.2). Then there exists a constant C > 0 such that for all bounded functions f with compact support and all  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} : |I_{\alpha; b_{1}, \dots, b_{m}} f(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq C \left[\Phi_{1/r} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{m} \|b_{j}\|_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_{j}}}(\mu)}\right)\right]^{q_{0}}$$

$$\times \left\{\sum_{j=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma \in C_{j}^{m}} \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}} \left[\|\Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}}(\lambda^{-1}|f|)\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_{0}},$$

where  $\Phi_s(t) = t \log^s(2+t)$  for all t > 0 and s > 0.

In what follows, C denotes a constant that is independent of main parameters involved but whose value may differ from line to line. For any index  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , we denote by p' its conjugate index, namely, 1/p + 1/p' = 1. For  $A \sim B$ , we mean that there is a constant C > 0 such that  $C^{-1}B < A < CB$ .

Let  $1 \leq s < \infty$ . For a  $\mu$ -locally integrable function f and a cube Q, we define

 $||f||_{L\log^s L, Q, \mu/\mu(2Q)}$ 

$$=\inf\left\{\lambda>0:\frac{1}{\mu(2Q)}\int_{Q}\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\log^{s}\left(2+\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right)\,d\mu(x)\leq1\right\}$$

and

$$||f||_{\exp L^s, Q, \mu/\mu(2Q)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{\mu(2Q)} \int_Q \exp\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right)^s d\mu(x) \le 2 \right\}.$$

Then the generalized Hölder inequality

(1.3) 
$$\frac{1}{\mu(2Q)} \int_{Q} |f(x)b_{1}(x) \cdots b_{m}(x)| d\mu(x)$$

$$\leq C \|f\|_{L\log^{1/r}L,Q,\mu/\mu(2Q)} \|b_1\|_{\exp L^{r_1},Q,\mu/\mu(2Q)} \cdots \|b_m\|_{\exp L^{r_m},Q,\mu/\mu(2Q)}$$

holds for  $\mu$ -locally integrable functions f and  $b_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, and any cube Q, provided that  $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m \ge 1$ ,  $1/r = 1/r_1 + \cdots + 1/r_m$ . If  $\mu$  is the d-dimensional Lebesgue measure, (1.3) was proved in [16]. It is easy to see that the proof in [16] still works in non-homogeneous spaces.

# 2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Before we begin to prove Theorem 1.1, we state one equivalent norm for the space  $RBMO(\mu)$  and some lemmas which play important roles in the proof.

Let  $\rho > 1$ . For any given function  $b \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ , there exists some constant  $C_2 > 0$  and a collection of numbers  $\{b_Q\}_Q$ , namely, for each cube Q, there exists a number  $b_Q \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$\sup_{Q} \frac{1}{\mu(\rho Q)} \int_{Q} |b(y) - b_{Q}| \, d\mu(y) \le C_2$$

and

$$|b_Q - b_R| \le C_2 K_{Q,R}$$

for any two cubes  $Q \subset R$ . Let  $||b||_{**} = \inf\{C_2\}$ , where the infimum is taken over all  $C_2 > 0$  as above. Then there is a constant C > 0 such that for all  $b \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ ,

(2.1) 
$$C^{-1}||b||_* \le ||b||_{**} \le C||b||_*;$$

see [20].

**Lemma 2.1** ([6], [4]). Let  $1 , <math>1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$  and  $0 < \alpha < n$ . Then

$$||I_{\alpha}f||_{L^{q}(\mu)} \le C||f||_{L^{p}(\mu)}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([2]). For  $\eta > 1$  and  $0 \le \beta < n/p$ , we define the non centered maximal operator

$$M_{p,(\eta)}^{(\beta)} f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(\eta Q)^{1-\beta p/n}} \int_{Q} |f(y)|^{p} d\mu(y) \right]^{1/p}.$$

When  $\beta = 0$ , we denote  $M_{p,(\eta)}^{(\beta)}$  simply by  $M_{p,(\eta)}$ . If  $p < r < n/\beta$  and  $1/q = 1/r - \beta/n$ , then

$$||M_{p,(\eta)}^{(\beta)}f||_{L^q(\mu)} \le C||f||_{L^r(\mu)},$$

and if q > p, then

$$||M_{p,(n)}f||_{L^q(\mu)} \le C||f||_{L^q(\mu)}.$$

Moreover, we also need to introduce another variant sharp maximal operator  $M^{\sharp,(\beta)}f$  defined by

$$\begin{split} M^{\sharp,(\beta)}f(x) &= \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{\mu\left(\frac{3}{2}Q\right)} \int_{Q} |f(y) - m_{\widetilde{Q}}(f)| \, d\mu(y) \\ &+ \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \subset R \\ Q, R \text{ doubling}}} \frac{|m_{Q}(f) - m_{R}(f)|}{K_{Q,R}^{(\beta)}}, \end{split}$$

and non centered doubling maximal operator N:

$$Nf(x) = \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \\ Q \text{ doubling}}} \frac{1}{\mu(Q)} \int_{Q} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y).$$

By the Lebesgue differentiation theorem, it is easy to see that for any  $f \in L^1_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mu),$ 

$$(2.2) |f(x)| \le Nf(x)$$

for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ; see [20] and [2].

Lemma 2.3 ([2]). Let  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mu)$  with

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \, d\mu(y) = 0$$

if  $\|\mu\| < \infty$ . For  $1 , if <math>\inf(1, Nf) \in L^p(\mu)$ , then for  $0 \le \beta < n$ , we have

$$||Nf||_{L^p(\mu)} \le C||M^{\sharp,(\beta)}f||_{L^p(\mu)}.$$

Proof of Theorem 1.1: For simplicity, we only consider the case of m=2. If  $m \geq 2$ , we can deduce the conclusion of the theorem by induction on m. We leave the details to the reader; see also the proof of Theorem 1.2 below.

For all  $r \in (1, n/\alpha)$ , we will prove the following sharp maximal function estimate

$$(2.3) M^{\sharp,(\alpha)}(I_{\alpha;b_{1},b_{2}}f)(x) \leq C \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left\{ M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x) + M_{r,(3/2)} \left[I_{\alpha}\left(|f|\right)\right](x) \right\}$$

$$+ C \|b_{1}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{2}}f)(x) + C \|b_{2}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{1}}f)(x).$$

Then choose r such that  $1 < r < p < n/\alpha$  and  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ . By (2.3), (2.2), Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$||I_{\alpha; b_{1}, b_{2}} f||_{L^{q}(\mu)} \leq C||N(I_{\alpha; b_{1}, b_{2}} f)||_{L^{q}(\mu)}$$

$$\leq C||M^{\sharp, (\alpha)}(I_{\alpha; b_{1}, b_{2}} f)||_{L^{q}(\mu)}$$

$$\leq C||b_{1}||_{*}||b_{2}||_{*} \left\{ \left\| M_{r, (9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f \right\|_{L^{q}(\mu)} + \left\| M_{r, (3/2)} \left[ I_{\alpha} \left( |f| \right) \right] \right\|_{L^{q}(\mu)} \right\}$$

$$+ C||b_{1}||_{*} \left\| M_{r, (3/2)} (I_{\alpha; b_{2}} f) \right\|_{L^{q}(\mu)}$$

$$+ C||b_{2}||_{*} \left\| M_{r, (3/2)} (I_{\alpha; b_{1}} f) \right\|_{L^{q}(\mu)}$$

$$\leq C||b_{1}||_{*} ||b_{2}||_{*} ||f||_{L^{p}(\mu)},$$

which is the desired conclusion.

For j = 1, 2, let  $\{b_Q^j\}_Q$  be a family of numbers satisfying

$$\int_{Q} |b_{j}(y) - b_{Q}^{j}| d\mu(y) \le 2\mu(2Q) ||b_{j}||_{**}$$

for any cube Q, and

$$|b_Q^j - b_R^j| \le 2K_{Q,R} ||b||_{**}$$

for all cubes  $Q \subset R$ . For any cube Q, we let

$$h_Q = m_Q \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \frac{4}{3}Q} \right] \right).$$

To establish (2.3), it suffices to verify that

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} |I_{\alpha;b_{1},b_{2}}f(y) - h_{Q}| d\mu(y)$$
(2.4)
$$\leq C \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left[ M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x) + M_{r,(3/)}(I_{\alpha}f)(x) \right]$$

$$+ C \|b_{1}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{2}}f)(x) + C \|b_{2}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{1}}f)(x)$$

holds for any cube Q and any  $x \in Q$ , and

$$|h_{Q} - h_{R}| \leq C ||b_{1}||_{*} ||b_{2}||_{*} K_{Q,R}^{2} \left\{ K_{Q,R}^{(\alpha)} M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x) + M_{r,(3/2)} \left[ I_{\alpha}(|f|) \right](x) \right\}$$

$$+ C ||b_{1}||_{*} K_{Q,R} M_{r,(3/2)} (I_{\alpha; b_{2}} f)(x) + C ||b_{2}||_{*} K_{Q,R} M_{r,(3/2)} (I_{\alpha; b_{1}} f)(x)$$

for any cubes  $Q \subset R$  with  $x \in Q$ , where Q is an arbitrary cube and R is a doubling cube.

By a method similar to that in [2], from (2.4) and (2.5), it is then easy to deduce the sharp maximal function estimate (2.3).

To obtain the estimate (2.4) for any fixed Q and  $x \in Q$ , write

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} |I_{\alpha;b_{1},b_{2}}f(y) - h_{Q}| d\mu(y)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} \prod_{j=1,2} \left| b_{j}(y) - b_{Q}^{j} \right| |I_{\alpha}f(y)| d\mu(y)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} \left| b_{1}(y) - b_{Q}^{1} \right| |I_{\alpha;b_{2}}f(y)| d\mu(y)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} \left| b_{2}(y) - b_{Q}^{2} \right| |I_{\alpha;b_{1}}f(y)| d\mu(y)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \int_{Q} \left| I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{Q}^{1})(b_{1} - b_{Q}^{1})f \right] (y) - h_{Q} \right| d\mu(y)$$

$$= I_{1} + I_{2} + I_{3} + I_{4}.$$

The Hölder inequality and Corollary 3.5 in [20] yield that for  $1 < r < n/\alpha$ ,

and

(2.7) 
$$I_{2} \leq \left[\frac{1}{\mu\left(\frac{3}{2}Q\right)} \int_{Q} \left|b_{1}(y) - b_{Q}^{1}\right|^{r'} d\mu(y)\right]^{1/r'} \times \left[\frac{1}{\mu\left(\frac{3}{2}Q\right)} \int_{Q} \left|I_{\alpha; b_{2}}f(y)\right|^{r} d\mu(y)\right]^{1/r} \\ \leq C\|b_{1}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha; b_{2}}f)(x).$$

An estimate similar to that for  $I_2$  tells us that

$$(2.8) I_3 \le C \|b_2\|_* M_{r,(3/2)} (I_{\alpha;b_1} f)(x).$$

To estimate  $I_4$ , let  $f_1 = f\chi_{\frac{4}{3}Q}$  and  $f_2 = f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \frac{4}{3}Q}$ . Decompose  $I_4$  into

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I}_{4} &\leq \frac{1}{\mu\left(\frac{3}{2}Q\right)} \int_{Q} \left| I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2} - b_{Q}^{2}) f_{1} \right](y) \right| \, d\mu(y) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\mu\left(\frac{3}{2}Q\right)} \int_{Q} \left| I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2} - b_{Q}^{2}) f_{2} \right](y) - h_{Q} \right| \, d\mu(y) \\ &= \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{F}. \end{split}$$

Let  $s = \sqrt{r}$  and  $1/\nu = 1/s - \alpha/n$ . From the Hölder inequality, (2.1) and Lemma 2.1, it follows that

(2.9) 
$$E \leq C \frac{\mu(Q)^{1-1/\nu}}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \|I_{\alpha}[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f_{1}]\|_{L^{\nu}(\mu)}$$
$$\leq C \frac{\mu(Q)^{1-1/\nu}}{\mu(\frac{3}{2}Q)} \|(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f_{1}\|_{L^{s}(\mu)}$$
$$\leq C \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

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To estimate F, by the Hölder inequality, we first have that for  $y_1, y_2 \in Q$ ,

$$\begin{split} & \left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f_{2}\right](y_{1})-I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f_{2}\right](y_{2})\right| \\ & \leq C\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}\backslash\frac{4}{3}Q}\frac{|y_{1}-y_{2}|}{|z-y_{1}|^{n+1-\alpha}}\left|(b_{1}(z)-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}(z)-b_{Q}^{2})\right||f(z)|\,d\mu(z) \\ & \leq C\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\int_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q\backslash2^{k-1}\frac{4}{3}Q}\frac{l(Q)}{|z-y_{1}|^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ & \qquad \qquad \times\left|(b_{1}(z)-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{1})(b_{2}(z)-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{2})\right||f(z)|\,d\mu(z) \\ & + C\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left|b_{Q}^{1}-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{1}\right|\int_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q\backslash2^{k-1}\frac{4}{3}Q}\frac{l(Q)}{|z-y_{1}|^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ & \qquad \qquad \times\left|b_{2}(z)-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{2}\right||f(z)|\,d\mu(z) \\ & + C\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left|b_{Q}^{2}-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{2}\right|\int_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q\backslash2^{k-1}\frac{4}{3}Q}\frac{l(Q)}{|z-y_{1}|^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ & \qquad \qquad \times\left|b_{1}(z)-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{1}\right||f(z)|\,d\mu(z) \\ & + C\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left|(b_{Q}^{1}-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{1})(b_{Q}^{2}-b_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}^{2})\right|\int_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q\backslash2^{k-1}\frac{4}{3}Q}\frac{l(Q)}{|z-y_{1}|^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ & \leq C\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}k^{2}2^{-k}\|b_{1}\|_{*}\|b_{2}\|_{*}\left[\frac{1}{\mu(2^{k}\frac{3}{2}Q)^{1-\alpha r/n}}\int_{2^{k}\frac{4}{3}Q}|f(z)|^{r}\,d\mu(z)\right]^{1/r} \end{split}$$

where we used the estimate

 $\leq C \|b_1\|_* \|b_2\|_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x),$ 

$$|b_j - b_{2^k \frac{4}{3} Q}^j| \le Ck ||b_j||_{**} \le Ck ||b_j||_*$$

for j = 1, 2. From (2.10) and the choice of  $h_Q$ , it follows that

$$\left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_1-b_Q^1)(b_2-b_Q^2)f_2\right](y_1)-h_Q\right| \leq C\|b_1\|_*\|b_2\|_*M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x).$$

Therefore,

(2.11) 
$$F \le C \|b_1\|_* \|b_2\|_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

The estimates (2.9) and (2.11) indicate

(2.12) 
$$I_4 \le C \|b_1\|_* \|b_2\|_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

Combining (2.6), (2.7), (2.8) and (2.12) yields (2.4).

We now check (2.5) for chosen  $\{h_Q\}_Q$  as above. Consider two cubes  $Q \subset R$  with  $x \in Q$  and a doubling cube R. Denote  $N_{Q,R} + 1$  simply by N. Write

$$\begin{split} |h_Q - h_R| &= \left| m_Q \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash \frac{4}{3}Q} \right] \right) \right. \\ &- m_R \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1)(b_2 - b_R^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash \frac{4}{3}R} \right] \right) \right| \\ &\leq \left| m_R \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash 2^N Q} \right] \right) \right. \\ &- m_Q \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash 2^N Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &+ \left| m_R \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1)(b_2 - b_R^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash 2^N Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &- m_R \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash 2^N Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &+ \left| m_Q \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_Q^1)(b_2 - b_Q^2) f \chi_{2^N Q \backslash \frac{4}{3}Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &+ \left| m_R \left( I_\alpha \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1)(b_2 - b_R^2) f \chi_{2^N Q \backslash \frac{4}{3}R} \right] \right) \right| \\ &= L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4. \end{split}$$

Similar to the estimate for F, we easily obtain

(2.13) 
$$L_1 \le CK_{Q,R}^2 ||b_1||_* ||b_2||_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

We estimate  $F_2$  by decomposing it into

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{L}_{2} &\leq \left| m_{R} \left( I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{R}^{1}) (b_{2} - b_{R}^{2}) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \backslash 2^{N} Q} \right] \right) \\ &- m_{R} \left( I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{R}^{1} + b_{R}^{1} - b_{Q}^{1}) (b_{2} - b_{R}^{2} + b_{R}^{2} - b_{Q}^{2}) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \backslash 2^{N} Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &\leq C K_{Q,R} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left| m_{R} \left( I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{R}^{1}) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \backslash 2^{N} Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &+ C K_{Q,R} \|b_{1}\|_{*} \left| m_{R} \left( I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{2} - b_{R}^{2}) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \backslash 2^{N} Q} \right] \right) \right| \\ &+ C K_{Q,R}^{2} \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left| m_{R} \left[ I_{\alpha} (f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \backslash 2^{N} Q}) \right] \right| \\ &= \mathbf{M}_{1} + \mathbf{M}_{2} + \mathbf{M}_{3}. \end{split}$$

From the fact that R is a doubling cube, it is easy to deduce that

(2.14) 
$$M_3 \le CK_{Q,R}^2 ||b_1||_* ||b_2||_* M_{r,(3/2)} [I_\alpha(|f|)](x).$$

We further estimate  $M_1$  by writing

$$\begin{split} I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2^N Q} \right] (y) &= I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \right] (y) - I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \chi_{2^N Q} \right] (y) \\ &= (b_1(y) - b_R^1) I_{\alpha} (f) (y) - I_{\alpha; b_1} (f) (y) \\ &- I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \chi_{\frac{4}{3}R} \right] (y) \\ &- I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \chi_{2^N Q \setminus \frac{4}{3}R} \right] (y). \end{split}$$

From the fact that R is a doubling cube, it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\mu(R)} \int_{R} \left| b_1(y) - b_R^1 \right| |I_{\alpha}(f)(y)| \ d\mu(y) \le C \|b_1\|_* M_{r,(3/2)} I_{\alpha}(f)(x)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\mu(R)} \int_{R} |I_{\alpha;b_1}(f)(y)| \ d\mu(y) \le CM_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_1}f)(x).$$

An estimate similar to that for E and the fact that R is a doubling cube tell us that

$$\frac{1}{\mu(R)} \int_{R} \left| I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_1 - b_R^1) f \chi_{\frac{4}{3}R} \right] (y) \right| d\mu(y) \le C \|b_1\|_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

Noting that  $l(2^NQ) \sim l(R)$  and  $2^NQ \supset R$ , by the Hölder inequality and (2.1), for  $y \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{R}^{1})f\chi_{2^{N}Q\backslash\frac{4}{3}R}\right](y)\right| &= \left|\int_{2^{N}Q\backslash\frac{4}{3}R}\frac{b_{1}(z)-b_{R}^{1}}{|y-z|^{n-\alpha}}f(z)\,d\mu(z)\right| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{l(R)^{n-\alpha}}\int_{2^{N}Q}\left|b_{1}(z)-b_{R}^{1}\right|\left|f(z)\right|d\mu(z) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\mu(2^{N+1}Q)^{1-\alpha/n}}\left\{\left[\int_{2^{N}Q}\left|b_{1}(z)-b_{2^{N}Q}^{1}\right|^{r'}\,d\mu(z)\right]^{1/r'} \right. \\ &+ \left|b_{2^{N}Q}^{1}-b_{R}^{1}\right|\mu(2^{N}Q)^{1/r'}\right\} \\ &\times \left[\int_{2^{N}Q}\left|f(z)\right|^{r}d\mu(z)\right]^{1/r} \\ &\leq C\|b_{1}\|_{*}\left[\frac{1}{\mu(2^{N+1}Q)^{1-\alpha r/n}}\int_{2^{N}Q}\left|f(z)\right|^{r}d\mu(z)\right]^{1/r} \\ &\leq C\|b_{1}\|_{*}M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x). \end{split}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{\mu(R)} \int_{R} \left| I_{\alpha} \left[ (b_{1} - b_{R}^{1}) f \chi_{2^{N} Q \setminus \frac{4}{3} R} \right] (y) \right| d\mu(y) \le C \|b_{1}\|_{*} M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

All the estimates above lead to

(2.15) 
$$M_{1} \leq CK_{Q,R} \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left\{ M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha}f)(x) + M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}(f)(x) \right\}$$
$$+ CK_{Q,R} \|b_{2}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{1}}f)(x).$$

Similarly, we can prove

(2.16) 
$$M_{2} \leq CK_{Q,R} \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} \left\{ M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha}f)(x) + M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}(f)(x) \right\}$$
$$+ CK_{Q,R} \|b_{1}\|_{*} M_{r,(3/2)}(I_{\alpha;b_{2}}f)(x).$$

Combining the estimates (2.14), (2.15) and (2.16) leads to

$$L_{2} \leq C \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} K_{Q,R}^{2} \left\{ M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x) + M_{r,(3/2)} \left[ I_{\alpha}(|f|) \right](x) \right\}$$

$$+ C \|b_{1}\|_{*} K_{Q,R} M_{r,(3/2)} (I_{\alpha;b_{2}} f)(x)$$

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Let us now estimate L<sub>3</sub> by first decomposing

$$\begin{split} \left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f\chi_{2^{N}Q\backslash\frac{4}{3}Q}\right](y)\right| \\ &\leq \left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f\chi_{2Q\backslash\frac{4}{3}Q}\right](y)\right| \\ &+ \left|I_{\alpha}\left[(b_{1}-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}-b_{Q}^{2})f\chi_{2^{N}Q\backslash2Q}\right](y)\right| \\ &\leq C\|b_{1}\|_{*}\|b_{2}\|_{*}M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x) \\ &+ C\sum_{k=1}^{N-1}\frac{1}{l(2^{k}Q)^{n-\alpha}}\int_{2^{k+1}Q\backslash2^{k}Q}\left|(b_{1}(z)-b_{Q}^{1})(b_{2}(z)-b_{Q}^{2})\right|\left|f(z)\right|d\mu(z) \\ &\leq C\|b_{1}\|_{*}\|b_{2}\|_{*}M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x) \\ &+ CK_{Q,R}^{2}\|b_{1}\|_{*}\|b_{2}\|_{*} \\ &\times \sum_{k=1}^{N-1}\frac{\mu(2^{k+2}Q)^{1-\alpha/n}}{l(2^{k}Q)^{n-\alpha}}\left[\frac{1}{\mu(2^{k+2}Q)^{1-\alpha r/n}}\int_{2^{k+1}Q}|f(z)|^{r}d\mu(z)\right]^{1/r} \\ &\leq CK_{Q,R}^{2}K_{Q,R}^{(\alpha)}\|b_{1}\|_{*}\|b_{2}\|_{*}M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)}f(x), \end{split}$$

where we used the Hölder inequality and (2.1). Taking the mean over Q, we then obtain

(2.18) 
$$L_3 \le CK_{Q,R}^2 K_{Q,R}^{(\alpha)} ||b_1||_* ||b_2||_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

Similarly, we have

(2.19) 
$$L_4 \le C \|b_1\|_* \|b_2\|_* M_{r,(9/8)}^{(\alpha)} f(x).$$

Combining the estimates (2.13), (2.17), (2.18) and (2.19) yields the estimate (2.5) and this finishes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

We begin with some preliminary lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** ([20]). Let  $b \in RBMO(\mu)$ . There exist two positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that for any cube Q and  $\lambda > 0$ .

$$\mu\left(\left\{x\in Q: |b(x)-m_{\widetilde{Q}}(b)|>\lambda\right\}\right) \le C_1\mu(2Q)\exp\left(\frac{-C_2\lambda}{\|b\|_{\mathrm{RBMO}(\mu)}}\right).$$

The following lemma on the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition in non-homogeneous spaces can be found in [22], [19].

**Lemma 3.2.** Assume that  $\mu$  satisfies (1.1). For any  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  and any  $\lambda > 0$  (with  $\lambda > 2^{d+1} ||f||_{L^1(\mu)} / ||\mu||$  if  $||\mu|| < \infty$ ), we have

(a) There exists a family of almost disjoint cubes  $\{Q_j\}_j$  (that is,  $\sum_j \chi_{Q_j}(x) \leq C$ ) such that

$$\frac{\lambda}{2^{d+1}} < \frac{1}{\mu(2Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x),$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\mu(2\eta Q_j)} \int_{\eta Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x) \le \frac{\lambda}{2^{d+1}}$$

for all  $\eta > 2$ .

- (b)  $|f(x)| \leq \lambda \ \mu$ -a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j$ .
- (c) For each fixed j, let  $R_j$  be a  $(6,6^{n+1})$ -doubling cube concentric with  $Q_j$ , with  $l(R_j) > 4l(Q_j)$  and set  $w_j = \chi_{Q_j} / \sum_k \chi_{Q_k}$ . Then there exists a family of functions  $\phi_j$  with supp  $\phi_j \subset R_j$  and with constant sign satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_j(x) \, d\mu(x) = \int_{Q_j} f(x) w_j(x) \, d\mu(x),$$

$$\|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)}\mu(R_j) \le C \int_{Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x)$$

and

$$\sum_{j} |\phi_j(x)| \le C\lambda.$$

Proof of Theorem 1.2: To prove the theorem, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}=1$  and  $\|b_j\|_{\mathrm{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_j}}}(\mu)=1$  for

 $j=1,\ldots,m$ . In fact, let

$$\widetilde{b}_j = \frac{b_j}{\|b_j\|_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_j}}(\mu)}}$$

for j = 1, ..., m. The homogeneity tells us that

$$(3.1) \quad \mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |I_{\alpha; b_1, \dots, b_m} f(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$= \mu \left( \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \left| I_{\alpha; \widetilde{b}_1, \dots, \widetilde{b}_m} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}} \right] \right| \right.$$

$$> \frac{\lambda}{\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} \prod_{j=1}^m \|b_j\|_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_j}}(\mu)}} \right\} \right).$$

Noting that

$$\left\| \frac{f}{\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}} \right\|_{L^1(\mu)} = 1$$

and

$$\left\| \widetilde{b}_{j} \right\|_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_{j}}}(\mu)} = 1$$

for  $j=1,\ldots,m$ , if the theorem is true when  $\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}=1$  and  $\|b_j\|_{\operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_j}(\mu)}}=1$  for  $j=1,\ldots,m$ , by (3.1) and the inequalities

$$(3.2) \Phi_s(t_1 t_2) \le C \Phi_s(t_1) \Phi_s(t_2)$$

for any s > 0,  $t_1, t_2 \ge 0$  and

$$\Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}}\left[\Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}}(t)\right] \le C\Phi_{1/r}(t)$$

for  $t \geq 0$ , we easily deduce that the theorem still holds for any bounded f with compact support and any  $b_j \in \operatorname{Osc}_{\exp L^{r_j}}(\mu)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

In what follows, we prove the theorem by two steps.

Step I: In this step, we prove Theorem 1.2 for m = 1.

For any fixed bounded and compact supported function f and any fixed

$$\lambda > 2^{d+1} ||f||_{L^1(\mu)} / ||\mu||,$$

applying the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition (see Lemma 3.2) to f at level  $\lambda^{q_0}$ , we obtain a sequence of cubes  $\{Q_j\}_j$  with bounded overlaps, that is,

$$\sum_{j} \chi_{Q_j}(x) \le C < \infty,$$

such that

(I)

$$\frac{\lambda^{q_0}}{2^{d+1}} < \frac{1}{\mu(2Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\mu(2\eta Q_j)} \int_{\eta Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x) \le \frac{\lambda^{q_0}}{2^{d+1}}$$

for all  $\eta > 2$ .

- (II)  $|f(x)| \leq \lambda^{q_0} \mu$ -a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j$ .
- (III) For each fixed j, let  $R_j$  be the smallest  $(6,6^{n+1})$ -doubling cube of the form  $6^kQ_j$ ,  $k\geq 1$ . Set  $w_j=\chi_{Q_j}/\sum_k\chi_{Q_k}$ . Then there are a function  $\phi_j$  with supp  $\phi_j\subset R_j$  and a constant C>0 satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_j(x) \, d\mu(x) = \int_{Q_j} f(x) w_j(x) \, d\mu(x),$$

$$\|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)}\mu(R_j) \le C \int_{Q_j} |f(x)| \, d\mu(x)$$

and

$$\sum_{j} |\phi_j(x)| \le C\lambda^{q_0}.$$

It is easy to see that the conclusion of the theorem still holds if

$$\lambda \le 2^{d+1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} / \|\mu\|$$

when  $\|\mu\| < \infty$ .

Decompose f into f = g + h, where

$$g(x) = f(x)\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j}(x) + \sum_j \phi_j(x),$$

and

$$h(x) = f(x) - g(x) = \sum_{j} [w_j(x)f(x) - \phi_j(x)] = \sum_{j} h_j(x).$$

Let  $1 < p_1 < n/\alpha$  and  $1/q_1 = 1/p_1 - \alpha/n$ . Recall that

$$||g||_{L^1(\mu)} \le C||f||_{L^1(\mu)} \le C$$

and  $I_{\alpha;b_1}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mu)$  to  $L^{q_1}(\mu)$  by Theorem 1.1 (see also [2]). This via the fact that  $||g||_{L^{\infty}(\mu)} \leq C\lambda^{q_0}$  gives

$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |I_{\alpha;b_1}g(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right) \leq C\lambda^{-q_1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |I_{\alpha;b_1}g(y)|^{q_1} d\mu(y)$$

$$\leq C\lambda^{-q_1} \|g\|_{L^{p_1}(\mu)}^{q_1}$$

$$\leq C\lambda^{-q_1} \lambda^{q_0(p_1-1)q_1/p_1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}^{q_1/p_1}$$

$$\leq C\lambda^{-q_0}.$$

Noting that  $r = r_1$  when m = 1 and

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{j} 2Q_{j}\right) \leq C\lambda^{-q_{0}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \leq C\lambda^{-q_{0}},$$

therefore, the proof of the theorem can be reduced to proving that

(3.4) 
$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_{j} 2Q_j : |I_{\alpha;b_1}h(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq C\left[\left\|\Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1}|f|\right)\right\|_{L^1(\mu)} + \Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1}\|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}\right)\right]^{q_0}.$$

For each fixed j, set  $b_1^{(j)}(x) = b_1(x) - m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b_1)$  and write

$$I_{\alpha;\,b_1}h(x) = \sum_j b_1^{(j)}(x)I_\alpha h_j(x) + I_\alpha(b_1^{(j)}h_j)(x) = \mathrm{I}(x) + \mathrm{I}I(x).$$

The weak type  $(1,q_0)$  boundedness of  $I_{\alpha}$  (see Proposition 6.2 in [6]) tells us that

$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} : |II(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right) \\
\leq C\lambda^{-q_{0}} \left[\sum_{j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} |b_{1}^{(j)}(y)h_{j}(y)| d\mu(y)\right]^{q_{0}} \\
\leq C\lambda^{-q_{0}} \left[\sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |b_{1}(y) - m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1})||f(y)| d\mu(y)\right]^{q_{0}} \\
+ C\lambda^{-q_{0}} \left[\sum_{j} \|\phi_{j}\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)} \int_{R_{j}} |b_{1}(y) - m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1})| d\mu(y)\right]^{q_{0}} \\
= U + V.$$

It is obvious that  $R_j$  is also  $(2, \beta_d)$ -doubling and  $R_j = \widetilde{R_j}$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.8 in [20],

$$\begin{split} \int_{R_{j}} \left| b_{1}(y) - m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| d\mu(y) &\leq \int_{R_{j}} \left| b_{1}(y) - m_{R_{j}}(b_{1}) \right| d\mu(y) \\ &+ \mu(R_{j}) \left[ \left| m_{\widetilde{6Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{R_{j}}(b_{1}) \right| \right. \\ &+ \left| m_{\widetilde{6Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| \right] \\ &\leq C \mu(2R_{j}) + C \mu(R_{j}) \left( K_{6Q_{j},R_{j}} + K_{6Q_{j},Q_{j}} \right). \end{split}$$

A trivial computation shows that  $K_{6Q_j,R_j} \leq C$  (see also Lemma 2.1 (3) in [20]). This together with the estimate  $\mu(2R_j) \leq \mu(6R_j) \leq 6^{n+1}\mu(R_j)$  in turn implies that

$$(3.5) \ \mathbf{V} \leq C\lambda^{-q_0} \left[ \sum_{j} \|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)} \mu(R_j) \right]^{q_0} \leq C\lambda^{-q_0} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \right]^{q_0},$$

which is a desired estimate for V.

On the other hand, by the generalized Hölder inequality (1.3) and Lemma 3.1, we have

$$U \leq C\lambda^{-q_0} \left\{ \sum_{j} \mu(2Q_j) \|f\|_{L \log^{1/r} L, Q_j, \mu/\mu(2Q_j)} \|b_1^{(j)}\|_{\exp L^r, Q_j, \mu/\mu(2Q_j)} \right\}^{q_0} \\
\leq C\lambda^{-q_0} \left\{ \sum_{j} \mu(2Q_j) \|f\|_{L \log^{1/r} L, Q_j, \mu/\mu(2Q_j)} \right\}^{q_0}.$$

From the fact that

 $||f||_{L\log^{1/r}L,Q_j,\mu/\mu(2Q_j)}$ 

$$\begin{split} & \leq \inf \left\{ t + \frac{t}{\mu(2Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \mathrm{log}^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(y)|}{t} \right) \, d\mu(y) \right\} \\ & \leq \lambda^{q_0} + \frac{1}{\mu(2Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| \mathrm{log}^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda^{q_0}} \right) \, d\mu(y) \end{split}$$

(see [16] and the related references there) and the inequality

$$\log^{1/r}(2+t_1t_2) \le C \left[ \log^{1/r}(2+t_1) + \log^{1/r}(2+t_1) \right]$$

for  $t_1, t_2 \geq 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(3.6)} \\ \text{U} &\leq C \lambda^{-q_0} \left\{ \sum_{j} \mu(2Q_j) \lambda^{q_0} + \sum_{j} \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| \log^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) d\mu(y) \right. \\ &+ \sum_{j} \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \log^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right\}^{q_0} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} + \lambda^{-1} \log^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right. \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \log^{1/r} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) d\mu(y) \right\}^{q_0} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \Phi_{1/r} \left( \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right) + \left\| \Phi_{1/r} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f| \right) \right\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right\}^{q_0}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a desired estimate for U.

Combining (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain that

(3.7) 
$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |II(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$
  

$$\leq C\left\{\Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1}||f||_{L^1(\mu)}\right) + \left\|\Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1}|f|\right)\right\|_{L^1(\mu)}\right\}^{q_0}.$$

Now we turn our attention to I(x). Denote by  $x_j$  the center of  $Q_j$ . Let  $\theta$  be a bounded function with  $\|\theta\|_{L^{q'_0}(\mu)} \leq 1$  and the support contained in  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j 2Q_j$ . Write

$$\begin{split} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \setminus \bigcup_{j} 2Q_{j}} \mathbf{I}(x) \theta(x) \, d\mu(x) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \setminus 2R_{j}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| b_{1}^{(j)}(x) \theta(x) \right| \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} - \frac{1}{|x-x_{j}|^{n-\alpha}} \right| |h_{j}(y)| \, d\mu(y) \, d\mu(x) \\ & + \sum_{j} \int_{2R_{j} \setminus 2Q_{j}} \left| b_{1}^{(j)}(x) \theta(x) \right| \left| I_{\alpha} h_{j}(x) \right| \, d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} l(Q_{j}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d} \setminus 2Q_{j}} \frac{\left| b_{1}^{(j)}(x) \theta(x) \right|}{|x-x_{j}|^{n+1-\alpha}} |h_{j}(y)| \, d\mu(y) \, d\mu(x) \\ & + \sum_{j} \int_{2R_{j} \setminus 2Q_{j}} |b_{1}^{(j)}(x) \theta(x)| \left| I_{\alpha}(w_{j}f)(x) \right| \, d\mu(x) \\ & + \sum_{j} \int_{2R_{j}} |b_{1}^{(j)}(x) \theta(x)| |I_{\alpha} \phi_{j}(x)| \, d\mu(x) \\ & = \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{J}. \end{split}$$

Invoking the condition (1.1), we have

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash 2Q_j} \frac{|b_1^{(j)}(x)\theta(x)|}{|x-x_j|^{n+1-\alpha}} \, d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2^k l(Q_j) \right]^{-n-1+\alpha} \int_{2^{k+1}Q_j} \left| b_1(x) - m_{2^{\widetilde{k+1}}Q_j}(b_1) \right| |\theta(x)| \, d\mu(x) \\ &\quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2^k l(Q_j) \right]^{-n-1+\alpha} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b_1) - m_{2^{\widetilde{k+1}}Q_j}(b_1) \right| \int_{2^k Q_j} \theta(x) \, d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2^k l(Q_j) \right]^{-n-1+\alpha} \left[ \int_{2^{k+1}Q_j} \left| b_1(x) - m_{2^{\widetilde{k+1}}Q_j}(b_1) \right|^{q_0} \, d\mu(x) \right]^{1/q_0} \\ &\quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} K_{2^{k+1}Q_j,Q_j} \left[ 2^k l(Q_j) \right]^{-n-1+\alpha} \mu(2^{k+1}Q_j)^{1/q_0} \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ 2^k l(Q_j) \right]^{-n-1+\alpha} \mu(2^{k+2}Q_j)^{1/q_0} + C l(Q_j)^{-1} \\ &\leq C l(Q_j)^{-1}. \end{split}$$

Therefore.

(3.8) 
$$G \le C \sum_{j} \|h_j\|_{L^1(\mu)} \le C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \le C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)| dy,$$

which is a desired estimate for G.

On the other hand, applying the Hölder inequality and the  $(L^{p_1}, L^{q_1})$  boundedness of  $I_{\alpha}$  (see Proposition 6.2 in [6]), we obtain

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{J} \leq \sum_{j} \int_{2R_{j}} \left| b_{1}(x) - m_{2\widetilde{R}_{j}}(b_{1}) \right| \left| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j}(x)\theta(x) \right| \, d\mu(x) \\ & + \sum_{j} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{2\widetilde{R}_{j}}(b_{1}) \right| \int_{2R_{j}} \left| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j}(x) |\theta(x)| \right| \, d\mu(x) \\ & \leq \left\| \theta \right\|_{L^{q'_{0}}(\mu)} \left\{ \sum_{j} \left[ \int_{2R_{j}} \left| b_{1}(x) - m_{2\widetilde{R}_{j}}(b_{1}) \right|^{q_{0}} \left| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j}(x) \right|^{q_{0}} \, d\mu(x) \right]^{1/q_{0}} \right. \\ & + \sum_{j} \left[ \int_{2R_{j}} \left| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j}(x) \right|^{q_{0}} \, d\mu(x) \right]^{1/q_{0}} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{2\widetilde{R}_{j}}(b_{1}) \right| \right\} \\ & \leq \sum_{j} \left[ \int_{2R_{j}} \left| b_{1}(x) - m_{2\widetilde{R}_{j}}(b_{1}) \right|^{q_{0}(q_{1}/q_{0})'} \, d\mu(x) \right]^{1/q_{0} - 1/q_{1}} \left\| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j} \right\|_{L^{q_{1}}(\mu)} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{2\widetilde{R_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| \\ & + \sum_{j} \left[ \mu(4R_{j}) \right]^{1/q_{0} - 1/q_{1}} \left\| I_{\alpha}\phi_{j} \right\|_{L^{q_{1}}(\mu)} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{2\widetilde{R_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| \right] \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \left[ \mu(4R_{j}) \right]^{1/q_{0} - 1/q_{1}} \left\| \phi_{j} \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)} \left[ \mu(R_{j}) \right]^{1/p_{1}} \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| f(y) \right| d\mu(y), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the estimate that

$$\left| m_{\widetilde{Q_i}}(b_1) - m_{\widetilde{2R_i}}(b_1) \right| \leq \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_i}}(b_1) - m_{R_j}(b_1) \right| + \left| m_{R_j}(b_1) - m_{\widetilde{2R_i}}(b_1) \right| \leq C,$$

by recalling that  $R_j$  is  $(2, \beta_d)$ -doubling and  $\widetilde{R_j} = R_j$ . To estimate H, observe that for  $x \in 2R_j \setminus 2Q_j$ ,

$$|I_{\alpha}(w_j f)(x)| \le C \frac{1}{|x - x_j|^{n - \alpha}} \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| d\mu(y).$$

Write

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{H} & \leq C \sum_{j} \left\{ \int_{2R_{j} \backslash R_{j}} \frac{|b_{1}^{(j)}(x)\theta(x)|}{|x-x_{j}|^{n-\alpha}} \, d\mu(x) \right. \\ & \left. + \int_{R_{j} \backslash Q_{j}} \frac{|b_{1}^{(j)}(x)\theta(x)|}{|x-x_{j}|^{n-\alpha}} \, d\mu(x) \right\} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \frac{1}{l(R_{j})^{n-\alpha}} \|\theta\|_{L^{q'_{0}}(\mu)} \left\{ \int_{2R_{j}} |b_{1}^{(j)}(x)|^{q_{0}} \, d\mu(x) \right\}^{1/q_{0}} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & + C \sum_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^{k}Q_{j})^{-n+\alpha} \int_{6^{k+1}Q_{j} \backslash 6^{k}Q_{j}} \! \left| b_{1}(x) - m_{\widetilde{6^{k+1}Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| |\theta(x)| \, d\mu(x) \\ & \times \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & + C \sum_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^{k}Q_{j})^{-n+\alpha} \left| m_{\widetilde{Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) - m_{\widetilde{6^{k+1}Q_{j}}}(b_{1}) \right| \\ & \times \int_{6^{k+1}Q_{j}} |\theta(x)| \, d\mu(x) \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y), \end{split}$$

where N is the positive integer such that  $R_j = 6^N Q_j$ . Obviously, for each  $0 \le k \le N-1$ ,  $6^{k+1}Q_j \subset R_j$  and so

$$\left| m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b_1) - m_{\widetilde{6^{k+1}Q_j}}(b_1) \right| \le CK_{Q_j,6^{k+1}Q_j} \le CK_{Q_j,R_j} \le C,$$

which leads to that

$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{H} \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & + C \sum_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^{k}Q_{j})^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(2 \times 6^{k+1}Q_{j}) \right]^{1/q_{0}} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & + C \sum_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^{k}Q_{j})^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(6^{k+1}Q_{j}) \right]^{1/q_{0}} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^{k}Q_{j})^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(2 \times 6^{k+1}Q_{j}) \right]^{1/q_{0}} \right\} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y). \end{split}$$

Note that there is no  $(6,6^{n+1})$ -doubling cube between  $Q_j$  and  $R_j$ . It follows that for each integer k with  $0 \le k \le N - 1$ ,

$$\mu(6^{k+1}Q_j) \le \frac{\mu(6^N Q_j)}{6^{(n+1)(N-k-1)}}$$

$$\le Cl(6^N Q_j)^n 6^{-(n+1)(N-k-1)}$$

$$= Cl(6^k Q_j)^n 6^{k-N}.$$

We thus obtain that for each fixed j,

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(6^k Q_j)^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(6^{k+2} Q_j) \right]^{1/q_0} &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} l(6^{k-1} Q_j)^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(6^{k+1} Q_j) \right]^{1/q_0} \\ &\qquad \qquad + l(6^{N-1} Q_j)^{-n+\alpha} \left[ \mu(6R_j) \right]^{1/q_0} \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 6^{-k/q_0} + C \\ &\leq C. \end{split}$$

Thus,

(3.10) 
$$H \le C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \le C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} |f(y)| d\mu(y).$$

Combining the estimates (3.8), (3.9) and (3.10) above yields

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \backslash \bigcup_j 2Q_j} \mathrm{I}(x) \theta(x) \, d\mu(x) \right| \leq C \sum_j \int_{Q_j} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y),$$

and so

(3.11) 
$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j 2Q_j : |\mathbf{I}(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right) \leq C\lambda^{-q_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j 2Q_j} |\mathbf{I}(x)|^{q_0} d\mu(x)$$
$$\leq C\left[\lambda^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)| d\mu(y)\right]^{q_0}.$$

The estimates (3.7) and (3.11) then yield (3.4), and we have completed the proof of the theorem for m = 1.

Step II: In this step, we prove Theorem 1.2 for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  by induction on m. To this end, we assume that  $m \geq 2$  is an integer and that for any  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and any subset  $\sigma = \{\sigma(1), \ldots, \sigma(i)\}$  of  $\{1, \ldots, m\}$ , Theorem 1.2 is true. We now verify that Theorem 1.2 is also true for m.

For each fixed f and  $\lambda > 0$ , we decompose f by the same way as in Step I; see (I), (II) and (III) in the proof of Step I. And let  $Q_j$ ,  $R_j$ ,  $\phi_j$ ,  $w_j$ , g, h be the same as in Step I. To prove the theorem in this case, it suffices to verity

$$(3.12) \quad \mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_j 2Q_j : |I_{\alpha;b_1,\dots,b_m}h(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq C\left\{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\sigma \in C_i^m} \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}} \left[\left\|\Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}}(\lambda^{-1}|f|)\right\|_{L^1(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_0},$$

where for  $\sigma \in C_i^m$ ,  $1/r_{\sigma} = 1/r_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + 1/r_{\sigma(1)}$  and  $1/r_{\sigma'} = 1/r - 1/r_{\sigma}$ . For simplicity, we first introduce some notation. Let  $\vec{b} = \{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ . For all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $\sigma = \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(i)\} \in C_i^m$ , we define  $\vec{b}_{\sigma} = \{b_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, b_{\sigma(i)}\}$  and set

$$I_{\alpha; b_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, b_{\sigma(i)}} f(x) = I_{\alpha; \vec{b}_{\sigma}} f(x).$$

In particular, when  $\sigma = \{1, \ldots, m\}$ , we denote  $I_{\alpha; b_1, \ldots, b_m}$  simply by  $I_{\alpha; \vec{b}}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and all  $\sigma \in C_i^m$ , we write

$$[b(y) - b(z)]_{\sigma} = [b_{\sigma(1)}(y) - b_{\sigma(1)}(z)] \times \cdots \times [b_{\sigma(i)}(y) - b_{\sigma(i)}(z)]$$

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and

$$[m_{\widetilde{O}}(b)-b(y)]_{\sigma}=[m_{\widetilde{O}}(b_{\sigma(1)})-b_{\sigma(1)}(y)]\times\cdots\times[m_{\widetilde{O}}(b_{\sigma(i)})-b_{\sigma(i)}(y)],$$

where Q is any cube in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . With the aid of the formula

$$\prod_{i=1}^{m} [m_{\widetilde{Q}}(b_i) - b_i(z)] = \sum_{i=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma \in C_i^m} [b(y) - b(z)]_{\sigma'} [m_{\widetilde{Q}}(b) - b(y)]_{\sigma}$$

for  $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , where if i = 0, then  $\sigma' = \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\sigma = \emptyset$ , it is easy to see

$$\begin{split} I_{\alpha;\vec{b}}h(x) &= \sum_{j} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b_{i}) - b_{i}(x) \right] I_{\alpha}h_{j}(x) \\ &- \sum_{j} I_{\alpha} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{m} \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b_{i}) - b_{i} \right] h_{j} \right)(x) \\ &- \sum_{j} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{\sigma \in C_{i}^{m}} I_{\alpha;\vec{b}_{\sigma'}} \left( \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b \right]_{\sigma} h_{j} \right)(x) \\ &= I_{\alpha;\vec{b}}^{\mathrm{I}}h(x) - I_{\alpha;\vec{b}}^{\mathrm{II}}h(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{\sigma \in C_{i}^{m}} I_{\alpha;\vec{b}_{\sigma'}}^{\mathrm{III}}h(x). \end{split}$$

An argument similar to that for I(x) in Step I gives us that

$$(3.13) \ \mu\left(\left\{x\in\mathbb{R}^d\setminus\bigcup_j 2Q_j\colon |I_{\alpha;\vec{b}}^{\mathrm{I}}h(x)|>\lambda\right\}\right)\leq C\left\{\lambda^{-1}\!\!\int_{\mathbb{R}^d}\!|f(y)|\,d\mu(y)\right\}^{q_0},$$

and an argument similar to that for II(x) as in Step I yields

(3.14) 
$$\mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bigcup_{j} 2Q_j : |I_{\alpha;\vec{b}}^{II} h(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq C\left\{\Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)}\right) + \|\Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1} |f|\right)\|_{L^1(\mu)}\right\}^{q_0}.$$

Now we estimate  $I_{\alpha; \, \overline{b}_{\sigma'}}^{III} h(x)$ . For each fixed i with  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ , the induction hypothesis now states that

$$\begin{split} &\mu\left(\left\{x\in\mathbb{R}^{d}:|I_{\alpha;\overrightarrow{b}_{\sigma'}}^{III}h(x)|>\lambda\right\}\right)\\ &\leq C\left\{\sum_{l=0}^{m-i}\sum_{\eta\in C_{l}^{m-i}}\Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}}\left[\left\|\Phi_{1/r_{\eta}}\left(\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j}\left|\left[m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b)-b\right]_{\sigma}h_{j}\right|\right)\right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_{0}}\\ &\leq C\left\{\sum_{l=1}^{m-i}\sum_{\eta\in C_{l}^{m-i}}\Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}}\left[\left\|\Phi_{1/r_{\eta}}\left(\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j}\left|\left[m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b)-b\right]_{\sigma}f\omega_{j}\right|\right)\right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_{0}}\\ &+C\left\{\sum_{l=1}^{m-i}\sum_{\eta\in C_{l}^{m-i}}\Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}}\left[\left\|\Phi_{1/r_{\eta}}\left(\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j}\left|\left[m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b)-b\right]_{\sigma}\phi_{j}\right|\right)\right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_{0}}\\ &+C\left\{\Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}}\left[\left\|\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j}\left[m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b)-b\right]_{\sigma}h_{j}\right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right]\right\}^{q_{0}}\\ &=\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{D}. \end{split}$$

For A, we consider the following two cases.

Case I.  $\lambda \geq 1$ . Set  $\Psi_r(t) = \exp t^r - 1$ . Note

$$\Psi_r^{-1}(t) \sim \log^{1/r}(2+t),$$

$$\Phi_r^{-1}(t) \sim t\log^{-1/r}(2+t).$$

By Lemma 2.2 in [16], we see that for any  $1 \le i \le m-1$ ,  $\sigma \in C_i^m$  and any  $t_0, t_1, \ldots, t_i > 0$ ,

$$\Phi_{1/r_n}(t_0 t_1 \cdots t_i) \le C \left[ \Phi_{1/r_n + 1/r_\sigma}(t_0) + \Psi_{r_{\sigma(1)}}(t_1) + \cdots + \Psi_{r_{\sigma(i)}}(t_i) \right].$$

From this, it follows that

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j} \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b \right]_{\sigma} f \omega_{j} \right| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \left| f(x) \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b(x) \right]_{\sigma} \right| \right) d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta} + 1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) d\mu(x) \\ & + C \sum_{j} \sum_{l=1}^{i} \int_{Q_{j}} \Psi_{r_{\sigma(l)}} \left( \left| m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b_{\sigma(l)}) - b_{\sigma(l)}(x) \right| \right) d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta} + 1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) d\mu(x) + C \sum_{j} \mu(2Q_{j}) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta} + 1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) d\mu(x) + C \lambda^{-q_{0}} \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(x)| d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta} + 1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) d\mu(x) + C \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(x)| d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta} + 1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}. \end{split}$$

Case II.  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . In this case, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j} \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b \right]_{\sigma} f \omega_{j} \right| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{q_{0}-1} \right) \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-q_{0}} \left| f(x) \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b \right]_{\sigma} \right| \right) d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \lambda^{q_{0}-1} \int_{Q_{j}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}} (\lambda^{-q_{0}} |f(x)|) d\mu(x) + C \sum_{j} \lambda^{q_{0}-1} \mu(2Q_{j}) \\ & \leq C \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \log^{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}} \left( 2 + \lambda^{-q_{0}} |f(x)| \right) d\mu(x) \\ & + C \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j} \int_{Q_{j}} |f(x)| d\mu(x) \\ & \leq C \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f(x)| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} + \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \right). \end{split}$$

Thus we always have

(3.15) 
$$A \leq C \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{m-i} \sum_{\eta \in C_l^{m-i}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}} \left( \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}}(\lambda^{-1}|f(x)|) \right\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right) + \Phi_{1/r} \left( \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right) \right\}^{q_0}.$$

Set  $s_j(x) = \lambda^{-q_0} |\phi_j(x)|$  and denote by  $\Lambda$  a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . From (I), (II) and (III) of the decomposition of f, (3.2), the convexity of the function  $\Phi_{1/r_{\eta}}(t)$  and the fact that  $K_{R_j,Q_j} \leq C$ , it follows that

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \frac{|\phi_j(x)|}{\lambda} \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b) - b(x) \right]_{\sigma} \right| \chi_{R_j}(x) \right\} d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} (\lambda^{q_0-1}) \! \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \! \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \sum_{l \in \Lambda} s_l(x) \right) \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \\ &\qquad \times \left[ \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \left( \frac{s_j(x)}{\sum_{l \in \Lambda} s_l(x)} \right) \right| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b) - b(x) \right]_{\sigma} \left| \chi_{R_j}(x) \right] d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{q_0-1} \right) \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \! \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \sum_{l \in \Lambda} s_l(x) \right) \left( \sum_{l \in \Lambda} s_l(x) \right)^{-1} s_j(x) \\ &\qquad \times \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left\{ \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b) - b(x) \right]_{\sigma} \right| \chi_{R_j}(x) \right\} d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} (\lambda^{q_0-1}) \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \int_{R_j} s_j(x) \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q_j}}(b) - b(x) \right]_{\sigma} \right|^2 d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} (\lambda^{q_0-1}) \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \frac{\|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)}}{\lambda^{q_0}} \mu(R_j) \left[ 1 + \left( K_{R_j,\widetilde{Q_j}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq C \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} (\lambda^{q_0-1}) \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \frac{\|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)}}{\lambda^{q_0}} \mu(R_j) \\ &\leq C \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \frac{1}{\lambda} \! \log^{1/r_{\eta}} (2 + \lambda^{q_0-1}) \|\phi_j\|_{L^{\infty}(\mu)} \mu(R_j) \\ &\leq C \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \mu(Q_j) \frac{1}{\mu(Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} \! \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} d\mu(x) \! \log^{1/r_{\eta}} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{\mu(Q_j)} \! \int_{Q_j} \! \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} d\mu(x) \right) \\ &= C \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \! \mu(Q_j) \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} d\mu(x) \right] \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \! \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \! \log^{1/r_{\eta}} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) d\mu(x) = C \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f| \right) \right\|_{L^1(\mu)}, \end{split}$$

where in the second-to-last step, we used the Jenson inequality, and the constant C is independent of  $\Lambda$ . From the arbitrariness of  $\Lambda$ , it follows that

$$\left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j} \left| \left[ m_{\widetilde{Q}_{j}}(b) - b \right]_{\sigma} \phi_{j} \right| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \leq C \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f| \right) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}.$$

Thus,

$$(3.16) \qquad \mathbf{B} \le C \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{m-i} \sum_{\eta \in C_l^{m-i}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}} \left( \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\eta}} \left( \lambda^{-1} |f| \right) \right\|_{L^1(\mu)} \right) \right\}^{q_0}.$$

An argument similar to that for II(x) as in Step I yields

$$D \leq C \left\{ \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}} \left[ \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}} \left( \lambda^{-1} \| f \|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \right) \right] + \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}} \left( \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}} (\lambda^{-1} | f |) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \right) \right\}^{q_{0}}$$

$$\leq C \left\{ \Phi_{1/r} \left( \lambda^{-1} \| f \|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \right) + \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma'}} \left( \left\| \Phi_{1/r_{\sigma}} (\lambda^{-1} | f |) \right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)} \right) \right\}^{q_{0}}.$$

Combining with (3.15), (3.16) and (3.17) tells us that

$$(3.18) \quad \mu\left(\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} : |I_{\alpha;\vec{b}_{\sigma'}}^{III}h(x)| > \lambda\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq C\left\{\sum_{l=0}^{m-i} \sum_{\eta \in C_{l}^{m-i}} \Phi_{1/r_{\eta'}}\left(\left\|\Phi_{1/r_{\eta}+1/r_{\sigma}}(\lambda^{-1}|f(x)|)\right\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right) + \Phi_{1/r}\left(\lambda^{-1}\|f\|_{L^{1}(\mu)}\right)\right\}^{q_{0}}.$$

Finally, the estimates (3.13), (3.14) and (3.18) tell us the estimate (3.12), and we have completed the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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