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# ESTIMATES FOR THE COMMUTATOR OF BILINEAR FOURIER MULTIPLIER

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Abstract. Let  $b_1, b_2 \in \operatorname{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $T_\sigma$  be a bilinear Fourier multiplier operator with associated multiplier  $\sigma$  satisfying the Sobolev regularity that  $\sup_{\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\sigma_\kappa\|_{W^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})} < \infty$  for some  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ . In this paper, the behavior on  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$   $(p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty))$ , on  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$   $(p_2 \in [2, \infty))$ , and on  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , is considered for the commutator  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  defined by

$$T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x) = b_1(x)T_{\sigma}(f_1, f_2)(x) - T_{\sigma}(b_1 f_1, f_2)(x) + b_2(x)T_{\sigma}(f_1, f_2)(x) - T_{\sigma}(f_1, b_2 f_2)(x).$$

By kernel estimates of the bilinear Fourier multiplier operators and employing some techniques in the theory of bilinear singular integral operators, it is proved that these mapping properties are very similar to those of the bilinear Fourier multiplier operator which were established by Miyachi and Tomita.

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#### 1. Introduction

In their seminal works [3], [4], Coifman and Meyer considered the mapping properties of the bilinear Fourier multiplier operator. Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ . Define the bilinear Fourier multiplier operator  $T_{\sigma}$  by

(1.1) 
$$T_{\sigma}(f_1, f_2)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \exp(2\pi i x(\xi_1 + \xi_2)) \sigma(\xi_1, \xi_2) \hat{f}_1(\xi_1) \hat{f}_2(\xi_2) \, d\vec{\xi},$$

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initially for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\hat{f}$  denotes the Fourier transform of f and  $d\vec{\xi} = d\xi_1 d\xi_2$ . Coifman and Meyer [4] proved that if  $\sigma \in C^s(\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus \{0\})$  satisfies that

$$(1.2) |\partial_{\xi_1}^{\alpha_1} \partial_{\xi_2}^{\alpha_2} \sigma(\xi_1, \xi_2)| \leqslant C_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} (|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)^{-(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2|)}$$

for all multiindices  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  such that  $|\alpha_1|+|\alpha_2|\leqslant s$  with  $s\geqslant 4n+1$ , then  $T_\sigma$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all  $1< p_1,p_2,p<\infty$  with  $1/p=1/p_1+1/p_2$ . Using the theory of the multilinear Calderón-Zygmund operator, Grafakos and Torres [9], Kenig and Stein [11] improved the results of Coifman and Meyer, proving that if  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.2) for all  $|\alpha_1|+|\alpha_2|\leqslant s$  with  $s\geqslant 2n+1$ , then  $T_\sigma$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  when  $p_1,p_2\in[1,\infty]$  and  $p\in[1/2,\infty)$  with  $1/p=1/p_1+1/p_2$ , and is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  when  $p_1,p_2\in[1,\infty]$  and  $p\in[1/2,\infty)$ . In recent years, considerable attention has been paid to the mapping properties of  $T_\sigma$  when  $\sigma$  satisfies some conditions of Hörmander-Mihlin type. Let  $\Psi\in\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  be such that supp  $\Psi\subset\{(\xi_1,\xi_2)\colon 1/2\leqslant |\xi_1|+|\xi_2|\leqslant 2\}$  and  $\sum_{\kappa\in\mathbb{Z}}\Psi(2^{-\kappa}\xi_1,2^{-\kappa}\xi_2)=1$  for all  $(\xi_1,\xi_2)\in\mathbb{R}^{2n}\setminus\{0\}$ . Set

(1.3) 
$$\sigma_{\kappa}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \Psi(\xi_1, \xi_2) \sigma(2^{\kappa} \xi_1, 2^{\kappa} \xi_2).$$

Tomita [17] proved that if  $\sup_{\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\sigma_{\kappa}\|_{W^{s}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})} < \infty$  for some s > n, then  $T_{\sigma}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \times L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  to  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  for  $p_{1}, p_{2}, p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $1/p = 1/p_{1} + 1/p_{2}$ . Grafakos and Si [8] considered the mapping properties from  $L^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \times L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  to  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  for  $T_{\sigma}$  when  $p \leq 1$ . Fairly recently, Miyachi and Tomita [15] considered the problem to find the minimal smoothness conditions for the boundedness of  $T_{\sigma}$ . For  $s_{1}, s_{2} \in (0, \infty)$ , define

$$W^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}):=\{f\in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2n})\colon \|f\|_{W^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}<\infty\},$$

with

$$||f||_{W^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \langle \xi_1 \rangle^{2s_1} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{2s_2} |\hat{f}(\xi_1,\xi_2)|^2 \, d\vec{\xi},$$

where  $\langle \xi_k \rangle = (1 + |\xi_k|^2)^{1/2}$ . Miyachi and Tomita [15] proved the following result.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  and let  $T_{\sigma}$  be the operator defined by (1.1). If  $\sigma$  satisfies that

$$\sup_{\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\sigma_{\kappa}\|_{W^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})} < \infty$$

for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ , then for  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty]$ ,  $p \in [2/3, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,  $T_{\sigma}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Moreover,

- (i) if  $p_1 \in (0,1]$  and  $p_2 \in [2,\infty)$ ,  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1 \in (n/p_1,\infty)$  and  $s_2 \in (n/2,n]$ , then  $T_{\sigma}$  is bounded from  $H^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ;
- (ii) if  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1 \in (n/p_1 n/2, \infty)$ ,  $s_2 \in (n/p_2 n/2, \infty)$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > n/p_1 + n/p_2 n/2$ , then  $T_{\sigma}$  is bounded from  $H^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Now let us consider the commutator of  $T_{\sigma}$ . For a function  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , set

$$[b, T_{\sigma}]^{1}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x) = b(x)T_{\sigma}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x) - T_{\sigma}(bf_{1}, f_{2})(x),$$

and

$$[b, T_{\sigma}]^{2}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x) = b(x)T_{\sigma}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x) - T_{\sigma}(f_{1}, bf_{2})(x),$$

initially for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $b_1, b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2)$ . Define the commutator generated by  $\vec{b}$  and  $T_{\sigma}$  by

(1.5) 
$$T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{2} [b_k, T_{\sigma}]^k (f_1, f_2)(x).$$

By the result of Lernel et al. [13], we know that if  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.2) for all  $|\alpha_1|+|\alpha_2|\leqslant s$  with  $s\geqslant 2n+1$ , then  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  provided that  $p_1,p_2\in(1,\infty]$  and  $p\in(1/2,\infty)$  with  $1/p=1/p_1+1/p_2$ , and enjoys an endpoint estimate of  $L\log L\times L\log L$  type. Anh and Duong [1] considered the weighted estimates with multiple weights for  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  when  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.2) for  $n< s\leqslant 2n$ .

Our first purpose of this paper is to consider the behavior on the product of Lebesgue spaces for the commutator  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$ . We will show that the behavior of  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  on  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is similar to that of  $T_{\sigma}$ . More precisely, we have

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  and let  $T_{\sigma}$  be the operator defined by (1.1). If

(i)  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n], p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty), p \in [2/3, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,

or

(ii)  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > (3/2)n$ ,  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  and  $p \in (1/2, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,

then  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Remark 1.1.** By Theorem 1.2 and the argument used in [15], it follows that if  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in (1/2, 2/3)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ , and  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  such that  $s_1 + s_2 > n/p_1 + n/p_2 - n/2$ , then  $T_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We will also consider the endpoint estimates for  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  and let  $T_{\sigma}$  be the operator defined by (1.1).

- (a) If  $p_2 \in [2, \infty)$  and  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ , then  $T_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $1/p = 1 + 1/p_2$ ;
- (b) if  $\sigma$  satisfies (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  with  $s_1 + s_2 > 3n/2$ , then  $T_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{1/2, \infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Remark 1.2.** Our proof of Theorem 1.2, which will be given in Section 2, also applies to the iterated commutator of  $T_{\sigma}$  defined by

$$T^*_{\sigma \vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x) = [b_1, [b_2, T_{\sigma}]^2]^1(f_1, f_2)(x).$$

However, we do not know if Theorem 1.3 is true for  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^*$ .

We make some conventions. In what follows, C always denotes a positive constant that is independent of the main parameters involved but whose value may differ from line to line. We use the symbol  $A \lesssim B$  to denote that there exists a positive constant C such that  $A \leqslant CB$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and r > 0, B(x,r) denotes the ball centered at x and has radius r. For any set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\chi_E$  denotes its characteristic function. For a ball B in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ , we use  $\lambda B$  to denote the ball with the same center as B whose radius is  $\lambda$  times that of B. For any  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , we use p' to denote the dual exponent of p, namely, p' = p/(p-1). Let M be the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator. For  $r \in (0, \infty)$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the maximal operators  $M_r$  and  $M_{b,r}$  are defined as

$$M_r f(x) = (M(|f|^r)(x))^{1/r},$$

$$M_{b,r} f(x) = \sup_{B \ni x} \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |(b(x) - b(y)) f(y)|^r dy \right)^{1/r}$$

respectively. It is well known that for  $t \in (r, \infty)$ .

(1.6) 
$$||M_{b,r}f||_{L^{t}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \leqslant C||b||_{\text{BMO}}||f||_{L^{t}(\mathbb{R}^{n})},$$

see [6]. For a locally integrable function f,  $M^{\sharp}f$  denotes the Fefferman-Stein sharp maximal function of f, that is,

$$M^{\sharp} f(x) = \sup_{B \ni x} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |f(x) - m_B(f)| \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

where the supremum is taken over all balls containing x, and  $m_B(f)$  denotes the mean value of f on B. For  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , let  $M_r^{\sharp}$  be the maximal operator defined by  $M_r^{\sharp} f(x) = \{M^{\sharp}(|f|^r)(x)\}^{1/r}$ .

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Let  $\Psi \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  and let  $\sigma_{\kappa}$  be the same as in (1.3). Define  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}$  by

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \sigma_{\kappa}(2^{-\kappa}\xi_1, 2^{-\kappa}\xi_2).$$

It is obvious that

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 2^{2\kappa n} \mathcal{F}^{-1} \sigma_{\kappa}(2^{\kappa} \xi_1, 2^{\kappa} \xi_2),$$

where  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  denotes the inverse Fourier transform. For  $x, y_1, y_2, y_1', y_2', x' \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let

$$W_{0,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;x') = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x-y_1,x-y_2) - \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x'-y_1,x'-y_2),$$

$$W_{1,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_1') = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x-y_1,x-y_2) - \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x-y_1',x-y_2),$$

$$W_{2,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_2') = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x-y_1,x-y_2) - \mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x-y_1,x-y_2').$$

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\sigma_k$  be defined by (1.3),  $q_1, q_2 \in [2, \infty)$  and  $s_1, s_2 \ge 0$ . Then

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa}(\xi_1, \xi_2)|^{q_2} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{s_2} d\xi_2\right)^{q_1/q_2} \langle \xi_1 \rangle^{s_1} d\xi_1\right)^{1/q_1} \lesssim \|\sigma_{\kappa}\|_{W^{s_1/q_1, s_2/q_2}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}.$$

For the proof of Lemma 2.1, see [5].

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\sigma$  be a bilinear multiplier which satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n], u_1, u_2 \in (1, 2], B$  be a ball with radius R and  $x, x' \in (1/4)B$ .

(i) For nonnegative integers  $j_1, j_2$  and an integer  $\kappa$  with  $2^{\kappa}R < 1$ ,

$$\left( \int_{S_{j_1}(B)} \left( \int_{S_{j_2}(B)} |W_{0,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;x')|^{u_2'} \, \mathrm{d}y_2 \right)^{u_1'/u_2'} \, \mathrm{d}y_1 \right)^{1/u_1'} \\
\lesssim 2^{\kappa} R \frac{2^{-\kappa(s_1+s_2-n/u_1-n/u_2)}}{\prod_{k=1}^2 (2^{j_k} R)^{s_k}},$$

where and in the sequel  $S_0(B) = B$  and for positive integer j,  $S_j(B) = 2^j B \setminus 2^{j-1}B$ :

(ii) for positive integers  $j_1, j_2$  and an integer  $\kappa$ ,

$$\left( \int_{S_{j_1}(B)} \left( \int_{S_{j_2}(B)} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_1, x - y_2)|^{u'_2} \, \mathrm{d}y_2 \right)^{u'_1/u'_2} \, \mathrm{d}y_1 \right)^{1/u'_1} \\
\lesssim \frac{2^{-\kappa(s_1 + s_2 - n/u_1 - n/u_2)}}{\prod_{k=1}^2 (2^{j_k} R)^{s_k}};$$

(iii) if  $u_2 > n/s_2$ , then for any  $\mu \in (1, \infty)$ , integer  $\kappa$  with  $2^{\kappa}R > 1$ , positive integer j and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

(2.1) 
$$\int_{S_{j}(B)} \int_{B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_{1}, x - y_{2})| |f_{2}(y_{2})| dy_{2} |f_{1}(y_{1})| dy_{1}$$
$$\lesssim 2^{-\kappa(s_{1} - n/u_{1})} (2^{j}R)^{-s_{1}} M_{u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \left( \int_{S_{j}(B)} |f_{1}(y_{1})|^{u_{1}} dy_{1} \right)^{1/u_{1}}$$

and

$$(2.2) \int_{S_{j}(B)} \int_{B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_{1}, x - y_{2})| |b(y_{2}) - m_{B}(b)| |f_{2}(y_{2})| dy_{2}|f_{1}(y_{1})| dy_{1}$$

$$\lesssim ||b||_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \frac{\log(2^{\kappa}R)}{2^{\kappa(s_{1} - n/u_{1})}(2^{j}R)^{s_{1}}} M_{\mu u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \left( \int_{S_{j}(B)} |f_{1}(y_{1})|^{u_{1}} dy_{1} \right)^{1/u_{1}}.$$

Proof. The conclusion (i) is just Lemma 3.5 in [10], and the conclusion (ii) can be proved by an argument similar to the proof of Lemma 3.3 in [10]. For the conclusion (iii), we only consider the estimate (2.2), since the inequality (2.1) can be proved in the same way. A straightforward computation involving the Hölder inequality gives us that

$$\int_{S_{j}(B)} \int_{B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_{1}, x - y_{2})| |b(y_{2}) - m_{B}(b)| |f_{2}(y_{2})| dy_{2}|f_{1}(y_{1})| dy_{1}$$

$$\lesssim 2^{2\kappa n} \left( \int_{S_{j}(B)} \left( \int_{B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \sigma_{\kappa}(2^{\kappa}(x - y_{1}), 2^{\kappa}(x - y_{2}))|^{u'_{2}} \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y_{2}) \rangle^{u'_{2}s_{2}} dy_{2} \right)^{u'_{1}/u'_{2}}$$

$$\times \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y_{1}) \rangle^{u'_{1}s_{1}} dy_{1} \right)^{1/u'_{1}} \left( \int_{B} \frac{|b(y_{2}) - m_{B}(b)|^{u_{2}\mu'}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y) \rangle^{u_{2}s_{2}}} dy_{2} \right)^{1/(u_{2}\mu')}$$

$$\times (2^{\kappa}2^{j}R)^{-s_{1}} \left( \int_{B} \frac{|f_{2}(y)|^{u_{2}\mu}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y) \rangle^{u_{2}s_{2}}} dy \right)^{1/(u_{2}\mu)} \left( \int_{S_{j}(B)} |f_{1}(y_{1})|^{u_{1}} dy_{1} \right)^{1/u_{1}}.$$

Let N be the positive integer such that  $2^{N-1} < 2^{\kappa} R \leq 2^{N}$ ; it follows from the John-Nirenberg inequality that

$$\int_{B} \frac{|b(y) - m_{B}(b)|^{u_{2}\mu'}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y) \rangle^{u_{2}s_{2}}} dy$$

$$= \int_{|x - y| \leqslant 2^{-\kappa}} |b(y) - m_{B}(b)|^{u_{2}\mu'} dy + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \int_{2^{j}2^{-\kappa} < |x - y| \leqslant 2^{j+1}2^{-\kappa}} \frac{|b(y) - m_{B}(b)|^{u_{2}\mu'}}{|2^{\kappa}(x - y)|^{u_{2}s_{2}}} dy$$

$$\lesssim 2^{-\kappa n} (1 + |m_B(b) - m_{B(x,2^{-\kappa})}(b)|^{u_2\mu'}) + 2^{-\kappa n} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{|m_B(b) - m_{B(x,2^{j}2^{-\kappa})}(b)|^{u_2\mu'}}{2^{j(s_2u_2 - n)}}$$

$$\lesssim 2^{-\kappa n} \log^{u_2\mu'} (2^{\kappa}R) ||b||_{\text{BMO}}^{\mu'u_2}.$$

Note that

$$\left(\int_{B} \frac{|f_{2}(y_{2})|^{u_{2}\mu}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x-y_{2})\rangle^{u_{2}s_{2}}} \,\mathrm{d}y_{2}\right)^{1/(u_{2}\mu)} \lesssim 2^{-\kappa n/\mu u_{2}} M_{u_{2}\mu} f_{2}(x).$$

The estimate (2.2) now follows from Lemma 2.1 and the estimates above.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\sigma$  be a multiplier which satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  and  $u_1, u_2 \in (1, 2]$ , let B be a ball with radius R and  $y_l, y'_l \in \frac{1}{4}B$  with l = 1, 2.

(i) For nonnegative integers  $j_0, j_1, j_2$  and an integer  $\kappa$  with  $2^{\kappa} R < 1$ ,

$$\left( \int_{S_{j_0}(B)} \left( \int_{E_{j_2}^R(x)} |W_{1,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_1')|^{u_2'} \, \mathrm{d}y_2 \right)^{u_1'/u_2'} \, \mathrm{d}x \right)^{1/u_1'} \\
\lesssim 2^{\kappa} R \frac{2^{-\kappa(s_1+s_2-n/u_1-n/u_2)}}{(2^{j_0}R)^{s_1} (2^{j_2}R)^{s_2}},$$

and

$$\left( \int_{S_{j_0}(B)} \left( \int_{E_{j_1}^R(x)} |W_{2,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_2')|^{u_1'} \, \mathrm{d}y_1 \right)^{u_2'/u_1'} \, \mathrm{d}x \right)^{1/u_2'} 
\lesssim 2^{\kappa} R \frac{2^{-\kappa(s_1+s_2-n/u_1-n/u_2)}}{(2^{j_0}R)^{s_2} (2^{j_1}R)^{s_1}},$$

where and in the sequel,  $E_0^R(x) = B(x,R)$  and for any positive integer j,  $E_j^R(x) = 2^j B(x,R) \setminus 2^{j-1} B(x,R)$ ;

(ii) for each k = 1, 2 and each integer  $\kappa$ , there exists a function  $H_{k,\kappa,B}$  such that for functions  $f_1, f_2$  with supp  $f_1$ , supp  $f_2 \subset B$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |W_{k,\kappa}(x, y_1, y_2; y_k')| \prod_{l=1}^{2} f_l(y_l) \, d\vec{y}$$

$$\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_k(y_k)| H_{k,\kappa,B}(x, y_k, y_k') \, dy_k \prod_{1 \le l \le 2, l \ne k} M_{r_l} f_l(x),$$

and for any integer  $j \geqslant 3$ ,

$$\left( \int_{S_j(B)} |\mathcal{H}_{k,\kappa,B}(x,y_k,y_k')|^{u_k'} \, \mathrm{d}x \right)^{1/u_k'} \lesssim \frac{R^{(s_k - n/u_k)}}{|2^j B|^{1/s_k}};$$

(iii) if  $u_2 > n/s_2$ , then for any integer  $\kappa$  and positive integer j, and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\int_{S_{j}(B)} \int_{B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_{1}, x - y_{2})| |b(x) - b(y_{2})| |f_{2}(y_{2})| dy_{2} |f_{1}(y_{1})| dy_{1} 
\lesssim 2^{-\kappa(s_{1} - n/u_{1})} (2^{j}R)^{-s_{1}} M_{b, u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \left( \int_{S_{j}(B)} |f_{1}(y_{1})|^{u_{1}} dy_{1} \right)^{1/u_{1}}.$$

For the conclusions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2.3, see [10]. The conclusion (iii) can be proved by repeating the proof of (iii) in Lemma 2.2.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $\theta \in (0,1)$ ,  $0 < p_j, p_{j,k} \le \infty$  and  $s_{j,k} > n/2$  where j = 1, 2 and k = 1, 2. Set  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,  $1/p_k = (1 - \theta)/p_{1,k} + \theta/p_{2,k}$ , and  $s_k = (1 - \theta)s_{1,k} + \theta s_{2,k}$ . Suppose that the commutator  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  satisfies

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}||_{L^{p_{1,1}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_{1,2}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\to L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\lesssim \sup_{\kappa\in\mathbb{Z}}||\sigma_{\kappa}||_{W^{(s_{1,1},s_{1,2})}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})},$$

and

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}||_{L^{p_{2,1}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_{2,2}}(\mathbb{R}^n)\to L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\lesssim \sup_{\kappa\in\mathbb{Z}}||\sigma_\kappa||_{W^{(s_{2,1},s_{2,2})}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}.$$

Then

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}||_{L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)\to L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}\lesssim \sup_{\kappa\in\mathbb{Z}}||\sigma_\kappa||_{W^{(s_1,s_2)}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}$$

This lemma can be proved by repeating the argument used in the proof of Theorem 6.1 in [7]. We omit the details for brevity.

For  $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $T_{\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}}$  be the operator defined by

(2.3) 
$$T_{\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}}(f_1, f_2)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(x - y_1, x - y_2) f_1(y_1) f_2(y_2) \, d\vec{y},$$

and set

(2.4) 
$$T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x) = \sum_{|\kappa| < N} T_{\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}}(f_{1}, f_{2})(x).$$

For  $b_1, b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we define  $T_{\sigma, \vec{b}}^N$ , the commutator of  $T_{\sigma}^N$ , as in (1.5).

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  which satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ , let  $T_{\sigma}^N$  be the operator defined by (2.4),  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^N$  the commutator of  $T_{\sigma}^N$ . Let  $t_k = n/s_k$  with k = 1, 2. Then for any  $p_k \in (t_k, \infty)$  (k = 1, 2),  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ , and  $b_1, b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^N(f_1,f_2)||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant C \sum_{l=1}^2 ||b_l||_{\text{BMO}} \prod_{k=1}^2 ||f_k||_{L^{p_k}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

with C independent of N.

Proof. Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We first claim that for any  $r_k \in (t_k, \infty)$  (k = 1, 2),  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon < \min\{r/r_1, r/r_2\}$  with  $1/r = 1/r_1 + 1/r_2$ ,

$$(2.5) M_{\delta}^{\sharp}([b, T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{1}(f_{1}, f_{2}))(x) \leqslant C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}}\left(M_{\varepsilon}(T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2}))(x) + \prod_{k=1}^{2} M_{r_{k}} f_{k}(x)\right)$$

for bounded functions  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  with compact supports.

The proof of (2.5) is fairly standard, see [13], [16]. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $||b||_{\text{BMO}} = 1$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let B be a ball containing x. Decompose  $f_k$  (k = 1, 2) as

$$f_k(y) = f_k(y)\chi_{4B}(y) + f_k(y)\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n\setminus 4B}(y) := f_k^1(y) + f_k^2(y).$$

Let  $\Lambda = \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1, i_2 \in \{1, 2\}, (i_1, i_2) \neq (1, 1)\}$ . For  $(i_1, i_2) \in \Lambda$ , set

$$L_{i_1,i_2}(z,z_0) = T_{\sigma}^N((b-m_{4B}(b))f_1^{i_1},f_2^{i_2})(z) - T_{\sigma}^N((b-m_{4B}(b))f_1^{i_1},f_2^{i_2})(z_0).$$

Let  $f_1^B(y) = f_1^1(y)(b(y) - m_{4B}(b))$ . Take s > 1 such that  $\delta s < \varepsilon$ . An application of the Hölder inequality then gives that

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(b(z) - m_{4B}(b)) T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})(z)|^{\delta} dz\right)^{1/\delta} 
\lesssim \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |b(z) - m_{4B}(b)|^{\delta s'} dz\right)^{1/\delta s'} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})(z)|^{\delta s} dz\right)^{1/\delta s} 
\lesssim M_{\varepsilon}(T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2}))(x).$$

Let  $u_k \in (t_k, r_k)$  (k = 1, 2) such that  $1 + n/u_1 + n/u_2 > s_1 + s_2$ . Since  $T_{\sigma}^N$  is bounded from  $L^{u_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{u_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{u}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $1/u = 1/u_1 + 1/u_2$  and the bound

is independent of N, see [5], it is easy to verify that

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}^{B}, f_{2}^{1})(z)|^{u} dz\right)^{1/u} 
\lesssim \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{4B} |f_{1}^{B}(z)|^{u_{1}} dz\right)^{1/u_{1}} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{4B} |f_{2}^{1}(z)|^{u_{2}} dz\right)^{1/u_{2}} 
\lesssim \prod_{k=1}^{m} M_{r_{k}} f_{k}(x).$$

Lemma 2.2, via a trivial computation, tells us that for each  $z \in B$  and  $z_0 \in B$  satisfying  $|T_{\sigma}((b-m_{4B}(b))f_1^1, f_2^2)(z_0)| < \infty$ ,

$$\begin{split} &|T_{\sigma}^{N}((b-m_{4B}(b))f_{1}^{1},f_{2}^{2})(z)-T_{\sigma}^{N}((b-m_{4B}(b))f_{1}^{1},f_{2}^{2})(z_{0})|\\ &\lesssim \sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R\leqslant 1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} \int_{S_{j_{2}}(4B)} \int_{4B} |W_{0,\kappa}(z,y_{1},y_{2};z_{0})| |f_{1}^{B}(y_{1})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{1}|f_{2}(y_{2})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{2}\\ &+\sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R>1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} \int_{S_{j_{2}}(4B)} \int_{4B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(z-y_{1},z-y_{2})| \,|f_{1}^{B}(y_{1})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{1}|f_{2}(y_{2})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{2}\\ &+\sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R>1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} \int_{S_{j_{2}}(4B)} \int_{4B} |\mathcal{F}^{-1}\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}(z_{0}-y_{1},z_{0}-y_{2})| \,|f_{1}^{B}(y_{1})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{1}|f_{2}(y_{2})| \,\mathrm{d}y_{2}\\ &\lesssim \sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R\leqslant 1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} R \frac{2^{\kappa(1+n/u_{1}+n/u_{2})}}{2^{\kappa(s_{1}+s_{2})}R^{s_{1}}(2^{j_{2}}R)^{s_{2}}} \left(\int_{B} |f_{1}^{B}(y)|^{u_{1}} \,\mathrm{d}y\right)^{1/u_{1}} (2^{j_{2}}R)^{n/u_{2}} M_{u_{2}}f_{2}(z)\\ &+\sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R>1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(2^{\kappa}R)}{2^{\kappa(s_{2}-n/u_{2})}(2^{j_{2}}R)^{s_{2}}} M_{\mu u_{1}}f_{1}(z) \left(\int_{S_{j_{2}}(B)} |f_{2}(y)|^{u_{2}} \,\mathrm{d}y\right)^{1/u_{2}}\\ &+\sum_{\{\kappa\colon 2^{\kappa}R>1\}} \sum_{j_{2}=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(2^{\kappa}R)}{2^{\kappa(s_{2}-n/u_{2})}(2^{j_{2}}R)^{s_{2}}} M_{\mu u_{1}}f_{1}(z_{0}) \left(\int_{S_{j_{2}}(B)} |f_{2}(y)|^{u_{2}} \,\mathrm{d}y\right)^{1/u_{2}}\\ &\lesssim \prod_{k=1}^{2} (M_{r_{k}}f_{k}(z) + M_{r_{k}}f_{k}(z_{0})), \end{split}$$

if we choose  $\mu \in (1, r_1/u_1)$ . Similarly, we have that for  $(i_1, i_2) = (2, 1)$  or  $(i_1, i_2) = (2, 2)$ , each  $z \in B$  and  $z_0 \in B$  satisfying  $|T_{\sigma}^N((b - m_{4B}(b))f_1^{i_1}, f_2^{i_2})(z_0)| < \infty$ ,

$$|\mathcal{L}_{i_1,i_2}(z,z_0)| \lesssim \prod_{k=1}^2 (M_{r_k} f_k(z) + M_{r_k} f_k(z_0)).$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{(i_1,i_2)\in\Lambda} \left(\frac{1}{|B|^2} \int_B \int_B |\mathcal{L}_{i_1,i_2}(z,z_0)|^{\delta} \,\mathrm{d}z \,\mathrm{d}z_0\right)^{1/\delta}$$

$$\lesssim \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B \left\{\prod_{k=1}^2 M_{r_k} f_k(z)\right\}^{\delta} \,\mathrm{d}z\right)^{1/\delta} \lesssim \prod_{k=1}^2 M_{r_k} f_k(x).$$

Note that

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |[b, T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{1}(f_{1}, f_{2})(z) - c|^{\delta} dz\right)^{1/\delta} \lesssim \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}^{B}, f_{2}^{1})(z)|^{\delta} dz\right)^{1/\delta} 
+ \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(b(z) - m_{4B}(b)) T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})(z)|^{\delta} dz\right)^{1/\delta} 
+ \sum_{(i_{1}, i_{2}) \in \Lambda} \left(\frac{1}{|B|^{2}} \int_{B} \int_{B} |\mathcal{L}_{i_{1}, i_{2}}(z, z_{0})|^{\delta} dz dz_{0}\right)^{1/\delta}.$$

The desired estimate (2.5) then follows directly.

We now conclude the proof of Lemma 2.5. It suffices to prove that the commutator  $[b, T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{1}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \times L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  to  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  with bound  $C||b||_{\text{BMO}}$  and C independent of N. Let  $p_{k} \in (t_{k}, \infty)$  (k = 1, 2). By Theorem 6.1 in [5], we know that  $T_{\sigma}^{N}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \times L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  to  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  with bound independent of N. So, for  $b \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  and bounded functions  $f_{1}, f_{2}$  with compact supports,  $[b, T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{1}(f_{1}, f_{2}) \in L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$ . This, together with (2.5) for  $r_{k} \in (t_{k}, p_{k})$  (k = 1, 2), implies that

$$||[b, T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{1}(f_{1}, f_{2})||_{L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \lesssim ||b||_{\text{BMO}} \left( ||M_{\varepsilon}(T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2}))||_{L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} + \prod_{k=1}^{2} ||M_{r_{k}} f_{k}||_{L^{p_{k}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \right)$$
$$\lesssim ||b||_{\text{BMO}} \prod_{k=1}^{2} ||f_{k}||_{L^{p_{k}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})},$$

provided that  $b \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f_1, f_2$  are bounded functions with compact supports. A standard argument shows that  $[b, T^N_{\sigma}]^1$  can be extended to a bounded operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with bound  $C||b||_{\text{BMO}}$  and C independent of N.

Lemma 2.6. Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  which satisfies (1.4) for some  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ ,  $T_{\sigma}^N$  be the operator defined by (1.1) and let  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^N$  be its commutator. Let  $t_k = n/s_k$ , k = 1, 2. Then for  $p_1 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p_2 \in (t_2, \infty)$  and  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^N$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with bound  $C \sum_{k=1}^2 \|b_k\|_{\mathrm{BMO}}$ , and C is independent of N.

Proof. Our aim is to prove that for each fixed  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon |T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda\}| \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^2 ||b_k||_{\mathrm{BMO}}^p \lambda^{-p} ||f_1||_{L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p ||f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $||b_1||_{\text{BMO}} = ||b_2||_{\text{BMO}} = ||f_1||_{L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = ||f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1$ . For each fixed  $\lambda > 0$ , we apply the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition to  $|f_1|^{p_1}$  at level  $\lambda^p$ , and obtain pairwise disjoint cubes  $\{Q_1^j\}_j$  satisfying

$$\lambda^p < \frac{1}{|Q_1^j|} \int_{Q_1^j} |f_1(x)|^{p_1} \, \mathrm{d}x \leqslant 2^n \lambda^p, \quad |f_1(x)| \leqslant C \lambda^{p/p_1} \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_1^j.$$

Let

$$g_1(x) = f_1(x)\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_1^j}(x) + \sum_j m_{Q_1^j}(f_1)\chi_{Q_1^j}(x),$$

and

$$h_1(x) = f_1(x) - g_1(x) = \sum_j h_1^j(x)$$
, with  $h_1^j(x) = (f_1(x) - m_{Q_1^j}(f_1))\chi_{Q_1^j}(x)$ .

Observe that  $||g_1||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\lambda^{p/p_1}$ . Let  $\gamma \in (\max\{p_1, t_1\}, \infty)$  and  $1/q = 1/\gamma + 1/p_2$ . Lemma 2.5 now tells us that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}(g_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda/4\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-q} ||g_1||^q_{L^{\gamma}(\mathbb{R}^n)} ||f_2||^q_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

Let  $B_1^j$  be the smallest ball which contains  $Q_1^j$ , and  $\Omega = \bigcup_j 4B_1^j$ . It is obvious that  $|\Omega| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}$ . The proof of (2.6) is then reduced to proving that

$$(2.7) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon |T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}(h_1, f_2)(x)| > \frac{3}{4}\lambda\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

We now prove (2.7). Let  $u_1 \in (t_1, 2]$ ,  $u_2 \in (t_2, \min\{2, p_2\})$  such that  $u_1 + u_2 < s_1/n + s_2/n + 1$ . For fixed j, let  $R_1^j$  and  $y_1^j$  be the radius and center of  $Q_1^j$ , respectively.

Let

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{L}_1(x) &= \left| T_{\sigma}^N \bigg( \sum_j (b_1(y_1) - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)) h_1^j, f_2 \bigg)(x) \right|, \\ \mathbf{L}_2(x) &= \sum_j \sum_{|\kappa| < N} |b_1(x) - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |W_{1,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_1^j)| \, |h_1^j(y_1) f_2(y_2)| \, \mathrm{d}\vec{y}, \end{split}$$

and

$$L_3(x) = \sum_{j} \sum_{|\kappa| < N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |W_{1,\kappa}(x, y_1, y_2; y_1^j)| |b_2(x) - b_2(y_2)| |h_1^j(y_1) f_2(y_2)| d\vec{y}.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$ , it follows from the vanishing moment of  $h_1^j$  that

$$|T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^{N}(h_1, f_2)(x)| \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^{3} L_k(x).$$

The estimate for L<sub>1</sub> is easy. In fact, for  $\tilde{p}_1 \in (1, p_1)$  we deduce by the Hölder inequality and the John-Nirenberg inequality that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{j} (b_1(x) - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)) h_1^j(x) \right|^{\tilde{p}_1} dx \lesssim \lambda^{p\tilde{p}_1/p_1 - p},$$

which in turn gives us that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon L_1(x) > \lambda/4\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-\tilde{p}} \left\| \sum_j (b_1 - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)) h_1^j \right\|_{L^{\tilde{p}_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\tilde{p}} \lesssim \lambda^{-p},$$

where  $1/\tilde{p} = 1/\tilde{p}_1 + 1/p_2$ . As for L<sub>2</sub>, we have by Lemma 2.3 that

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{L}_2(x) &\lesssim M_{u_2} f_2(x) \sum_j |b_1(x) - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)| \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^\kappa R_1^j \leqslant 1\}} \sum_{l=0}^\infty |2^l B_1^j|^{1/u_2} \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{E_l^{R_1^j}(x)} |W_{1,\kappa}(x,y_1,y_2;y_1^j)|^{u_2'} \,\mathrm{d}y_2 \right)^{1/u_2'} |h_1^j(y_1)| \,\mathrm{d}y_1 \\ &+ M_{u_2} f_2(x) \sum_j |b_1(x) - m_{B_1^j}(b_1)| \\ &\times \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^\kappa R_1^j > 1\}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\mathbf{H}_{1,\kappa B_1^j}(x,y_1,y_1^j)| \,|h_1^j(y_1)| \,\mathrm{d}y_1 \\ &:= M_{u_2} f_2(x) \mathbf{L}_2^*(x). \end{split}$$

By (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2.3, a straightforward computation leads to

$$\begin{split} \|\mathbf{L}_{2}^{*}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n}\setminus\Omega)} &\lesssim \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}R_{1}^{j} \leqslant 1\}} \sum_{l=3}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |2^{l}B_{1}^{j}|^{1/u_{2}} \bigg( \int_{S_{l}(B_{1}^{j})} |b_{1}(x) - m_{B_{1}^{j}}(b_{1})|^{u_{1}} \, \mathrm{d}x \bigg)^{1/u_{1}} \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \bigg( \int_{S_{l}(B_{1}^{j})} \bigg( \int_{E_{l}^{R_{1}^{j}}(x)} |W_{1,\kappa}(x,y,z;y_{1}^{j})|^{u_{2}^{\prime}} \, \mathrm{d}z \bigg)^{u_{1}^{\prime}/u_{2}^{\prime}} \, \mathrm{d}x \bigg)^{1/u_{1}^{\prime}} |h_{1}^{j}(y)| \, \mathrm{d}y \\ &+ \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}R_{1}^{j} > 1\}} \sum_{l=3}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \int_{S_{l}(B_{1}^{j})} |b_{1}(x) - m_{B_{1}^{j}}(b_{1})| \\ &\times |\mathbf{H}_{1,\kappa,B_{1}^{j}}(x,y_{1},y_{1}^{j})| \, \mathrm{d}x |h_{1}^{j}(y_{1})| \, \mathrm{d}y_{1} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{j} \|h_{1}^{j}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}. \end{split}$$

This in turn implies

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon L_2(x) > \lambda/4\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p} ||M_{u_2} f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{p_2} + \lambda^{-p/p_1} ||L_2^*||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega)} \lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

To consider  $L_3$ , we write

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{L}_{3}(x) &\lesssim \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa} R_{1}^{j} \leqslant 1\}} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \left( \int_{E_{l}^{R_{1}^{j}}(x)} |W_{1,\kappa}(x,y_{1},y_{2};y_{1}^{j})|^{u_{2}^{\prime}} \, \mathrm{d}y_{2} \right)^{1/u_{2}^{\prime}} \\ &\times |h_{1}^{j}(y_{1})| \, \mathrm{d}y_{1} M_{b_{2},u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \\ &+ \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa} R_{1}^{j} > 1\}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} |\mathbf{H}_{1,\kappa,B_{1}^{j}}(x,y_{1},y_{1}^{j})| \, |h_{1}^{j}(y_{1})| \, \mathrm{d}y_{1} M_{b_{2},u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \\ &:= M_{b_{2},u_{2}} f_{2}(x) \mathbf{L}_{3}^{*}(x). \end{split}$$

As in the estimate for L<sub>2</sub>, it follows from (iii) of Lemma 2.3 that

$$\begin{split} \|\mathbf{L}_{3}^{*}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n}\setminus\Omega)} &\lesssim \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}R_{1}^{j}\leqslant 1\}} (2^{\kappa}R)^{n/u_{1}+n/u_{2}-s_{1}-s_{2}+1} \\ &\times \sum_{l=3}^{\infty} 2^{l(n/u_{2}-s_{2})} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{l(n/u_{1}-s_{1})} \|h_{1}^{j}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \\ &+ \sum_{j} \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}R_{1}^{j}>1\}} (2^{\kappa}R)^{n/u_{1}+n/u_{2}-s_{1}-s_{2}} \sum_{l=3}^{\infty} 2^{l(n/u_{2}-s_{2})} \|h_{1}^{j}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{j} \|h_{1}^{j}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}. \end{split}$$

This, along with (1.6), leads to

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon L_3(x) > \lambda/4\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p},$$

and this yields (2.7).

Proof of Theorem 1.2. We first consider the conclusion (i). Let  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ . Lemma 2.6 tells us that if  $p_1 \in (1, \infty)$  and  $p_2 \in (t_2, \infty)$ , then  $T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Similarly, we can verify that if  $p_1 \in (t_1, \infty)$  and  $p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ , then  $T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . An application of the complex interpolation theorem then tells us that, when  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in (\beta, \infty)$  such that  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,  $T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\beta = \max\{t_1/(t_1+1), t_2/(t_2+1)\}$ . Note that for fixed  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in [2/3, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ , we can choose points  $A_1 = (1/p_1^1, 1/p_2^1; 1/p^1)$ ,  $A_2 = (1/p_1^2, 1/p_2^2; 1/p^2)$ ,  $A_3 = (1/p_1^3, 1/p_2^3; 1/p^3)$  such that for  $i = 1, 2, 3, p_1^i, p_2^i \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p^i \in (\beta, \infty)$ ,  $1/p^i = 1/p_1^i + 1/p_2^i$ , and  $(1/p_1, 1/p_2; 1/p)$  is in the open convex hull of  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . Thus, by the multilinear Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem, we see that  $T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with bound independent of N. As it was pointed out in [12], for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\|T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1,f_2) - T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1,f_2)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|(\sigma - \sum_{|\kappa| < N} \tilde{\sigma}_\kappa) \hat{f}_1 \hat{f}_2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \to 0, \quad N \to \infty.$$

Thus, for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in [2/3, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1,f_2)||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^2 ||b_k||_{\mathrm{BMO}} \prod_{l=1}^2 ||f_l||_{L^{p_l}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

This, via a standard argument, gives our conclusion (i).

We turn our attention to the conclusion (ii). By Lemma 2.6 and the argument involving the complex interpolation theorem and the multilinear Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem, we know that for any  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p \in (1/2, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ ,  $T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with bound  $C \sum_{k=1}^2 ||b_k||_{\text{BMO}}$  and C is independent of N, provided that  $s_1 > n/2$ ,  $s_2 = n$ , or that  $s_1 = n$ ,  $s_2 > n/2$ , and so is  $T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}$ . This, via Lemma 2.4, implies that when  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > (3/2)n$ ,  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$   $p \in (1/2, \infty)$  with  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ , then

$$||T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1,f_2)||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^2 ||b_k||_{\mathrm{BMO}} \prod_{k=1}^2 ||f_k||_{L^{p_k}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.3

We begin with the atomic decomposition of  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A function a(x) is called a  $(1, \infty, 0)$ -atom if

- (i) a(x) is supported in a cube Q and satisfies that  $||a||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq |Q|^{-1}$ ;
- (ii)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x) dx = 0$ .

Let  $H_{\mathrm{fin}}^{1,\infty,0}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the set of all finite linear combinations of  $(1,\infty,0)$ -atoms. For  $f\in H_{\mathrm{fin}}^{1,\infty,0}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , define

$$||f||_{H^{1,\infty,0}_{\mathrm{fin}}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \equiv \inf\bigg\{ \sum_{i=1}^k |\lambda_i| \colon f = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i a_i, \ k \in \mathbb{N}, \ \{a_i\}_{i=1}^k \ \mathrm{are} \ (1,\infty,0) \text{-atoms} \bigg\}.$$

Denote by  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the set of all continuous functions. Meda, Sjögren and Vallarino [14] proved that a bounded linear operator on  $H_{\text{fin}}^{1,\infty,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  can be extended to a bounded operator on  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let t be a positive real number. For any finite collection of dyadic cubes Q and associated positive scalars  $r_Q$ , there exists a collection of pairwise disjoint dyadic cubes S such that

$$\sum |S| \leqslant t^{-1} \sum r_Q, \ \left\| \sum_{Q \subseteq \text{any } S} r_Q |Q|^{-1} \chi_Q \right\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant t,$$

and for all S,

$$\sum_{Q \subset S} r_Q \leqslant 8t|S|.$$

For the proof of Lemma 3.1, see [2].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\sigma$  satisfy (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$ , let  $T_{\sigma}^N$  be the operator defined by (2.4).

- (i) For  $p_2 \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $T_{\sigma}^N$  is bounded from  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $1/p = 1 + 1/p_2$ , and the bound is independent of N;
- (ii) if  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  and  $s_1 + s_2 > (3/2)n$ , then  $T^N_{\sigma}$  is bounded from  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{1/2, \infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and the bound is independent of N.

Proof. Since  $s_1 \in (n/2, n]$ , we can take  $p_1 \in (0, 1)$  such that  $s_1 > n/p_1 - n/2$ . By Theorem 1.1 in [15], we know that

$$||T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})||_{L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \lesssim ||f_{1}||_{H^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}||f_{2}||_{L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}, \quad 1/p = 1/p_{1} + 1/p_{2}$$

and

$$||T_{\sigma}^{N}(f_{1}, f_{2})||_{L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \lesssim ||f_{1}||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} ||f_{2}||_{L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}, \quad 1/p = 1/2 + 1/p_{2}.$$

Interpolating the last two inequalities leads to the conclusion (i). The conclusion (ii) can be proved in the same way.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\sigma$  satisfy (1.4) for  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  with  $s_2 + s_2 > (3/2)n$ , and let  $T_{\sigma}^{N}$  be the operator defined by (2.4). Let  $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2} > 1/2$  be such that  $\alpha_{1} + \alpha_{2} = 3/2$ , and  $s_1 > \alpha_1 n$ ,  $s_2 > \alpha_2 n$ . Define  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  by  $\beta_k/2 = 1 - \alpha_k$  (k = 1, 2). Then for  $(1,\infty,0)$ -atoms  $a_1$  supported on cube  $Q_1$  and  $a_2$  supported on cube  $Q_2$ , and any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\sqrt{n}Q_1 \cup 2\sqrt{n}Q_2$ 

$$|T_{\tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa}}(a_1, a_2)(x)| \lesssim 2^{2\kappa n} \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - c_1) \rangle^{-s_1} \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - c_2) \rangle^{-s_2} u_{\kappa, 1}(x) u_{\kappa, 2}(x),$$

where  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  are the center of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  respectively,  $u_{\kappa,1}$ ,  $u_{\kappa,2}$  satisfy that

(3.2) 
$$||u_{\kappa,2}||_{L^{2/\beta_2}} \lesssim \begin{cases} 2^{-\kappa n\beta_2/2} (2^{\kappa} l(Q_2))^{\beta_2} & \text{if } 2^{\kappa} l(Q_2) \leqslant 1\\ 2^{-\kappa n\beta_2/2} & \text{if } 2^{\kappa} l(Q_2) > 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $l(Q_1)$  denotes the side length of  $Q_1$ .

For the proof of Lemma 3.3, see [15].

Proof of Theorem 1.3. We first prove conclusion (a). Let  $p_2 \ge 2$ ,  $f_1 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and  $f_2 \in L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $||f_1||_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} = ||f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1, b_1, b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $||b_1||_{\text{BMO}} = ||b_2||_{\text{BMO}} = 1$ . It suffices to prove that for each fixed  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$(3.3) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon |T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda\}| \leqslant C\lambda^{-p},$$

with  $1/p = 1 + 1/p_2$  and C independent of N. We assume that  $f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_1} r_i a_1^j$ , with

 $N_1$  a positive integer and each  $a_1^j$  a  $(1,\infty,0)$ -atom. As was pointed out in [2], we shall always assume that each scalar  $r_1^j$  is positive and supp  $a_1^j \subset Q_1^j$  for some dyadic cubes. Applying Lemma 3.1 to the collection of cubes  $\{Q_1^j\}_j$  and scalars  $\{r_j\}_j$  with  $t=\lambda^p$ , we have cubes  $\{S_1^j\}_j$  with disjoint interiors. Set

$$f_1(x) = g_1(x) + h_1(x),$$

where

$$g_1(x) = \sum_{\{k \colon Q_k \not\subseteq \text{ any } S_j\}} r_k a_1^k(x) \quad \text{and} \quad h_1(x) = \sum_j \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \subset S_1^j\}} r_k a_1^k(x).$$

Observe that

$$\|g_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant \left\| \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \not\subseteq \text{ any } S_i\}} r_k |Q_1^k|^{-1} \chi_{Q_1^k} \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant \lambda^p,$$

and

$$||g_1||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \lesssim ||g_1||_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} ||g_1||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \lambda^p.$$

The conclusion (i) of Theorem 1.2 tells us that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(g_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda/2\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-q} ||g_1||^q_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} ||f_2||^q_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \lambda^{-p}$$

where  $1/q = 1/2 + 1/p_2$ . Let  $B_1^j$  be the smallest ball containing  $S_1^j$  and  $\Omega = \bigcup_j 4B_1^j$ . It is obvious that  $|\Omega| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}$ . Thus, the proof of (3.3) is reduced to proving that

$$(3.4) |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon |T^N_{\sigma \vec{b}}(h_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda/2\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$ , write

$$\begin{split} |T_{\sigma,\overline{b}}^{N}(h_{1},f_{2})(x)| &\leqslant \left|T_{\sigma}^{N}\left(\sum_{j}\sum_{\{k:\ Q_{1}^{k}\subset S_{1}^{j}\}}(b_{1}-m_{Q_{1}^{k}}(b_{1}))r_{k}a_{1}^{k},f_{2}\right)(x)\right| \\ &+\sum_{j}\sum_{\{k:\ Q_{1}^{k}\subset S_{1}^{j}\}}|r_{k}||b_{1}(x)-m_{Q_{1}^{k}}(b_{1})|\,|T_{\sigma}^{N}(a_{1}^{k},f_{2})(x)| \\ &+|[b_{2},T_{\sigma}^{N}]^{2}(h_{1},f_{2})(x)|:=\sum_{l=1}^{3}\mathrm{U}_{l}(x). \end{split}$$

It follows from Lemma 3.2 that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon U_1(x) > \lambda/6\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p} \left\| \sum_{j} \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \subset S_1^j\}} (b_1 - m_{Q_1^k}(b_1)) r_k a_1^k \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p$$
$$\lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

Similarly to the estimate for  $L_2$  in the proof of Lemma 2.6, we get that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon U_2(x) > \lambda/6\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p} ||M_{u_2} f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{p_2} + \lambda^{-p} \sum_{j} \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \subset S_1^j\}} |r_k| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}$$

with  $u_2 \in (t_2, 2]$ . Also, repeating the estimate for L<sub>3</sub>, we deduce that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon U_3(x) > \lambda/6\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-p} ||M_{b_2, u_2} f_2||_{L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{p_2} + \lambda^{-p} \sum_{j} \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \subset S_1^j\}} |r_k| \lesssim \lambda^{-p}.$$

Combining the estimates for terms  $U_k$  (k = 1, 2, 3) leads to (3.4) and then completes the proof of conclusion (a).

We now prove conclusion (b). Our aim is to prove that if  $f_1, f_2 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $||f_1||_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} = ||f_2||_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then for each fixed  $\lambda > 0$ ,

(3.5) 
$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon |T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1, f_2)(x)| > \lambda\}| \lesssim C \sum_{k=1}^2 ||b_k||_{\text{BMO}}^{1/2} \lambda^{-1/2}.$$

Again we assume that  $||b_1||_{BMO} = ||b_2||_{BMO} = 1$  and

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} r_1^j a_1^j(x), \ f_2(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_2} r_2^j a_2^j(x),$$

where  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  are positive integers and each  $a_i^j$  (i=1,2) is a  $(1,\infty,0)$ -atom, each scalar  $r_i^j$  is positive and supp  $a_i^j \subset Q_i^j$  for some dyadic cube  $Q_i^j$  (i=1,2). Invoking Lemma 3.1 to each collection of cubes  $\{Q_i^j\}_j$  and scalars  $\{r_i^j\}_j$  with  $t=\lambda^{1/2}$ , we obtain two families of cubes  $\{S_1^j\}_j$ ,  $\{S_2^j\}_j$  with disjoint interiors. Decompose  $f_i$  as

$$f_i(x) = g_i(x) + h_i(x),$$

where

$$g_i(x) = \sum_{k: \ Q_i^k \not\subseteq \text{ any } S_i^j} r_i^k a_i^k(x) \quad \text{and} \quad h_i(x) = \sum_j \sum_{\{k: \ Q_i^k \subset S_i^j\}} r_i^k a_i^k(x).$$

It is obvious that  $\|g_i\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \lesssim \lambda^{1/2}$ . By conclusion (a) of Theorem 1.3,  $s_1, s_2 \in (n/2, n]$  implies that  $T^N_{\sigma, \vec{b}}$  is bounded from  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^{2/3, \infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Therefore,

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon |T^N_{\sigma,\vec{b}}(f_1,g_2)(x)| > \lambda/3\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-2/3} ||f_1||_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2/3} ||g_2||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2/3} \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2},$$

and

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |T_{\sigma,\vec{b}}^N(g_1,h_2)(x)| > \lambda/3\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-2/3} ||h_2||_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2/3} ||g_1||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2/3} \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2}.$$

Let  $B_i^j$  be the smallest ball containing  $S_i^j$ , and  $\Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^2 \bigcup_j B_i^j$ , then it is easy to check that

$$|\Omega| \lesssim \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j} |S_i^j| \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2}.$$

The proof of (3.5) is now reduced to proving that

(3.6) 
$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon |[b_1, T_{\sigma}^N]^1(h_1, h_2)(x)| > \lambda/6\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2}$$

and

(3.7) 
$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon |[b_2, T_{\sigma}^N]^2(h_1, h_2)(x)| > \lambda/6\}| \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2}.$$

We only consider (3.6), since the argument equally works for (3.7). For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$ , write

$$\begin{split} |[b_1,T^N_\sigma]^1(h_1,h_2)(x)| &\lesssim \sum_i |r^i_1||b_1(x)-m_{Q^i_1}(b_1)| \sum_j |r^j_1|\,|T^N_\sigma(a^i_1,a^j_2)(x)| \\ &+ \left|T^N_\sigma\bigg(\sum_j \sum_{\{k\colon Q^k_1\subset S^j_1\}} (b_1(y_1)-m_{Q^i_1}(b_1))r^k_1a^k_1,h_2\bigg)(x)\right| \\ &:= \mathrm{D}_1(x)+\mathrm{D}_2(x). \end{split}$$

Recall that

$$\left\| \sum_{j} \sum_{\{k \colon Q_1^k \subset S_1^j\}} (b_1(y_1) - m_{Q_1^i}(b_1)) r_1^k a_1^k \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim 1.$$

It follows from (ii) of Lemma 3.2 that

(3.8) 
$$\left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \colon D_2(x) > \frac{\lambda}{12} \right\} \right| \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2}.$$

As for  $D_1$ , we use Lemma 3.3 and get that for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{D}_{1}(x) &\lesssim \sum_{|\kappa| < N} 2^{\kappa n} \sum_{i} |r_{1}^{i}| |b_{1}(x) - m_{Q_{1}^{i}}(b_{1})| \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y_{1}^{i}) \rangle^{-s_{1}} u_{\kappa, 1}^{i}(x) \\ &\times \sum_{|\kappa| < N} 2^{\kappa n} \sum_{j} |r_{2}^{j}| \langle 2^{\kappa}(x - y_{2}^{j}) \rangle^{-s_{2}} u_{\kappa, 2}^{j}(x) \\ &:= \mathbf{D}_{1}^{1}(x) \mathbf{D}_{1}^{2}(x), \end{split}$$

where  $y_1^i$ ,  $y_2^j$  are the centers of  $Q_1^i$  and  $Q_2^j$ ,  $u_{\kappa,1}^i$  and  $u_{\kappa,2}^j$  satisfy (3.1) and (3.2) respectively. It was proved in [15] that

$$\|\mathbf{D}_1^2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n\setminus\Omega)} \lesssim 1.$$

Let  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1$  be the same as in Lemma 3.3. A trivial computation involving the John-Nirenberg inequality shows that if  $2^{\kappa}l(Q_1^i) > 1$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_1^i} \frac{|b_1(x) - m_{Q_1^i}(b_1)|^{1/\alpha_1}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x - c_1^i) \rangle^{s_1/\alpha_1}} dx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |2^{\kappa} 2^j l(Q_1^i)|^{-s_1/\alpha_1} \int_{S_l(B_1^i)} |b_1(x) - m_{Q_1^i}(b_1)|^{1/\alpha_1} dx$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j |2^{\kappa} 2^j l(Q_1^i)|^{-s_1/\alpha_1} |2^j Q_1^i| \lesssim 2^{-\kappa n} (2^{\kappa} l(Q_1^i))^{-s_1/\alpha_1 + n},$$

and when  $2^{\kappa}l(Q_1^i) \leq 1$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \frac{|b_{1}(x) - m_{Q_{1}^{i}}(b_{1})|^{1/\alpha_{1}}}{\langle 2^{\kappa}(x - c_{1}^{i})\rangle^{s_{1}/\alpha_{1}}} dx \lesssim \int_{|x - c_{1}^{i}| < 2^{-\kappa}} |b_{1}(x) - m_{Q_{1}^{i}}(b_{1})|^{1/\alpha_{1}} dx 
+ \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{l} \leqslant 2^{\kappa}|x - c_{1}^{i}| < 2^{l+1}} \frac{|b_{1}(x) - m_{Q_{1}^{i}}(b_{1})|^{1/\alpha_{1}}}{|2^{\kappa}(x - c_{1}^{i})|^{s_{1}/\alpha_{1}}} dx 
\lesssim 2^{-\kappa n} \log^{1/\alpha_{1}} (2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i}))^{-1} + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (l - \log(2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i})))^{1/\alpha_{1}} 2^{nl - s_{1}/\alpha_{1}} 2^{-\kappa n} 
\lesssim -2^{-\kappa n} \log^{1/\alpha_{1}} (2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i})).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{split} \|\mathbf{D}_{1}^{1}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n}\setminus\Omega)} &\lesssim -\sum_{i} |r_{1}^{i}| \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i})\leqslant 1\}} 2^{-\kappa n\alpha_{1}} \log(2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i})) 2^{-\kappa\beta_{1}n/2} (2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i}))^{\beta_{1}} \\ &+ \sum_{i} |r_{1}^{i}| \sum_{\{\kappa \colon 2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i})> 1\}} 2^{-\kappa\alpha_{1}n} (2^{\kappa}l(Q_{1}^{i}))^{-s_{1}+n\alpha_{1}} 2^{-\kappa n\beta_{1}/2} \lesssim 1. \end{split}$$

The estimates for  $D_1^1$  and  $D_1^2$  imply that

(3.6) now follows from (3.8) and (3.9). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.3.  $\square$ 

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