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# Estimates for the commutators of operator $V^\alpha \nabla(-\Delta + V)^{-\beta}$

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## Abstract

Let a function  $b$  belong to the space  $BMO_\theta(\rho)$ , which is larger than the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and let a nonnegative potential  $V$  belong to the reverse Hölder class  $RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Define the commutator  $[b, T_\beta]f = bT_\beta f - T_\beta(bf)$ , where the operator  $T_\beta = V^\alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}^{-\beta}$ ,  $\beta - \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta \leq 1$ , and  $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta + V$  is the Schrödinger operator. We have obtained the  $L^p$ -boundedness of the commutator  $[b, T_\beta]f$  and we have proved that the commutator is bounded from the Hardy space  $H^1_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into weak  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

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## 1 Introduction and results

Let  $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta + V$  be the Schrödinger operator, where the nonnegative potential  $V$  belongs to the reverse Hölder class  $RH_s$  with  $s > n/2$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Many papers related to Schrödinger operator have appeared (see [1–5]). In recent years, some researchers have studied the boundedness of the commutators generated by the operators associated with  $\mathcal{L}$  and the BMO type space (see [6–9]). In this paper, we investigated the boundedness of the commutator  $[b, T_\beta]$ , where  $T_\beta = V^\alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}^{-\beta}$  and the function  $b \in BMO_\theta(\rho)$ . We note that the space  $BMO_\theta(\rho)$  is larger than the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

For  $s > 1$ , a nonnegative locally  $L^s$ -integrable function  $V$  is said to belong to  $RH_s$  if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that the reverse Hölder inequality

$$\left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B V(y)^s dy \right)^{1/s} \leq \frac{C}{|B|} \int_B V(y) dy$$

holds for every ball  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . It is obvious that  $RH_{s_1} \subseteq RH_{s_2}$  for  $s_1 \geq s_2$ .

As in [2], for a given potential  $V \in RH_s$  with  $s > n/2$ , we will use the auxiliary function  $\rho(x)$  defined as

$$\rho(x) = \sup \left\{ r > 0 : \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \int_{B(x,r)} V(y) dy \leq 1 \right\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

It is well known that  $0 < \rho(x) < \infty$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta + V$  be the Schrödinger operator on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $V \in RH_s$  with  $s > n/2$  and  $n \geq 3$ . We know  $\mathcal{L}$  generates a  $(C_0)$  semigroup  $\{e^{-t\mathcal{L}}\}_{t>0}$ . The maximal function with respect to the semigroup  $\{e^{-t\mathcal{L}}\}_{t>0}$  is defined by  $M^{\mathcal{L}}f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |e^{-t\mathcal{L}}f(x)|$ . The Hardy space associated with  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as follows (see [3, 4]).

**Definition 1** We say that  $f$  is an element of  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if the maximal function  $M^{\mathcal{L}}f$  belongs to  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The quasi-norm of  $f$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|M^{\mathcal{L}}f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**Definition 2** Let  $1 < q \leq \infty$ . A measurable function  $a$  is called an  $(1, q)_{\rho}$ -atom related to the ball  $B(x_0, r)$  if  $r < \rho(x_0)$  and the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $\text{supp } a \subset B(x_0, r)$ ;
- (2)  $\|a\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq |B(x_0, r)|^{1/q-1}$ ;
- (3)  $\int_{B(x_0, r)} a(x) dx = 0$  if  $r < \rho(x_0)/4$ .

The space  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  admits the following atomic decomposition (see [3, 4]).

**Proposition 1** Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $f \in H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if  $f$  can be written as  $f = \sum_j \lambda_j a_j$ , where  $a_j$  are  $(1, q)_{\rho}$ -atoms,  $\sum_j |\lambda_j| < \infty$ , and the sum converges in the  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  quasi-norm. Moreover

$$\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim \inf \left\{ \sum_j |\lambda_j| \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all atomic decompositions of  $f$  into  $(1, q)_{\rho}$ -atoms.

Following [10], the space  $\text{BMO}_{\theta}(\rho)$  with  $\theta \geq 0$  is defined as the set of all locally integrable functions  $b$  such that

$$\frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(y) - b_B| dy \leq C \left( 1 + \frac{r}{\rho(x)} \right)^{\theta}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$ , where  $b_B = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B b(y) dy$ . A norm for  $b \in \text{BMO}_{\theta}(\rho)$ , denoted by  $[b]_{\theta}$ , is given by the infimum of the constants in the inequalities above. Clearly,  $\text{BMO} \subset \text{BMO}_{\theta}(\rho)$ .

We consider the operator

$$T_{\beta} = V^{\alpha} \nabla \mathcal{L}^{-\beta}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \beta \leq 1, \beta - \alpha = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The boundedness of operator  $T_{1/2}$  and its commutator have been researched under the condition  $V \in RH_s$  for  $n/2 < s < n$ . In [2], Shen showed that  $T_{1/2}$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 < p < p_0$ ,  $\frac{1}{p_0} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ . For  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , Guo, Li and Peng [11] investigated the  $L^p$ -boundedness of commutator  $[b, T_{1/2}]$  for  $1 < p < p_0$ ; Li and Peng [12] studied the boundedness of  $[b, T_{1/2}]$  from  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into weak  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . When  $b \in \text{BMO}_{\theta}(\rho)$ , Bongioanni, Harboure and Salinas [10] obtained the  $L^p$ -boundedness of  $[b, T_{1/2}]$  and Liu, Sheng and Wang [13] proved that  $[b, T_{1/2}]$  is bounded from  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to weak  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . More boundedness of commutator  $[b, T_{1/2}]$  can be found in [14] and [15].

For  $1/2 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $\beta - \alpha = 1/2$ ,  $n/2 < s < n$ , Sugano [5] established the estimate for  $T_\beta^*$  (the adjoint operator of  $T_\beta$ ), and proved that there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$|T_\beta^* f(x)| \leq CM(|f|^{p'_\alpha})(x)^{1/p'_\alpha}$$

for all  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} + \frac{1}{p'_\alpha} = 1$ . Then, by the boundedness of maximal function, we get

**Theorem 1** Suppose  $V \in RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ . Let  $1/2 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ . Then

$$\|T_\beta^* f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for  $p'_\alpha < p \leq \infty$ , and by duality we get

$$\|T_\beta f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for  $1 \leq p < p_\alpha$ .

Inspired by the above results, in the present work, we are interested in the boundedness of  $[b, T_\beta]$ . Our main results are as follows.

**Theorem 2** Suppose  $V \in RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ . Let  $1/2 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ . Then,

$$\|[b, T_\beta^*](f)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for  $p'_\alpha < p < \infty$ , and

$$\|[b, T_\beta](f)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for  $1 < p < p_\alpha$ , where  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ .

**Theorem 3** Suppose  $V \in RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ . Let  $1/2 < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ . Then,

$$\|[b, T_\beta](f)\|_{WL^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

In this paper, we shall use the symbol  $A \lesssim B$  to indicate that there exists a universal positive constant  $c$ , independent of all important parameters, such that  $A \leq cB$ .  $A \sim B$  means that  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$ .

## 2 Some preliminaries

We recall some important properties concerning the auxiliary function  $\rho(x)$  which have been proved by Shen [2]. Throughout this section we always assume  $V \in RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ .

**Proposition 2** There exist constants  $C$  and  $k_0 \geq 1$  such that

$$C^{-1}\rho(x)\left(1 + \frac{|x-y|}{\rho(x)}\right)^{-k_0} \leq \rho(y) \leq C\rho(x)\left(1 + \frac{|x-y|}{\rho(x)}\right)^{\frac{k_0}{1+k_0}}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume that  $Q = B(x_0, \rho(x_0))$ , for any  $x \in Q$ , then Proposition 2 tells us that  $\rho(x) \sim \rho(y)$ , if  $|x - y| < C\rho(x)$ . It is easy to get the following result from Proposition 2.

**Lemma 1** *Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in 2^{k+1}B(x_0, r) \setminus 2^k B(x_0, r)$ . Then we have*

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r}{\rho(x)})^N} \lesssim \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r}{\rho(x_0)})^{N/(k_0+1)}}.$$

**Lemma 2** *There exists a constant  $l_0 > 0$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \int_{B(x,r)} V(y) dy \lesssim \left(1 + \frac{r}{\rho(x)}\right)^{l_0}.$$

The following finite overlapping property was given by Dziubański and Zienkiewicz in [3].

**Proposition 3** *There exists a sequence of points  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so that the family of critical balls  $Q_k = B(x_k, \rho(x_k))$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , satisfies*

- (i)  $\bigcup_k Q_k = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (ii) *There exists  $N = N(\rho)$  such that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{card}\{j : 4Q_j \cap 4Q_k\} \leq N$ .*

For  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $g \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we introduce the following maximal functions:

$$M_{\rho,\alpha} g(x) = \sup_{x \in B \in \mathcal{B}_{\rho,\alpha}} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |g(y)| dy,$$

and

$$M_{\rho,\alpha}^\sharp g(x) = \sup_{x \in B \in \mathcal{B}_{\rho,\alpha}} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |g(y) - g_B| dy,$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{\rho,\alpha} = \{B(z, r) : z \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } r \leq \alpha\rho(y)\}$ .

The following Fefferman–Stein type inequality can be found in [10].

**Proposition 4** *For  $1 < p < \infty$ , then there exist  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  such that if  $\{Q_k\}_k$  is a sequence of balls as in Proposition 3 then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M_{\rho,\delta} g(x)|^p dx \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M_{\rho,\gamma}^\sharp g(x)|^p dx + \sum_k |Q_k| \left( \frac{1}{|Q_k|} \int_{2Q_k} |g| \right)^p$$

for all  $g \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We have the following result for the function  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ .

**Lemma 3** ([10]) *Let  $1 \leq s < \infty$ ,  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ , and  $B = B(x, r)$ . Then*

$$\left( \frac{1}{|2^k B|} \int_{2^k B} |b(y) - b_B|^s dy \right)^{1/s} \lesssim [b]_\theta k \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r}{\rho(x)} \right)^{\theta'}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $r > 0$ , where  $\theta' = (k_0 + 1)\theta$  and  $k_0$  is the constant appearing in Proposition 2.

We give an estimate of fundamental solutions; this result can be found in [2]. We denote by  $\Gamma(x, y, \lambda)$  the fundamental solution of  $-\Delta + (V(x) + i\lambda)$ , and then  $\Gamma(x, y, \lambda) = \Gamma(y, x, -\lambda)$ .

**Lemma 4** Assume that  $-\Delta u + (V(x) + i\lambda)u = 0$  in  $B(x_0, 2R)$  for some  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, there exists a  $k'_0$  such that

$$\left( \int_{B(x_0, R)} |\nabla u|^t dx \right)^{1/t} \lesssim R^{n/s-2} \left( 1 + \frac{R}{\rho(x_0)} \right)^{k'_0} \sup_{B(x_0, 2R)} |u|,$$

where  $1/t = 1/s - 1/n$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{W}_\beta = \nabla \mathcal{L}^{-\beta}$ . Let  $\mathcal{W}_\beta^*$  be the adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{W}_\beta$ ,  $K$  and  $K^*$  be the kernels of  $\mathcal{W}_\beta$  and  $\mathcal{W}_\beta^*$  respectively, then  $K(x, z) = K^*(z, x)$ , and we have the following estimates.

**Lemma 5** Suppose  $1/2 < \beta \leq 1$ .

(i) For every  $N$  there exists a constant  $C_N$  such that

$$|K^*(x, z)| \leq \frac{C_N}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta}} \left( \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|\xi-z|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x-z|} \right).$$

Moreover, the inequality above also holds with  $\rho(x)$  replaced by  $\rho(z)$ .

(ii) For every  $N$  and  $0 < \delta < \min\{1, 2 - n/q_0\}$  there exists a constant  $C_N$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| &\leq \frac{C_N}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \\ &\times \frac{|x-y|^\delta}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta+\delta}} \left( \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|\xi-z|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x-z|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $|x-y| < \frac{1}{16}|x-z|$ . Moreover, the inequality above also holds with  $\rho(x)$  replaced by  $\rho(z)$ .

*Proof* The proof of (i) can be found in [5], page 449. Let us prove (ii). By (6) of [5] we know

$$K(x, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (-i\tau)^{-\beta} \nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau) d\tau, & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} < \beta < 1, \\ \nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, 0), & \text{for } \beta = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$|K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| \lesssim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tau|^{-\beta} |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, x, \tau) - \nabla_z \Gamma(z, y, \tau)| d\tau$$

for  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta < 1$  and

$$|K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| \lesssim |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, x, 0) - \nabla_z \Gamma(z, y, 0)|$$

for  $\beta = 1$ .

Fix  $x, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $R = |x - z|/8$ ,  $1/t = 1/s - 1/n$ ,  $\delta = 2 - n/s > 0$ . For any  $|x - y| < R/2$ , it follows from the Morrey embedding theorem (see [16]) and Lemma 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, x, \tau) - \nabla_z \Gamma(z, y, \tau)| \\ & \lesssim |x - y|^{1-n/t} \left( \int_{B(x, R)} |\nabla_u \nabla_z \Gamma(z, u, \tau)|^t du \right)^{1/t} \\ & \lesssim |x - y|^{1-n/t} R^{(n/s)-2} \left( 1 + \frac{R}{\rho(x)} \right)^{k_0} \sup_{u \in B(x, 2R)} |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, u, \tau)|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from [11, p. 428] that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{u \in B(x, 2R)} |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, u, \tau)| \\ & \lesssim \frac{C_{k_1}}{(1 + |\tau|^{1/2} |z - u|)^{k_1} (1 + \frac{|z-u|}{\rho(z)})^{k_1}} \frac{1}{|z - u|^{n-2}} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{B(z, |z-u|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|z - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|z - u|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the fact that  $6R \leq |z - u| \leq 10R$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, x, \tau) - \nabla_z \Gamma(z, y, \tau)| \\ & \lesssim \frac{|x - y|^\delta}{|x - z|^{n-2+\delta}} \frac{C_N}{(1 + |\tau|^{1/2} |x - z|)^N (1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|z - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - z|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $\beta = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| & \lesssim |\nabla_z \Gamma(z, x, 0) - \nabla_z \Gamma(z, y, 0)| \\ & \lesssim \frac{|x - y|^\delta}{|x - z|^{n-2+\delta}} \frac{C_N}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \left( \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|z - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - z|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|\tau|^{-\beta} d\tau}{(1 + |\tau|^{1/2} |x - z|)^k} \lesssim |x - z|^{2\beta-2}.$$

Then, for  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| & \lesssim \frac{|x - y|^\delta}{|x - z|^{n+\delta-2\beta}} \\ & \quad \times \frac{C_N}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \left( \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|\xi - z|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - z|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2, we know that the inequality above also holds with  $\rho(x)$  replaced by  $\rho(z)$ .  $\square$

### 3 Proof of main results

Before proving Theorem 2, we need to give some necessary lemmas.

**Lemma 6** *Let  $V \in RH_s$  with  $n/2 < s < n$ ,  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ . Then, for any  $p'_\alpha < t < \infty$ , we have*

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |[b, T_\beta^*]f| \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y)$$

for all  $f \in L^t_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and every ball  $Q = B(x_0, \rho(x_0))$ .

*Proof* Let  $f \in L^t_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $Q = B(x_0, \rho(x_0))$ . We consider

$$[b, T_\beta^*]f = (b - b_Q)T_\beta^*f - T_\beta^*(f(b - b_Q)). \quad (1)$$

By Hölder's inequality with  $t > p'_\alpha$  and Lemma 3,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |(b - b_Q)T_\beta^*f| &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |b - b_Q|^{t'} \right)^{1/t'} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\beta^*f|^t \right)^{1/t} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\beta^*f|^t \right)^{1/t}. \end{aligned}$$

Write  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$ . By Theorem 1, we know that  $T_\beta^*$  is bounded on  $L^t(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $t > p'_\alpha$ , and then

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\beta^*f_1|^t \right)^{1/t} \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{2Q} |f|^t \right)^{1/t} \lesssim \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y).$$

For  $x \in Q$ , using (i) in Lemma 5, we get

$$|T_\beta^*f_2(x)| = \left| \int_{(2Q)^c} V(z)^\alpha K^*(x, z) f(z) dz \right| \lesssim I_1(x) + I_2(x),$$

where

$$I_1(x) \lesssim \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{|f(z)|}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \frac{V(z)^\alpha}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta+1}} dz$$

and

$$I_2(x) \lesssim \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{|f(z)|}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \frac{V(z)^\alpha}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta}} \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|\xi-z|^{n-1}} d\xi dz.$$

To deal with  $I_2(x)$ , note that  $\rho(x) \sim \rho(x_0)$  and  $|x-z| \sim |x_0-z|$  for  $x \in Q$ . We split  $(2Q)^c$  into annuli to obtain

$$I_2(x) \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta}}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} |f(z)| V(z)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V\chi_{2^k Q})(z) dz.$$

Observe that  $\frac{1}{p'_\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $t > p'_\alpha$ , and  $\beta - \alpha = 1/2$ . Then by Hölder's inequality and the boundedness of fractional integral  $\mathcal{I}_1 : L^s \rightarrow L^{q_1}$  with  $\frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(x) &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 2} 2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} |f(z)|^{p'_\alpha} dz \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} V(z)^s dz \right)^{\alpha/s} \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |\mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k Q})(z)|^{q_1} dz \right)^{1/q_1} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 2} 2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta+n/s-n/q_1} \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} V(z)^s dz \right)^{\alpha/s} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} V(z)^s dz \right)^{1/s} \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y). \end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $V \in RH_s$ , from Lemma 2 and  $2\beta + n(1/s - 1/q_1) - 2\alpha - 2 = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(x) &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 2} 2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta+n(1/s-1/q_1)-2\alpha-2} (1+2^k)^{(\alpha+1)l_0} \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y) \\ &\lesssim \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

For  $I_1(x)$ , we split  $(2Q)^c$  into annuli to obtain

$$I_1(x) \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta-1}}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |f(z)| V(z)^\alpha dz.$$

By Hölder's inequality with  $\frac{1}{p'_\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$ ,  $t > p'_\alpha$ ,  $\beta - \alpha = 1/2$ , and Lemma 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} 2^{-kN} (2^k \rho(x_0))^{2\beta-1} \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |f(z)|^{p'_\alpha} dz \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} V(z)^s dz \right)^{\alpha/s} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2^{-kN}}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^{1-2\beta}} \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} V(z) dz \right)^\alpha \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y) \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} 2^{-kN} (1+2^k)^{\alpha l_0} \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y) \lesssim \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To deal with the second term of (1), we write again  $f = f_1 + f_2$ . Choosing  $p'_\alpha < \bar{t} < t$  and denoting  $v = \frac{\bar{t}t}{t-\bar{t}}$ , using the boundedness of  $T_\beta^*$  on  $L^{\bar{t}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and applying Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\beta^* f_1(b - b_Q)| &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\beta^* f_1(b - b_Q)|^{\bar{t}} \right)^{1/\bar{t}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f_1(b - b_Q)|^{\bar{t}} \right)^{1/\bar{t}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{2Q} |f|^t \right)^{1/t} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{2Q} |b - b_Q|^v \right)^{1/v} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y). \end{aligned}$$

For the remaining term, we have

$$I'_1(x) \lesssim \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{|f(z)(b - b_Q)|}{\left(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)}\right)^N} \frac{V(z)^\alpha}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta+1}} dz$$

and

$$I'_2(x) \lesssim \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{|f(z)(b - b_Q)|}{\left(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)}\right)^N} \frac{V(z)^\alpha}{|x-z|^{n-2\beta}} \int_{B(z, |x-z|/4)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|\xi-z|^{n-1}} d\xi dz.$$

Since  $1 \leq p'_\alpha < t$ , we can choose  $\bar{t}$  such that  $p'_\alpha < \bar{t} < t$ . Let  $v = \frac{\bar{t}t}{t-\bar{t}}$ , and then by Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} |f(z)(b(z) - b_Q)|^{p'_\alpha} dz \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |f(z)(b(z) - b_Q)|^{\bar{t}} dz \right)^{1/\bar{t}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} |f(z)|^t dz \right)^{1/t} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{(2^k \rho(x_0))^n} \int_{2^k Q} |(b(z) - b_Q)|^v dz \right)^{1/v} \\ &\lesssim k 2^{k\theta'} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Then, similar to the estimate of (3), we get

$$I'_1(x) \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} 2^{-kN} (1 + 2^k)^{\alpha l_0} k 2^{k\theta'} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y) \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y).$$

By (4) and similar to the estimate of (2), we can get

$$I'_2(x) \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in Q} M_t f(y).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 6.  $\square$

**Lemma 7** Let  $V \in RH_s$  for  $n/2 < s < n$ ,  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $b \in \text{BMO}_\theta(\rho)$ . Then, for any  $p'_\alpha < t < \infty$  and  $\gamma \geq 1$  we have

$$\int_{(2B)^c} |K^*(x, z) - K^*(y, z)| V(z)^\alpha |b(z) - b_B| |f(z)| dz \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u),$$

for all  $f$  and  $x, y \in B = B(x_0, r)$  with  $r < \gamma \rho(x_0)$ .

*Proof* Denote  $Q = B(x_0, \gamma\rho(x_0))$ . By Lemma 5 and since in our situation  $\rho(x) \sim \rho(x_0)$  and  $|x - z| \sim |x_0 - z|$ , we need to estimate the following four terms:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= r^\delta \int_{Q \setminus 2B} \frac{|f(z)| V(z)^\alpha |b(z) - b_B|}{|x_0 - z|^{n-2\beta+\delta+1}} dz, \\ J_2 &= r^\delta \rho(x_0)^N \int_{Q^c} \frac{|f(z)| V(z)^\alpha |b(z) - b_B|}{|x_0 - z|^{n-2\beta+\delta+1+N}} dz, \\ J_3 &= r^\delta \int_{Q \setminus 2B} \frac{|f(z)| V(z)^\alpha |b(z) - b_B|}{|x_0 - z|^{n-2\beta+\delta}} \int_{B(x_0, 4|x_0-z|)} \frac{V(u)}{|u - z|^{n-1}} du dz, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$J_4 = r^\delta \rho(x_0)^N \int_{Q^c} \frac{|f(z)| V(z)^\alpha |b(z) - b_B|}{|x_0 - z|^{n-2\beta+\delta+N}} \int_{B(x_0, 4|x_0-z|)} \frac{V(u)}{|u - z|^{n-1}} du dz.$$

Splitting into annuli, we have

$$J_1 \lesssim \sum_{j=2}^{j_0} 2^{-j\delta} (2^j r)^{2\beta-1} \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha dz,$$

where  $j_0$  is the least integer such that  $2^{j_0} \geq \gamma\rho(x_0)/r$ . By Hölder's inequality with  $\frac{1}{p'_\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$ ,  $t > p'_\alpha$ , similar to the estimate of (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha dz \\ & \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} (|f(z)| |b(z) - b_B|)^{p'_\alpha} dz \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} V(z)^s dz \right)^{\alpha/s} \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{-2\alpha} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \left( 1 + \frac{2^j r}{\rho(x_0)} \right)^{\theta' + l_0 \alpha} \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{1-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u). \end{aligned}$$

Then, using  $\beta - \alpha = 1/2$ , we get

$$J_1 \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u).$$

To deal with  $I_2$ , we split into annuli and get

$$J_2 \lesssim \left( \frac{\rho(x_0)}{r} \right)^N \sum_{j=j_0-1}^{\infty} 2^{-j(\delta+N)} (2^j r)^{2\beta-1} \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha dz.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha dz \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{-2\alpha} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \left(1 + \frac{2^j r}{\rho(x_0)}\right)^{\theta' + l_0 \alpha} \\ & \lesssim j 2^{j(\theta' + l_0 \alpha)} \left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{r}\right)^{-(\theta' + l_0 \alpha)} (2^j r)^{1-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u). \end{aligned}$$

Then, taking  $N > \theta' + l_0 \alpha$ , we get

$$J_2 \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u).$$

For  $J_3$ , splitting into annuli, we obtain

$$J_3 \lesssim \sum_{j=2}^{j_0} 2^{-j\delta} (2^j r)^{2\beta} \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^{j+2} B})(z) dz.$$

By Hölder's inequality with  $\frac{1}{p'_\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$ , similar to the estimate of (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^{j+2} B})(z) dz \\ & \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} (|f(z)| |b(z) - b_B|)^{p'_\alpha} dz \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} V(z)^s dz \right)^{\alpha/s} \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |\mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^{j+2} B})(z)|^{q_1} dz \right)^{1/q_1} \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{-2\alpha + n(1/s - 1/q_1)} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \left(1 + \frac{2^j r}{\rho(x_0)}\right)^{\theta' + l_0 \alpha} \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} V(z)^s dz \right)^{1/s} \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \left(1 + \frac{2^j r}{\rho(x_0)}\right)^{\theta' + l_0(\alpha+1)} \\ & \lesssim j(2^j r)^{-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$J_3 \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u).$$

Finally, for  $J_4$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_4 & \lesssim \left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{r}\right)^N \sum_{j_0-1}^{\infty} 2^{-j(\delta+N)} (2^j r)^{2\beta} \\ & \quad \times \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^{j+2} B})(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|2^j B|} \int_{2^j B} |f(z)| |b(z) - b_B| V(z)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^{j+2} B})(z) dz \\ & \lesssim j (2^j r)^{-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \left(1 + \frac{2^j r}{\rho(x_0)}\right)^{\theta' + l_0(\alpha+1)} \\ & \lesssim j 2^{j(\theta' + l_0(\alpha+1))} \left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{r}\right)^{-\theta' - l_0(\alpha+1)} (2^j r)^{-2\beta} [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u). \end{aligned}$$

We choose  $N$  large enough such that  $N > \theta' + l_0(\alpha + 1)$ , and then

$$I_4 \lesssim [b]_\theta \inf_{u \in B} M_t f(u),$$

which finishes the proof of Lemma 7.  $\square$

Now we are in a position to give the proof of Theorem 2.

**Proof of Theorem 2** We will prove part (i), and (ii) follows by duality. We start with a function  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $p'_\alpha < p < \infty$ , and by Lemma 6 we have  $[b, T_\beta^*]f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

By Proposition 3 and Lemma 6 with  $p'_\alpha < t < p < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|[b, T_\beta^*]f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M_{\rho, \delta}[b, T_\beta^*]f|^p dx \\ & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M_{\rho, \gamma}^\sharp[b, T_\beta^*]f|^p dx + \sum_k |Q_k| \left( \frac{1}{|Q_k|} \int_{2Q_k} |[b, T_\beta^*]f| \right)^p \\ & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M_{\rho, \gamma}^\sharp[b, T_\beta^*]f|^p dx + [b]_\theta^p \sum_k \int_{2Q_k} |M_t(f)|^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 2 and the boundedness of  $M_t$  on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the second term is controlled by  $[b]_\theta^p \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p$ . Then, we only need to consider the first term.

Our goal is to find a point-wise estimate of  $M_{\rho, \gamma}[b, T_\beta^*]f$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B = B(x_0, r)$  with  $r < \gamma\rho(x_0)$  such that  $x \in B$ . Write  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $f_1 = f \chi_{2B}$ , then

$$[b, T_\beta^*]f = (b - b_B)T_\beta^* f - T_\beta^*(f_1(b - b_B)) - T_\beta^*(f_2(b - b_B)).$$

Then, we need to control the mean oscillation on  $B$  of each term that we call  $\mathcal{O}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_2$  and  $\mathcal{O}_3$ .

Let  $t > p'_\alpha$ , then, by Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1 & \lesssim \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |(b - b_B)T_\beta^* f| \\ & \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |b - b_B|^{t'} \right)^{1/t'} \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |T_\beta^* f|^t \right)^{1/t} \\ & \lesssim [b]_\theta M_t T_\beta^* f(x_0), \end{aligned}$$

since  $r < \gamma\rho(x_0)$ .

To estimate  $\mathcal{O}_2$ , let  $p'_\alpha < \bar{t} < t$  and  $\nu = \frac{\bar{t}}{t-\bar{t}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_2 &\lesssim \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |T_\beta^*((b-b_B)f_1)| \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |T_\beta^*((b-b_B)f_1)|^{\bar{t}} \right)^{1/\bar{t}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |(b-b_B)f_1|^{\bar{t}} \right)^{1/\bar{t}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |b-b_B|^\nu \right)^{1/\nu} \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{2B} |f|^t \right)^{1/t} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta M_t f(x_0).\end{aligned}$$

For  $\mathcal{O}_3$ , note that  $\inf_{y \in B} M_t f(y) \leq M_t f(x_0)$ , and so by Lemma 7 we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_3 &\lesssim \frac{1}{|B|^2} \int_B \int_B |T_\beta^*((b-b_B)f_2)(x) - T_\beta^*((b-b_B)f_2)(y)| \, dx \, dy \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta M_t f(x_0).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have showed that

$$|M_{\rho,\gamma}^\sharp[b, T_\beta^*]f| \lesssim [b]_\theta (M_t T_\beta^* f(x) + M_t f(x)).$$

Since  $t < p$ , we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3** Let  $f \in H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By Proposition 1, we can write  $f = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$ , where each  $a_j$  is a  $(1, q)_\rho$ -atom with  $1 < q < p_\alpha$ ,  $\frac{1}{p_\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+1}{q_0} - \frac{1}{n}$  and  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \leq 2\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ . Suppose  $\text{supp } a_j \subset B_j = B(x_j, r_j)$  with  $r_j < \rho(x_j)$ . Write

$$\begin{aligned}[b, T_\beta]f(x) &= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j [b, T_\beta]a_j(x) \chi_{8B_j}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j:r_j \geq \rho(x_j)/4} \lambda_j (b(x) - b_{B_j}) T_\beta a_j(x) \chi_{(8B_j)^c}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j:r_j < \rho(x_j)/4} \lambda_j (b(x) - b_{B_j}) T_\beta a_j(x) \chi_{(8B_j)^c}(x) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j T_\beta((b-b_{B_j})a_j)(x) \chi_{(8B_j)^c}(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{ij}(x).\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\left( \int_{B_j} |a_j(x)|^q \, dx \right)^{1/q} \lesssim |B_j|^{\frac{1}{q}-1}.$$

By Hölder's inequality, for  $1 < q < p_\alpha$ , and using Theorem 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|A_{1j}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\lesssim \left( \int_{8B_j} |[b, T_\beta]a_j(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} r_j^{\frac{n}{q}} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta r_j^{\frac{n}{q'}} \left( \int_{B_j} |a_j(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta |B_j|^{\frac{1}{q'} + \frac{1}{q} - 1} \lesssim [b]_\theta.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{1j} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\lesssim \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \|A_{1j}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim [b]_\theta \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \lesssim [b]_\theta \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.\end{aligned}$$

And so

$$\left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{1j} \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \lesssim \frac{[b]_\theta}{\lambda} \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Since  $z \in B_j$ ,  $x \in 2^k B_j \setminus 2^{k-1} B_j$ , we have  $|x - z| \sim |x - x_j| \sim 2^k r_j$ , and by Lemma 1 we get

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \frac{|x-z|}{\rho(x)})^N} \lesssim \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)})^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}}}.$$

By Hölder's inequality, Lemmas 2 and 3, we get

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha dx \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}|^{(\frac{s}{\alpha})'} dx \right)^{1/(\frac{s}{\alpha})'} \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} V(x)^s dx \right)^{\alpha/s} \\ &\lesssim k [b]_\theta \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'} \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} V(x) dx \right)^\alpha \\ &\lesssim k [b]_\theta (2^k r_j)^{-2\alpha} \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta' + l_0 \alpha}.\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

Note that  $\frac{1}{p'_\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{n}$ , so by Hölder's and Hardy–Littlewood–Sobolev's inequalities and using the fact that  $V \in RH_s$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha (\mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k B})(x)) dx \\ &\lesssim \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}|^{p'_\alpha} dx \right)^{1/p'_\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} V(x)^s dx \right)^{\alpha/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} (\mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k B_j})(x))^{q_1} dx \right)^{1/q_1} \\
& \lesssim [b]_\theta k |2^k B_j|^{1/s-1/q_1} \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'} \left( \frac{1}{|2^k B_j|} \int_{2^k B_j} V(x)^s dx \right)^{(\alpha+1)/s} \\
& \lesssim [b]_\theta k (2^k r_j)^{-2\alpha-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'+(\alpha+1)l_0}. \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\int_{B_j} |a_j(y)| dy \lesssim 1$ ,  $\beta - \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r_j/\rho(x_j) \geq 1/4$ . Then, taking  $N$  large enough such that  $\frac{N}{k_0+1} > \theta' + l_0(\alpha + 1)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|A_{2,j}(x)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 4} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x)})^N} \frac{1}{(2^k r_j)^{n-2\beta+1}} \int_{2^k B_j \setminus 2^{k-1} B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha dx \int_{B_j} |a_j(z)| dz \\
& \quad + \sum_{k \geq 4} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x)})^N} \frac{1}{(2^k r_j)^{n-2\beta}} \\
& \quad \times \int_{2^k B_j \setminus 2^{k-1} B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha (\mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k B_j})(x)) dx \int_{B_j} |a_j(z)| dz \\
& \lesssim [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 4} \frac{k(2^k r_j)^{2\beta-1}}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)})^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}}} (2^k r_j)^{-2\alpha} \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'+l_0\alpha} \\
& \quad + [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 4} \frac{(2^k r_j)^{2\beta}}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)})^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}}} (2^k r_j)^{-2\alpha-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'+(\alpha+1)l_0} \\
& \lesssim [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{k}{(2^k)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}-\theta'-l_0\alpha}} + [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{k}{(2^k)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}-\theta'-l_0(\alpha+1)}} \\
& \lesssim [b]_\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left\| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{2j} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim [b]_\theta \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Therefore

$$\left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{2j} \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \lesssim \frac{[b]_\theta}{\lambda} \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

When  $x \in 2^k B_j \setminus 2^{k-1} B_j$ , and  $z \in B_j$ , by Lemmas 5 and 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|K(x, z) - K(x, x_j)| & \lesssim \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)})^{N/(k_0+1)}} \frac{r_j^\delta}{(2^k r_j)^{n+\delta-2\beta+1}} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)})^{N/(k_0+1)}} \frac{r_j^\delta}{(2^k r_j)^{n+\delta-2\beta}} \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k B_j})(z),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta = 2 - n/s > 0$ . Thus, by the vanishing condition of  $a_j$ , together with (5) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|A_{3,j}(x)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
 & \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 4} \int_{2^k B_j \setminus 2^{k-1} B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha \int_{B_j} |K_\alpha(x, z) - K_\alpha(x, x_j)| |a_j(z)| dz dx \\
 & \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)}\right)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}}} \frac{r_j^\delta}{(2^k r_j)^{n+\delta-2\beta+1}} \int_{2^{k+1} B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha dx \int_{B_j} |a_j(z)| dz \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)}\right)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1}}} \frac{r_j^\delta}{(2^k r_j)^{(n+\delta-2\beta)}} \\
 & \quad \times \int_{2^{k+1} B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}| V(x)^\alpha \mathcal{I}_1(V \chi_{2^k B_j})(x) dx \int_{B_j} |a_j(z)| dz \\
 & \lesssim [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)}\right)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1} - \theta' - l_0 \alpha}} \frac{k}{2^{k\delta}} + [b]_\theta \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{2^k r_j}{\rho(x_j)}\right)^{\frac{N}{k_0+1} - \theta' - l_0(\alpha+1)}} \frac{k}{2^{k\delta}} \lesssim [b]_\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

So that

$$\left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{3j} \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \lesssim \frac{[b]_\theta}{\lambda} \|f\|_{H^1_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Now let us deal with the last part. Since  $r_j \leq \rho(x_j)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|(b - b_{B_j})a_j\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} & \leq \left( \int_{B_j} |b(x) - b_{B_j}|^{q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \left( \int_{B_j} |a_j(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\
 & \lesssim [b]_\theta \left( 1 + \frac{r_j}{\rho(x_j)} \right)^{\theta'} \lesssim [b]_\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A_{4j}(x)| & \leq \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| T_\beta(|(b - b_{B_j})a_j|)(x) \chi_{(8B_j)^c}(x) \\
 & \leq T_\beta \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j (b - b_{B_j})a_j| \right)(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 1, we know  $T_\beta$  is bounded from  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into weak  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{4j} \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \\
 & \leq \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| T_\beta \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j (b - b_{B_j})a_j| \right)(x) \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \\
 & \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j (b - b_{B_j})a_j| \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \| (b - b_{B_j}) a_j \|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim \frac{[b]_{\theta}}{\lambda} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right) \lesssim \frac{[b]_{\theta}}{\lambda} \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{ij} \right| > \lambda \right\} \right| \\ &\lesssim \sum_{i=1}^4 \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j A_{ij} \right| > \frac{\lambda}{4} \right\} \right| \\ &\lesssim \frac{[b]_{\theta}}{\lambda} \|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

#### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we established the  $L^p$ -boundedness of commutator operators  $[b, T_{\beta}]$  and  $[b, T_{\beta}^*]$ , where  $T_{\beta} = V^{\alpha} \nabla \mathcal{L}^{-\beta}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $\beta - \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $b \in \text{BMO}_{\theta}(\rho)$ , which is larger than the space  $\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . At the endpoint, we show that the operator  $[b, T_{\beta}]$  is bounded from Hardy space  $H_{\mathcal{L}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  continuously into weak  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . These results enrich the theory of Schrödinger operator.

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