

# WEIGHTED ESTIMATES FOR COMMUTATORS ON NONHOMOGENEOUS SPACES

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Let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which may be nondoubling. The only condition that  $\mu$  must satisfy is  $\mu(Q) \leq c_0 l(Q)^n$  for any cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with sides parallel to the coordinate axes and for some fixed  $n$  with  $0 < n \leq d$ . This paper is to establish the weighted norm inequality for commutators of Calderón-Zygmund operators with RBMO( $\mu$ ) functions by an estimate for a variant of the sharp maximal function in the context of the nonhomogeneous spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mu$  be some nonnegative Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying

$$\mu(Q) \leq c_0 l(Q)^n \tag{1.1}$$

for any cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with sides parallel to the coordinate axes, where  $l(Q)$  stands for the side length of  $Q$  and  $n$  is a fixed real number such that  $0 < n \leq d$ . Throughout this paper, all cubes we will consider will be those with sides parallel to the coordinate axes. For  $r > 0$ ,  $rQ$  will denote the cube with the same center as  $Q$  and with  $l(rQ) = rl(Q)$ . Moreover,  $Q(x, r)$  will be the cube centered at  $x$  with side length  $r$ .

The classical theory of harmonic analysis for maximal functions and singular integrals on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$  has been developed under the assumption that the underlying measure  $\mu$  satisfies the doubling property, that is, there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq c\mu(B(x, r))$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $r > 0$ . But recently, many classical results have been proved still valid without the doubling condition; see [1–18] and their references.

Orobitg and Pérez [11] have studied an analogue of the classical theory of  $A_p(\mu)$  weights in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  without assuming that the underlying measure  $\mu$  is doubling. Then, they

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obtained weighted norm inequalities for the (centered) Hardy-Littlewood maximal function and corresponding weighted estimates for nonclassical Calderón-Zygmund operators. They also considered commutators of those Calderón-Zygmund operators with  $BMO(\mu)$  functions. The purpose of this paper is to establish weighted estimates for commutators of those nonclassical Calderón-Zygmund operators with  $RBMO(\mu)$  in this new setting.

Let us introduce some notations and definitions. Given two cubes  $Q \subset R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , we set

$$K_{Q,R} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{Q,R}} \frac{\mu(2^k Q)}{l(2^k Q)^n}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $N_{Q,R}$  is the first integer  $k$  such that  $l(2^k Q) \geq l(R)$ .  $K_{Q,R}$  was introduced by Tolsa in [15].

Given  $\beta_d$  (depending on  $d$ ) big enough (e.g.,  $\beta_d > 2^n$ ), we say that some cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is doubling if  $\mu(2Q) \leq \beta_d \mu(Q)$ .

Given a cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , let  $N$  be the smallest integer  $\geq 0$  such that  $2^N Q$  is doubling. We denote this cube by  $\tilde{Q}$ .

Let  $\eta > 1$  be some fixed constant. We say that a function  $b(x)$  is in  $RBMO(\mu)$  if there exists some constant  $c_1$  such that for any cube  $Q$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\eta Q)} \int_Q |b - m_{\tilde{Q}} b| d\mu \leq c_1, \quad (1.3)$$

$$|m_Q b - m_R b| \leq c_1 K_{Q,R} \quad \text{for any two doubling cubes } Q \subset R,$$

where  $m_Q b = 1/\mu(Q) \int_Q b d\mu$ . The minimal constant  $c_1$  is the  $RBMO(\mu)$  norm of  $b$ , and it will be denoted by  $\|b\|_*$ . The  $RBMO(\mu)$  function space was introduced by Tolsa in [15] and shares more properties with the classical  $BMO$  function space than  $BMO(\mu)$  space.

We say a kernel  $k(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{(x, y) : x = y\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional Calderón-Zygmund kernel in the new setting if

- (1)  $|k(x, y)| \leq A/|x - y|^n$  if  $x \neq y$ ,
- (2) there exists  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  such that

$$|k(x, y) - k(x', y)| + |k(y, x) - k(y, x')| \leq \frac{A|x - x'|^\gamma}{|x - y|^{n+\gamma}} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\text{if } |x - y| > 2|x - x'|.$$

A bounded linear operator  $T$  from  $L^2(\mu)$  to  $L^2(\mu)$  is said to be a Calderón-Zygmund operator with  $n$ -dimensional kernel  $k$  if for every compactly supported function  $f \in L^2(\mu)$ ,

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} k(x, y)f(y)d\mu(y) \quad \text{for } x \notin \text{supp } f. \quad (1.5)$$

For  $r > 0$ , we define the truncated operators by

$$T_r f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B(x, r)} k(x, y)f(y)d\mu(y) \quad (1.6)$$

and define the maximal operator associated with  $T$  as follows:

$$T_* f(x) = \sup_{r>0} |T_r f(x)|. \tag{1.7}$$

**2. Sharp maximal function estimates for commutators**

In [15], Tolsa defined a sharp maximal operator  $M^\# f(x)$  such that

$$f \in \text{RBMO}(\mu) \iff M^\# f \in L^\infty(\mu), \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$M^\# f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |f - m_{\tilde{Q}} f| d\mu + \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \subset R \\ Q, R \text{ doubling}}} \frac{|m_Q f - m_R f|}{K_{Q,R}}. \tag{2.2}$$

We also consider the noncentered doubling maximal operator  $N$ :

$$Nf(x) = \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \\ Q \text{ doubling}}} \frac{1}{\mu(Q)} \int_Q |f| d\mu. \tag{2.3}$$

By [15, Remark 2.3], for  $\mu$ -almost all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  one can find a sequence of doubling cubes  $\{Q_k\}_k$  centered at  $x$  with  $l(Q_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\mu(Q_k)} \int_{Q_k} b(y) d\mu(y) = b(x). \tag{2.4}$$

So,  $|f(x)| \leq Nf(x)$  for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Moreover, it is easy to show that  $N$  is of weak type  $(1,1)$  and bounded on  $L^p(\mu)$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty]$ .

In order to obtain the estimate for a variant of the sharp maximal function for the commutators of Calderón-Zygmund operators defined as above with  $\text{RBMO}(\mu)$  functions, we need the following definition.

A function  $B : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a Young function if it is continuous, convex, increasing, and satisfying  $B(0) = 0$  and  $B(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . We define the  $B$ -average of a function  $f$  over a cube  $Q$  by means of the following Luxemburg norm:

$$\|f\|_{B,Q,(\rho)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{\mu(\rho Q)} \int_Q B\left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda}\right) d\mu \leq 1 \right\}. \tag{2.5}$$

The generalized Hölder’s inequality

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\rho Q)} \int_Q |f(y)g(y)| d\mu(y) \leq \|f\|_{B,Q,(\rho)} \|g\|_{\bar{B},Q,(\rho)} \tag{2.6}$$

holds, where  $\bar{B}$  is the complementary Young function associated to  $B$ . For every locally integrable function  $f$ , define its maximal operator  $M_{B,(\rho)}$  by

$$M_{B,(\rho)} f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \|f\|_{B,Q,(\rho)}. \tag{2.7}$$

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**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $b \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ , let  $0 < \delta < \epsilon < 1$ , there exists  $C = C_{\delta, \epsilon}$  such that*

$$M_{\delta}^{\#}([b, T]f)(x) \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $M_{\delta}^{\#} f(x) = M^{\#}(|f|^{\delta})^{1/\delta}$ ,  $M_{p, (\rho)} f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} ((1/\mu(\rho Q)) \int_Q |f|^p d\mu)^{1/p}$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . Set  $M_{(\rho)} f(x) = M_{1, (\rho)} f(x)$ .

Before proving the theorem, another equivalent norm for  $\text{RBMO}(\mu)$  is needed. Suppose that for a given function  $b \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mu)$  there exist some  $c_2$  and a collection of numbers  $\{b_Q\}_Q$  (i.e., for each cube  $Q$ , there exists  $b_Q \in \mathbb{R}$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_Q \frac{1}{\mu(\eta Q)} \int_Q |b - b_Q| d\mu &\leq c_2, \\ |b_Q - b_R| &\leq c_2 K_{Q,R} \quad \text{for any two cubes } Q \subset R. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Then, set  $\|b\|_{**} = \inf c_2$ , where the infimum is taken over all the constants  $c_2$  and all the numbers  $\{b_Q\}$  satisfying (2.9). By [15, Lemma 2.8, page 99], for a fixed  $\eta > 1$ , the norms  $\|\cdot\|_*$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{**}$  are equivalent.

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* We follow the argument from [15, proof of Theorem 9.1]. Let  $Q = Q(x, r)$  be a cube with center  $x$  and side length  $r$ . For  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $|\alpha|^{\delta} - |\beta|^{\delta} \leq |\alpha - \beta|^{\delta}$ . Let  $\{b_Q\}_Q$  be a sequence of numbers satisfying

$$\int_Q |b - b_Q| d\mu \leq 2\mu(2Q) \|b\|_{**}, \quad (2.10)$$

for all cubes  $Q$  and

$$|b_Q - b_R| \leq 2K_{Q,R} \|b\|_{**} \quad (2.11)$$

for all cubes  $Q, R$  with  $Q \subset R$ . For any cube  $Q$ , we denote  $h_Q := -m_Q(T((b - b_Q)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus (4/3)Q}))$ . We will show that for all  $x, Q$  with  $x \in Q$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \left( \int_Q |[b, T]f - h_Q|^{\delta} d\mu \right)^{1/\delta} \leq C \|b\|_{**} (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x)); \quad (2.12)$$

and for all cubes  $Q, R$  with  $Q \subset R, x \in Q$ ,

$$|h_Q - h_R| \leq C \|b\|_{**} (M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)) K_{Q,R}^2. \quad (2.13)$$

To obtain (2.12) for some fixed cube  $Q$  and  $x$  with  $x \in Q$ , we rewrite  $[b, T]f$ :

$$[b, T]f = (b - b_Q)Tf - T((b - b_Q)f_1) - T((b - b_Q)f_2), \quad (2.14)$$

where  $f_1 = f\chi_{(4/3)Q}$ ,  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . Let us estimate the term  $(b - b_Q)Tf$  first. Take  $1 < r < \varepsilon/\delta$ . By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |(b(y) - b_Q)Tf(y)|^\delta d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |b(y) - b_Q|^{\delta r'} d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta r'} \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |Tf(y)|^{\delta r} d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta r} \\ & \leq C \|b\|_{**} M_{\delta r, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) \leq C \|b\|_{**} M_{\varepsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Since  $T : L^1(\mu) \rightarrow L^{1,\infty}(\mu)$  (see [9]) and  $0 < \delta < 1$ , Kolmogorov's inequality and generalized Hölder's inequality yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |T((b - b_Q)f_1(y))|^\delta d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_{(4/3)Q} |(b(y) - b_Q)f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \|b - b_Q\|_{\exp L, (4/3)Q, (9/8)} \|f\|_{L \log L, (4/3)Q, (9/8)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

while John-Nirenberg inequality implies that

$$\frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_{(4/3)Q} \exp\left(\frac{|b(y) - b_Q|}{C \|b\|_*}\right) d\mu(y) \leq C_0. \quad (2.17)$$

So there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all cubes  $Q$ ,

$$\|b - b_Q\|_{\exp L, (4/3)Q, (\rho)} \leq C \|b\|_*. \quad (2.18)$$

Therefore

$$\left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |T((b - b_Q)f_1(y))|^\delta d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta} \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \log L, (9/8)} f(x). \quad (2.19)$$

In order to prove (2.12), we only need to estimate  $|T((b - b_Q)f_2) - h_Q|^\delta$ . Note that

$$K_{Q, 2^k(4/3)Q} = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \frac{\mu(2^j Q)}{l(2^j Q)^n} \leq 1 + (k+1)C_0 \leq Ck. \quad (2.20)$$

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For  $x, y \in Q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(T((b - b_Q) f_2))(x) - (T((b - b_Q) f_2))(y)| \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus (4/3)Q} \frac{|y - x|^\gamma}{|z - x|^{n+\gamma}} |b(z) - b_Q| |f(z)| d\mu(z) \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^k(4/3)Q \setminus 2^{k-1}(4/3)Q} \frac{l(Q)^\gamma}{|z - x|^{n+\gamma}} (|b(z) - b_{2^k(4/3)Q}| + |b_Q - b_{2^k(4/3)Q}|) |f(z)| d\mu(z) \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k\gamma} \frac{1}{l(2^k Q)^n} \int_{2^k(4/3)Q} |b(z) - b_{2^k(4/3)Q}| |f(z)| d\mu(z) \\
& \quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{-k\gamma} \|b\|_* \frac{1}{l(2^k Q)^n} \int_{2^k(4/3)Q} |f(z)| d\mu(z) \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k\gamma} \frac{1}{\mu((9/8)2^k(4/3)Q)} \int_{2^k(4/3)Q} |b(z) - b_{2^k(4/3)Q}| |f(z)| d\mu(z) \\
& \quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{-k\gamma} \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)} f(x) \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k\gamma} \|b - b_{2^k(4/3)Q}\|_{\exp L, 2^k(4/3)Q, (9/8)} \|f\|_{L \text{Log} L, 2^k(4/3)Q, (9/8)} + C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)} f(x) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \text{Log} L, (9/8)} f(x) + C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)} f(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

For  $\rho > 1$ , it is easy to see  $M_{(\rho)} f(x) \leq M_{L \text{Log} L, (\rho)} f(x)$ . Thus

$$|(T((b - b_Q) f_2))(x) - (T((b - b_Q) f_2))(y)| \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \text{Log} L, (9/8)} f(x). \tag{2.22}$$

According to Jensen's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |T((b - b_Q) f_2)(y) - m_Q(T(b - b_Q) f_2)|^\delta d\mu(y) \right)^{1/\delta} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q |T((b - b_Q) f_2)(y) - m_Q(T(b - b_Q) f_2)| d\mu(y) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \text{Log} L, (9/8)} f(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

Note that for  $\rho > 1$ ,  $M_{(\rho)}^2 f(x) \approx M_{L \text{Log} L, (\rho)} f(x)$ . By (2.15), (2.16), and (2.23) we obtain (2.12).

For  $\{h_Q\}_Q$ , we want to prove (2.13). Consider two cubes  $Q \subset R$  and  $x \in Q$ . We denote  $N = N_{Q,R} + 1$ . We write  $h_Q - h_R$  in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |m_Q(T((b - b_Q)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus (4/3)Q})) - m_R(T((b - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus (4/3)R}))| \\
 & \leq |m_Q(T((b - b_Q)f\chi_{2Q \setminus (4/3)Q}))| + |m_Q(T((b_Q - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q}))| \\
 & \quad + |m_Q(T((b - b_R)f\chi_{2^N Q \setminus 2Q}))| \\
 & \quad + |m_Q(T((b - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2^N Q})) - m_R(T((b - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2^N Q}))| \\
 & \quad + |m_R(T((b - b_R)f\chi_{2^N Q \setminus (4/3)R}))| \\
 & = M_1 + M_2 + M_3 + M_4 + M_5.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.24}$$

Let us estimate  $M_1$ . For  $y \in Q$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |T((b - b_Q)f\chi_{2Q \setminus (4/3)Q})(y)| & \leq \frac{C}{l(2Q)^n} \int_{2Q} |b - b_Q| |f| d\mu \\
 & \leq C \|b - b_Q\|_{\exp L, 2Q, (9/8)} \|f\|_{L \text{Log} L, 2Q, (9/8)} \\
 & \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \text{Log} L, (9/8)} f(x) \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

So we derive  $M_1 \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x)$ . Let us consider  $M_2$ . For  $x, y \in Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Tf(\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q})(y)| & = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q} f(z)k(y, z) d\mu(z) \right| \\
 & \leq \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q} f(z)(k(y, z) - k(x, z)) d\mu(z) \right| + \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q} k(x, z) f(z) d\mu(z) \right| \\
 & \leq \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q} \frac{|y - z|^\gamma}{|y - z|^{n+\gamma}} |f(z)| d\mu(z) \right| + T_* f(x) \\
 & \leq C \sup_{Q_0 \ni x} \frac{1}{l(Q_0)^n} \int_{Q_0} |f| d\mu + T_* f(x) \leq CM_{(9/8)} f(x) + T_* f(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.26}$$

Thus

$$M_2 = |(b_R - b_Q)Tf(\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q})| \leq CK_{Q,R} \|b\|_* (T_* f(x) + CM_{(9/8)}^2 f(x)). \tag{2.27}$$

For the term  $M_4$ , we execute the process as in (2.21). For any  $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |T((b - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q})(y) - T((b - b_R)f\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus 2Q})(z)| \\
 & \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \text{Log} L, (9/8)} f(x) \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

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The term  $M_5$  can be estimated as  $M_1$ . We can obtain

$$M_5 \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x). \quad (2.29)$$

Finally we have to deal with  $M_3$ . For  $y \in Q$ , we have

$$|b_{2^{k+1}Q} - b_R| \leq CK_{2^{k+1}Q,R} \|b\|_* \leq CK_{Q,R} \|b\|_*. \quad (2.30)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & |T((b - b_R)f\chi_{2^N \setminus 2Q})(y)| \\ & \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{l(2^k Q)^n} \int_{2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^k Q} |b - b_R| |f| d\mu \\ & \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{l(2^k Q)^n} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |b - b_{2^{k+1}Q}| |f| d\mu + C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \\ & \quad \times \frac{1}{l(2^k Q)^n} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |b_{2^{k+1}Q} - b_R| |f| d\mu \\ & \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \|b - b_{2^{k+1}Q}\|_{\exp L, 2^{k+1}Q, (9/8)} \|f\|_{L \log L, 2^{k+1}Q, (9/8)} \\ & \quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} K_{Q,R} \|b\|_* \frac{\mu(2^{k+1}Q)}{l(2^k Q)^n} \frac{1}{\mu(2^{k+1}Q)} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f| d\mu \\ & \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \log L, (9/8)} f(x) + CK_{Q,R} \|b\|_* \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{\mu(2^{k+1}Q)}{l(2^k Q)^n} M_{(9/8)} f(x) \\ & \leq C \|b\|_* M_{L \log L, (9/8)} f(x) + CK_{Q,R}^2 \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)} f(x) \\ & \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) K_{Q,R}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

Taking the mean over  $Q$ , we get

$$M_3 \leq C \|b\|_* M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) K_{Q,R}^2. \quad (2.32)$$

By the estimates on  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5$ , we can get (2.13).

Let us see how from (2.12) and (2.13) one obtains (2.8). If  $Q$  is a doubling cube and  $x \in Q$ , then we have by (2.12)

$$\begin{aligned} & |m_Q(|[b, T]f|^\delta) - |h_Q^\delta|||^{1/\delta} \leq \left( \frac{1}{\mu(Q)} \int_Q ||[b, T]f|^\delta - h_Q^\delta| d\mu \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$



Also, for any cube  $Q \ni x$ ,  $K_{Q,\tilde{Q}} \leq C$ , and then by (2.12) and (2.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q \left| |[b, T]f |^\delta - m_{\tilde{Q}}(|[b, T]f |^\delta) \right| d\mu \right)^{1/\delta} \\
 & \leq \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q \left| |[b, T]f |^\delta - |h_Q|^\delta \right| d\mu \right)^{1/\delta} + \left| |h_Q|^\delta - |h_{\tilde{Q}}|^\delta \right|^{1/\delta} \\
 & \quad + \left| |h_{\tilde{Q}}|^\delta - m_{\tilde{Q}}(|[b, T]f |^\delta) \right|^{1/\delta} \\
 & \leq \left( \frac{1}{\mu((3/2)Q)} \int_Q \left| |[b, T]f - h_Q |^\delta d\mu \right)^{1/\delta} + |h_Q - h_{\tilde{Q}}| + |h_{\tilde{Q}}^\delta - m_{\tilde{Q}}(|[b, T]f |^\delta) |^{1/\delta} \\
 & \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.34}$$

On the other hand, for all doubling cubes  $Q \subset R$  with  $x \in Q$  such that  $K_{Q,R} \leq P_0$ , where  $P_0$  is the constant in [15, Lemma 9.3, page 143]. By (2.13) we have

$$|h_Q - h_R| \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)) K_{Q,R} P_0. \tag{2.35}$$

So by [15, Lemma 9.3, page 143], we get

$$|h_Q - h_R| \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)) K_{Q,R} \tag{2.36}$$

for all doubling cubes  $Q \subset R$  with  $x \in Q$ , using (2.13) again, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| m_Q(|[b, T]f |^\delta) - m_R(|[b, T]f |^\delta) \right| \\
 & \leq \left| m_Q(|[b, T]f |^\delta) - h_Q^\delta \right| + |h_Q^\delta - h_R^\delta| + \left| h_R^\delta - m_R(|[b, T]f |^\delta) \right| \\
 & \leq C (\|b\|_* (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)) K_{Q,R})^\delta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.37}$$

From the above estimates, we can obtain

$$M_\delta^\#([b, T]f)(x) \leq C \|b\|_* (M_{\epsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x) + M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x) + T_* f(x)). \tag{2.38}$$

□

Now we are in the position to give the definition of weights we will consider. Here we will consider the  $A_p(\mu)$  weights introduced by Orobítg and Pérez in [11]. So we need the assumption that  $\mu(\partial Q) = 0$  for any cube  $Q$  with sides parallel to the coordinates axes.

Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $p' = p/(p-1)$ . We say that a weight  $w$  satisfies the  $A_p(\mu)$  condition if there exists a constant  $K$  such that for all cubes  $Q$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\mu(Q)} \int_Q w d\mu \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu(Q)} \int_Q w^{1-p'} d\mu \right)^{p-1} \leq K. \tag{2.39}$$

And we define the  $A_\infty(\mu)$  class as  $A_\infty(\mu) = \bigcup_{p>1} A_p(\mu)$ .

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THEOREM 2.2. Let  $0 < p < \infty$ , let  $\rho > 1$ ,  $w(x) \in A_\infty(\mu)$  defined above, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |Tf(x)|^p w(x) d\mu(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_{(\rho)}f(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \quad (2.40)$$

holds for every function  $f$  for which the left-hand side is finite.

*Proof.* For each  $\epsilon > 0$  we define the maximal operator

$$T_\epsilon^* f(x) = \sup_{\delta > \epsilon} |T_\delta f(x)|. \quad (2.41)$$

We only need to prove that for  $w \in A_\infty(\mu)$ , there exist suitable constants  $\alpha, \beta, \epsilon$  such that

$$w(\{x : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq \alpha w(\{x : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > t\}), \quad t > 0, \quad (2.42)$$

for all  $\alpha^p < (1 + \beta)^{-1}$ . We may assume  $f$  is nonnegative and locally integrable. Follow the idea of [11], we first consider the special case when  $w = 1$ , then (2.42) turns to

$$\mu(\{x : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq \alpha \mu(\{x : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > t\}). \quad (2.43)$$

Since  $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > t\}$  is open, we decompose it into disjoint Whitney cubes  $\Omega = \bigcup_j Q_j$ , where  $Q_j$  are disjoint and  $2\rho \text{diam}(Q_j) \leq \text{dist}(Q_j, \Omega^c) \leq 8\rho \text{diam}(Q_j)$ , and every point of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  at most lies in  $4\rho Q_j$  cubes. Obviously  $4\rho Q_j \subset \Omega$ . We will show that for given  $\beta > 0$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , there exists  $c = c(\beta, \alpha, n)$  such that for all  $j$ ,

$$\mu(\{x \in Q_j : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq \alpha \mu(4Q_j). \quad (2.44)$$

Summing over all  $j$ , we have

$$\mu(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq \alpha 4^n \mu(\Omega). \quad (2.45)$$

Choose  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha 4^n < 1$ , then we can obtain (2.42) in the special case. For the general case  $w$ , recall that if  $w \in A_\infty(\mu)$ , then by [11, Lemma 2.3, page 2017], there exist positive constants  $c, \delta$  such that for all cubes  $Q$  and all  $E \subset Q$ ,

$$\frac{w(E)}{w(Q)} \leq c \left( \frac{\mu(E)}{\mu(Q)} \right)^\delta. \quad (2.46)$$

Looking back at (2.44), we get

$$w(\{x \in Q_j : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq c \alpha^\delta w(4Q_j). \quad (2.47)$$

Summing again over  $j$ , we obtain

$$w(\{x : T_\epsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \epsilon t\}) \leq c \alpha^\delta 4^n w(\Omega). \quad (2.48)$$

Choosing  $\alpha$  such that  $c \alpha^\delta 4^n < (1 + \beta)^{-1}$ , we can get (2.42).

It remains to prove (2.44). Fix  $j$  and let  $Q = Q_j$  and let  $r = l(Q)$ . Assume that there exists  $b \in Q$  such that  $M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \varepsilon t$  (otherwise the left-hand set of (2.44) would be empty). Set  $z \in \Omega^c$ , that is,  $T_\varepsilon^* f(z) \leq t$  such that  $\text{dist}(z, Q) = \text{dist}(Q, \Omega^c)$ . By a simple computation, we get

$$Q \subset P \equiv Q\left(b, \frac{5}{2}r\right) \subset 4Q \subset B \equiv Q(z, 18r). \quad (2.49)$$

Set  $f_1 = f\chi_B$ ,  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . Then for  $x \in Q$ ,  $y > \varepsilon$ , by the growth condition (1.1),

$$\begin{aligned} |T_\gamma f_1(x)| &\leq |T_\gamma(f\chi_P)(x)| + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f\chi_{B \setminus P}}{|x-y|^n} d\mu(y) \leq T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) + \frac{c}{r^n} \int_B f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) + cM_{(\rho)}f(x)(b) \leq T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) + c\varepsilon t, \end{aligned} \quad (2.50)$$

and so

$$|T_\gamma f(x)| \leq |T_\gamma f_2(x)| + T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) + c\varepsilon t. \quad (2.51)$$

To compare  $T_\gamma f_2(x)$  with  $T_\gamma f_2(z)$ , we use the standard arguments. We get

$$\begin{aligned} |T_\gamma f_2(x) - T_\gamma f_2(z)| &\leq cM_{(\rho)}f(x)(b), \\ |T_\gamma f_2(z)| &\leq T_\varepsilon^* f(z) \leq t. \end{aligned} \quad (2.52)$$

Therefore

$$T_\varepsilon^* f(x) \leq T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) + (1 + c\varepsilon)t. \quad (2.53)$$

Now choose  $\varepsilon$  such that  $2c\varepsilon < \beta$  and consequently

$$\{x \in Q : T_\varepsilon^* f(x) > (1 + \beta)t, M_{(\rho)}f(x) \leq \varepsilon t\} \subset \left\{x \in Q : T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) > \frac{\beta}{2}t\right\}. \quad (2.54)$$

Finally, since  $T_\varepsilon^*$  is of weak type (1, 1) (see [9]), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\left\{x \in Q : T_\varepsilon^*(f\chi_P)(x) > \frac{\beta}{2}t\right\}\right) &\leq \frac{c}{\beta t} \int_P |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ &= \frac{c\mu(\rho P)}{\beta t\mu(\rho P)} \int_P |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \frac{c\mu(\rho P)}{\beta t} M_{(\rho)}f(x)(b) \\ &\leq \frac{c}{\beta} \varepsilon \mu(4\rho Q) \leq \alpha \mu(4\rho Q) \end{aligned} \quad (2.55)$$

always provided that  $\varepsilon$  is chosen small enough so that  $c\varepsilon/\beta \leq \alpha$ .  $\square$

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LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ , let  $\rho > 1$ ,  $w \in A_p(\mu)$ , then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_{(\rho)}f(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^p w(x) d\mu(x). \quad (2.56)$$

*Proof.* Lemma 2.3 is a part of [5, Lemma 1]. Here we can give a more direct proof. By [6, Theorem 3],  $M_{(\rho)}$  is weighted weak type  $(q, q)$  if  $w \in A_q(\mu)$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ . Since  $w \in A_p(\mu)$ , then by [11, Corollary 2.5], there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $w \in A_{p-\varepsilon}(\mu)$ . Finally by the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem, we can get the desired result.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.4. *Let  $0 < p < \infty$ , let  $\rho > 1$ ,  $w \in A_\infty(\mu)$ ,  $b \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ . Then there exists constant  $C$  such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |[b, T]f|^p w(x) d\mu(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_{(\rho)}f(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \quad (2.57)$$

*holds for every function  $f$  for which the left-hand side is finite.*

*Proof.* For  $w \in A_\infty(\mu)$  and  $b \in \text{RBMO}(\mu)$ , by the estimate for the variant of the sharp maximal function, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |[b, T]f|^p w(x) d\mu(x) &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (N_\delta([b, T]f)(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_\delta^\#([b, T]f(x)))^p w d\mu(x) \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |M_{\varepsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x)|^p w(x) d\mu(x) \\ &\quad + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_{(9/8)}^2 f(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \\ &\quad + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |T_* f(x)|^p w(x) d\mu(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.58)$$

Here we have to justify the second inequality, precisely

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (N_\delta([b, T]f)(x))^p w(x) d\mu(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_\delta^\#([b, T]f(x)))^p w d\mu(x). \quad (2.59)$$

This inequality can be obtained by using a good- $\lambda$  argument similar to [15, Theorem 6.2]. For brevity, we omit the details. Since  $w \in A_\infty(\mu)$ , there exists  $1 < r < \infty$  such that  $w \in A_r(\mu)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < p/r$ , then by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M_{\varepsilon, (3/2)}(Tf)(x))^p w d\mu \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |Tf|^p w d\mu. \quad (2.60)$$

From Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we can get the proof of Theorem 2.4.  $\square$

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let  $w \in A_p(\mu)$ , let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |[b, T]f|^p w(x) d\mu(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^p w(x) d\mu(x). \quad (2.61)$$

*Remark 2.6.* Han in [5] obtained a similar result with Corollary 2.5 for higher-order commutators. But Theorems 2.1, 2.2, and 2.4 in our paper are new and are of independent interest in themselves.

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