

# Quadratic Sparse Domination

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# Plan

- What is Sparse domination?  
What does it give us?
- Quadratic sparse domination  
is it better? When?
- Beyond the classical theory  
Non-integral operators

# Weighted inequalities

$$\int_B f(x) dx \quad \xrightarrow{\varphi} \quad \int_B f(\varphi(x)) (\varphi'(x)) dx$$

$$\int_B h(x) w(x) dx \quad \xrightarrow{\varphi} \quad \int_B |h(\varphi(x))| w(\varphi(x)) |\varphi'(x)| dx$$

Sublinear operator  $T$  acting on  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$

$$\int |T h(x)|^p w(x) dx \leq C(T, w) \int |h(x)|^p w(x) dx \quad \forall h \in L^p$$

$$\sup_{h \in L^p(w)} \frac{\int |T h(x)|^p w(x) dx}{\int |h(x)|^p w(x) dx} = C(T, w) =: \|T\|_{L^p(w)}$$

# Examples of Operators

$$Mf(x) := \sup_{r>0} \frac{C_r}{r^{\alpha}} \int_{x-r}^{x+r} |f(u)| du \approx \sup_{t>0} |f * \varphi_t|(x)$$



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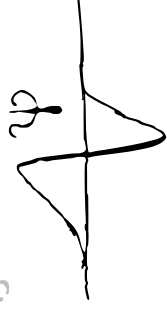
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Singular operators

square functions



Question: How does  $T$  "move" functions?

Let  $Th(\cdot) = h(\cdot - t)$ . Then  $\|Tf\|_p = \|f\|_p$

$Tf$

$f$

$T(Tf)$

Replace  $dx$  with  $w(x) dx$



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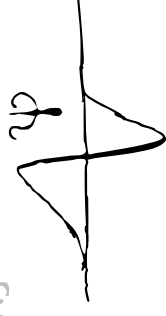
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Question: for which weights

$$\|M : L^p(w) \rightarrow L^p(w)\| < +\infty ?$$

$$\|H : L^p(w) \rightarrow L^p(w)\| < +\infty ?$$

$$\|S : L^p(w) \rightarrow L^p(w)\| < +\infty ?$$

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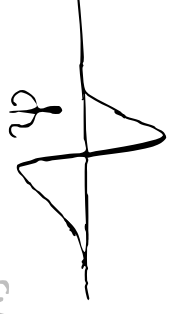
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Theorem (Hunt, Muckenhoupt, Weeden et al. '70s)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \|M : L^p(\omega) \rightarrow L^p(\omega)\| &< +\infty \\ \|H : L^p(\omega) \rightarrow L^p(\omega)\| &< +\infty \\ \|S : L^p(\omega) \rightarrow L^p(\omega)\| &< +\infty \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega \in A_p$$

$$([ \omega ]_{A_p} < +\infty)$$

Muckenhoupt  
weights

How do  $\|M\|_{L^p(w)}$ ,  $\|H\|_{L^p(w)}$ ,  $\|S\|_{L^p(w)}$  depend on  $[w]_{A_p}$ ?

### Theorem (Extrapolation)

Fix  $r_0 \in (1, \infty)$ .

If  $\|T: L^{r_0}(w) \rightarrow L^{r_0}(w)\| \lesssim [w]_{A_{r_0}}^\alpha \quad \forall w \in A_{r_0}$

then for all  $1 < r < \infty$

$\|T: L^r(w) \rightarrow L^r(w)\| \lesssim [w]_{A_r}^{\alpha \max\{\frac{r_0-1}{r-1}, 1\}} \quad \forall w \in A_r$

Example extrapolation from  $r_0=2$  gives

$$\|T\|_{L^r(w)} \lesssim [w]_{A_r}^{\alpha \max\{\frac{1}{r-1}, 1\}}$$

Remark for  $r > r_0$ ,  $\|T\|_{L^r(w)} \lesssim [w]_{A_r}^\alpha$ . (The smaller the  $\alpha$  the better.)

How do  $\|M\|_{L^p(\omega)}$ ,  $\|H\|_{L^p(\omega)}$ ,  $\|S\|_{L^p(\omega)}$  depend on  $[w]_{A_p}$ ?

Buckley '90s

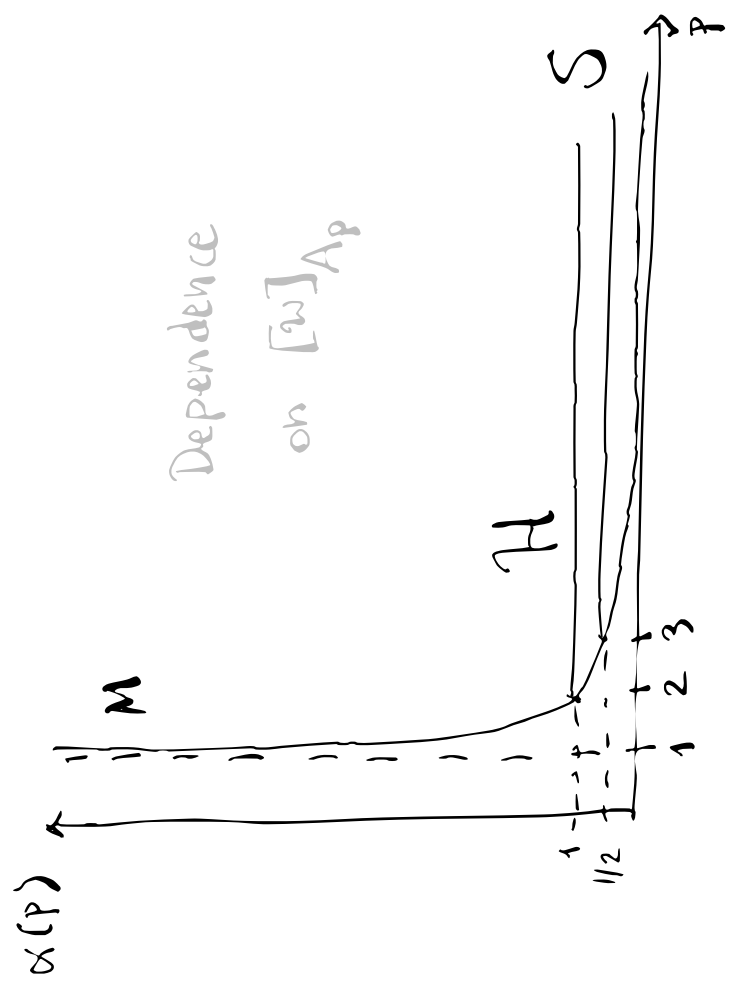
$$\|M\|_{L^p(\omega)} \lesssim [w]_{A_p}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

Lerner 2007

$$\|S\|_{L^3(\omega)} \lesssim [w]_{A_3}^{1/2}$$

Petermichl 2007

$$\|H\|_{L^2(\omega)} \lesssim [w]_{A_2}$$



$$\|H\|_{L^p(\omega)} \lesssim [w]_{A_p}^{\max\{\frac{1}{p-1}, 1\}}$$

$$\|S\|_{L^p(\omega)} \lesssim [w]_{A_p}^{\frac{1}{2} \max\{\frac{2}{p-1}, 1\}}$$

Which by extrapolation give:



Control a generic  $|\mathcal{H}f(x)|$  by  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}$ ?

Usually NO :(

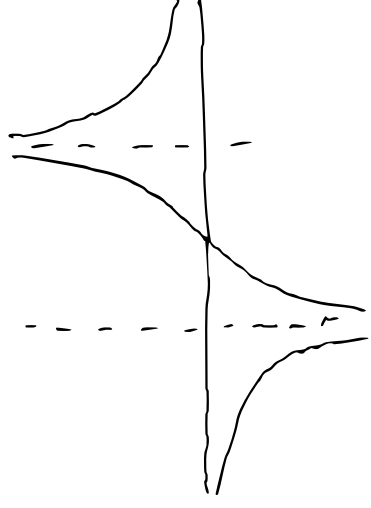
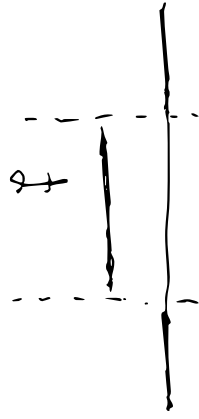
$\mathcal{H}$  is bounded on bounded  $f$ :  $\|\mathcal{H}f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} < +\infty$

but

The Hilbert transform

$$\mathcal{H}f(x) := \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x-y)}{y} dy, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

is NOT!



Can we (still) understand  $T$  in terms of averages?

$$\begin{aligned} Mf(x) &= \sup_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left( \int_I |f| dy \right) \mathbb{1}_I(x) \\ |Tf(x)| &\lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{Y}} \left( \int_I |f(y)| dy \right) \mathbb{1}_I(x) \end{aligned}$$

if  $\mathcal{Y}$  disjoint:

$$\|Tf\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|Mf\|_{L^\infty} = \sup_I \int_I |f| \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty}$$

if cubes in  $\mathcal{Y}$  overlap ( $\infty$ -many times):

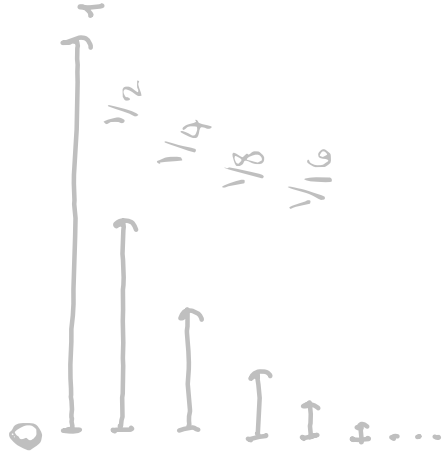
$$\|Tf\|_{L^\infty} \leq \sum_{I \in \mathcal{Y}} \left( \int_I |f| dy \right) = +\infty$$

Can we (still) control  $\|Tf\|_p \lesssim \|Mf\|_p$ ?

# Sparse Collection

Collection w/ a disjoint, comperable subfamily

$$[0, 2^{-n}] =: I_n$$

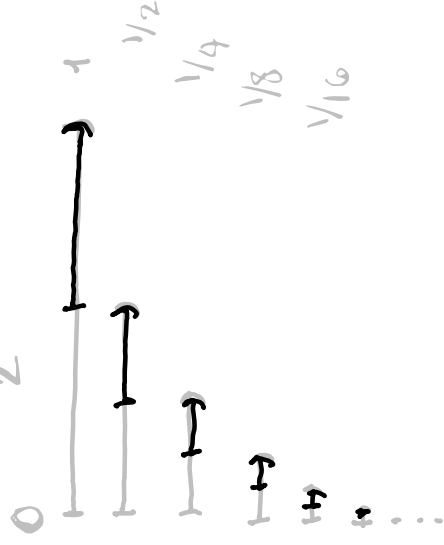


$\infty$ -overlapping

$$\int \left( \int_I |f(y)| dy \right) \chi_{I_n}(x) dx$$

$$= \left( \int_{I_n} |f| \right) |I_n| \leq 2 \left( \int_{I_n} |f| \right) |I_n| = 2 \int \left( \int_{I_n} |f| \right) dx \leq 2 \int_{E_n} |f(x)| dx$$

$$\left[ \frac{2^{-n}}{2}, 2^{-n} \right] =: E_n$$



$\{E_n\}_n$  disjoint "comparable" subfamily

$$|I_n| \leq 2 |E_n| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

What is Sparse domination?

$$|\langle Tf(x), g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} \left( \int_I |f(y)| dy \right) \|g\|_I(x)$$

↑  
SPARSE

$$|\langle Tf, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{G}} \langle |f| \rangle_I \langle |g| \rangle_I |I|$$

Remark Both these dominations imply

$$\|T\|_{L^2(\omega)} \lesssim [\omega]_{A_2}$$

What does a sparse domination for  $S$  look like?

## Sparsity domination for Square functions

$$\|S\|_3^{(w)} \lesssim [w]_{A_3}^{1/2}$$

$$\|Sf\|_3^2 = \|(Sf)^2\|_{3/2}^{3/2} = \sup_{\|g\|=1} |\langle (Sf)^2, g \rangle|$$

Weighted estimates at  $p=3$  follow from a Quadratic sparse domination :

$$(1) \quad |\langle (Sf)^2, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{Y}} \langle |f|^2 \rangle_I \langle |g| \rangle_I |I|$$

Theorem (B. 2020)

Bound (1) holds if  $\exists C > 0$ :  $\forall I \in \mathcal{D}$

$$\langle (S\chi_I)^2, \chi_I \rangle \leq C |I|$$

## Beyond Classical Operators

Consider  $\Gamma: L^p \rightarrow L^q$  ONLY for  $p_0 < p < q_0$ ,  $1 < p_0 < 2 < q_0 < \infty$ .

Example

$$\Delta = -\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right) = -\operatorname{div}(\nabla) = -\operatorname{div}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix}\right) \nabla$$

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  complex valued, such that  $\exists \Lambda, \lambda > 0$

$$\lambda |z|^2 \leq \operatorname{Re} \langle Az, z \rangle, \quad |\langle Az, z \rangle| \leq \Lambda |z|^2 \quad \forall z, z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$L := -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla)$$

Riesz transforms:

$$\mathcal{R}_L f := \nabla L^{-1/2} f$$

Square functions:

$$S_L f := \left( \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{R}_t f|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \mathcal{R}_t = (tL)^{1/2} e^{-tL}$$

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Then  $T: L^2(w) \rightarrow L^2(w) \quad \forall w \in A_2$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Restricted class of weights [Auscher, Martell '06]

$$w \in \left( A_{2/p_0} \cap RH_{(q_0/2)'} \right) \subset A_2$$

$$[w]_p := [w]_{A_{\frac{p}{p_0}}} \cdot [w]_{RH_{\left(\frac{q_0}{p}\right)'}}$$

where

$$[w]_{RH_s} := \sup_I \left( \int_I w^s \right)^{1/s} \left( \int_I w \right)^{-1}$$

is the best constant in

$$\left( \int_I w^s \right)^{1/s} \leq c \int_I w$$

Remark

$$1 < p < q$$

$$A_1 \subset A_p \subset A_q$$

$$RH_{1'} \subset RH_p \subset RH_q$$

### Theorem (Restricted Extrapolation)

Fix  $t_0 \in (1, \infty)$ . If  $\forall w \in A_{r_0/p_0} \cap RH_{(q_0/r_0)}$ ,

$$\|T : L^p(w) \rightarrow L^{p_0}(w)\| \lesssim [w]_{r_0}^{\alpha}$$

then for all  $p_0 < r < q_0$

$$\|T : L^r(w) \rightarrow L^r(w)\| \lesssim [w]_r^{\alpha} \max \left\{ \frac{q_0-r}{q_0-t_0} \cdot \frac{t_0-p_0}{r-p_0}, 1 \right\} \left( \frac{q_0}{r} \right)'$$

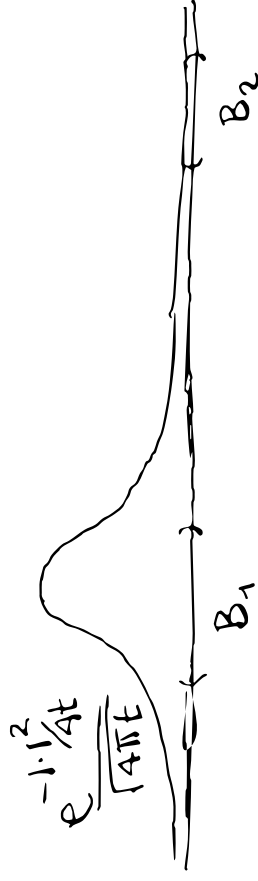
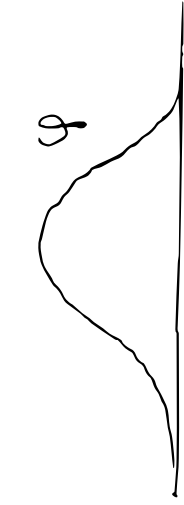
Remark for  $r > t_0$ ,  $\|T\|_{L^r(w)}^{\alpha} \lesssim [w]_r^{\alpha} \left( \frac{q_0}{r} \right)'$



# Beyond Classical Operators

"Heat flow"  $e^{-tL} f$  is "smoothing" at scale  $\sqrt{t}$

$$\langle f \rangle_{B(x, \sqrt{t})} \sim (f * \varphi_{\sqrt{t}})(x) \quad (f * \frac{e^{-1.1^2 \frac{t}{4t}}}{\sqrt{4\pi t}})(x) = e^{t\Delta} f(x)$$



Off-diagonal estimates at scale  $\sqrt{t}$

Let  $f$  opt on  $B_1$

$$\left( \int_{B_2} |e^{-tL} f|^{q_0} dx \right)^{1/q_0} \lesssim f \left( \frac{\text{dist}(B_1, B_2)}{\sqrt{t}} \right) \left( \int_{B_1} |f|^{p_0} dx \right)^{1/p_0}$$



$B_j := B(x_j, \sqrt{t}), j=1, 2, 1 \leq p_0 < q_0 < \infty$ ,

$$p(x) = e^{-|x|^2} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^m}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} |x|^m f(x) = 0$

# Theorem (Bernicot, Frey, Petermichl 2016)

Let  $\Gamma: \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^p$  for  $p \in (p_0, q_0)$ ,  $1 < p_0 < 2 < q_0 < \infty$ .

•  $\{T_0(tLe^{-tL})\}_{t>0}$  has  $(p_0, q_0)$  off-diagonal estimates (at scale  $\sqrt{t}$ )

$$\left( \int_{B_2} |T t e^{-tL} f|_{B_1}^{q_0} dx \right)^{1/q_0} \lesssim \int_{B_1} \left( \frac{\text{dist}(B_1, B_2)}{\sqrt{t}} \right)^{1/p_0} |f|_{B_1}^{p_0} dx \quad (\text{decay})$$

• (Cotlar type est.) exists  $p_1 \in [p_0, 2)$

$$\left( \int_{B_{\sqrt{t}}(x)} |T e^{-tL} f|_{B_1}^{q_0} dy \right)^{1/q_0} \lesssim \inf_{y \in B_{\sqrt{t}}(x)} \left( \mathcal{M}_{p_1}(Tf) + \mathcal{M}_{p_1} f \right) \quad (\text{regularity})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_p f = (\mathcal{M}(|f|^p))^{1/p}$$

then

$$|\langle Tf, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \langle |f|^{p_0} \rangle_I^{1/p_0} \langle |g|^{q_0} \rangle_I^{1/q_0} |I|$$

Remark the sparse domination

$$|\langle \Gamma f, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \langle |f|^{p_0} \rangle_I^{1/p_0} \langle |g|^{q_0'} \rangle_I^{1/q_0'} |I|$$

implies

$$\|\Gamma\|_{L^p(\omega) \rightarrow L^p(\omega)}^{\alpha(p)} \lesssim [\omega]_{\mathbb{P}}^{\alpha(p)}$$

for the critical exponent  $\mathbb{P} := 1 + \frac{p_0}{q_0'}$ ,  $\alpha(p) = \left( \frac{q_0'}{p_0} \right)'$

Remark

In the classical (C-Z) theory  $p_0 = q_0' = 1$ , so  $\mathbb{P} = 2$ ,  $\alpha(p) = 1$ .

... while for square functions  $p_0 = q_0' = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_S = 3$ ,  $\alpha_S(p) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Can we improve the power for square functions?

# Theorem (Bailey, B., Reguera 2020)

Let  $S : \mathbb{L}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^p$  for  $p \in (p_0, q_0)$ ,  $1 < p_0 < 2 < q_0 < \infty$ .

$$Sf := \left( \int_0^\infty |Q_t f|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2}$$

- $\{S_\circ(tLe^{-tL})\}_{t>0}$  and  $Q_t$  have  $(p_0, q_0)$  off-diagonal estimates (at scale  $\sqrt{t}$ )
- (Cotlar type est.) exists  $p_1 \in [p_0, 2)$

$$\left( \int_{B_{\sqrt{t}}} |S e^{-tL} f|^{q_0} dy \right)^{1/q_0} \lesssim \inf_{y \in B_{\sqrt{t}}} (\mathcal{M}_{p_1}(Sf) + \mu_{p_1} f)$$

then

$$|\langle (Sf)^2, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \langle |f|^{p_0} \rangle_I^{2/p_0} \langle |g|^{q_0} \rangle_I^{1/q_0} \quad \text{II}$$

Remark The Quadratic sparse domination

$$|\langle (Sf)^2, g \rangle| \lesssim \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \langle |f|^{p_0} \rangle_I \langle |g|^{q_0'} \rangle_I^{1/(q_0/2)} |I|$$

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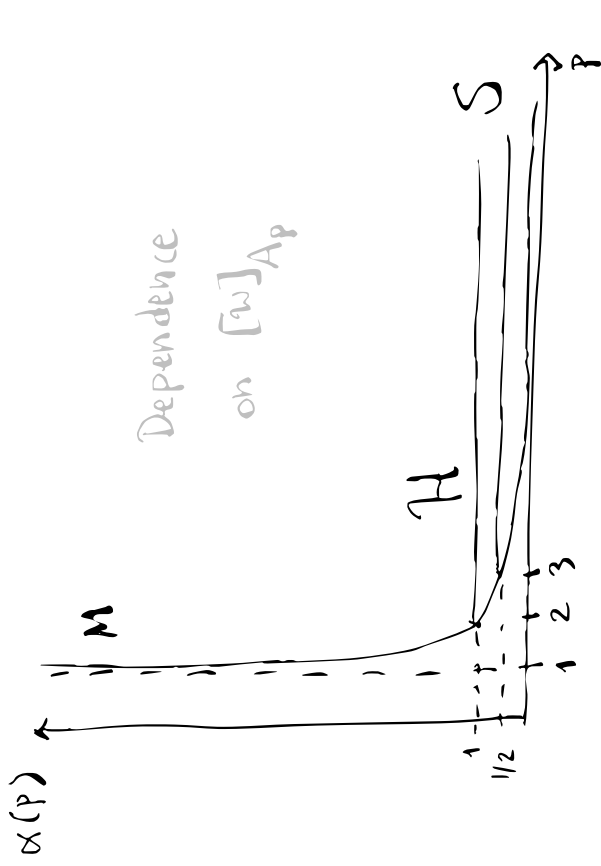
$$\|S\|_{\mathbb{P}_S} \lesssim \alpha_S(\mathbb{P}_S) \llbracket W \rrbracket_{\mathbb{P}_S}, \quad \mathbb{P}_S := 2 \left( 1 + \frac{p_0/2}{(q_0/2)'} \right)$$

COMPARISON

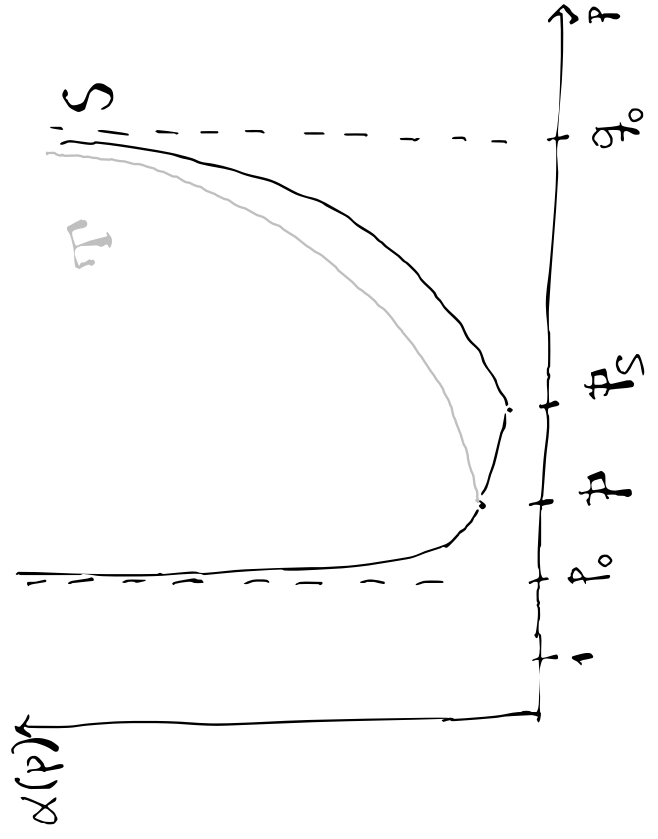
	$\alpha(\mathbb{P})$	critical $\mathbb{P}$	$\alpha(\mathbb{P})$
$T$	$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{p-p_0}, \left( \frac{q_0}{p} \right)', \frac{1}{q_0'} \right\}$	$1 + \frac{p_0}{q_0'}$	$\left( \frac{q_0}{p_0} \right)'$
$S$	$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{p-p_0}, \left( \frac{q_0}{p} \right)', \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(q_0/2)'} \right\}$	$2 + \frac{p_0}{(q_0/2)'}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{q_0}{p_0} \right)'$

# Optimal Dependence

	$\alpha(p)$	Extrap. from
H	$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{p-1}, 1 \right\}$	$p=2$
S	$\max \left\{ \frac{1}{p-1}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$	$p=3$
M	$\frac{1}{p-1}$	/



(P > P)		
T	$\left(\frac{q_0}{P}\right)' \frac{1}{q_0}$	$1 + \frac{P_0}{q_0'} = P$
S	$\left(\frac{q_0}{P}\right)' \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{q_0}{2}\right)'$	$2 + \frac{P_0}{(q_0/2)'} = P_S$



# Idea of the proofs (sublinear case)

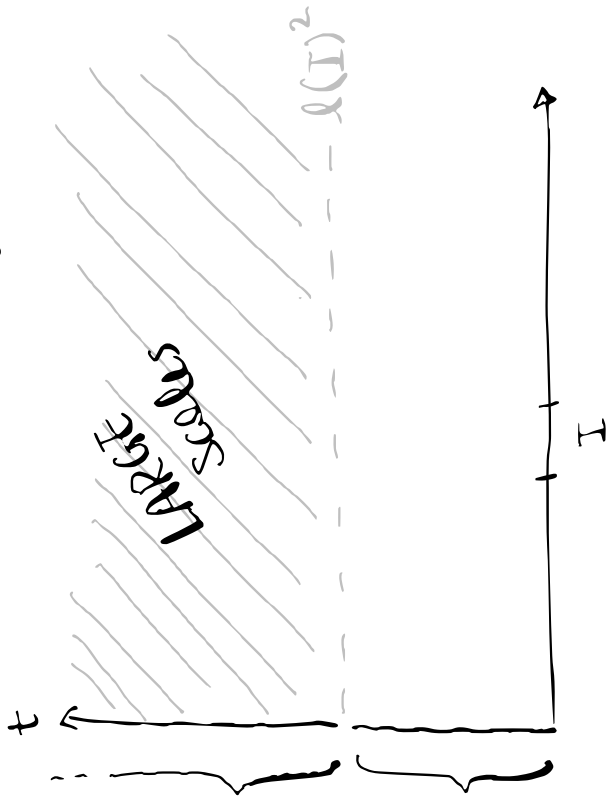
supp  $f, \text{supp } g \subseteq 5\Omega$

$$\int_{\Omega} |Tf \cdot g| = \int_{\text{large}}^{\text{not large}} + \int_{\text{large}} E(\Omega)$$

$E(\Omega) \subseteq \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{I}_0} I$  maximal dyadic interval & Split scales:  $|Tf| \leq \int_0^{\infty} |T_{\Omega_t} f| \frac{dt}{t}$

large part:

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}_0} \int_I |T_{\Omega_t} f| \frac{dt}{t} g \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \int_0^{\infty} |T_{\Omega_t} f| \frac{dt}{t} \\ \ell(I)^2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \nwarrow \\ \int_0^{\infty} |T_{\Omega_t} f| \frac{dt}{t} \\ \ell(I)^2 \end{matrix}$$



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$$\text{supp } f, \text{supp } g \subseteq 5\Omega$$

$$\int_{\Omega} T f \cdot g = \int_{\Omega \setminus E(\Omega)} \text{large} + \sum_I \int_I \text{LARGE} \cdot g + \sum_I \int_I \text{small} \cdot g$$

$$|II| \int_I |T f| \cdot g \leq |II| \left( \int_I |T f|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} \left( \int_I |g|^{q_0'} \right)^{1/q_0'}$$

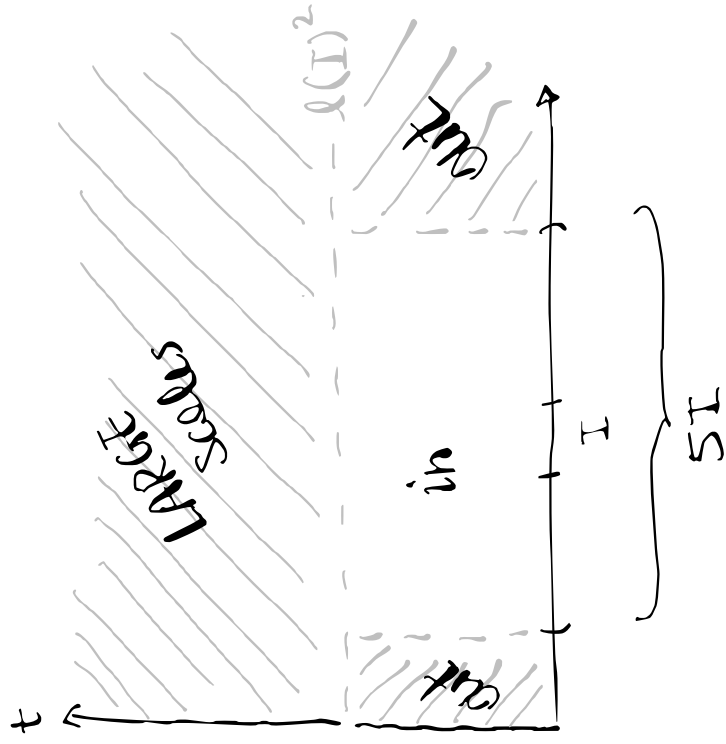
Localise in space

$$f = f|_{5I} + f|_{R \setminus 5I}$$

$$=: f_{in} + f_{out}$$

[out]: exploit off-diag. est.

[in]:  $\int_I |T f| \cdot g \rightarrow$  iterate  $\square$





# Idea of the proofs (Quadratic case)

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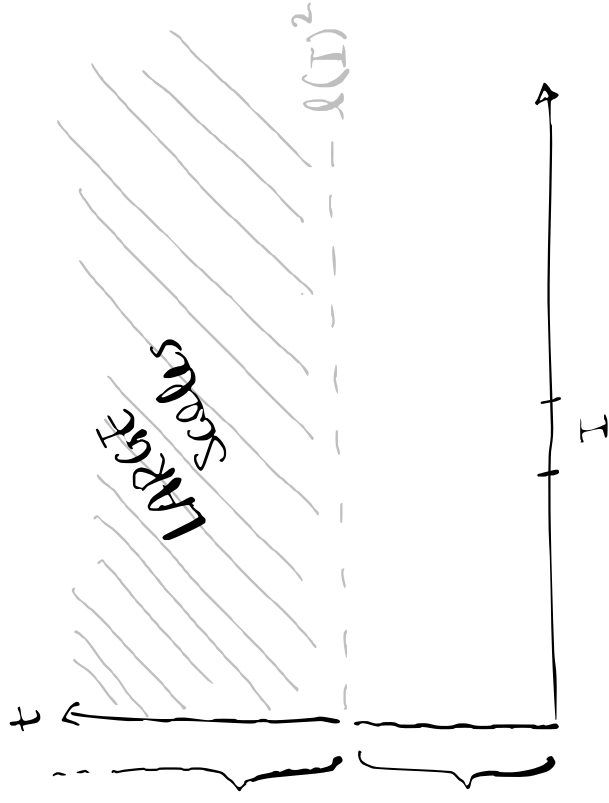
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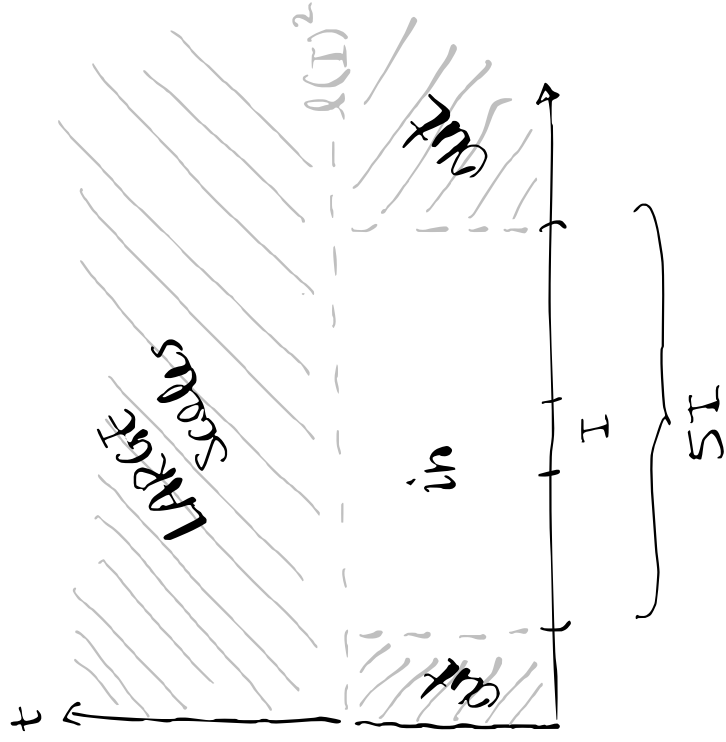
$$|II| \leq \int_I |Q_t f|^2 \cdot g \leq |II| \left( \int_I |Q_t f|^{q_0} \right)^{2/q_0} \left( \int_I |g|^{q_0/2} \right)^{1/q_0/2}$$

Localise in space:  $f = f_{in} + f_{out}$

$$|Q_t f|^2 = |Q_t f_{in}|^2 + |Q_t f_{out}|^2 + 2 \boxed{in} \boxed{out}$$

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## Open Question

Find the best  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow q_0^-} \|S\|_F \sim \frac{1}{(q_0 - P)^\gamma}$$

↙  
naive  
guess

Quadratic sparse domination implies

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## Open Question

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Thank you for listening  
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