

## A Hörmander-Type Spectral Multiplier Theorem for Operators Without Heat Kernel

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**Abstract.** Hörmander's famous Fourier multiplier theorem ensures the  $L_p$ -boundedness of  $F(-\Delta_{\mathbb{R}}D)$  whenever  $F \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  for some  $s > \frac{D}{2}$ , where we denote by  $\mathcal{H}(s)$  the set of functions satisfying the Hörmander condition for  $s$  derivatives. Spectral multiplier theorems are extensions of this result to more general operators  $A \geq 0$  and yield the  $L_p$ -boundedness of  $F(A)$  provided  $F \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  for some  $s$  sufficiently large. The harmonic oscillator  $A = -\Delta_{\mathbb{R}} + x^2$  shows that in general  $s > \frac{D}{2}$  is not sufficient even if  $A$  has a heat kernel satisfying Gaussian estimates. In this paper, we prove the  $L_p$ -boundedness of  $F(A)$  whenever  $F \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  for some  $s > \frac{D+1}{2}$ , provided  $A$  satisfies generalized Gaussian estimates. This assumption allows to treat even operators  $A$  without heat kernel (e.g. operators of higher order and operators with complex or unbounded coefficients) which was impossible for all known spectral multiplier results.

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### 0. – Introduction

In this paper, we present a new spectral multiplier result motivated by Hörmander's famous Fourier multiplier theorem. In terms of the functional calculus  $F \mapsto F(-\Delta)$  of the Laplace operator  $\Delta$  on  $\mathbb{R}^D$ , Hörmander's theorem says the following:

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \quad \text{for some} \quad s > \frac{D}{2} \implies F(-\Delta) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\mathbb{R}^D)) \quad \text{for all} \quad p \in (1, \infty).$$

Here we denote by  $\mathcal{H}(s)$  the set of functions satisfying the Hörmander condition for  $s$  derivatives:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) := \{F : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ bounded Borel function; } \sup_{t>0} \|\omega F(t \cdot)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}_+)} < \infty\},$$

where  $\omega \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is a fixed ‘partition of unity’ function [i.e.  $\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega(2^l t) = 1$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ]. Christ [C] and Mauceri and Meda [MM] generalized this result to homogeneous Laplacians  $\Delta$  on Lie groups  $G$  of some homogeneous dimension  $D$ , i.e.  $|B(x, r)| \sim r^D$  for all  $x \in G, r > 0$ . Indeed, they obtained independently

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s > \frac{D}{2} \implies F(-\Delta) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(G)) \text{ for all } p \in (1, \infty).$$

In order to treat more general elliptic operators and irregular domains, Duong, Ouhabaz and Sikora [DOS] extended this result to arbitrary non-negative self-adjoint operators  $A$  on (subsets of) metric measured spaces  $(\Omega, \mu, d)$  of some dimension  $D$ , i.e.  $|B(x, \lambda r)| \leq C\lambda^D |B(x, r)|$  for all  $x \in \Omega, r > 0, \lambda \geq 1$ . They showed

$$(H) \quad F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s > \frac{D}{2} \implies F(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\Omega)) \text{ for all } p \in (1, \infty),$$

provided  $A$  satisfies the so-called Plancherel estimate

$$(P) \quad \|F(tA)|B(\cdot, r_t)|^{1/2}\|_{1 \rightarrow 2} \leq C \|F\|_{L_2([0,1])} \text{ for all } F \in L_\infty([0, 1]), t > 0$$

and  $A$  satisfies Gaussian estimates, i.e. the  $e^{-tA}$  have integral kernels  $k_t(x, y)$  for which one has a pointwise upper bound of the following type:

$$(GE) \quad |k_t(x, y)| \leq |B(x, r_t)|^{-1} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_t}\right) \text{ for all } x, y \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

Here the  $r_t$  are suitable positive radii and  $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a suitable decay function. Note that (GE) without any additional assumption like (P) does not imply (H) since the harmonic oscillator  $A = -\Delta + x^2$  on  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (GE) and has the following property [T]:

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s \leq \frac{D}{2} + \frac{1}{6} - \varepsilon \not\Rightarrow F(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\mathbb{R})) \text{ for all } p \in (1, \infty).$$

Furthermore, note that an elliptic operator  $A$  of order  $m$  on  $\mathbb{R}^D$  with bounded measurable coefficients satisfies (GE) if  $m \geq D$  [AT], [D1] or  $m = 2$  and the coefficients are real [A]. On the other hand, in general  $A$  does not satisfy (GE) if  $m < D$  [D3], [ACT] or the coefficients are unbounded [LSV]. But in many of these cases  $A$  still satisfies so-called generalized Gaussian estimates [D1], [ScV]. By this we mean an estimate of the following type:

$$(GGE) \quad \|\chi_{B(x, r_t)} e^{-tA} \chi_{B(y, r_t)}\|_{p_o \rightarrow p'_o} \leq |B(x, r_t)|^{\frac{1}{p'_o} - \frac{1}{p_o}} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_t}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in \Omega, t > 0$

and for some  $p_o \in [1, 2)$ . Notice that (GGE) for  $p_o = 1$  is equivalent to (GE) [BK1]. The main result of the present paper is that (GGE) without any additional assumption implies the following adaptation of (H):

$$(\tilde{H}) \quad F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s > \frac{D+1}{2} \implies F(A) \in \mathcal{L}(L_p(\Omega)) \text{ for all } p \in (p_o, p'_o).$$

We want to mention that, for the class of operators  $A$  satisfying (GGE), the interval  $[p_o, p'_o]$  is optimal for the existence of the semigroup  $(e^{-tA})_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  on  $L_p$  [D3]; this shows the optimality of our spectral multiplier theorem  $(\tilde{H})$ .

Our main tool for the proof of  $(\tilde{H})$  is the singular integral theory developed in [BK2] which generalizes the classical singular integral theory based on Hörmander’s well-known weak type  $(1, 1)$  condition for integral operators (in a weakened version due to Duong and McIntosh [DM]). This new singular integral theory based on (GGE) allows to extend other  $L_2$ -properties of  $A$  (than the boundedness of  $F(A)$  for  $F \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  is considered in this paper) to  $L_p$  for  $p \in (p_o, p'_o)$ . We mention the properties of having maximal regularity [BK1], an  $H^\infty$  functional calculus [BK2] or Riesz transforms [BK3], [HM].

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**1. – Main result**

We begin with some basic notation and assumptions. For the rest of this paper,  $(\Omega, \mu, d)$  is a metric measure space of dimension  $D$ , i.e.

$$|B(x, \lambda r)| \leq C \lambda^D |B(x, r)| \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega, r > 0, \lambda \geq 1.$$

Here we denote by  $B(x, r)$  the ball of center  $x$  and radius  $r$ , and by  $|B(x, r)|$  or  $v_r(x)$  its volume; by  $L_p^\omega(\Omega)$  we denote the weak  $L_p(\Omega)$ -spaces. Furthermore, we fix once and for all real numbers  $p_o \in [1, 2)$ ,  $m \in [2, \infty)$  and the following notation:

$$r_t := t^{1/m} \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) := C e^{-bt \frac{m}{m-1}} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Here  $C$  and  $b$  are positive constants whose values are of no interest and might change from one appearance of the function  $g$  to the next without mentioning it. We denote by  $\mathcal{H}(s)$  the set of functions satisfying the Hörmander condition for  $s$  derivatives:

$$\mathcal{H}(s) := \{ F : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ bounded Borel function; } \sup_{t>0} \|\omega F(t \cdot)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}_+)} < \infty \},$$

where  $\omega \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is a fixed ‘partition of unity’ function [i.e.  $\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega(2^l t) = 1$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ]. Now we can present the main result of this paper.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $(\Omega, \mu, d)$  be a space of dimension  $D$  and  $A$  a non-negative self-adjoint operator on  $L_2(\Omega)$  such that (GGE) holds. Then, for all  $s > \frac{D+1}{2}$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|F(A)\|_{\mathfrak{L}(L_{p_o}(\Omega), L_{p'_o}^\omega(\Omega))} \leq C(\|F\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} + \sup_{t>0} \|\omega F(t \cdot)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}_+)})$$

for all  $F \in \mathcal{H}(s)$ . In particular, the following implication holds:

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s > \frac{D+1}{2} \implies F(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\Omega)) \text{ for all } p \in (p_o, p'_o).$$

**REMARK.**

- (a) An important example are the Riesz means  $R_\alpha(A)$ , where  $R_\alpha(x) := (1-x)_+^\alpha$ . Observe that  $R_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  if and only if  $s < \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence, in the situation of Theorem 1.1 one has

$$\|R_\alpha(tA)\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq C_{p,\alpha} \text{ for all } t > 0, p \in (p_o, p'_o), \alpha > \frac{D}{2}.$$

- (b) Another important example are the imaginary powers  $A^{i\tau}$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . If we denote  $P_\tau(x) := x^{i\tau}$  then  $\|\omega P_\tau(t \cdot)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq C_s(1 + |\tau|)^s$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $s, t > 0$ . Hence, in the situation of Theorem 1.1 one has

$$\|A^{i\tau}\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq C_{p,s}(1 + |\tau|)^s \text{ for all } \tau \in \mathbb{R}, p \in (p_o, p'_o), s > \frac{D+1}{2}.$$

- (c) Theorem 1.1 is optimal with respect to  $p$  since, for the class of operators  $A$  satisfying (GGE), the interval  $[p_o, p'_o]$  is optimal for the existence for the semigroup  $(e^{-tA})_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  on  $L_p$  [D3].
- (d) Concerning optimality with respect to  $s$  (the number of derivatives), we mention that our condition  $s > \frac{D+1}{2}$  cannot be replaced by  $s > \frac{D}{2} + \alpha$  with  $\alpha < \frac{1}{6}$ . Indeed, the Riesz means  $R_\alpha(A)$  of the harmonic oscillator  $A = -\Delta + x^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  do not satisfy  $R_\alpha(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\mathbb{R}))$  for all  $p \in (1, \infty)$  unless  $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{6}$  [T, Theorem 2.1]. On the other hand,  $A$  satisfies (GGE) for  $p_o = 1$ , and  $R_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}(s)$  for all  $s < \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Under the additional assumptions (P) from above and  $p_o = 1$ , our condition  $s > \frac{D+1}{2}$  can be replaced by  $s > \frac{D}{2}$  [DOS, Theorem 3.1].

- (e) By standard methods [DM], [BK2], Theorem 1.1 can be extended to the case where  $\Omega$  is only a subset of a space of dimension  $D$ . This allows to treat elliptic operators  $A$  on irregular domains  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ ; see Section 2.1 below.

**2. – Examples**

In this section, we give some examples of elliptic operators  $A$  for which Theorem 1.1 applies, i.e. for which (GGE) holds.

**2.1. – Higher order operators with bounded coefficients and Dirichlet boundary conditions on irregular domains**

These operators  $A$  are given by forms  $\mathfrak{a} : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of the type

$$\mathfrak{a}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|=k} a_{\alpha\beta} \partial^\alpha u \overline{\partial^\beta v} dx,$$

where  $V := \mathring{H}^k(\Omega)$  for some arbitrary (irregular) domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ . We assume  $a_{\alpha\beta} = \overline{a_{\beta\alpha}} \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^D)$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$  and Garding’s inequality

$$\mathfrak{a}(u, u) \geq \delta \|\nabla^k u\|_2^2 \quad \text{for all } u \in V,$$

for some  $\delta > 0$  and  $\|\nabla^k u\|_2^2 := \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|\partial^\alpha u\|_2^2$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a closed symmetric form, and the associated operator  $A$  on  $L_2(\Omega)$  is given by  $u \in D(A)$  and  $Au = g$  if and only if  $u \in V$  and  $\langle g, v \rangle = \mathfrak{a}(u, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

In this situation, we have for  $p_o := \frac{2D}{m+D} \vee 1$  and  $m := 2k$  [D1], [AT, Section 1.7]:

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r_t)} e^{-tA} \chi_{B(y,r_t)}\|_{p_o \rightarrow p'_o} \leq r_t^{D(\frac{1}{p_o} - \frac{1}{p'_o})} g\left(\frac{d(x,y)}{r_t}\right) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

Hence, by Remark (e) above, the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 holds:

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \quad \text{for some } s > \frac{D+1}{2} \implies F(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\Omega)) \quad \text{for all } p \in (p_o, p'_o).$$

**2.2. – Schrödinger operators with singular potentials on  $\mathbb{R}^D$**

Now we study Schrödinger operators  $A = -\Delta + V$  on  $\mathbb{R}^D$ ,  $D \geq 3$ , where  $V = V_+ - V_-$ ,  $V_\pm \geq 0$  are locally integrable, and  $V_+$  is bounded for simplicity (for the general case, see e.g. [ScV]). We assume the following form bound:

$$\langle V_- u, u \rangle \leq \gamma (\|\nabla u\|_2^2 + \langle V_+ u, u \rangle) + c(\gamma) \|u\|_2^2 \quad \text{for all } u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^D)$$

and some  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ . Then the form sum  $A := -\Delta + V = (-\Delta + V_+) - V_-$  is defined and the associated form is closed and symmetric with form domain  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^D)$ . By standard arguments using ellipticity and Sobolev inequality, (GGE) holds for  $p_o = \frac{2D}{D+2}$  and  $m = 2$  [after replacing  $A$  by  $A + c(\gamma)$ ]. Due to [LSV],  $(e^{-tA})_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is bounded on  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^D)$  for all  $q \in (p_\gamma, p'_\gamma)$  and

$p_\gamma := \frac{2D}{D(1+\sqrt{1-\gamma})+2(1-\sqrt{1-\gamma})} < \frac{2D}{D+2}$ . Hence, by interpolation, one obtains (GGE) even for all  $p_o \in (p_\gamma, 2)$ . Thus, Theorem 1.1 yields

$$F \in \mathcal{H}(s) \text{ for some } s > \frac{D+1}{2} \implies F(A) \in \mathfrak{L}(L_p(\mathbb{R}^D)) \text{ for all } p \in (p_\gamma, p'_\gamma).$$

**2.3. – Elliptic operators on Riemannian manifolds**

Let  $A = -\Delta$  be the Laplacian on a Riemannian manifold  $\Omega$ . Let  $d$  be the geodesic distance and  $u$  the Riemannian measure. Assume that  $\Omega$  satisfies the so-called volume doubling property and that the heat kernel  $k_t(x, y)$  satisfies

$$k_t(x, x) \leq C|B(x, \sqrt{t})|^{-1} \text{ for all } x \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

Then  $(e^{tA})_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  satisfies (GE) [G] or, equivalently, (GGE) for  $p_o = 1$  and  $m = 2$ . On Riemannian manifolds satisfying a local higher order Sobolev inequality, (GGE) holds even for suitable higher order elliptic operators  $A$  [BC].

**3. – Proof of the main result**

The main tool for the proof of Theorem 1.1 is the following result [BK2, Theorem 1.1] which generalizes Hörmander’s well-known weak type (1, 1) condition for integral operators (in a weakened version due Duong and McIntosh [DM]) and provides a weak type  $(p_o, p_o)$  condition for arbitrary operators.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $(\Omega, d, \mu)$  be a space of homogeneous type and  $A$  a non-negative selfadjoint operator on  $L_2(\Omega)$  such that (GGE) holds. Let  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(L_2(\Omega))$  satisfy*

$$(1) \quad N_{p'_o, r_t/2}((TD^n e^{-tA})^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \leq C(M_2 f)(x)$$

for all  $t > 0, f \in L_{p'_o}(\Omega), x \in \Omega, y \in B(x, r_t/2)$  and some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we have  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(L_{p_o}(\Omega), L_{p_o}^\omega(\Omega))$ .

Here we used the following notation:

$$M_p f(x) := \sup_{r>0} N_{p,r} f(x) \quad [p\text{-maximal operator}]$$

$$N_{p,r} f(x) := |B(x, r)|^{-1/p} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))}, \quad D^n f(t) := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k f(kt).$$

Hence  $I - D^n e^{-tA}$  can be seen as an approximation of the identity of order  $n$  since we formally have  $\frac{D^n f(t)}{t^n} \rightarrow (-1)^n f^{(n)}(0)$  for  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Another central tool for the prof of Theorem 1.1 is the following result on the extension of generalized Gaussian estimates for real times  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  to complex times  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+$ ; its proof is given in [B, Theorem 2.1].

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(\Omega, \mu, d)$  be a space of dimension  $D$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 2 \leq q \leq \infty$ . Let  $A$  be a non-negative selfadjoint operator on  $L_2(\Omega)$  such that*

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r_t)} e^{-tA} \chi_{B(y,r_t)}\|_{p \rightarrow q} \leq |B(x, r_t)|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_t}\right)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+, x, y \in \Omega$ . Then we have

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r_z)} e^{-zA} \chi_{B(y,r_z)}\|_{p \rightarrow q} \leq |B(x, r_z)|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} g\left(\frac{|z|}{\operatorname{Re} z}\right)^{D\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}\right)} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_z}\right)$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+, x, y \in \Omega$  and  $r_z := (\operatorname{Re} z)^{\frac{1}{m} - 1} |z|$ .

Some rather technical features of generalized Gaussian estimates are summarized in the following lemma; see [BK4, Proposition 2.1] and [BK2, Lemma 3.3(a)] for the proofs. We will denote by  $A(x, r, k)$  the annular region  $A(x, r, k) := B(x, (k + 1)r) \setminus B(x, r)$ .

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $(\Omega, \mu, d)$  be a space of dimension  $D$  and  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ . Let  $R$  be a linear operator and  $r > 0$ .*

- (i) *The following are equivalent:*
  - (a) *We have for all  $x, y \in \Omega$  :*

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r)} R \chi_{B(y,r)}\|_{p \rightarrow q} \leq v_r(x)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r}\right).$$

- (b) *We have for all  $x, y \in \Omega$  and  $u \in [p, q]$  :*

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r)} R \chi_{B(y,r)}\|_{u \rightarrow q} \leq v_r(x)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{u}} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r}\right).$$

- (c) *We have for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  :*

$$\|\chi_{B(x,r)} R \chi_{A(x,r,k)}\|_{p \rightarrow q} \leq v_r(x)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} g(k).$$

- (ii) *If (a) holds then we have for all  $s > 0, f \in L_q(\Omega), x \in \Omega, y \in B(x, s)$  :*

$$N_{q,s}(R P_{B(y,5s)^c} f)(y) \leq g(r^{-1}s)(1 + s^{-1}r)^{D/q} M_p f(x).$$

In order to prove the assertion  $F(A) \in \mathcal{L}(L_{p_o}(\Omega), L_{p_o}^\omega(\Omega))$  of Theorem 1.1 by means of our weak type  $(p_o, p_o)$  criterion Theorem 3.1, we have to check line (1) for  $T = F(A)$ . The main step is the following.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let  $(\Omega, d, \mu)$  be a space of dimension  $D$  and  $A$  a non-negative selfadjoint operator on  $L_2(\Omega)$  such that (GGE) holds. Then, for all  $s > \frac{D+1}{2}$ , there exist  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, C > 0$  such that we have for all  $F \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $\sigma > 0$ :*

$$N_{p'_o, r_t/2}(F(\sigma A)^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \leq C \left( \left( \frac{t}{\sigma} \right)^{-\varepsilon_1} \vee \left( \frac{t}{\sigma} \right)^{-\varepsilon_2} \right) \|F \cdot \exp\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}_+)}(M_2 f)(x)$$

for all  $t > 0, f \in L_{p'_o}(\Omega), x \in \Omega, y \in B(x, r_t/2)$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 3.3(i), the  $L_{p_o} \rightarrow L_{p'_o}$  estimate (GGE) in the hypothesis implies the following  $L_2 \rightarrow L_{p'_o}$  estimate:

$$\|\chi_{B(x, r_t)} e^{-tA} \chi_{B(y, r_t)}\|_{2 \rightarrow p'_o} \leq |B(x, r_t)|^{\frac{1}{p'_o} - \frac{1}{2}} g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_t}\right).$$

By Theorem 3.2, the latter extends to complex times  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+$  as follows, denoting  $r_z = (Re z)^{\frac{1}{m}-1}|z|$  and  $\alpha = D(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p'_o})$ :

$$\|\chi_{B(x, r_z)} e^{-zA} \chi_{B(y, r_z)}\|_{2 \rightarrow p'_o} \leq |B(x, r_z)|^{\frac{1}{p'_o} - \frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{|z|}{Re z}\right)^\alpha g\left(\frac{d(x, y)}{r_z}\right).$$

This implies by Lemma 3.3(ii) for  $R = \left(\frac{|z|}{Re z}\right)^{-\alpha} e^{-zA}$ :

$$N_{p'_o, r_t/2}(e^{-zA} \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \leq \left(\frac{|z|}{Re z}\right)^\alpha \left(1 + \frac{r_z}{r_t}\right)^{D/p'_o} g\left(\frac{r_t}{r_z}\right) (M_2 f)(x)$$

for all  $t > 0, f \in L_{p'_o}(\Omega), x \in \Omega, y \in B(x, r_t/2)$ . The latter for  $z = (1 + i\tau)\sigma$  allows to estimate  $N_{p'_o, r_t/2}(F(\sigma A)^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y)$  by using the Fourier inversion formula for  $G := F \cdot \exp$  (this approach is taken from [DOS, Lemma 4.3]):

$$F(\sigma A)^* = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-(1+i\tau)\sigma A} \overline{\widehat{G}(\tau)} d\tau.$$

Indeed, since  $r_{(1+i\tau)\sigma} = \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \sigma^{1/m}$ , we can estimate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & N_{p'_o, r_t/2}(F(\sigma A)^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} N_{p'_o, r_t/2}(e^{-(1+i\tau)\sigma A} \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) |\widehat{G}(\tau)| d\tau \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^\alpha \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \frac{\sigma^{1/m}}{t^{1/m}}\right)^{D/p'_o} g\left(\sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1} \frac{t^{1/m}}{\sigma^{1/m}}\right) |\widehat{G}(\tau)| d\tau M_2 f(x) \\ & \leq \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{t}\right)^{D/p'_o m} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{D/2} g\left(\sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1} \frac{t^{1/m}}{\sigma^{1/m}}\right) |\widehat{G}(\tau)| d\tau M_2 f(x) \\ & \leq \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{t}\right)^{D/p'_o m} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \tau^2)^{\frac{D}{2}-s} g\left(\sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1} \frac{t^{1/m}}{\sigma^{1/m}}\right)^2 d\tau\right)^{1/2} \|G\|_{H^s} M_2 f(x). \end{aligned}$$



Hence the assertion is proved once we show for  $\beta := s - \frac{D}{2} > \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\int_0^\infty (1 + \tau^2)^{-\beta} g(\sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1} a) d\tau \leq C a^{1-2\beta} \quad \text{for all } a \geq 2.$$

First, the change of variables  $u = \sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1}$  yields

$$\int_0^\infty (1 + \tau^2)^{-\beta} g(\sqrt{1 + \tau^2}^{-1} a) d\tau = a^{2(1-\beta)} \int_{a^{-1}}^\infty g(u^{-1}) u^{1-2\beta} (a^2 u^2 - 1)^{-1/2} du.$$

Since  $(a^2 u^2 - 1)^{1/2} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a u$  for all  $u \in [2a^{-1}, \infty)$ , we have

$$\int_{2a^{-1}}^\infty g(u^{-1}) u^{1-2\beta} (a^2 u^2 - 1)^{-1/2} du \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} a^{-1} \int_0^\infty g(u^{-1}) u^{-2\beta} du = C a^{-1}.$$

On the other hand, the remaining part of the integral can be estimated by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a^{-1}}^{2a^{-1}} g(u^{-1}) u^{1-2\beta} (a^2 u^2 - 1)^{-1/2} du &\leq g(a/2) a^{2\beta-1} \int_{a^{-1}}^{2a^{-1}} (au - 1)^{-1/2} du \\ &= g(a/2) a^{2(\beta-1)} \int_0^1 v^{-1/2} dv. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The last preparatory step for the proof of Theorem 1.1 is the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.5. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $E(u) := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k e^{-ku}$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Then*

$$\|E(\sigma \cdot)\|_{C^n([\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}])} \leq C(1 \wedge \sigma^n) \quad \text{for all } \sigma > 0.$$

PROOF. Fix  $m \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ . First we treat the case of small  $\sigma$ . Since  $\frac{E^{(m)}(t)}{t^{n-m}} \rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$  for  $t \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $|E^{(m)}(t)| \leq C_0 t^{n-m}$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . This implies for all  $\sigma \in [0, \varepsilon]$  and  $u \in [0, \varepsilon^{-1}]$ :

$$|E(\sigma \cdot)^{(m)}(u)| = \sigma^m |E^{(m)}(\sigma u)| \leq \sigma^m C_0 (\sigma u)^{n-m} \leq C_0 \varepsilon^{n-m} \sigma^n.$$

Now we treat the case of large  $\sigma$ . Since  $E^{(m)}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_{k,m,n} e^{-kt}$  with  $c_{0,m,n} = 0$  for  $m > 0$ , we deduce for all  $\sigma, u \in [\varepsilon, \infty)$ :

$$|E(\sigma \cdot)^{(m)}(u)| = \sigma^m |E^{(m)}(\sigma u)| \leq \sigma^m \sum_{k=0}^n |c_{k,m,n}| e^{-k\sigma\varepsilon} \leq C_1. \quad \square$$

Finally, we come to the proof of Theorem 1.1. We use the symbol  $\leq$  to indicate domination up to constants independent of the relevant parameters.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1. We want to apply our weak type  $(p_o, p_o)$  criterion Theorem 3.1 for  $T = F(A)$ . Hence we have to show

$$(2) \quad N_{p'_o, r_t/2}((F(A)D^n e^{-tA})^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \leq \sup_{h>0} \|\omega F_h\|_{H^s} (M_2 f)(x)$$

for all  $t > 0$ ,  $f \in L_{p'_o}(\Omega)$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $y \in B(x, r_t/2)$  and some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Choose  $\varepsilon_1 \geq \varepsilon_2 > 0$  as in Proposition 3.4 and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > \varepsilon_1 \vee s$ . Denote  $\delta := (n - \varepsilon_1) \wedge \varepsilon_2 > 0$  and  $\varphi(u) := u^{-\varepsilon_1} \vee u^{-\varepsilon_2}$ ,  $E(u) := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k e^{-ku}$  for all  $u \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Furthermore, for  $\sigma > 0$  we denote the dilations  $F_\sigma := F(\sigma \cdot)$ ,  $\omega_\sigma := \omega(\sigma \cdot)$  and  $E_\sigma := E(\sigma \cdot)$ . Observe that  $E_\sigma(A) = D^n e^{-\sigma A}$  and by Lemma 3.5

$$(3) \quad \varphi(\sigma) \|E_\sigma\|_{C^n(\text{supp } \omega)} \leq \varphi(\sigma) (1 \wedge \sigma^n) \leq \sigma^{-\delta} \wedge \sigma^\delta \quad \text{for all } \sigma > 0.$$

Now (2) follows from Proposition 3.4, applied for  $\omega F_{2^{-l}} E_{t2^{-l}}$  instead of  $F$  and  $\sigma = 2^l$ , and then summation over  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & N_{p'_o, r_t/2}((F(A)D^n e^{-tA})^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \\ &= N_{p'_o, r_t/2} \left( \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} ((w_{2^l} F)(A)D^n e^{-tA})^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f \right) (y) \quad \left[ \sum \omega_{2^l} = 1 \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{p'_o, r_t/2}((\omega F_{2^{-l}} E_{t2^{-l}})(2^l A)^* \chi_{B(y, 4r_t)^c} f)(y) \quad [E_\sigma(A) = D^n e^{-\sigma A}] \\ &\leq \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(t2^{-l}) \|\omega F_{2^{-l}} E_{t2^{-l}} \cdot \exp\|_{H^s} M_2 f(x) \quad [\text{Proposition 3.4}] \\ &\leq \sup_{h>0} \|\omega F_h\|_{H^s} M_2 f(x) \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(t2^{-l}) \|E_{t2^{-l}} \cdot \exp\|_{C^n(\text{supp } \omega)} \quad [n \geq s] \\ &\leq \sup_{h>0} \|\omega F_h\|_{H^s} M_2 f(x) \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} (t2^{-l})^{-\delta} \wedge (t2^{-l})^\delta \quad [\text{line (3)}] \\ &\leq \sup_{h>0} \|\omega F_h\|_{H^s} M_2 f(x). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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