Commutators of Singular Integral Operators Related to Magnetic Schrödinger Operators

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Abstract. Let $A:=-(\nabla-i\vec{a})\cdot(\nabla-i\vec{a})+V$ be a magnetic Schrödinger operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $n\geq 2$, where $\vec{a}:=(a_1,\cdots,a_n)\in L^2_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n,\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $0\leq V\in L^1_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. In this paper, we show that for a function b in Lipschitz space $\mathrm{Lip}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\alpha\in(0,1)$, the commutator $[b,V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]$ is bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where $p,q\in(1,2]$ and $1/p-1/q=\alpha/n$.

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1 Introduction

Let b be a locally integrable function on \mathbb{R}^n and T be a linear operator. For a suitable function f, the commutator is defined by [b,T]f=bT(f)-T(bf). It is well known that Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss [3] proved that [b,T] is a bounded operator on L^p for $1 if and only if <math>b \in \mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, when T is a Calderón-Zygmund operator. Janson [4] proved that the commutator [b,T] is bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 , if and only if <math>b \in \mathrm{Lip}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\alpha = (\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})n$, where the Lipschitz space $\mathrm{Lip}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of the functions f satisfying

$$||f||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}} := \sup_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}} < \infty, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

Furthermore, Lu, Wu and Yang studied the boundedness properties of the commutator [b,T] on the classical Hardy spaces when $b \in \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in [12].

In recent years, more scholars pay attention to the boundedness of the commutators [b,T] when T are the singular integral operators associated with the Schrödinger operator

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(cf. [1, 6–11]). When the potential V satisfies the weaker condition, the operator T may not be a Calderón-Zygmund operator. In this paper we focus on the boundedness of the commutators [b,T] when T are the singular integral operators associated with the magnetic Schrödinger operator based on the research in [5] and [16].

Consider a real vector potential \vec{a} = (a_1 , · · · , a_n) and an electric potential V. In this paper, we assume that

$$a_k \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, n,$$

 $0 < V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n).$

Let $L_k = \partial/\partial x_k - ia_k$. We adopt the same notation as in [5] and define the *sesquilinear form* Q by

$$Q(f,g) := \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} L_{k} f \overline{L_{k}g} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} V f \overline{g} dx,$$

with domain

$$D(Q) := \{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) : L_k f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), k \in 1, \dots, n, \sqrt{V} f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \}.$$

It is known that Q is closed and symmetric. So the magnetic Schrödinger operator A is a self-adjoint operator associated with Q.

The domain of *A* is given by

$$D(A) = \{ f \in D(Q), \exists g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ such that } Q(f, \varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g \bar{\varphi} dx, \forall \varphi \in D(Q) \},$$

and A is formally given by the following expression

$$Af = \sum_{k=1}^{n} L_k^* L_k f + V f$$

or $A = -(\nabla - i\vec{a}) \cdot (\nabla - i\vec{a}) + V$, where L_k^* is the adjoint operator of L_k . For $k = 1, \cdots, n$, the operators $L_k A^{-1/2}$ and $V^{1/2} A^{-1/2}$ are called the Riesz transforms associated with A. Moreover, it was proved in [14] that for each $k = 1, \cdots, n$, the Riesz transform $L_k A^{-1/2}$ and $V^{1/2} A^{-1/2}$ are bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all 1 . Namely, there exists a constant <math>C > 0 such that

$$\|V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \|L_kA^{-1/2}f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \quad 1$$

Furthermore, in [5] Duong and Yan proved that the commutators $[b, V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]$ and $[b, L_kA^{-1/2}]$ are bounded on L^p for 1 , that is, there exists a constant <math>C > 0 such that

$$||[b,V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]f||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + ||[b,L_kA^{-1/2}]f||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le C||f||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \text{ where } b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

See also Shen's result in [15] for L^p -boundedness of singular integral operators related to the magnetic Schrödinger operator, which is different from the operators $L_kA^{-1/2}$ and $V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}$. Recently, D. Y. Yang in [16] has proven that for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, the commutators $[b, L_kA^{-1/2}]$ are bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $1/p - 1/q = \alpha/n$, where $b \in \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Inspired by [5] and [16], the purpose of this paper is to study the boundedness of commutator $[b, V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]$ with a function b in the Lipschitz space $\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n), \alpha \in (0,1)$.

We are now in a position to give our main result, which will be proven in the next section.

Theorem 1.1. Let $\alpha \in (0,1)$, $p,q \in (1,2]$ with $1/p-1/q = \alpha/n$. Assume that $b \in Lip_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then the commutator $[b,V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]$ is bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section, we adopt the method in [16] to prove Theorem 1.1. Firstly, we begin with the sharp maximal function $M_A^\#$ established in [13]. For any $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $p \in [1,\infty)$, the sharp maximal function $M_A^\#$ associated with the semigroup $\{e^{-tA}\}$ is given by

$$M_A^{\#}(f)(x) := \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(y) - e^{-t_B A} f(y)| dy,$$

where r_B is the radius of the ball B and $t_B := r_B^2$.

Lemma 2.1. Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. There exists a positive constant C_p such that for all $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$||f||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le C_p ||M_A^{\#}(f)||_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Now, we prove the boundedness of the commutator $[b,V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}]$ in Theorem 1.1. Let $(V^{1/2}A^{-1/2})^* = A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$ denote the adjoint operator of $V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}$. By duality, for given $p,q \in (1,2]$ with $1/p-1/q = \alpha/n$, it suffices to prove $[b,A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}]$ is bounded from $L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. To obtain the conclusion, it suffices to prove that there exists a constant C such that for all $f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$M_A^{\#}([b,A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}]f)(x) \le C||b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)}[M_{2,\alpha}(A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}f)(x) + M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x)], \tag{2.1}$$

where for $r \in [2, n/\alpha)$ and any suitable function f,

$$M_{r,\alpha}(f)(x) := \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|^{-\alpha/n}} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |f(y)|^{r} dy\right)^{1/r}.$$
 (2.2)

In fact, assume that (2.1) holds. For $b \in \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and each $N \in \mathbb{N}$, define $b_N := \min\{N, |b|\} sgn(b)$. Then we conclude that $b_N \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\|b_N\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$, where C is a constant. Moreover, it has been proved in Theorem 1.1 of [14] that $V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}$

is bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $1 . So <math>A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$ is bounded on $L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $s \in [2, \infty)$, then we see that for all $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $[b_N, A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f) \in L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$||[b_N,A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f)||_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le N||f||_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Recall that $M_{2,\alpha}$ is bounded from $L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^t(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $s \in (2, n/\alpha)$ and $1/s - 1/t = \alpha/n$, see Chanillo [2]. By this fact together with $1/q' - 1/p' = \alpha/n$, Lemma 2.1 and (2.1), we have that for all $f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\begin{split} &\|[b_{N},A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f)\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \\ \leq &C\|M_{A}^{\#}([b_{N},A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f))\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \\ \leq &C\|b_{N}\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}\|M_{2,\alpha}(A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}f)(x)) + M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x)\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \\ \leq &C\|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}\|f\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}. \end{split}$$

A standard argument together with the Fatou lemma then implies that for all $f \in L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$[b, A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f) \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$\|[b,A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}](f)\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|b\|_{\mathrm{Lip}_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|f\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

which imply Theorem 1.1.

Now, we prove (2.1) is valid. For any $f \in L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, choose a ball $B := B(x_B, r_B) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x_B - y| < r_B\}$ which contains x. Set $T := A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$. Let $f_1 = f\chi_{2B}$ and $f_2 := f - f_1$. Then we have the following decompositions:

$$[b,T]f = (b-b_B)Tf - T((b-b_B)f_1) - T((b-b_B)f_2)$$

and

$$e^{-t_BA}([b,T]f) = e^{-t_BA}((b-b_B)Tf) - e^{-t_BA}T((b-b_B)f_1) - e^{-t_BA}T((b-b_B)f_2)$$

for any function *f* and ball *B*, where

$$f_B := \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f(z) dz, \quad t_B = r_B^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(I - e^{-t_{B}A})[b, T]f(y)|dy
\leq \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(b - b_{B})Tf(y)|dy + \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T((b - b_{B})f_{1})(y)|dy
+ \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |e^{-t_{B}A}((b - b_{B})Tf)(y)|dy + \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |e^{-t_{B}A}T((b - b_{B})f_{1})(y)|dy
+ \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(I - e^{-t_{B}A})T((b - b_{B})f_{2})(y)|dy
:= I + II + III + IV + V.$$

Firstly, we get

$$|b(y) - b_{B}| = \left|b(y) - \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} b(z) dz\right| = \left|\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} (b(y) - b(z)) dz\right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |y - z|^{\alpha} \frac{|b(y) - b(z)|}{|y - z|^{\alpha}} dz$$

$$\leq ||b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \left|\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |y - z|^{\alpha} dz$$

$$\leq C|B|^{\alpha/n} ||b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}. \tag{2.3}$$

For I, by the Hölder inequality and (2.3), we have

$$I = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(b - b_{B})Tf(y)| dy$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |b(y) - b_{B}|^{2} dy\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |Tf(y)|^{2} dy\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq C \|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(Tf)(x)$$

$$= C \|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}f)(x).$$

For II, using the Hölder inequality again and the $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -boundedness of T, if follows that

$$II = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T((b-b_{B})f_{1})(y)|dy
\leq \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T((b-b_{B})f_{1})(y)|^{2} dy\right)^{1/2}
\leq C \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{2B} |b(y)-b_{B}|^{2} |f(y)|^{2} dy\right)^{1/2}
\leq C ||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \frac{1}{|B|^{-\alpha/n}} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{2B} |f(y)|^{2} dy\right)^{1/2}
\leq C ||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x).$$

To estimate III, it follows from [5] that the kernel $p_t(y,z)$ of e^{-tA} satisfies that for all t > 0 and almost all $y,z \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$p_t(y,z) \le (4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|y-z|^2}{4t}\right).$$
 (2.4)

Let $g := (b - b_B)Tf$. By (2.4), the formula equation of $e^{-|x|} \le C|x|^{-N}$ and the conclusion of I, for any $y \in B$,

$$\begin{split} |e^{-t_BA}g(y)| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |p_{t_B}(y,z)g(z)| dz \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |p_{t_B}(y,z)| |g(z)| dz \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} t_B^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|y-z|^2}{4t_B}\right) |g(z)| dz \\ &= \int_{|y-z| < 2t_B^{1/2}} t_B^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|y-z|^2}{4t_B}\right) |g(z)| dz \\ &+ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^k t_B^{1/2} \leq |y-z| < 2^{k+1} t_B^{1/2}} t_B^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|y-z|^2}{4t_B}\right) |g(z)| dz \\ &\leq C \left[\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |g(z)| dz + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t_B^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{2^k t_B^{1/2} \leq |y-z| < 2^{k+1} t_B^{1/2}} \left(\frac{t_B}{|y-z|^2}\right)^N |g(z)| dz \right] \\ &\leq C \left[\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |g(z)| dz + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t_B^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{t_B^N}{(2^k t_B^{1/2})^{2N}} \int_{|y-z| < 2^{k+1} t_B^{1/2}} |g(z)| dz \right] \\ &\leq C \left[\|b\|_{\mathrm{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} M_{2,\alpha} (A^{-1/2} V^{1/2} f)(x) \right] \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{\mathrm{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} M_{2,\alpha} (A^{-1/2} V^{1/2} f)(x), \end{split}$$

where N > n/2. So for III, it is easy for us to get

$$III = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |e^{-t_{B}A}((b-b_{B})Tf)(y)|dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |e^{-t_{B}A}g(y)|dy$$

$$\leq C||b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}f)(x).$$

For IV, for all locally integrable functions f and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let M(f)(x) be the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function as follow:

$$M(f)(x) := \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |f(y)| dy.$$

By (2.4), the conclusion of II, the Hölder inequality and the $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -boundedness of T and M, we conclude that

$$IV = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |e^{-t_{B}A} T((b-b_{B})f_{1})(y)| dy$$

$$\leq C \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} M[T((b-b_{B})f_{1})](y) dy$$

$$\leq C[\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} \{M[T((b-b_{B})f_{1})](y)\}^{2} dy]^{1/2}$$

$$\leq C[\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |T((b-b_{B})f_{1})(y)|^{2} dy]^{1/2}$$

$$\leq C[\frac{1}{|B|} \int_{2B} |(b(y)-b_{B})f(y)|^{2} dy]^{1/2}$$

$$\leq C||b||_{Lip_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x).$$

In order to estimate the term V, we need the following Proposition 2.1 and Lemma 2.2.

Proposition 2.1 (cf. Proposition 3.1 in [5]). Fix s > 0. Let $A = -(\nabla - i\vec{a}) \cdot (\nabla - i\vec{a}) + V$ be the magnetic Schrödinger operator. Then for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist positive constants C and c such that

$$\int_{2^{m}\sqrt{t} \le |x-y| < 2^{m+1}\sqrt{t}} \left(|V^{1/2}p_s(x,y)|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n} |L_k p_s(x,y)|^2 \right) dx \le C s^{-n} (2^m \sqrt{t})^{n-2} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{cs} \right)$$

for all s > 0 and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Lemma 2.2. For a real vector potential $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and an electric potential V, we assume that $a_k \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$, $\forall k = 1, \dots, n$, $0 \le V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then the composite operator $(I - e^{-tA})A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$, t > 0, which is the adjoint operator of $V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}(I - e^{-tA})$, has an associated kernel $K_t^*(y,z)$ which satisfies

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m (2^m \sqrt{t})^{n/2} \left(\int_{2^m \sqrt{t} \le |y-z| < 2^{m+1} \sqrt{t}} |K_t^*(y,z)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \le C < \infty, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$
 (2.5)

Proof of Lemma 2.2. Firstly, we need to compute the $K_t^*(y,z)$ of $(I-e^{-tA})A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$. Observe that

$$A^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}},$$

then we have

$$\begin{split} &(I-e^{-tA})A^{-1/2}V^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA}V^{1/2} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-(s+t)A}V^{1/2} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA}V^{1/2} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_t^\infty e^{-sA}V^{1/2} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s-t}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA}V^{1/2} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA}V^{1/2} \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right) e^{-sA}V^{1/2} ds. \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$|K_t^*(y,z)| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right) p_s(y,z) V^{1/2} ds \right|.$$

By Minkowski's inequality, we have

$$\left(\int_{2^{m}\sqrt{t}\leq|y-z|<2^{m+1}\sqrt{t}}|K_{t}^{*}(y,z)|^{2}dy\right)^{1/2} \\
\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_{0}^{\infty}\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}-\frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}}\right|\left(\int_{2^{m}\sqrt{t}\leq|y-z|<2^{m+1}\sqrt{t}}|p_{s}(y,z)V^{1/2}|^{2}dy\right)^{1/2}ds.$$

Together with Proposition 2.1, this gives

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n/2} \Big(\int_{2^{m} \sqrt{t} \leq |y-z| < 2^{m+1} \sqrt{t}} |K_{t}^{*}(y,z)|^{2} dy \Big)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n/2} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right| \Big(\int_{2^{m} \sqrt{t} \leq |y-z| < 2^{m+1} \sqrt{t}} |p_{s}(y,z) V^{1/2}|^{2} dy \Big)^{1/2} ds \\ &\leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n/2} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} |s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{(n-2)/2} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) ds \\ &= C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{0}^{t} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} |s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) ds \\ &+ C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{t}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} |s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) ds \\ &:= I_{1} + II_{1}. \end{split}$$

We first estimate the term I_1 . Note that $\chi_{s>t} \equiv 0$ for s < t. This, together with the fact

that $\omega^{\beta}e^{-c\omega} \leq C$ for any $\omega, \beta > 0$, shows

$$\begin{split} & I_{1} \! = \! C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{0}^{t} \Big| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \! - \! \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \Big| s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \! \exp \Big(\! - \! \frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs} \Big) ds \\ & = \! C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{0}^{t} |s^{-(n+1)/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \! \exp \Big(\! - \! \frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs} \Big) ds \\ & \leq \! C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{0}^{t} \Big(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s} \Big)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \Big(\frac{s}{2^{2m}t} \Big)^{\frac{n-1}{2}+1} \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq \! C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{-m}t^{-1} \int_{0}^{t} ds \leq \! C' \! < \! \infty. \end{split}$$

Consider the term II₁. Observe that, for s > t, then $\chi_{s>t} = 1$. A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{split} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \times |\sqrt{s-t} - \sqrt{s}| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \times \frac{t}{\sqrt{s-t} + \sqrt{s}} = \frac{t}{s\sqrt{s-t} + \sqrt{s}(s-t)} \\ &\leq \frac{t}{s\sqrt{s-t}}. \end{split}$$

Substituting the above into the term II_1 , we obtain

$$\begin{split} & \Pi_{1} = C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{t}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} - \frac{\chi_{(s>t)}}{\sqrt{s-t}} \right| s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) ds \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{t}^{\infty} \frac{t}{s\sqrt{s-t}} s^{-n/2} (2^{m} \sqrt{t})^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) ds \\ & = C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{t}^{2t} \frac{t}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & + C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{m} \int_{2t}^{\infty} \frac{t}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & := \Pi_{1,1} + \Pi_{1,2}. \end{split}$$

Because that $t < s \le 2t$, so we can get

$$\left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \le 2^{m(n-1)}, \quad \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \le \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}}{4c}\right), \quad \frac{t}{s\sqrt{s}} < t^{-1/2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{split} & \text{II}_{1,1} = C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m \int_t^{2t} \frac{t}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m \int_t^{2t} \frac{t^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{s-t}} 2^{m(n-1)} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}}{4c}\right) ds \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{mn} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}}{4c}\right) t^{-1/2} \int_t^{2t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s-t}} ds \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{mn} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}}{4c}\right) \leq C' < \infty. \end{split}$$

Finally, we estimate the term II_{1,2}. Since s > 2t, we have that $\sqrt{s-t} > \sqrt{s}/2$. Hence,

$$\begin{split} & \text{II}_{1,2} = C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m \int_{2t}^{\infty} \frac{t}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{s-t}} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m \int_{2t}^{\infty} \frac{t}{s} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{2m}t}{2cs}\right) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m \int_{2t}^{\infty} \frac{t}{s} \left(\frac{2^{2m}t}{s}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left(\frac{s}{2^{2m}t}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}} \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq C \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{2t}^{\infty} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{ds}{s} \leq C' < \infty. \end{split}$$

Combining the estimates of I_1 , $II_{1,1}$, $II_{1,2}$ we obtain (2.5). Hence, the proof of (2.5) is complete. Now, we will start the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let us consider the term V. We have that

$$(V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}(I-e^{-tA}))^* = (I-e^{-tA})A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}.$$

So the kernel $K_t^*(y,z)$ of the operator $(V^{1/2}A^{-1/2}(I-e^{-tA}))^* = (I-e^{-tA})A^{-1/2}V^{1/2}$ satisfies the following estimate

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^m (2^m \sqrt{t})^{n/2} \left(\int_{2^m \sqrt{t} \le |y-z| < 2^{m+1} \sqrt{t}} |K_t^*(y,z)|^2 dz \right)^{1/2} \le C < \infty,$$

where *C* is a constant independent of *t* and *y*.

Finally, from the fact that $|y-z| \ge r_B$ for any $y \in B, z \notin 2B$, the conclusion of (2.3), Lemma

2.2 and the Hölder inequality, the term V is dominated as follows,

$$V = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |(I - e^{-t_{B}A}) T((b - b_{B}) f_{2})(y)| dy$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n} \setminus (2B)} |K_{t_{B}}^{*}(y, z)| |(b(z) - b_{B}) f(z)| dz dy$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_{2^{m} r_{B} \leq |y - z| < 2^{m+1} r_{B}} |K_{t_{B}}^{*}(y, z)| |(b(z) - b_{B})| |f(z)| dz \right) dy$$

$$\leq C \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |2^{m+1} B|^{\alpha/n} ||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \left(\int_{2^{m} r_{B} \leq |y - z| < 2^{m+1} r_{B}} |K_{t_{B}}^{*}(y, z)|^{2} dz \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\times \left(\int_{2^{m+1}} |f(z)|^{2} \right)^{1/2} dy$$

$$\leq C \sup_{m \geqslant 0} 2^{-m} ||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x)$$

$$\leq C ||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} M_{2,\alpha}(f)(x).$$

Combining the estimates from I to V, we see that (2.1) holds, which completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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