

# LIMIT THEOREMS FOR SELF-SIMILAR TILINGS

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ABSTRACT. We study deviation of ergodic averages for dynamical systems given by self-similar tilings on the plane and in higher dimensions. The main object of our paper is a special family of finitely-additive measures for our systems. An asymptotic formula is given for ergodic integrals in terms of these finitely-additive measures, and, as a corollary, limit theorems are obtained for dynamical systems given by self-similar tilings.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We study the deviation of ergodic averages for certain tiling dynamical systems, namely, translation  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -actions associated with self-similar tilings. For  $d = 1$  asymptotic formulas and limit laws for such deviations were obtained in [10]. The main novelty of the  $d \geq 2$  case is the appearance of “boundary effects” which result in some new phenomena.

We assume that the tilings have translationally finite local complexity, are aperiodic, and repetitive. Self-similarity means that there is an expanding similarity map  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , such that every “inflated” tile can be subdivided into tiles of the original tiling, basically, a Markov property. Given a self-similar tiling, we consider its orbit under translations and its closure in the natural “local” topology. This is a compact metric space, on which  $\mathbb{R}^d$  acts by translations. The resulting dynamical system is known to be minimal and uniquely ergodic. See the next section for precise definitions and statements.

Let  $S$  be the substitution matrix, which is primitive, and let  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$  be its eigenvalues, ordered by their absolute values:  $\theta_1 > |\theta_2| \geq \dots \geq |\theta_m|$ . In

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order to describe our results, we make a simplifying assumption that there are no Jordan blocks associated with eigenvalues of absolute value  $|\theta_2|$ . The most basic class of functions for which we consider the deviation of ergodic averages is the collection of characteristic functions for “cylinder sets” of tiles. Averaging can be done over balls or cubes of diameter  $R$ , or more general increasing families of Lipschitz domains. A question arises: how can we estimate from above the deviation of the ergodic average from the mean? The answer depends on the relation between  $|\theta_2|$  and  $\theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ , see Corollary 4.5. If  $|\theta_2| < \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ , then the deviation term is bounded above by  $CR^{d-1}$ , which means that the main contribution comes from the boundary of the domain. On the other hand, if  $|\theta_2| > \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ , then the deviation term is bounded above by  $CR^\alpha$ , where  $\alpha = \frac{d \log |\theta_2|}{\log \theta_1} \in (d-1, d)$  (if  $|\theta_2| = \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ , then there is a logarithmic correction). These deviation bounds are sharp, at least, in the general case. There are related recent results by Solomon [32, 33] and Aliste-Prieto, Coronel, Gambaudo [2, 3], who obtained estimates for the rate of convergence to frequency of the number of prototiles per volume for a class of domains. They were motivated by questions on bi-Lipschitz equivalence and bounded displacement of separated nets, arising from self-similar tilings, to the lattice. The reader is referred to remarks at the end of Section 4 for a more detailed discussion of these results and how they compare to ours.

Our goal is a finer analysis of the deviation from the ergodic average, which we can perform in the case  $|\theta_2| > \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ . The main tool here is a family of *finitely-additive measures* associated with the system. It is known that the right and left eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  corresponding to the dominant eigenvalue  $\theta_1$  give rise to the unique invariant probability measure for the tiling dynamical system. The tiling space is locally a product of the “Euclidean leaf” — an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  — and the transversal, which is a Cantor set with the structure of a topological Markov chain. The invariant measure is locally the product of the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and a Markov measure. It turns out that for each eigenvalue  $\theta$  of  $\mathbf{S}$ , that is larger than  $\theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$  in absolute value, one can associate two finitely-additive complex (or real signed) measures: one defined on an algebra of sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  including Lipschitz domains, and another one defined on the transversal. The latter one yields an invariant finitely-additive measure for the dynamical system, if we take a product (locally) with the Lebesgue measure.

Tilings can be viewed as multi-dimensional analogues of substitution dynamical systems. By the Vershik-Livshits theorem [37, 38], primitive substitution dynamical systems can be equivalently realized as Vershik’s automorphisms corresponding to Bratteli diagrams. Upper bounds for the deviation of ergodic averages for substitution dynamical systems have been obtained by Adamczewski [1]; in the related context of interval exchange transformations and translation flows on flat surfaces, such upper bounds are due to Zorich [39] and Forni [16]. An asymptotic formula for ergodic integrals for translation flows has been obtained in [11], relying on the construction of a special family of finitely-additive invariant measures. In particular, G. Forni’s invariant distributions are expressed through the finitely-additive measures. Limit theorems for translation flows follow as a corollary of the asymptotic formula. We should mention that related objects (minimal cocycles with a scaling property) for 1-dimensional symbolic substitutions have been studied by Kamae and collaborators [14, 21].

As we said above, the main difficulty of the multi-dimensional case is due to the more complicated behavior at the boundary. In the one-dimensional case, finitely-additive measures are directly constructed on “Markovian” arcs and then extended to general arcs by exhaustion. In the multi-dimensional case, finitely-additive measures are first constructed on tiles, and then the question arises of their extension to rectangles, discs and so forth. Note, however, that while the boundary of an interval consists of two points, the boundary of a rectangle consists of several arcs, and their contribution need not be negligible!

Our first main result (see Theorem 4.3) is an asymptotic formula for the deviation of the ergodic average in terms of the finitely-additive measures up to an error term, generically of order  $R^{d-1}$ . Under the additional assumptions that the tiles are polyhedral, the similarity map  $\phi$  is a pure dilation, and the second eigenvalue  $\theta_2$  is real, simple, and satisfies  $\theta_2 > |\theta_3|$ , we prove that the deviations of ergodic averages obey a limit law: more precisely, averages on cubes of side  $r\lambda^n$ , appropriately normalized, converge in distribution to a non-degenerate random variable (see Theorem 6.1).

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We begin with tiling preliminaries, following [36], see also [24, 28, 30]. We emphasize that our tilings are *translationally finite*, thus excluding the pinwheel tiling [27] and its relatives.

**2.1. Tilings.** Fix a set of types (or colors) labeled by  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ . A *tile* in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is defined as a pair  $T = (A, i)$  where  $A = \text{supp}(T)$  (the support of  $T$ ) is a compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which is the closure of its interior, and  $i = \ell(T) \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  is the type of  $T$ . (The tiles are not assumed to be homeomorphic to the ball or even connected. They may have fractal boundary.) A *tiling* of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a set  $\mathcal{T}$  of tiles such that  $\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup\{\text{supp}(T) : T \in \mathcal{T}\}$  and distinct tiles (or rather, their supports) have disjoint interiors.

A patch  $P$  is a finite set of tiles with disjoint interiors. The *support of a patch*  $P$  is defined by  $\text{supp}(P) = \bigcup\{\text{supp}(T) : T \in P\}$ . The *diameter of a patch*  $P$  is  $\text{diam}(P) = \text{diam}(\text{supp}(P))$ . The *translate* of a tile  $T = (A, i)$  by a vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is  $T + y = (A + y, i)$ . The translate of a patch  $P$  is  $P + y = \{T + y : T \in P\}$ . We say that two patches  $P_1, P_2$  are *translationally equivalent* if  $P_2 = P_1 + y$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Finite subsets of  $\mathcal{T}$  are called  $\mathcal{T}$ -patches. For a set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  we denote by

$$\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega} = \bigcup\{T \in \mathcal{T} : \text{supp}(T) \subset \Omega\}$$

the patch of  $\mathcal{T}$ -tiles whose supports are contained in  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  has (translational) finite local complexity (FLC) if for any  $R > 0$  there are finitely many  $\mathcal{T}$ -patches of diameter less than  $R$  up to translation equivalence.

**Definition 2.2.** A tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  is called repetitive if for any patch  $P \subset \mathcal{T}$  there is  $R > 0$  such that for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  there is a  $\mathcal{T}$ -patch  $P'$  such that  $\text{supp}(P') \subset B_R(x)$  and  $P'$  is a translate of  $P$ .

**2.2. Tile-substitutions, self-affine tilings.** We study *perfect* (geometric) substitutions, in which a tile is “blown up” by an expanding linear map and then subdivided. A linear map  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is *expansive* if all its eigenvalues lie outside the unit circle.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$  be a finite set of tiles in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $T_i = (A_i, i)$ ; we will call them prototiles. Denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}}$  the set of patches made of tiles each of which is a translate of one of  $T_i$ 's. A map  $\omega : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is called a tile-substitution with expansion  $\phi$  if

$$(1) \quad \text{supp}(\omega(T_j)) = \phi A_j \quad \text{for } j \leq m.$$

*In plain language, every expanded prototile  $\phi T_j$  can be decomposed into a union of tiles (which are all translates of the prototiles) with disjoint interiors.*

The substitution  $\omega$  is extended to all translates of prototiles by  $\omega(y + T_j) = \phi y + \omega(T_j)$ , and to patches by  $\omega(P) = \cup\{\omega(T) : T \in P\}$ . This is well-defined due to (1). The substitution  $\omega$  also acts on the space of tilings whose tiles are translates of those in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

To the substitution  $\omega$  we associate its  $m \times m$  substitution matrix  $\mathbf{S}$ , with  $S_{ij}$  being the number of tiles of type  $i$  in the patch  $\omega(T_j)$ . The substitution  $\omega$  is called *primitive* if the substitution matrix is primitive, that is, if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{S}^k$  has only positive entries.

**Definition 2.4.** *Given a primitive tile-substitution  $\omega$ , let  $X_\omega$  be the set of all tilings whose every patch is a translate of a subpatch of  $\omega^n(T_j)$  for some  $j \leq m$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (Of course, one can use a specific  $j$  by primitivity.) The set  $X_\omega$  is called the tiling space corresponding to the substitution.*

**Definition 2.5.** *A repetitive tiling  $\mathcal{T}$ , such that  $\omega(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$  for a primitive tile-substitution  $\omega$ , is called a self-affine tiling. The self-affine tiling is self-similar if the expansion map of  $\omega$  is a similitude, that is, for some  $\lambda > 1$  we have*

$$|\phi(x)| = \lambda|x|, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

*The number  $\lambda$  is called the real expansion constant, or linear dilatation, of the map  $\phi$ .*

We say that a tile-substitution  $\omega$  has FLC if for any  $R > 0$  there are finitely many subpatches of  $\omega^n(T_j)$  for all  $j \leq m$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , of diameter less than  $R$ , up to translation. This obviously implies that all tilings in  $X_\omega$  have FLC, and is equivalent to it if the tile-substitution is primitive.

**Remark.** A primitive substitution tiling space is not necessarily of finite local complexity, see [22, p.244] and [13]. Thus we have to assume FLC explicitly. Recently, tiling systems without FLC were studied in [17, 18].

**Lemma 2.6.** [26, Prop.1.2] *Let  $\omega$  be a primitive tile-substitution of finite local complexity. Then every tiling  $\mathcal{S} \in X_\omega$  is repetitive.*

**2.3. Tile boundaries.** For a tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  denote by

$$\partial\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \partial(\text{supp}(T))$$

the union of the boundaries of all tile supports.

By the definition of a tiling,  $\partial\mathcal{T}$  is nowhere dense in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . For self-affine tilings, the boundary has zero Lebesgue measure.

**Lemma 2.7.** [26, Prop. 1.1] *Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a self-affine tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}^d(\partial\mathcal{T}) = 0$ .*

There is also a kind of “geometric rigidity”: if  $\mathcal{T}$  is self-affine and  $\partial\mathcal{T}$  is piecewise smooth (even piecewise Lipschitz), then it has to be polyhedral. This follows from the fact that  $\partial\mathcal{T}$  is invariant under the expanding linear map.

**2.4. Tiling topology and tiling dynamical system.** We use a tiling metric on  $X_\omega$ , which is based on a simple idea: two tilings are close if after a small translation they agree on a large ball around the origin. There is more than one way to make this precise, and our formal definition is as follows: For  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2 \in X_\omega$  let

$$\tilde{d}(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) := \inf\{r \in (0, 2^{-1/2}) : \exists y, |y| \leq r, \text{supp}((\mathcal{T}_1 - y) \cap \mathcal{T}_2) \supset B_{1/r}(0)\}.$$

Then  $d(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) = \min\{2^{-1/2}, \tilde{d}(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)\}$  is a metric on  $X_\omega$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** [29] (see also [28]).  *$(X_\omega, d)$  is a complete metric space. It is compact, whenever the space has finite local complexity. The action of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  by translations on  $X_\omega$ , given by  $\mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{S} - y$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , is continuous.*

This continuous translation action  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  is called the (topological) tiling dynamical system associated with the tile-substitution.

**Theorem 2.9.** *If  $\omega$  is a primitive tiling substitution with FLC, then the dynamical system  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  is minimal, that is, for every  $\mathcal{S} \in X_\omega$ , the orbit  $\{\mathcal{S} - y : y \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$  is dense in  $X_\omega$ .*

This follows from Lemma 2.6 and Gottschalk’s Theorem [20], see [28, Sec. 5] for details.

Recall that a topological dynamical system is said to be *uniquely ergodic* if it has a unique invariant Borel probability measure.

**Theorem 2.10.** *If  $\omega$  is a primitive tiling substitution with FLC, then the dynamical system  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  is uniquely ergodic.*

This result has appeared in the literature in several slightly different versions. We refer to [24, Theorem 4.1] and [28] for the proof.

Let  $\mu$  be the unique invariant measure from Theorem 2.10. The measure-preserving tiling dynamical system is denoted by  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$ .

**Lemma 2.11.** (see [28, Th. 5.10]) *If  $\omega$  is a primitive tiling substitution with FLC, then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  such that  $\omega^k(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$ .*

Combining this with Lemma 2.7, we obtain that  $\mathcal{L}^d(\partial\mathcal{S}) = 0$  for all  $\mathcal{S} \in X_\omega$ .

**2.5. Substitution action.** The substitution  $\omega$  acts on the entire space  $X_\omega$ , and it is easy to see from the definition of  $X_\omega$  that  $\omega : X_\omega \rightarrow X_\omega$  is surjective. We will address the question of its invertibility, but first record the obvious relation:

$$(2) \quad \omega(\mathcal{T} - y) = \omega(\mathcal{T}) - \phi y.$$

**Lemma 2.12.** *If  $\omega$  is a primitive substitution with FLC, and  $\mu$  is the unique invariant probability measure for the translation action  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $\mu$  is invariant under the substitution action  $\omega$  (in general, non-invertible).*

*Proof.* Consider the probability measure  $\omega_*\mu = \mu \circ \omega^{-1}$  on  $X_\omega$ . It is immediate from (2) that this measure is invariant under the translation action, hence  $\mu = \omega_*\mu$  by unique ergodicity.  $\square$

**Definition 2.13.** *A primitive tile-substitution  $\omega$  is called non-periodic if all  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  are non-periodic, that is,  $\mathcal{T} - y = \mathcal{T}$  implies  $y = 0$ . If at least one  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  is non-periodic, then  $\omega$  is non-periodic by minimality.*

**Theorem 2.14** ([35]). *The map  $\omega : X_\omega \rightarrow X_\omega$  is injective if and only if  $\omega$  is a non-periodic substitution.*

We assume that  $\omega$  is non-periodic for the rest of the paper.

For non-periodic substitutions we have the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action generated by  $\omega$ , along with the translation  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -action. It is useful to note that this  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action is, in some sense, *hyperbolic*, with the orbit of  $\mathcal{T}$  under the  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -action playing the role of the unstable set of  $\mathcal{T}$  (clear from (2)), and the the *transversal* containing  $\mathcal{T}$  playing the role of the stable set, see [4] for details. (The transversal is defined here as the set of all tilings which agree with  $\mathcal{T}$  exactly on some patch, possibly one tile, containing the origin in its interior; see Section 4 for precise definitions.)

The substitution  $\omega$  can be extended to “super-tiles” and “sub-tiles” of all orders. More precisely, for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  let

$$\phi^k \mathcal{A} := \{\phi^k(T_i)\}_{i=1}^m, \quad (\phi^k \omega)(\phi^k T_i) = \phi^k(\omega(T_i)).$$

This defines a bi-infinite sequence of tile-substitutions and the corresponding tiling spaces  $\{X_{\phi^k\omega}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . The *subdivision map*

$$(3) \quad \Upsilon_k : X_{\phi^k\omega} \rightarrow X_{\phi^{k-1}\omega}$$

acts by subdividing each tile according to the rule implicit in the substitution. The inverse of the subdivision map is the *composition map*, which is well-defined if and only if the substitution is non-periodic, by Theorem 2.14. For  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  denote  $\mathcal{T}^{(0)} := \mathcal{T}$ , and

$$\mathcal{T}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \Upsilon_k^{-1} \cdots \Upsilon_1^{-1}(\mathcal{T}), & \text{if } k > 0, \\ \Upsilon_{k+1} \cdots \Upsilon_0(\mathcal{T}), & \text{if } k < 0; \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{T}^{(k)} \in X_{\phi^k\omega}.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$  is always defined for  $k < 0$ , and if  $\omega$  is non-periodic, then for  $k > 0$  as well.

**2.6. Some geometric measure theory.** Denote by  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha$  the  $\alpha$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure (see e.g. [25] for definitions and basic properties) and by  $\mathcal{L}^d$  the Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A set  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be  $m$ -rectifiable for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < d$ , if  $\mathcal{H}^m(H) > 0$  and there exist Lipschitz maps  $h_i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{H}^m \left( H \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} h_i(\mathbb{R}^m) \right) = 0.$$

See e.g. [25, p.204].

We will say that an open bounded set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is a *Lipschitz domain* if there exist finitely many Lipschitz maps  $h_i : \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $i \leq N$ , such that

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{H}^{d-1} \left( \partial\Omega \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} h_i(\mathbb{R}^{d-1}) \right) = 0.$$

Thus, the boundary of a Lipschitz domain is  $(d-1)$ -rectifiable. For  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  denote

$$U(A, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \text{dist}(x, A) \leq r\}.$$

The  $\alpha$ -dimensional upper Minkowski content of  $A$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{M}^{*\alpha}(A) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} (2r)^{d-\alpha} \mathcal{L}^d(U(A, r)).$$

It is known [15] that  $\mathcal{M}^{*m}(A) = \mathcal{H}^m(A)$  for an  $m$ -rectifiable set  $A$ . It follows that for any  $(d-1)$ -rectifiable set  $A$  and  $b > 0$  there exists  $C(A, b)$  such that

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{L}^d(U(A, r)) \leq C(A, b)r, \quad \text{for all } r \in (0, b].$$



Indeed, we have  $\mathcal{M}^{*(d-1)}(A) > 0$ , hence (6) holds for some  $b = b_0$ , and then we can simply take

$$C(A, b) = \max \left\{ C(A, b_0), \frac{\mathcal{L}^d(U(A, b))}{b_0 \mathcal{L}^d(U(A, b_0))} \right\} \quad \text{for } b > b_0.$$

**2.7. Linear algebra.** We will need the following well-known result.

**Lemma 2.15.** *Let  $J$  be a Jordan cell of size  $s$  with diagonal entries  $\theta$ ,  $|\theta| > 1$ .*

*Then*

$$\|J^k\| \leq \begin{cases} sk^{s-1}|\theta|^k & \text{for } k > 0; \\ s|k|^{s-1}|\theta|^{k+s} & \text{for } k < 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the operator matrix norm induced by the Euclidean norm.

### 3. FINITELY-ADDITIVE MEASURES ON LIPSCHITZ DOMAINS.

Recall that we have the prototiles  $T_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , with  $\text{supp}(T_i) = A_i$ . By the definition of self-similar tiling and the substitution matrix, we have

$$(7) \quad A_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\phi^{-1}A_i + \phi^{-1}D_{ij}), \quad j = 1, \dots, m,$$

where the union is almost disjoint (up to the boundaries), and  $D_{ij}$  are finite sets, with  $S_{ij} = \#D_{ij}$ . Then we obtain, using Lemma 2.7, that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m S_{ij} \mathcal{L}^d(A_i) = \mathcal{L}^d(\text{supp}(\omega(T_j))) = \mathcal{L}^d(\lambda A_j) = \lambda^d \mathcal{L}^d(A_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, m,$$

where  $\lambda$  is the linear dilatation of  $\phi$ . It follows that  $(\mathcal{L}^d(A_j))_{j=1}^m$  is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector for  $S^t$ , with the eigenvalue  $\lambda^d$ , hence the dominant eigenvalue of  $S^t$  is

$$(8) \quad \theta_1 = \lambda^d.$$

Denote by  $E^+$  the linear span of the Jordan cells of the transpose of the substitution matrix  $S^t$  corresponding to eigenvalues greater than 1. Our goal is to define finitely-additive (complex) measures  $\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+$  for  $v \in E^+$  and  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ , analogous to those from [9, 10, 11], which corresponds to  $d = 1$ .

Recall that for each  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  we have a sequence  $\{\mathcal{T}^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of “sub-tilings” (for  $k < 0$ ) and “super-tilings” (for  $k > 0$ ), together with  $\mathcal{T}^{(0)} = \mathcal{T}$ , such that  $\mathcal{T}^{(k-1)}$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$  by the process of subdivision. They are uniquely defined by the assumption of non-periodicity, see Subsection 2.5.

Initially,  $\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+$  is defined on the following ring of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+ := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \{F = (\text{supp}(P) \setminus N_1) \cup N_2 : P \subset \mathcal{T}^{(k)}, N_1, N_2 \subset \partial\mathcal{T}^{(k)}\}.$$

(Recall that a ring of sets is closed under finite unions and intersections, but not necessarily under complements.) In other words, this is the ring generated by sub-tiles and super-tiles of  $\mathcal{T}$  of all orders (referred to as “tiles of order  $k$ ” for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) and arbitrary subsets of their boundaries. The finitely-additive measure  $\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+$  is defined on tiles of order  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$(9) \quad \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)) = ((S^t)^k v)_j, \text{ if } \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, y \in \mathbb{R}^d : T = \phi^k(T_j) - y \in \mathcal{T}^{(k)},$$

and

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(N) = 0 \quad \text{if } N \subset \partial\mathcal{T}^{(k)}.$$

Then this set function is extended to finite disjoint unions by additivity. We need to show that this definition is consistent; then we get a finitely-additive set function on the ring  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+$ . Clearly, it suffices to verify finite additivity for a tile and its decomposition into sub-tiles. We have

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_j - y) = v_j, \quad \text{where } T_j - y \in \mathcal{T},$$

and hence (7) implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{x \in D_{ij}} \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\phi^{-1}A_i + x - y) = \sum_{i=1}^m (S^t)_{ji} ((S^t)^{-1}v)_i = v_j,$$

as desired. Note that  $(S^t)^{-1}v$  is well-defined because  $v$  is in the expanding subspace for  $S^t$ . We showed finite additivity when subdividing a  $\mathcal{T}$ -tile into  $\mathcal{T}^{(-1)}$ -tiles; the general case follows.

Observe that  $v \mapsto \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+$  is linear, so we can restrict ourselves to  $v$  from a basis of  $E^+$ ; specifically, to a basis of eigenvectors and root vectors of  $S^t$ , associated to the canonical Jordan form of  $S^t$ .

**Definition 3.1.** *Define the rapidly expanding subspace of  $E^{++}$  of  $S^t$  to be the linear span of Jordan cells of eigenvalues satisfying the inequality*

$$|\theta| > \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} = \lambda^{d-1},$$

where  $\lambda$  is the linear dilatation of  $\phi$ , see (8).

The space  $E^{++}$  yields finitely-additive measures for which the main contribution is in the interior of the set, rather than at the boundary. Heuristically, the main contribution of the eigenvalues with absolute values in  $(1, \lambda^{d-1})$  will, on the contrary, be concentrated at the boundary. At any rate, it will turn out that the contribution of the latter eigenvalues to the deviation of the ergodic average on, say, a ball of radius  $R$  is bounded above by  $CR^{d-1}$ , see (52) below. This effect was not present in the one-dimensional case, since for  $d = 1$  we have  $E^{++} = E^+$ .

Let  $\gamma > 0$  be the average of  $\lambda^{d-1}$  and the smallest absolute value of an eigenvalue of  $S^t|_{E^{++}}$ . Then  $\gamma > \lambda^{d-1}$ , and we have

$$(10) \quad \|(S^t)^k v\| \leq \text{const} \cdot \gamma^k \|v\|, \quad k < 0, \quad \forall v \in E^{++},$$

where the constant depends only on the matrix  $S$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$  the ring of sets generated by Lipschitz domains in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and subsets of their boundaries for a fixed  $d$  (recall that Lipschitz domains are assumed to be **bounded** by definition). We will show that for  $v \in E^{++}$  the finitely-additive measure  $\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+$  can be defined in a natural way on  $\mathcal{Q}$ . If the tile supports belong to  $\mathcal{Q}$  (in which case they have to be polyhedral, see Subsection 2.3), then this is an extension of the corresponding finitely-additive measure defined on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+$ . But we also allow “fractal” boundaries, in which case it is not clear whether the finitely-additive measure can be extended to the ring generated by  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+ \cup \mathcal{Q}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *For any  $v \in E^{++}$ , there exist finitely-additive measures  $\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+$  defined on the ring  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Moreover, they satisfy the following “cocycle” conditions for any  $\Omega \in \mathcal{Q}$ :*

$$(11) \quad \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}-y}^+(\Omega) = \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega + y) \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{T} \in X_\omega, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

$$(12) \quad \Phi_{S^t v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega) = \Phi_{v, \omega(\mathcal{T})}^+(\phi(\Omega)).$$

*In particular, for an eigenvector  $v$ , with  $S^t v = \theta v$ , we get*

$$(13) \quad \Phi_{v, \omega(\mathcal{T})}^+(\phi(\Omega)) = \Phi_{\theta v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega) = \theta \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega).$$

Before the proof, we introduce a construction which will be used throughout the paper. It is an efficient hierarchical “packing” of a Lipschitz domain by tiles of varying orders. Analogous constructions have been used in [32, 33, 2, 3, 31].

Fix a tiling  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  and a Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega$  denotes the collection of  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$ -tiles whose supports lie in  $\Omega$ . Observe that  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+$

and  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k+1)}|_\Omega) \subset \text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega)$ . Further, let

$$(14) \quad \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega) := \{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega : \text{supp}(T) \not\subset \text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k+1)}|_\Omega)\}.$$

In words,  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega)$  consists of those tiles of order  $k$  in  $\Omega$  which belong to tiles of order  $k+1$  that **do not** lie in  $\Omega$ , hence these tiles of order  $k+1$  must intersect the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Let  $d_{\max}, d_{\min}$  be the largest and the smallest diameter of a  $\mathcal{T}$ -tile respectively. Since the largest diameter of a  $\mathcal{T}^{(k+1)}$ -tile equals  $d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}$ , it follows that

$$\text{supp}(\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega)) \subset U(\partial\Omega, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}).$$

Denote by  $a_{\min} = \min_{j \leq m} \mathcal{L}^d(A_j)$  the smallest volume of a prototile. Then the volume of an order  $k$  tile is at least  $a_{\min}\lambda^{dk}$ , and we obtain

$$(15) \quad \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega) \leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}))a_{\min}^{-1}\lambda^{-dk}.$$

*Proof of Lemma 3.2.* We define for a Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$ :

$$(16) \quad \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega) := \lim_{k \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega)).$$

Let us show that the limit exists (note that we cannot use monotonicity, since the values of  $\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+$  need not be positive or even real). By (15) and (6),

$$\#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega) \leq C(\partial\Omega, 1)d_{\max}\lambda a_{\min}^{-1}\lambda^{-(d-1)k} = \text{const} \cdot \lambda^{-(d-1)k}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1} \leq 1$ , that is, for

$$k \leq -\log d_{\max} - \log \lambda - 1.$$

Now, by finite additivity of  $\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+$  on  $\mathcal{C}_T^+$ , in view of (9),

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_\Omega)) - \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}^{(k+1)}|_\Omega))| &= |\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega)))| \\ &\leq \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega)} |\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T))| \\ &\leq \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega) \cdot \|(S^t)^k v\| \\ &\leq \text{const} \cdot \lambda^{-(d-1)k} \gamma^k \|v\|, \end{aligned}$$

for  $k < \min\{0, -\log d_{\max} - \log \lambda - 1\}$ , where we used (10) in the last step. By assumption,  $|\gamma| > \lambda^{d-1}$ , hence the last expression tends to zero exponentially fast as  $k \rightarrow -\infty$ , and the existence of the limit in (16) is verified. We then define

$$\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega \cup N) = \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega) \quad \text{for } N \subset \partial\Omega.$$

Now let us check finite additivity. If  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are Lipschitz domains with disjoint interiors such that

$$\overline{\Omega} = \overline{\Omega_1} \cup \overline{\Omega_2}$$

for another Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$ , then

$$\mathcal{T}^{(k)}|_{\Omega} \setminus (\mathcal{T}_{\Omega_1}^{(k)} \cup \mathcal{T}_{\Omega_2}^{(k)}) \subset \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_1) \cap \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_2),$$

since the former consists of those  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$ -tiles which intersect  $\partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega_2$ . The estimate above shows that the  $\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+$ -measure of the support of the latter patch tends to zero as  $k \rightarrow -\infty$ . The definition (16) then shows

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega) = \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_1) + \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_2).$$

Thus we can define  $\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+$  on a finite union of disjoint Lipschitz domains and subsets of their boundaries consistently, and finite additivity follows.

Formulas (11) and (12) are easily verified: they hold on the ring  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}^+$  by definition, hence they hold for Lipschitz domains by (16), and therefore for all the elements of the ring  $\mathcal{Q}$ .  $\square$

In the next lemma, we estimate the growth of our finitely-additive measures on dilations of a given Lipschitz domain.

We will often use constants which depend only on the tiling substitution  $\omega$  (which includes all the data for the tiling space  $X_\omega$ ), and on the domain  $\Omega$ . This will be often written as  $C = C(\omega, \Omega)$  for short.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Suppose that  $v \in E^{++}$ , with  $\|v\| = 1$ , belongs to the  $S^t$ -invariant subspace corresponding to a Jordan block of size  $s \geq 1$ , with an eigenvalue  $\theta$  ( $v$  is an eigenvector if  $s = 1$ ). Then for a Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega_R = R\Omega$ , we have for  $R \geq 2$ :*

$$(17) \quad |\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R)| \leq C_1 (\log R)^{s-1} R^\alpha, \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\log |\theta|}{\log \lambda},$$

for a constant  $C_1 = C_1(\omega, \Omega)$ .

*Proof.* Fix a tiling  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we consider patches  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega)$  introduced in (14). If we fix  $\Omega$  and let  $\Omega_R = R\Omega$ , then we obtain by (15),

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R) &\leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega_R, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}))a_{\min}^{-1}\lambda^{-dk} \\ &= R^d \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}R^{-1}))a_{\min}^{-1}\lambda^{-dk}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$k_R = \max\{k \in \mathbb{Z} : \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

It is clear that  $d_{\min}\lambda^{k_R} \leq \text{diam}(\Omega_R) = R \text{diam}(\Omega)$ , so

$$(19) \quad \lambda^{k_R} \leq R \text{diam}(\Omega)/d_{\min}.$$

Thus, in (18) we have  $d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}R^{-1} \leq \lambda \text{diam}(\Omega)d_{\max}/d_{\min} := b$ , hence

$$(20) \quad \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R) \leq C' \cdot R^{d-1}\lambda^{-(d-1)k}, \quad \text{with } C' = C(\partial\Omega, b)d_{\max}\lambda a_{\min}^{-1}.$$

where we used (6). Note that the constant  $b$ , and hence  $C'$ , depends only on  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$ . We have by (16):

$$(21) \quad \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_R} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R)} \Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)).$$

Therefore,

$$(22) \quad |\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R)| \leq C' \cdot R^{d-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_R} \frac{\|(\mathcal{S}^t)^k v\|}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}}$$

$$(23) \quad \leq C'' \cdot R^{d-1} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{|k|^{s-1} |\theta|^{k+s}}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}} + 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{k_R} \frac{|k|^{s-1} |\theta|^k}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}} \right)$$

$$(24) \quad \leq C''' \cdot R^{d-1} \frac{|k_R|^{s-1} |\theta|^{k_R}}{\lambda^{(d-1)k_R}}.$$

We used (20) and (9) in (22), Lemma 2.15 in (23), and the assumption  $|\theta| > \lambda^{d-1}$  in (24). Note that the constants  $C''$ ,  $C'''$  depend only on  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  (they depend on the substitution matrix, which is encoded in  $\omega$ ). We also assumed that  $k_R > 0$ , but this does not lead to loss of generality since it is enough to establish (17) for  $R$  sufficiently large. In view of (19), we have

$$\frac{|\theta|^{k_R}}{\lambda^{(d-1)k_R}} \leq \text{const} \cdot R^{\frac{\log(|\theta|/\lambda^{d-1})}{\log \lambda}} = \text{const} \cdot R^{\frac{\log |\theta|}{\log \lambda} - (d-1)},$$

hence the inequality (24) implies

$$|\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R)| \leq C_1 (\log R)^{s-1} R^{\log |\theta| / \log \lambda},$$

with  $C_1 = C_1(\omega, \Omega)$ , as desired.  $\square$

We record the following fact, which easily follows from the proof of Lemma 3.3, for future use. The notation  $\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R}$ , used in the lemma below, means the collection of all  $\mathcal{T}$  tiles contained in  $\Omega_R$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *For a Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$  there exists a constant  $C_2 = C_2(\omega, \Omega) > 0$  such that for all  $v \in E^{++}$ , with  $\|v\| = 1$ , and for all  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ , we have for  $\Omega_R = R\Omega$ :*

$$(25) \quad |\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) - \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R}))| \leq C_2 R^{d-1}, \quad \text{for all } R \geq 1.$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R})) = \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R)} \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)).$$

Comparing with (21) and using (20) we obtain, similarly to (24):

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) - \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R}))| &\leq \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R)} \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)) \right| \\ &\leq C' R^{d-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{\|(S^t)^k v\|}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}} \\ &\leq C' R^{d-1} \cdot C'' \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{\gamma^{kR}}{\lambda^{(d-1)kR}} \\ &\leq C_2 R^{d-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma > \lambda^{d-1}$  is from (10). □

**3.1. Hölder estimates.** Next we establish a Hölder estimate for our finitely-additive measures. Although more general Lipschitz domains could be handled, we restrict ourselves to cubes, for simplicity and because the limit law in Section 6 below is obtained in this setting. We do not need this result until Section 6. Denote

$$Q_r := [-r/2, r/2]^d \quad \text{and} \quad A_{r_1, r_2} := Q_{r_2} \setminus \text{int}(Q_{r_1}) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r_1 < r_2.$$

Thus,  $A_{r_1, r_2}$  is the closed “annulus” between two concentric cubes.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Suppose that  $v \in E^{++}$ , with  $\|v\| = 1$ , satisfies  $S^t v = \theta v$  (so that  $\theta > \lambda^{d-1}$  by the definition of the rapidly expanding subspace  $E^{++}$ ). Then there exists a constant  $C_3 = C_3(\omega, \Omega) > 0$  such that for any  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  and any  $0 \leq r_1 < r_2$  we have*

$$(26) \quad |\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_2}) - \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_1})| \leq C_3 r_2^{d-1} (r_2 - r_1)^{\alpha - (d-1)}, \quad \text{where } \alpha = \frac{\log |\theta|}{\log \lambda}.$$

**Remark.** Taking  $r_1 = 0$  we obtain the upper bound  $C_3 r_2^\alpha$ , which agrees with (17), since  $s = 1$  for the eigenvector  $v$ .

*Proof.* We have by finite additivity:

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_2}) - \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_1}) = \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_{r_1,r_2}).$$

Consider  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(A_{r_1,r_2})$  as defined in (14); recall that

$$\#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(A_{r_1,r_2}) \leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial A_{r_1,r_2}, d_{\max} \lambda^{k+1})) a_{\min}^{-1} \lambda^{-dk}$$

by (15). Clearly,  $\partial A_{r_1,r_2} = \partial Q_{r_1} \cup \partial Q_{r_2}$ . The following claim is elementary.

**Claim.** For any  $r > 0$  and  $t \in (0, r)$ ,

$$(27) \quad \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_r, t/2)) < d 2^d t r^{d-1}.$$

Indeed, we have  $\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_r, t/2)) < (r+t)^d - (r-t)^d$  whence (27) follows by a simple calculus exercise.

Therefore, for all  $0 \leq r_1 < r_2$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial A_{r_1,r_2}, t/2)) \leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_{r_1}, t/2)) + \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_{r_2}, t/2)) \leq d 2^{d+1} t r_2^{d-1}.$$

Thus,

$$(28) \quad \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(A_{r_1,r_2}) \leq C(d, \omega) \lambda^{-(d-1)k} r_2^{d-1}, \text{ where } C(d, \omega) = d 2^{d+2} d_{\max} \lambda a_{\min}^{-1}.$$

Let  $k_0 = \max\{k \in \mathbb{Z} : \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(A_{r_1,r_2}) \neq \emptyset\}$ . We have

$$\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_{r_1,r_2}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(A_{r_1,r_2})} \Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)).$$

Then we obtain, using (28),

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} |\Phi_{v,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_{r_1,r_2})| &\leq C(d, \omega) r_2^{d-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \frac{\|(\mathcal{S}^t)^k v\|}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}} \\ &= C(d, \omega) r_2^{d-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \frac{|\theta|^k}{\lambda^{(d-1)k}} \\ &= \frac{C(d, \omega) r_2^{d-1}}{1 - \frac{\lambda^{d-1}}{|\theta|}} \left( \frac{|\theta|}{\lambda^{d-1}} \right)^{k_0}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to estimate  $k_0$ . By definition, a tile of order  $k_0$  must be contained in  $A_{r_1,r_2}$ . Let  $\eta > 0$  be such that every  $\mathcal{T}$  prototile contains a ball of radius  $\eta$  in its



interior. Then a ball of radius  $\lambda^{k_0}\eta$  must be contained in  $A_{r_1, r_2}$ . It is easy to see (we do not attempt to get a sharp estimate here) that

$$\lambda^{k_0}\eta \leq r_2 - r_1,$$

since the center of the ball must have at least one coordinate in the interval  $[r_1, r_2]$ . It follows that

$$\left(\frac{|\theta|}{\lambda^{d-1}}\right)^{k_0} \leq \left(\frac{r_2 - r_1}{\eta}\right)^{\frac{\log|\theta|}{\log\lambda} - (d-1)},$$

whence (29) yields

$$(30) \quad |\Phi_{v, \mathcal{T}}^+(A_{r_1, r_2})| \leq C_3 r_2^{d-1} (r_2 - r_1)^{\frac{\log|\theta|}{\log\lambda} - (d-1)},$$

with the constant  $C_3$  depending only on the tiling substitution  $\omega$ , as desired.  $\square$

#### 4. FINITELY-ADDITIVE MEASURES ON TRANSVERSALS AND STATEMENT OF THE MAIN THEOREM

Recall that the ‘‘Euclidean leaf,’’ or the translation orbit, of a tiling  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  is the unstable set for the substitution map  $\omega$ . The stable leaf is a *transversal*, which we now define, and which is topologically a Cantor set for aperiodic tilings. We then proceed to the construction of finitely-additive measures on the transversals. This construction is naturally dual to the one in the previous section.

**Definition 4.1.** *For an admissible patch  $P$  of tiles in the space  $X_\omega$  the set*

$$\Gamma_{\omega, P} := \{\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega : P \subset \mathcal{T}\}$$

*is called the transversal associated with the patch  $P$ .*

The tiling space  $X_\omega$  has a local product structure:

$$X_\omega \approx \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^m (A_j \times \Gamma_{\omega, T_j})\right) / \sim,$$

where  $\approx$  is a natural homeomorphism,  $T_j$  are the prototiles,  $A_j = \text{supp}(T_j)$ , and the quotient  $\sim$  corresponds to a certain ‘‘gluing’’ along the boundaries of tiles, see [4] for details. In fact,  $X_\omega$  can be considered as a translation surface or  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -solenoid [6, 19].

If a patch  $P \subset \mathcal{T}$  is such that  $\text{supp}(P)$  contains the origin in its interior, then  $\Gamma_{\omega, P}$  is a stable set of  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $\omega$ , in the sense that

$$d(\omega^k(\mathcal{T}'), \omega^k(\mathcal{T})) \leq c\lambda^{-k} \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{T}' \in \Gamma_{\omega, P}, k \in \mathbb{N},$$

by the definition of the tiling metric  $d$ .

Now let us derive some properties of the transversals. It is clear that

$$(31) \quad \omega(\Gamma_{\omega,P}) \subset \Gamma_{\omega,\omega(P)}, \quad \Gamma_{\omega,y+P} = y + \Gamma_{\omega,P}.$$

We don't have equality in the inclusion above, however, we do have

$$(32) \quad \Upsilon_k(\Gamma_{\phi^k\omega,\phi^kP}) = \Gamma_{\phi^{k-1}\omega,\phi^{k-1}P},$$

where  $\Upsilon_k$  is the subdivision map from (3). Then how can we describe  $\omega(\Gamma_{\omega,P})$  precisely? This is the set of tilings  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  whose ‘‘super-tiling’’  $\mathcal{T}^{(1)}$  contains the patch  $\phi P$ . Thus, we have

$$(33) \quad \Gamma_{\omega,T_i} = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \bigcup_{x \in D_{ij}} (\omega(\Gamma_{\omega,T_j}) - x),$$

where  $D_{ij}$  are from (7), and this is a disjoint union.

Before we define the finitely-additive measures on the transversals, it is worthwhile to recall the formula for the unique invariant measure  $\mu$ . (We know that primitive self-affine tiling dynamical systems with finite local complexity are uniquely ergodic by Theorem 2.10.) For a patch  $P \subset \mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  and  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , define the set

$$X_{P,U} := \{\mathcal{S} \in X_\omega : P - y \subset \mathcal{S} \text{ for some } y \in U\}.$$

Let  $\eta > 0$  be such that every prototile contains a ball of diameter  $\eta$  in its interior. It is clear (see e.g. [34, Lemma 1.6]) that the sets  $X_{P,U}$ , with  $\text{diam}(U) \leq \eta$  and  $U$  open, generate the topology on the tiling space  $X_\omega$ . It is proved in [34, Corollary 3.5] that the unique invariant measure  $\mu$  satisfies

$$(34) \quad \mu(X_{P,U}) = \text{freq}(P) \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(U) \text{ for } P \subset \mathcal{T} \in X_\omega \text{ and } U \text{ Borel, with } \text{diam}(U) \leq \eta,$$

where  $\text{freq}(P)$  is the uniform frequency of the patch  $P$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ . (The existence of uniform frequencies is shown, e.g., in [24, Lemma A.6].) In particular, we have

$$(35) \quad \mu(X_{T_j,U}) = \text{freq}(T_j) \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(U)$$

for a small enough  $U$ . It is well-known that

$$(36) \quad u^{(1)} := (\text{freq}(T_j))_{j \leq m}$$

is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector of the substitution matrix  $S$ , normalized by the condition  $\langle v^{(1)}, u^{(1)} \rangle = 1$ , where  $v^{(1)} = (\mathcal{L}^d(A_j))_{j=1}^m$  is a Perron-Frobenius

eigenvector of  $S^t$ . Here and for the rest of the paper we are using the bilinear pairing in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ :

$$(37) \quad \langle v, u \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^m v_j u_j.$$

We should also note that there is a notion of *transverse measure* on a transversal  $\Gamma$ . It is a Borel measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$  such that  $\nu(A) = \nu(A - y)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $A - y \subset \Gamma$ . There is a 1-to-1 correspondence between finite positive transverse measures and finite invariant measures for the tiling system, see [5, Section 5]. In our case this is manifested by (34) and (35).

Next we proceed to define finitely-additive measures on the transversals  $\Gamma_{\omega, T_i - x}$  for  $i \leq m$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . We can also define them on the transversals  $\Gamma_{\omega, P}$  for more general patches  $P$ , but that will not be necessary.

For  $S$  we have the direct-sum decomposition

$$\mathbb{C}^m = \tilde{E}^+ \oplus \tilde{E}^-,$$

where  $\tilde{E}^+$  is spanned by Jordan cells of eigenvalues of  $S$  with absolute value greater than 1. For  $u \in \tilde{E}^+$ ,  $j \leq m$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $k \geq 0$  let

$$(38) \quad \Phi_u^-(\omega^k(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j - y})) = (S^{-k}u)_j.$$

We have

$$\omega^k(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j - y}) \subset \Gamma_{\omega, T_i - x} \iff T_i - x \in \omega^k(T_j - y).$$

We claim that for each  $u \in \tilde{E}^+$ , (38) defines a finitely-additive measure on the algebra of subsets of  $\Gamma_{T_i - x}$  generated by the sets  $\omega^k(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j - y})$ , with  $j \leq m$ ,  $k \geq 0$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $T_i - x \in \omega^k(T_j - y)$ . It is enough to verify finite additivity in (33), since the general case reduces to it easily. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_u^-(\Gamma_{\omega, T_i}) &= u_i = \sum_{j=1}^m S_{ij}(S^{-1}u)_j = \sum_{j=1}^m S_{ij}\Phi_u^-(\omega(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j})) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{x \in D_{ij}} \Phi_u^-(\omega(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j}) - x), \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

We are not going to discuss the extension of  $\Phi_u^-$  to a larger class of sets, but we will need finitely-additive measures  $m_{\Phi_u^-}$ , defined locally as the product  $\Phi_u^- \times \mathcal{L}^d$ , on the tiling space  $X_\omega$ . In order to make this precise, we define the class of “test

functions” which we will be dealing with, and we will define their integrals with respect to  $m_{\Phi_u^-}$ .

**Definition 4.2.** *A function  $f$  on  $X_\omega$  is called cylindrical if it is integrable with respect to the unique invariant measure  $\mu$  and depends only on the tile containing the origin, that is,*

$$\exists i \leq m, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, 0 \in \text{supp}(T_i) - x, T_i - x \in \mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{T}' \implies f(\mathcal{T}) = f(\mathcal{T}').$$

A cylindrical function may be identified with a family of functions  $\{\psi_i\}_{i \leq m}$ , where  $\psi_i : A_i = \text{supp}(T_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\psi_i \in L^1(A_i) = L^1(A_i, \mathcal{L}^d)$  as follows:

$$f(\mathcal{T}) = \psi_i(x) \text{ if } 0 \in A_i - x, T_i - x \in \mathcal{T}.$$

The functions  $\psi_i$  are only defined  $\mathcal{L}^d$ -a.e., which does not cause a problem since we will integrate cylindrical functions with respect to  $\Phi_u^- \times \mathcal{L}^d$ . The simplest cylindrical function is the characteristic function of a prototile  $T_i$ , which is defined by  $\psi_i \equiv 1$ ,  $\psi_j \equiv 0$ ,  $j \neq i$ .

Now we define for any cylindrical  $f$ :

$$(39) \quad m_{\Phi_u^-}(f) := \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_u^-(\Gamma_{\omega, T_i}) \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \int_{A_i} \psi_i(y) dy.$$

**Remarks.** 1. Finitely-additive measures  $m_{\Phi_u^-}$ , for  $u \in \tilde{E}^+$ , are invariant under the dynamics: this follows from (39) and the fact that

$$\Phi_u^-(y + \Gamma_{\omega, P}) = \Phi_u^-(\Gamma_{\omega, y+P}) = \Phi_u^-(\Gamma_{\omega, P}).$$

2. Let  $u^{(1)} \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector of the substitution matrix  $S$ , normalized by the condition  $\langle v^{(1)}, u^{(1)} \rangle = 1$ . As already mentioned,  $u_j^{(1)}$  is the uniform frequency of tiles of type  $j$  in the tilings  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ . Thus, in view of (35),  $m_{\Phi_{u^{(1)}}^-}$  is exactly the invariant probability measure  $\mu$  on the tiling space. For a cylindrical function  $f$  we denote by  $\|f\|_1$  its norm in  $L^1(X_\omega, \mu)$ ; observe that

$$\|f\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i^{(1)} \int_{A_i} |\psi_i(y)| dy.$$

3. Cylindrical functions are not dense in  $L^1(X_\omega, \mu)$ ; however, it follows from [34, Lemma 1.6] that the set of functions  $\{f \circ \omega^{-k} : f \text{ is cylindrical, } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense. Thus it is useful to compute  $m_{\Phi_u^-}(f \circ \omega^{-k})$  explicitly. If  $f$  is the characteristic function of a tile  $T_j$ , then  $f \circ \omega^{-k}$  is the characteristic function of

the super-tile  $\phi^k T_j$ , that is,  $f \circ \omega^{-k}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$  if and only if  $\mathcal{T} \in \omega^k(\Gamma_{\omega, T_j}) - y$  for some  $y \in \phi^k A_j$ . Thus, it follows from (38) that

$$m_{\Phi_u^-}(f \circ \omega^{-k}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (S^{-k}u)_i \int_{\phi^k A_i} \psi_i \circ \phi^{-k}(y) dy = \lambda^{dk} \sum_{i=1}^m (S^{-k}u)_i \int_{A_i} \psi_i(x) dx,$$

keeping in mind that  $|\det(\phi)| = \lambda^d$ . In particular, if  $Su = \theta u$ , then

$$(40) \quad m_{\Phi_u^-}(f \circ \omega^{-k}) = \theta^{-k} \lambda^{dk} m_{\Phi_u^-}(f).$$

Denote by  $\tilde{E}^{++}$  the *rapidly expanding subspace* for the matrix  $S$ , which is, by definitions, the linear span of Jordan cells for  $S$  corresponding to eigenvalues greater than  $\theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} = \lambda^{d-1}$ . In our first main theorem, which we state below, only the finitely-additive measures  $m_{\Phi_u^-}$  with  $u$  in the rapidly expanding subspace play a role, since only their contribution dominates the “boundary effects.”

Choose a basis  $\{v^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m$  for  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , consisting of eigenvectors and root vectors of  $S^t$ , according to the ordering of the eigenvalues

$$\theta_1 = \lambda^d > |\theta_2| \geq \dots \geq |\theta_m|$$

(the eigenvalues are counted with algebraic multiplicity). We set

$$v^{(1)} = (\mathcal{L}^d(A_j))_{j=1}^m,$$

as discussed above. Then consider the dual basis  $\{u^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^m$ , so that  $\langle v^{(i)}, u^{(j)} \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . This agrees with the definition of  $u^{(1)}$  in (36). The vectors  $\{u^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^m$  are the eigenvectors and root vectors of  $S$ , so that  $Su^{(j)} = \theta u^{(j)}$  if and only if  $S^t v^{(j)} = \theta v^{(j)}$  (note that we do not need to put complex conjugation, by our definition of the pairing (37)). Let  $\ell$  be the dimension of the rapidly expanding subspace  $E^{++}$ , that is,

$$|\theta_\ell| > \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \quad \text{and} \quad |\theta_{\ell+1}| \leq \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}.$$

Then  $\{v^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^\ell$  is a basis for  $E^{++}$  and  $\{u^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^\ell$  is a basis for  $\tilde{E}^{++}$ . Denote

$$\Phi_{j, \mathcal{T}}^+ := \Phi_{v^{(j)}, \mathcal{T}}^+ \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_i^- := \Phi_{u^{(i)}}^-.$$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  be a non-periodic self-similar tiling dynamical system of finite local complexity, let  $\mu$  be the unique invariant probability measure, and*

let  $\Omega$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then there exists a constant  $C = C(\omega, \Omega) > 0$ , such that for any cylindrical function  $f$  and any  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ :

$$(41) \quad \left| \int_{\Omega_R} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy - \mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_R) \int_{X_\omega} f d\mu - \sum_{n=2}^{\ell} \Phi_{n, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) \cdot m_{\Phi_n^-}(f) \right| \\ \leq CR^{d-1}(\log R)^s \|f\|_1, \quad \text{for all } R \geq 2,$$

where  $s$  is the maximal size of the Jordan block corresponding to eigenvalues satisfying  $|\theta| = \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$  (if there are no such eigenvalues, then  $s = 0$ ).

**Remarks.** 1. The second term in (41) can be written in a way consistent with the sum that follows: for a cylindrical  $f$ ,

$$\int_{X_\omega} f d\mu = m_{\Phi_1^-}(f) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_R) = \Phi_{1, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R).$$

2. We can formally interpret (41) also in the case when  $|\theta_2| \leq \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ ; then  $\ell = 1$  and the sum in the formula (41) is zero.

It is not hard to extend (41) to functions of the form  $f \circ \omega^{-k}$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f$  is cylindrical, which form a dense subset of  $L^1(X_\omega, \mu)$ . In the next corollary, for simplicity, we assume that  $S$  has no Jordan blocks in the rapidly expanding subspace and either  $\Omega$  is the ball centered at the origin, or  $\phi$  is a pure dilation.

**Corollary 4.4.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 4.3, suppose, in addition, that  $S$  has no Jordan blocks in  $\tilde{E}^{++}$ , and the finitely-additive measures  $\Phi_{n, \mathcal{T}}^+, \Phi_n^-$  correspond to eigenvectors of  $S^t$  and  $S$  respectively, with eigenvalues  $\theta_n$ , for  $n \leq \ell$ . Moreover, assume that either  $\Omega$  is the ball centered at the origin, or  $\phi$  is a pure dilation. Then we have for any cylindrical function  $f$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :*

$$(42) \quad \left| \int_{\Omega_R} f \circ \omega^{-k}(\mathcal{T} - y) dy - \mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_R) \int_{X_\omega} f \circ \omega^{-k} d\mu - \sum_{n=2}^{\ell} \Phi_{n, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) \cdot m_{\Phi_n^-}(f \circ \omega^{-k}) \right| \leq CR^{d-1} \lambda^k (\log(\lambda^{-k} R))^s \|f \circ \omega^{-k}\|_1,$$

for all  $R \geq 2\lambda^k$ , where  $C$  is the constant from Theorem 4.3.

*Proof.* We have

$$(43) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_R} f \circ \omega^{-k}(\mathcal{T} - y) dy &= \int_{\Omega_R} f(\omega^{-k}\mathcal{T} - \phi^{-k}y) dy \\ &= \lambda^{dk} \int_{\phi^{-k}\Omega_R} f(\omega^{-k}\mathcal{T} - x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\phi^{-k}\Omega_R = \Omega_{\lambda^{-k}R}$$

by the assumption on  $\Omega$  and  $\phi$ , so we can apply (41), with  $\mathcal{T}$  replaced by  $\omega^{-k}\mathcal{T}$  and  $R$  replaced by  $\lambda^{-k}R$ . We have  $\mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_{\lambda^{-k}R}) = \lambda^{-dk}\mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_R)$ ,

$$\Phi_{n, \omega^{-k}\mathcal{T}}^+(\phi^{-k}\Omega_R) = \theta_n^{-k}\Phi_{n, \mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R)$$

by (13), and

$$m_{\Phi_n^-}(f) = \theta_n^k \lambda^{-kd} m_{\Phi_n^-}(f \circ \omega^{-k})$$

by (40). Since everything is multiplied by  $\lambda^{dk}$  from (43), all “extra” factors cancel out. In the right-hand side of (41) we will get  $C(\lambda^{-k}R)^{d-1}(\log(\lambda^{-k}R))^s \|f\|_1$ , which is also multiplied by  $\lambda^{dk}$ , and keeping in mind that  $\mu$  is  $\omega$ -invariant by Lemma 2.12, we obtain (42).  $\square$

Next we deduce upper deviation bounds from Theorem 4.3.

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$  be a non-periodic self-similar tiling dynamical system. Suppose that the substitution matrix  $S$  has eigenvalues  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$  (real and complex), counted with multiplicities and ordered in such a way that  $\theta_1 > |\theta_2| \geq \dots \geq |\theta_m|$ . Further, let  $s$  be the size of the largest Jordan block associated with the eigenvalues of absolute value  $|\theta_2|$ .*

*Given a bounded Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$ , there exists a constant  $\tilde{C} = \tilde{C}(\omega, \Omega) > 0$  such that for any cylindrical function  $f$ , with  $\|f\|_1 = 1$ , any tiling  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ , and  $R \geq 2$  we have*

$$\left| \int_{\Omega_R} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy - \mathcal{L}^d(\Omega_R) \int_{X_\omega} f d\mu \right| \leq \begin{cases} \tilde{C}R^{d-1}, & \text{if } |\theta_2| < \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}; \\ \tilde{C}R^{d-1}(\log R)^s, & \text{if } |\theta_2| = \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}; \\ \tilde{C}R^\alpha(\log R)^{s-1}, & \text{if } |\theta_2| > \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha = d \log |\theta_2| / \log \theta_1 \in (d-1, d)$ .

*Proof.* The first two cases are immediate from (41), since then  $\ell = 1$ . The third case also follows from (41), in view of Lemma 3.3.  $\square$

It is possible to show that Corollary 4.5 is sharp, at least in the special case when the tiles are polyhedral, in the sense that the powers of  $R$  in the right-hand side in each case cannot be replaced by a smaller power.

**Remarks.** 1. There are a number of results related to Corollary 4.5 in the literature. When  $f$  is assumed to be the characteristic function of a prototile, the corollary reduces to estimates of the rate of convergence to frequency for prototiles. In the case  $d = 1$  this is essentially the same as estimating symbolic discrepancy for substitutions, which was done by Adamczewski [1].

Solomon [32, 33] gives deviation estimates similar to ours for the number of tiles in a “super-tile” of high order. The tiles are assumed to be bi-Lipschitz equivalent to a ball, but the substitution need not be non-periodic. Under these assumptions, the estimates are shown to be sharp.

Aliste-Prieto, Coronel and Gambaudo [2, 3] obtain analogous deviation estimates. The paper [2], which deals with the  $d = 2$  case, estimates the deviation of average from the frequency for general Jordan domains and for very general substitution tilings, including non-FLC tilings, the “pinwheel-like” tilings and tiles with fractal boundary. However, the extension to  $d > 2$  in [3] handles only the case of “small”  $\theta_2$  under the stronger assumption  $|\theta_2| \leq \theta_1^{\frac{1}{d}}$ .

Interest in such estimates was inspired by questions on bi-Lipschitz equivalence and bounded displacement of separated nets (also called Delone sets) arising from primitive substitutions, like the Penrose tiling, to the lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , see [12].

2. Sadun [31] obtained deviation estimates for the number of patches per volume in balls of large radius using rational Čech cohomology, with an error term computable from the patterns that appear on the boundary.

## 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 4.3.

We will use the following notation: for a set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , a tiling  $\mathcal{T}$ , and a patch  $P$ , denote by  $N_P(E, \mathcal{T})$  the number of translated copies of  $P$  in the tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  whose support is contained in  $E$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is now fixed, we will just write  $N_P(E) = N_P(E, \mathcal{T})$ .

Writing the cylindrical  $f$  as a sum over prototiles  $i \leq m$ , we can assume without loss of generality that  $\psi_j \equiv 0$  for  $j \neq i$ , and let  $\psi := \psi_i$ . Denote

$$\mathcal{I} := \int_{\Omega_R} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy.$$



It follows from the definition of  $f$  that if  $y$  belongs to a translate of  $T_i$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ , that is,  $y \in A_i - x$  and  $T_i - x \in \mathcal{T}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , then

$$f(\mathcal{T} - y) = \psi(y + x),$$

and  $f(\mathcal{T} - y) = 0$  otherwise. Thus,

$$(44) \quad \mathcal{I} = \sum_{x: (A_i - x) \cap \Omega_R \neq \emptyset} \int_{(A_i - x) \cap \Omega_R} \psi(y + x) dy,$$

where the sum is over  $x$  such that  $T_i - x \in \mathcal{T}$ . Every translate of  $T_i$  which is contained in  $\Omega_R$  contributes  $\mathcal{L}^d(\psi) = \int_{A_i} \psi(y) dy$  to  $\mathcal{I}$ , and every translate of  $T_i$  which intersects the boundary of  $\Omega_R$  contributes at most  $\|\psi\|_1 = (u_i^{(1)})^{-1} \|f\|_1$ . Notice that the number of the translates intersecting the boundary does not exceed  $\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega_R, d_{\max})) a_{\min}^{-1}$ . We can write

$$\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega_R, d_{\max})) = R^d \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega, d_{\max}/R)) \leq C(\partial\Omega, 1) d_{\max} R^{d-1}, \quad \text{for } R > d_{\max},$$

by (6), hence

$$(45) \quad \mathcal{I} = N_{T_i}(\Omega_R) \mathcal{L}^d(\psi) + O(R^{d-1} \|f\|_1),$$

where the implied constant in  $O(\cdot)$  depends only on  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ . Thus it suffices to prove the desired estimate for  $N_{T_i}(\Omega_R)$ . (Note that  $|\mathcal{L}^d(\psi)| \leq (u_i^{(1)})^{-1} \|f\|_1$ , so we will get the factor of  $\|f\|_1$  in the right-hand side of (41).)

By the definition of the substitution matrix  $S$ , we have

$$(46) \quad \omega^k(T_j) - y \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow N_{T_i}(\phi^k(A_j) - y) = S^k(i, j) = (S^t)^k(j, i) = \langle (S^t)^k e^{(i)}, e^{(j)} \rangle,$$

where  $e^{(i)}$  is the standard  $i$ -th basis vector.

Recall that we have chosen a basis  $\{v^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^m$  for  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , such that  $\{v^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\ell$  is a basis for the  $S^t$ -invariant subspace  $E^{++}$ , and a dual basis  $\{u^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^m$ . Then we have

$$e^{(i)} = \sum_{n=1}^m \langle e^{(i)}, u^{(n)} \rangle v^{(n)} = \sum_{n=1}^m u_i^{(n)} v^{(n)}.$$

Therefore,

$$(47) \quad \langle (S^t)^k e^{(i)}, e^{(j)} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^m u_i^{(n)} ((S^t)^k v^{(n)})_j.$$

Next we essentially repeat the construction of Lemma 3.2 and consider the set  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)} = \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R)$  defined by (14). Further, let us write  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)} = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \mathcal{R}_j^{(k)}$ , where

$\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)}$  is the set of tiles of order  $k$  in  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}$  of type  $j$ . Let  $k_R = \max\{k : \mathcal{R}^{(k)} \neq \emptyset\}$ . We have, in view of (46) and (47),

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{T_i}(\Omega_R) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} N_{T_i}(\text{supp}(\mathcal{R}^{(k)})) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} \sum_{j=1}^m \#\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)} \sum_{n=1}^m u_i^{(n)} ((S^t)^k v^{(n)})_j \\
(48) \quad &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} + \sum_{n=\ell+1}^m \right) u_i^{(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} \sum_{j=1}^m \#\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)} ((S^t)^k v^{(n)})_j \\
&=: I_1 + I_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that

$$\Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)) = ((S^t)^k v^{(n)})_j \text{ for } T \in \mathcal{T}^{(k)} \text{ of type } j.$$

Using this and finite-additivity of  $\Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+$ , we can write

$$I_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} u_i^{(n)} \Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R})).$$

By Lemma 3.4,

$$(49) \quad \Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{\Omega_R})) = \Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) + O(R^{d-1}) \text{ for } n \leq \ell,$$

where the implied constant depends only on  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ . Recall that  $u_i^{(n)} = \Phi_n^-(\Gamma_{\omega, T_i})$ . Thus (49) yields

$$(50) \quad N_{T_i}(\Omega_R) \mathcal{L}^d(\psi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \Phi_{n,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_R) \cdot m_{\Phi_n^-}(f) + I_2 \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi) + O(R^{d-1}),$$

with the implied constant that depends only on  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ .

It remains to estimate  $I_2$ . We have

$$|I_2| \leq \sum_{n=\ell+1}^m \|u^{(n)}\| \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)} \|(S^t)^k v^{(n)}\|.$$

Below we use the notation  $\lesssim$  to indicate inequality up to a multiplicative constant that depends only on  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$ . We have

$$\#\mathcal{R}^{(k)} = \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(\Omega_R) \lesssim R^{d-1} \lambda^{-(d-1)k}$$

by (20), and

$$(51) \quad \|(S^t)^k v^{(n)}\| \lesssim k^{s-1} \lambda^{(d-1)k} \text{ for } n \geq \ell + 1, k > 0,$$

by the assumption that  $v^{(n)}$ , with  $n \geq \ell + 1$ , is in the invariant subspace of  $\mathbf{S}^t$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\theta$ ,  $|\theta| \leq \lambda^{d-1}$ , and  $s$  is the maximal size of the Jordan block of an eigenvalue  $\theta$ ,  $|\theta| = \lambda^{d-1}$ . It follows that

$$|I_2| \lesssim R^{d-1} \sum_{k=0}^{k_R} k^{s-1} \lesssim R^{d-1} k_R^s \lesssim R^{d-1} (\log R)^s,$$

where the last inequality follows from (19). This, together with (45) and (50), completes the proof of (41) in the case when  $s \geq 1$ . If  $s = 0$ , that is, all remaining eigenvalues are less than  $\lambda^{d-1}$  in absolute value, then we can replace the right-hand side of (51) by  $\gamma^k$  for some  $\gamma < \lambda^{d-1}$ , and use that  $\sum_{k=0}^{k_R} \lambda^{-k(d-1)} \gamma^k \asymp 1$  to obtain

$$(52) \quad |I_2| \lesssim R^{d-1}.$$

Now the theorem is proved completely.  $\square$

## 6. LIMIT LAWS FOR THE DEVIATION OF ERGODIC AVERAGES

In order to obtain the limit law, we need to make the following additional assumptions:

**(A)** *the expansion map of the tiling substitution is a pure dilation:  $\phi(x) = \lambda x$ ,  $\lambda > 1$ ;*

**(B)** *all the  $\mathcal{T}$ -prototiles are polyhedral.*

Denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the class of **bounded** cylindrical functions on  $X_\omega$ . For any  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ , define a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  by

$$(53) \quad \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r) = \int_{Q_{r\lambda^n}} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy.$$

Recall that  $Q_r = [-r/2, r/2]^d$ . We consider  $r \mapsto \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r)$  as a random variable on  $(X_\omega, \mu)$  with the values in  $C[0, 1]$ , endowed with the norm topology.

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $(X_\omega, \mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$  be a non-periodic self-similar tiling dynamical system satisfying the assumptions **(A)** and **(B)**. Suppose that the substitution matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  has a simple positive real second eigenvalue  $\theta_2 > \lambda^{d-1} = \theta_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ , and all other eigenvalues are less than  $\theta_2$  in absolute value. Then there is a continuous functional  $\beta : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a compactly supported non-degenerate measure  $\nu$  on*

$C[0, 1]$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfying  $\int_{X_\omega} f d\mu = 0$  and  $\beta(f) \neq 0$ , the sequence of random variables

$$\frac{\mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}]}{\beta(f)\theta_2^n}$$

converges in distribution to  $\nu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remarks.** Nondegeneracy of the measure means that if  $\varphi \in C[0, 1]$  is distributed according to  $\nu$ , then for any  $r_0 \in (0, 1]$  the distribution of the real-valued random variable  $\varphi(r_0)$  is not concentrated at a single point.

The measure  $\nu$  and the functional  $\beta(f)$  naturally come from the 2-nd term in the formula (41), with  $\Omega = Q_1$ , since the 1-st term in (41) is zero. In other words,

$$(54) \quad \nu = \text{the distribution of } r \mapsto \Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_r), r \in [0, 1],$$

as a random variable on  $(X_\omega, \mu)$ , and

$$(55) \quad \beta(f) = m_{\Phi_2^-}(f).$$

Note that

$$|\beta(f)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m |u_i^{(2)}| \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(A_i) \cdot \|f\|_\infty$$

by (39), so  $\beta$  is a continuous functional on  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^\infty(X_\omega)$ .

The theorem in the case  $d = 1$  was established in [10], and the general scheme of our proof is similar. However, it should be emphasized that there are many complications because of the ‘‘boundary effects’’ for  $d \geq 2$ . Note that the assumptions **(A)** and **(B)** hold in the one-dimensional case (with connected tiles) automatically.

*Proof.* We are going to use a basic result (see [7, Th.7.1] or [8]) which says that, given a sequence of probability measures on  $C[0, 1]$ , if their finite-dimensional distributions converge and the sequence is tight, then the measures converge weakly, which is equivalent to saying that the random variables converge in distribution. Recall that a family of probability measures on a separable metric space is *tight* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a compact set such that its complement has measure less than  $\varepsilon$  for every measure in the family.

In view of (41) and (17), we have for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , with  $\int_{X_\omega} f d\mu = 0$ , by the assumptions on the substitution matrix:

$$\left| \int_{Q_R} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy - \Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_R) \cdot m_{\Phi_2^-}(f) \right| \leq C(\omega, \Omega) R^{\alpha - \delta} \|f\|_1, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \frac{\log \theta_2}{\log \lambda},$$

for some  $\delta \in (0, \alpha)$  and all  $R \geq 2$ . Therefore, for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\beta(f) \neq 0$ , by (55),

$$(56) \quad \left| \frac{\mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r)}{\beta(f)\theta_2^n} - \frac{\Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r\lambda^n})}{\theta_2^n} \right| \leq C(\omega, \Omega)\lambda^{-\delta n}, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } r \in [0, 1].$$

Note the following important equality, which follows from (13) and the fact that  $\phi(Q_r) = \lambda Q_r = Q_{r\lambda}$  by the assumption **(A)**:

$$\Phi_{2, \omega(\mathcal{T})}^+(Q_{r\lambda}) = \theta_2 \Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_r).$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r\lambda^n})}{\theta_2^n} = \Phi_{2, \omega^{-n}(\mathcal{T})}^+(Q_r).$$

Observe that  $r \mapsto \Phi_{2, \omega^{-n}(\mathcal{T})}^+(Q_r)$  has the distribution of  $\nu$  from (54) for all  $n$ , since  $\mu$  is  $\omega^{-1}$ -invariant by Lemma 2.12. Thus, it follows from (56) that the  $k$ -dimensional distributions of  $\frac{1}{\beta(f)\theta_2^n}(\mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_1), \dots, \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_k))$  converge weakly to the  $k$ -dimensional distributions of  $(\Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_1}), \dots, \Phi_{2, \mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{r_k}))$ . Further, (26) in Lemma 3.5 shows that the support of  $\nu$  is compact in  $C[0, 1]$  by the Arzelà-Ascoli Theorem. In order to complete the proof, we need to establish (i) tightness; (ii) nondegeneracy of the limit measure  $\nu$ .

**6.1. Tightness.** The following lemma will imply that the sequence of distributions of  $r \mapsto \theta_2^{-n} \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r)$  is tight, again by Arzelà-Ascoli. In fact, all the distributions are supported on a single compact set.

**Lemma 6.2.** *There exists  $C(\omega)$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\int f d\mu = 0$ , for all  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ , all  $n \geq n_0$ , and all  $r_1, r_2 \in [0, 1]$ ,*

$$(57) \quad \frac{|\mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_2) - \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_1)|}{\theta_2^n} \leq C(X_\omega) \|f\|_\infty \cdot |r_2 - r_1|^{\alpha - (d-1)},$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{\log \theta_2}{\log \lambda}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r_1 < r_2$ . We have

$$\mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_2) - \mathfrak{S}_n[f, \mathcal{T}](r_1) = \int_{Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}} f(\mathcal{T} - y) dy =: \mathcal{I}.$$

By the definition of cylindrical functions, there exist  $\psi_i \in L^\infty(A_i)$ ,  $i \leq m$ , such that

$$f(\mathcal{T}) = \psi_i(x) \quad \text{iff } 0 \in \text{int}(A_i - x), \quad T_i - x \in \mathcal{T}$$

(we can, of course, ignore the case when  $x$  belongs to the boundary of a tile, since the boundary has measure zero). Then we have, similarly to (44):

$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{x: (A_i-x) \cap (Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) \neq \emptyset} \int_{(A_i-x) \cap (Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1})} \psi_i(y+x) dy,$$

where the inside sum is over  $x$  such that  $T_i - x \in \mathcal{T}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda^n(r_2 - r_1) \leq 1$ , we estimate  $\mathcal{I}$  as follows, keeping in mind that  $\|f\|_\infty = \max_i \|\psi_i\|_\infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}| &\leq \mathcal{L}^d(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) \cdot \|f\|_\infty = [(\lambda^n r_2)^d - (\lambda^n r_1)^d] \cdot \|f\|_\infty \\ &= \lambda^{nd} (r_2^d - r_1^d) \cdot \|f\|_\infty \\ (58) \qquad &\leq d \lambda^{nd} (r_2 - r_1) \cdot \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\left(\frac{\lambda^d}{\theta_2}\right)^n = \lambda^{n(d - \frac{\log \theta_2}{\log \lambda})} \leq (r_2 - r_1)^{\alpha - d},$$

by the assumption  $\lambda^n \leq (r_2 - r_1)^{-1}$ , keeping in mind that  $\alpha = \frac{\log \theta_2}{\log \lambda}$ . Thus, by (58),

$$\frac{|\mathcal{I}|}{\theta_2^n} \leq d \|f\|_\infty \left(\frac{\lambda^d}{\theta_2}\right)^n (r_2 - r_1) \leq d \|f\|_\infty (r_2 - r_1)^{\alpha - (d-1)},$$

which yields (57) for such  $n$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda^n(r_2 - r_1) > 1$ , we proceed similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.3 and estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \mathcal{I} - \sum_{i=1}^m N_{T_i}(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) \right| \\ &\leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_{\lambda^n r_1} \cup \partial Q_{\lambda^n r_2}, d_{\max})) \cdot a_{\min}^{-1} a_{\max} \|f\|_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_{\max}$  is the maximal volume of a  $\mathcal{T}$  prototile. By (27),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial Q_{\lambda^n r_1} \cup \partial Q_{\lambda^n r_2}, d_{\max})) &\leq d 2^{d+1} d_{\max} ((\lambda^n r_1)^{d-1} + (\lambda^n r_2)^{d-1}) \\ &\leq d 2^{d+2} d_{\max} \lambda^{n(d-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\left(\frac{\lambda^{d-1}}{\theta_2}\right)^n = \lambda^{-n(\alpha - (d-1))} < (r_2 - r_1)^{\alpha - (d-1)}$$

by the assumption  $\lambda^n(r_2 - r_1) > 1$ . Therefore,

$$\theta_2^{-n} \left| \mathcal{I} - \sum_{i=1}^m N_{T_i}(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) \right| \leq \text{const} \cdot \|f\|_\infty \cdot (r_2 - r_1)^{\alpha - (d-1)},$$

with the constant depending only on  $X_\omega$ , and it remains to estimate

$$\theta_2^{-n} \sum_{i=1}^m N_{T_i}(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i).$$

This is done similarly to (parts of) the proof of Theorem 4.3, with some elements from the proof of Lemma 3.5. We proceed to the formal estimate.

Consider  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)} = \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1})$ , and let  $k_0 = \max\{k : \mathcal{R}^{(k)} \neq \emptyset\}$ . Further, let  $\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)}$  be the collection of tiles of type  $j$  in  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}$ . For  $i \leq m$ , using (46) and (47), we have, similarly to (48),

$$\begin{aligned} N_{T_i}(Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} N_{T_i}(\text{supp}(\mathcal{R}^{(k)})) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} \sum_{j=1}^m \#\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)} \sum_{s=1}^m u_i^{(s)}((S^t)^k v^{(s)})_j \\ &= \left( \sum_{s=1}^1 + \sum_{s=2}^m \right) u_i^{(s)} \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} \sum_{j=1}^m \#\mathcal{R}_j^{(k)} ((S^t)^k v^{(s)})_j \\ &=: I_1^{(i)} + I_2^{(i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$I_1^{(i)} = u_i^{(1)} \mathcal{L}^d(\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}|_{Q_{\lambda^n r_2} \setminus Q_{\lambda^n r_1}})),$$

hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^m I_1^{(i)} \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) = 0,$$

in view of  $\int f d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i^{(1)} \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) = 0$ . Next,

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2^{(i)}| &\leq \sum_{s=2}^m \|u^{(s)}\| \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)} \|(S^t)^k v^{(s)}\| \\ &\leq C_4 \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)} \theta_2^k, \end{aligned}$$

by the assumptions on the matrix  $S^t$ , where the constant  $C_4 > 0$  depends only on the tiling space. We have

$$\#\mathcal{R}^{(k)} \leq C(d, X_\omega) (\lambda^n r_2)^{d-1} \lambda^{-(d-1)k} \leq C(d, X_\omega) \lambda^{(d-1)(n-k)}$$

by (28), hence

$$(59) \quad \theta_2^{-n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^m I_2^{(i)} \cdot \mathcal{L}^d(\psi_i) \right| \leq C_5 \left( \frac{\theta_2}{\lambda^{d-1}} \right)^{k_0-n} \|f\|_\infty,$$

with a constant  $C_5 > 0$  that depends only on the tiling space. Recall that  $\eta\lambda^{k_0} \leq \lambda^n(r_2 - r_1)$ , where  $\eta$  is the radius of a ball contained in every  $\mathcal{T}$  prototile. Thus  $\lambda^{k_0-n} \leq \frac{r_2-r_1}{\eta}$ , hence the right-hand side of (59) is bounded above by

$$C_5 \left( \frac{r_2 - r_1}{\eta} \right)^{\alpha-(d-1)}.$$

Now, combining everything together, we obtain the desired estimate.  $\square$

**6.2. Nondegeneracy of the limiting measure.** It remains to prove that  $\nu$  is non-trivial and non-degenerate for every  $r \in (0, 1]$ . Assume, to the contrary, that for some  $r$  we have  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_r) = c$  for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$ . By Fubini, we can find  $\mathcal{T} \in X_\omega$  such that

$$(60) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}^d, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \Phi_{2,\omega^{-n}(\mathcal{T}-rx)}^+(Q_r) = c.$$

Here we use that  $\mu$  is invariant under translations and under the action of  $\omega^{-1}$ . By (11), we obtain that  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_r + x) = c$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , and then by finite additivity,

$$\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{kr}) = k^2 \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_r) = k^2 c \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

decomposing the larger cube into the union of disjoint translates of  $Q_r$ . On the other hand,

$$\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{\lambda^n r}) = \theta_2^n \Phi_{2,\omega^{-n}(\mathcal{T})}^+(Q_r) = \theta_2^n c$$

by (13). Now take  $k = \lfloor \lambda^n \rfloor$  and observe that

$$|\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{\lambda^n r}) - \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{kr})| \leq \text{const} \cdot \lambda^{n(d-1)}$$

by (26). This implies that  $c = 0$ ; otherwise, we get a contradiction for  $n$  sufficiently large, keeping in mind that  $\lambda^{d-1} < \theta_2$ .

Now suppose  $c = 0$ . Then  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(Q_{k-1r} - rx) = 0$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^d$  by the argument as above. Then we can approximate supports of the tiles of  $\mathcal{T}$  by the unions of such cubes to conclude that they also have zero  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+$ -measure. But this is a contradiction, since  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_i - y) = v_i$ , the  $i$ -th component of the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{S}^t$  corresponding to  $\theta_2$ , if  $T_i - y \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Let us explain this more carefully. It is only here that we are using the assumption that the prototiles are polyhedral. Fix a tile  $T_i - y \in \mathcal{T}$  and denote by  $\Omega_n$



the union of “grid cubes”  $2^{-n}(Q_r - rx)$ , with  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , whose closure is contained in the interior of  $A_i - y$ . Then  $V_n := (A_i - y) \setminus \Omega_n$  is a Lipschitz domain and  $\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_n) = 0$  by the argument above. We essentially repeat the arguments from Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.5 and start by writing

$$(61) \quad \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(V_n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(V_n)} \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(\text{supp}(T)),$$

where  $k_0 = \max\{k : \mathcal{R}^{(k)}(V_n) \neq \emptyset\}$ . Next,

$$(62) \quad \#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(V_n) \leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial V_n, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}))a_{\min}^{-1}\lambda^{-dk}.$$

By construction,  $\text{int}(A_i - y) \subset U(\Omega_n, 2^{-n}r\sqrt{d})$ , hence

$$(63) \quad \lambda^{k_0}\eta \leq 2^{-n}r\sqrt{d},$$

where  $\eta$  is the diameter of a ball contained in every  $\mathcal{T}$  prototile, thus  $d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1} \leq b_1 \cdot 2^{-n}r$  for  $k \leq k_0$  for some  $b_1$  independent of  $n$ . An elementary argument (see [23, Lemma 2.2]) shows that for any union  $F$  of lattice cubes in  $Z^d$  we have

$$(64) \quad \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial F, t)) \leq 2(1 + 2b_1)^{d-1}t\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial F), \quad t \in (0, b_1],$$

where  $\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial F)$  is just the surface area of the boundary. Indeed, for every face of  $\partial F$  (say, with the “vertical” normal), consider the “parallelepiped neighborhood” of the face, with the vertical side length equal to  $2t$  and the other  $(d-1)$  sides of length  $1 + 2b_1$ . Clearly, it contains the Euclidean neighborhood of the face of radius  $t$  for all  $t \leq b_1$ , and the inequality (64) follows. Scaling by  $2^{-n}r$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega_n, t)) \leq 2(1 + 2b_1)^{d-1}t\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial\Omega_n), \quad t \in (0, b_1 \cdot 2^{-n}r].$$

Therefore, for large  $n$ , such that  $d_{\max}\lambda^{k_0+1} \leq 1$ , we have, in view of (6),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial V_n, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1})) &\leq \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial A_i, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1})) + \mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial\Omega_n, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1})) \\ &\leq C(\partial A_i, 1)d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1} \\ &\quad + 2(1 + 2b_1)^{d-1}d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1}\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial\Omega_n). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $\mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial\Omega_n)$  are uniformly bounded in  $n$ , since  $A_i - y$  is polyhedral, and  $\Omega_n$  is its approximation by a union of  $2^{-n}r$ -grid cubes. It follows that

$$\mathcal{L}^d(U(\partial V_n, d_{\max}\lambda^{k+1})) \leq b_2\lambda^k, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \leq k_0,$$

hence, by (62),

$$\#\mathcal{R}^{(k)}(V_n) \leq b_3\lambda^{-(d-1)k}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \leq k_0.$$

Finally, by (61) and (63),

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(V_n)| &\leq b_4 \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \lambda^{-(d-1)k} \theta_2^k \\ &\leq b_5 \left( \frac{\theta_2}{\lambda^{d-1}} \right)^{k_0} \leq b_5 (2^{-n} r \sqrt{d})^{\alpha-(d-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the latter tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain that

$$\Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(A_i - g) = \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(V_n) + \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(\Omega_n) = \Phi_{2,\mathcal{T}}^+(V_n) = 0,$$

which is a contradiction. The theorem is proved completely.  $\square$

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